



Vehicle Control Unit MS 50.4

Manual

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1 Preparation

Use the VCU MS 50.4 only as intended in this manual. Any maintenance or repair must be performed by authorized and qualified personnel approved by Bosch Motorsport.

Operation of the VCU MS 50.4 is only certified with the combinations and accessories that are specified in this manual. The use of variant combinations, accessories and other devices outside the scope of this manual are only permitted when they have been determined to be compliant from a performance and safety standpoint by a representative from Bosch Motorsport.

Read the manual carefully and follow the application hints step by step. Do not hesitate to contact us, contact data can be found on the last page of this document.

Important information on Electromagnetic Conformity

To avoid unwanted interference with the environment (people, animals, electronic devices) or unwanted harm to the environment, it is mandatory that the user of the VCU MS 50.4 carries out an appropriate analysis to determine the electromagnetic interaction the VCU MS 50.4 may have with its individual installation environment.

Disclaimer

Due to continuous enhancements, we reserve the rights to change any illustrations, photos and technical data within this manual.

Please retain this manual for your records.

Note

In this document, many screenshots are created by way of example for a display. Please consider this and replace the product names with the name of your device.

2 Warnings and Safety Instructions

The classification of the warnings and safety instructions is carried out by the respective signal word (Danger, Warning, Caution) next to the warning symbol.

Danger



! DANGER

Nature and source of danger

Consequences

Warning of death or serious physical injury, which are sure to occur if ignored.

Warning



! WARNING

Nature and source of danger

Consequences

Warning of death or serious injury, which can occur if this is not observed.

Caution



! CAUTION

Nature and source of danger

Consequences

Warning of slight bodily injury in case of Disregard.

Notice



NOTICE

Nature and source of danger

Consequences

Warning of damage to equipment in case of ignoring.

3 Onboard Network Concept

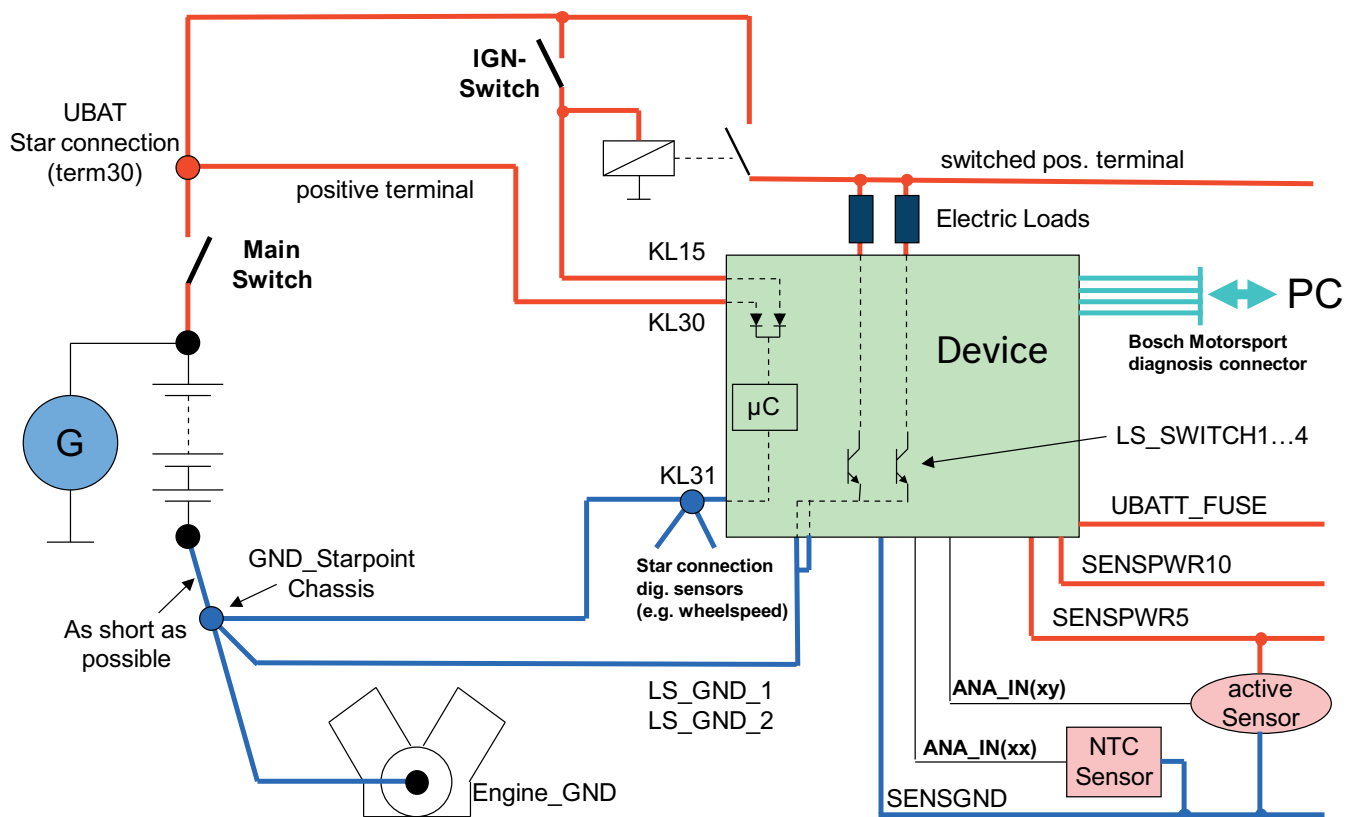
Please ensure that you have a good ground installation. That means:

- A ground that has a solid, low resistance connection to the negative battery terminal
- Connection should be free from dirt, grease, paint, anodizing, etc.
- Use large diameter wire
- More metal-to-metal contact is better!

The following notations for power signals are used:

- KL 15 is a switched battery rail controlled by the IGN-switch
- KL 30 is an unswitched battery positive rail (same as battery positive terminal)
- KL 31 is an unswitched ground rail (same as battery negative terminal)

Be careful to observe current limits of wires and connector pins!



Note

This schematic is not device specific. Please see the section Technical Data for the specifications of your device.

4 Technical Data

The VCU MS 50.4 is a highly powerful processing / logging unit for race applications.

Based on our broad base of platform function, we support you with customized VCU functions for a tailor-made solution.

In addition, you can quickly develop your individual customer software based on MATLAB/Simulink to significantly speed up algorithm development (automatic code and documentation generation, requires CCA package) – including extensive simulation capabilities.

The device offers real time Ethernet functionality to exchange e.g. data used in control algorithms between devices (guaranteed latency time 1 ms).

Application

Processor for customer code	667 MHz Dual Core
Processor for logger	667 MHz Dual Core
Configurable math channels	
User configurable CAN in/out messages	
Sampling rate logger	1 ms
Optional: Sampling rate high speed logger	5 µs
Online data compression	
Logging rate	Max. 600 kB/s
Internal storage capacity	6 GB
LTE Ethernet telemetry support	
RS232 interface for GPS	

Mechanical Data

Size	166 x 121 x 41 mm
Weight	≤ 660 g
Protection classification	IP67
Operating temperature internal	-20 to 80°C
3 motorsport connectors, 198 pins in total	
Max. vibration	Vibration profile 1 (see www.bosch-motorsport.com)

Electrical Data

Supply voltage	5 to 18 V
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Inputs

20 Analog channels 0 to 5 V, 0.5 % precision between 0.2 and 4.8 V, switchable pull-up
8 Digital PWM inputs f _{max} =30 kHz Hall-type speed measurement possible, Switchable pullup 2.15 kOhm, (required for Hall), Tooth count differential*
4 Digital PWM inputs f _{max} =30 kHz Hall- and DF11 type speed measurement possible, Fixed pullup 2.15 kOhm (required for Hall), Tooth count differential*
4 universal Thermocouple
1 Bosch Laptrigger

1 TimeSync master and slave (specific to Bosch measurement system)

Internal measurements:

1 ambient pressure

1 ECU temperature

20 supply voltage

20 supply current

1 battery voltage (external VCU supply)

1 external VCU supply current

4 HS output current

3-axis acceleration plus roll/pitch/yaw rate

Outputs

PWM High side	2*; 7.5 A each, PWM, 50 Hz
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PWM Low side	4*; 2.2 A each, PWM, 10 kHz
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*can be enhanced by Upgrade I/O Package, see below

Power Supplies

12 V, 400 mA each	5*
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Switchable 5 V/12 V, 400 mA each	5*
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Max overall current	4 A on all 12 V 2 A on all 5 V
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Precision 12 V \pm 1 % on the pin

Precision 5 V \pm 0.1 % on the pin

Sensor ground	20
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*can be enhanced by Upgrade I/O Package, see below

Adaptation and Documentation

Function documentation	Automatically created during code generation
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MatLab code generation	Support for customer own MatLab function development
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Software Tools (free download)

Data Analysis tool WinDarab 7

System Configuration tool RaceCon	Logger configuration, calibration and on-line measurement
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Upgrade Customer Code Area CCA

Provides the option to run customer developed software code on Bosch ECU

Upgrade I/O Package

Communication

4 CAN

Inputs

4 Analog channels
0 to 5 V,
0.5 % precision between 0.2 and 4.8 V, switchable pull-up

4 Digital PWM inputs
 $f_{\max}=30$ kHz
Hall-type speed measurement possible,
Fixed pullup 2.15 kOhm (required for Hall),
Tooth count differential**

4 LVDT, 5 pin configuration,
excitation frequency 1 to 20 kHz,
excitation voltage 0 to 5 V (rms)

Outputs

4 "TTL" Digital output, 10 kHz, PWM, 25 mA each

2 PWM High side; 7.5 A each, PWM, 50 Hz

4 PWM Low side; 2.2 A each, PWM, 10 kHz

Power Supplies

5 x12 V, 400 mA each

5 switchable 5 V/12 V, 400 mA each

** The tooth count differential between any two of the PWM inputs is available to measure e.g. shaft torsion.

Upgrade High Speed Logging Package

6 ANA	0 to 5 V, 200 kHz logging rate
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Upgrade CCP Master

Enables CCP master functionality to request data from foreign devices via CAN/CCP protocol.

Upgrade Real Time Ethernet

Enables the VCU to operate as a real time Ethernet master or slave. Guaranteed latency time of 1 ms. Ideal for time critical data transfer as needed in online control algorithms involving data from different devices.

Two interfaces allow for a ring topology (redundancy in case the RTE line experiences damage).

The VCU features a reasonable set of SERCOS3 instructions although not the full SERCOS3 standard is implemented. The ECU side can act as a SERCOS3 master; the logger side can act as a SERCOS3 slave.

USB Accessories

Rugged USB flash drive

Mating connector for USB flash drive on car loom side

Adapter cable to PC USB-port

Connectors

Connector LIFE (red) AS018-35PN	Mating connector AS618-35SN (not included)
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Connector SENS-A (yellow) AS018-35PA	Mating connector AS618-35SA (not included)
Connector SENS-B (blue) AS018-35PB	Mating connector AS618-35SB (not included)

5 Pinlayout

Connector LIFE (red), Mating connector AS618-35SN

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
LIFE 01	I/O	BI_CAN7_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 02	I/O	BI_CAN7_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 03	I	I_DIGIN04_HALL_DF11	0 to 5 V
LIFE 04	I	I_DIGIN09	0 to 5 V
LIFE 05	I/O	BI_CAN8_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 06	I	I_DIGIN10	0 to 5 V
LIFE 07	I/O	BI_CAN4_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 08	I/O	BI_CAN4_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 09	I/O	BI_LIN	0 to 12 V
LIFE 10	I	I_DIGIN02_HALL_DF11	0 to 5 V
LIFE 11	I/O	BI_CAN8_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 12	I/O	BI_CAN3_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 13	I/O	BI_CAN3_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 14	I	I_DIGIN13	0 to 5 V
LIFE 15	I/O	B_D_RS232_RX	12 V
LIFE 16	I/O	B_D_RS232_TX	12 V
LIFE 17	I/O	B_D_ETH2TXN	ETH
LIFE 18	I/O	B_D_ETH2TXP	ETH
LIFE 19	I	I_DIGIN14	0 to 5 V
LIFE 20	G	GND	GND
LIFE 21	I	I_S_LAPTRIG	0 to 5 V
LIFE 22	I/O	BI_TIMESYNC	0 to 5 V
LIFE 23	I/O	B_D_SERCOS2RXN	ETH
LIFE 24	I/O	B_D_SERCOS2RXP	ETH
LIFE 25	I/O	B_D_ETH2RXN	ETH
LIFE 26	I/O	B_D_ETH2RXP	ETH
LIFE 27	I/O	B_D_ETH3TXN	ETH
LIFE 28	G	G_USB_SCR	GND, 2 A fused
LIFE 29	I	I_DIGIN15	0 to 5 V
LIFE 30	I/O	BI_CAN5_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 31	I/O	BI_CAN5_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 32	I/O	B_D_SERCOS2TXN	ETH
LIFE 33	I/O	B_D_SERCOS2TXP	ETH
LIFE 34	I/O	B_D_ETH3RXN	ETH
LIFE 35	I/O	B_D_ETH3RXP	ETH
LIFE 36	I/O	B_D_ETH3TXP	ETH
LIFE 37	I	I_DIGIN03_HALL_DF11	0 to 5 V
LIFE 38	I/O	BI_CAN6_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 39	I/O	BI_CAN6_L	0 to 5 V

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
LIFE 40	G	G_COMSCR	GND, 2 A fused
LIFE 41	I/O	B_D_SERCOS1RXN	ETH
LIFE 42	I/O	B_D_SERCOS1RXP	ETH
LIFE 43	I	I_DIGIN01_HALL_DF11	0 to 5 V
LIFE 44	G	G_DIGIN	GND, 2 A fused
LIFE 45	I/O	BI_USB_DN	USB
LIFE 46	I	I_DIGIN11	0 to 5 V
LIFE 47	I	I_DIGIN12	0 to 5 V
LIFE 48	I/O	BI_CAN1_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 49	I/O	B_D_SERCOS1TXN	ETH
LIFE 50	I/O	B_D_SERCOS1TXP	ETH
LIFE 51	I/O	BI_USB_DP	USB
LIFE 52	O	O_V_USB_VDD	float
LIFE 53	I	I_DIGIN08_HALL	0 to 5 V
LIFE 54	I/O	B_D_ETH1RXN	ETH
LIFE 55	I/O	BI_CAN2_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 56	I/O	BI_CAN1_L	0 to 5 V
LIFE 57	I	I_DIGIN16	0 to 5 V
LIFE 58	O	G_USB_GND	float
LIFE 59	I	I_DIGIN07_HALL	0 to 5 V
LIFE 60	I	I_DIGIN06_HALL	0 to 5 V
LIFE 61	I/O	B_D_ETH1TXN	ETH
LIFE 62	I/O	BI_CAN2_H	0 to 5 V
LIFE 63	V	V_UBAT	VBAT
LIFE 64	I	I_DIGIN05_HALL	0 to 5 V
LIFE 65	I/O	B_D_ETH1RXP	ETH
LIFE 66	I/O	B_D_ETH1TXP	ETH

Connector SENS-A (yellow), Mating connector AS618-35SA

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
SENS-A 01	O	O_LSOUT6	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-A 02	O	G_SENSGND10	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 03	O	O_LSOUT7	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-A 04	O	O_HSOUT4	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-A 05	O	O_HSOUT4	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-A 06	O	G_SENSGND09	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 07	O	G_SENSGND17	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 08	O	O_HSOUT3	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-A 09	O	O_HSOUT3	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-A 10	O	O_LSOUT5	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-A 11	O	G_SENSGND08	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 12	O	G_SENSGND07	GND, 2 A fused

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
SENS-A 13	O	G_SENSGND16	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 14	O	G_SENSGND18	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 15	O	G_SENSGND19	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 16	O	O_LSOUT8	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-A 17	O	O_VSENS19_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 18	O	O_VSENS20_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 19	O	O_VSENS10_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 20	G	GND	GND
SENS-A 21	O	G_SENSGND20	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 22	G	G_ANASCR	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 23	I	I_THERM1_N	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 24	I	I_THERM1_P	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 25	O	O_VSENS08_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 26	O	O_VSENS16_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 27	O	O_VSENS09_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 28	O	G_SENSGND06	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 29	I	I_THERM2_P	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 30	O	O_DIGOUT4	5 V / 25 mA
SENS-A 31	O	O_DIGOUT3	5 V / 25 mA
SENS-A 32	O	O_DIGOUT2	5 V / 25 mA
SENS-A 33	O	O_DIGOUT1	5 V / 25 mA
SENS-A 34	O	O_VSENS18_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 35	O	O_VSENS07_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 36	O	O_VSENS06_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 37	O	O_VSENS17_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-A 38	I	I_THERM2_N	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 39	I	I_ANA08_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 40	I	I_ANA09_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 41	I	I_ANA10_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 42	I	I_ANA07_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 43	I	I_LVDT4_SEC2N	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 44	I	I_LVDT4_SEC_M	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 45	O	O_LVDT4_PRI2	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 46	G	G_SCR_LVDT4	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-A 47	I	I_ANA16_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 48	I	I_ANA20_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 49	I	I_ANA17_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 50	I	I_ANA24_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 51	I	I_LVDT4_SEC1P	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 52	O	O_LVDT4_PRI1	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 53	I	I_LVDT3_SEC_M	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 54	G	G_SCR_LVDT3	GND, 2 A fused

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
SENS-A 55	I	I_ANA18_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 56	I	I_ANA19_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 57	I	I_ANA23_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 58	I	I_LVDT3_SEC1P	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 59	I	I_LVDT3_SEC2N	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 60	O	O_LVDT3_PRI2	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 61	I	I_ANA06_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 62	I	I_THERM3_N	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 63	I	I_THERM3_P	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 64	O	O_LVDT3_PRI1	-5 to 5 V
SENS-A 65	I	I_THERM4_N	0 to 5 V
SENS-A 66	I	I_THERM4_P	0 to 5 V

Connector SENS-B (blue), Mating connector AS618-35SB

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
SENS-B 01	O	O_VSENS04_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 02	O	O_VSENS05_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 03	I	I_LVDT2_SEC1P	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 04	O	O_VSENS02_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 05	O	O_VSENS03_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 06	O	O_VSENS15_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 07	O	O_VSENS14_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 08	I	I_LVDT2_SEC_M	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 09	O	O_LVDT2_PRI1	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 10	O	O_VSENS01_12/5V	5 V / 12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 11	O	O_VSENS12_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 12	O	O_VSENS13_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 13	O	G_SENSGND02	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 14	I	I_LVDT2_SEC2N	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 15	O	O_LVDT2_PRI2	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 16	G	G_SCR_LVDT1	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 17	O	O_LSOUT2	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-B 18	O	O_VSENS11_12V	12 V, 250 mA
SENS-B 19	O	G_SENSGND04	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 20	O	G_SENSGND03	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 21	O	G_SENSGND01	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 22	O	O_LVDT1_PRI1	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 23	O	O_LVDT1_PRI2	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 24	I	I_LVDT1_SEC2N	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 25	O	O_HSOUT1	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-B 26	O	O_HSOUT1	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-B 27	O	G_SENSGND11	GND, 2 A fused

Pin	I/O	Signal	Level, Power
SENS-B 28	O	G_SENSGND05	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 29	V	V_UBAT	VBAT
SENS-B 30	G	GND	GND
SENS-B 31	G	G_SCR_LVDT2	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 32	I	I_LVDT1_SEC_M	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 33	I	I_LVDT1_SEC1P	-5 to 5 V
SENS-B 34	O	O_LSOUT1	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-B 35	O	G_SENSGND12	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 36	V	V_UBAT	VBAT
SENS-B 37	V	V_UBAT	VBAT
SENS-B 38	G	GND	GND
SENS-B 39	G	GND	GND
SENS-B 40	I	I_ANA13_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 41	I	I_ANA21_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 42	I	I_ANA22_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 43	O	O_LSOUT3	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-B 44	O	G_SENSGND13	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 45	V	V_UBAT	VBAT
SENS-B 46	G	GND	GND
SENS-B 47	I	I_ANA05_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 48	I	I_ANA11_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 49	I	I_ANA14_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 50	I	I_ANA15_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 51	O	O_HSOUT2	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-B 52	O	G_SENSGND14	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 53	O	G_SENSGND15	GND, 2 A fused
SENS-B 54	I	I_ANA01_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 55	I	I_ANA02_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 56	I	I_ANA_HSL2	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 57	I	I_ANA12_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 58	O	O_HSOUT2	VBAT / 8 A
SENS-B 59	O	O_LSOUT4	VBAT / 2 A
SENS-B 60	I	I_ANA_HSL5	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 61	I	I_ANA_HSL4	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 62	I	I_ANA04_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 63	I	I_ANA_HSL1	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 64	I	I_ANA_HSL6	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 65	I	I_ANA03_5V	0 to 5 V
SENS-B 66	I	I_ANA_HSL3	0 to 5 V

6 Communication Channels

CAN bus

The VCU MS 50.4 has two CAN buses configurable as input and output. Different baud rates are selectable. Please note that the VCU MS 50.4 does not contain any CAN termination resistors. Thus, the CAN termination resistors need to be integrated into the wiring loom.

Ethernet channels

The VCU MS 50.4 has three 100 MBit full duplex Ethernet communication ports. The ports are internally connected with an Ethernet switch. The Ethernet ports have 'cable auto crossover' functionality.

RS232 port

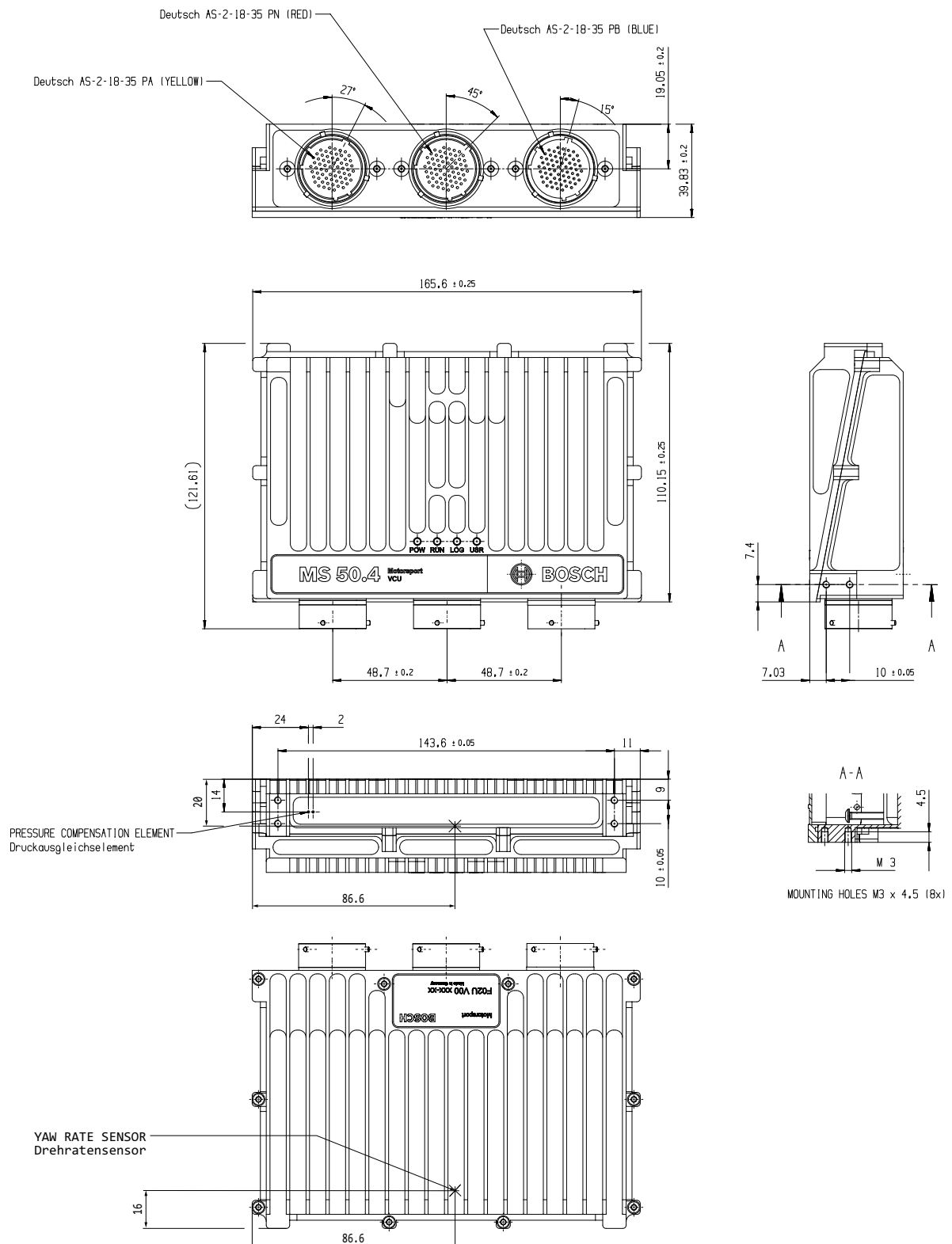
The VCU MS 50.4 has one RS232 serial port dedicated to inbound GPS data.

Vehicle diagnosis connector

The Bosch Motorsport vehicle diagnosis connector is used as a standard interface to connect the vehicle to a PC e.g. via a MSA-Box II. Loom connector: AS012-35SN

Pin	Name	Description	Used for VCU MS 50.4
Pin 1	Terminal 30	Permanent positive	+
Pin 2	Terminal 15	Switched positive	+
Pin 3	Terminal 31	GND	+
Pin 4	CAN High	Diagnostic CAN bus	
Pin 16	CAN Low	Diagnostic CAN bus	
Pin 10	K-Line	ECU diagnosis	
Pin 8	Ethernet RxD +	Ethernet interface	+
Pin 9	Ethernet RxD -	Ethernet interface	+
Pin 11	Ethernet TxD +	Ethernet interface	+
Pin 12	Ethernet TxD -	Ethernet interface	+
Pin 22	Screen	Cable screen	+

7 Mechanical Drawing



8 Starting Up

Install the software required for the VCU MS 50.4 operation. It is developed for Windows system software. Following software versions are used in this manual:

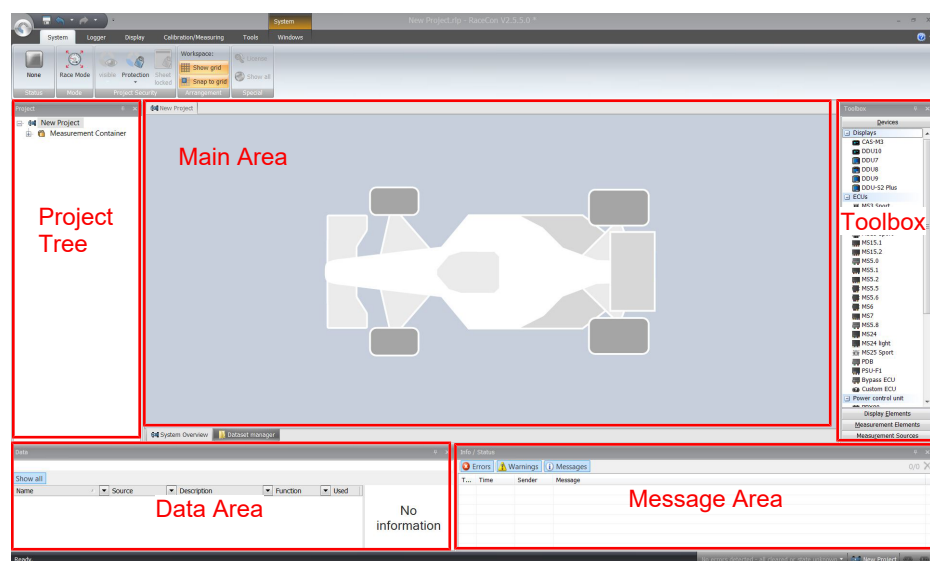
- VCU MS 50.4 setup, configuration and calibration: RaceCon
- Measurement data analysis: WinDarab

Set up the 100 Mbit Ethernet connection to the VCU MS 50.4.

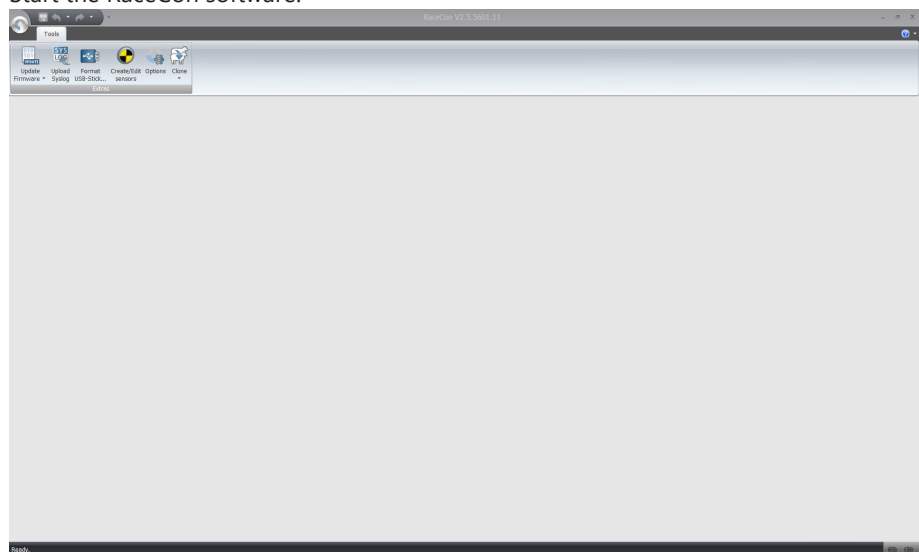
- The Ethernet port has 'cable auto crossover' functionality.

8.1 Setting up a new RaceCon Project

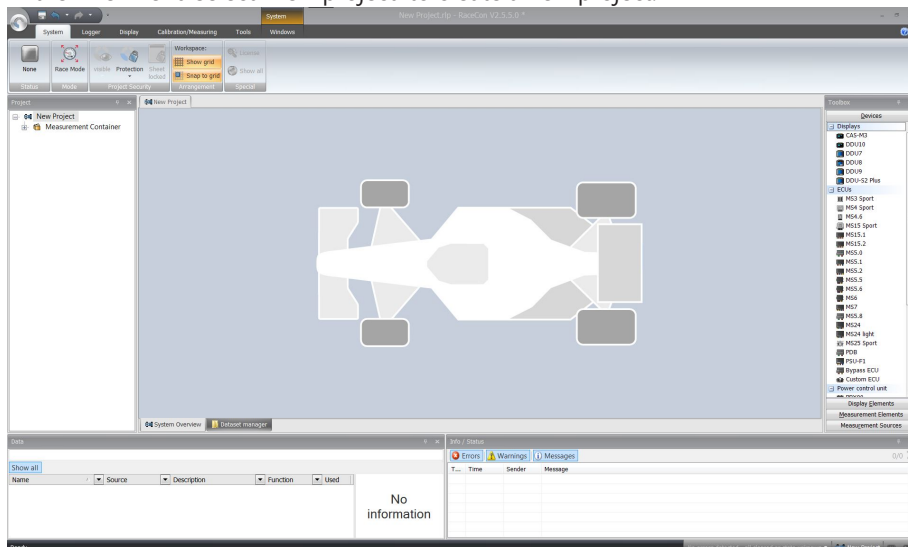
The following screenshot shows an overview of the RaceCon Main Screen with its areas. All (sub-) windows are resizable and dockable. You can find them under the 'Windows' tab.



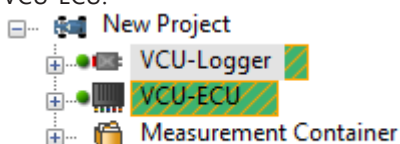
1. Start the RaceCon software.



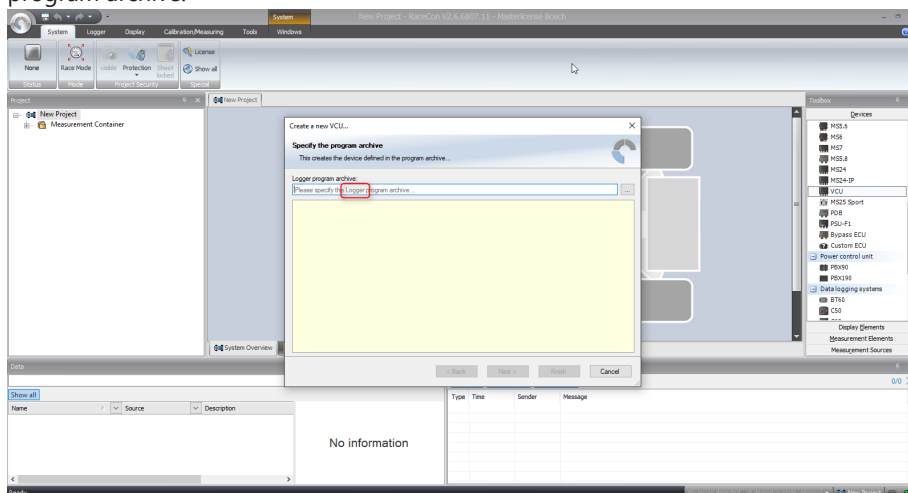
- In the 'File' menu select 'New project' to create a new project.



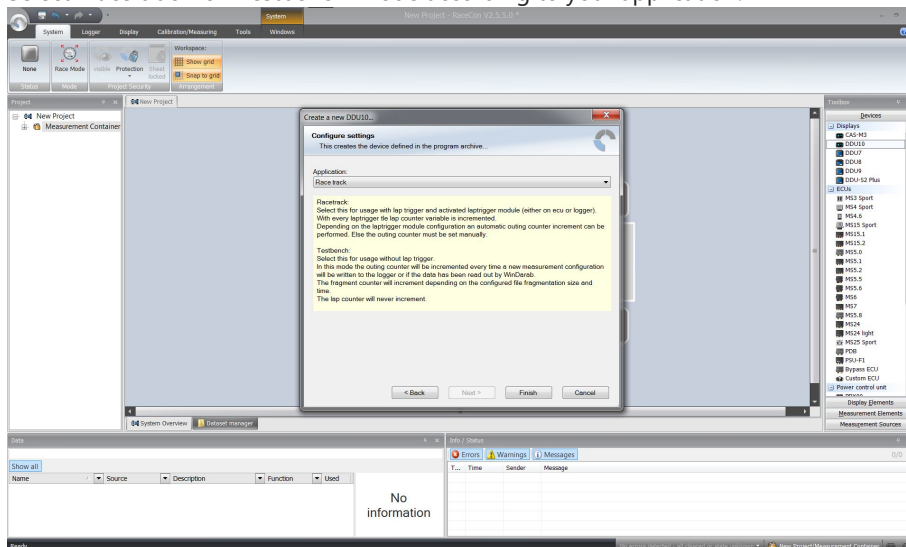
Note: The VCU MS 50.4 is represented in RaceCon by two symbols: VCU-Logger and VCU-ECU.



- Unlike other Bosch Motorsport devices, the VCU MS 50.4 needs two different program archives – the Logger program archive and the ECU program archive. For the Logger program archive, go to the Toolbox and select the VCU MS 50.4. Drag it into the Main Area. A pop up window appears, to specify the VCU MS 50.4 Logger program archive.

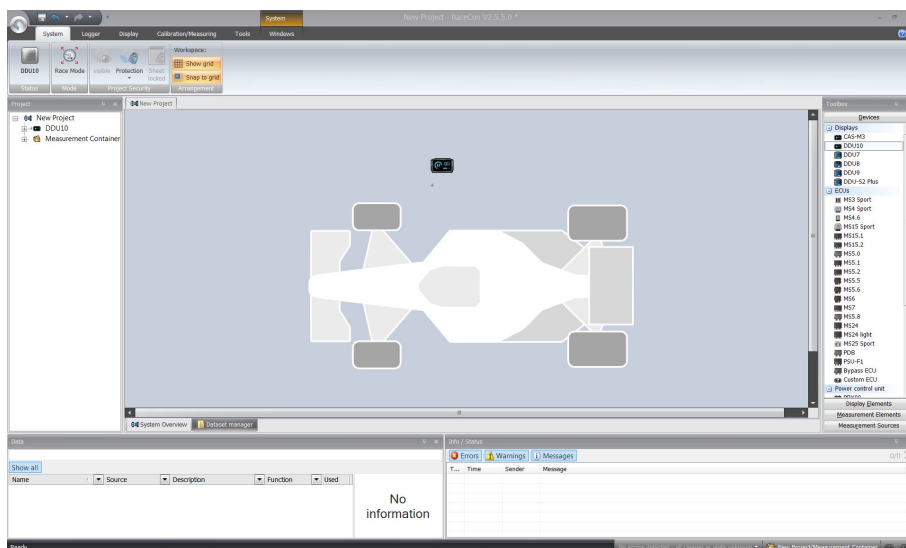


7. Select 'Race track' or 'Testbench' mode according to your application.



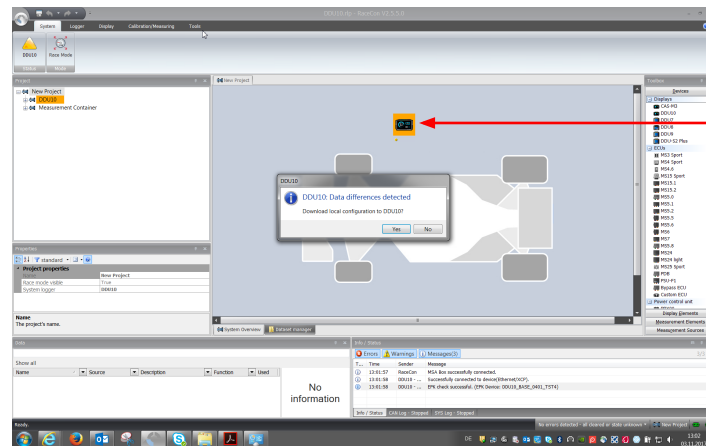
8. Click 'Finish'.

The VCU MS 50.4 is inserted into the project and RaceCon tries to connect to the device.



RaceCon detects configuration differences between the VCU MS 50.4 and the RaceCon project and asks for permission for data download.

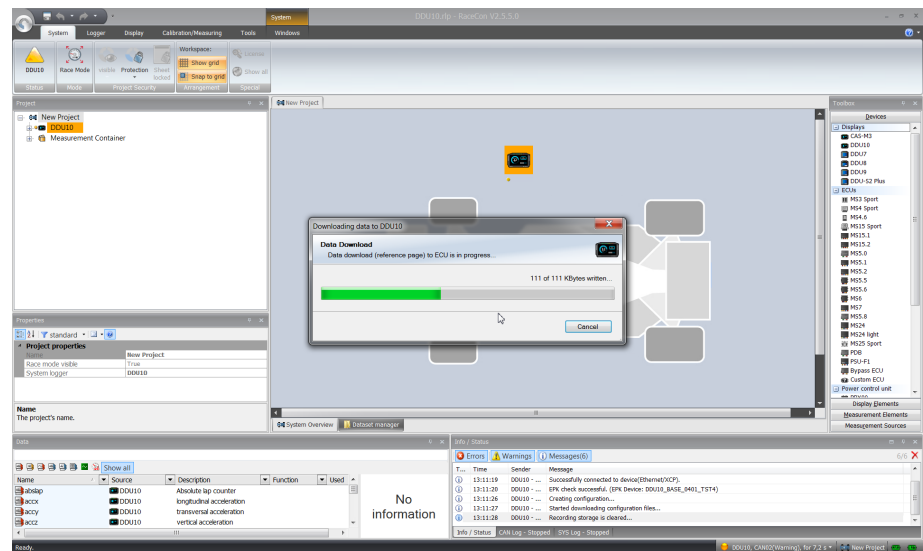
9. Click 'Yes' to download the configurations to the device or 'No' to continue without downloading the data.



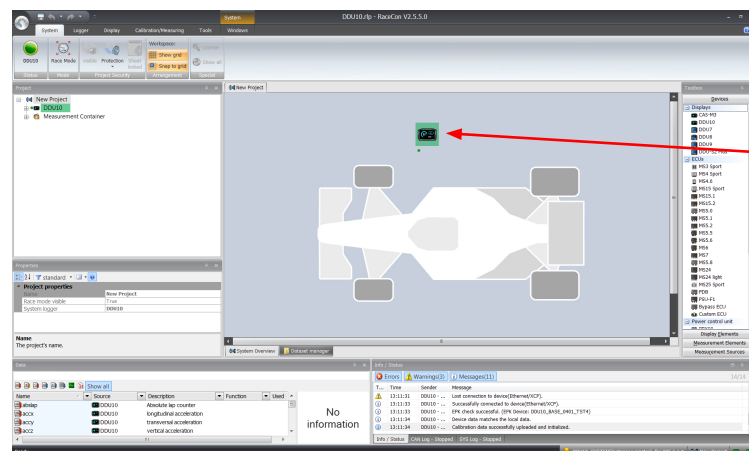
Successful ethernet connection, Device "talks" to PC.

If the device turns red, you might need to do a firmware update on the device. For more information, see chapter "Firmware update [▶ 117]".

The download starts and the VCU MS 50.4 carries out a reset.



After the reset, RaceCon reconnects to the VCU MS 50.4. Local configuration on both the PC and VCU MS 50.4 match (indicated by green background and dot). The VCU MS 50.4 is now connected to RaceCon.



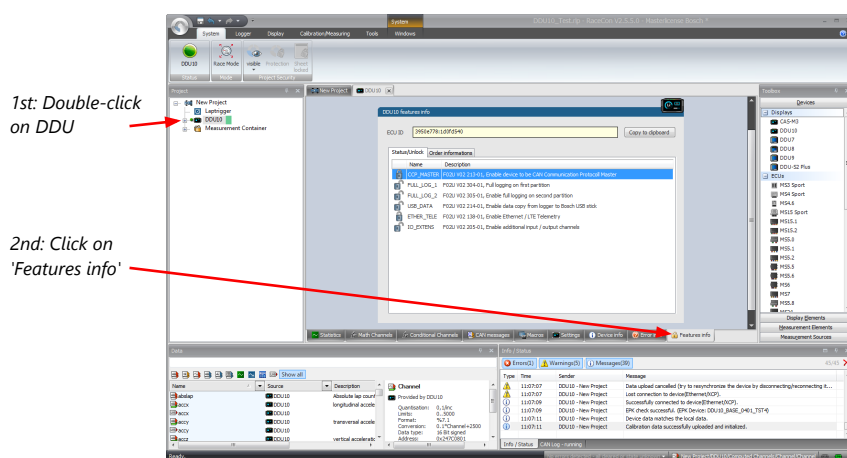
Green background and dot indicate matching configuration

For further information on the color indication, see chapter "Color indication".

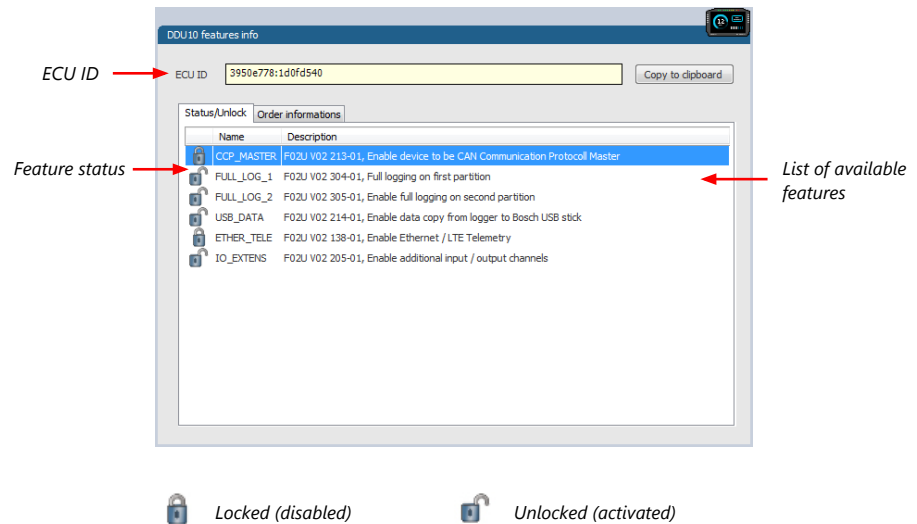
8.2 Feature activation

- Optional software feature packages are available for the VCU MS 50.4
- All software feature packages can be purchased prior to delivery or after you have received your device.
- If you have purchased an optional software feature package, it must be activated before it becomes operational.
- The feature activation status is stored permanently in the device and requires activating once only.
- As the activation key is device specific, a key delivered with one VCU MS 50.4 does not work on any other VCU MS 50.4.
- When purchasing a software feature package, you have to tell Bosch the ECU ID code. The ECU ID code is device specific and can be found in the 'features info' window, shown in the screenshots below.
- If you have not purchased an optional software feature package, the next steps can be skipped.

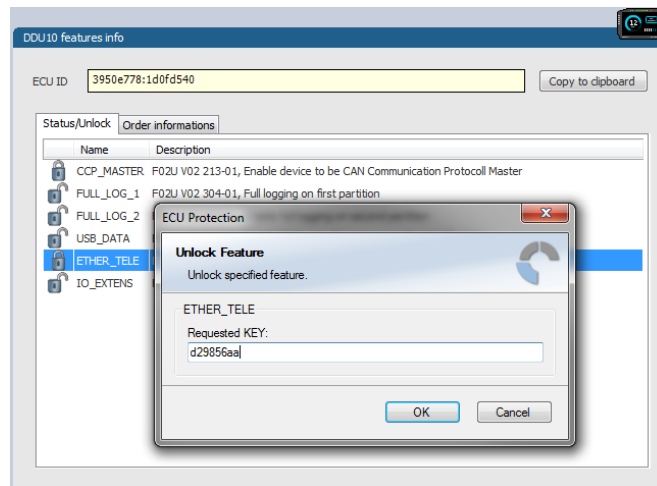
1. Ensure a connection to the device.
2. To activate a feature, double-click on 'VCU MS 50.4' in the Project Tree. There are two upgrades available for the VCU MS 50.4. One for the logger part and another one for the ECU part. Depending on which upgrade (logger or ECU) you like to activate, double-click on either "VCU MS 50.4 - Logger" or "VCU MS 50.4 - ECU".
3. Click on the 'Features info' tab in the Main Area.



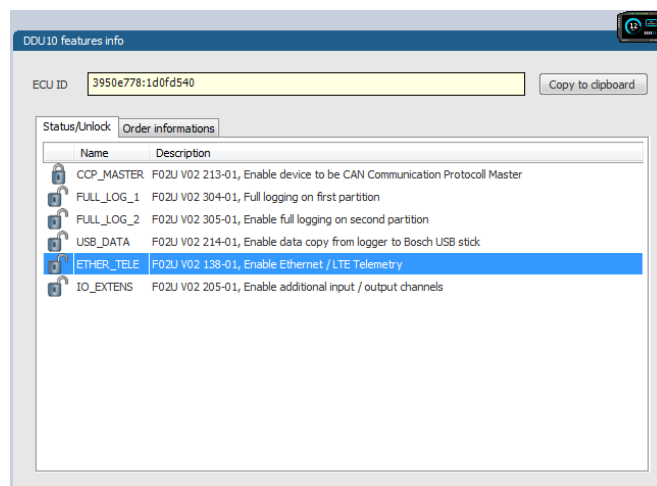
The 'VCU MS 50.4 features info' window appears.



- Double-click on the feature you want to activate. A feature unlock window appears.



- Enter the activation key you received for this feature on this device and click 'OK' when done. The feature's status changes to 'unlocked'.

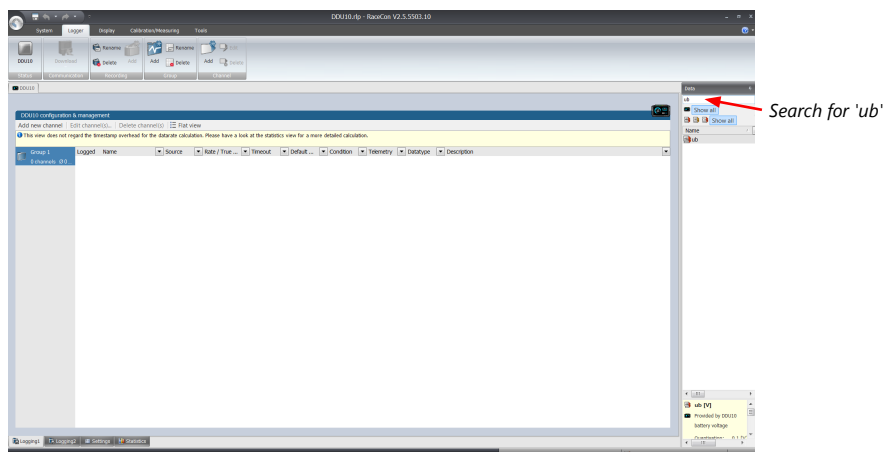


- Perform these steps to activate other features you purchased.
- Switch the car's ignition off and on again to cycle the power of VCU MS 50.4.

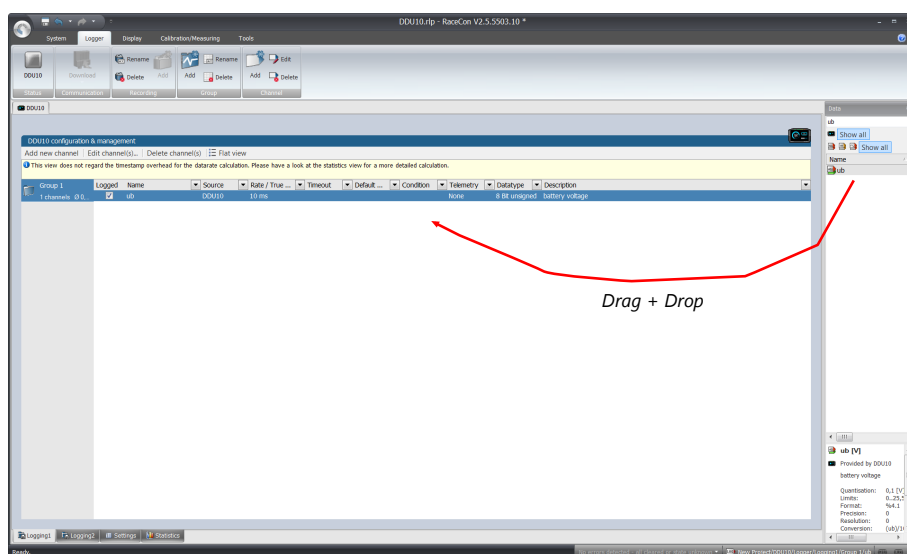
8.3 First recording (Quick Start)

This chapter explains the configuration of the recording of the battery voltage channel. See chapter 'Recording [▶ 82]' for a detailed instruction to configure recordings.

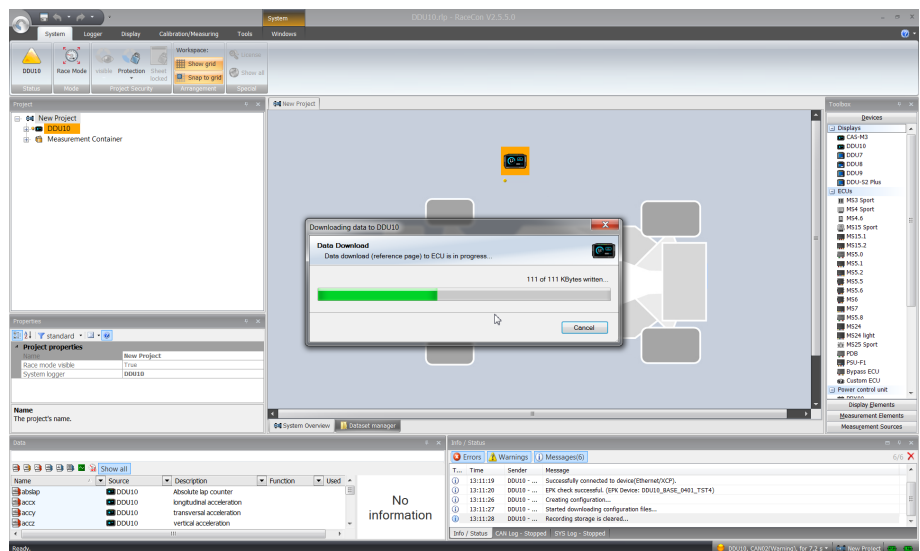
1. Click on the 'Logger' tab to go to the page 'Logger'.
2. Use the search bar in the 'Data' window, to search for 'ub' (measurement channel for battery voltage).



3. Drag and drop the 'ub' measurement channel into the recording area.

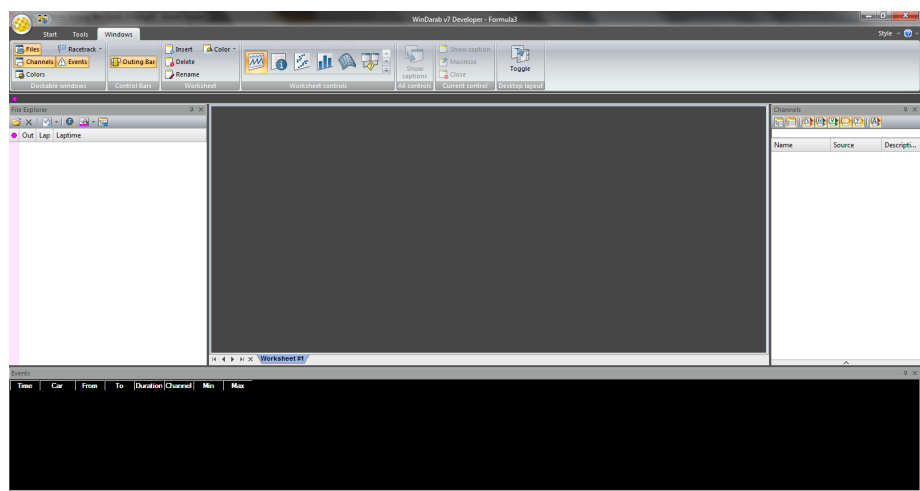


4. Click on the 'Download' button in the upper left corner.
The configuration download starts and the VCU MS 50.4 carries out a reset.
Now you can find the 'ub' measurement channel in the 'Data Area'.

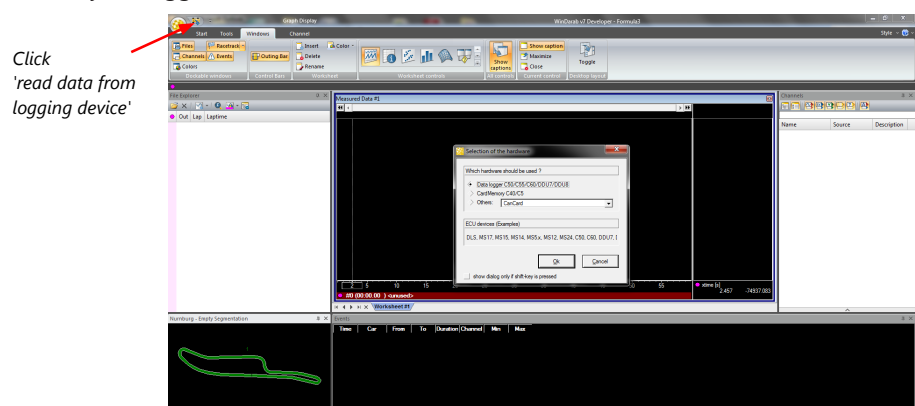


As we did not define global start conditions, recording starts immediately.

5. Start the WinDarab software.



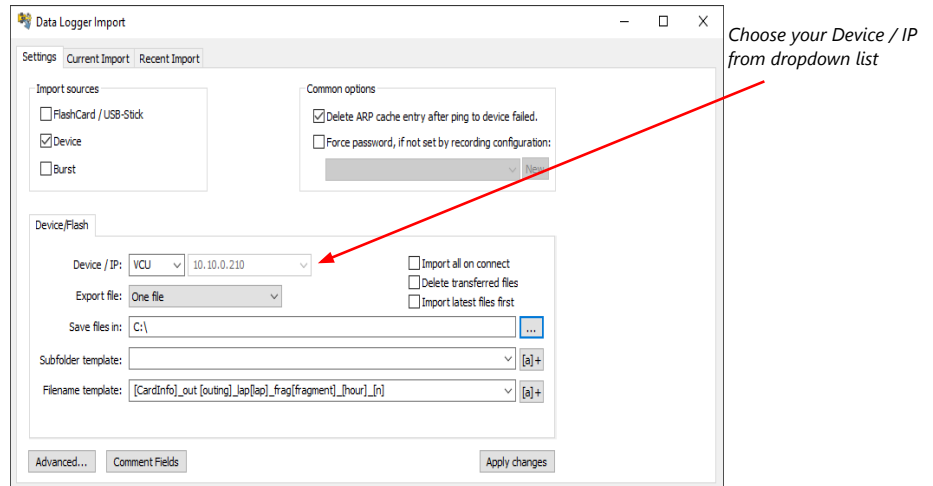
6. Disconnect the VCU MS 50.4 network cable.
7. Click on the 'Read Data from Logging Device' icon.
8. Choose your logger and click 'OK' when done.



The 'Data Logger Import' dialog opens. Refer to the WinDarab V7 manual for instructions on how to use the 'Data Logger Import' dialog and for more detailed descriptions and instructions.

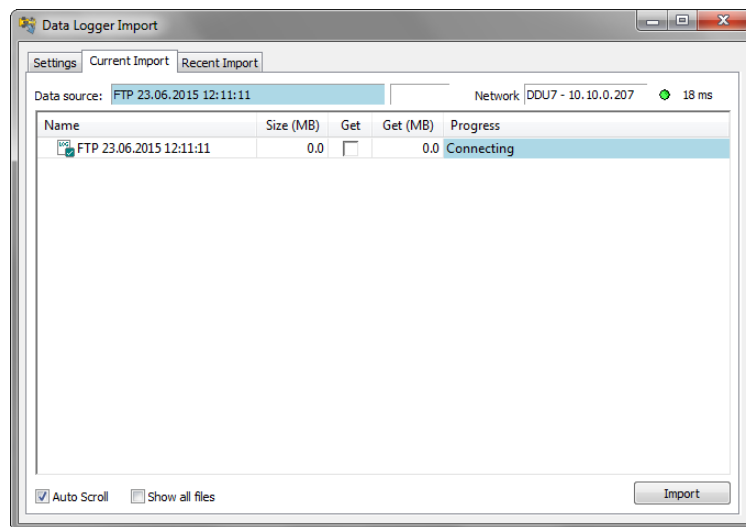
9. Choose the device and the IP address for the device.

10. Click 'Apply changes' when done.

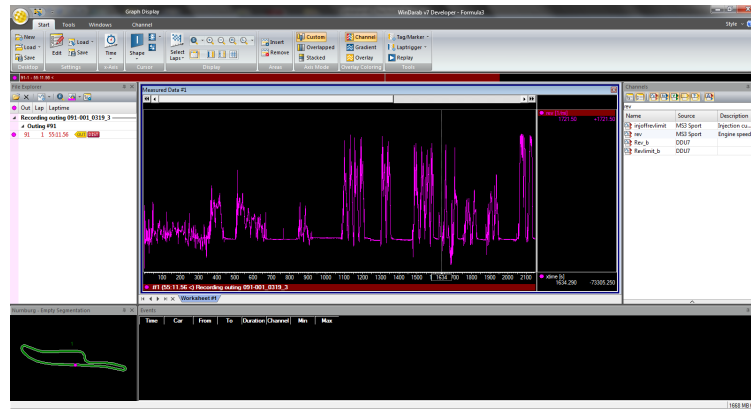


11. Connect the VCU MS 50.4 network cable.
 12. Click on the 'Current Import' tab.
 13. Click on 'Import' in the lower right corner.

If the 'Import all on connect' box is checked, the data transmission from the VCU MS 50.4 starts automatically. Measurement files are stored automatically in the folder defined under 'Settings'.



14. Click on 'Close' when the transmission has finished.
 15. Click on the Start button and choose 'Open measurement file'.
 16. Select the measurement files from the storage folder.
 17. Click on 'Open'.
 18. Click on 'New Desktop' to open a new measurement data window.
 19. Drag the 'ub' measurement channel from the channel list and drop it into the measurement data window. The 'ub' measurement channel's graph is displayed.

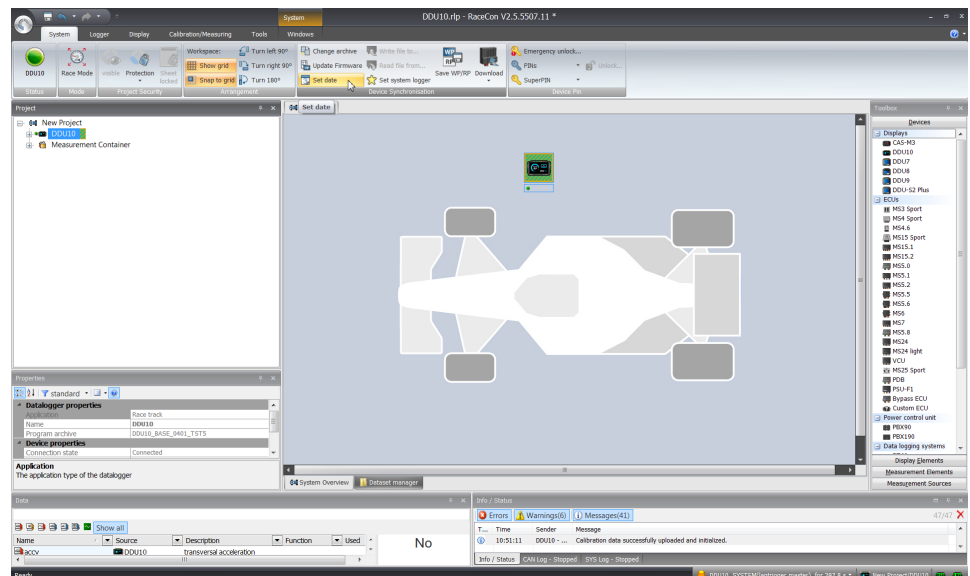


8.4 Set date and time

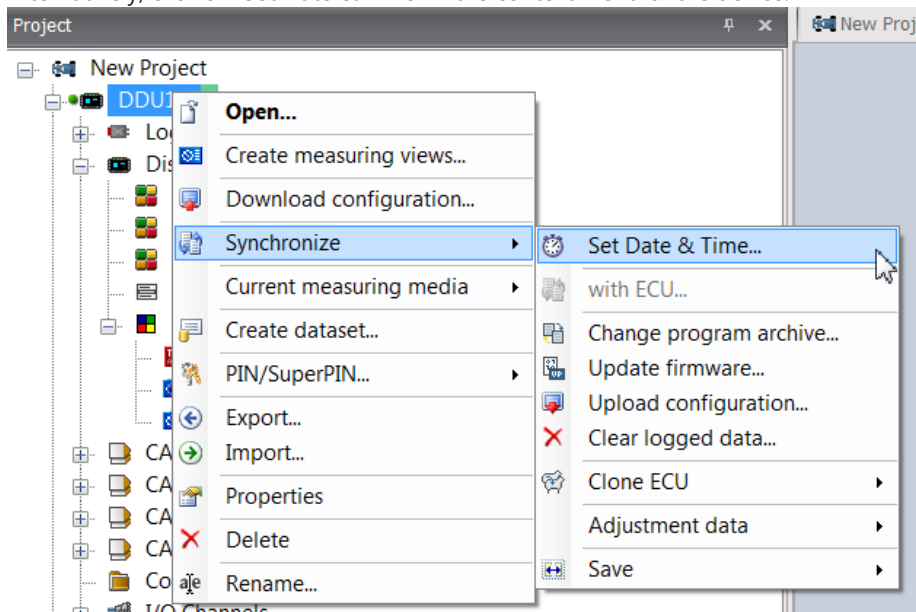
The VCU MS 50.4 is equipped with a real time clock which is supplied by an internal accumulator. Once this accumulator is charged correctly by 12 V supply of the display, 'Date & Time' can be programmed by RaceCon.

Reassure that the time is set correctly, if the device has not been used for more than two weeks.

1. Connect the VCU MS 50.4 to the PC.
2. Click on the 'Set date' button in the 'System' tab menu.

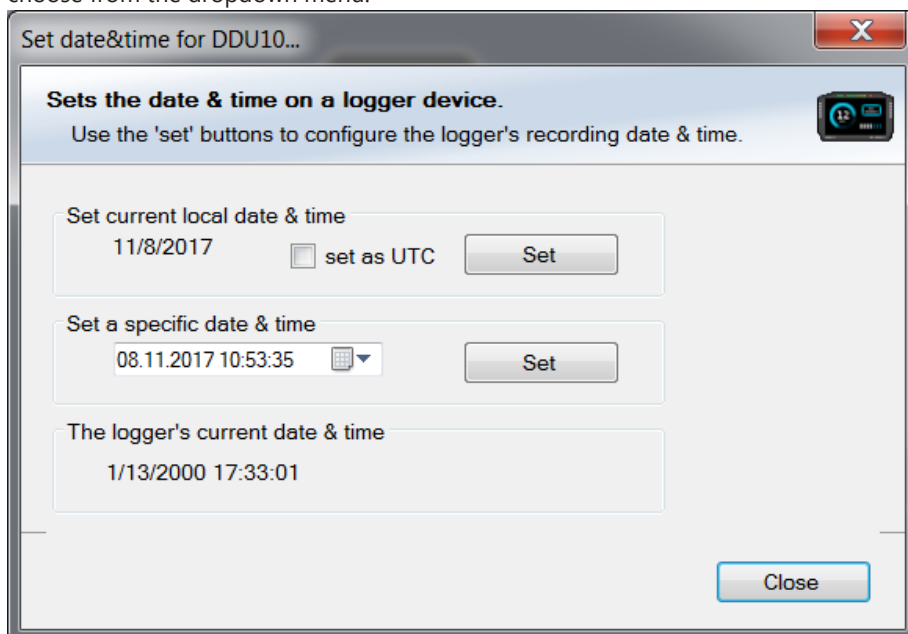


3. Alternatively, click on 'Set Date & Time' in the context menu of the device.



A 'Set Date & Time' menu opens

4. Set the current local date and time as coordinated universal time.
5. At 'Set a specific date & time' click and type on the value you want to change, or choose from the dropdown menu.



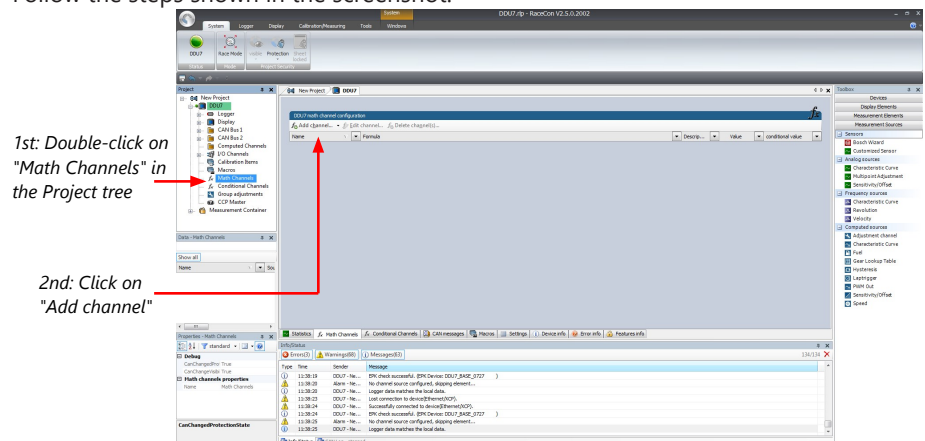
9 Project Configuration

9.1 Math Channels

- Arithmetic and logical operations on up to 4 measurement channel(s)
- Numerical result
- Result can be used as input source for various display elements (numeric elements, alarms, bargraphs) and further calculations in the whole RaceCon project

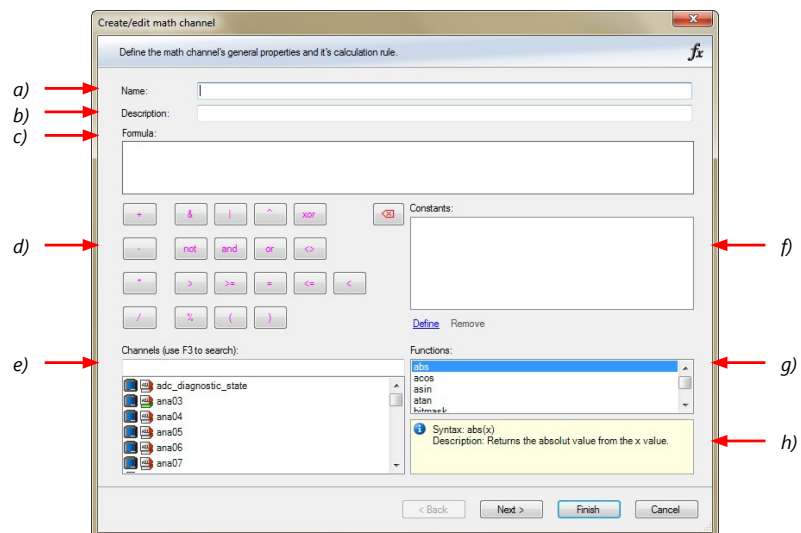
Creating a new Math Channel

1. Follow the steps shown in the screenshot.



The “Create/edit math channel” window appears.

2. Define the math channel using the following configuration possibilities:



- a) Enter the name of the math channel.
- b) Enter a description of the math channel.
- c) Enter the formula.
- d) Select the logical operator.
- e) Choose a measurement channel.
- f) Define a value that can be used as a constant in the formula.
- g) Choose a function.
- h) Describes the function selected above.

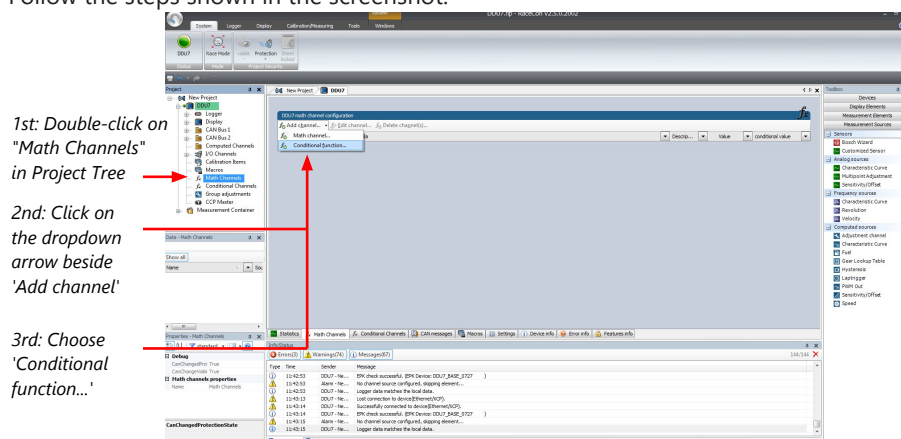
Click 'Finish' when done. The math channel is displayed in the VCU MS 50.4 math channel window.

9.2 Conditional Functions

- Arithmetic and logical operations on one or more measurement channel(s)
 - If-Else structure with reset
 - Numerical result
 - Result can be used as input source for various display elements (numeric elements, alarms, bargraphs) and further calculations in the whole RaceCon project.
- All math and conditional channels can be used globally in the whole RaceCon project.

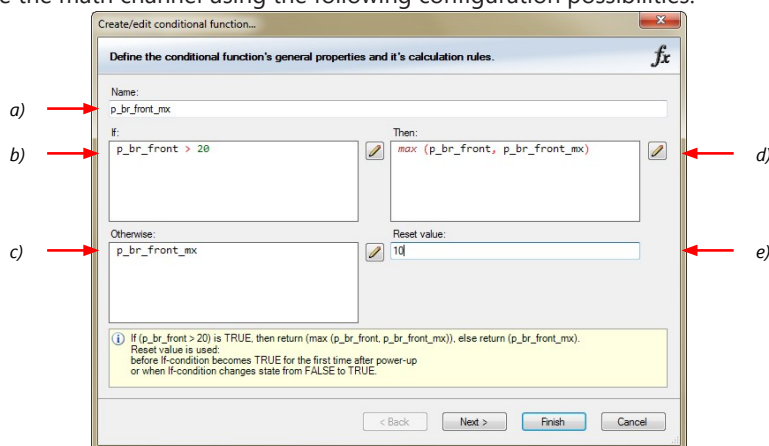
Creating a new Conditional Function

1. Follow the steps shown in the screenshot.



The "create/edit math channel" window appears.

2. Define the math channel using the following configuration possibilities:



- a) Enter the name of the conditional function.
 - b) Enter the If-condition. Click on the pencil symbol to open an editor to enter expressions.
 - c) Enter the Then-condition. Click on the pencil symbol to open an editor to enter expressions.
 - d) Enter the Otherwise-condition. Click on the pencil symbol to open an editor to enter expressions.
 - e) Enter the reset value (must be a number).
3. Click 'Finish' when done.

The conditional function works the following way:

The program always calculates the condition entered in the IF window and checks if the condition is TRUE or FALSE.

If the condition entered in the IF window is TRUE, the program calculates the condition entered in the THEN window. The returned value is the content of the new variable (entered in "Name").

If the condition entered in the IF window is FALSE, the program calculates the condition entered in the OTHERWISE window. The returned value is the content of the new variable (entered in "Name").

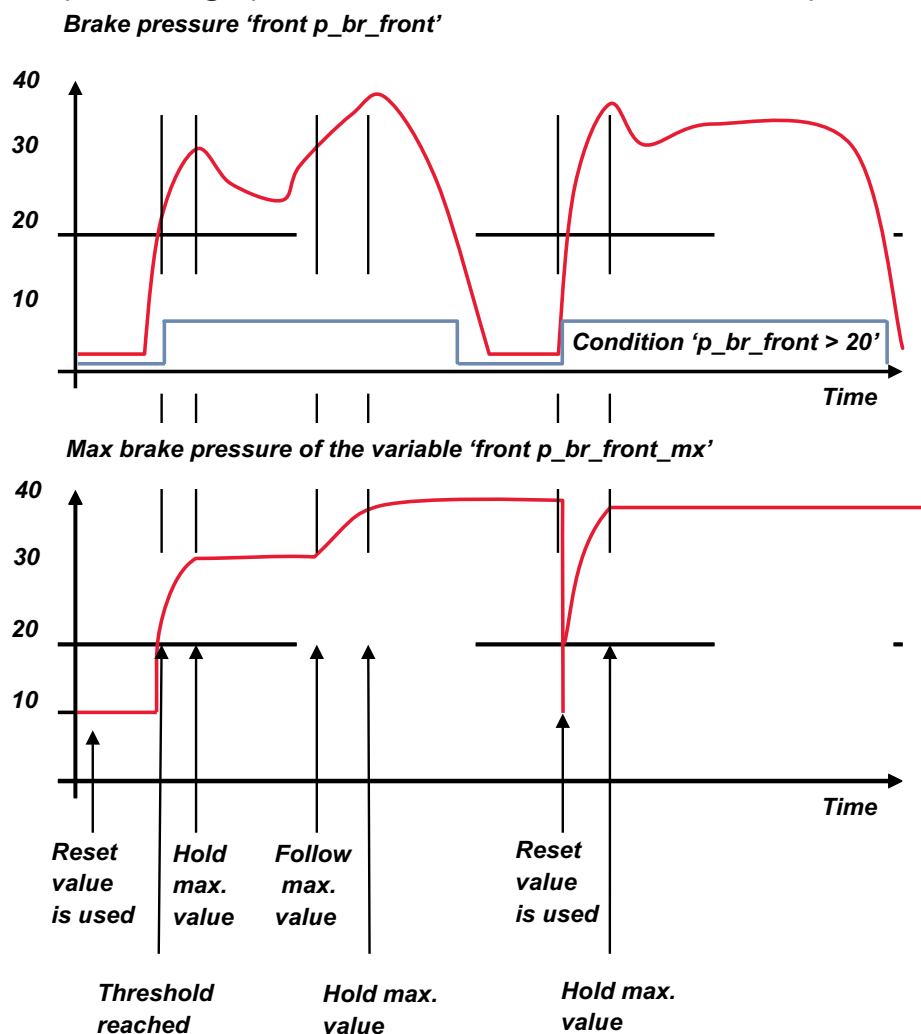
The reset value is always set for the new variable (entered in "Name"):

- before the If-condition becomes TRUE for the first time after power-up
- when the If-condition changes state from FALSE to TRUE.

An example of a condition to set up the maximum front brake pressure is given on the next page.

The conditional function is displayed in the VCU MS 50.4 math channel window.

Example: Setting up a condition for maximum front brake pressure



- At power-up, the reset value (10) is used for 'p_br_front_mx'.

- 'p_br_front' rises to 30. As 'p_br_front' is > 20 (condition is TRUE), the condition 'max (p_br_front, p_br_front_mx)' in the THEN window is triggered. The condition sets the bigger value as new value for 'p_br_front_mx'. As 'p_br_front' (30) is bigger than 'p_br_front_mx' (10), the new value for 'p_br_front_mx' is set to 30.
- Although 'p_br_front' falls to 25, the value of 'p_br_front_mx' stays 30. This is caused by the THEN-condition, because p_br_front_mx' (30) is still bigger than p_br_front' (25).
- 'p_br_front' rises to 40. As 'p_br_front' (40) is bigger than 'p_br_front_mx' (30), the new value for 'p_br_front_mx' is set to 40.
- As 'p_br_front' falls below 20, the IF-condition turns to FALSE. Now the OTHERWISE-condition is triggered. Because the condition 'p_br_front_mx' sets the value of 'p_br_front_mx' and the value is already set to 40, nothing changes.
- When 'p_br_front' rises to 40, the IF-condition changes to TRUE again and triggers the THEN-condition. Now the reset value (10) is used for 'p_br_front_mx' in the THEN-condition.
- The new value of 'p_br_front_mx' is 40 because 40 is bigger than 10.

9.3 Conditional Channels

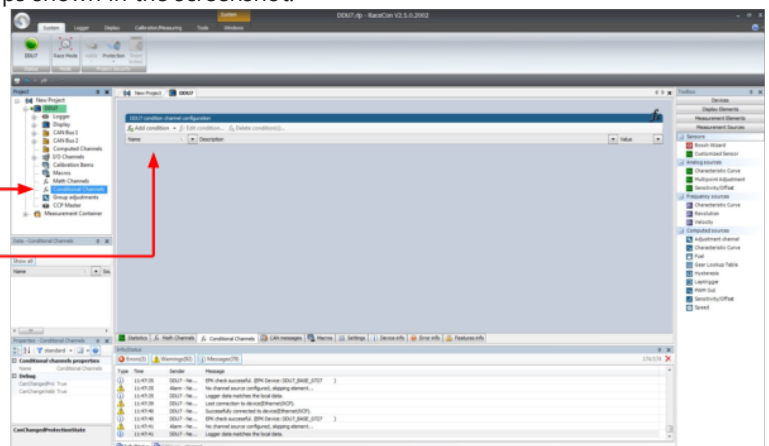
- Logical operations on measurement channel(s)
- If-Else structure with reset
- Logical result
- Result can be used as input source for alarm display elements and further calculations in the whole RaceCon project.

Creating a new Conditional Channel

1. Follow the steps shown in the screenshot.

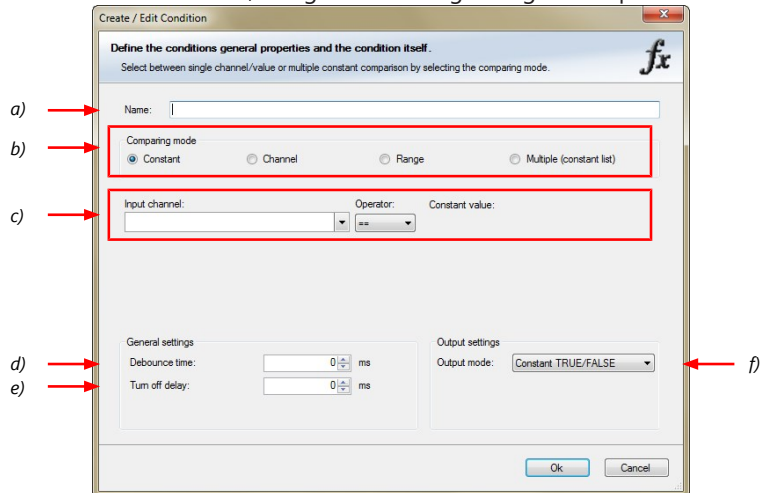
1st: Double-click on "Conditional Channels" in Project Tree

2nd: Click on 'Add condition'



The "Create/edit condition" window appears.

2. Define the condition channel, using the following configuration possibilities:



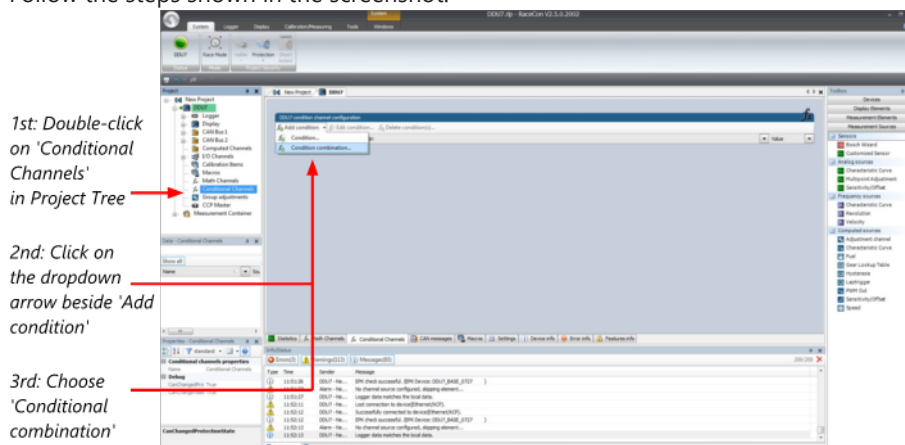
- a) Enter the name of the conditional channel.
 - b) Select the comparing mode:
 - Constant: Compare a measurement channel with a constant value.
 - Channel: Compare a measurement channel with a measurement channel.
 - Range: Compare a measurement channel with a defined value range.
 - Multiple: Compare a measurement channel with up to 5 constant values.
 - c) Depending on the chosen comparing mode, you can enter the following values:
 - Constant: Choose the measurement channel or condition, the operator and enter the value of the channel.
 - Channel: Choose the measurement channel or condition, the operator and the measurement channel or condition to be compared.
 - Range: Choose the measurement channel or condition, the operator and define the minimum and maximum value.
 - Multiple: Choose the measurement channel or condition, the operator and enter the value of up to 5 constants.
 - d) Enter the minimal time to detect the signal of the measurement channel, to avoid high-frequency switchovers.
 - e) Enter the time by which the signal of the measuring channel is delayed after its end.
 - f) Choose the output setting of the result.
 - Constant TRUE/FALSE: Result is as a constant with the value TRUE or FALSE.
 - Blinking: Result is a blinking, if the condition is fulfilled.
 - Pulse: Result is a short one-time pulse, if the condition is fulfilled.
 - Toggling output: Result is a pulse that lasts until the next condition is fulfilled.
- Click 'Ok' when done. The conditional channel is displayed in the VCU MS 50.4 condition channel window.

9.4 Condition Combination

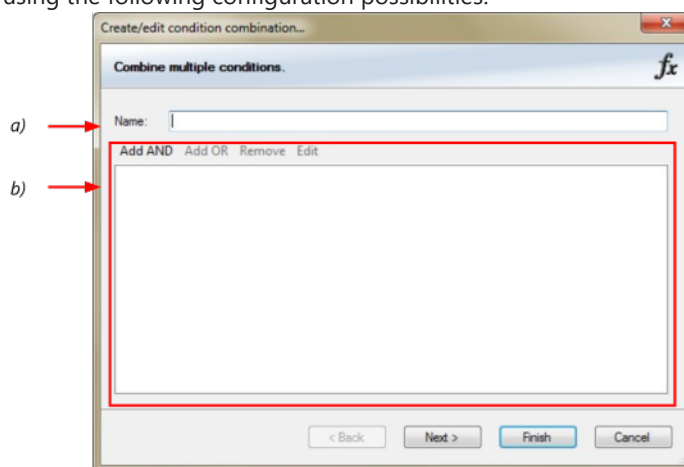
- Combination of several (up to 16) conditional channels for more complex calculations
- Logical results
- All conditions can be used globally in the whole VCU MS 50.4 project.

Creating a new Condition Combination

Follow the steps shown in the screenshot.

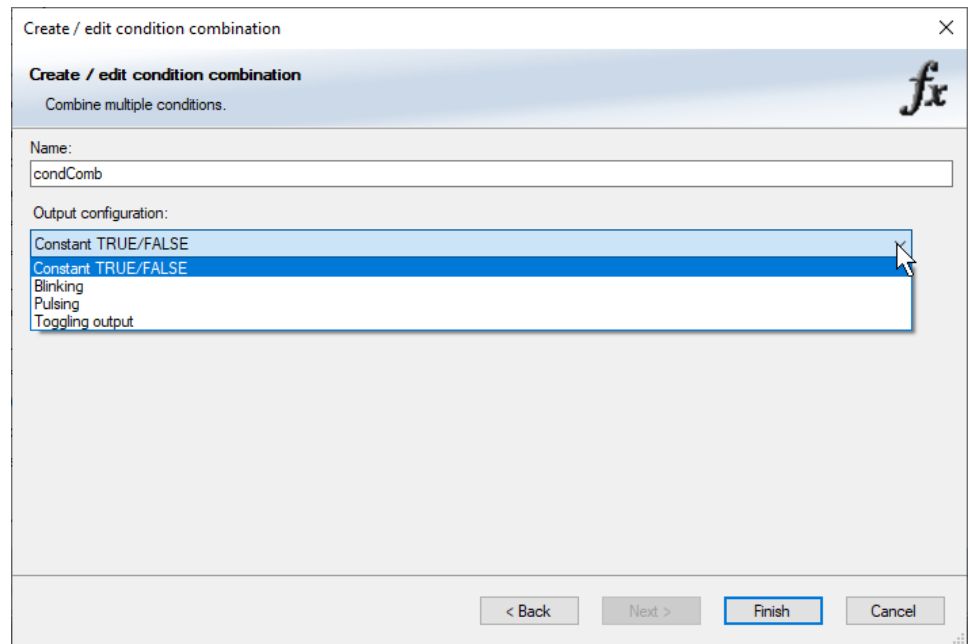


The "Create/edit condition combination" window appears. Define the condition combination, using the following configuration possibilities:



- Enter the name of the condition combination.
- Create the condition combination in the window.
 - Choose a channel (condition, conditional function, math, measurement channel with binary values) to be compared.
 - Combine multiple conditions, by adding 'AND' or 'OR' relations.
 - To negate a condition, click with the right mouse-button on the condition and select 'Negation (!)'.
 - Combine several (up to 16) conditions.

Click 'Next' to go to the next page. Choose the output setting of the result:



- Constant TRUE/FALSE: Result is as a constant with the value TRUE or FALSE.
- Blinking: Result is a blinking, if the condition is fulfilled.
- Pulsing: Result is a short one-time pulse, if the condition is fulfilled.
- Toggling output: Result is a pulse that lasts until the next condition is fulfilled.

Click 'Finish' when done. The conditional combination is displayed in the VCU MS 50.4 condition channel window.

9.5 Display Switch Module

You can use the Display Switch Module to switch display pages and brightness. The output is a display page or brightness output that can be used in display configurations. The value sustains over a power cycle.

The conditions for incrementing/decrementing the value can be set freely. The maximum value can be set as constant or read from a measurement.

The page can be configured to wrap around. In this case, no page down condition is needed.

The resulting outputs are the display switch value and the input conditions.

Measurement label	Function
name	page or brightness value
name_dn	input condition for decrement
name_up	input condition for increment

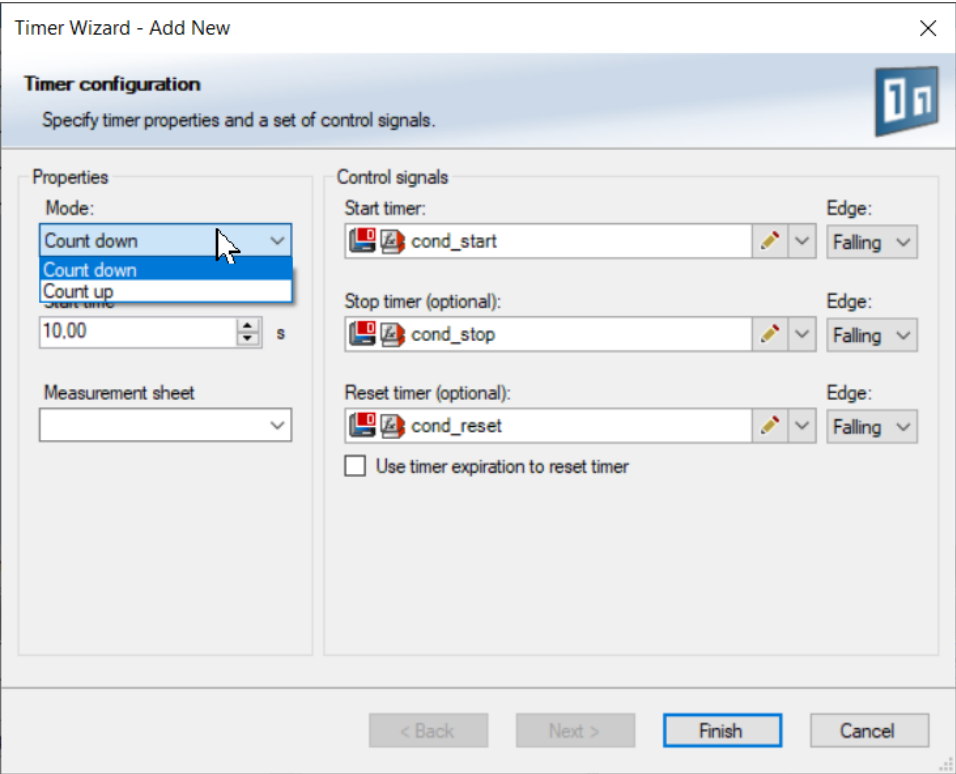
Example:

displayPage	C80 Logger
displayPage_dn	C80 Logger
displayPage_up	C80 Logger

9.6 Timer Module

The Timer Module is designed to implement timing triggers, i.e. for rallye stage timing or minimum pit time calculations. Any event in the system can be used for starting, stopping and resetting the timer.

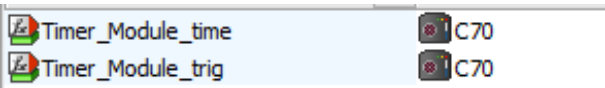
Up counting mode and down counting mode are available, triggers are fired at set time (up counting) or at zero (down counting). The running timer will keep its state over a power cycle.



The output channels for this module depend on the name used for the module and are called ..._time and ..._trig.

Measurement label	Function
name_time	actual timer value
name_trig	trigger set by timer alarm

In this example, the module is named "Timer_Module". Resulting channels are:



9.7 GPS Trigger Module

The GPS Trigger Module triggers depending on GPS-position, similar to the GPS-laptrigger. There are 2 x 10 GPS trigger points available, 10 in the parameter and 10 in the macro-based mode.

If the car passes one of the trigger points, an output signal is set to 1 shortly. Each trigger requires a defined latitude, longitude and detection range.

GPS Trigger Wizard - Edit gpsmod

GPS Trigger configuration
Specify GPS Trigger input signals.

GPS source:

Latitude:
gps_lat

Longitude:
gps_long

Direction (optional):
gps_direction

Speed (optional):
gps_speed

Triggers to store GPS position (optional)

- cond_start
-
-
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< Back Next > **Finish** Cancel

The parameter-based trigger points need to be set manually in RaceCon, the macro-based trigger points will store latitude and longitude values when the configurable trigger condition comes true (i.e. steering wheel button). This trigger condition and the detection range need to be configured in RaceCon.

GPS Trigger Wizard - Edit gpsmod

GPS Trigger configuration
Specify GPS Trigger configuration.

Fudge Factor:
1.000

Measurement sheet

GPS positions (Parameter based) Detection range (Macro based)

Latitude [DD]	Longitude in [DD]	Detection range [m]
0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00
0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00
0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00
0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00
0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00
0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00
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0.00000000	0.00000000	20.00

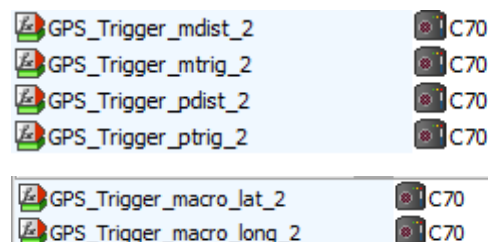
< Back Next > **Finish** Cancel

The GPS trigger points can also be used for segment triggering. If used as segment triggers and i.e. 3 trigger points are selected, the laptrigger module will use the first 3 trigger points on the list.

The channel names depend on the name used for the module, in this example GPS_Trigger. Each trigger has a distance and a trigger channel with the abbreviation m for macro or p for parameter based. The trigger channel will be set to 1, when the lowest distance to the trigger point is detected. For the macro-based trigger, the stored latitude and longitude values can be seen with the channels.

Measurement label	Function
name_ lat	interpolated gps latitude
name_ long	interpolated gps longitude
name_ p trig_1..10	trigger output of parameter based trigger (n)
name_ p dist_1..10	distance to trigger of parameter based trigger (n)
name_ m trig_1..10	trigger output of macro based trigger (n)
name_ m dist_1..10	distance to trigger of parameter based trigger (n)
name_ macro _lat_1..10	stored latitude for macro based trigger (n)
name_ macro _long_1..10	stored longitude for macro based trigger (n)

Example:



9.8 CPU Load Limits

As all microprocessors, the two processors of the VCU MS 50.4 have limited capacities. The current load of the processors can be monitored using the channel "cpu_load_001" or "cpu_load_002". When configuring your device, please make sure the used CPU load is in a save range below 100 %.

Bosch recommends a maximum CPU load of 85 % (averaged). Exceeding this limit might result in the VCU MS 50.4 not being able to fulfill its required measuring/logging/display tasks or even in crashing and rebooting.

Main factors influencing the CPU load are:

- Number and complexity of math channels
- Number and complexity of conditions
- CAN traffic on both CAN lines
- Logger configuration (total logging rate [kB/s], conditional measurement rates)

To help respecting the limit of 85 % CPU load, the VCU MS 50.4 creates an error memory entry. To trigger this error entry, the CPU load must exceed the limit for 5 minutes without interruption.

When being confronted with this error memory entry (see 'Error info' in RaceCon) or when being confronted with VCU MS 50.4 resets due to complex configuration setups, please consider reducing the demands on the VCU MS 50.4 adapting the influencing factors mentioned above.

10 CAN Configuration

The VCU MS 50.4 has 4 (plus 4 on request) fully configurable CAN bus(es).

- Baudrate 125 kbaud to 1 Mbaud
- 11 Bit or 29 Bit identifiers
- Input configuration: Read messages from CAN bus and convert to VCU MS 50.4 measurement/display variables. CAN bus supports row counter configuration.
- Output configuration: Write RaceCon measurement variables to CAN messages; output frequency and row counter are configurable, CAN gateway functionality (transfer from one bus to another).

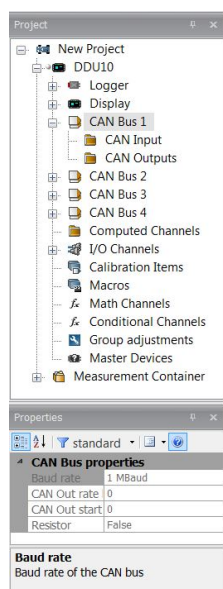
10.1 CAN Bus Trivia

CAN Message

- 11 Bit (standard) or 29 Bit (extended) identifier
- Up to 8 bytes of data payload

CAN Bus

- Needs termination resistors in wiring harness
- All devices connected to the bus must use identical data rate
- Configuration of bus data rate in the 'CAN messages overview' menu. To access the menu, double-click on one of the CAN bus items of the project tree



Row Counter Concept

- Re-use (multiplex) of message identifiers
- One byte of message contains row counter
- 7 bytes payload remaining
- Position of row counter is configurable

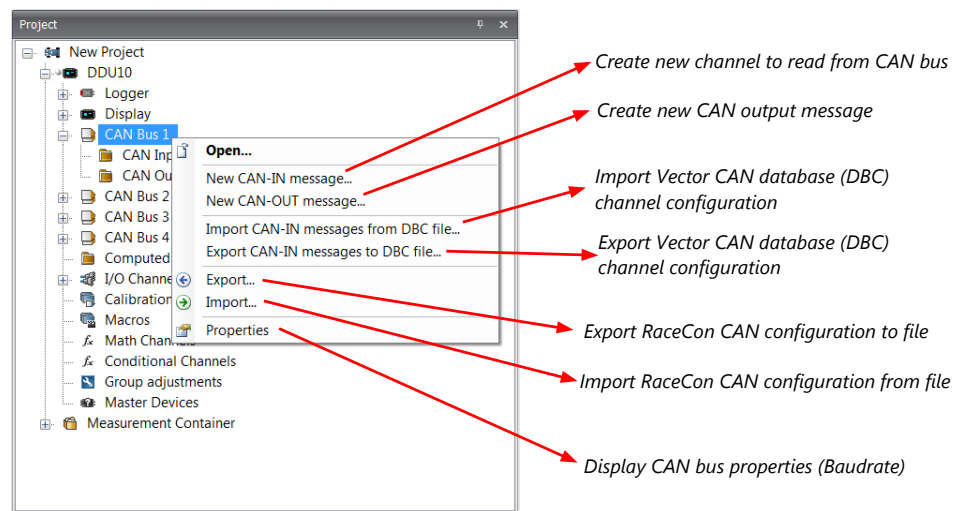
	Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7
0x100	0	p_oil		t_oil				
0x100	1	s_dam_fl		s_dam_fr				
0x100	2	s_dam_rl		s_dam_rr				

Message Id **Row Counter** **Payload Area**

10.2 CAN input

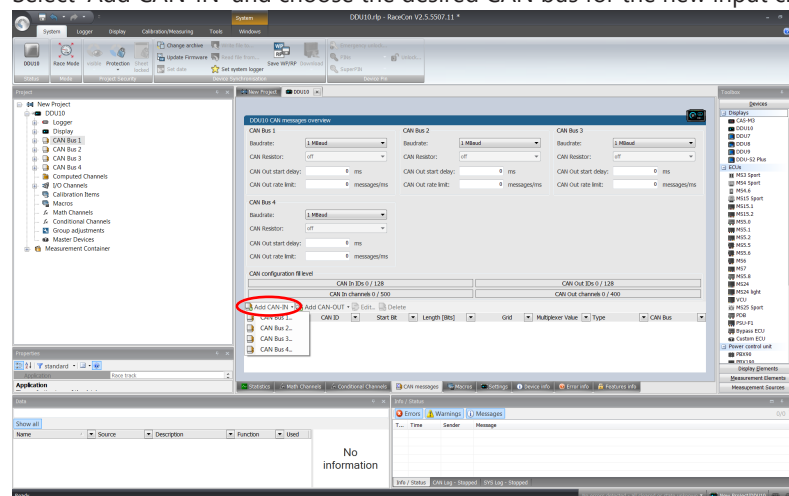
10.2.1 Input configuration

Click with the right mouse button on the desired CAN bus to open the CAN bus drop-down menu.



10.2.2 Create new CAN Input channel

1. Double-click on any CAN bus item, to open the "CAN messages overview".
2. Select 'Add CAN-IN' and choose the desired CAN bus for the new input channel.



A CAN channel configuration window opens.

3. Insert the name and description of the channel.

New CAN-IN message
Configure the new CAN-IN message and an optional multiplexer.

Name: p_oil
Description: engine oil pressure

CAN ID: 0 hex ☐ Extended
Timeout: 0 ms Default value: 0 raw

Measured Value
Value: --- none Raw: ---

☐ Use Multiplexer
Representation: Byte Value: 0
Start: 0 Length: 1
Type: Unsigned Endianness: Big

Data
Representation: Byte
Start: 0 Length: 1
Type: Unsigned Endianness: Little

Conversion
Factor: 1.0 none/Bit Minimum: 0.0 none
Offset: 0.0 none Maximum: 255.0 none
Unitgroup: none ☐ Adjust automatically
Unit: none

Measurement Sheet
Select one, or enter a new name:
The CAN-IN message will be added for measuring in the specified sheet.

OK Cancel

4. Click 'OK' when done.

The channel is listed in the Data window.

DDU10 CAN messages overview

CAN Bus 1
Baudrate: 1 Mbaud
CAN Resistor: off
CAN Out start delay: 0 ms
CAN Out rate limit: 0 messages/ms

CAN Bus 2
Baudrate: 1 Mbaud
CAN Resistor: off
CAN Out start delay: 0 ms
CAN Out rate limit: 0 messages/ms

CAN Bus 3
Baudrate: 1 Mbaud
CAN Resistor: off
CAN Out start delay: 0 ms
CAN Out rate limit: 0 messages/ms

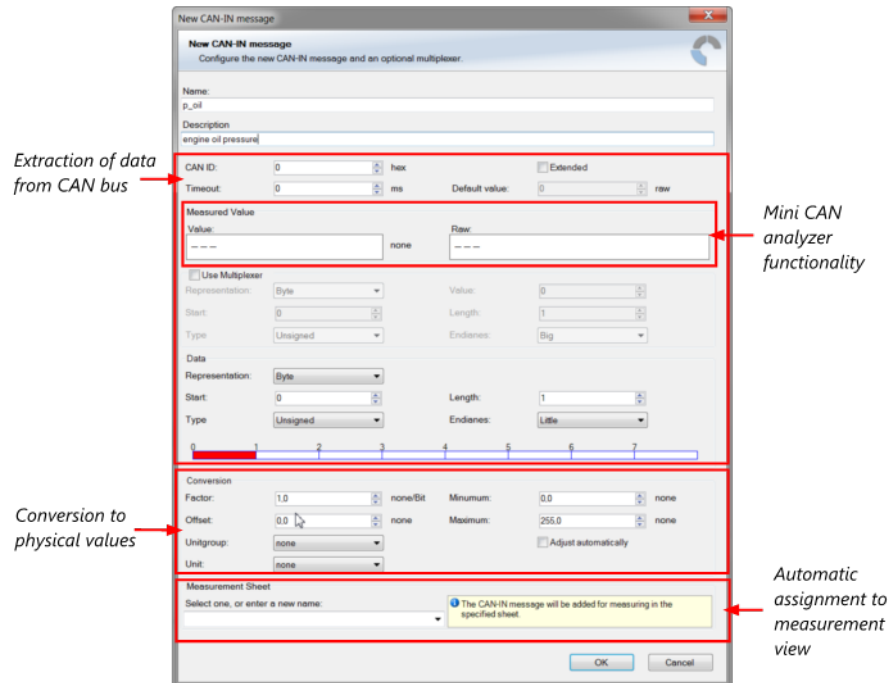
CAN Bus 4
Baudrate: 1 Mbaud
CAN Resistor: off
CAN Out start delay: 0 ms
CAN Out rate limit: 0 messages/ms

CAN configuration fill level
CAN In IDs 1 / 128
CAN In channels 1 / 500
CAN Out IDs 0 / 128
CAN Out channels 0 / 400

Name	CAN ID	Start Bit	Length [Bits]	Grid	Multiplexer Value	Type	CAN Bus
p_oil	0x0	0	8			- CAN In	CAN Bus 1

Statistics Math Channels Conditional Channels CAN messages Macros Settings Device info Error info Features info

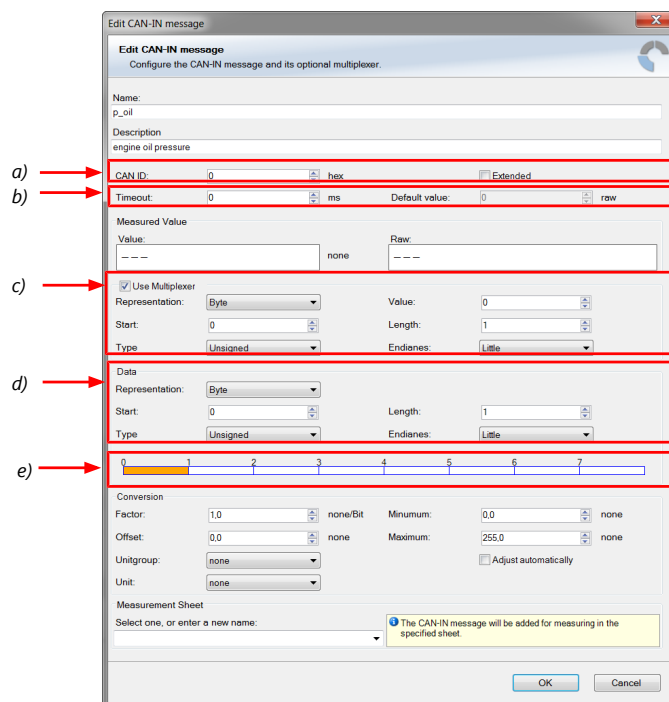
CAN channel configuration



10.2.3 Extracting data from CAN bus

Representation: Byte

Some CAN devices need to be addressed by a byte represented CAN channel. The address can be assigned in this window and is illustrated by a bargraph.



- a) Enter CAN message ID. If extended IDs (29 bit) are used, check the box.
- b) If replacement values are used, specify time-out period and raw value.
- c) If a multiplexer (row counter) is used, check the box.

- d) Enter data position, length and format.
- e) The bargraph shows assignment of the bytes.
 - Red colored fields show the assignment of the data bytes.
 - Orange colored fields show the assignment of the multiplexer bytes.

Representation: Bit

Some CAN devices need to be addressed by a bit represented CAN channel. The address can be assigned in this window and is illustrated by a matrix table.

- a) Enter CAN message ID. If extended IDs (29 bit) are used, check the box.
- b) If replacement values are used, specify time-out period and raw value.
- c) If a multiplexer (row counter) is used, check the box.
- d) Enter data position, length and format.
- e) The bargraph shows assignment of the bytes.
 - Red colored fields show the assignment of the data bytes.
 - Orange colored fields show the assignment of the multiplexer bytes.

Conversion to physical value

- a) Enter factor (gain) for conversion to physical value.
- b) Enter offset for conversion to physical value.
- c) Select type of physical value.
- d) Select unit of physical value.
- e) Enter minimum physical limit of the channel. (for manual setup)
- f) Enter maximum physical limit of the channel. (for manual setup)

g) Check the box to automatically adjust the limits of the channel.

CAN analyzer functionality

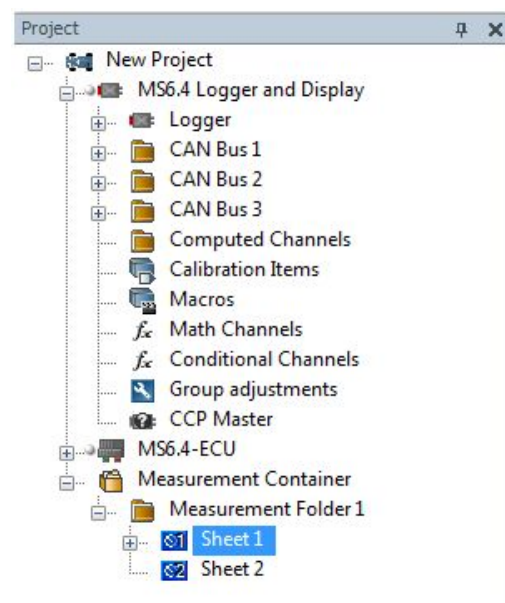
This functionality is only available, if a MSA-Box (I or II) is used to connect the VCU MS 50.4 to the PC. Choose the CAN bus that is connected to the MSA-Box to display the raw value and the converted physical value here.

Automatic creation of online measurement sheets

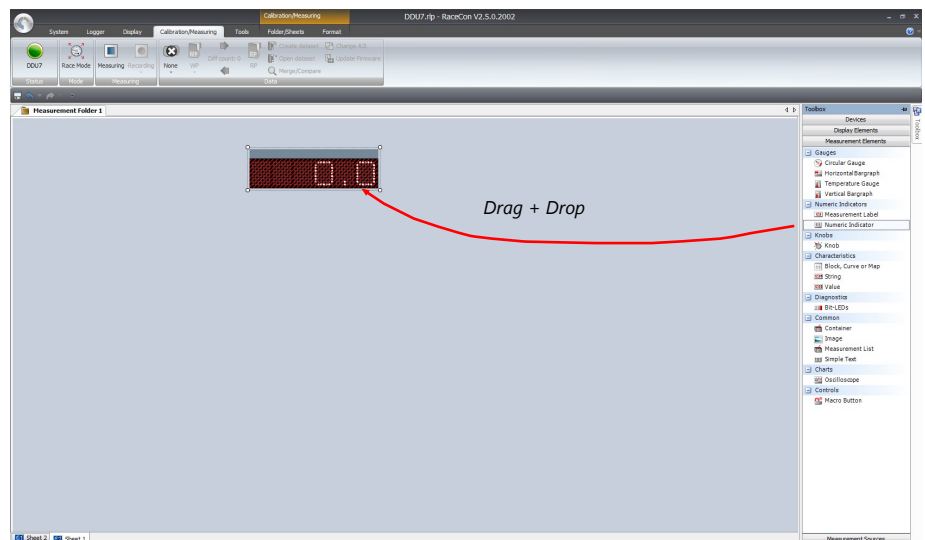
The CAN channel can be automatically inserted into a measurement sheet. Insert a name for a new sheet or select an existing sheet from the list box.

For an online view of the value measured by the VCU MS 50.4, insert the channel in an online measurement sheet which is described in the chapter Setting up an online measurement [► 73].

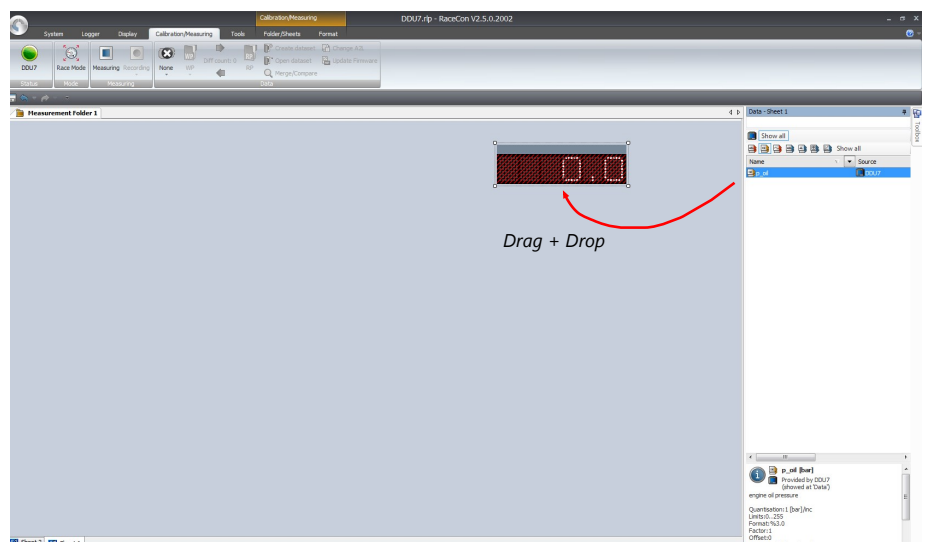
10.2.4 Online view of CAN channels in vehicle



1. Double-click on 'Sheet 1' in Project Tree. Measurement Sheet 1 is displayed in Main Area.
2. Click on 'Measurement elements' in the Toolbox.
3. Drag the desired Measurement element (e.g. Numeric Indicator) and drop it on the Measurement Sheet.



4. Click on folder 'CAN Input' of desired CAN bus to display available channels.
5. Drag desired Measurement channel and drop it on the Measurement element.

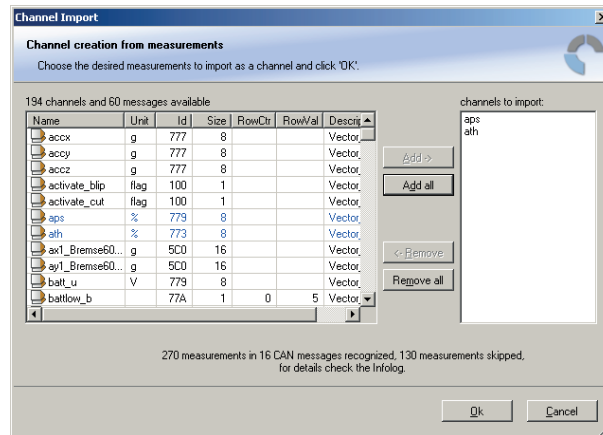


The measurement element displays the values of the assigned channel.

6. Connect PC to the vehicle and switch to 'Race Mode' by clicking 'F11' on the keyboard to display online data.

10.2.5 Import a CAN database (DBC) file

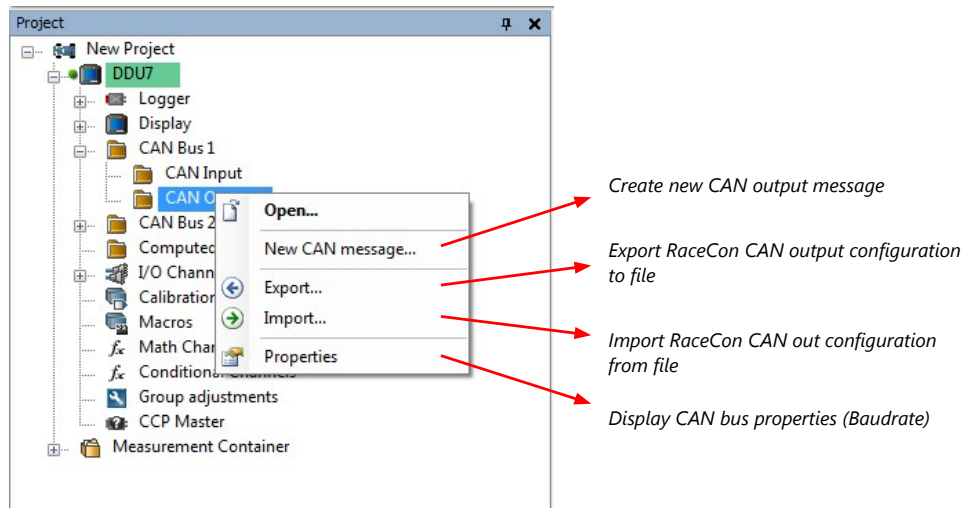
1. Right-click on CAN Input of desired bus (CAN1 or CAN2).
2. Select 'Import DBC file' from menu. A file browser opens.
3. Select DBC file to import and click 'OK' when done. A channel import window opens.



4. Select desired channels on the left and use the 'Add' button to add them to import list.
5. Click 'OK' when complete. The channels are inserted in the Data window.

10.3 CAN output

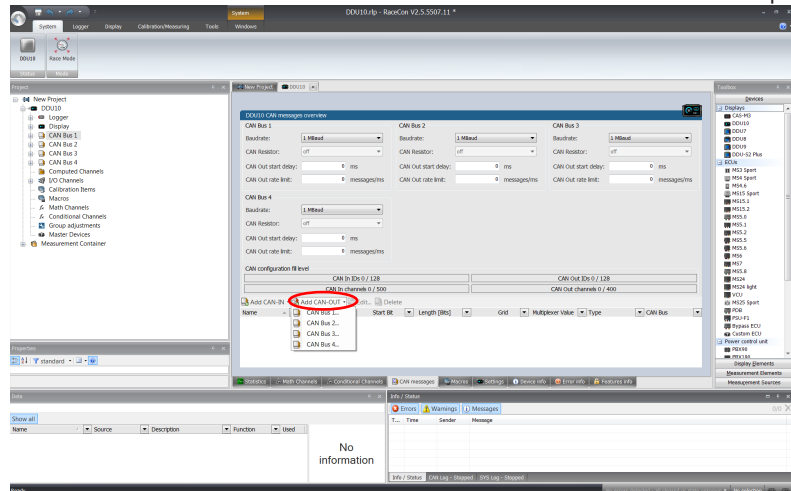
10.3.1 Output configuration



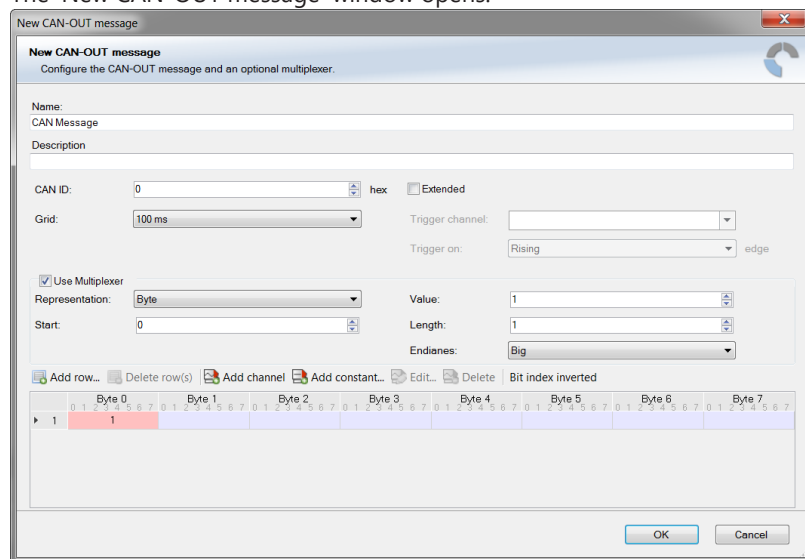
10.3.2 Create a new CAN output message channel

- Double-click on any CAN bus item to open the "CAN messages overview".

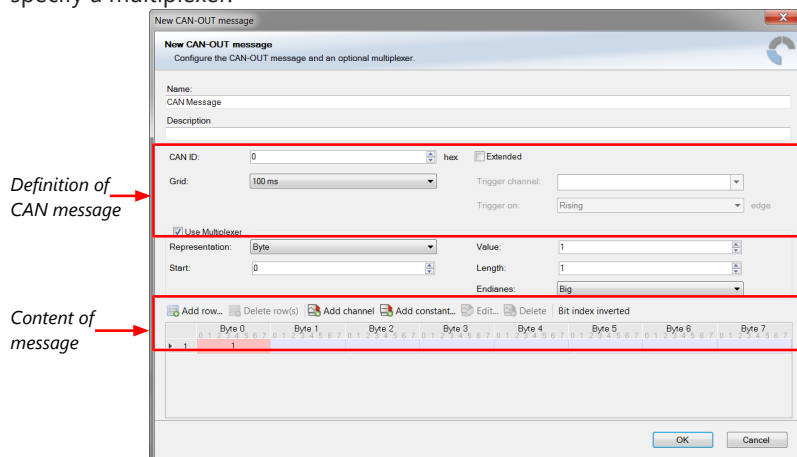
- Select 'Add CAN-OUT' and choose the desired CAN bus for the new output channel.



The 'New CAN-OUT message' window opens.

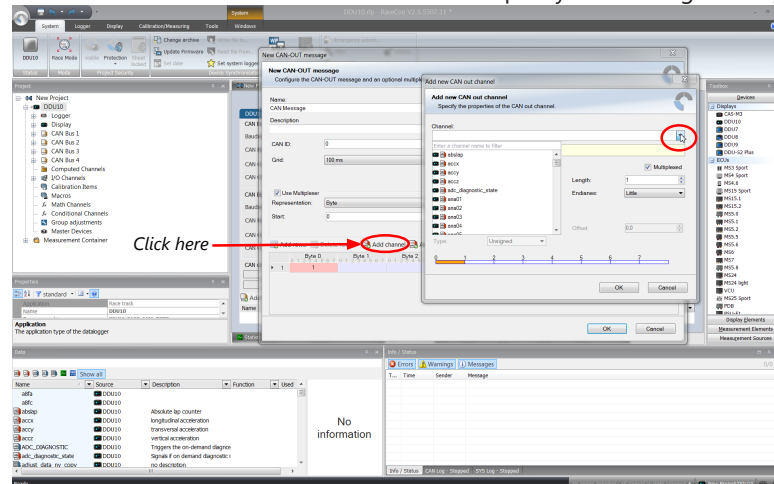


- Enter name of message, description, CAN-Id and Grid (output interval). Optionally, specify a multiplexer.



- Click on 'Add channel' or 'Add constant', this opens the 'Add new CAN out channel' window.

- Select the desired measurement channel and specify the message settings.

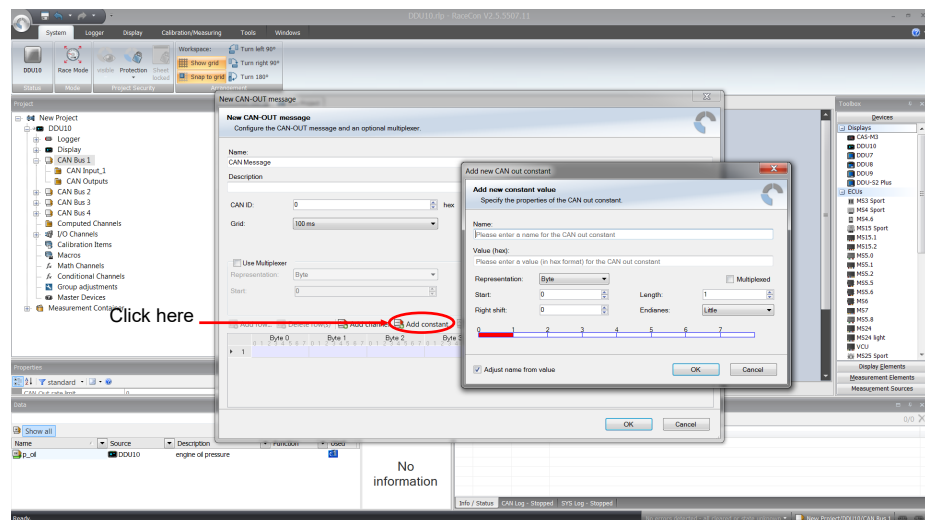


The measurement channel is now assigned to the CAN message.

10.3.3 Add CAN out constant

To send a constant value on the CAN, perform the following steps:

1. Create a new CAN output message or edit an existing message.
2. Click 'Add constant'. The 'Add new CAN Out constant' window appears.
3. Define the name of the constant, the required value in hex and define the CAN channel settings.
4. Click 'OK' when done.



10.4 Multiplexer

Row counter concept

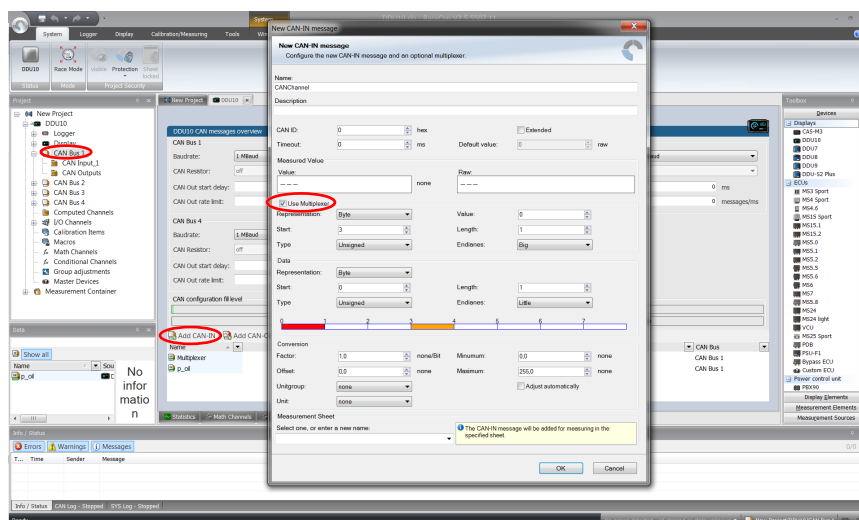
If certain channel messages are not time-critical and can be imported or exported slowly, you can use a multiplexer to put several channel messages on one message identifier.

- Re-use (multiplex) of message identifiers by splitting it into several rows.
- Every row is assigned to a unique value of the multiplexer.
- One byte of message contains row counter.

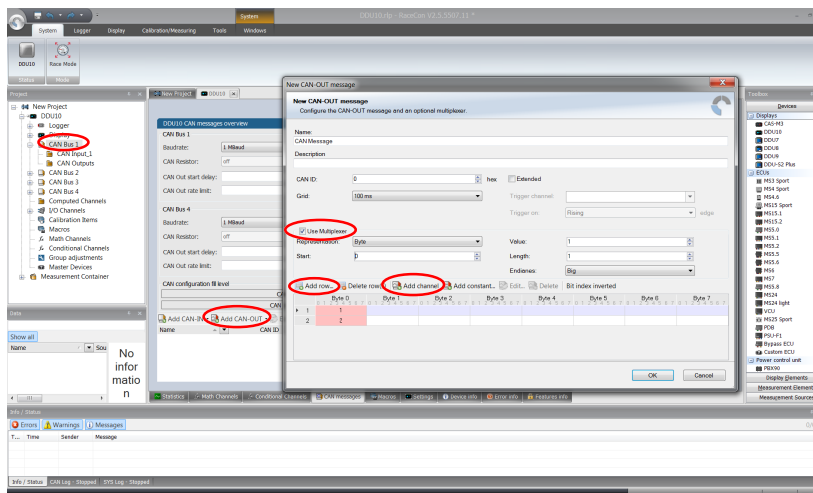
- 7 bytes payload remaining. A multiplexer does not have to consist of one byte only, it can consist of several bytes as well as single bits.
- Position of row counter is configurable.

To use a multiplexer perform the following steps:

1. Double-click on any CAN bus item to open the “CAN messages overview”.
2. Select ‘Add CAN-IN’ and choose the desired CAN bus for the new input channel.
3. Check the box ‘Use Multiplexer’ and configure the multiplexer for the new CAN-IN channel.

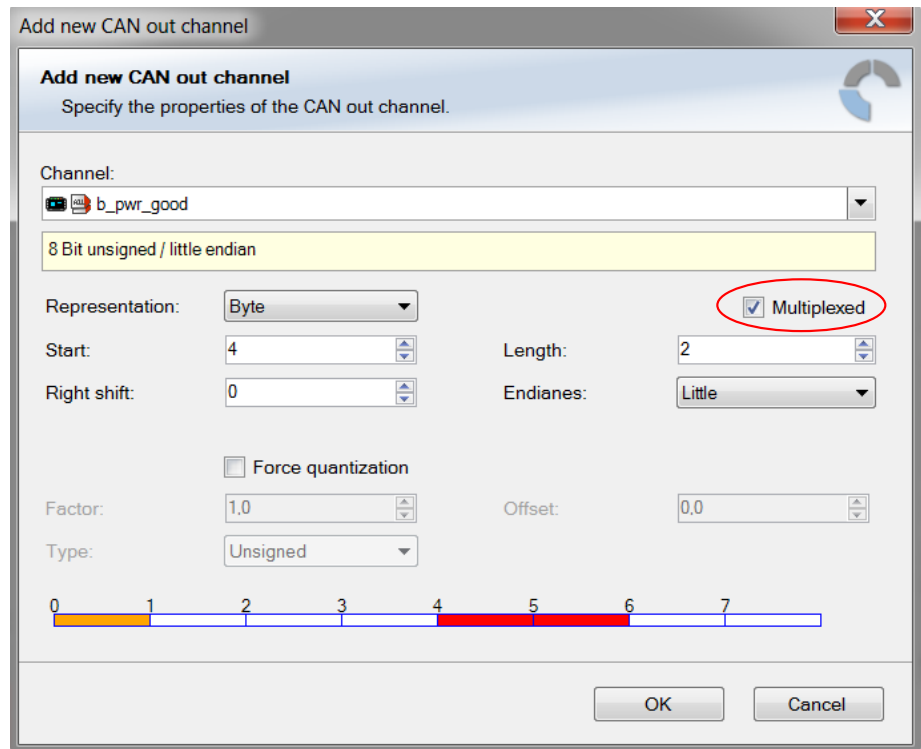


4. To configure the multiplexer for a CAN-OUT channel, select ‘Add CAN-OUT’.
5. Check the box ‘Use Multiplexer’ and click on the button ‘Add row...’ to split the message identifiers into several rows.
6. Click on one row and select ‘Add channel’ to assign a channel to the row.

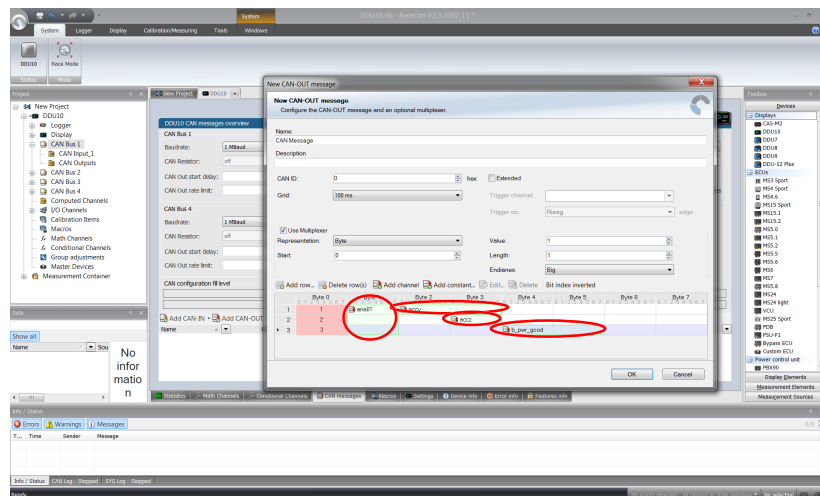


The ‘Add new CAN out channel’ dialog opens.

7. Select a channel and configure it. To assign it to the row selected before, check the box ‘Multiplexed’.
8. To move the channel message, change the “Start” value or click and hold the green field in the “Add new CAN out message” window.
9. Click ‘OK’ when done.



10. The channel message is assigned to the selected fields.
11. Click 'OK' when done.



11 Analog and Frequency Inputs

Analog inputs

- 0 to 5 V
- 12 bit A/D converter
- Switchable 3.01 kOhm pull-up resistor
- 10 kHz acquisition rate, up to 1 kHz recording rate
- Linear phase digital filter

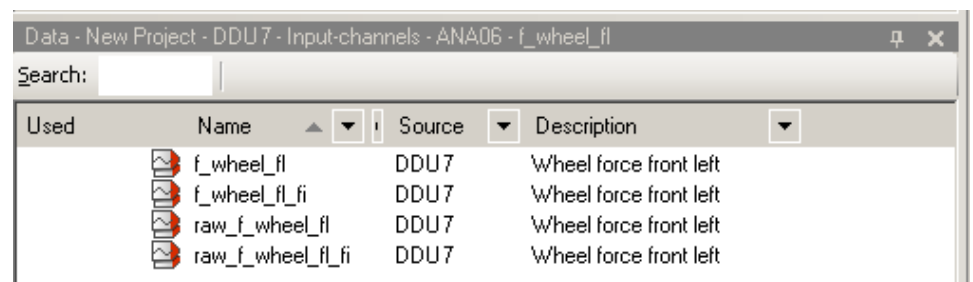
Frequency inputs

- 5 V Hall-effect type, 2.5 V trigger level (DF11 input with current interface or 5 V Hall-effect input with 2.5 V trigger level)
- 20 kHz max. frequency
- 10 ms measurement window

11.1 Analog inputs

11.1.1 Measurements channels

For each analog channel, several 'subchannels' are available.



Used	Name	Source	Description
	f_wheel_fl	DDU 7	Wheel force front left
	f_wheel_fl-fi	DDU 7	Wheel force front left
	raw_f_wheel_fl	DDU 7	Wheel force front left
	raw_f_wheel_fl-fi	DDU 7	Wheel force front left

Measurement labels with the characters 'raw' show the exact values in mV.

Measurement labels with the characters '_fi' show filtered values.

The word 'name' in the table is a placeholder for the channel's name.

Measurement label	Function
raw_name	mV value of sensor
raw_name-fi	Filtered mV value of sensor
name	Physical value of sensor
name-fi	Filtered physical value

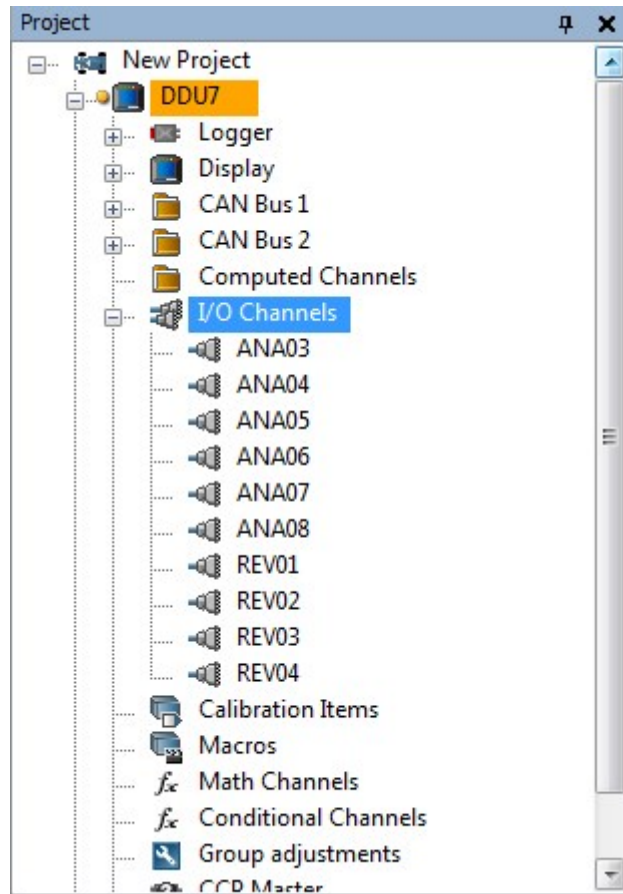
Filtered channels are routed through digital low pass filters:

- VCU MS 50.4 uses A/D converter oversampling and digital filtering to recording rate
- Digital filters eliminate 'out-of-band' noise
- Cut-off frequency automatically adjusted to recording rate
- Linear phase – no signal distortion
- Latency compensation – no filter delay in recorded data

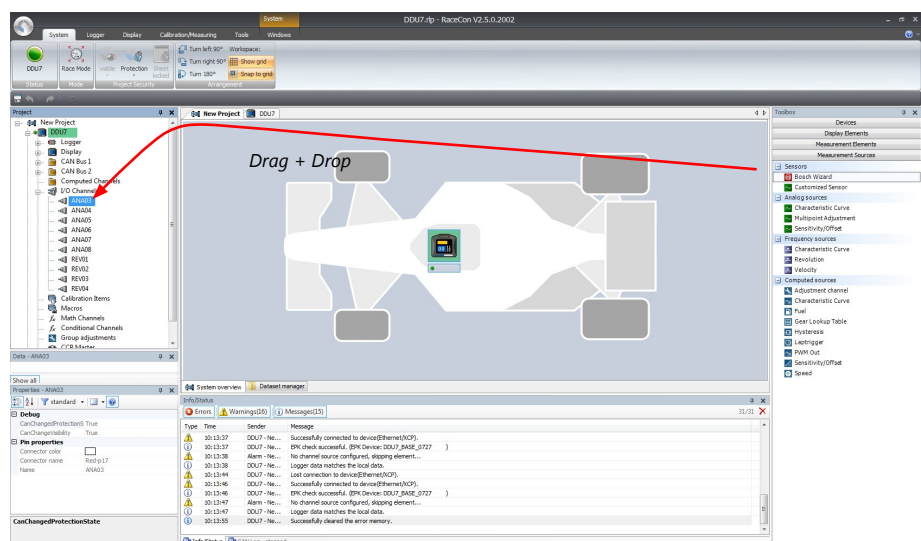
11.2 Configuring inputs

11.2.1 Configuring a predefined Bosch sensor with the 'Bosch Sensor Wizard'

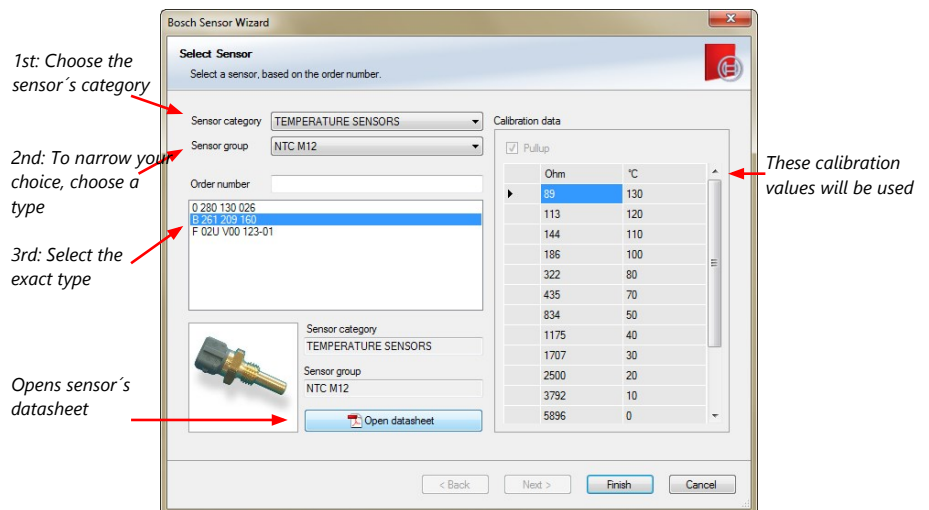
1. Click on 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
2. To expand the list of 'I/O Channels', click on '+' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



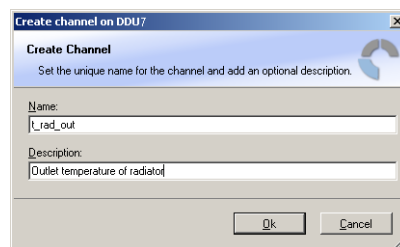
3. Drag the "Bosch Sensor Wizard" from the Toolbox and drop it on the desired analog input channel in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



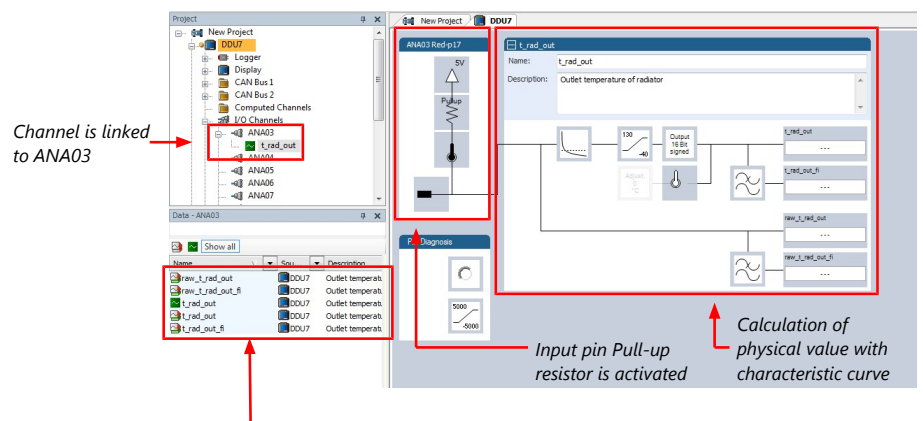
The "Bosch Sensor Wizard" opens.



4. Click 'Finish' when done.
The "Create channel" window opens.
5. Enter the channel name and description.



6. Click 'Ok' when done.
The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



Available measurements for channel:

Measurement label	Function
raw_name	mV value of sensor
raw_name_fi	Filtered mV value of sensor
name	Physical value of sensor
name_fi	Filtered physical value

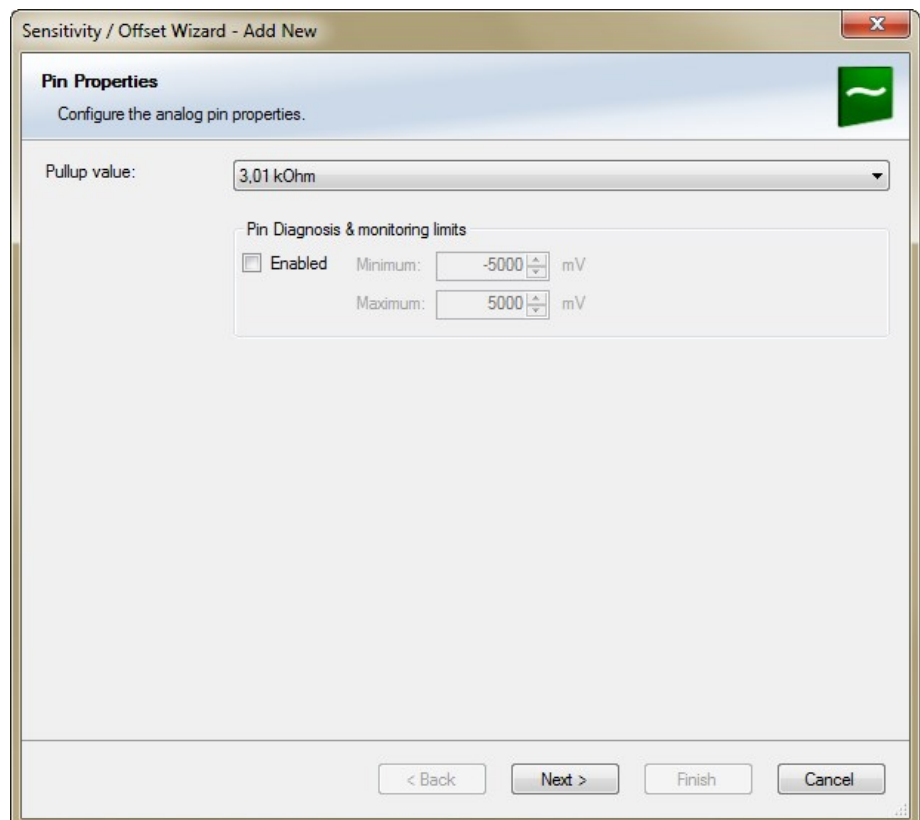
11.2.2 Configuring a generic linear sensor

Example: Acceleration sensor 5 g

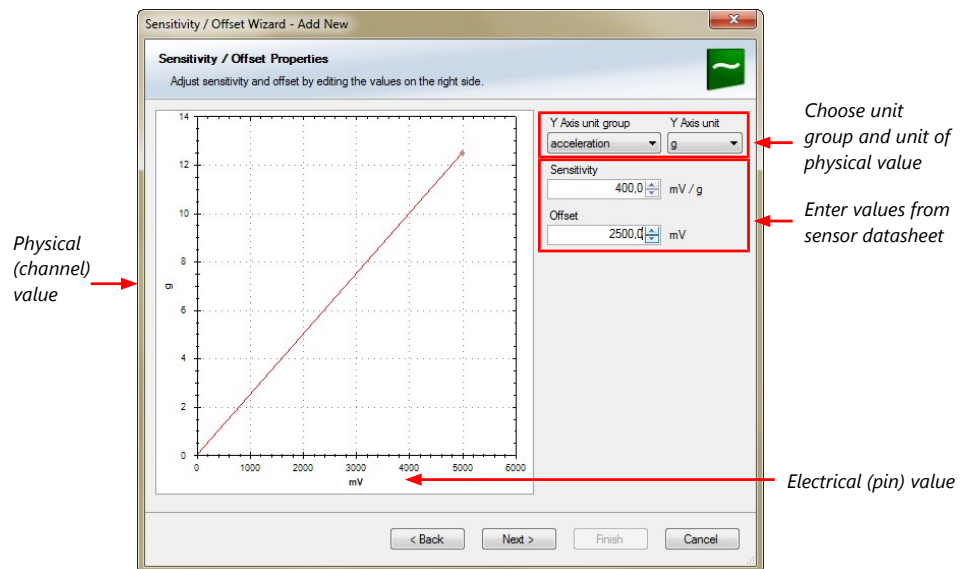
- From sensor data sheet - operating characteristics:

Output Signal					
Zero g ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{DD} = 5.0\text{ V}$) ⁽⁴⁾	V_{OFF}	2.25	2.5	2.75	V
Zero g ($V_{DD} = 5.0\text{ V}$)	V_{OFF}	2.0	2.5	3.0	V
Sensitivity ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{DD} = 5.0\text{ V}$) ⁽⁵⁾	S	380	400	420	mV/g
Sensitivity ($V_{DD} = 5.0\text{ V}$)	S	370	400	430.1	mV/g
Bandwidth Response	f_{3dB}	42.5	50	57.5	Hz
Nonlinearity	NL_{OUT}	-1.0	—	+1.0	% FSO

- Sensitivity 400 mV/g, Offset 2,500 mV
 - The sensor has a linear output signal with sensitivity and offset
- Click on 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
 - To expand the list of 'I/O Channels', click on '+' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.
 - Drag the "Sensitivity/Offset" analog signal source from the Toolbox and drop it on the desired analog input channel in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree. A "Sensitivity/Offset Wizard" opens.
 - To activate the internal pullup-resistor, check the box. The internal pullup-resistor is used to get a 5 V signal at the analog channel of the VCU MS 50.4. It allows you to use a push-button. The fixed value of the internal pullup-resistor is 3,010 Ohm. If using an additional external pullup-resistor, set up the overall resistance.

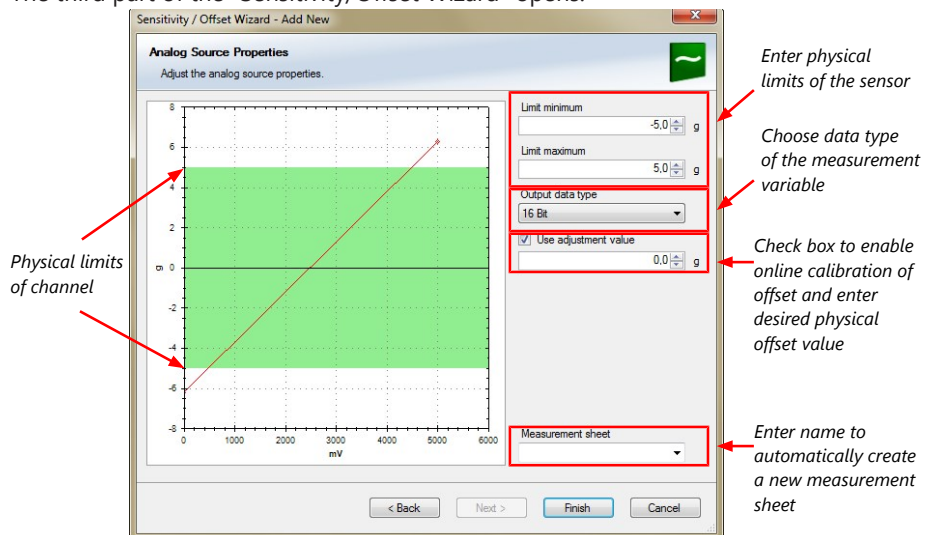


- Click 'Next' when done.
The second part of the "Sensitivity/Offset Wizard" opens.



6. Click 'Next' when done.

The third part of the "Sensitivity/Offset Wizard" opens.

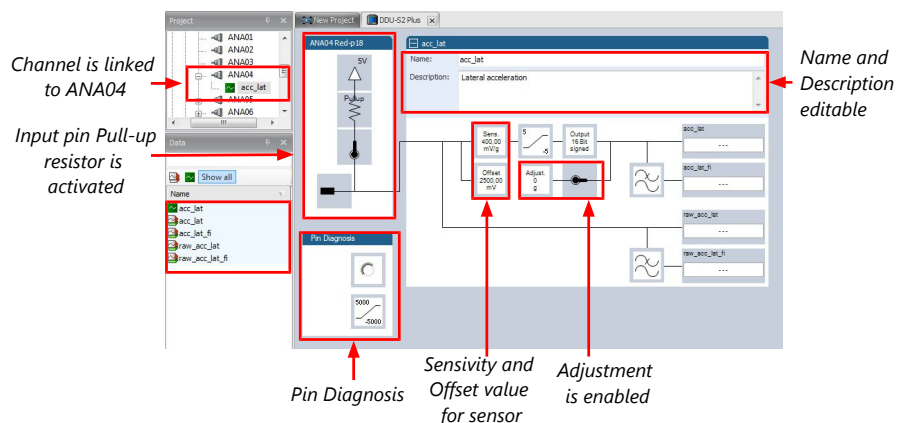


7. Click 'Finish' when done.

8. Enter a channel name and a description.

9. Click 'OK' when done.

The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



Available measurements for channel:

Measurement label	Function
raw_name	mV value of sensor
raw_name_fi	filtered mV value of sensor
name	physical value of sensor
name_fi	filtered physical value

Note

Working with automatically created measurement sheets is explained in chapter 'Setting up an online measurement [► 73]'.

11.2.3 Configuring a generic nonlinear sensor

Example: Thermistor 5 kOhm

- From sensor data sheet - resistance values over temperature:

PART NR.: 2381 640 502
HTCLE100E3502

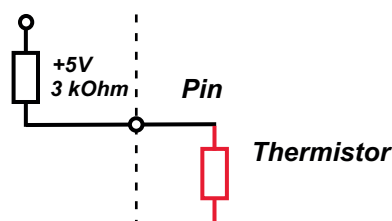
T _{oper} [°C]	R _T [Ω]
-40	166 047
-35	119 950
-30	87 600
-25	64 643
-20	48 179
-15	36 250
-10	27 523
-5	21 078

T _{oper} [°C]	R _T [Ω]
0	16 277
5	12 669
10	9 936
15	7 849
20	6 244
25	5 000
30	4 030
35	3 267

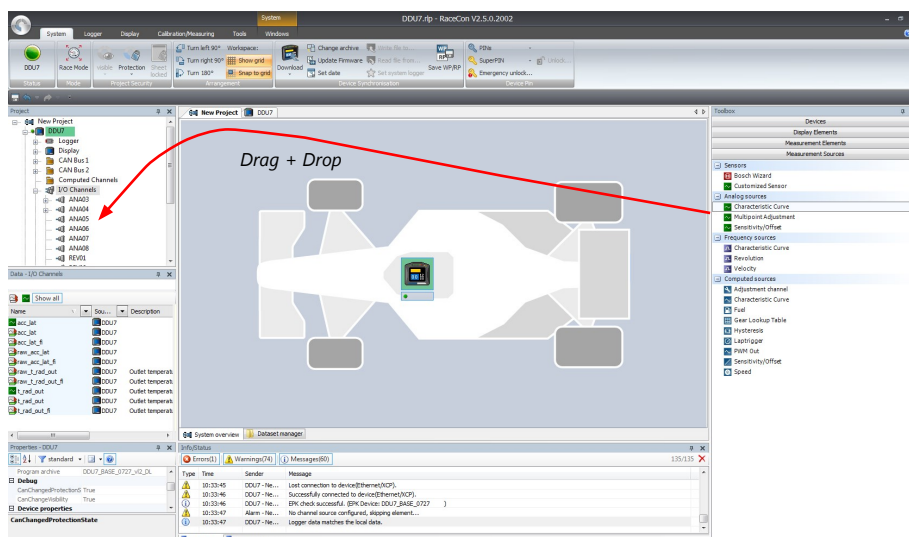
T _{oper} [°C]	R _T [Ω]
40	2 685
45	2 166
50	1 903
55	1 494
60	1 245
65	1 024
70	876
75	740

T _{oper} [°C]	R _T [Ω]
80	628
85	535
90	457
95	399
100	338
105	292
110	251
115	221

- The sensor has a nonlinear behavior
- Use characteristic curve for linearization
- Input voltage is the ratio between pull-up resistor and thermistor

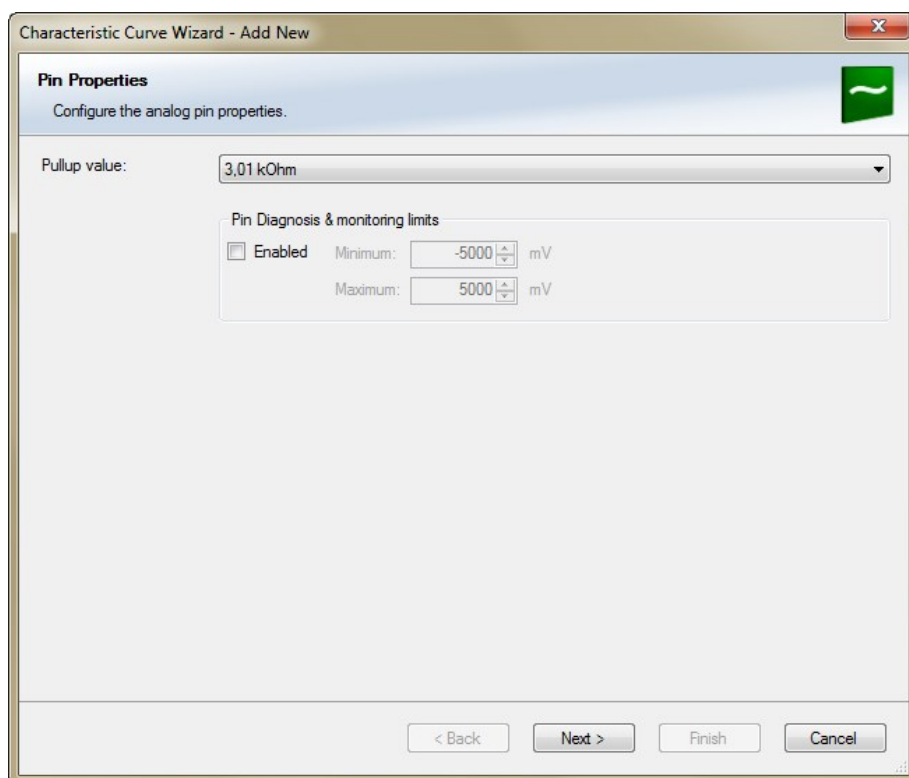


- Click 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
- To expand the list of 'I/O Channels', click on '+' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.
- Drag the "Characteristic Curve" analogue signal source from the Toolbox and drop it on the desired analogue input channel in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.

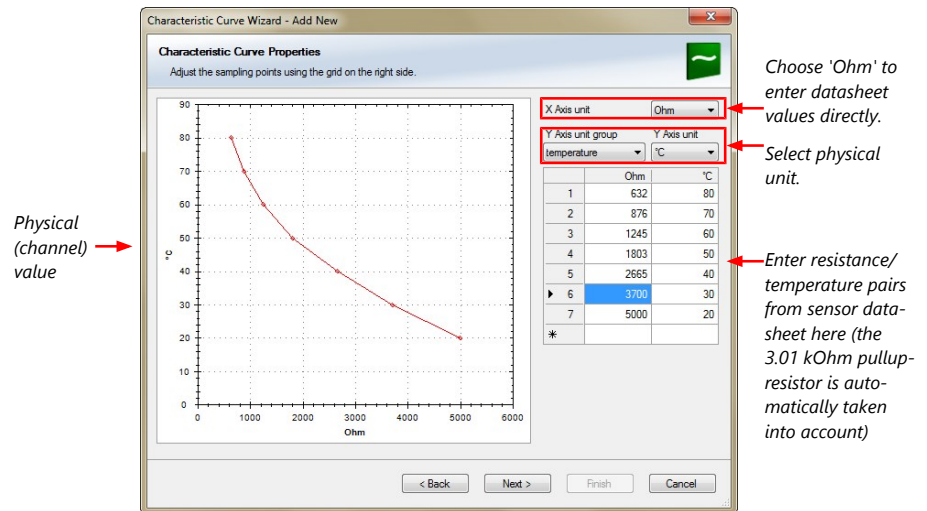


A “Characteristic Curve Wizard” opens.

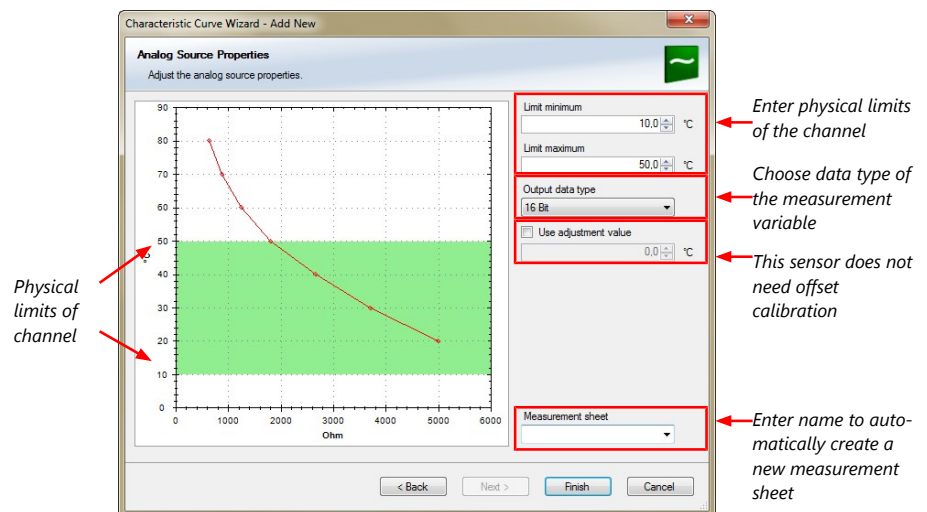
4. To activate the internal pull up-resistor, check the box. The VCU MS 50.4 pull up-resistor is used to get a 5 V signal at the analogue channel of the VCU MS 50.4. It allows you, to use a push-button. The fixed value of the internal pull up-resistor is 3,010 Ohm. If using an additional external pull up-resistor, set up the overall resistance.



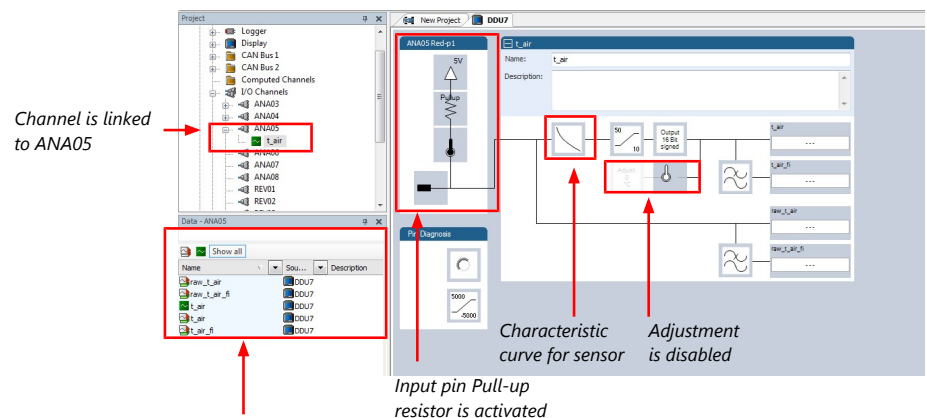
5. Click 'Next' when done.
The second part of the “Sensitivity/Offset Wizard” opens.



- Click 'Next' when done.
The third part of the "Characteristic Curve Wizard" opens.



- Click 'Finish' when done.
- Enter channel name and description.
- Click 'OK' when done.
The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



Available measurements for channel:

Measurement label	Function
raw_name	mV value of sensor
raw_name_fi	filtered mV value of sensor
name	physical value of sensor
name_fi	filtered physical value

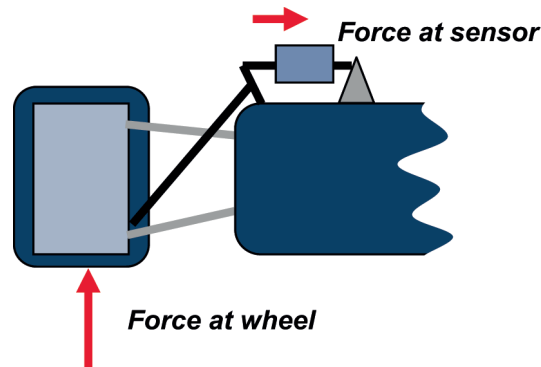
Note

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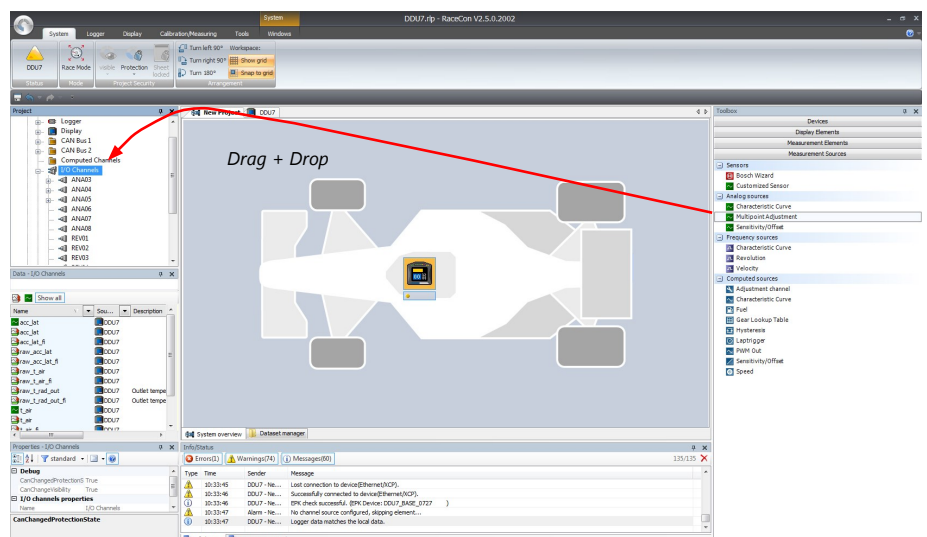
11.2.4 Configuring a multipoint adjustment

Example: Measurement of wheel force

- Physical property 'wheel force' not directly measurable
- Load transfer through suspension kinematics
- Physical value at sensor position defined by vehicle
- Curve definition by online adjustment at vehicle



1. Click on 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
2. Expand the list of 'I/O Channels' by clicking on '+' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.
3. Drag the 'Multipoint Adjustment' analog signal source from the Toolbox and drop it on the desired analog input channel in VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



A 'Multipoint Adjustment Wizard' opens.

4. To activate the internal pullup-resistor, check the box. The internal pullup-resistor is used to get a 5 V signal at the analog channel of the VCU MS 50.4. It allows you to use a push-button. The fixed value of the internal pullup-resistor is 3.01 kOhm. If using an additional external pullup-resistor, set up the overall resistance.

Multipoint Adjustment Wizard - Add New

Pin Properties
Configure the analog pin properties.

Pullup value: 3,01 kOhm

Pin Diagnosis & monitoring limits

☐ Enabled Minimum: -5000 mV Maximum: 5000 mV

< Back Next > Finish Cancel

5. Click 'Next' when done.
The second part of the 'Multipoint Adjustment Wizard' opens.

Multipoint Adjustment Properties
Select the adjustment type and edit the point values.

Y Axis unit group: force Y Axis unit: N

Adjustment type: Four-point adjustment

Adjustment points

Point No	Physical (channel) value	Electrical (pin) value
1	0	0
2	10000	10000
3	30000	30000
4	50000	50000

Physical (channel) value

Electrical (pin) value

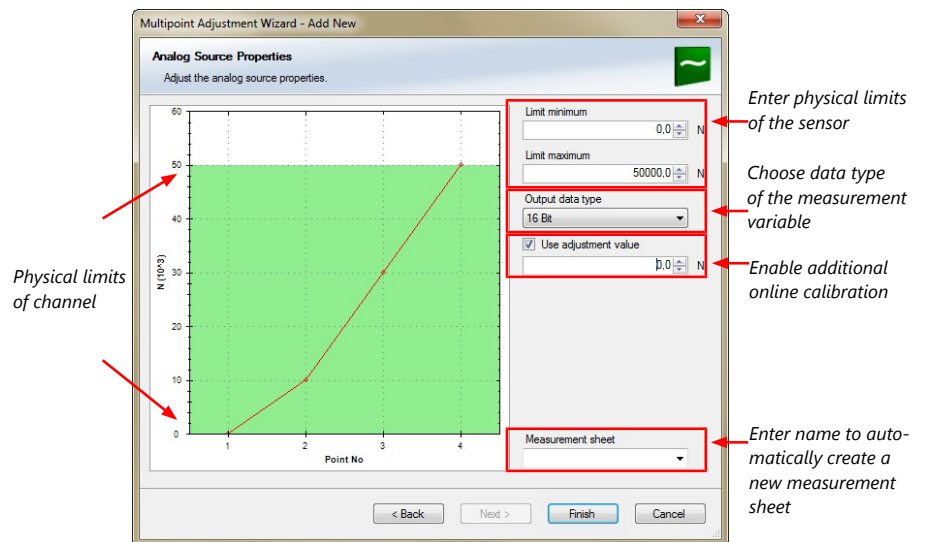
Choose unit group and unit of physical value

Select type of curve

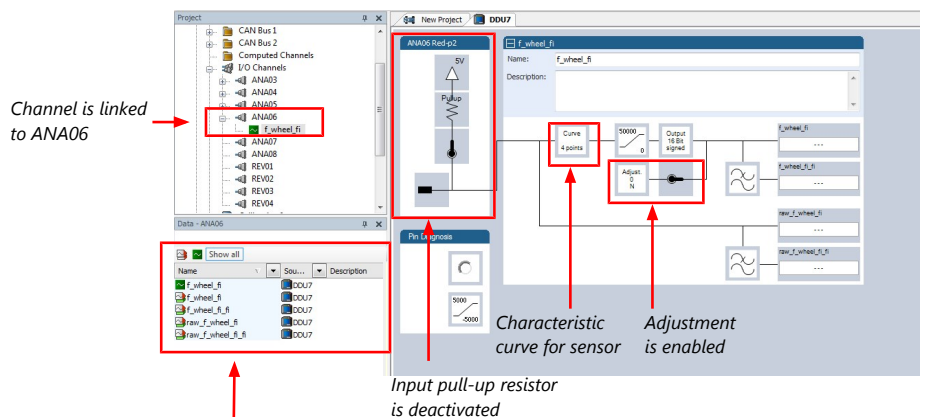
Enter physical adjustment values her (can still be edited later)

< Back Next > Finish Cancel

6. Click 'Next' when done.
The third part of the 'Multipoint Adjustment Wizard' opens.



7. Click 'Finish' when done.
 8. Enter channel name and description.
 9. Click 'OK' when done.
- The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



Available measurements for channel:

Measurement label	Function
raw_name	mV value of sensor
raw_name_fi	filtered mV value of sensor
name	physical value of sensor
name_fi	filtered physical value

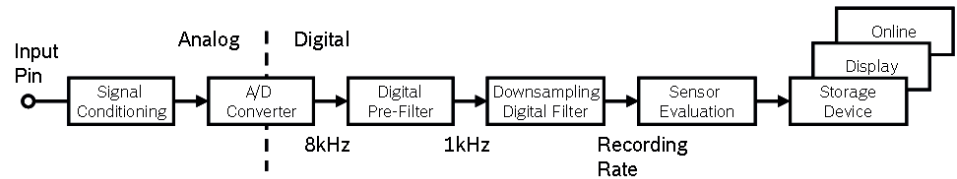
Online definition of the curve is covered in chapter 'Online calibration of measurement channels [► 78]'.

Note

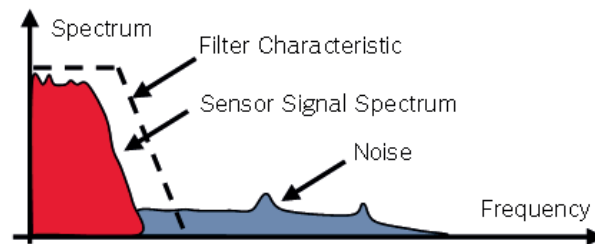
Working with automatically created measurement sheets is explained in chapter 'Setting up an online measurement [► 73]'.

11.2.5 Digital filter details

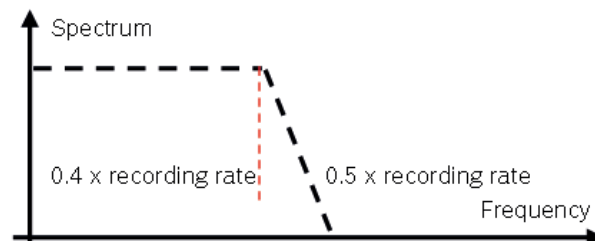
VCU MS 50.4 uses A/D converter oversampling and digital filtering to recording rate.



Digital filters eliminate 'out-of-band' noise



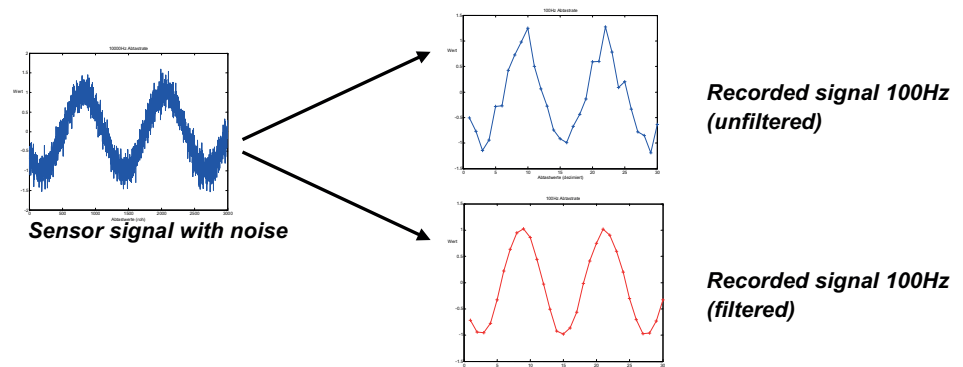
Cut-off frequency automatically adjusted to recording rate



Example:

- 100 Hz recording rate (10 ms)
- <40 Hz pass band (>99 %)
- >50 Hz stop band (<1 %)

Linear phase – no signal distortion



Latency compensation – no filter delay in recorded data

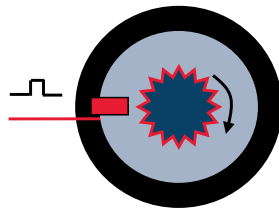
- Filtering is (smart) averaging over several samples
- Filtered signal is delayed with respect to real time signal

- VCU MS 50.4 filters have constant, frequency independent delay
- Delay (e.g. 22 samples at 10 ms) is corrected during recording
- No delay filtered vs. unfiltered in recorded data
- Correction is (of course) not possible for real time data (display, online, PWM out)
- Use filtered data for recording, use unfiltered data for real-time

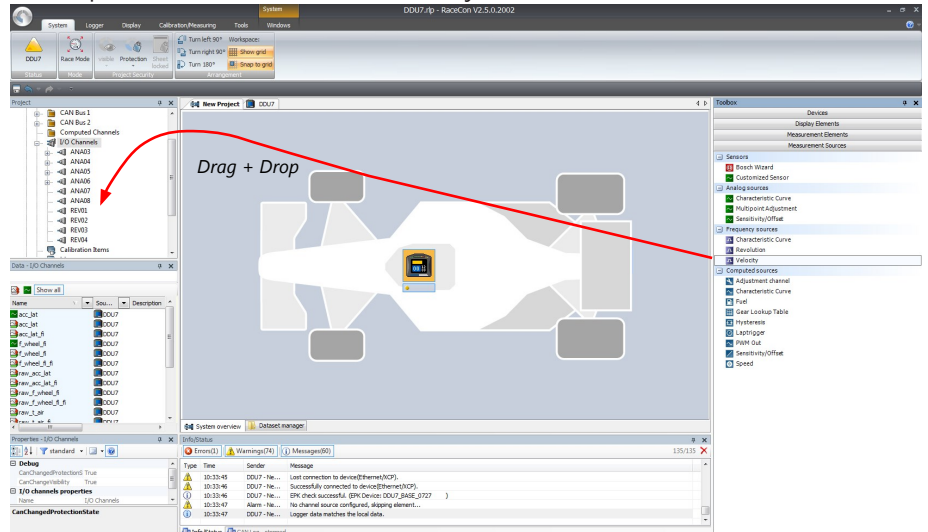
11.2.6 Configuring a frequency input

Example: measurement of wheel speed

- Pulse wheel attached to wheel
- Each passing tooth of pulse wheel triggers hall sensor
- Calculation of wheel speed with wheel circumference

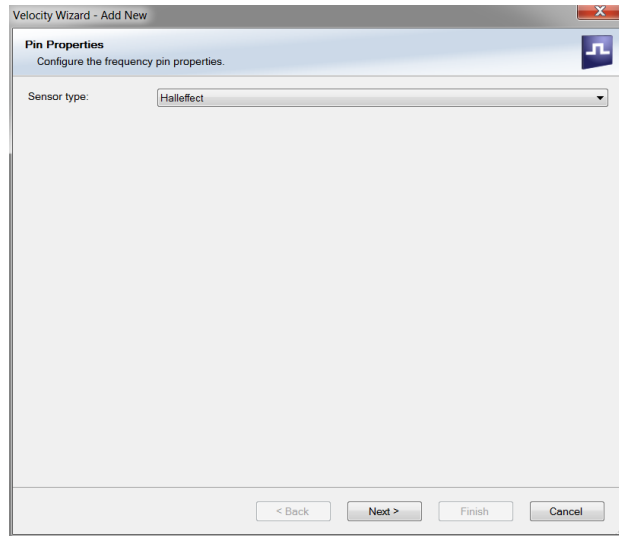


1. Click on 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
2. To expand the list of 'I/O Channels', click on the '+' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.
3. Drag the 'Velocity' digital signal source from the Toolbox and drop it on the desired 'REV' input channel in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.

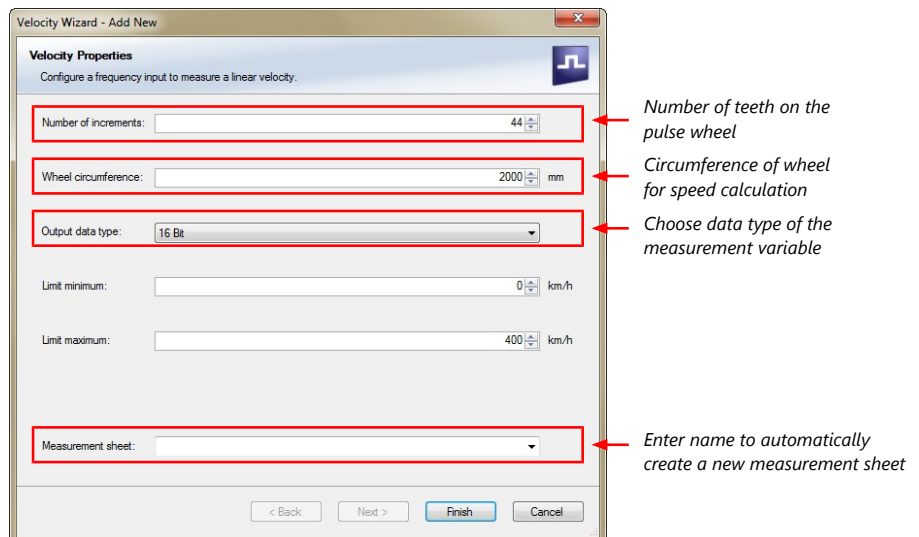


The 'Velocity Wizard' opens.

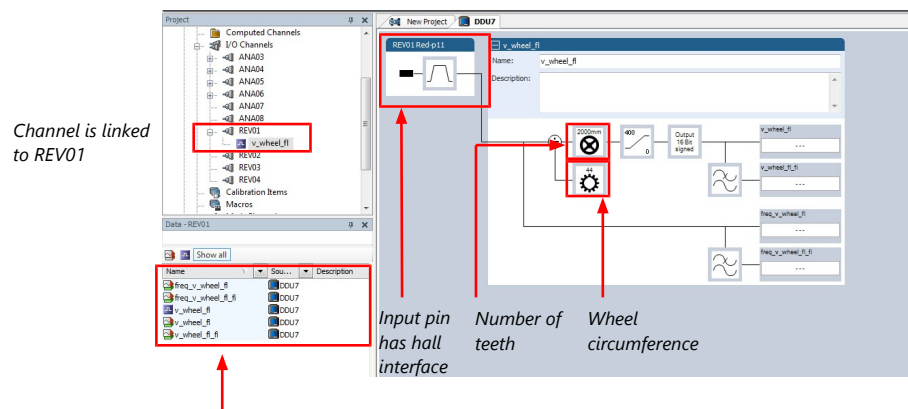
4. Select the sensor type. The VCU MS 50.4 works with Halleffect and DF11 sensors.



5. Click 'Next'.
6. Define the settings for the sensor.



7. Click 'Finish' when done.
 8. Enter the channel name and description.
 9. Click 'OK' when done.
- The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



Available measurements for channel:

Measurement label	Function
raw_name	mV value of sensor
raw_name_fi	filtered mV value of sensor
name	physical value of sensor
name_fi	filtered physical value

Note

Measurement of 'Revolution' is similar.

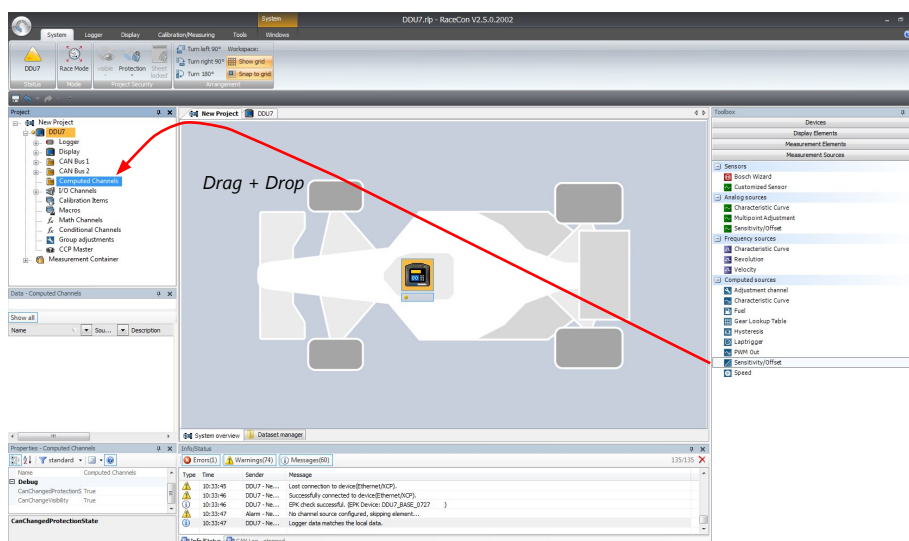
11.3 Configuring computed sources

Computed sources receive data from a measurement channel rather than an input pin.

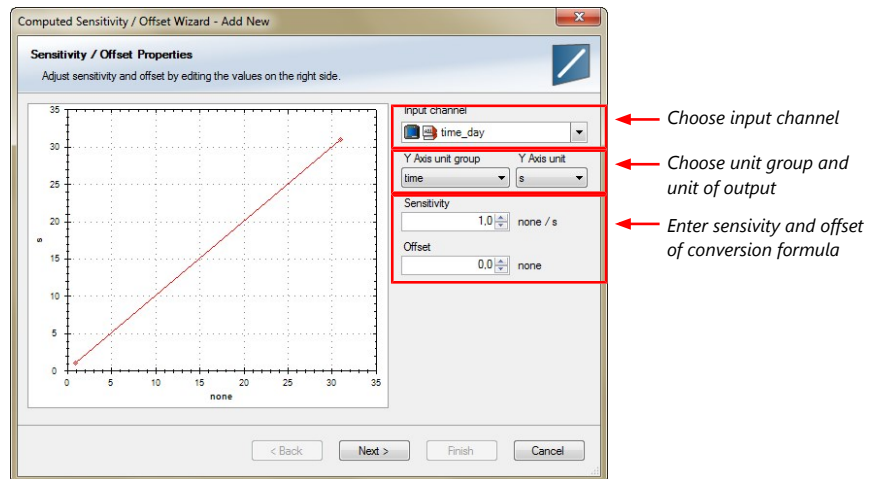
- Sensitivity/Offset calculation on input channel
- Characteristic curve calculation on input channel
- Computed vehicle speed
- Lap trigger (covered in a special separate section)

Example: Sensitivity/offset calculation on input channel

1. Click 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
2. Drag the 'Sensitivity/Offset' computed source from the Toolbox and drop it on 'Computed Channels' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.

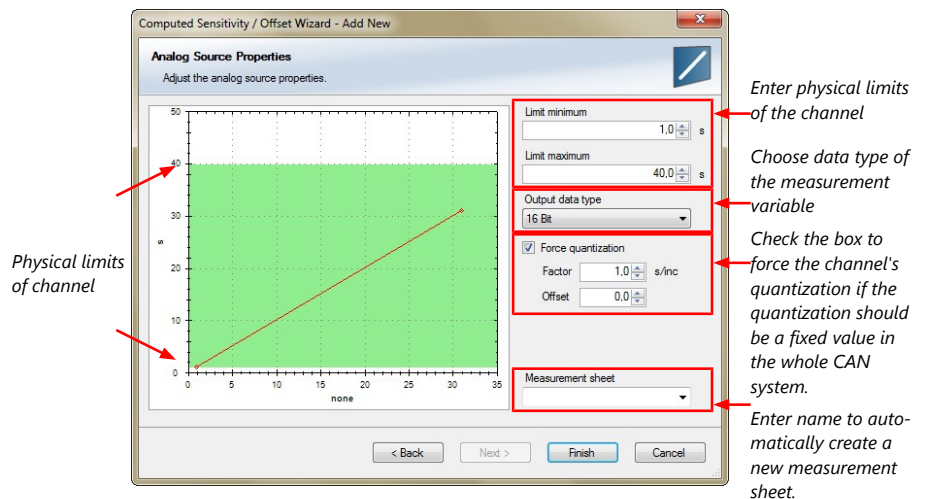


A 'Computed Sensitivity/Offset Wizard' opens.



- Click 'Next' when done.

The second part of the 'Computed Sensitivity/Offset Wizard' opens.



- Click 'Finish' when done.
- Enter channel name and description.
- Click 'OK' when done.

The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.

Note

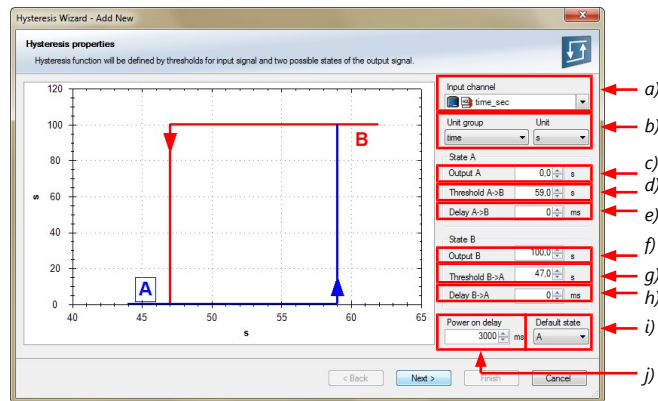
Working with automatically created measurement sheets is explained in chapter 'Setting up an online measurement [73]'.

11.4 Hysteresis

The hysteresis function avoids the high-frequency switchover of the measurement channel value. The hysteresis can be adjusted for each input measurement channel individually and can be used for further processing.

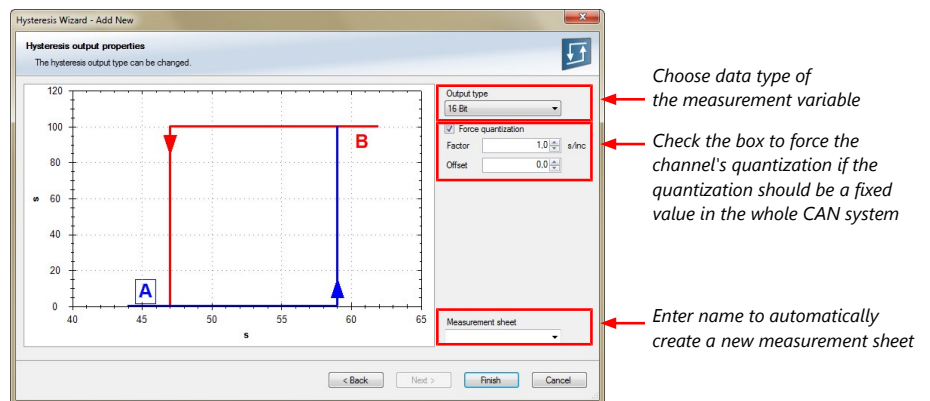
- Click 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
- Drag the 'Hysteresis' computed source from the Toolbox and drop it on 'Computed Channels' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.

A 'Hysteresis Wizard' opens.

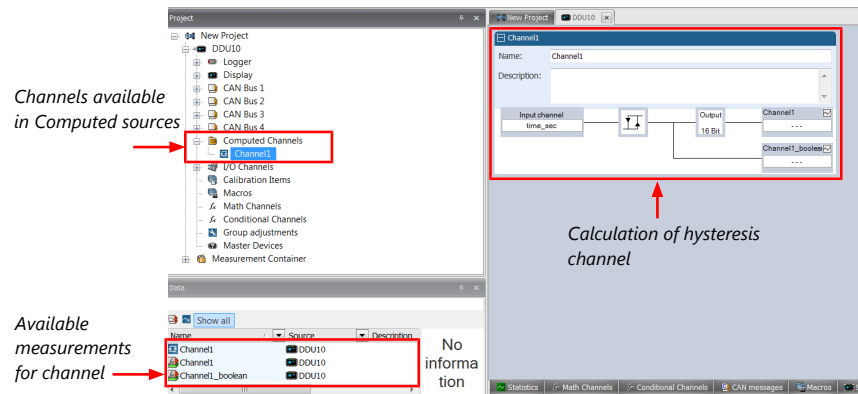


- a) Choose input measurement channel.
 - b) Choose unit group and unit of output.
 - c) Enter output value of state A in the unit selected in b).
 - d) Enter threshold value when state changes from A to B.
 - e) Enter delay time when state changes from A to B.
 - f) Enter output value of state B in the unit selected in b).
 - g) Enter threshold value when state changes from B to A.
 - h) Enter delay time when state changes from B to A.
 - i) Enter time when the hysteresis function is activated after vehicle's startup.
 - j) Enter the channel's state (A or B) at startup.
3. Click 'Next' when done.

The second part of the 'Hysteresis Wizard' opens.



4. Click 'Finish' when done.
 5. Enter channel name and description.
 6. Click 'OK' when done.
- The channel is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



11.4.1 Special functionality: Vehicle speed

This functionality allows:

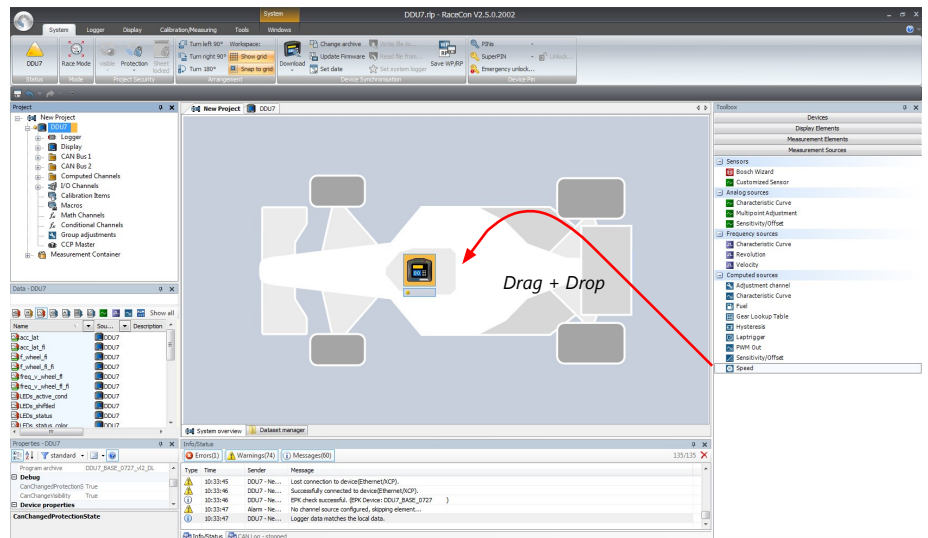
- high performance vehicle owners to measure wheel spin under acceleration and wheel slip/lock under braking.
- calculating vehicle 'speed over ground'.

Vehicle speed calculation function

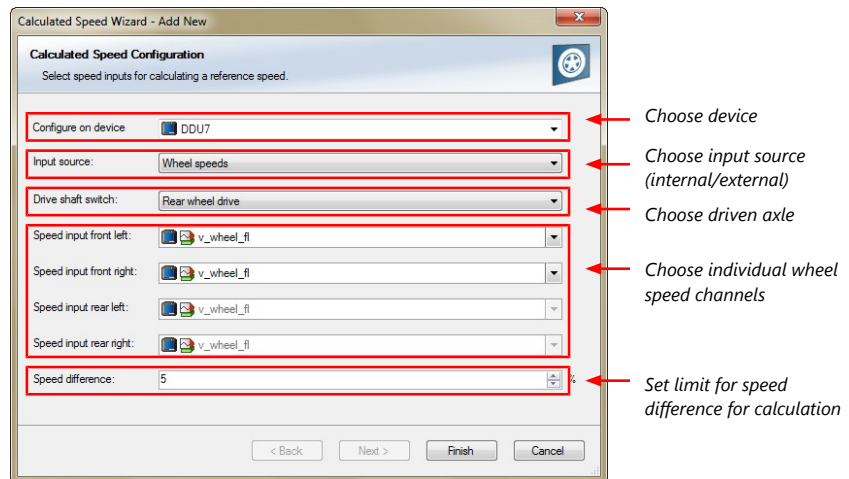
- Calculating vehicle speed of 2 wheel drive: (Wheel speeds of non-driven axle as input)
 - Calculated speed is average of both speeds if speed difference between wheels < limit.
 - Calculated speed is maximum of both speeds if speed difference between wheels > limit.
- Calculating vehicle speed of 4 wheel drive: (Wheel speeds of all wheels as input)
 - Calculated speed is speed of 2nd fastest wheel.

11.4.2 Setting up calculated speed

1. Click on tab 'System Overview'.
2. Click on 'Measurement Sources' in the Toolbox.
3. Drag the 'Speed' computed source from the Toolbox and drop it on the project name in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree. Do not drop it on 'VCU MS 50.4'!

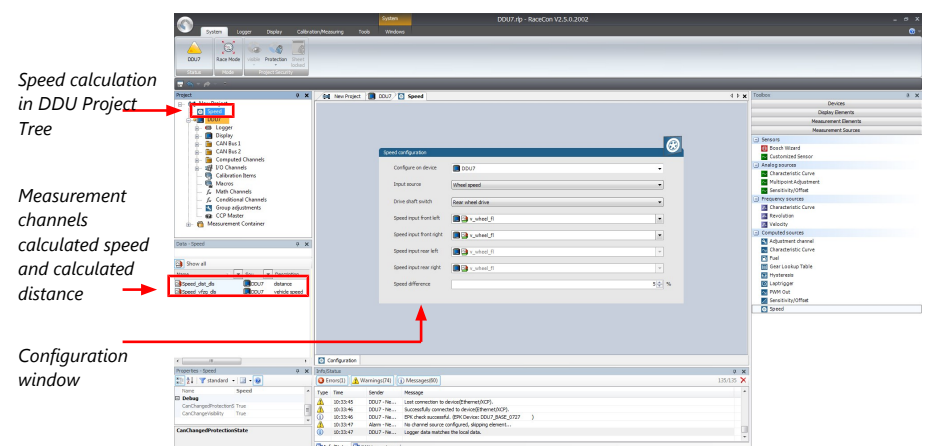


A 'Calculated Speed Wizard' opens.



- Click 'Finish' when done.

The speed calculation is inserted into the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.



12 Power Stages

Power stage details

The VCU MS 50.4 uses integrated power stages with built-in diagnosis. For the high side switches, overload-behaviour (mode "bulb" or "DC motor", restarts etc.) is determined inside the IC itself.

A measurement shunt is used for current measurement. The low side switches come with a switchable, discrete free wheeling diode. Current measurement is done inside the IC; one common value for two switching channels is available.

Diagnostics

Low side:

- shortcut to GND in switched off state
- overcurrent
- shortcut to U_batt
- open load
- overtemperature (power stage)

High side:

- shortcut to GND
- overcurrent/ overtemperature
- shortcut to U_batt in switched off state
- open load
- current measurement and plausibilisation in CCA

Suggestion for the implementation of a current control

There is no analogue circuitry for a current control. However, the current measurement values can be used for the calculation of an appropriate pwm duty cycle in the Customer Code Area (CCA).

Current measurement is executed at a 1 kHz frequency, the reconfiguration of the pwm duty cycle in the blue SIMULINK blocks can be done in different frequencies including a 1 ms raster.

For a current control using the low side switches, an additional external current sensor needs to be read. The current measurement is not sufficiently accurate and is only available for 4 of the 8 channels. (The free wheeling diode needs to be activated.)



WARNING

Danger of Fire!

Due to the possible callable power at the outputs O_HSOUT1-4 (pins B25, B26, B51, B58, A08, A09, A04, A05), an electrically caused fire at the load cannot be excluded.

The installed loads must therefore meet the common requirements such as class PS3 according to EN62368-1 chapter 6.

13 Online Measurement and Calibration

VCU MS 50.4 configuration

- System configuration (channel + display configuration, CAN I/O, etc.) is stored in the VCU MS 50.4
- Use RaceCon to create and download configuration from the PC to VCU MS 50.4
Communication interface: Ethernet
- Communication protocol: XCP

Online Measurement and Calibration

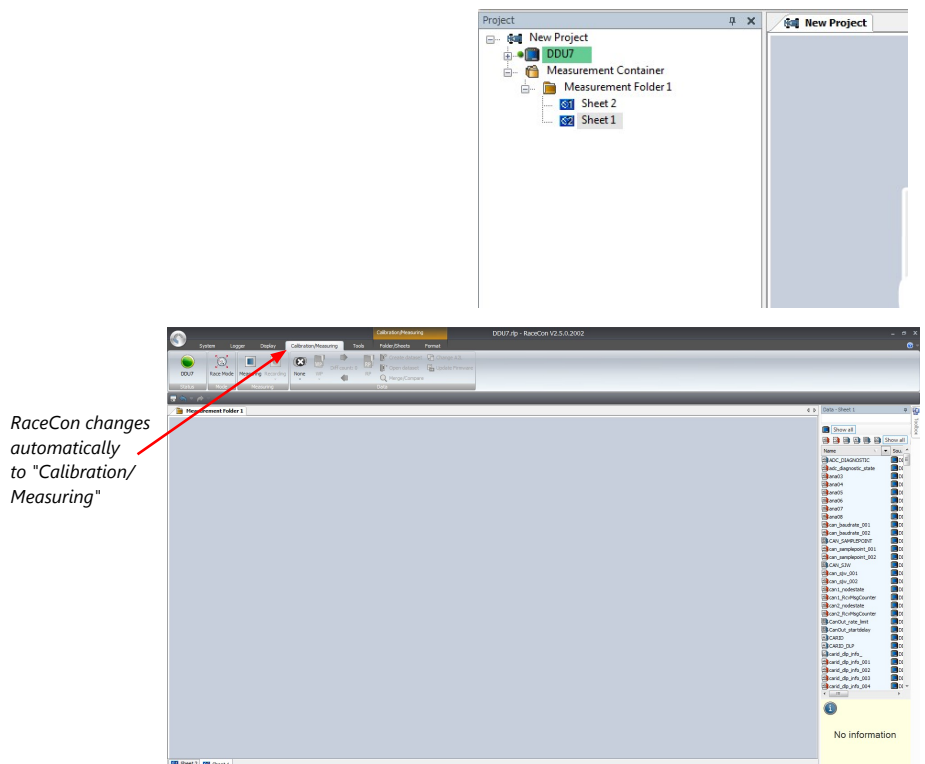
- System status and diagnosis
- Check and calibrate sensors in the vehicle
- Live display of sensor values on the PC
- Use RaceCon for diagnosis, online measurement and calibration
- Communication interface: Ethernet
- Communication protocol: XCP

13.1 Setting up an online measurement

VCU MS 50.4 supports online measurement of sensor values and diagnostic variables.

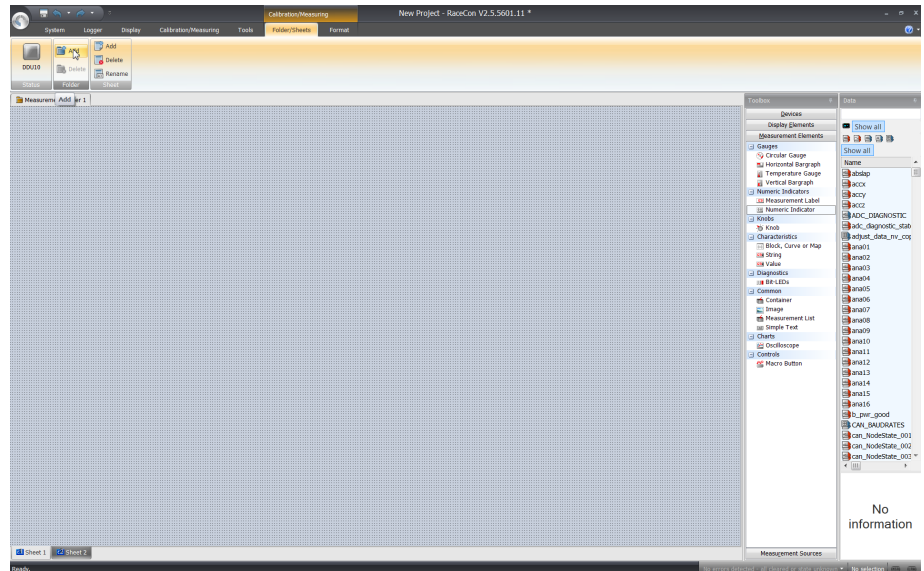
1. Expand 'Measurement Container' and 'Measurement Folder 1' in the Project Tree and double-click on 'Sheet1'. Alternatively, click on the 'Calibration/Measuring' tab to open the window directly.

'Sheet 1' opens in a new 'Calibration/Measuring' window.



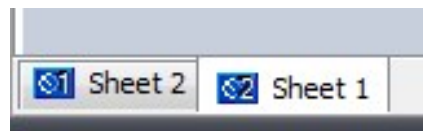
2. Click on the 'Folder/Sheets' tab, which appears when you are in the 'Calibration/Measurement' window, to create a new measurement folder.

- Click on the 'Add' button for folders in the upper left corner.



In the menu for sheets, you will find buttons to add, delete and rename new sheets

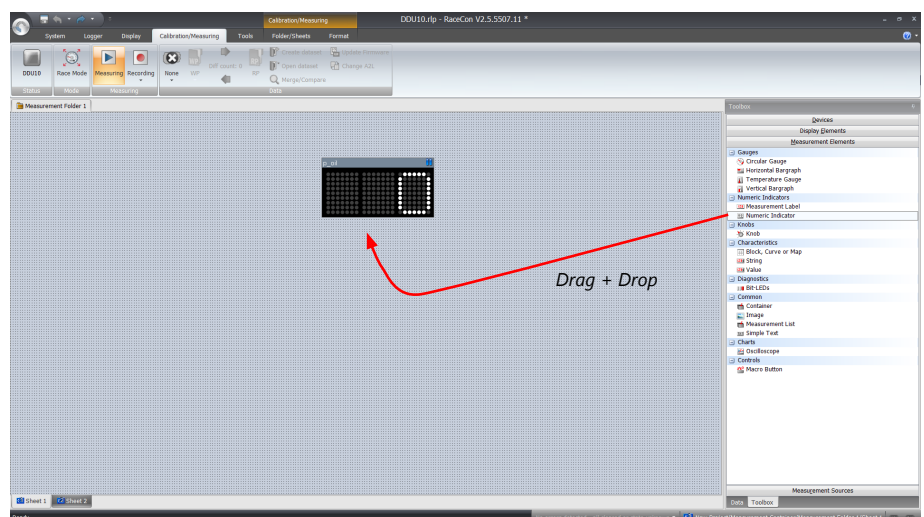
- To change between different sheets, click on the tabs on the bottom of the 'Calibration/Measuring' window.



Tabs to switch between sheets

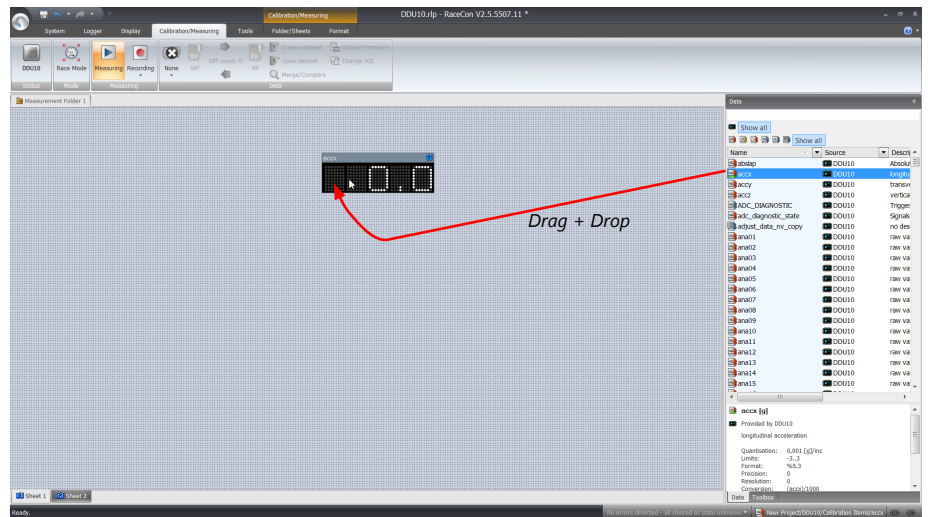
To add an element to a measurement sheet, perform the following steps:

- Drag a measurement element from the Toolbox and drop it on the measurement sheet.



- Select the desired measurement channel from the 'Data' area and drop it on the measurement element.

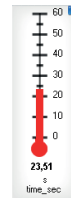
If the VCU MS 50.4 shows the green status, the value is displayed.



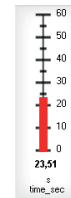
RaceCon offers different types of measurement elements:



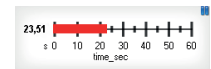
Circular gauge



Temperature gauge



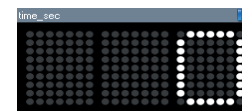
Vertical Bar graph style



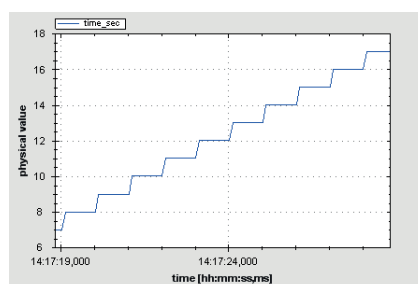
Horizontal Bar graph style



Measurement label



Numeric indicator

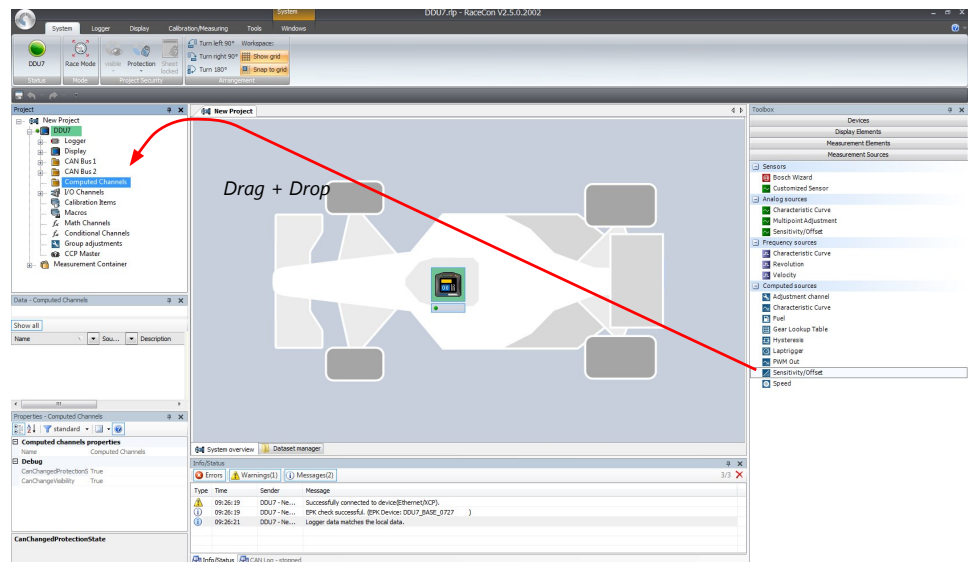


Oscilloscope (Chart)

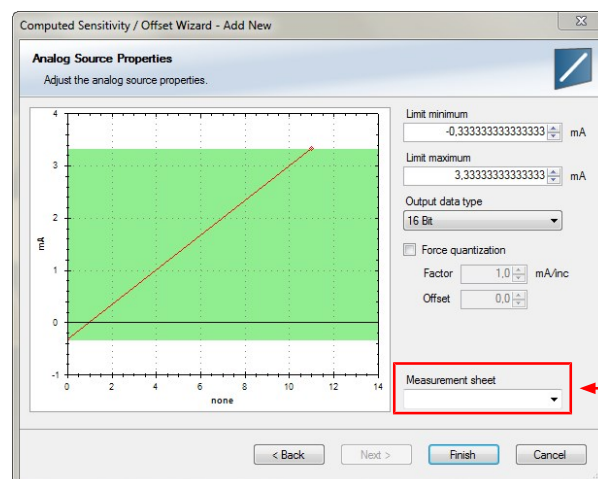
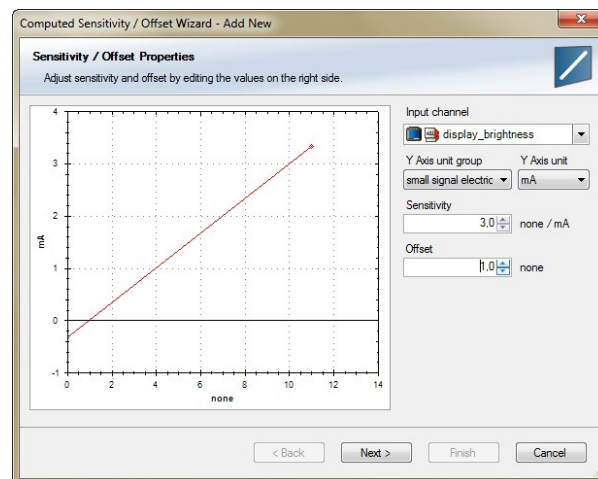
13.1.1 Automatic creation of measurement sheets

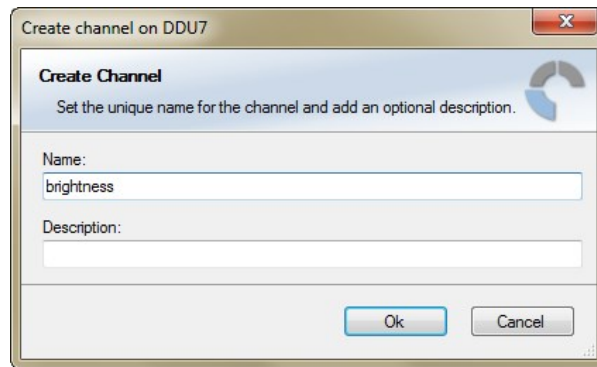
RaceCon can create measurement sheets automatically.

You can create and use measurement sheets with the VCU MS 50.4 as well as with all other devices connected to RaceCon.

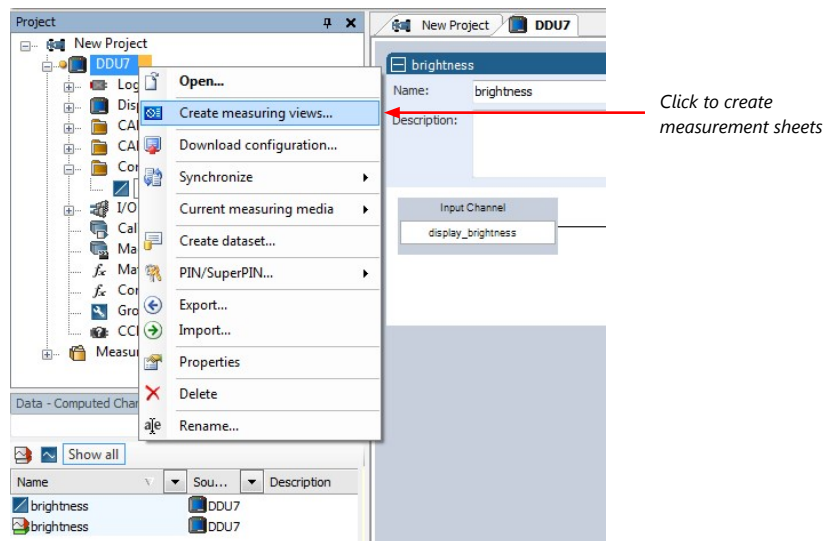


1. During the configuration of a measurement channel, select a measurement sheet from the list box or enter a name for a new measurement sheet.





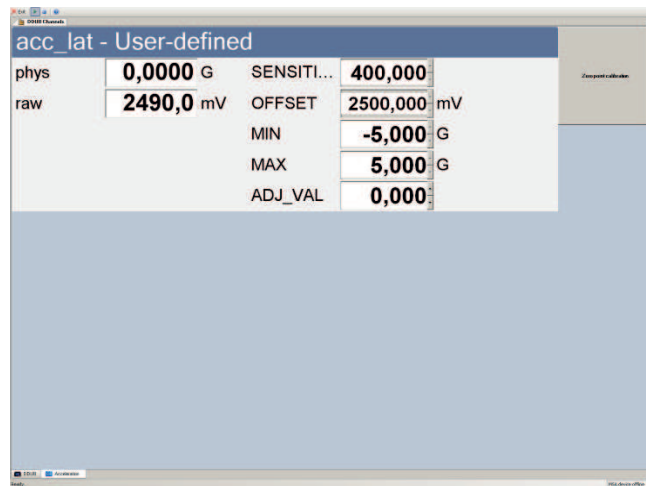
2. To create the sheets, right-click on VCU MS 50.4 and select 'Create measurement views...' from the VCU MS 50.4 context menu.



The automatically created sheet is inserted in the Project Tree under 'Measurement Container' and 'Device Channels'. If the VCU MS 50.4 is connected to RaceCon and the status is green, live values of the channels are shown.

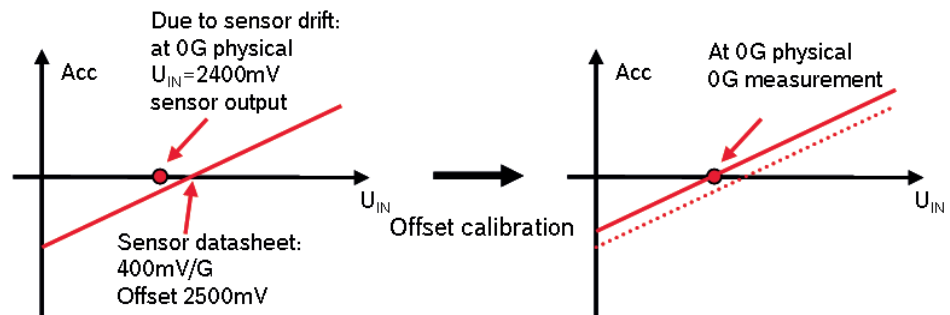
13.1.2 Using the measurement sheets

1. When RaceCon is online, press the 'F11' key to switch from 'Design Mode' into 'Race Mode'. The measurement sheet is extended to full screen. The button for offset calibration is active.
2. Switch between different sheets using the tabs at the bottom of the window.
3. Press the 'Esc' key to return to 'Design Mode'.



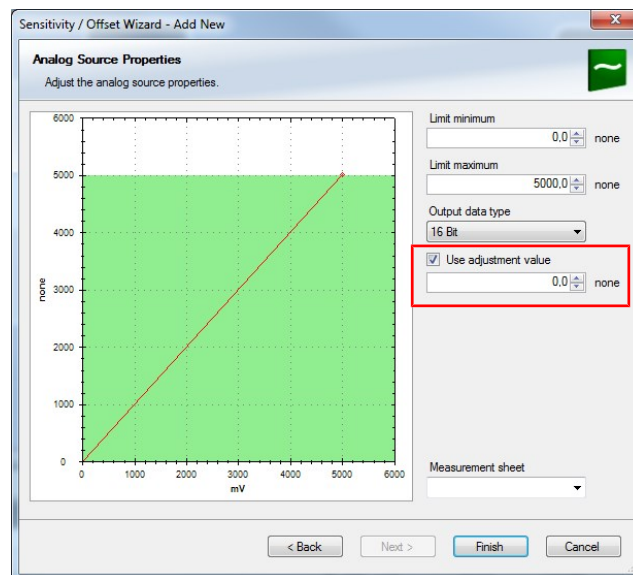
13.2 Online calibration of measurement channels

- Analog sensors drift with age, temperature, etc.
- Manual calibration is necessary
- Solution: online offset calibration
- Example: acceleration sensor



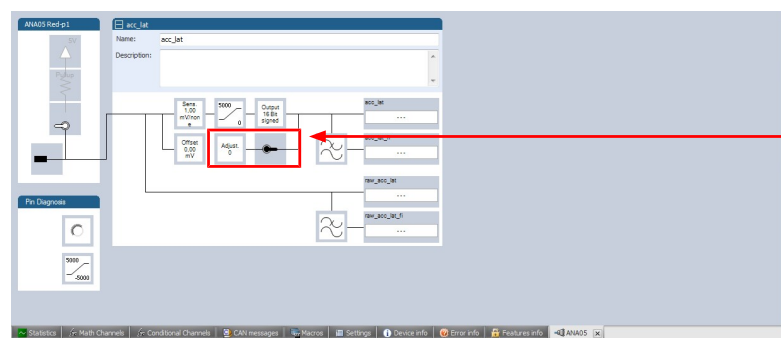
13.2.1 Enable online offset calibration for measurement channel

During creation of the measurement channel



Check box to enable online offset calibration and enter desired physical target value

In the channel view



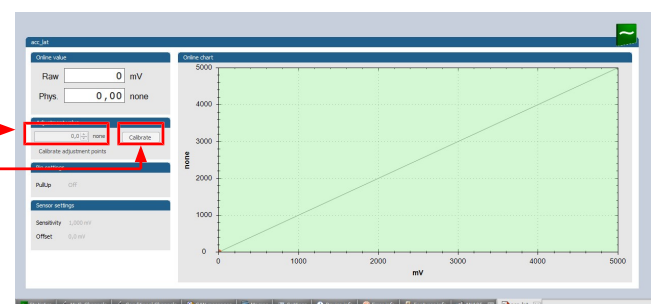
Activate switch to enable online calibration

13.2.2 Performing the online offset calibration

VCU MS 50.4 has to be connected to RaceCon to calibrate the sensor's offset.

1. Apply the desired physical condition to the sensor (e.g. 1 G to an acceleration sensor).
2. Open the measurement channel's online page by double-clicking on the measurement channel name in the Data Area.
3. Enter the physical target value (e.g. 1 G) and press the 'Calibrate' button.

Calibration target value
Initiate calibration

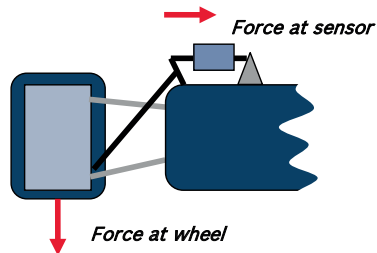


The sensor's offset is now calibrated.

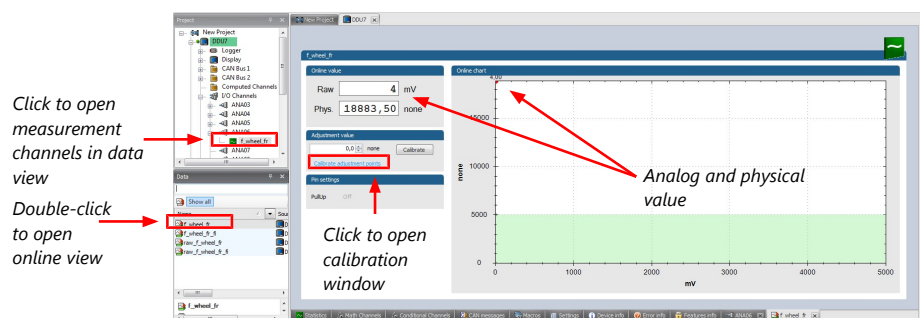
13.3 Online calibration of multipoint adjustment channels

Example: measurement of wheel force

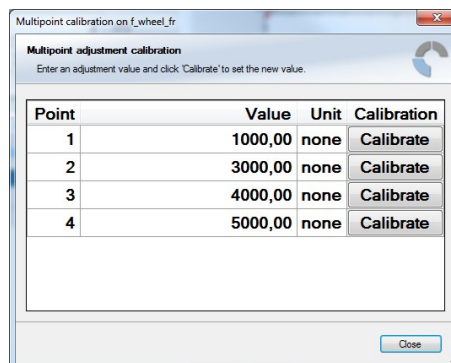
- Physical property 'wheel force' not directly measurable
- Load transfer through suspension kinematics
- Physical value at sensor position defined by vehicle
- Curve definition by online adjustment at vehicle



1. Create a multipoint adjustment measurement channel. To create a multipoint channel, see chapter 'Configuring a multipoint adjustment [► 61]'.
2. Download the configuration on the VCU MS 50.4. To connect the VCU MS 50.4 to RaceCon, see chapter 'Setting up a new RaceCon Project'.
3. Click on the desired channel in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.
4. Double-click on a measurement channel in the Data Area to open the online view.



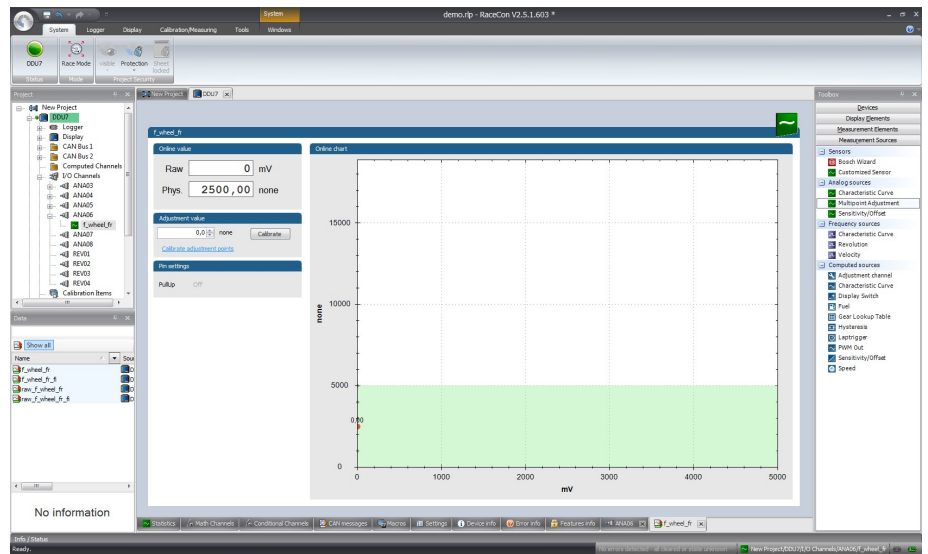
5. Click on 'Calibrate adjustment points' to open calibration window.



6. Apply the desired physical condition to the sensor (e.g. by applying a force on the wheel).
7. Enter the physical value in the value column of the desired calibration point (e.g. 745 N).

8. Press the 'Calibrate' button of the desired calibration point.
9. Repeat for all curve points.
10. Click 'Close' when done.

The calibration curve is displayed in the online view.



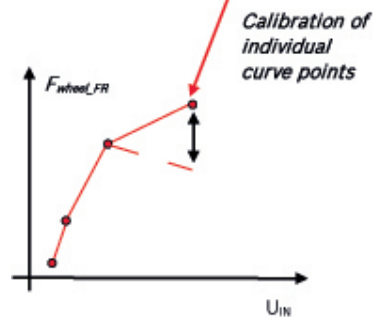
Adjustment points vs. offset adjustment

Multipoint calibration on 'Wheel_F'

Store an adjustment value and click Calibrate to set the new value.

Point	Value	Unit	Calibration
1	1000,00	none	Calibrate
2	3000,00	none	Calibrate
3	4000,00	none	Calibrate
4	5000,00	none	Calibrate

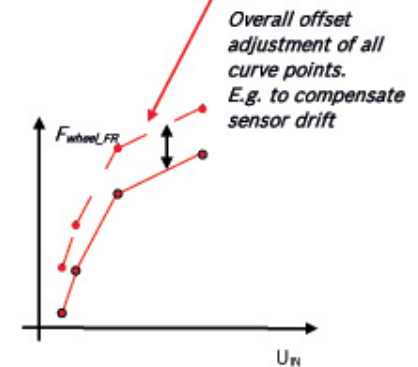
Close



Adjustment value

0,000 $\frac{N}{mV}$ Calibrate

Calibrate adjustment points



14 Recording

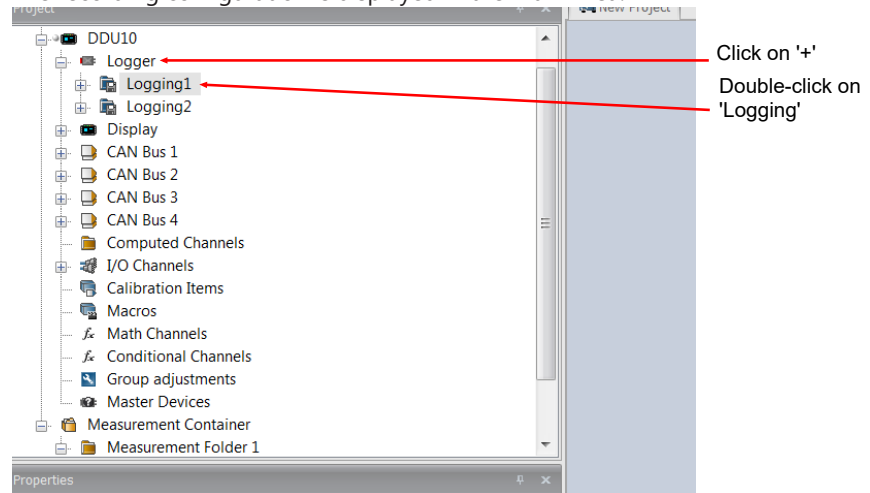
14.1 Features

- Synchronized recording of VCU MS 50.4 analog and digital input channels, VCU MS 50.4 internal measurement channels, ECU data, Data from external sensor interfaces
- Up to two independent recordings
- Measurement rate 1 ms to 1 s
- Two global start conditions (thresholds)
- Up to 16 measurement conditions (fast-slow-switches)

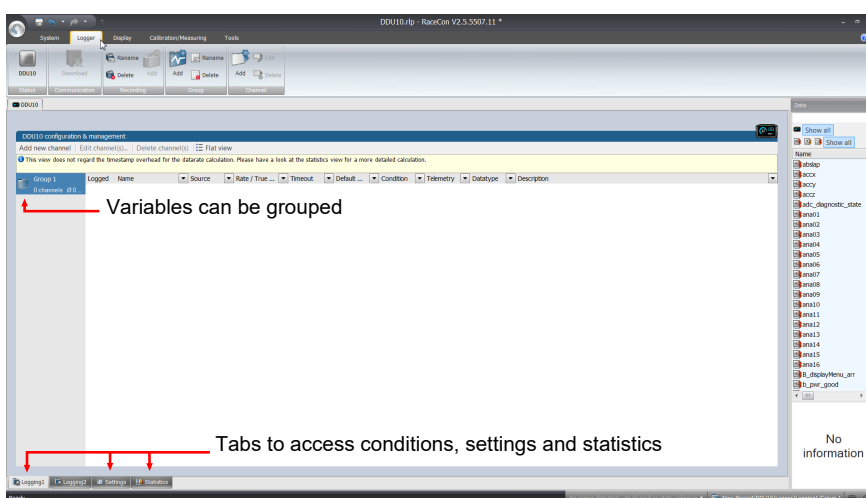
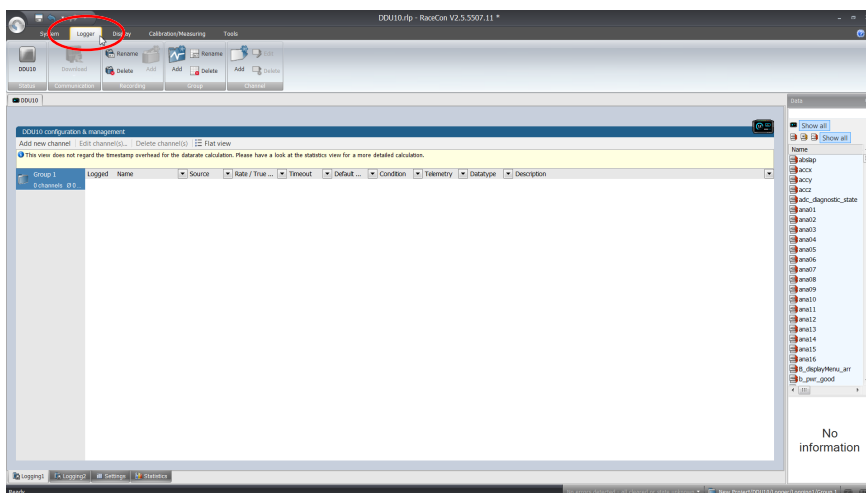
14.2 Configuration of Recordings

1. Expand the 'Logger' list by clicking on '+' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.
2. Double-click on 'Logging' in the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree.

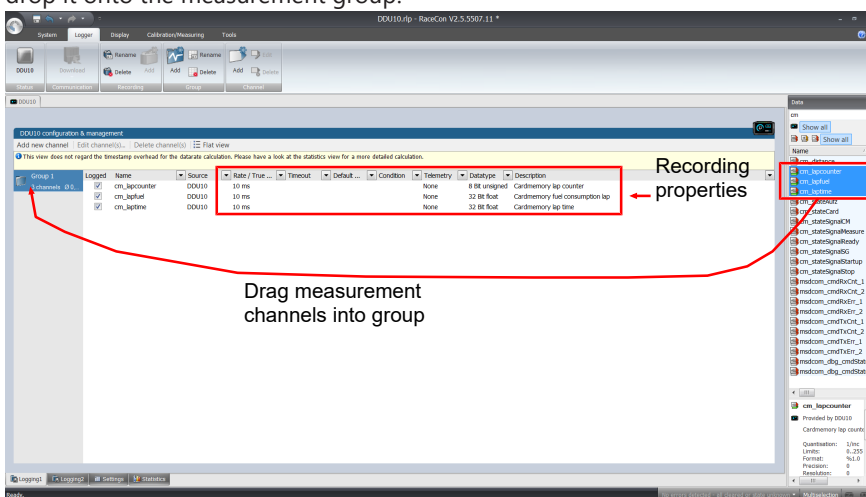
The recording configuration is displayed in the Main Area.



Alternatively, click on the 'Logger' tab to open the configuration directly.

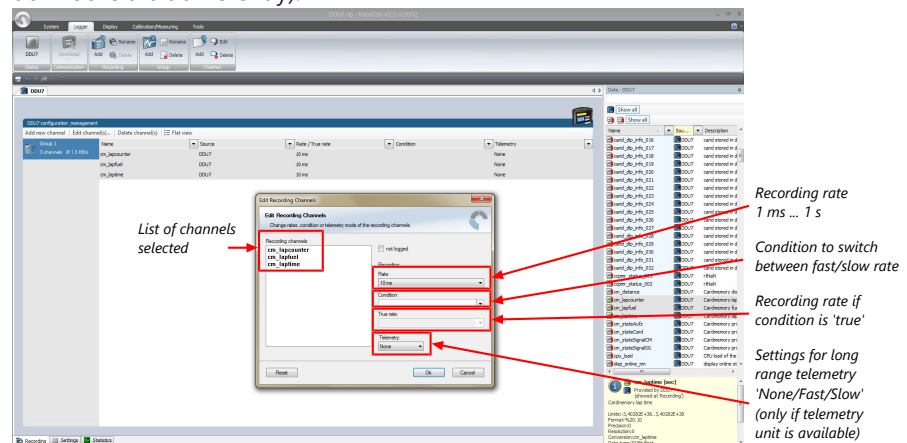


- To add a measurement channel to a recording, select the wanted channel, drag and drop it onto the measurement group.



4. To edit channel settings, mark the channel(s) and click 'Edit Recording Channel(s)'.

An 'Edit Recording Channels' window opens (if you choose only one channel, the window looks a bit differently).



5. Click 'OK' when done.

Note

If no recording condition is defined or the recording condition is 'false', measurement channels are recorded at the value chosen in 'Rate'.

If the condition is 'true', measurement channels are recorded at the value chosen in 'True rate'.

14.2.1 Adding a recording group

Recording channels can be grouped. These groups will also be visible in Darab and will help to get a better overview during the data analysis

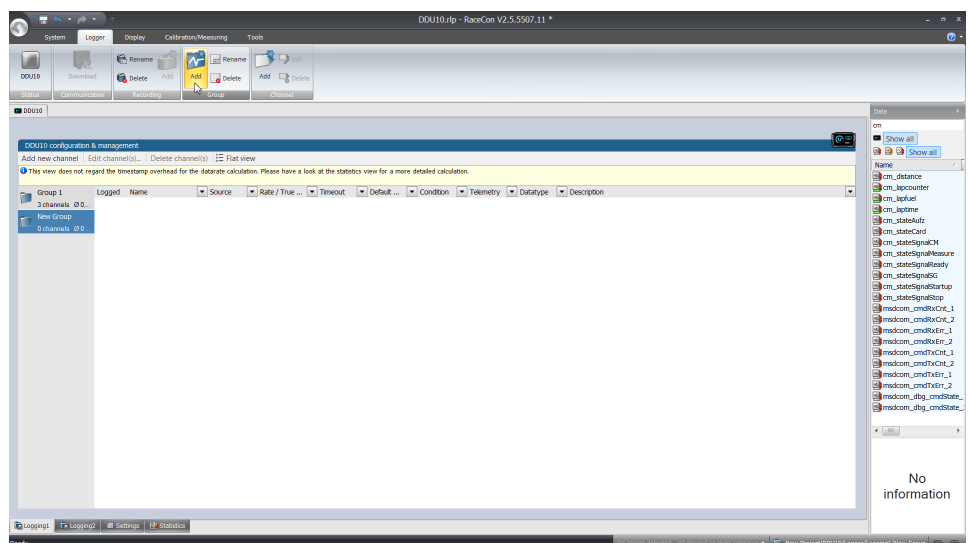
1. To add a new group, select the 'Logger' tab.

The 'Logger' window opens.

2. Click on the 'Add' button.

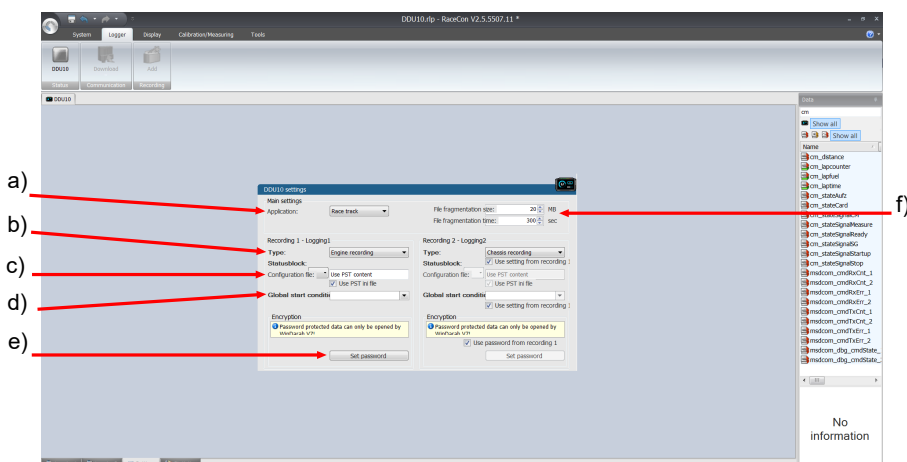
A new group will be added and can be renamed 'Gearbox', 'Aero', 'Engine', etc..

3. To rename a group, click on the 'Rename' button next to the 'Add' button.



14.2.2 Logger settings

To display the global VCU MS 50.4 settings, open the 'Logger' window and click on the 'Settings' tab at the bottom.



a) Choose setting for outing counter mode:

- For testbench (without lap trigger) select 'Testbench'.
- For racetrack (with lap trigger) select 'Racetrack'.

b) Choose whether the logging partition shall be named Engine recording or Chassis recording.

c) Advanced setting: Select your logging configuration file, if provided by your Bosch Support Engineer.

d) Choose or create the condition to start recording

e) Enter a password hint and a password (optional).

f) Setting for automatic fragmentation. Do not change!

14.2.3 Recording statistics

The tab 'Statistics' shows the channels' allocation and their current data rate related to the transmission frequency of the VCU MS 50.4 and the whole transmission system.

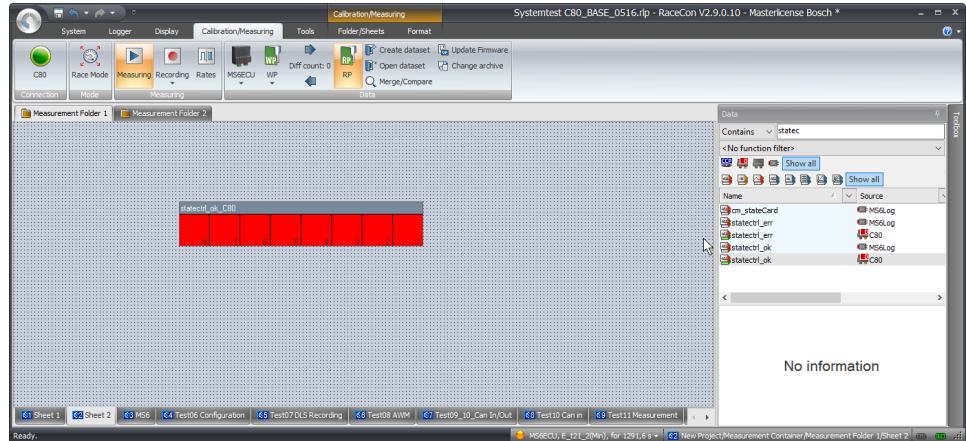
The overview helps to detect bandwidth bottlenecks of channels. Bandwidth bottlenecks can be solved by changing the logging rate setting for each channel.

The data rate of the whole system is often less than the data rate of the VCU MS 50.4 and limits the overall transmission speed.

C80 statistics													
C80	1 ms	2 ms	5 ms	10 ms	20 ms	50 ms	100 ms	200 ms	500 ms	1 s	sync	Total	
Channels	26 - 28	1 - 3	0 - 6	465 - 471	2	7 - 13	26 - 27	0 - 6	14	0 - 3	0	557	Data rate [Kb/s] Recording
Limit	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	0	1080	103,02 - 125,40
MS6ECU													Data rate [Kb/s] scrutineering
Channels	21	22	18	84	26	0	0	0	0	0	7	178	63,58 - 70,24
Limit	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	0	1080	166,60 - 195,64
MS6Log													Data rate [Kb/s] overall
Channels	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8,00
Limit	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	1080	0	1080	800,00
Overall													
Channels													133,32 - 155,70
Limit													144,88 - 151,54
													278,20 - 307,24
													800,00

14.2.4 Displaying online recording diagnosis ("statectrl_ok")

1. To add a Recording Diagnosis element to a measurement sheet, drag a 'Bit-LED' element from the Toolbox and drop it on measurement sheet.
2. Drag channel 'statectrl_ok' from the Data Area and drop it on the 'Bit-LED' element.



The 'Bit-LED' element shows the state of received channel data in bit-representation. A green highlighted channel means 0, a red highlighted channel means 1.

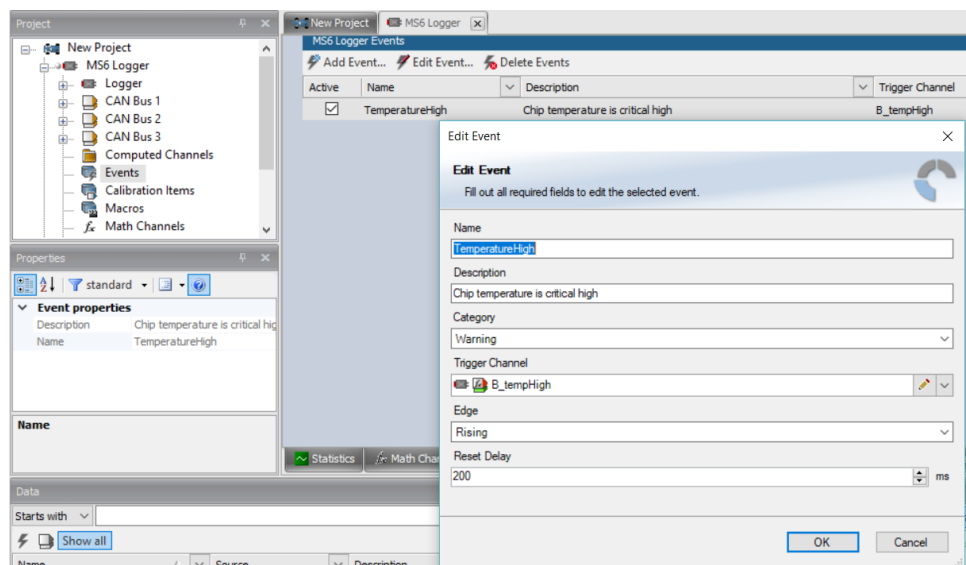
- Measurement correctly initialized, but recording threshold(s) not reached: 254
- Measurement correctly initialized, VCU MS 50.4 is recording data: 255
- Values less than 254 indicate an error state

14.3 Event Logging

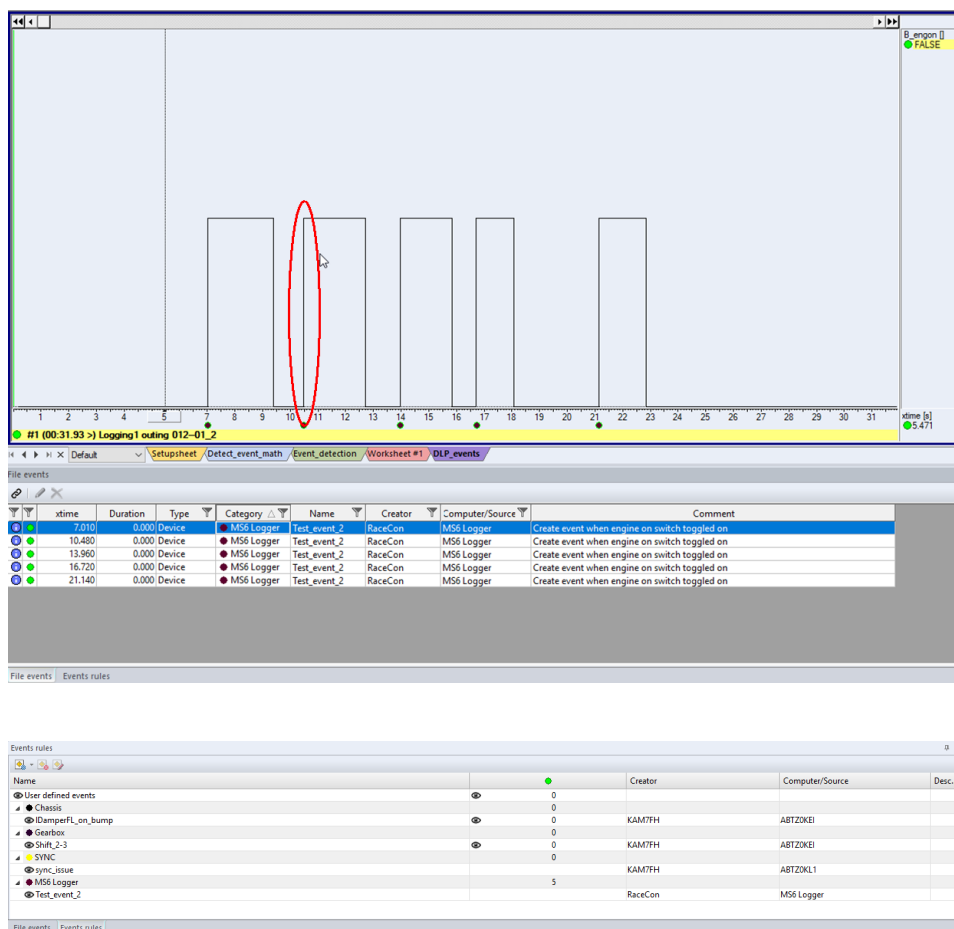
Event Logging implements the possibility to observe a channel if short spikes are expected. With Event Logging, every occurrence of a user defined threshold (more complex conditions are possible) leads to an event being raised. It is listed in a table along with its time stamp, its ID and even with a text string freely definable in RaceCon.

Events are stored as text in logging data and displayed in WinDarab like Darab-Events. Possible use cases are error entry, etc.

Configuration in RaceCon:



Display in WinDarab:



14.4 USB Recording

This function requires the installation of Software Upgrades. Look into the datasheet of your device, to see which upgrades are available for your device.

Software Upgrade USB_DATA enables USB recording. To activate Software Upgrade USB_DATA, enter the license key as described in the chapter 'Feature activation'.

For USB recording, Software Upgrade FULL_LOG_1 should also be enabled.

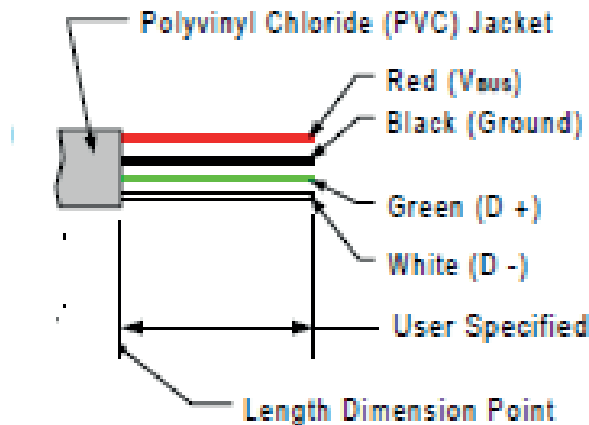
Wiring harness

Bit	Value
USB_Device_Power	Power (red)
USB_Device_DP	D+ (green)
USB_Device_DN	D- (white)
USB_Device_Gnd	GND (black)

For further information, see the pinlayout of the device.

Colors matching a standard USB cable

Prepared Termination



Storage device

The recording function can be used with a dedicated Bosch Motorsport USB device. The USB device has to be preformatted with the Bosch File System (BFS) in RaceCon before first use.

To format the USB device with the Bosch File System (BFS), do the following steps:

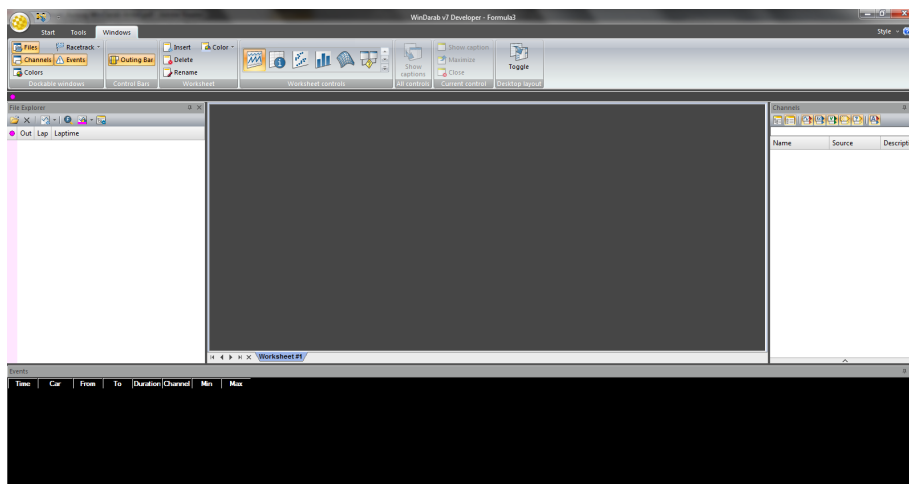
In RaceCon, select 'Tools' - 'Extras' and choose 'Format USB stick'.

Press 'Format'.

An USB device is recognized by Windows as a 'storage medium', but it can only be initialized with RaceCon and read with WinDarab.

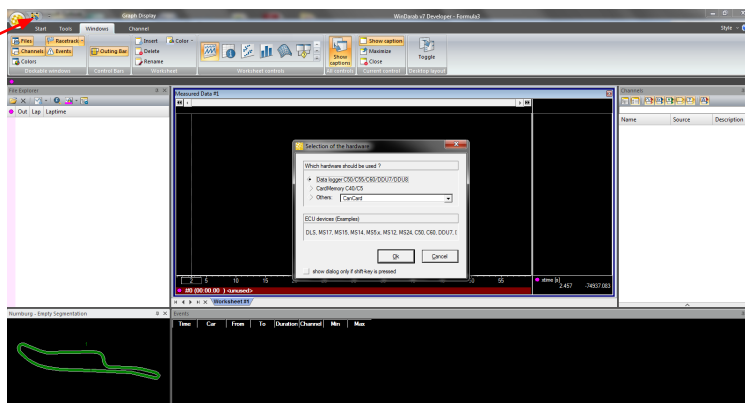
14.4.1 Recording data on USB device

1. Plug an USB device to VCU MS 50.4.
2. Prepare a recording configuration in RaceCon.
3. Power on the system and connect with RaceCon to the vehicle.
4. Download the configuration to the VCU MS 50.4.
5. Record measurement data. If an USB device is present, the VCU MS 50.4 stores the data in parallel on the internal memory and the USB device.
6. Power off the system.
7. Remove USB device from the vehicle.
8. Start the WinDarab software.

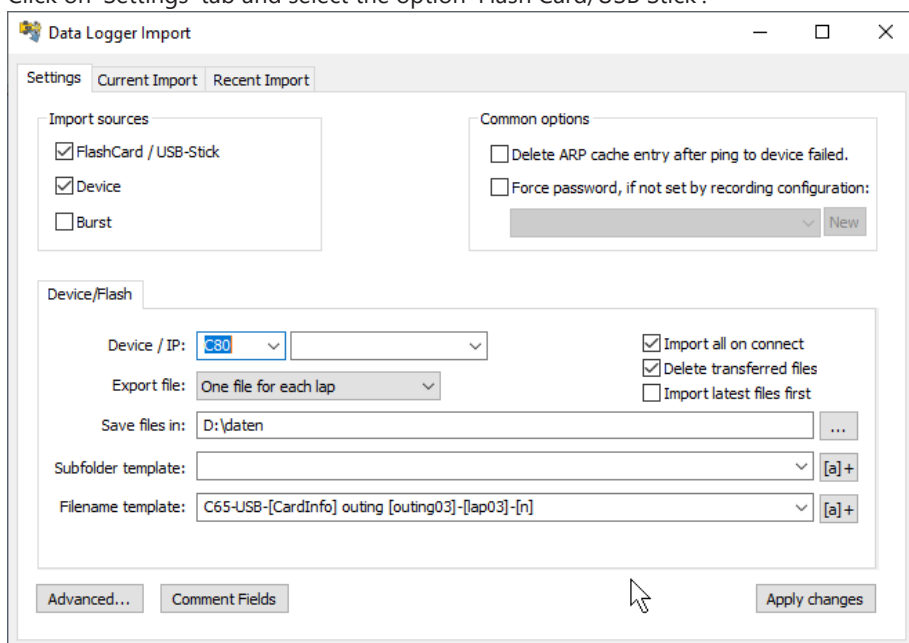


9. Click on the 'Import/Export' icon.
10. Select 'Data logger CXX/DDUX/MSX' and click 'OK' when done. The 'Read measurement data' dialog opens.

Click
'read data from
logging device'

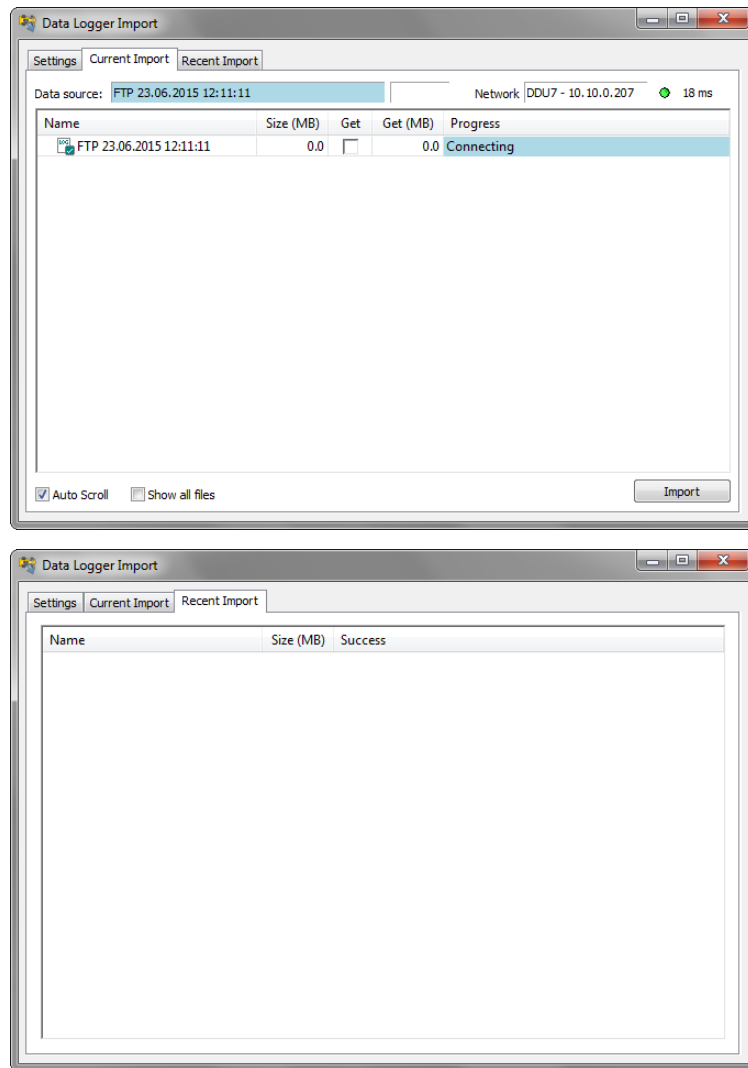


11. Click on 'Settings' tab and select the option 'Flash Card/USB Stick'.



12. Activate 'Apply changes'.

Insert the USB device into the PC. Data transmission from device starts automatically. Measurement files are stored automatically in the base folder.



13. Click 'Close' when transmission has finished.
14. Click on the Start button and choose 'Open measurement file'.
15. Select the measurement files from the storage folder.
16. Click on 'Open'.
17. Click in 'New Desktop' to open a new measurement data window.
18. Drag the desired measurement channel from the Channel list and drop it into the measurement data window. The measurement channel's graph is displayed



For more detailed descriptions and instructions, refer to the WinDarab V7 manual.

14.4.2 USB device handling hints

Using the USB device

Always plug the USB device into vehicle before power up to ensure that all measurement data is stored on the USB device.

If the USB device is plugged in after recording has started, only the current data is saved.

Data recorded on the VCU MS 50.4 before the USB device is plugged in will not be saved.

Removing the USB device

Always power off the system before unplugging the USB device!

14.4.3 Troubleshooting

When no data on the USB device is recorded:

Configure the measurement label **usb_mediastate** on a RaceCon measurement view or on a VCU MS 50.4 display page.

The value of **usb_mediastate** reflects the operating condition of the USB bus:

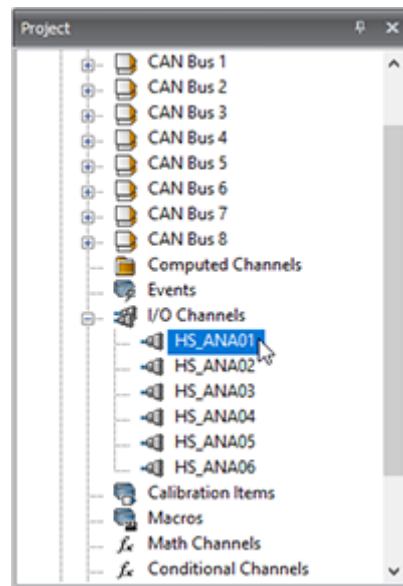
State	Description
0: Wait: Device not found	The USB device is not found (also: waiting for re-plug stick). No USB device inserted. USB device is defect. No electrical connection or wiring harness problem. USB software upgrade not activated (Purchase of unlock code needed).
1: Wait: Device detected	An USB device is found, but not yet installed.
2: Ok: Media installed	The USB device is found and is operational (idle). This does not imply that recording data is written!
4: Stop: Device unplugged	The USB device has been removed. The VCU MS 50.4 performs a restart when an USB device is re-plugged in.
5: Error: Media error	The communication to the USB device broke down. The USB device is defect. The USB device is not supported by VCU MS 50.4.
6: Error: Media corrupt	The USB device is not in valid BFS format. (Hint: Re-format the USB device in RaceCon.)

14.5 High speed logging

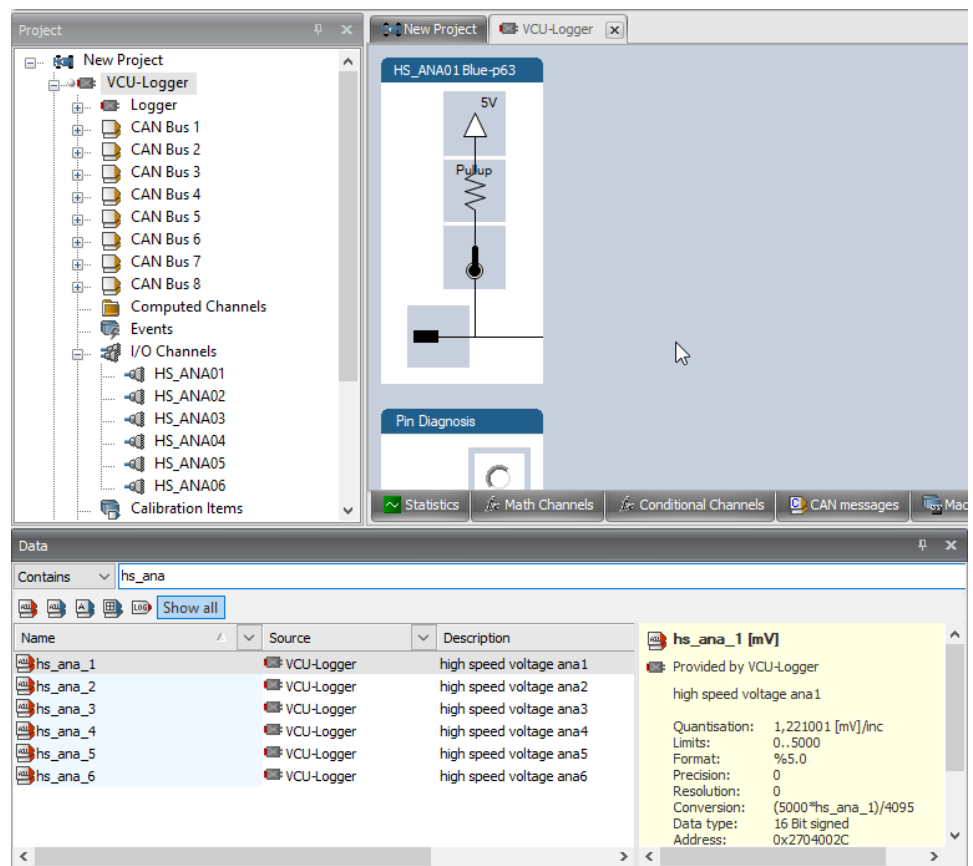
The VCU MS 50.4 can acquire analogue channels at a rate of up to 200 kHz, provided that the upgrade "High speed logging" has been activated on the device concerned.

Six analogue channels are available for high speed logging: HS_ANA01 - HS_ANA06. To set up the logging for high frequencies, please consider the following hints:

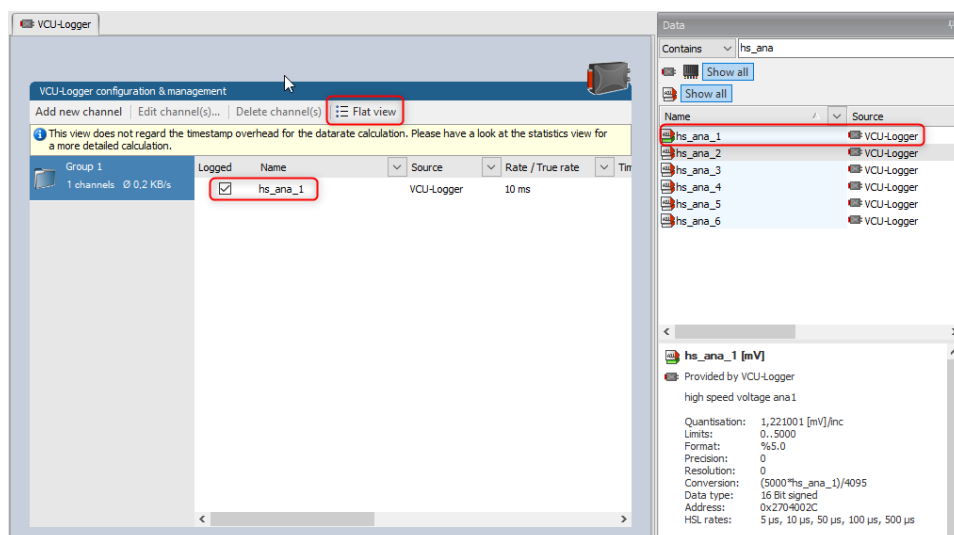
The pin configuration (pull up, pin diagnosis) is done like on any conventional pin: Under "I/O channels", the list of high speed channels appears and can be modified after a double click on the menu item in the tree view:



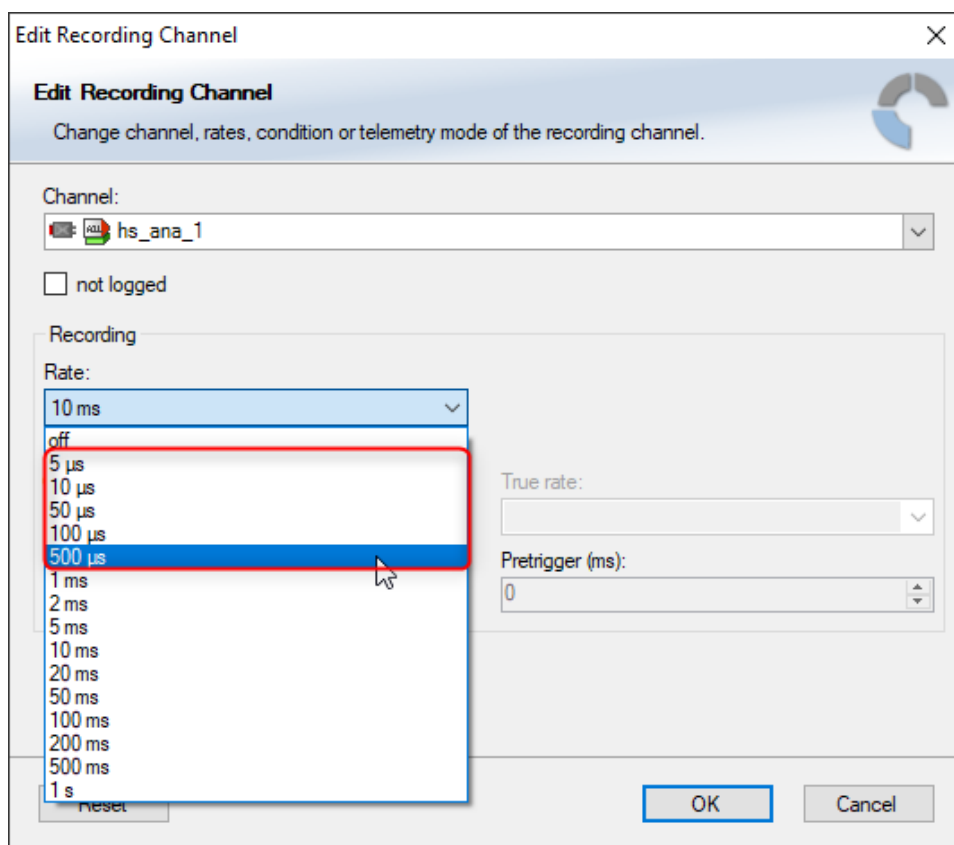
The logging setup is based on the channels named "hs_ana_1"... "hs_ana_6" which appear under the tree item "[Device]-Logger" (hint: use a text filter in the data field to exclude all other list items).



To include these channels into the logging, display the list of logged channels and drag and drop into the list the hs_ana_xx channel you want to be logged. Attention: This will only work if "flat view" is deactivated.



After double clicking the logging list entry you just created, set the desired logging rate. You will note that for hs_ana_xx channels, logging frequencies of more than 1 kHz are available.

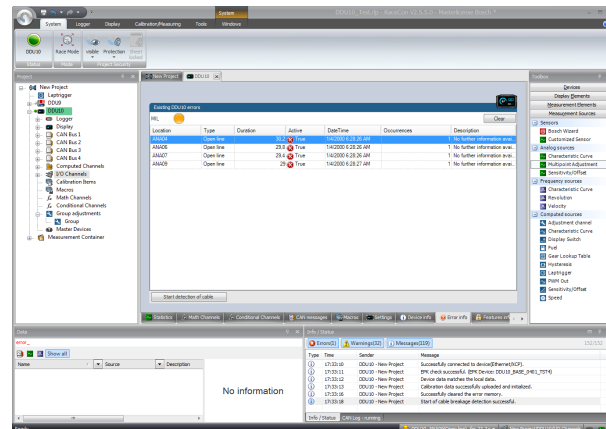


15 Error Memory

In this chapter “Error Memory”, a lot of screenshots are created by way of example for DDU 8. Please consider this and replace the product name ‘DDU 8’ in this case with the name of your product.

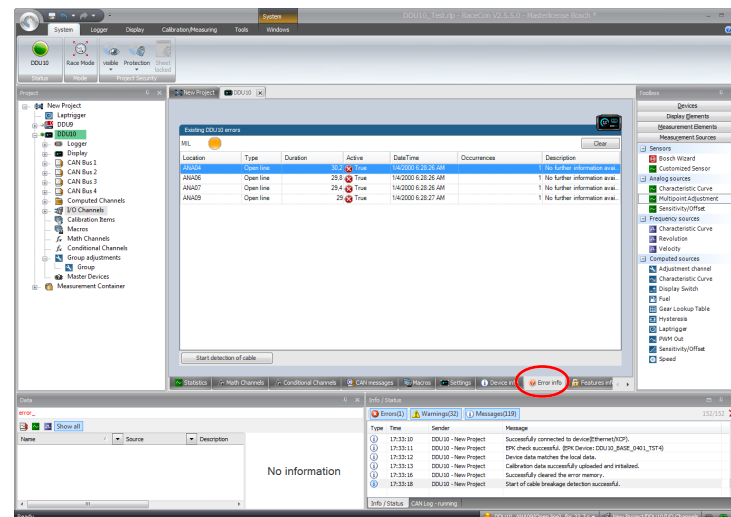
15.1 Error memory representation in RaceCon

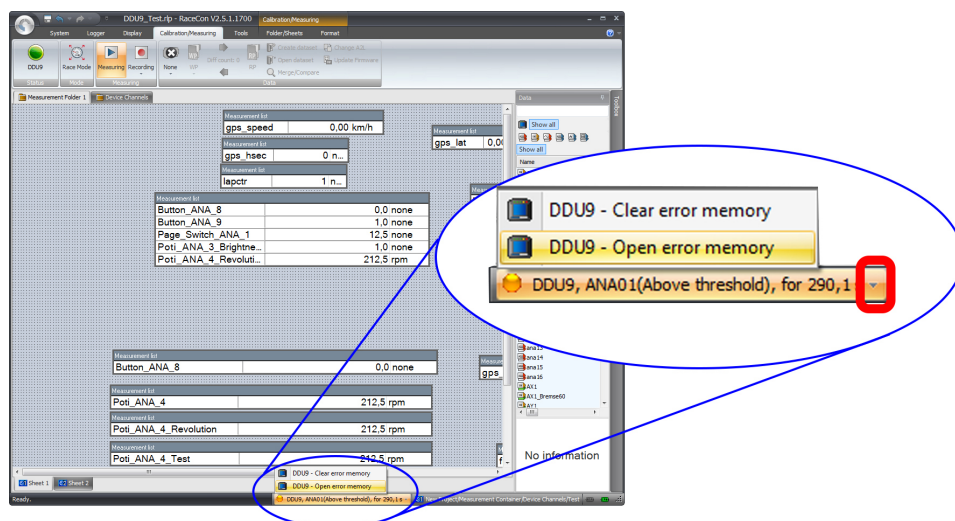
Bosch Motorsport devices feature an error memory. Information on errors can be visualized via RaceCon (online measurement) or can be transmitted via telemetry.



15.1.1 Accessing the memory

The error memory can be accessed as shown in the illustration:





The memory is situated inside the device and is non-volatile. As a consequence, an error which has occurred and has not been cleared by the user will remain in the error memory even after a power cycle. The error state will then reflect if the error is still active or not.

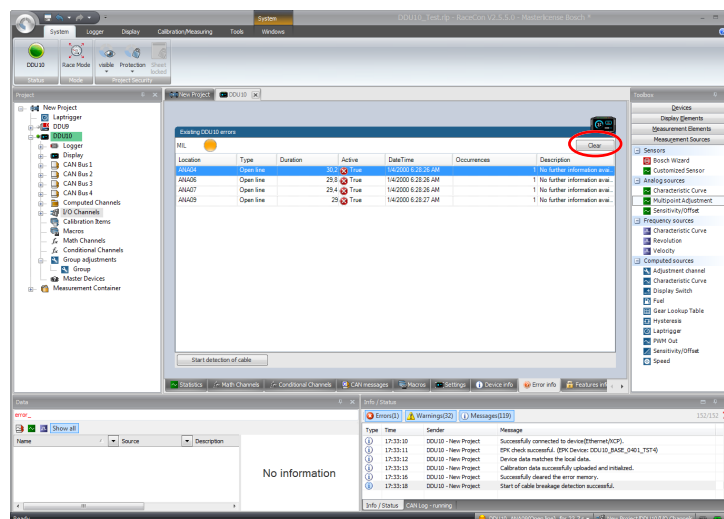
An error is deleted from the list when

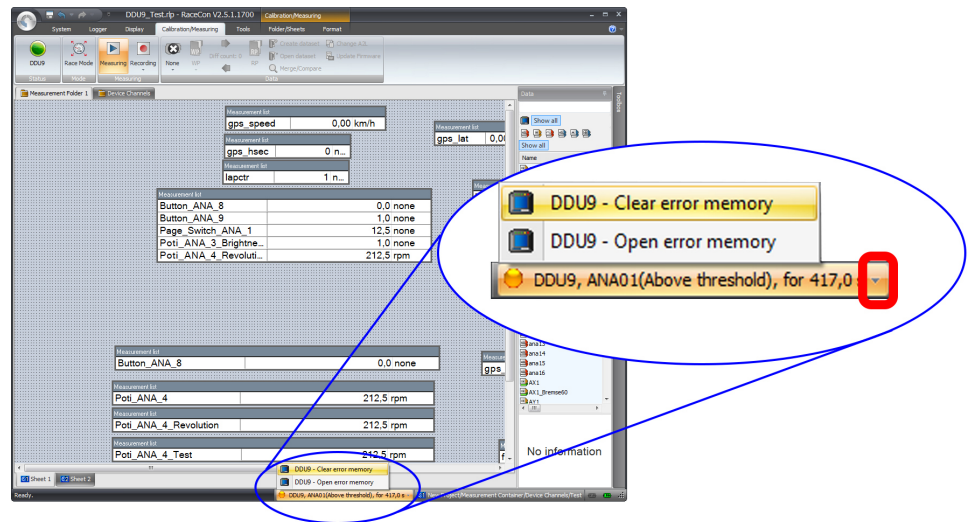
- the user actively clears the error memory
- the user updates the firmware

The error memory is not cleared by a configuration download and is not cleared by a power cycle.

15.1.2 Clearing the error memory

There are two ways of clearing the error memory, both are shown in the following illustration:





15.2 Information on errors available from the error memory

In general, properties of the error memory and properties of an individual error need to be distinguished.

15.2.1 Error Memory Properties

The following property is available for the error memory itself:

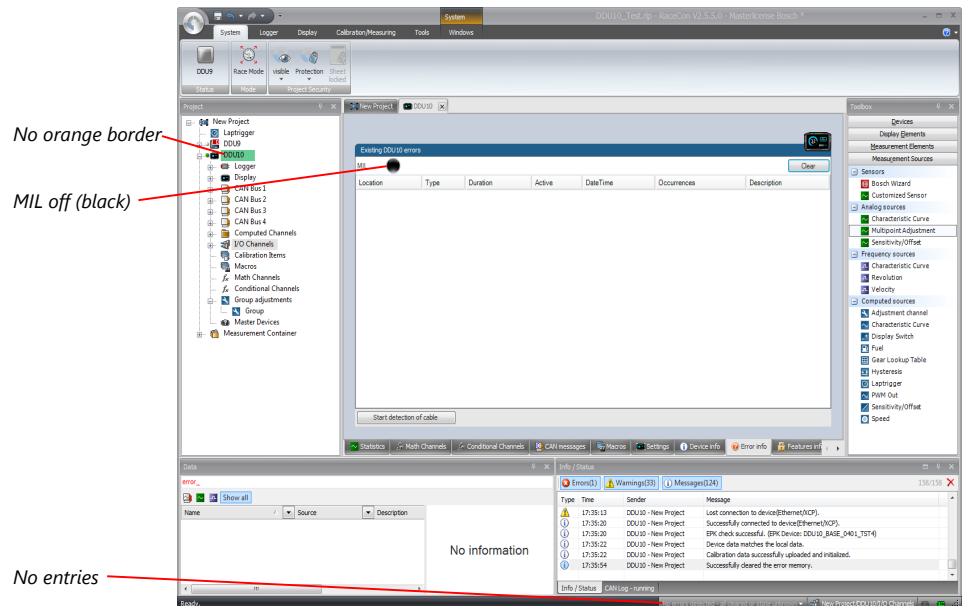
- Error Status (device measurement label “error_state”)
 - 0: no error present in memory
 - 1: at least one inactive error present in memory, no active errors
 - 2: at least one active error present in memory

If displayed in a measurement sheet, this property’s value (0, 1 or 2) is translated into a verbal description:

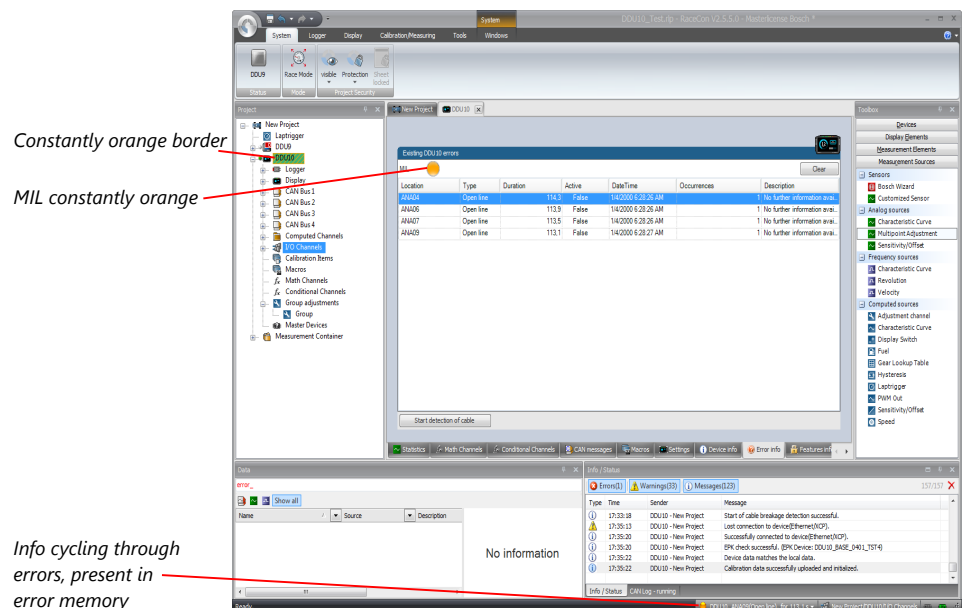
Measurement list	
error_state	Active error(s) present

It is also represented by a color scheme within RaceCon (provided RaceCon is online with the system):

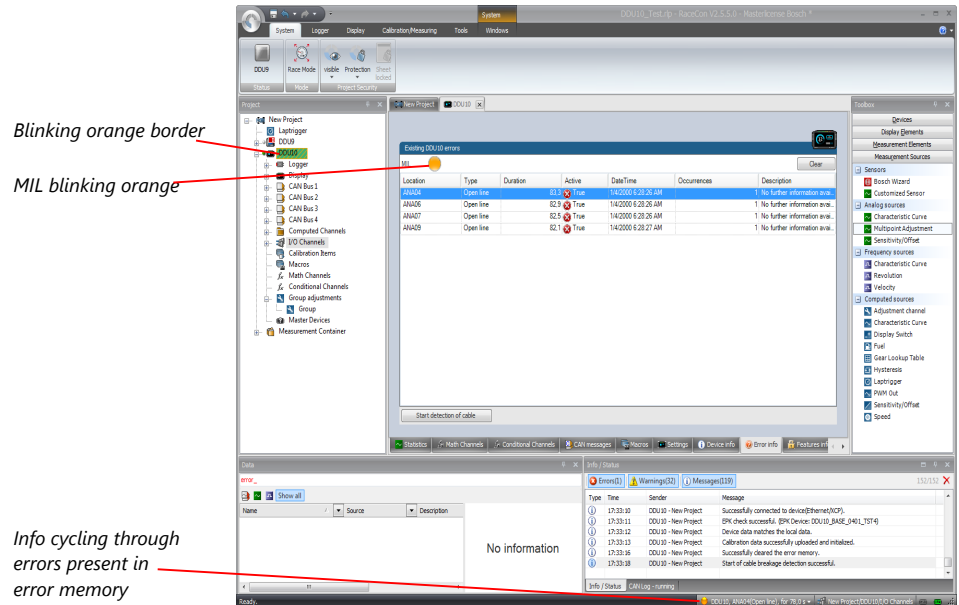
0 (no error present in memory):



1 (at least one inactive error present in memory, no active errors):



2 (at least one active error present in memory):



15.2.2 Error Properties

The following channels are recognized and memorized inside the devices:

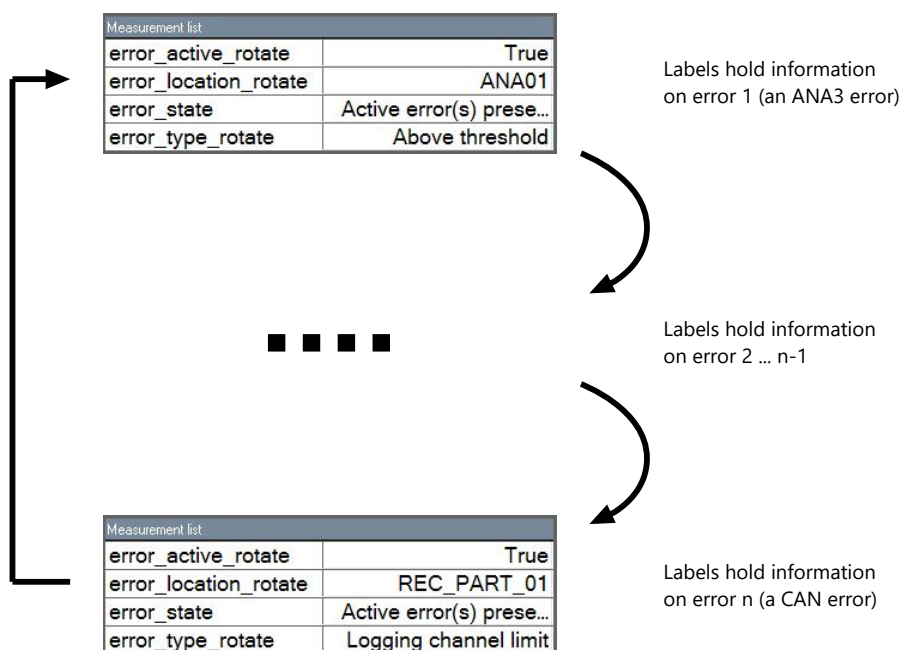
Data		
err		
Name	Source	Description
error_active_rotate	DDU9	error active rotation. signals if error is present or not
error_location_rotate	DDU9	error location rotation
error_state	DDU9	signals global state of error manager
error_type_rotate	DDU9	error type rotation

- Error type (device label “error_type_rotate”):
e.g. “below_threshold” for a violation of the minimum voltage range defined in the configuration, “shortcut_Batt” for a shortcut to battery voltage etc.
- Error locations (device label “error_location_rotate”):
e.g. “ANA01” for an error concerning the first ANA channel
- Error durations
How long has the error been active? If an error encounters a non-active period before being cleared from the memory and is then detected again, the error duration keeps on accumulating. The number of active periods can be seen from the “number of occurrences”.
- Number of occurrences
How many times has the error been detected since the last time the error memory was cleared.
- Error active state (device label “error_active_rotate”)
All failure modes are continuously diagnosed; any error detected will be written to the error memory. Once an error is detected, it is qualified as “active”.
 - 1 (TRUE) Error was detected in most recent diagnose run (active)

- 0 (FALSE) Error is inactive: error was not detected in most recent diagnostic run, however the error has not been cleared from the memory by the user and remains in the non-volatile memory

The aforementioned channels (error_active_rotate, error_location_rotate, error_type_rotate) are device specific properties (e.g. C 60) and are not related to the complete Race-Con project (e.g. "error no. 3 from the error memory"). Therefore, only one property label is available in each device. The errors from the error memory (possibly more than one error possible per device) share these three labels. The labels cycle through the errors currently present in the memory and represent the respective property of each error periodically.

The following screenshot shows error properties, which can be displayed or logged:

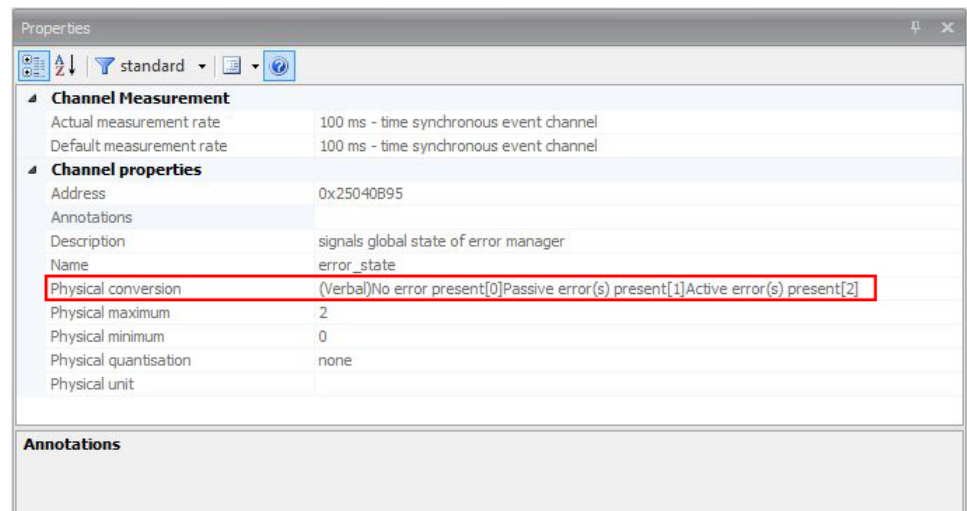


After the last error and its error properties have been displayed, the labels will start again with the first error in the error memory stack and its error properties will be displayed again. Therefore, monitoring these labels over a sufficiently long period provides the information on all individual errors in the error memory.

To understand this behavior, it is recommended to observe the three labels in a measurement sheet (while more than one error is active) and watch the values change periodically:

Measurement list	
error_active_rotate	True
error_location_rotate	REC_PART_01
error_state	Active error(s) prese...
error_type_rotate	Logging channel limit

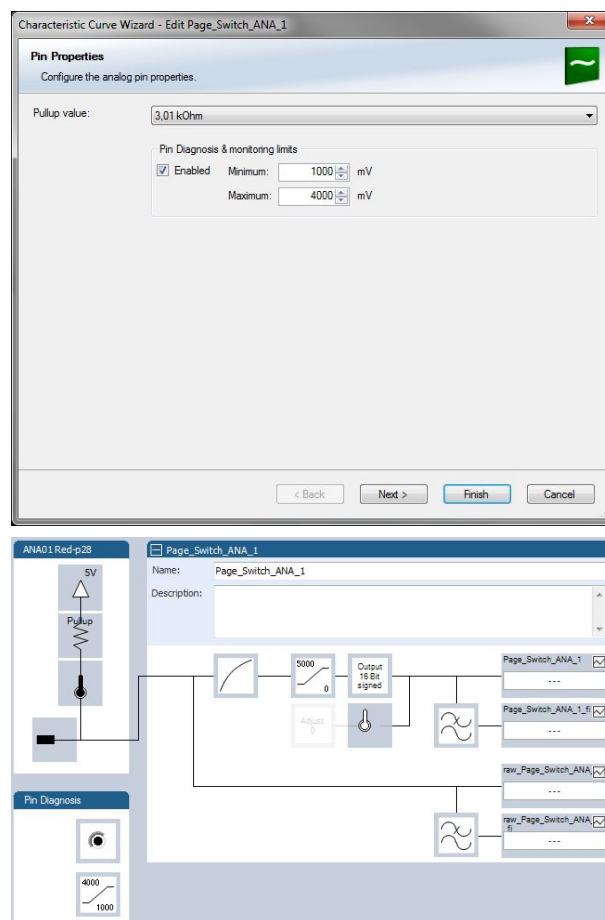
The verbal representation of the numerical codes of these labels can be visualized in the properties window of the measurement page:



15.3 Analog Input Diagnosis

15.3.1 Monitoring limits / Shortcut Detection / Cable Breakage

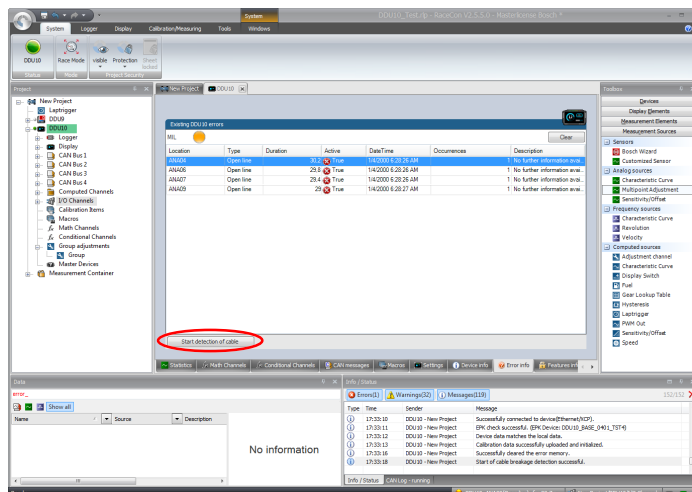
The pin diagnosis functionality (check whether measurement is within the desired range) can be activated in the ANA pin setup wizard; to allow for a diagnosis regarding shortcut to ground, shortcut to battery voltage and cable breakage, a minimum / maximum has to be defined.



15.3.2 Open Line Detection

The implementation of open line detection consists of pull up resistors being activated and deactivated; evaluating the behavior of the measured value detects cable breakage, regardless of the pull up resistor being activated by the user.

1. Open the Error Memory of the Device.
2. Click "start detection of cable".
3. Check the Error Memory for new fault entries, regarding "Open line errors".



16 Lap Trigger

16.1 Lap trigger (timing beacon)

Why do we need a lap trigger (timing beacon)?

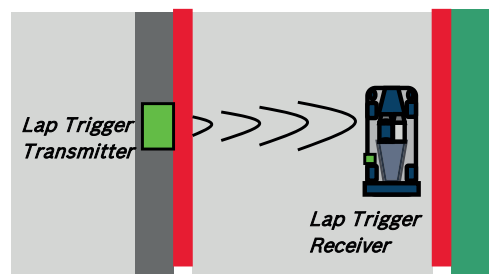
- Vehicle lap time measurement
- Calculation of lap-dependent functions (lap fuel consumption, min/max values)
- Calculation of lap distance dependent functions
- Control of data logging system

Types of Systems

- GPS based (low cost, low precision)
- IR based (low cost, high precision, limited reliability)
- RF (microwave) based (high precision, high reliability)

IR and RF based Systems consists of

- Transmitter (trackside unit)
- Receiver (in-vehicle unit)



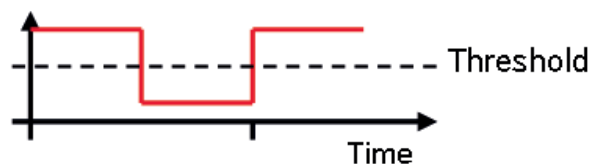
16.1.1 Electrical trigger signal

In VCU MS 50.4 all sources of measurement channels can be used as trigger signal.

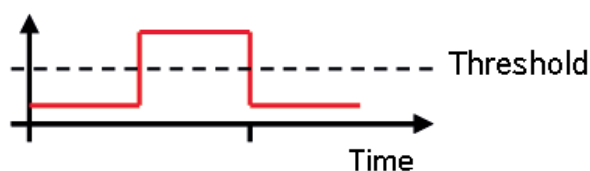
- Analog input
- Digital input
- CAN input

Signal (measurement channel) properties

Low active signal (Bosch triggers): Trigger releases if signal is below the threshold.



High active signal (other manufacturer's triggers): Trigger releases if signal is above the threshold.



Two types of trigger signal:

- Main trigger (end-of-lap at start/finish line)
- Sub-trigger (segment time, optional, not applicable with GPS lap trigger)

Bosch standard:

- Main trigger 20 ms, low active (Recommendation for RaceCon “Detection Time” setting: 15 ms, Setting must be a slightly shorter period than the signal length of the trigger to avoid a missed trigger due to the update rate)
- Sub trigger 40 ms, low active (Recommendation for RaceCon “Detection Time” setting: 30 ms)

16.1.2 GPS Lap trigger

The GPS lap trigger uses a GPS signal to trigger the lap timer. To function this timer an external GPS sensor (see GPS Sensor [▶ 122]) has to be connected to the device and a detection point with a detection range has to be defined in RaceCon.

The GPS detection point is defined by the latitude and longitude. The easiest way to get the latitude and longitude of a finishing line is due to a web mapping program such as google maps. With google maps, simply left-click on the spot where you want to set the detection point. The information about the latitude and longitude will show up, in general the latitude is given at first. You should insert at least five decimal places for sufficient precision.

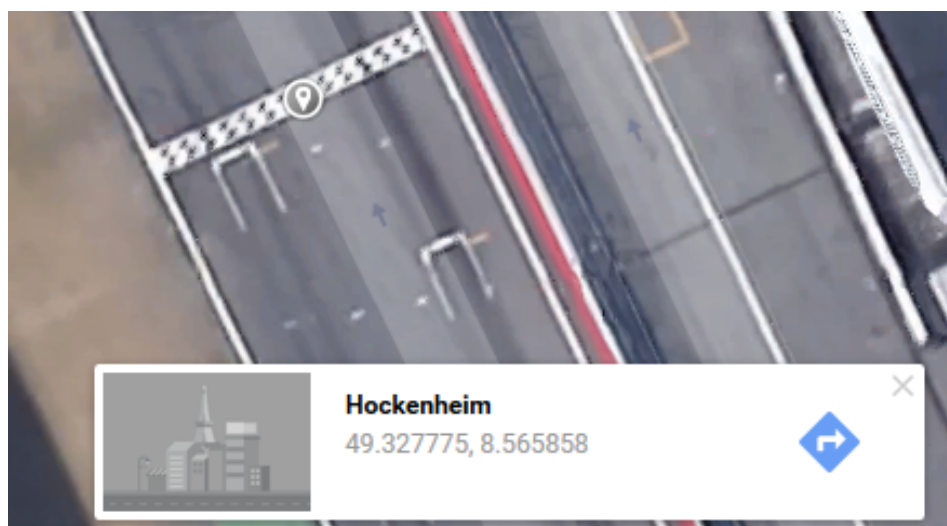


Photo: Google Maps

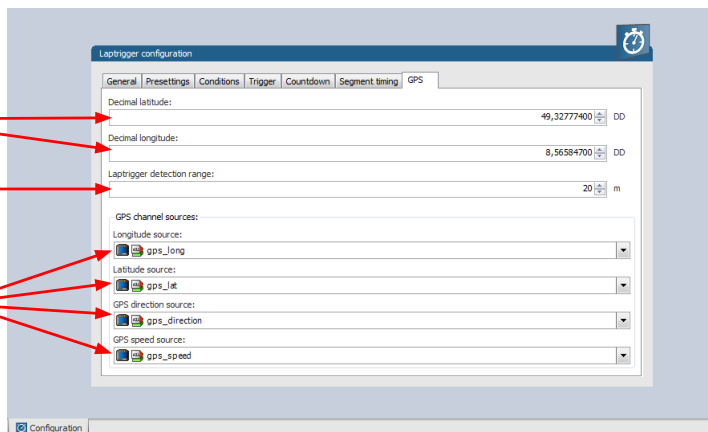
The detection range defines the radius of a circle around the detection point in which the lap trigger can be set. The lap trigger will be set as soon as the distance between the car and the detection point has reached its smallest peak. By this function an imaginary finishing line is calculated inside of the detection circle.

The imaginary finishing line can only be calculated if all channel sources are defined correctly. The latitude and longitude channel sources are mandatory for the functionality. Missing direction or speed source lowers the precision of the system.

Define the latitude and longitude of the GPS detection point.

Define the detection range around the detection point.

Define the channel sources for Longitude, Latitude, Direction and Speed.



Note

The configuration of the sensor update rate and the detection range must insure to receive a valid GPS point in the detection range, despite the occurring vehicle speed near the detection point.

16.1.3 Prevention of false triggers

- Race track topology and transmitter location frequently cause false triggers.
- Software functionality prevents acceptance of false triggers.
- Minimum vehicle speed for acceptance of trigger prevents false triggers while vehicle is stationary in the pits.
- Time based re-trigger protection prevents false triggers due to signal reflections on Home Straight.
- Lap distance based retrigger protection prevents false triggers due to track topology.

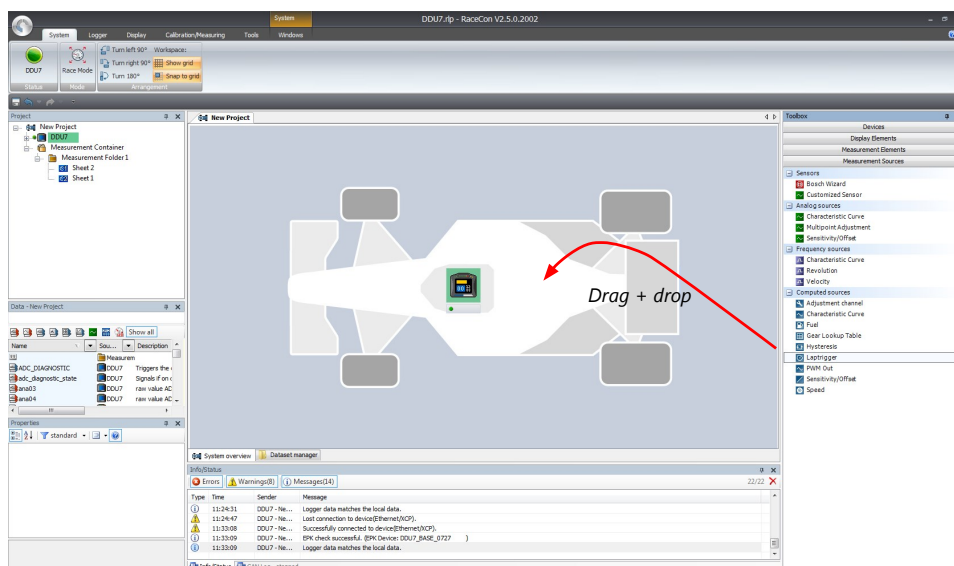
16.1.4 Forced triggers

Lap distance based insertion of 'forced trigger'.

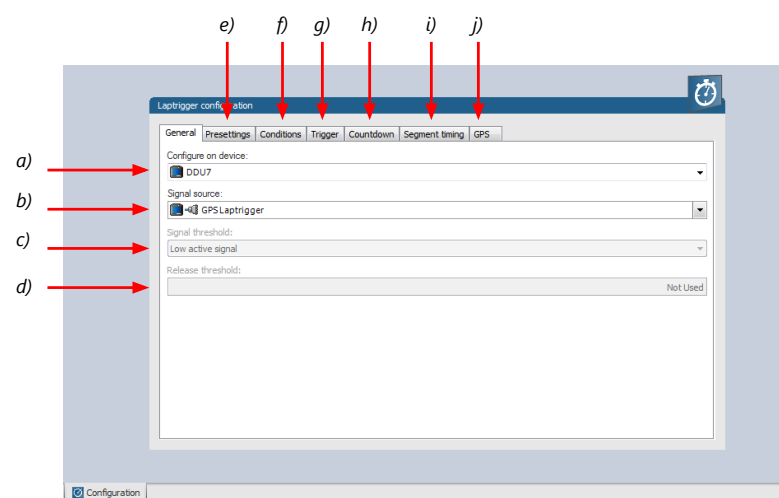
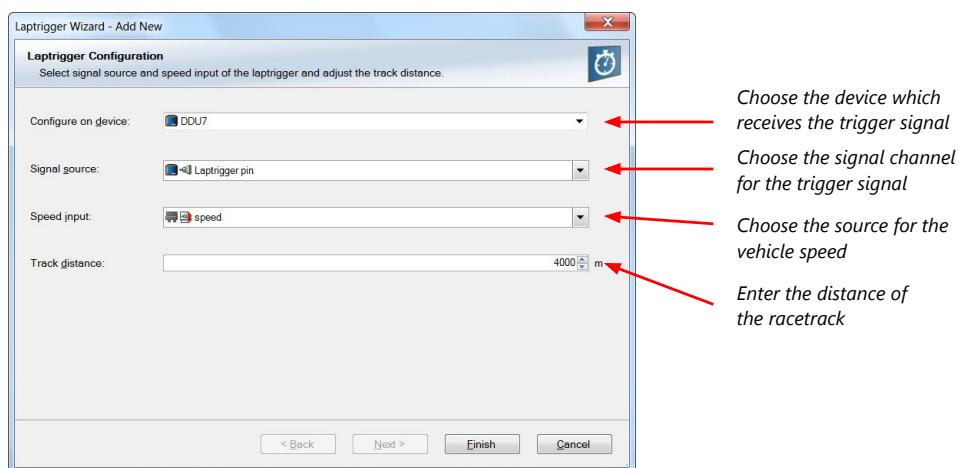
Under race conditions, trigger signals are sometimes missed. Software functionality introduces 'forced trigger'.

16.1.5 Setting up a lap trigger

1. Click 'Measurement Sources' in Toolbox.
2. Drag 'Laptrigger' into 'System Overview'. Do not drop it on 'VCU MS 50.4'!



A 'Laptrigger Wizard' window opens.



- a) Change signal device, if desired.
- b) Change signal channel, if desired.
- c) Choose signal threshold. See chapter 'Electrical trigger signal' for details.
- d) Define threshold of input channel signal when trigger is released. Only possible, if no digital source is selected as signal source.

- e) Define presets for trigger. See chapter 'Lap trigger presets' for details.
- f) Define condition settings; change signal for vehicle speed, define speed settings. See chapter 'Distance based retrigger protection' and 'Distance based forced trigger' for details.
- g) Define settings for main trigger. See chapter 'Lap timing' for details.
- h) Define settings for countdown timer. See chapter 'Countdown timer' for details.
- i) Define settings for sub trigger. See chapter 'Segment timing' for details.
- j) Define settings for a GPS lap trigger. See chapter 'GPS lap trigger' for details. Only applicable if the signal source is set to 'GPS lap trigger'.

Click 'Finish' to complete the operation. A pre-configured lap trigger window opens.

Preset values for lap counter and outing counter

Minimum laptime that a new 'best laptime' is accepted

Preset value for 'best laptime'

The screenshot shows the 'Laptrigger configuration' window with the 'General' tab selected. The following fields are visible:

- Lap counter start value: 1 laps
- Outing counter start value: 1 outings
- Lap time threshold: 10 s
- Lap time best preset: 100.0 s

Change signal for vehicle speed, if desired.

Enter minimum speed for trigger release.

Define settings for distance based retrigger protection.

Define settings for distance based forced trigger.

The screenshot shows the 'Laptrigger configuration' window with the 'Conditions' tab selected. The following fields are visible:

- Speed source: speed
- Min. speed: 20 km/h
- Track distance: 4000 m
- Min. distance: 20 %
- Max. distance: 800 m
- ☒ Enforce laptrigger
- Max. distance: 120 %
- Max. distance: 4800 m

Define settings for lap timing (main trigger).

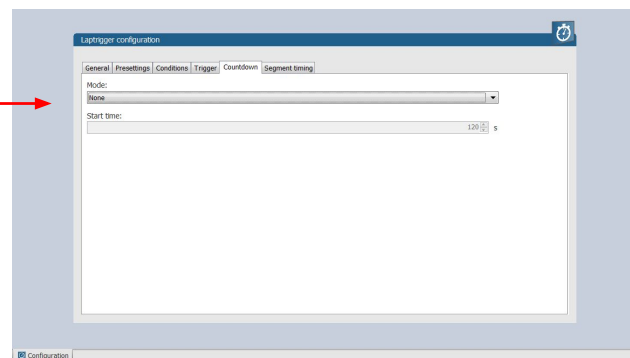
Define settings for sub trigger.

Not applicable with a GPS lap trigger.

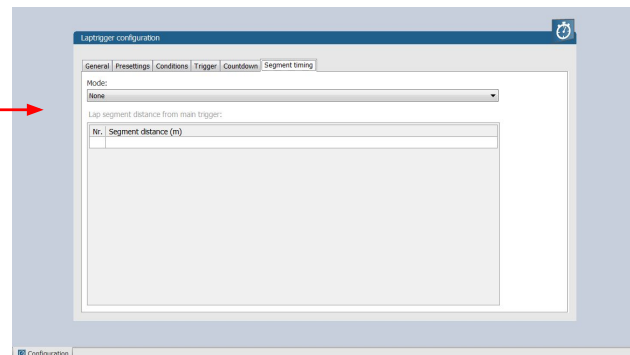
The screenshot shows the 'Laptrigger configuration' window with the 'Trigger' tab selected. The following fields are visible:

- Detection time: 15 ms
- Retrigger lock time: 5000 ms
- ☐ Use intermediate trigger
- Detection time: 30 ms
- Retrigger lock time: 5000 ms

Define settings for countdown timer.



Define settings for segment timing.

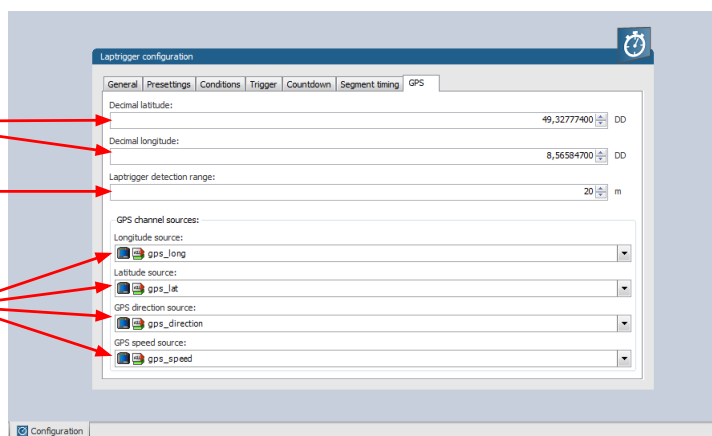


Only applicable for a GPS Laptrigger

Define the latitude and longitude of the GPS detection point.

Define the detection range around the detection point.

Define the channel sources for Longitude, Latitude, Direction and Speed.

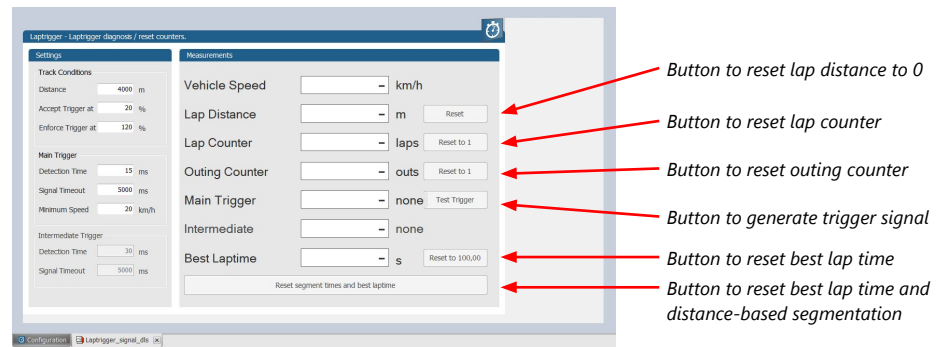


16.1.6 Lap trigger channel diagnosis/counter reset

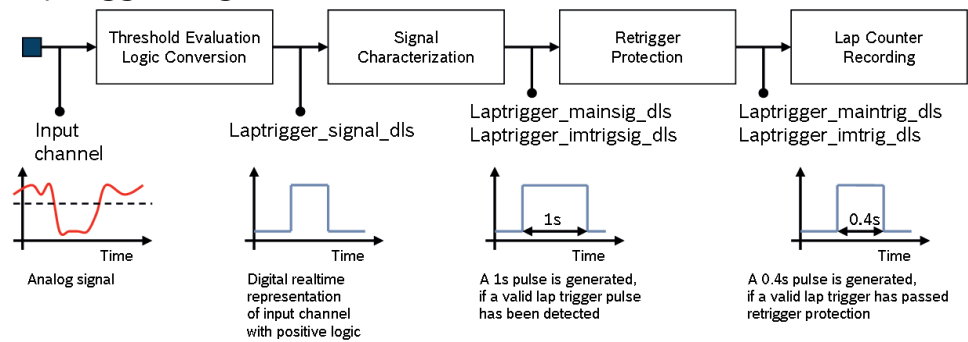
To display a quick lap trigger channel diagnosis and to reset counters use the diagnosis page in RaceCon. Any 'Laptrigger_xxx' channel can be displayed.

Double-click on any 'Laptrigger_xxx' channel in the Data Area. Example: 'laptrigger_lap-dist_dls'

A diagnosis window opens in Main Area.



Lap trigger diagnosis scheme



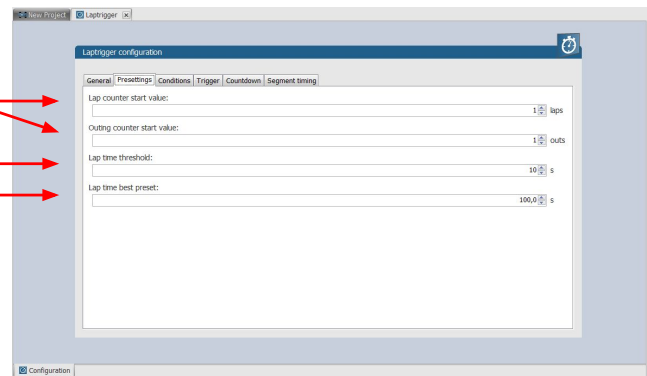
16.1.7 Lap trigger presettings

When the reset buttons on the diagnosis page are activated, these values are used.

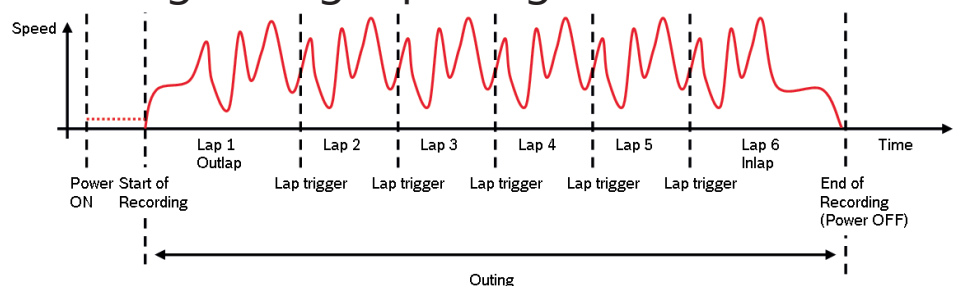
Preset values for lap counter and outing counter

Minimum laptime that a new 'best laptime' is accepted

Preset value for 'best laptime'



16.2 Counting outing/laps/fragments



Functionality

- Power ON: system + measurement is initialized but not yet started

- Global start condition fulfilled: recording starts
- Reception of valid lap trigger: recording of lap completed, new lap starts
- Power OFF or Global start condition not fulfilled: recording of lap completed, system shutdown

The system is counting:

Outing:

- The outing counter is incremented with each power cycle when at least one valid lap (not by forced lap trigger) was recorded

Lap:

- Leaving the pits to lap trigger
- Lap trigger to lap trigger
- Enforced lap trigger (see Distance based forced trigger ► 111))

Fragment:

- Test bench operation
- Power cycle on track or box (e.g. engine stalled)
- File fragmentation size [MB], time [sec]

Channels for display

To display counters use the following channels:

Channel	Function
Laptrigger_outcnt_dls	Outing counter
Laptrigger_lapctr_dls	Lap counter
Fractr	Fragment counter

Counting in WinDarab

To automatically name recorded files use filename templates in WinDarab dialog:

Filename template	Function
[outing]	Value of outing counter
[lap]	Value of lap counter
[fragment]	Value of fragment counter

[###03] indicates: 'always use 3 digits with leading zeros'.

16.3 Lap timing

There are different possibilities to adjust the lap trigger to the timing situation.

The detection time defines the minimum time the input signal changes its state. E.g. a low active signal needs to be below the threshold for min. 15 ms to release the trigger.

Channels for display

To display lap times use the following channels:

Channel	Function
Laptrigger_lapctr_dls	Number of completed laps

Channel	Function
Laptrigger_laptime_dls	Running laptime
Laptrigger_laptime_best_dls	Laptime of best lap
Laptrigger_laptimeold_dls	Laptime of last lap completed
Laptrigger_laptimeseg_dls	Segment time of last segment
Laptrigger_lapctr_dls	Number of completed laps

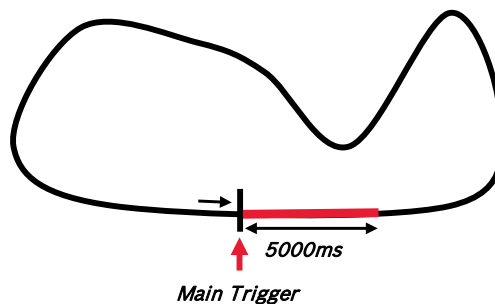
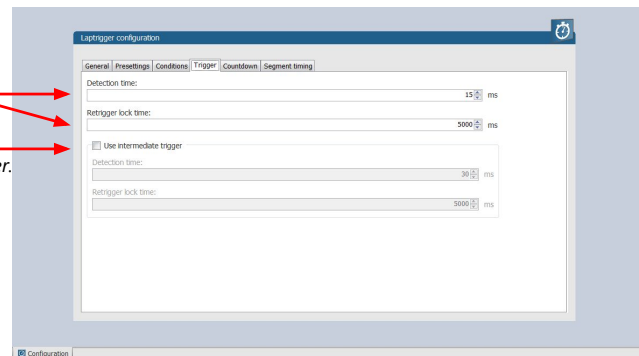
16.3.1 Time based retrigger protection

Trigger is locked for 5 s after main trigger was received.

To deactivate time based retrigger protection, set 'Retrigger lock time' to 0 ms.

Define settings for lap timing
(main trigger).

Define settings for sub trigger.
Not applicable with a GPS lap trigger.



16.3.2 Distance based retrigger protection

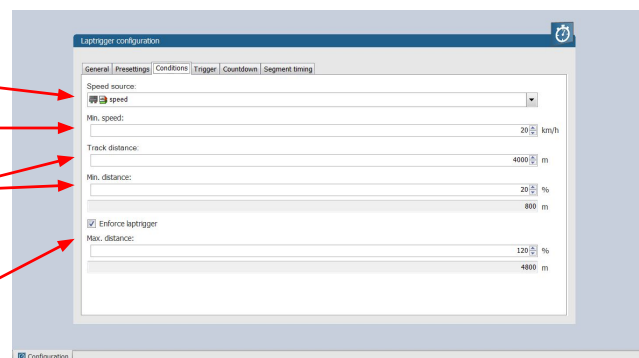
Trigger is locked until configured min distance (i.e. 80 % → 3200 m) of track distance (i.e. 4000 m) has been covered. To deactivate distance based retrigger protection, set min distance to 0 %.

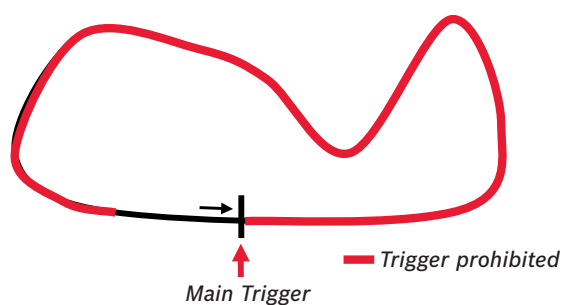
Change signal for vehicle speed,
if desired.

Enter minimum speed for
trigger release.

Define settings for distance
based retrigger protection.

Define settings for distance
based forced trigger.





16.3.3 Distance based forced trigger

After a missed main trigger, a forced trigger is inserted, if the configured max. distance (i.e. 120 % → 4800 m) of the track distance (i.e. 4000 m) has been reached. In this case, the channel 'Laptrigger_distlap_dls' starts at the delta between the max. distance and the track distance (i.e. 800 m).

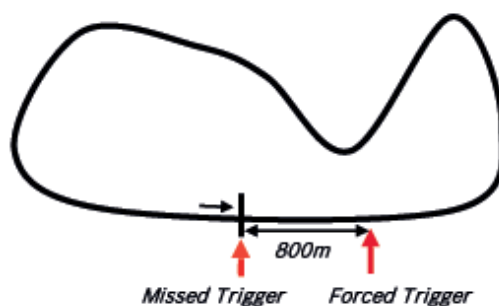
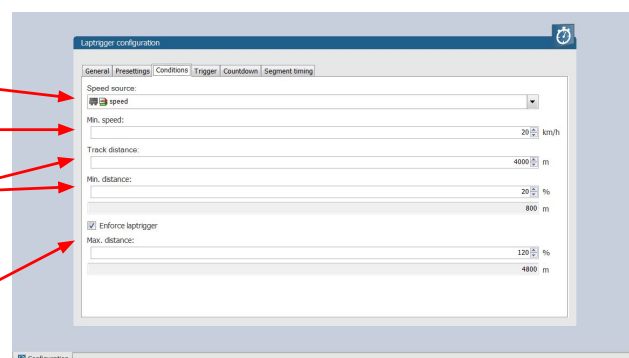
To deactivate distance based forced triggers, uncheck box.

Change signal for vehicle speed, if desired.

Enter minimum speed for trigger release.

Define settings for distance based retrigger protection.

Define settings for distance based forced trigger.



16.4 Segment timing

Segment timing is the calculation of elapsed time for parts of laps (segments).

Segments are defined:

- based on sub-trigger signals (additional transmitters)
- based on distance travelled

Times for segments are compared to:

- Last lap completed
- Fastest lap

Channels for display

To display segment times use the following channels:

Channel	Function
Laptrigger_lapdiff	Time difference between finished lap and last lap
Laptrigger_lapdiffb	Time difference between finished lap and best lap
Laptrigger_lapseg_dlast	Difference of lap segment time compared to last lap
Laptrigger_lapseg_dbest	Difference of lap segment time compared to best lap

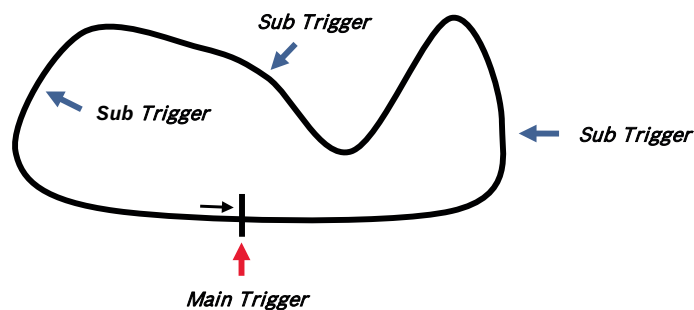
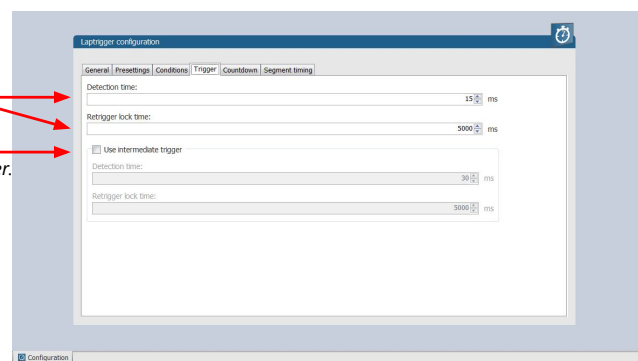
16.4.1 Sub trigger mode

Using main trigger (20 ms pulse) at Start-Finish-Line. 3 sub triggers (40 ms pulse) positioned at 1,000 m, 2,000 m and 3,000 m.

To deactivate sub trigger mode uncheck box.

Define settings for lap timing
(main trigger).

Define settings for sub trigger.
Not applicable with a GPS lap trigger.



The sub trigger mode cannot be used with the GPS lap trigger.

16.4.2 Distance mode

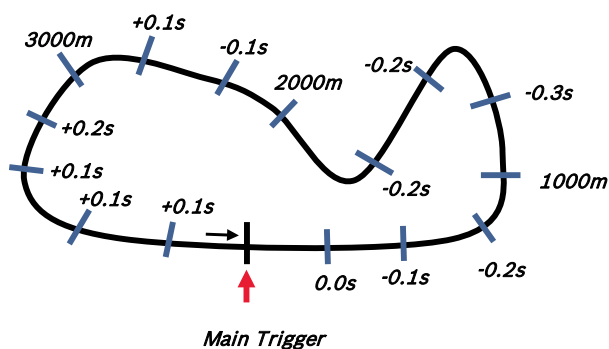
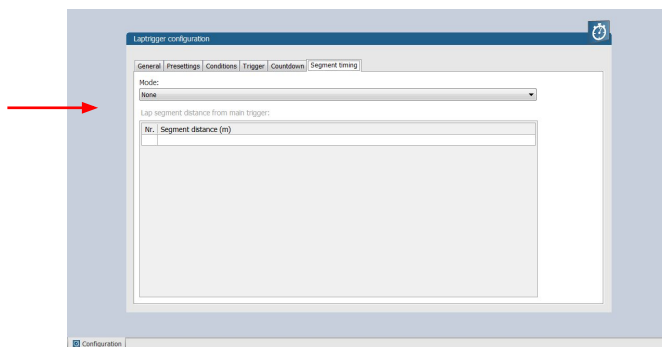
Using main trigger (20 ms pulse) at Start-Finish-Line.

Set 'Mode' to 'Distance' and enter desired segment distances.

Segment time is automatically calculated at each segment. Time difference to last lap and fastest lap is automatically calculated at each segment.

To deactivate distance mode set 'Mode' to 'None'.

Define settings for segment timing.

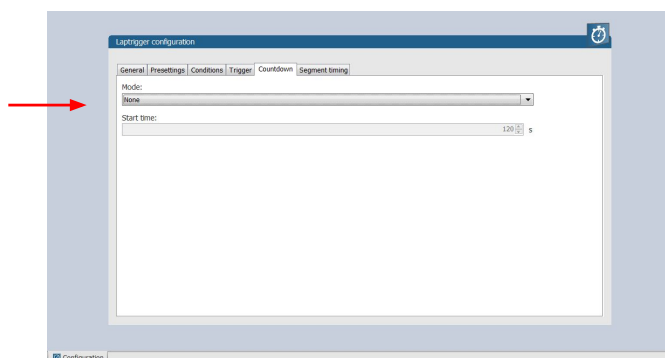


16.5 Countdown timer

Some race classes require a minimum time spent in the pits. An additional lap trigger Tx is configured as a segment trigger positioned at pit entry. The trigger signal starts a timer countdown.

The current value of the timer is stored in the variable **Laptrigger_cntdown_dls** which can be displayed.

Define settings for countdown timer.

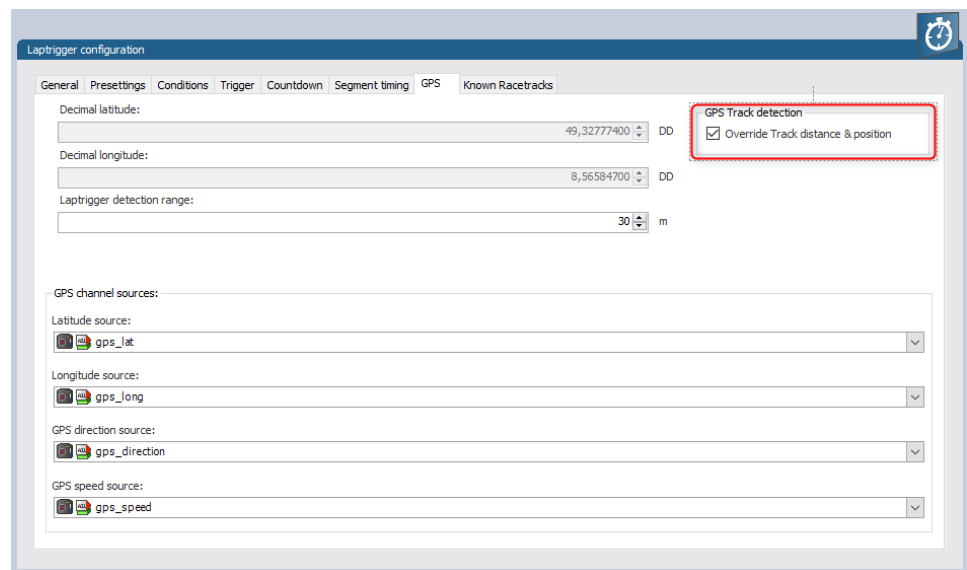


16.6 Automatic GPS Track Detection

With the GPS lap trigger, an automatic track detection can be activated by checking the highlighted box in the lap trigger configuration at the GPS tab.

Activating this functionality will overwrite the GPS trigger point coordinates and the track length with the values of a detected racetrack. The coordinates and the track length will be grayed out in the tool.

The function will compare the current GPS position with the coordinates of the known Racetracks list and use the closest GPS trigger point. If there are track variants with different track length, the system will adapt itself to the correct variant, if it is in the known racetrack list, after ~three detected laps. Please note that the track length needs to be quite accurate, within +/- 100 m, to adapt itself to another variant.

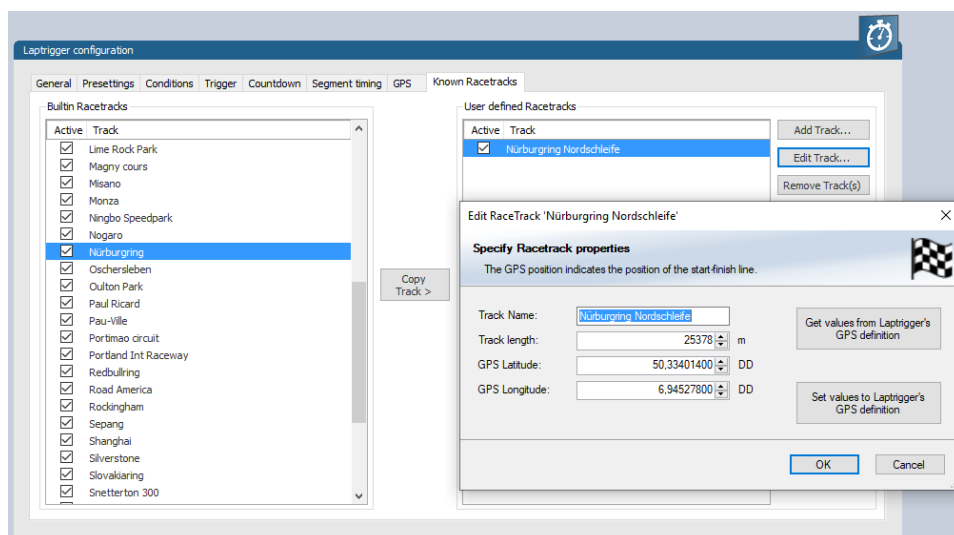


The known Racetrack list can be found in the lap trigger configuration menu within the Known Racetracks tab. It contains a built-in list and a user-defined list. Each track can be activated or deactivated with the checkbox to manually set the variant if needed.

User defined tracks can either be added from scratch with the Add Track button or with the Copy Track button as a modified version of a built in track. Both buttons will open the same Edit Race Track menu.

In the menu a track name, length and the coordinates of the detection point is required. The coordinates can be pulled from the GPS tab with the button "Get values ..." or sent to the GPS tab with the button "Set values ...". This allows an easy interaction with the manual GPS lap trigger mode.

The user-defined tracks will be part of the project. If the tracks are required in another project, the lap trigger module can be ex-/imported into another project.



Following signals are assigned to the function:

Laptrigger_trackdet_id	Signal will show the track name from the Racetracks list as an enumeration or can show the ID number as raw value. The enumerated name will also be visible in the logging.
Laptrigger_trackdet_laplen	Track length of the used track variant
Laptrigger_trackdet_lat	Latitude GPS coordinate of the used GPS trigger point
Laptrigger_trackdet_long	Longitude GPS coordinate of the used GPS trigger point

16.7 Predated Laptime

The predated laptime function allows to compare the current lap- and segment time with the predated time of an expected lap. Additionally the function can estimate the laptime of the current lap. This functionality is integrated in the laptrigger module in RaceCon.

16.7.1 Setting up the predated laptime

To use the predated laptime function you need to set up a laptrigger as described in the chapter Lap Trigger [► 102]. Under the ribbon “Segment timing” you need to choose your segmentation mode which can either be distance or intermediate trigger based.

*Distance or
Intermediate
Trigger*

*Enter your
segment time
and distance*

*Enter your
expected
laptime*

Laptrigger configuration

General | Presettings | Conditions | Trigger | Countdown | Segment timing | GPS

Mode: Distance

☒ Use predated laptime

Lap segment lengths and times

Nr.	Segment length (m)	Segment time (s)
1	500	44,800
2	1.000	93,200
3	1.500	135,600

Entire lap time: 164,500 s

For the distance mode, you need to check on an old lap or estimate how long it takes to travel the segment distance. Please enter those values into input field. The values can also be copied and pasted to the input field from an excel sheet as a normal text. In the intermediate trigger, you just need to set the expected time the driver takes to reach the segment trigger.

Note

Please note that the segment time and length is always measured from the start line or where the main lap trigger is set.

16.7.2 Functionality and channel outputs

Following output channels are generated by the predated laptime function.

Laptrigger_lapdiff_pred_dls	Laptime difference between the predated and the last laptime
Laptrigger_lapsegdiffpred_dls	lagseg difference between the last segment and the predated segment.
Laptrigger_Lapcurrpred_dls	Estimated laptime of the current lap, based on the predated laptime and the predated segment deviations

The channel Laptrigger_lapdiff_pred_dls is updated as soon as the main lap trigger is received. Both other channels are updated as soon as the next segment distance is travelled or the next intermediate trigger is received.

17 Firmware

17.1 Firmware and configuration

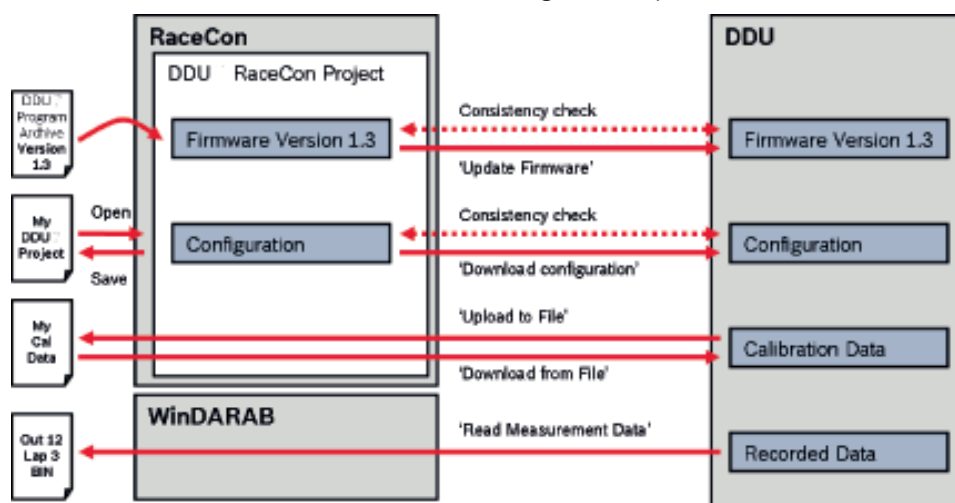
VCU MS 50.4 holds 4 types of data:

Firmware: the software (PST program file) of the VCU MS 50.4.

Configuration: the configuration of Input channels, CAN I/O, PWM, display configuration, recording + telemetry configuration.

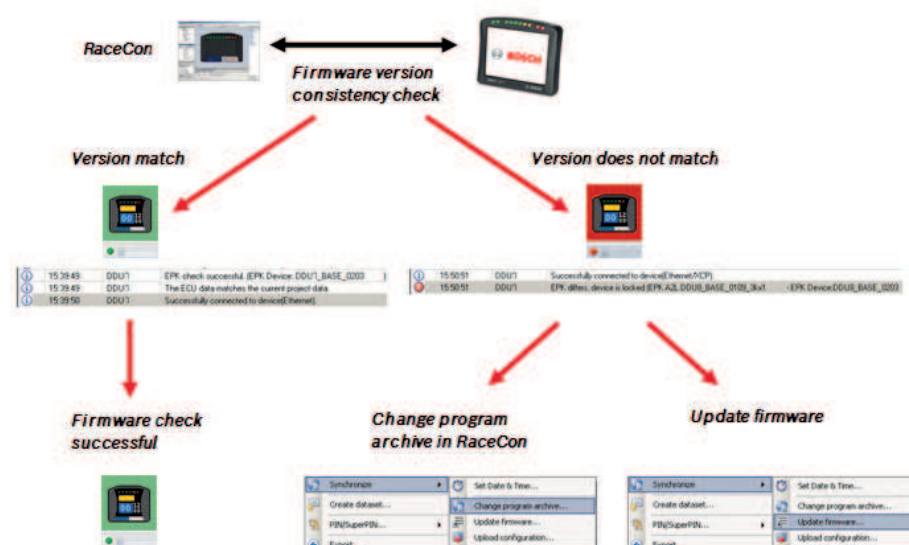
Calibration data: Characteristic curves and offsets created by online calibration at the vehicle.

Recorded data: Measurement data recorded during vehicle operation.



17.2 Firmware update

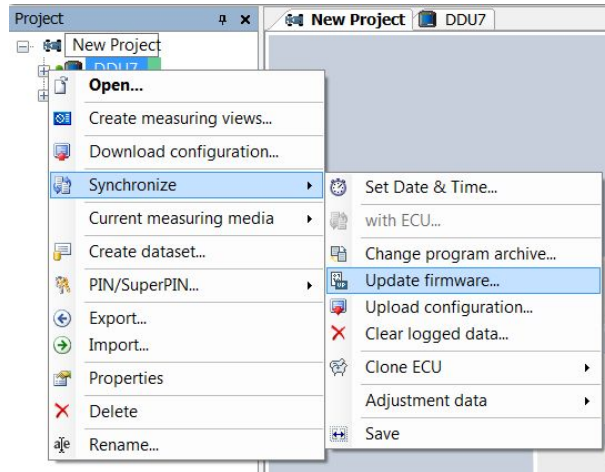
The scheme shows the process during each connection between RaceCon and VCU MS 50.4.



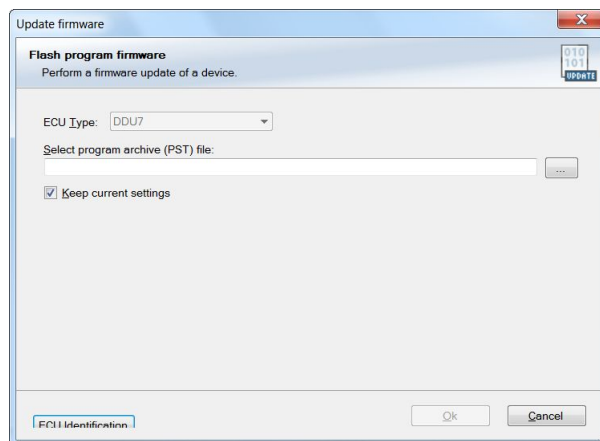
17.2.1 Performing the firmware update

Firmware update is only possible if the VCU MS 50.4 is connected to RaceCon. The configuration of Input channels, CAN I/O, display, recording + telemetry will not be changed.

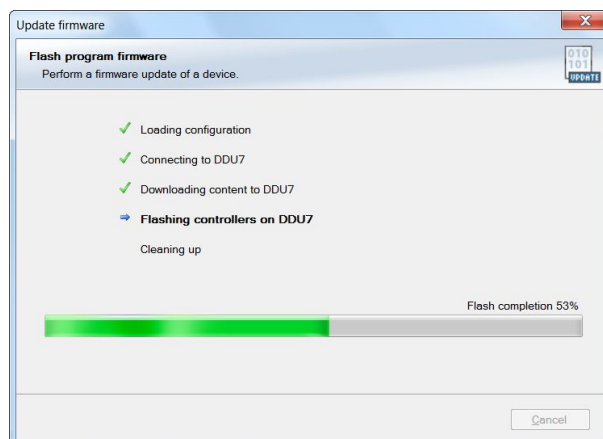
1. In the VCU MS 50.4 Project Tree, right-click on 'VCU MS 50.4' and choose 'Synchronize' then 'Update firmware'. A pop-up menu opens.



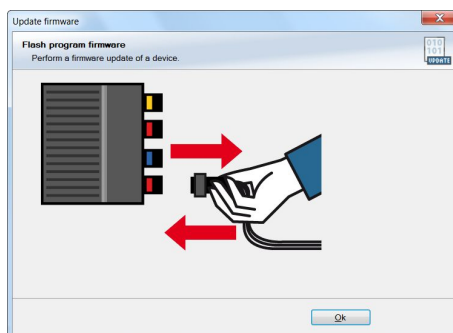
2. Select the destination of the firmware archive (PST). You can find the latest firmware for the device at the Bosch Motorsport homepage.



3. Click 'OK' when done. The firmware update starts. The VCU MS 50.4 displays the message 'Updating firmware'. Do not switch off the car's ignition or interrupt the power supply of the VCU MS 50.4!



When the firmware update is complete, the VCU MS 50.4 displays the message 'Updating firmware finished. Do a powercycle.' Switch the car's ignition off and on again to cycle the power of the VCU MS 50.4.

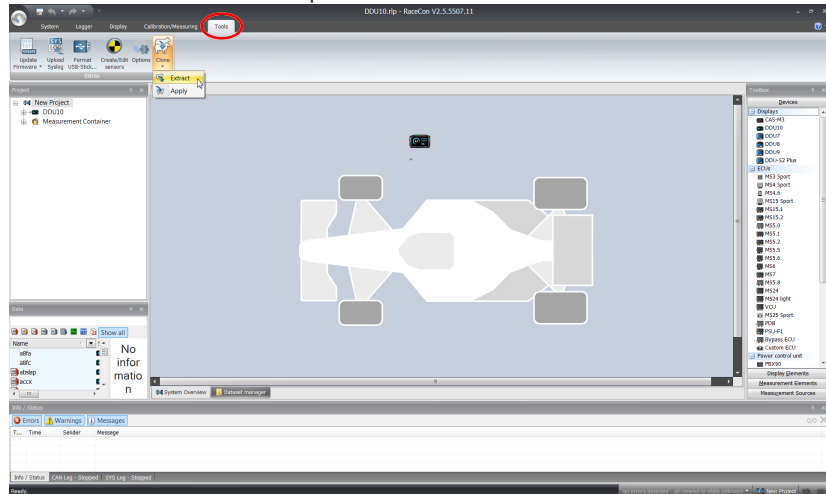


18 Cloning the Unit

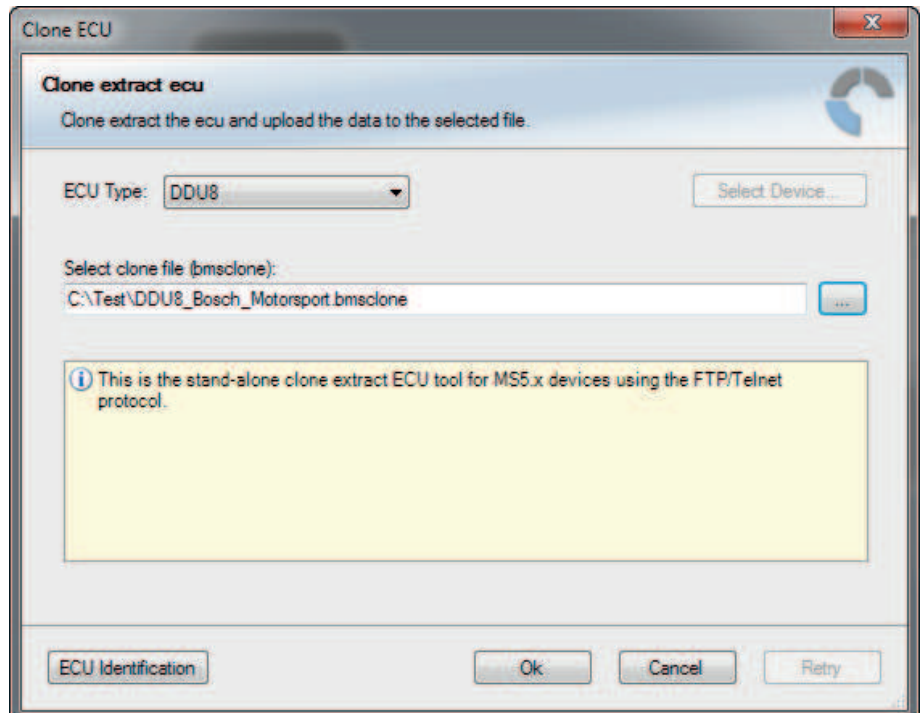
To replace a VCU MS 50.4 by another device, it is possible to clone it. A clone is a 1:1 copy of a device. This can be useful for copying specific data, like sensor-offset calibration to a spare unit for a specific car.

Creating a clone file

1. Open the 'Tools' window and click on the 'Clone' button in the 'Extras' menu.
2. Select "Extract" from the dropdown menu.



3. Choose the hardware device, which should be cloned.
4. Define destination and filename.



5. Click 'OK' to start procedure.

19 GPS Sensor

19.1 GPS (Global Positioning System)

Space-based global navigation satellite system.

GPS provides positioning, navigation, and timing services to worldwide users.

GPS receiver (sensor) gives digital information about position (longitude, latitude, height), ground speed, course, and status.

Two types of GPS receivers:

CAN output -> Read in messages via CAN Input of VCU MS 50.4 (not covered here)

Serial output -> Read in messages via RS232 Interface of VCU MS 50.4

Serial Interface is characterized by:

Voltage levels: RS232 is standard (+/-12 V), UART (0 V/ 5 V) needs level shifter

Baud rate: 9,600 is standard for GPS, VCU MS 50.4 supports 1,200 to 115,200 baud. GPS Rx interface baud rate must match VCU MS 50.4 interface baud rate. VCU MS 50.4 Baud rate can be set with the 'GPS_BAUDRATE' characteristic Data format: VCU MS 50.4 expects 8 data bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit (8N1)

19.1.1 Serial interface characterization

Serial Interface is characterized by:

Voltage levels: RS232 is standard (+/-12 V), UART (0 V/ 5 V) needs level shifter

Baud rate: 9,600 is standard for GPS, VCU MS 50.4 supports 1,200 to 115,200 baud. GPS Rx interface baud rate must match VCU MS 50.4 interface baud rate. VCU MS 50.4 Baud rate can be set with the 'GPS_BAUDRATE' characteristic Data format: VCU MS 50.4 expects 8 data bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit (8N1)

19.2 Protocol

VCU MS 50.4 expects NMEA Protocol (ASCII).

The following messages are decoded:

Message	Function
GGA	GPS fix information
GSA	Overall satellite data
GSV	Detailed satellite data
RMC	Recommended minimum data for GPS
VTG	Vector track and speed over the ground

On most GPS sensors, these messages are activated in the default configuration.

19.3 Sensor recommendation

The system has been tested with the Navilock NL-8004P MD6 Serial PPS Multi GNSS Receiver. This sensor is based on a U-Blox 8 chipset and is fully configurable with the Navilock "U-Center" software. To use this sensor with Bosch Motorsport components the transfer rate, the satellite system and the update rate need to be reconfigured. More information about the configuration can be found in the Appendix.

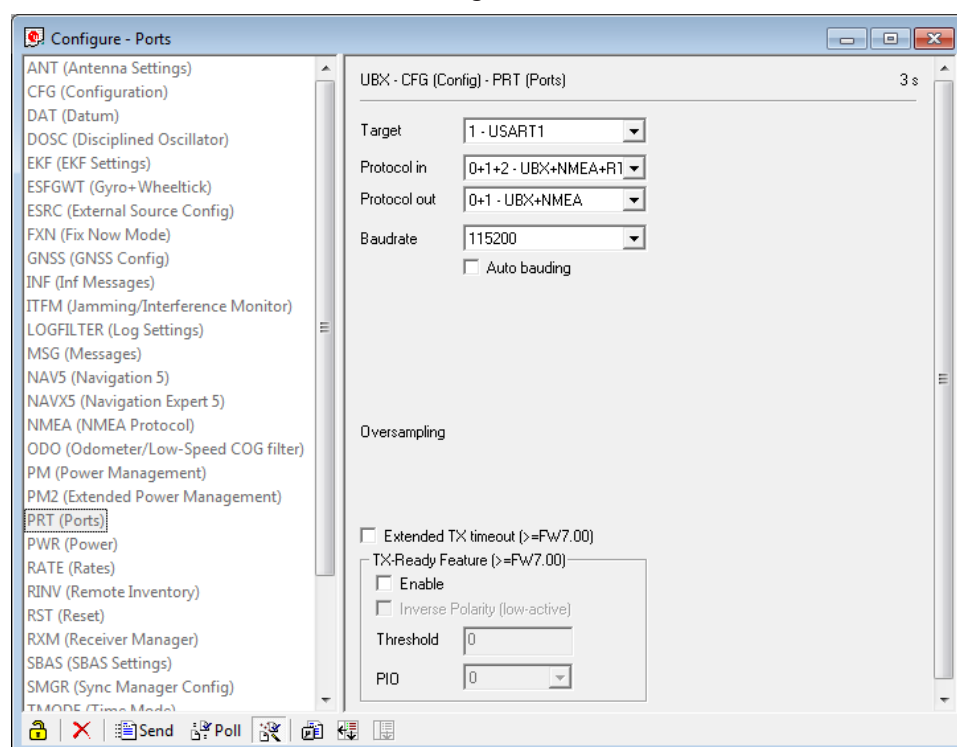
19.3.1 Configuration of the recommended Navilock NL-8004P MD6 Serial PPS Multi GNSS Receiver

For the sensor configuration, the sensor needs to be connected to the Navilock software "U-Center" which is available from Navilock free of charge. Navilock offers a USB connection cable for the sensor.

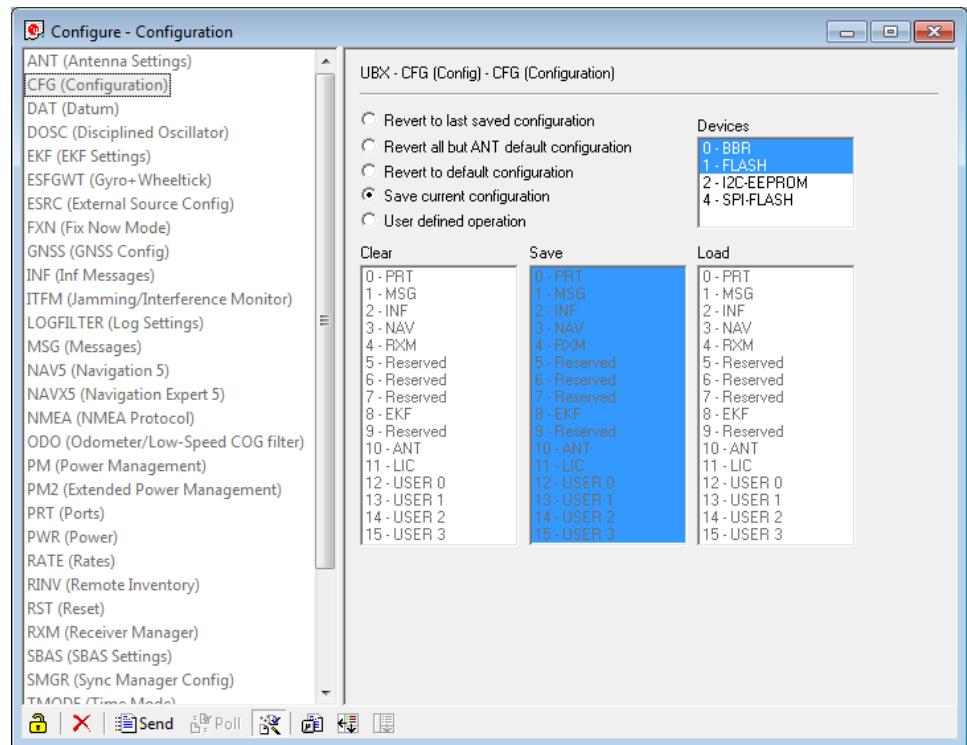
In "U-Center" click "**View**" – "**Configuration View**" to start the configuration. The following 3 points have to be changed:

Transfer Rate

- Click on "**PRT (Ports)**".
- Change the baud rate to a fixed value, this value needs to meet the setting of Race-Con. For a good signal quality we recommend 115,200 baud.
- Click on "**Send**" to store the new setting in "U-Center".

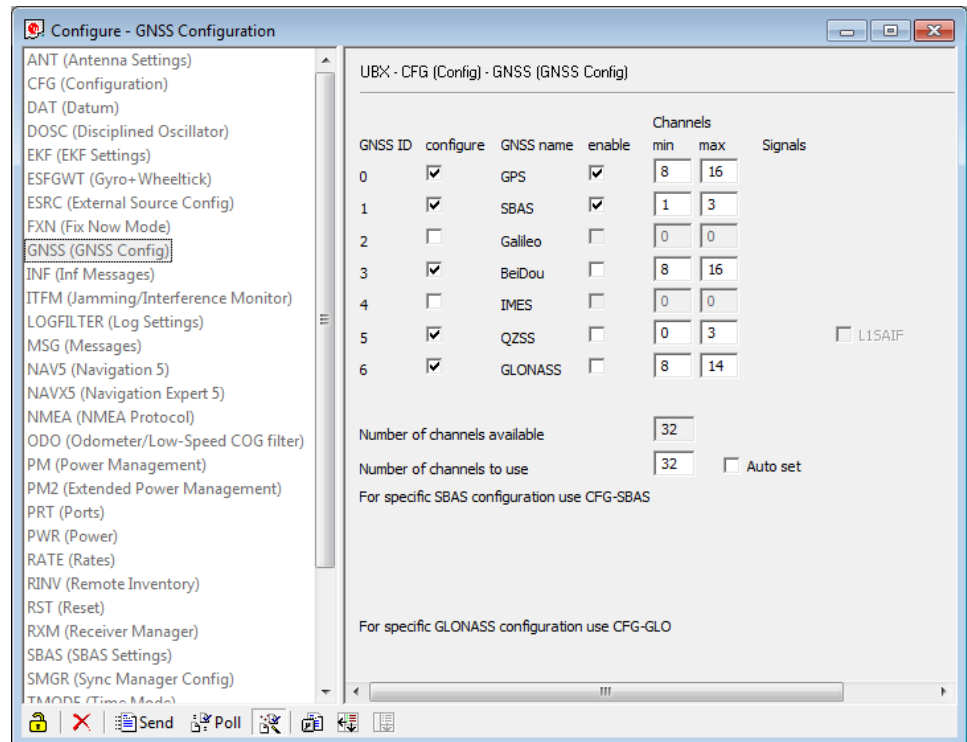


- Click on "**CFG (Configuration)**".
- Click on "**Send**" to save the new setting on the sensor.



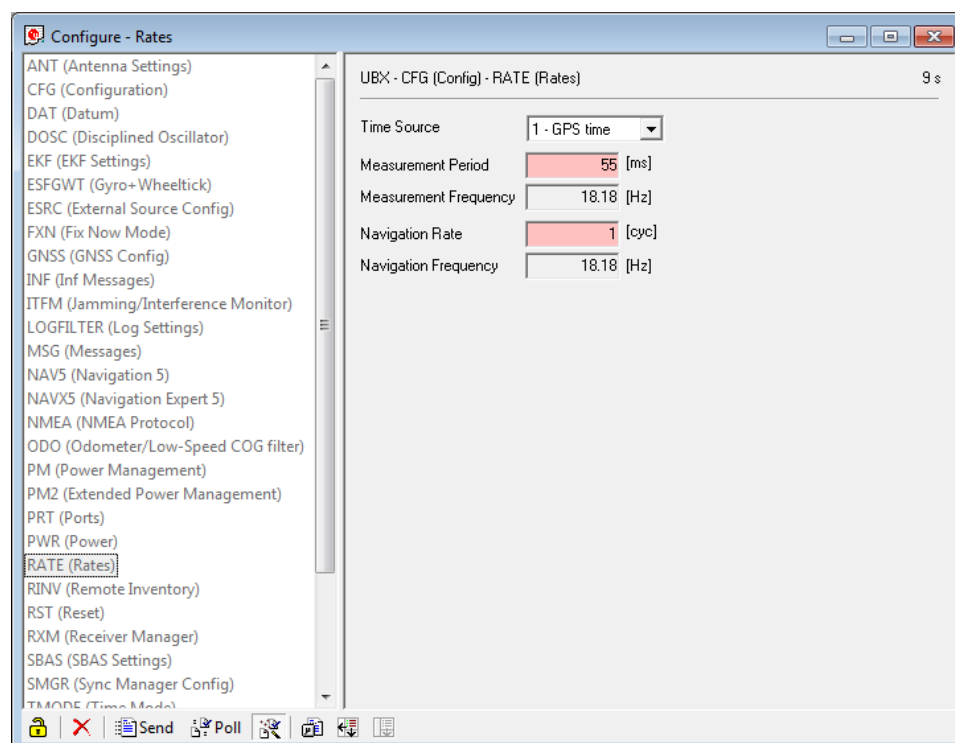
Satellite System

- Click on **“GNSS (GNSS Config)”**.
- Set the ticks as shown in the following picture.
- Click on **“Send”** to store the new setting in “U-Center”.
- As during configuration step 1, click on **“CFG (Configuration)”**.
- Click on **“Send”** to save the new setting on the sensor.



Update Rate

- Click on **"RATE (Rates)"**.
- Change the "Measurement Period" to 55 ms.
- Change the "Navigation Rate" to 1 cyc.
- Values which lead to a lower frequency will lower the precision of the sensor, we recommend the mentioned values.
- Click on **"Send"** to store the new setting in "U-Center".
- As during configuration step 1, click on **"CFG (Configuration)"**.
- Click on **"Send"** to save the new setting on the sensor.



Note

Sensor needs reception for visible signal.
It takes time to start the sensor.

19.4 Measurement labels

The decoded NMEA messages are copied to these VCU MS 50.4 measurement labels.

Measurement label	Function
gps_PDOP	Position Dilution Of Precision
gps_HDOP	Horizontal Dilution Of Precision
gps_VDOP	Vertical Dilution Of Precision
gps_lat	Latitude +/- [degree]
gps_long	Longitude +/- [degree]
gps_elv	Antenna altitude above/below mean sea level (geoid) in meters
gps_speed	Speed over the ground in kilometers/hour
gps_direction	Track angle in degrees

Measurement label	Function
gps_declination	Magnetic variation degrees (Easterly var. subtracts from true course)
gps_year	Years since 1900
gps_mon	Months since January - [0,11]
gps_day	Day of the month - [1,31]
gps_hour	Hours since midnight - [0,23]
gps_min	Minutes after the hour - [0,59]
gps_sec	Seconds after the minute - [0,59]
gps_hsec	Hundredth part of second - [0,99]
gps_smask	Bit mask over received NMEA sentences (Bit 0 = GGA, Bit 1 = GSA, Bit 2 = GSV, Bit 3 = RMC, Bit 4 = VTG) within last second.
gps_sig	GPS quality indicator (0 = Invalid; 1 = Fix; 2 = Differential, 3 = Sensitive)
gps_fix	Operating mode, used for navigation (1 = Fix not available; 2 = 2D; 3 = 3D)

These measurement labels are arrays, where the indexed element points to the same satellite.

(E.g. `gps_info_satsigstrength[3]` tells the receiving signal strength of satellite 3. Satellite 3 has the SAT-ID given in `gps_info_satid[3]`)

Measurement label	Function
gps_info_satid[]	Satellite PRN number
gps_info_satinuse[]	Used in position fix
gps_info_satelevation[]	Elevation in degrees, 90 maximum
gps_info_satazimuth[]	Azimuth, degrees from true north, 000 to 359
gps_info_satsigstrength[]	Signal, 00-99 dB

19.5 GPS troubleshooting

Electrical

Is the transmitter signal of the GPS sensor connected to the receiver pin of serial interface 2 of the VCU MS 50.4?

Is the GPS sensor powered up?

Does the GPS sensor deliver RS232 signal levels?

Is the sensor connected to the „sensor ground“ of the device?

Interface

Do the baud rates of the GPS sensor and the VCU MS 50.4 match?

Is the GPS sensor set up for 8N1 transmission parameters?

Is the GPS sensor set up for NMEA messages?

Are the GGA, VTG, RMC messages activated?

GPS sensor start-up

Does the GPS sensor 'view' the sky?

Did the GPS sensor complete its initial start-up procedure? This may take up to 20 min.

A correct reception is indicated when 'gps_fix' is showing '3D Fix'.

GPS sensor values are frozen

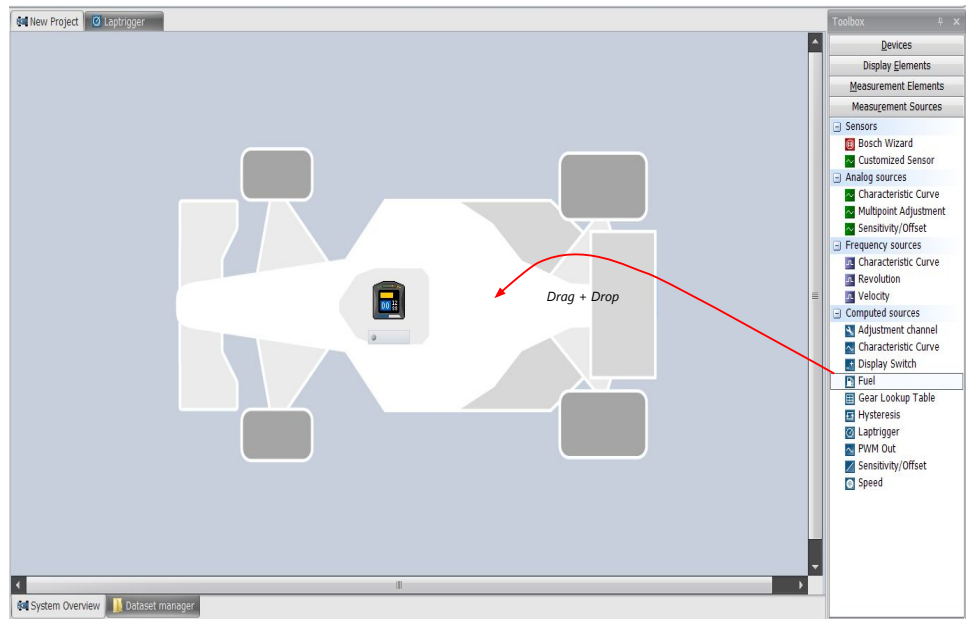
Does the sensor has lost its reception? The old values will be kept if the reception is lost.

The gps_mask channel shows which NMEA sentence is received.

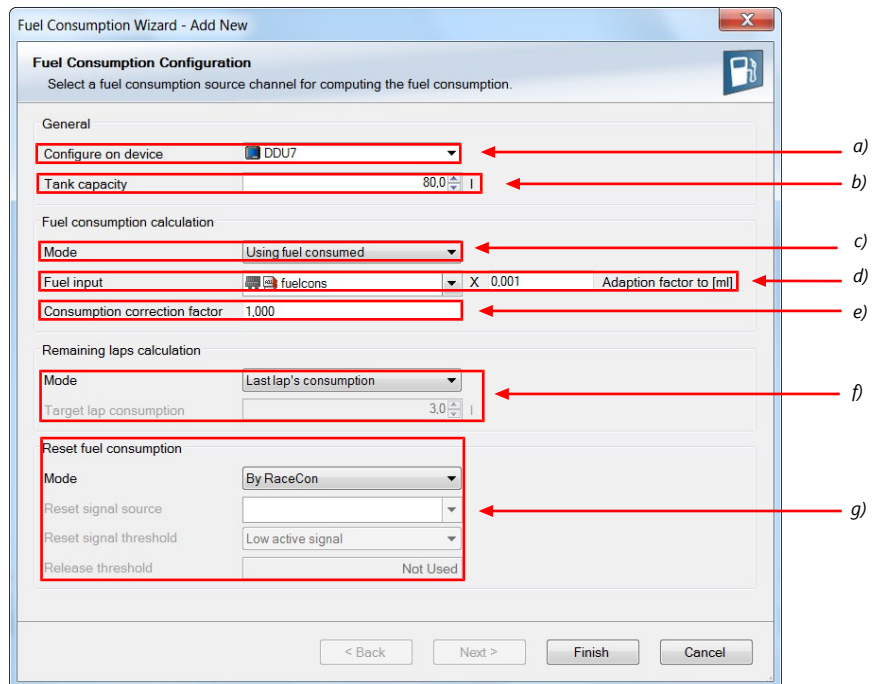
20 Fuel Consumption Calculation

20.1 Setting up fuel consumption calculation and tank management

1. Select 'Measurement Sources' in Toolbox.
2. Drag 'Fuel' element and drop it on the vehicle in System Overview. Do not drop it on the VCU MS 50.4!



A 'fuel consumption wizard' opens.



- a) Change device for fuel calculation, if desired.
- b) Enter tank capacity of vehicle.
- c) Choose calculation mode:

- using fuel consumed (summed-up fuel consumption)
 - using fuel flow rate (momentary fuel consumption)
- d) Choose input channel and enter adaption factor. Use adaption factor to adapt value of input channel to:
- 1ml per inc for summed-up fuel consumption
 - 1ml/s per inc for momentary consumption
- e) Enter factor to correct calculated consumption in device vs. 'real' consumption of vehicle, if required.
- f) Choose method to calculate remaining laps with fuel in tank, if desired:
- using fuel consumption of last lap completed
 - using target lap consumption (entered in the field 'Target lap consumption')
- g) Choose values to initiate a reset of fuel consumption, if desired:
- Manually using RaceCon
 - On 'power down' (assuming that the tank is filled each time the ignition is turned off)
 - By signal source as input channel (e.g. a switch connected to input pin)

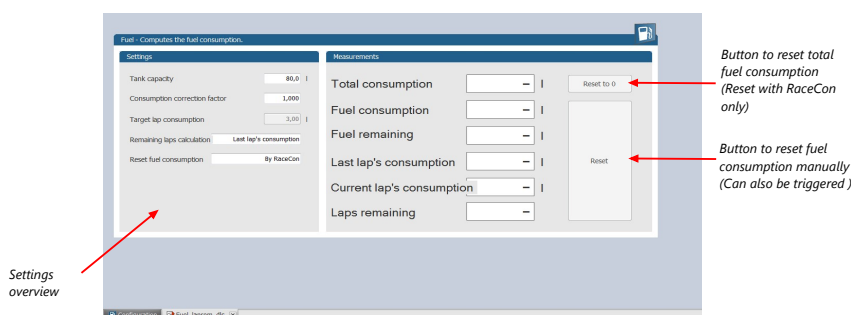
Press 'Finish' when done.

20.2 Fuel consumption diagnosis/counter reset

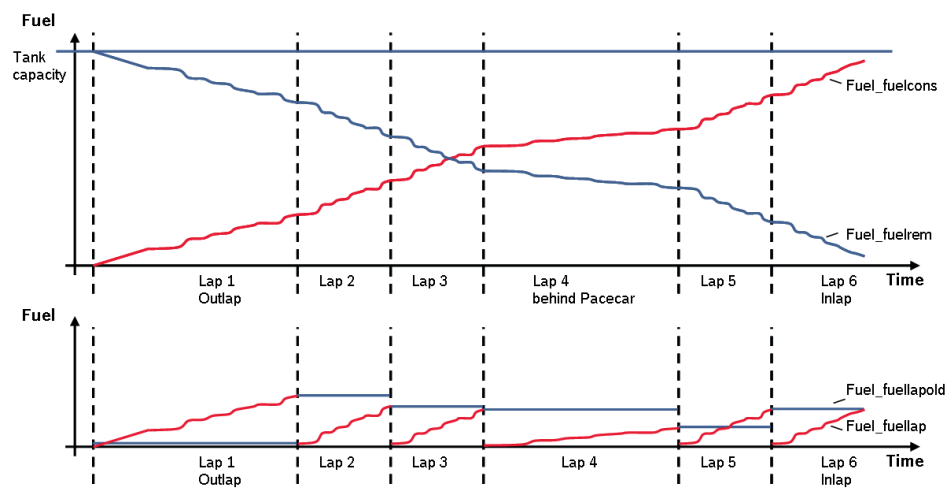
To display a fuel consumption diagnosis and to reset counters, use the diagnosis page in RaceCon.

Double-click on any 'fuel_xxx' channel in channel list.

A diagnosis window opens in Main Area.



Example



Measurement label	Function
Fuel_fuelcons_dls	Running fuel consumption, starting at '0'
Fuel_fuelrem_dls	Remaining fuel in tank, starting at tank capacity
Fuel_fuellap_dls	Fuel consumption for current lap, starting at '0'
Fuel_fuellapold_dls	Fuel consumption of last lap completed
Fuel_laprem_dls	Remaining laps with fuel in tank

21 RaceCon Shortcuts

The table shows important shortcuts simplify controlling the VCU MS 50.4 in RaceCon.

Shortcut	Function
General navigation	
F1	Open RaceCon help
F2	Rename selected object
F3	Select Data Area
F4	Select Project Tree
F5	-
F6	Start the data comparison
F7	Start dataset manager
F8	Toggle WP/RP
F9	Start measurement
CTRL + F9	Start recording
F10 or Alt	Go to menu bar
F11	Toggle display to fullscreen 'Race Mode'
F12	Enlarge main screen
CTRL + Tab	Switch between opened windows
Project Tree	
Plus (+) at numeric pad or right cursor	Expand selected node
Minus (-) at numeric pad or left cursor	Close selected node
Star (*) at numeric pad	Open all nodes
DEL	Delete selected object
Display page, measurement page	
Cursor	Move selected display element one grid unit in chosen direction
SHIFT + cursor	Enlarge/reduce selected display element one grid unit
Tab	Switch between display elements

22 Legal

22.1 EC/EU Declaration of Conformity

Bosch Engineering

BOSCH**EC/EU Declaration of Conformity**

09 Oktober 2020

The manufacturer

Bosch Engineering GmbH
Robert-Bosch-Allee 1
74232 Abstatt / Deutschland

hereby declares that the products named below

Name:	VCU MS 50.4	VCU MS 50.4P
Type:	F02U.V02.965-01	F02U.V02.966-01
From the date of manufacture:	01.03.2020	01.03.2020

comply with the provisions of the EU directive mentioned in the following.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC | <input type="checkbox"/> ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directive 2014/30/EU (EMC) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Equipment Directive 2014/53/EU | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Applied alternative standards and specifications:

Standard	Name	Edition
ECER10	Electromagnetic Compatibility	

Measured according to (equivalent):

ECE-R10.06	Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to electromagnetic compatibility	rev.6 : 2019
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Further explanations:

The product may only be assessed with regard to its electrical, mechanical and functional safety as well as to environmental effects (e.g. foreign bodies, temperature, humidity) after it has been installed in the product intended for the final user.

After the product has been installed, its EMC properties may change. Hence the product intended for the final user (complete apparatus, machines, installations) shall be inspected with regard to its EMC properties by the manufacturer of the product intended for the final user.

The assembling, installation and safety instructions according to the manual have to be followed.

Abstatt	09.10.2020	<i>i.v. Manuel</i>	<i>i.v. Peter Lutz</i>
Place	Date	BEG/EMS	BE/MSD-P

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The content of the EC declaration of conformity is subject to modifications. Currently valid edition upon request.

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22.2 REACH Statement

According to the REACH regulations, any supplier of an article containing a substance of very high concern (SVHC) in a concentration above 0.1 % (w/w) has the duty to provide the recipient of the article with sufficient information to allow safe use of the article. Our product contains:

SVHC Substance	CAS Number
Lead monoxide (lead oxide)	1317-36-8
Lead	7439-92-1

23 Disposal

Hardware, accessories and packaging should be sorted for recycling in an environment-friendly manner.

Do not dispose of this electronic device in your household waste.

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