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1 What is Acquisition?

The IonWizard acquisition module provides a framework that supports data collection in IonWizard. There are four separate but related functions that are handled by the acquisition framework:

1. One-time configuration of the physical devices attached to the computer, their attachment to each other and the options that are installed. Some examples of physical devices are: computer interface cards, excitation light sources, system interfaces and PMT tubes.
2. Definition of tasks that can be performed. Tasks fall into two groups: recording tasks such as dual excitation fluorescence and video edge detection and output/control tasks such as analog output.
3. Creation of experiments, including selection of tasks and entering of specific duration and rate (epoch) information.
4. Execution of current experiment to produce a data set, including real-time control of some experiment parameters.

Acquisition Terms

The following terms will be used to describe hardware and software that are used in the acquisition module:

Interface Card	A card that plugs into a slot inside the computer.
Computer Port	One of the "standard" ports that are usually built-in to the computer, such as serial, parallel or USB ports.
Physical Device	A generic term for a "box" that is connected to an interface card, a built-in computer port, or another physical device by at least one cable.
Device	IonWizard's representation of an interface card or a physical device. The acquisition module uses devices to perform three main functions: - Show how the interface cards and physical devices are connected to the computer and, therefore, IonWizard. - Specify the options that are installed in the specific physical device or the configuration options to use. For example, in a MuStep, you specify the names of the filters that are installed. - Access test functions for the interface cards or physical devices.
Hardware Tree	A hierarchical list of the devices that that are used by the acquisition module.
Task	Definition of how one or more devices are used to acquire or output data or to control another device.
Task Type	General categorization which defines the overall function of a task. The task type is selected when a new task is created and it determines the values you must enter to create the task. IonWizard supports general purpose acquisition task types such as "Trace Recording" as well as special purpose task types such as "Dual Excitation."
Epoch	A specified duration of time during which a specified set of task parameters will be used to "run" a task.
Experiment	A list of one or more tasks and one or more epochs plus general options that define how an experiment is run.

4x *"Recording sources" are now called "Recording tasks 37" which are a subset of "experiment tasks."*

2 Manual Convention

Let us begin with definitions of stylistic conventions used in this manual.

- Underlined text refers to the names of interface elements shown in the illustrations included in most sections.
- *Italicized* text refers to names given to specific parts of the IonWizard interface. These names can be either IonOptix names, for example *trace bar* or names of Windows controls, like *scroll bar* and are described in various sections of the manual.
- **Bold** text refers to mouse buttons or keystrokes that must be used in order to operate some function.
- The symbol § indicates the following name is a section in the manual.

A note icon indicates an important point that you should know.

An idea icon shows some ideas on how you can use a device or function.

A stop icon indicates a potential for personal injury, equipment damage or data loss.

4x *The 4x icon will explain major differences from version 4 of IonWizard.*

3 Acquisition Framework

As described already, the acquisition module provides a framework for data collection. This framework is expandable: specialized functions can be added to the core acquisition functionality as needed. The acquisition framework uses a layered architecture where each layer builds on elements created in lower layers. There are three layers: hardware, tasks and experiments. These layers are very important and we describe them below in a general overview. The remainder of this section documents the various tools used to control the framework.

Hardware

The hardware layer is a complete description of all the actual hardware present in your system. Create this layer by using the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog box* to build a hardware tree. Hardware devices in this tree are accessed by tasks to perform experimental functions such as recording data.

The complete list of hardware devices available in a given situation is determined by the set of hardware component drivers installed on the computer system. This is the first level of expandability provided by the framework.

Tasks

Once the hardware tree has been established, you now create any tasks you will use in your experiments. These tasks range from simple trace recordings to complex dual excitation ratiometric fluorescence recordings. There is a single list of tasks on the system, build via the Task Manager 12 dialog box. These tasks can be used in any combination desired in any number of experiments.

As with the hardware layer, the list of tasks available in a given situation is determined by the set of task plug-ins installed on the computer system. This is the second level of expandability provided by the framework. A complete list of available task plug-ins, and the tasks they provide is available in the Acquisition Tasks 36 section.

Experiments

When the task list has been established, you can now create experiments. Create any number experiments using the Experiment Manager 17 *dialog box*. Then use the Parameters 25 *dialog box* to select tasks, sampling rates and other features for each experiment. At any one time only one experiment is selected as current and available for execution.

3.1 Launching Acquisition

The acquisition module is launched by selecting New from the IonWizard File *menu.* The Collect *menu* appears when the module completes its initialization process and is ready for use.

You can only have one copy of the acquisition module open at a time.

Errors Launching Acquisition

It is possible that acquisition module will fail before presenting the Collect *menu*. For example, the framework will run checks on your saved hardware, task and experiment settings; if these tests fail, the module will present an *alert* message and then exit. In this case, you will never see the Collect *menu*.

To make these tests IonWizard may need to communicate with the acquisition hardware to learn its capabilities and/or current settings. As a result you should make sure all hardware is powered on prior to launching the acquisition module.

You should turn on all acquisition hardware BEFORE you start acquisition

It is also possible you will see *alert* messages after the Collect *menu* appears that indicate the system cannot proceed and needs repair. Further information is available in the Experiment Repair 27 section.

3.2 Collect Menu

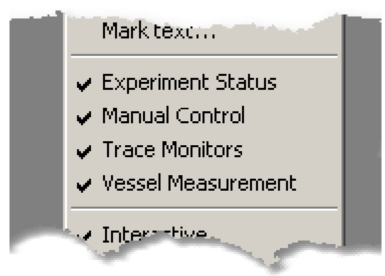
All IonWizard acquisition functions are accessed from the Collect *menu* which is divided into three sections:

The top section of the Collect *menu* provides access to the acquisition configuration tools:

Collect Menu - tools

Hardware...	Opens the Hardware Manager *dialog* which creates and manages the hardware tree by adding, configuring and testing devices.
Tasks Manager...	Opens the Task Manager 12 *dialog* which creates and manages the list of tasks that are available for use in experiments.
Experiments...	Opens the Experiment Manager 17 *dialog* which creates and deletes experiments and selects the current experiment.
Parameters...	Opens the Parameters 19 *dialog* to edit parameters for the current experiment.
Trace Monitors...	Opens the Trace Monitors 30 *dialog* to add/edit trace monitors for the current experiment.
Mark Text...	Opens the Mark Text 32 *dialog* to edit pre-defined mark text available to any experiment.

The middle section of the Collect *menu* allows the user to show or hide experiment tool bars 33 available in the current experiment:



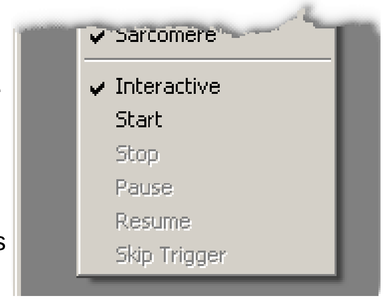
Collect menu - tool bars

Experiment Status	If checked, display the Experiment Status Tool Bar 33.
Manual Control	If checked, display the Manual Control Tool Bar 34. Available depending on tasks and options selected in the current experiment parameters.
Trace Monitors	If checked, display the Trace Monitors Tool Bar 31. Available when one or more trace monitors have been added to the current experiment.
Vessel Measurement	If checked, display the Vessel Dimension Recording Task Tool Bar 63. Available when there is a Vessel Dimension Recording task in the current experiment.

Additional recording task tool bars will be individually displayed for each recording task in the current experiment that has a experiment toolbar. Refer to individual recording tasks 37 documentation for details on the tool bar functionality provided by each task..

The bottom section of the Collect *menu* provides tools for running the experiment 35:

Interactive	If checked, any visible experiment tools bars will update in real-time.
Start	Starts the current experiment, disabled once started
Stop	Stops the current experiment, disabled unless experiment is running
Pause	Pause a running experiment, disabled unless experiment is running
Resume	Resume a paused experiment, disabled unless paused
Skip Trigger	Skip wait for external trigger, disabled if not waiting

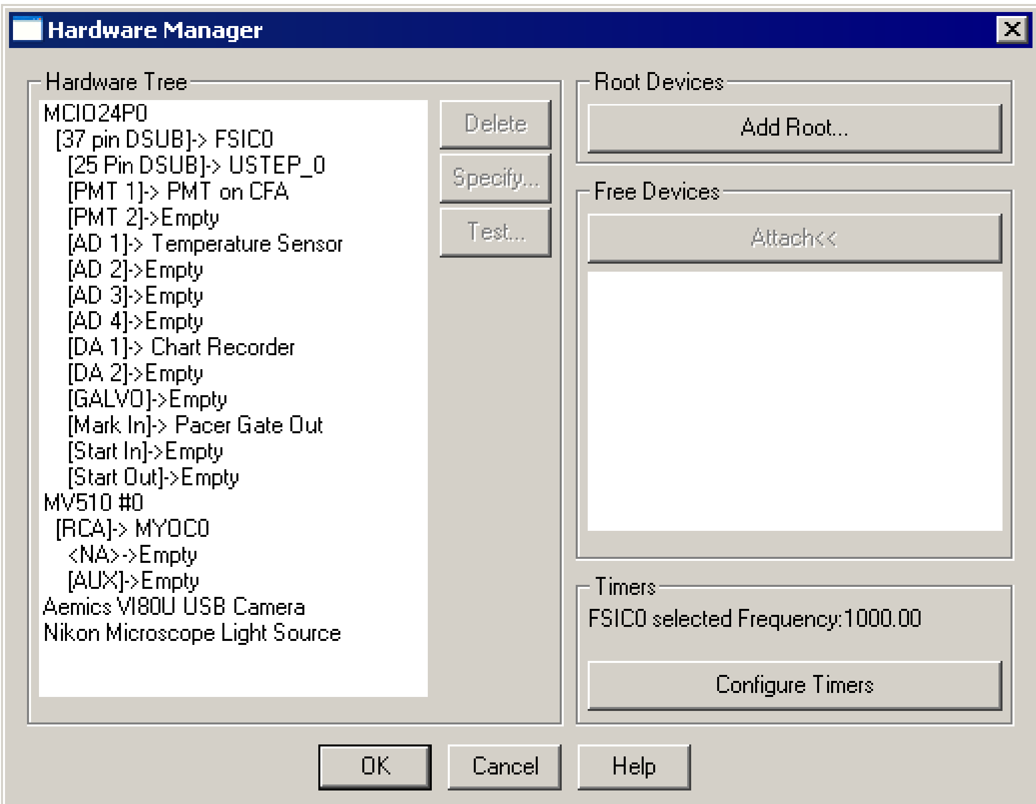


Collect menu - control

3.3 Hardware Manager Dialog

The Hardware Manager 8 is used to define the hardware setup and provide hardware test functions. Setup of the Hardware Manager is the first step that should be done after software installation, as it is used by the software to determine available options for tasks and triggers. Generally, the Hardware Manager *dialog* will not need to be changed after the initial setup.

The Hardware Manager will generally only be edited during the initial software installation. While it is relatively easy to add devices, it can be difficult to remove devices from this tree. Once their device is added to the tree, certain physical devices, such as the camera, will need to be powered and connected for the software to start.



Hardware Manager

Selecting Hardware... from the Collect *menu* will display the Hardware Manager *dialog* which provides two main functions:

1. Manages the Hardware Tree using the Add Root... and Attach<< *buttons.*

2. Selects the primary system timer via the Configure Timers *button* in the Timers *section*.

Managing the Hardware Tree

The hardware tree shows how devices are connected in a hierarchal tree. At the left edge are the root devices which interface directly with normal Windows device drivers. Below each device is a list of connection points that it provides. When you highlight a connection point, you will see a list of supported devices that can be attached in the Free Devices *section*. When you attach a device, it will be listed next to the connection point following the arrow (->) and any connections that it provides will be listed below, indented an additional level. Eventually, you will attach all the devices that will provide input to or output data from IonWizard.

For details on specific connections or devices, please refer to the device's documentation in the Acquisition Devices 82 section.

Adding Root Devices

Root devices are specialized devices that connect directly to the computer and use a Windows device driver, such as interface cards and USB devices. In some cases, a root device may also be a "stand-in" for hardware that does not have any computer controllable parts, such as a single excitation light source. You must add the appropriate root device using the Add Root... *button* before you can add any non-root devices. See the Add Root Device 10 *dialog* for more information.

Attaching Devices

To attach a child device to a root device or other device with connection points, select the desired connection point in the Hardware Tree and then pick a device from the Free Devices *section* and click the Attach<< *button.* The device's Specification *dialog* will automatically open*.* Please see the device of interest in the Acquisition Devices section for details about the Specification *dialog.*

Deleting Devices

To delete a device and any attached child devices, select the device in the Hardware Tree then click the Delete *button*. You will be asked to confirm that you want to delete the device.

If you delete a device that is used in ANY task the Hardware Manager will warn you when you click OK. If you save your changes you will have to fix all broken tasks and affected experiments before you can run ANY experiments.

Specifying Device Options

Some devices have options that must be configured for the specific device. To specify the options, highlight the corresponding device in the Hardware Tree and then click the Specify... *button*. If the highlighted device does not have any options, the Specify... *button* will be disabled. The Specification *dialog* will also pop up automatically when adding a new device.

For details on the specify options for a specific device, refer to the "Specification Dialog" section for that device in the Acquisition Devices 82 section.

Testing Devices

Some devices provide a test *dialog* that allows you to interact with the physical hardware directly from the Hardware Manager. To test the physical hardware, highlight the corresponding device in the Hardware Tree and then click the Test... *button*. If the highlighted device does not have a test function, the Test... *button* will be disabled.

For details on the test function for a specific device, please refer to the "Test Dialog" section for that device in the Acquisition Devices 82 section.

Configure System Timer

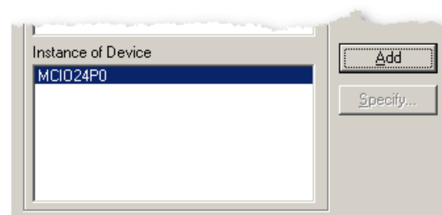
See the Timer Configuration 10 *dialog* for instructions on selecting the system timer source.

3.3.1 Add Root Device Dialog

Clicking the Add Root... *button* in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog* will display the Add Root Device *dialog*. It displays a list of all supported root devices in the Type of Device *section.* If you uncheck the Show All Devices *checkbox,* you will hide hardware devices whose required Windows device driver is not installed.

Add Root Device Dialog - Select device

After you have selected a device, you will see a list of available instances of the device. Select the instance that you want to use and then click the Add *button*. The device's Specification *dialog* will automatically open. Please see the device of interest in the *Acquisition Devices* 82 *section* for details about the Specification *dialog.*



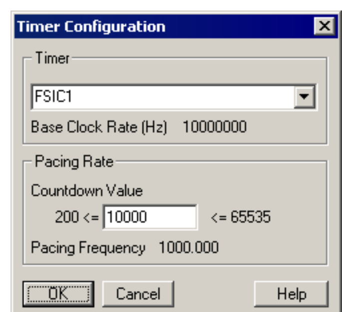
Add Root Device Dialog - Select instance

If the instance list is empty, it means that you have already installed the maximum supported number of the device type in the hardware tree.

For details on specific devices, please refer to the "Connections" section of the Acquisition Devices 82 section.

3.3.2 Timer Configuration Dialog

The Configure Timers *button* of the Hardware Manager *dialog* will open the Timer Configuration *dialog*. The Timer Configuration *dialog* allows you to select the master interrupt source to use in the system and configure a specific pacing frequency. This pacing frequency determines that rate at which data is sampled.



Timer Configuration Dialog

Selecting Timer

The Timer *drop-down menu* will show all devices in your current hardware tree that are capable of being the system timer source. Generally, you should select the devices with the fastest Base Clock Rate as the system timer, which is the default selected value. In some cases, notably the System Interfaces, you must select a specific device in order for the device to function properly. Please refer to the "Requirements" section of the specific device in the[****] 82 *Acquisition Devices* 82 *section* for any device specific restrictions that may exist.

Once you select a timer, the Base Clock Rate and Pacing Rate *section* of the dialog will change based on the characteristics of the selected device.

When you change between devices, the dialog will try to adjust the countdown value so that the resulting Pacing Frequency is the same. Be sure to check that the

Pacing Frequency is correct after changing the timer.

Setting Pacer Frequency

To select a specific pacing frequency, enter the correct Countdown Value to 'divide' the Base Clock Rate of the selected timer to get the desired Pacing Frequency.

$$\text{Pacing Frequency} = \frac{\text{Base Clock Rate}}{\text{Countdown Value}}$$

Consult IonOptix before using pacing frequencies greater than 1000Hz.

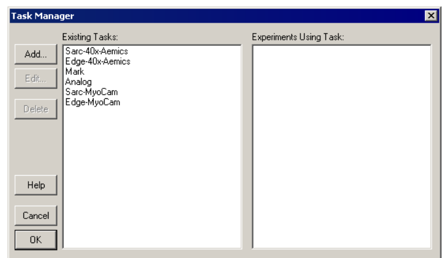
3.4 Task Manager Dialog

The Task Manager is used to define a collection of tasks that are available for use in one or more experiments. Tasks are created by selecting a desired task type (see § Acquisition Tasks 36 for a list of standard acqusition task types) and then selecting the specific devices to use and entering various labels and calibration values needed to run the selected task type.

To access the Task Manager *dialog* select "Task Manager..." in the Collect *menu* or click on the Manage *button* in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.

Some task types, such as Cell Length Recording task, are extra-cost options that may not be present on your system.

Here is a description of the parts of the Task Manager *dialog*:



Task Manager Dialog

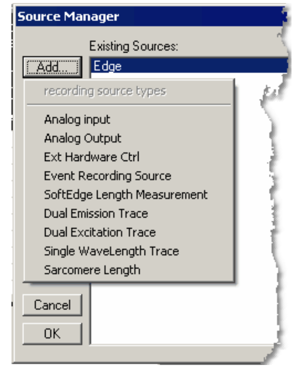
Existing Tasks	Shows the names of all currently defined tasks in the system. Click on a task to select it (highlighted with the blue bar). If the task name is listed in red there is an error that needs your attention, refer to Task Manager Errors 14.
Experiments	Lists experiments that are using the currently selected task .
Add...	Creates a new task.
Edit...	Edits parameters for the currently selected task.
Delete	Deletes the current task after confirmation.
Cancel	Undoes ALL changes and closes dialog. Clicking the "X" in the upper-right corner is the same as Cancel.
OK	Saves ALL changes and closes dialog.

Each installed copy of IonWizard manages its own list of tasks.

Creating a New Task

When you click the Add... *button,* a list of all available task types that are installed on your system will be displayed. When you select a task type, you will be shown the corresponding ...Task *dialog.* The exact information that will need to be entered in the ... Task *dialog* depends on the task type selected - refer to the specific task documentation for details.

While the exact task parameters list varies by task type, every task has a name *field.* The name is displayed in the Task Manager *dialog* and is used when selecting a task for use in an experiment. If you define multiple tasks of the same task type, you should attempt to name each task differently so you know which task is which.



Add Recording Source List

Details for the parameters are located in the 'Task Settings section of each task type of the Acquisition Tasks 36 section. Some task types are documented separately.

Editing an Existing Task

When you highlight an existing task and click the Edit... *button,* the appropriate Task *dialog* will be displayed. When you edit the parameters of an existing task, you will affect any new data collected using an experiment with this task. Previously saved data files are NOT affected by changes to a task.

It is likely that editing a task will mark the experiments that use the task as "needing review" in which case the framework will enter the repair state 27.

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

Details for the parameters of each task type are located in 'Task Settings' section of the task type documentation. Some task types are documented separately.

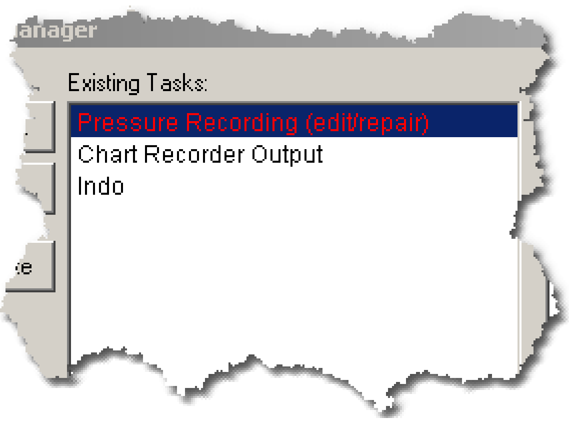
Deleting a Task

To remove a task from the system, highlight the desired task then click the Delete *button*. Before the task is deleted, you will be shown an *alert dialog* 15 that will describe the repercussions of this action. It is possible that deleting a task will break the experiment setup in which case the framework will enter the repair state 27.

If you delete a task that is used in an experiment you will have to edit/review the experiment

Repairing Tasks

As described in Framework Repair Process 27, it is possible to break tasks by editing the hardware tree. In that case the acquistion framework will enter the repair state and you will be forced to resolve the task errors before proceeding. When you enter the Task Manager in this situation, all broken tasks will be highlighted in red text as shown in the figure below. The text in parenthesis after the task name indicates the actions needed to correct the task errors.

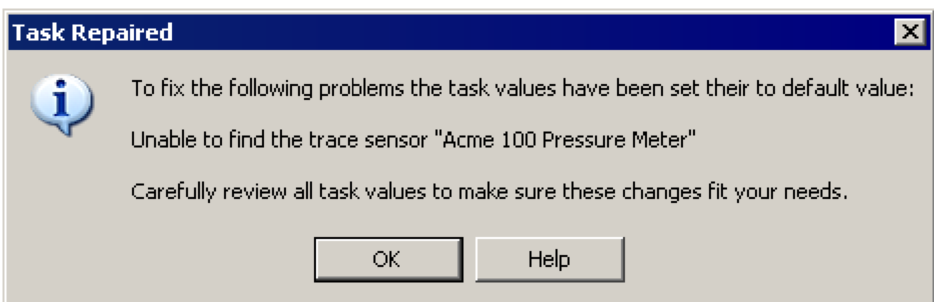


Once all the broken (red) tasks have been fixed, you will still need to review any experiment that used a repaired task before the framework re-enables data acquisition.

3.4.1 Alerts

The Task Manager can display a number of *alert dialog boxes*. These *alerts* are documented in the following sections.

3.4.1.1 Task Repaired



Task Repaired Message

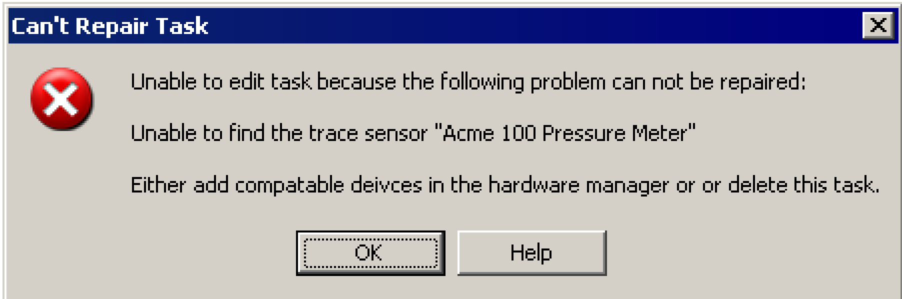
This *alert* indicates that the task you are about to edit has been repaired and you need to review the repair. Task repairs occur as a result of a change to hardware tree. The actual nature of any repair performed by a task is task specific, but it typically amounts to selecting a new hardware element of the required type from the existing set of elements.

For example, assume you have a task that uses a trace sensor named "Acme 100 Pressure Meter". You decide that you need a better pressure meter and purchase a shiny new Acme 5000 Pressure Meter. To use this new meter, you modify the hardware tree by deleting the old one and adding the new one. This action likely breaks the existing task that was recording pressure.

To correct this situation, the task will attempt to repair itself by selecting the first trace sensor it sees in the hardware tree (if a task cannot repair itself, then it must be deleted - see Can't Repair Task 15). If this sensor is your new pressure meter, then the task is repaired as you would expect and you can simply click Ok in the task dialog to accept the change.

If your system has more than one trace sensor however, you will want to review the selected one to make sure the repair operation selected the Acme 5000 and not, for example, your temperature sensor. If the repair was incorrect, you will need to select the correct sensor and then click Ok to save the changes.

3.4.1.2 Can't Repair Task



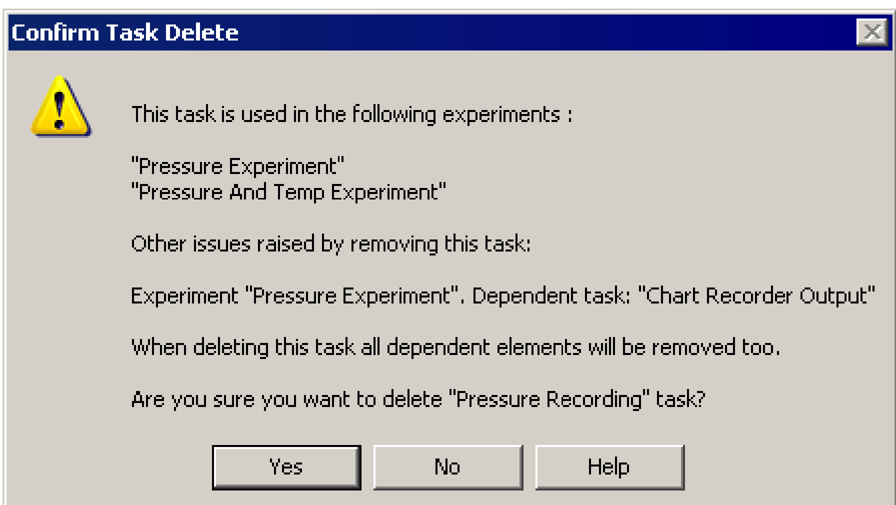
Cannot Repair Task Message

This *alert* indicates that the task you are trying to edit cannot be repaired because a resource type it requires no longer exists in hardware tree.

For example, assume you have a task that uses a trace sensor named "Acme 100 Pressure Meter". You decide you don't need pressure data any more and give your meter to your colleague across the hall. You then delete the meter from your hardware tree. If you system does not contain any other trace sensor, you get the above message when you try to edit the task. Typically in this case you would delete your pressure recording task.

However, if after seeing this message you realize you really do need to record pressure, then you need to get back your pressure meter and add it to the hardware tree again. This action will enable repair of the task.

3.4.1.3 Confirm Task Delete



Task Delete Confirmation Message

Deleting a task from the Task Manager dialog requires confirmation. The confirmation *alert dialog* lists the repercussions of removing the task. The possible repercussions are:

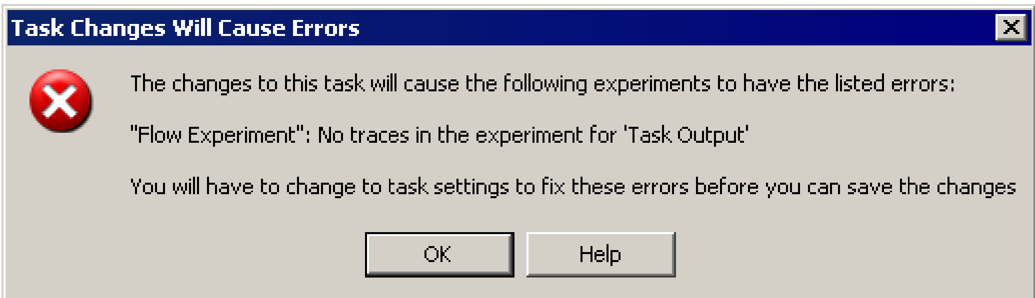
1. If the task is in use by any experiment, it will be deleted from that experiment.
2. Any secondary task that references the task being deleted will also be deleted.
3. If all tasks are removed from an experiment, the epochs in that experiment will also be deleted.
4. Any epoch that referenced the task will be deleted.
5. Any trace monitors that referenced the task will be deleted.

In the figure above, we are about to delete a task called "Pressure Recording". We see that two experiments were using that task. We see also that in "Pressure Experiment", a task called "Chart Recorder Output" was using the output of the "Pressure Recording".

If we click Yes, the "Pressure Recording" will be deleted from the Task Manager list and references to it removed from both experiments. Furthermore, references to "Chart Recorder Output" will be removed from "Pressure Experiment".

If we click No, the delete operation will be abandoned and no changes will be made to the task list or any experiments.

3.4.1.4 Task Changes Will Cause Errors



Task Changes Will Break Experiment Message

It is possible to break a task simply by editing it. For example you may choose sensors that are incompatible with each other. Or you may change a stand-alone task which is in an experiment by itself to become dependent on output from another task.

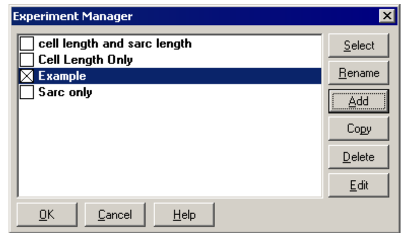
Any edit that results in such an error will result in the above *alert dialog*. You may get this *alert* immediately after editing the task, or you may get it when exiting the Task Manager dialog.

This alert provides a message that describes the detected error. Usually this message contains enough data to allow you to discern the rule that was broken. However in some of the more obscure corner cases, the message will be meaningful only to technicians. In that case, you should contact your system provider for more information.

3.5 Experiment Manager Dialog

The Experiment Manager is used to create a system-wide list of experiments and to select the current experiment. The current experiment can be edited in the Parameters 19 *dialog* and run with the Start 35 function in the Collect *menu.*

The main area of the Experiment Manager *dialog* shows a list of all experiments currently defined in the system. The blue background bar shows the highlighted experiment while the checked experiment is the current experiment that will be edited in the Parameters *dialog* or run with Start.



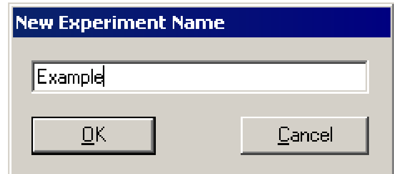
Experiment Manager Dialog

Here is a description of the functions of in the Experiment Manager *dialog*:

Select	Marks the currently highlighted experiment as current (moves the check box to the highlighted line).
Rename	Allows the user to change the experiment name.
Add	Adds a new experiment (see below).
Copy	Adds a new experiment with the same settings as the selected experiment.
Delete	Delete highlighted experiment, after confirmation.
Edit	Opens the Parameters *dialog* to allow editing of the selected experiment.
Cancel	Undo ALL changes and close dialog. Clicking the X in the upper-right corner is the same as Cancel.
OK	Save ALL changes and close dialog.

Adding a New Experiment

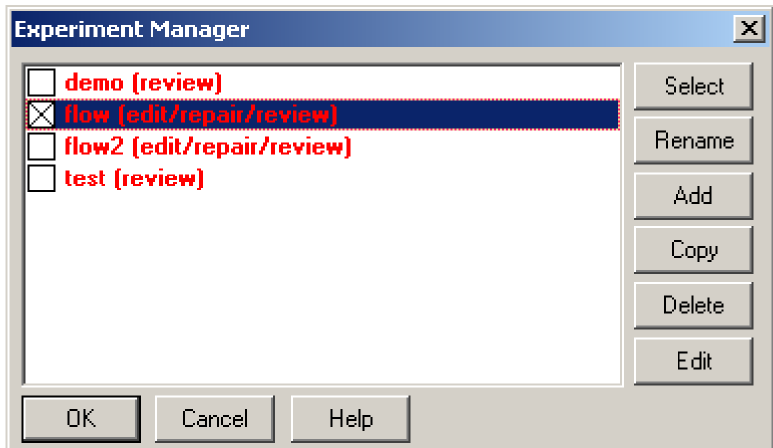
When you click Add in the Experiment Manager *dialog,* you will be asked to enter a name for your new experiment. When you click OK**,** the experiment will be added to the list, highlighted and made the current experiment. At this point, the Parameters *dialog* will be empty. Please see the Parameters section for a discussion of selecting the tasks and other options for this experiment.



Name New Experiment Dialog

Experiment Needs Editing or Review

When a task is changed, either directly by editing or indirect in response to changes in the hardware tree, each experiment that uses the task will be marked as "requiring review" by displaying the experiment name in red followed by "(review)" or "(edit/repair/review)". When you select the experiment and click on the Edit *button* a message will be displayed showing you the reason for the error - see Parameters Altered 26 *alert* for more details.



Experiement Manager Dialog with Errors

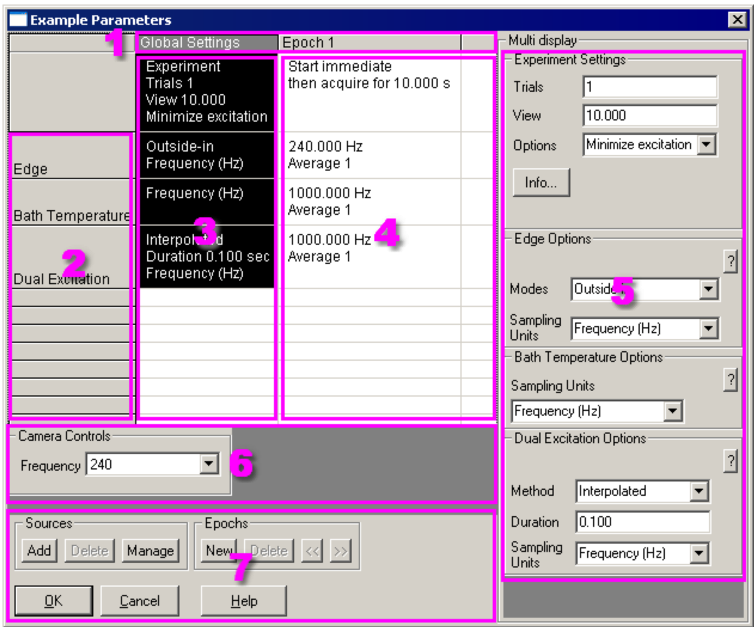
3.6 Parameters Dialog

The Parameters *dialog* is used to enter/edit the details of the current experiment selected in the Experiment Manager. The Parameters *dialog* is used to:

- Define general experiment information.
- Select specific tasks for this experiment from the list defined in the Task Manager12 *dialog.*
- Create one or more epochs that set sampling duration, rates and average parameters for each task.

Clicking the OK *button* saves the parameters to the selected experiment. They will be recalled the next time the experiment is selected.

To access the Parameters *dialog* select "Parameters..." from the Collect *menu* or click the Edit *button* in the Experiment Manager17 *dialog*.



Parameters Dialog Areas

The Parameters *dialog* has the following main areas:

1. Column Headings - The top gray row describes column contents.
2. Row Headings - The leftmost gray column shows the names of tasks that have been added to this experiment.
3. Experiment Settings - The first white column shows the experiment global settings in the first (unlabeled) row, followed by the experiment settings for each task.
4. Epoch Settings - The remaining white columns show settings for one or more epochs. The first (unlabeled) row displays the epoch parameters that are consistent for all tasks. The following rows display epoch settings specific to each task.
5. Edit Area - The group to the far right displays editing controls to allow you to change details associated with the currently selected column in the spread sheet.
6. Global Sensor Settings - The group just below the white columns allows you to set the sensor option to use for this experiment if required by the current tasks.
7. Control functions - The group at bottom left contains buttons used to add/delete tasks (rows), add/delete/move epochs (columns), close the Parameters *dialog*, cancel *ALL* changes or display help.

The Parameters *dialog* can be resized by *dragging* the lower right corner or the *borders*. If there are more rows and/or columns than can be displayed, *scrollbars* will appear to allow for scrolling through the main grid (areas #3 and #4) while the row and column headings (#1 and #2) remain to help you keep track of your position.

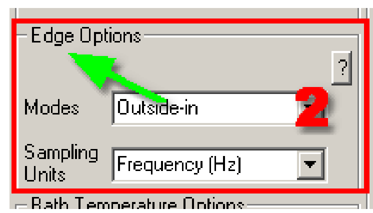
The Control Functions *area* (#7) contains buttons that allow you to add and remove rows (tasks) and columns (epochs) while the Edit *area* (#5) is used to edit values for the currently selected column (see below).

The exact contents of the Parameters dialog will vary depending on the options purchased with your system as well as the values you enter when adding and editing tasks using the task manager. The screen shots shown should be considered examples only.

The **?** *mini-button in the Edit area groups will display specific help for the controls in that group.*

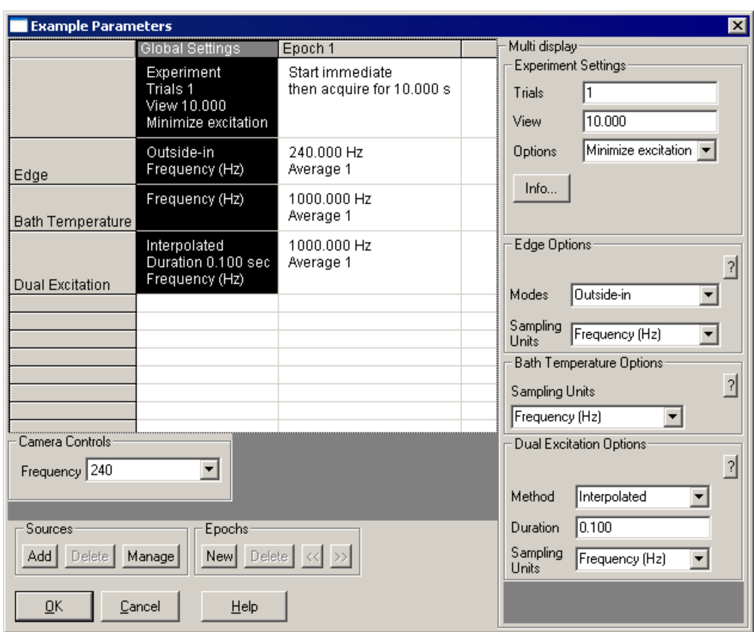
Edit Area

The Edit *area* is used to change any value in either the Experiment Settings or Epoch Settings *columns*. When you click on a column heading or a specific cell, the Edit *area* will display editing controls for the selected cells. For each selected cell, there will be a matching group in the Edit *area* which contains the input controls needed to change the values. Each group is labeled with the row heading unless it is the first row, in which case it is labeled with the column heading. In the example to the right, the group name shown by the green arrow ("Edge Options") matches the task name displayed in the row heading *("Edge").*



Edit Area Group Label

Experiment Settings



Experiment Settings Column selected

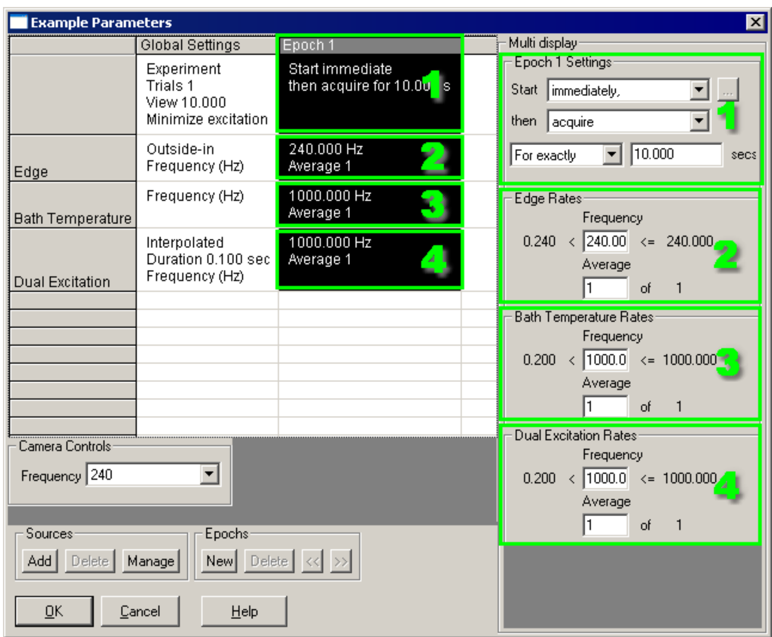
The figure shows the edit area when the Experiment Settings *column* is selected. The indicated areas show:

1. Experiment Global Settings: Experiment options global to all tasks in an experiment - See Experiment Global Settings 23 for details.

   (the remaining items depend on the tasks in the experiment)

2. Edge Options: Experiment options for "Edge" task - See Cell Length Recording Task Experiment Settings 51 for details.
3. Bath Temperature Options: Experiment options for "Bath Temperature" task - See Trace Recording Task Experiment Settings 38 for details.
4. Dual Excitation Options: Experiment options for "Dual Excitation" task - Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task Experiment Settings 44.

Epoch Settings



Epoch Settings Column selected

The figure shows the edit area when an "Epoch Settings" column is selected. The indicated areas show:

1. Epoch start and duration settings - See Epoch Settings 24 for details.

   (the remaining items depend on the tasks in the experiment)

2. Edge Options: Epoch options for "Edge" task - See Cell Length Recording Task Epoch Settings 51 for details.
3. Bath Temperature Options: Epoch options for "Bath Temperature" task - See Trace Recording Task Epoch Settings 38 for details.
4. Dual Excitation Options: Epoch options for "Dual Excitation" task - Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task Epoch Settings 44

If all the the Edit Area groups do not fit in the Parameters dialog, a scroll bar will be displayed that will scroll the task items groups only. The top group (#1) will always display.

If you click on a specific cell, the appropriate editing group will appear in the Edit Area.

The specific controls available in the Experiment and Epoch settings for each task depends on the task type of the task. Refer to the appropriate Acquisition Tasks 36 section for more information.

Global Sensor Settings Area

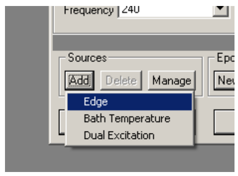
The Global Sensor Options *area* of the Parameters *dialog* contains controls for sensor options that are selected for the entire experiment. Controls will only appear in this area if one or more of the sensors selected in the task settings for any task in the current experiment have options that can be selected on an experiment-by-experiment basis. For example, the picture above shows the camera controls for the IonOptix MyoCam which allow you to select the current camera mode.

Control functions: Task Group

The Tasks *group* has the following functions for working with Task *rows*.

Add Task

When you click on the Add *button* in the Tasks *group* of the Parameters *dialog,* you will see a list of tasks that have been defined in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*. If you select a task, it will be added to the next empty row and the Experiment Settings and Epoch Settings *columns* will be filled with default values. You can edit the default values by selecting the appropriate cell in the main grid then editing the values in the matching Edit Area 20 *group.*



Add Task Menu

Delete Task

Clicking the Delete *button* in the Task *group* will delete the current task (row) WITHOUT confirmation. This button is grayed out if the currently selected row is not a task row (i.e. the row heading or the global settings row).

When you delete a task from the experiment you are NOT deleting it from the system. Any other experiments using the same task will not be affected.

If you accidentally delete a task, you can press the Cancel *button to restore ALL parameters to their previous values.*

Control functions: Epochs Group

The Epochs *group* has the following functions for working with Epoch columns.

New Epoch

Clicking the New *button* in the Epochs *group* of the Parameters *dialog* will add a copy of the currently highlighted epoch to the end of the list. If this is the first epoch it will filled with default values. You can edit the new epoch by selecting the appropriate cell in the main grid and then editing the values in the matching Edit Area 20 *group.*

Delete Epochs

Clicking the Delete... *button i*n the Epochs *group* of the Parameters *dialog* will remove the current epoch and shift any remaining epochs to the left over the deleted epoch.

Move Epochs

Clicking the << or >> *buttons* in the Epochs *group* of the Parameters *dialog* will move the current epoch to the left or right. When the experiment is run, epochs are run from left to right. So, moving an epoch allows you to change the order in which they are run.

Control functions: Ok, Cancel and Help

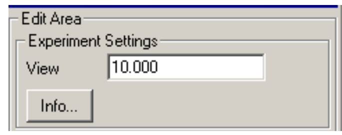
Cancel Undo ALL changes and close dialog. Clicking the X in the upper-right corner is the same as Cancel.

OK Save ALL changes and close dialog.

Help Pulls up this help dialog.

3.6.1 Experiment Global Settings

The Experiment Global Settings *group* appears as the top group in the Edit Area of the Parameters 19 *dialog* when the Experiment Settings *column*, or a cell within it, is selected. The controls in this group let you select options that affect the entire experiment:



Experiment Global Settings

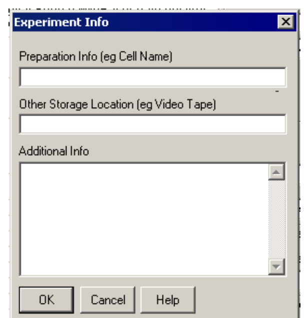
View The View *window* shows the number of seconds displayed in the IonWizard trace viewer when the experiment is started.

Info The Info... *button* pulls up the Experiment Info *dialog* (see below).

DA Delay ... If one or more trace output tasks are part of the current experiment the Experiment Global Settings *area* will include a display of the current DA delay followed by a ... *button* that will display the DA Delay dialog (see below)

Experiment Info

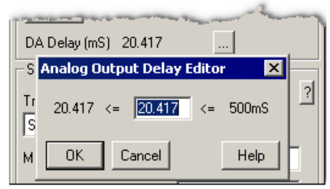
The Experiment Info *dialog* allows you to enter general information about the experiment. The information is intended to be used to help you document the conditions of the experiment for easy review at a later time.



Experiment Info Dialog

DA Delay Editor

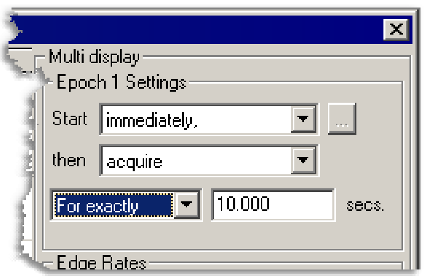
When you click on the ... *button* after "DA Delay" in the Experiment Global settings *area* you will open the DA Delay Editor *dialog*. This dialog allows you to set the delay between when data started acquiring and when the value will be output to the analog output.



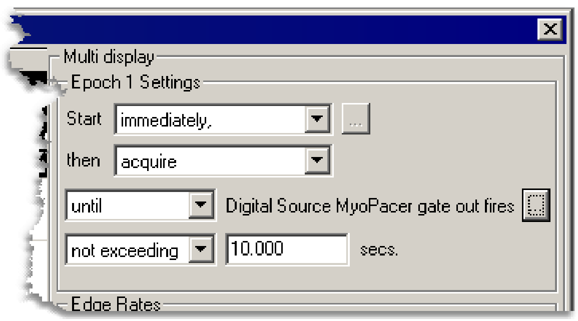
DA Delay editor

The minimum DA Delay amount is determined by the delay characteristics of the sensors selected in all trace output tasks in the current experiment. For instance, with a video camera the minimum delay is the a combination of the integration time AND the frame grabber acquisition time

3.6.2 Epoch Settings



Epoch Settings - fixed duration



Epoch Settings - until event or duration

The Epoch Settings *group* appears as the top group in the Edit Area of the Parameters[19] *dialog* when an Epoch Settings *column*, or any cell within it, is selected. The controls in this group let you select options that control how the selected epoch is started and when it ends.

Start Determines when data collection starts after the epoch is started. Options are:

- **Immediately** Data collection starts immediately.
- **After a key press** Data collection starts after operator clicks "Click Ok to start" *message box* that appears when epoch starts.
- **After a hardware event** Data collection starts based on trigger defined with the ... *button.* See Trigger Options[25] (below).

Then Determines what is done during this epoch. Options are:

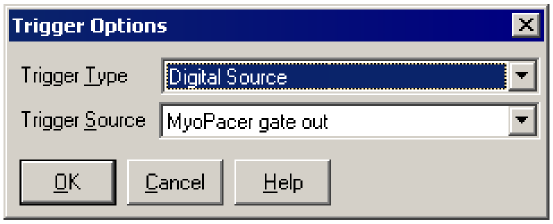
- **Acquire** Data is collected from all tasks.
- **Delay** No data is collected.

For Duration

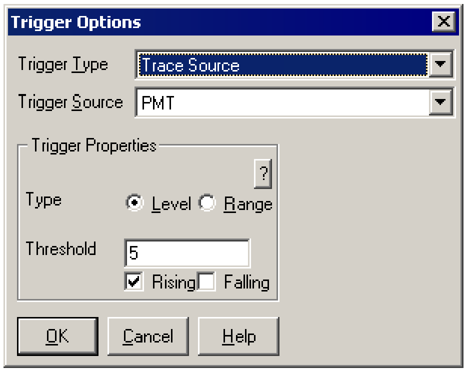
- **For exactly** Set duration of this epoch to the specified number of seconds.
- **Until** When selected, the epoch will end before the specified not exceeding time if a trigger occurs. Click the ... *button* to the right on this line to set up a trigger. S ee Trigger Options[24] (below).
- **Not exceeding** When using one or more until options, this determines the maximum duration.

3.6.2.1 Trigger Options

Trigger options are available to start data collection for an epoch (when start=Hardware) or to end data collection (when an "until" option is selected). In either case, you access the Trigger Options *dialog* by clicking on the ... *button* in the Epoch Settings *group* of the Parameters 19 *dialog*.



Epoch Trigger Options - Raw Digital Sensor



Epoch Trace Sensor - Raw Trace Sensor

Trigger Type Selects the trigger type that you are defining.

Raw Digital Sensor Trigger occurs when a digital event coming from the Trigger Source is detected. Our System Interfaces define a digital event as the rising edge of a TTL pulse.

Raw Trace Sensor Trigger occurs when the value of the raw trace selected in Trigger Source matches the level(s) set in the Trigger Properties *group.*

Trigger Source Selects the device producing the digital event or raw trace that is used in the trigger. IonWizard will scan through the hardware tree and will list all possible hardware triggers in the drop down list.

Trigger Properties If appropriate for the trigger type, displays options to determine how trace sensor generates triggers.

Trigger Type Level will test the signal against a single value, and Range will test the signal against two values.

Upper Threshhold & Lower Threshold

Enter the test value in the "raw" units for the device selected in Trigger Source. When the input value "crosses" this value, a trigger will be generated if the corresponding rising/falling option is selected (see next).

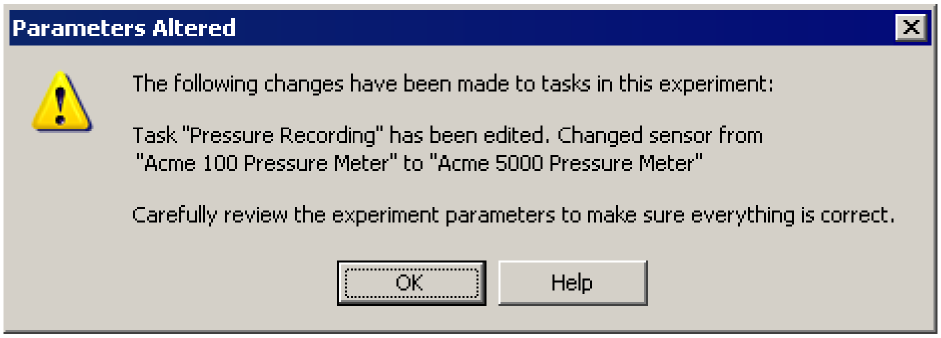
Rising Select to generate a trigger when input value goes from below to above the level entered above.

Falling Select to generate a trigger when input value goes from above to below the level entered above.

3.6.3 Alerts

The Parameter dialog can display a number of *alert dialog boxes*. These *alerts* are documented in the following sections.

3.6.3.1 Parameters Altered



Parameters Altered Message

When entering the Parameter 25 *dialog* for an experiment that needs review (see Framework Repair Process) 27 you will see an *alert dialog* similar to that shown above. This *alert* is telling you all the task changes that prompted the experiment review. You should look at the experiment and the epochs for the tasks that remain in the experiment to be sure that the sampling rates and so forth are appropriate.

3.7 Framework Repair Process

As described in the Acquisition Framework Overview 4, the acquisition system has three layers: hardware, tasks and experiments. Edits to the either of the first two layers almost invariably impact subsequent layers to the extent that the experiment will no longer execute. While the acquisition framework prevents most improper experiment configurations, it is not possible to lock out every error and end up with a usable system. The number of lockouts needed put the user into what feels like a straightjacket. To balance between ease of use and correctness, the acquisition framework implements a repair process to help the user fix problems.

When the hardware or tasks are editing such that the experiments are broken or potentially changed in subtle ways, the acquisition framework enters the *repair state.* In this state, the experiment execution controls (Start, Pause, etc) are disabled until the issues are resolved. You must then repair each layer of the framework until all are fixed and reviewed at which point you will be able to run experiments again. The framework guides you by disabling access to higher layers while lower layers need repair. The below we discuss the elements of the repair state.

The first area monitored by the framework repair state mechanism is the hardware tree. When you select Ok from the Hardware 8 *dialog box*, the acquisition framework validates the new hardware tree *before* the Hardware 8 *dialog* exits to make sure that no tasks have been broken. If it finds a problem it presents an alert message 28 warning you of the issue. Should you decide to proceed, the framework enters the first stage of the repair process - task repair. As long as tasks are broken, you will note the following changes:

- All experiment toolbars will be disabled and hidden.
- Experiment control user inputs (Start, Stop, etc) will be disabled.
- The Experiments dialog box will be disabled.
- The Parameters dialog box will be disabled.
- The Task Manager dialog will be enabled and will indicate tasks that need repair.

Once all the tasks are repaired, you now enter the experiment repair and review state. Typically during task repair, sensors are changed and perhaps entire tasks are deleted from the system. These actions will result in changes to the experiments that contained those tasks. These experiments will be marked as needing repair and/or review. Typically this amounts to simply going into the Parameter dialog for each experiment and making sure that the necessary data is being collected and that the task edits did not result in inappropriate sampling rates. Until the experiments are all reviewed you will note the following changes to the system:

- All experiment toolbars will be disabled and hidden.
- Experiment control user inputs (Start, Stop, etc) will be disabled.
- The Parameters dialog box will now be enabled.
- The Experiments dialog box will be enabled and will indicate experiments that need repair.

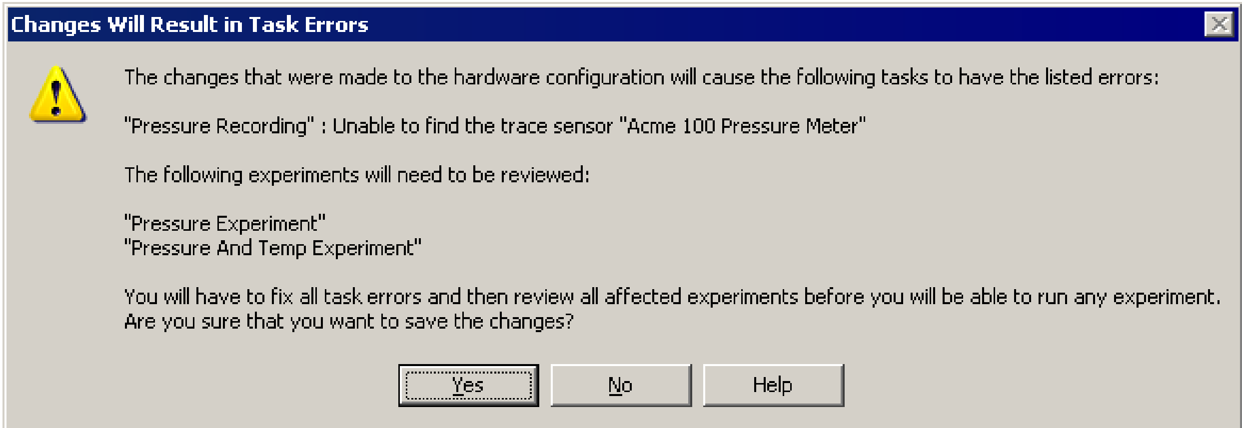
Note that you can enter the experiment repair state simply by editing tasks. If you make a change in a task that will impact sampling rates, all experiments that use that task are marked as "Need Review" and the framework enters the experiment repair state.

Finally, note also that if you exit the acquisition module while it is still in the repair state, it will return to the repair state the next time it is run. You will be reminded of this fact via an alert message.

3.7.1 Alerts

The following sections document the *alert dialog boxes* related to the framework repair process.

3.7.1.1 Changes Will Result in Task Errors



Hardware Changes Will Break Experiments Message

The above *alert* indicates that the recent changes made to the hardware will break your existing experimental setup. This is happening because the experiments in question are referencing hardware elements that no longer exist in the new hardware tree.

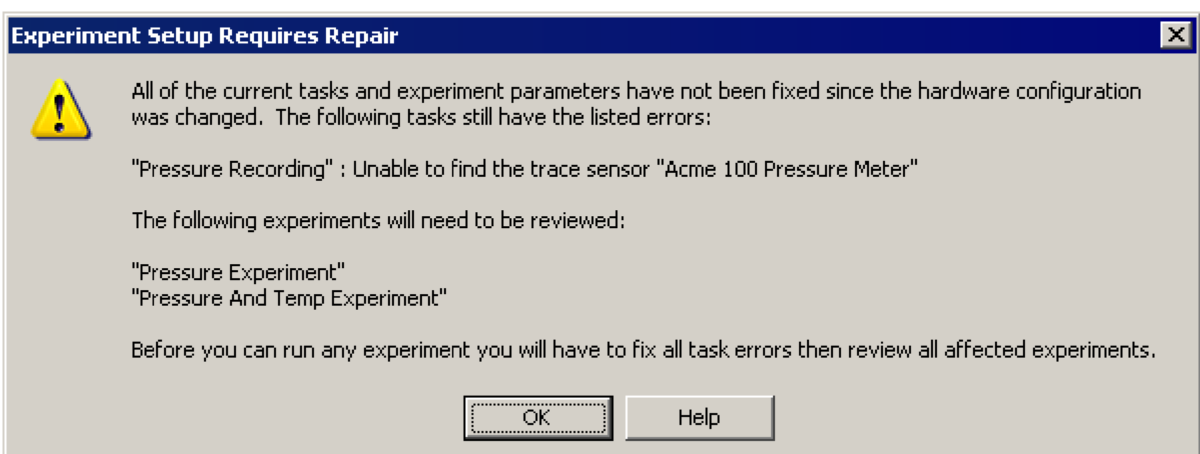
You may have edited the hardware tree because your hardware setup has in fact changed. Following the example in the figure above, perhaps you have upgraded your system by purchasing a new Acme 5000 Pressure Meter to replace your old model 100. In this case any errors introduced by a hardware edit would be legitimate and you would save your changes by clicking Yes. You then need to repair the effected tasks and review the experiments before being able to acquire data again.

If you are not editing your hardware tree in response to an actual change to your system and are seeing this *alert* unexpectedly, click No to return to the Hardware Manager *dialog* and then click Cancel to abandon the inadvertent changes.

3.7.1.2 Re-entering Repair State on Launch

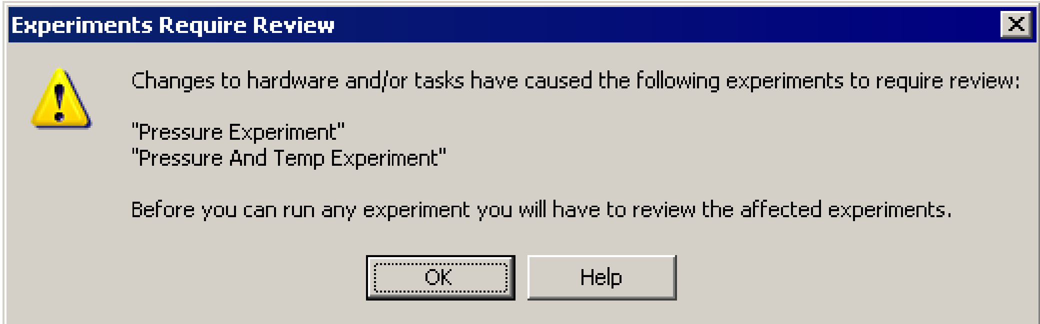
If the acquisition module was exiting while in the repair state 27, you will be reminded of the needed repairs the next time the module is launched 5.

The below alert is shown if there are outstanding task repair issues.



Re-entry With Broken Tasks Message

If the tasks are alright but there remain experiments that require review or repair, the below alert will be displayed.



Re-entry With Experiments in Need of Review Message

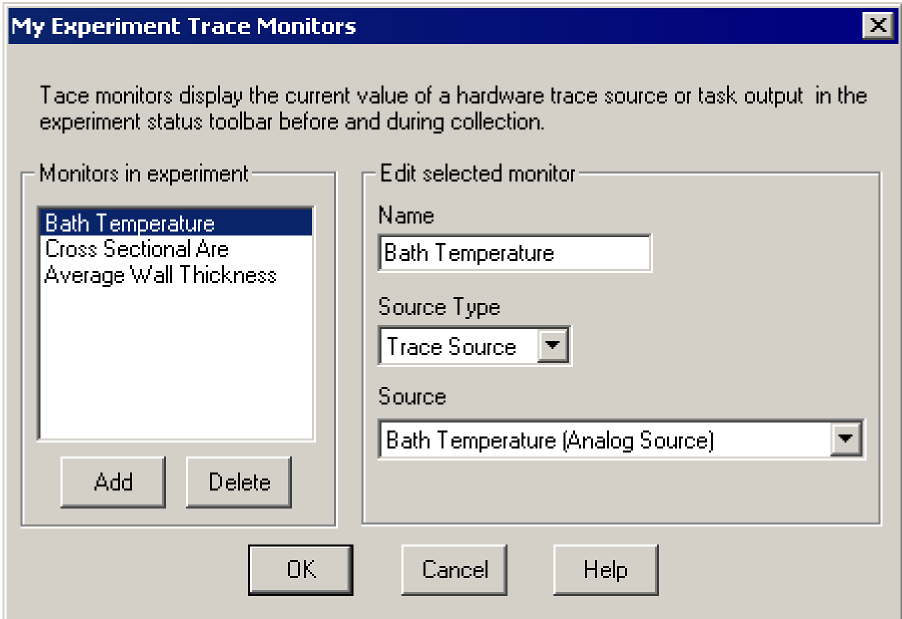
In either event, you will need to repair the issues before data acquisition can proceed.

To repair tasks you will primarily use the Task Manager 14 *dialog box*. You may need to work with the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog* if devices were deleted in inadvertently.

To fix some task errors you may have to add a device to the hardware tree in the Hardware Manager 8 before you can edit the task.

To review experiments, use the Experiments 17 *dialog box*.

3.8 Trace Monitors Dialog



Trace Monitors Dialog

The Trace Monitors *dialog* allows you to define one or more "trace monitors" that will display the current value from either a hardware trace sensor or from the output of any recording task in the current experiment. All trace monitors appear in a single Trace Monitors Tool Bar 31 in the Experiment Tool Bars 33 area at the bottom of the IonWizard window.

The Monitors in experiment *group* shows the list of monitors for the current experiment, allows you to select a monitor for editing in the Edit selected monitor *group* and add or delete monitors.

Monitors in experiment group

List	Select an existing trace monitor name from the list will load the current definition into the Edit selected monitor *group* so that you can edit its definition.
Add	Add a new trace monitor to the list that is a copy of the currently selected trace monitor. Add will be disabled if there are no trace sensors in the hardware tree and no tasks in the current experiment.
Delete	Delete the currently selected trace monitor from the list.

Edit selected monitor group

Name	This is the name that will be used to label this trace monitor in the list and when it is displayed in the Experiment Tool Bars 33 *area.* The system will set a default name as you change the Source or Source Type. Once you change the name from its default value it will no longer be changed when you change Source.
Source Type	Selects between monitoring the output of a trace sensor in the Hardware Tree 8 or the output of a a task in the current experiment.
Source	List all available sources for the current Source Type. Name will be changed based on the source unless you have edited the name since the last time you changed the Source Type.

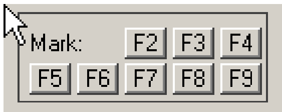
3.8.1 Trace Monitors Tool Bar

Trace Monitors tool bar with three monitors

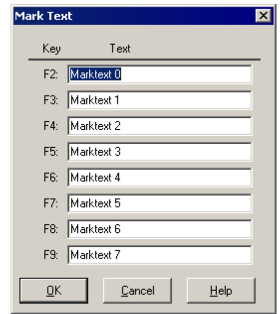
The Trace Monitors *tool bar* appears whenever one or more trace monitors have been added in the Trace Monitors Dialog 30. You may hide and show the Trace Monitors *tool bar* by *checking* and unchecking the "Trace Monitors" choice in the middle section of the Collect Menu 6.

3.9 Mark Text Dialog

The Mark Text *dialog* allows you to enter text for the mark shortcut keys that are entered using the Mark *group* of the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar* or by pressing the corresponding function key. The mark will be added when you click the button or press the function key and will have a description that was entered for the key in the Mark Text *dialog.*



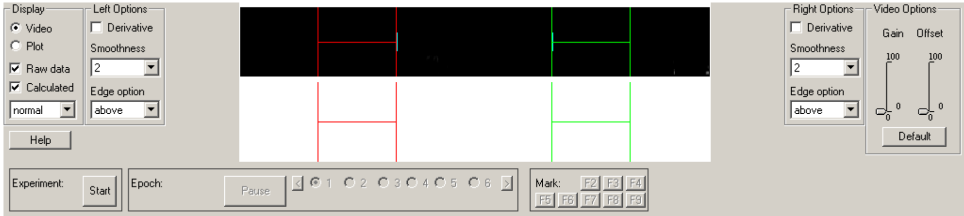
Experiment Status tool bar - mark group



Mark Text Dialog

To access the Mark Text *dialog* select "Marks..." from the Collect *menu*.

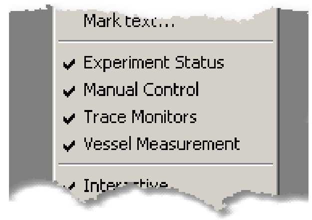
3.10 Experiment Tool Bars



Cell Length & Experiment Status Tool bars

The Experiment Tool Bar *area* at the bottom of the main IonWizard window displays one or more *tool bars* based on the tasks that are part of the current experiment. Every experiment will have an Experiment Status *tool bar* and certain tasks, such as Edge Detection, will have additional tool bars as shown in the figure above.

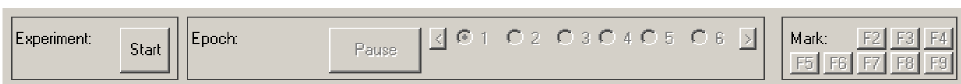
Tool bars can be hidden by un-checking them in the second group of controls in the Collect *menu* (show at right). When a *tool bar* is checked, it will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. Otherwise, it will be hidden.



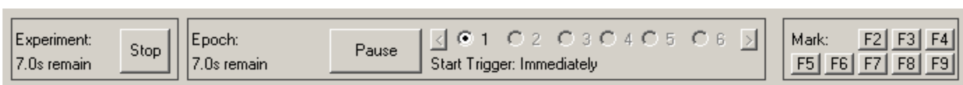
Collect menu - Tool bars

All available *tool bars* are automatically displayed when you exit the Parameters 19 *dialog* or change experiments in the Experiment Manager 17 *dialog*.

3.10.1 Experiment Status Tool Bar



Experiment Status Tool Bar - Before Start

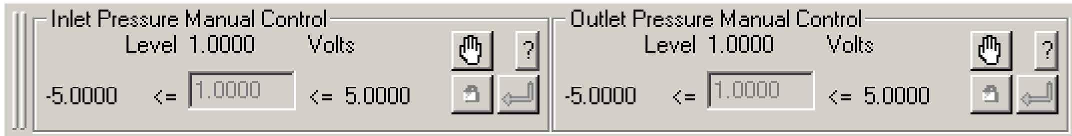


Experiment Status Tool Bar - While running

The Experiment Status *tool bar* is available in the Experiment Tool Bars 33 *area* for every experiment. It appears at the bottom of the screen once the current experiment is not blank (that is has at least one task and epoch). The Experiment Status *tool bar* is used to provide quick access to the common experiment control functions. The three main areas of the tool bar provide the following functions:

Experiment group	Start or stop 35 the current experiment and display remaining time in experiment.
Epoch group	Pause or resume 35 an epoch, jump to epoch 35 number n and display time remaining in current epoch.
Mark group	Add mark 35 at current time. Mark description will contain the phrase entered in Mark Text 32 *dialog*.

3.10.2 Manual Control Tool Bar



Manual Control Toolbar with two manual controls

The Manual Control *tool bar* appears whenever one or more acquisition tasks in the current experiment provide manual control functions. For details on the operation of a specific manual control please refer to the "Manual Control" section of the appropriate acquisition task or acquisition device.

3.11 Running the Experiment

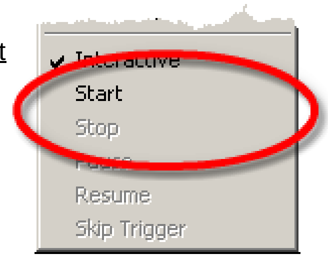
Once you have defined the current experiment parameters in the Parameters 19 *dialog*, you can perform the following functions.

Start/Stop

The primary operation that you will want to perform is to start and stop your experiment. To start an experiment, either pick Start from the Collect *menu* or click the Start *button* in the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar*.

Once an experiment has started, it will run all the epochs defined in the Parameters 19 *dialog*, unless it is stopped or paused.

To stop an experiment, either pick Stop from the Collect *menu* or click on the Stop *button* in the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar*.



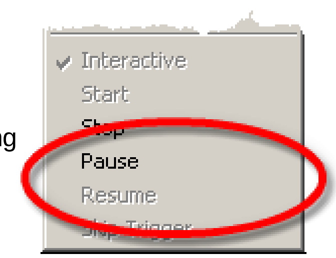
Collect menu - Start & Stop

Once an experiment has been stopped it can NOT be restarted, only saved.

Pause/Resume

While an experiment is running, you can pause the experiment by either picking Pause from the Collect *menu* or clicking on the Pause *button* in the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar*.

Once an experiment is paused, you can resume the experiment by picking Resume from the Collect *menu* or clicking on the Resume *button* in the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar*.



Collect menu - Pause & Resume

Changing epochs will also resume data collection.

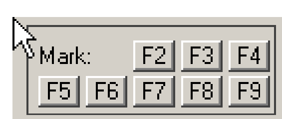
Changing Epochs

Normally, an experiment will run epochs from left to right. You may restart any epoch by selecting it from the Epoch *group* in the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar*.

Experiment Status Tool bar - Epoch group

Adding Marks

To enter a mark along with its accompanying text (see the Mark Text 32 *dialog*), you either click on the corresponding button in the Mark *group* in the Experiment Status 33 *tool bar* or press the indicated function key.



Experiment Status tool bar - mark group

You may also enter marks at any point in the past with the mouse. See the main IonWizard manual for details.

Saving/Closing

After you stop the experiment, you can can save it by picking Save from the Collect *menu.*

4 Acquisition Tasks

Before you can create an an experiment, you must define all of the tasks that you want to execute in the Task Manager[12] *dialog.* To define a task, you will need to select from a list of the task types that are available. There are two main groups of task types: recording tasks and output/control tasks.

A recording task records data from one or more devices. Depending on the task type, the data will be either a collection of traces (values over time) or will be a list of events (times an event occurred). Recording tasks may also control devices as part of the recording task, such as moving a filter wheel to the correct excitation filter before reading the the emission output intensity.

Output/Control tasks output trace data to a device or provide control of a device separately from other experiment tasks.

Recording Task Types

Here is a list of common recording task types. Additional recording task types may be documented separately.

Trace Records values from a device at the rate specified in the current epoch.

Event Records the times that a signal is detected from a device.

Fluorescence* Controls an excitation light source and records resulting emission brightness. Single excitation, dual excitation and dual emission are supported.

Cell Length* Detects left and right edge of cell image from video camera and calculates resulting cell length.

Sarcomere Spacing* Calculates average inter-sarcomere spacing from an area of a camera image.

Vessel Dimension* Detects vessel wall characteristics from up to four areas of a camera image.

Vessel Flow Characteristics* Multiple high-level vessel specific calculations derived from other vessel measurements.

* These tasks are extra-cost options and may not be present on your system.

Output/Control Task Types

Here is a list of common output/control task types. Additional output/control task types may be documented separately.

Trace Output Outputs an analog signal reflecting data recorded by one device to another device.

Signal Generator Provides the ability output specific values for each epoch and to optionally provide manual control.

4.1 Recording Tasks

Recording tasks are tasks that record data from one or more devices. They may also control additional devices needed for the production of the data. Recording tasks will produce one or both of the following types of data:

Trace Data — A list of values sampled over time at a fixed rate. The exact rate as well as any averaging is defined in each experiment epoch. Trace data is displayed as Value vs time graphs.

Event Data — A table of times that an event was detected. Events are recorded whenever they occur and do not have any settings in an experiment epoch. Events are displayed as "marks" along the time axis.

4.1.1 Trace Recording Task

A trace recording task records raw data values from the device selected in the Trace Recording Task 38 *dialog* using the rate and averaging parameters defined in the current epoch settings 38.

A simple multiply/offset scaling calculation (entered in the Trace Recording Task 38 *dialog*) is used to allow the raw data to be converted to the real world units of the connected device (ie temperature, pressure, etc...).

A trace recording task uses data entered in three separate places:

- Task settings 38 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task. Entered in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 38 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment. Entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 38 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment. Entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.

Task Output

The trace recording task produces the following output in IonWizard where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Cell length recording task *dialog:*

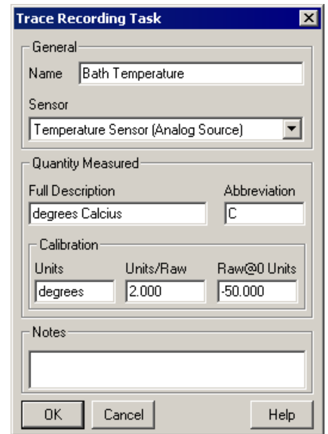
"*Name*-Raw" trace — Displays the actual data collected from the selected device in the appropriate units, usually volts.

"*Name*-Scaled" trace — Displays data that has been scaled using the multiplier and offset values entered in the Trace Recording Task 38 *dialog*. The graph vertical axis will be labeled using the Full Description *string* from the Trace Recording Task 38 *dialog*.

4.1.1.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Trace Recording Task 37 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:

Name	Name this task. Name is also used as the "Type" in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.
Sensor	Select the desired analog trace Task Connection from the list available in the current hardware tree. Image sensors can not be used.
Full Description	Describe the parameter being recorded (eg. "Temperature" or "Degrees C"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.
Abbreviation	Provide short hand notation of Full Description for exported table headings. Again, for a temperature probe you might enter "Temp" or "C".
Units	Enter label for raw data trace. For analog inputs, it would be volts. For PMT, it would be counts.
Units/Raw	Provide the calibration value that converts volts to the desired units. You will probably need the manual of the device that puts out the analog signal to find this value.
Raw @0 Units	Provide the voltage at which the measurement should be zero (for example, the voltage corresponding to a temperature of 0 degrees, a pressure of 0, etc.).
Notes	Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.



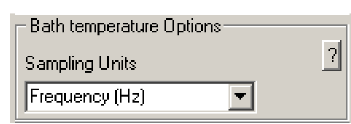
Trace Recording Task dialog

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

4.1.1.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a trace recording task 37 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area 20. The following values can be edited:

Sampling Units	Choose how you want to enter sampling rates in the epoch settings 38 *dialog.* **Frequency -** Enter as Hertz. **Period** - Enter as seconds.



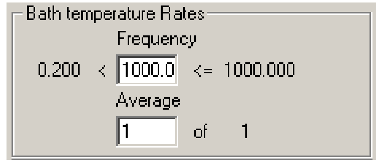
Trace Recording Task experiment settings edit area

4.1.1.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a trace recording task 37 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the epoch settings *group* in the edit area 19 for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:

Frequency or Period Data sampling rate (Frequency vs Period selection is made in the experiment settings 38 column). This is the rate at which a data point is added to the data set. This doesn't set the rate at which data is sampled from the hardware.

Average At a given frequency/period, there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.



Trace Recording Task epoch settings edit area

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the device capabilities and/or the current pacing frequency 10.

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacing frequency 10 when focus is moved away from the control. This effect is especially noticeable when the entered frequency approaches the maximum.

4.1.2 Event Recording Task

An event recording task records the times a specific "event" is detected during acquisition as IonWizard event marks. You select the type of event to record in the Event Recording Task 40 *dialog.* Depending on the option selected, you may enter addition parameters that define the event in the experiment settings 40 edit area of the Parameters 19 *dialog.*

An event recording task uses data entered in two separate places:

- Task settings 40 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task. Entered in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 40 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment. Entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.

Task Output

An event recording task produces a single mark for each event that is detected. The mark text is automatically set to the name of the task entered in the Event Recording Task 40 *dialog*.

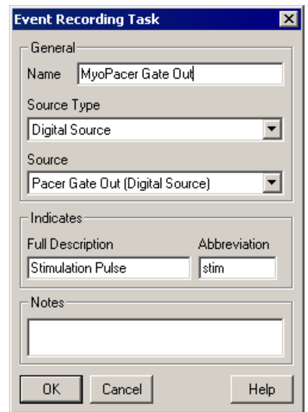
4.1.2.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when an Event Recording Task 39 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:

Name — Name this task.

Source Type — Select type of source:

- **Digital Source** - An event is recorded for each positive pulse from the source selected in the Source *drop-down list*.
- **Trace Source** - An event is recorded each time the value read from the source selected in the Source *drop-down list* matches threshold/range values entered in the experiment settings 40 *group* of the Parameters *dialog*.
- **Task Trace** - In this case, both the source and the threshold/range values are defined in the experiment settings 40 *group* of the Parameters *dialog*. An event is recorded each time value in the task trace matches the threshold/range values.



Event Recording Task settings dialog

Source — Select the desired digital or trace source to use from a list of all that are available in the Hardware Manager.

Full Description — Describe the event that is being recorded.

Abbreviation — Provide short hand notation for Full Description.

Notes — Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

The Source drop down list is not used for the "Task Trace" source type as the trace is selected in the experiment settings 40 group of the Parameters *dialog*..

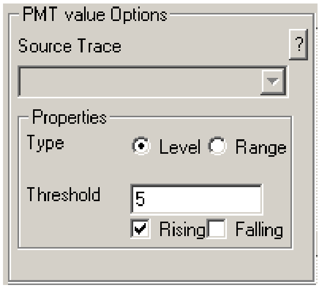
4.1.2.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of an event recording task 39 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area 20. The values that can be edited depend upon the Source Type selected in the Event Recording Task 40 *dialog.*

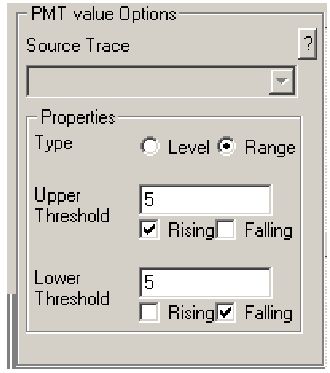
Event Type: Digital Source

There are no additional experiment settings required for the "Digital Source" source type.

Event Type: Trace Source or Task Trace



Single level threshold



Dual level threshold

For the "Trace Source" and "Task Trace" source types, you will need to specify the threshold value(s) that you would like to test to determine the event.

Type Choose "Level" for a single threshold value. Choose "Range" for two threshold values.

Threshold Enter the threshold level in the raw units of the sensor.

Rising Create an event when the value of the sensor "rises" from below the threshold value to above.

Falling Create an event when the value of the sensor "falls" from above the threshold value to below.

Source Trace For a "Task Trace" source type, select from a drop-down list of all constructed traces in the current experiment. For a "Trace Source" source type, the control is disabled.

The specific raw sensor that is used for the "Trace Source" source type is set in the Event Recording Task 40 *dialog.*

You can select Rising, Falling or both for each threshold.

4.1.3 Fluorescence Photometry Recording Tasks

The Fluorescence Photometry Recording Tasks are a group of recording tasks that collect intensity of the emission output(s) that result from one or more wavelengths of excitation light. Each fluorescence task use a specific combination of input sensors and excitation wavelengths listed below. IonWizard manages access to the light source so that one complete set of raw data points is collected for all fluorescence recording tasks in the experiment.

Tasks Provided

The following fluorescence tasks are provided:

Single Excitation 47 Record single data trace from selected sensor excited with a single excitation wavelength.

Dual Excitation 42 Record two data traces from single selected sensor excited with two alternating wavelengths.

Dual Emission 45 Record two data traces from the two selected sensors excited with a single excitation wavelength.

The maximum sampling rate for all fluorescence recording sources in an experiment is the same as they all share a single light source.

Collecting from multiple fluorescence tasks may have a significant impact on the maximum rate if it introduces addition light source filter movement.

4.1.3.1 Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task

The dual excitation trace recording task controls a light source device to present alternating wavelengths of excitation light to a preparation. It then records the resulting emission light from each wavelength with a single sensor device into two separate output traces: raw numerator and raw denominator. In addition the task provides the ability to view background subtracted, ratio and calcium calculated traces

The dual excitation trace recording task uses data entered in three separate places:

- Task settings 43 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 44 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 44 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters *dialog*.

Task Options

The dual excitation trace recording task supports two sperate methods of acquiring data: Interleaved and Interpolated.

The interleaved method alternates between the numerator and denominator filter positions for the duration of sampling.

The interpolated method starts by collecting a well resolved sample from the isosbestic filter, collects from the other filter position for the duration of sampling, then collects an ending sample from the isosbestic filter.

The Interpolated method is only available if an isosbestic filter is selected Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task 43 *dialog.*

Selection of Interleaved or Interpolated for the current experiment is made in Experiment Settings 44.

Task Output

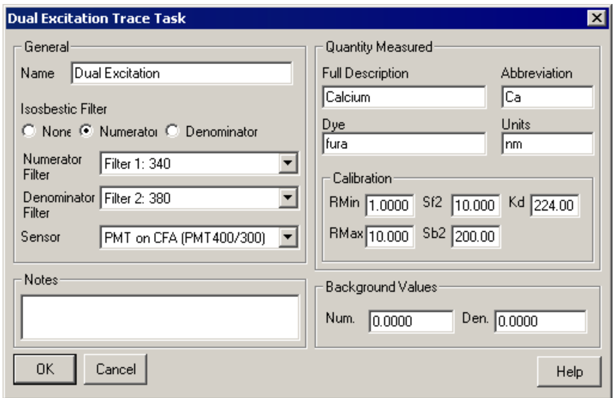
The dual excitation trace recording task produces the following output in IonWizard, where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task *dialog:*

"name-Raw" traces Two channels of the actual data collected from the selected sensor device:
numerator - data collected when filter in "numerator" position
denominator - data collected when filter in "denominator" position

"name-Numeric Subtracted" traces
Four channels calculated from the raw data traces above:
numerator - raw numerator value minus numerator background constant
denominator - raw denominator value minus numerator background constant
ratio - numeric subtract numerator divided by numeric subtracted denominator
calcium - calcium calculation using numeric subtracted ratio and calcium calibration constants

See IonWizard documentation for details on viewing traces

4.1.3.1.1 Task Settings



Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task dialog

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task 42 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:

Name	Name this task. Name is also used as the "Type" in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.
Isosbestic Filter	Indicate whether the numerator or denominator filter is the Isosbestic filter for the indicator dye. Select "none" if you are not using an Isosbestic filter.
Numerator Filter	Select the filter used to provide the excitation light for the numerator trace.
Denominator Filter	Select the filter used to provide the excitation light for the denominator trace.
Sensor	Select the device that records the emission light from the preparation excited by the excitation filters.
Notes	Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.
Full Description	Describe the parameter being recorded (eg "Calcium" or "pH"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.
Abbreviation	Provide short hand notation for Full Description for exported table headings.
Dye	Name the dye that you are using, for documentation purposes.
Background Values	Provide the values to be used as the default background constants for new data files. Num. - Numerator background value Den. - Denominator background value
Calibration	Values used as default values for Calcium Calibration constants. RMin. - Ratio recorded using dye and zero calcium solution. RMax**.** - Ratio recorded using day at saturating calcium solution. Sf2 - Background-subtracted free calcium denominator. Sb2 - Background-subtracted bound calcium denominator value. Kd - Dissociation constant.

Use the IonWizard Constants... function to change background values or calibration constants for the current file.

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

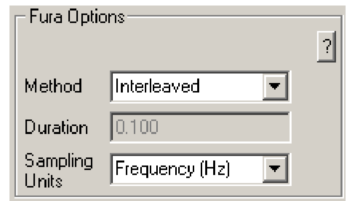
4.1.3.1.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a dual excitation trace recording task 42 *row* in the Parameters *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area. The following fields can be edited:

Method — Select sampling method to use. (See overview 42 for details.)
Interleaved - Ratiometric sampling method.
Interpolated - Puesdo-ratiometric sampling method.

Duration — If you have selected the Interpolated method, enter the duration, in seconds, to sample each isosbestic point.

Sampling Units — Chose how you want to enter sampling rates in the epoch settings 44 *dialog*.
Frequency - Enter as Hertz.
Period - Enter as seconds.



Dual Excitation Task experiment settings edit area

When using the Interpolated method, the duration for the isosbestic point should be long enough to provide a well-averaged value. For most cases, 0.1 seconds (100 points at 1Khz) should be enough.

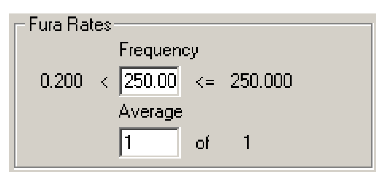
When using the Interpolated method, the epoch begins by sampling data at the isosbestic point. Trace data is collected after the isosbestic point has been collected and the filter has been moved.

4.1.3.1.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a Dual excitation trace recording task 42 *row* in the Parameters *dialog* will display the epoch settings *group* in the edit area for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:

Frequency or Period — Data sampling rate (Frequency vs Period selection is made in the experiment settings 44 *column*). This is the rate at which a data point is added to the data set. This does not set the rate at which data is sampled from the hardware.

Average — At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.



Dual Excitation Task epoch settings edit area

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the sensor and filter switching device capabilities and/or the current pacing frequency 10.

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacing frequency 10 *when you click on a different field. This effect is especially noticeable when the entered frequency approaches the maximum.*

4.1.3.2 Dual Emission Trace Recording Task

The dual emission trace recording task controls a light source device to provide a single wavelength of excitation light to a preparation. It then simultaneously records the resulting emission light from two wavelength with two separate sensor devices into two separate output traces: raw numerator and raw denominator. In addition the task provides the ability to view background subtracted, ratio and calcium calculated traces

The Dual emission trace recording task uses data entered in three separate places:

- Task settings 46 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 47 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 47 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters *dialog*.

Task Output

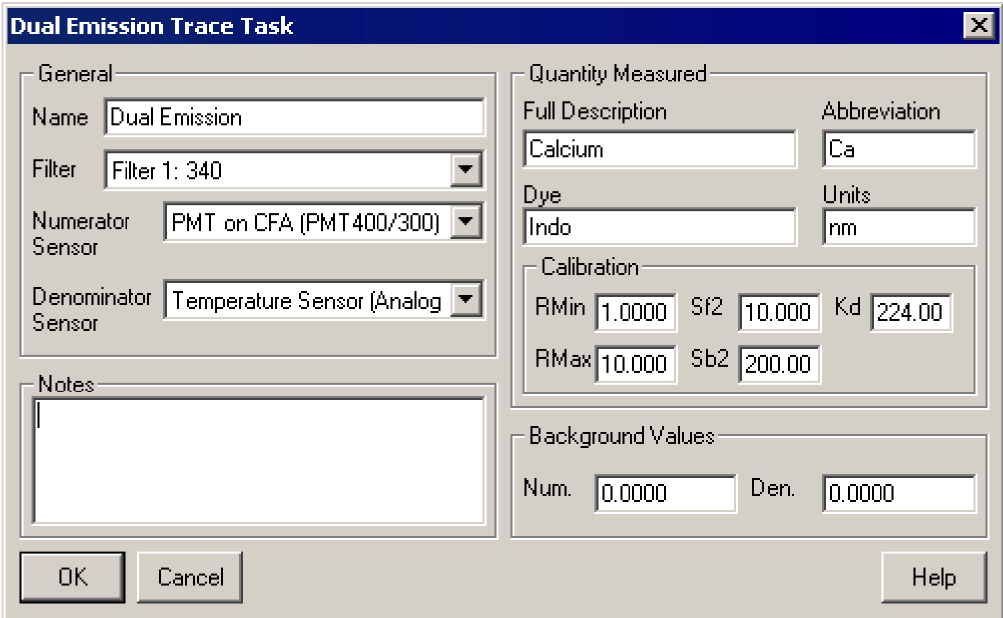
The dual emission trace recording task produces the following output in IonWizard where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Dual Emission Trace Recording Task *dialog:*

"*Name*-Raw" traces Two channels of the actual data collected from each sensor device:
numerator - data collected from the "numerator" sensor
denominator - data collected from the "denominator" sensor

"*Name*-Numeric Subtracted" traces
Four channels calculated from the raw data traces above:
numerator - raw numerator value minus numerator background constant
denominator - raw denominator value minus numerator background constant
ratio - numeric subtract numerator divided by numeric subtracted denominator
calcium - calcium calculation using numeric subtracted ratio and calcium calibration constants

See IonWizard documentation for details on viewing traces

4.1.3.2.1 Task Settings



Dual Emission Trace Recording Task dialog

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Dual Excitation Trace Recording Task 42 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:

Name	Name this task. Name is also used as the "Type" in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.
Filter	Select the filter used to provide the excitation light.
Numerator Sensor	Select the device that records the emission light for the numerator trace.
Denominator Sensor	Select the device that records the emission light for the denominator trace.
Notes	Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.
Full Description	Describe the parameter being recorded (eg "Calcium" or "pH"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.
Abbreviation	Provide short hand notation for Full Description for exported table headings.
Dye	Name the dye that you are using, for documentation purposes.
Background Values	Provide the values to be used as the default background constants for new data files. Num. - Numerator background value Den. - Denominator background value
Calibration	Provide values to be used as default values for Calcium Calibration constants. RMin. - Ratio recorded using dye and zero calcium solution. RMax. - Ratio recorded using day at saturating calcium solution. Sf2 - Background-subtracted free calcium denominator. Sb2 - Background-subtracted bound calcium denominator value. Kd - Dissociation constant.

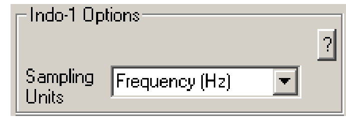
Use the IonWizard Constants... function to change background values or calibration constants for the current file.

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

4.1.3.2.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a Dual excitation trace recording task 42 *row* in the Parameters *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area. The following fields can be edited:

Sampling Units — Chose how you want to enter sampling rates in the epoch settings 47 *dialog*.
Frequency - Enter as Hertz.
Period - Enter as seconds.



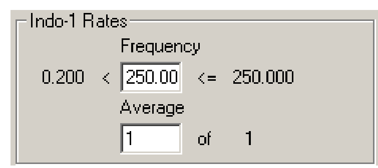
Dual Emission Task experiment settings edit area

4.1.3.2.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a Dual excitation trace recording task 42 *row* in the Parameters *dialog* will display epoch settings *group* in the edit area for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:

Frequency or Period — Data sampling rate (Frequency vs Period selection is made in the experiment settings 44 *column*). This is the rate at which a data point is added to the data set. This does not set the rate at which data is sampled from the hardware.

Average — At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.



Dual Emmisions Task epoch settings edit area

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the sensor and filter switching device capabilities and/or the current pacing frequency 10.

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacing frequency 10 when you click a different field. This effect is especially noticeable when the entered frequency approaches the maximum.

4.1.3.3 Single Excitation Trace Recording Task

The single emission trace recording task controls a light source device to provide a single wavelength of excitation light to a preparation. It then records the resulting emission light with a sensor device to create a single output trace: raw. In addition, the task provides the ability to view a background subtracted trace and, optionally, a background subtracted, normalized trace.

The single emission trace recording task uses data entered in three separate places:

- Task settings 48 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 49 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters *dialog*.

- Epoch settings 49 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters *dialog*.

Task Output

The single emission trace recording task produces the following output in IonWizard where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Single Emission Trace Recording Task *dialog:*

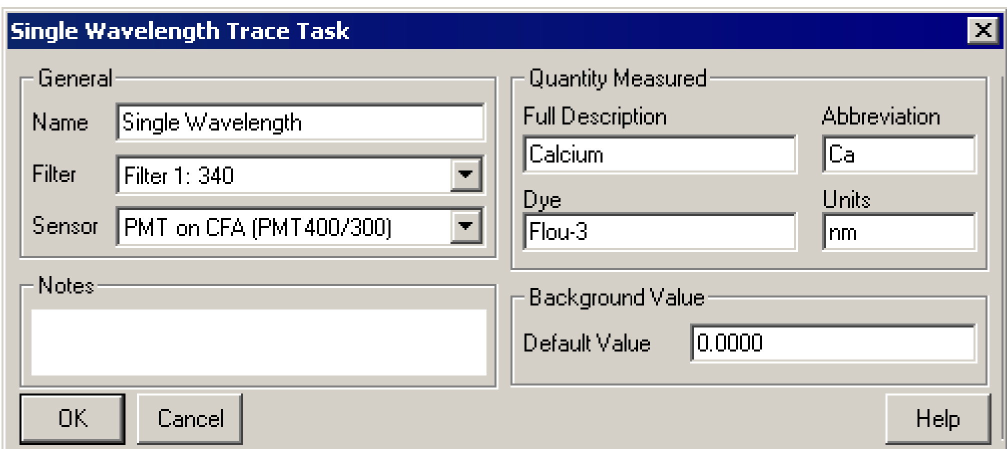
"*Name*-Raw Intensity" trace
Raw data collected from the sensor device.

"*Name*-Numeric Subtracted" trace (if the experiment settings 49 output option is "BG Subtraction only")
Raw data value minus numerator background constant.

"*Name*-Numeric Subtracted" traces (if the experiment settings 49 output option is "BG and normalized")
Two traces calculated from raw data:
intensity - raw data value minus numerator background constant.
normalized - intensity value divided by the normalization constant.

See IonWizard documentation for details on viewing traces

4.1.3.3.1 Task Settings



Single Wavelength Trace Recording Task dialog

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Single Emission Trace Recording Task 47 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:

Name	Name this task. Name is also used as the "Type" in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.
Filter	Select the filter used to provide the excitation light.
Sensor	Select the device that records the emission light.
Notes	Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.
Full Description	Describe the parameter being recorded (eg "Calcium" or "Ph"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.
Abbreviation	Provide short hand notation for Full Description for exported table headings.
Dye	Name the dye that you are using, for documentation purposes.
Background Value	Provide the value to be used as the default background constant for new data files.

The normalization constant defaults to "1" and can not be changed in the Task Settings dialog because you must manually calculate the each time the experiment is run

Use the IonWizard Constants... function to change background values or enter a normalization constant for the current file.

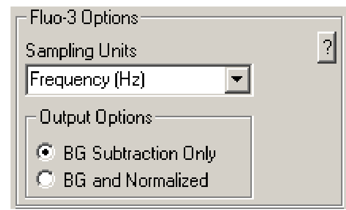
If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

4.1.3.3.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a single emission trace recording task [47] *row* in the Parameters *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area. The following fields can be edited:

Sampling Units Chose how you want to enter sampling rates in the epoch settings [47] *dialog*.
Frequency - Enter as Hertz .
Period - Enter as seconds.

Output Options Select what output traces you want to view in IonWizard (see overview [47] for details)
BG Subtraction Only - The "Numeric Subtracted" trace will contain the raw trace minus the background constant
BG and Normalized - The "Numeric Subtracted" trace will have two channels:
Intensity - raw trace minus the background constant
Normalized - Intensity trace divided by Normalization constant



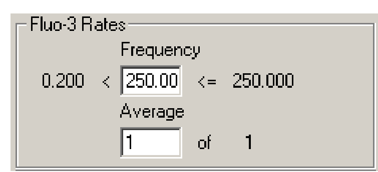
Single Emission Task experiment settings edit area

4.1.3.3.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a Single emission trace recording task [47] *row* in the Parameters *dialog* will display epoch settings *group* in the edit area for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:

Frequency or Period Data sampling rate (Frequency vs Period selection is made in the experiment settings [44] column). This is the rate at which a data point is added to the data set. This does not set the rate at which data is sampled from the hardware.

Average At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.



Single Emission Task epoch settings edit area

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by sensor device capabilities and/or the current pacing frequency [10].

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacing frequency 10 *when focus is moved away from the control. This effect is especially noticeable when the entered frequency approaches the maximum.*

4.1.4 Cell Length Recording Task

The cell length recording task analyzes video images to find the left and right edges of an object. The task produces two raw data traces: left edge position and right edge position, relative to the left side of the image, in pixels. In addition to the raw data display, the task provides the ability to view the data in calibrated units using a user-supplied scaling factor and to display the difference between the edges, which is the cell length.

The edge detection recording task uses information entered in the following places:

- Task settings 51 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 51 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 51 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Global Sensor Settings Area 22 - Experiment configuration of camera parameters for some cameras (see documentation for selected camera for details), entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Tool bar 52 - Real-time display of images and control of cell length detection settings such as video line to analyze and the detection threshold, entered in the tool bar 33.

Task Modes

The cell length recording task supports two edge detection modes: outside-in and inside-out.

For outside-in detection, the selected video line is scanned from the edge of the image towards the center. Detection stops on the first edge that meets the criteria selected in the cell length recording task 52 *tool bar.*

The inside-out mode starts scanning in the center and moves towards the outside.

Task mode is selected in the Experiment Settings 51 *area of the Parameters dialog*

Task Output

The edge detection recording task produces the following output in IonWizard, where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Cell Length Recording Task 51 *dialog:*

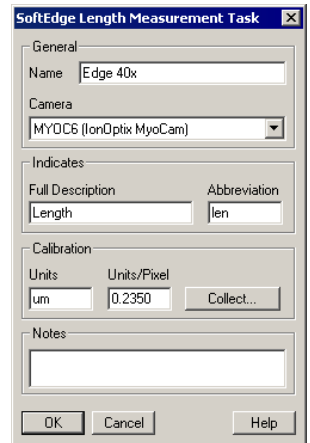
"*Name*-Pixels" traces Two channels of the raw data collected from the selected camera device:
Left - left edge pixel position
Right - right edge pixel position

"*Name*-Length" traces Three channels calculated from the raw data traces above:
Left - left edge pixel position scaled to specified units
Right - right edge pixel position scaled to specified units
Length - difference in edge positions scaled to specified units

See IonWizard documentation for details on viewing traces

4.1.4.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Cell Length Recording Task 50 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:



Cell length recording task settings dialog

Name — Name for this specific instance of the task. Also used as part of the string in the first yellow box (type) in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.

Camera — Select the source device for the transmitted light images to be analyzed.

Full Description — Describe the parameter being recorded (eg "Length"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.

Abbreviation — Provide short hand notation for Full Description for exported table headings.

Units — Provide name of units for scaled length traces.

Units/Pixel — Provide PScale factor used to convert from pixels to units.

Collect... — Run the Video Calibration dialog 78 to automatically calculate the Units/Pixels from live video.

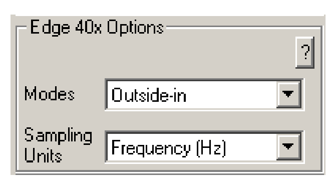
Notes — Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

Depending on the camera type selected, additional camera options for this task may be selected in the Global Sensor Settings Area 22 of the Parameters Dialog

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

4.1.4.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a cell length recording task 50 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area 20. The following fields can be edited:



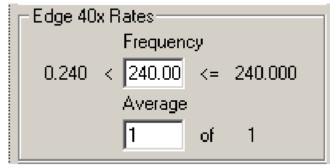
Cell Length Recording Task experiment settings edit area

Mode — Select edge detection mode to use, see Edge Options 53 section of the task tool bar for details.
Outside-in - Detect from edges towards center.
Inside-out - Detect from center towards edges.

Sampling Units — Chose how you want to enter sampling rates in the cell length recording task epoch settings 51 *group* in the Parameters *dialog* edit area.
Frequency - Enter as Hertz.
Period - Enter as seconds.

4.1.4.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a cell length recording task 50 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display epoch settings *group* in the edit area 20 for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:



Cell length recording task gobal settings edit area

Frequency Sampling frequency. (if "Frequency" selected in the experiment settings [51] column)

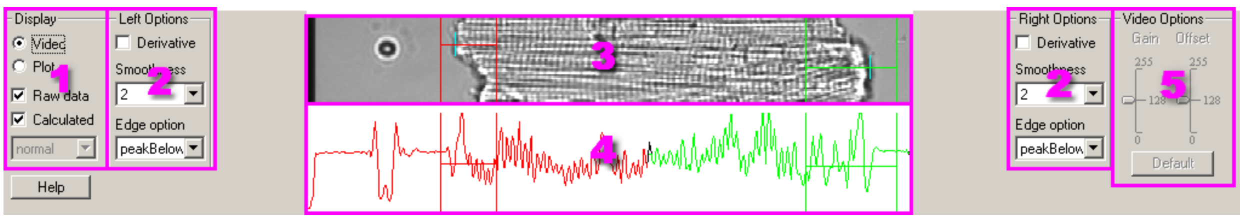
Period Sampling period. (if "Period" selected in the experiment settings [51] column - not pictured)

Average At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the camera capabilities and settings

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacer frequency when focus is moved away from the control. This effect is especially noticeable when the entered frequency approaches the maximum.

4.1.4.4 Tool Bar

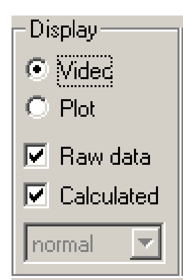


Edge Detection Recording Task Tool Bar

The Edge Detection Recording Task *tool bar* provides an on-screen mechanism for visualizing the image that is being analyzed, to set dynamic detection options and to visually verify the detection results. It has the following main areas:

1. Display options - Determines what is displayed in the Edge Detection Recording Task *tool bar.*
2. Left and right edge detection options - Presents options for creating calculated trace and threshold detection algorithms for left (green) and right (red) edges.
3. Video/Plot display - Displays live video from selected camera with controls for left and right raw lines or oscilloscope-link display of detected left and right edge values.
4. Graph/Threshold display - Displays live raw line intensity and/or calculated traces (depending on selected display options).
5. Video options - Presents available parameters for current camera device selected in task settings.

Display Options



Display options

Video Display live images and edge selection controls in the Video/Plot *area* (#3).

Plot Display the detected edges in real time using an oscilloscope-like display (not shown) in the Video/ Plot area (#3).

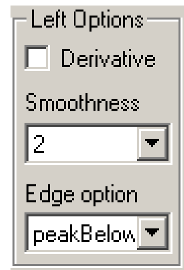
Raw data Display the raw line intensity data in black in the Graph/Threshold *area* (#4).

Calculated Display the line intensity data after processing (red=left, green=right) in the Graph/Threshold *area* (#4).

Control Mode Select how the left (red) and right (green) edge options are linked:

Normal - Left and right edge controls operate independently. The control is currently disabled because this is the only available option, which will be selected as default.

Left/right edge detection options



Left options

Derivative Check to display derivative of calculated trace.

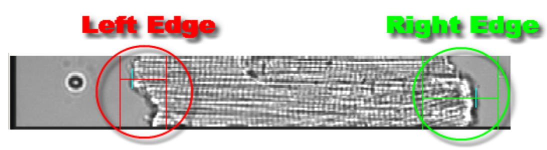
Smoothness Select the amount of smoothing applied by the calculation - higher numbers equal more smoothing.

Edge option Select how calculated trace is scanned to determine the final edge positions.

above - Edge is the first point within the detection limits where the value is above the threshold.
below - Edge is the first point within the detection limits where the value is below the threshold.
peakAbove - Edge is the maximum value of the first peak that crosses above the threshold. To be considered a peak, it must start below the threshold, cross above, then return below.
peakBelow - Edge is the minimum value of the first peak that crosses below the threshold. To be considered a peak, it must start above the threshold, cross below, then return above.
locked - Edge is fixed at the mid-point between the detection limits.

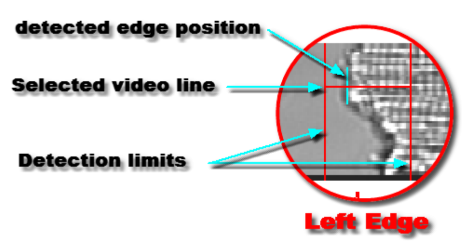
Video/Plot Area

When "video" is selected in the Display Options *group,* a live video image will be displayed with edge controls. If the control mode is "normal" or "locked", separate left and right edge controls will be displayed (as shown). If the control mode is "single", a combined edge control will be display with two detected edge indicators. (not shown)



Video display with edge controls

The edge control elements are used to select where in the image the edge detection takes place:



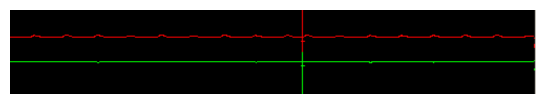
Edge control elements

Selected video line - The location of the horizontal red and green selection lines determines the raw data lines to be used for edge determination. When the mouse is over the selection line, the cursor will change to a vertical double arrow. When the cursor is a vertical double arrow, you can click and drag the selection line to a new position.

Detection limits - The location of the vertical red and green limit lines determines the the range to be scanned to locate the edge. Scanning direction depends on which edge is being scanned and the edge mode selected in Experiment Settings 51 *dialog.* When the mouse cursor is over either of the vertical detection limits, the cursor will change to a horizontal double arrow. Click and drag to move the individual line. These lines continue down into the threshold area and can be adjusted from either display.

Detected edge position - This vertical mark will move along the selected video line to indicate the position of the detected edge on the actual image. See below for details.

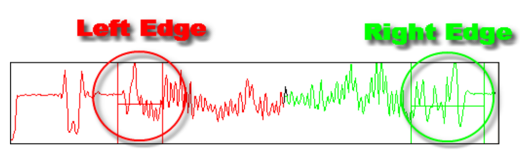
When "plot" is selected in the Display Options *group,* a oscilloscope-like plot of the left (red) and right (green) detected edges is displayed. The horizontal line indicates the current data location and moves left-to-right every 5 seconds. This gives the user the opportunity to make sure the trace data looks good before starting the experiment.



Plot display

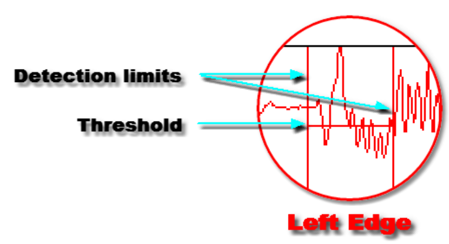
Graph/Threshold Area

The Graph/Threshold *area* displays the raw video intensity data as a black trace "beneath" the calculated intensity data in red and green (red=left and green=right). The Edge Detection Options *groups* control the parameters for how the calculated trace is created*.* The "Raw Data" and "Calculated" options in the Display Options *group* control which respective traces are displayed.



Graph display

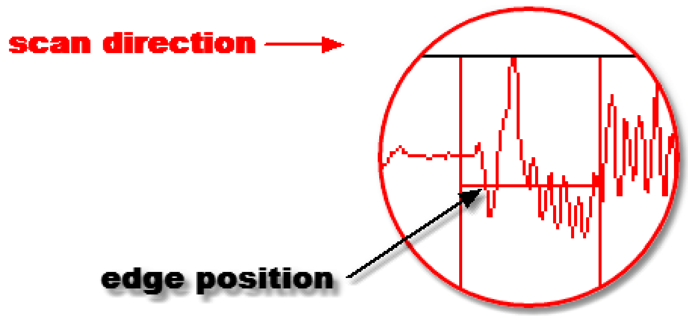
The threshold control elements are used to determine how the intensity trace from the video image line should be used to find the edge.



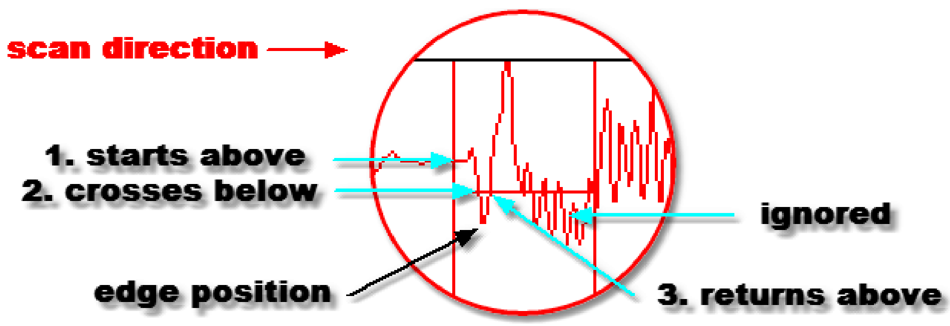
Threshold control elements

Detection limits - As with the Video Display *area* detection limits, these controls determine the area to be scanned to locate the edge. Scanning direction depends on which edge is being scanned and the edge mode selected in the Experiment Settings 51 *dialog.* These lines continue up into the video area and can be adjusted from either display.

Threshold - The threshold is used to determine the intensity value that is used in the edge detection scanning algorithm. The pictures below show how the threshold is used with the two major edge and task options.



Left Edge, Edge option: below, Task option: outside-in



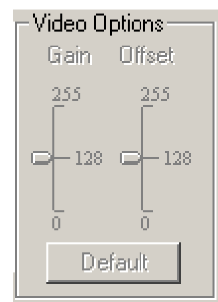
Left Edge, Edge option: peakBelow, Task Option: outside-in

Video Options Group

If supported by the camera selected in the Task Setting 51 *dialog,* the Video Options *group* will be displayed to allow you to change the image brightness (gain) and black level (offset).

Gain	Increase brightness of the camera image
Offset	Change the black level of the camera image

Gain and Offset are analog functions done before the video image is digitized. Setting Gain and Offset correctly will result in better images.



Video options

4.1.5 Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task

The sarcomere spacing recording task analyzes images from a video device to find the average inter-sarcomere spacing within a user defined section. The task produces one raw data trace, average sarcomere spacing in pixels, and provides the ability to view the data in calibrated units using a user-supplied scaling factor.

The sarcomere spacing recording task uses information entered in the following places:

- Task settings 57 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 57 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 57 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Global Sensor Settings Area 22 - Experiment configuration of camera parameters for some cameras (see documentation for selected camera for details), entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.

- Tool bar 58 - Real-time display of images and control of sarcomere spacing detection settings such as the region of interest and the detection limits.

Task Output

The sarcomere spacing recording task produces the following output in IonWizard where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task 57 *dialog:*

"*Name*-Pixels" traces Average sarcomere spacing for region of interest in pixels.

"*Name*-Length" traces Average sarcomere spacing in user-specified units.

Algorithm Notes

The sarcomere spacing recording task uses the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) to determine the average sarcomere spacing of the region of interest (ROI) in one or more lines of a video image. The FFT is a calculation that inputs some waveform and outputs a power spectrum trace which shows the relative contribution of every frequency in that waveform. For example, if the waveform were a simple sine wave with a frequency of 1 Hz, the resulting power spectrum would have a single spike at 1 Hz. Because the striation pattern on the myocyte is fairly regular in frequency, a strong spike is created at that frequency in the power spectrum trace. Once the frequency of the spike is determined, a simple inversion results in the average spacing (1/frequency=period or length).

Since the sarcomere spacing recording task is using the FFT, there are a couple of FFT-related things that should be understood. First, in order to minimize processing artifacts, the original intensity trace data is multiplied by a Hamming window, which is a cosine function that decreases the intensity of the video images at the edges. The "windowed" trace (blue) in the Graph/Limits 60 *area* of the Tool Bar 58 is displayed to remind the user that the edges of the ROI carry very little weight in determining the final measurement.

If possible, always extend the ROI approximately 30% beyond the edges of "real" image data so that as much real data as possible is in the significant section of the Hamming window.

Second, the resulting FFT power spectrum traces show the **RELATIVE** contribution of frequencies in the original trace and therefore have no vertical units. This means that when displaying the power spectrum trace, the program has to determine the vertical scale based on the power spectrum data. One problem with this is that the first data point in the power spectrum represents the DC offset (technically 0Hz contribution) and is significantly higher than the other "real" data. To handle this problem, only a user-specified area of the power spectrum trace is scanned to determine vertical scaling. The detection limits are set using the green lines in the Graph/Limits 60 *area* of the Tool Bar 58.

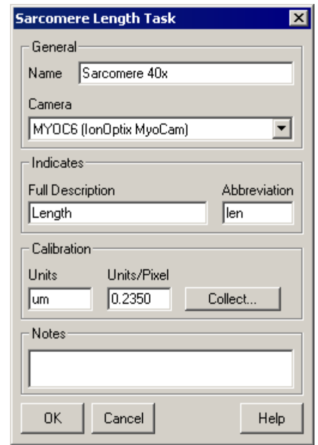
You MUST move the left detection limit line far enough to the right so that the large spacing (low-frequency) values are not included when calculating the power spectrum vertical scale.

Finally, it should be noted that most discussions of the FFT power spectrum trace refer to the resulting frequencies not the resulting lengths as the frequency spectrum is the direct output. However, since the length is simply 1/frequency, they are directly related.

Because the FFT outputs frequencies from low to high and length is 1/frequency, sarcomere lengths are from high to low. This means that the maximum sarcomere spacing limit is on the LEFT and the minimum sarcomere spacing limit is on the RIGHT.

4.1.5.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task 55 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:



Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task settings dialog

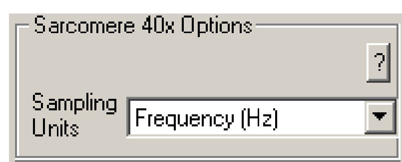
Name	Name for this specific instance of the task. Also used as part of the string in the first yellow box (type) in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.
Camera	Select the source device for the transmitted light images to be analyzed.
Full Description	Describe the parameter being recorded (eg "Length"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.
Abbreviation	Provide short hand notation for Full Description for exported table headings.
Units	Name of units for scaled length traces.
Units/Pixel	PScale factor used to convert from pixels to units.
Collect...	Run the Video Calibration dialog 78 to automatically calculate the Units/Pixels from live video
Notes	Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

Depending on the camera type selected, additional camera options for this task may be selected in the Global Sensor Settings Area 22 of the Parameters Dialog

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

4.1.5.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task 55 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area 20. The following fields can be edited:

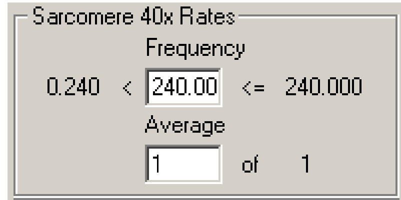


Sarcomere spacing recording task gobal settings edit area

Sampling Units	Choose how you want to enter sampling rates in the Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task epoch settings 57 *group* in the Parameters *dialog*. **Frequency -** Enter as Hertz. **Period** - Enter as seconds.

4.1.5.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task 55 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the epoch settings *group* in the edit area 20. The edit area will let you select the following values:



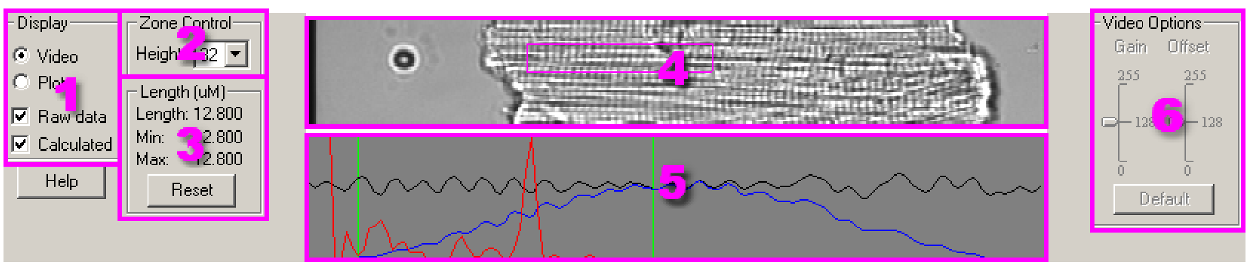
Sarcomere spacing recording task gobal settings edit area

Frequency	Sampling frequency (if "Frequency" selected in the experiment settings 57 column).
Period	Sampling period (if "Period" selected in the experiment settings 57 column - not pictured).
Average	At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the camera capabilities and settings.

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacer frequency when focus is moved away from the control. This effect is especially noticeable when the entered frequency approaches the maximum.

4.1.5.4 Tool Bar

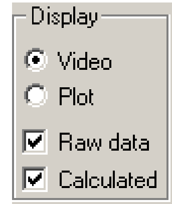


Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task Tool Bar

The Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task *tool bar* provides an on-screen mechanism for visualizing the image that is being analyzed, to set dynamic detection options and to visually verify the detection results. It has the following main areas:

1. Display options - Determines what is displayed in the Sarcomere Spacing Recording Task *tool bar.*
2. Zone options - Set the zone height.
3. Current length - Shows value for current sarcomere length in scaled units
4. Video/Plot display - Display live video from selected camera with region of interest control for current zone or oscilloscope-like display of sarcomere spacing.
5. Graph/Limits display - Displays live raw line intensity and/or resulting FFT power spectrum trace (depending on selected display options) as well as control of detection limits.
6. Video options - Select available parameters for current camera device selected in task settings.

Display Options Group



Display options

Video Display live images from the selected camera in real time along with the control for selecting the part of the image to scan for the sarcomere spacing in the Video/Plot area (#4).

Plot Display the average sarcomere length using an oscilloscope-like display (not shown) in the Video/Plot area (#4).

Raw data Display the raw line intensity trace (black) and the windowed intensity trace (blue) in the Graph/Limits area (#5).

Calculated Display the FFT power spectrum trace (red) in the Graph/Limits area (#5).

Zone Options Group

Height Display current zone height or change to specific value.

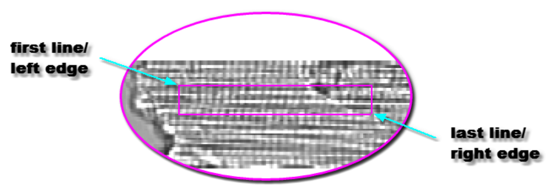
Zone options

Video/Plot Area

When "video" is selected in the Display Options *group* a live video image will be displayed with the ROI. The ROI control selects the area of the video image to process.

When the mouse cursor is inside the zone it will turn into a hand and you can move the entire box by clicking and dragging. When the mouse cursor is over the edges the cursor will change to a horizontal or vertical double arrow which will allow you to click and drag the edge.


Video display with zone control

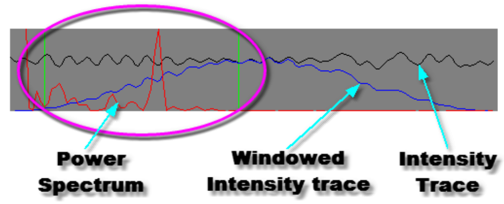


Sarcomere zone control

When "plot" is selected in the Display Options *group* a oscilloscope-like plot of sarcomere spacing (green) is displayed. The horizontal line indicates the current data location and moves left-to-right every 5 seconds.

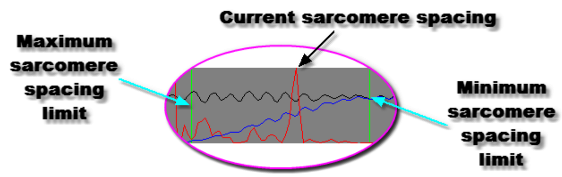
Graph/Limits Area

The Graph/Limits *area* displays the raw video intensity trace in black, a windowed intensity trace in blue and the resulting FFT power spectrum in red. The "Raw Data" and "Calculated" options in the Display Options *group* control whether the respective traces are displayed.



Graph Elements

Min and Max sarcomere spacing limits - These limit lines select the portion of the FFT power spectrum (red) used to scale the display and locate the peak frequency. The average sarcomere spacing is computed from the frequency with the maximum value within these limits.



Graph Control Elements

Depending on the camera type selected, additional camera options for this task may be selected in the *Global Sensor Settings Area* 22 *of the Parameters dialog.*

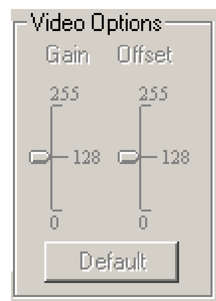
Video Options

If supported by the camera selected in the Task Setting 57 *dialog,* the Video Options *group* will be displayed to allow you to change the image brightness (gain) and black level (offset).

Gain Increase brightness of the camera image

Offset Change the black level of the camera image

Gain and Offset are analog functions done before the video image is digitized. Setting Gain and Offset correctly will result in better images.



Video options

4.1.6 Vessel Dimension Recording Task

The vessel dimension recording task analyzes video images to find the the characteristics of a vessel wall at up to four separate locations in the video image. The task collects raw pixel position of the left and right inner and/or outer wall positions. In addition to the raw data display, the task provides the ability to view the data in calibrated units using a user-supplied scaling factor and to perform addition calculations such as wall thickness, cross-sectional area and media/lumen ratio.

The vessel dimension recording task uses information entered in the following places:

- Task settings 62 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 62 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 63 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Global Sensor Settings Area 22 - Experiment configuration of camera parameters for some cameras (see documentation for selected camera for details), entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.

- Tool bar [63] - Real-time display of images and control of cell length detection settings such as video line to analyze and the detection threshold, entered in the tool bar [33].

Task Options

The vessel dimension recording task experiment settings [62] allow you to select which raw traces are collected and configure which optional calculated traces will be shown.

Task Output

The vessel dimension recording task produces the following output in IonWizard, where "*Name*" is the description entered in the Vessel Dimension Recording Task [62] *dialog:*

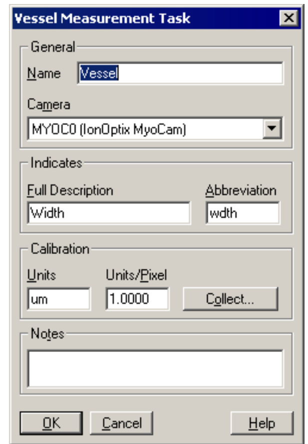
"*Name***-Pixels" traces**	Raw data traces collected from the selected camera device:* **Inside Left** - inside left edge pixel position **Inside Right** - inside right edge pixel position **Outside Left** - outside left edge pixel position **Outside Right** - outside right edge pixel position
"*Name***-Calc" traces**	Traces Calculated from raw data above:* **Inside Left** - inside left edge position in scaled units **Inside Right** - inside right edge position in scaled units **Outside Left** - outside left edge position in scaled units **Outside Right** - outside right edge position in scaled units **Lumen Diameter** - inside diameter in scaled units **Vessel Diameter** - outside diameter in scaled units **Left Wall Thickness** - left wall thickness in scaled units **Right Wall Thickness** - right wall thickness in scaled units **Average Wall Thickness** - average wall thickness in scaled units **Cross Sectitonal Area** - T.B.D. **Media/Lumen Ratio** - T.B.D.

* Actual traces that you will see depend on options selected in the experiment settings [62].

See IonWizard documentation for details on viewing traces

4.1.6.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager 12 when a Cell Length Recording Task 60 is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:



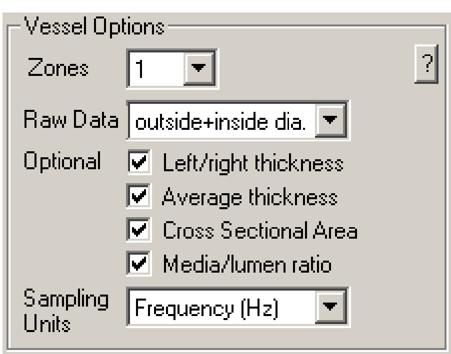
Vessel dimension recording task settings dialog

Name	Name for this specific instance of the task. Also used as part of the string in the first yellow box (type) in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.
Camera	Select the source device for the transmitted light images to be analyzed.
Full Description	Describe the parameter being recorded (eg "Length"). Used as the vertical axis label for data displayed in scaled units.
Abbreviation	Provide short hand notation for Full Description for exported table headings.
Units	Provide name of units for scaled length traces.
Units/Pixel	Provide Scale factor used to convert from pixels to units.
Collect...	Run the Video Calibration dialog 78 to automatically calculate the Units/Pixels from live video
Notes	Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

Depending on the camera type selected, additional camera options for this task may be selected in the Global Sensor Settings Area 22 of the Parameters Dialog

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

4.1.6.2 Experiment Settings



Vessel Dimension Recording Task experiment settings edit area

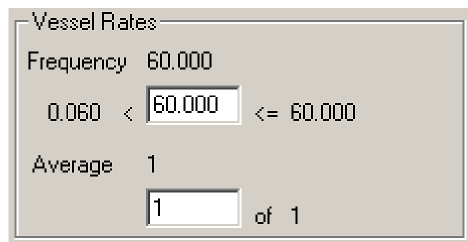
Selecting the first column of a cell length recording task 60 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area 20. The following fields can be edited:

Zones	Select the number of separate vessel measurements to collect (1-4)
Raw Data	Select what raw data traces you would like to collect: **inside diameter** - collect left and right inside position **outside diameter** - collect left and right outside position

	outside+inside dia. - collects both
Optional	If you select "outside+inside dia" in the Raw Data option you can also select which additional calculated traces will be available. **Left/right thickness -** calculates thickness of left and right walls. **Average thickness** - calculates average of left/right thickness. **Cross Sectional Area** - calculates the area the vessel wall. **Media/lumen ratio** - calculates ratio of the outer (media) and inner (lumen) ratio
Sampling Units	Chose how you want to enter sampling rates in the epoch settings 63 *dialog*. **Frequency -** Enter as Hertz.

4.1.6.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a vessel dimension recording task 60 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display epoch settings *group* in the edit area 20 for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:



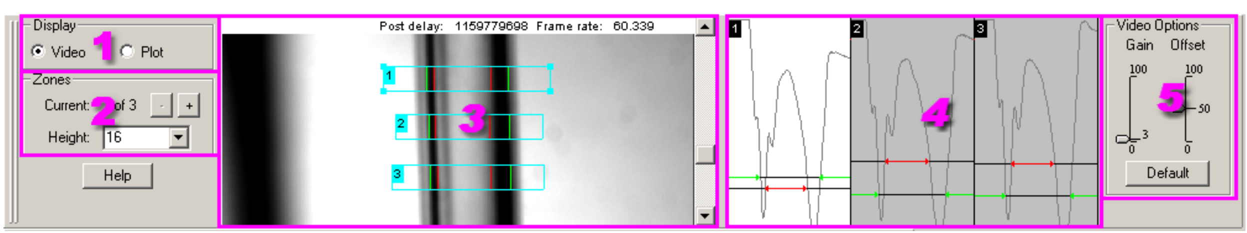
Vessel dimension recording task gobal settings edit area

Frequency	Sampling frequency. (if "Frequency" selected in the experiment settings 62 column)
Period	Sampling period. (if "Period" selected in the experiment settings 62 column - not pictured)
Average	At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the camera capabilities and settings

Frequency and period values are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacer frequency and displayed above the input box. When focus is moved away from the control this value is moved into the input control.

4.1.6.4 Tool Bar



Vessel Dimension Recording Task Tool Bar

The Vessel Dimension Recording Task *tool bar* provides an on-screen mechanism for visualizing the image that is being analyzed, to set dynamic detection options and to visually verify the detection results. It has the following main areas:

1. Display options - Determines what is displayed in main *area* (#3) of the Vessel Dimension Recording Task *tool bar.*
2. Zone control - Select current zone or set specific height of current zone
3. Video/plot area - Display live video with zone *controls* or a live plot of current zone.

4. Zone graphs/thresholds - Displays graphs of video data in each zone and control for inside and/or outside thresholds.
5. Video options - Adjust parameters for current camera device selected in task settings, if any.

Display Options

Video Display live images and zone position *controls* in the video/plot *area* (#3).

Plot Display the position of all edges for the current zone in the video/plot *area* (#3).

Display options

Zones Options

Current Use the plus and minus *buttons* to move between zones, if there are more than one.

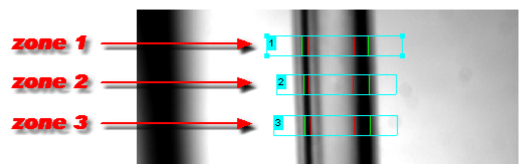
Height Select a specific height for the current zone.

Zones

All lines in a zone are averaged to create the intensity trace used to scan for the wall locations. More lines will lessen the effect of artifacts such as blood and fat within the zone.

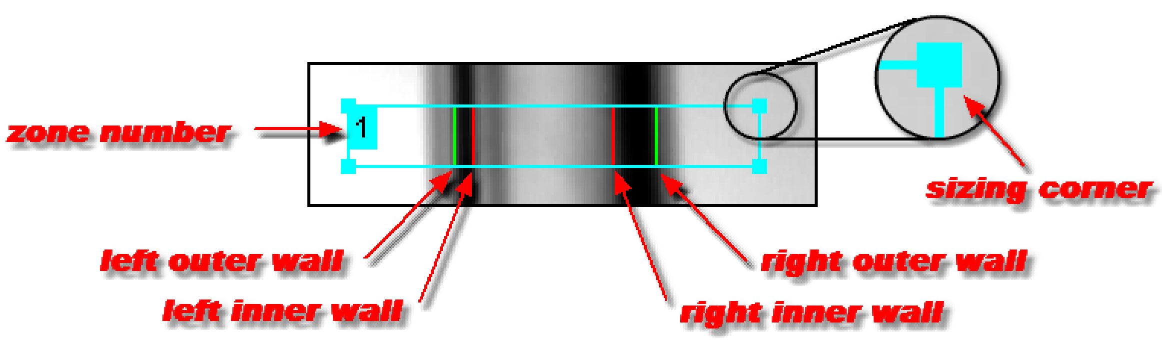
Video/Plot Area

When "video" is selected in the Display Options *group,* a live video image will be displayed with one to four zone *controls*. The exact number of zones that are available is set in the task Experiment Settings 62. Each zone consists of a cyan box that indicates the area of the image that is being used to calculate the vessel dimensions.



Zone controls

In addition to the zone border there are the following addition elements:



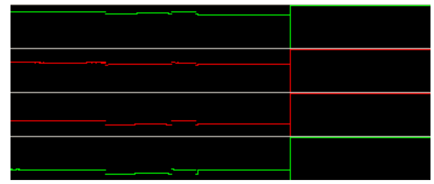
Zone control elements

Sizing corners - For the current zone only there are small boxes drawn on each corner of the zone border. These indicate that the zone can be resized by grabbing those boxes or the actual border lines of the zone. When you move the cursor over a sizing *element* the cursor will change into a two-headed arrow.

Zone number - The zone number is displayed in a solid cyan box in anchored to the upper-left corner of the *control.* If the height of the zone is small the box may extend below the border of the zone so that the entire number can be read.

Detected wall positions - The current inner and outer wall positions are indicated by red and green vertical lines that move within the zone rectangle. The green lines show the position of the outer walls and the red lines show the inner walls. You can select whether the inner, outer or both inner and outer positions are calculate in the task Experiment Settings 62

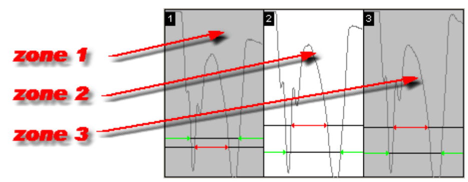
When "plot" is selected in the Display Options *group,* a oscilloscope-like plot of the all wall positions in the current zone. This function allows the user to preview trace data and ensure that it looks good before starting the experiment. The vertical indicates the current data location and moves left-to-right every 5 seconds. The number of plots displayed is dependent on Raw Data *option* selected in the task Experiment Settings 62 - Two plots will be displayed for inside or outside only and four plots will be displayed for inside+outside. The order of the plots from top to bottom is left outside, left inside, right inside, right outside.



Plot display

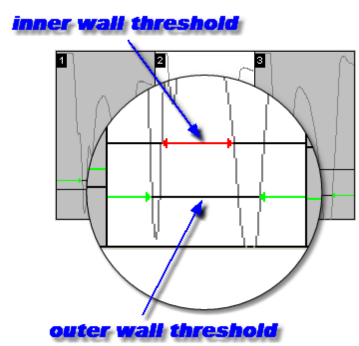
Zone Graph/Threshold Area

The Zone Graph/Threshold *area* displays a graph of the average intensity of all lines in each zone along with inner and outer threshold levels controls. The threshold controls allow you to tune where the vessel walls are "found" by the detection algorithm. The current zone, as set in the Zone Control *area,* is drawn with a white background while the others are drawn in gray.



Graph display

The results of the detection algorithm are displayed on the corresponding threshold lines. For the outer wall the "outside" parts of the lines are drawn in green and for the inside wall the "inside" of the line is drawn in red. In addition there are small arrow heads that point in the direction the line was scanned. The tips of the arrows will point to the video intensity trace at the point where it crosses the threshold where the edge was found.



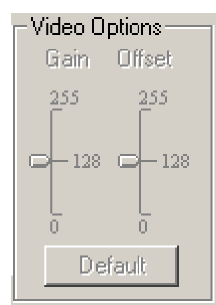
Threshold control elements

Video Options Group

If supported by the camera selected in the Task Setting 62 *dialog,* the Video Options *group* will be displayed to allow you to change the image brightness (gain) and black level (offset).

Gain	Increase brightness of the camera image
Offset	Change the black level of the camera image

Gain and Offset are analog functions done before the video image is digitized. Setting Gain and Offset correctly will result in better images.



Video options

4.1.7 Vessel Flow Characteristics Recording Task

The Vessel Flow Characteristics Recording Task provides the ability to display one or more of the following vessel-centric traces:

- Mean Pressure
- Vascular Resistance
- Shear Stress
- Reynolds Number

The Vessel Flow Characteristics Recording Task uses information entered in the following places:

- Task settings 68 - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task, entered in the Task Manager 12 *dialog*.
- Experiment settings 72 - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.
- Epoch settings 73 - Settings for this task for a specific epoch in an experiment, entered in the Parameters 19 *dialog*.

Task Options

The vessel flow characteristics recording task experiment settings 72 allow you to select which raw traces are collected and configure which optional calculated traces will be shown.

Task Output

The vessel flow characteristics recording task produces the following traces in IonWizard, where *"Name"* is the description entered in the Task Settings 68 *dialog.* The actual traces that you will see depend on options selected in the Task Settings 68 and Experiment Settings 72.

"*Name*-Raw Inputs" traces
Raw data traces collected by Data Sources 70 that are defined using a hardware sensor.
Flow - flow rate
Diameter - vessel diameter
Inlet Pressure - inlet pressure
Outlet Pressure - outlet pressure

"*Name*-Inputs" traces
"Raw Inputs" trace(s) scaled to calibrated units specified in Data Sources 70 *group* of Task Settings 68 PLUS area if diameter trace does not have zones
Flow - flow rate
Diameter - vessel diameter
Inlet Pressure - inlet pressure
Outlet Pressure - outlet pressure
Area - calculated from "Diameter" task output OR from "Diameter" raw input trace.

"*Name*-Inputs (zones)" traces
Calculated trace when diameter traces can have more than one zone
Area - calculated from "Diameter" task output

"*Name*-Inputs (iunit)" traces
(hidden by default) All "Inputs" traces converted to intermediate units.

"*Name*-Inputs (iunit, zones)" traces*
(hidden by default) All "Inputs (zones)" traces converted to intermediate units.

"*Name*-Inputs (interpolated iunit)" traces*
(hidden by default) All "Inputs (iunit)" traces interpolated to the same times as the master

"*Name*-Inputs (interpolated iunit, zones)" traces*

(hidden by default) All "Inputs (iunit, zones)" traces interpolated to the same times as the master

"*Name*-Outputs (iunit)" traces*

(hidden by default) Results of calculations for all traces without zones selected in the Experiment Settings [72] "Traces To Collect" *group* in intermediate units.
Flow Velocity - flow rate divided by lumen area
Wall Shear Stress - calculation of frictional drag exerted on arterial walls during flow
Vascular Resistance - calculation of force opposing the movement of solution through a vessel
Reynolds Number - calculation that describes whether the flow is either turbulent or laminar
Mean Pressure - average inlet and outlet pressure
Pressure Differential - difference between inlet and outlet pressure.

"*Name*-Outputs (iunit, zones)" traces*

(hidden by default) Results of calculations for all traces with zones selected in the Experiment Settings [72] "Traces To Collect" *group* in intermediate units
Wall Shear Stress - calculation of frictional drag exerted on arterial walls during flow
Vascular Resistance - calculation of force opposing the movement of solution through a vessel
Reynolds Number - calculation that describes whether the flow is either turbulent or laminar
Reynolds Number -

"*Name*-Outputs" traces

All "Name-Output (iunit)" traces converted to output units specified in the Task Settings [68] Unit Conversions [71] *sub-dialog*

"*Name*-Outputs (zones)" traces

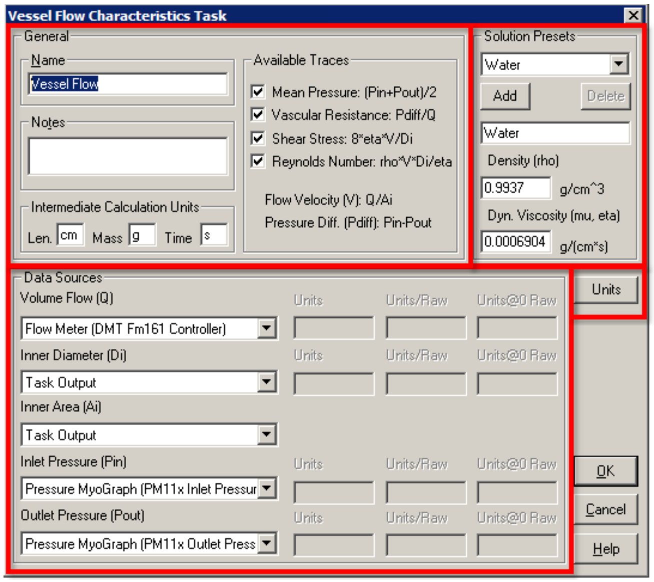
All "Name-Output (iunit,zones)" traces converted to output units specified in the Task Settings [68] Unit Conversions [71] *sub-dialog*

Refer to "Showing and Hiding Trace Bars" in the IonWizard documentation for details on viewing hidden traces

Vessel Characteristics

The vessel flow characteristics recording task produces the following traces in IonWizard, where *"Name"* is the description entered in the

4.1.7.1 Task Settings

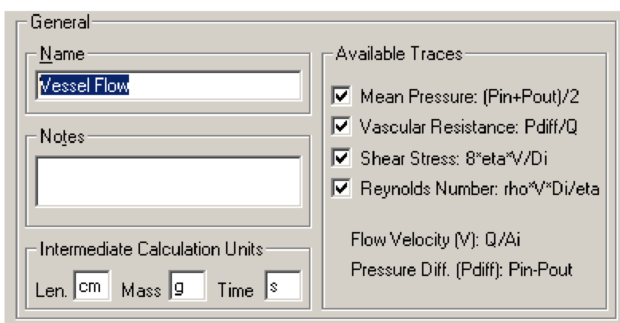


Vessel Flow recording task settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager[12] when a Vessel Flow Characteristics Recording Task[66] is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. There are three major sections in the task settings *dialog* that are detailed below. In addition there is a Unit Conversions[71] *sub-dialog* accessed from the **Units...** *button*.

Each Trace lists the formula used to calculate the value based on the symbols defined in parenthesis after the cooresponding trace, preset or data source name.

General



Vessel Flow General Settings

The general section has the following fields:

Name Name for this specific instance of the task. Also used as part of the string in the first yellow box (type) in the Trace Viewer for data acquired using this task.

Notes Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

Intermediate Calculation Units All raw traces must be converted to a common set of intermediate units in order perform the calculations. Specify the units for Length (Len.), Mass and Time.

Available Traces

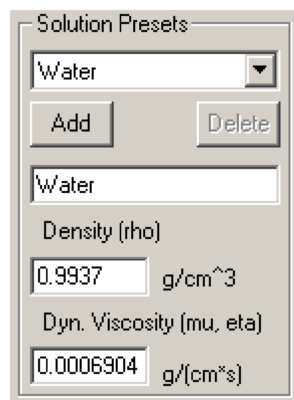
The first items select which traces will be available and determines which Data Sources 70 will be required:
Mean Pressure - requires Inlet Pressure and Outlet Pressure data sources
Vascular Resistance - requires Volume Flow, Inlet Pressure and Outlet Pressure data sources
Shear Stress - requires Volume Flow, Inner Diameter and Inner Area data sources
Reynolds Number - requires Volume Flow, Inner Diameter and Inner Area data sources
The last two items indicate which additional available traces are automatically available based traces selected above:
Flow Velocity - available if Shear Stress or Reynolds Number trace is selected
Pressure Diff - available if Mean Pressure or Vascular Resistance trace is selected

The selection of intermediate units is personal preference. The samples shown use "cgs" units (i.e., centimeters, grams and seconds) as the intermediate units as most of the output values taken from the literature use cgs standards, such as dynes.

If you change the name of an existing task all saved user limits and templates will be reset.

Solution Presets

The Presets *group* allows you to define an arbitrary number of solutions that can be selected in the Experiment Settings 72 to define the density and viscosity parameters required for the flow calculations.



Vessel Flow Solution Presets

Name (*drop down*)
The name drop down allows you to select from the list of previously created solution presets. When you select a new value the remaining fields in the Presets *group*. are loaded with values that were previous entered.

Add
Makes a copy of the current solution which you can then edit using the remaining *controls* in the Presets *group*.

Delete
Deletes the current solution and selects the previous one for editing. Disabled if there is only one preset defined.

Name (edit)
Edit the name of the current solution. Changes made here automatically appear in the **Name** *drop-down field* as well.

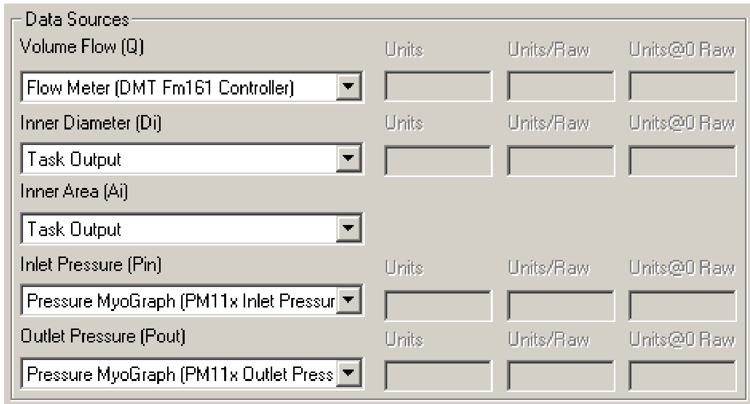
Density
Enter the density for the named solution.

Dyn. Viscosity
Enter the Dynamic Viscosity for the named solution.

The units for the solution values are set in the Intermediate Calculation Units group in the General group

The values shown are for water at 37°C

Data Sources



Vessel Flow Data Sources

The Data Source group allow you to define the source of the data for each calculation parameter.

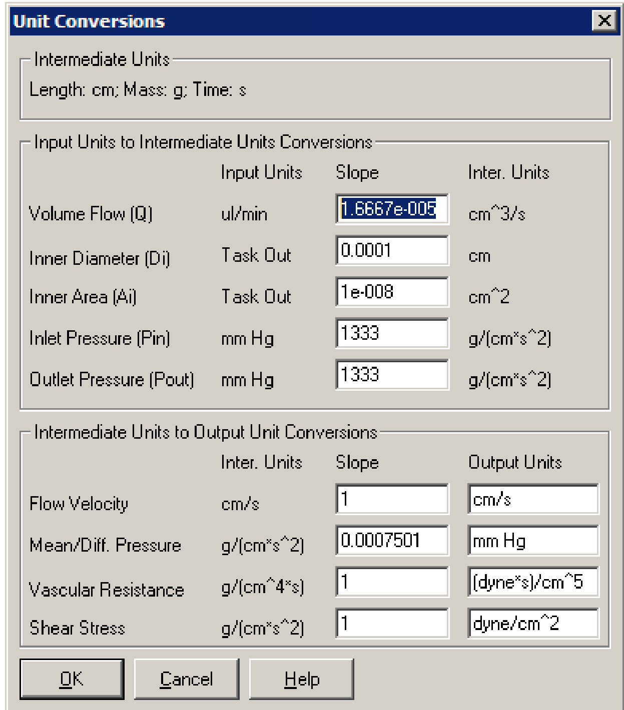
Source The first column lists the possible sources for each of the parameters. The specific parameter name is listed above the source *drop-down list.* The first choice, "Task Output" allows you to use any trace in any recording task in the current experiment (the specific trace is selected in Experiment Settings) 72. For "Inner Area (Ai)" the other choice is "Calculate from diameter", for all other data sources the remaining choices are a list of all compatible sensors in the current hardware tree.

Units Calibrated units for the selected source, e.g. Temperature, flow, etc... Disabled when the sensor provides this information.

Units/Raw Scale factor to convert raw sensor values (e.g. volts) to calibrated units specified in the **Units** *field*. Disabled when sensor provides this information.

Units@0Raw Calibrated units value to return raw sensor value is 0. Disabled when sensor provides this information.

4.1.7.1.1 Unit Conversions



Vessel Flow Solution Presets

The Unit Conversions sub-dialog, accessed by pressing the Units... *button* in the Task Settings 68 *dialog*, provides the ability to set the conversion factors used to process the raw sources and provide the results in the desired output units.

Intermediate Units This section shows the values entered in the main task settings dialog for reference.

Input Units to Intermedite Units Conversions

Specify the conversion factor (slope) need to convert the specified input units to the specified intermediate units (Inter. Units). If the input units are listed as "Task Out" you will need determine the actual input units yourself from the task that you select in the Experiment Settings 72.

Intermediate Units to Output Unit Conversions

This section allows you to convert the calculation results from intermediate units to any other unit desired. Enter the scale factor (**slope**) and the name for the **Ouptut Units** for each output trace.

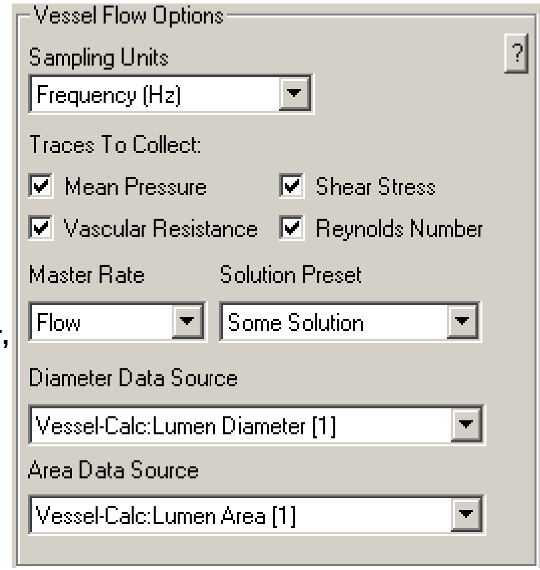
Vascular Resistance is commonly reported in either (dyne*s)/cm^5 or (MPa*s)/m^3. 1 (dyne*s)/cm^5 = 0.1 (MPa*s)/m^3

If you want use the intermediate units as the output units enter a slope of 1 and type the inter. units values into the output units field.

4.1.7.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a Vessel Flow Characteristics Recording Task [66] *row* in the Parameters [19] *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area [20]. The following fields can be edited:

Sampling Units	Chose how you want to enter sampling rates in the Epoch Settings [73] *dialog*. **Frequency -** Enter as Hertz. **Period** - Enter as seconds
Traces To Collect	Check any optional traces that you want to collect with this data.
Master Rate	Select what data trace will provide the output times for the calculated data. Choices are **Flow, Diameter, Inlet Pressure** and **Outlet Pressure.**
Solution Preset	Select the solution preset to use from the list defined in the Solution Presets [69] *group* of the Task Settings [68] *dialog.*
Task Data Sources	Select the specific task output trace for each "Task Output" data source defined in the Task Settings [68] *dialog.*



Vessel Flow Recording Task experiment settings edit area

All output traces (eg. "Name-Outputs...") will have the same times (rate) as the data trace selected in "Master Rate."

4.1.7.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a Vessel Flow Characteristics Recording Task 66 *row* in the Parameters 19 *dialog* will display the epoch settings *group* in the edit area 20 for the selected epoch. There will be a separate *group* for each **Data source** and the contents of that group will depend on how it is configured in the Task Settings 68 and Experiment Settings 72

The edit area will let you select the following values:

If the data source is a hardware sensor...

Frequency* Sampling frequency. (if "Frequency" selected in the experiment settings 72 column)

Period* Sampling period. (if "Period" selected in the experiment settings 72 column - not pictured)

Average At a given frequency/period there will be a maximum number of points (displayed as the "of n") that can be collected. Select the number of samples to average into a single raw data point.

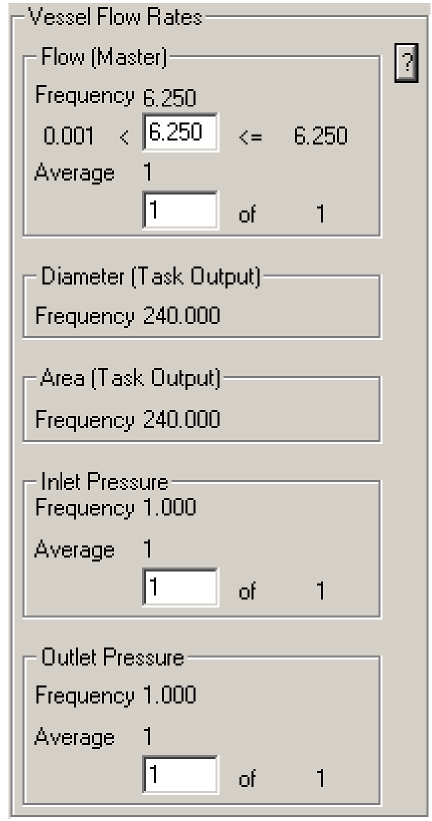
* Only editable on the master data source

If the data source is a task output...

Frequency* Sampling frequency. (if "Frequency" selected in the experiment settings 72 column)

Period* Sampling period. (if "Period" selected in the experiment settings 72 column - not pictured)

* Only editable on the master data source



Vessel dimension recording task gobal settings edit area

The minimum and maximum values for frequency or period are determined by the hardware capabilities and settings

Frequency and period values entered are rounded to the nearest multiple of the pacer frequency and displayed above the input box. When focus is moved away from the control this value is moved into the input control.

4.2 Output/Control Tasks

Output Tasks are tasks that output data to one or more devices. Output tasks can output:

Trace data Any trace data that can be displayed in an IonWizard trace viewer can also be output to any analog output device. An example usage would be to output the cell length trace to a chart recorder

Signal Generator A task can output a different value to a device at the start of each epoch. An example usage would be to change the temperature of a solution between each epoch.

4.2.1 Trace Output Task

The trace output task scales values from the selected Trace Data Source and outputs them to the Data Receiving Device. The source can be any trace from the current experiment or any analog sensor in the current hardware tree. The range of source values that you specify in the Experiment settings [38] are output over the range of the Data Receiving Device.

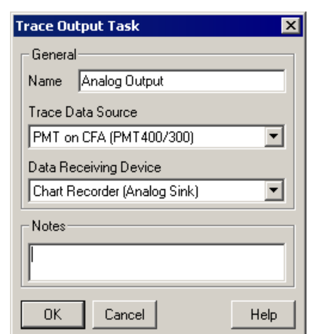
New output values are calculated at the pacing rate set in the Hardware Manager Timer Configuration Dialog [10]. The output is delayed by an amount specified in the Experiment Parameters Global Settings DA Delay [23] to allow data from sensors with different processing times to be synchronized.

A trace output task uses data entered in three separate places:

- Task settings [38] - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task. Entered in the Task Manager [12] *dialog*.
- Experiment settings [38] - Settings that apply to all tasks and epochs in an experiment. Entered in the Experiment Global Settings [23] *section* of the Parameters [19] *dialog*.
- Epoch settings [38] - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment. Entered in the Parameters [19] *dialog.*

4.2.1.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager [12] when a Trace Output Task [74] is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:



Trace Output Task dialog

Name Name this task.

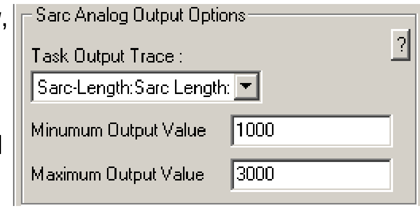
Trace Data Source Select the source for the data to be output. Available choices are:
Trace Output A single choice that allows you to choose any trace in the current experiment. The specific trace is selected is selected in Experiment Settings [19] *column* of the Parameters Dialog [19].
Analog sensors All analog sensors in the hardware tree are individually listed.

Data Receiving Device List of all devices in the Hardware Tree that can receive (and then output) analog data

Notes Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

4.2.1.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a trace output task [74] *row* in the Parameters [19] *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area [20]. The following values can be edited:



Trace Output Task experiment settings

Trace Rec Task — If "Trace Output" was selected as the Trace Data Source in the Task Settings [74] *dialog*, this *drop down list* will show all combinations of trace/channel/zones from all available tasks in the experiment. If a hardware source was selected, this box will be grayed out.

Minimum Output Value — Device or trace value that will result in lowest output voltage.

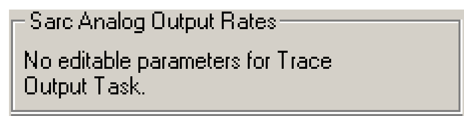
Maximum Output Value — Device or trace value that will result in highest output voltage

Adding one or more Trace Output tasks will enable the DA Delay [24] option in the Experiment Global Settings [23] area of the Parameters dialog

The trace output task uses the full voltage range of the data receiving device or, if supported, the "input range" set in the specification dialog. The lowest voltage will be output for the minimum value or below, the highest voltage will be output for the maximum value or above and the voltage will be linearly scaled between lowest and highest voltage if the value is between the minimum and maximum.

4.2.1.3 Epoch Settings

There are no editable parameters for the Trace Out Task.



Trace output task epoch settings

4.2.2 Signal Generator Task

The Signal Generator Task provides the ability to output separate voltages for each epoch in an experiment and to optionally provide manual control using the Manual Control Tool Bar [34].

The signal generator task is configured in three separate places:

- Task settings [76] - Settings that apply to all experiments using this task. Entered in the Task Manager [12] *dialog*.
- Experiment settings [76] - Settings that apply to all tasks and epochs in an experiment. Entered in the Experiment Global Settings [23] *section* of the Parameters [19] *dialog*.
- Epoch settings [76] - Settings for this task that apply to all epochs in an experiment. Entered in the Parameters [19] *dialog.*

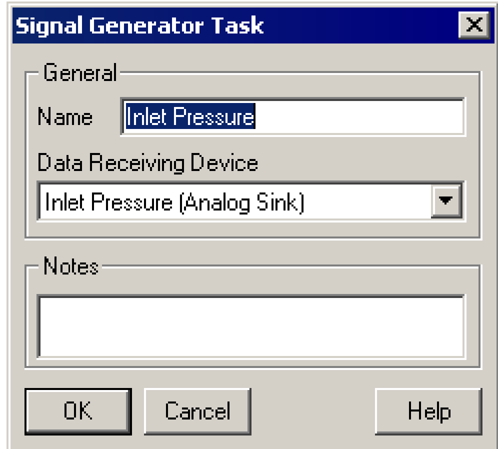
4.2.2.1 Task Settings

Clicking the Edit... *button* in the Task Manager [12] when a Signal Generator Task [75] is highlighted will display the task settings *dialog*. It has the following fields:

Name Name for this specific instance of the task. Also used as the title for the Manual Control Tool Bar [77]

Data Receiving Device Select the device that will receive the output from the signal generator.

Notes Enter any notes to yourself about this recording task.

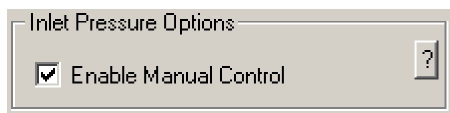


Signal Generator Parameters

4.2.2.2 Experiment Settings

Selecting the first column of a Signal Generator Task *row* in the Parameters [19] *dialog* will display the experiment settings *group* in the edit area [20]. The following values can be edited:

Enable Manual Control If checked a Signal Generator Manual Control [77] will be added to Manual Control Tool Bar [34].

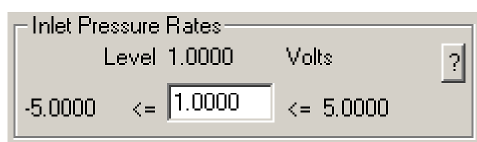


Signal Generator experiment settings

4.2.2.3 Epoch Settings

Selecting any epoch column of a Signal Generator Task *row* in the Parameters [19] *dialog* will display the epoch settings *group* in the edit area [20] for the selected epoch. The edit area will let you select the following values:

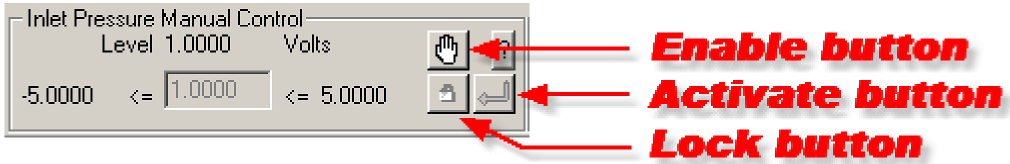
Level Voltage level that is output to the Data Receiving Device during this epoch.



Signal Generator Epoch Settings

Values set by an epoch may be over-ridden by the Manual Controls [77] if they have been enabled in the Experiment Settings [76].

4.2.2.4 Manual Control



Signal Generator Manual Control

The Signal Generator *task* has a manual control *group* that appears in the Manual Control Tool Bar 34 displayed in the Experiment Tool Bar 33 *area* at the bottom of the IonWizard window. It allows you to see and override the setting set by acquisition tasks .

The following controls in the top right section of the tool bar allows can to enter new "set" values, send them to the hardware and control how the long the stay activated.

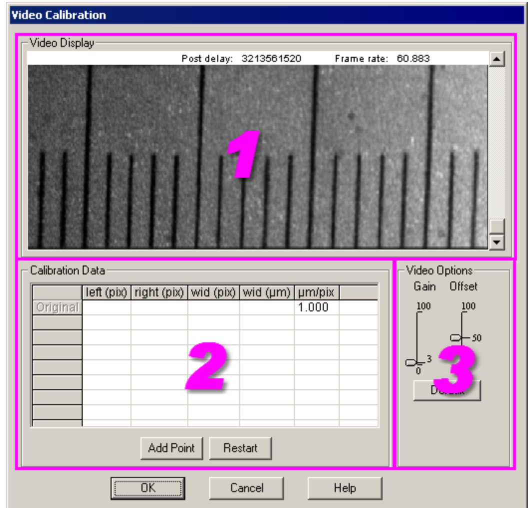
Level	Enter new value for the output voltage within the specified range that will be set when Activate *button* is clicked
Enable button	When *pressed* enables editing and activating of "new" set values. When *released* acquisition task(s) control of the device, if any, will be enabled.
Lock button	When *pressed* previously activated values will remain in effect as long as manual override is enabled. When *released* (as shown) acquisition task(s) control of the device, if any, will return at the end of the current epoch.
Activate button	When *clicked* all "new" values will override any values set by acqusition task(s), if any. Values will not return to acquisition task control until then end of the current epoch or until manual override is disabled.

When manual override is enabled and you activate new settings the normal output by the signal generator task is disabled until the end of the epoch or, if the Lock button is pressed, until manual override is disabled.

4.3 Task Primitives

The following primitives are tools that are common to more than one task.

4.3.1 Video Calibration Dialog



The Video Calibration *dialog* is used to collect and calculate the scaling factor used to convert pixel dimensions into physical units from within the Task Settings *dialog* of any acquisition task that measures objects seen by a camera. The resulting value is automatically entered into the Units/Pixel *field* of the recording task when you click OK. This is done by placing an object with known physical dimensions on the microscope stage then using the mouse to indicate where on the video image the object is located.

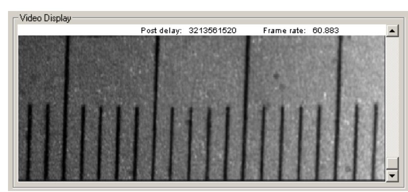
The Video Calibration *dialog* has three main areas:

1. Video display and measurement area - This area displays the live video from the camera.
2. Calibration Data - The original scaling value, all added calibration points and the new scaling value is displayed here. These values are continuously updated to reflect the current video image and position of the calibration markers.
3. Video Options - Provides control of input gain and offset, If supported by the current sensor.

Note - you may resize the Video Display *dialog* by clicking and dragging the edge and corner of the *dialog box.*

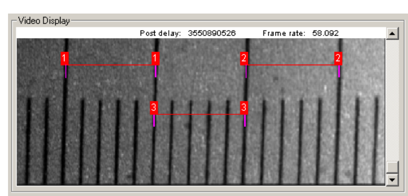
Video Display Area

When you first open the Video Calibration *dialog* you will see live video displayed from the sensor **currently selected** in the recording task that you were editing when you pressed "Collect..." to start the *dialog.*



Video Calibration Initial Video Display area

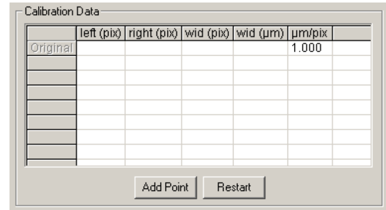
When you add a new calibration point a calibration ruler *control* will be displayed in the Video Display *area*. You use this control to indicate the position of an object that is the physical distance specified when you added the point.



Video Calibration Video Display area with 3 points

Calibration Data Area

The Calibration Data *area* of the Video Display *dialog* displays all of the information used to calculate the new scaling value. The first row shows you the original value for the scaling factor and is not used in the new calculation. The next rows, if any, show the data for each calibration point that you add. If you have one or more calibration points the last row will show you the new value which is the average of all calibration points above.



Video Calibration Data area

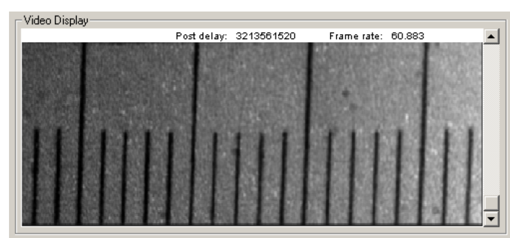
The values in the columns for the calibration point rows allow you to see the intermediate values and calculations so you can double-check that everything is reasonable.. There are five columns:

left (pix)	Location of the left position of the calibration ruler *control* in pixels.
right(pix)	Location of the right edge of the calibration ruler *control* in pixels.
wid(pix)	Width in pixels, e.g. right(pix) - left(pix)
wid(µm)	Width converted to microns using width entered when calibration point was added.
µm/pix	The resulting scale factor for this calibration point. e.g. wid(µm)/wid(pix)

4.3.1.1 Using The Video Calibration Dialog

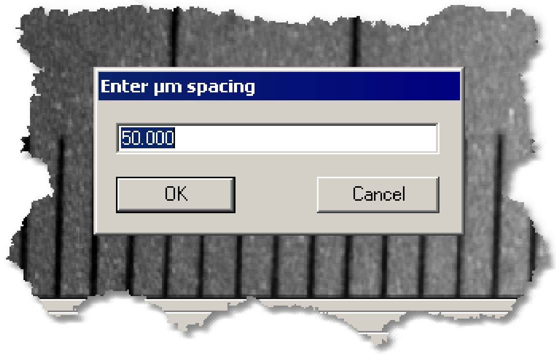
1. Place an object with known dimensions on the microscope stage. IonOptix provides a 10µm stage micrometer with each system for this purpose. The stage micrometer is a microscope-scale ruler mounted on a standard cover slip that has etched marks at precise 10µm increments with taller tics ever 50µm.

2. Position the slide and/or adjust the camera so that the ruler is parallel to the camera as shown. Make sure that the rules are in focus as much as possible and that there is reasonable contrast between the lines and the background.



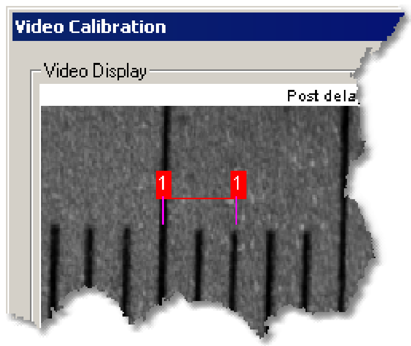
Video Calibration stage micrometer position

3. To add a new calibration measurement click the Add point *button*. A *popup message box* (shown at right) will prompt you to enter the length that you want to measure. The units, µm in this example, are taken from current value of the "units" field in the recording task that you are editing. The value that you enter here will be physical length of the calibration ruler *control* that you will position on the video screen in the next steps.



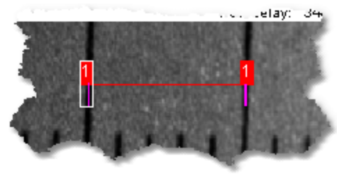
Video Calibration Enter unit spacing

4. After you click the OK *button* a new calibration ruler *control* will be added in the Video Display *Area*. The *control* can be moved and resized by dragging different areas of the *control.*

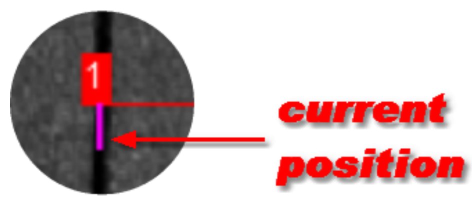


Video Calibration calibration ruler

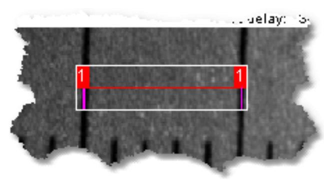
5. To stretch or shrink the length click and drag the red box at either end to the left or right. When you click on the end a white box will appear to confirm that you have clicked in the correct location.



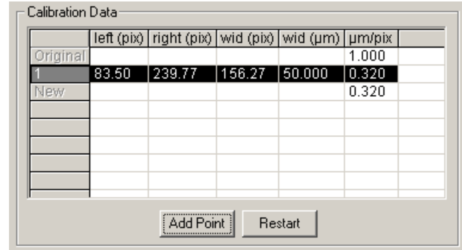
6. The exact position of the edges are calculated by scanning the video image 'under' the box. The resulting position is displayed as a magenta line below the box. When positioning the left/right ends of the calibration ruler *control* move red box so that it is over the image of the line on the stage micrometer. If positioned properly the current position (magenta) line should be near the middle of the red box as shown here.



7. To move the ruler horizontally or vertically without changing the length click on the line between the boxes then drag the ruler to a new position. When you click on the line to move a white box will be drawn around the entire *control* as shown.



8. As you move the calibration ruler *control* the values in the Calibration data *table* will change in the highlighted row and the resulting new scaling factor will be displayed in the last row.



You may added as many calibration points as you think are needed. When you are done press the OK *button* and the new calibration value (from the last row) will be entered into the Record task settings.

5 Acquisition Devices

In the context of the Hardware Manager, a device is software which provides support for a specific physical device. The Hardware Tree uses these devices to model the physical setup. Devices can be either root devices or attached devices. Root devices are interface cards plugged to a standard computer bus inside the computer or external port (see below). Attached devices are devices that are attached to root devices or other attached devices.

Eventually you attach a device that provides connections to the acquisition tasks that are used in an experiment. These connections between devices and acquisition tasks are called "task connections". When you edit the settings of a given task, such as the Task Settings[38] *dialog* of the Trace Recording Task[37], you will pick what you are recording by selecting a sensor from the list of all available analog trace task connections in the hardware tree.

In addition to providing a representation of the physical device interconnections, each device may have a specification and/or test function that can be accessed in the Hardware Manager *dialog.* The specification function provides the ability to indicate to IonWizard how the physical device is configured. If the device has options that can be controlled via computer, the specification function may also allow them to be set. The test function provides the ability to operate the physical devices from the Hardware Manager *dialog.* This is normally used to test that the device is able to control and/or read from the physical device.

Refer to specific device documentation for specific details on functions and connections provided by each device.

External Ports

Some devices attach to "standard" computer external ports. The device documentation will refer to the following external port types:

Serial Ports	Legacy 9-pin serial-ports for slow speed communications with simple cables.
Parallel Ports	Legacy 25-pin parallel ports for 'faster' communications.
USB	The original USB port (usually called USB 1.0 or USB 1.1) was created to replace legacy ports. It provided faster speeds as well as plug-and-play configuration and was originally designed for printers, keyboards etc...
USB 2.0	Second generation of USB that provides support for higher speed devices such as hard drives and cameras.

If you are purchasing or upgrading a computer, you must make sure that the new computer has the type of ports needed by your devices.

IonWizard supports standard USB-to-Serial adapters that allow you to connect a serial device to a USB 1.1 or 2.0 port.

If your computer has extra slots but is missing a specific port type, you MAY be able to purchase an interface card (ie a PCI to USB 2.0) card.

5.1 Interface Card Devices

Interface Cards Devices correspond to physical cards that plug into a slots inside your computer of a specific type which is generally called a "bus". When you describe the type of interface card, you usually identify it by the type of bus that it is designed to work with. Currently IonWizard supports interface cards use either the ISA bus or the PCI bus.

The following computer buses may be present in your computer:

ISA Bus The ISA is the original PC interface slot that was present in the original PC AT computers. The ISA bus was removed from main-stream computers around 2002. The only way to get a new computer with an ISA slot is to build your own using a special motherboard.

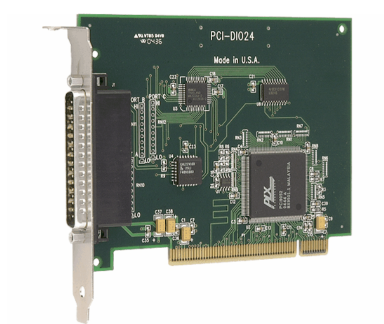
PCI Bus The PCI bus was originally available with and has now replaced the ISA bus. It provides faster performance and "plug-and-play" device configuration.

Other Buses As computers continue to evolve, new buses have been developed. Some of these, such as PCI-Express, are now starting to appear in new computers along with or in place of PCI slots. Note that these new buses are NOT physically/electrically the same as the PCI Bus even though they have "PCI" in their name.

No Slots As computers get cheaper and smaller, you may find computers that have no available internal interface slots of any type.

5.1.1 Measurement Computing IO24 PCI Interface Card: MCIO24P

The Measurement Computing IO24 PCI interface card, or MCIO24P, is used by IonOptix to provide a communication link between the host computer and the Fluorescence System Interface 92 or the Data System Interface 99. (The System Interfaces that work with this card have a 37pin D-Sub connector and version numbers of FSI700 or DSI300 or higher. If your FSI or DSI does not have this connector and instead has a 50 pin and a 20 pin ribbon connector, the Real Time Devices AD2710 ISA Interface Card 89 is the appropriate card).



MCC IO24 Digital I/O Card

Device Name

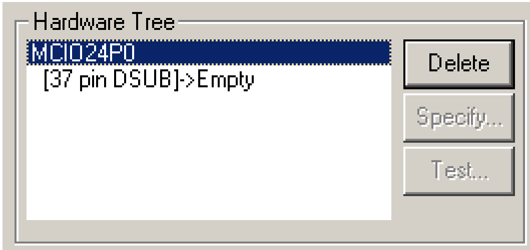
The MCIO24P appears as "MCC PCI-IO24 Cards" in the Add Root Device 10 *dialog's* Type of Devices *section*. An instance of the device appears as "MCIO24Pn" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (MCIO24Pn) *will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.*

Requirements

The IonOptix IO24 Windows device driver must be installed as described in the IO24 hardware manual. This card requires that the computer has an available PCI slot 82.

5.1.1.1 Device Connections



Required connections

The Measurement Computing IO24 interface card is a root device that does not require any other device connection.

Provided connections

The MCIO24P provides the following connection:

37 pin DSUB	Control and data bus to connect to IonOptix IO24-compatible system interfaces (compatible interfaces have a 37 pin D-Sub connector).

5.1.1.2 Task Connections

The MCIO24P *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.1.1.3 Specification Dialog

The MCIO24P *device* does not have a specification dialog. The Specifiy... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the MCIO24P is selected.

5.1.1.4 Test Dialog

The MCIO24P does not have a test dialog. The Test... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the MCIO24P is selected.

5.1.2 Mutech MV510 PCI Frame Grabber: MV510

The MuTech MV510 PCI frame grabber card, or MV510, is used by IonWizard to digitize RS-170 or PAL standard video from video devices such as the IonOptix MyoCam [123], standard consumer VCRs or any other video source.

Mutech MV510 Frame Grabber

Device Name

The MV510 device appears as "MuTech MV510" in the Hardware Manager Add Root Dialog [10] Type of Devices *section*. An instance of the device appears as "MV510 #n" in the Hardware Manager Dialog [8] Hardware Tree *section*.

*The "n" in the instance name (*MV510 #n*) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.*

Requirements

Version 2.12 of the MuTech Windows driver and application library software must be installed as described in the IonOptix MV510 hardware manual. This card requires that the computer has an available PCI slot 82.

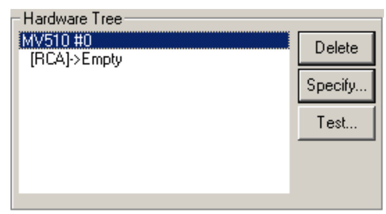
5.1.2.1 Device Connections

The device connections provided by the MV510 are dependent upon the options defined in the Specification 86 *dialog*.

Note the MV510 can only sample from one camera at a time. If you have multiple cameras, the adapters will only save you the hassle of switching camera cables between experiments. Selection between cameras is based on the task that has been added to the current experiment.

No Cable (built in RCA connector)

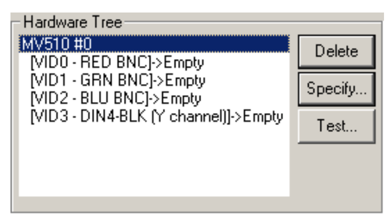
The basic setup is that you have a single camera connected to the RCA connector of the board and no additional cable attached to the DB15 connector. This state is obtained by selecting "No Cable" in the Specifications *dialog.* One empty connection will appear in the Hardware Tree to which you can attach your camera.



Connections with no cable (built in RCA)

VC-DB15-4 V1 cable

The VC-DB15-4 V1 cable provides three color-coded BNC inputs and a 4-pin S-Video input to allow up to four cameras to be plugged in. The RCA connector and VID2 connector are connected internally. Therefore, a camera shown as being attached to the "VID2 - BLU BNC / RCA" connection may physically be plugged into either the RCA port or the blue BNC connector. This state is obtained by selecting "VC-DB15-4 V1 cable" in the Specifications *dialog.* Four empty connections will appear in the Hardware Tree to which you can attach your cameras to reflect the physical setup.

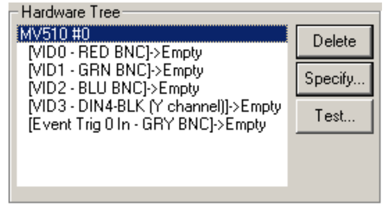


Connections with VC-DB15-4 V1 cable

The RCA connector and the VID2 (Blue) input are connected to the same input - do not attach a camera to VID2 and the RCA at the same time!

VC-DB15-4 V1.1 cable

The VC-DB15-4 V1.1 cable provides three color-coded BNC inputs and a 4-pin S-Video input to allow up to four cameras to be plugged in. This cable also has a general-purpose TTL input but it is not at this time supported in IonWizard. The RCA connector and VID2 connector are connected internally. Therefore, a camera shown as being attached to the "VID2 - BLU BNC / RCA" connection of the Hardware Tree may physically be plugged into either the RCA port or the blue BNC connector. This state is obtained by selecting "VC-DB15-4 V1.1 cable" in the Specifications *dialog.* Four empty connections will appear in the Hardware Tree to which you can attach your cameras to reflect the physical setup.



Connections with VC-DB15-4 V1.1 cable

The RCA connector and the VID2 (Blue) input are connected to the same input - do not attach a camera to VID2 and the RCA at the same time!

IonWizard does not currently support reading the MV510 general-purpose input.

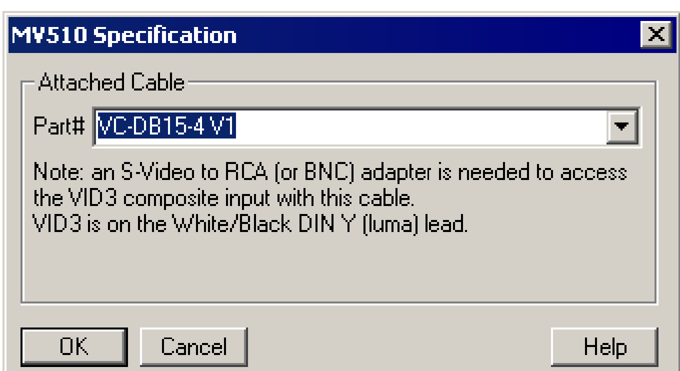
Other cables

There are some additional cables that have there own connections that are not listed here as they are unlikely to be used with IonWizard.

5.1.2.2 Task Connections

The MV510 *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.1.2.3 Specification Dialog



MV510 Specification Dialog

The MV510 specification dialog allows you to specify what, if any, addition adapter cable you have attached to the DB15 connector on the MV510. These adapter cables are only needed if more than one camera is going to be attached to the MV510.

Adapter Cable Part # options

The following adapter cable part numbers are commonly used with IonWizard.

No Cable This is the normal configuration for use with IonWizard. A single camera is attached to the RCA connector.

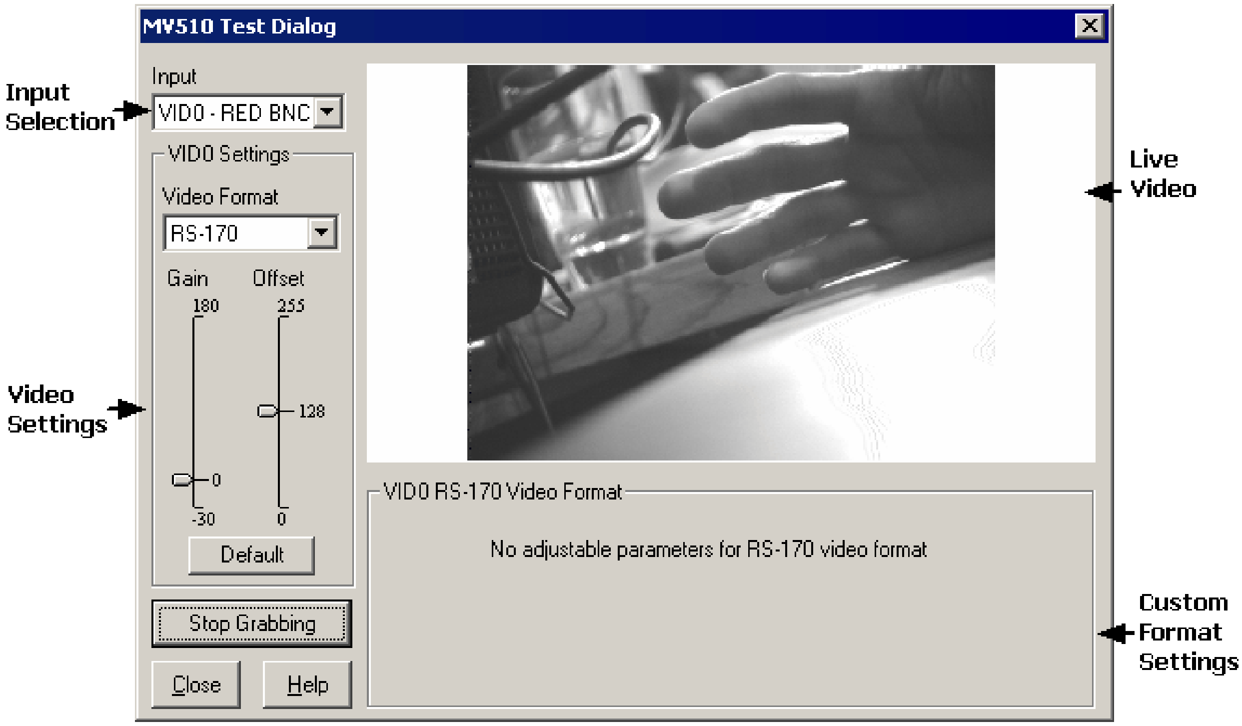
VC-DB15-4 V1 This adapter provides the ability to connect multiple cameras to the MV510.

VC-DB15-4 V1.1 This adapter provides the ability to connect multiple cameras to the MV510 as well as a general purpose TTL input (which is currently not supported by IonWizard).

Other cables These are not likely to be used with IonWizard.

Refer to the Connections section for more information the exact connections that are provided by each adapter.

5.1.2.4 Test Dialog



MV510 Test Dialog

The MV510 Test Dialog permits independent testing of the MV510. It allows selecting between different inputs and configuring the device to handle different input formats. The *dialog box* is divided into a number of sections.

Input

Use the Input *combo box* to select between the different video inputs to the device. If your specification 86 indicates that you are only using the single RCA input, you will only have the single option for the RCA here. Any time you select an input and there is no detected video signal, you will be so warned and all input controls will be disabled.

Video Settings

The controls in the video settings determine the video format and the gain and offset for the input. The dialog box tracks these settings independently for each input. Use the Gain and Offset *sliders* to set the analog gain and offset for the input.

There are three options you can choose for the Video Format:

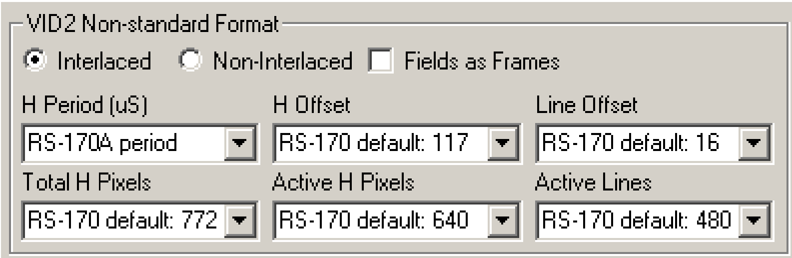
RS-170 The camera is an American 30Hz interlaced monochrome analog camera.

b&w PAL The camera is an European 25Hz interlaced monochrome analog camera.

Custom The camera is outputting a custom analog signal. If this option is chosen, the custom format settings section will be populated with controls to permit advanced control of the frame grabber as described below.

Custom Format Settings

If the Video Format option in the video settings section is set to Custom, the controls in the custom format settings section become relevant.



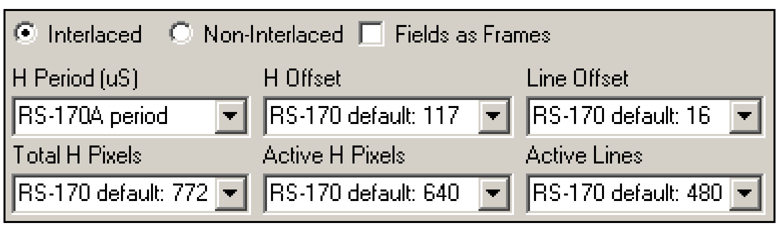
Test Dialog Custom Video Controls

These controls are the same as those documented in the next section, Frame Grabber Parameters 88.

Live Video

The live video area lets you actually run the frame grabber. The Start Grabbing/Stop Grabbing *push button* in the lower left of the *dialog box* controls the video state. If the video format parameters are set incorrectly for the camera you will find that it takes a very long time for the Start Grabbing/Stop Grabbing to respond. Be patient as this is normal behaviour.

5.1.2.5 Frame Grabber Parameters



MV510 Frame Grabber Parameters

The Frame Grabber Parameter *controls* are used to set MV510 parameters as part of the connected camera's Specification *dialog*. This allows each camera to have different frame grabber parameters that are automatically set whenever the camera is used. Similarly, controls are used in the Test 87 *dialog* to allow the MV510 to be tested. To open, select the camera in the hardware tree and click the Specify *button.* Now select the Framegrabber Parameters *radio button* to pull up the above interface.

The MV510 defines the following parameters:

Interlaced If Fields as Frames is *not checked,* the frame grabber will combine the odd/even fields from camera into one output frame.
If Fields as Frames is *checked*, the frame grabber will synchronize to odd/even fields but will return each field as a separate frame.

Non-interlaced When selected, the frame grabber will return each field as a separate frame. It will ignore odd/even field information, if present.

Field as Frames This checkbox determines how interlaced images are processed. See above "Interlaced" definition.

H Period This selection sets the sample rate for pixels along a horizontal line.

Total H Pixels This selection sets the number of pixels in a line, including unsampled border pixels.

H Offset This selection sets the number of pixels from the horizontal sync to the start of actual video data.

Active H Pixels This selection sets the number of pixels to acquire per full video line.

Line Offset This selection sets the number of lines to skip from the start of the video field to the first line to save.

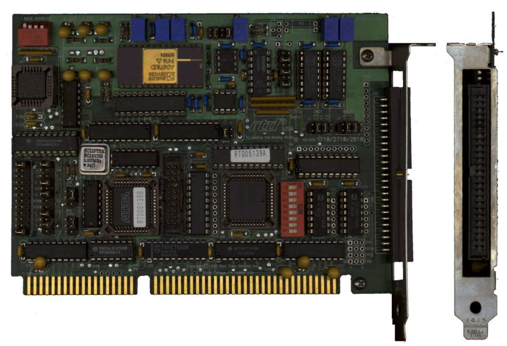
Active Lines This selection sets the number of lines to acquire in a complete frame.

When using a non-standard camera, such as the MyoCam 123, please use the settings described in the 'Specification Dialog' section for the specific camera.

Some cameras do not output odd/even fields. In this case, if you select Interlaced, the frame grabber will report an error when you attempt to start video.

5.1.3 Real Time Devices AD2710 ISA Interface Card: RTD2710

The Real Time Devices ADA2710 ISA interface card, or RTD2710, is used by IonOptix to provide a communication link between the host computer and older versions of the Fluorescence System Interface 104 or the Data System interface 109. The system interfaces that work with this card have a 50 pin and a 20 pin ribbon cable connector and are versions FSI600/DSI200 or lower. If your system interface does not have these connectors and instead has a 37 pin D-Sub connector, the Measurement Computing IO24 PCI Interface Card 83, or MCIO24P, is the appropriate interface card.



RTD ADA2710 Analog/Digital Card

Device Name

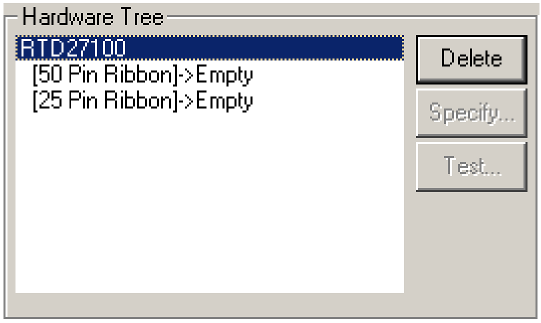
The RTD2710 Interface Card appears as "RTD 2x10 DIO cards" in the Hardware Managers's Add Root Device 10 *dialog* in the Type of Devices *section*. An instance of the device appears as "RTD210n" in the Hardware Tree *section* of the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog*.

*The "n" in the instance name (*RTD2710n*) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.*

Requirements

The IonOptix RTD2710 Windows device driver must be installed as described in the RTD ADA2710 Hardware manual. This interface card requires a computer with an ISA slot 82. The RTD2710 must be selected as the system timer for proper functionality. See the Timer Settings 91 section for more details.

5.1.3.1 Device Connections



RTD2710 Connections

Provided connections

The RTD2710 provides the following connection:

50 Pin Ribbon Connection to IonOptix RTD-compatible system interfaces.

20 Pin Ribbon Connection to IonOptix RTD-compatible system interfaces.

Note that the 20-pin cable connects to a connector located on the center of the interface card. To reach this connector, you must open the computer case.

When you attach a device that uses both the 50-pin and 20-pin connections to one connection point, the other connection point will be automatically attached to the same device.

5.1.3.2 Task Connections

The ADA2710 *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

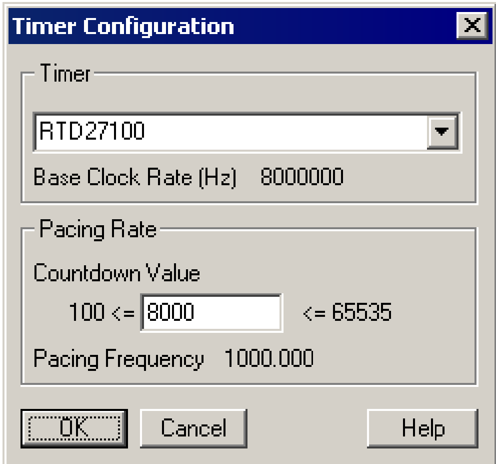
5.1.3.3 Specification Dialog

The RTD2710 does not have a specification dialog. The Specifiy... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the RTD2710 is selected.

5.1.3.4 Test Dialog

The RTD2710 does not have a test dialog. The Test... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the RTD2710 is selected.

5.1.3.5 Timer Settings



Timer Configuration Dialog

If you select the RTD2710 as the system timer in the Hardware Manager's Timer Configuration [10] *dialog*, you will be able to adjust the pacing frequency by changing the Countdown Value.

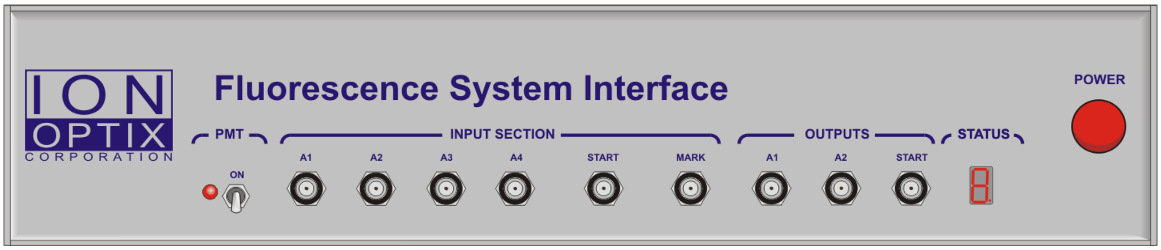
You can increase the fundamental pacing frequency by changing the Countdown Value but it is STRONGLY recommended that you use the normal value of 8,000 which results in a 1KHz pacing frequency.

Consult IonOptix before using pacing frequencies greater than 1000Hz.

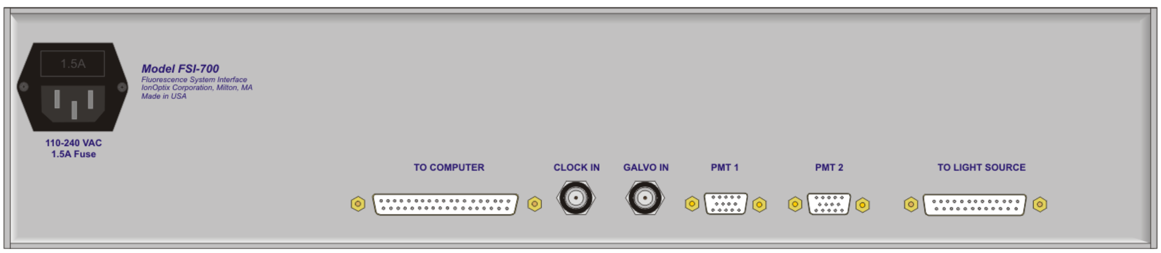
5.2 System Interface Devices

System Interface Devices are a class of devices that provide the majority of the interface functions for the typical IonOptix acquisition system. They provide varying combinations of analog and digital io and light source control. The original system interfaces work with an ADA270 ISA interface card 83 while the current system interfaces work with an IO24 PCI interface card 83.

5.2.1 Fluorescence System Interface (IO24): FSIC



FSI (IO24) front panel



FSI (IO24) back panel

The IO24 version of Fluorescence System Interface, or FSIC, is IonOptix's current full featured system interface. This FSI uses a 37-pin male-to-female DSUB cable to connect to a Measurement Computing IO24 83 PCI digital I/O card. All analog and digital inputs and outputs, TTL pulses from pmt tubes and control signals for fluorescent light sources run through this device.

Device Name

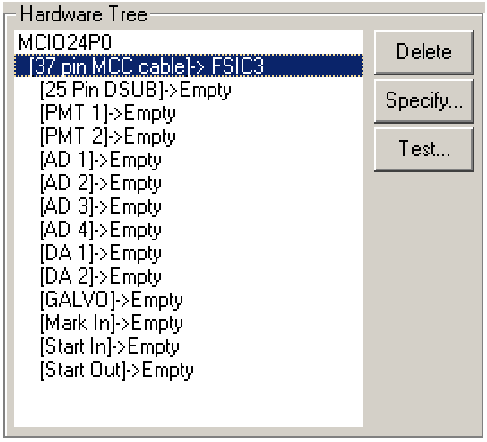
The IO24 based Fluorescence System Interface appears as "FSICn" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

*The "n" in the instance name (FSIC*n*) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.*

Requirements

The FSIC requires the proper installation of a Measurement Computing I024 PCI Interface Card (listed as the MCIO24P in the hardware tree). Please see the Measurement Computing I024 83 PCI interface card, to see the requirements for that device. Please also see the Timer Settings 93 section of the FSIC's documentation for timer requirements.

5.2.1.1 Device Connections



FSI (I024) Connections

Required Connections

The FSIC must be connected to the Measurement Computing MCIO24P 83 *device* 37-pin MCC Cable *port* in the Hardware Tree 8.

Provided Connections

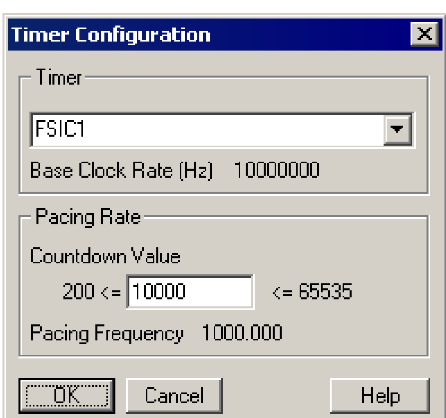
The FSIC provides the following connections for other devices:

25 pin DSUB	Control bus to connect to IonOptix excitation light sources.
PMT 1, 2	TTL inputs to count output of TTL output photomultipler tubes or equivalent.
AD 1 - 4	Analog inputs to read analog outputs of external devices.
DA 1, 2	Analog outputs to connect to analog inputs of external devices.
GALVO	TTL input for synchronizing HyperSwitch with other hardware.
Mark In, Start In	TTL inputs to read TTL outputs of external devices.
Start Out	TLL output to connect to TTL input of an external device and allow triggering from IonWizard.

5.2.1.2 Task Connections

The FSIC *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.2.1.3 Timer Settings



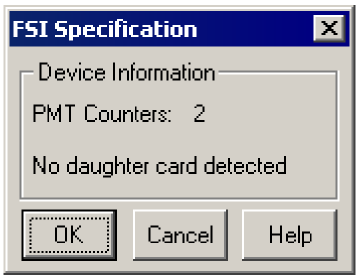
Timer Configuration Dialog

When using the Fluorescence System Interface, you must select it as the system timer in the Hardware Manager's Timer Configuration [10] *dialog* in order to properly sample PMT and analog signals.

You can increase the fundamental pacing frequency by changing the Countdown Value but it is STRONGLY recommended that you use the normal value of 10,000 which results in a 1KHz pacing frequency.

Consult IonOptix before using pacing frequencies greater than 1000Hz.

5.2.1.4 Specification Dialog



FSI (IO24) Specify Dialog

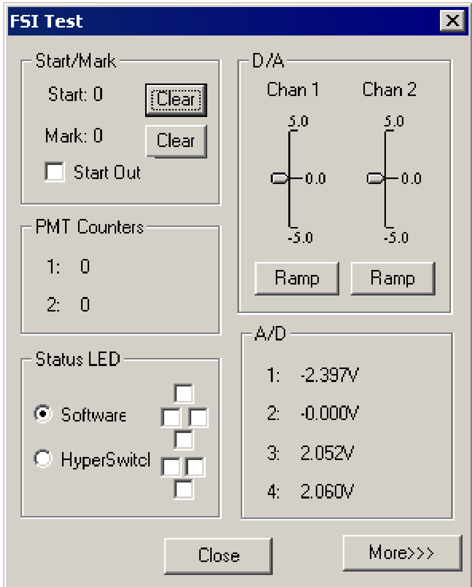
The FSIC specification dialog shows any accessory features the software finds in the device. These features are typically installed by IonOptix at the factory. The above figure shows the display for a stock FSI with no additional features installed.

If you happen to field upgrade an existing device by installing a daughter-card, the specification dialog serves as a "refresh" mechanism. Only after running the specification dialog and clicking OK will the hardware tree reflect the new functionality (e.g. additional PMT or AD channels).

5.2.1.5 Test Dialog

The FSI Test *dialog* allows you to exercise all of the hardware functions of the interface and all related driver software. The dialog initially displays the basic view [95] that allows simple tests to be performed. The advanced view [97] (pulled out by clicking the More *button*) gives you access to lower-level functions. The primary function of this dialog is to allow the user to confirm that the connected hardware device is operating properly.

Basic View



Basic I024 FSI Test Dialog

The basic view gives you the ability to read the current values on the digital and analog inputs, control the values on the digital and analog outputs and control the status LEDs. The sections of the dialog are described below.

Start/Mark

The Start/Mark *section* of the test dialog allows you to read the current state of the start and mark inputs and set the state of the start output.

Start Displays the current status of the Start In input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear button is pressed.

Mark Displays the current status of the Mark In input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear button is pressed.

Start Out Controls Start Out output. When checked, 5V will be output. When unchecked, 0V will be output.

An easy way to test the functioning of the Start and Mark inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect Start Out to Start In or Mark In. When you press the Clear button, the value should change to zero. When you check the Start Out box, the value should change to one. Note that unchecking Start out" will NOT change the value to zero. Only pressing the Clear button will do that.

PMT Counters

The PMT Counters *section* displays the current values for PMT inputs 1 and 2. The value automatically updates in response to changes in light "seen" by the connected photomultiplier tube.

When PMT tubes see too much light, they will shut down to protect themselves from damage. When this occurs, the counts will drop to zero.

If a PMT tube is not connected, the PMT counter usually reads 1.

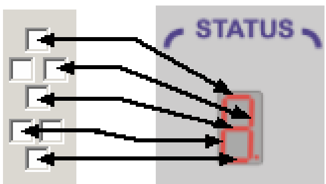
Status LED

The Status LED *section* allows you to control the 7-segment LED number display on the FSI.

Software — When selected, the FSI LED display can be controlled directly from the FSI Test *dialog.* See "LED segments" definition below.

HyperSwitch — When selected, the FSI LED is controlled by hardware. See HyperSwitch 98 section of the advanced view 97 of this test dialog for more information.

LED segments — When Software is selected, each check box controls one segment (bar) of the LED display as shown in the figure below.



FSI LED segment controls

D/A

The D/A *section* allows you to control the analog outputs.

Chan 1, Chan 2 — The Chan 1, Chan 2 *sliders* allow you to set the D/A output voltages. In addition to moving the indicator with the mouse. you can use the page up/down and arrow keys when the slider has focus.

Ramp — The Ramp *button* will cause the D/A output to ramp from -5V to 5V over approximately 1 second. When done, it will return to the value selected on the slider control. This function is mainly used with an oscilloscope to assure that all output values are being output correctly.

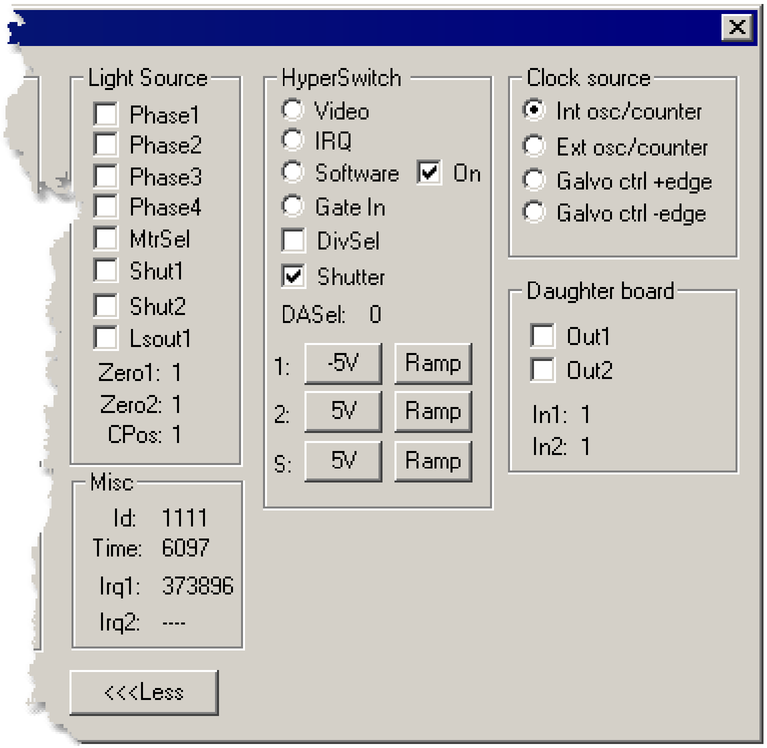
A/D

The A/D *section* displays the current voltage readings for each A/D input channel.

1, 2, 3, 4 — Displays the current voltage on the corresponding A/D channel.

An easy way to test the functioning of the D/A outputs and A/D inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect a D/A channel to an A/D channel. The connected A/D channel should read close to the value set with the appropriate D/A slider.

Advanced View



Expanded I024 FSI Test Dialog

The advanced view (pulled out by clicking the More *button*) provides access to low-level functions. Most of the functions that can be tested here are internal FSI functions or external functions not available on BNC connections.

Light Source

The Light Source *section* allows you to control and read signals that are present on the 25-pin light source connector. Since it is not possible to read or set these signals without a special test cable, the specific function of these controls will not be discussed.

Misc

The Misc *section* displays status information from the FSI and its driver. Information here can be used to verify that the FSI hardware is properly connected and that the driver interrupt is functioning properly.

Id — Displays the status of an internal device id register. You may be asked to provide this value to IonOptix while debugging a problem.

Time — Time is an internal counter that counts timing clock pulse received by the FSI. This value counts DOWN from the Pacer Frequency value entered in the Timer Configuration 93 *dialog* and automatically restarts when it reaches zero. If this value is not changing, check the Clock Source 98 *section* and/or the cable connections.

Irq1 — This counts the number of times the FSI interrupt processing code has been called since the driver was first loaded. When operating correctly, the FSI driver should get one interrupt each time the Time value (above) changes. If this value is not incrementing, it means that interrupts are being blocked.

Irq2 — This counts the number of times the FSI interrupt was received but not caused by the FSI. Unless the MCIO24P card is sharing an interrupt line with another card, this value will be zero.

HyperSwitch

The HyperSwitch *section* allows selection of the mode of HyperSwitch control. The FSI can control the HyperSwitch in four different modes. When running IonWizard, the selection of the proper mode is done automatically.

Video	Not supported. Please ignore.
IRQ	Not supported. Please ignore.
Software	When selected, the On *check box* to the immediate right selects between path 1 and path 2.
Gate In	When selected, the Galvo In hardware input selects between path 1 and path 2.
DivSel	When unchecked - a rising edge on the input associated with the selected mode will cause the mirror to switch from the path it is currently on to the other path. When checked - the level of the input associated with the selected mode determines position: low = path 1, high = path 2.
Shutter	When checked, the mirror moves to shutter position REGARDLESS of any path 1/path 2 selection input. In addition, if the Status LED [96] control is set to "HyperSwitch", the LED display will be set to "-".
1, 2, S	These three sections allow you to test the circuitry that sets the precise mirror position for each HyperSwitch light path: 1=Path 1, 2=Path 2, S=Shutter. **-5V/0V/5V** - Each click on this button will cause the output voltage to change to the next voltage in the -5V, 0V, 5V rotation. The current voltage is indicated on the button. **RAMP** - The Ramp *button* will cause the D/A output to ramp from -5V to 5V over approximately 1 second.

Clock source

The Clock source *section* selects the signal to provide the main FSI clock. On each clock pulse, the FSI will latch the current PMT counts and start A/D conversions on all input channels. When the A/D conversion is complete, an interrupt will be sent to the computer to inform the PC that new data is available.

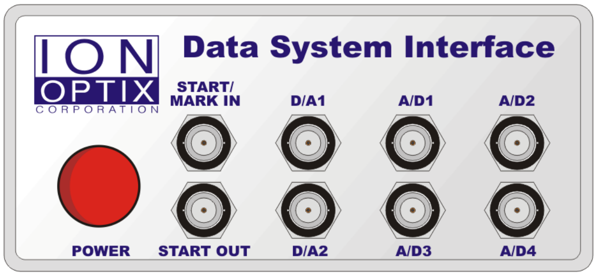
Int Osc/Counter	Use an internal crystal oscillator (10MHz) and a programmable counter.
Ext Osc/Counter	Use a clock signal input via the **Clock In** BNC (on the rear panel) and the programmable counter.
Galv ctrl/+edge	Use the **Galvo In** BNC (on the rear panel) directly. Trigger on input change from low-to-high (rising edge).
Galv ctrl/-edge	Use the **Galvo In** BNC (on the rear panel) directly. Trigger on input change from high-to-low (falling edge).

IonWizard currently only supports Int Osc/Counter during acquisition.

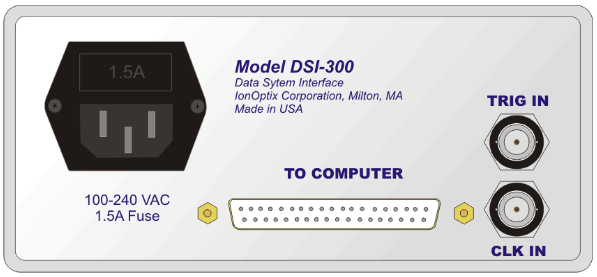
Daughter board

The Daughter board *section* provides access to two "spare" digital input/output bits internal to the FSI.

5.2.2 Data System Interface (IO24): PDSI



DSI (IO24) front panel



DSI (IO24) back panel

The IO24 version of Data System Interface, or PDSI, is the current version of IonOptix's basic function system interface. This PDSI uses a 37-pin male-to-female DSUB cable to connect to a Measurement Computing IO24 83 PCI digital I/O card. All analog and digital inputs and outputs run through this device.

Device Name

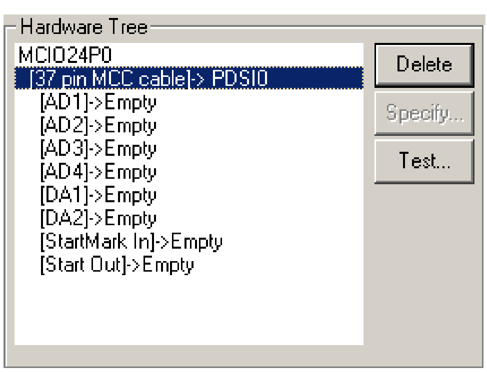
The IO24 based Data System Interface appears as "PDSIn" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

*The "n" in the instance name (PDSI*n*) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.*

Requirements

The PDSI requires the proper installation of a Measurement Computing I024 PCI Interface Card (listed as the MCIO24P in the hardware tree). Please see the Measurement Computing I024 PCI Interface Card 83 to see the requirements for that device. Please also see the Timer Settings 100 section of the PDSI's documentation for timer requirements.

5.2.2.1 Device Connections



DSI (IO24) connections

Required connections

The PDSI is connected to the Measurement computing MCIO24P interface card via a 37-pin DSUB cable.

Provided connections

The PDSI provides the following connections:

AD 1 - 4 Analog inputs to read analog outputs of external devices.

DA 1, 2 Analog outputs to connect to analog inputs of external devices.

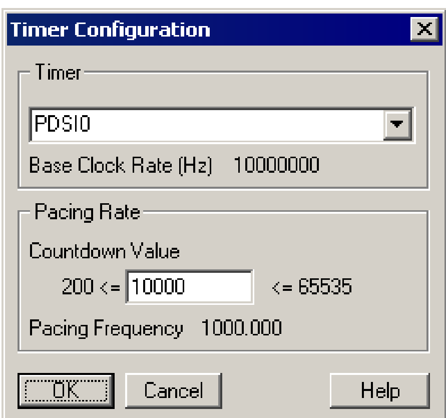
Start/Mark In TTL input to read TTL output of an external device.

Start Out TLL output to connect to TTL input of an external device and allow triggering from IonWizard.

5.2.2.2 Task Connections

The PDSI *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.2.2.3 Timer Settings



Timer Configuration Dialog

When using the PDSI, you must select it as the system timer in the Hardware Manager's Timer Configuration 10 *dialog* in order to properly sample PMT and analog signals.

You can increase the fundamental pacing frequency by changing the Countdown Value but it is STRONGLY recommended that you use the normal value of 10,000 which results in a 1KHz pacing frequency.

Consult IonOptix before using pacing frequencies greater than 1000Hz.

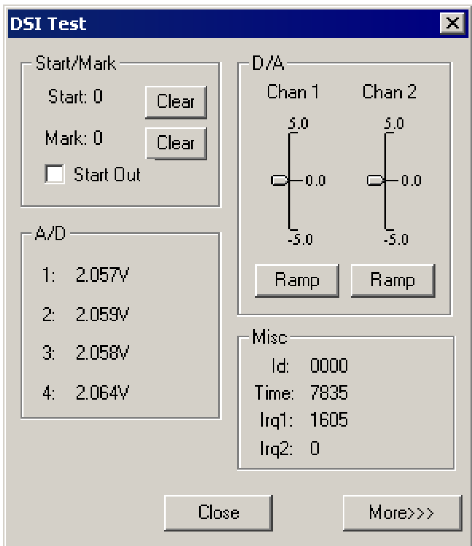
5.2.2.4 Specification Dialog

The PDSI does not have a specification dialog. The Specifiy... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the PDSI is selected.

5.2.2.5 Test Dialog

The DSI Test *dialog* allows you to exercise all of the hardware functions of the interface and all related driver software. The test dialog initially displays the basic view 101 that allows simple tests to be performed. The advanced view 103 (pulled out by clicking the More *button*) gives you access to lower-level functions. The primary function of this dialog is to allow the user to confirm that the connected hardware device is operating properly.

Basic View



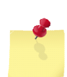
Basic I024 DSI Test Dialog

The basic view gives you the ability to read the current values on the digital and analog inputs and control the values on the digital and analog outputs. The sections of the dialog are described below.

Start/Mark

The Start/Mark *section* of the test dialog allows you to read the current state of the Start/Mark input and set the state of the Start output.

Start	Displays the current status of the Start In input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear button is pressed.
Mark	Displays the current status of the Mark In input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear button is pressed.
Start Out	Controls Start Out output. When checked, 5V will be output. When unchecked, 0V will be output.



Note the Stark/Mark input on the DSI front panel 99 is connected to both the start and mark registers in the DSI. Since both are driven by a single input, they will be set and cleared simultaneously.

An easy way to test the functioning of the Start and Mark inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect Start Out to Start/Mark In. When you press the Clear button for either Start or Mark, both values should change to zero. When you check the Start Out box, the values should change to one. Note that unchecking Start out" will NOT change the values to zero. Only pressing the Clear button will do that.

A/D

The A/D *section* displays the current voltage readings for each A/D input channel.

1, 2, 3, 4	Displays the current voltage on the corresponding A/D channel.

D/A

The D/A *section* allows you to control the analog outputs.

Chan 1, Chan 2 — The Chan 1, Chan 2 *sliders* allow you to set the D/A output voltage. In addition to moving the indicator with the mouse you can use the page up/down and arrow keys when the slider has focus.

Ramp — The Ramp *button* will cause the D/A output to ramp from -5V to 5V over approximately 1 second. When done, it will return to the value selected on the slider control. This function is mainly used with an oscilloscope to assure that all output values are being output correctly.

An easy way to test the functioning of the D/A outputs and A/D inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect a D/A channel to an A/D channel. The connected A/D channel should read close to the value set with the appropriate D/A slider.

Misc

The Misc *section* displays status information from the DSI and its driver. Information here can be used to verify that the DSI hardware is properly connected and that the driver interrupt is functioning properly.

Id — Displays the status of an internal device id register. You may be asked to provide this value to IonOptix while debugging a problem.

Time — Time is an internal counter that counts timing clock pulse received by the DSI. This value counts DOWN from the Pacer Frequency value entered in the Timer Configuration 100 *dialog* and automatically restarts when it reaches zero. If this value is not changing, check the Clock Source 98 *section* and/or the cable connections.

Irq1 — This counts the number of times the DSI interrupt processing code has been called since the driver was first loaded. When operating correctly, the DSI driver should get one interrupt each time the Time value (above) changes. If this value is not incrementing, it means that interrupts are being blocked.

Irq2 — This counts the number of times the DSI interrupt was received but not caused by the DSI. Unless the MCIO24P card is sharing an interrupt line with another card, this value will be zero.

Advanced View

Advanced I024 DSI Test Dialog

The advanced view (pulled out by clicking the More *button*) provides access to low-level functions.

Clock source

The Clock source *section* selects the provider of the main DSI clock. On each clock pulse, the DSI will latch the current PMT counts and start A/D conversions on all input channels. When the A/D conversion is complete, an interrupt will be sent to the computer to inform the PC that new data is available.

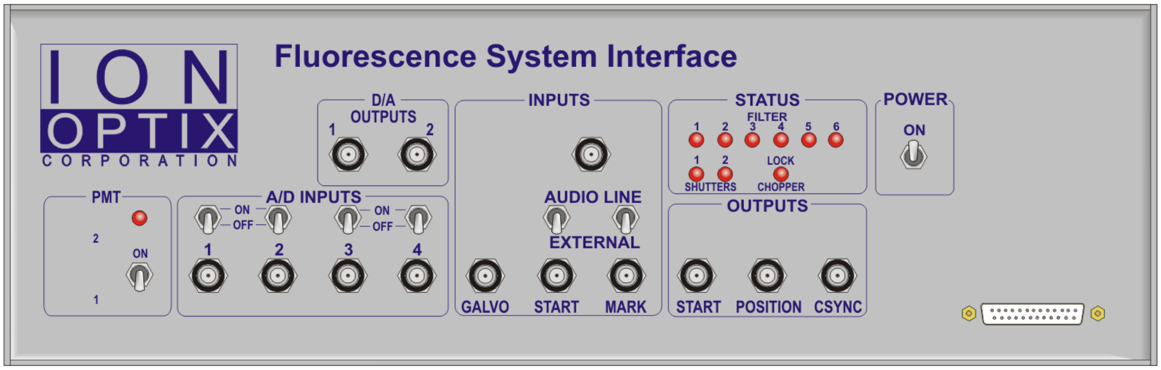
Int Osc/Counter	Use an internal crystal oscillator (10MHz) and a programmable counter.
Ext Osc/Counter	Use clock signal input via the **Clk In** BNC (on the rear panel 99) and the programmable counter.
Galv ctrl/+edge	Use the **Trig In** BNC (on the rear panel 99) directly. Trigger on an input change from low-to-high (rising edge).
Galv ctrl/-edge	Use the **Trig In** BNC (on the rear panel 99) directly. Trigger on an input change from high-to-low (falling edge).

IonWizard currently only supports Int Osc/Counter during acquisition.

Daughter board

The Daughter board *section* provides access to two "spare" digital input/output bits internal to the DSI .

5.2.3 Fluorscence System Interface (RTD): FSIB



FSI (RTD)

The RTD version of Fluorescence System Interface, or FSIB, is the original IonOptix full featured system interface. All analog and digital inputs and outputs, TTL pulses from pmt tubes and control signals for fluorescent light sources run through this device. The FSI uses 50-pin and a 20-pin cables to connect to a Real-time Devices ADA2710 ISA digital I/O card.

Device Name

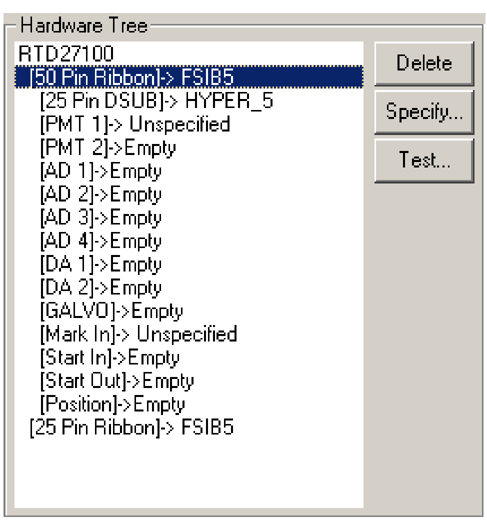
The RTD based Fluorescence System Interface appears as "FSIBn" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

*The "n" in the instance name (FSIB*n*) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.*

Requirements

The FSIB requires the proper installation of a Real-time Devices ADA2710 ISA digital I/O card (listed as the RTD2710 in the hardware tree). Please see the Real-time Devices ADA2710 89 ISA digital I/O card, to see the requirements for that device. Please also see the Timer Settings 91 section of the Real-time Devices ADA2710 ISA digital I/O card's documentation for timer requirements.

5.2.3.1 Device Connections



Required connections

The FSIB is connected to the Real Time Device ADA2710 89 card via 50-pin and 20-pin ribbon cables. Note that the 20-pin cable connects to a connector located on the center of the board which requires you to remove the computer cover to access.

Make sure that the "notches" in the cables align with the "keys" in the connectors. Plugging in a cable backwards can damage the board or the FSI.

Provided connections

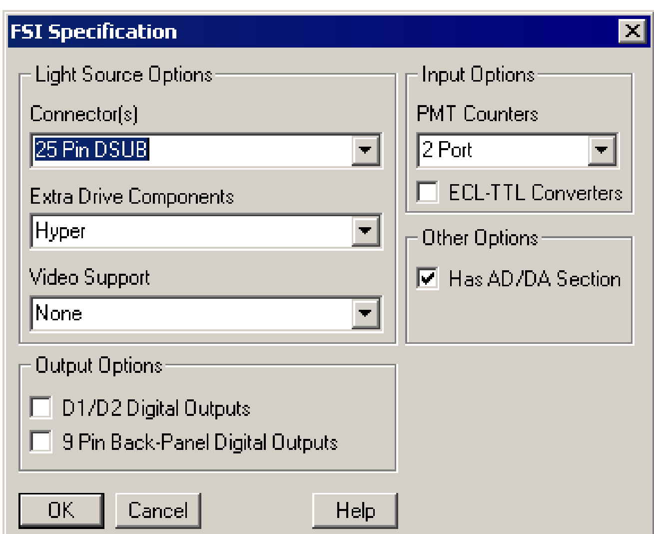
The FSIB provides the following connections:

25 pin DSUB	Control bus to connect to IonOptix excitation light sources.
PMT 1, 2	TTL inputs to count output of TTL output photomultipler tubes or equivalent.
AD 1 - 4	Analog inputs to read analog outputs of external devices.
DA 1, 2	Analog outputs to connect to analog inputs of external devices.
GALVO	TTL input for synchronizing HyperSwitch with other hardware.
Mark In, Start In	TTL inputs to read TTL outputs of external devices.
Start Out	TLL output to connect to TTL input of an external device and allow triggering from IonWizard.
Position	Unused.

5.2.3.2 Task Connections

The FSIB *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.2.3.3 Specification Dialog



FSI (RTD) Specification dialog

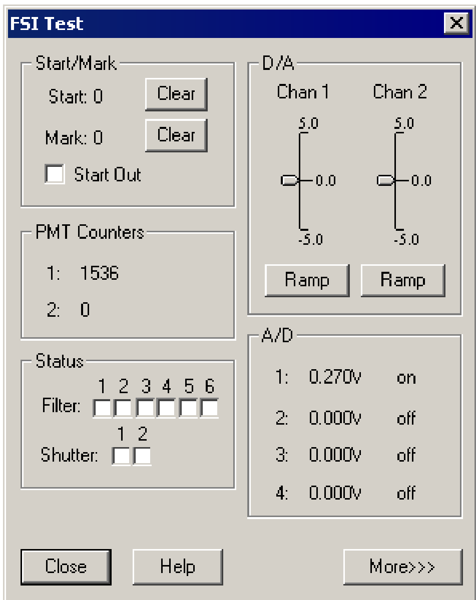
The specification dialog for the FSIB allows you to configure which options are installed on your FSI.

Please select the options shown above. Support for other options has not been tested.

5.2.3.4 Test Dialog

The FSI Test *dialog* allows you to exercise all of the hardware functions of the interface and all related driver software. The test dialog initially displays the basic view 106 that allows simple tests to be performed. The advanced view 108 (pulled out by clicking the More *button*) gives you access to lower-level functions. The primary function of this dialog is to allow the user to confirm that the connected hardware device is operating properly.

Basic View



Basic RTD FSI Test Dialog

The basic view gives you the ability to read the current values on the digital and analog inputs, control the values on the digital and analog outputs and control the status LEDs. The sections of the dialog are described below.

Start/Mark

The Start/Mark *section* of the test dialog allows you to read the current state of the start and mark inputs and set the state of the start output.

Start	Displays the current status of the Start In input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear *button* is pressed.
Mark	Displays the current status of the Mark In input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear *button* is pressed.
Start Out	Controls Start Out output. When checked, 5V will be output. When unchecked, 0V will be output.

An easy way to test the functioning of the Start and Mark inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect Start Out to Start In or Mark In. When you press the Clear button, the value should change to zero. When you check the Start Out box, the value should change to one. Note that unchecking Start out" will NOT change the value to zero. Only pressing the Clear button will do that.

PMT Counters

The PMT counters *section* displays the current values for PMT inputs 1 and 2. The value automatically updates in response to changes in light "seen" by the connected photomultiplier tube.

When PMT Tubes see too much light, they will shut down to protect themselves from damage. When this occurs, the counts will drop to zero.

If a PMT tube is not connected, the PMT counter usually reads 1.

Status

The Status *section* allows you to control the 6 position LEDs and the 2 shutter LEDs on the FSI.

Filter 1-6 When the *checkbox* is checked, the corresponding filter position LED should turn on.

Shutter 1-2 When the *checkbox* is checked, the corresponding shutter LED should turn on.

When you initially turn on the FSI, all the position LEDs usually turn on. When IonWizard initializes the FSI, it will turn off all but the current position LED. If all LEDs stay on, it means that the FSI is not properly configured or the cables to the RTD are not connected.

D/A

The D/A *section* allows you to control the analog output s.

Chan 1, Chan 2 The Chan 1, Chan 2 *sliders* allow you to set the D/A output voltage. In addition to moving the *indicator* with the mouse, you can use the page up/ down and arrow keys when the slider has focus.

Ramp The Ramp *button* will cause the D/A output to ramp from -5V to 5V over approximately 1 second. When done, it will return to the value selected on the *slider* control. This function is mainly used with an oscilloscope to assure that all output values are being output correctly.

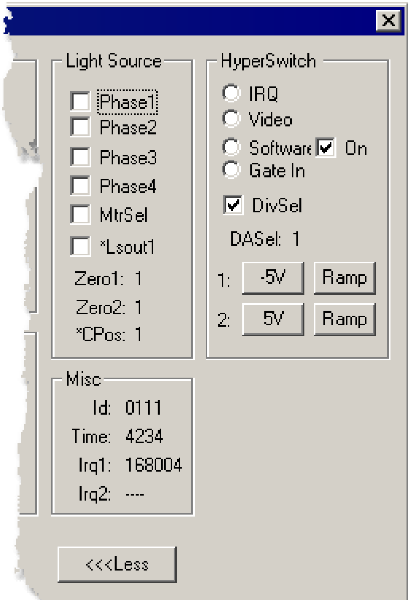
A/D

The A/D *section* displays the current voltage readings for each A/D input channel.

1, 2, 3, 4 Displays the current voltage on the corresponding A/D channel.

An easy way to test the functioning of the D/A outputs and A/D inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect a D/A channel to an A/D channel. The connected A/D channel should read close to the value set with the appropriate D/A slider.

Advanced View



Advanced RTD FSI Test Dialog

The advanced view (pulled out by clicking the More *button*) provides access to low-level functions. Most of the functions that can be tested here are not available on BNC connections or control internal FSI functions.

Light Source

The Light Source *section* allows you to control and read signals that are present on the 25-pin light source connector. Since it is not possible to read or set these signals without a special test cable the specific function of these controls will not be discussed.

Misc

The Misc *section* displays status information from the FSI and its driver. Information here can be used to verify that the FSI hardware is properly connected and that the driver interrupt is functioning properly.

Id	Displays the status of an internal device id register. You may be asked to provide this value to IonOptix while debugging a problem.
Time	Time is an internal counter that counts timing clock pulse received by the FSI. This value counts DOWN from the Pacer Frequency value entered in the Timer Configuration 91 *dialog* and automatically restarts when it reaches zero. If this value is not changing, check the Clock Source 98 *section* and/or the cable connections.
Irq1	This counts the number of times the FSI interrupt processing code has been called since the driver was first loaded. When operating correctly, the FSI driver should get one interrupt each time the Time value (above) changes. If this value is not incrementing, it means that interrupts are being blocked.
Irq2	This counts the number of times the FSI interrupt was received but not caused by the FSI. Unless the RTD card is sharing an interrupt line with another card, this value will be zero.

HyperSwitch

The HyperSwitch *section* allows selection of the mode of HyperSwitch control. The FSI can control the HyperSwitch in four different modes. When running IonWizard, the selection of the proper mode is done automatically.

IRQ	Not Supported. Please ignore.
Video	When selected, HyperSwitch movement is synchronized to video signal input on C-Sync input.
Software	When selected, the On check box immediately to the right selects between path 1 and path 2.
Gate In	When selected, the Galvo In hardware input selects between path 1 and path 2.
DivSel	When unchecked - a rising edge on the input associated with the selected mode will cause the mirror to switch from the path it is currently on to the other path. When checked - the level of the input associated with the selected mode determines position: low = path 1, high = path 2.
Shutter	When checked, the mirror moves to shutter position REGARDLESS of any path 1/path 2 selection input. In addition, if the Status LED [96] control is set to "HyperSwitch", the LED display will be set to "-".
1, 2	These three sections allow you to test the circuitry that sets the precise mirror position for each HyperSwitch light path: 1=Path 1 and 2=Path 2. **-5V/0V/5V -** Each click on this button will cause the output voltage to change to the next voltage in the -5V, 0V, 5V rotation. The current voltage is indicated on the button. **RAMP** - The Ramp *button* will cause the D/A output to ramp from -5V to 5V over approximately 1 second.

5.2.4 Data System Interface (RTD): DSI

DSI (RTD)

The RTD version of the Data System Interface, or DSI, is the original IonOptix basic system interface. All analog and digital inputs and outputs run through this device. The DSI uses 50-pin and 20-pin cables to connect to a Real-time Devices ADA2710 [89] ISA digital I/O card.

Device Name

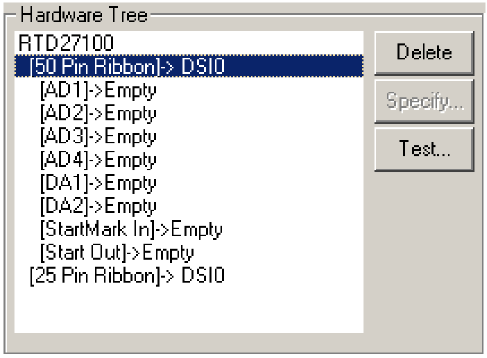
The RTD based Digital System Interface appears as "DSIn" in the Hardware Manager [8] *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (DSIn) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.

Requirements

The DSI requires the proper installation of a Real-time Devices ADA2710 ISA digital I/O card (listed as the RTD2710 in the hardware tree). Please see the Real-time Devices ADA2710 [89] ISA digital I/O card to see the requirements for that device. Please also see the Timer Settings [91] section of the Real-time Devices ADA2710 ISA digital I/O card's documentation for timer requirements.

5.2.4.1 Device Connections



DSI (RTD) connections

Required connections

The DSI is connected to the Real Time Device ADA2710 [89] card via 50-pin and 20-pin ribbon cables. Note that the 20-pin cable connector on the RTD is located on the center of the board which requires you to remove the computer cover to access.

Make sure that the "notches" in the cables align with the "keys" in the connectors. Plugging in a cable backwards can damage the board or the DSI.

Provided connections

The DSI provides the following connections:

AD 1 - 4	Analog inputs to read analog outputs of external devices.
DA 1, 2	Analog outputs to connect to analog inputs of external devices.
Start/Mark In	TTL input to read TTL output of an external device.
Start Out	TLL output to connect to TTL input of an external device and allow triggering from IonWizard.

5.2.4.2 Task Connections

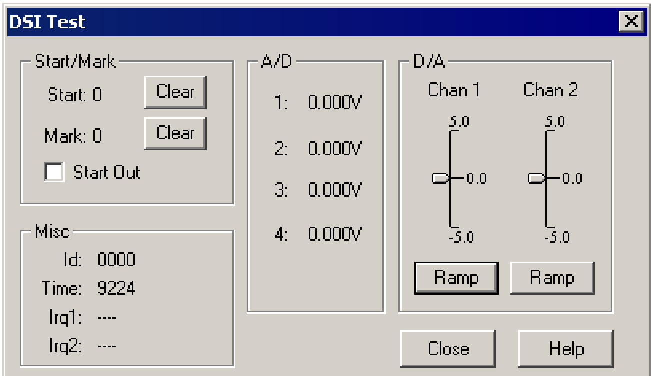
The DSI *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.2.4.3 Specification Dialog

The DSI does not have a specification dialog. The Specifiy... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the DSI is selected.

5.2.4.4 Test Dialog

The DSI Test *dialog* allows you to exercise all of the hardware functions of the interface and all related driver software. The primary function of this dialog is to allow the user to confirm that the connected hardware device is operating properly.



RTD DSI Test Dialog

Start/Mark

The Start/Mark *section* of the test dialog allows you to read the current state of the Start/Mark input and set the state of the Start output.

Start Displays the current status of the Start in input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear button is pressed.

Mark Displays the current status of the Mark in input. Sets to 1 when the signal goes from 0 to 5V. Clears to zero when the Clear button is pressed.

Start Out Controls Start Out output. When checked, will be output. When unchecked, 0V will be output.

Note the Stark/Mark input on the DSI front panel is connected to both the start and mark registers in the DSI. Since both are driven by a single input, they will be set and cleared simultaneously.

An easy way to test the functioning of the Start and Mark inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect Start Out to Start/Mark In. When you press the Clear button for either Start or Mark, both values should change to zero. When you check the Start Out box, the values should change to one. Note that unchecking Start out will NOT change the values to zero. Only pressing the Clear button will do that.

Misc

The Misc *section* displays status information from the DSI and its driver. Information here can be used to verify that the DSI hardware is properly connected and that the driver interrupt is functioning properly.

Id Displays the status of an internal device id register. You may be asked to provide this value to IonOptix while debugging a problem.

Time Time is an internal counter that counts timing clock pulse received by the FSI. This value counts DOWN from the Pacer Frequency value entered in the Timer Configuration 91 *dialog* and automatically restarts when it reaches zero. If this value is not changing, check the Clock Source 98 *section* and/or the cable connections.

Irq1 This counts the number of times the DSI interrupt processing code has been called since the driver was first loaded. When operating correctly, the DSI driver should get one interrupt each time the Time value (above) changes. If this value is not incrementing, it means that interrupts are being blocked.

Irq2 This counts the number of times the DSI interrupt was received but not caused by the DSI. Unless the RTD card is sharing an interrupt line with another card, this value will be zero.

A/D

The A/D *section* displays the current voltage readings for each A/D input channel.

1, 2, 3, 4 Displays the current voltage on the corresponding A/D channel.

An easy way to test the functioning of the D/A outputs and A/D inputs is to use a BNC cable to connect a D/A channel to an A/D channel. The connected A/D channel should read close to the value set with the appropriate D/A slider.

D/A

The D/A *section* allows you to control the output.

Chan 1, Chan 2 The Chan 1, Chan 2 *sliders* allow you to set the D/A output voltages. In addition to moving the indicator with the mouse, you can use the page up/down and arrow keys when the slider has focus.

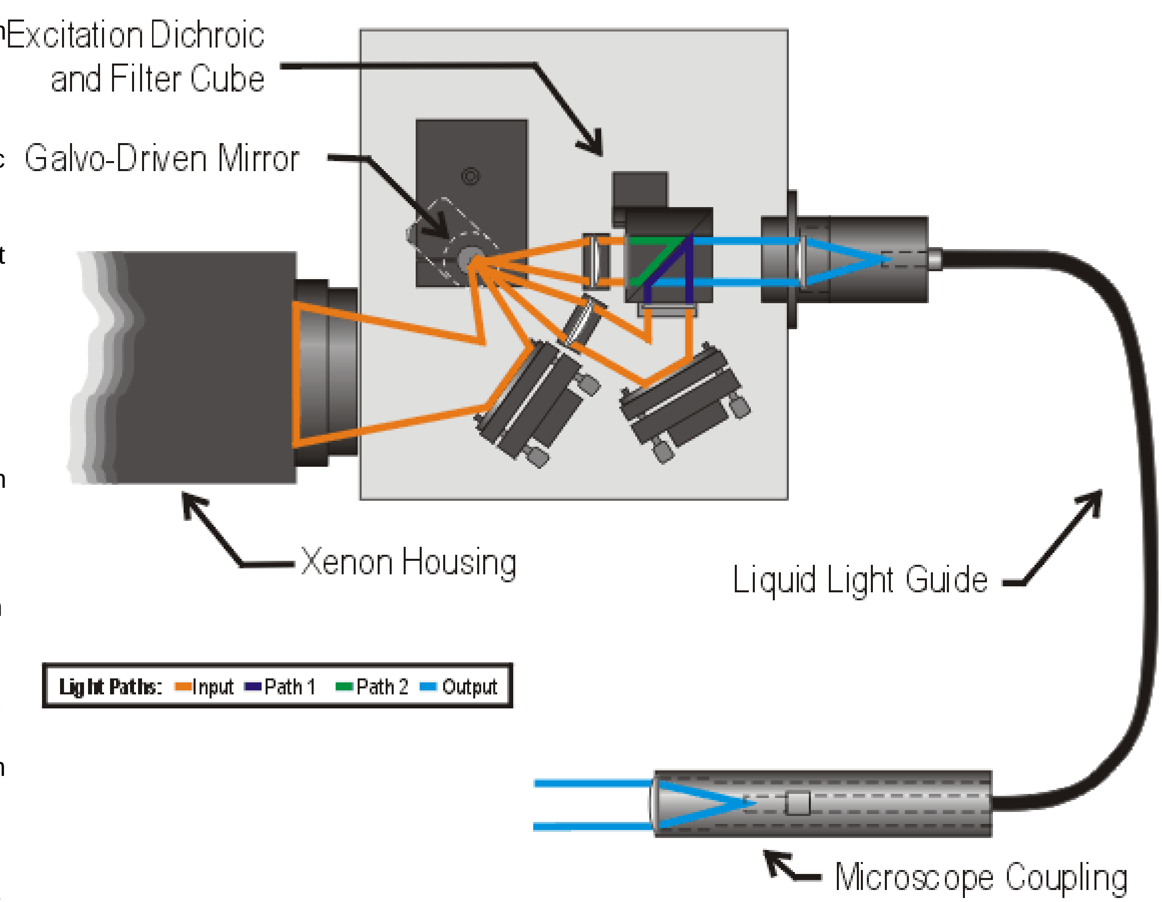
Ramp The Ramp *button* will cause the D/A output to ramp from -5V to 5V over approximately 1 second. When done, it will return to the value selected on the *slider* control. This function is mainly used with an oscilloscope to assure that all output values are being output correctly.

5.3 Standard Excitation Light Source Devices

Standard Excitation Light Source Devices provide the ability to deliver one or more excitation wavelengths to the epi-fluorescence port of a microscope. They are usually connected to a System Interface Device 92.

5.3.1 HyperSwitch: HYPER

The IonOptix HyperSwitch dual excitation light source can switch between two wavelengths of light to allow fluorescence ratio acquisition at up to 250Hz. It also has a shutter position. It is controlled through one of our Fluorescence System Interfaces. The HyperSwitch takes white light from the attached xenon arc lamp and emits



HyperSwitch Hardware

filtered light via a liquid light guide to the microscope.

IonWizard does not support more than one excitation light source in hardware tree at the same.

Device Name

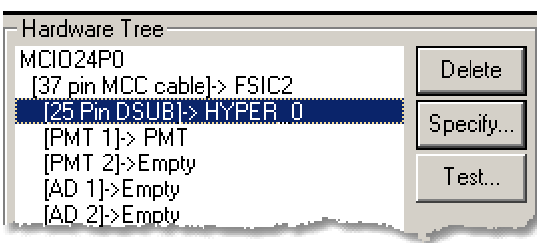
The HyperSwitch appears as "HYPER_n" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (HYPER_n) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.

Requirements

Use of a HyperSwitch requires that one of our Fluorescence System Interfaces (either the FSIB 104 or FSIC 92) has been properly installed. Please see the documentation for the Fluorescence System Interface for a list of its requirements.

5.3.1.1 Device Connections



HyperSwitch Connections

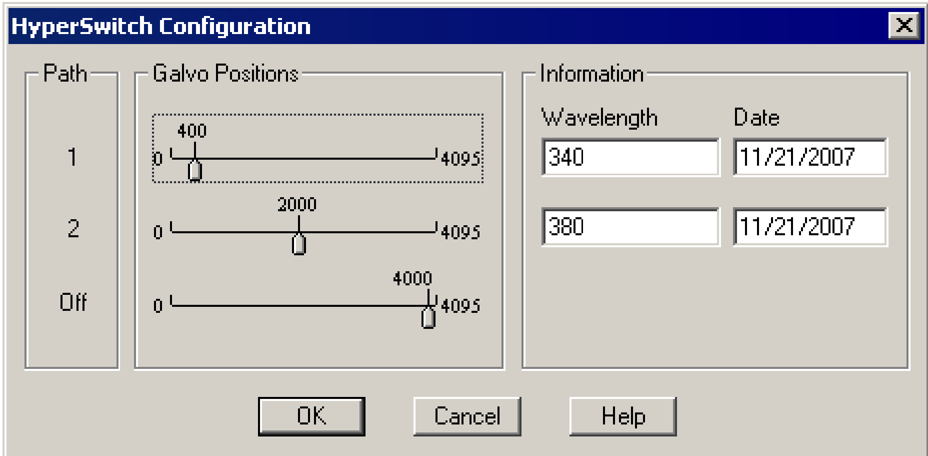
Required connections

The HyperSwitch must be connected to a 25 Pin DSUB port on a Fluorescence System Interface.

5.3.1.2 Task Connections

The HYPER *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.3.1.3 Specification Dialog



HyperSwitch Specification Dialog

The HyperSwitch Configuration *dialog* provides the mechanism to set the rotational position of the galvonometer mirror for the two excitation paths and the shutter position.

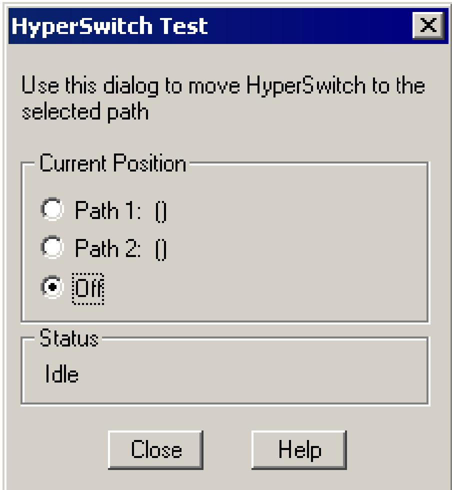
Galvo Positions	Set mirror position for each of the 3 positions: path 1, path 2 and shutter.
Wavelength	Describe the filter in the corresponding path of the excitation cube. The name can include any alphanumeric characters such as 340DF10.
Date	Enter the date or other note to help track filter source. It may be left blank.

Refer to the Hardware manual for instructions on how to install filters and other device details.

Galvo Positions

The HyperSwitch switches wavelengths by moving a galvanometer mounted mirror to direct white light down one of three paths. Two of those paths (1&2) will eventually encounter filters that select the desired wavelengths, while the third (off) is a position that effectively shutters the light source. In order to work correctly, the galvonometer needs to be driven to a specific location for each path. For new light sources the values should be as shown above: 400, 2000, and 4000. However, if you have a very old light source or you wish to optimize your newer light source, you will need to manually set the mirror positions for each of the three positions in the Specification 116 *dialog* with the Galvo position *sliders*.

5.3.1.4 Test Dialog

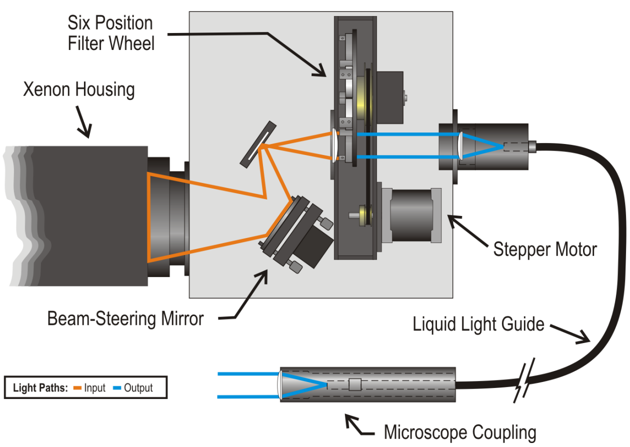


HyperSwitch Test Dialog

The HyperSwitch Test *dialog* allows you to manually move the position of the galvonometer mirror to the positions set in the Specification Dialog 116. For Path 1 and Path 2, the wavelength and date information will be displayed.

Path 1:	Moves to the path 1 position.
Path 2:	Moves to the path 2 position.
Off	Moves to the shutter position.
Status	Shows status of device: busy (while moving) or idle.

5.3.2 StepperSwitch (micro-stepping): USTEP

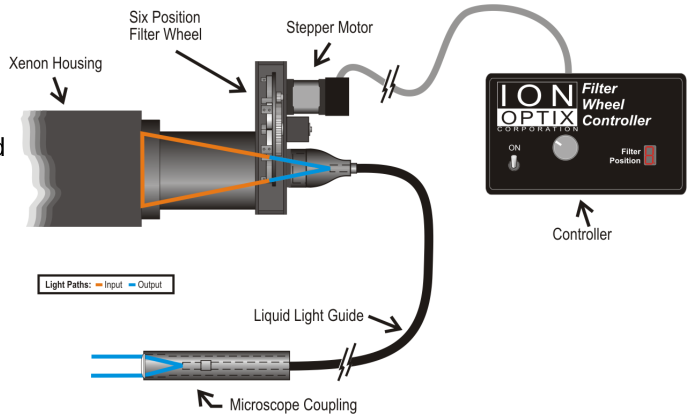


StepperSwitch (new micro-stepping) Hardware

The StepperSwitch (new micro-stepping) is functionally identical to the newer style MuStep. Please refer to the MuStep 118 documentation.

5.3.3 MuStep: USTEP

The IonOptix MuStep and the older StepperSwitch (new micro-stepping) 117 are dual excitation light sources which have six optical filters and three shutter positions. They take white light from the attached xenon arc lamp and emit filtered light via a liquid light guide to the microscope. The separate Filter Wheel Controller allows remote manual control of the wheel position or control by IonWizard when connected to Fluorescence System Interface Devices.



MuStep Hardware

IonWizard does not support more than one excitation light source in hardware tree at the same.

Device Name

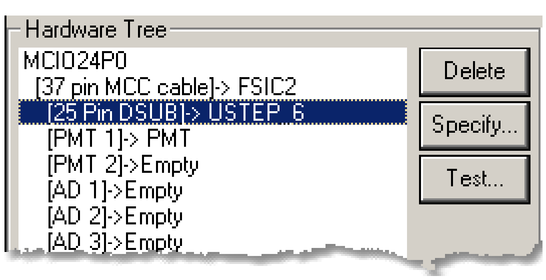
The MuStep/StepperSwitch appears as "USTEP_n" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (USTEP_n) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.

Requirements

Use of either a MicroStepper or StepperSwitch (new micro-stepping) 117 requires that one of our Fluorescence System Interfaces (either the FSIB 104 or FSIC 92) has been properly installed. Please see the documentation for the Fluorescence System Interface for a list of its requirements.

5.3.3.1 Device Connections



MuStep* Connections

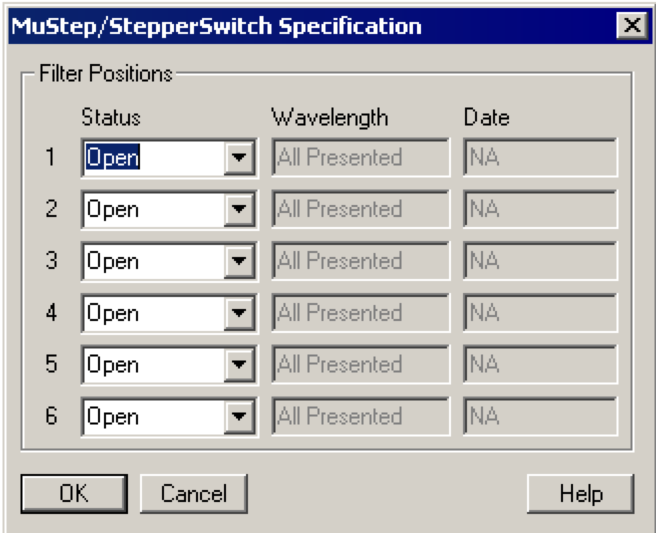
Required connections

The MuStep/StepperSwitch must be connected to a 25 Pin DSUB port on a Fluorescence System Interface..

5.3.3.2 Task Connections

The USTEP *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.3.3.3 Specification Dialog



MuStep* Specification Dialog

The MuStep/StepperSwitch Specification *dialog* allows you to describe what is installed in each position of the filter wheel.

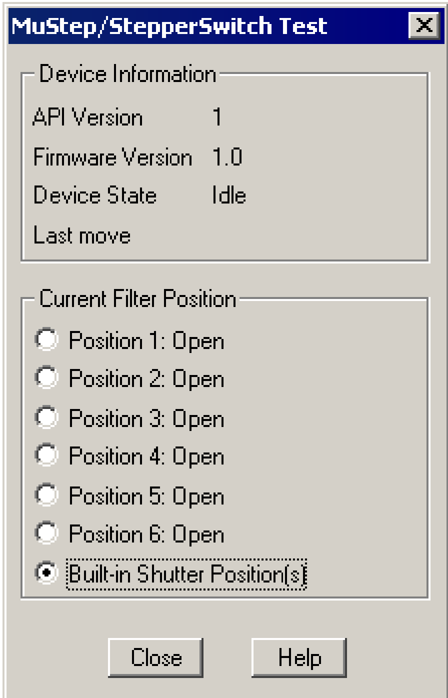
Status
Basic information about the filter position
Open - nothing is installed at this position so all light from the xenon light source will be transmitted.
Blocked - a solid slug is installed to block all light (equivalent to a shutter position).
Filtered - a filter is installed as described in Wavelength and Date *fields*.

Wavelength
Description of filter installed if status is "Filtered". Can include any alphanumeric characters such as 340DF10.

Date
Date or other note to help track filter source if status is "filtered". It may be left blank.

Refer to the Hardware manual for instructions on how to install filters and other device details.

5.3.3.4 Test Dialog



MuStep* Test Dialog

The MuStep/StepperSwitch Test *dialog* allows you to move the filter wheel to a specific position. The status, wavelength and date information for each position (set in the Specification Dialog) 119 is described in the Current Filter Position area.

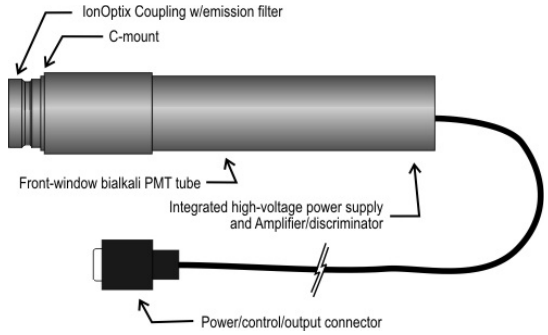
API Version	Shows the command version used to communicate with the MuStep/ StepperSwitch.
Firmware Version	Identifies the specific version of the software in the MuStep/StepperSwitch.
Device State	Shows status of device: busy (while moving) or idle.
Last move	Displays the time (in milliseconds) that it took to complete the last movement .
Current Filter Position	Changes wheel to the specified position.

5.4 Standard Light Sensor Devices

Standard Light Sensor Devices provide the ability to view the overall intensity of fluorescence emission or a transmitted light image.

5.4.1 Photomultiplier Tube (PMT400/300)

The PMT300 or PMT400 is photomultiplier tube (PMT) with an integrated amplifier/descriminator that outputs TTL pulses in proportion to the the amount of photons seen by the detector at the end of the device. They connect to a Fluorescence System Interface via the 9-pin DSUB connector.



PMT300

The PMT400/300 software will work with any device that outputs TTL pulses at a rate proportional to the amount of light with a proper electrical connector or adapter.

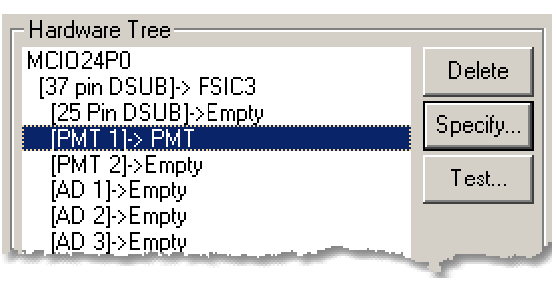
Device Name

The Photomultiplier Tube device appears as "PMT" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 122.

Requirements

Use of a PMT requires a Fluorescence System Interfaces (either the FSIB 104 or FSIC 92) has been properly installed. Please see the documentation for the appropriate Fluorescence System Interface for a list of its requirements.

5.4.1.1 Device Connections



PMT400/300 Connections

Required connections

The PMT400/300 must be connected to a TTL PMT counter connector on a Fluorescence System Interface..

5.4.1.2 Task Connections

The PMT400/300 *device* provides a sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks. In the following list *"Name"* is the description entered in the Specification[122] *dialog.*

Device Sensor

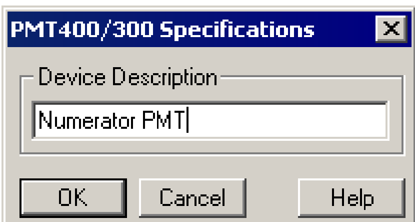
The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records analog values.

"Name (PMT400/300)"	Last PMT count acquired

Device Inputs

The PMT400/300 *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.4.1.3 Specification Dialog



PMT400/300 Specification Dialog

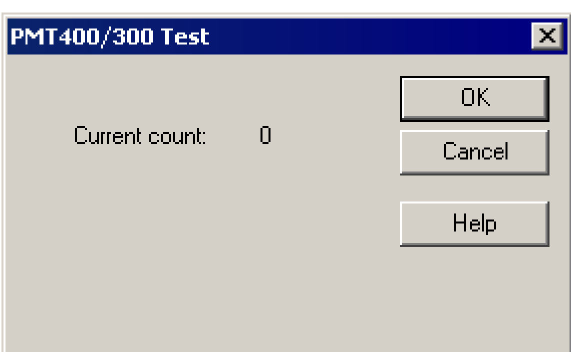
The specification dialog for the PMT400/300 allows you to enter an arbitrary description for the photomultiplier tube. The following values may be entered:

Device Description	String displayed when selecting this devices in the Task Manager.

If you have two or more PMTs in your system (such as dual emission), it is better to name them by function, such as "Numerator PMT", instead of by number such as "PMT #1". When you follow this suggestion, the hardware tree will better document your setup. Eg "[PMT 1] -> Numerator PMT" and "[PMT 2] -> Denominator PMT" instead of "[PMT 1] -> PMT #1" and [PMT 2] -> PMT #2".

If you only have a single PMT in your system, the simple generic name "PMT" is all that is needed

5.4.1.4 Test Dialog



PMT400/300 Test Dialog

The PMT400/300 Test *dialog* will display the current live count from the attached photo multiplier tube. The Current count will automatically update.

When PMT Tubes see too much light, they will shut down to protect themselves from damage. When this occurs, the count will drop to zero.

If a PMT tube is not connected, the PMT counter usually reads 1.

5.4.2 Variable field-rate Video Camera (MyoCam): MYOC

The MyoCam is a variable field-rate camera used in the acquisition of length or sarcomere spacing data. It is physically connected to a framegrabber installed in the computer and to a power supply that provides gain, offset and rate control. In the Hardware Manager, attachment of the device "MYOC" to the MV510 root device ensures proper IonWizard support.

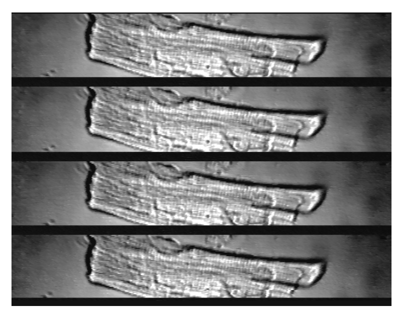
MyoCam Camera and Controller

If you a have problem getting MyoCam images to work in IonWizard, the first thing that you should check is that the MyoCam specifications are correct.

MyoCam Variable Field-Rate Details

There are two difference between the MyoCam and a standard black-and-white RS170 camera. The first difference is that the MyoCam always samples the "odd" lines resulting in a 640x240 image 60 times per second - this is usually called "non-interlaced video." Because there is no formal standard for non-interlaced video, we refer to the MyoCam as a pseudo-standard RS170 camera.

The second difference is the technique used to achieve frame rates of 120Hz and 240Hz. For 120Hz, the MyoCam samples the top half of the CCD image sensor twice per frame. For 240Hz, the MyoCam samples the top quarter of the CCD image four times per frame. The images are "stacked" into a normal video frame which means the MyoCam video output can be treated as "normal" 60Hz video. It can be displayed on monitors and, more importantly, acquired by a standard frame grabber. When you view the output in 120Hz mode, you will see two half-height images in the MyoCam Specification Dialog 125 or in the MyoCam Test Dialog 127. At 240Hz, you will see four quarter-height images.



MyoCam 240 Hz video output

Each half- or quarter-height part of the full image is actually a unique image sampled at a different point in time.

The only place that you will see the "stacked" images are in the MyoCam Specification dialog, the MyoCam Test dialog or on an external video monitor directly connected to the MyoCam video output.

Device Name

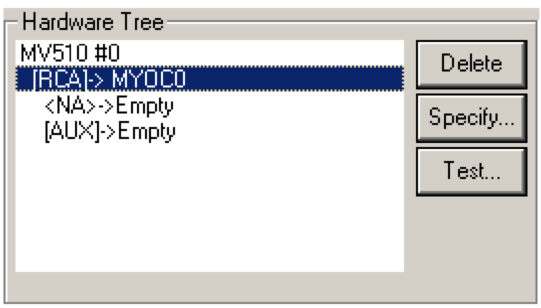
The MyoCam appears as "MYOCn" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (MYOCn) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.

Requirements

Use of a MyoCam requires that a MuTech MV510 Framegrabber has been properly installed. Please see the documentation for the MuTech MV510 Framegrabber 84 for a list of its requirements.

5.4.2.1 Device Connections



MyoCam Connections

Required connections

The "Video" BNC connector on the MyoCam must be connected to a frame-grabber video input connection such as the Mutech MV510 84 and the 9 pin D-Sub must be connected to an IonOptix Video Power Supply.

Provided connections

The MyoCam also provides the following connections.

NA Unused connection

AUX TTL synchronization output sent at the start of each video field.

5.4.2.2 Task Connections

The MYOC *device* provides a singled device sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks.

Device Sensor

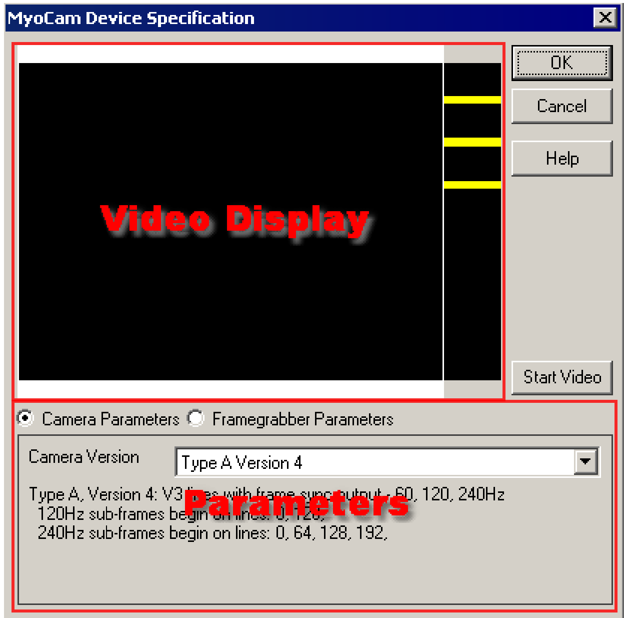
The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records images.

"MYOCn (IonOptix MyoCam)" Current image (for explanation of "MYOCn" see Device Name) 124

Device Inputs

The MYOC *device* does not provide any device inputs.

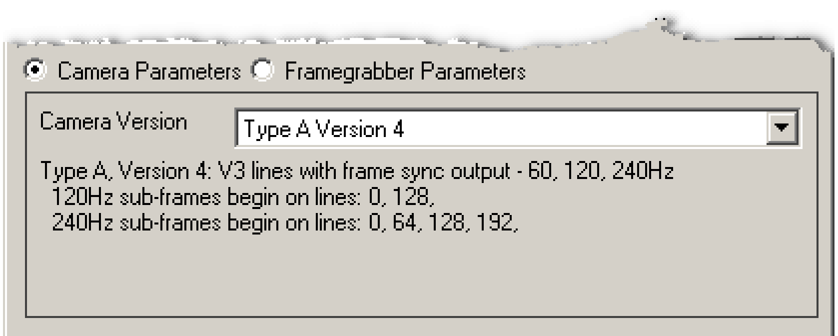
5.4.2.3 Specification Dialog



MyoCam Specification Dialog

The MyoCam Device Specification *dialog* allows you to select the MyoCam camera version 125, set the frame grabber parameters 126 and Verify Camera/Frame grabber parameters 126.

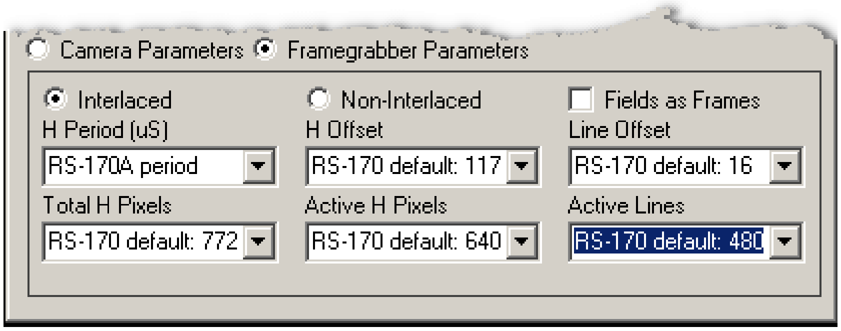
Camera Parameters



MyoCam Specification Dialog - Camera Parameters

When Camera Parameters is selected, the bottom part of the dialog will allow you to specify the version of the MyoCam that is connected. When you select a version from the drop-down menu, information about the camera parameters will be displayed below. Unless otherwise instructed, you should always select "Type A Version 4".

Framegrabber Parameters



MyoCam Specification Dialog - MV510 Frame Grabber Parameters

When Framegrabber Parameters is selected, the bottom part of the dialog will show controls for the video acquisition parameters that can be configured in the framegrabber. For the MyoCam to work properly, **YOU MUST** select "Non-Interlaced" mode and type in "240" for Active Lines. Leave all other parameters in their default state.

The specific settings that can be changed depend on the capabilities of the frame grabber in your system - refer to the 'Frame grabber Parameters' section of the frame grabber documentation for more details on the meaning of each field.

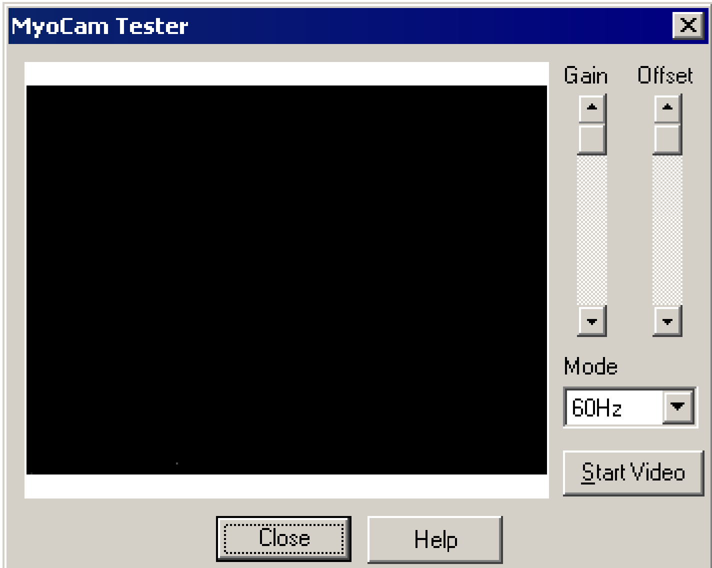
You MUST set 'Non-Interlaced' and '240 Active Lines' in the Framegrabber Parameters for the MyoCam to work properly!

Verifying Camera and Framegrabber parameters

When you click the Start Video *button,* you should see a live picture from the camera displayed in the Video Display section of the dialog (see above). When the MyoCam video format switch (circled right) is set to 240Hz, the three black lines between the four parts of the image (see picture in MyoCam Variable Field-Rate Details 123) should be perfectly aligned with the three yellow lines drawn on the right edge of the image.

MyoCam 60/120/240 switch

5.4.2.4 Test Dialog



MyoCam Test Dialog

The MyoCam Test Dialog allows you to view live video from the camera and experiment with basic adjustments to the framegrabber parameters.

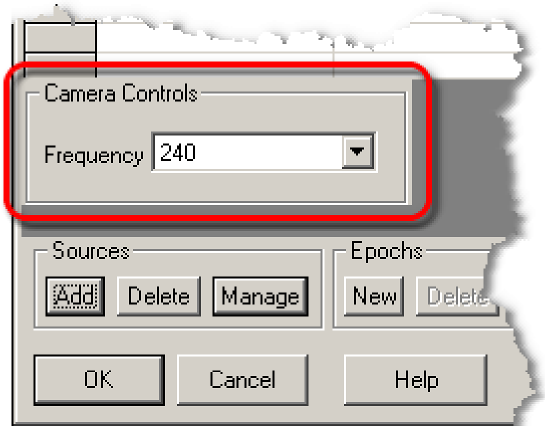
Gain	Adjust the frame grabber gain.
Offset	Adjust the frame grabber offset (also known as the black level).
Mode	Configures how software "cuts apart" the camera image (the setting here should match the switch on MyoCam CCD Control box).
Start/Stop Video	Starts and stops live video display in the test dialog

Gain/Offset values set in the test dialog do not have any effect on other parts of IonWizard

As a general rule, you should leave the software gain/offset controls at their default values and use the hardware gain and offset controls on the MyoCam CCD Control box.

To check if the camera is outputting the proper information, set Mode to 60Hz. When the switch on the video power box is set to 60Hz, you should see one full-height image. When it is set to 120Hz, you should see 2 half-height images. When it is set to 240Hz, you should see 4 quarter-height images.

5.4.2.5 Global Sensor Settings



MyoCam Camera Controls

When the current experiment includes one or more tasks that use the MyoCam, a Camera Controls *group* will be added to the Global Sensor Settings 20 *area* of the Parameters 19 *dialog*. This control allows you to set the frame mode that you will using when running this experiment.

Refer to the Parameters 19 *dialog* documentation for more details.

You MUST set the mode switch on the MyoCam CCD Control Box to match the value you select in the Parameters *dialog* Camera Control when you start this experiment.

5.5 Windows Video Devices

Windows Videos Devices use the Microsfot Windows DirectShow API to communicate with the camear. Cameras which support this API are usually labeled as "DirectX-compatible," "DirectShow-compatible" or as having "WDM driver". Because these devices use the DirectShow API they can be physically connected by any method supported by the device's software drivers.

The Generic DirectX Camera135 device provides basic video control and capture for any DirectShow camera while other devices such as the MyoCamS USB 2.0 Camera129 device provide access to vendor-specific enhanced features such as faster frame rates and increased bit-depth.

5.5.1 MyoCamS USB 2.0 Camera

The MyoCamS *root device* provides device-specific support for the IonOptix MyoCamS USB 2.0 camera. In addition to providing the basic image acquisition functions of the Windows DirectShow compatible camera it provides access to the IonOptix camera extensions.

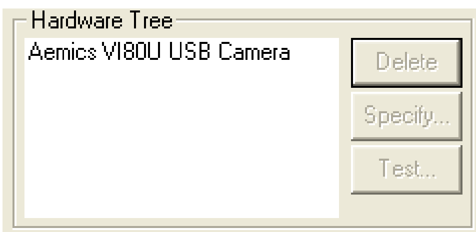
Device Name

The MyoCamS appears as "Aemics VI80U USB Camaera" in the Hardware Manager8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

Requirements

The computer must have DirectX version 9 or later

5.5.1.1 Device Connections



MyoCamS Connections

The MyoCamS *root device* does not provide connections for other devices.

Required connections

The MyoCamS is a root device and is not connected to another device in the Hardware Tree8.

5.5.1.2 Task Connections

The MyoCamS *device* provides a single device sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks.

Device Sensor

The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records images.

"Aemics VI80U USB Camera (VI80u)"	Current image

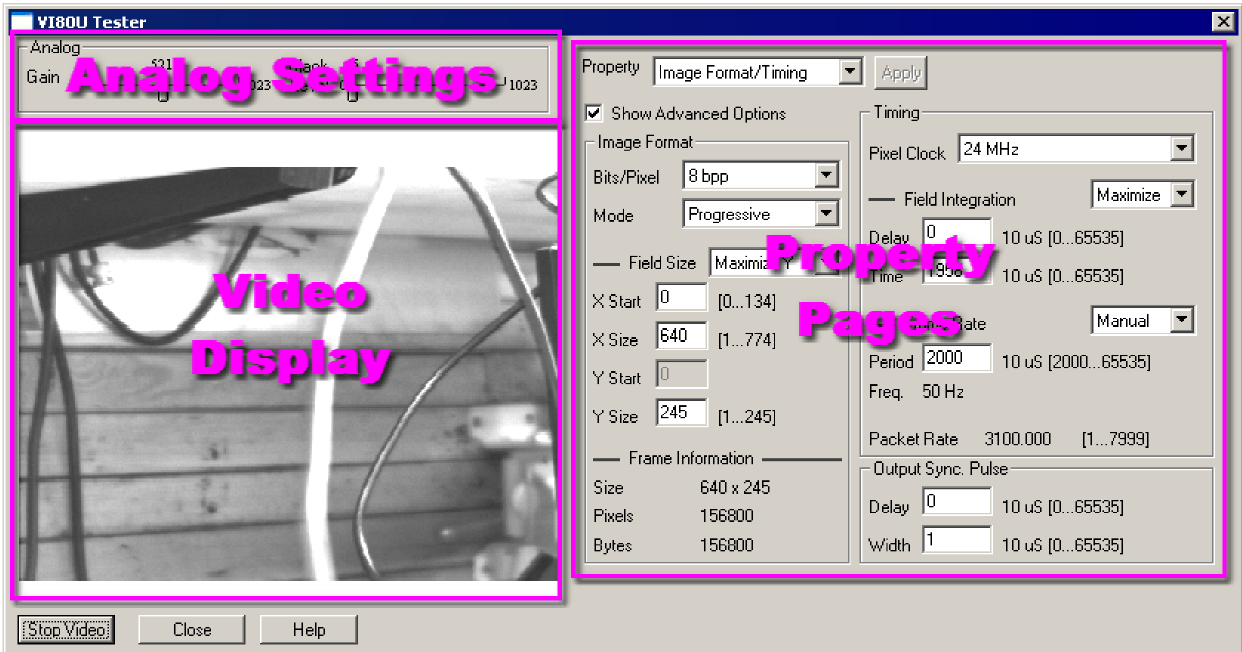
Device Inputs

The MyoCamS *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.5.1.3 Specification Dialog

The MyoCamS *root device* does not have a specification *dialog.* The Specifiy... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when the MyoCamS is selected.

5.5.1.4 Test Dialog



MyoCamS Test Dialog Overview

The MyoCam-S Test *dialog* is used to verify that the camera is operating properly and to provide the ability to experiment with various camera settings. There are three main areas:

Analog Settings

The *Analog Settings controls* adjust how the raw video signal is processed before it is digitized. You should set the gain and black level controls so that the dark areas of your image appear black and the brightest images are near-white.

Gain - Controls the overall brightness of the video image. If gain is too high bright areas will "wash out" to solid white, if too low the image will be dark.

Black Level - Controls the level that is digitized as black. Decreasing the black level make the entire image darker. If the black level is too low many dark areas will be solid black, if its too high "black" areas will appear gray.

If Gain and Black Level are set incorrectly it will hard, if not impossible, to see the video image. If this happens reset set gain and black level to the default values, gain=500, black level=10

Video Display

Displays live video after Start Video *button* pressed, stops when Stop Video *button* pressed.

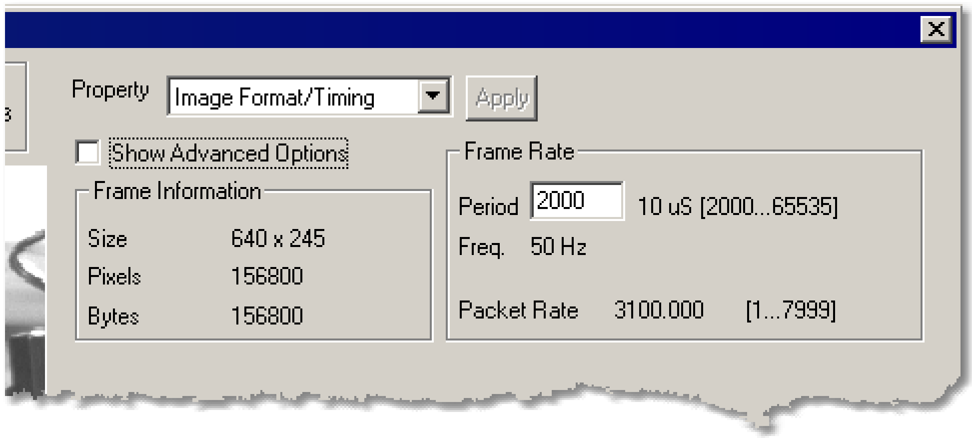
Property Pages

The test dialog has two main "property pages" selected by the Property *drop-down list:*

Image Format/Timing - Show properties that control image format (size) and capture rate. There are two version of this page, based on whether the Show Advanced Options *check box* is checked.

Trigger/Output - Show properties that control camera trigger and output options.

Image Format/Timing Properties - Basic



MyoCamsS Basic Image Format/Timing Properties

When Image Format/Timing is selected as the current property AND Show Advanced Options *check box* is NOT CHECKED the basic version of the image Image Format/Timing *controls* (shown above) will be displayed. In basic mode you enter the desired frame rate and the system will set the maximum number of lines (y size) and integration time that the camera will support at the given rate.

Frame Information

The Frame Information *group* displays information about the resulting image given the values that you have selected.

Size Number of pixels and number of lines in each image (frame) acquired

Pixels Total number of pixels in each image

Bytes Total number of bytes in each image

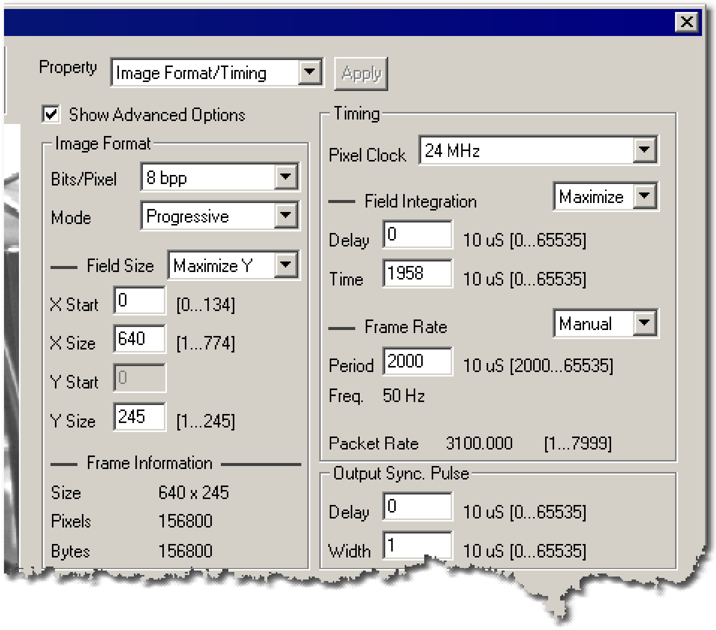
Frame Rate

Period Enter the number 10µs clock periods per frame (i.e. frame period in milliseconds times 100).

Freq. Displays the resulting frame frequency for the entered Period.

Packet Rate Displays the USB packet rate. This information is useful for debugging purposes.

Image Format/Timing Properties - Advanced



MyoCamsS Advanced Image Format/Timing Properties

When Image Format/Timing is selected as the current property AND Show Advanced Options *check box* IS CHECKED the advanced version of the image Image Format/Timing *controls* (shown above) will be displayed. The advanced controls give you control of all software-adjustable MyoCamS parameters.

Image Format

The main (unlabeled) *controls* in the Image Format *group* determine the major characteristics of the image that will be acquired:

Bits/Pixel — Select number of bits to store for each pixel
- **8 bpp -** 8 bits/pixel, smallest pixel size, needed to achieve maximum frame-rates and smallest images
- **12 bpp -** 12 bits/pixel, more detail for slower frame-rates, doubles size of resulting images

Mode — Selects camera acquisition mode
- **Progressive -** Only even lines are acquired which doubles the available frame rate and halves the number of lines per field.
- **Interlaced -** Each image is acquired in two halves, even lines then odd lines, and then combined into a single image. This results in all lines being acquired but a decrease in the maximum frame-rate.

When acquiring interlaced images the odd and even lines are acquired at different points in time which can result in "comb" effects if the image moves between odd and even frames. This may make interlaced mode inappropriate in some situations.

Image Format - Field Size

The Field Size *section* of the Image Format *group* allows you to specify the specific dimensions of the image given the constraints of the main Image Format options entered above:

drop down — Control how field size parameters are adjusted when values in OTHER *controls* are changed:
- **Maximize Y -** As values are changed in other parts of the Property *area* the Y Size *value* will be recalculated to the maximum possible value given other parameters.

Manual - The Y Size *value* will not be changed which may limit the maximum values of other parameters.

X Start First pixel to acquire in line. To center the acquired image on the sensor chip enter half of maximum value

X Size Number of pixels to acquire in a line, use X Start to offset pixels in line. The primary reason to decrease X Size is to reduce the size of the resulting image files which is only significant if the images are saved.

Y Start Starting line to acquire. The value is fixed at zero for the MyoCamS

Y Size Total number of lines to acquire. The maximum value automatically accounts for Mode selection in Image Format *group* as well as requested Frame Rate if Frame Rate is set to "Manual"

Decreasing Y Size will result in higher maximum frame rates while changes in X Size do not have a significant effect in the maximum frame rate

Image Format - Frame Information

The Frame Information *section* of the Image Format *group* displays information about the resulting image given the values that you have selected.

Size Number of pixels and number of lines in each image (frame) acquired

Pixels Total number of pixels in each image

Bytes Total number of bytes in each image

Timing

The main (unlabeled) *control* in the Timing *group* allows you to select the clock used to read the image data from the CCD sensor.

Pixel Clock Selects the CCD pixel (read-out) clock frequency:

24 MHz - high speed read-out clock resulting in largest y-size for a given frame-rate

12 MHz - medium speed read-out clock decreases CCD read-out noise while maintaining "reasonable" rates

1 MHz - high quality read-out clock minimizes CCD read-out noise to maximize the amount of "real" data available when saving 12-bit data. This option dramatically reduces the maximum frame-rate.

The qualitative difference between read-out clocks may not be noticeable and/or measurable unless you are in a low light (high gain) situation

Timing - Field Integration

The Field Integration *section* of the Timing *group* allows precise control when the CCD is sensitive to light

drop down Control how field size parameters are adjusted when values in OTHER *controls* are changed:

Maximize - As values are changed in other parts Property *area* the Time *field* will be recalculated to the maximum possible value given other parameters

Manual - The Time *field* value will not be changed which may limit the maximum values of other parameters.

Delay Number of 10µs clock periods to delay from frame "start" before "exposing" CCD.

Time Number of 10µs clock periods to "expose" CCD

Changing the Field Integration Time (either manually or via Maximize) effects the brightness of the acquired image in the same way that changing the shutter speed does on a 35MM camera.

If you set the Field Integration Time to a fixed value (drop down=manual) the overall brightness of the image will not change as you pick different frame-rates.

If you have enough light a shorter Field Integration Time can be used to decrease the amount of motion blur caused by the image moving while the CCD is exposed. Again similar to using fast shutter settings on a 35MM camera

Timing - Frame Rate

The Frame Rate *section* of the Timing *group* allows you to specify specific camera frame rates.

Period Enter the number 10µs clock periods per frame (i.e. frame period in milliseconds times 100).

Freq. Displays the resulting frame frequency for the entered Period.

Packet Rate Displays the USB packet rate. This information is useful for debugging purposes.

Output Sync Pulse

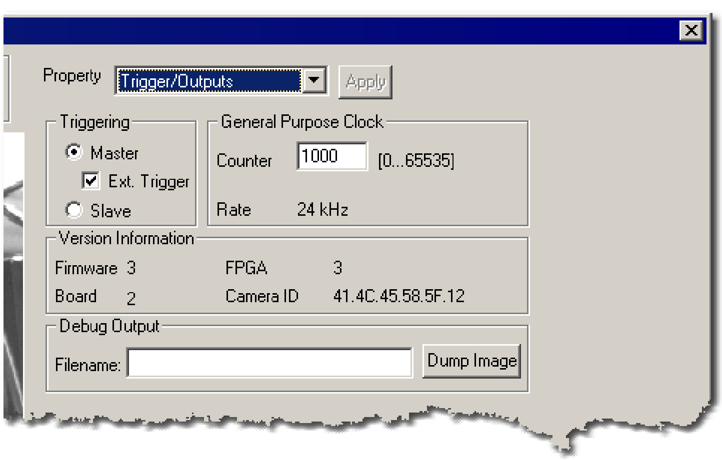
The Output Sync Pulse *group* allows control of a output pulse that occurs for each frame acquired

Delay Number of 10µs clock periods from frame "start" to setting output pulse to active.

Width Number of 10µs clock periods before pulse is set to inactive. Set to zero to disable.

Delay happens BEFORE the CCD is sampled and increases the amount of time required to sample each frame which decreases the maximum frame-rate

Trigger/Outputs Properties



MyoCam-S Test Dialog -Trigger/output Controls

When Trigger/Outputs is selected as the current property the following *controls* will be displayed:

Triggering

The Triggering *group* allows you to configure multiple MyoCamSs to operate in a Master/Slave relationship so that images acquired between the two cameras are phase-locked.

Master Camera generates all timing and clocks required for operation.
Ext. Trigger - If selected the MyoCamS outputs signals needed to provide timing and clock signals to a 2nd, slave, MyoCamS

Slave Camera uses timing and clock signals from first, master, MyoCamS

Contact IonOptix for more information on this function

General Purpose Clock

The General Purpose Clock *group* allows an arbitrary divisor to be entered to create a slower frequency clock signal that is phase-locked to the MyoCamS Pixel Clock.

Counter Count-down value from pixel clock to output clock

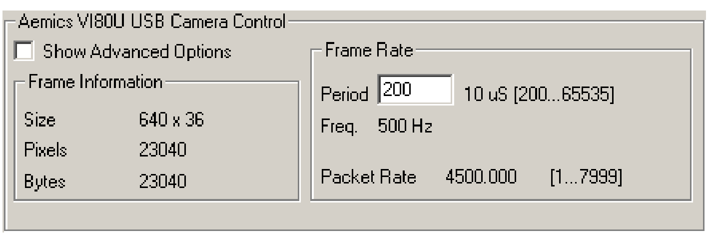
Version Information

Firmware MyoCamS firmware version
FPGA MyoCamS programmable logic code version
Board MyoCamS board version
Camera ID Unique camera ID value

Debug Output

Dumps a raw image for debugging purposes.

5.5.1.5 Global Sensor Settings



MyoCamS Global Sensor Options - Basic

When the current experiment includes one or more tasks that use the MyoCamS, a Camera Controls *group* will be added to the Global Sensor Settings 20 *area* of the Parameters 19 *dialog*. This control allows you to set the frame mode that you will use when running this experiment.

Refer to the Image Format/Timing Properties - Basic 131 and the Image Format/Timing Properties - Advanced 132 *groups* in the Test *dialog* for details on the operation of the Camera controls.

5.5.2 Generic DirectX Camera

The Generic DirectX Camera *root device* provides support for any Windows device that supports the Windows DirectX 9 "DirectShow" interface. This can include frame grabber cards, USB cameras or any other devices that provides the required functions.

IonOptix does not guarantee that the Generic DirectX Camera device will work with every Windows video device.

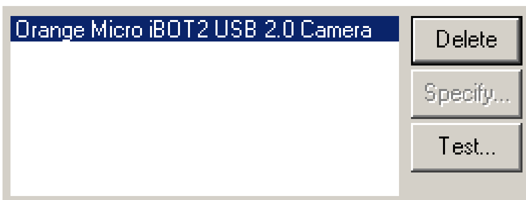
Device Name

The Generic DirectX Camera *device* appears as "Generic DirectX KS Camera" in the Hardware Manager Add Root Dialog 10 Type of Devices *section*. An instance of the device appears using same name as is used in Windows in the Hardware Manager Dialog 8 Hardware Tree *section*. That is if the camera appears a "USB Camera with mic" in My Computer it will appear as "USB Camera with mic" in the IonWizard hardware tree.

Requirements

The computer must have DirectX version 9 or later and the required device must support the DirectShow functions.

5.5.2.1 Device Connections



MyoCamS Connections

The Generic DirectX Camera *root device* does not provide connections for other devices.

"Orange Micro iBOT2 USB 2.0 Camera" is the Windows DirectX name of one specific camera used. You will only see the DirectX devices that exist in your computer, if any.

Required connections

The Generic DirectX Camera is a root device and is not connected to another device in the Hardware Tree 8.

5.5.2.2 Task Connections

Generic DirectX Camera *device* provides a singled device sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks.

Device Sensor

The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records images.

"*Windows Directx Name* **(Generic DirectX Camera)**	Current image

"Windows Directx Name" is the DirectX device name assigned to the camera in Windows and will vary depending on the make and model of the camera

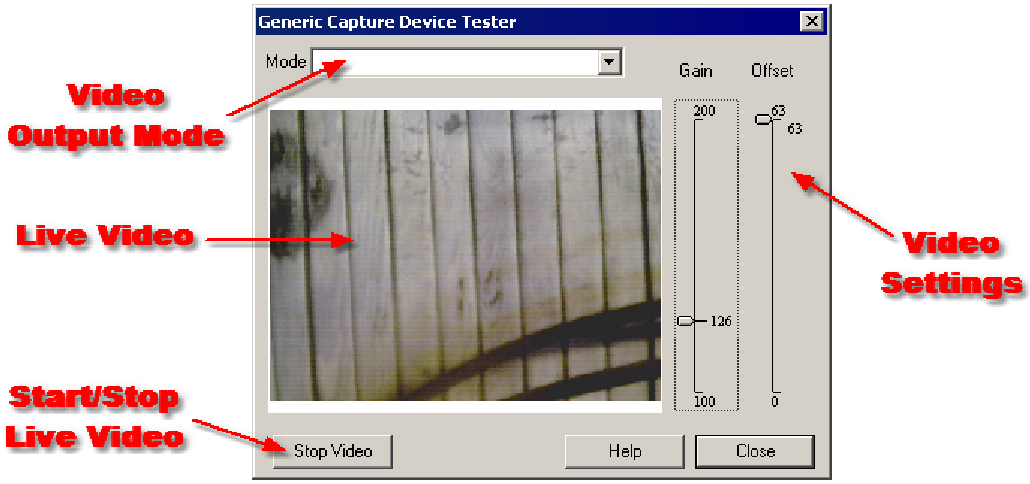
Device Inputs

The Generic DirectX Camera *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.5.2.3 Specification Dialog

The Generic DirectX Camera *root device* does not have a specification *dialog.*

5.5.2.4 Test Dialog



Generic DirectX Camera Test Dialog

The Generic DirectX Camera *root device* allows you to view live video from the camera and experiment with basic adjustments to the video acquisition parameters.

Mode	If supported by the Windows device, selects the Windows video mode to use.
Gain	Adjusts the video gain.
Offset	Adjusts the video offset (also known as the black level).
Start/Stop Video	Start and stop real-time update of live video image in test dialog.

Video settings in the test dialog do not affect other parts of IonWizard

5.5.2.5 Global Sensor Settings

The Generic DirectX Camera *root device* does not have any experiment-adjustable sensor settings.

5.6 Miscellaneous Devices

Miscellaneous Devices are simple devices that provide task connections as well as other random devices that don't fit in other categories.

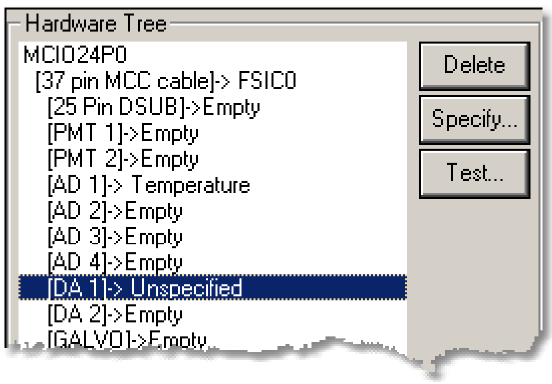
5.6.1 Analog Sink Device

The Analog Sink Device allows you to define the characteristics of an analog input of an external device. The range of voltages that can be output is dependent on the capabilities of the parent device and the settings in in the specification dialog 139.

Device Name

The Analog Sink Device appears as "Unspecified" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 139.

5.6.1.1 Device Connections



Analog Sink Device Connections

Required connection

The Analog Sink Device can be connected to any available analog output port in the hardware tree such as the "DA 1" port of a Fluorescence System Interface 93 as shown above.

Provided connections

The Analog Sink Device does not provide connections to other devices.

5.6.1.2 Task Connections

The Analog Sink Device *device* provides an analog output that can be selected as destination in acquisition tasks such as the Trace Output Task 74. In the following list "*Name*" is the description entered in the Specification 139 *dialog.*

Device Sensor

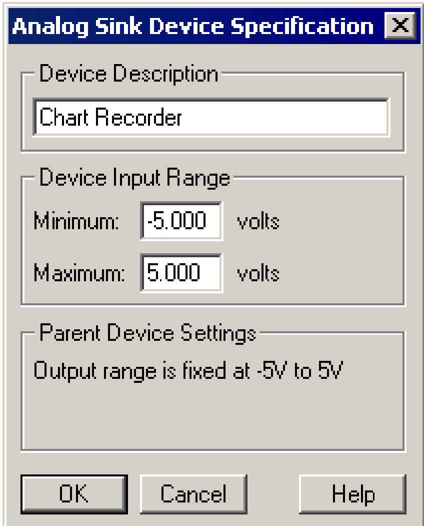
The Analog Sink Device *device* does not provide any device sensors.

Device Inputs

The following device can be selected in any acquisition task that outputs analog values.

"Name (Analog Sink)"	Voltage specified by acquisition task will be output to device

5.6.1.3 Specification Dialog



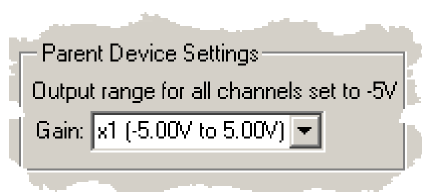
Analog Sink Device Specification Dialog

The Analog Sink Device Specification *dialog* allows you describe the external device input port and specify the range of voltages that can be accepted.

Device Description Enter string to uniquely identify the device and input connection that you are defining.

Device Input Range Define the minimum and maximum voltages that the external device input can accept.

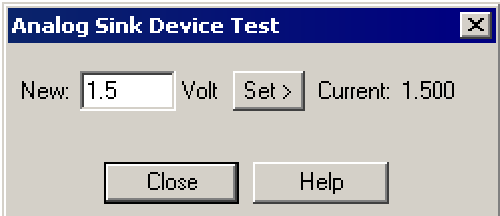
Parent Device Settings The options shown in the Parent Device Settings *group* are dependant on the parent device the Analog Sink Device is connected to. If the parent device has a programmable range (shown below), set the output voltage range of parent device output . If the parent device's output range can not be changed (shown above), the Parent Device Settings *group* will display the output range of the parent.



The device input range is used to prevent IonWizard from sending voltages that may harm the device. It does NOT affect how values are scaled to volts.

The device description should describe the external device and its input connection so that the hardware tree will document your setup. Eg "[DA 1] -> Chart Recorder" or "[DA 1] -> P-Clamp input 2".

5.6.1.4 Test Dialog



Analog Sink Device Test Dialog

The Analog Sink Device Test *dialog* does not currently function. Eventually it will allow you to set the voltage output to the device.

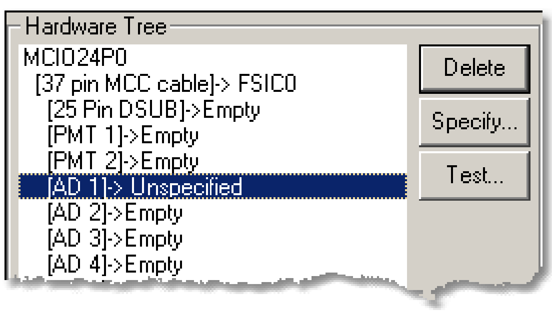
5.6.2 Analog Source Device

The Analog Source Device allows you to define a connection to an analog output of an external device. The range of voltages that can be input from the external device is dependent on the capabilities of the parent device and the settings in the Specification dialog 141.

Device Name

The Analog Source Device appears as "Unspecified" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 141.

5.6.2.1 Device Connections



Analog Source Device Connections

Required connections

The Analog Source Device must be connected an analog input port such as the "AD 1" port of a Fluorescence System Interface 93.

Provided connections

The Analog Source Device does not provide connections to other devices.

5.6.2.2 Task Connections

The Analog Source Device *device* provides an analog sensor that can be selected as in input in acquisition tasks such as the Trace Recording Task 37. In the following list "*Name*" is the description entered in the Specification 139 *dialog.*

Device Sensor

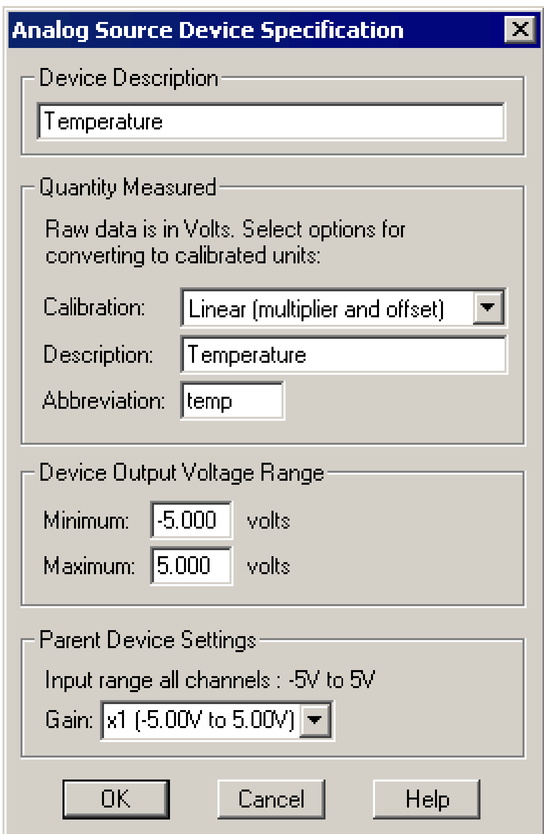
The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records analog values.

"Name (Analog Source)" Current analog value from device

Device Inputs

The Analog Sink Device *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.6.2.3 Specification Dialog



Analog Source Device Specification Dialog

The Analog Source Device Specification *dialog* allows you describe an external device's output port and specify the range of voltages that it can produce.

Device Description Enter string to uniquely identify the device and output connection that you are defining.

Quantity Measured Here you choose the calibration needed to convert raw volts into usable units and also, if relevent, the terms that describe the quantity measured.
There are two Calibration options are available:

None - No calibration is applied to the data acquired. This implies that the sensor in question is a voltage sensor. In this case the Description and Abbreviation *fields* will be unavailable and are assigned the values Potential and Pot. respectively.

Linear - A linear calibration is applied to convert raw data into the final output units. This calibration is run and the resultant calibration constants are entered in the acquisition program. The text entered in the Description and Abbreviation *fields* here will be presented in the acquisition program to help label the calibration constants. This text should indicate the quantity measured, not the units of measurement. The actual units (Pascals, degrees Celsius, mm Hg, etc.) will be defined by the standard used in the calibration. Thus here you should choose Temperature over C and Pressure over Pascals.

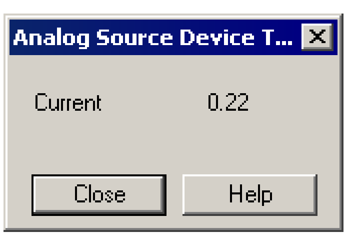
Device Output Voltage Range Enter the minimum and maximum voltages that the external device can output.

Parent Device Settings The options shown in the Parent Device Settings *group* are dependant on the parent device the analog source device is connected to. If the input range of the parent device can be changed (as shown above), set the input voltage range. If the input range of the parent device can not be changed (shown below), the input range will be displayed.

The device output range is used to document what voltages the external device will output, they don't not affect how voltages are converted to units in Acqusition Tasks.

The device description should describe the external device and its output connection so that the hardware tree will document your setup. Eg "[AD 1] -> Temperature" or "[AD 1] -> Pressure monitor 2".

5.6.2.4 Test Dialog



Analog Source Device Test Dialog

The Analog Source Device Test *dialog* displays the voltage being output by the external device. The value updates automatically until the *dialog* is closed.

Make sure the analog source device is physically connected to the indicated port on the parent device.

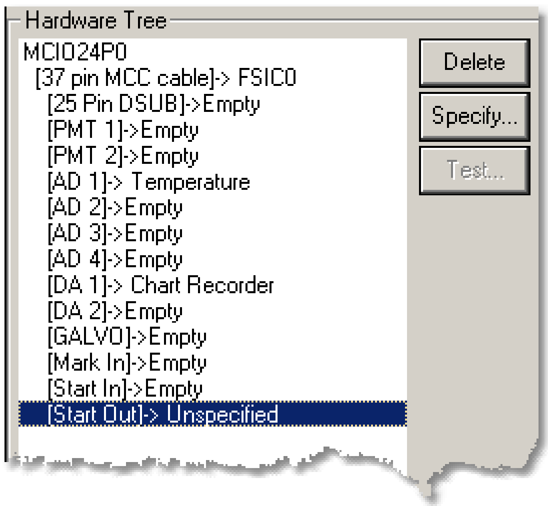
5.6.3 Digital Sink Device

The Digital Sink Device allows you to define the characteristics of a digital input of an external device.

Device Name

The Digital Sink Device appears as "Unspecified" in the Hardware Manager[8] *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog[144].

5.6.3.1 Device Connections



Digital Sink Device Connections

Required connections

The Digital Sink Device must be connected to a digital output *port* such as the "Start Out" port of a Fluorescence System Interface[93].

Provided connections

The Digital Sink Device does not provide connections to other devices.

5.6.3.2 Task Connections

The Digital Sink Device *device* provides a digital input that can be selected in acquisition tasks. In the following list "*Name*" is the description entered in the Specification[139] *dialog.*

Device Sensor

The Digital Sink Device *device* does not provide any device sensors.

Device Inputs

The following device can be selected in any acquisition task that outputs digital values.

"Name (Digital Sink)"	Value specified by acquisition task will be output to device

5.6.3.3 Specification Dialog

Digital Sink Device Specification Dialog

The Digital Sink Device Specification *dialog* allows you describe an external device's input port.

Device Description Enter string to uniquely identify the device and input connection that you are defining.

The device description should describe the external device and its input connection so that the hardware tree will document your setup. Eg "[Start Out] -> Stimulator Trigger".

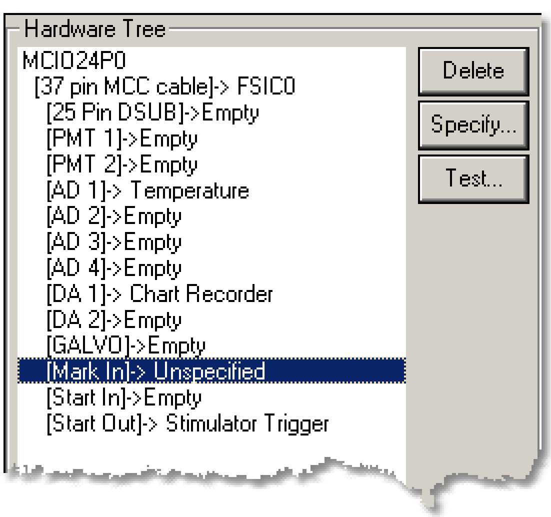
5.6.4 Digital Source Device

The Digital Source Device allows you to define the characteristics of a digital output of an external device. In the Hardware Manager, attachment of the device "Digital Source" to either the "Start In" or "Mark In" connection point on a DSI or FSI ensures proper IonWizard support.

Device Name

The Digital Source Device appears as "Unspecified" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 141.

5.6.4.1 Device Connections



Digital Source Device Connections

Required connections

The Digital Source Device must be connected to a digital input *port* such as the "Mark In" port of a Fluorescence System Interface[93].

Provided connections

The Digital Source Device does not provide connections to other devices.

5.6.4.2 Task Connections

The Digital Source Device *device* provides a digital sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks such as the Event Recording Task[39]. In the following list "*Name*" is the description entered in the Specification[139] *dialog.*

Device Sensor

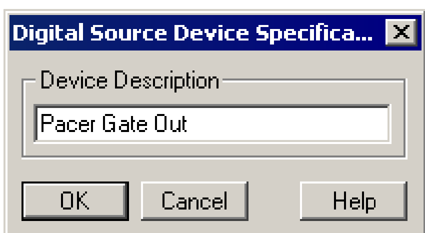
The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records analog values.

"Name (Digital Source)"	Current digital value from device

Device Inputs

The Digital Source Device *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.6.4.3 Specification Dialog



Digital Source Device Specification Dialog

The Digital Source Device Specification *dialog* allows you describe an external device's output port.

Device Description	Enter string to uniquely identify the device and output connection that you are defining.

The device description should describe the external device and its output connection so that the hardware tree will document your setup. Eg "[Mark In] -> MyoPacer Gate Out".

5.6.4.4 Test Dialog

Digital Source Device Test Dialog

The Digital Source Device Test *dialog* displays the digital value being output by the external device. The value updates automatically until the dialog is closed.

Make sure the digital source device is physically connected to the indicated port on the parent device.

5.6.5 Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Device

The Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Device is used to describe any excitation light source that can not be controlled by the computer. For IonWizard's purpose, any non-computer controlled device becomes a single-excitation light source that is viewed as "always on" and with a fixed excitation filter.

IonWizard does not support more than one excitation light source in hardware tree at the same.

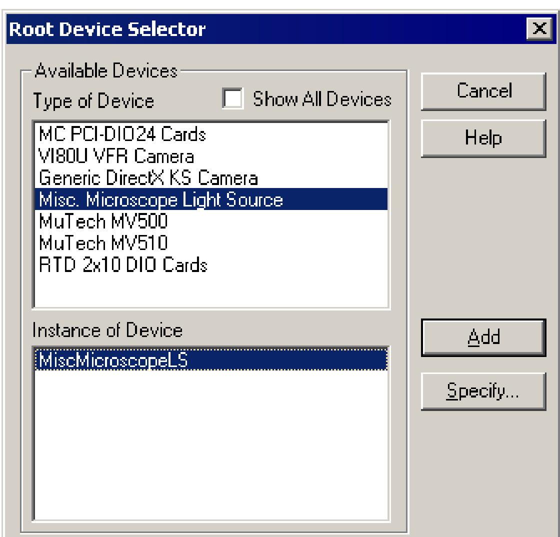
Device Name

The Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Device appears as "Misc. Microscope Light Source" in the Hardware Manager Add Root Dialog 10 Type of Devices *section*. An instance of the device appears as "Generic Microscope Light Source" in the Hardware Manager Dialog 8 Hardware Tree *section*.

Requirements

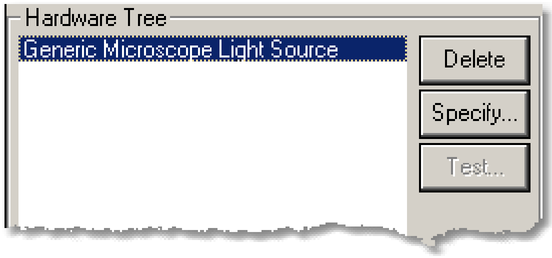
This device has no requirements.

5.6.5.1 Device Connections



Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Add Root

The Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Device is a root device which is added to the hardware tree using the Add Root 10 function of the the Hardware Manager *dialog*. In Add Root dialog select "Misc. Micorscope Light Source" from in the Type of Device *list* then "MiscMicroscopeLS" in the Instance of Device *list.*



Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Connections

Once the device has been added, it will show in the hardware tree with the description entered in the Specification Dialog 147.

Required connections

The Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Device is a root device and does not have any required connections

5.6.5.2 Task Connections

The Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Device does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.6.5.3 Specification Dialog

Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Specification Dialog

The Miscellaneous Microscope Light Source Specification *dialog* allows you to enter the description of the device that appears in the hardware tree.

5.6.6 RS-170 Camera

The RS-170 Camera Device allows you to connect a standard RS-170 black-and-white interlaced camera to a compatible video input device.

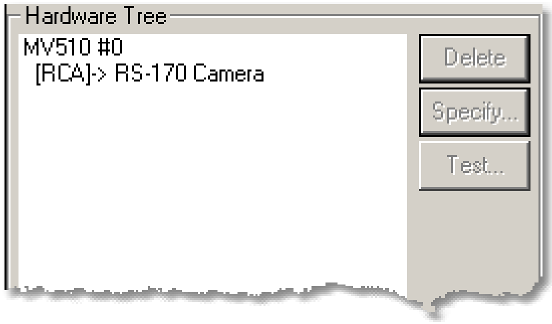
Device Name

The RS-170 camera appears as "RS-170 Camera" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 148.

Requirements

A device (frame-grabber) which provides a RS-170 video input connection is required.

5.6.6.1 Device Connections



RS-170 Connections

Required connections

The RS-170 camera device requires a RS170 standard video input connection on a video input device such as the Mutech MV510 84 [RCA] input (shown above).

Provided connections

The RS-170 camera *device* does not provide any connections.

5.6.6.2 Task Connections

The RS-170 Camera Device provides a single device sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks.

Device Sensor

The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records images.

"RS-170 Camera (Generic RS-170 Camera)"	This is a connection to the image stream. Note: "RS-170 Camera" is the name entered in the Specification Dialog 148.

Device Inputs

The RS-170 Camera Device *device* does not provide any device inputs.

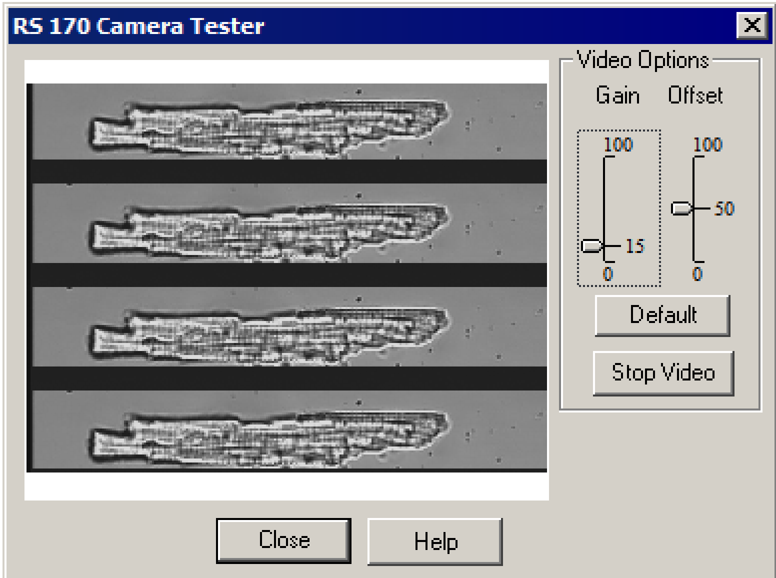
5.6.6.3 Specification Dialog

RS-170 Device Specification Dialog

The RS-170 Device Specification *dialog* has the following fields:

Camera Description	Enter string to uniquely identify the camera

5.6.6.4 Test Dialog



RS-170 Device Test Dialog

The RS-170 Device Test *dialog* allows you to view live video from the camera and experiment with basic adjustments to the frame grabber parameters if supported by the parent device

Gain	Adjust the frame grabber gain.
Offset	Adjust the frame grabber offset (also known as the black level).
Default	Set gain/offset fields to default values
Start/Stop Video	Starts and stops live video display in the test dialog

Gain/Offset values set in the test dialog are local and do not have any effect outside the dialog.

5.6.7 CCIR Camera

The CCIR Camera Device allows you to connect a standard CCIR/PAL black-and-white interlaced camera to a compatible video input device.

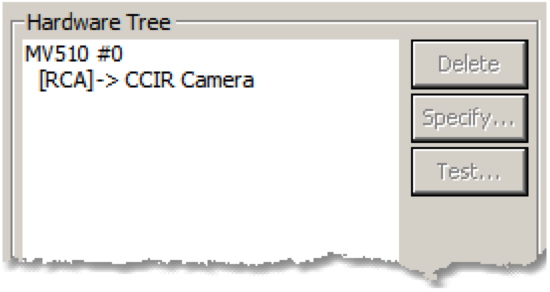
Device Name

The CCIR camera appears as "CCIR Camera" in the Hardware Manager [8] *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog [150].

Requirements

A device (frame-grabber) which provides a CCIR video input connection is required.

5.6.7.1 Device Connections



CCIR Connections

Required connections

The CCIR camera device requires a CCIR standard video input connection on a video input device such as the Mutech MV510 84 [RCA] input (shown above).

Provided connections

The CCIR camera *device* does not provide any connections.

5.6.7.2 Task Connections

The CCIR Camera Device provides a single device sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks.

Device Sensor

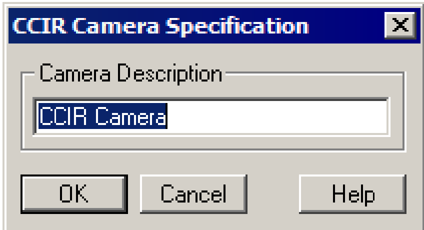
The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records images.

"CCIR Camera (Generic CCIR Camera)"	This is a connection to the image stream. Note: "CCIR Camera" is the name entered in the Specification Dialog 150.

Device Inputs

The CCIR Camera Device *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.6.7.3 Specification Dialog

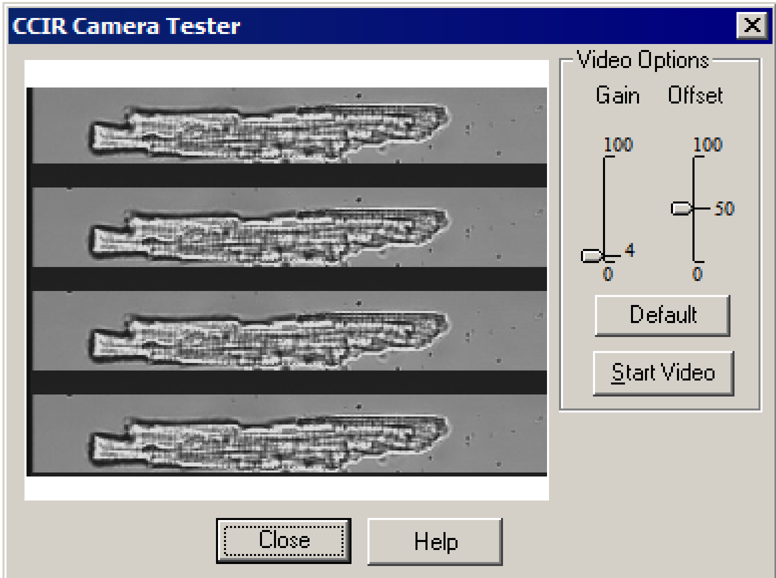


CCIR Device Specification Dialog

The CCIR Device Specification *dialog* has the following fields:

Camera Description	Enter string to uniquely identify the camera

5.6.7.4 Test Dialog



CCIR Device Test Dialog

The CCIR Device Test *dialog* allows you to view live video from the camera and experiment with basic adjustments to the frame grabber parameters if supported by the parent device

Gain	Adjust the frame grabber gain.
Offset	Adjust the frame grabber offset (also known as the black level).
Default	Set gain/offset fields to default values
Start/Stop Video	Starts and stops live video display in the test dialog

Gain/Offset values set in the test dialog are local and do not have any effect outside the dialog.

5.6.8 Parallel Port Adapter: PPA

The Parallel Port Adapter Device is a simple device that makes the standard IonOptix Fluorescence System Interface 25-pin light source connector compatible with most devices that were designed to be connected to a standard PC printer port.

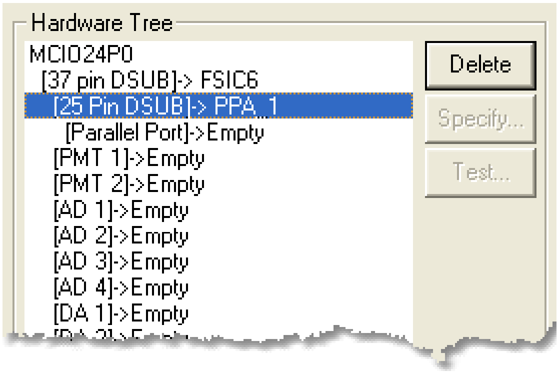
The signals supported by the adapter are a subset of the complete PC parallel port. Specifically only the 8 data outputs (pins 2-9) and the Busy (pin 11) and Paper-out (pin 12) input bits are supported.

Device Name

The Parallel Port Adapter appears as "PPA_n" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (PPA_n) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.

5.6.8.1 Device Connections



Parallel Port Adapter Connections

Required connections

The HyperSwitch must be connected to a 25 Pin DSUB port on a Fluorescence System Interface..

Provided connections

The Parallel Port Adapter provides the following connections:

Parallel Port Subset of standard PC parallel printer port connections

5.6.8.2 Task Connections

The Parallel Port Adapter Device does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.6.8.3 Specification Dialog

The Parallel Port Adapter Device does not have a specification dialog. The Specifiy... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when Parallel Port Adapter Device is selected.

5.6.8.4 Test Dialog

The Parallel Port Adapter Device does not have a test dialog. The Test... *button* in the Hardware Tree *section* will be disabled when Parallel Port Adapter Device is selected.

5.7 The Imaging Source (TIS) Devices

The TIS devices provide support for cameras and frame grabbers manufactured by The Imaging Source, GmbH.

5.7.1 TIS DMK Camera

The TIS DMK Camera *root device* provides device-specific support for any monochrome camera that is supported by the The Imaging Source Imaging Control library. In addition to providing the basic image acquisition functions of the Windows DirectShow compatible camera it provides access to the enhanced TIS functions.

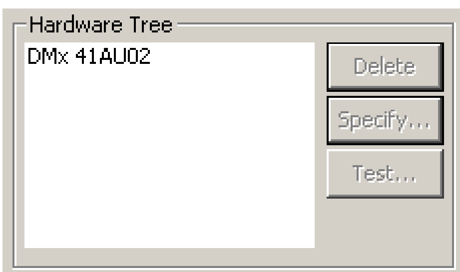
Device Name

The camera model number (e.g. "DMx 41AU02") is used as the default name in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 154 which is presented when you add the device.

Requirements

An available USB 2.0 or Firewire port.

5.7.1.1 Device Connections



TIS DMK Camera Connections

Required connections

The TIS DMK Camera *root device* is not connected to another device in the Hardware Tree 8.

Provided connections

The TIS DMK Camera *root device* does not provide connections for other devices.

5.7.1.2 Task Connections

The TIS DMK Camera *root device* provides a single device sensor that can be selected in acquisition tasks.

Device Sensor

The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records images.

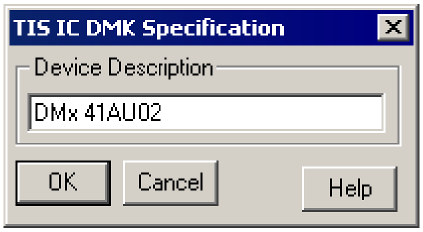
"DMx 41AU02 (The Image Source DMK)" Current image.

"DMx 41AU02" is the default name for one specific camera. The default will be different for other cameras and may also be changed in the Specification Dialog 154.

Device Inputs

The TIS DMK Camera *root device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.7.1.3 Specification Dialog

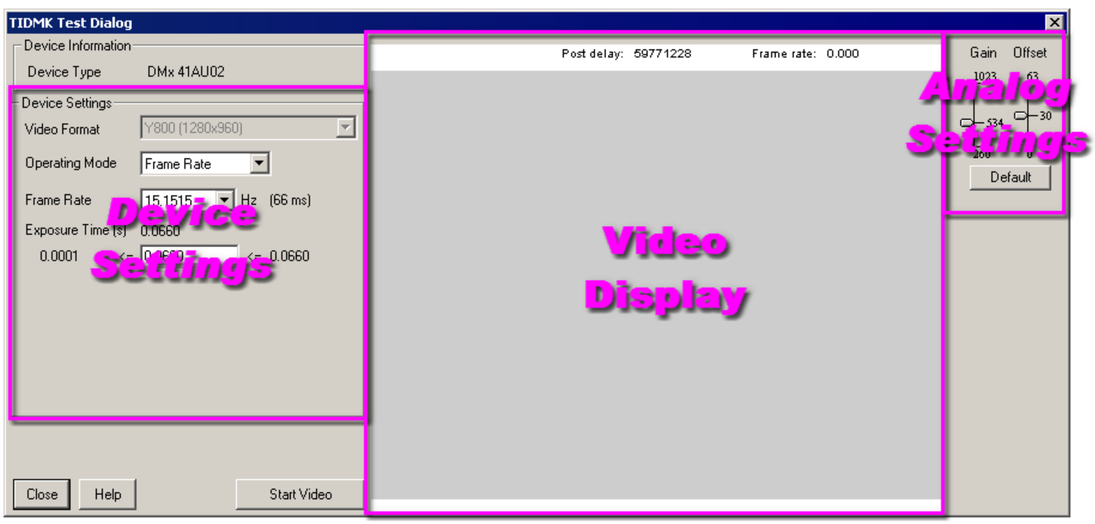


TIS DMK Camera Specification Dialog

The TIS DMK Camera Specification *dialog* has the following field:

Camera Description	Enter string to uniquely identify the camera, default value will be the model number of the camera

5.7.1.4 Test Dialog

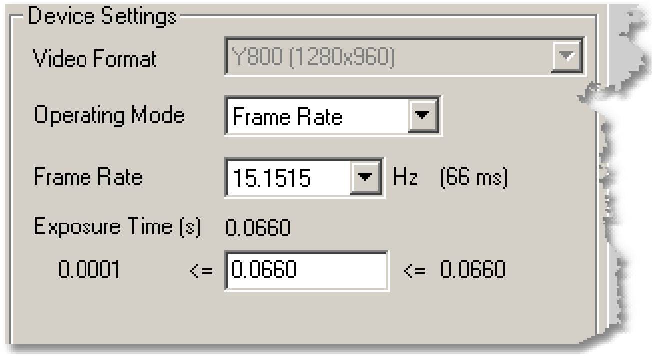


TIS DMK Camera Test Dialog

The TIS DMK Camera Test *dialog* allows you to view live video from the camera and experiment with the settings that you will be able to select in the Global Sensor Settings 156. There are three main areas:

Device Settings	The device settings are allows parameters for the specific camera
Video Display	Displays live video after Start Video *button* pressed, stops when Stop Video *button* pressed.
Analog Settings	Adjusts how the raw video signal is processed before it is digitized.

Device Settings



TIS DMK Camera Test Dialog - Device Settings

The Device Settings *group* allows you to change camera parameters and view the results in the Video Display *area.*

Video Format Select the desired video format from the list of formats supported by the camera. If there is only one format the control will be disabled as shown above camera

Operating Mode Choose between the Frame Rate and Exposure mode. Frame Rate mode is most useful when you are interested in the frame rate - i.e. the number of images per second - and there is plenty of signal. Exposure mode is most useful when looking at dimmer signals, for example fluorescence, and you need to optimize the exposure time to capture a good image.

Frame Rate The behavior of this control depends on the Operating Mode. In Frame Rate mode, you chose the number of images per second from the combo-box. In Exposure mode, this become a read-only display of the frame rate resulting from the chosen exposure time.

Exposure Time In both operating modes, use this text field to enter the exposure time for each image. The range of values you can enter changes based on operating mode. In Frame Rate mode, the range is dictated by the chosen frame rate. In Exposure mode, the range is dictated by the camera itself.

In "Exposure" operating mode the resulting frame rate is limited by timing details in the camera. Changing exposure time may not always result in different frame rate.

Video Display

The Video Display *area* displays video from the camera when enabled

Start Video Starts display of live video from camera using settings in the Device Settings *group* . Once pressed *button* will change to "Stop Video"

Stop Video Stops display of live video leaving last image in the Video Display *area.* Once pressed *button* will change back to "Start Video"

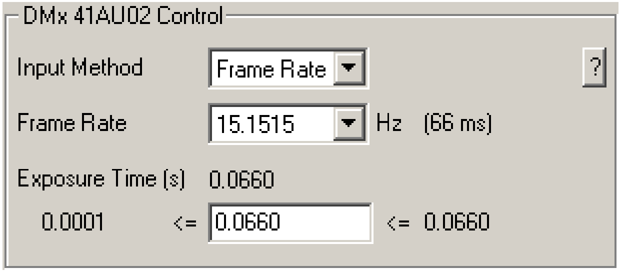
Analog Settings

You should set the gain and black level controls so that the dark areas of your image appear black and the brightest images are near-white.

Gain Controls the overall brightness of the video image. If gain is too high bright areas will "wash out" to solid white, if too low the image will be dark.

Black Level Controls the level that is digitized as black. Decreasing the black level make the entire image darker. If the black level is too low many dark areas will be solid black, if its too high "black" areas will appear gray.

5.7.1.5 Global Sensor Settings



TIS DMK Camera Global Sensor Options

When the current experiment includes one or more tasks that use the TIS DMK Camera, a Camera Controls *group* will be added to the Global Sensor Settings [20] *area* of the Parameters [19] *dialog*. This control allows you to set the frame mode that you will use when running the experiment.

Refer to the Device Settings [155] *group* in the Test Dialog [154] for details on the operation of the Camera controls.

5.7.2 TIS DFG Frame Grabber

The TIS DFG Frame Grabber *root device* provides the ability to record video images from a The Imaging Source frame grabber device that is supported by their IC Imaging Control library.

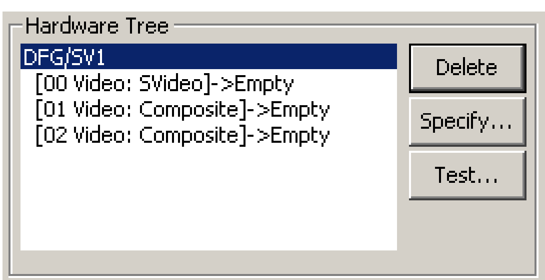
Device Name

The frame grabber model number (e.g. "DFG/SV1") is used as the default name in the Hardware Manager [8] *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog [154] which is presented when you add the device.

Requirements

An available interface slot or port compatible with the frame grabber device.

5.7.2.1 Device Connections



DFG/SV1 TIS DMK Camera Connections

Required connections

The TIS DFG Frame Grabber *root device* is not connected to another device in the Hardware Tree [8].

Provided connections

The TIS DFG Frame Grabber *root device* provides connections based on the information provided by the IC Capture Library for the frame grabber that is installed. The sample above, for the DFG/SV1 frame grabber, shows the following connections:

00 Video: SVideo Connection for camera via s-video connector

01 Video: Composite Connection for composite color or black-and-white camera via 1st RCA composite input

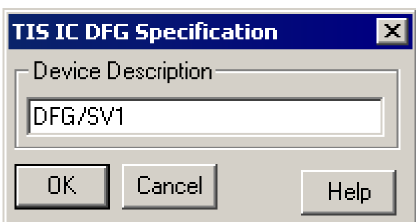
02 Video: Composite Connection for composite color or black-and-white camera via 2nd RCA composite input

The camera connections are different for each frame grabber model

5.7.2.2 Task Connections

The TIS DFG Frame Grabber *root device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.7.2.3 Specification Dialog

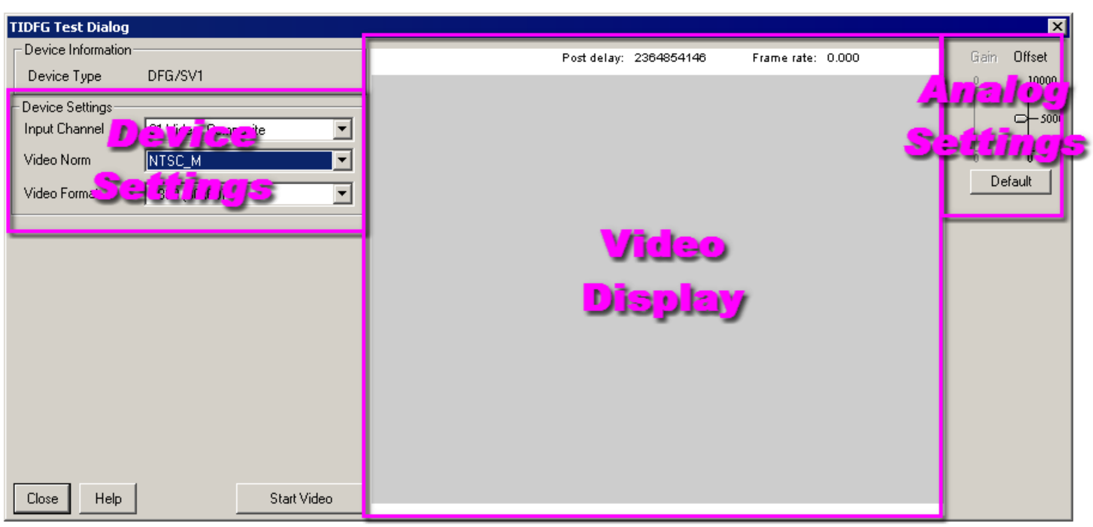


TIS DFG Frame Grabber Specification Dialog

The TIS DFG Frame Grabber *dialog* has the following field:

Device Description Enter string to uniquely identify the frame grabber, default value will be the model number of the frame grabber.

5.7.2.4 Test Dialog



TIS DFG Frame Grabber Test Dialog

The TIS DFG Frame Grabber Test *dialog* allows you to view live video from cameras attached to any of the frame grabber's inputs and then experiment with the settings that you will be able to select in the Global Sensor Settings 156. There are three main areas:

Device Settings	The device settings are allows parameters for the specific camera
Video Display	Displays live video after Start Video *button* pressed, stops when Stop Video *button* pressed.
Analog Settings	Adjusts how the raw video signal is processed before it is digitized.

Device Settings

TIS DFG Frame Grabber Test Dialog - Device Settings

The Device Settings *group* allows selects options that will be used to display to display video in the Video Display *area.*

Input Channel List of available input channels (ports) on the frame-grabber

Video Norm Video timing standard to use: NTSC (North American) or PAL (European)

Video Format All available combinations of available color space (Y800, RGB24, etc) and zoom amounts for the given Input Channel and Video Standard.

The numb

The test dialog allows view video with different zoom amounts experiments will always run in the highest resolution for a given color space, ie Y800 (640x480)

Video Display

The Video Display *area* displays video from the camera when enabled

Start Video Starts display of live video from camera using settings in the Device Settings *group* . Once pressed *button* will change to "Stop Video"

Stop Video Stops display of live video leaving last image in the Video Display *area.* Once pressed *button* will change back to "Start Video"

Analog Settings

You should set the gain and black level controls so that the dark areas of your image appear black and the brightest images are near-white.

Gain	Controls the overall brightness of the video image. If gain is too high bright areas will "wash out" to solid white, if too low the image will be dark.
Black Level	Controls the level that is digitized as black. Decreasing the black level make the entire image darker. If the black level is too low many dark areas will be solid black, if its too high "black" areas will appear gray.

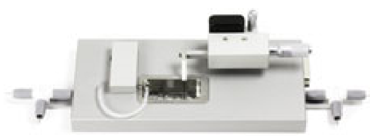
While the test dialog allows for you to use different zoom amounts experiments will always run in the highest resolution for a given color space (ie Y800 (640x480)

5.8 Danish Myo Techology Devices

The Danish Myo Technology devices provide support for equipment manufactured by Danish Myo Technology, Inc.

5.8.1 DMT Pressure Myograph: PM11X

The DMT Pressure Myograph device provides support for pressure myograph systems from Danish Myo Technologies. This device provides support for the temperature, pressure, force and optional pH functions of the system.



DMT Pressure Myograph

DMT Myograph controller

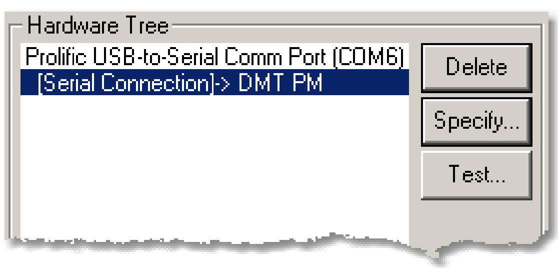
Device Name

The DMT Pressure Myograph device appears as "DMT PM" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 161.

Requirements

The DMT Pressure Myograph device requires an available serial port in the hardware tree.

5.8.1.1 Device Connections



DMT Pressure Myograph Connections

Required connections

The DMT Pressure Myograph device must be connected to a Serial Port *device* in the Hardware Tree 8.

Provided Connections

The DMT Pressure Myograph device does not provide any connections for other devices.

5.8.1.2 Task Connections

The DMT Pressure Myograph device provides both sensors and inputs that can be selected in acquisition tasks. In the following list "*Name*" is the description entered in the Specification166 *dialog.*

Device Sensors

The following sensors can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records analog values.

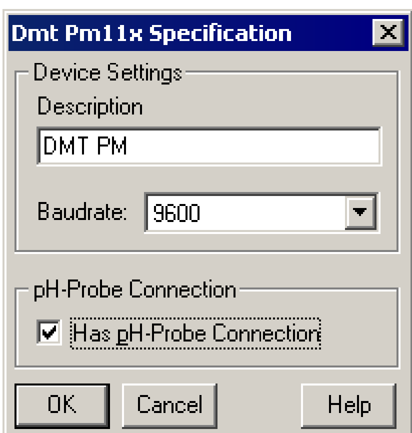
"Name (temperature)"	Current temperature (°C)
"Name (inlet pressure)"	Current inlet pressure (mm Hg)
"Name (outlet pressure)"	Current outlet pressure (mm Hg)
"Name (force)"	Current force (mN)
"Name (pH)"	Current pH (if "Has pH probe connection" is selected in the Specification 166 *dialog.)*
"Name (target temperature)"	Target temperature (°C)
"Name (target inlet pressure)"	Target inlet pressure (°C)
"Name (target outlet pressure)"	Target outlet pressure (°C)

Device Inputs

The following inputs can be selected in acquisition tasks that output analog values:

"Name (temperature)"	Set target temperature (°C)
"Name (inlet pressure)"	Set target inlet pressure (°C)
"Name (outlet pressure)"	Set target outlet pressure (°C)

5.8.1.3 Specification Dialog

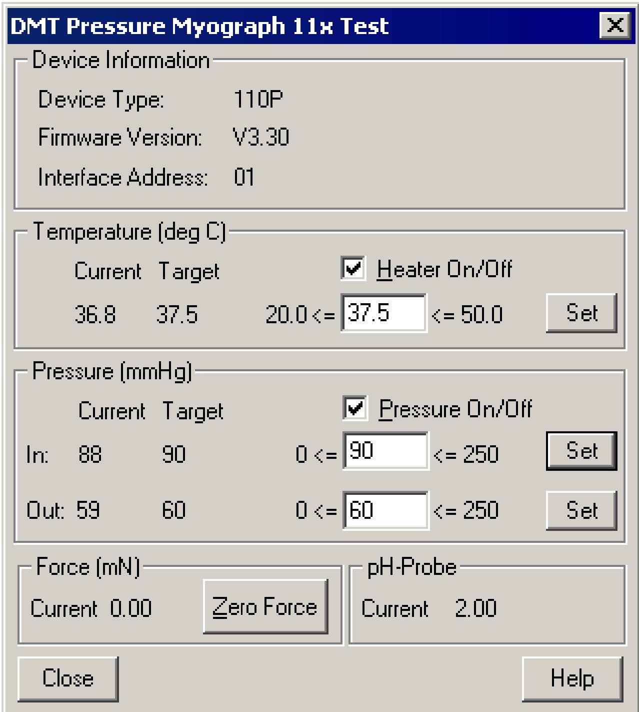


DMT Pressure Myograph Specification Dialog

The DMT Pm11x Specification *dialog* provides the mechanism to set basic information about the connected device.

Description	Enter "friendly" name used to identify this specific pressure myograph.
Baudrate	Select baudrate used to communicate with pressure myograph.
Has pH-Probe Connection	Enable display of readings from attached pH probe.

5.8.1.4 Test Dialog



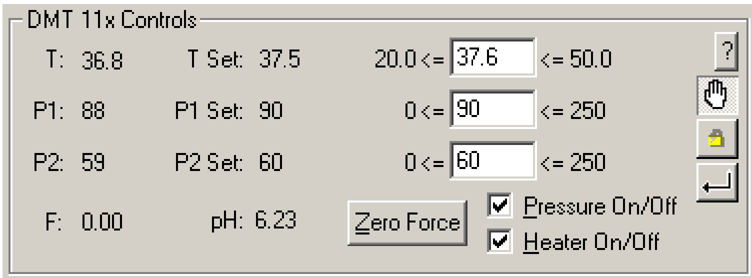
Pressure Myograph Test Dialog

The DMT Pm11x Test *dialog* provides real-time display and control of the attached pressure myograph device.

Device Information:	Display information about the attached device.
Temperature (deg C):	Display current temperature and set temperature control options **Current** - actual temperature **Target** - the current target temperature **New** - Enter new target temperature between displayed range then press Set *button* to send to device. **Control Temperature** - Check to enable heater control
Pressure (mmHg):	Display current inlet and output pressure and set target pressure options. **Current** - actual pressure **Target** - the current target pressure **New** - Enter new target pressure with indicated range then press the Set *button* to make send to device. **Control Temperature** - Check to enable pressure control.
Force (mN):	Display current force and zero control. **Current** - actual force **Zero Force** - reset current force as zero force.
pH-Probe:	Display current pH reading. **Current** - Actual pH reading or "No pH -meter attached" if enabled in Specification 166 *dialog*

The initial values in the Test dialog are read from the Pressure MyoGraph device when the Test dialog is opened. After the dialog is opened changes made using the Myograph controller keypad will NOT be reflected in the Test dialog and will be replaced if changed using the Set button.

5.8.1.5 Manual Control



DMT Pressure Myograph Manual Control

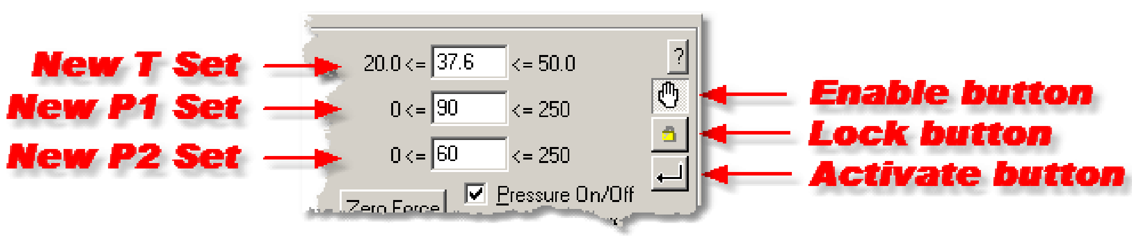
The DMT Pressure Myograph device has a manual control *group* that appears in the Manual Control Tool Bar[34] displayed in the in the Experiment Tool Bar[33] *area* at the bottom of the IonWizard window. It allows you to see the current hardware settings and to override settings set by acquisition tasks. The manual control *group* appears whenever any DMT Pressure Myograph Task Connection[161] is used in any acquisition task that is included in the current experiment.

Display Values

The following values are displayed in the left side of the tool bar:

"T"	Current temperature (°C)
"P1"	Current pressure 1 (mm Hg)
"P2"	Current pressure 2 (mm Hg)
"F"	Current force (mN)
"pH"	Current pH (if "Has pH probe connection" is selected in the Specification[166] *dialog.)*
"T Set"	Current target temperature (°C)
"P1 Set"	Current target pressure 1 (mm Hg)
"P2 Set"	Current target pressure 2 (mm Hg)

Manual Override



DMT Pressure Myograph Manual Toolbar Group - manual override

The top right section of the tool bar allows you to enter new "set" values, send them to the hardware and control how the long the stay activated.

New T Set	Enter new value for "T Set" that will be set when Activate *button* is clicked

New P1 Set — Enter new value for "P1 Set" that will be set when Activate *button* is clicked

New P2 Set — Enter new value for "P2 Set" that will be set when Activate *buttonis* clicked

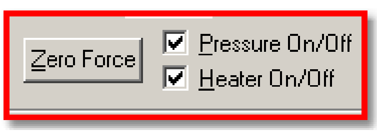
Enable button — When *pressed* (as shown) enables editing and activating of "new" set values. When *released* acquisition task(s) control of the device, if any, will be enabled.

Lock button — When *pressed* previously activated values will remain in effect as long as manual override is enabled. When *released* (as shown) acquisition task(s) control of the device, if any, will return at the end of the current epoch.

Activate button — When *clicked* all "new" values will override any values set by acqusition task(s), if any. Values will not return to acquisition task control until then end of the current epoch or until manual override is disabled.

When manual override is enabled and you activate new settings the normal control of the DMT device by any acquisition tasks is disabled until the end of the epoch or, if the Lock *button is pressed, until manual override is disabled.*

Manual Settings



DMT Pressure Myograph Manual Toolbar Group - manual settings

The remaining *controls* in the toolbar give you manual control of parameters that can only be set here or with the front panel controls on the device. The Enable, Lock and Activate *buttons* operate differently for these controls, see below

Pressure On/Off — Automatically changes to reflect current hardware setting. When the Enable *button* is *pressed* you can turn on pressure control by *checking* the box and turn off by *unchecking the box.*

Heater On/Off — Automatically changes to reflect current hardware setting. When the Enable *button* is *pressed* you can turn on heater control by *checking* the box and turn off by *unchecking the box.*

Zero Force — When the Enable *button* is *pressed* clicking the *button* will make the current force reading zero.

5.8.2 DMT Flow Meter: 161FM

The DMT Flow Meter *device* allows flow readings from the 161FM flow meter from Danish Myo Technologies.

DMT 161FM Flow Meter

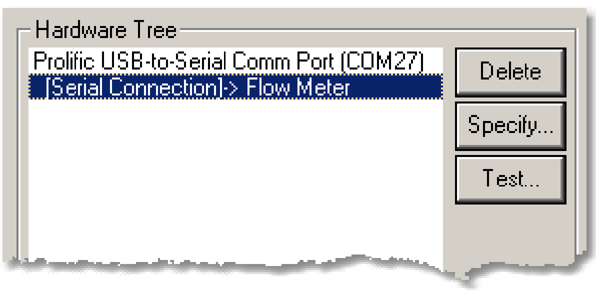
Device Name

The DMT Flow Meter *device* appears as "Flow Meter" in the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*. The name can be changed in the Specification Dialog 166.

Requirements

The DMT Flow Meter *device* requires an available serial port port in the hardware tree.

5.8.2.1 Device Connections



DMT Flow Meter Device Connections

Required connections

The "Flow Meter" device must be connected to a "Serial Connection" *port.*

Provided Connections

The DMT Flow Meter *device* does not provide any connections for other devices.

5.8.2.2 Task Connections

The DMT Flow Meter *device* provides an analog sensor that can be selected as an input in acquisition tasks such as the Trace Recording Task 37. In the following list "*Name*" is the description entered in the Specification 166 *dialog.*

Device Sensor

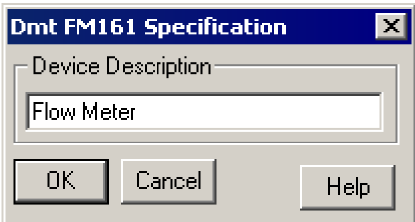
The following sensor can be selected in any acquisition task that monitors or records analog values.

"Name (DMT Fm161 Controller)" Current flow reading from device

Device Inputs

The DMT Flow Meter *device* does not provide any device inputs.

5.8.2.3 Specification Dialog

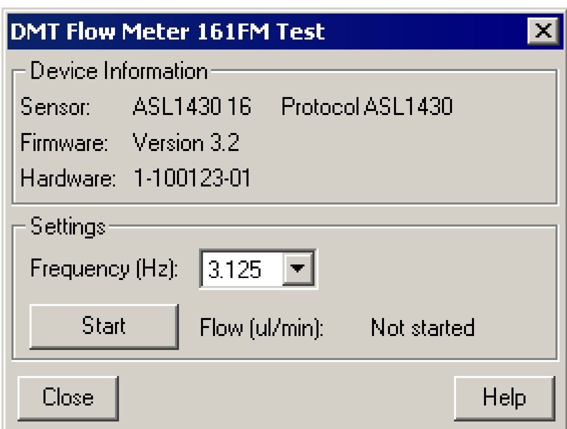


DMT Flow Meter Specification Dialog

The DMT Flow Meter Specification *dialog* provides the mechanism to set basic information about the connected device.

Description Enter "friendly" name used to identify this specific flow meter.

5.8.2.4 Test Dialog



DMT Flow Meter Test Dialog

The DMT Flow Meter Test *dialog* provides real-time display and of data from the attached flow meter device.

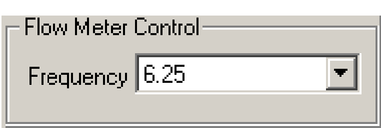
Device Information: Display information about the attached device.

Frequency (Hz): Select the sampling frequency to use when the **Start** *button* is pressed. This control is disabled unless update is stopped.

Start: Pressing the **Start** *button* starts real-time update of the Flow (ul/min) *value.* Once started the **Start** *button* changes to "Stop".

Stop: Pressing the **Stop** *button* stops real-time update of the Flow (ul/min) *value.* Once stopped the **Stop** *button* changes to "Start".

5.8.2.5 Global Sensor Settings



Global Sensor Settings

When the current experiment includes one or more tasks that use the DMT Flow Meter *device*, a Flow Meter Control *group* will be added to the Global Sensor Settings 20 *area* of the Parameters 19 *dialog*. This control allows you to set the base acquisition rate that will be used when reading flow data from the device.

5.9 Standard PC Port Devices

Standard PC Port Devices provide IonWizard the ability to control devices attached to Acquisition Devices External Ports 82.

5.9.1 PC Serial Port

The PC Serial Port device allows IonWizard to access to any standard serial port that is available to Windows.

The PC Serial Port device also supports all Windows-compatible USB-to-serial adapters.

Device Name

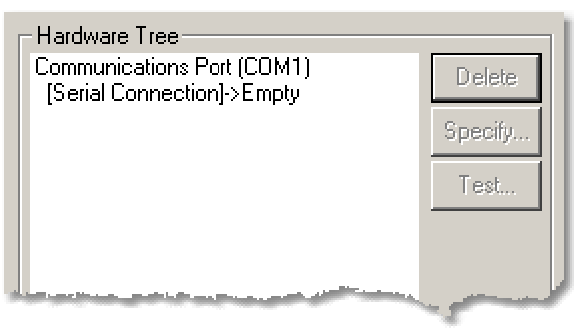
PC Serial Port devices appear as "Serial Ports" in the Add Root Device 10 *dialog's* Type of Devices *section.* When "Serial Ports" is selected each available serial port appears as "Communiction Port (COMn)" in the Instance of Device *section.* When added to the Hardware Manager 8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree the device will appear as "Communiction Port (COMn)".

The "n" in the instance name ("Communiction Port (COMn)") is the serial port number assigned by Windows.

Requirements

There are no additional requirements as serial support is built in to Windows.

5.9.1.1 Device Connections



PC Serial Port Device Connections

Required connections

The PC Serial Port Device is a root device that does not require an other device connection.

Provided connections

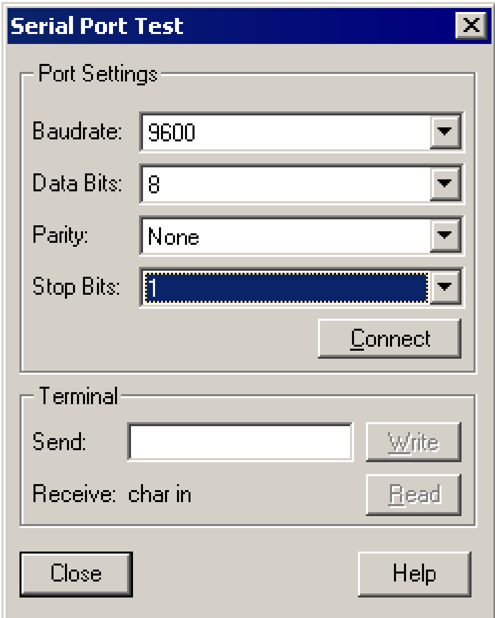
The PC Serial Port Device provides the following connection:

Serial Connection Serial port to connect to any serial port device

5.9.1.2 Task Connections

The PC Serial Port Device *device* does not provide any connections for acquisition tasks.

5.9.1.3 Test Dialog



PC Serial Port Device Test Dialog

The PC Serial Port Test Dialog does not currently function.

The PC Serial Port Test Dialog allows you to set the serial port communications parameters and send and receive characters.

5.10 Sutter Excitation Light Source Devices

The Sutter Excitation Light Source devices provide support for equipment manufactured by Sutter Instruments.

5.10.1 Sutter Lambda DG-4: DG4

The Sutter Lambda DG-4 is a 4-position excitation light source manufactured by Sutter Instruments (http://www.sutter.com), This hardware component gives the acquisition software the ability to run this light source at its fully-rated speed when attached to the FSI light source port using the Parallel Port Adapter151.

DG-4 Switching Times vs Pacer Frequency

The specification from Sutter Instruments for the amount of time that the DG-4 requires to move between filters is not very precise. The best information that we were able to obtain is that switching between adjacent positions is done in "less than 1ms" and switching longer distances happens in "less than 1.2ms". We have programmed the software to guarantee a **minimum** of 1ms and 1.2ms as appropriate. Operationally this is done by sending the position command during one pacer interrupt then waiting until the next pacer interrupt to start sampling data. What this means is that the pacer frequency determines the exact amount of time between changing the filter position and sampling the data.

The filter movement time is part of what determines the maximum sampling rate of the experiment. For example if you are sampling dual excitation data each ratio point will consist of the following steps

1. Move to numerator filter position, wait for movement to complete
2. Sample numerator data point
3. Move to numerator filter position, wait for movement to complete
4. Sample denominator data point

At the default pacer frequency of 1KHz a pacer interrupt occurs once every 1ms. As discussed above this means that steps #1 and #3 will EACH take either 1ms ("less than 1ms" rounded up to the nearest millisecond) or 2ms (1.2ms rounded UP to the nearest millisecond). When using a PMT or Analog input sensor steps steps #2 and #4 will be 1ms each. So if you use adjacent filters for your dual excitation recording, you will collect a ratio pair every 4ms, or 250Hz. If your filters are not adjacent, the total time to sample one ratio pair will be 6ms or 166 ratios/sec with 0.8ms wasted on each filter move (2ms delay - 1.2ms needed).

You can reduce this wasted time by increasing the pacer frequency which is set in the Hardware Manager Timer Configuration *dialog.* By increasing the pacer frequency from 1Khz to 2KHz (which is done by halving the count down value) you will get the following values for a non-adjacent move: filter movement time: 1.5ms each (1.2ms rounded up to the nearest 0.5ms), data sampling 0.5ms each. This means that the total time to sample a complete ratio point will drop to 4ms (1.5*2+0.5*2) which results in a rate of 250 ratios/second. An adjacent move will not improve as much because you still need 1ms to move. Thus an adjacent ratio pair will take a total of 3ms for a data rate of 333Hz.

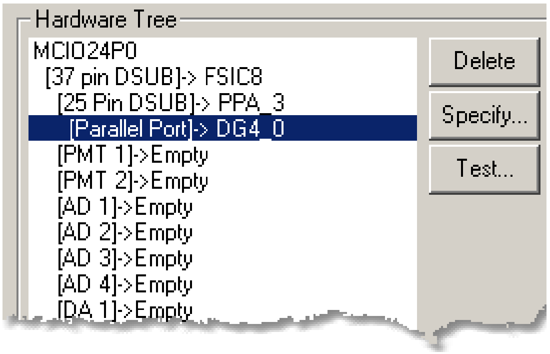
Pacer Frequencies between 1KHz and 5KHz are not guaranteed to work on all computers. Rates over 5KHz seldom work on any computer.

Device Name

The Sutter Lambda DG-4 appears as "DG4_n" in the Hardware Manager8 *dialog's* Hardware Tree *section*.

The "n" in the instance name (DG4_n) will be 0 after computer is restarted and will increment each time the device is opened.

5.10.1.1 Connections



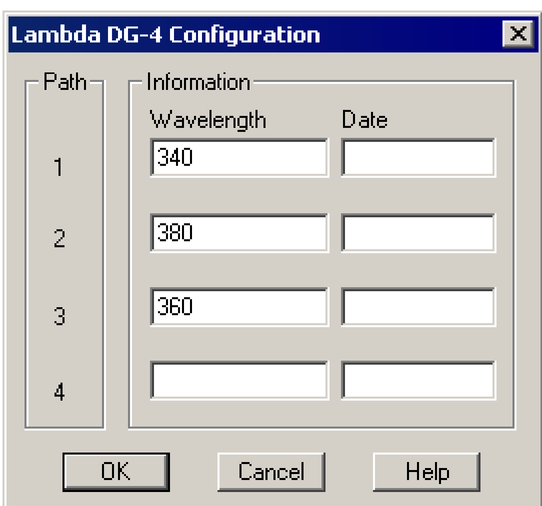
Sutter Lambda DG-4 Connections

Required connections

The Sutter Lambda DG-4 must be connected to a 25 Pin DSUB port **PARALLEL PORT** connection such as the one provided by the Parallel Port Adapter 151.

Do NOT connect the Sutter Lambda DG4 directly to the FSI light source port connector!!

5.10.1.2 Specification Dialog



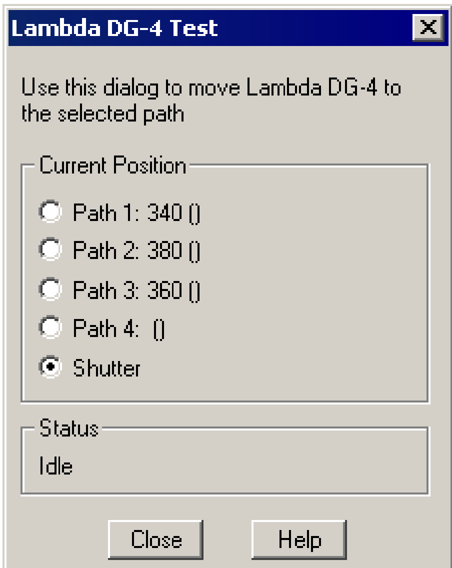
Sutter Lambda DG-4 Specification Dialog

The Lambda DG-4 Configuration *dialog* provides the mechanism to identify the filters that are loaded into the device.

Wavelength	Describe the filter in the corresponding filter path(position) of the Lambda DG-4
Date	Enter the date or other note to help track filter source. It may be left blank.

Refer to the Sutter hardware manual for instructions on how to install filters and other device details.

5.10.1.3 Test Dialog



Sutter Lambda DG-4 Test Dialog

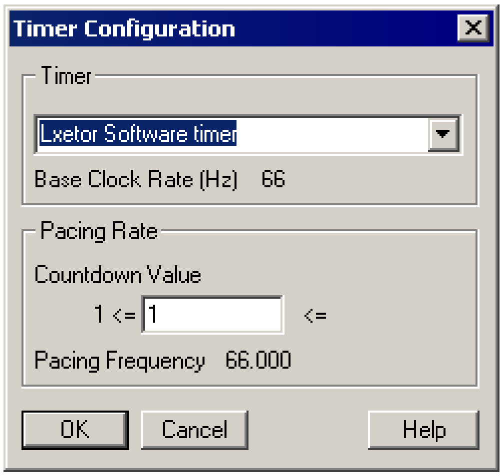
The Lambda DG4 Test *dialog* allows you to manually move the position of the DG-4 to the specific positions set in the Specification Dialog170. For Path 1 through Path 4, the wavelength and date information will be displayed.

Path 1-4:	Moves to the filter 1, 2, 3 or 4 position.
Shutter	Moves to the "off" position.
Status	Shows status of device: busy (while moving) or idle.

5.11 Lxetor Software Timer

The Lxetor Software Timer is part of the Hardware manager and implemented using resources that are built-in to the computer. It is a Timer of "last resort" and should not generally be used.

5.11.1 Timer Settings



Lextor Timer Dialog

If you select the Lxetor Software Timer as the system timer in the Hardware Manager Configure Timers Dialog172 you will be able to adjust the pacing frequency by changing the Countdown Value. As the Base Clock Rate is very slow you will probably always use a Countdown Value of one.

6 Acquisition program/data files

Acquisition support is delivered as a collection of files that are installed in the IonWizard program directory. In addition, the acquisition module writes the information that you enter into a series of configuration files that are also stored in the IonWizard program directory.

Program Files

High-level acquisition support is provide by the following files located in the IonWizard program directory:

IAB_D4.DLL	High-level acquisition support
IAB_KW.SYS	Low-level kernel mode acquisition support
HWMGR_D4MT.DLL	Hardware manager

The software required for each device are provided in additional files. Some standard devices are distributed as with the acquisition module (that is they are standard) while others, such as Edge Detection, are sold separately. The acqusition module scans the IonWizard program directory for these files:

***.IHC**	Tree component routines. For each .IHC file there will be a corresponding .SYS file.
***.RSS**	Task routines. For each .RSS file there will be a corresponding .SYS file.

Configuration Files Created

The acquisition module stores the data you enter in the following files located in the IonWizard program directory:

IHWCFG.XML	Hardware manager configuration data
IAB_D4.EST	Task and experiment definitions
IAB_D4.GST	Task control options entered via the tool bars

To copy your hardware, task and experiments settings between installations of IonWizard copy all three files.

If you delete IHWCFG.XML the other files will be unusable.

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