

ANTEC DECADE ELITE

Clarity Control Module

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To facilitate the orientation in the **Antec DECADE Elite** manual and **Clarity** chromatography station, different fonts are used throughout the manual. Meanings of these fonts are:

Open File (italics) describes the commands and names of fields in **Clarity**, parameters that can be entered into them or a window or dialog name.

WORK1 (capitals) indicates the name of the file and/or directory.

ACTIVE (capital italics) marks the state of the station or its part.

Chromatogram (blue underlined) marks clickable links referring to related chapters.

The bold text is sometimes also used for important parts of the text and the name of the **Clarity** station. Moreover, some sections are written in format other than normal text. These sections are formatted as follows:

Note:	Notifies the reader of relevant information.
Caution:	Warns the user of possibly dangerous or very important information.

Marks the problem statement or trouble question.

Description: Presents more detailed information on the problem, describes its causes, etc.

Solution: Marks the response to the question, presents a procedure how to remove it.

1 Antec DECADE Elite Control Module

This manual describes the setting of the **Antec DECADE Elite** and **DECADE Lite** Electrochemical detectors. The control module enables direct control of the instrument over USB or LAN, depending on the communication interface installed in the detector.



Fig. 1: Antec DECADE Elite detector

Direct control means that the detector can be completely controlled from the **Clarity** environment. Instrument method controlling the analysis conditions will be saved in the measured chromatograms.

2 Requirements

- Clarity Installation CD ROM with LC Control module (p/n A24).
- Free USB port in the PC or detector connected to the same LAN as the PC.
- LAN cable (p/n SK08) for network-connected detector or USB A-B cable (p/n SK06) for USB-connected one.

Note: Cables are not part of **Clarity** Control Module. It is strongly recommended to order required cables together with the Control Module.

3 Installation Procedure

3.1 Hardware - Wiring

The **Antec DECADE Elite** detector is controlled either by serial (RS232) or LAN communication. For the RS232 communication, there is an embedded USB-to-RS232 port, which requires standard A-B USB cable (p/n SK06) to use. For the LAN communication, standard cross LAN cable (p/n SK08) is used.

3.2 DECADE Elite digital inputs and outputs

The **Antec DECADE Elite** detector is, besides the USB or LAN connector, equipped with several other connectors allowing the use of various digital inputs and digital outputs. The connectors are placed on the back panel of the instrument and shown in the picture below:



Fig. 2: Back panel of the Antec DECADE Elite detector

There are three input/output connectors installed on the back side of the **Antec DECADE Elite** that are not used for the digital communication. **Valve** is 9-pin DB9M connector, **Output** is a 9-pin DB9F connector and **Digital** I/O is 25-pin DB25F connector. **Valve** connector is used for operating the optionally connected inject valve, **Output** connector hosts analog signal outputs and **Digital** I/O contains pins used for digital inputs and digital outputs of the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector. Both **Valve** and **Output** connectors have the same orientation and organization of pins, but individual pins serve for different purposes.



Fig. 3: Valve (DB9M) and Output (DB9F) connector

The meanings of individual pins are as follows:

Tab. 1: Valve connector contacts

Pin No.	Pin Name
1,5	GND
2	Transmit (TxD)
3	Receive (RxD)
4	-
6	Switch (Handvalve)
7	-
8	-
9	Inject Marker

Tab. 2: Output connector contacts

Pin No.	Pin Name
1	Analog Output 1
2	Analog Output 2
3	Analog Output 3
4	Analog Output 4
5	Analog Output 5
6-9	GND

The Digital I/O connector has different pin allocation:

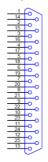


Fig. 4: Digital I/O (DB25F) connector

Tab.	3:	Digital	I/O	connector	contacts
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Pin No.	Туре	Function in Default setting
1	Relay Output	Relay 1 - NC
2	Relay Output	Relay 1 - NO
3	Relay Output	Relay 1 - Common
4	Relay Output	Relay 2 - NC
5	Relay Output	Relay 2 - NO
6	Relay Output	Relay 2 - Common
7	TTL Output	AUX 1
8	TTL Output	AUX 1
9	TTL Output	AUX 1
10	TTL Output	AUX 1
11	TTL Output	Overload
12	TTL Input	Cell 1 On
13	TTL Input	Cell 2 On
14	TTL Input	Cell 3 On
15	TTL Input	Cell 1 Off
16	TTL Input	Cell 2 Off

Pin No.	Туре	Function in Default setting
17	TTL Input	Cell 3 Off
18	TTL Input	Cell 1 Autozero
19	TTL Input	Cell 2 Autozero
20	TTL Input	Cell 3 Autozero
21	TTL Input	Cell 1 Start IN
22	TTL Input	Cell 2 Start IN
23	TTL Input	Cell 3 Start IN
24	TTL Input	Cell 4 Start IN
25	GND	GND

Note: Level triggered TTL input contacts require a minimum TTL *LOW* pulse duration of 100 ms. If multiple activations are required, the next pulse should be given after at least 100 ms TTL *HIGH*. When the input is kept *LOW*, only one activation will occur. The default value for the TTL output is *HIGH* (5 V).

The use of digital inputs and outputs in **Clarity** is described in the topic concerning <u>Antec Detector Setup</u> dialog (for more details see also chapter **Antec Detector Setup** on pg. **21**).

Caution: **Clarity** expects that the Inputs and Outputs are set in the default state. Do not change the mapping of inputs and outputs if you want to use them in **Clarity**.

3.3 Clarity Configuration

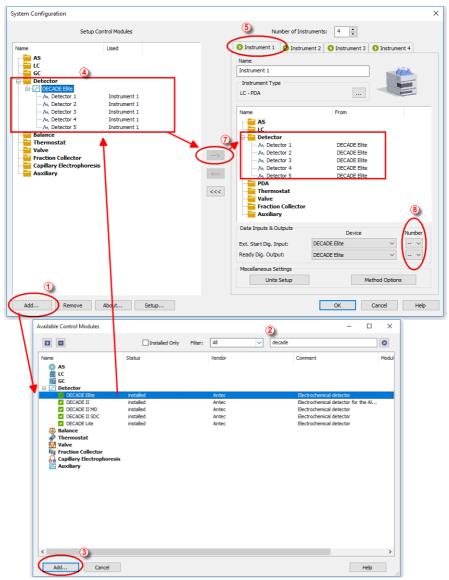


Fig. 5: System Configuration

- Start the **Clarity** station by clicking on the A icon on the desktop.
- Invoke the *System Configuration* dialog accessible from the *Clarity* window using the *System Configuration...* command.
- Press the Add button ① (see 3.3 on pg. 7.) to invoke the Available Control Modules dialog.
- You can specify the searching filter 2 to simplify the finding of the driver.
- Select the Antec DECADE Elite detector and press the Add 3 button.

The Antec Detector Setup dialog will appear.

COM Port	COM1	~
OLAN Communicat	ion	
IP Address	192 . 168 . 1 . 120 Find Device	
Port	10001	
	Autodetect	
	Check whether hardware is connected.	
instrument Type	DECADE ELITE V	
Number of Sensors	5 🔺	
Signal 1	Detector 1	
Signal 2	Detector 2	
Signal 3	Detector 3	
Signal 4	Detector 4	
Signal 5	Detector 5	
CRC-32 Check		
Valve Connected	1	
Temperature	30 [°C] Digital Inputs	
Analogue Output	I/E V Digital Outputs	

Fig. 6: Antec Detector Setup

• Select the correct type of the *Communication* and fill in the appropriate *COM Port* or *IP Address*, then press the *Autodetect* button. You can also choose your detector from the list after pressing *Find Device* button. If the communication is correct, model type including the number of configured cells will appear below the *Autodetect* button. Press the OK button to close the Antec Detector Setup dialog.

Note: The <u>Antec Detector Setup</u> dialog is more closely described in the chapter "Antec Detector Setup" on pg. 21.

The **Antec DECADE Elite** item will appear in the *Setup Control Modules* list of the *System Configuration* dialog.

- Drag and drop the Antec DECADE Elite icon from the Setup Control Modules (4) list on the left side of the System Configuration dialog to the desired Instrument (5) tab on the right side (6) (or use the -> button (7) to do so).
- Set the *Ext. Start Dig. Input* and *Ready Dig. Output* numbers (8) for your acquisition card according to the wires being used for synchronization.

4 Using the control module

New <u>Acquisition</u> tabs (one for each detector signal assigned to the Instrument) are created in the *Method Setup* dialog. They can be accessed by switching to the desired signal in the *Select Detector* section on the top of the dialog.

Note: Detector does not support the *Start - Restart* option in the *External Start Options* section which can be found in the lower right part of the *Method Setup - Measurement* tab.

4.1 Method Setup - Acquisition

The *Method Setup - Acquisition* tab for each signal of the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector has three sub-tabs:<u>Main</u>, where basic information on the signal is set,<u>Output</u> sub-tab with other signal properties and the<u>Time</u> <u>Table</u> sub-tab containing the *Time table* governing the time program of the detector.

In the right section on all *Method Setup - Acquisition* sub-tabs for **Antec DECADE Elite** detectors two buttons are placed:

From Det

Pressing the button loads all detector parameters as they are set in the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector. These parameters are set in appropriate fields of the *Method Setup - Acquisition* dialog.

Det Status

Hardware Configura	tion ×
Type of Machine: Connection: Firmware: Boot version: Checksum: Detector SN: Control SN: Sensor 1. SN: Sensor 2. SN: Sensor 3. SN: Sensor 5. SN:	Demo 2.00 to 4.99 ~ 0.00
Valco Valve:	not available 🗸 🗸
Temp. sensor(s):	LM35 ~
ОК	Cancel

Fig. 7: Hardware Configuration

After pressing the *Det Status* button the *Hardware Configuration* dialog opens. It displays the detector type, communication port through which it is connected, used firmware version, serial numbers of all sensor boards that are installed and other information.

4.1.1 Method Setup - Acquisition - Main

Method Setup Antec DEDACE	– 🗆 X
New Open Save Save as Report setup Audt trail Send method by e-mail	
Select Detector 1	
DECADE Elite Detector Method Det Status.	
Main Output Time Table	
Cell On Mode DC V	
Sensor	
Rate 10 Hz E Cell 0.5 [V]	
Det Status Demo Mode: Ready From Det	
Event Table Measurement Acquisition Integration PDA Method Calculation Advanced	
R OK Cancel	Send Method

Fig. 8: Method Setup - Acquisition - Main

The *Main* sub-tab of the <u>Method Setup - Acquisition</u> dialog is used to specify the operation mode of the particular detector and its other parameters.

Cell On

This checkbox enables to switch the particular cell off. The cell is on by default. The analysis cannot be performed while the cell is off, to be able to start it it is necessary to disable the particular detector in the top part of itsMethod Setup - Acquisition tab.

Mode

The **Antec DECADE Elite** detector can work in three operation modes - *DC*, *Pulse* and *Pulse 2*. The selection of the mode influences the parameters which can be set in the *Sensor* section.

Sensor

This section differs for the *DC*, *Pulse* and *Pulse* 2 modes. For *DC* mode only the sampling *Rate* and *E Cell* potential are defined, for *Pulse* and *Pulse* 2 modes the section is used for specifying the full potential profile.

DC Mode

This mode makes the detector to measure on a set potential without changing it.

Rate

Defines the sampling rate of the detector. Possible values differ based on setting of the *Filter* parameter on theOutput tab - in case *Filter* is OFF or any filter value other than *Raw* is selected, sample rate is locked to a proper corresponding sample rate. In case *Raw* option is selected there, possible *Rate* ranges between *1* and *100* Hz.

E Cell

Defines the potential set on the measurement cell.

Pulse mode

This mode allows to set simple rectangular pulse shapes with a single measuring potential and up to 4 different potentials used for renewing electrode surface. The potential shape is as follows:

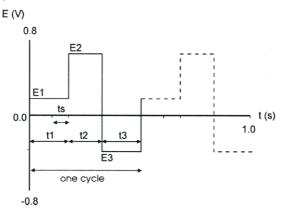


Fig. 9: Pulse mode

Rate

Shows the calculated sample rate of the detector. The calculation is performed as 1/pulse length, as calculated from the sum of t1, t2, t3, t4 and t5 times.

E1

Defines the measurement potential.

t1

Sets the time for which the measurement potential will be maintained.

E2 .. E5

Sets the potential value for the t2.. t5 time intervals.

t2 .. t5

Defines the duration of the interval for which the *E2* .. *E5* potentials will be set.

Note: The potential set during the *t2*, *t3*, *t4* and *t5* time intervals is used to renew the surface of the electrodes.

ts

Sets the sampling time. The time difference between t1 and ts values is used to establish the correct value of E1, possible values are always shorter than t1 by at least 60 ms and available in 20 ms increments.

Pulse 2 mode

This mode allows to set more complex pulse shapes with varying measurement times, not necessarily limited to a single potential interval.

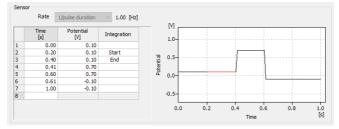


Fig. 10: Pulse 2 mode

Rate

Shows the calculated sample rate of the detector. The calculation is performed as 1/pulse length, as received from the last table *Time* value.

Time-Potential table

Allows to set the points where any given potential should be set as pairs of *Time* and *Potential*. The values in the table are interpolated, so in order to obtain as square pulse shapes as possible, use minimum time value differences $(0.01 \ s)$. Moreover, it is necessary to select the measurement period by selecting it's start and end in the *Integration* column. Only a single sampling period per pulse duration is allowed.

Pulse shape graph

Displays the shape of the pulse as set in the time table. The Integration period is displayed in the graph highlighted by red color.

Note: Validity of the pulse shape is dependent on several options. In case the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector drops to the *PAD OVERLOAD* error state after sending the method or start of the measurement, try raising the *Range* parameter on theOutput tab.

4.1.2 Method Setup - Acquisition - Output

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New	Open	Save	Save as	Report setup	Audit trail	Send method by e-mail	Help			
lect Det	tector		Dete	ctor 1	~ 2	Enabled				
				DECADE Elite De	etector Method		Det Status			
Main	Output	Time 1	Table							
	ompensatio	n On								
	Range	10 [ŗ	× [A	Pola	rity) +					
	Offset	0	~ [%]	-)-					
	✓ Filter	Raw	√ [Hz]						
Det Stat	tus	Demo I	Mode: Ready				From Det			
Event Ta	able Meas	urement	Acquisition	Integration PDA	Method Calcu	lation Advanced				
_								-	Send Me	
OK	C Ca									

Fig. 11: Method Setup - Acquisition - Output

This sub-tab contains other signal parameters of the particular detector. These are:

Compensation On

This checkbox releases or applies an Autozero offset. When unchecked, any applied autozero offset will be released and the uncompensated cell current will be applied to the output.

Range

Sets the range of the detector. The range can be also changed later as a part of the time program of the detector on the <u>Method Setup - Acquisition - Time Table</u> sub-tab.

Offset

Sets the y-axis offset of the given signal. This offset is set in percentage of the signal range.

Filter

The *Filter* checkbox allows to use the noise filter for the particular signal. The dropdown serves for specifying the cut-off frequency of the filter (possible values are *RAW* and range between 0.001 and 10 Hz for the *DC* mode and between 0.001 and 0.5 Hz for the *Pulse* mode).

Note: In DC mode the Sensor Rate (Acquisition, Main tab) is fixed for all settings except Fillter ON and RAW combination.

Polarity

Sets the polarity of the signal. This parameter may be used for simple switching of negative peaks to positive values.

4.1.3 Method Setup - Acquisition - Time Table

ctor	od Setup Antec DEDACE		stup Audit trail	Send method by e-mail	? Help			
	Det	ector 1	~ 2	Enabled				
		DECADE	Elite Detector Method		Det Status			
Output	Time Table							
Time [min]	Parameter		Value					
0.00	Sensor autozer	0	Active					
4.00			Load					
6.00	Sensor range		200 [pA]					
8.00	Sensor output re	ay 1	Active					
s	Demo Mode: Ready				From Det			
le Measu	urement Acquisition	Integration	PDA Method Calc	ulation Advanced				
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	Time [(min] 0.00 4.00 8.00 8.00 8.00 8.00	Demo Mode: Ready	s Demo Mode: Ready between the Acquisition Integration	s Demo Mode: Ready Demo Mode: Ready Mesurement Acquisition Integration PDA Method Cada	The Imit (min) Parameter Value 0.00 Sensor autozero Active 4.00 Valve position Load 6.00 Sensor autozero Active 8.00 Sensor output relay 1 Active 8.00 Sensor output relay 1 Active 9 Demo Mode: Ready Integration 10 Acquisition Integration	Ime (min) Parameter Value 0.00 Sensor autozero Active 4.00 Valve poston Load 6.00 Sensor rauge 200 (pA) 8.00 Sensor output relay 1 Active 9 Demo Mode: Ready From Det 1e Messurement Acquisition Integration PDA Method Calculation Advanced	Time [min] Parameter Value 0.00 Sensor autozero Active 4.00 Valve position Load 6.00 Sensor range 200 [pA] 8.00 Sensor output relay 1 Active	The Imin Parameter Value 0.00 Sensor autozero Active 4.00 Valve position Load 6.00 Sensor range 200 [A] 8.00 Sensor output relay 1 Active

Fig. 12: Method Setup - Acquisition - Time Table

The Time table allows to set timed events on the given detector. The following parameters and outputs can be programmed in the time table:

Valve position, Sensor range, Sensor autozero, Sensor offset, Sensor E cell, Sensor output aux 1(2), Sensor output relay 1(2).

Some events set in the Time table will alter the original values possibly set on the <u>Method Setup - Acquisition - Main or Method Setup - Acquisition - Output</u> subtabs, others govern the digital outputs of given detector or controller board set in the <u>Antec Detector Setup</u> dialog.

After entering the desired *Time* for the event (in minutes), it is possible to fill in the *Parameter* field with any possibility from the drop-down list. Add the desired value of the parameter in the *Value* column (if applicable).

4.2 Method Setup - Event Table

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om	nmon for all dete	ctors									
			Input					Output			
	Name	Type	Source	Input	Value	Units	Output Type	Output	Parameter	Store	
	A	Dig. Input Idle	DECADE Elite	Sens	Down		Command	Start Acq		~	
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Ev	rent Table Mea	surement Acquisit	on Integration PDA M	4ethod Calc	culation Ac	lvanced	4				

Fig. 13: Method Setup - Event Table

Both the inputs and outputs of the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector can be used in the **Event Table**, either as the input conditions or for the output reaction.

4.3 Method Setup - Advanced

The **Antec DECADE Elite** detector also provides auxiliary signals, which can be added to the resulting chromatograms in the *Method Setup - Advanced* dialog.

Method Setup Antec DEDACE (MODIFIED)	_		×
New Open Save Save as Report setup Audit trail Send method by email			
Common for all detectors			
Subtraction			
Chromatogram [None] Variable 1			
Matching No Change Value 1	MethodUserVar1		
Set None Value	0		
Column Calculations			
Unretained Time 0 [min] Variable 2			
Lind Lind	MethodUserVar2		
Value	0	_	
Statistical Moments From Width at 50%			
Variable 3			
Auxiliary Signal Store Name	MethodUserVar3		
2 DECADE Elite Detector 1 - ICell Value	0		
3 DECADE Elite Detector 2 - Temperature 4 DECADE Elite Detector 2 - ICel			
5 DECADE Elite Detector 3 - Temperature			
Event Table Measurement Acquisition Integration PDA Method Calculation Advanced			
R OK Cancel	•	S <u>e</u> nd Me	thod

Fig. 14: Method Setup - Advanced

Check the checkbox in the *Store* column to save the particular auxiliary signal to the chromatogram.

4.4 Device Monitor

The window with the detector status can be invoked by the *Monitor - Device Monitor* command from the *Instrument* window or using the *IC Monitor* icon. It displays the actual signal belonging to all signals configured on the Instrument, as well as other information such as the detector temperatures. Each detector has its own section in the *Device Monitor* window.

Ø Instrument 1 - Device Monitor − ×								
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O DECADE Elite Detector 1 Demo Mode: Running								
Auto Zero					Switch Off			
Marker	Run Time 0,28 [min]	Temperature 35,0 [°C]	I cell -0,33 [uA]	Data -0,003 [V]	E1 0,10 [V]			
O DECADE Elite	e Detector 2			Demo	Mode: Running			
Auto Zero	DC Mode				Switch Off			
Marker	Run Time 0,28 [min]	Temperature 35,0 [°C]	I cell 0,003 [uA]	Data 0,499 [V]	E Cell 0,10 [V]			
OECADE Elite	e Detector 3			Demo	Mode: Running			
Auto Zero	DC Mode				Switch Off			
Marker	Run Time 0,28 [min]	Temperature 35,0 [°C]	I cell 0,01 [uA]]	Data 0,000 [V]	E Cell 0,50 [V]			
For Help, press F1						1		

Fig. 15: Device Monitor

The detector can be monitored and partially controlled from the *Device Monitor* window. Available control commands and fields are:

Auto Zero

This button performs the autozero operation - the output signal of the detector is set to zero.

Switch Off/Switch On

This button switches the cell OFF or ON, depending on the previous status of the cell.

Caution: Clarity requires the cell to provide data, so if the cell is off, button says *Switch On*, it will trigger *NO DATA* error or (in case there is some other detector giving data) *STOPPING* state. Be aware of the fact the External start will start data acquisition even though the cell might be off (button says *Switch On*).

Marker

Invoking this button generates a marker peak in the chromatogram. This function is useful only for analogue plotters as an analysis start marker.

Run Time

Displays the run time of the analysis.

Temperature

Shows the actual temperature in the detector oven of the Antec DECADE Elite.

l cell

Shows the cell current of the detector flow cell. The value corresponds to the uncompensated cell current shown on the LCD display of the detector.

Data

Shows the value of the output signal.

E cell

Shows the value of voltage set in the *E cell* field of the <u>Method Setup - Acquisition -</u> Time Table sub-tab.

This value field is only present in the *DC* mode, it is replaced by the *E1* field in the *Pulse* mode.

E1

Shows the value of voltage set in the *E1* field of the <u>Method Setup - Acquisition -</u> Time Table sub-tab.

This value field is present in the *Pulse* mode. It is replaced by the *E cell* field in the *DC* mode.

4.5 Antec Detector Setup

Antec Detector Set	up	×
RS232 Communic	ation	
COM Port	COM1 ·	~
O LAN Communicat	ion	
IP Address	192 . 168 . 1 . 120 Find Device	
Port	10001	
	Autodetect	
	Check whether hardware is connected.	
Instrument Type	DECADE ELITE V	
Number of Sensors	5 🔹	
Signal 1	Detector 1	
Signal 2	Detector 2	
Signal 3	Detector 3	
Signal 4	Detector 4	
Signal 5	Detector 5	
CRC-32 Check	30 [°C] Digital Inputs I/E ✓ Digital Outputs	

Fig. 16: Antec Detector Setup dialog

RS232 Communication

Sets the communication parameters while the detector is communicating over USB.

Note: **Antec DECADE Elite** detector USB port is in fact simulating COM port to be selected in the *Antec Detector Setup* dialog.

COM Port

Selects the communication port.

LAN Communication

Sets the communication parameters while the detector is communicating over LAN.

IP Address

Sets the IP Address to connect to the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector. The detector communicating over LAN will use DHCP server settings, but it is possible to set it to fixed IP Address.

Note: Please check the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector manual for the description of how to set the IP Address of the detector.

Port

Sets the communication port for LAN communication. The default communication port is 10001.

Find Device

Opens a dialog for choosing the IP address from the list of all **Antec DECADE Elite** detector connected to the same network.

Autodetect

This button is used to test the connection to the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector using the previously set communication parameters (either RS232 or LAN). Obtained data gained from the auto-detection are then set in the dialog.

Instrument Type

Shows the type of the connected Antec DECADE Elite detector.

Number of Sensors

Displays the number of sensor boards (detectors) that are present in the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector.

Signal 1 (..5)

Fields belonging to particular detectors enable to set the relevant detector names.

CRC-32 Check

Enables the CRC-32 checking of incoming data.

Valve Connected

Enables to control the connected valve.

Temperature

Sets the operation temperature of the Antec DECADE Elite detector oven.

Analogue Output

Sets the mode how the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector prepares analog output data. The analog output with the scale of 1V may either be created from the raw data before they are processed by the inbuilt A/D converter (option I/E) or after they are processed by the A/D converter (option DAC).

Digital Inputs...

Displays the *Digital Inputs* dialog which sets the events performed after particular digital inputs of the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector are invoked. The **Antec DECADE Elite** supports up to 13 inputs (depending on the number of individual sensor boards in the instrument), of which any 8 can be used in the **Clarity** station.

Caution: It is highly recommended to set all unnecessary inputs and outputs to the *Not available* state, as it will significantly speed up the communication.

Digital Inputs ×							
Input no.	Source:						
1	Sensor 1 - start in	\sim					
2	Electric Valve	\sim					
3	Electric Valve	\sim					
4	Not available	\sim					
5	Not available						
6	Not available \checkmark						
7	Not available 🗸 🗸 🗸						
8	Not available	\sim					
OK	Cancel Help						

Fig. 17: Digital Inputs

Possible events are:

Not available - digital input with this number is not used.

Manual Valve - option for the setting up of a manual injection valve. The manual injection valve has to be connected to the <u>Valve Connector</u> located on the back side of **Antec DECADE Elite**. When correctly set in **Clarity** *System Configuration* the manual injection valve can be used for triggering **Clarity** run if *Ext. Start Dig. Input* set with the same number as Input No. for the manual valve, see ③ in **Fig. 5** on pg. **7**. Note that connected manual injection valve can be utilized also through **Event Table** after selecting of an option for Digital Input from Type column.

Electric Valve - option for the setting up of electric injection valve. The electric injection valve has to be connected to the <u>Valve Connector</u> located on the back side of **Antec DECADE Elite** via appropriate RS232 cable. Note the electric valve has to be connected to **Antec DECADE Elite** and switched on before switching **Antec DECADE Elite** on. There are supported two position electric actuators only. When correctly set in **Clarity** *System Configuration* the electric injection valve can be used for triggering **Clarity** run if *Ext. Start Dig. Input* set with the same number as Input No. for the electric valve, see **(3)** in **Fig. 5** on pg. **7**.. Note that connected electric injection valve can be controlled also through <u>Event Table</u> after selecting of an option for Digital Input from Type column.

Sensor 1(..3) - cell on - monitors the signal which turns the corresponding flow cell on.

Sensor 1(..3) - cell off - monitors the signal which turns the corresponding flow cell off.

Sensor 1(..3) - autozero - monitors the TTL signal which sets output signal of the particular cell to 0.

Sensor 1(..4) - start in - monitors the signal which starts a new time file of the particular detector. **Clarity** doesn't use time files.

Note: To be able to start the analysis in **Clarity** when this signal occurs, it is necessary to set the same signal as *Start IN* signal in the *System Configuration* dialog.

Digital Outputs...

Displays the *Digital Outputs* dialog which sets the events triggered by particular signals of the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector. The **Antec DECADE Elite** supports up to 6 outputs.

Caution: It is highly recommended to set all unnecessary inputs and outputs to the *Not available* state, as it will significantly speed up the communication.

Digital Outputs						
Output no.	Source:					
1	Aux 1 \checkmark					
2	Aux 2 \checkmark					
3	Relay 1 \checkmark					
4	Relay 2 \checkmark					
5	Not available \checkmark					
6	Not available \checkmark					
7	Not available \checkmark					
8	Not available \checkmark					
OK	Cancel Help					

Fig. 18: Digital Outputs

Possible events are:

Not available - digital output with this number is not used.

Sensor 1(..5) - aux 1(2) - output providing a free TTL output contact. Two such outputs are available on each detector board.

Sensor 1(..5) - *relay* 1(2) - output functioning as a relay contact. Two such outputs are available on each detector board.

4.6 Digital Outputs Control

The **Antec DECADE Elite** detector contains six digital TTL outputs from which the first two are also designed as relay contacts. To set the desired events to actual outputs on the back of the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector use the <u>Digital Outputs</u> dialog described on pg. **25**.

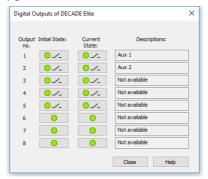


Fig. 19: Digital Output Control

This dialog allows to change the *Initial* and *Actual* state of the digital outputs of the **Antec DECADE Elite**. The digital outputs may be also controlled from the *Method Setup - Event Table* tab.

5 Report Setup

All of the detector settings accessible on the <u>Method Setup - Acquisition</u> tab for the given signal are reported. To do so, the *Instrument Control* parameter on the *Method* tab of the *Report Setup* dialog must be checked.

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	Detector 3	: Detector 3		Range	3 : B	polar, 10	000 nA, 10 Samp. per Sec.		
	Detector 4	: Detector 4		Range	4 : Bi	polar, 10	000 nA, 10 Samp. per Sec.		
	Detector 5	: Detector 5		Range	5 : B	polar, 10	000 nA, 10 Samp. per Sec.		
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Fig. 20: Report Setup

6 Troubleshooting

When the remedy for some problem cannot be discovered easily, the recording of communication between **Clarity** and the detector can significantly help the **DataApex** support to discover the cause of the problem.

The recording can be enabled by adding or amending the COMMDRV.INI file in the **Clarity** installation directory (C:\CLARITY\CFG by default). The file can be edited in any text editor (e.g. Notepad). One of the following section, based on the type of communication, should be edited or added:

LAN communication:

[TCP_IP 192.168.111.63:10001] echo=ON textmode=ON filename=DecadeElite_%D.txt reset=OFF

RS232 communication:

[COM1] echo=ON textmode=ON filename=DecadeElite_%D.txt reset=OFF

- *Note:* On the first line, you may need to correct the IP address or COM port used to communicate with the **Antec DECADE Elite** detector. This number can be displayed in the **Method Setup** Acquisition dialog with *Det Status...* button.
- *Note:* %*D* (or %*d*) in the filename parameter means that the log will be created separately for each day. The *reset=off* parameter disables deleting the content of the log each time the station is started during the same day.

The created *.TXT files will greatly help in diagnosis of unrecognized errors and problems in communication.

6.1 OTHERS.INI File Setup

In the OTHERS.INI file (by default located in the C:\CLARITY\CFG directory) user can create section [DecadeII] containing keys, which are influencing the way Clarity

deals with missing timestamps in incoming data. The section can contain following keys:

timestamps

Defines what action the control module will do in case missing timestamps problem appears.

Values:

- 0 to ignore missing timestamps (Default)
- 1 to record missing timestamps into chromatogram audit trail
- 2 to calculate and record missing timestamps

start

Defines when the module will start do action from "timestamps" Values:

0 - Starts from first timestamp, and first expected timestamp is 1 (Default)

- 1 the first timestamp will store and starts from second timestamp
- 2..X the X timestamp will store and starts from X+1 timestamp

length

Defines maximal count of missing timestamps, which are considered as error Values:

0 – any number of missing timestamps are considered as error (Default)

1..X - number of missing timestamps exceeding this value will not be considered as error

Example of section (can be directly copied/pasted to OTHERS.INI):

[Decadell]

; What to do with missing timestamps ; 0 - Ignore, 1 - Record in audit trail, 2 - Calculate and record timestamps = 0

; When to start executing action set in previous key ; 0 - From first missing, X - From X+1 missing start = 0

; Maximal count of missing timestamps considered as error ; 0 - Any number, X - number of missing timestamps exceeding this value will not be considered as error

length = 0