

R&S® NGL200/NGM200 Power Supply Series User Manual



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This manual describes the following R&S®NGL/NGM models with firmware version 1.00 or higher:

- R&S®NGL201 Single-channel power supply 60W (3638.3376.02)
- R&S®NGL202 Two-channel power supply 120W (3638.3376.03)
- R&S®NGM201 Single-channel power supply 60W (3638.4472.02)
- R&S®NGM202 Two-channel power supply 120W (3638.4472.03)

In addition to the base unit, the following options are described:

- R&S®NGL-B105 Option IEEE-488 (GPIB) Interface (3652.6356.02)
- R&S®NGL-K102 Option Wireless LAN Remote Control (3652.6362.02)
- R&S®NGL-K103 Option Digital I/O (3652.6385.02)
- R&S®NGM-B105 Option IEEE-488 (GPIB) interface (3641.6220.02)
- R&S®NGM-K102 Option Wireless LAN Remote Control (3644.6367.02)
- R&S®NGM-K103 Option Digital I/O (3643.9904.02)
- R&S®NGM-K104 Option Digital Voltmeter (3643.9927.02)
- R&S®NGM-K106 Option Battery Simulation (3636.6626.02)

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Safety Instructions

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Sicherheitshinweise

Consignes de sécurité

WARNING

Risk of injury and instrument damage

The instrument must be used in an appropriate manner to prevent electric shock, fire, personal injury or instrument damage.

- Do not open the instrument casing.
 - Read and observe the "Basic Safety Instructions" delivered as printed brochure with the instrument.
 - Read and observe the safety instructions in the following sections. Note that the data sheet may specify additional operating conditions.
 - Keep the "Basic Safety Instructions" and the product documentation in a safe place and pass them on to the subsequent users.
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- No abrir la carcasa del instrumento.
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 - Guarde bien las instrucciones de seguridad elementales, así como la documentación del producto, y entréguelas a usuarios posteriores.
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 - Bewahren Sie die "Grundlegenden Sicherheitshinweise" und die Produktdokumentation gut auf und geben Sie diese an weitere Benutzer des Produkts weiter.
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- N'ouvrez pas le boîtier de l'appareil.
 - Lisez et respectez les "consignes de sécurité fondamentales" fournies avec l'appareil sous forme de brochure imprimée.
 - Lisez et respectez les instructions de sécurité dans les sections suivantes. Il ne faut pas oublier que la fiche technique peut indiquer des conditions d'exploitation supplémentaires.
 - Gardez les consignes de sécurité fondamentales et la documentation produit dans un lieu sûr et transmettez ces documents aux autres utilisateurs.
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1 Documentation Overview

This section provides an overview of the R&S NGL/NGM user documentation. You can find it on the product page at:

www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/ngl200

www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/ngm200

Getting Started

Introduces the R&S NGL/NGM power supply series and describes how to set up and start working with the instrument. The printed document is delivered with the instrument.

User manual

The user manual contains the description of all instrument modes and functions. It also provides an introduction to remote control, a complete description of the remote control commands with programming examples, and information on maintenance, instrument interfaces and error messages.

The online version (html format) of the user manual provides the complete contents for immediate display on the internet.

Service manual

Describes the performance test for checking the rated specifications, module replacement and repair, firmware update, troubleshooting and fault elimination, and contains mechanical drawings and spare part lists. The service manual is available for registered users on the global Rohde & Schwarz information system (GLORIS, <https://gloris.rohde-schwarz.com>).

Basic safety instructions

Contains safety instructions, operating conditions and further important information. The printed document is delivered with the instrument.

Datasheet

The datasheet contains the technical specifications of the R&S NGL/NGM power supply series. It also lists all options with their order numbers and accessories.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/ngl200

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/ngm200

Release notes and open source acknowledgment (OSA)

The release notes list new features, improvements and known issues of the current firmware version, and describe the firmware installation. The open source acknowledgment document provides verbatim license texts of the used open source software.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/firmware/ngl200. The open source acknowledgment document can also be read directly on the instrument.

See www.rohde-schwarz.com/firmware/ngm200. The open source acknowledgment document can also be read directly on the instrument.

2 Welcome to R&S NGL/NGM

The one or two-channel power supply series are based on a classical transformer concept with linear regulators. This concept allows the instrument to achieve highest accuracy and lowest residual ripple.

The R&S NGL/NGM power supply series feature galvanically isolated, floating overload and short-circuit proof outputs. When multiple channels are connected in parallel, higher currents can be achieved. When connected in serial, higher voltages are achievable.

Multi-purpose protection functions are available for each channel which you can set separately, such as overcurrent protection (OCP), overvoltage protection (OVP) and overpower protection (OPP). If such a limit is reached, the affected output channel is automatically turned off and an indicator icon (🔴, 🟡, 🟢) blinks on the display. In the case of two-channel power supply (NGL202, NGM202), the overcurrent protection can be linked to the other channel. In this case, the linked channel is turned off when the other channel reaches a limit.

Additionally, the R&S NGL/NGM is protected with overtemperature protection (OTP). This safety feature protects the R&S NGL/NGM from overheating. When the temperature in the power supply exceeds the OTP limit, the channel outputs are automatically cut off.

The Arbitrary function allows a freely definable voltage and current sequences with a timeframe as short as 1 ms. It allows varying the voltage or current during a test sequence, for example to simulate different charging conditions of a battery. With "Ramp" function, the R&S NGL/NGM provides the operating condition to ramp up the supply voltage within a defined timeframe of 10 ms to 10 s.







All R&S NGL/NGM power supplies are equipped with a color TFT display (800 pixels x 480 pixels) and enhanced with touch input capability. The R&S NGL/NGM comes with a USB and LAN (LXI) interface. Equipped with a wireless LAN (WLAN) option, you can establish a network connection wirelessly.

The digital I/O interface installed at the rear panel is activated with an option, it allows a single trigger-in signal to control multi trigger-out signals on the power supply, providing many possibilities to control outputs and associated devices in the event when a trigger occurs.

The user manual contains description of the functionalities that the instrument provides. The latest version is available for download at the product homepage (<http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/ngl200> for R&S NGL and <http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/product/ngm200> for R&S NGM) .

3 Important Notes

3.1 Symbols

	Caution, general danger zone
	Ground
	PE terminal
	ON (supply voltage)
	OFF (supply voltage)
	Ground terminal

3.2 Ambient Conditions

The allowed operating temperature ranges from +5 °C to +40 °C (pollution category 2). The maximum relative humidity (without condensation) is at 80 %.

During storage and transport, the temperature must be between -40 °C and +70 °C. In case of condensation during transportation or storage, the instrument requires approximately two hours to dry and reach the appropriate temperature prior to operation. The instrument is designed for use in a clean and dry indoor environment. Do not operate with high dust and humidity levels, if danger of explosion exists or with aggressive chemical agents.

Any operating position may be used; however adequate air circulation must be maintained. For continuous operation, a horizontal or inclined position (integrated stand) is preferable.

Specifications with tolerance data apply after a warm up period of at least 30 minutes at a temperature of 23 °C (tolerance -3 °C / + 7 °C).

The heat produced inside the instrument is guided to the exterior via temperature-controlled fan. Each channel has multiple temperature sensors which check the heat generation in the instrument and control the fan speed.

It is necessary to ensure that there is sufficient space around the instrument sides for heat exchange. If the temperature inside the instrument increases to more than

~72 °C, a channel-specific overheat protection intervenes. Affected outputs will automatically be switched off.

⚠ CAUTION**Air circulation**

Do not obstruct the ventilation holes!

3.3 Measurement Categories

This instrument is designed for supplying power on circuits that are only indirectly connected to the low voltage mains or not connected at all. The instrument is not intended for measurements within the measurement categories II, III or IV; the maximum potential against earth generated by the user must not exceed 250 V peak in this application.

The following information refers solely to user safety. Other aspects, such as the maximum voltage, are described in the technical data and must also be observed.

The measurement categories refer to transients that are superimposed on the mains voltage. Transients are short, very fast (steep) current and voltage variations which may occur periodically and non-periodically. The level of potential transients increases as the distance to the source of the low voltage installation decreases.

- Measurement CAT IV: Measurements at the source of the low voltage installations (e.g. meters)
- Measurement CAT III: Measurements in building installations (e.g. power distribution installations, power switches, firmly installed sockets, firmly installed engines etc.)
- Measurement CAT II: Measurements on circuits electronically directly connected to the mains (e.g. household appliances, power tools, etc.)
- 0 (instruments without measured measurement category): Other circuits that are not connected directly to the mains

3.4 Mains Voltage

The instrument uses 50 Hz / 60 Hz mains voltages ranging from 100 VAC, 115 VAC or 230 VAC (tolerance $\pm 10\%$). Mains voltage must be set correctly by removing the fuse holder and rotating until the correct voltage appears through the window and reinstalling the fuse holder. The input line fuse is accessible externally. Power socket and fuse holder form a single unit.

You need to first disconnect the power cord from the connector before you can safely replace the fuse (as long as the fuse holder is undamaged). Next, the fuse holder must be pried out using a screwdriver. The starting point is a slot next to the contacts. The fuse can then be forced out of its mounting and must be replaced with an identical fuse (see information about the fuse type on the rear panel). The fuse holder is inserted

against the spring pressure until it locks into place. The use of mended fuses or short circuiting the fuse holder is prohibited. Resulting damages are not covered by the warranty.

NOTICE

Safe operation

If the instrument is not in use, it must be switched off at the mains switch for safety reasons.

3.5 Limits

The R&S NGL/NGM is equipped with a protective overload feature. The protective overload feature prevents damage to the instrument and is intended to protect against a possible electrical shock. The maximum values for the instrument must not be exceeded. The protection limits are listed on the front panel of the R&S NGL/NGM to ensure the safe operation of the instrument.

These protection limits must be adhered to:

Specification	Limits
Maximum output voltage	20.05 VDC
Maximum output current	6.01 A (≤ 6 V) 3.01 A (> 6 V)
Maximum voltage against earth	250 V peak
Maximum counter-voltage (same polarity)	22 V
Maximum reverse voltage (opposite polarity)	0.5 V
Maximum reverse current sink current Maximum reverse Current (through protection diode, instrument must be operating)	3.01 A
Power supply	100 VAC, 115 VAC or 230 VAC (tolerance ± 10 %)
Frequency	50 Hz / 60 Hz
Maximum power output	120 W (NGL202, NGM202), 60 W (NGL201, NGM201)

4 Getting Started

4.1 Putting into Operation

This chapter describes how to set up the R&S NGL/NGM power supply series for the first time.

⚠ WARNING**Risk of injury and instrument damage**

The instrument must be used in an appropriate manner to prevent electric shock, fire, personal injury, or damage.

- Do not open the instrument casing
- Read and observe the "Basic Safety Instructions" delivered as a printed brochure with the instrument. Note that the basic safety instructions also contain information on operating conditions that prevent damage to the instrument

In addition, read and observe the safety instructions in the following sections.

Notice that the data sheet may specify additional operating conditions.

⚠ WARNING**Risk of radio interference**

This instrument is compliant with Class A of CISPR 32. In a residential environment, this instrument may cause radio interference.

NOTICE**Risk of instrument damage during operation**

An unsuitable operating site or test setup can cause damage to the instrument and the connected devices. Ensure the following operating conditions before you switch on the instrument:

- The instrument is dry and shows no sign of condensation
 - The instrument is positioned as described in [Chapter 4.1.4.1, "Bench Operation"](#), on page 17
 - The ambient temperature does not exceed the range specified in the data sheet
 - Signal levels at the input connectors are all within the specified ranges
 - Signal outputs are correctly connected and not overloaded
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EMI impact on measurement results

Electromagnetic interference (EMI) may affect the measurement results.

To suppress the generated EMI:

- Use suitable shielded cables of high quality, for example, LAN cables
- Note the EMC classification in the data sheet

4.1.1 Safety

This instrument was built in compliance with DIN EN 61010-1, safety regulations for electrical instruments, control units and laboratory equipment.

It has been tested and shipped from the plant in safe condition. It is also in compliance with the regulations of the European standard EN 61010-1 and the international standard IEC 61010-1.

To maintain this condition and ensure safe operation, you must observe all instructions and warnings given in this user manual. Casing, chassis and all measuring ports are connected to a protective earth conductor. The instrument is designed in compliance with the regulations of protection class I.

For safety reasons, the instrument may only be operated with authorized safety sockets. The power cable must be plugged in before signal circuits may be connected.

Never use the product if the power cable is damaged. Check regularly if the power cables are in perfect condition. Choose suitable protective measures and installation types to ensure that the power cable cannot be damaged and that no harm is caused by tripping hazards or from electric shock, for instance.

DANGER

Risk of electric shock

It is prohibited to disconnect the earthed protective connection inside or outside of the instrument!

If it is assumed that a safe operation is no longer possible, the instrument must be shut down and secured against any unintended operation.

Safe operation can no longer be assumed when:

- Instrument shows visible damage
- Instrument includes loose parts
- Instrument no longer functions properly
 - After an extended period of storage under unfavorable conditions (e.g. outdoors or in damp rooms)
 - After rough handling during transport (e.g. packaging that does not meet the minimum requirements by post office, railway or forwarding agency)

⚠ DANGER**Exceeding the low voltage protection**

Use insulated wires and not bare wires for the terminal connection.

It is assumed that only qualified and trained personnel service the power supplies and the connected loads.

Before switching on the product, it must be ensured that the nominal voltage setting on the product matches the nominal voltage of the AC supply network.

4.1.2 Intended Operation

The instrument is intended only for use by personnel familiar with the potential risks of measuring electrical quantities.

For safety reasons, the instrument may only be connected to properly installed wall outlets. Separating the ground is prohibited.

The power cable must be inserted before signal circuits may be connected.



Use only the power cable included in the delivery package. See "[Delivery package](#)" on page 17.

Before each measurement, measuring cables must be inspected for damage and replaced if necessary. Damaged or worn components can damage the instrument or cause injury.

The instrument may be operated only under the operating conditions and in the positions specified by the manufacturer, without the product's ventilation being obstructed. If the manufacturer's specifications are not observed, this can result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury, and in some cases, death.

Applicable local or national safety regulations and rules for the prevention of accidents must be observed in all work performed.

The instrument is designed for use in the following sectors: Industrial, residential, business and commercial areas and small businesses.

The instrument is designed for indoor use only. Before each measurement, you need to verify at a known source if the instrument functions properly.



To disconnect from the mains, unplug the IEC socket on the back panel.

See [Table 4-1](#) for the general data on the instrument specification. For more information, see the instrument datasheet (P/N: 5216.1057.32).

Table 4-1: General data on instrument specification

General data		
Mains nominal voltage	AC 100 V / 115 V / 230 V (±10 %) 50 Hz to 60 Hz	
Maximum power consumption	400 W	
Mains fuses	2 x IEC T4.0H 250 V	
Operating temperature range	+5 °C to +40 °C	
Storage temperature range	-20 °C to +70 °C	
Humidity noncondensing	5 % to 95 %	
Display	TFT 5" 800 pixels x 480 pixels WVGA Touch	
Rack installation	R&S HZN96 rack adapter 2U (P/N: 3638.7813.02)	
Dimensions (W x H x D)	222 mm x 97 mm x 436 mm (8.74" x 3.82" x 17.17")	
Weight	R&S NGL201	7.1 kg (15.65 lb)
	R&S NGM201	7.2 kg (15.87 lb)
	R&S NGL202	7.3 kg (16.09 lb)
	R&S NGM202	7.4 kg (16.31 lb)

4.1.3 Unpacking and Checking the Instrument

Unpack the R&S NGL/NGM power supply carefully and check the content of the package.

- Check the equipment for completeness using the delivery note and package contents list for the various items.
- Check the instrument for any damage and loose parts. If there is any damage, immediately contact the carrier who delivered the instrument.



Packing material

Retain the original packing material. If the instrument needs to be transported or shipped later, you can use the material to protect the control elements and connectors.

NOTICE**Risk of damage during transportation and shipment**

Insufficient protection against mechanical and electrostatic effects during transportation and shipment can damage the instrument.

- Always ensure that sufficient mechanical and electrostatic protections are provided
- When shipping an instrument, the original packaging should be used. If you do not have the original packaging, use sufficient padding to prevent the instrument from moving around inside the box. Pack the instrument in antistatic wrap to protect it from electrostatic charging
- Secure the instrument to prevent any movement and other mechanical effects during transportation

Delivery package

The package contents contain the following items:

- R&S NGL power supply or R&S NGM power supply
- Four power cables
- One printed Getting Started manual
- One document folder containing a printed Basic Safety Instructions guide

4.1.4 Setting Up the Instrument

The R&S NGL/NGM is designed for benchtop and rackmount operation.

4.1.4.1 Bench Operation

On a benchtop, the R&S NGL/NGM power supply can either lie flat or stand on its feet. As shown in [Figure 4-1](#), feet on the bottom can be folded out to set the instrument in an inclined position.



Figure 4-1: Operating positions

NOTICE**Positioning of instrument**

The instrument must be positioned in a manner that allows you to disconnect the unit from the mains at any time and without restrictions.

4.1.4.2 Rack Mounting

The instrument can be installed in a 19" rack using the rack adapter R&S HZN96 (P/N 3638.7813.02). Proceed according to the installation instructions supplied with the rack adapter.

NOTICE**Ambient temperature**

Place the R&S NGL/NGM power supply in an area where the ambient temperature is within +5 °C to +40 °C. The R&S NGL/NGM power supply is fan-cooled and must be installed with sufficient space along the sides to ensure free flow of air.

4.2 Instrument Tour

This chapter provides an overview of all the controls available in the R&S NGL/NGM models and steps to switch on the instrument for the first time.

- [Overview of Controls](#).....18
- [Switching On the Instrument](#).....22

4.2.1 Overview of Controls**4.2.1.1 Front Panel**

The front panel of the R&S NGL/NGM is as shown in [Figure 4-2](#). The function keys and navigation controls are located beside the display. The various connectors are located at the right side of the display.

The R&S NGL/NGM has one output channel for NGL201, NGM201 models and two output channels for NGL202, NGM202 models.

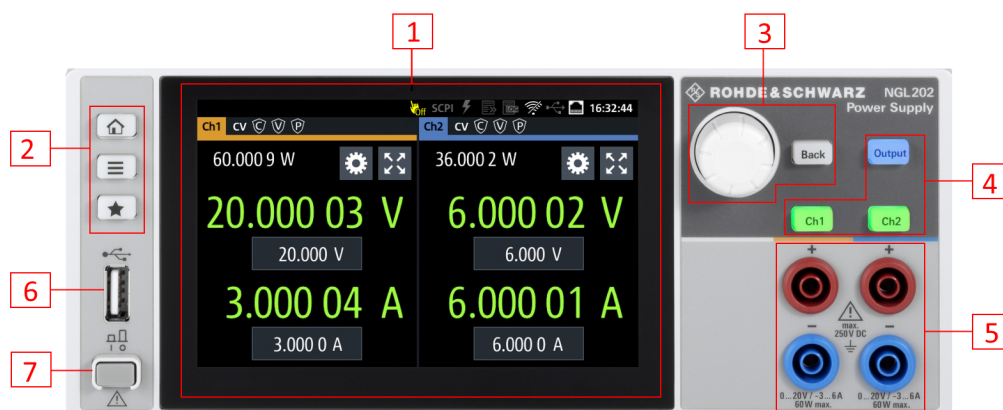


Figure 4-2: Front panel of R&S NGL/NGM with 2 channels

- 1 = Display with touch screen
- 2 = Menu control keys
- 3 = Rotary knob and back key
- 4 = Output and channel keys
- 5 = Output terminals (one channel with sense for NGL201, NGM201; two channels for NGL202, NGM202)
- 6 = USB connector
- 7 = Power key

Display (1)

The display is a color TFT touch screen. Depending on the instrument model, up to two channels are shown on the display. The respective measurement settings and functions are displayed in the individual channel display area. There is a status bar in the device level and channel level, showing the device operating mode and respective channel settings of the instrument.

For a detailed description on-screen layout, see [Chapter 5.1, "Display Overview"](#), on page 26.

Menu control keys (2)

The menu control keys allow you to access the home window, device/channel menu window and user key in the instrument.

For a detailed description on menu control keys, see [Chapter 5.3.1, "Menu Controls"](#), on page 34.

Rotary knob and back key (3)

The rotary knob and back key are used for menu navigation and value adjustment in the instrument.

For a detailed description on rotary knob and back key, see section [Chapter 5.3.2, "Navigation Controls"](#), on page 37.

Output and channel keys (4)

The channel key allows you to select the power supply channel to source or sink power. The output key allows you to enable or disable the output power on the channel key.

Refer to datasheet for the channel voltage/current limits in the source and sink mode.

Output terminals (5)

Depending on the instrument type, one or two output channels are available to source or sink power.

Both instrument models are equipped with 4 terminals. The NGL201, NGM201 models provide both the output plus the sense connectors at the front panel while the NGL202, NGM202 models provide only output terminals for both channels.

USB connector (6)

The USB connector is a Type-A connector. You can connect a USB flash drive to this connector to perform a firmware update, store logging data or screen shots.

Power key (7)

The [Power] key switches the instrument on and off.

4.2.1.2 Rear Panel

Figure 4-3 shows the rear panel of the R&S NGL/NGM with its connectors.

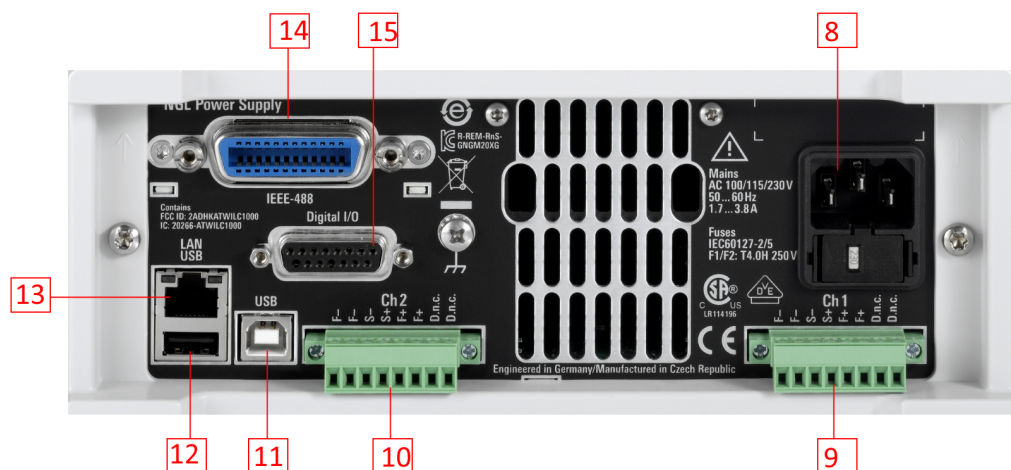


Figure 4-3: Rear panel of R&S NGL/NGM with 2 channels

- 8 = AC inlet with fuse holder and voltage selector
- 9 = Channel 1 rear panel connector for NGL202, NGM202 models. The two D.n.c. labels for NGM201 are labeled as DVM+ and DVM-
- 10 = Channel 2 rear panel connector for NGL202, NGM202 models. The two D.n.c. labels for NGM202 are labeled as DVM+ and DVM-
- 11 = USB connector (device)
- 12 = USB connector (host)

- 13 = Ethernet (LAN) connector
- 14 = Optional IEEE-488 (GPIB) interface
- 15 = Digital I/O connector

AC inlet with fuse holder and voltage selector (8)



Main supply cord

Do not use detachable mains supply cord with inadequate rating.

The power cable must be plugged in before signal circuits can be connected. Do not use the product if the power cable is damaged. See [Chapter 4.2.2, "Switching On the Instrument"](#), on page 22 for more information.

The built-in voltage selector selects the mains voltage between 100 V, 115 V and 230 V. All voltage settings are using the same fuse rating.

Channel connectors (9, 10)

NOTICE

Output terminals

Either the output terminals at the front panel or those at the back panel can be used. Using both terminals at the same time can cause instrument malfunction.



Digital voltmeter (DVM)

The DVM+ and DVM- pins on the channel connector are available only with R&S NGM power supply series equipped with option R&S NGM-K104 (P/N: 3643.9927.02).

The channel connectors contain both output ("F+", "F-") and sense ("S+", "S-") connections. Connector for "Ch 2" is only available in the NGL202, NGM202 models.

USB connectors (11, 12)

The USB host connector (Type-A) can be used for mass storage devices or an external mouse like the USB connector at the front panel.

The USB device connector is a Type-B connector for remote control operation.

Ethernet connector (13)

10/100 Ethernet port for remote control operation via the local area network.

For a detailed description on the connection setup, see [Chapter 6.15.1.1, "LAN Connection"](#), on page 77.

Option IEEE-488 (GPIB) interface (14)

An IEEE-488 (GPIB) interface can be ordered (NGL-B105 or NGM-B105). This interface is not user installable.

Digital I/O connector (15)

The Digital I/O option (R&S NGL-K103 or R&S NGM-K103) must be installed for this function to be available in the instrument.

The specified voltages are 0 V to 24 V for all output pins and 0 V to 15 V for all input pins.

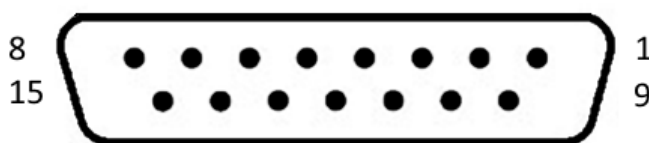


Figure 4-4: Digital I/O connector (female socket front view)

Table 4-2: Digital I/O pin layout

Pin	Signal	Direction	Pin	Signal	Direction
1	*Inhibit Ch1	IN	9	*Inhibit Ch2	IN
2	Trigger Ch1	IN	10	Trigger Ch2	IN
3	In	IN	11	Output Fault	OUT
4	Out1	OUT	12	Out2	OUT
5 - 8	Gnd	-	13 - 15	Gnd	-

* The [inhibit signals](#) can be used to turn off the outputs by a digital hardware signal.

Table 4-3: Inhibit signals

Signal name	Pin	Descriptions
Inhibit Ch1	Pin 1 of Digital I/O connector	If the inhibit signal goes active, channel 1 output is turned off. The inhibit signal is low active (inverted logic).
Inhibit Ch2	Pin 9 of Digital I/O connector	If the inhibit signal goes active, channel 2 output is turned off The inhibit signal is low active (inverted logic).

4.2.2 Switching On the Instrument

Before switching on the instrument, check that all the instructions in the “Basic Safety Instruction” brochure and safety measures in previous sections are observed. Also, check if the value on the voltage selector corresponds to the mains voltage (100 V, 115 V or 230 V).

**Fuse rating**

The R&S NGL/NGM uses the same fuse ratings for all mains voltages.

To change power fuse:

1. Peel off the yellow label sticker on the AC inlet.
2. Release the latch of the fuse holder which is located at both side of the socket and pull it out.
3. Pull out the removable part of the fuse holder.
4. Turn this removable part until the correct voltage label (100, 115 or 230) is displayed in the window of the holder.
5. Return the fuse holder to its position in the panel.

To switch on instrument:

1. Connect the power cable to the AC power connector on the rear panel of the R&S NGL/NGM.
2. Connect the power cable to the socket outlet.
3. Press [Power] key on the front panel.
The instrument performs a system check, boots the operating system, and starts the R&S NGL/NGM firmware.

By default, all output channels are turned off when the instrument is switched on to prevent connected loads from being damaged unintentionally.

During startup, the R&S NGL/NGM is loaded with the last saved instrument settings from internal memory. See [Chapter 6.14, "Store and Recall"](#), on page 74.

To switch off instrument:

1. Press [Power] key.
All current settings are saved to internal memory and the firmware shuts down.
2. Disconnect the AC power cable from the instrument.

4.3 Trying Out the Instrument

This chapter describes some basic functions that you can perform with the R&S NGL/NGM.



Source and sink current

The R&S NGL/NGM power supply series are 2 quadrant power supplies which may both source and sink current. When the voltage across the output terminal exceeds the set voltage, current flows into the instrument. The default behavior "Auto" can be configured in output menu, see [Chapter 6.2.3.4, "Output Mode"](#), on page 47.

On the display, sink mode is shown as negative current.

4.3.1 Setting the Output Voltage and Current

1. Press [Home] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the home window.
2. Select voltage or current parameter in the home window.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays an on-screen keypad to set the value.
3. Enter the required value.
4. Confirm value with the unit key (V/mV or A/mA).

4.3.2 Activating the Channels Output

The output voltages can be switched on or off regardless of the operating mode the instrument is in.

To switch on or off channel output.

1. Select desired channel key ([Ch1] or [Ch2]) on the front panel.
2. Press [Output] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM outputs the set voltage level on the selected output channel terminal.




Depending on the mode which the channels are operated in, the followings are observed:



CR mode

CR mode is a special case of sink mode in which the instrument behaves like a constant resistor. Only in this mode, the respective channel keys and display font color in the home window turns cyan.

In "normal" sink mode, the colors are the same as in source mode: green if the current flowing into the R&S NGL/NGM is below the set current and red if the current is limited to the set value. The only visible indication of sink mode is the change of the sign of the current readout change to "Minus".

Color illuminated on front panel keys and display font color of voltage and current in home window	Operating mode
 Green	Constant voltage mode (CV)
 Red	Constant current mode (CC)
 Cyan	Constant resistance mode (CR) Note: Instrument is operated in sink mode and "Constant Resistance" is activated.

Also, the operating symbol mode (CV, CC or CR) is displayed at the channel status bar of the respective channel.

4.4 Maintenance

Before cleaning the instrument, ensure that it has been switched off and the power cable is disconnected.

Clean the outer case of the instrument at regular intervals, using a soft, lint-free dust cloth.

NOTICE

Instrument damage caused by cleaning agents

Use a dry, lint-free cloth to clean the product. When cleaning, keep in mind that the casing is not waterproof. Do not use any liquids for cleaning.

Cleaning agents, solvents (thinners, acetone), acids and bases can damage the front panel labeling, plastic parts and display.

The display may only be cleaned with an appropriate glass cleaner. Rub the display with a dry, clean and lint-free cloth. Do not allow cleaning fluid to enter the instrument.

5 Operating Basics

5.1 Display Overview

The following displays the home window of R&S NGL/NGM. It shows the output voltage and current level, status bar information and control settings of the instrument.



Figure 5-1: Home window of R&S NGL/NGM with 2 channels

- 1 = Device status bar
- 2 = Channel status bar
- 3 = "Expand/Collapse" channel button
- 4 = "Settings" button
- 5 = Measured output voltage
- 6 = Set output voltage
- 7 = Measured output current
- 8 = Set output current limit
- 9 = Channel display area of Ch2
- 10 = Channel display area of Ch1
- 11 = Measured output power and source output resistance/emulated internal impedance
- 12 = DVM function (available only with R&S NGM power supply series)

5.1.1 Status Bar Information

There are two types of status bar. One shows device status information and the other one shows the individual channel status information.

Device status bar





Function	Description
Touchscreen	If touch input is disabled, the icon is displayed and highlighted in yellow. See Chapter 5.3.1.3, "User Key" , on page 37.
SCPI command	If a SCPI command is received successfully, the icon blinks once in white. If an error is in the SCPI error queue, the icon is highlighted in red. If no activity, icon is displayed in gray. See Chapter 7, "Remote Control Commands" , on page 88.
Trigger event	Icon blinks once in white when a trigger event occurs. See Figure 6-18 .
Fast log	Fast logging is only visible with NGM models. If active, icon is highlighted in white. If disabled, icon is highlighted in gray. See Chapter 6.11, "FastLog" , on page 70.
Data logging	If data logging is present, the icon is highlighted in white. If an error is present, the icon is highlighted in red. See Chapter 6.10, "Data Logging" , on page 68.
WLAN	Only visible if software option Wireless LAN is active. If connection is present, the icon is highlighted in white. If both WLAN and LAN connection are present, the icon is highlighted with a line cross over. If no connection or WLAN is disabled, the icon is highlighted in gray. See Chapter 6.15.1.2, "Wireless LAN Connection" , on page 79.
USB device interface	If a host command is received in USB interface, the icon is highlighted in white.
LAN interface	If connected, the icon is highlighted in white. If no connection or an error is present in connection, the icon is highlighted in red. See Chapter 6.15, "Interfaces" , on page 76.
Time	Time displays in hh:mm:ss format. See Chapter 6.16.4, "Date and Time" , on page 85.

Channel status bar



Function	Description
Channel number	Channel number indication.
Operation mode	<p>The R&S NGL/NGM has three operating modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV: Constant voltage mode • CC: Constant current mode • CR: Constant resistance mode. The R&S NGL/NGM goes into this mode when operates in sink mode and the "Constant Resistance" mode is activated. <p>See Chapter 5.5, "Operation Modes", on page 38.</p>
OCP	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>If triggered, the icon blinks.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.5.1, "Over Current Protection (OCP)", on page 54.</p>
OVP	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>If triggered, the icon blinks.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.5.2, "Over Voltage Protection (OVP)", on page 55.</p>
OPP	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>If triggered, the icon blinks.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.5.3, "Over Power Protection (OPP)", on page 55.</p>
Arbitrary mode	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>If active, the icon blinks.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.7.1, "Arbitrary", on page 62.</p>
Ramp mode	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>If active, the icon blinks.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.7.2, "Ramp", on page 65.</p>
"Fast Transient Response"	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>The time taken for voltage recovery (≤ 20 mV) switches between $30 \mu\text{s}$ and $100 \mu\text{s}$.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.2.2, "Fast Transient Response", on page 43.</p>
"Internal Impedance"	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p>
"Safety Limits"	<p>If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white.</p> <p>See Chapter 6.5.4, "Safety Limits", on page 56.</p>

Function	Description
"Output Delay" 	If enabled, the icon is highlighted in white. The delay is the time between activation of the output and applying voltage to the output. See Chapter 6.2.3, "Output" , on page 44.
Sense connection 	If sense connection is detected, the icon is highlighted in white.

5.1.2 Channel Display Area

The R&S NGL/NGM displays two channels display area (Ch1, Ch2) for NGL202, NGM202 and a single channel display area (Ch1) for NGL201, NGM201. The respective channel settings and functions are displayed for each channel.

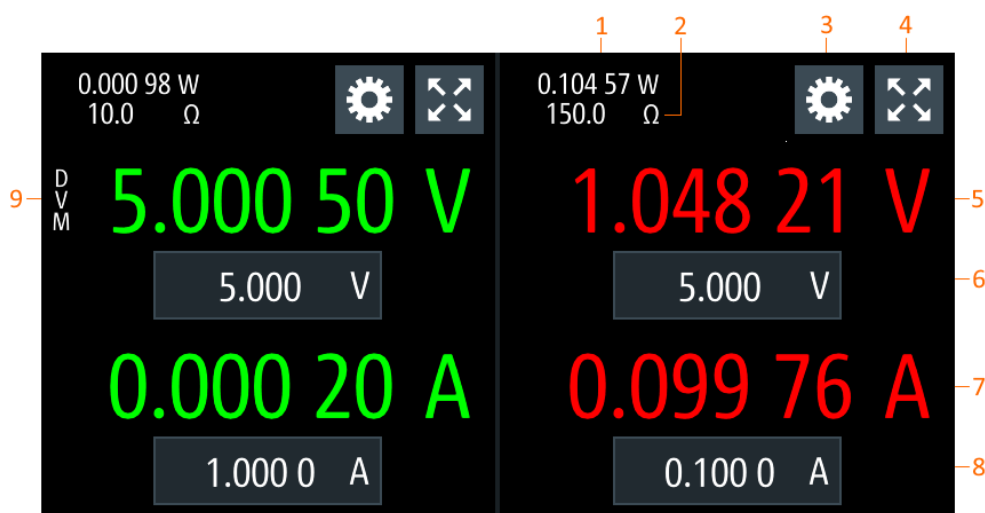


Figure 5-2: Channel display area for 2-channel model

- 1 = Output power displays in watt
- 2 = Source output resistance/emulated internal impedance displays in ohms
- 3 = "Settings" button opens instrument device/channel menu window
- 4 = "Expand/Collapse" button toggles between home window and channel overview window
- 5 = Output voltage displays in volt. The display resolution for voltage is five digits after the decimal point
- 6 = Set voltage level. This level is limited by the set value defined in "Safety Limits"
- 7 = Output current displays in ampere. The display resolution for current is five digits after the decimal point
- 8 = Set current level. This level is limited by the set value defined in "Safety Limits"
- 9 = DVM function (available only with R&S NGM power supply series)

Operating mode

Different font colors on the screen are used to differentiate the various output status and operating condition of the instrument. It is easy to know and confirm the different output status and operating conditions of the instrument by looking at the colors.

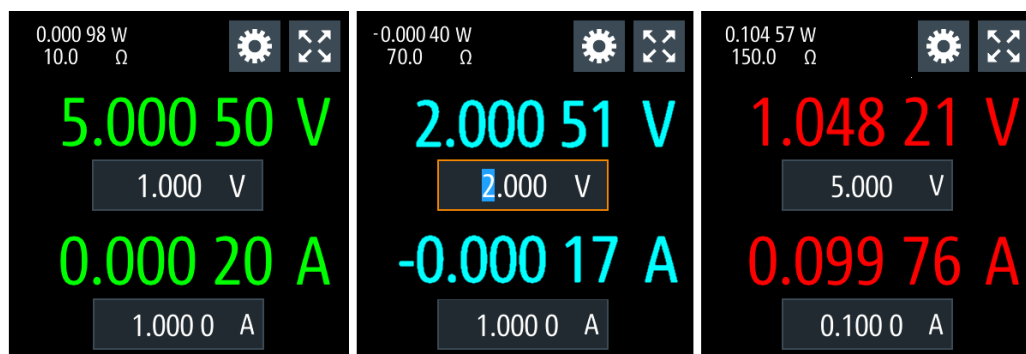


Figure 5-3: Color coding of operating conditions

Color	Operating mode	Description
□	DVM mode	Display DVM measurement.
■	Editing mode	A solid blue cursor is shown when an item is selected.
■	CV mode	Active outputs are operated in a constant voltage mode.
■	CC mode	Active outputs are operated in a constant current mode.
■	CR mode	Active outputs are operated in a constant resistance mode. This condition occurs if the set voltage is below the voltage applied externally at the output connectors (sink mode) and constant resistor is switched on in channel menu.

5.2 Using the Touchscreen

The R&S NGL/NGM provides a touch-sensitive screen. Touch can be disabled (see [Chapter 6.8, "User Key"](#), on page 66) in the instrument settings. The following illustrates the touchscreen gestures and highlight the different touchscreen features that can be performed on the instrument.

5.2.1 Using Gestures



Tap

Tap on the screen to select or toggle the value.



Swipe up and down

Swipe up to scroll down, swipe down to scroll up in the menu.

5.2.2 Accessing Functionality in the Home Window

The following illustrates various ways of accessing functions in the home window.

5.2.2.1 Settings Button

The "Settings" button navigates to the device/channel menu window where you can set device or individual channel settings on the instrument.

1. Select the "Settings" button.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays device/channel menu window.
2. Select "Device" or respective channel tab ("Channel 1" or "Channel 2") to open the menu.
3. Swipe up or down for the available items in the menu.
4. Select the required item to configure the settings.
5. Select the back arrow key or press [Back] key to close the menu.

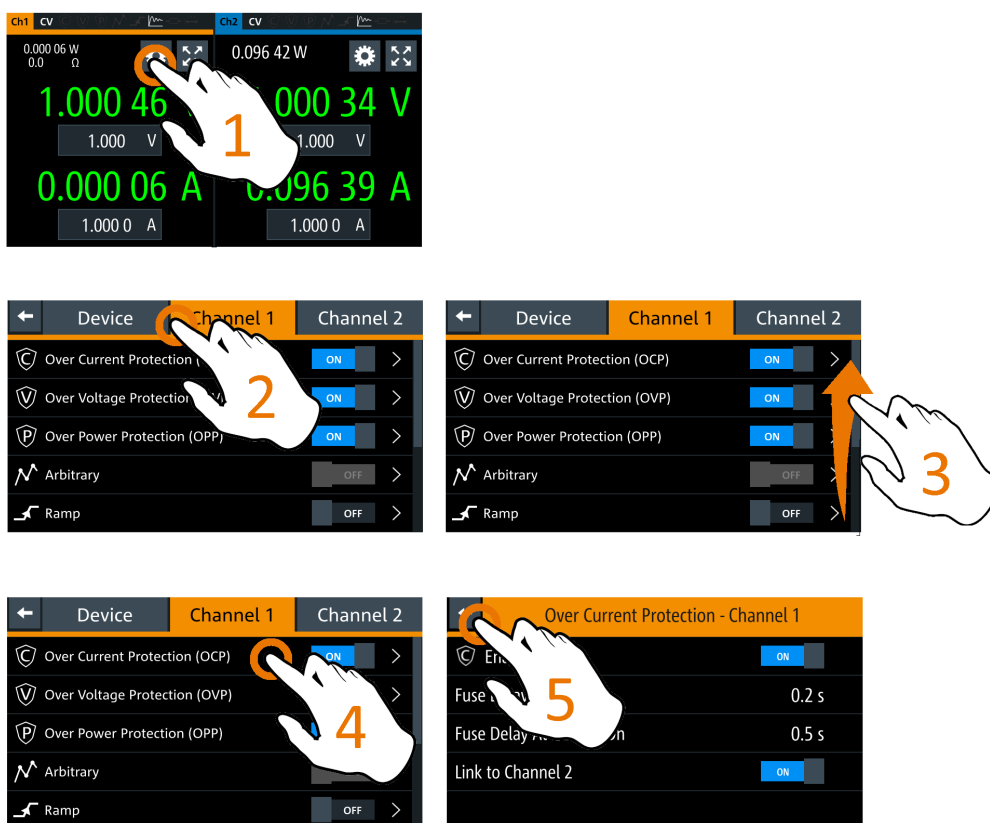



Figure 5-4: Navigation on home window > device/channel menu window

5.2.2.2 Voltage and Current Inputs

You can directly change the voltage and current level in the respective channel display area.

1. Select the voltage or current field in the channel display area to set value.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to enter value.
2. Set the required value.
See [Chapter 5.2.3, "Input Data"](#), on page 33.
Note: The value is set within the value configured in the "Safety Limits" dialog.
3. Confirm value by selecting a unit key.
Alternatively, select the enter key  to confirm your value.

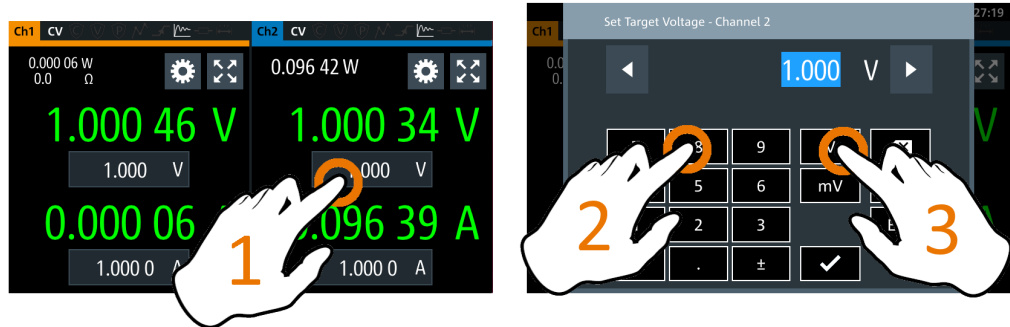


Figure 5-5: Set voltage and current in home window

5.2.2.3 Expand/Collapse Button

You can expand the selected channel window by using the "Expand/Collapse" button. The "Expand/Collapse" icon changed when toggled.

1. Select the "Expand/Collapse" button.
The R&S NGL/NGM expands the selected channel to the full screen.
2. Select the "Expand/Collapse" button to revert to the home window.

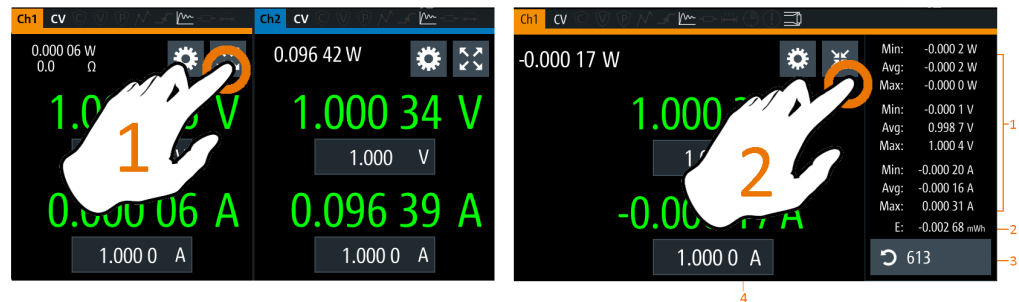




Figure 5-6: Display of channel overview window

- 1 = Minimum, maximum and average value for power, voltage and current
- 2 = Calculation of energy result
- 3 = Number of samples collected
- 4 = Channel display area of selected channel
- 5 = Digital I/O trigger of selected channel

5.2.3 Input Data

The R&S NGL/NGM provides an on-screen keypad for you to enter numerical values. Use the back key  on the on-screen keypad to cancel input of the numerical entries.

1. Select a menu item to enter the numeric value.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad.
2. Enter the required value.
3. Confirm value with the unit key.
Alternatively, select the enter key  to confirm your value.

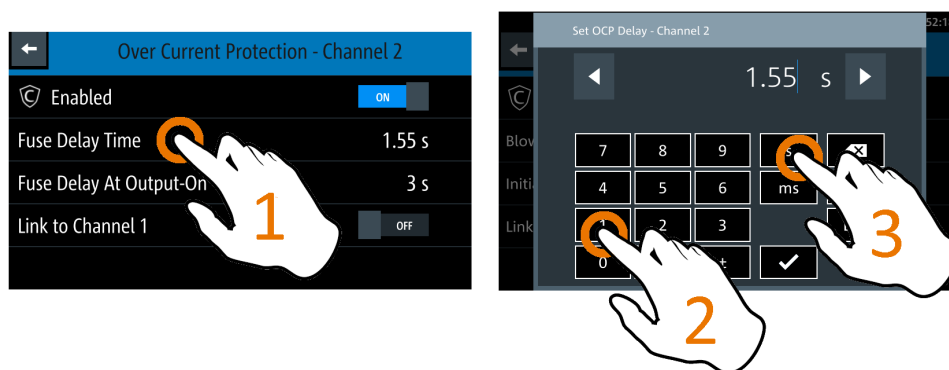



Figure 5-7: Enter numerical value and unit

For alphanumeric input, the on-screen keypad works the same way.

1. Select the "Caps Lock"  key to switch between capital letters and small letters.
The "Caps Lock" key is highlighted in blue.
2. Select "&123" or "ABC" key to switch between alphabet and numeric input data.

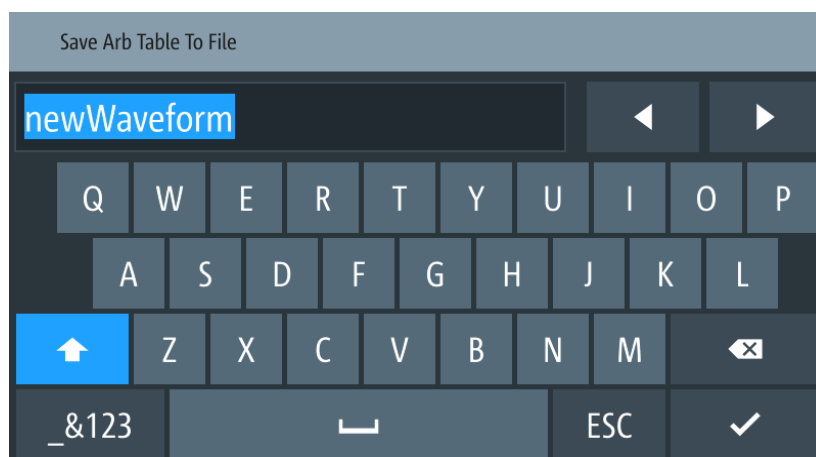


Figure 5-8: Alphanumeric input data

5.3 Front Panel Keys

For an overview of the front panel keys, see [Figure 4-2](#).

5.3.1 Menu Controls

The menu controls keys provide navigation on the available menus in the instrument.

5.3.1.1 Home Key



The [Home] key navigates to the instrument home window. See the display of the home window in [Figure 5-1](#).

5.3.1.2 Settings Key



The [Settings] key navigates to the device/channel menu window which consists of the "Device" menu and up to two channels ("Channel 1", "Channel 2") menu.

Device menu

The "Device" menu provides access to general instrument settings, file arrangement and user key configuration. You can also obtain the instrument information via the menu.

1. Press [Home] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the home window.
2. Select the "Settings" button on the required channel display area.
Alternatively, press [Settings] key.

3. Select the "Device" tab to access the device menu.

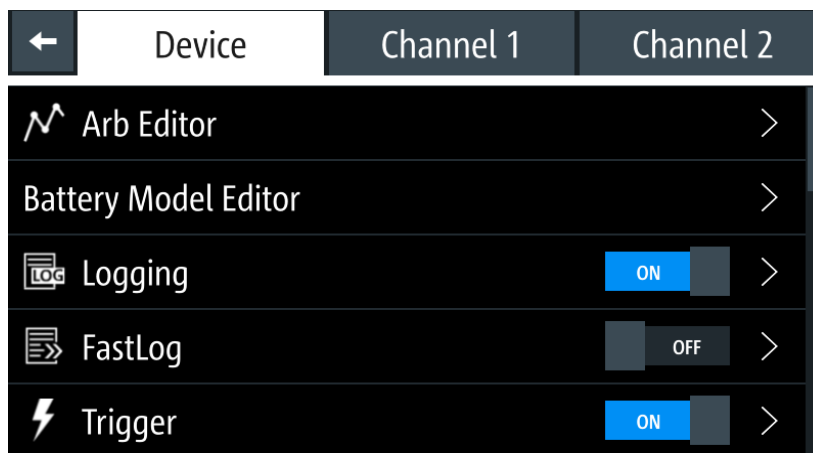


Figure 5-9: Device menu

Menu	Description
"Arb Editor"	Programs the waveform of voltage and current settings for the channel output.
"Battery Model Editor"	Available only with option R&S NGM-K106. Edit new or existing battery model data.
"Logging"	Data logging on the instrument timestamp, voltage, current and power.
"FastLog"	Available only with R&S NGM power supply series. Fast data logging on the instrument timestamp, voltage and current.
"Trigger"	Activates the trigger source for SCPI command (*TRG).
"Digital Output"	Available only with option R&S NGL-K103 or R&S NGM-K103. Configures the output fault, output 1 and output 2.
"File Manager"	File transfer function between instrument internal memory and USB stick.
"Interfaces"	Wireless LAN is available only with option R&S NGL-K102 or R&S NGM-K102. IEEE-488 (GPIB) interface is available only with option R&S NGL-K105 or R&S NGM-K105. Configures the network (WLAN, Wireless LAN), USB interface and GPIB address
"User Button"	Configures the shortcut key action (screenshot, trigger, toggle logging, reset statistics, toggle touch).
"Screenshot"	Captures screen image of the instrument.
"CSV Settings"	Configures the file formatting for CSV file.
"Data & Time"	Configures date, time and clock format of the instrument.

Menu	Description
"Appearance"	Configures brightness level for screen display and frontpanel keys.
"Sound"	Enables/Disables sound when selected trigger events occur.
"Licenses"	Displays license information and install license options.
"Device Information"	Displays instrument information.
"Update Device"	Performs firmware update on the instrument.
"Save/Recall Device Settings"	File management on the instrument settings. Resets instrument settings with factory default.

Channel menu

The "Channel 1" or "Channel 2" menu provides access to settings on channel output, channel trigger conditions and output limit settings.

1. Press [Home] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the home window.
2. Select the "Settings" button on the selected channel display area.
Alternatively, press [Settings] key to access the required channel menu.

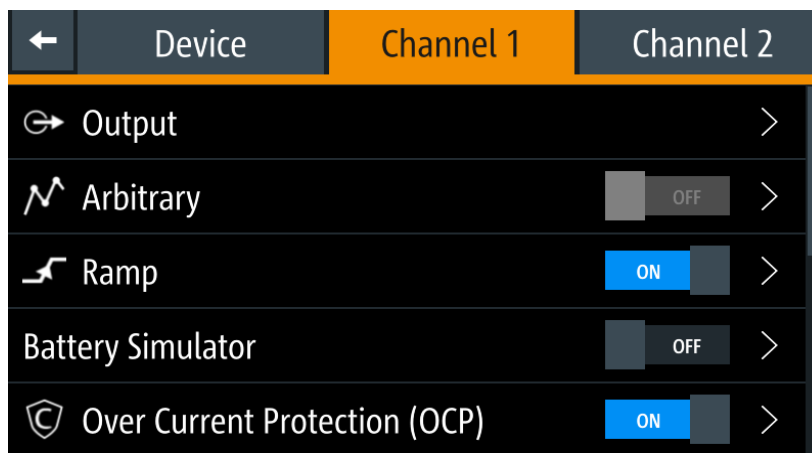


Figure 5-10: Channel 1 menu

Menus	Description
"Output"	Configures the output impedance, output delay time, trigger actions and output mode (sink/source) of the output.
"Arbitrary"	Configures the arbitrary sequence, sequence repeatability response and the sequence ending behavior.
"Ramp"	Configures the ramping time applied on the channel output.

Menus	Description
"Battery Simulator"	Available only with option R&S NGM-K106. Activation of the "Battery Simulator" function and edit new battery model data.
"Over Current Protection (OCP)"	Configures OCP protection settings ("Blowing Delay", "Initial Delay" and linking channel) for the instrument.
"Over Voltage Protection (OVP)"	Configures OVP protection settings (OVP level) for the instrument.
"Over Power Protection (OPP)"	Configures OPP protection settings (OPP power) for the instrument.
"Ranges / DVM"	Activation of the DVM function and configures the voltage/current measurement range.
"Constant Resistance"	Configures the resistance used in the sink mode.
"Fast Transient Response"	Enables/Disables the "Fast Transient Response" function on the channel output.
"Safety Limits"	Configures the voltage and current limit of the channel output.

5.3.1.3 User Key



The [*] key provides a shortcut function to one of the followings:

- screenshot
- trigger
- data logging
- reset statistics
- toggle touchscreen input

The shortcut key is configurable in the "Device">"User Button" menu. See [Chapter 6.8, "User Key"](#), on page 66.

5.3.2 Navigation Controls

Navigation in the menu and setting of values can be done via rotary knob and [Back] key.

Rotary knob



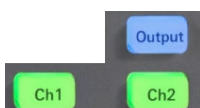
The rotary knob has several functions:

- Increments (clockwise direction) or decrements (counter-clockwise direction) any kind of numeric value when in editing mode
- Navigates up (clockwise direction) or down (counterclock-wise direction) the menu or menu items when rotated
- When pressed and rotated, the rotary knob navigates along the set voltage or current position in the home window

[Back] key

Using the [Back] key, you can do several things:

- Navigate to the previous menu window
- Close or discard changes made on the on-screen keypad
- Close the instrument pop-up messages

5.3.3 Output and Channel Controls

Applicable only for 2-channel models (NGL202, NGM202), these keys control the channel output settings of the instrument.

Function keys	Description
[Ch1], [Ch2]	Selects the respective channel for output.
[Output]	Master output switch - it turns output for all selected channels on or off.

5.4 Power Derating

The NGL202, NGM202 models include two identical channels with a continuous voltage range of 0 V to 20.05 V. The instrument provides a source of up to 6.01 A for voltage below 6 V and 3.01 A for voltage range from 6 V to 20 V.

Similar to NGL202, NGM202, the NGL201, NGM201 models provide a single channel with an output power of up to 60 W.

Combination of the set voltage and current limit results in the following output performance graph.

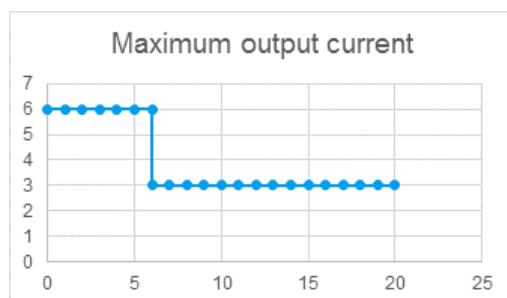


Figure 5-11: Output performance graph

5.5 Operation Modes

The R&S NGL/NGM operates in three modes, i.e. the constant voltage (CV), constant current (CC) and constant resistance (CR). The instrument switches automatically

between CV and CC depending on the connected load. When CR is configured, the instrument is not switched to CR mode automatically, it will operate in CR mode when sinking but source in CV or CC mode.

CV mode

Figure 5-12 shows that if the instrument is in the range of voltage regulation, the output voltage V_{out} remains constant while the current may increase to its maximum value I_{max} when the connected load is increasing. In CV mode, the font text in the channel display area changes to green.

See Figure 5-3.

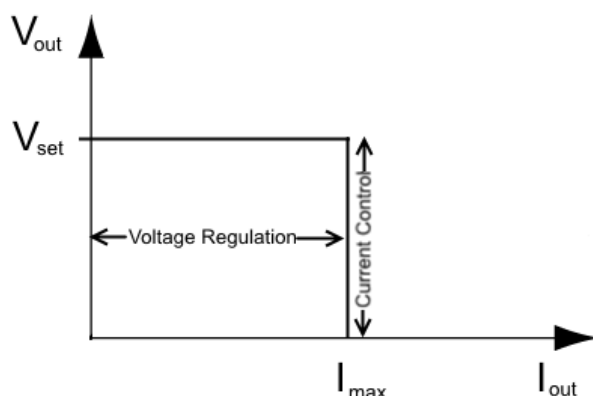


Figure 5-12: Current limit

CC mode

The current I_{max} corresponds to the current setting adjustable in the instrument.

If I_{out} reaches I_{max} , the instrument switches to CC mode, i.e. the output current remains constant and limited to I_{max} even if the load increases. Instead, the output voltage V_{out} decreases to almost zero with a short circuit. In CC mode, the font text in the channel display area changes to red.

See Figure 5-3.

CR mode

To go into CR mode, the R&S NGL/NGM must operate in sink mode where current flows into the instrument and "Constant Resistance" is enabled.

With "Constant Resistance" enabled and configured, the R&S NGL/NGM can set the resistance in sink mode, this allows the R&S NGL/NGM to behave like an electronic load which is useful in battery test application.

In CR mode, the font text in the channel display area changes to cyan.

See Figure 5-3.

6 Instrument Functions

6.1 Setting the Channels Voltage and Current

The R&S NGL/NGM comes with the following instrument models:

Models	Channels
NGL201, NGM201	Ch1
NGL202, NGM202	Ch1, Ch2

Toggle the respective channel key ([Ch1], [Ch2]) on the front panel to select these channels. When a channel is selected, the respective channel key illuminates.



Figure 6-1: Ch2 key illuminates when selected

Set output voltage and current



Voltage, current settings

If "Arbitrary" function of a selected channel is enabled, the respective channel voltage or current setting is disabled.

See "[Channel settings](#)" on page 62.

The R&S NGL/NGM adjusts the voltage values between 0 V to 20.05 V with a step size of 1 mV and current values between 0 A to 6.01 A with a step size of 0.1 mA.

The setting of current value corresponds to the I_{\max} of the respective channel. It is advisable to set the current limit before operating the instrument to prevent damage to the load and instrument in the case of malfunction such as a short-circuit.

1. Press [Home] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the home window.
2. Set voltage or current in the home window.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to set value.
3. Enter the required voltage or current value.
4. Confirm value with the unit key (V/mV or A/mA).
5. Press the required channel key ([Ch1] or [Ch2]) on the front panel.
The selected channel key is illuminated. See [Figure 6-1](#).
6. Press the [Output] key on the front panel.

The R&S NGL/NGM outputs the set voltage of the selected channel and displays the corresponding values in the home window.

For more information on the operation modes, see [Chapter 5.5, "Operation Modes"](#), on page 38.



Figure 6-2: Voltage and current settings in the instrument

6.2 Activating the Channels Output

The outputs of all the channels (Ch1, Ch2) can be switched on or off by toggling the [Output] key on the front panel.

By default, the output is turned off when the instrument is switched on. The output is also automatically turned off when no channel is selected. This design prevents a connected load from being damaged unintentionally.

1. Press the required channel key.
Selected channel key (Ch1, Ch2) illuminates.
2. Press [Output] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM outputs the set voltage of the selected channel.
Depending on the operating mode, the font text in the channel display area shows green in CV mode, red in CC mode and blue in CR mode.
Note: The R&S NGL/NGM goes into CR mode when CR is enabled and the instrument operates in sink mode.
See [Chapter 5.5, "Operation Modes"](#), on page 38.
See also [Chapter 5.4, "Power Derating"](#), on page 38.

Multiple outputs can be turned on or off at the same time.



Figure 6-3: Output of Ch2 in CV mode

6.2.1 Set Constant Resistance

CR

By enabling the constant resistance (CR) mode, you can operate the R&S NGL/NGM as an electronic load in sink mode. This allows you to perform testing that requires a constant load resistor in your application.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to apply constant resistance.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select the "Constant Resistance" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Constant Resistance" dialog.
4. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.
When operates in sink mode condition, the R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Constant Resistance" icon on the selected channel status bar information.
5. Set the required resistance.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to set the value.
6. Confirm value with the unit key (mΩ or Ω).



Figure 6-4: Constant resistance dialog

6.2.2 Fast Transient Response



With fast transient response, the R&S NGL/NGM is able to quickly stabilize the output voltage upon a step change in the load current.

Load transient recovery time can be switched between 30 μs ("Fast Transient Response" = "ON") or 100 μs ("Fast Transient Response" = "OFF") for the output voltage to recover and stay within 20 mV of the nominal output voltage follows by a step change in the load current.

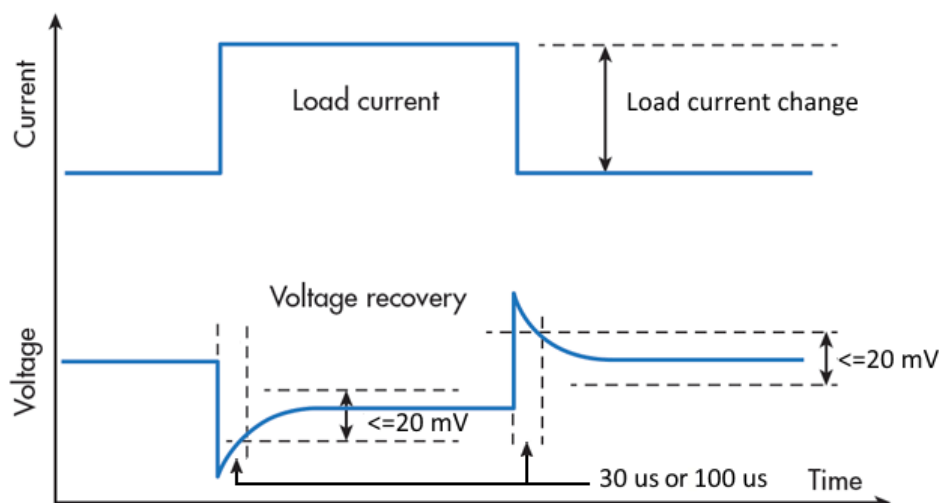


Figure 6-5: Transient response graph

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to apply fast transient response.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.

3. Activate the "Fast Transient Response" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM applies the fast transient response on the operating condition and displays the "Fast Transient Response" icon on the selected channel status bar information.
The setting of "Fast Transient Response" affects the output impedance control loop behavior. See [Chapter 6.2.3.1, "Impedance"](#), on page 44.

6.2.3 Output



The "Output" menu provides the settings for [output impedance](#), [output delay](#) and [triggers action](#) on the output mode.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to apply output delay.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select the "Output" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Output" dialog.

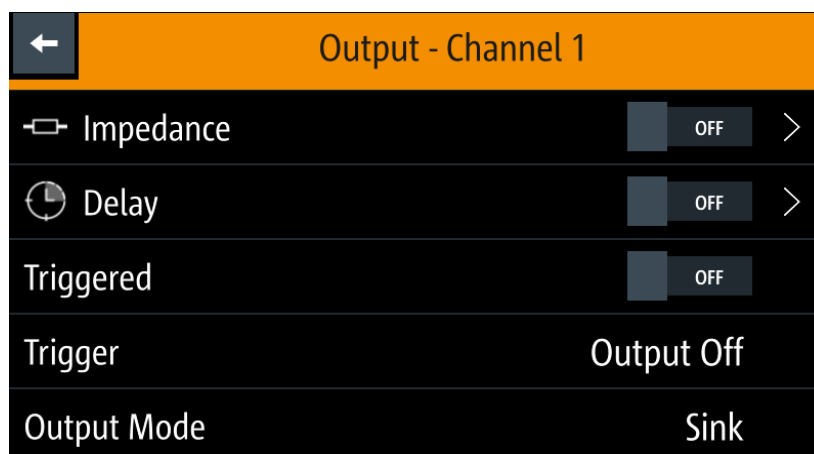


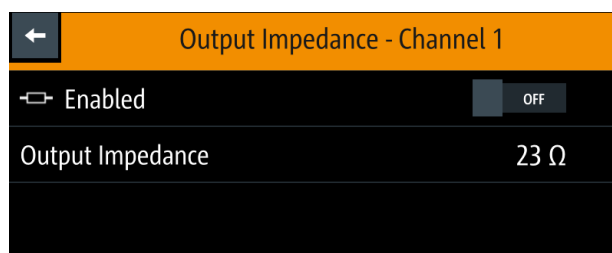
Figure 6-6: Output delay dialog

6.2.3.1 Impedance



The output impedance function is disabled during voltage ramp time of "Ramp" function. See [Chapter 6.7.2, "Ramp"](#), on page 65.

1. Select the "Impedance" menu item to configure the required values.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Output Impedance" dialog.



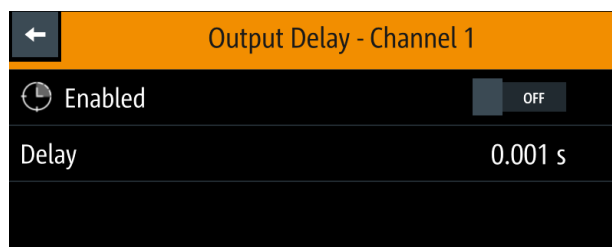
2. Set the required value.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the onscreen keypad for entry.
3. Confirm value with the unit keys.

The output impedance control loop depends on the setting "Fast Transient Response". If the setting is "ON", the focus is on control loop speed, which is recommended for resistive loads. Otherwise, the focus is on stability and should be preferred for capacitive or inductive loads. See [Chapter 6.2.2, "Fast Transient Response"](#), on page 43.

The output impedance is only active during CV (constant voltage) operation mode.

6.2.3.2 Delay

1. Select the "Delay" menu item to configure the required values.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Output Delay" dialog.



2. Set the required value.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the onscreen keypad for entry.
3. Confirm value with the unit keys.

The output delay is the time between the "Output On" event and the available voltage at the output terminals. See [Figure 6-7](#).

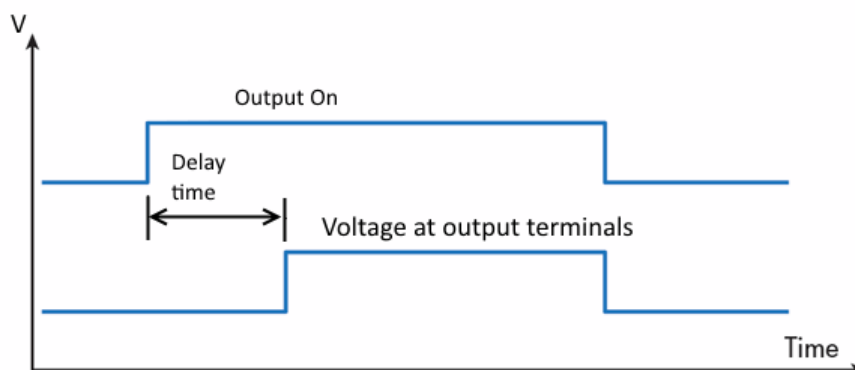


Figure 6-7: Output delay at the output terminals

When the instrument output delay is activated, the front panel of the respective channel key (i.e [Ch1], [Ch2]) blinks in green and a "DELAY" red text is displayed at the channel display area of the respective channel. See [Figure 6-8](#).

These operating behaviors resume to normal after the delay time.

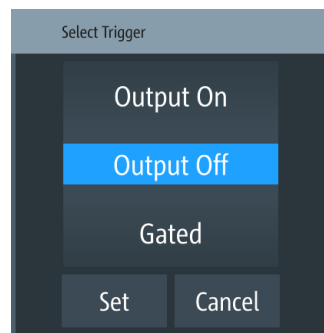


Figure 6-8: Delay text at channel display area

6.2.3.3 Trigger Events

1. Select the "Triggered" menu item to activate the trigger event corresponding to the trigger parameters.
See [Figure 6-18](#).
2. Select the "Trigger" menu item to set the action if a trigger event happens.

The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Trigger" dialog.

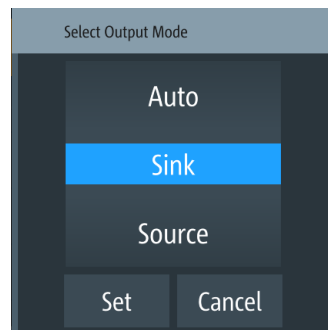


3. Select the required trigger action.
 - "Output On": If triggered, the selected output channel is turned on.
 - "Output Off": If triggered, the selected output channel is turned off.
 - "Gated": If triggered, the selected output channel is gated.
4. Select "Set" to configure the trigger action.

6.2.3.4 Output Mode

1. Select the "Output Mode" menu item to set the output mode. See ["Source and sink current"](#) on page 24.

The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Output mode" dialog.



2. Select the required output mode.
 - Auto: Depending on the voltage across the output terminal, the R&S NGL/NGM goes into sink or source mode.
 - Sink : The R&S NGL/NGM goes to sink mode, current flows into the instrument. On display, the current shown negative current.
 - Source: The R&S NGL/NGM goes to source mode, current flows out from the instrument.

Note: If "Sink" mode is selected, the source current is limited to 1 mA. Otherwise, if "Source" is selected, the sink current is limited to 1 mA.
3. Select "Set" to configure the trigger condition.

6.3 Ranges / Digital Voltmeter (DVM)



Instrument option

R&S NGM-K104 (P/N: 3643.9927.02) option is required for Digital Voltmeter measurements.

Ranges / Digital Voltmeter (DVM) is only available on NGM devices.

Equipped with option R&S NGM-K104, the R&S NGM provides an independent digital voltmeter (DVM) to measure input voltage. See the datasheet for the full range of voltages that DVM supported.

Connection for the DVM measurement is wired from the instrument rear panel.

If DVM measurement is activated, the displaying of output voltage is not possible on the same channel. See ["Output terminals"](#) on page 21.

See [Figure 6-9](#) for the wiring example on measuring a voltage source from rear panel connector.

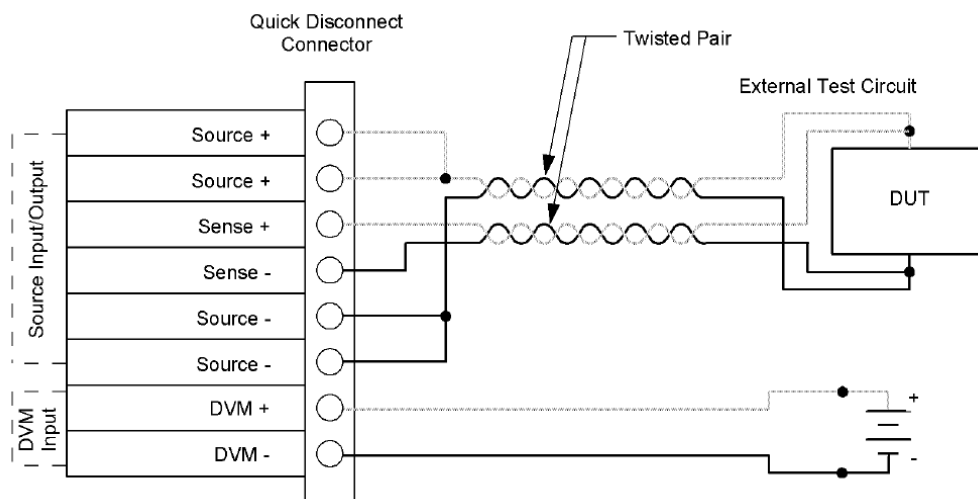


Figure 6-9: Rear panel four-wire sense and DVM connection

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to configure DVM function.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select the "Ranges / DVM" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Ranges / DVM" dialog.

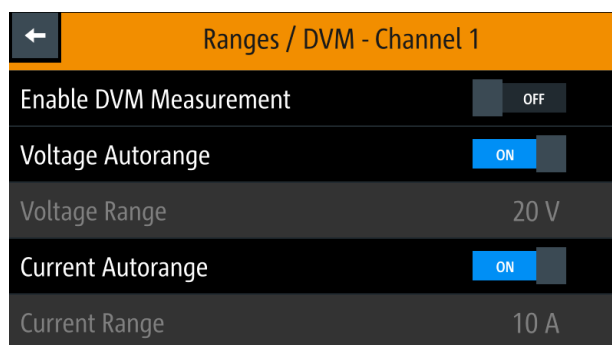


Figure 6-10: Range/DVM dialog

Note: The "Voltage Autorange" and "Voltage Range" are not available if DVM is enabled.

4. Activate the "Enable DVM Measurement" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM enables the DVM measurement and displays a DVM text in the channel display area. See [Chapter 5.1.2, "Channel Display Area"](#), on page 29.
5. To configure the voltage range, set "Enable DVM Measurement" to "OFF".
Select any of the following to configure the voltage and current measurement range.
 - "Voltage Autorange" / "Current Autorange": Best display of voltage or current measurement range
 - "Voltage Range" / "Current Range": See [Table 6-1](#).
To select the voltage or current range, set the auto range to "OFF".

Measurement range

Correct setting of voltage and current range increases the accuracy of the voltage/current measurements. Measuring outside the range values may result in invalid measurements with OVERLOAD indicator.

See the datasheet for the measurement accuracy according to the measurement range selected.

Table 6-1: Voltage and current range

Available voltage ranges	
Auto	Instrument selects the best range to display.
5V	Accuracy from 0 V to 5 V.
20V	Accuracy from 0 V to 20.05 V.
Available current ranges	
Auto	Instrument selects the best range to display.
10 A	Accuracy from 0 A to 10 A.
1 A	Accuracy from 0 A to 1 A.

100 mA	Accuracy from 0 A to 100 mA.
10 mA	Accuracy from 0 A to 10 mA.

6.4 Battery Simulator



Instrument option

R&S NGM-K106 (P/N: 3636.6626.02) option is required.

Battery Simulator is only available on NGM devices.

Equipped with battery simulator option, the R&S NGM can be used as a battery source in developing products whereby battery is not ready for testing, such as phones and portable devices.

The R&S NGM provides a battery simulator editor to configure the battery model at different states to analyze the products behavior under specific conditions. Different battery state of charge (SoC) can be simulated rapidly without waiting for the charging or discharging process of a normal battery when conducting tests.

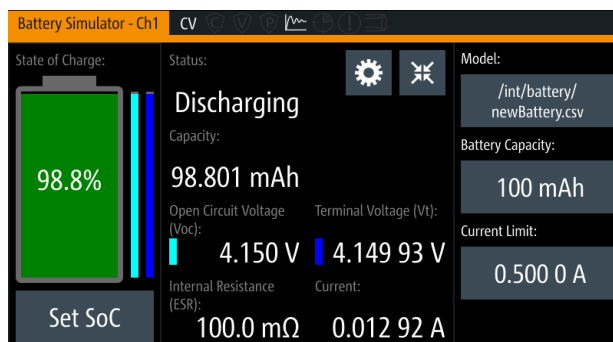
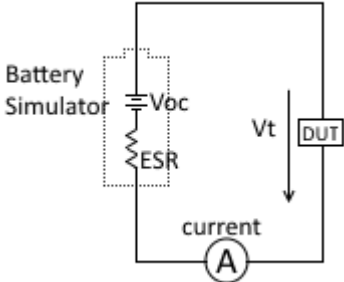


Figure 6-11: Battery simulator for Ch1

Table 6-2: Battery simulator parameters

Battery simulator parameters	Descriptions
SoC	State of charge represents the current battery capacity, e.g. 85% SoC represents that 15% of battery capacity is used.
 <p>Open circuit voltage (V_{oc}) Internal resistance (ESR) Terminal voltage (V_t) Current</p>	<p>V_{oc} is the voltage between the battery terminals with no load applied. The V_{oc} depends on the loaded battery model and the current SoC.</p> <p>The internal resistance (also known as ESR - Equivalent Series Resistance) also depends on the loaded battery model and current SoC.</p> <p>V_t is the voltage between the battery terminals with applied voltage drop over the ESR. Terminal voltage varies with charge or discharge current.</p>
Model	The loaded battery model applied in the battery simulator.
Battery capacity	The storage capacity for the battery, e.g. a 100 mAh battery can deliver 100 mA for one hour.
Current limit	<p>The maximum current that can be drawn from the battery, e.g. for a capacity of 100 mAh battery, the battery is discharged in 12 minutes if maximum discharge current of 500 mA is applied.</p> <p>There are three current limit settings available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SoC < 0 % (the battery is empty) • SoC 0 % to 100 % (the battery is in normal operation mode) • SoC > 100 % (the battery is fully loaded)

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to configure the battery simulator function.
The R&S NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select the "Battery Simulator" menu item from the menu.
The R&S NGM displays the "Battery Simulator" dialog.

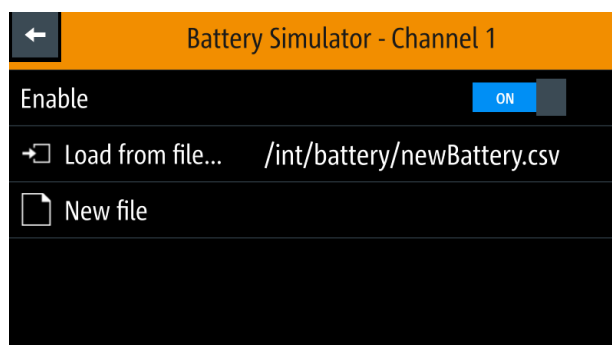
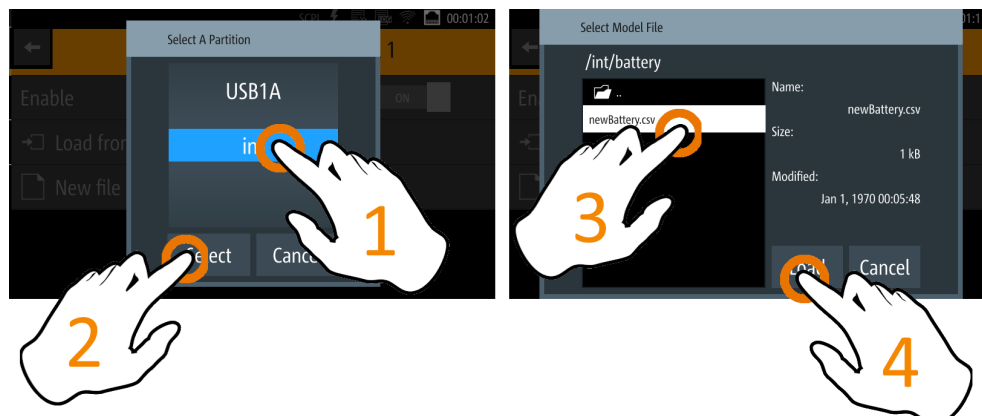



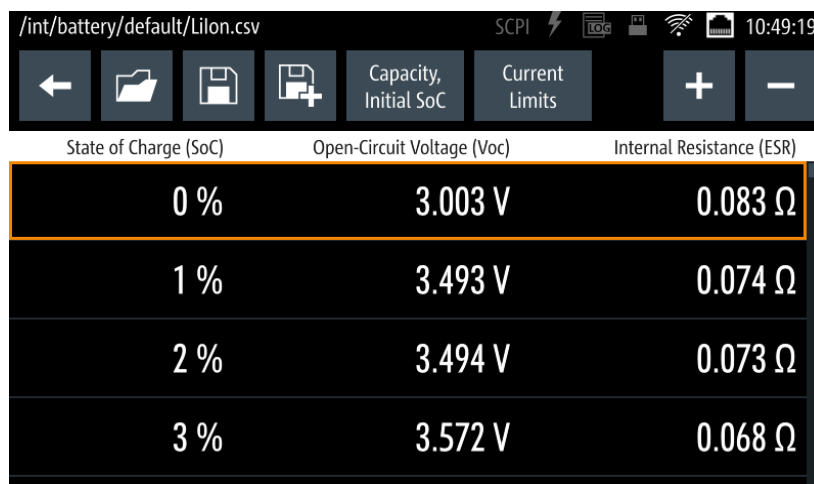
Figure 6-12: Battery simulator dialog

4. Activates the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGM enables the battery simulation function.
5. Select the "Load from file..." to load the battery model file.
The R&S NGM opens a dialog to select the source and file location.
6. Selects the required source and file location.
Alternatively, select "New file" to edit a new battery model file. The R&S NGM opens the [battery model editor dialog](#) to edit the new battery model file.
7. Select the "Load from file..." to load the selected file.
The R&S NGM loads the selected battery model file into the [battery model editor dialog](#).





Battery model editor

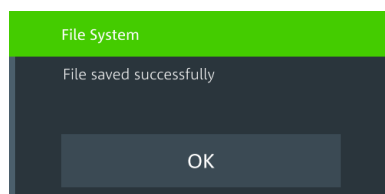
The battery model editor dialog allows you to edit the "State of Charge (SoC)", "Open-Circuit Voltage (Voc)" and "Internal Resistance (ESR)" for a new or existing battery model file. To view or open the list of available battery model files, select  to open the battery model file.



State of Charge (SoC)	Open-Circuit Voltage (Voc)	Internal Resistance (ESR)
0 %	3.003 V	0.083 Ω
1 %	3.493 V	0.074 Ω
2 %	3.494 V	0.073 Ω
3 %	3.572 V	0.068 Ω

Figure 6-13: Battery model editor dialog

1. Configure the "Battery Model Editor" with the required state of charge (SoC), open-circuit voltage (Voc) and internal resistance (ESR).
The R&S NGM displays the on-screen keypad for data entry.
See also [Table 6-2](#).
2. Confirm values with the unit keys.
3. Select the "Plus" or "Minus" icon to add or delete the battery model data from the dialog.
 - "Plus": A new row of battery model data is added to the end of the table. The new addition is a copy of the last battery model data in the table.
 - "Minus": To delete, select the row of battery model data for deletion followed by the "Minus" icon.
4. Set the "Capacity" and "Initial SoC" to configure the battery capacity and initial state of charge settings.
The R&S NGM displays the on-screen keypad for data entry.
5. Select  (New file) or  (Existing file) to save the battery model data.
The R&S NGM displays a popup message to show that the file was saved successfully.



6.5 Protection

There are various ways in which the R&S NGL/NGM protects itself and the connected load from damage due to overvoltage, overcurrent and overpower drawn by the load during testing.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to configure the various protection dialogs.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.

6.5.1 Over Current Protection (OCP)



When the drawn current exceeds the limit set for the respective channels, an alert is triggered and the affected channels are turned off according to the settings configured in the OCP dialog.

1. Select "Over Current Protection (OCP)" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the OCP dialog.

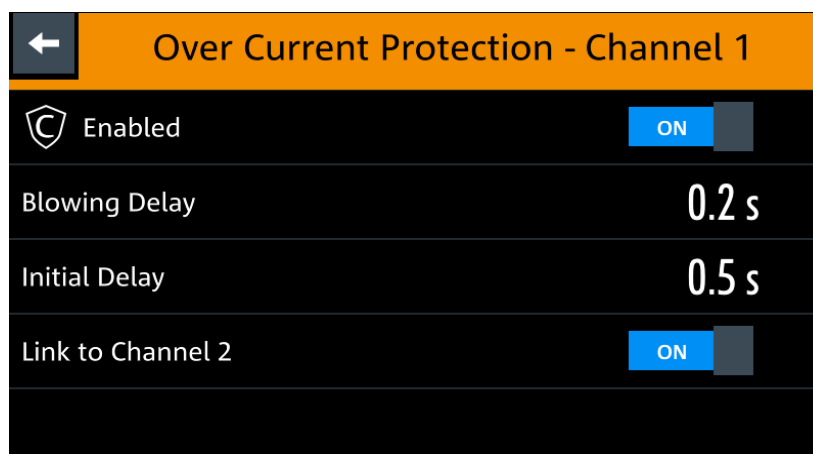


Figure 6-14: Over current protection dialog

2. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM enables the OCP and displays the OCP icon on the selected channel status bar information.
3. Set the required "Blowing Delay" and "Initial Delay".
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to set the values.
 - "Blowing Delay": The time taken to turn off the affected channel after OCP is triggered.
 - "Initial Delay": The time taken before OCP is put into operation.
4. Confirm value with the unit key (ms or s).

5. Activate the "Link to Channel 2" or "Link to Channel 1" menu item.
 - ON: The linked channel is turned off when an OCP event is triggered.
 - OFF: The linked channel is not affected when an OCP event is triggered.

6.5.2 Over Voltage Protection (OVP)



When the output voltage exceeds the limit set for the respective channel, an alert is triggered and the affected channel is turned off according to the settings configured in the OVP dialog.

1. Select "Over Voltage Protection (OVP)" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the OVP dialog.

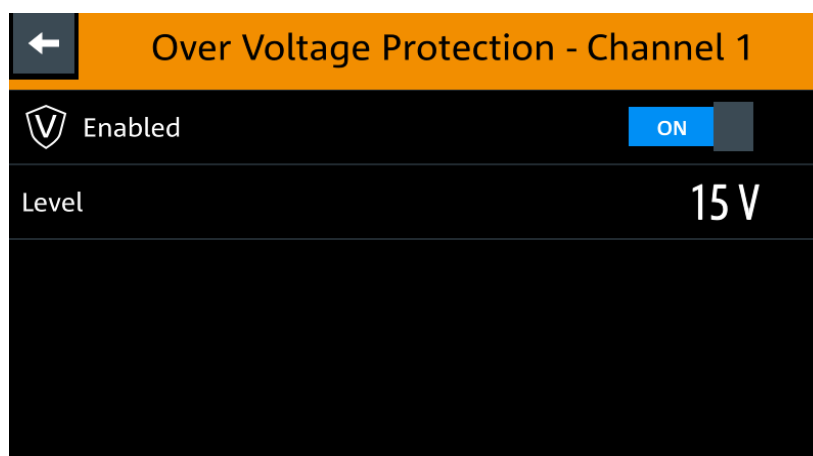


Figure 6-15: Over voltage protection dialog

2. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM enables the OVP and displays the OVP icon on the selected channel status bar information.
3. Set the required level for OVP.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to set the value.
4. Confirm value with the unit key (mV or V).

6.5.3 Over Power Protection (OPP)



When the output power exceeds the limit set for the respective channels, an alert is triggered and the affected channels are turned off according to the settings configured in the OPP dialog.

1. Select "Over Power Protection (OPP)" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the OPP dialog.

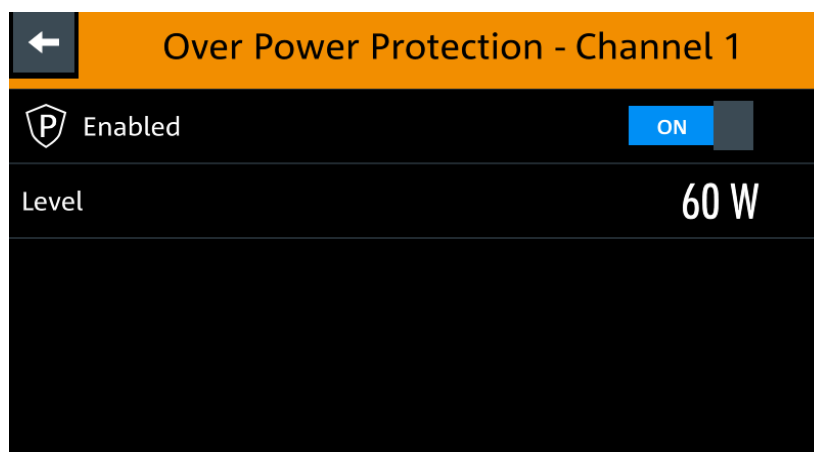


Figure 6-16: Over power protection dialog

2. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM enables the OPP and displays the "Over Power Protection (OPP)" icon on the selected channel status bar information.
3. Set the required level for OPP.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to set the value.
4. Confirm value with the unit key (mW or W).

6.5.4 Safety Limits



With safety limits set in the instrument, the range of the output voltage and/or output current can be limited. The safety limit prevents inadvertently setting values dangerous for the connected DUT.

1. Select "Safety Limits" menu item from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Safety Limits" dialog.

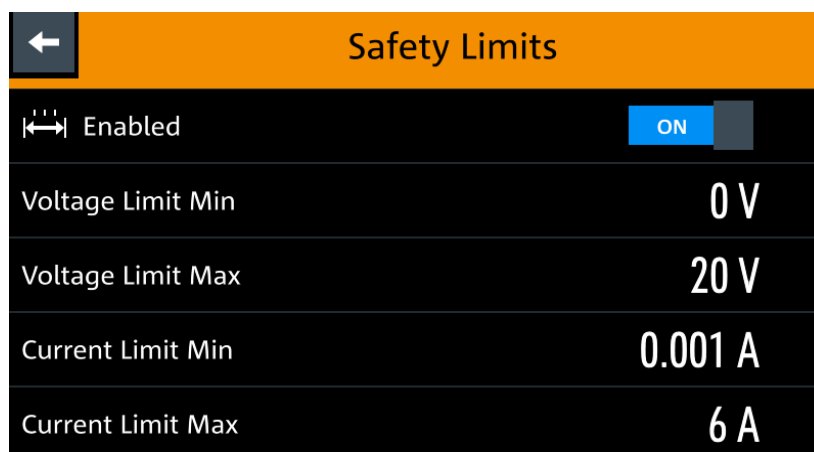


Figure 6-17: Safety limits dialog

2. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM limits the set voltage and current level and displays the "Safety Limits" icon on the selected channel status bar information.
3. Set the required minimum and maximum value for voltage and current level.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays an on-screen keypad to set the value.
4. Confirm value with the unit key.

6.6 Trigger / Digital I/O

CAUTION

Digital I/O pins voltage rating

Do not exceed the maximum voltage rating of the Digital I/O pins when supplying voltages to the pins.

The specified voltages are 0 V to 24 V for all output pins and 0 V to 15 V for all input pins.

For more information, see the instrument datasheet (P/N: 5216.1057.32).



Instrument option

R&S NGL-K103 (P/N: 3652.6385.02) or R&S NGM-K103 (P/N: 3643.9904.02) option is required for the Digital I/O signals.

Option is not required for "User Button" and "*TRG" trigger-in signals.

With an optional Digital I/O, you can apply a single trigger-in signal and control multiple trigger-out signals on the instrument. These trigger-out signals can be used to perform function such as triggering the data logger to record instrument when a channel output is active or protection event is used to trigger the digital out pin, which in turn can be used for fuse linking between two instruments.

The trigger system has two latency types: low latency and software latency. While low latency triggers are executed faster, the software latency does not have additional requirements.

The low latency actions are highlighted in bold (blue) and required to have same hardware channel for trigger source and trigger target.

See [Figure 6-18](#) for an overview of the trigger IO system.

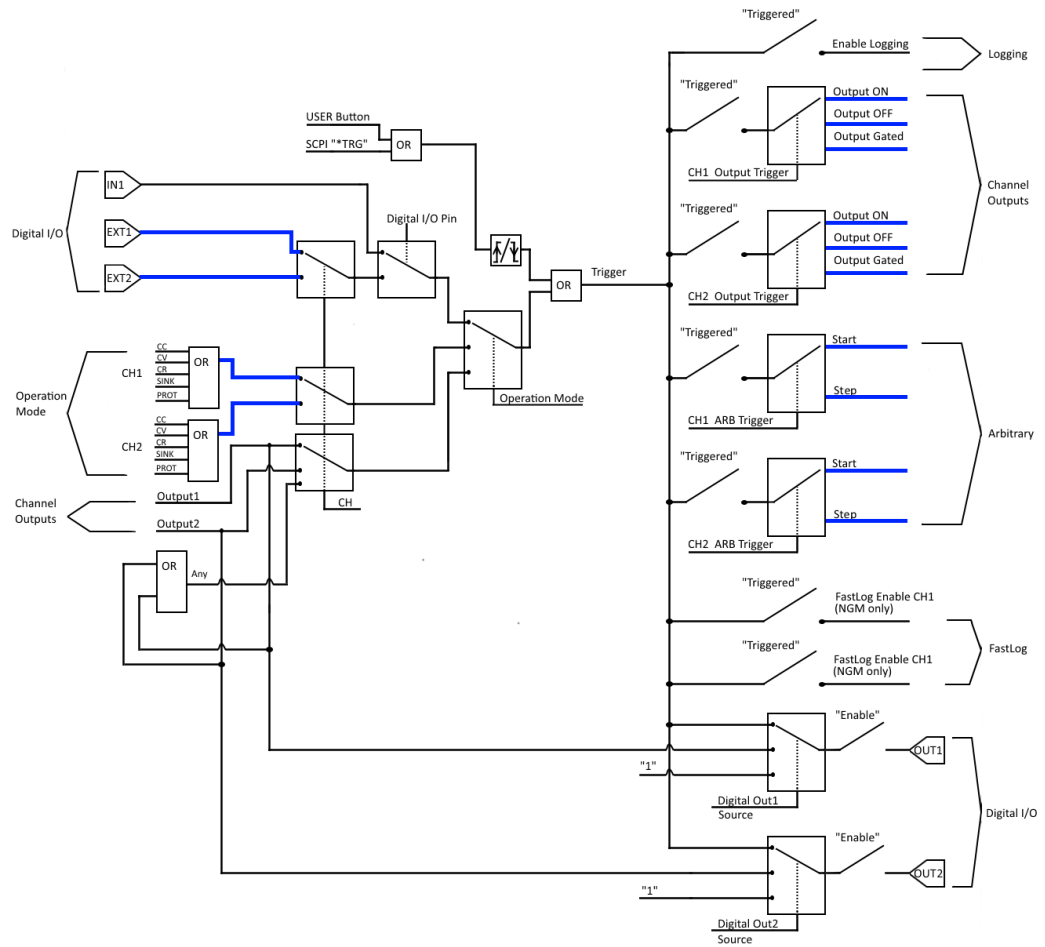


Figure 6-18: Overview of trigger IO system

Table 6-3: Trigger-in signals

Trigger-in parameters	Source	Descriptions
Ext trigger Ch1 Ext trigger Ch2	Digital In, pin 2 of Digital I/O connector Digital In, pin 10 of Digital I/O connector	If detected, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered. The ext trigger signal is low active (inverted logic). See Figure 6-18 .
Digital I/O IN1	Digital In, pin 3 of Digital I/O connector	If detected, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered. The Digital I/O IN1 signal is low active (inverted logic). See Figure 6-18 .
Output channel 1 Output channel 2 Any of the channels	Output	If respective channel output is turned on, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered. See Figure 6-18 .

Trigger-in parameters	Source	Descriptions
CC, CV, CR, Protection, Sink	Operation Mode	If respective channel operation modes , protection event or sink mode is detected, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered. See Figure 6-18 .
User button *TRG	User button SCPI command (*TRG) remotely send to instrument	If detected, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered. See Figure 6-18 .

Table 6-4: Trigger-out signals

Trigger-out parameters	Trigger conditions	Descriptions
Output channel	Output On Output Off Gated	If a trigger is detected, respective channel output of the instrument turns on or off.
Digital Output Fault	CC, CV, CR, Protection and Sink, Output Off	If respective channel operation modes , protection event or sink mode is detected, a trigger signal is sent out at pin 11 of the Digital I/O connector . See Figure 6-19 .
Digital Output Out1	Trigger-in signal Output On Ch 1	If detected, a trigger signal is sent out at pin 4 of the Digital I/O connector .
Digital Output Out2	Trigger-in signal Output On Ch 2	If detected, a trigger signal is sent out at pin 12 of the Digital I/O connector .
Logging	Trigger-in signal	If detected, the data logger starts recording the instrument.
Arb	Start triggered Stop triggered	If a trigger is detected, respective channel starts generating a complete arbitrary signal or steps through the arbitrary signal for every trigger signal detected. The step time from the arbitrary signal is ignored in the case when trigger condition is set as "Stop triggered".
FastLog	Trigger-in signal	If detected, the FastLog module is enabled and starts acquiring measurement data.

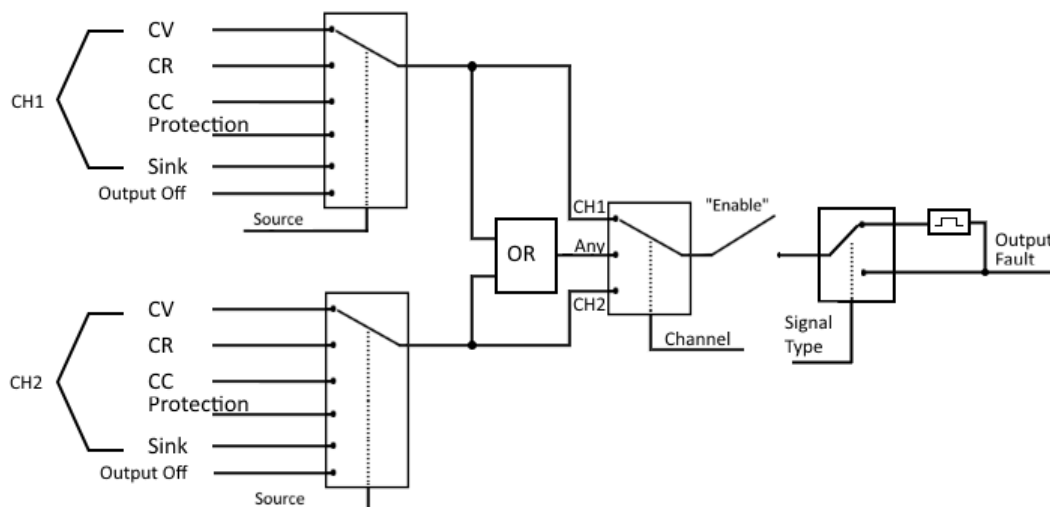


Figure 6-19: Digital output fault signal

Digital I/O connector

The Digital I/O connector is located below the GPIB connector, see [Chapter 4.2.1.2, "Rear Panel"](#), on page 20.

See [Figure 4-4](#) and [Table 4-2](#) for the Digital I/O connector and pins layout.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select "Trigger" menu item to set the trigger-in parameter.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Trigger" dialog.

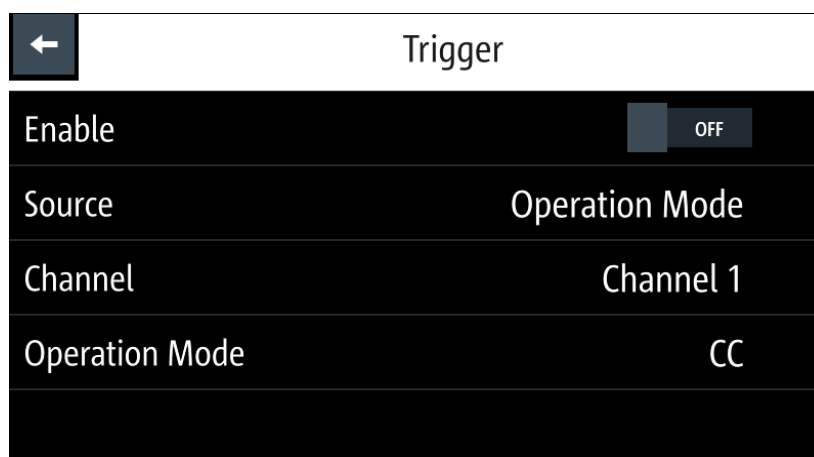



Figure 6-20: An example if Operation Mode is selected as Source

3. Select the "Source" to configure the trigger-in parameter.
See [Figure 6-18](#) for details of the trigger-in parameters.

4. Select "Enable" and set it "On" to enable the trigger-in setting.
5. Select "Back"  to go back to "Device" menu.
6. Select "Digital Output" to configure the trigger-out parameter.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Digital Output" dialog.

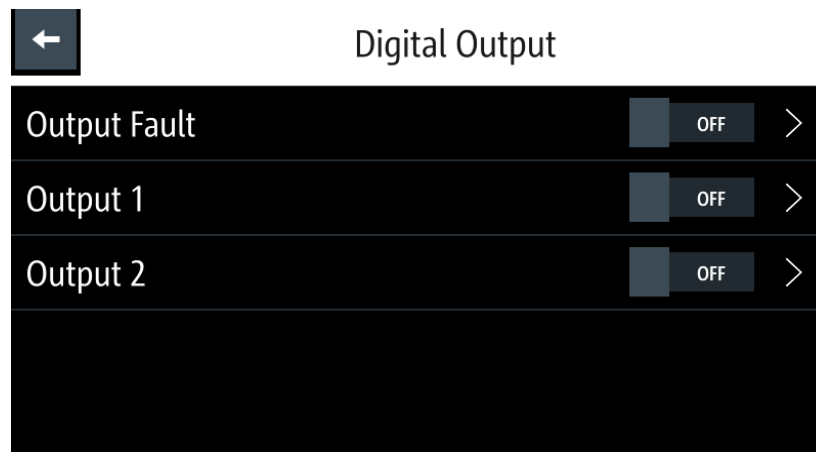



Figure 6-21: Digital Out dialog

7. Depending on your requirements, select the digital output accordingly.
The two Digital I/O output pins OUT1 and OUT2 can be set directly by the SCPI commands. See [DIO:OUTPut\[:STATe\]](#) on page 138.
See also [Figure 6-18](#) for details of the trigger-out parameters.
8. Select the respective "Digital Output" menu items and set "On" to enable the trigger-out parameters.
9. Select "Back"  to go back to "Device" menu.
10. If "User Button" is set as a trigger-in signal, select "User Button" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "User Button" dialog.
See also [Chapter 6.8, "User Key"](#), on page 66.
11. Select "User Button Action" and set as "Trigger".
The R&S NGL/NGM generates a trigger-in signal when [user button](#) key is pressed.
12. If "Logging" is set as a trigger-out signal, select "Logging" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Logging" dialog.
See also [Chapter 6.10, "Data Logging"](#), on page 68.
13. Select "Triggered" and set as "On".
The R&S NGL/NGM starts the data logging of the instrument when a trigger is detected.
14. If "Arbitrary" is set as a trigger-out signal, select "Arbitrary" menu item from the respective channel menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Arbitrary" dialog.
See also [Chapter 6.7.1, "Arbitrary"](#), on page 62.

15. Depending on your requirement, select "Start triggered" or "Step triggered" menu item and set "On".

The R&S NGL/NGM starts or steps through the arbitrary signal when a trigger is detected.

6.7 Advanced Features



Channel settings

If Arbitrary function of a selected channel is enabled, the respective channel voltage and current setting is disabled.

See [Chapter 6.1, "Setting the Channels Voltage and Current"](#), on page 40.

The Arbitrary and Ramp are two functions which can be used to control the waveform of voltage and current output.

6.7.1 Arbitrary



The Arbitrary function allows you to generate freely programmable waveforms which can be reproduced within the [Safety Limits](#) for voltage and current.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to configure Arbitrary function.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select "Arbitrary" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Arbitrary" dialog.

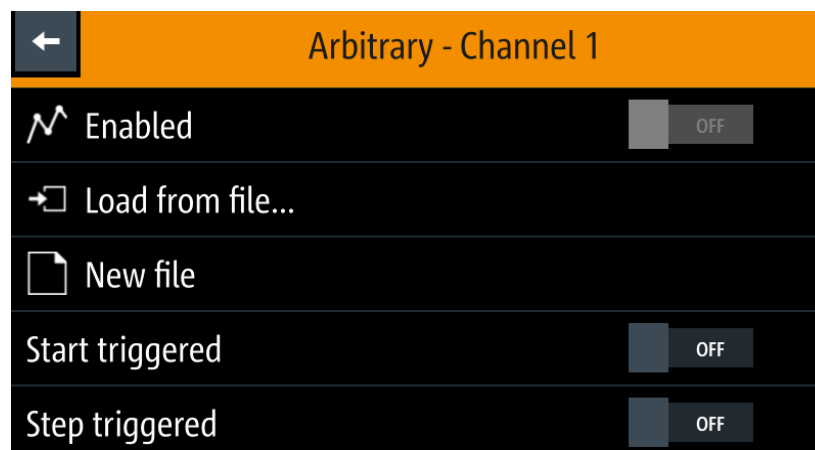


Figure 6-22: Select source and file location

4. Activates the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM enables the Arbitrary function and displays the "Arbitrary" icon on the selected channel status bar information.
5. Select "Load from file.." to load the arbitrary file.
6. Select the required source and file location.
Alternatively, select "New file" to edit a new arbitrary file. The R&S NGL/NGM opens the [arbitrary editor dialog](#) to edit the arbitrary file.
7. Select "Load" to load the selected file.
The R&S NGL/NGM loads the selected arbitrary file.




8. Applicable only with R&S NGL-K103 or R&S NGM-K103, Digital Output option. See [Chapter 6.6, "Trigger / Digital I/O"](#), on page 57. Activate "Start triggered" or "Step triggered" if the arbitrary function is executed under triggered condition.
 - "Start triggered": If triggered, the complete arbitrary function is executed.
 - "Step triggered": If triggered, every arbitrary step needs a trigger signal to execute (step time from "Arb Editor" is ignored).

Arbitrary editor





Interpolation flag

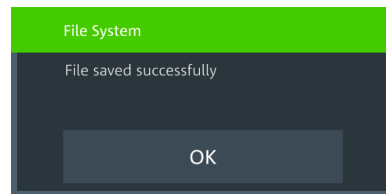
After execution of all repetition cycles, the last interpolation flag is ignored. See [Figure 6-22](#).

The "Arb Editor" dialog allows you to edit the arbitrary profile ("Voltage", "Current", "Time", "Interpolate" status, "Rep." and "End Behavior"). To view or open the list of available arbitrary files, select  to open the arbitrary file.

#	Voltage	Current	Time	Interpolate
1	1.000 V	1.000 0 A	0.001 s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	1.588 V	1.000 0 A	0.001 s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	1.951 V	1.000 0 A	0.001 s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	1.951 V	1.000 0 A	0.001 s	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Figure 6-23: Arbitrary editor dialog

1. Configure the "Arb Editor" with the required voltage, current and duration. The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad for data entry.
2. Confirm values with the unit keys.
3. Select the interpolation checkbox to toggle on/off the interpolation function on the arbitrary data.
4. Select the "Plus" or "Minus" icon to add or delete the arbitrary data from the dialog.
 - "+": A new row of arbitrary data is added to the end of the table. The new addition is a copy of the last arbitrary data in the table.
 - "-": To delete, select the row of arbitrary data for deletion follows by the "Minus" icon.
5. Set the "Rep" to configure repetition cycle for the arbitrary data. By default, the repetition cycle is set to infinity.
6. Set the "End Behavior" to handle the way to end the automation of the arbitrary function.
 - "Off": The output of the selected channel is turned off after performing the arbitrary function.
 - "Hold": The last voltage and current values remains at the output terminal of the instrument.
7. Select  (new file) or  (existing file) to save the arbitrary data. The R&S NGL/NGM displays a popup message to show that file saved successfully.



6.7.2 Ramp



The Ramp function configures a constant rise of supply voltage within a set time frame. The output voltage can be increased continuously within a 10 ms to 10 s time frame. Each channel has an independent ramp configuration. See [Figure 6-24](#).

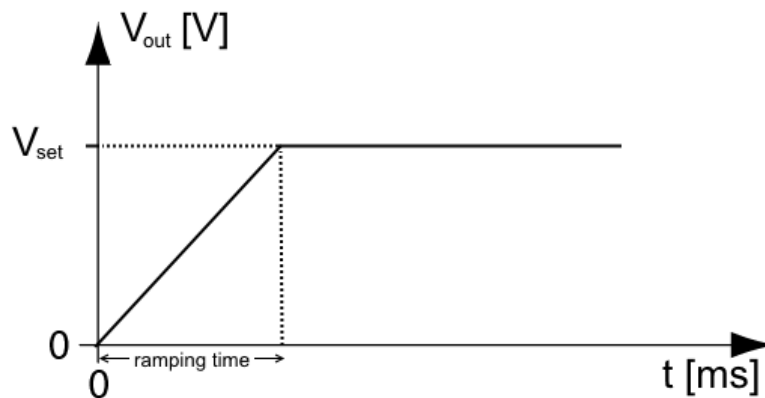


Figure 6-24: Ramping voltage output

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to configure Ramp function.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select "Ramp" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Ramp" dialog.

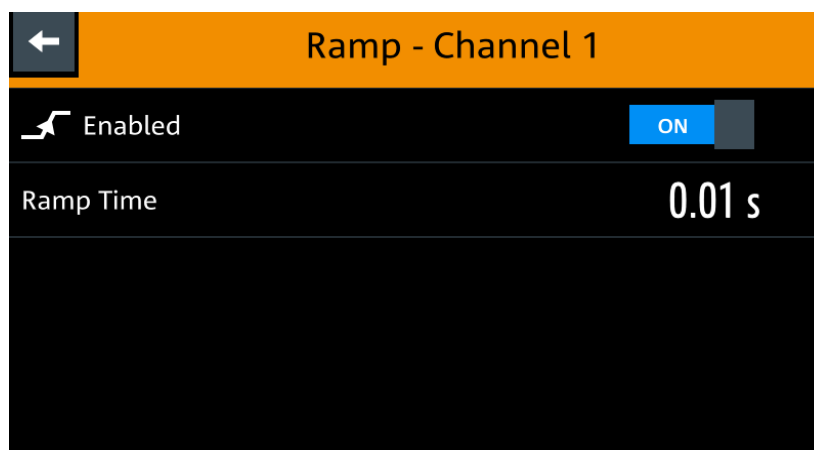


Figure 6-25: Ramp dialog

4. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.
The R&S NGL/NGM enables the Ramp function and displays the "Ramp" icon on the selected channel status bar information.
5. Set the required "Ramp Time".
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to set the value.
6. Confirm value with the unit key.

6.8 User Key



The R&S NGL/NGM allows you to configure the user action for one of the following functions:

- Screenshot image from instrument
 - Instrument trigger function
 - Data logging
 - Reset statistic (see index 1, 2, 3 of [Figure 5-6](#))
 - Enable/Disable touchscreen function
1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
 2. Select the "Device" menu tab to configure user action.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.
 3. Select "User Button" from the menu.
Alternatively, long pressed on the [*] key to configure the user button action.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "User Button" dialog.

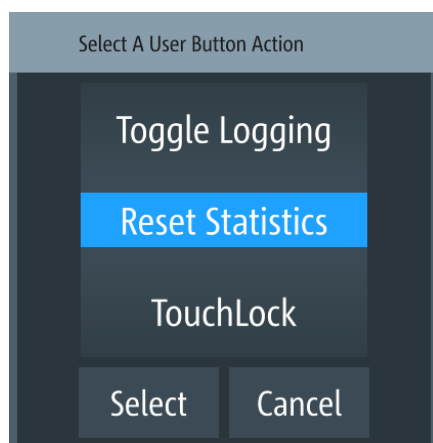


Figure 6-26: User button action

4. Select the "User Button Action" to configure the user action.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays a dialog to configure the user action.
5. Select the required user action.
 - "Screenshot": Capture the current screen image of the instrument
 - "Trigger": User key is used to activate the instrument trigger function
 - "Toggle Logging": Enable/Disable the data logger function
 - "Reset Statistics": Reset sample count, energy result, power, voltage and current values
 - "TouchLock": Enable/Disable the touchscreen function of the instrument
6. Select "Select" to confirm the action.

6.9 Screenshot



With screenshot, you can capture image easily from the instrument. The images can be stored in the USB stick or internal memory of the instrument. By default, the screen images are stored in the USB device under the target folder.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the "Device" tab to configure screenshot file location.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.
3. Select "Screenshot" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Screenshot" dialog.

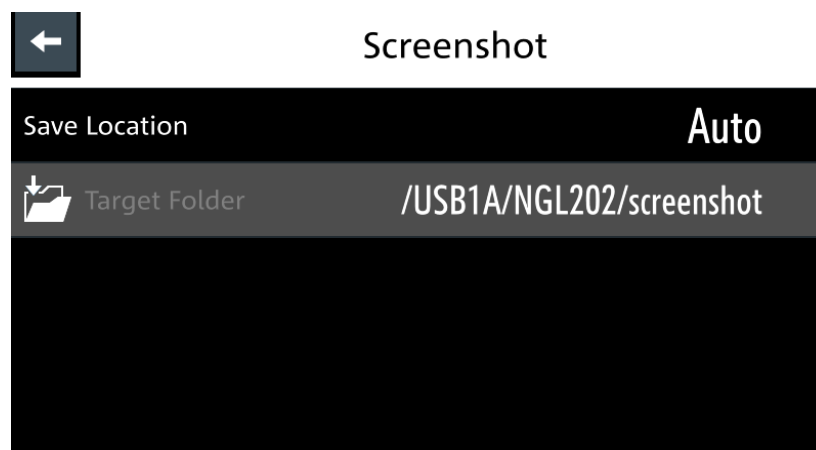


Figure 6-27: Screenshot dialog

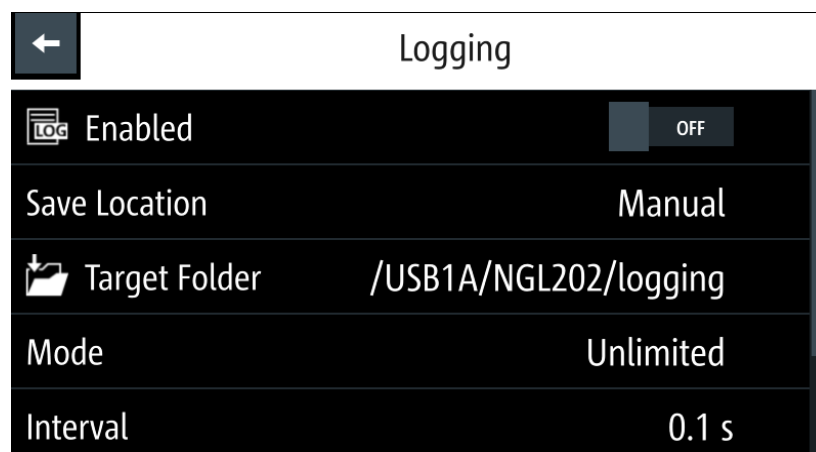
4. Select the "Save Location" to configure the screenshot file location.
 - "Auto": Target folder is set to default file location:
 - With USB stick detected:
 - /USB1A/NGL202/screenshot for NGL models
 - /USB1A/NGM202/screenshot for NGM models
 - Without USB stick detected:
 - /int/screenshot
 - "Manual": Choice of target folder.
5. Select the required save location.

6.10 Data Logging



When data logging is activated, the R&S NGL/NGM records the voltage, current and power data and stores it in the predefined target folder. The measurement data can be stored on the USB stick or in the instrument internal memory location.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the "Device" tab to configure data logger.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.
3. Select "Logging" menu item from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Logging" dialog.



4. Select the "Save Location" menu item to select the predefined target folder for data logger.
 - "Auto": "Target Folder" is auto-selected.
If no USB stick is detected, "Target Folder" is set to internal memory ("int") partition. By default, "USB1A" partition is selected.
 - "Manual": Choice of "Target Folder".
Selection is possible only if USB stick is detected.

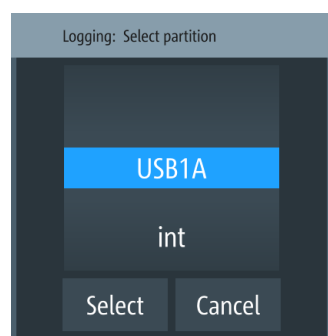


Figure 6-28: Target folder dialog

5. Set the required "Target Folder".
6. Select "Mode" to set logging duration.
 - "Duration": Time taken for data logging with duration and time interval setting.
 - "Span": Time taken for data logging with start time, time interval and duration setting
 - "Unlimited": Data logging with time interval setting. The data logging continuous until function is deactivated.
 - "Count": Data logging with number of counts and time interval setting
7. Depending on the selected mode, configure the required settings for the data logging duration.
8. Activate the "Enabled" menu item.

The R&S NGL/NGM activates the logging and disables the settings for file saved location and logging mode settings.

9. Applicable only with R&S NGL-K103, activate the "Triggered" menu item if data logging is required under triggered conditions.
If activated, the R&S NGL/NGM executes the data logging if a trigger event occurs.
See [Figure 6-18](#) and [Figure 6-26](#).
10. Configure the "CSV Settings".
See [Chapter 6.12, "CSV Settings"](#), on page 71.

6.11 FastLog



Available only with the NGM models.

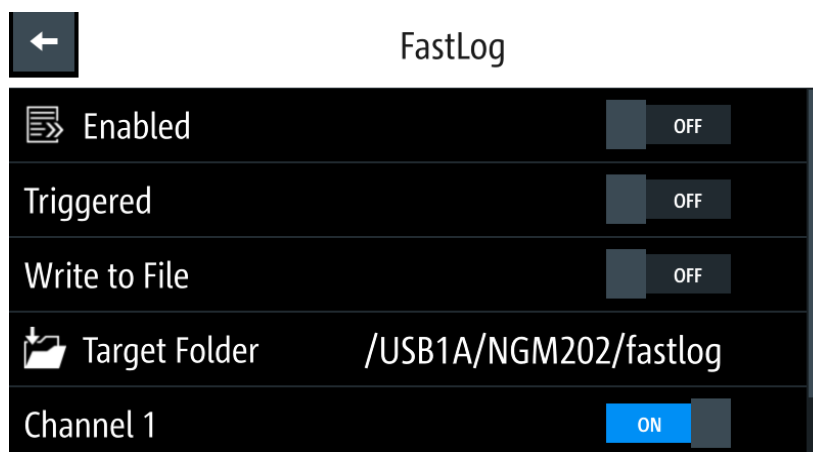
A USB stick with a minimum of 10MB/s continuous write speed is recommended for data storage.

The FastLog can write the measurement data (voltage/current) either to the USB device or to a SCPI client. In SCPI mode the client is required to be connected to the R&S NGM before "FastLog" is enabled

"FastLog" is a much faster data logging for voltage and current measurements. This fast logging features the benefit to capture short peak changes in voltage and/or current measurements which is particular useful in the measuring of low energy device, e.g. IoT products.

Refer to the data specification for the maximum data logging and resolution for NGM models.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the required channel tab to configure "FastLog" function.
The R&S NGM displays the selected channel menu.
3. Select "FastLog" menu item from the menu.
The R&S NGM displays the "FastLog" dialog.



4. Select "Enabled" to activate the "FastLog" function.
The R&S NGM starts the fast logging and displays the "Fast Logging" icon at the device status bar information.
5. Select "Triggered" to "ON" if you want "FastLog" to be enabled by a trigger event.
6. Select "Write to USB" if you want to save the measurements data to a binary file.
The file is saved to the directory specified in the "Target Folder". The R&S NGM creates a file for each channel and logs the measurement data to the binary file.
7. Select "Write to SCPI" to transfer the data to a SCPI client.
Note: The sum of all sample rates have to be smaller or equal to 500kS/s, i.e. sample rate of Ch 1 + sample rate of Ch 2 \leq 500kS/s.

6.12 CSV Settings



A CSV file stores tabular data (numbers and text) in plain text. Each line of the file is a data record and each record consists of one or more fields, separated by a file delimiter. The "CSV Settings" provides you ways to format the fields that are stored in the data logging. See [Figure 6-29](#).

#Device	NGM202					
#Calibration Ch1	factory					
#Calibration Ch2	factory					
Timestamp	U1[V]	I1[A]	P1[W]	U2[V]	I2[A]	P2[W]
12:51.3	5.1801	0.00161	0.00835	11.0004	0.00059	0.00652
12:51.4	5.1801	0.0016	0.00831	11.0003	0.0006	0.00665
12:51.5	5.1801	0.00161	0.00836	11.0004	0.0006	0.00657
12:51.6	5.1801	0.0016	0.0083	11.0004	0.0006	0.00658
12:51.7	5.1801	0.00161	0.00832	11.0004	0.00062	0.00679
12:51.8	5.1801	0.00162	0.00838	11.0003	0.00062	0.00682
12:51.9	5.1801	0.00161	0.00836	11.0003	0.0006	0.00660
12:52.0	5.1801	0.00161	0.00835	11.0004	0.0006	0.00662
12:52.1	5.1801	0.00161	0.00834	11.0004	0.0006	0.00663
12:52.2	5.1801	0.00162	0.00837	11.0004	0.00062	0.00683
12:52.3	5.1801	0.00162	0.00838	11.0004	0.00062	0.00686
12:52.4	5.1801	0.00161	0.00836	11.0004	0.00063	0.00695
12:52.5	5.1801	0.00161	0.00836	11.0004	0.00062	0.00681
12:52.6	5.1801	0.00161	0.00834	11.0004	0.00062	0.00683
12:52.7	5.1801	0.00161	0.00833	11.0004	0.00062	0.00684
12:52.8	5.1801	0.0016	0.00829	11.0003	0.00062	0.00682
12:52.9	5.1801	0.00159	0.00825	11.0004	0.00062	0.00683
12:53.0	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan
12:53.1	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan
12:53.2	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan

Figure 6-29: Sample of data logging

1. Select "CSV Settings" from "Device" menu or "Logging" menu. The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "CSV Settings" dialog.

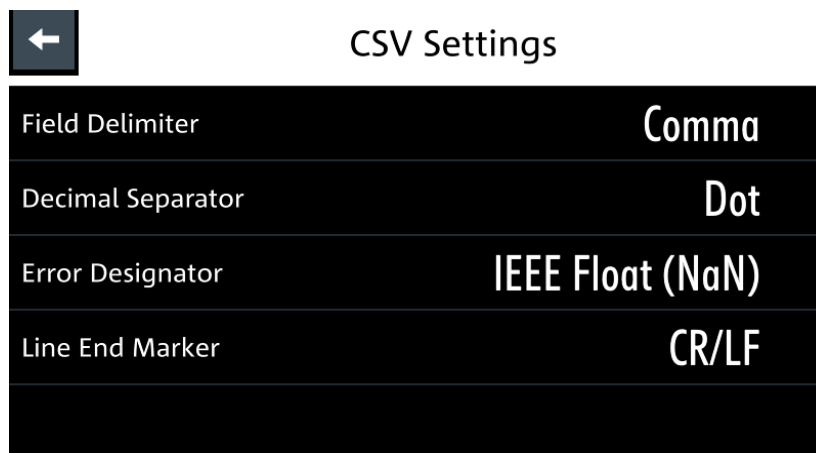


Figure 6-30: CSV settings dialog

2. Set the required CSV parameters. The R&S NGL/NGM displays the respective dialog to set the CSV parameters. See [Table 6-5](#).
3. Select "Set" to confirm the value.

Table 6-5: CSV settings

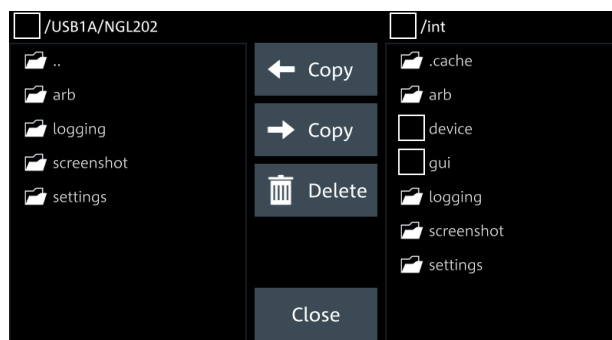
CSV Settings	Selective fields in the dialog
Field Delimiter	"Comma", "Semicolon"
Decimal Separator	"Dot", "Comma"
Error Designator	"IEE Float (NaN)", "Empty"
Line End Marker	"CR/LF", "LF"

6.13 File Manager






The "File Manager" provides file transfer functions between USB stick and internal memory of the instrument. You can copy and delete files in both USB stick and internal memory of the instrument.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the "Device" tab to configure file settings for store and recall function.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.
3. Select "File Manager" from the menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the file manager dialog.

**Figure 6-31: File manager dialog**

4. Select the file that you want to copy or delete.
5. Select the required action in the file manager dialog.
See [Table 6-6](#).

Table 6-6: File manager action

Action	Description
	Copy from internal memory to USB.
	Copy from USB to internal memory.
	Delete the selected file.

6.14 Store and Recall



Upon power-up, the instrument loads the last stored settings from internal memory location. Auto saved parameters are also applied during startup.

The R&S NGL/NGM output states of all channels (Ch1, Ch2) are disabled when the recall function is activated.



Auto saved instrument settings

Auto saved of the instrument settings is applied when any of the following parameters are changed:

- [Chapter 6.16, "General Instrument Settings"](#), on page 82
- USB connection mode
- Ethernet settings



In addition of the auto saved instrument settings, the following instrument settings are stored or recalled in the internal memory:

- [Set voltage and current level](#)
- [Settings in the Protection Function, Safety Limits](#)
- [Arbitrary settings, Ramp settings](#)
- [User button key function](#)
- [Data Logging settings](#)
- [GPIB Address](#)

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the "Device" tab to configure file settings for store and recall function.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.
3. Select "Save/Recall Device Settings".
The R&S NGL/NGM loads the "Save/Recall Device Settings" dialog.

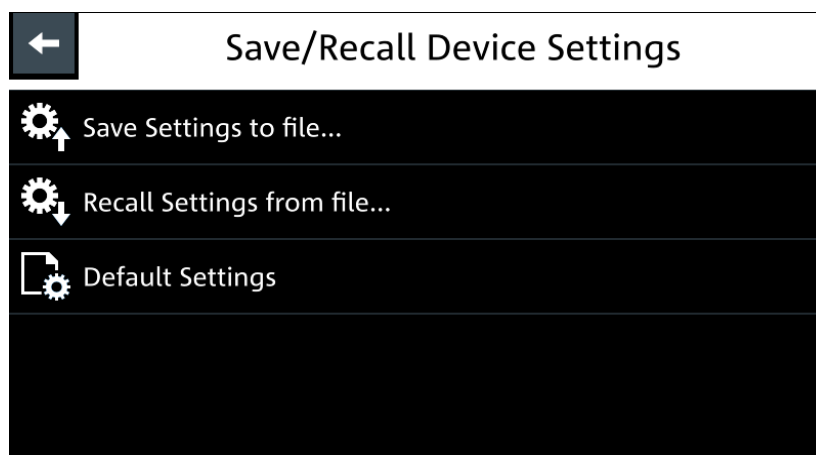
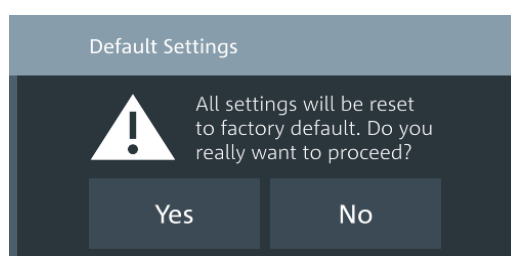


Figure 6-32: Save/Recall device settings dialog

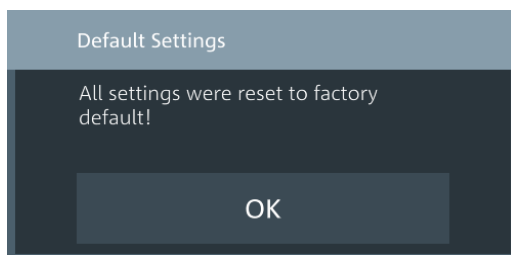
4. Select "Save Settings to file..." to save current instrument settings. The R&S NGL/NGM opens a dialog to select source and file location. You can save to existing file or create a file for saving.
5. Set the source and file location. The R&S NGL/NGM saves the current instrument settings.
6. Similar, you can select "Recall Settings from file..." to load instrument settings. The R&S NGL/NGM opens a dialog to select source and file location.
7. Set the source and file location. The R&S NGL/NGM resets the instrument with the loaded instrument settings.

To reset the instrument settings to factory default:

1. Select "Default Settings" from the "Save/Recall Device Settings" dialog. The R&S NGL/NGM displays a popup message.



2. Select "Yes" to overwrite instrument settings to factory default. The R&S NGL/NGM resets current instrument settings to factory default.
3. The R&S NGL/NGM displays a popup message to show that all settings are reset to factory default.



6.15 Interfaces

There are various of ways how the R&S NGL/NGM can be remotely accessed and controlled.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the "Device" tab to configure network connection.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.
3. Select "Interfaces".
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Interfaces" dialog.

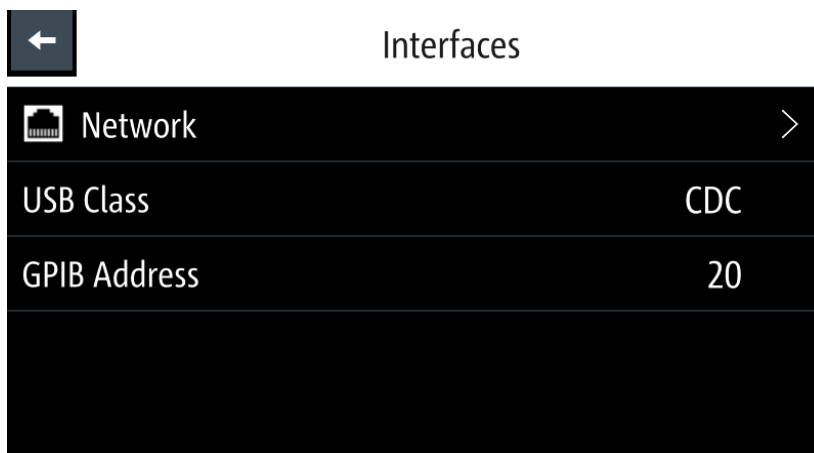
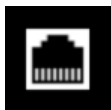


Figure 6-33: Interfaces dialog

4. Select the connected interface ([Network](#), [USB Class](#) or [GPIB Address](#)) to configure the necessary parameters required.
 - [Network Connection](#).....76
 - [USB Connection](#).....81
 - [GPIB Address](#)..... 81

6.15.1 Network Connection



There are two methods to establish a local area network (LAN) connection with the R&S NGL/NGM for remote control operation.

- LAN
- Wireless LAN

1. Select "Network" from the [Figure 6-33](#).
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Network" dialog.

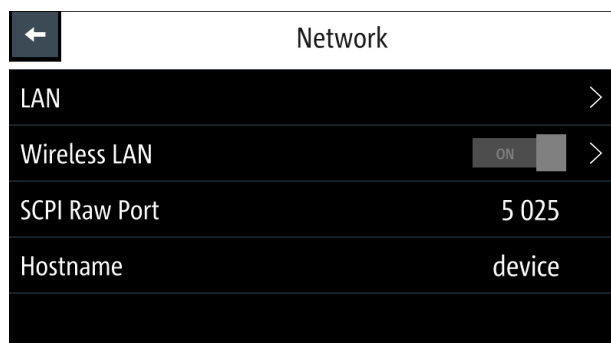


Figure 6-34: Network dialog

2. Set the required "SCPI Raw Port" and "Hostname".
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the on-screen keypad to enter the port number and hostname.
 - "SCPI Raw Port": A port number used to open a raw TCP/IP connection to send raw SCPI commands to the instrument
 - "Hostname": The name assigned to the instrument used to identify it in the network

When the connection is available, the network icon is highlighted in white on the device status bar information.

6.15.1.1 LAN Connection

The R&S NGL/NGM is equipped with a network interface and can be connected to an Ethernet LAN (local area network). A LAN connection is necessary for remote control of the instrument, and for access from a computer using a web browser.

NOTICE

Risk of network failure

Before connecting the instrument to the network or configuring the network, consult your network administrator. Errors may affect the entire network.



To establish a network connection, connect a commercial RJ-45 cable to the LAN port of the instrument and to a PC or network switch.

Depending on the network capacities, the TCP/IP address information for the instrument can be obtained in different ways.

- If the network supports dynamic TCP/IP configuration using the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), and a DHCP server is available, all address information can be assigned automatically.
- Otherwise, the address must be set manually. Automatic Private IP Addressing (APIPA) is not supported.

By default, the instrument is configured to use dynamic TCP/IP configuration and obtain all address information automatically. This means that it is safe to establish a physical connection to the LAN without any previous instrument configuration.

NOTICE

Risk of network errors

Connection errors can affect the entire network. If your network does not support DHCP, or if you choose to disable dynamic TCP/IP configuration, you must assign valid address information before connecting the instrument to the LAN. Contact your network administrator to obtain a valid IP address.

1. Connect the LAN cable to the LAN connector at the rear panel of the instrument.
2. Select "LAN" to set LAN connection.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "LAN" dialog.
Note: The "MAC Address" is fixed.

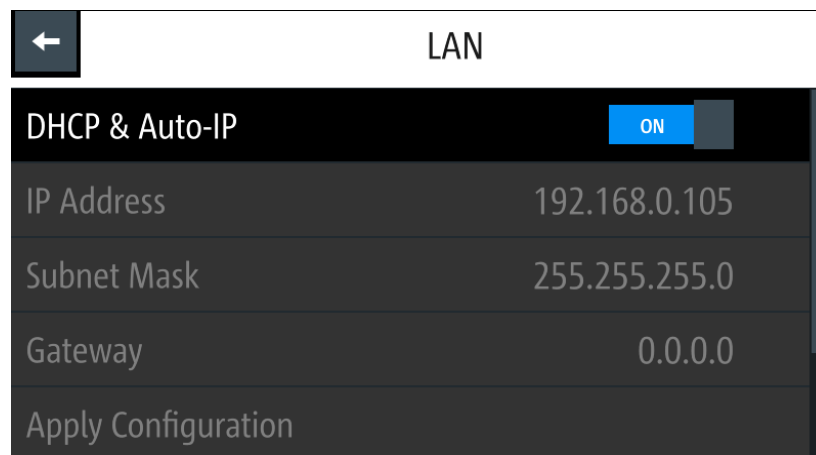


Figure 6-35: Ethernet settings dialog

3. Set the "DHCP & Auto-IP".
 - "ON": Enables DHCP for automatic network parameter distribution and shows the values of the IP Address. By default, the instrument is configured to use dynamic configuration and obtain all address information automatically.
 - "OFF": If the network does not support dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP). The addresses must be set manually.

4. Set the required DHCP mode.
If DHCP mode is set "OFF", the following "Ethernet Settings" are required.
5. Configure the "IP Address", "Subnet Mask" and "Gateway".
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the IP dialog for configuration.

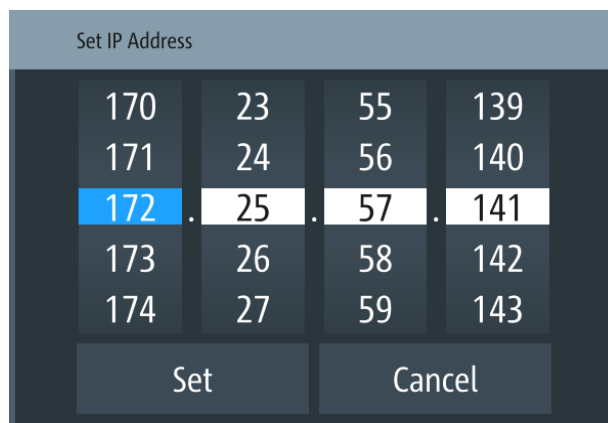


Figure 6-36: IP dialog

6. Set the required IP addresses for "IP Address", "Subnet Mask" and "Gateway"
7. Select "Set" to confirm the value.
8. Select "Apply Configuration" to apply the changes.

6.15.1.2 Wireless LAN Connection

WARNING

Risk of RF exposure

When WLAN is active, a minimum separation distance of 20 cm from front panel of the instrument must be observed at all times.

When WLAN is active, no operation of antenna or transmitter should be co-located with the instrument.



Wi-Fi transmitter performance

Frequency range: 2412 MHz to 2472 MHz

Power: 19.5 dBm typical



Instrument option

R&S NGL-K102 (P/N: 3652.6362.02) or R&S NGM-K102 (P/N: 3644.6367.02) option is required to connect the R&S NGL/NGM to a network via wireless LAN connection.

An alternative to connection in local area network is wireless LAN connection. With the presence of an authenticated Wi-Fi signal, the R&S NGL/NGM automatically connects to a network and navigation can be made via the web browser according to the WLAN IEEE 802.11 b/g/n standards.

1. Select "Wireless LAN" to set LAN connection.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the "Wireless LAN Settings" dialog.

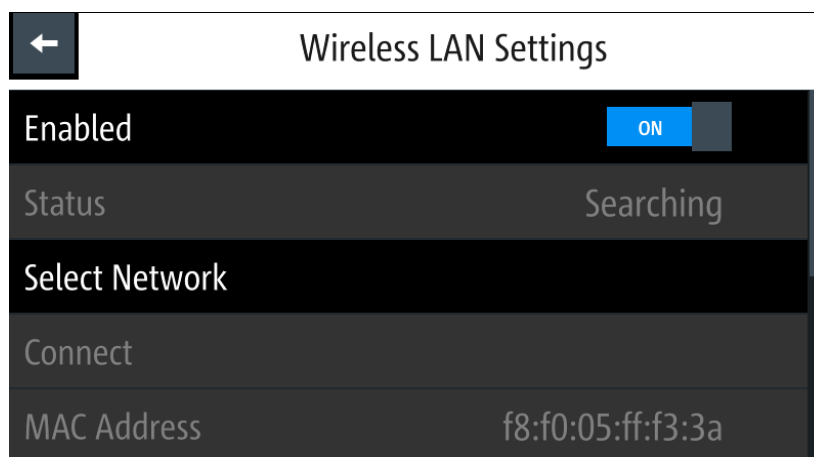


Figure 6-37: WLAN settings dialog

2. Select "Enable" menu item to set "On" to enable wireless LAN.
The R&S NGL/NGM began searching available WiFi network and the "Status" shows "Searching".
3. Select the "Select Network" to connect the required WiFi network.
If connection is successful, the "Status" shows "Connected". See [Figure 6-38](#).
When the connection is alive, the WLAN icon turns white on the device status bar. See ["Device status bar"](#) on page 27.

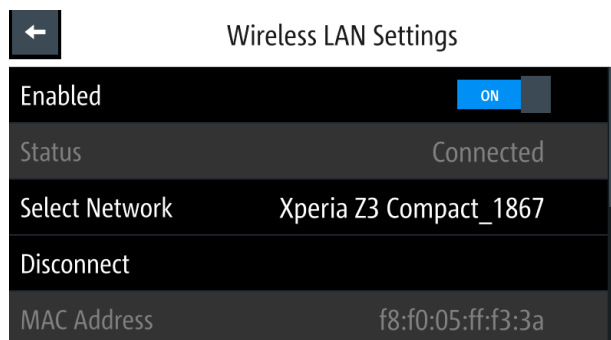


Figure 6-38: WLAN connected

4. To disconnect, select the Disconnect in the "Wireless LAN settings" dialog.

6.15.2 USB Connection

Alternatively, connect a USB cable to the USB port (see [Figure 4-2](#)) and PC for a USB connection. The R&S NGL/NGM supports USB CDC and USB TMC connection.

1. Select "USB Class" from the "Network Connections" dialog.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the USB class dialog to select the USB connection.



Figure 6-39: USB dialog

2. Set the USB class.
3. Select "Set" to confirm the selection.

6.15.3 GPIB Address



Instrument option

R&S NGL-B105 (P/N: 3652.6356.02) or R&S NGM-B105 (P/N: 3641.6220.02) option needs to be installed for the remote command of R&S NGL/NGM via GPIB interface.

The GPIB interface, sometimes called the General Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB), is a general purpose digital interface system that can be used to transfer data between two or more devices. Some of its key features are:

- Up to 15 instruments can be connected
- The total cable length is restricted to a maximum of 15 m; the cable length between two instruments should not exceed 2m
- A wired "OR"-connection is used if several instruments are connected in parallel

To be able to control the instrument via the GPIB bus, the instrument and the controller must be linked by a GPIB bus cable. A GPIB bus card, the card drivers and the program libraries for the programming language must be provided in the controller. The controller must address the instrument with the GPIB instrument address.


GPIB instrument address

To operate the instrument via remote control, it must be addressed using the GPIB address. The default remote control address is factory-set at 20, the addresses of 0 through 30 are allowed.

The GPIB address is maintained after a reset of the instrument settings.

1. Select "GPIB Address" from the [Figure 6-33](#).
The R&S NGL/NGM displays an on-screen keypad to set the value.



2. Enter the required value.
3. Confirm value with the enter key .

6.16 General Instrument Settings

The following chapters provide the general instrument information and utilities services in "Device" menu.

1. Press [Settings] key.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device/channel menu window.
2. Select the "Device" tab.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device menu.

6.16.1 Licenses Management

Options are enabled by entering a registered license key code.

You may choose to install from an XML file on USB or by manually entering the key code.

- ▶ Select "Licenses" to install license key code.

The R&S NGL/NGM displays the license dialog.

- "Active": Options that are currently active in the instrument
- "Inactive": Options that are currently not active in the instrument
- "Deactivation": Options that are expired or removed in the instrument

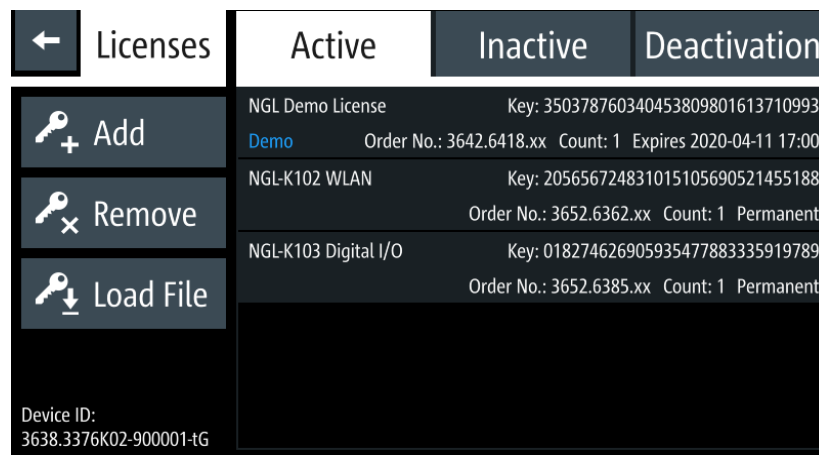


Figure 6-40: License dialog

To install an XML file, proceed as follows:

1. Copy the XML file containing the registered key code into the USB flash drive.
2. Connect the USB flash drive to the USB port of the instrument.
3. Select "Load File" to load the license file from the USB stick.
4. Select the license file to install in the instrument.
The R&S NGL/NGM install the license option accordingly.
If the installation is successful, the option is displayed in the "Active" window.

To manually enter the key code, proceed as follows:

1. Select "Add" key to invoke the license key on-screen keyboard.

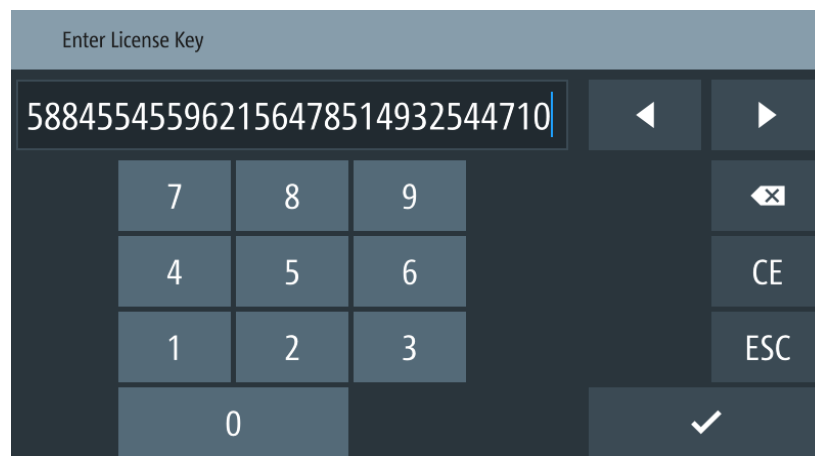




Figure 6-41: License key on-screen keyboard

2. Enter the key code (30-digit number) of the option in the entry box.
3. Confirm entries with the enter key  .
If the correct key code is entered, the R&S NGL/NGM popup a message "Device-key is installed" and the option is displayed in the "Active" window.
4. To remove the option, select "Remove" from the license dialog.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the license key on-screen keyboard. See [Figure 6-41](#).
5. Enter the key code (30-digit number) of the option in the entry box.
6. Confirm entries with the enter key  .
If the correct key code is entered, the R&S NGL/NGM popup a message "Device-key is removed" and the option is displayed in the "Deactivation" window.

6.16.2 Appearance Settings



- ▶ Select the "Appearance" to set display and key brightness.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the appearance dialog.



Figure 6-42: Appearance dialog

6.16.3 Sound Settings



1. Select the "Sound Settings" to set sound settings.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the sound settings dialog.

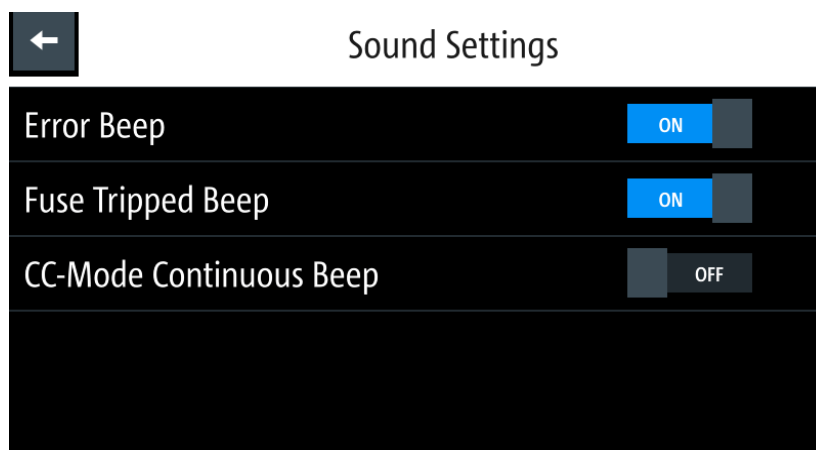


Figure 6-43: Sound settings dialog

2. Select the required fields to set alert.
 - "Error Beep": A single beep alert when error occurs.
 - "Fuse Tripped Beep": A single beep alert when a fuse tripped occurs. See [Chapter 6.5, "Protection"](#), on page 54.
 - "CC-Mode Continuous Beep": A continuous beep sound alert when the selected output channel goes into CC mode. See ["CC mode"](#) on page 39.

6.16.4 Date and Time



The time is regarded as UTC. There is no timezone selectable.



1. Select the "Date & Time" to set date and time format. The R&S NGL/NGM displays the date and time dialog.

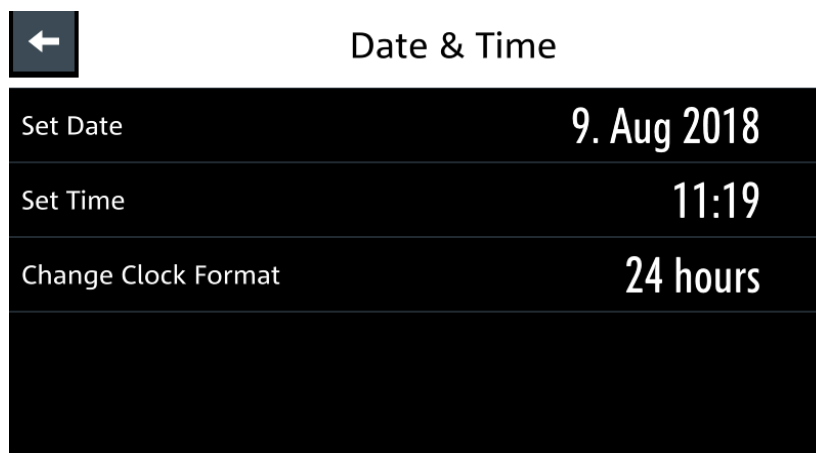


Figure 6-44: Sound settings dialog

2. Select the required field to configure.
The R&S NGL/NGM reset the instrument date and time accordingly.

6.16.5 Device Information



General instrument information of R&S NGL/NGM.

- ▶ Select the "Instrument Information" to display the device information.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the device information dialog.

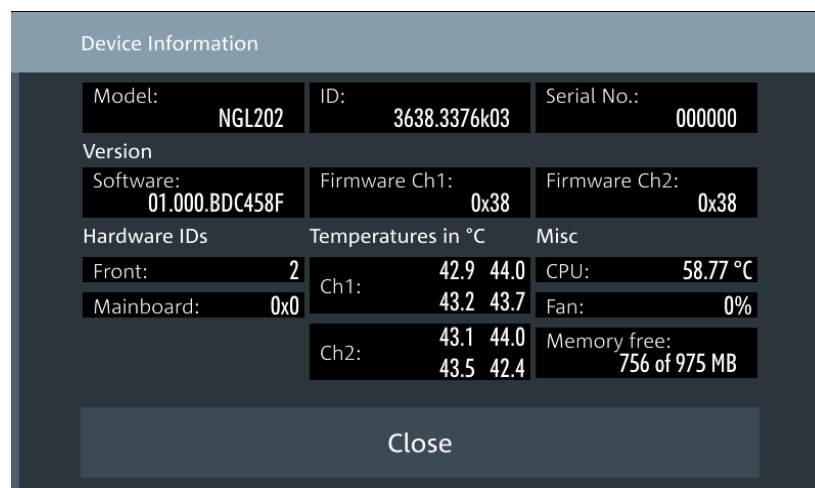


Figure 6-45: Device information dialog

Device information	Description
Model	Model of the instrument.
ID	Instrument orderable part number.
Serial No.	Unique identification number for the instrument.
Version	Software version that is installed in the instrument.
Hardware IDs	Unique serial number of the front and mainboard of the instrument.
Temperatures	Temperature in degrees measured in both Ch1 and Ch2. If the temperature exceeded the specification, "Over Temperature Protection" (OTP) is triggered and the respective output channel is turned off.
Misc	Temperature measures for CPU. Fan speed and memory capacity in the instrument.

6.16.6 Update Device



Latest instrument firmware is available in the R&S NGL/NGM product homepage.

1. Select the "Update Device" to update instrument firmware.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the update device dialog.

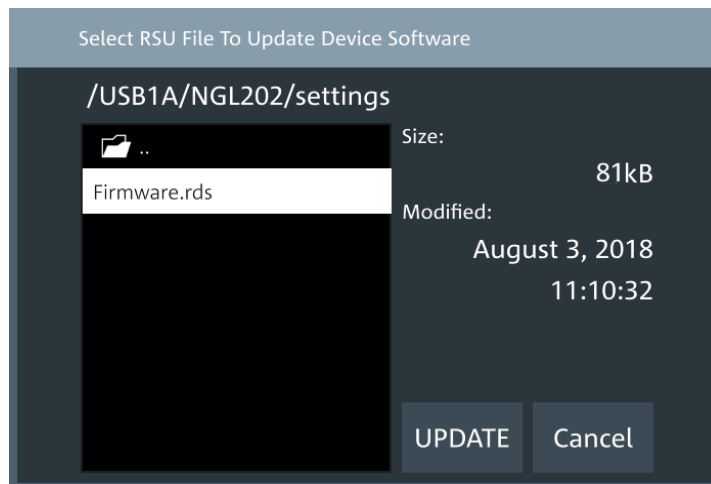


Figure 6-46: Update device dialog

2. Select the source and file location to update instrument firmware.
3. Select "UPDATE" to update the instrument firmware.
The R&S NGL/NGM updates the instrument firmware accordingly.

6.17 Device Documentation

You can retrieve the R&S NGL/NGM Open Source Acknowledgment documentation from the instrument documentation folder `/int/documentation`.

1. Go to "File Manager" menu.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the file manager dialog.
For more information, see [Chapter 6.13, "File Manager"](#), on page 73.
2. Select the documentation folder in the file manager dialog.
The R&S NGL/NGM displays the available files in the documentation folder.
3. Select the file you want to copy from the documentation folder.

7 Remote Control Commands

This chapter provides the description of all remote commands available for the R&S NGL/NGM series. The commands are sorted according to the menu structure of the instrument. A list of commands in alphabetical order is given in the "List of Commands" at the end of this documentation.

7.1 Common Setting Commands

Common commands are described in the IEEE 488.2 (IEC 625-2) standard. These commands have the same effect and are employed in the same way on different devices. The headers of these commands consist of "*" followed by three letters.

Many common commands are related to the Status Reporting System.

*CLS.....	88
*ESE.....	88
*ESR?.....	89
*IDN?.....	89
*OPC.....	89
*RST.....	89
*SRE.....	89
*STB?.....	90
*TRG.....	90
*TST?.....	90
*WAI.....	90
*SAV.....	90
*RCL.....	90

*CLS

Clear status

Sets the status byte (STB), the standard event register (ESR) and the `EVENT` part of the `QUESTIONABLE` and the `OPERATION` registers to zero. The command does not alter the mask and transition parts of the registers. It clears the output buffer.

Usage: Setting only

*ESE <Value>

Event status enable

Sets the event status enable register to the specified value. The query returns the contents of the event status enable register in decimal form.

Parameters:

<Value> Range: 0 to 255

***ESR?**

Event status read

Returns the contents of the event status register in decimal form and then sets the register to zero.

Return values:

<Contents> Range: 0 to 255

Usage: Query only

***IDN?**

Identification

Returns the instrument identification.

Return values:

<ID> "Rohde&Schwarz,<device type>,<part number>/<serial number>,<firmware version>"

Usage: Query only

***OPC**

Operation complete

Sets bit 0 in the event status register when all preceding commands have been executed. This bit can be used to initiate a service request. The query writes a "1" into the output buffer when all preceding commands have been executed, which is useful for command synchronization.

***RST**

Reset

Sets the instrument to a defined default status. The default settings are indicated in the description of commands.

Usage: Setting only

***SRE <Contents>**

Service request enable

Sets the service request enable register to the indicated value. This command determines under which conditions a service request is triggered.

Parameters:

<Contents> Contents of the service request enable register in decimal form.
Bit 6 (MSS mask bit) is always 0.

Range: 0 to 255

***STB?**

Status byte query

Reads the contents of the status byte in decimal form.

Usage: Query only

***TRG**

Recall

Triggers all actions waiting for a trigger event. In particular, *TRG generates a manual trigger signal. This common command complements the commands of the TRIGger subsystem.

Usage: Event

***TST?**

Self-test query

Initiates self-tests of the instrument and returns an error code.

Return values:

<ErrorCode>	integer > 0 (in decimal format) An error occurred.
	0 No errors occurred.

Usage: Query only

***WAI**

Wait to continue

Prevents servicing of the subsequent commands until all preceding commands have been executed and all signals have settled (see also command synchronization and [*OPC](#)).

Usage: Event

***SAV <Number>**

Save

Stores the current instrument settings under the specified number in an internal memory. The settings can be recalled using the command [*RCL](#) with the associated number.

***RCL <Number>**

Recall

Loads the instrument settings from an internal memory identified by the specified number. The instrument settings can be stored to this memory using the command `*SAV` with the associated number.

7.2 System Settings Commands

The `SYSTem` subsystem contains the commands for general functions, which do not affect signal generation directly.

<code>SYSTem:BEEPer:STATe</code>	91
<code>SYSTem:LOCAl</code>	91
<code>SYSTem:REMOte</code>	91
<code>SYSTem:RWLock</code>	92
<code>SYSTem:KEY:BRIGHtness</code>	92
<code>SYSTem:DATE</code>	92
<code>SYSTem:TIME</code>	92

`SYSTem:BEEPer:STATe <Mode>`

`SYSTem:BEEPer:STATe?`

Sets or queries the beeper tone.

Parameters:

`<Mode>` 1 | 0
ON
 OFF - Control beeper is deactivated.
OFF
 ON - Control beeper is activated.
 *RST: ON

Example: `SYSTem:BEEPer:STATe ON`
 The front panel control beeper is activated.

Example: `SYSTem:BEEPer:STATe?`
 Queries the state of the front panel control beeper. Returns "0" for deactivated (OFF) and "1" for activated (ON) control beeper.

`SYSTem:LOCAl`

Sets the system to front panel control. The front panel control is unlocked. If the front panel control was locked with the SCPI command `SYSTem:RWLock`, the message box of the locked front panel on the instrument display will be disappeared.

Usage: Setting only

`SYSTem:REMOte`

Sets the system to remote state. The front panel control is locked. By pushing the soft-key button [*] key, the front panel control will be activated.

Usage: Setting only

SYSTem:RWLock

Sets the system to remote state. The front panel control is locked and a message box is shown on the instrument display. You are only able to unlock the front panel control via SCPI command SYSTem:LOCal.

Usage: Setting only

SYSTem:KEY:BRIGhtness <brightness> **SYSTem:KEY:BRIGhtness?**

Sets or queries the front panel key brightness.

Parameters:

<brightness> Sets the key brightness.
 Range: 0.0 to 1.0
 Increment: 0.1
 *RST: 1.0

Example: SYSTem:KEY:BRIGhtness 1.0
 SYSTem:KEY:BRIGhtness? -> 1.0
 Returns key brightness value: 1.0.

SYSTem:DATE <year>, <month>, <day> **SYSTem:DATE?**

Sets or queries the system date.

Parameters:

<year> Sets year of the date.
 <month> Sets month of the date.
 <day> Sets day of the date.

Example: SYSTem:DATE 2018, 10, 15
 SYSTem:DATE? -> 2018, 10, 15
 Returns the system date.

SYSTem:TIME <hh>, <mm>, <ss> **SYSTem:TIME?**

Sets or queries the system time.

Parameters:

<hh> Sets the hours of the system time.
 <mm> Sets the minutes of the system time.
 <ss> Sets the seconds of the system time.

Example: `SYSTem:TIME 12, 30, 59`
 `SYSTem:TIME? -> 12, 30, 59`
 Returns system time.

7.3 Display Commands

The `DISPlay` subsystem contains the commands for display functions, which do not affect signal generation directly.

<code>DISPlay:BRIGhtness</code>	93
<code>DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT:CLEar</code>	93
<code>DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT[:DATA]</code>	93

DISPlay:BRIGhtness <brightness>
DISPlay:BRIGhtness?

Sets or queries the display brightness.

Parameters:

<brightness> Displays brightness for the instrument.
 Range: 0.0 to 1.0
 Increment: 0.1
 *RST: 0.8

Example: `DISPlay:BRIGhtness 0.5`
 `DISPlay:BRIGhtness? -> 0.5`
 Returns the display brightness value.

DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT:CLEar

Clears the text message box on the front display.

Usage: Setting only

DISPlay[:WINDow]:TEXT[:DATA] <string>

Displays a text message box on the front display.

Setting parameters:

<string> Text message for display.

Example: `DISPlay:TEXT "Instrument Test"`

Usage: Setting only

7.4 Trigger Commands

The `TRIGger` subsystem contains the commands for signal triggering.

TRIGger[:STATe].....	94
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce.....	94
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:DIO:CHANnel.....	94
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:DIO:PIN.....	95
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OMODE.....	95
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OMODE:CHANnel.....	96
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OUTPut:CHANnel.....	96

TRIGger[:STATe] <arg0>

Enables or disables the trigger system.

Upon being triggered, the selected trigger source `TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce` on page 94 becomes active.

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Setting parameters:

<arg0>	1 0
	1
	Enables the trigger system.
	0
	Disables the trigger system.

TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce <arg0>

TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce? <arg0>

Sets or queries the trigger source.

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0>	OUTPut OMODE DIO
	OUTPut
	Trigger source is from the output channel (Ch1, Ch2).
	OMODE
	Trigger source is from the different modes (CC, CR, CV, Sink, OVP, OCP, OPP and OTP) detected from the output channel (Ch1, Ch2).
	DIO
	Trigger source is from DIO connector at the instrument rear panel.

Example: `TRIG:SOUR OMOD`
Trigger source "Operation Modes" is selected for monitoring.

TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:DIO:CHANnel <arg0>

TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:DIO:CHANnel? <arg0>

Sets or queries the device channel for trigger source "Digital In Channel".

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1 | OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2
OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1
 Ch1 is selected as the device channel for trigger source.
OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2
 Ch2 is selected as the device channel for trigger source.

Example:

```
TRIG:SOUR:DIO:CHAN 1
```

Ch1 is selected as the device channel for trigger source "Digital In Channel".

```
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:DIO:PIN <arg0>
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:DIO:PIN? <arg0>
```

Sets or queries the DIO pin to trigger on for trigger source "Digital In Channel".

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> IN | EXT
IN
 Pin 3 of DIO connector is monitored.
EXT
 Pin 2 (Ch1) and Pin 10 (Ch2) of DIO connector is monitored.

Example:

```
TRIG:SOUR:DIO:PIN IN
```

Pin 3 of DIO connector is monitored for trigger source "Digital In Channel".

```
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OMODE <arg0>
TRIGger[:SEQuence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OMODE? <arg0>
```

Sets or queries the operation mode to trigger on for trigger source "operation mode"

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> CC | CV | CR | SINK | PROTection
CC
 If respective channel operation mode is detected in CC mode, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered.
CV
 If respective channel operation mode is detected in CV mode, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered.
CR
 If respective channel operation mode is detected in CR mode, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered.

SINK

If respective channel operation mode is detected in sink mode, corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered.

PROTection

If respective channel operation mode is detected in protection mode (OVP, OCP, OPP OTP), corresponding trigger-out parameters are triggered.

Example:

```
TRIG:SOUR OMOD
TRIG:SOUR:OMOD:CHAN OUT1
TRIG:SOUR:OMOD CV
```

If CV mode is detected on Ch1, a trigger event is activated to corresponding trigger-out parameters.

```
TRIGger[:SEquence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OMODE:CHANnel <arg0>
TRIGger[:SEquence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OMODE:CHANnel? <arg0>
```

Sets or queries the device channel for trigger source "Operation Modes".

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1 | OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2

OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1

Ch1 is selected as the device channel for trigger source.

OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2

Ch2 is selected as the device channel for trigger source.

Example:

```
TRIG:SOUR:OMOD:CHAN 1
```

Ch1 is selected as the device channel for trigger source "Operation Modes".

```
TRIGger[:SEquence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OUTPut:CHANnel <arg0>
TRIGger[:SEquence][:IMMediate]:SOURce:OUTPut:CHANnel? <arg0>
```

Sets or queries the device channel for trigger source "Output".

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1 | OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2

OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1

Ch1 is selected as the device channel for trigger source.

OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2

Ch2 is selected as the device channel for trigger source.

Example:

```
TRIG:SOUR:OUTP:CHAN 1
```

Ch1 is selected as the device channel for trigger source "Output".

7.5 Configuration Commands

The following subsystems contain the commands for channel selection, voltage and current settings for the instrument.

7.5.1 Channel Selection

The `INSTrument:Select` subsystem contains the commands for selecting the output channels.

Each channel of the power supply is considered as separate "instrument", which is required by the SCPI standard. Therefore, the SCPI commands use the `INSTrument` node to select a channel.



You can only address the number of channels a device is equipped with, e.g. a maximum of two channels for the NGL202, NGM202 or one channel for the NGL201, NGM201.

Example: Selecting a channel

You can select a channel either with an `OUTput` parameter, or just by the channel number. This example lists all ways how you can select and query a selected channel.

```
// *****
// Select a channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// selects channel 1
INST?
// queries the channel selection
// response: "OUT1"
// *****
// Select a channel by its number
// *****
INST:NSEL 1
// selects channel number 1
INST:NSEL?
// queries number of the channel selection
// response: 1
```

<code>INSTrument:NSElect</code>	97
<code>INSTrument[:SElect]</code>	98

INSTrument:NSElect <channel>

INSTrument:NSElect?

Selects or queries the channel by number.

Setting parameters:

<channel> 1 | 2 | 3 | 4

Range: 1 to 2

Example: See [Example "Selecting a channel"](#) on page 97.

INSTrument[:SElect] <channel>

INSTrument[:SElect]?

Selects or queries the channel by keyword.

Setting parameters:

<channel> OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1 | 1 | OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2 | 2

OUT1 | OUTP1 | OUTPut1 | 1

Selects Channel 1 (Ch1)

OUT2 | OUTP2 | OUTPut2 | 2

Selects Channel 2 (Ch2)

Range: 1 to 2

Example: See [Example "Selecting a channel"](#) on page 97.

7.5.2 Safety Limit Setting

The `SOURCE:ALIM` subsystem contains the commands for setting the safety limits of the output channels.

Example: Configuring the output voltage

This example contains all commands to configure and query the output voltage.

```
// *****
// Select the channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// *****
// Set upper or lower voltage safety limit
// *****
ALIM 1
//sets the safety limits to enable
ALIM?
//queries the safety limits state
//response: "1"
VOLT:ALIM 15
//sets the safety limits for the upper voltage
VOLT:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the upper voltage
//reponse: "15.000"
VOLT:ALIM LOW 0
//sets the safety limits for the lower voltage
VOLT:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the lower voltage
//reponse: "0.000"
CURR:ALIM 3
//sets the safety limits for the upper current
CURR:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the upper current
//reponse: "3.000"
CURR:ALIM LOW 0
//sets the safety limits for the lower current
CURR:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the lower current
//reponse: "0.000"
```

[SOURce:]ALIMit[:STATe] <state>

[SOURce:]ALIMit[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the safety limit state.

Parameters:

<state>	1 0
	1
	Activates the safety limit.
	0
	Deactivates the safety limit.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the output voltage"](#) on page 102.

```
[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:ALIMit:LOWer <voltage>
[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:ALIMit:LOWer?
```

Sets or queries the lower safety limit for voltage.

Setting parameters:

```
<voltage>          numeric | MIN | MAX
                    numeric
                    Numeric value for safety limit.
                    MIN
                    Min value for lower safety limit.
                    MAX
                    Max value for lower safety limit.
                    Range:      0.000E+00 to 2.050E+01
                    Increment:  0.001
                    *RST:      0.000E+00
```

Example: See [Example "Configuring the output voltage"](#) on page 102.

```
[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:ALIMit[:UPPer] <voltage>
[SOURce:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:ALIMit[:UPPer]?
```

Sets or queries the upper safety limit for voltage.

Setting parameters:

```
<voltage>          numeric | MIN | MAX
                    numeric
                    Numeric value for upper safety limit.
                    MIN
                    Min value for upper safety limit.
                    MAX
                    Max value for upper safety limit.
                    Range:      0.000E+00 to 2.050E+01
                    Increment:  0.001
                    *RST:      2.050E+01
```

Example: See [Example "Configuring the output voltage"](#) on page 102.

```
[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:ALIMit:LOWer <current>
[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:ALIMit:LOWer?
```

Sets or queries the lower safety limit for current.

Setting parameters:

```
<current>          numeric | MIN | MAX
                    numeric
                    Numeric value for lower safety limit.
                    MIN
                    Min value for lower safety limit.
```

MAX

Max value for lower safety limit.

Range: For up to 6V: 0.001E+00 to 3.010E+00. For above 6V: 0.001E+00 to 6.010E+00

Increment: 0.001

*RST: 0.001E+00

Example: See [Example "Configuring the current output"](#) on page 105.

**[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:ALIMit[:UPPer] <current>
[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:ALIMit[:UPPer]?**

Sets or queries the upper safety limit for current.

Setting parameters:

<current> numeric | MIN | MAX

numeric

Numeric value for upper safety limit.

MIN

Min value for upper safety limit.

MAX

Max value for upper safety limit.

Range: For up to 6V: 0.001E+00 to 3.010E+00. For above 6V: 0.001E+00 to 6.010E+00

Increment: 0.001

*RST: 6.010E+00

Example: See [Example "Configuring the current output"](#) on page 105.

7.5.3 Voltage Setting

The `SOURce:VOLTage` subsystem contains the commands for setting the voltage of the output channels. The default unit is V.

Example: Configuring the output voltage

This example contains all commands to configure and query the output voltage.

```
// *****
// Select the channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// *****
// Set upper or lower voltage safety limit
// *****
ALIM 1
//sets the safety limits to enable
ALIM?
//queries the safety limits state
//response: "1"
VOLT:ALIM 15
//sets the safety limits for the upper voltage
VOLT:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the upper voltage
//response: "15.000"
VOLT:ALIM LOW 0
//sets the safety limits for the lower voltage
VOLT:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the lower voltage
//response: "0.000"
// *****
// Set the voltage value
// *****
VOLT 10
// selects a channel and sets the voltage
VOLT MAX
VOLT MIN
// sets the voltage to maximum or minimum respectively
VOLT?
// queries the output voltage of a channel
// response: "10.000"
// *****
// Query the range of the voltage values
// *****
VOLT? MIN
// response: "0.000"
VOLT? MAX
// queries the upper and lower limit of the output voltage
// response: "20.050"
// *****
// Increase or decrease the voltage stepwise
// *****
INST OUT1
VOLT:STEP 4
VOLT UP
```

```
// selects the output channel, sets the step width
// and increases the voltage in the selected channel
// from 4 Volts
VOLT DOWN
// decreases the voltage in the selected channel
// from 4 Volts
VOLT:STEP?
// queries the voltage step size
// response: "4.000"
```

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[SOURCE:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <voltage>

[SOURCE:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]?

Sets or queries the voltage value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<voltage> numeric | MIN | MAX | UP | DOWN

numeric

Numeric value in V.

MIN

Minimum voltage at 0.000 V.

MAX

Maximum voltage at 20.050 V.

UP

Increases voltage by a defined step size. See [\[SOURCE:\]VOLTage\[:LEVel\]\[:IMMediate\]:STEP\[:INCRement\]](#) on page 103.

DOWN

Decreases voltage by a defined step size. See [\[SOURCE:\]VOLTage\[:LEVel\]\[:IMMediate\]:STEP\[:INCRement\]](#) on page 103.

Range: 0.000 to 20.05

Default unit: V

Example: See [Example "Configuring the output voltage"](#) on page 102.

[SOURCE:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:STEP[:INCRement] <stepsize>

[SOURCE:]VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:STEP[:INCRement]? [<stepsize>]

Sets or queries the incremental step size for the [VOLT UP](#) | [VOLT DOWN](#) command.

Setting parameters:

<stepsize> numeric | DEFault

numeric

Step value in V.

DEfault

Default value of stepsize.

Range: 0.001 to 5.000

Increment: 0.001

*RST: 0.100

Default unit: V

Query parameters:

<stepsize>

DEfault

Queries the default voltage step size.

Example:

```
INST OUT1
```

```
VOLT:STEP 0.001
```

```
VOLT:STEP DEF
```

```
VOLT:STEP? DEF -> 0.10
```

Returns the default stepsize voltage.

See also [Example "Configuring the output voltage"](#) on page 102.

7.5.4 Current Setting

The `SOURCE:CURRENT` subsystem contains the commands for setting the current limit of the output channels. The default unit is A.

Example: Configuring the current output

```
// *****
// Select the channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// *****
// Set upper or lower current safety limit
// *****
ALIM 1
//sets the safety limits to enable
ALIM?
//queries the safety limits state
//response: "1"
CURR:ALIM 3
//sets the safety limits for the upper current
CURR:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the upper current
//reponse: "3.000"
CURR:ALIM LOW 0.001
//sets the safety limits for the lower current
CURR:ALIM?
//queries the safety limits for the lower current
//response: "0.001"
// *****
// Set the current value
// *****
CURR 2
// selects a channel and sets the current
CURR?
// queries the current of the selected channel
// response: 2.000
// *****
// Query the range of the current values
// *****
CURR? MIN
// response: 0.001
CURR? MAX
// response: 3.000
// queries the upper and lower limit of the current
// *****
// Increase or decrease the current stepwise
// *****
INST OUT1
CURR:STEP 1
CURR DOWN
// selects the output channel, sets the step width
// and decreases the current in the selected channel
// by the set 1 Ampere
CURR UP
// increases the current in the selected channel
```

```
// by the set 1 Ampere
CURR:STEP?
// queries the current step size
// response: 1.000
```

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[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:STEP[:INCRement] <stepsize>
[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:STEP[:INCRement]? [<stepsize>]

Sets or queries the incremental step size for the [CURR UP](#) | [CURR DOWN](#) command.

Setting parameters:

<stepsize> numeric | DEFault
 numeric
 Step value in A.
 DEFault
 Default value of stepsize.
 Range: 0.0001 to 2.000
 Increment: 0.0001
 *RST: 0.010
 Default unit: A

Query parameters:

<stepsize> DEFault
 Queries the default voltage step size.

Example:

```
INST OUT1
CURR:STEP 0.005
CURR:STEP DEF
VOLT:STEP? DEF -> 0.1000E+00
Returns the default stepsize for current.
See Example "Configuring the current output" on page 105.
```

[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:AMPLitude] <current>
[SOURce:]CURRent[:LEVel][:IMMediate]:AMPLitude]? [<current>]

Sets or queries the current value of the selected channel.

Setting parameters:

<current> numeric | MIN | MAX | UP | DOWN
 numeric
 Numeric value in the range of 0.000 to 6.010.
 MIN
 Minimum current at 0.010 A.

MAX

Depending on the set voltage level, the maximum set current is 6.010 A.

For voltage range from 0 V to 6 V, maximum set current is 6.01 A.

For voltage > 6 V, maximum set current is 3.01 A.

UP

Increases current by a defined step size. See [\[SOURCE:\]CURRENT\[:LEVEL\]\[:IMMEDIATE\]:STEP\[:INCREMENT\]](#) on page 106.

DOWN

Decreases current by a defined step size. See [\[SOURCE:\]CURRENT\[:LEVEL\]\[:IMMEDIATE\]:STEP\[:INCREMENT\]](#) on page 106.

Query parameters:

<current> MIN | MAX

MIN

Returns minimum current.

MAX

Returns maximum current.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the current output"](#) on page 105.

7.5.5 Resistance Setting

The `SOURCE:RESistance` subsystem contains the commands for setting the resistance limit of the output channels. The default unit is ohms.

Example: Configuring the resistance limit

```
// *****
// Select the channel
// *****
INST OUT1
// *****
// Set the resistance value
// *****
RES 10
// selects a channel and sets the resistance
RES?
// queries the current of the selected channel
// response: 10.000
// *****
// Query the range of the resistance values
// *****
RES? MIN
// response: 0.000
RES? MAX
// response: 10000
// queries the upper and lower limit of the resistance
// *****
// Activate the constant resistance mode
// *****
RES:STAT 1
// selects a channel and activate the constant resistance mode
RES:STAT?
// queries the constant resistance mode
// response: 1
```

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[SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] <resistance>
[SOURce:]RESistance[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude]? [<resistance>]

Sets or queries the constant resistance target value.

Setting parameters:

<resistance> numeric | MIN | MAX | UP | DOWN

numeric

Numeric value in the range of 0.000 ohm to 10000 ohms.

MIN

Minimum resistance at 0.000 ohm.

MAX

Maximum resistance at 10000 ohms.

UP

Increases resistance by a defined step size.

DOWN

Decreases resistance by a defined step size.

Increment: 0.1 ohms

Default unit: ohms

Query parameters:

<resistance> MIN | MAX

Returns minimum or maximum resistance value.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the resistance limit"](#) on page 108.

[SOURCE:]RESistance:STATe <state>

[SOURCE:]RESistance:STATe?

Sets or queries the constant resistance mode.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

OFF | 0

Deactivates constant resistance mode.

ON | 1

Activates constant resistance mode.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the resistance limit"](#) on page 108

7.5.6 Combined Setting of Voltage and Current Setting

The `APPLY` subsystem provides a command that enables you to set the current and voltage of a channel in one step.



The combined voltage and current setting command takes approximately 100 ms, i.e. longer than the setting of a single value.

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APPLY <voltage> [,<current>][,<output>]

APPLY?

Sets or queries the voltage and current value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<voltage> numeric | MIN | MAX | DEFault

numeric

Numeric value for voltage in the range of 0.000 to 20.050.

MIN

Min voltage at 0.000 V.

MAX

Max value for voltage at 20.050V.

	<p>DEfault Default voltage. *RST: 1.000 Default unit: V</p>
<current>	<p>numeric MIN MAX DEfault numeric Numeric value for current in the range of 0.000 to 6.010. MIN Min current at 0.000 A. MAX Max value for current at 6.010 A. DEfault Numeric value for current. *RST: 1.000 Default unit: A</p>
<output>	<p>OUT1 OUTP1 OUTPut1 OUT2 OUTP2 OUTPut2 OUT1 OUTP1 OUTPut1 Selects output for channel 1. OUT2 OUTP2 OUTPut2 Selects output for channel 2.</p>
Example:	<pre>INST OUT1 APPL 6,2 Sets 6 V and 2 A to output of channel 1. APPL? -> 6.000, 2.000 Queries the voltage and current of the selected channel.</pre>

7.5.7 Output Setting

The `OUTPut` subsystem contains the commands for activating the output channels.

Example: Activating the channels

You can activate a selected channel and turn on or off the outputs either individually or all outputs simultaneously. This example lists all ways how you can activate and query the outputs.

```
// *****
// Activate a channel
// *****
INST OUT1
OUTP:SEL 1
// activates the selected channel
OUTP 1
// activates channel 1 and its output
OUTP?
// queries the output state
// response: 1
// *****
// Turn on all selected channels simultaneously
// *****
INST:OUT1
VOLT 12
CURR 0.1
OUTP:SEL 1
INST:OUT2
VOLT 12
CURR 0.2
OUTP:SEL 1
// selects channels 1 and 2
// sets the voltage and current values for both channels
// activates both channels
OUTP:GEN 1
// turns on the output of both channels
```

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OUTPut:GENeral[:STATe] <state>

OUTPut:GENeral[:STATe]?

Sets or queries all previous selected channels simultaneously

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

OFF | 0

Switches off previous selected channels simultaneously.

ON | 1

Switches on previous selected channels simultaneously.

Example: See [Example "Activating the channels"](#) on page 111

OUTPut[:STATe] <state>

OUTPut[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the output state of the previous selected channels.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

OFF | 0

Switches off previous selected channels.

ON | 1

Switches on previous selected channels.

Example: See [Example "Activating the channels"](#) on page 111

OUTPut:DELay:DURation <duration>

OUTPut:DELay:DURation?

Sets or queries the duration for output delay.

Parameters:

<duration> numeric | MIN | MAX

numeric

Numeric value of the duration in seconds.

MIN

Minimum value of the duration at 0.001 seconds.

MAX

Maximum value of the duration at 10.00 seconds.

Range: 0.001 to 10.00

*RST: 0.001

Default unit: s

Example: OUTPut:DELay:DURation 1
 OUTPut:DELay:DURation? -> 1
 Returns output delay of 1 s.

OUTPut:DELAy[:STATe] <state>

OUTPut:DELAy[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the output delay state for the selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

OFF | 0

Deactivates output delay for the selected channel.

ON | 1

Activates output delay for the selected channel.

Example:

OUTPut:DELAy 1

OUTPut:DELAy? -> 1

Returns output delay state as on.

OUTPut:FTResponse <state>

OUTPut:FTResponse?

Sets or queries the fast transient response state.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

OFF | 0

Deactivates fast transient response.

ON | 1

Activates fast transient response.

Example:

OUTPut:FTResponse 1

OUTPut:FTResponse? -> 1

Returns fast transient response state as on.

OUTPut:IMPedance <resistance>

OUTPut:IMPedance?

Sets or queries source impedance for the signal specified in ohms.

Parameters:

<arg0> numeric | MIN | MAX | DEFault

numeric

Numeric value of the impedance ohm.

MIN

Minimum value of the impedance at -0.05 ohms.

MAX

Maximum value of the impedance at 100 ohms.

DEF

Default value of the impedance at 0 ohms.

*RST: 0

Default unit: ohm

Example: OUTPut:IMPedance 1
 OUTPut:IMPedance? -> 1
 Returns output impedance of 1 ohm.

OUTPut:IMPedance:STATe <state>
OUTPut:IMPedance:STATe?

Sets or queries the impedance target for the selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1
 OFF | 0
 Deactivates output impedance for the selected channel.
 ON | 1
 Activates output impedance for the selected channel.

Example: OUTPut:IMPedance 1
 OUTPut:IMPedance:STAT? -> 1
 Returns output impedance state as on.

OUTPut:MODE <arg0>
OUTPut:MODE? <arg0>

Sets or queries the output mode.

The R&S NGL/NGM power supply series are 2 quadrant power supplies which either source or sink current.

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> AUTO | SINK | SOURce
 AUTO
 If operates in auto mode, the R&S NGL/NGM goes into sink or source mode depending on the voltage across the output terminal. If voltage across the output terminal exceeds the set voltage, current flows into the instrument, e.g. the instrument is now operating in sink mode; vv if voltage across output terminal is below set voltage, instrument operates as a source mode.
 SINK
 If operates in sink mode, current flows into the instrument. On display, current is shown as negative current.
 SOURce
 If operates in source mode, current flows out from the instrument.

OUTPut:SElect <state>

OUTPut:SElect?

Sets or queries the output state of selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1
 OFF | 0
 Deactivates the selected channel.
 ON | 1
 Activates the selected channel.
 *RST: OFF | 0

Example: See [Example "Activating the channels"](#) on page 111

OUTPut:TRIGgered <arg0>

OUTPut:TRIGgered[:STATE] <arg0>

Enables or disables the triggered event for output.

Setting parameters:

<arg0> **1**
 Trigger is enabled.
 0
 Trigger is disabled.

Example: OUTP:TRIG 1
 When a trigger event occurs, respective channel output is triggered.
 See [OUTPut:TRIGgered:BEHavior](#) on page 115.

OUTPut:TRIGgered:BEHavior <arg0>

Sets or queries output behavior when a trigger event occurs.

Setting parameters:

<arg0> ON | OFF | GATed
 ON
 Output is set on when a trigger event occurs.
 OFF
 Output is set off when a trigger event occurs.
 ON
 Output is set gated when a trigger event occurs.

Example: OUTP:TRIG:STAT 1
 OUTP:TRIG:BEH ON

7.5.8 Range/DVM Setting



The DVM and range settings are available only with R&S NGM power supply series equipped with R&S NM-K104 (P/N: 3643.9927.02).

The `SOUR:VOLT:DVM` contains commands for activating the DVM function.

The `SENSE:CURREN:RANG` and `SENSE:VOLT:RANG` contains commands for setting the voltage range and current range of the measurements.

All these commands require `*OPC?` at the end of the command execution.

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<code>SENSe:VOLTage:RANGe[:UPPer]</code>	117

`[SOURce:]VOLTage:DVM[:STATe] <arg0>`

Enables or disables digital voltmeter measurements.

Parameters:

<code><arg0></code>	1 0
	1
	Enables digital voltmeter measurement.
	0
	Disables digital voltmeter measurement.

Example:

```
VOLT:DVM 1
MEAS:VOLT? -> 1.000E+00
Enables and returns digital voltmeter measurement.
```

`SENSe:CURREnt:RANGe:AUTO <arg0>`

Enables or disables auto range for current measurement accuracy.

Parameters:

<code><arg0></code>	1
	Enables auto range for current.
	0
	Disables auto range for current.

Example:

```
SENS:CURRE:RANG:AUTO 1
Enables auto range for current.
```

SENSe:CURRent:RANGe[:UPPer] <arg0>

Sets the current range for measurement. There is a selection of 10 A, 1 A, 100 mA and 10 mA range.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Example:

```
SENS:CURR:RANG 10
```

Sets the instrument to the 10 A measurement accuracy.

Refers to datasheet for the measurement accuracy in the 10 A range.

SENSe:VOLTage:RANGe:AUTO <arg0>

Enables or disables auto range for voltage measurement accuracy.

Parameters:

<arg0>

1

Enables auto range for voltage.

0

Disables auto range for voltage.

Example:

```
SENS:VOLT:RANG:AUTO 1
```

Enables auto range for voltage.

SENSe:VOLTage:RANGe[:UPPer] <arg0>

Sets the voltage range for measurement. There is a selection of 20 V and 5 V range.

Parameters:

<arg0>

Example:

```
SENS:VOLT:RANG 20
```

Sets the instrument to the 20 V measurement accuracy.

Refers to datasheet for the measurement accuracy in the 20 V range.

7.5.9 OCP Setting

The `CURRent:PROTection` subsystem contains the commands for overcurrent protection parameters such as activating fuses and setting fuse parameters of the output channels. The default unit is A.



The delay function of the fuses takes effect when the corresponding channel is activated (Output On).

Example: Configuring fuses

This example contains all commands to configure and query the fuse states and settings.

```
// *****
// Activate a fuse
// *****
INST OUT1
CURR:PROT 1
// selects a channel and activates the overcurrent protection
CURR:PROT?
// queries the state of the overcurrent protection in the selected channel
// response: 1
// *****
// Set a delay time for the overcurrent protection. The delay time
// takes effect when the channel output is turned on.
// *****
CURR:PROT:DEL 50
// sets 50 ms delay for the overcurrent protection and
// turns on the output of the channel
overcurrent protection?
// queries the currently set delay time of the overcurrent protection
// in the selected channel
// response: 50
CURR:PROT:DEL MAX
CURR:PROT:DEL MIN
// sets the delay time to maximum, minimum respectively
// *****
// Query the range of the overcurrent protection delay time
// *****
CURR:PROT:DEL? MIN
// response: 0
CURR:PROT:DEL? MAX
// queries the upper and lower limit of the
// overcurrent protection delay time in ms
// response: 10000
// *****
// Set a initial delay time for the overcurrent protection. During
// the timeframe, overcurrent protection tripping is inhibited.
// *****
CURR:PROT:DEL:INIT 100
// sets 100 ms for the initial overcurrent protection delay
CURR:PROT:DEL:INIT?
// queries the currently set initial overcurrent protection delay
// in the selected channel
// response: 100
CURR:PROT:DEL:INIT MAX
CURR:PROT:DEL:INIT MIN
// sets the initial overcurrent protection delay to maximum, minimum respectively
// *****
```

```

// Query the range of the overcurrent protection delay time
// *****
CURR:PROT:DEL:INIT? MIN
// response: 10
CURR:PROT:DEL:INIT? MAX
// queries the upper and lower limit of the
// overcurrent protection delay time in ms
// response: 60000

// *****
// Query a tripped overcurrent protection
// *****
INST OUT1
CURR:PROT:TRIP?
//queries whether the OCP in channel 1 has tripped
//response: 1 OCP is tripped
//response: 0 OCP is not tripped
CURR:PROT:CLear
//resets a tripped OCP in the selected channel

// *****
// Link the electronic overcurrent protection of the channels logically
// *****
INST OUT1
CURR:PROT:LINK 2
// links the overcurrent protection of channel 1 with channel 2
CURR:PROT:LINK?2
// queries the combined overcurrent protection of the selected channel

// *****
// Unlink linked overcurrent protection
// *****
CURR:PROT:UNLink 2
CURR:PROT:LINK?2
// queries the combined overcurrent protection of the selected channel
//response 0

```

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[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:CLEar

Resets the OCP state of the selected channel. If an OCP event has occurred before, the reset also erases the message on the display.

Example: See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.

Usage: Event

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:DELAy:INITial <duration>

Sets the initial fuse delay time once output turns on.

Parameters:

<duration> numeric | MIN | MAX

numeric
Numeric value for initial fuse delay.

MIN
Min value for initial fuse delay.

MAX
Max value for initial fuse delay.

Range: 0.00 to 60.00
*RST: 0
Default unit: s

Example: See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:DELAy <duration>

Sets the fuse delay time.

Parameters:

<duration> numeric | MIN | MAX

numeric
Numeric value for the initial fuse delay.

MIN
Min value for initial fuse delay.

MAX
Max value for initial fuse delay.

Range: 0.00 to 10.00
*RST: 0
Default unit: s

Example: See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:LINK <arg0>

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:LINK? <arg0>

Sets or queries the fuses of several selected channels (fuse linking).

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> 1 | 2

Example: INST OUT1;:CURRent:PROTection:LINK 2
 Channel 2 is linked with channel 1
 INST OUT1;:CURRent:PROTection:LINK?2
 Returns 1 if channel 1 is linked with channel 2
 See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:TRIPped?

Queries the OCP state of the selected channel.

Example: See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.
 CURR:PROT:TRIP?
 Response 1, the OCP is tripped.
 Response 0, the OCP is not tripped.

Usage: Query only

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection:UNLink <arg0>

Unlink fuse linking from the other channel (Ch1 or Ch2).

See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> 1 | 2

Example: CURR:PROT:UNL 1
 Fuse linking is unlinked from channel 1

Usage: Setting only

[SOURce:]CURRent:PROTection[:STATe] <arg0>

Sets or queries the state for over current protection (OCP).

See [Example "Configuring fuses"](#) on page 118.

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0
 1
 Activates the OCP state.
 0
 deactivates the OCP state.

Example: CURR:PROT 1
 Activates the OCP.

7.5.10 OVP Setting

The VOLTage:PROTection subsystem contains the commands for setting the over-voltage protection parameters for the output channels. The default unit is V.

Example: Configuring the overvoltage protection

```

// *****
// Set the overvoltage protection value
// *****
INST OUT1
VOLT:PROT 1
//activates the OVP of the previous selected channel
VOLT:PROT:LEV 5
// selects a channel and sets the OVP
VOLT:PROT:LEV?
// queries the output overvoltage value of a channel
// response: 5
VOLT:PROT?
// queries the OVP state of the previous selected channel
// response: 1
VOLT:PROT:LEV MAX
VOLT:PROT:LEV MIN
// sets the overvoltage protection to maximum,
// or minimum respectively
// *****
// Query the range of the overvoltage protection values
// *****
VOLT:PROT:LEV? MIN
// response: 0.100
VOLT:PROT:LEV? MAX
// queries the upper and lower limit
// response: 20.050
// *****
// Query a tripped overvoltage protection
// *****
INST OUT1
VOLT:PROT:TRIP?
// queries whether the OVP in channel 1 has tripped
// response: 1 OVP is tripped
// response: 0 OVP is not tripped
VOLT:PROT:CLEAr
// resets a tripped OVP in the selected channel
// *****
// Set the overvoltage protection mode
// *****
INST OUT1
VOLT:PROT:MODE PROT
// sets OVP protected mode for channel1
VOLT:PROT:MODE PROT?
// queries the OVP mode
// response: "protected"

```

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[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection[:STATe] <state>

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the OVP state of the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1
 OFF | 0
 OPP is deactivated
 ON | 1
 OPP is activated

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overvoltage protection"](#)
 on page 122.

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:CLEAr

Resets the OVP state of the selected channel. If an OVP event has occurred before, the reset also erases the message on the display.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overvoltage protection"](#)
 on page 122.

Usage: Event

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:LEVel <voltage>

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:LEVel?

Sets or queries the overvoltage protection value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<voltage> numeric | MIN | MAX
 numeric
 Numeric value for the overvoltage protection value in V.
 MIN
 Minimum value for the overvoltage protection value at 0.00 V.
 MAX
 Maximum value for the overvoltage protection value at 20.05 V.
 Range: 0.000 to 20.05
 *RST: 20.05
 Default unit: V

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overvoltage protection"](#)
 on page 122.

[SOURce:]VOLTage:PROTection:TRIPped? <state>

Queries the OVP state of the selected channel.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overvoltage protection"](#) on page 122.

VOLT:PROT:TRIP?

Response 1, the OVP is tripped.

Response 0, the OVP is not tripped.

Usage: Query only

7.5.11 OPP Setting

The `POWer:PROTection` subsystem contains the commands for setting the over-power protection parameters for the output channels. The default unit is W.

Example: Configuring the overpower protection

```
// *****
// Set the overpower protection value
// *****
INST OUT1
POW:PROT 1
//activates the OPP of the previous selected channel
POW:PROT:LEV 5
// selects a channel and sets the OPP
POW:PROT:LEV?
// queries the output overvoltage value of a channel
// response: 5
POW:PROT?
// queries the OPP state of the previous selected channel
// response: 1
POW:PROT:LEV MAX
POW:PROT:LEV MIN
// sets the overvoltage protection to maximum,
// or minimum respectively
// *****
// Query the range of the overpower protection values
// *****
POW:PROT:LEV? MIN
// reponse: 0.0
POW:PROT:LEV? MAX
// queries the upper and lower limit
// reponse: 60.0
// *****
// Query a tripped overpower protection
// *****
INST OUT1
POW:PROT:TRIP?
// queries whether the OPP in channel 1 has tripped
// response: 1 OPP is tripped
// response: 0 OPP is not tripped
POW:PROT:CLEar
// resets a tripped OPP in the selected channel
```

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[SOURce:]POWer:PROTection[:STATe] <state>

[SOURce:]POWer:PROTection[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the OPP state of the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

OFF | 0

OPP is deactivated

ON | 1

OPP is activated

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overpower protection"](#) on page 125.

[SOURce:]POWER:PROTection:CLEAr

Resets the OPP state of the selected channel. If an OPP event has occurred before, the reset also erases the message on the display.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overpower protection"](#) on page 125.

Usage: Event

[SOURce:]POWER:PROTection:LEVel <power>**[SOURce:]POWER:PROTection:LEVel?**

Sets or queries the overvoltage protection value of the selected channel.

Parameters:

<power> numeric | MIN | MAX | DEFault

numeric

Numeric value of the power protection level in watts.

MINimum

Minimum value of the power protection level at 0.00 W.

MAXimum

Maximum value of the power protection level at 60.00 W.

Range: 0.00 to 60.00

*RST: 60.00

Default unit: W

[SOURce:]POWER:PROTection:TRIPped?

Queries the OPP state of the selected channel.

Example: See [Example "Configuring the overvoltage protection"](#) on page 122.

POW:PROT:TRIP?

Response 1, the OPP is tripped.

Response 0, the OPP is not tripped.

Usage: Query only

7.6 Measurement Commands

The MEASure subsystem provides commands to query the voltage and current values of a channel.

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MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]:MIN?	128
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MEASure[:SCALar]:POWer:MAX?	129
MEASure[:SCALar]:POWer:MIN?	129
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MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]:AVG?	129
MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]:MAX?	129
MEASure[:SCALar]:VOLTage[:DC]:MIN?	129

MEASure[:SCALar]:ENERgy?

Queries the measured the accumulated energy value of the previous selected channel.

Example: MEAS:ENER? -> 5.382E+00 (value in Wh)

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar]:ENERgy:RESet

Resets the energy counter for the selected channel.

Usage: Event

MEASure[:SCALar]:ENERgy:STATe <state>

MEASure[:SCALar]:ENERgy:STATe?

Sets or queries the energy counter state for the selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1

ON | 1
 Activates the energy counter.

OFF | 0
 Deactivates the energy counter.

Example: INST OUT1
 MEAS:ENER:STAT ON
 MEAS:ENER:STAT?
 MEAS:ENER:STAT? -> 1
 Energy counter of Ch1 is enabled.

MEASure[:SCALar]:POWER?

Queries the currently supplied power of the selected channel.

Example: MEAS:POW? -> 3.00E+00

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar]:STATistic:COUNT?

Queries the number of measurements.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar]:STATistic:RESet

Resets the minimum, maximum and average statistics values for voltage, current, and power.

Additionally this command resets the measured energy.

MEASure[:SCALar]:CURRent[:DC]?

Queries the currently measured current of the selected channel.

Example: MEAS:CURR? -> 1.000E +00

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:CURRent][:DC]:AVG?

Queries the average measured output current.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:CURRent][:DC]:MAX?

Queries the maximum measured output current.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:CURRent][:DC]:MIN?

Queries the minimum measured output current.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:POWer]:AVG?

Queries the average measured output power.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:POWer]:MAX?

Queries the maximum measured output power.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:POWer]:MIN?

Queries the minimum measured output power.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:VOLTage][:DC]?

Queries the currently measured voltage of the selected channel.

Example: MEAS:VOLT? -> 1.000E+00

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:VOLTage][:DC]:AVG?

Queries the average measured output voltage.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:VOLTage][:DC]:MAX?

Queries the maximum measured output voltage.

Usage: Query only

MEASure[:SCALar][:VOLTage][:DC]:MIN?

Queries the minimum measured output voltage.

Usage: Query only

7.7 Advanced Operating Commands

The following shows the subsystem that contains the commands for configuring the arbitrary function, ramp and Digital I/O function.

7.7.1 Arbitrary

The `ARBitrary` subsystem contains the commands for configuring an arbitrary sequence for the output channels.

Example: Configuring an arbitrary sequence

This programming example generates an arbitrary sequence for a selected channel. The sequence starts at 1 V and 1 A for 1 sec, and both values are incremented each second by 1. The generated arbitrary waveform is transferred to Ch1. When activated, the R&S NGL/NGM provides the arbitrary waveform at the output of the selected channel, and repeats it 10 times.

```
// *****
// Define and start the arbitrary sequence
// *****
INST OUT1
ARB:DATA 1,1,1,0,2,2,1,0,3,3,1,0
// selects channel1
// defines the sequence, i.e. starting at 1V, 1A for 1sec,
// and increments the voltage and current each second by 1
ARB:REP 10
// sets the repetition rate
// ARB:REP? queries the set number of repetitions
ARB:BEH:END HOLD
//sets the arbitrary endpoint behavior, when the arbitrary function is finished
ARB:TRAN 1
// transfers the arbitrary points to channel
//Enable the arbitrary sequence
ARB 1
// starts the sequence in channel 1
// ARB 0 stops the sequence in the selected channel
OUTP ON
//turns on the output
//ARB:BEH:END? queries the arbitrary endpoint behavior
INST OUT1
ARB:CLEAR
// deletes the arbitrary waveform data of the selected channel
// *****
// Save and recall an arbitrary sequence
// *****
ARB:SAVE 1
// saves the sequence into the internal memory
ARB:LOAD
// loads a previously saved sequence from the internal memory
```

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ARbitrary[:STATe] <state>
ARbitrary[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the arbitrary function for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 1 | 0
ON | 1
 Arbitrary function is activated.
OFF | 0
 Arbitrary function is deactivated.
 *RST: OFF | 0

Example:

ARB ON
 ARB? -> 1
 Arbitrary function of Ch1 is activated.
 See [Example "Configuring an arbitrary sequence"](#) on page 131.

ARbitrary:BEHavior:END <state>
ARbitrary:BEHavior:END?

Sets or queries the arbitrary endpoint behavior, when arbitrary function is finished.

Parameters:

<state> HOLD | OFF
OFF
 If the arbitrary function is finished, the respective channel is deactivated automatically.
HOLD
 If the arbitrary function is finished, the last arbitrary point of the user-defined arbitrary list is held.
 *RST: OFF

Example:

See [Example "Configuring an arbitrary sequence"](#) on page 131.

ARbitrary:CLEar

Clears the previous defined arbitrary waveform data for the selected channel.

Example:

See [Example "Configuring an arbitrary sequence"](#) on page 131.

Usage:

Event

ARbitrary:DATA <data>

Sets or queries the arbitrary points for the previous selected channel. Max. 4096 arbitrary points can be defined. The dwell time between 2 arbitrary points is specified from 1 ms to 20 days.

Parameters:

<data> voltage1, current1, time1, interpolation mode1, voltage2, current2, time2, interpolation mode2, ...

Voltage and current settings depending on the instrument type. If the interpolation mode is sets to 1, it indicates that the mode is activated. If the interpolation mode is sets to 0, it indicates that the mode is not activated.

Example:

```
INST OUT1
ARB:DATA 10,1,0.5,0
```

Defines one arbitrary point with: Voltage1 = 10 V and Current1 = 1 A, Time1 = 500 ms and Interpolation mode1 = 0 (disabled).

```
ARB:DATA? -> 10.000, 1.000, 0.50, 1
```

Returns defined arbitrary points for the previous selected channel.

See [Example "Configuring an arbitrary sequence"](#) on page 131.

ARbitrary:FNAME <filename>[,<location>]**ARbitrary:FNAME?** [<location>]

Sets or queries the file name and storage location for the arbitrary function.

Parameters for setting and query:

<filename> Filename of the arbitrary function.

<location> INT | EXT | DEF

INT
Internal memory

EXT
USB stick

DEF
Internal memory

Example:

```
ARB:FNAME "01.CSV"
ARB:FNAME? INT -> "01.CSV"
```

ARbitrary:LOAD

Loads an arbitrary table from a file (filename specified with `ARB:FNAME`)

Example:

```
INST OUT1
ARB:DATA 10,1,0.5,0
ARB:REP 10
ARB:FNAME "ARB03.CSV",INT
ARB:SAVE
ARB:LOAD
```

Loads an arbitrary data from filename ARB03.CSV.

Usage: Event

ARbitrary:REPetitions <repetition_rate> **ARbitrary:REPetitions?**

Sets or queries the repetition rate of the defined arbitrary waveform for the previous selected channel. Up to 65535 repetitions are possible. If the repetition rate „0“ is selected the arbitrary waveform of the previous selected channel is repeated infinitely.

Parameters:

repetition_rate Range: 0 to 65535
The "0" indicates infinite repetition.

Example:

```
INST OUT1
ARB:REP 10
ARB:REP? -> 10
```

The returned repetition rate of the Ch1 arbitrary waveform is 10.

ARbitrary:SAVE

Saves the current arbitrary table to a file (filename specified with ARB:FNAME).

Example:

```
INST OUT1
ARB:DATA 10,1,0.5,0
ARB:REP 10
ARB:FNAME "ARB03.CSV",INT
ARB:SAVE
```

Saves a predefined arbitrary data to a filename ARB03.CSV in the internal memory location.

Usage: Event

ARbitrary:TRANsfer <channel>

Transfers the defined arbitrary table to the selected channel.

Parameters:

<channel> 1 | 2

Example: See [Example "Configuring an arbitrary sequence"](#) on page 131.

Usage: Setting only

ARbitrary:TRIGgered:MODE <mode>

ARbitrary:TRIGgered:MODE?

Sets or queries the arbitrary trigger mode of the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<mode> SINGle | RUN

SINGle

A trigger event starts only with one arbitrary sequence.

RUN

A trigger event starts the whole arbitrary sequences (with all repetitions).

ARbitrary:TRIGgered[:STATe] <state>

ARbitrary:TRIGgered[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the arbitrary trigger mode.

Parameters:

<state> 0 | 1

0

OFF - Trigger input is deactivated.

1

ON - Trigger input is activated.

Example:

INST OUT1

ARB:TRIG ON

ARB:TRIG? -> 1

Activates the Ch1 trigger mode for arbitrary function.

7.7.2 Ramp

The `VOLTage:RAMP` subsystem contains the commands for configuring the ramp function for the output channels.

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[SOURce:]VOLTage:RAMP[:STATe] <state>

[SOURce:]VOLTage:RAMP[:STATe]?

Sets or queries the state of ramp function for the previous selected channel.

Parameters:

<state> 0 | 1

0

EasyRamp function is deactivated.

1

EasyRamp function is activated.

```

*RST:      0

Example:  INST OUT1
            VOLT:RAMP ON
            VOLT:RAMP? -> 1
            EasyRamp function of Ch1 is activated

```

[SOURce:]VOLTage:RAMP:DURation <duration>
[SOURce:]VOLTage:RAMP:DURation?

Sets or queries the duration of the voltage ramp.

Parameters:

<duration> numeric | MIN | MAX | DEFault

numeric
Duration of the ramp function in seconds.

MIN
Minimum duration of the ramp function at 0.00 s.

MAX
Minimum duration of the ramp function at 10 s.

DEF
Default duration of the ramp function at 0.01 s.

Range: 0.01 to 10.00
*RST: 0.01
Default unit: s

```

Example:  VOLT:RAMP:DUR 4
            VOLT:RAMP:DUR? -> 4
            Duration of the ramp function is set at 4 s.

```

7.7.3 Digital I/O

The DIO subsystem contains the commands for configuring a Digital I/O function for the output channels.

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DIO:FAULt:CHANnel <arg0>

Sets or queries channel selection for the digital output fault source.

See "operation modes" in [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 2

Example: `DIO:FAUL:CHAN 1`
Sets channel 1 as the output fault source.

DIO:FAULt:SOURce <arg0>

Sets or queries the "operation modes" of the digital output fault source

See "operation modes" in [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters:

<arg0> CC | CV | CR | SINK | PROTection

Example:

`DIO:FAUL:SOUR PROT`

Sets the "operation modes" of the digital output fault source as protection. If any of the protection modes (OCP, OCP, PPP, OTP and Sense) of the digital output fault source is active, a trigger event is triggered to the trigger-out signals on the instrument.

DIO:FAULt[:STATe] <arg0>

Enables or disables the digital output fault.

See "operation modes" in [Figure 6-18](#)

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0

Example:

`DIO:FAUL 1`

Enables the digital output fault.

DIO:OUTPut:SOURce <arg0>, <arg1>

DIO:OUTPut:SOURce? <arg0>

Enables or disables the digital output source.

See "operation modes" in [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters:

<arg1> OUTPut | TRIGger | FORCed

OUTPut

Selected channel output is used as the digital output source.

TRIGger

Selected channel external trigger signal is used as the digital output source.

FORCed

Selected output is forced to high level and can be switched by [DIO:OUTPut\[:STATe\]](#) on page 138 command.

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> 1 | 2

Channel selection for the digital output source.

Example: DIO:OUTP:SOUR 1, OUTP
Channel 1 output is used as the digital output source.

Example: DIO:OUTPut 1,0
DIO:OUTPut:SOURce 1,FORC
DIO:OUTPut 1,1
Digital I/O pin OUT1 is set to a "high" level

DIO:OUTPut[:STATe] <arg0>, <arg1>
DIO:OUTPut[:STATe]? <arg0>

Enables or disables the digital output channel selection.

Parameters:

<arg1> 1 | 0

Parameters for setting and query:

<arg0> 1 | 2
Channel selection for the digital output source.

Example: DIO:OUTP 1, 1
Enables channel 1 as the digital output source.

7.7.4 Battery Simulation



Available only with R&S NGM power supply series.

The `BATT` subsystem contains the commands for configuring the battery simulator and battery model function for the output channels.

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BATTery:SIMulator:CAPacity?

Queries the remaining battery capacity from the specific channel.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:CAP?
 Return the remaining battery capacity for channel 1.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator:CAPacity:LIMit <arg0>

Sets or queries the full battery capacity for the specific channel.

Parameters:

<arg0> Defines the full battery capacity.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:CAP:LIM 100
 Defines 100 % full battery capacity for channel 1 battery simulator.

BATTery:SIMulator:CURRent?

Queries the current (A) from the specific channel.

Example: INST:NSEL 2
 BATT:SIM:CURR?
 Returns current from channel 2 battery simulator.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator:CURRent:LIMit <arg0>

Sets or queries the current limit from specific channel.

Parameters:

<numeric> Defines the current limit.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:CURR:LIM 2
 Set channel 1 of battery simulator, current limit to 2 A.

BATTery:SIMulator:RESistance?

Queries the battery simulator internal resistance (ESR).

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIMU:RES?
 Queries channel 1 of battery simulator internal resistance.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator:SOC <arg0>

Sets or queries the state of charge (SoC) of the battery simulator.

Parameters:

<arg0> Sets SoC values.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT1SIM:SOC 20
 Sets the channel 1 Soc to 20 %.

BATTery:SIMulator:TVOLTage?

Queries the terminal voltage (Vt) of the specific channel.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:TVOL?
 Returns channel 1 terminal voltage of battery simulator.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator:VOC?

Queries the open circuit voltage (Voc) of the specific channel.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:VOC?
 Returns the channel 1 open circuit voltage of battery simulator.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator:VOC:EMPTY?

Queries the open circuit voltage (Voc) for empty SoC, i.e SoC = 0 %.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:VOC:EMPT?
 Returns the channel 1 Voc of an empty charge battery.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator:VOC:FULL?

Queries the open circuit voltage (Voc) for full SoC, i.e SoC = 100 %.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM:VOC:FULL?
 Returns 1 if channel 1 battery simulator is fully charge.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:SIMulator[:ENABLE] <arg0>

Enables, disables or queries the specific channel of the battery simulator state.

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:SIM 1
 Enables the battery simulator state for channel 1.

BATTery:STATus?

Queries the status of the battery (idle, charging or discharging).

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:STAT?
 Returns the status of the battery state from channel 1.

Usage: Query only

BATTery:MODEl:CAPacity <arg0>

Sets or queries the battery model capacity.

Parameters:

<arg0> Sets the battery model capacity.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:MODEl:CAP 50
 Sets battery model capacity as 50 % for channel 1.

BATTery:MODEl:CLEar

Clears the current battery model.

Example: INST:NSEL 1
 BATT:MOD:CLE
 Clear the current battery model for channel 1.

Usage: Event

BATTery:MODEl:DATA {<arg0>, <arg1>, <arg2>}...

Sets or queries the battery model data.

Parameters:

- <arg0> Sets the value for battery state of charge (SoC).
 <arg1> Sets the value for battery open-circuit voltage (Voc).
 <arg2> Sets the value for battery internal resistance (ESR).

Example: `BATT:MOD:DATA 0,0.0,2.0,100,5.0,2.0`

Sets the battery model data.

BATTery:MODEl:FNAME <Filename>[,<Partition>]

BATTery:MODEl:FNAME? <Filename>[,<Partition>]

Sets or queries a filename for the battery model.

Parameters for setting and query:

<Filename> Filename for the battery model.

<Partition> INT | EXT | DEF
 Selects partition for file storage.

INT

Internal memory used for file storage

EXT

USB stick used for file storage

DEF

If USB stick is used, default storage partition is set to EXT.

Example: `BATT:MOD:FNAME "NewBattery.csv",INT`
 Sets the battery model filename to "NewBattery.csv" (internal memory).

BATTery:MODEl:ISOC <State_of_charge>

Sets or queries the initial state of charge (SoC) of the battery model.

Parameters:

<State_of_charge> Initial state of charge (SoC) for the battery model.

Example: `INST:NSEL 1`
`BATT:MOD:ISOC 50`
 Initial state of charge is set to 50 % for channel 1.

BATTery:MODEl:LOAD <filename>

Loads a battery model for editing.

Example: `BATT:MOD:LOAD`
 Loads the current battery model to a file.

Usage: Event

BATTery:MODEl:SAVE

Saves the current battery model to a file

Example: `BATT:MOD:SAVE`
Saves the current battery model to a file.

Usage: Event

BATTery:MODEl:TRANsfer <channel>

Transfers the loaded battery model into the channel.

Parameters:

<channel> 1 | 2

Example: `BATT:MOD:TRAN 1`
Transfers the current battery model to a channel 1.

Usage: Setting only

7.8 Data and File Management Commands



The `FLOG` subsystem is available only with R&S NGM power supply series.

The `DATA` and `HCOPY` subsystem contain commands for managing the files in the instrument and external USB stick.

The `LOG` and `FLOG` subsystem contain the commands for managing the data logging of the instrument.

Example: Configuring fastlog for scpi target

```
// *****
// Configuring fastlog for scpi target
// *****
*RST
:FLOG:STATE 0
:STATus:OPERation:ENABle 8192 //EnableSummary = true, bit 13
:STATus:OPERation:PTRansition 8192 // Enable Positive Transition, Summary bit 13
:STATus:OPERation:NTRansition 0
:STATus:OPERation:INST:ENABle 7
:STATus:OPERation:INST:PTRansition 7
:STATus:OPERation:INST:NTRansition 0
:STATus:OPERation:INST:ISUM1:ENABle 4096 // FastLogDataAvailable bit 12
//Enable Positive Transition, FastLogDataAvailable bit 12
:STATus:OPERation:INST:ISUM1:PTRansition 4096
:STATus:OPERation:INST:ISUM1:NTRansition 0
// Clear event registers
:STATus:OPERation:EVENT?
:STATus:OPERation:INST:EVENT?
:STATus:OPERation:INST:ISUM1:EVENT?
:FLOG:TARGet SCPI
:FLOG:SRATE S250k //initialize scpi target with sample rate 250 kS/s
*OPC?
:FLOG:STATE 1 // start fastlog
// receive data once 'FastLogDataAvailable' is available
Loop
    StatusByte = *STB?
    if (StatusByte.IsOPERationStatus) //bit 7
    {
        OperationRegister = :STATus:OPERation:EVENT?
        if (OperationRegister.IsSummary) //bit 13
        {
            InstRegister = :STATus:OPERation:INST:EVENT?
            if(InstRegister.Channell) // bit 1
            {
                InstSumRegister = :STATus:OPERation:INST:ISUM1:EVENT?
                if(InstRegister.FastLogDataAvailable) //bit 12
                {
                    // scpiBinaryData : format "#<digits_of_length><length><binary_data>"
                    byte[] scpiBinaryData = :FLOG:DATA?
                    float[] raw = convertScpiBinaryDataToFloatArray(ScpiBinaryData)
                    float[] voltage = raw[0,2,4,...]
                    float[] current = raw[1,3,5,...]
                    // do work
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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DATA:DATA? <filepath>

Returns the logging file data of the selected file.

If manual trigger mode (trigger via TRIG function) is used, the logging function has to be activated. Without activating the logging function in the manual trigger mode, the instrument is not able to save a logging file internally or on the USB stick.

Parameters:

<filepath> Filepath of the logging file data.

Example:

```
DATA:DATA?
"/int/logging/log-20201203T095013.965.csv" ->
#Device,NGL201
#Calibration Ch1,factory
Timestamp,U1[V],I1[A],P1[W]
09:50:14.078,2.0003,0.00007,0.00013
09:50:14.177,2.0003,0.00007,0.00014
09:50:14.278,2.0003,0.00007,0.00014
09:50:14.376,2.0003,0.00008,0.00016
09:50:14.477,2.0003,0.00008,0.00015
09:50:14.575,2.0003,0.00008,0.00017
```

Usage: Query only

DATA:DELeTe <filepath>

Deletes the specified file from memory.

Setting parameters:

<filepath> Filepath of the file.

Example:

```
DATA:DEL
"/int/logging/log-20201203T095013.965.csv"
Deletes internal logging file 'log-20201203T095013.965.csv'
```

Usage:

Setting only

DATA:LIST?

Queries all files in internal memory ('/int/') and external memory ('/USB').

Example:

```
DATA:LIST? -> "/USB1/NGL201/logging/
log-20201203T101025.829.csv", "/int/arb/
newWaveform.csv", "/int/logging/log-20201203T101129.818.csv"
```

Usage:

Query only

DATA:POINTS? <filepath>

Queries the number of measurements from the selected logging file.

If manual trigger mode (trigger via TRIG function) is used, the logging function has to be activated. Without activating the logging function in the manual trigger mode, the instrument is not able to save a logging file internally or on the USB stick.

Parameters:

<filepath> Filepath of the logging file data.

Example:

```
DATA:POIN?
"/USB1/NGL201/logging/log-20201203T101025.829.csv"
-> 5
Returns 5 log files counts from "/USB1/NGL201/logging/
log-20201203T101025.829.csv".
```

Usage:

Query only

FLOG:DATA?

Queries FastLog data as a block.

The block is returned in the binary format starting in the sequence of voltage followed by current measurements, i.e. V, I, V, I,

The R&S NGL/NGM accepts the line message EOI and/or the ASCII character NL (0Ah) as an indication that data transmission has been completed

The binary data stream must be concluded with EOI or NL or EOI followed by NL. If the data stream is not concluded with either EOI or NL, the R&S NGL/NGM will wait for additional data. In the case of a binary data transmission, the R&S NGL/NGM ignores the bit combination NL (0Ah) within the data stream.

The binary data block has the following structure: #<LengthofLength><Length><block_data>.

Example: #234<block_data>#always introduces the binary block

<LengthofLength> specifies how many positions the subsequent length specification occupies (two in the example)

<Length> specifies the number of subsequent bytes (34 in the example) <binary block data> binary block data of the specified length

To configure fastlog for scpi target, see [Example "Configuring fastlog for scpi target"](#) on page 144.

Example: FLOG:DATA?

Example: Returns the binary format of fastLog data from channel 1.

Usage: Query only

FLOG:TRIGgered <arg0>

Sets or queries the triggered state of FastLog.

See [Figure 6-18](#).

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0
1
 Activates the FastLog state.
0
 Deactivates the FastLog state.

Example: FLOG:TRIG 1
 Ch1 FastLog triggered state is activated. In the event if a trigger signal is detected from the various input digital sources, a trigger event is sent to activate the FastLog function.

FLOG:WFILE <arg0>

Sets the FastLog data to be written to an external file.

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0
1
 Activates the FastLog to be written to external file.
0
 Deactivates the FastLog to be written to external file.

Example: FLOG:WFIL 1
 The Ch1 FastLog data is written to an external file.

FLOG:WFILE:DURation <duration>

Sets or queries the file writes duration.

Setting parameters:

<duration> Sets file writes duration.

Example: FLOG:WFIL:DUR 2
Sets file writes duration for Ch1 to 2 seconds.

FLOG:WFILE:TPARTition <arg0>

Selects the external partition to which the data is written into.

Parameters:

<arg0> Defines the external path partition to which the data is written in the USB stick.

Example: FLOG:WFIL:TPAR "/USB1A/NGM202"

FLOG[:STATE] <arg0>

Sets or queries the FastLog state.

Parameters:

<arg0> 1 | 0
1
Enables the FastLog state.
0
Disables the FastLog state.

Example: FLOG 1
Activates the Ch1 FastLog state.

FLOG:SRATe <samplerate>

Sets or queries the sample rate of the FastLog function.

Parameters:

<samplerate> S500K | S250K | S125K | S62K5 | S31K25 | S15K625 |
S7K812 | S3K906 | S1K953 | S976 | S488 | S244 | S122 | S61 |
S30 | S15

Example: FLOG:SRAT S500K
Set Ch1 FastLog writes sample rate at 500K samples/sec.

HCOPY:DATA?

Returns the actual display content (screenshot). The DATA? query responses the screenshot data in binary format.

Usage: Query only

HCOPY:SIZE:X?

Returns the horizontal dimension of the screenshots.

Usage: Query only

HCOPY:SIZE:Y?

Returns the vertical dimension of the screenshots.

Usage: Query only

LOG[:STATe] <state>**LOG[:STATe]?**

Sets or queries the data logging state.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1
ON | 1
Data logging function is enabled.
OFF | 0
Data logging function is disabled.
***RST:** OFF | 0

Example:

```
LOG ON
LOG? -> 1
Data logging function is activated.
```

LOG:COUNt <count>**LOG:COUNt? [<count>]**

Sets, queries the number of measurement values to be captured.

Setting parameters:

<count> numeric_value | MIN | MAX
numeric_value
Number of measurement values to be captured is set in the range of 1 to 10000000.
MIN
Minimum number of measurement values to be captured is set at 1.
MAX
Maximum number of measurement values to be captured is set at 10000000.

Query parameters:

<count> MIN | MAX
Returns the number of measurement values.

Example: LOG:COUN MAX
LOG:COUN? MAX -> 10000000

LOG:DURation
LOG:DURation? []

Sets or queries the duration of the data logging.

Setting parameters:

 numeric_values | MIN | MAX

numeric_values

Duration of the data logging captured in the range of 0 s to $3.49 \cdot 10^5$ s.

MIN

Minimum duration of the data logging captured at 0 s.

MAX

Maximum duration of the data logging captured at $3.49 \cdot 10^5$ s.

Default unit: s

Query parameters:

 MIN | MAX

Returns the duration of the data logging.

Example: LOG:DUR MAX
LOG:DUR? MAX -> 349000

LOG:FNAME?

Queries the filename and storage location for the data logging.

Example: LOG 0
LOG:FNAME? -> ""
LOG 1
LOG:FNAME? -> "/int/logging/log-20190318T1141853.407.csv"
Enables the data logging and queries the data log filename.

Usage: Query only

LOG:INTerval <interval>
LOG:INTerval? [<interval>]

Sets or queries the data logging measurement interval. The measurement interval describes the time between the recorded measurements.

Setting parameters:

<interval> numeric_value | MIN | MAX

numeric_value

Measurement interval in the range of 0.1 s to 600 s.

MIN

Minimum measurement interval is set at 0.1 s.

MAX

Maximum measurement interval is set at 600 s.

Default unit: s

Query parameters:

<interval>

MIN | MAX

Returns the measurement interval.

Example:

```
LOG:INT 10
```

```
LOG:INT? -> 10
```

LOG:MODE <mode>

LOG:MODE?

Sets or queries the data logging mode.

Parameters:

<mode>

UNlimited | COUNT | DURation | SPAN

UNlimited

Infinite data capture.

COUNT

Number of measurement values to be captured.

DURation

Duration of the measurement values capture.

SPAN

Interval of the measurement values capture.

Example:

```
LOG:MODE DUR
```

```
LOG:MODE? -> DUR
```

LOG:STIME <Year>, <Month>, <Day>, <Hour>, <Minute>, <Second>

LOG:STIME?

Sets or queries the start time of the data logging function.

Parameters:

<Year>

Sets the year for the data logging function.

Setting parameters:

<Month>

Sets the month for the data logging function.

<Day>

Sets the day for the data logging function.

<Hour>

Sets the hour for the data logging function.

<Minute>

Sets the minute for the data logging function.

<Second>

Sets the second for the data logging function.

Example:

```
LOG:STIM 2018,08,18,08,18,18
```

```
LOG:STIM? -> 2018,08,18,08,18,18
```

LOG:TRIGgered <state>

LOG:TRIGgered?

Sets or queries the state for manual trigger logging function.

Parameters:

<state> OFF | ON | 0 | 1
 OFF | 0
 Manual trigger function is disabled.
 ON | 1
 Manual trigger function is enabled.

Example: LOG:TRIG ON
 LOG:TRIG? -> 1

7.9 Status Reporting Commands

The status reporting system stores all information on the present operating state of the instrument, and on errors which have occurred. This information is stored in the status registers and in the error queue. The `STATUS:OPERation` and `STATUS:QUESTionable` subsystems contains commands to control the status reporting structure of the instrument.

See [Chapter A.3.1, "Structure of a SCPI Status Register"](#), on page 163.

7.9.1 STATUS:OPERation Registers

The commands of the `STATUS:OPERation` subsystem control the status reporting structures of the `STATUS:OPERation` register.

The suffix at <Channel> selects the instrument channel. the range is <1...2>.

<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:CONDition?</code>	152
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:CONDition?</code>	152
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ENABle</code>	153
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:ENABle</code>	153
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument[:EVENT]?</code>	153
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>[:EVENT]?</code>	153
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:NTRansition</code>	153
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:NTRansition</code>	153
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:PTRansition</code>	154
<code>STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:PTRansition</code>	154

STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:CONDition?

STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:CONDition? <Condition>

Returns the contents of the `CONDition` part of the status register to check for operation instrument or measurement states. Reading the `CONDition` registers does not delete the contents.

Suffix:
 <Channel> 1..n

Return values:
 <Condition> Condition bits in decimal representation.
 Range: 1 to 65535

Usage: Query only

STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ENABLE <arg0>
STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:ENABLE <arg0>

Controls or queries the ENABLE part of the STATUS:OPERation register. The ENABLE defines which events in the EVENT part of the status register are forwarded to the OPERATION summary bit (bit 7) of the status byte. The status byte can be used to create a service request.

Suffix:
 <Channel> 1..n

Parameters:
 <Enable> Range: 1 to 65535
 Increment: 1

Example: STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary1:ENABLE?
 Reads the enable register for the Standard Operation Register group

STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument[:EVENT]?
STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>[:EVENT]?

Returns the contents of the EVENT part of the status register to check whether an event has occurred since the last reading. Reading an EVENT register deletes its contents.

Suffix:
 <Channel> 1..n

Return values:
 <Event> Range: 1 to 65535

Usage: Query only

STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:NTRansition <NegativePosition>
STATUS:OPERation:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:NTRansition <arg0>

Sets or queries the negative transition filter. Setting a bit in the negative transition filter shall cause a 1 to 0 transition in the corresponding bit of the associated condition register to cause a 1 to be written in the associated bit of the corresponding event register.

Suffix:
 <Channel> 1..n

Parameters:

<NegativeTransition> Range: 1 to 65535

Example:

```
STATus:OPERation:INSTRument:ISUMmary1:
NTRansition?
Query for negative transition.
```

STATus:OPERation:INSTRument:PTRansition <PositiveTransition>

STATus:OPERation:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>:PTRansition <arg0>

Sets or queries the positive transition filter. Setting a bit in the positive transition filter shall cause a 0 to 1 transition in the corresponding bit of the associated condition register to cause a 1 to be written in the associated bit of the corresponding event register.

Suffix:

<Channel> 1..n

Parameters:

<PositiveTransition> Range: 1 to 65535

Example:

```
STATus:OPERation:INSTRument:ISUMmary1:
PTRansition?
Query for positive transition.
```

7.9.2 STATus:QUEStionable Registers

The commands of the `STATus:QUEStionable` subsystem control the status reporting structures of the `STATus:QUEStionable` registers:

The suffix <n> at Channel selects the instrument. The range is <1...2>.

<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:CONDition?</code>	154
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>:CONDition?</code>	154
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ENABle</code>	155
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>:ENABle</code>	155
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument[:EVENT]?</code>	155
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>[:EVENT]?</code>	155
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:NTRansition</code>	155
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>:NTRansition</code>	155
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:PTRansition</code>	156
<code>STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>:PTRansition</code>	156

STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:CONDition?

STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary<Channel>:CONDition? <Condition>

Returns the contents of the `CONDition` part of the status register to check for questionable instrument or measurement states. Reading the `CONDition` registers does not delete the contents.

Suffix:

<Channel> 1..n

Return values:

<Condition> Condition bits in decimal representation
Range: 0 to 65535

Usage: Query only

STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument:ENABLE <arg0>

STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:ENABLE <Enable_Value>

Sets or queries the enable mask that allows true conditions in the EVENT part to be reported in the summary bit.

If a bit in the ENABLE part is 1, and the corresponding EVENT bit is true, a positive transition occurs in the summary bit. This transition is reported to the next higher level.

Suffix:

<Channel> 1..n

Parameters:

<Enable_Value> Bit mask in decimal representation
Range: 0 to 65535

Example:

```
STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument:ISUMmary1:
ENABle?
```

Queries the event register for the Standard QUESTIONable Register group.

STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument[:EVENT]?

STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>[:EVENT]?

Returns the contents of the EVENT part of the status register to check whether an event has occurred since the last reading. Reading an EVENT register deletes its contents.

Suffix:

<Channel> 1..n

Return values:

<Event> Event bits in decimal representation
Range: 0 to 65535

Usage: Query only

STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument:NTRansition <arg0>

STATus:QUESTIONable:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:NTRansition
<NegativeTransition>

Sets or queries the negative transition filter. Setting a bit in the negative transition filter shall cause a 1 to 0 transition in the corresponding bit of the associated condition register to cause a 1 to be written in the associated bit of the corresponding event register.

Suffix:

<Channel> 1..n

Parameters:

<NegativeTransition> Range: 1 to 65535

Example:

```
STATus:QUESTionable:INSTrument:ISUMmary1:
NTRansition?
Query for negative transition.
```

STATus:QUESTionable:INSTrument:PTRansition <arg0>**STATus:QUESTionable:INSTrument:ISUMmary<Channel>:PTRansition**
<PositiveTransition>

Sets or queries the positive transition filter. Setting a bit in the positive transition filter shall cause a 0 to 1 transition in the corresponding bit of the associated condition register to cause a 1 to be written in the associated bit of the corresponding event register.

Suffix:

<Channel> 1..n

Parameters:

<PositiveTransition> Range: 1 to 65535

Example:

```
STATus:QUESTionable:INSTrument:ISUMmary1:
PTRansition?
Query for positive transition.
```

Annex

A Additional Basics on Remote Control

A.1 Messages and Command Structure

A.1.1 Messages

Instrument messages are employed in the same way for all interfaces, if not indicated otherwise in the description.

- Structure and syntax of the instrument messages: [Chapter A.1.2, "SCPI Command Structure"](#), on page 158
- Detailed description of all messages: [Chapter 7, "Remote Control Commands"](#), on page 88

There are different types of instrument messages:

- Commands
- Instrument responses

Commands

Commands (program messages) are messages which the controller sends to the instrument. They operate the instrument functions and request information. The commands are subdivided according to two criteria:

Effects on the instrument:

- Setting commands cause instrument settings such as a reset of the instrument or setting the output voltage.
- Queries return data for remote control, e.g. for identification of the instrument or polling a parameter value. Queries are formed by appending a question mark to the command header.

Applied standards:

- The function and syntax of the common commands are precisely defined in standard IEEE 488.2. If implemented, they are used identically on all instruments. They refer to functions such as management of the standardized status registers, reset and self-test.
- Instrument control commands refer to functions depending on the features of the instrument such as voltage settings. Many of these commands have also been standardized by the SCPI committee. These commands are marked as "SCPI compliant" in the command reference chapters. Commands without this SCPI label

are device-specific, however, their syntax follows SCPI rules as permitted by the standard.

Instrument responses

Instrument responses (response messages and service requests) are messages which the instrument sends to the controller after a query. They can contain measurement results, instrument settings and information on the instrument status.

GPIB Interface Messages

Interface messages are transmitted to the instrument on the data lines with the attention line (ATN) being active (LOW). They are used for communication between the controller and the instrument and can only be sent by a PC which has the function of a GPIB bus controller. GPIB interface messages can be further subdivided into:

- **Universal commands** act on all instruments connected to the GPIB bus without previous addressing; universal commands are encoded in the range 10 through 1F hex. They affect all instruments connected to the bus and do not require addressing.
- **Addressed commands** only act on instruments previously addressed as listeners; addressed commands are encoded in the range 00 through 0F hex. They only affect instruments addressed as listeners.

A.1.2 SCPI Command Structure

SCPI commands consist of a so-called header and, usually, one or more parameters. The header and the parameters are separated by a whitespace. The headers can consist of several mnemonics (keywords). Queries are formed by appending a question mark directly to the header. The commands can be either device-specific or device-independent (common commands). Common and device-specific commands differ in their syntax.

Syntax for Common Commands

Common (= device-independent) commands consist of a header preceded by an asterisk (*) and possibly one or more parameters.

Table A-1: Examples of Common Commands

Command	Command Name	Description
*RST	Reset	Resets the instrument.
*ESE	Event Status Enable	Sets the bits of the event status enable registers.
*ESR?	Event Status Query	Queries the content of the event status register.
*IDN?	Identification Query	Queries the instrument identification string.

Syntax for Device-Specific Commands

For demonstration purposes only, assume the existence of the following commands for this section:

- MEASure:CURRent[:DC]?
- MEASure:VOLTage[:DC]?
- FUSE[:STATe] {ON | OFF | 0 | 1}
- FUSE[:STATe]?

Long and short form

The mnemonics feature a long form and a short form. The short form is marked by uppercase letters, the long form corresponds to the complete word. You can enter either the short form or the long form; other abbreviations are not permitted.

Example:

MEASure:CURRent? is equivalent to MEAS:CURR?



Case-insensitivity

Uppercase and lowercase notation only serves to distinguish the two forms in the manual, the instrument itself is case-insensitive.

Optional mnemonics

Some command systems permit inserting or omitting certain mnemonics in the header. These mnemonics are marked by square brackets. The instrument must recognize the long command to comply with the SCPI standard. Some commands are shortened by these optional mnemonics.

Example:

FUSE[:STATe] { ON }

FUSE:STAT ON is equivalent to FUSE ON

Special characters

Table A-2: Special characters

	<p>A vertical stroke in parameter definitions indicates alternative possibilities in the sense of "or". The effect of the command differs, depending on the used parameter.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FUSE:LINK {1 2 3} • FUSE:LINK 1 sets the fuse link CH1 for the selected channel FUSE:LINK 2 sets the fuse link of CH2 for the selected channel
[]	<p>Mnemonics in square brackets are optional and can be inserted into the header or be omitted.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FUSE[:STATe] { ON } • FUSE:STAT ON is equivalent to FUSE ON
{ }	<p>Parameters in curly brackets are optional and can be inserted once or several times, or be omitted.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOLTage[:LEVel][:IMMediate][:AMPLitude] {<voltage> MIN MAX UP DOWN } <p>The following are valid commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VOLT MAX - VOLT MIN VOLT 10

SCPI Parameters

Many commands are supplemented by a parameter or a list of parameters. The parameters must be separated from the header by a whitespace (ASCII code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank).

Allowed parameters are:

- Numeric values
- Special numeric values
- Boolean parameters
- Text
- Character strings
- Block data

The required parameters and the allowed value range are specified in the command description.

Numeric values

You can enter numeric values in the following form. Values exceeding the resolution of the instrument are rounded up or down.

Example:

VOLT 10V = VOLT 10

VOLT 100mV = VOLT 0.1

Special numeric values

The text listed below are interpreted as special numeric values. In the case of a query, the numeric value is provided.

- MIN / MAX

- **MINimum** and **MAXimum** denote the minimum and maximum value.

Example:

```
VOLT:PROT? MAX
```

Returns the maximum numeric value.

Boolean parameters

Boolean parameters represent two states:

- **On** (logically true), is represented by "On" or the numeric value "1"
- **Off** (logically false), is represented by "Off" or the numeric value "0"

The instrument returns the numerical value when queried.

Example:

```
OUTP:STAT ON
```

```
OUTP:STAT?
```

Response: 1

Overview of Syntax Elements

The following table provides an overview of the syntax elements:

Table A-3: Syntax Elements

:	A colon separates the mnemonics of a command.
,	A comma separates several parameters of a command.
?	A question mark forms a query.
*	An asterisk marks a common command.
"	Quotation marks introduce a string and terminate it.
	A whitespace (ASCII-Code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank) separates the header from the parameters.

Responses to Queries

You can query each setting command by adding a question mark. According to SCPI, the responses to queries are partly subject to stricter rules than in the standard IEEE 488.2.

- The requested parameter is transmitted without a header.

```
VOLTage:PROTEction:MODE?
```

 Response: "measured"
- Maximum values, minimum values and all other quantities that are requested via a special text parameter are returned as numeric values.

```
VOLT:PROT? MAX
```

 Response: 32.500
- Boolean values are returned as 0 (for Off) and 1 (for On).

```
OUTPut:STATe?
```

Response: 1

A.2 Command Sequence and Synchronization

A sequential command finishes the execution before the next command is starting. To make sure that commands are actually carried out in a certain order, each command must be sent in a separate command line.



As a rule, send commands and queries in different program messages.

A.2.1 Preventing Overlapping Execution

Table A-4: Synchronization using *OPC, *OPC? and *WAI

Command	Action	Programming the controller
*OPC	Sets the Operation Complete bit in the ESR after all previous commands have been executed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting bit 0 in the ESE Setting bit 5 in the SRE Waiting for service request (SRQ)
*OPC?	Stops command processing until 1 is returned. It occurs after the Operation Complete bit has been set in the ESR. This bit indicates that the previous setting has been completed.	Sending *OPC? directly after the command whose processing should be terminated before other commands can be executed.
*WAI	Stops further command processing until all commands have been executed before *WAI.	Sending *WAI directly after the command whose processing should be terminated before other commands are executed

To prevent an overlapping execution of commands the commands *OPC, *OPC? or *WAI can be used. All three commands cause a certain action only to be carried out after the hardware has been set. The controller can be forced to wait for the corresponding action.



The R&S NGL/NGM series does not support parallel processing of remote commands. If OPC? returns a "1", the device is able to process new commands.

A.3 Status Reporting System

The status reporting system stores all information on the current operating state of the instrument and errors which have occurred. This information is stored in the status reg-

isters and in the error queue. You can query both via RS-232, USB, GPIB or LAN interface (`STATus...` commands).

A.3.1 Structure of a SCPI Status Register

Each standard SCPI register consists of 2 or 3 parts (Event, Condition and Enable register). Each part has a width of 16 bits and has different functions. The individual bits are independent of each other, i.e. each hardware status is assigned a bit number which is valid for all 2 or 3 parts. Bit 15 (the most significant bit) is set to zero for all parts. Thus the controller can process contents of the register parts as positive integers.

`STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMmary1` exists as often as device channels are available (e.g. NGL201 = 2 channels = 2 status register). Accordingly, the description text of the channel information changes in [Figure A-1](#) (e.g. instrument 1 = channel 1, instrument 2 = channel 2 etc.).



Depending on the value of the read register, you can draw conclusions on the current status of the device. For example, when the unit operates in constant voltage, the result of the returned `ISUM` register is a decimal "2" which corresponds the binary value of "0000000000000010".

Any part of a status register system can be read by query commands. A decimal value is returned and represents the bit pattern of the requested register. Each SCPI register is 16 bits wide and has various functions. The individual bits are independent, i.e. each hardware status is assigned to a bit number.

Bits 9 to 12 are still "free" resp. unused (always return a "0"). Certain areas of the registers are not used. The SCPI standard defines only the "basic functions". Some devices offer an advanced functionality.

Each channel of the power supply is considered as separate "instrument" (SCPI standard definition). Therefore, e.g. the register `STATus:QUEStionable:INSTRument:ISUMary` of the NGL202 or NGM202 is also present two times (`Isummary1` - `Isummary2`).

Description of the status register parts

The SCPI standard provides two different status registers:

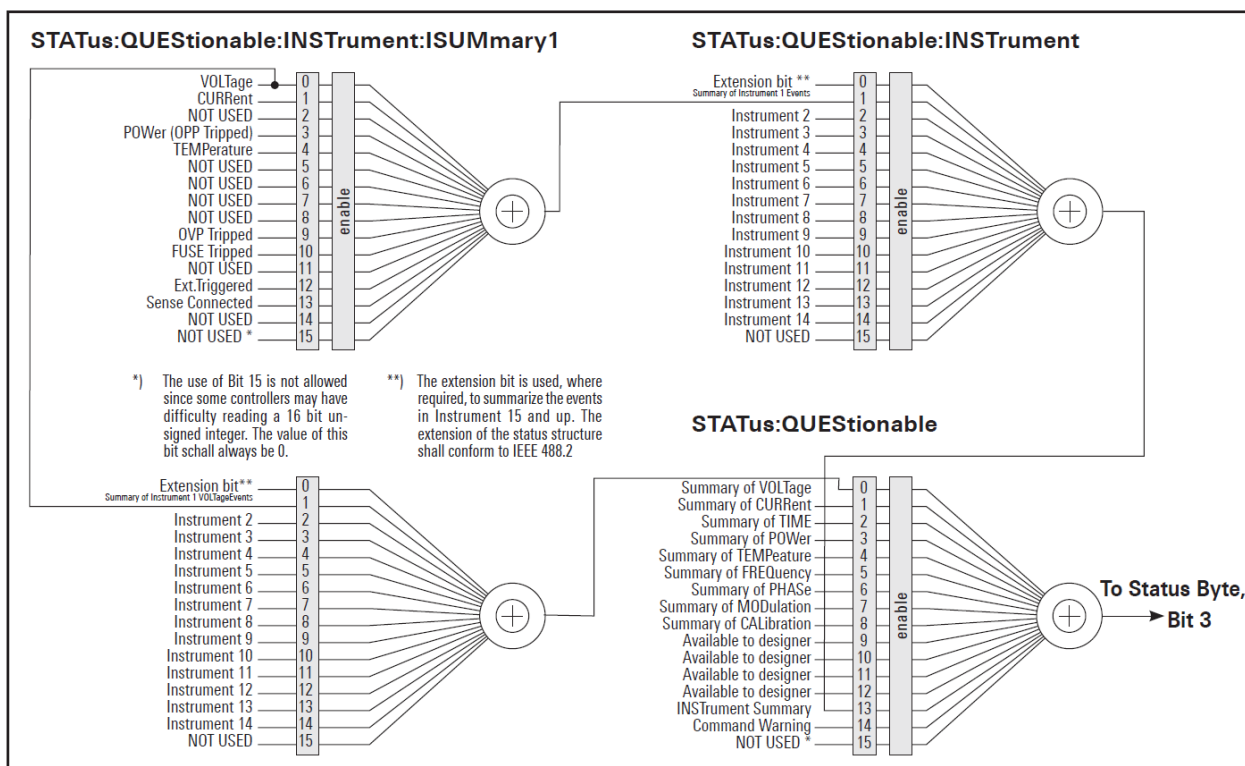


Figure A-1: Structure of the status QUESTIONable register

CONDition

- The CONDition register queries the actual state of the instrument. If you want to query the constant voltage or current mode, you have to use the CONDition register.



The CONDition register delivers a "1" (first bit set) in constant current mode (CC) and a "2" (second bit set) in constant voltage mode (CV).

If the correct channel is selected and the red LED of the channel button lights up (CC mode), the query of the CONDition register must deliver a "1".

Example:

```
STAT:QUES:ISUM1:COND?
```

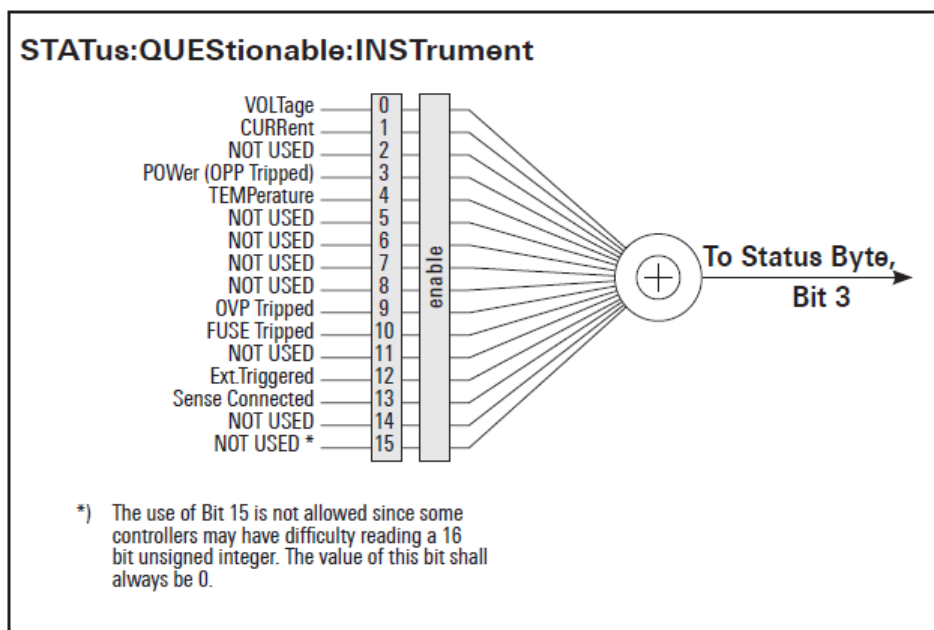
EVENT

- The EVENT status register is set (1) until it is queried. After reading (query), the EVENT status register is set to zero.



The description of registers is only used for general explanation. Due to the complexity, we recommend the general accessible SCPI standard document for more detailed information.

For further description of the status register, see [Chapter 7.9, "Status Reporting Commands"](#), on page 152.



Event Status Register (ESR) and Event Status Enable Register (ESE)

The ESR is defined in IEEE 488.2. It can be compared with the `EVENT` part of an SCPI register. The event status register can be read out using the command `*ESR?`. The ESE corresponds to the `ENABLE` part of an SCPI register. If a bit is set in the ESE and the associated bit in the ESR changes from 0 to 1, the ESB bit in the STB is set. The ESE register can be set using the command `*ESE` and read using the command `*ESE?`.

STATUS:OPERation Register

In the `CONDITION` part, this register contains information on which actions the instrument is being executing or, in the `EVENT` part, information on which actions the instrument has executed since the last reading. It can be read using the commands `STATUS:OPERation:CONDition?` or `STATUS:OPERation[:EVENT]?`.

Bit No.	Meaning
0	CALibrating This bit is set as long as the instrument is performing a calibration.
1 to 9	Not used

Bit No.	Meaning
10	Logging This bit is set as long as "Logging" is enabled
11	Not used
12	FastLog This bit is set once "FastLog" data is available
13 to 14	Not used
15	This bit is always 0

STATus:QUESTionable Register

This register contains information about different states which can occur. It can be read using the commands `STATus:QUESTionable:CONDition?` and `STATus:QUESTionable[:EVENT]?`. See [Figure A-1](#).

Table A-5: Bits of the STATus:QUESTionable register

Bit No.	Meaning
0	Voltage This bit is set while the instrument is in constant current mode (CC). The voltage is regulated and the current is constant.
1	Current This bit is set while the instrument is in constant voltage mode (CV). The current is variable and the voltage is constant.
2 to 3	Not used
4	Temperature overrange This bit is set if an over temperature occurs.
5 to 8	Not used
9	OVP Tripped This bit is set if the over voltage protection has tripped.
10	Fuse Tripped This bit is set if the fuse protection has tripped.
11 to 15	Not used

Query of an instrument status

Each part of any status register can be read using queries.

There are two types of commands:

- The common commands `*ESR?`, `*IDN?`, `*STB?` query the higher-level registers.
- The commands of the `STATus` system query the SCPI registers (`STATus:QUESTionable`)

The returned value is always a decimal number that represents the bit pattern of the queried register. This number is evaluated by the controller program.

Decimal representation of a bit pattern (binary weights)

The STB and ESR registers contain 8 bits, the status registers 16 bits. The contents of a status register are specified and transferred as a single decimal number. To make this possible, each bit is assigned a weighted value. The decimal number is calculated as the sum of the weighted values of all bits in the register that are set to 1.

Bits	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
Weight	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	...

Figure A-2: Decimal representation of a bit pattern

Error Queue

Each error state in the instrument leads to an entry in the error queue. The entries of the error queue are detailed plain text error messages. You can look them up in the error log or via remote control using `SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT]?`. Each call of `SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT]?` provides one entry from the error queue. If no error messages are stored, the instrument responds with 0, "No error".

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