User Manual for DST nanoRF-T Telemetry temperature logger and



Online user Software

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1. Introduction



Figure 1.1 Telemetry system

The DST nanoRF-T is based on Star-**Oddi's established DST** nano-T technology and gives the users the benefit of both continuous logging and telemetry. The logger can be programmed to record temperature as often as once per minute. It will store those data points in its memory and transmit the data to the accompanying online user software, Gná, as often as required by the researcher.

The DST nanoRF-T is implanted in the animal, preferably in the abdominal cavity. Prior to implantation, the loggers will need to be programmed using the communication box and the accompanying application software, Mercury, where the user defines groups, measurement start time and transmission frequency.

Each cage will need a RF box and an antenna and there can be up to 10 subjects in each cage. The RF box is attached to the cage and the antenna is attached to the bottom of the cage using Velcro®. The antenna is very thin, only about 2-3mm. The RF box will receive the data from the DST nanoRF-T and transmit the data to the Personal Area Network (PAN) and all other measurements will be stored in memory. If you miss a transmission for any reason the logger will not resend the data but will store the data in memory, which can be retrieved at the end of the research.

The PAN is connected to the computer using a serial cable and a USB converter. How far the PAN can be placed away from the RF box varies greatly on the configuration of the lab but in most cases it will transmit about 20-30 meters. The software takes care of minimizing cross talk and even if that does happen all transmissions have the individual logger's id attached.

2. Mercury & Gná program installation

Mercury & Gná is an online user software for the Star-Oddi telemetry system. Mercury & Gná can run under Windows 2000 or newer. The following chapters will take you step-by-step through the program installation, hardware connections and use of the Mercury & Gná Program.

The installation of **Mercury & Gná** requires access to a PC computer with a standard RS-232C serial interface or USB.

The users of **Mercury & Gná** will receive free updates of the software. Updates of **Mercury & Gná** will be available for free download at:

http://www.star-oddi.com/Downloads/

The Star-Oddi telemetry logger is supported by the **Mercury** software and the Communication Box, which works as an interface between the logger and the computer. The logger is ready for recording after the user has set the start time and sampling interval in the **Mercury** software. The recorded data is transmitted to **Gná** where the results can be analyzed in graphic and tabular form. In **Gná** the user has the option to print out reports with information such as energy consumption of the RF boxes.

This chapter describes how to install and uninstall the **Mercury & Gná** software on your PC computer. Please note that each software needs to be installed and uninstalled separately.

2.1 Install

To download **Mercury & Gná** visit www.star-oddi.com/downloads. To install the program, follow the automatic InstallShield Wizard.

Follow the instructions on the screen. You will be prompted for a directory name for your **Mercury & Gná** program.

Type in your product key. Please keep the product key in a safe location as you may need it for future use. The product key works for multiple computers on the same network.

2.2 Uninstall

To uninstall the program, do the following:

- 1. Click on the Start button in Windows.
- 2. Go to Settings and Control Panel.
- 3. Choose Add/Remove Programs.
- 4. Choose Mercury & Gná and click on Change/Remove, and 'Yes to all'.

3. Preparation

This chapter describes preparations that should be carried out before connecting to the recorder.

Start Mercury and the following window appears:

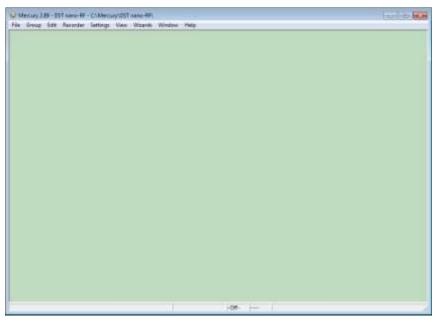


Figure 3.1 Mercury Main Window

If you are starting the software for the first time, you will be asked if you want the **Connection Wizard** to open automatically each time you start **Mercury**. If you change your mind you can always change the settings under **Settings-Options-Startup**.

3.1 Select Recorder Type

Mercury is compatible with other Star-Oddi instruments. A recorder type must be selected before connecting to the recorder. The default setting in the software is set to **DST** micro as a recorder type. Change the recorder type to your type of **DST** by doing the following:

- 1. Choose the **File** menu and the **New Recorder Type** command.
- 2. Select the appropriate **DST** as a recorder type.

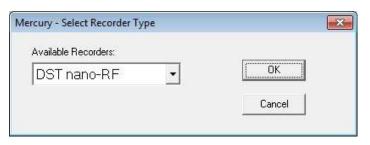


Figure 3.2 Select a new Recorder Type

Before connecting to the recorder, it is important that the clock on the PC computer is correct. This is important since the recorder automatically downloads the PC clock settings.

3.2 Configuration of the Communication Port

If you are using the USB serial converter you will need to download and install the driver from www.star-oddi.com/downloads.

The easiest way is to use the **Connection Wizard**. When opening the software the following window appears:

Connection Wizard	
If using a communication box: Connect the box to the computer and insert the DST If using a StarCom cable: Connect cable between the recorder and computer	
COM1 Next	

Figure 3.3 Connection Wizard

Connect the USB cable and the selected port will appear in the wizard pop-up window (see figure 3.3).

The serial port can also be defined manually in the following way:

- 1. Choose the **Communication** command in the **Settings** menu. The **Communication definition** dialog box appears.
- 2. Select a serial port for communications.
- 3. Choose the OK button.

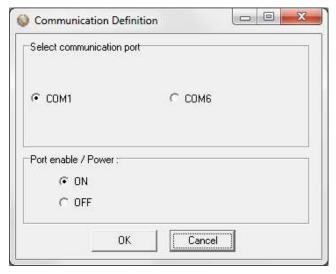


Figure 3.4 Communication Port Configuration

After you plug in the USB cable you will see a new communication port in your device manager, called **Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port**. Make sure that the port is enabled and select the appropriate port in Mercury.

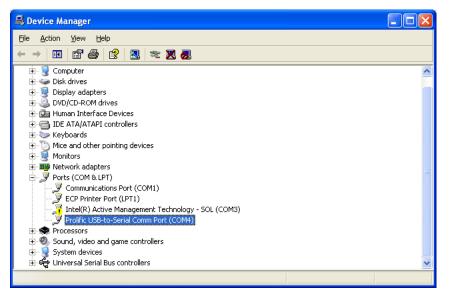


Figure 3.5 USB Communication Port in Device Manager

Using the Serial Port

To check which communication ports are available on your computer, open your Device Manager. On Windows XP you can do it following way: **Control panel > system > hardware > device manager**.

Under Ports you can view all available ports. Make sure that the port you are intending to use is enabled: right-click on the appropriate port and select properties. Under **Device usage** it should state **use this device (enable)**.

Commun	ications Port (C	OM1) Properties		
General	Port Settings Driv	rer Details Resources		
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	Device type:	Ports (COM & LPT)		
	Manufacturer:	(Standard port types)		
	Location:	on Intel(R) ICH9DO LPC Interface Controller -		
Devic	e status			
lf you	This device is working properly.			
<u>D</u> evice	usage:			
Use th	is device (enable)	✓		
		OK Cancel		

Figure 3.6 Enable Communication Port

4. Communication Box

This chapter provides details concerning the Communication Box and how to place recorder in the box prior to connection.

4.1 Communication Box

The DST Communication Box is a PC-RS-232C compatible communication interface, specially designed to communicate with DST recorders wirelessly via RF (radio frequency). A USB converter plug is optionally available for the Communication Box.

The Communication Box has three diodes:

- 1. **Red** shows that power is fed from the power supply to the Communication Box.
- 2. Yellow shows that Mercury has made connection with the box and that correct COM port has been selected.
- 3. Green shows that recorder is in correct position for seeking connection.

Connect the serial cable between the serial port of the computer and the Communication Box. Plug the power supply connection to a power-socket. The voltage from the power supply should be set to 9V, although there is no damage to use up to 20V. Before inserting the power plug into the box, it is important to note that the polarity should be:

-(O+ (minus on the outside and the plus on the inside)

The polarity is usually shown where the arrows meet on the power plug, and the power supply. After the power supply has been connected to the Communication Box, the red light should be on. After **Mercury** has been started, the yellow light should be on (if correct COM port is selected).

The box will power the recorder while communicating with the PC. In case the battery is dead, the PC and interface are still able to connect to the recorder and retrieve data.

4.2 Connection Point

In order to get the green light, the red and the yellow light must be on. The recorder is inserted into the hole of the box as shown in the figure below:

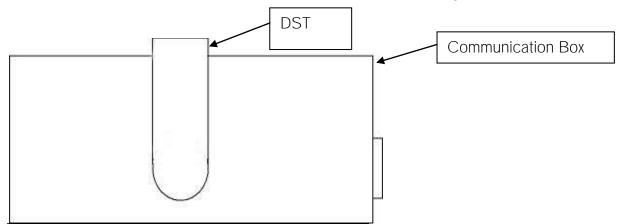


Figure 4.1 Inserting Recorder into the Communication Box

If the recorder is wet/damp, then please wipe it dry before inserting it into the box. The spherical end of the recorder faces down and flat end faces up.

When the green light is on, communication can be established with the software.

If the recorder fails to connect, please refer to the Troubleshooter.

4.3 COM Connection

Communication Def		
© COM1	С СОМ6	
Port enable / Power :		
ON ○ OFF		
40	Cancel	

Figure 4.2 Communication Definition

Choose **Settings-Communication-Serial Ports** to display available ports (see figure 4.2). Com ports up to COM255 can be selected.

4.4 Connection Wizard

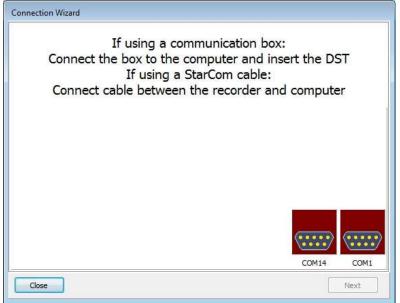


Figure 4.3 Connection Wizard

Choose **Wizards- Connection Wizard**. Connect the USB cable and the selected port will appear in the wizard pop-up window (see figure 4.3).

5 PAN

The Personal Area Network (PAN) controller is the receiving module which is connected to a computer and **Gná** software. The PAN is connected to the computer using a serial cable and a USB converter. It receives signals from the RF box via MiWi and can handle up to 64 RF boxes.

At all times the PAN needs to be connected to power via the accompanied AC adapter.

5.1 Setup & running

Before connecting the PAN open the **Gná** software. The following window appears:

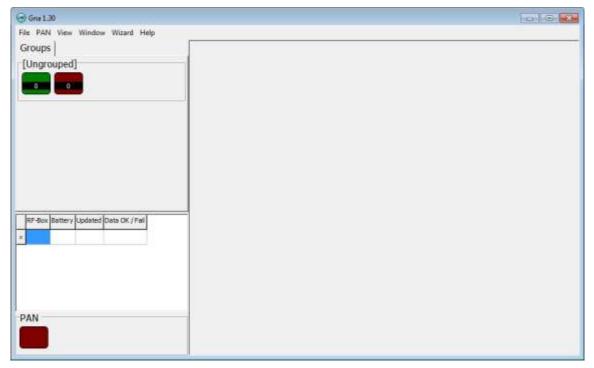


Figure 5.1 Gná Interface

In the lower left corner of the Gná interface there is a box that indicates the status of the PAN:

- The box has a yellow blinking light when a PAN or a RF-box is registered (connects for the first time) or if there is unidentified data on the selected COM-port.
- It turns green when the PAN is connected and verified.
- It turns red when the PAN is not responding. This usually happens because the PAN is not connected to the selected COM-port or there is no power supply.



Figure 5.2 PAN receiver

The PAN is connected to the computer using a serial cable and a USB converter. Plug the power supply connection to a power-socket. How far the PAN can be placed away from the RF box varies greatly on the configuration of the lab but in most cases it will transmit about 20-30 meters.

The PAN has two lights, red and green:

Blinking green light: PAN checks if it is able to connect to the PC. Green light on: PAN connected to PC/Gná software. Blinking red light: PAN looks for available channels.

5.2 Configuration of the Communication Port

It is necessary to define which serial port on your PC computer you will use for connecting the PAN. This is done in the following way:

- 4. Choose the COM Port command in the PAN menu. The COM Port dialog box appears.
- 5. Select a serial port for communications.
- 6. Choose the **OK** button.

PAN Scan	Device
Available Serial	Ports
COM10 (Se	rial0)
203355502	
C COM1 (in u	se) (Serial 1)
C COM4 (Prol	:6-C:-IO)
COM4 (Proi	Incserial()

Figure 5.3 Communication Port Configuration

The user can then either utilize the PAN Scan feature or select the right COM port from the menu. Please make sure no other COM devices are connected.

A yellow blinking light will appear in the box in the lower left corner when a PAN or a RF-box is registered (connects for the first time) or if there is unidentified data on the selected COM-port.

Once the PAN is connected the box in the lower left corner will turn green (see figure 5.4).

(e) Gnit 1.30	
File PAN View Window Wizard Help	
Groups	
[Ungrouped]	
RF-Box Battery Updated Data OK / Fail	
PAN COM11	

Figure 5.4 PAN connected

Regulatory approval

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

6. RF box and antenna

The antenna receives signals from the logger and transmits them to the RF box. The RF box then transmits the data to the Personal Area Network (PAN).

Each cage will need a set of antenna and RF box. The antenna is attached to the bottom of the cage using, for example, Velcro[®] and then connected to the RF box (see figure 6.1). The RF box can also be attached to the cage using Velcro[®]





Figure 6.1 RF box and antenna

The RF box can work on battery power alone, the box is charged using the power supply that comes with the box.

6.1 Starting & running

Connect the antenna to the RF box and switch the box on. The green light will stay on for 5 seconds after the box has been switched on.

Once the RF box has been connected it will appear on the RF box table on the left side of the interface. The table also shows how much battery is left in the RF box and when the battery status was last updated (see figure 6.2). The RF box table can be cleared by selecting **View-Clear RF-Box Battery**.

The RF box has three lights, yellow, red and green (see figure 6.2):



Figure 6.2 RF box

Yellow light on: The RF Box is fully charged Yellow light blinking: The RF Box is charging

Red light blinks eight times: RF box is checking all the channels. Red light blinks once: Battery is running low. Red light blinks three times: Transmission failed.

Green light on: The RF box is connected. The light will stay on for 5 seconds after the box has been switched on.

Green light blinks once: RF box receives a signal from the logger and forwards it to the PAN.

Once the RF box has been connected it will appear on the RF box table on the left side of the interface (see figure 6.3). There are four columns in the table. The box's serial number is shown in the RF-Box column. The Battery column shows how much battery energy (%) is left in the RF-box. It will turn red if battery energy is less than 14%, blue if less than 50% and green if 50% or more.

The **Updated** column shows date-time of last transmission. The column will turn:

Red if more than 70min have elapsed since last transmission Blue if more than 15min have elapsed since last transmission Green if less than 15min have elapsed since last transmission The **Data OK/Fail** column is updated each time data is received, with accumulated number of OK data and faulty data.

Each time Gna receives data, the whole table is illuminated for 2 sec, green if the data was received OK and yellow if faulty.

The RF box table can be cleared by selecting **Clear RF-Box Battery** in the **View** menu or by right-clicking on the table and selecting **Clear All**.

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	29 74% 7

Figure 6.3 RF box battery level

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

7. Working with groups and programming the logger

Creating a group is a way to gather multiple measurement sequences which are part of the same research project into one group. In a group the user can track when the logger was started, the data retrieved and the data converted/reconverted. Furthermore, groups can be transferred to **PatternFinder** for further data analysis.

Before implanting the DST nanoRF-T logger, the user must create a group for the logger sequences, set a new measurement sequence and start the logger.

7.1 Creating a group

Select Group-New Group to create a new group (see figure 7.1).

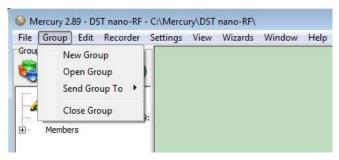


Figure 7.1 Group menu

Please note that it is also possible to create a new group by clicking the New Group

button <u>in the group view pane</u>. The following window appears:

😡 New Grou	p 🗆 🛋
Name	Test
Description	Test 1
	OK Cancel

Figure 7.2 New Group

Name the group and enter a description. The group file will be saved under the directory: C:\Mercury\Groups. Each group has its own subfolder where data files from

each sequence in the group are stored, this way the data can be accessed from **PatternFinder** and **Gná**.

Open Group

Select Open Group to open the Group directory. It is also possible to open the

directory by clicking the **Open Group** button *in the group view pane*.

Once a group has been selected the group view pane appears:



Figure 7.3 Group view

7.2 Connecting and programming the logger

Connect the Communication Box as described in chapter 4. Insert the DST into the box, the selected com port will turn green in the Connection Wizard window.

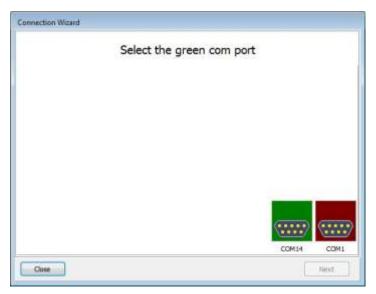


Figure 7.4 Connection Wizard

You can either click once on the selected port and select **Next** or double-click on the port. If you are not using the wizard choose the **Recorder** menu and the **Connect** command.

The window in figure 7.5 appears.

Connecting to recorder 1 Retrieving recorder EP-ID	OK OK		
Testing recorder EP-ID for ty Confirming type & version	pe L OK	ж	
Retrieving recorder RID	OK 🛛		
Making CRC test.	OK		
Created recorder data-directi E:\Test\71a801\UP\U5179			
Making the MED file.	ПK		
Retrieving RAM data	ŌK		
Making the MRD file.	OK		
Testing power-down.	OK		
Reading Clk-data Making the RID file	0K 0K		
Making the RIT file	OK		
Making the RCI file	OK		

Figure 7.5 Connecting and Retrieving

Once the connection has been established, a window appears with information on the **recorder's mode (see figure** 7.6).

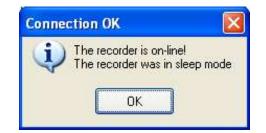


Figure 7.6 Connecting to the Recorder

Press OK. The Recorder is now on-line, as indicated at the bottom of the Mercury window.

If you have selected to use the **Connection Wizard**, the following window appears:

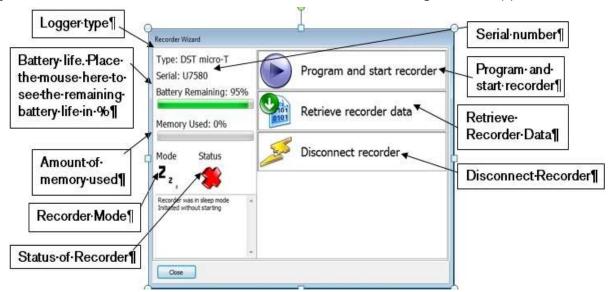


Figure 7.7 Recorder Wizard

Mercury checks which version of firmware is in the recorder. If the software does not recognize the firmware the user will be asked to update **Mercury** as there might be a new functionality in the firmware which **Mercury** does not support.

Set new measurement parameters

Select **Program and start recorder** in the wizard or choose the **Edit** menu and the **New Measurement Sequence Definition** command. The following window appears:

Start Time		Measurement Interval Time
Start date 8. Start time: Hour 11	11 2013 • • Min 58 •	Houls 0 1
Set Mode (* Single mode (* Multi mode	Use Template Use Default Previous	Primary / secondary - definition © Normal T + RF © Temperature as primary
RF Options I Unit estructure d'al 「 Blink with each 1	ry come fails, reduction anamication	Secunday courses 1
T Save the NMS d	efinition as a Template OK	0

Figure 7.8 Set New Measurement Sequence

Select the start time of recordings (date-month-year, hours-minutes). The minimum measurement interval time for the DST nanoRF-T is one minute. Set the sampling interval (hours-minutes).

It is possible to select primary/secondary parameters. When selecting **Normal T + RF** the logger records temperature and stores the data in its memory and transmits the data to **Gná** at the same intervals. When selecting **Temperature as primary** the user has the option of saving battery life by having the logger transmit data to **Gná** at fewer intervals. For example, if 3 is defined as secondary counter the logger will only transmit the data to **Gná** every third time when a measurement is recorded.

Under **RF Options** there are two features. **Use minutes shift, in cross talk reduction** allows the user to reduce cross talk by shifting the start time by one minute. By selecting **Blink with each transmission** a blinking light will appear in the logger each time it transmits data.

Under Estimated Meas. Period enter the number of days you estimate the measuring will take.

If the user wants to program several recorders with the same sampling interval and start time, it is recommended to select **Multi mode**. By choosing **Multi mode**, the settings are fixed; giving each recorder connected to thereafter, the same settings. The recorders connected to, following the first recorder; automatically get the same settings as the first recorder. This saves time in the programming process. The multi mode can be deactivated by clicking **Cancel** when connecting to the recorder (see figure 7.9).

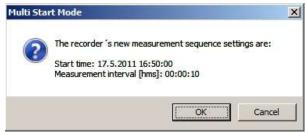


Figure 7.9 Multi Start Mode

The three buttons **Use Template**, **Use Sequence**, and **Previous** are not commonly used, but can be handy when wanting to use a previously programmed sequence.

After the settings have been selected, press the **OK** button.

Start a new measurement sequence

If you are using the wizard, the software will automatically start the new measurement sequence (start recording) and disconnect the logger. If you are not using the wizard choose the **Recorder** menu and **Start New Measurement Sequence** command. The window in figure 7.10 appears.

Start New Measure	ment Sequence
Retrieving recorder IDOK Testing Tecorder ID. Testing CLK-Write/Read Compare The CRC number is = 600 New settings to recorder.OK PC-clock settings to recorder.OK Testing recorder settings: Retrieving RID.OK Making a comparison test.OK Clearing RAM in recorder.OK Initiating new meas seq.OK Saving the MDT, RDT files.OK	
	Cancel

Figure 7.10 Start New Measurement Sequence

Once the new measurement sequence has been downloaded into the recorder, a window appears on the screen in order to verify the settings (see figure 7.11).

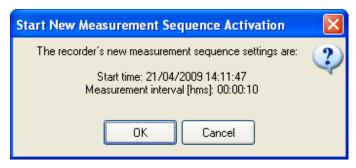


Figure 7.11 Start New Measurement Sequence

When starting the new sequence the following window appears:

😡 Add Sequ	ence To Gro 👝 🔲 💌
Alias	
Description	
	OK Cancel

Figure 7.12 Add Sequence to Group

Set an alias for the sequence and enter a description. Click **OK** and the sequence will be added to the group previously created (see figure 7.13). If a group is open when starting up a logger the new measurement sequence will be automatically registered in the group. If no group is open the sequence will not be registered in any group.

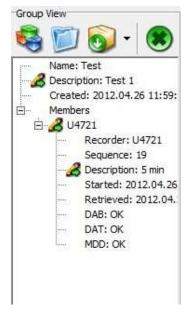


Figure 7.13 Group view pane

Press OK and the recorder will be in Measurement Mode.

7.3 Send group to Gná

In order to monitor the online measurements after the loggers have been set up for measuring, the user needs to start up the **Gná** software and send the group from **Mercury** to **Gná**.

Select Group-Send Group To-Send to Gná in Mercury to transfer a group to Gná.

It is also possible to transfer a group by clicking the Send Group to button	W .	in
the group view pane.		

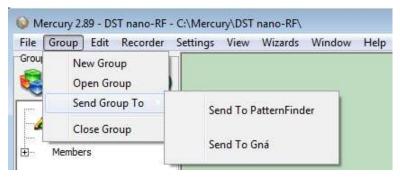


Figure 7.14 Send Group

The **Gná** software will open automatically:

Gran 1.13	
File PAN View Window	
Groups	
Arcticlas	
[Ungrouped]	
RF-Box Battery Updated	
PAN COM9	
ID 8	

Figure 7.15 Group sent to Gná

In the green box on the left side of the interface the user can see how many loggers are online. The number in the red box represents how many loggers have not transmitted data to **Gná** recently (see figure 7.16).

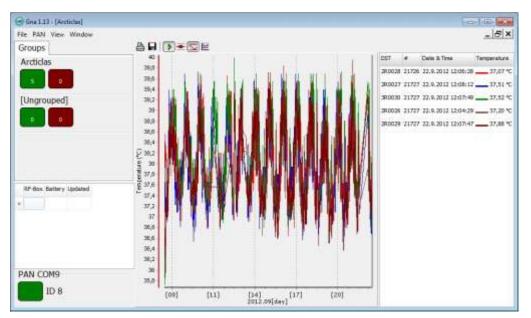


Figure 7.16 Online loggers

To open a graph, right click on the group and select **Display Graph** (see figure 7.17).

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Groups	
Arcticlas	
5 0	
5 0	Display
[Ungrouped]	
	Close
0 0	

Figure 7.17 Display graph



The group graph appears:

Figure 7.18 Graph

The table in the graph window gives an overview of the loggers, measurement number, recording time, number of received measurements and temperature values (see figure 7.19).

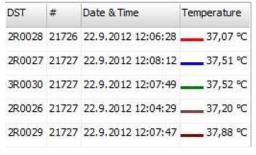


Figure 7.19 Table

To open a specific logger graph double click on the logger you want to view in the table.

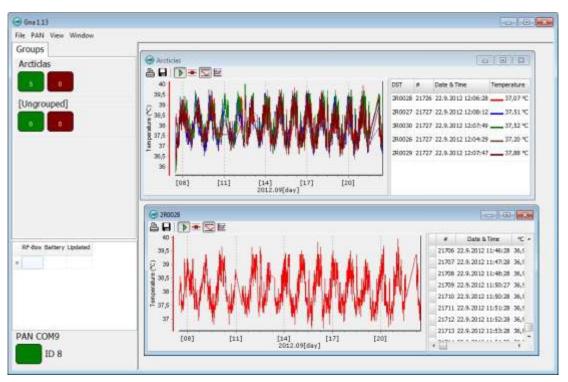


Figure 7.20 logger graph

Please see chapter 8 for more information on how to monitor the online measurements in **Gná**.

7.4 Downloading data in Mercury

Once the research has been conducted and the loggers retrieved from the subjects, the user can download data from the loggers in Mercury.

When connecting to a logger after a measurement period, the following window appears:

	×
Retrieve recorder da	ita?
Yes	No
Remember this s	etting

Figure 7.21 Retrieve recorder data

Click Yes if you wish to retrieve the data, click No if you would like to retrieve it later.

If you want the software to automatically retrieve data upon connection, check the **Remember this setting** option.

Select **Retrieve Recorder Data** in the wizard. If you are not using the wizard choose the **Recorder** menu and the **Retrieve Data** command. The window in figure 7.22 appears.

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Bytes received:	5000	of	5000
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Figure 7.22 Retrieve Data from Recorder

The window in figure 7.22 shows the data retrieval progress in bytes, time elapsed and number of packs received.

Data will be uploaded from the recorder and presented in graphical and tabular form. With default settings, **Mercury** automatically creates a sub-directory in the Mercury directory, named after the DST type. In the DST type directory, a directory named after **the recorder's serial number N***nnn* is created; N is the letter for DST nano. All files related to the recorder are automatically saved in the serial number directory. The default data directory can be viewed in the **Settings** menu, and **Directories**. The user has the option to define a new data directory path if desired.

The data is retrieved in a non-destructive manner. This means that you can repeatedly read the data without erasing it from the memory. Each time data is retrieved, a new file will automatically be created. The name of the data file consists of the measurement sequence number and the serial number of the recorder. The recorder cannot be loaded with new settings if it contains data that has not been retrieved. This is a safety feature which prevents data from being accidentally lost. New recordings overwrite previous recordings that have been retrieved.

Once the data has been retrieved the following window appears:

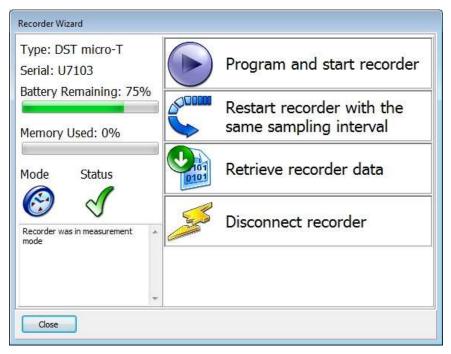


Figure 7.23 Recorder wizard

If you wish to start a new measurement sequence you can either program the logger with a new measurement sequence by selecting **Program and start recorder** or **Restart recorder with the same sampling interval**.

Disconnect

After the recorder has been set up for measuring, it should be removed from the Communication Box. If the recorder is not put in measurement mode, it will automatically go into sleep mode when removed from the box.

If you simply remove the tag Mercury will still have the recorder in on-line mode in the **program and won't allow selecting another** recorder or using certain options. Select **Recorder > Disconnect** to go into off-line mode.

View Data

If data is retrieved from the recorder, a new file will automatically be created and opened in graphical and tabular form. To open existing data files on the computer, choose the **File** menu, **Select Recorder** command, and then the **Select Measurement** command. When a data file has been opened, a new window appears with the data shown as a chart and a table.

For more information, please see the **Mercury** user manual.

8. On-line monitoring

This chapter describes the options available in **Gná** for viewing the data.

8.1 Buttons

When the chart is opened, buttons related to the chart are displayed.

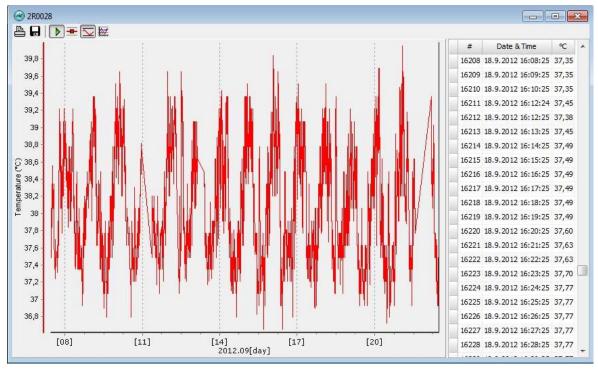


Figure 8.1 logger graph

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Print Chart

Click the Print Chart button and the following window will appear:

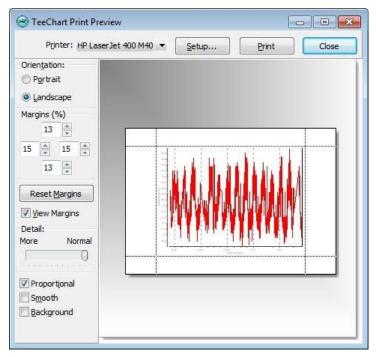


Figure 8.2 Print Preview

Orientation

The chart can be printed in either portrait or landscape format.

Margins

By changing the margins, the chart's length and width can be re-scaled. The margins can be varied by either changing the numbers given for the left, right, top and bottom margins, or by moving the margin lines with the mouse by pressing and holding the left button as the lines are dragged.

Move

When the cursor is located on the chart, a hand becomes visible. By clicking on the graph and holding down the left button of the mouse, the graph can be moved around the page to a desired position.

Details

The size of horizontal and vertical gridlines as well as the texts on the X and Y-axis can be re-scaled by using the scroll bar. The number of gridlines is increased when the bar is moved to the left.



Export Data

Export the data to other programs. Data will be exported in comma separated values (.CSV).



Scroll automatically to new data

This button gives the option of viewing the most recent data. This feature is on by default.



Data Point Marker

This button gives the option of displaying/hiding data points in the chart.



Adjust Axis

This button adjusts the axis in order to display all data within the zoomed timeline.



Active Series List

This button can be useful when working with a multi-sensor recorder, in order to select which parameters to display in the chart. For example, when working with a chart displaying temperature recordings, the user can hide the temperature line in the graph. Click the button and the following window appears:

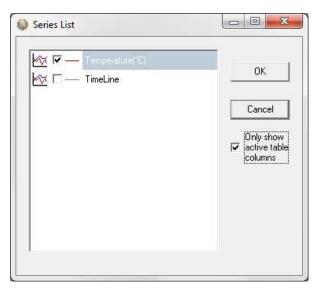


Figure 8.3 Series list

By selecting **Only show active table columns** only the selected series will be displayed in the chart table.

The table columns can also been changed manually by clicking on the table header (see figure 8.4).

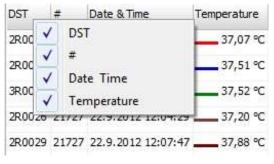


Figure 8.4 Table

8.2 Using the Mouse

Zoom

The chart can be zoomed in on by holding down the left button of the mouse, and using the cursor to create a box to the right, around the desired area to zoom in on. The user can also zoom both in and out by using the mouse wheel

Scroll the Chart

The chart can be scrolled upward, downwards and to the sides, by holding down the right button of the mouse and moving the cursor in the desired direction.

Go back to initial View

To go back to the initial view of the chart, simply hold down the left button of the mouse and make a box **to the left** with the cursor. The position of the box on the chart is irrelevant.

8.3 View menu

Temperature

Select **View-Temperature** to define whether degrees Celsius, Fahrenheit or Kelvin are used as a unit for temperature measurements. The measurements can also be viewed as Raw Measurements (see figure 8.5).

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Figure 8.5 Temperature units

9. Wizard and Help menu

There is one wizard in **Gná**.

9.1 Launch Mercury Telemetry Wizard

Open the **Wizard** menu and select **Launch Mercury Telemetry Wizard**. The **Mercury** software opens The wizard goes through all the necessary procedures for starting the DST nanoRF-T logger (see figure 9.1).



Figure 9.1 RF-Wizard

9.2 Help menu

Choose Help and the following window appears:

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Figure 9.2 Help menu

Manual

Select **Manual** to open the SO Telemetry user manual, **micro-RF** to open the DST microRF-T user manual and **nano-RF** to open the DST nanoRF-T user manual.