

# **EPICS Device Support For SL1000 Digitizer Modules**

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# 1. SL1000 Series and Supported Modules

The *SL1000* is a high-performance data acquisition unit featuring fast data acquisition, transfer, and storage capabilities. It is a module-based instrument with a wide and varied module lineup. We have developed device support for waveform digitizer modules within the *SL1000* series. The main specifications of these devices are summarized in Tables 1 and 2. For more details, please visit the Yokogawa Web site or see the product manuals.



**Figure 1:** The *SL1000* Data Acquisition Unit (left) and the *720210* 100MS/s Digitizer Module (right)

Main Specifications	Description
Number of Slots	8
Max. No. of Channels	16 (2 channels x 8 slots)
Max. Sampling Rate	100MHz
Acquisition Memory	128MP
Ethernet	1000BASE-T
Dimensions	319 mm(W) x 154 mm (D)x 350 mm (D)
Weight	Approx. 6 kg (SL1000 unit only)

**Table 1:** Main specifications of the SL1000 data acquisition unit.

Model	Type	No. of Channels	Sampling Rate	Bandwidth	Resolution	Isolation
720210	digitizer	2	100MS/s	20MHz	12 bits	isolated
701250	digitizer	2	10MS/s	3MHz	12 bits	isolated
701251	digitizer	2	1MS/s	300kHz	16 bits	isolated
701255	digitizer	2	10MS/s	3MHz	12 bits	non-isolated
701260	digitizer	2	100kS/s	40kHz	16 bits	isolated

**Table 2:** Supported modules of the SL1000 Series

## 2. Device Support Details

The SL1000 employs the VXI-11 protocol, and I/O commands for controlling the device are fully supported by asynDriver.

We used a PC with the Linux operating system (CentOS 5) and the EPICS base (version R3.14.9) with asynDriver (version 4.11, beta version) in developing our device support.

### A. Key Features

The device driver supports the following key features of the SL1000 series:

- SRQ Function
- Acquisition of Compressed Data
- Data Storage of Historical Waveforms

#### SRQ Function

The SRQ function is supported. At present (May, 2009) the Asyn driver in the CVS repository at ANL is required. Hopefully, the next version (Asyn4.11) will officially support the function.

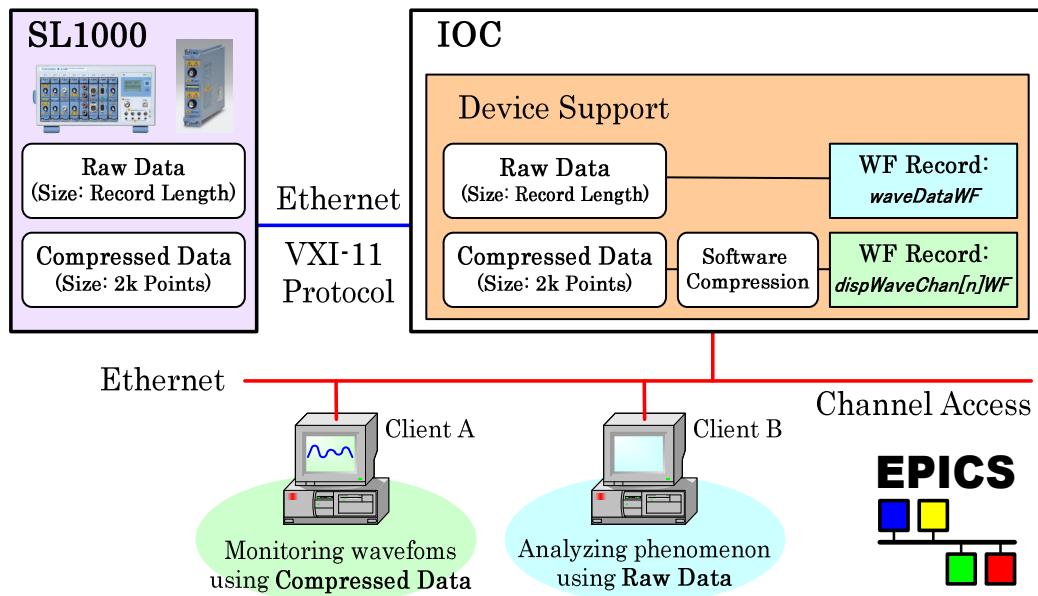
#### Acquisition of Compressed Data

The SL1000 stores both raw data and compressed data in the device (See Figure 2). The data size of the compressed data is fixed to 2000 points; it does not depend on the record length. Compressed data is made by the peak-to-peak compression technique. For example, if the record length is 1M points, only a maximum and minimum pair is stored out of every 1000 points of raw data, resulting in 2000 points (1000 pairs) of data. The device support further compresses the transferred 2k point data to a pre-determined number of points. The default size is 1000 points (500 pairs), which is defined in “st. cmd” using the environment variable of “DISPWF\_NELM”. A client can also change the data size by selecting a preferable value using the record “dispWavePointsM0”.

It is very beneficial to use the compressed data in displaying waveforms in a screen. In most cases, 1k points of data would be enough for display use because of the limited resolution of displays, while we can highly reduce the network traffic load by using compressed data.

Since raw data is always available in the device memory, for example, when some anomaly in a signal is detected, we can use the raw data for precise analysis of the phenomenon. Note that we should stop the acquisition before accessing raw data; if the acquisition is resumed, the device memory might be overwritten by newly acquired data.

## Raw Data and Compressed Data stored in SL1000



**Figure 2:** The SL1000 stores raw data and compressed data. The device support is designed to access either type of data.

### Data Storage of Historical Waveforms

Since the SL1000 is equipped with a large memory of 128MP, multiple waveforms can be stored. The maximum number of waveforms that can be stored depends on the number of channels employed and the record length as summarized in Table 3.

In our device support, two types of trigger numbers are handled. One is a trigger number, which is the number incremented by providing a trigger signal. This number is reset when the acquisition conditions (e.g. the record length, the number of channels, the sampling rate, and the trigger parameters) are changed or by providing a reset command. The other is a relative trigger number, called “History Number” hereafter. The history number for the most recent waveform acquired is treated as the starting point (zero), and the number is defined to be zero or negative. For example, the value “-1” corresponds to the waveform that is previous to the most recent waveform stored in the device.

When we have access to a certain waveform in the device, either of the trigger number or the history number must be specified (See Figure 3).



## B. Data Acquisition Sequence

Figure 4 shows the data acquisition sequence with this device support. When the SRQ function is used, the “SCAN” field of the record “dispWaveUpdateSQ” is set to be “Event”. The record “currentTrigNoAI” gets the current trigger number from the device and stores the value in a static variable (“C”). The record “\_checkNewTrigSQ” compares the current trigger number “C” and the previous trigger number (another static variable “P”), and the waveform records are processed only when the difference between the two values (“C-P”) is greater than a pre-determined value “I” (=waveform interval, set with “dispWaveIntervalAI”). The value “C” is then copied into “P” for the next acquisition. In this way, the waveform records are processed only when waveform data to be transferred are available.

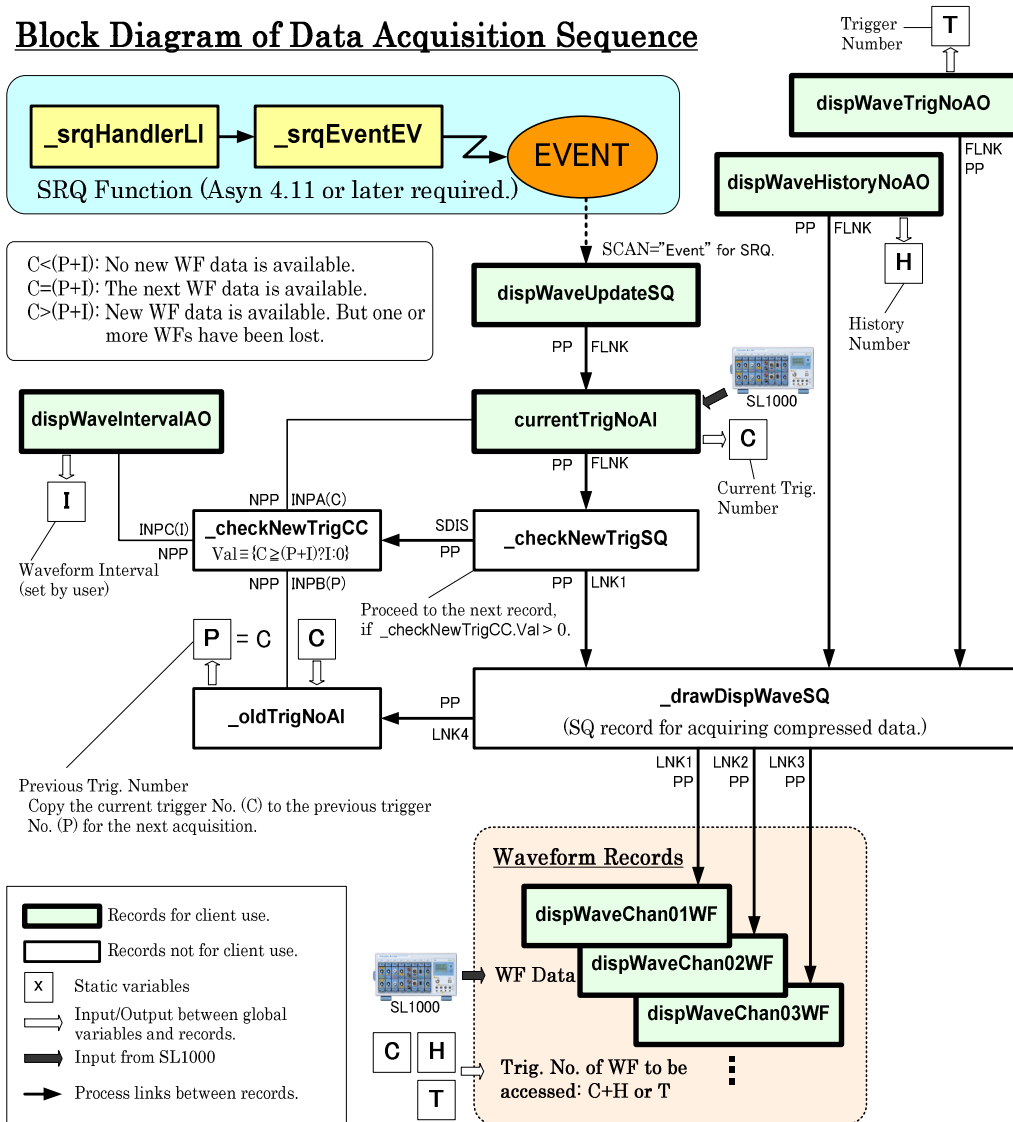


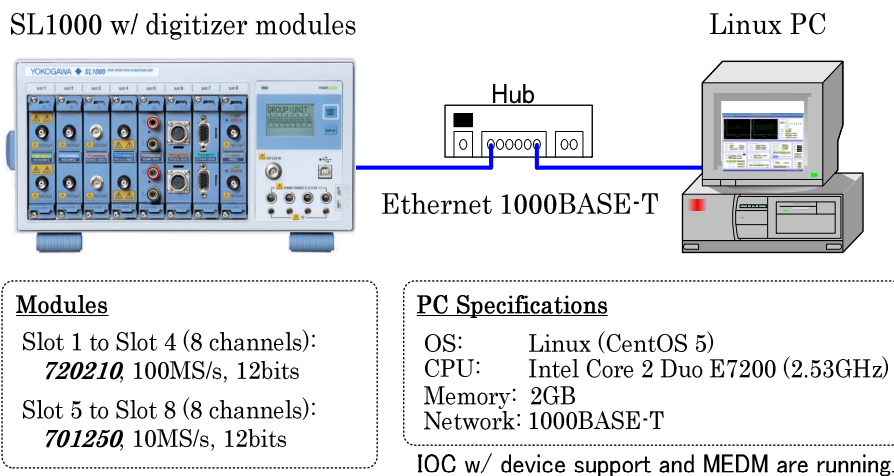
Figure 4: The data acquisition sequence.

## C. Performance

We have evaluated the performance of the SL1000 and our device support using our MEDM viewer tool. We have used an SL1000 unit with 8 digitizer modules (=16 channels) and a Linux PC. The SL1000 unit and the PC are connected through a G-bit hub (see Figure 5). Both the IOC and the sample MEDM viewer run on the same machine. The transferred data are of the compressed waveforms only. With this test we have changed (1) the sampling rate, (2) the record length, and (3) the trigger rate as evaluation parameters, and have recorded the maximum number of channels with which the system works properly. The judgment whether the system works properly or not is made by:

- i) checking the value “C-P”, where “C” and “P” are defined in Figure 4. When the value “C-P” is equal to the preset value of “1”, the device support works properly, and when the value is greater than “1”, it misses some WF data to be transferred (some WF could not be transferred to IOC).
- ii) checking if the trigger number is incremented as provided. (E.g. we send 500 pulses to the SL1000 from a signal generator and see if the SL1000 can acquire 500 waveforms.)

### Evaluation Environment



**Figure 5:** The evaluation environment. The SL1000 and the PC are connected using a G-bit hub. The IOC with the device support and the MEDM viewer are running on the same PC.

Table 4 summarizes some acquisition conditions in which the system works properly without missing any data. Even though the size of data transferred per channel does not depend on the record length (it is fixed by the data compression), the performance limit is affected by the record length and the number of channels, and the dependency on the record length is not simple but somewhat complicated (see Table 4). This is because the SL1000 is optimized for transferring long data (e.g. 500k and 1M).

We should note that this test has been performed with an ideal condition, while the total performance depends on the device, the device support, the PC, and the network condition. These results do not warrant the performance.

Sampling Rate	Record Length	Trigger Rate (Waveform Interval)			
		50Hz (1)	50Hz (5)	25Hz (1)	12.5Hz (1)
100MS/s	1M	16	16	16	16
	500k	16	16	16	16
	200k	2	16	6	12
	100k	4	16	10	16
	50k	7	16	16	16
	20k	12	16	16	16
	10k	14	16	16	16
10MS/s	500k				16
	200k			16	16
	100k	16	16	16	16
	50k	16	16	16	16
	20k	12	16	16	16
	10k	14	16	16	16
	5k	16	16	16	16
	2k	16	16	16	16
1MS/s	50k				16
	20k			16	16
	10k	14	16	16	16
	5k	16	16	16	16
	2k	16	16	16	16
100kS/s	5k				16
	2k			16	16

Note 1: The SRQ function is enabled (SCAN is set to “Event”).

Note 2: This test is for transferring compressed data ( dispWaveChan[n]WF ).

Note 3: When “Waveform Interval=N”, a waveform data is transferred for every N-waveforms.

**Table 4:** The performance test results. The maximum numbers of channels with which the system works properly are summarized. The results do not warrant the performance.



### 3. Record List

#### A. Acquisition

Record	Description	Value
<i>startBO</i>	Start acquisition.	
<i>stopBO</i>	Stop acquisition.	
<i>manualTrigBO</i>	Manually execute trigger action.	

#### B. Trigger Number

Record	Description	Value
<b>Comments:</b>		
When specifying a certain waveform, use “trigger number” or “history number”. The maximum number of waveforms which can be stored in the device depends on the number of enabled channels and the record length. The number is automatically set to the record “ <i>maxHistorySizeAI</i> ” according to a given condition.		
<i>currentTrigNoAI</i>	Read current trigger number.	{1 to 2 <sup>52</sup> }
<i>maxHistorySizeAI</i>	Read maximum number of waveforms secured for historical data.	{1 to 5000}
<i>resetTrigNoBO</i>	Reset trigger number. All data stored in the device memory is deleted with this action.	

#### C. Acquisition Condition

Record	Description	Value
<b>Comments:</b>		
These are records for the acquisition condition and are common to all channels. The acceptable combinations of record lengths and sampling rates are shown in the following table(right):	<u>Sampling Rate</u>	<u>Record Length (Points)</u>
	1kHz to 20MHz	2k to 1M
	50MHz	5k to 1M
	100MHz	10k to 1M
<i>acqModeBO</i>	Select acquisition mode.	{“Repeat”   “Single”}
<i>acqModeBI</i>	Read acquisition mode.	
<i>recLenMO</i>	Select record length of waveform data.	{“2k”   “5k”   “10k”   “20k”   ...   “500k”   “1M”}
<i>recLenMI</i>	Read record length of waveform data.	e.g. “10k”
<i>recLenAI</i>	Read record length of waveform data.	e.g. 10,000 for “10k”

<i>smplRateAMO</i>	Select sampling rate (value part). The unit is set by “smplRateBMO”.	{“1”   “2”   “5”   ...   “200”   “500”}
<i>smplRateBMO</i>	Select sampling rate (unit part). The value is set by ”smplRateAMO”.	{ “Hz”   “kHz”   “MHz” }
<i>smplRateAMI</i>	Read sampling rate (value part).	e.g. “100” for 100kHz
<i>smplRateBMI</i>	Read sampling rate (unit part).	e.g. “kHz” for 100kHz
<i>smplRateAI</i>	Read sampling rate in Hz.	e.g. 100,000 for “100+”kHz”
<i>trigDelayAO</i>	Set trigger delay time in seconds.	{0 to 10, 10 ns step}
<i>trigDelayAI</i>	Read trigger delay time in seconds.	
<i>trigHoldoffAO</i>	Set trigger holdoff time in seconds.	{0 to 10, 10 ns step}
<i>trigHoldoffAI</i>	Read trigger holdoff time in seconds.	
<i>trigLevAO</i>	Set trigger level in volts.	{ (-chanVdivMO)*10 to (chanVdivMO)*10 }
<i>trigLevAI</i>	Read trigger level in volts.	
<i>trigPosMO</i>	Select trigger position.	{“0%”   “10%”   “20%”   “30%”   ...   “90%”   “100%” }
<i>trigPosMI</i>	Read trigger position.	e.g. “30%”
<i>trigPosAI</i>	Read trigger position.	e.g. 30 for “30%”
<i>trigSlopeMO</i>	Select trigger slope.	{ “RISE”   “FALL” }
<i>trigSlopeMI</i>	Read trigger slope.	
<i>trigSourceMO</i>	Select trigger source.	{ “EXT”   “LINE”   “CH1”   “CH2”   ...   “CH16” }
<i>trigSourceMI</i>	Read trigger source.	

#### D. Channel Setting

<b>Comments:</b>		
These records are for channel settings. Select a target channel with “ <i>chanNoSelectMO</i> ” in advance.		
Record	Description	Value
<i>maxChanNumAI</i>	Read maximum channel number. The number of channels available in the device is automatically detected when IOC starts up.	{ 0 to 16 }
<i>chanNoSelectMO</i>	Select target channel.	{ “CH1”   “CH2”   ...   “CH16” }
<i>chanNoSelectMI</i>	Read target channel number.	e.g. “CH1”
<i>chanEnableBO</i>	Set On/Off status of selected channel.	{ “Off”   “On” }

	The default value is “Off”.	
<i>chanEnableBI</i>	Read On/Off status of selected channel.	
<i>Chan[n]EnableBI</i>	Read On/Off status of Channel [n]. ([n]: “01”, “02”, ..., “16”)	{ “Off”   “On” }
<i>chanCoupleMO</i>	Select coupling type of selected channel.	{ “AC”   “DC”   “GND” }
<i>chanCoupleMI</i>	Read coupling type of selected channel.	
<i>chanProbeMO</i>	Select probe condition of selected channel.	{ “1:1”   “10:1”   “100:1”   “1000:1” }
<i>chanProbeMI</i>	Read probe condition of selected channel.	
<i>chanVdivMO</i>	Select voltage per division of selected channel. Note1: The setting range depends on the probe setting: e.g. Model 720210 i) 10mv to 50V for probe=1:1 ii) 100mV to 100V for probe=10:1 iii) 1V to 100V for probe=100:1 iv) 10V to 100V for probe=1000:1 Note2: Actual measurement range is given by: -10×(Vdiv) to +10×(Vdiv).	{ “10mV”   “20mV”   “50mV”   ...   “1000V” }
<i>chanVdivMI</i>	Read voltage per division of selected channel.	e.g. “20mV”
<i>chanVdivAI</i>	Read voltage per division of selected channel.	e.g. 0.02 for “20mV”

## E. Current Value Acquisition

<b>Comments:</b>		
The device has a function measuring current voltage values.		
<b>Record</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
<i>currValUpdateSQ</i>	Process sequence of current value measurement.	
<i>currValChan[n]AI</i>	Read current voltage of channel [n] in	e.g. 1.5 for 1.5 volts

	volts. ([n]: “01”, “02”, ..., “16”)	
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## F. Compressed Waveform Data Acquisition

<b>Comments:</b>		
<p>The records whose names begin with “<i>dispWave</i>” are for transferring compressed waveform data. The device support further compresses the transferred data so that the data length matches with “<i>dispWavePointsMO</i>”. This record relates only on the software compression rate and does not change the time length of the waveform. Set this value by taking into account the display resolution and the network traffic condition. The data transfer is performed by processing the record “<i>dispwaveUpdateSQ</i>”. The waveform data will be stored in records “<i>dispWaveChan[n]WF</i>” secured for each channel. Specify a trigger number (“<i>dispWaveTrigNoAO</i>”) or a history number (“<i>dispWaveHistoryNoAO</i>”) in advance.</p>		
<b>Record</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
<i>dispWaveTrigNoAO</i>	Set trigger number of waveform to be displayed.	{ 1 to $-10^{11-1}$ }
<i>dispWaveTrigNoAI</i>	Read trigger number of waveform to be displayed.	
<i>dispWaveHistoryNoAO</i>	Set history number of waveform to be displayed. This is a relative number; the history number for the most recent trigger is treated as a starting point (zero), and the history number is defined as zero or a negative value. The absolute value of this number should be less than the value of “maxHistorySize”.	{ 0 ~ -5000 } e.g. The value -1 corresponds to the waveform previous to the most recent waveform.
<i>dispWaveHistoryNoAI</i>	Read history number of waveform to be displayed.	{ 0 ~ -5000 }
<i>dispWavePointsMO</i>	Set data length of displayed waveform. This is the actual size of the waveform record (“ <i>dispWaveChan[n]WF</i> ”). If this value is less than 2000 (= the data length of the waveform transferred from the device to IOC), the software data compression is performed. Set this value by taking into	{ “NELM”   “200”   “500”   “1000”   “2000”   “5000” } Note “NELM” is defined by the environment variable of “DISPWF_NELM”. The default value is 1000.

	account the display resolution and the network traffic condition.	
<i>dispWavePointsMI</i>	Read data length of waveform to be displayed.	e.g. "500" e.g. "NELM"
<i>dispWavePointsAI</i>	Read data length of waveform to be displayed.	e.g. 500 for "500" e.g. 1000 for "NELM"
<i>dispWaveTrigNoDiffAI</i>	Read trigger number difference between currently and previously acquired waveforms. =0: No new data available. =1: The next data are ready. >1: New data are available. But some waveforms have been lost.	
<i>dispWaveUpdateSQ</i>	Update displayed waveforms. When SCAN="Event" is selected, waveforms will be updated at the timing of receiving an interrupt signal meaning the end of trigger acquisition.	
<i>dispWaveTimeAxisWF</i>	Time data of waveform to be displayed (in seconds).	
<i>dispWaveChan[n]WF</i>	Waveform data of channel [n]. ([n]: "01", "02", ..., "16")	
<i>dispWaveIntervalAO</i>	Interval of waveforms to be transferred to IOC. When this value is "n", waveform data is transferred once in n-waveform(s) acquired by the device. When the value is "1", every data is transferred. When the value is "0", no data is transferred.	{ 0 to 10000 }
<i>dispWaveIntervalAI</i>	Read interval of waveforms to be transferred.	

## G. Raw Waveform Data Acquisition

### Comments:

The records of which names begin with "**wave**" are for the raw data transfer function. The data transfer is performed by processing the record "**waveUpdateSQ**".

When transferring data, select the channel number of interest using “*waveChanNoMO*”, specify a trigger number (“*waveTrigNoAO*”) or a history number (“*waveHistoryNoAO*”), the data length (“*wavePosAO*”), and the start position (“*wavePosAO*”) in the specified waveform. The selected waveform will be stored in the record of “*waveDataWF*”.

<b>Record</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
<i>waveChanNoMO</i>	Select channel number of raw waveform data to be transferred.	{ "CH1"   "CH2"   ...   "CH16" }
<i>waveChanNoMI</i>	Read channel number of raw waveform data to be transferred.	
<i>waveTrigNoAO</i>	Set trigger number of raw waveform data to be transferred.  The record for the history number (“ <i>waveHistoryNoAO</i> ”) is valid when this record is set to “zero”.  The channel number is defined by “ <i>waveChanNoMO</i> ”.	{ 1 to $10^{11}-1$ }
<i>waveTrigNoAI</i>	Read latest trigger number of raw waveform data.  The channel number is defined by “ <i>waveChanNoMO</i> ”.	
<i>waveHistoryNoAO</i>	Set waveform history number of raw waveform data to be transferred.  This function is valid when the trigger number is set to “zero”.  Note: This is a relative number; the most recent trigger number is treated as a starting point (zero), and so the number is defined as zero or a negative value. The absolute value of this number should be less than the value of “ <i>maxHistorySize</i> ”.	{ 0 to -5000 }  e.g. The value “-1” corresponds to the waveform previous to the most recent waveform.
<i>waveHistoryNoAI</i>	Read history number of raw waveform data to be transferred.  The channel number is defined by “ <i>waveChanNoMO</i> ”.	
<i>waveLenAO</i>	Set data length of raw waveform data	{ 0 to WF_NELM }

	to be transferred. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”.	
<b><i>waveLenAI</i></b>	Read data length of raw waveform data to be transferred. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”.	
<b><i>wavePosAO</i></b>	Set start position of raw waveform data to be transferred. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”.	{ 0 to “Record Length”-1 }
<b><i>wavePosAI</i></b>	Read start position of raw waveform data to be transferred. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”.	
<b><i>waveUpdateSQ</i></b>	Update raw waveform data. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”. Note: When SCAN=“Event” is selected, the waveform will be updated at the timing of receiving interrupt signal meaning the end of trigger acquisition.	
<b><i>waveAutoUpdateEnable BO</i></b>	Set Enable/Disable of auto-update function of raw waveform data.	{ "Disable"   "Enable" }
<b><i>waveAutoUpdateEnable BI</i></b>	Read Enable/Disable status of auto-update function of raw waveform data.	
<b><i>waveTimeAxisWF</i></b>	Time data (in micro seconds) of raw waveform to be transferred. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”..	
<b><i>waveData WF</i></b>	Raw waveform data (in volts) to be transferred. The channel number is defined by “waveChanNoMO”.	

## H. Acquisition Status

Record	Description	Value
<i>statusUpdateSQ</i>	Update statuses. This processes “acqStatusBI” and “trigStatusMI”.	
<i>acqStatusBI</i>	Read data acquisition status.	{ "Stop"   "Run" }
<i>trigStatusMI</i>	Read trigger status.	{ "Stop"   "Wait"   "Capture" }

## I. Setting Condition

Comments:		
Preferred setting condition can be stored in the device with a specified data name.		
Record	Description	Value
<i>resetBO</i>	Reset values to default.	
<i>setupDataNameSO</i>	Data name of setting condition.	
<i>saveSetupDataBO</i>	Save setting condition with specified data name into the device.	
<i>recallSetupDataBO</i>	Recall setting condition of specified data name from the device.	

## J. SRQ

Comments:		
SQR interrupt function is supported by asyn4.11 or later.		
Record	Description	Value
<i>srqEnableBO</i>	Set Enable/Disable status for receiving SRQ interrupt.	{ "Disable"   "Enable" } “Enable” is default.
<i>srqEnableBI</i>	Read Enable/Disable status for SRQ interrupt.	
<i>srqEventNoAO</i>	Set SRQ event interrupt number. The default value is 1. The default number is set by the environmental variable of “SRQ_EVNT”.	{ 1 to 255 }

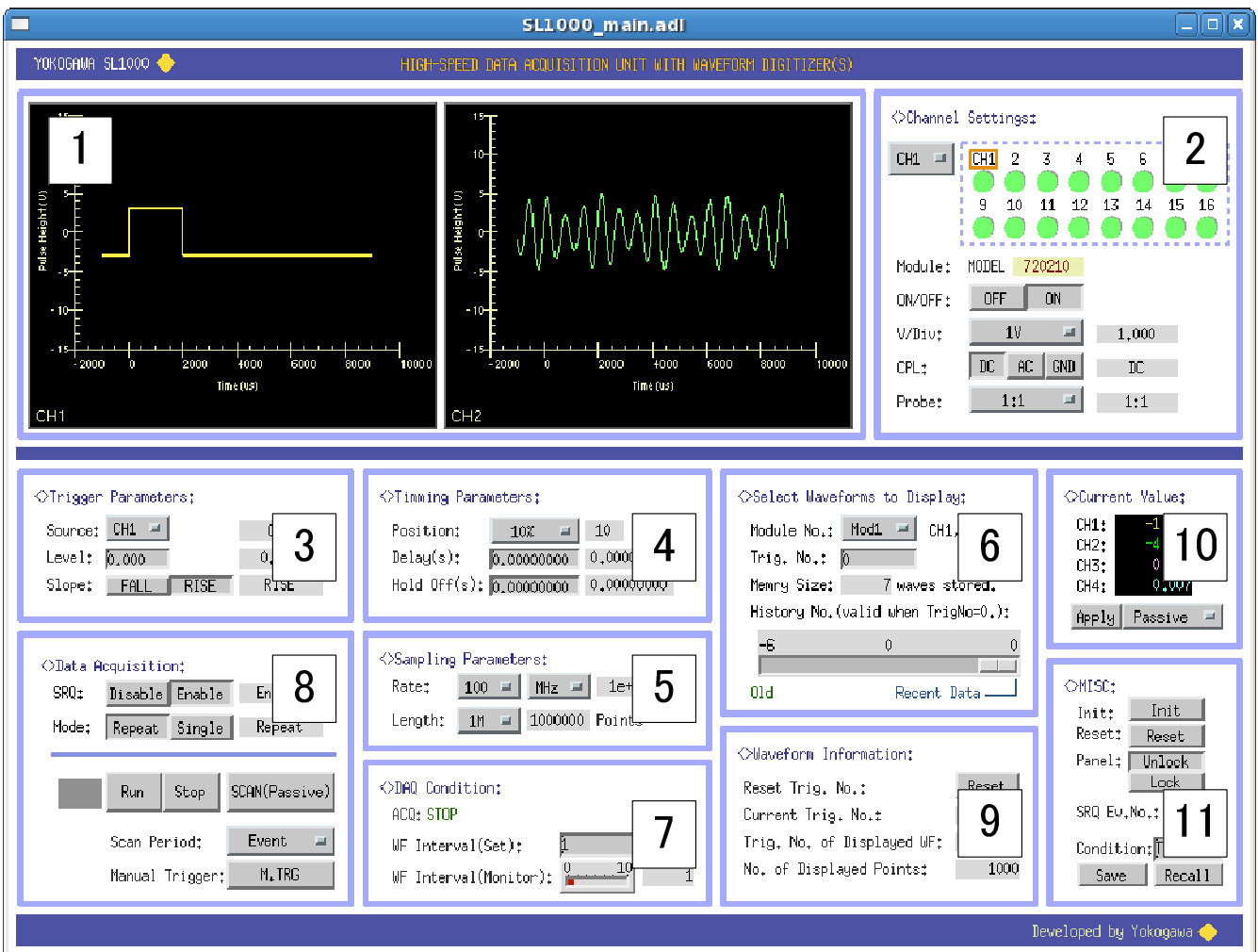


## K. MISC

<b>Record</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
<i>frontPanelLockBO</i>	Lock/unlock front panel.	{ "Unlock"   "Lock" }
<i>frontPanelLockBI</i>	Read lock/unlock status of front panel.	
<i>Name</i>	Device's ID label.	

## 4. Sample MEDM Waveform Viewer

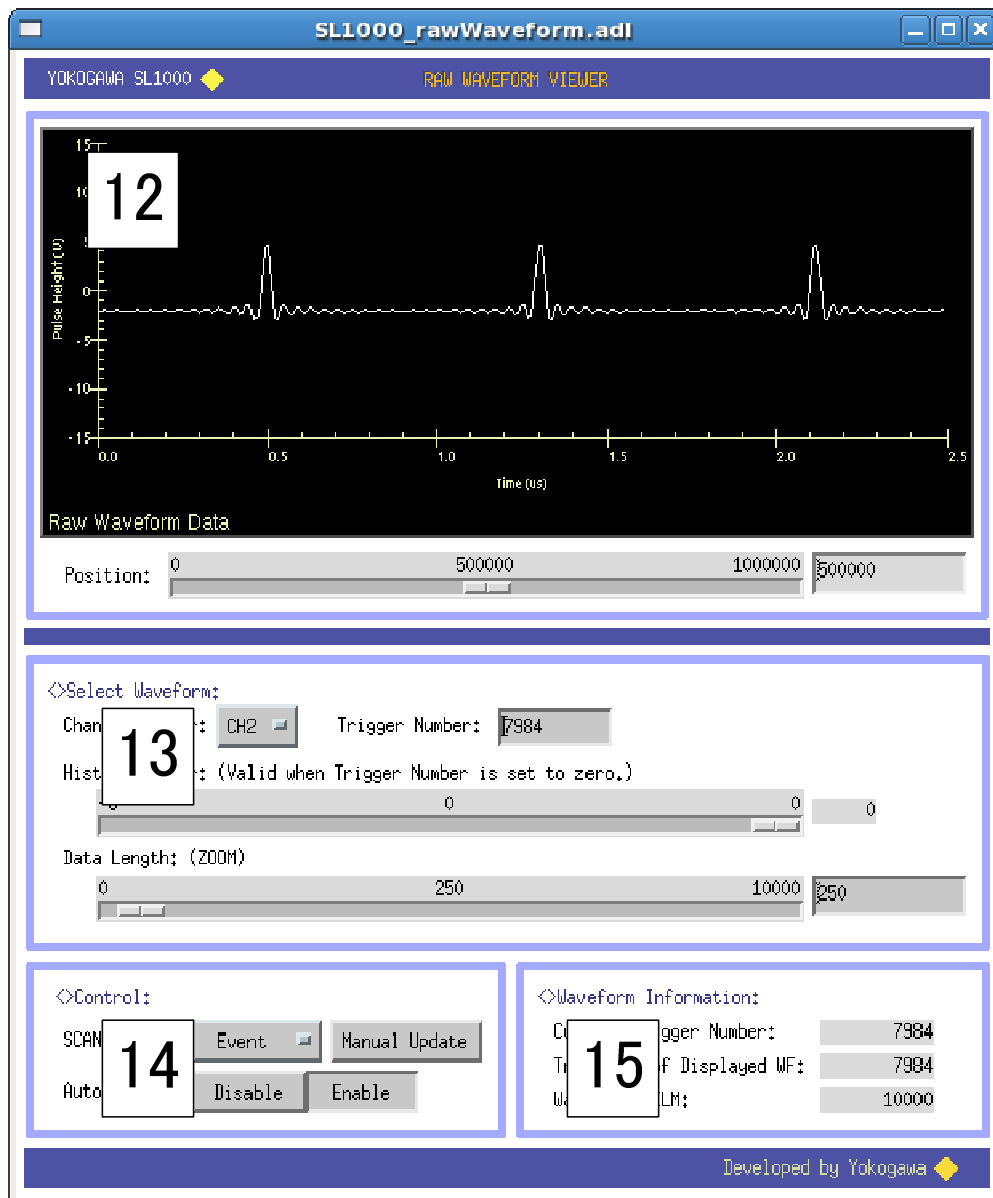
Figures 6 and 7 are images of our sample viewer developed with MEDM. Figure 6 is the image of a main display, which is used to control the device and to display compressed waveforms (dispWaveChan[n]WF). Figure 7 shows a sub-waveform viewer, which displays a raw waveform (waveDataWF).



**Figure 6:** The main viewer display developed with MEDM.

- [1]: The waveform viewer. Two waveforms of the selected module are displayed.
- [2]: Used for channel settings: “On/Off”, “V/Div”, “AC/DC/GND”, and “Probe Setting”. The records for these parameters are common to all channels. When setting these parameters, select a target channel in advance.
- [3]: Used to set trigger parameters: “Source”, “Trigger Level”, and “Trigger Slope”.
- [4]: Used to set timing parameters: “Trigger Position”, “Trigger Delay”, and “Holdoff Time”.

- [5]: Used to set sampling parameters: “Sampling Rate” and “Record Length”.
- [6]: The menu “Module Number” is used to select a target module of which waveforms are displayed. The slider titled “Waveform to be displayed” is used to set a history number of waveforms. The shell command button is used to execute the sub-waveform viewer.
- [7]: Indicators of the acquisition statuses. The bar is a monitor of the value of “C-V” (see Figure 4). If the device support does not lose any waveforms, the value is 1 or zero. The value of greater than 1 means that some waveforms could not be transferred to the IOC.
- [8]: The data acquisition menus. When the SRQ function is used, enable “SRQ” and set “SCAN” to “Event”. The buttons “Run” and “Stop” starts and stops the data acquisition.
- [9]: The information of the displayed waveforms is shown. The button “Reset” resets the trigger number of the device.
- [10]: This is for the “Current Value Measurement” function. When the record “currValUpdateSQ“ is processed, current values at the timing is transferred.
- [11]: The button “Init” initializes the device. The button “Lock(Unlock)” locks(unlocks) the front panel of the device. The button “Save(Recall)” saves (recalls) the setting condition in (from) the device. Specify the condition data name.



**Figure 7:** The sub viewer display developed with MEDM.

- [12]: The raw waveform viewer. Since the record for the raw waveform data (waveDataWF) are common to all the channels, select a target channel to be displayed in advance (see [12]). Then the waveform of the selected channel is displayed. The slider is used to set the start position (point number) of the selected waveform.
- [13]: Used to select a waveform. The menu “Channel Number” is used to select a target channel. Specify a trigger number or set a history number (slider) to select a waveform. The slider “Data Length” sets the number of data points to be displayed. The waveform can be zoomed up using the “Data Length” slider and “Position” slider. If “Auto Update” is enabled, the displayed waveform is updated automatically when any of the WF selection

parameters is changed.

[14]: When “SCAN”=“Event” and the SRQ function is enabled, raw waveform data can be transferred and updated automatically during the acquisition.

[15]: The information of the displayed waveform is shown.

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