PowerNavigator 5.2

User Guide

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Overview

- This guide walks a user though the steps to setup and configure a digital power device using Intersil's PowerNavigator GUI.

- This guide assumes the user has followed the instructions on the website for downloading and installing PowerNavigator and is able to launch the program successfully.

Overview

- **The following sections are shown in this guide:**
  - Hardware free mode
    - Selection of devices
    - Power architecture setup
    - Current sharing
  - Connecting to hardware
    - Auto scan of devices
  - Device setup with Rail Inspector
    - Changing device parameters
    - Configuration file load and save
  - Sequencing
    - Time based sequencing
    - Event based sequencing
  - RailScope
    - Adding/monitoring devices
    - Logging
  - Production File Hex Creation

Offline Mode (Hardware Free Mode)

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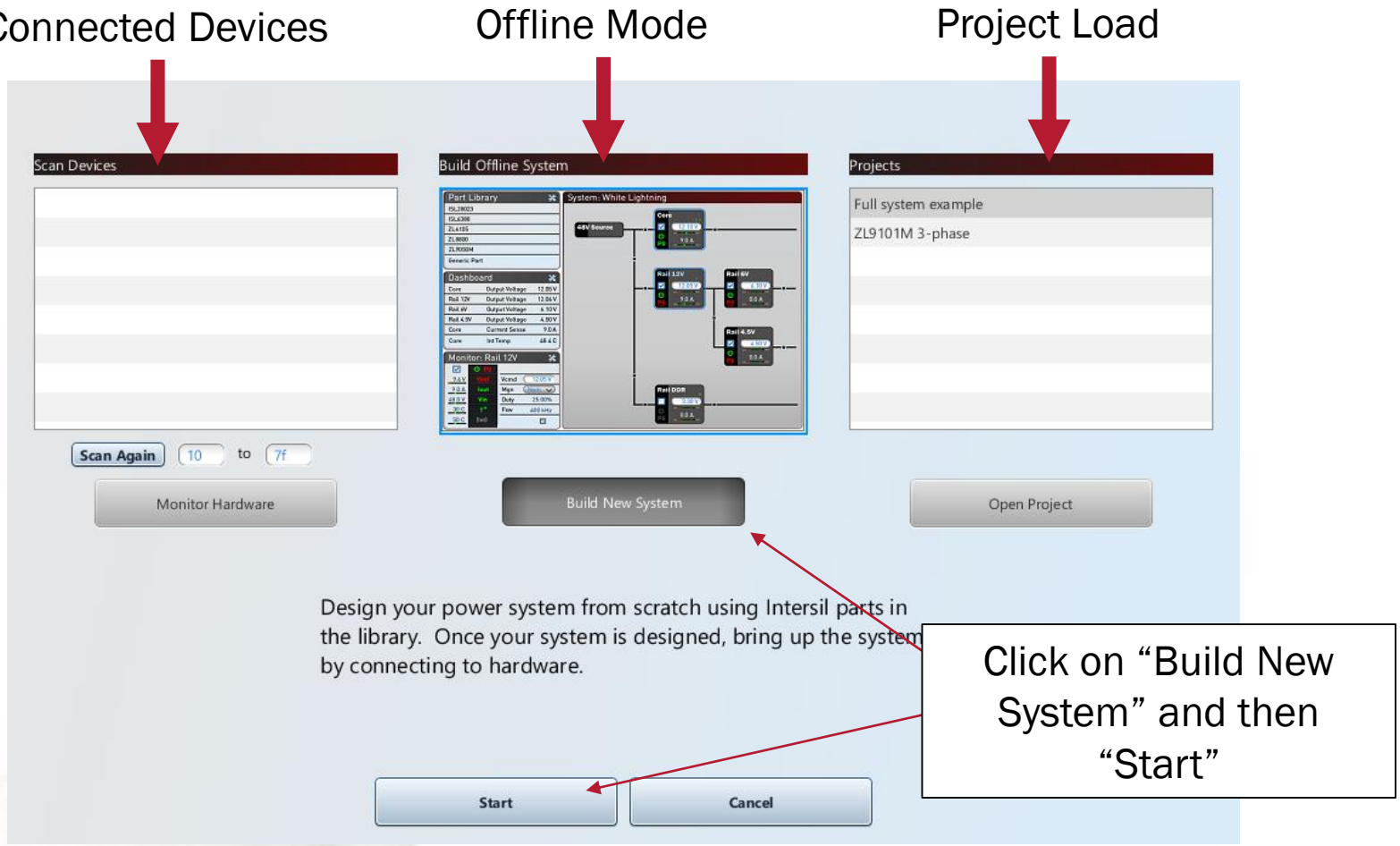
PowerNavigator 5.2 Launch Screen



The PowerNavigator launch screen allows you to select online (hardware connected) or offline modes of operation.

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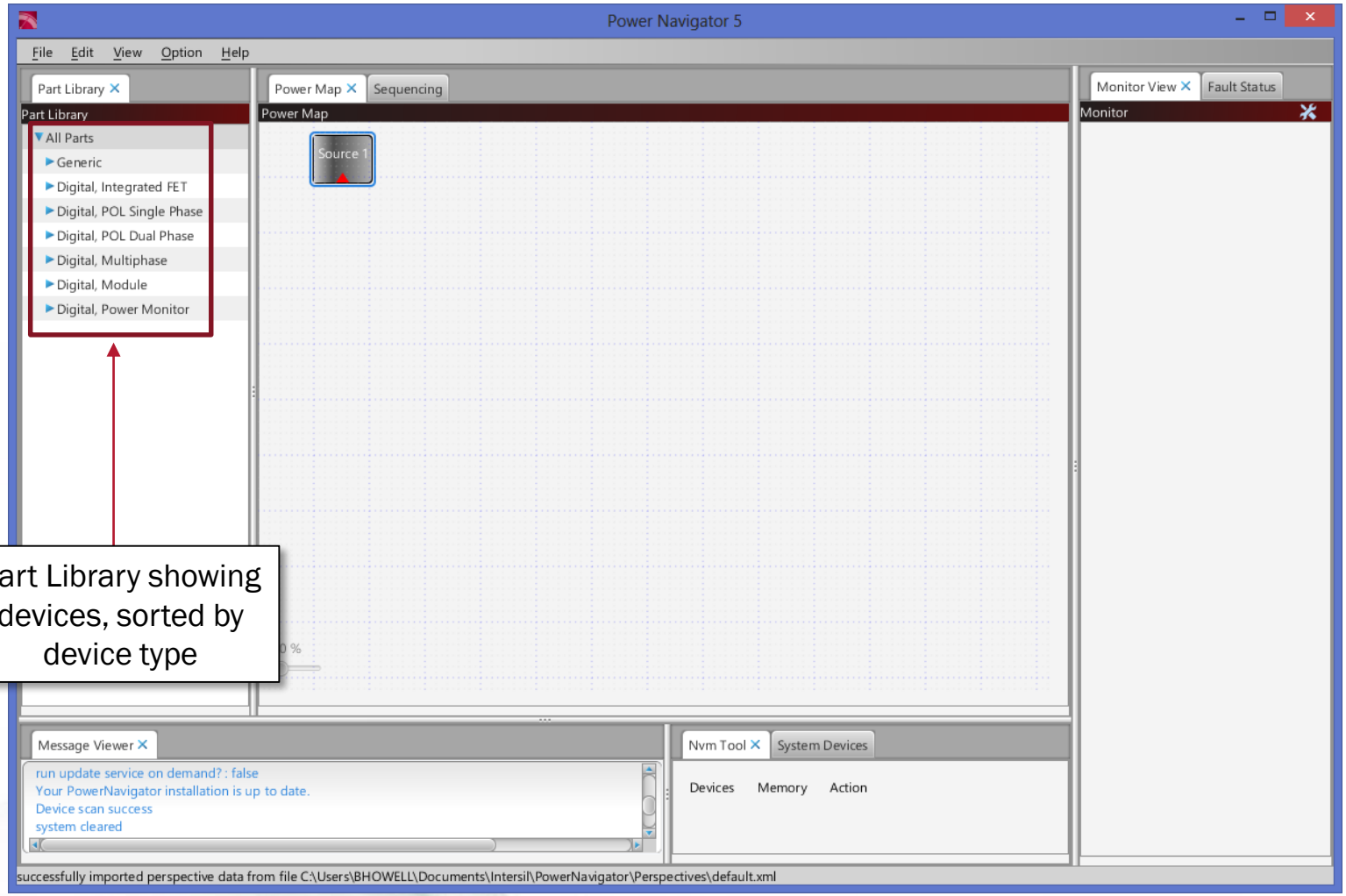

Part Library showing devices, sorted by device type

Initial screen is a blank canvas, allowing the user to setup and configure an entire power system.

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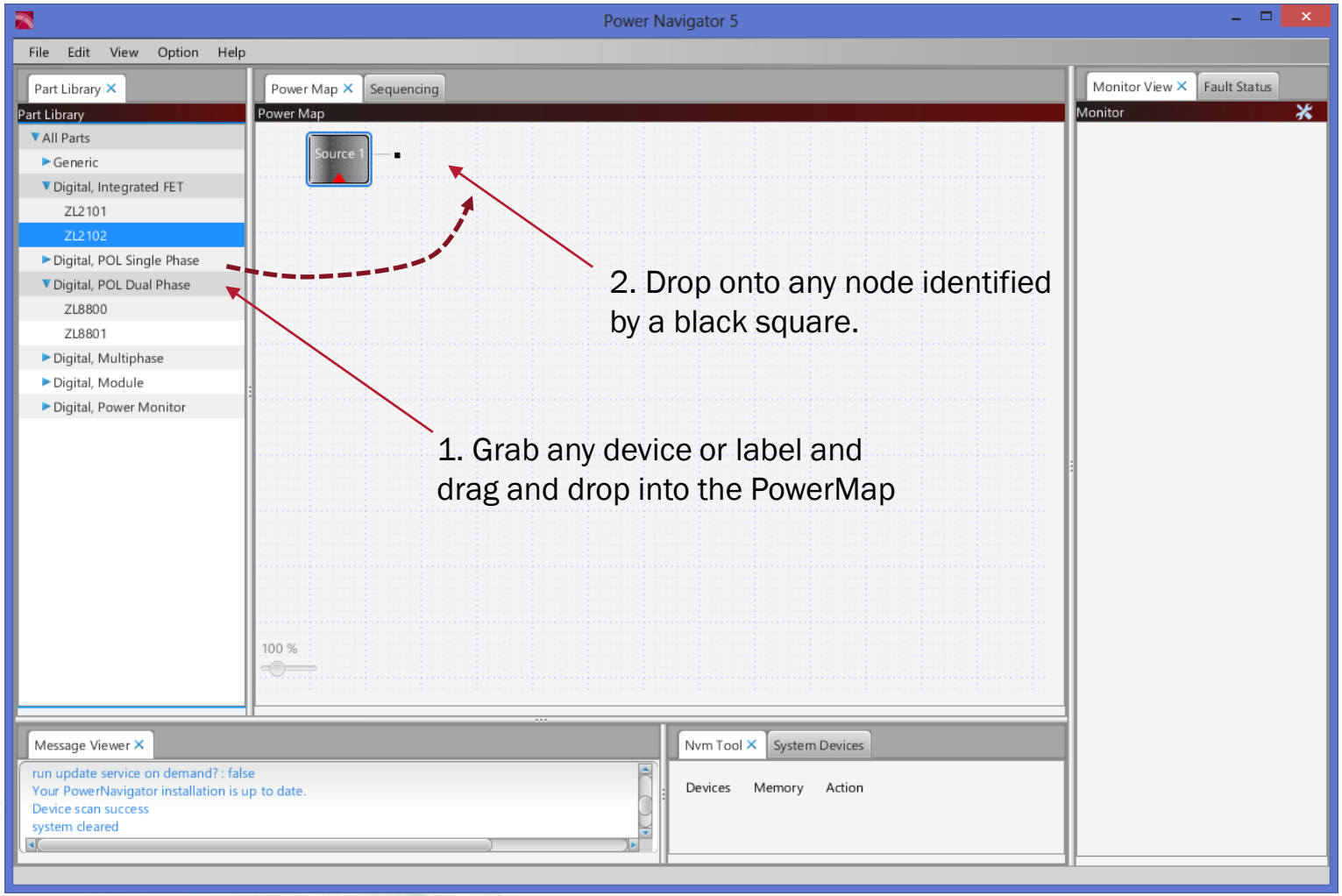

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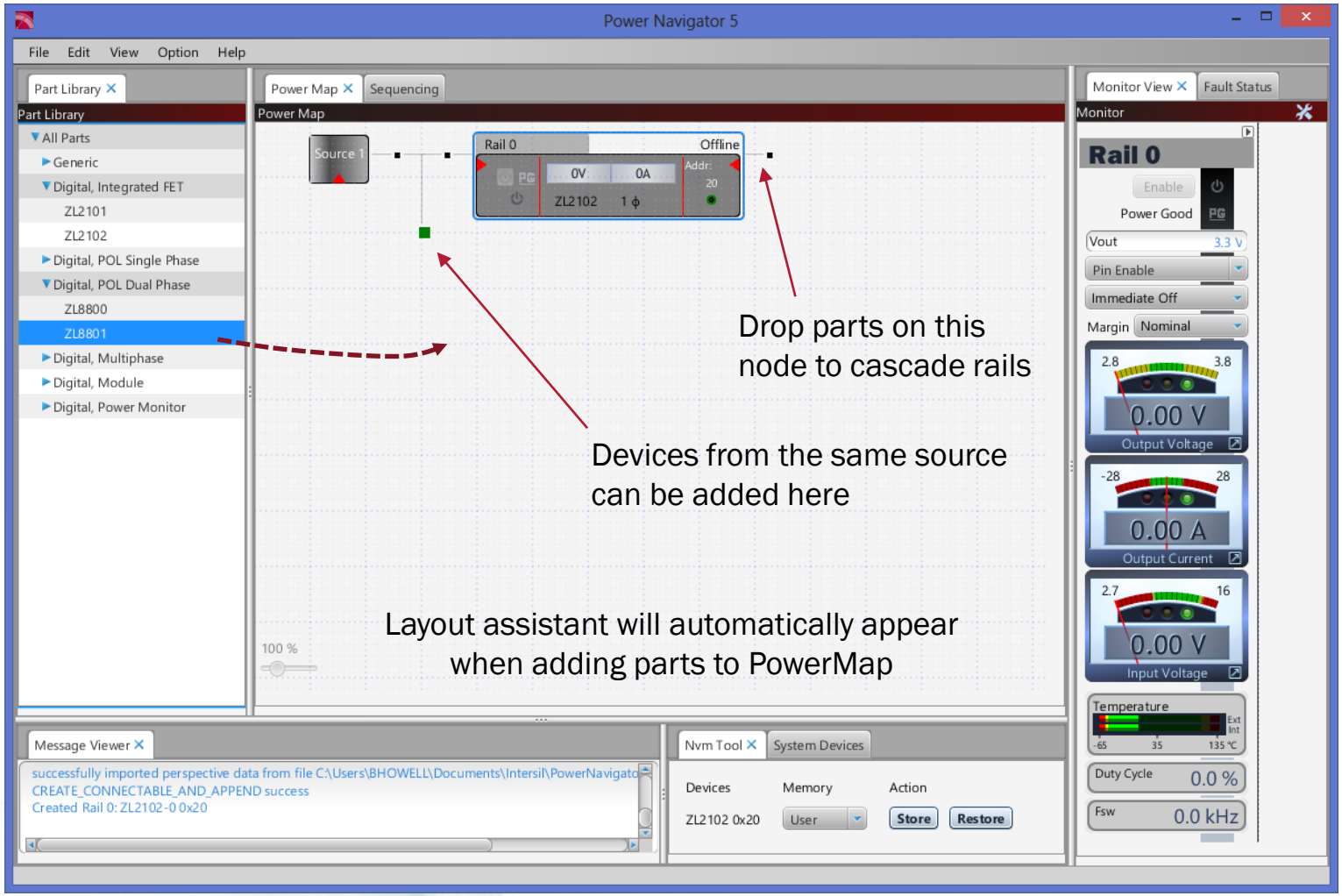

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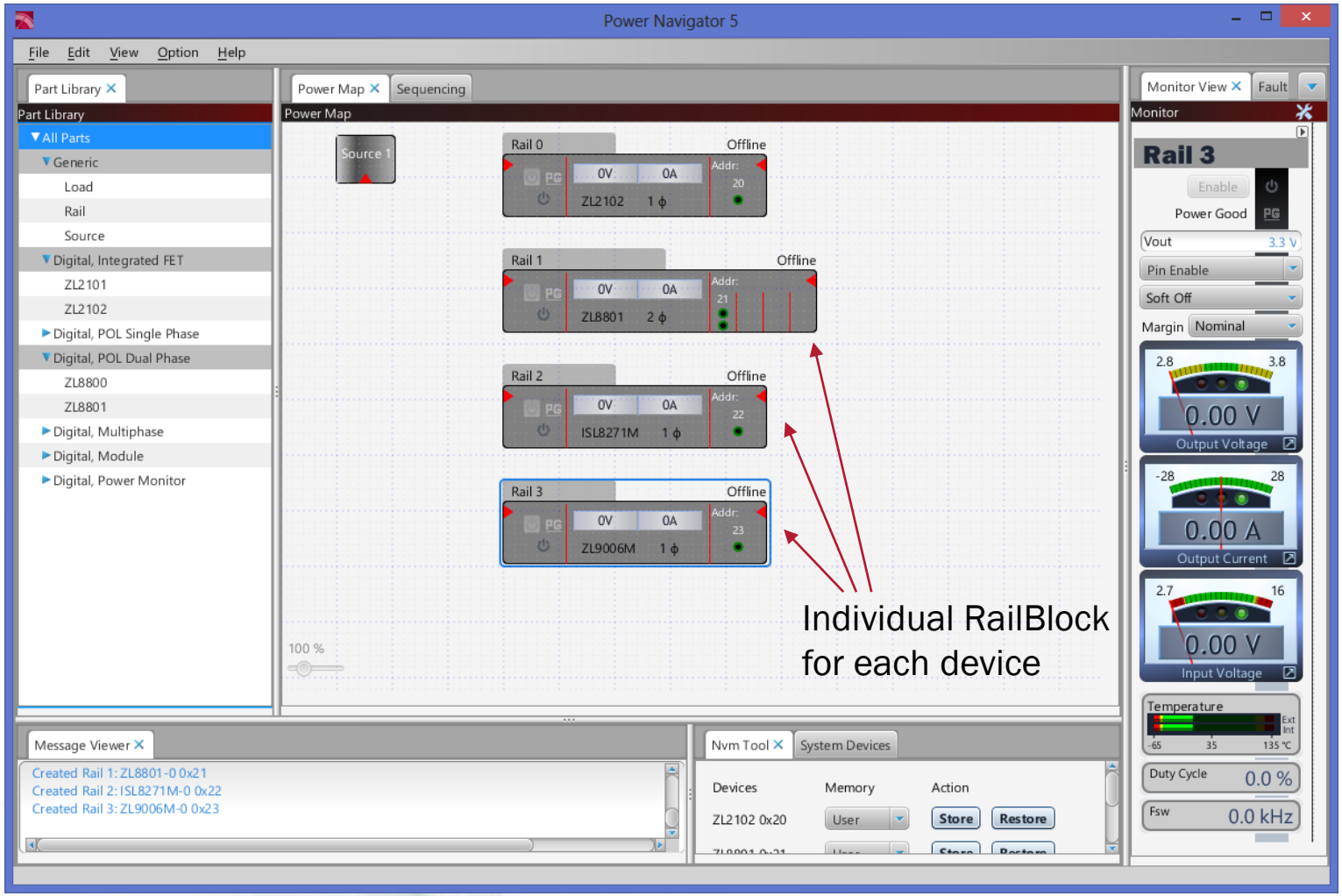
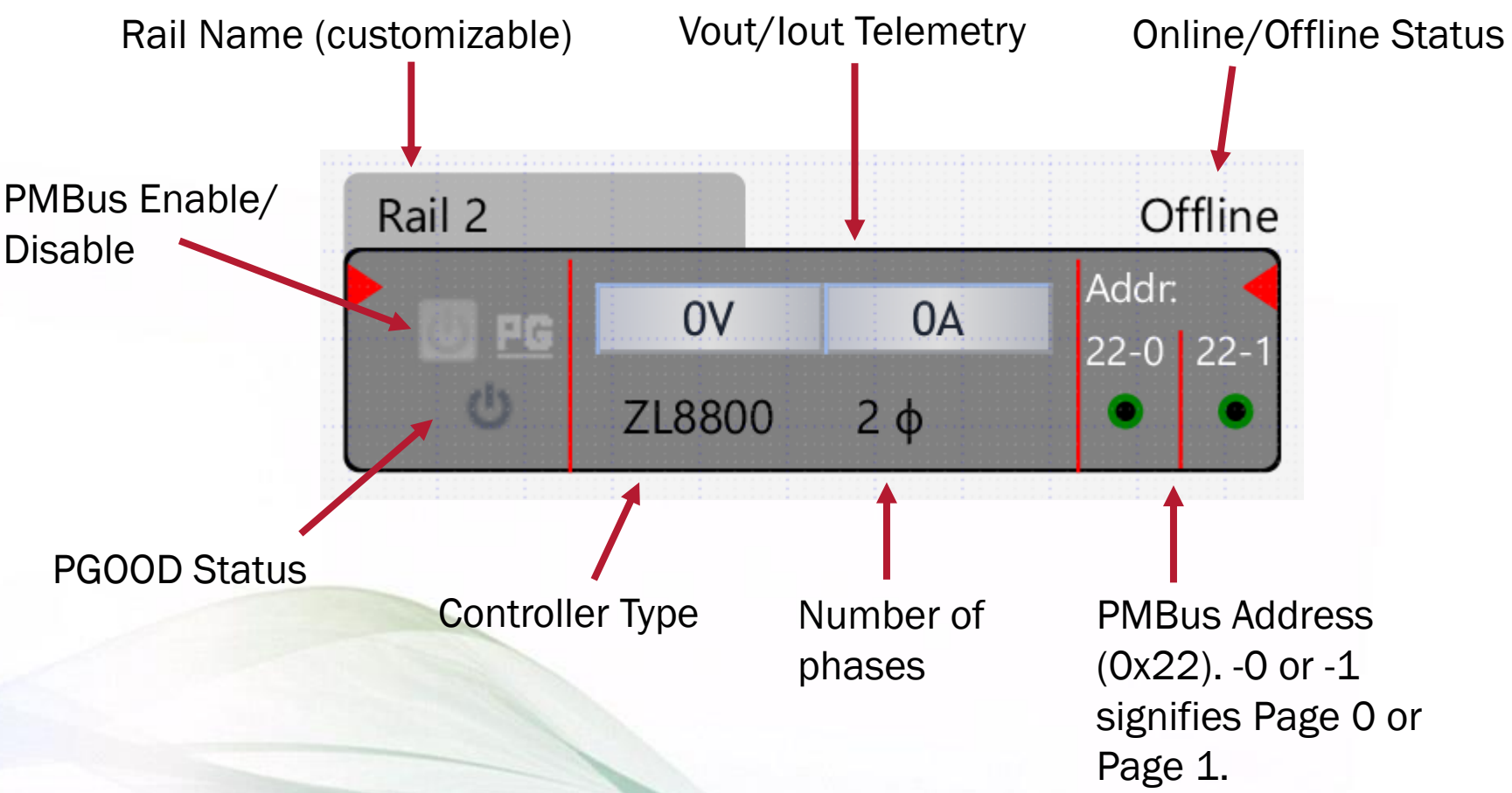


Multiple parts can be added to PowerMap, representing system level view.

PowerMap RailBlock Overview

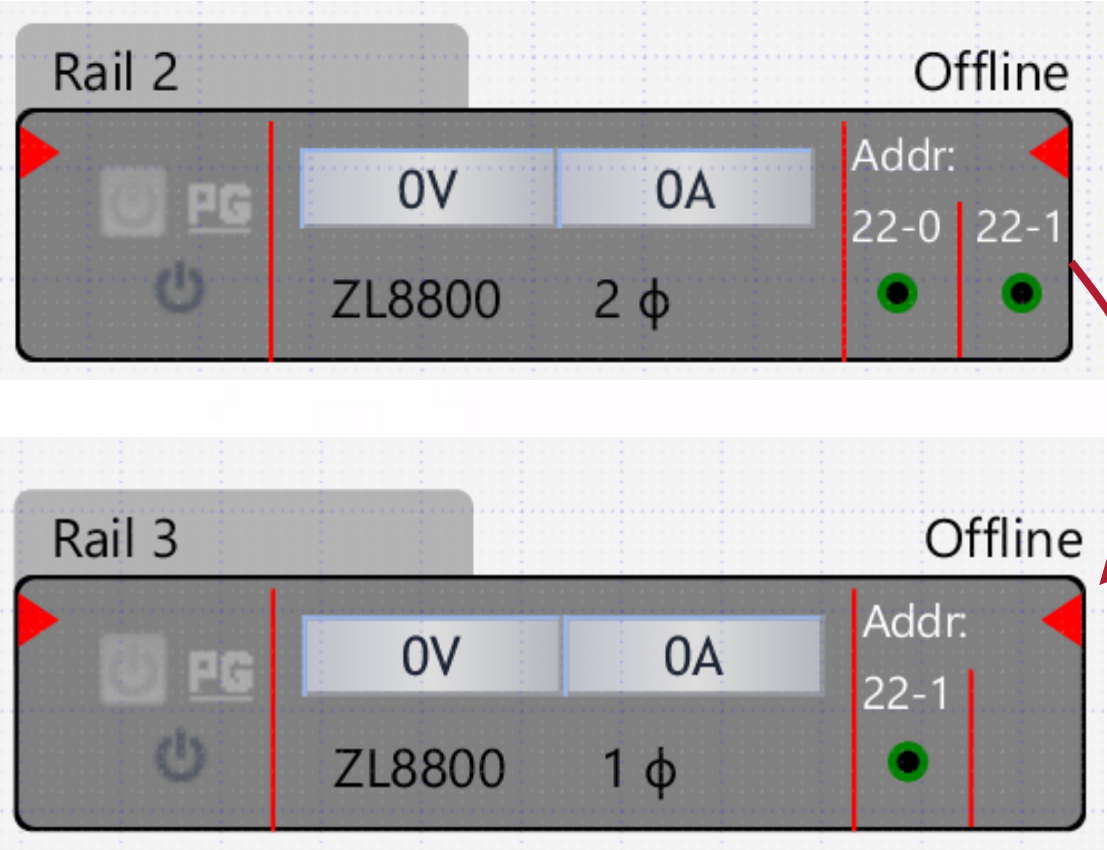
Example ZL8800 RailBlock (2-PH operation):



PowerMap RailBlock Overview

Drag and drop interface for configuration of a rail from 2-phase to dual output.

Example ZL8800 RailBlock (2-CH operation):



Drag “Phase Dot” to change from 2-phase to 2-Channel operation

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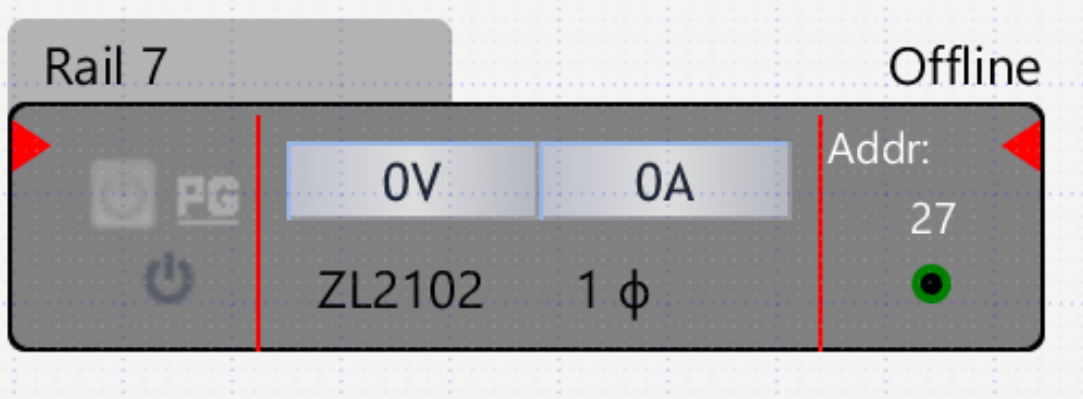
PowerMap RailBlock Overview

Example ZL2102 RailBlock:



- Controllers which do not support current share will only have one “slot”.
- In this case, we have a single phase ZL2102 controller at PMBus address 0x27.

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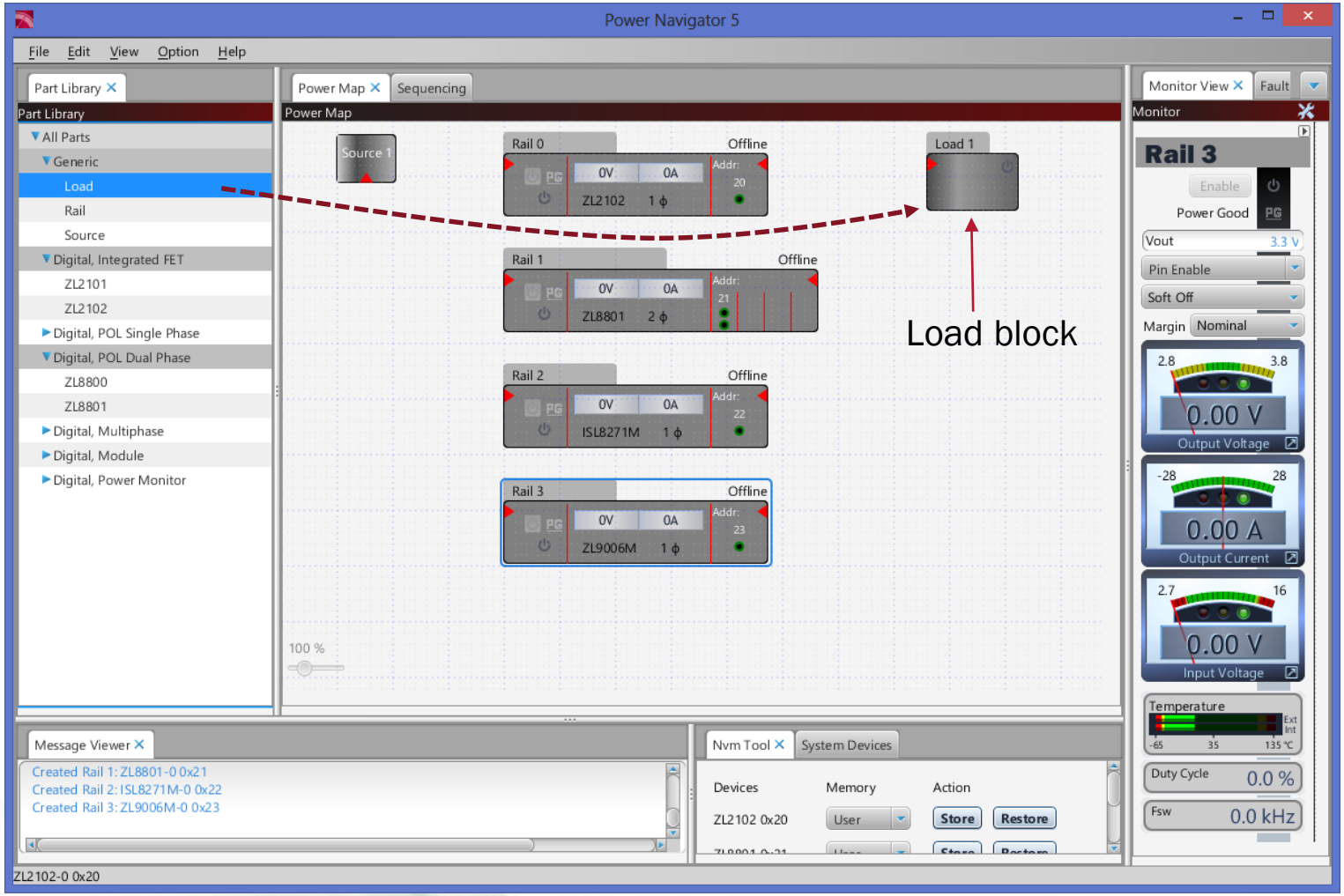
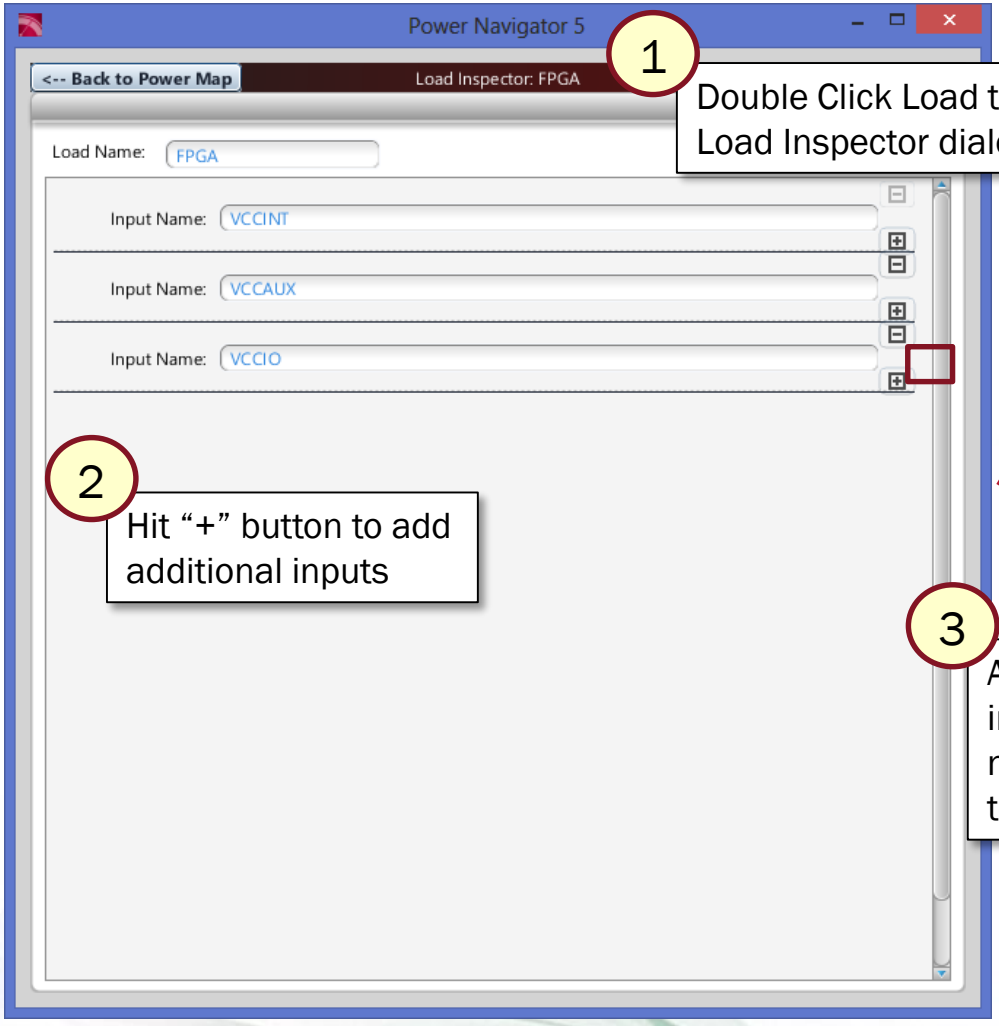
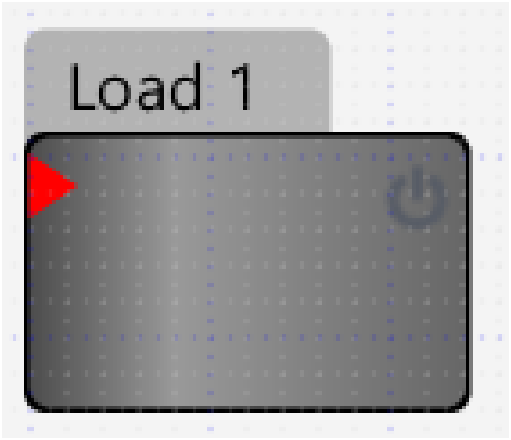


Load Blocks represent system load. Double Click to add additional inputs.

Multi-input Load Boxes

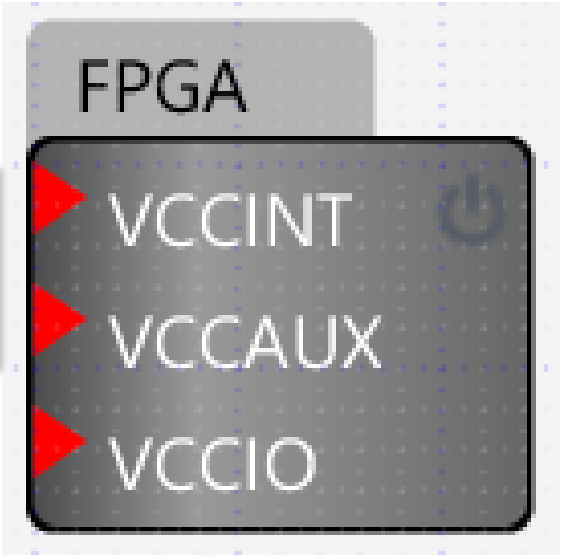


1 Double Click Load to bring up Load Inspector dialog box



2 Hit "+" button to add additional inputs

3 Additional inputs are now added to load box



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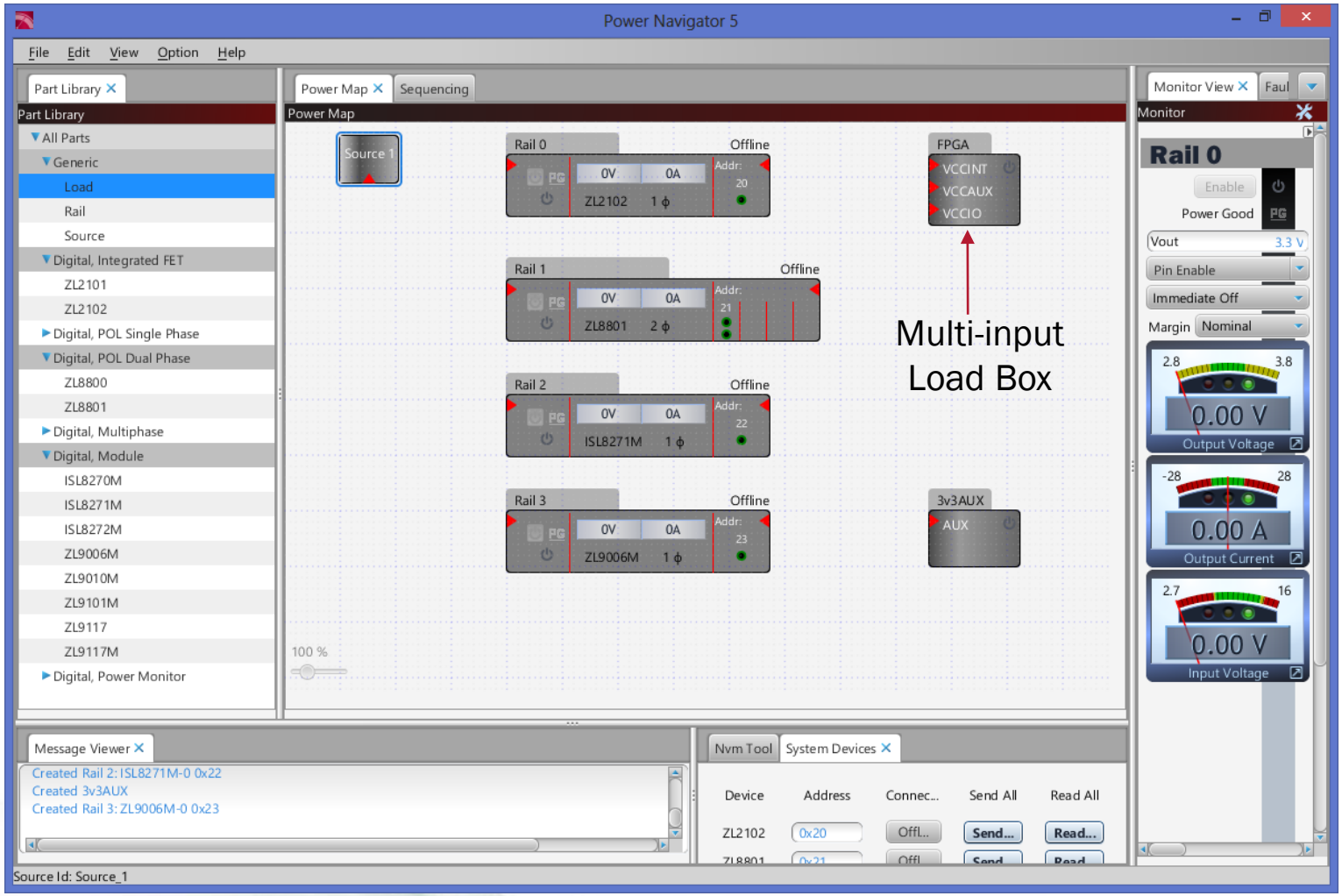

After Configuring system, sources, rails and loads can be wired together.

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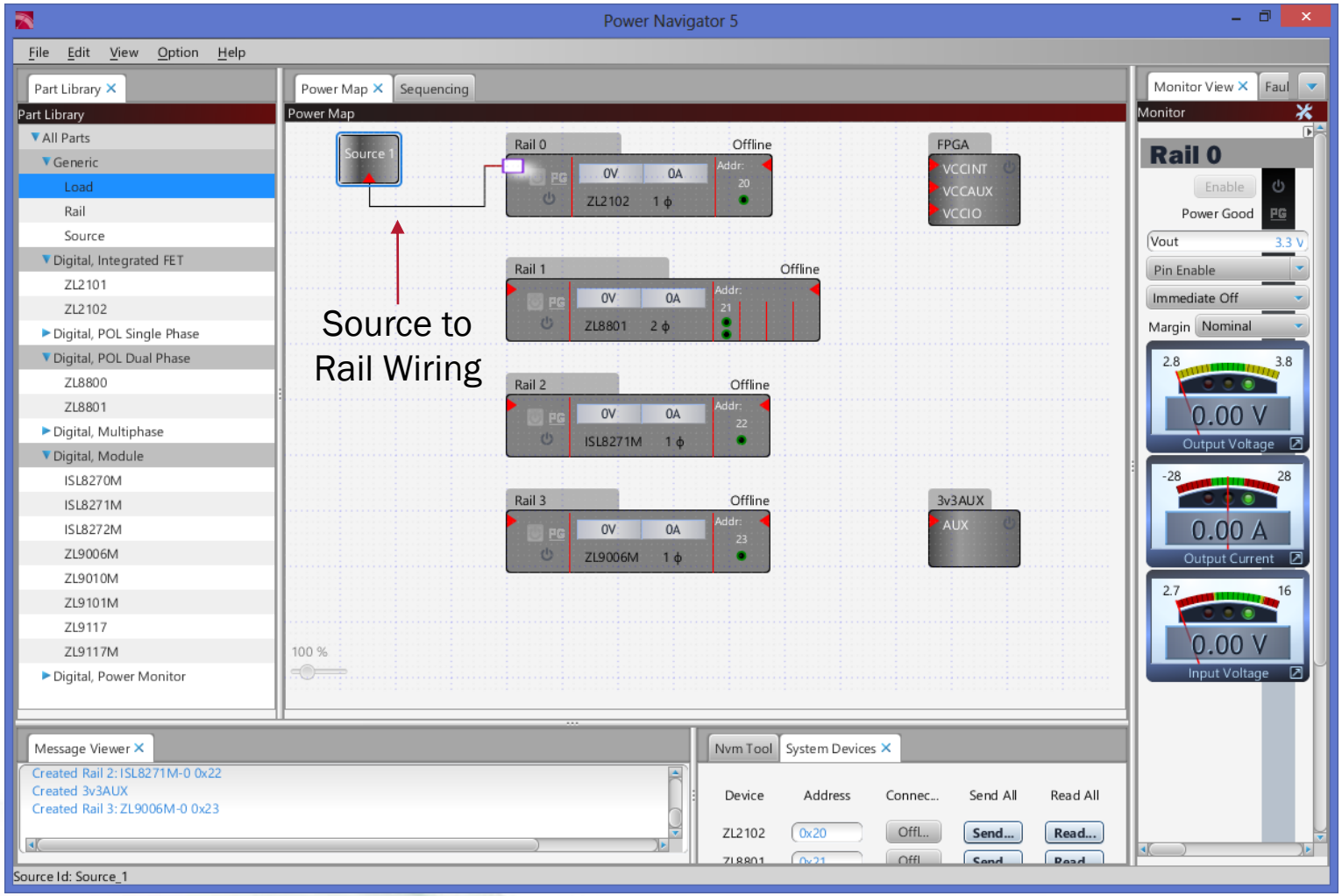

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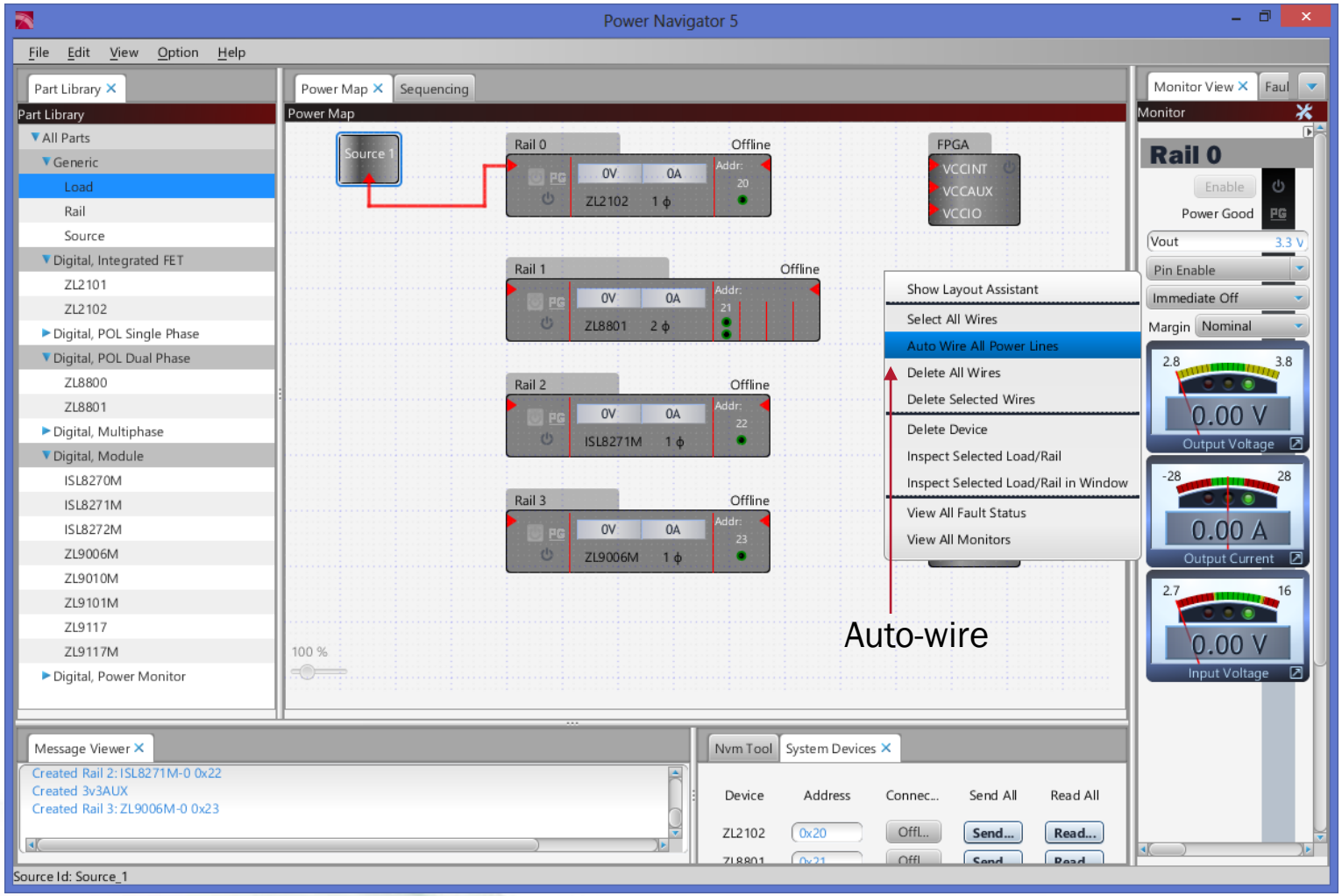

Right-click on PowerMap to bring up contextual menu. Select "Auto Wire All Power Lines" to auto wire PowerMap.

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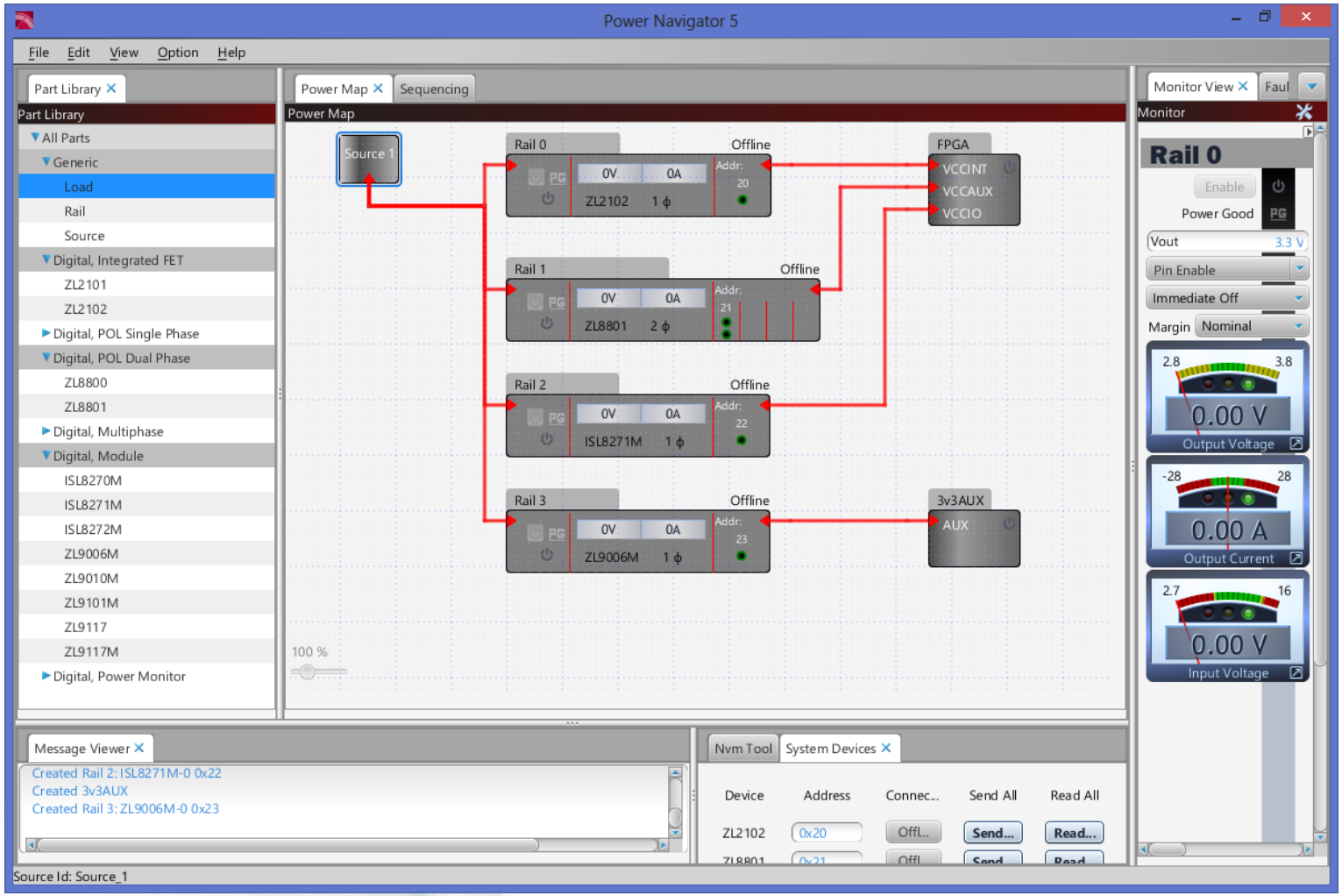

Fully wired PowerMap with multi-input loads.

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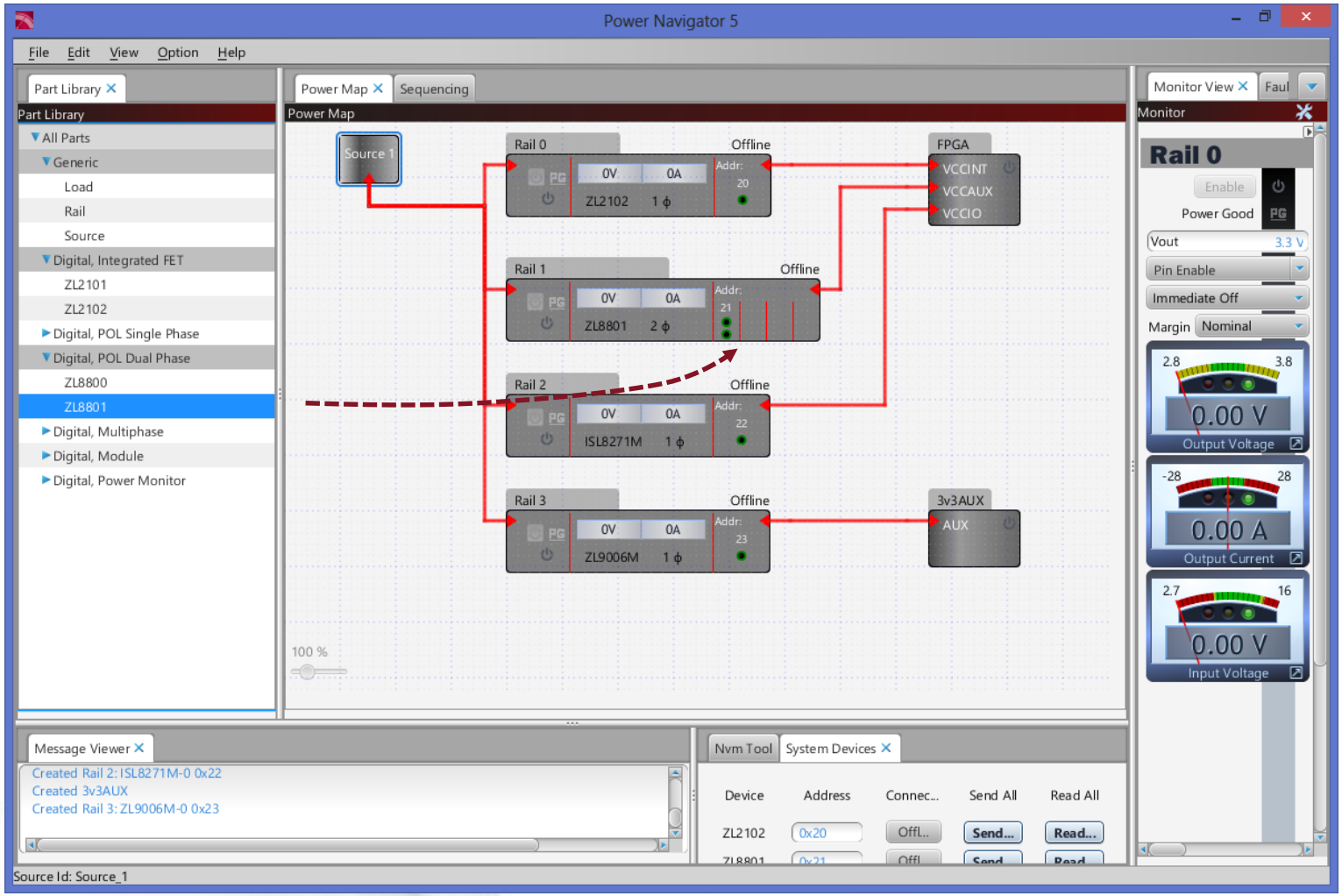
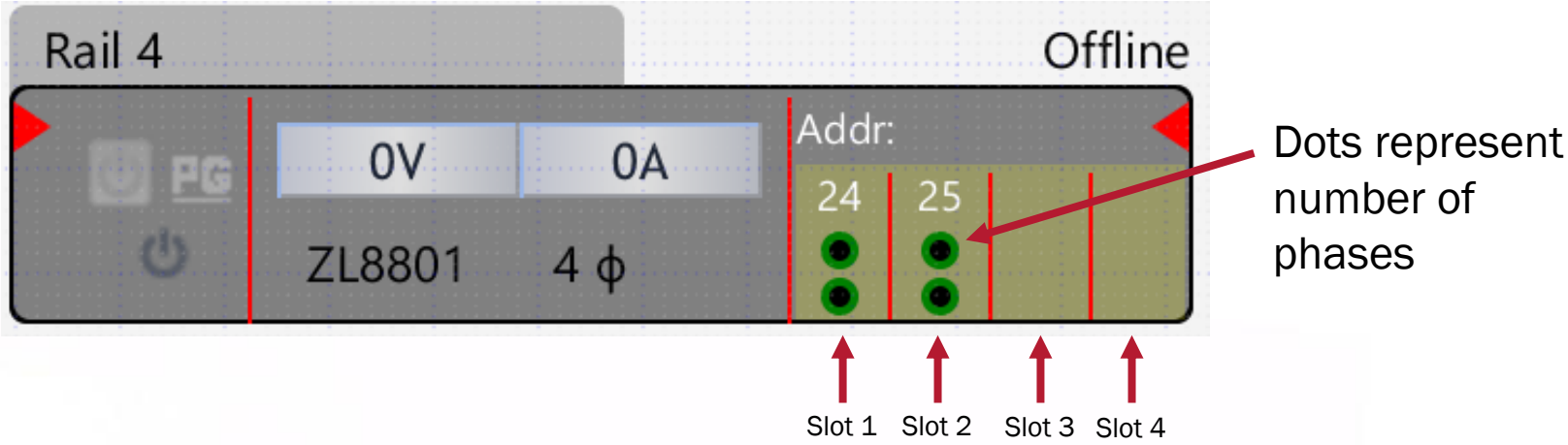


To implement a current sharing rail, drag a part from the part library onto an open RailBlock “slot”.

PowerMap RailBlock Overview

Example ZL8801 RailBlock (4-PH operation):



- The ZL8801 allows for 2-PH, 4-PH, 6-PH or 8-PH operation via current share.
- Each “slot” in the RailBlock represents shows how many controllers can be paralleled in a current share group.
- To create a current share group, a controller can be dragged from the part library into a “slot”, creating a current share rail.
- In this case, we have a 4-phase design, with two ZL8801 controllers – one at PMBus address 0x24 and another at 0x25.

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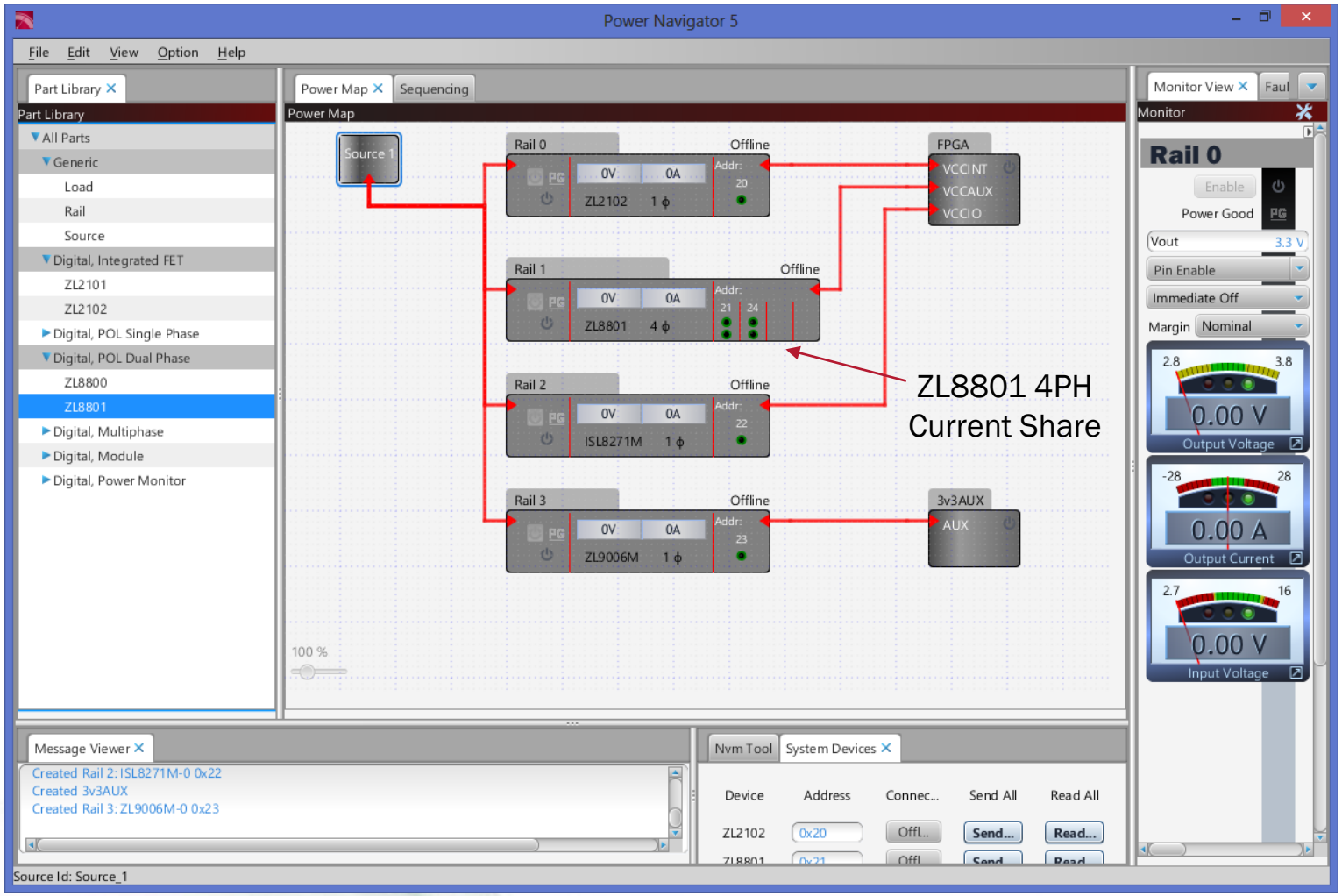
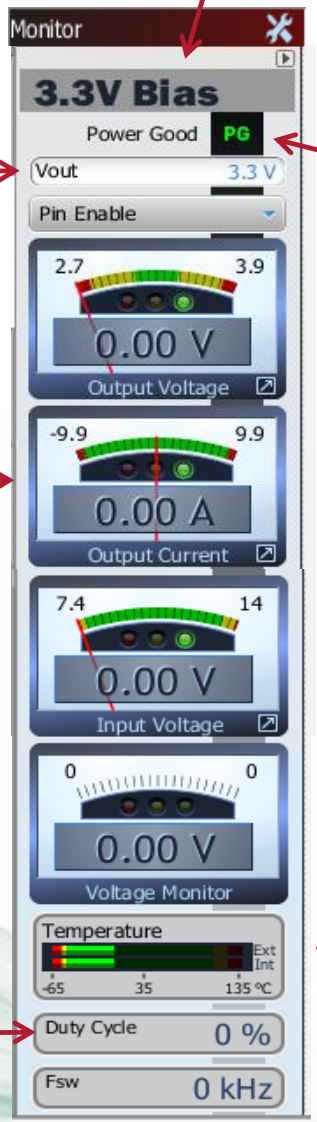


Monitoring View



Device rail name

View configuration for display

Adjustment on output voltage

PGOOD indicator

Monitoring readouts for Vin, Vout, Iout, Iin

Temperature monitors, internal for silicon junction temperature, external for the temp sensor on the board

Duty cycle and switching frequency

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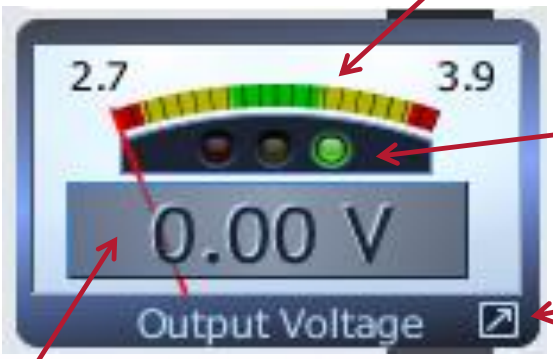
Readouts

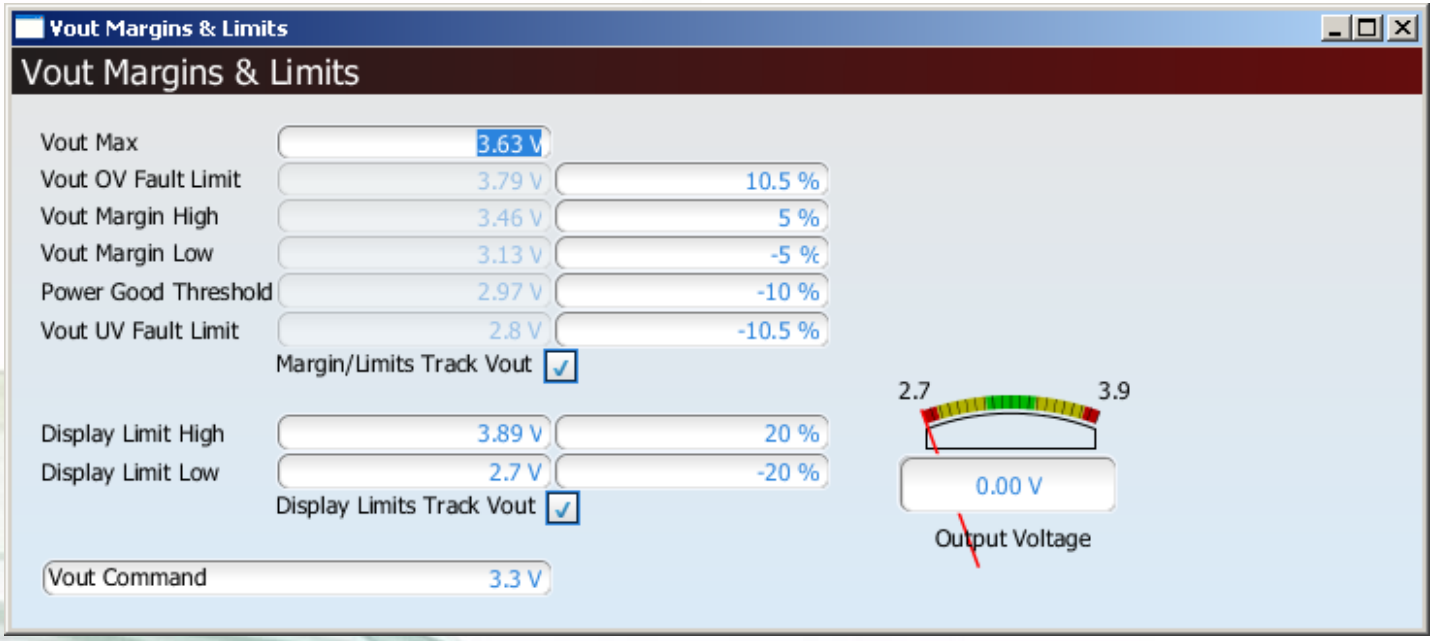
Analog readout with color indicators. Green is within normal limits, yellow in PMBus warning limits, red for exceeding OVP/UVP settings



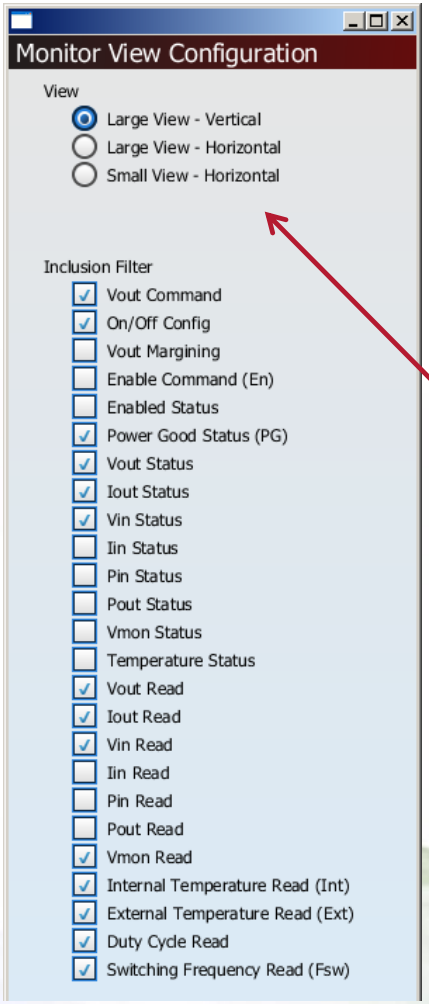
Operation and fault lights

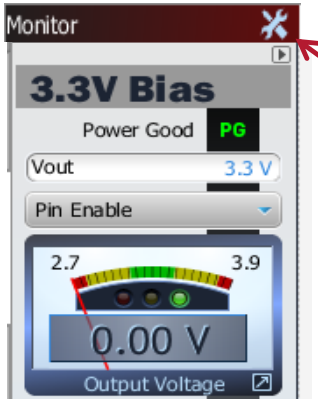
Clicking this button will open the window below allowing adjustment of limits

Digital readout of output voltage



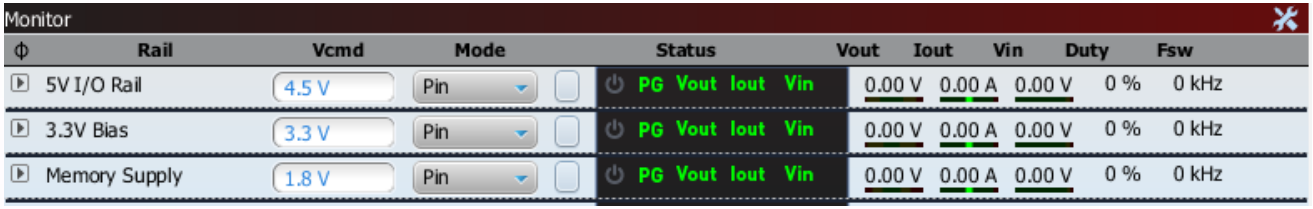
Monitoring: Changing Views





1. Click on the config icon on the top right

2. Adjust the view properties to select horizontal or add/drop any filter selection



For systems with a large number of rails, a different monitoring view can be selected.

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Connecting to Hardware

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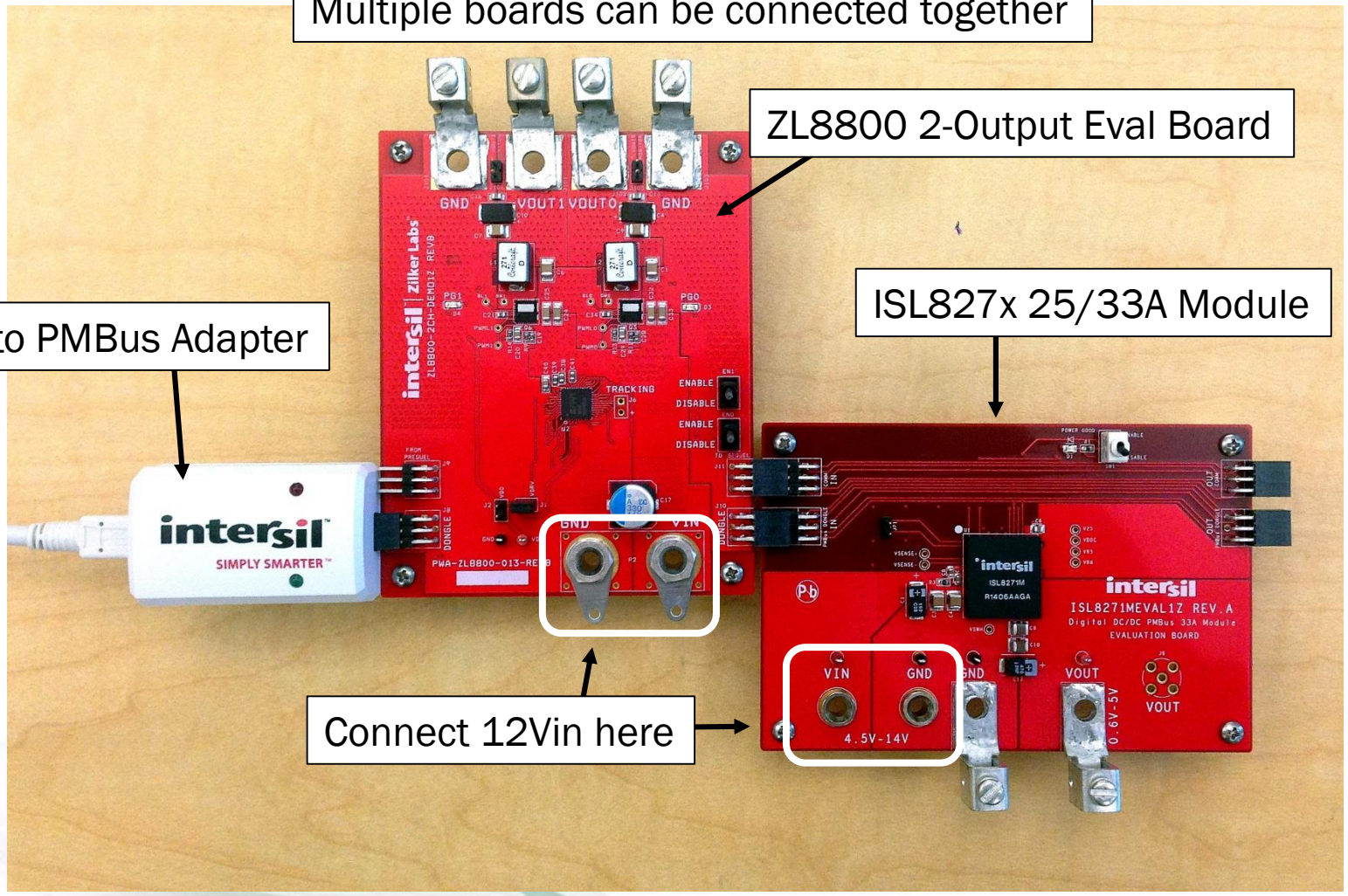
Connect to Hardware…

- To connect to hardware, a USB to PMBus adapter (ZLUSBEVAL3Z, included with all demo kits) is required.

- STEP 1: Connect USB cable from PC to USB adapter
- STEP 2: Connect USB to PMBus adapter to demo board hardware
- STEP 3: Power demo board
- STEP 4: Launch PowerNavigator software

Connect to Hardware…



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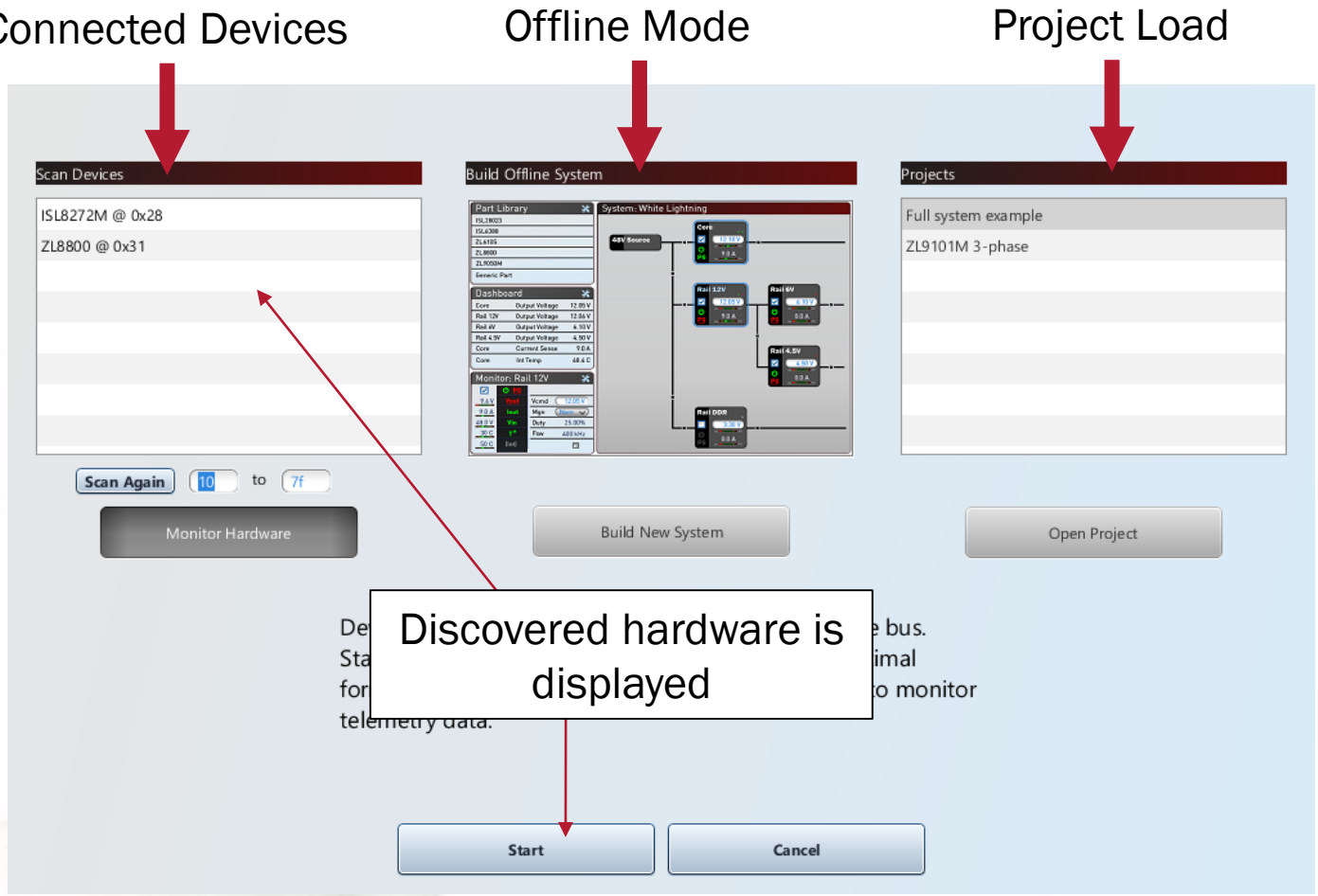
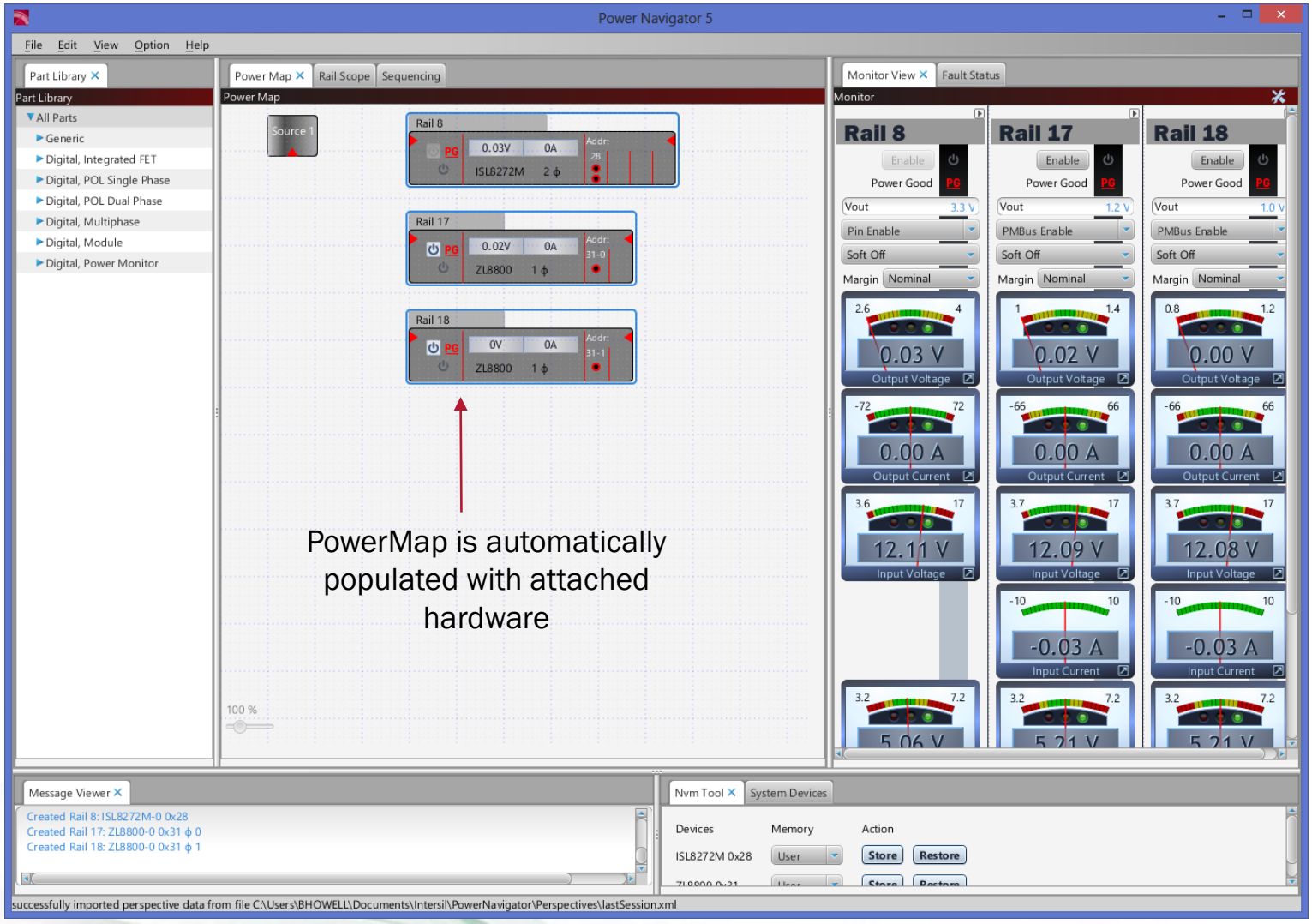


All discovered hardware is displayed in the “Scan Devices” window. The PMBus scan range can be adjust – default range is 0x10 to 0x7F.

PowerNavigator 5.2 – Connect to HW



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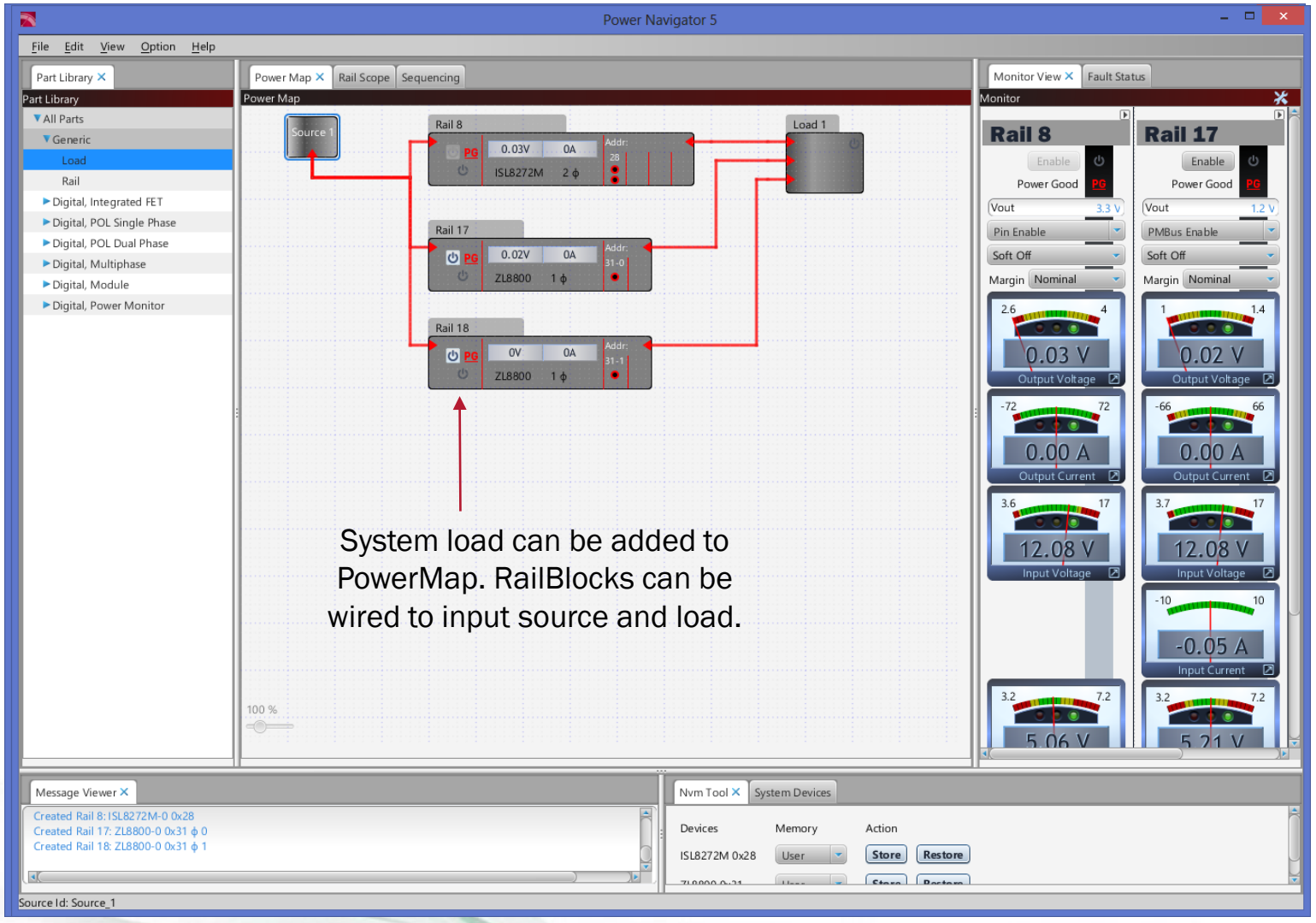
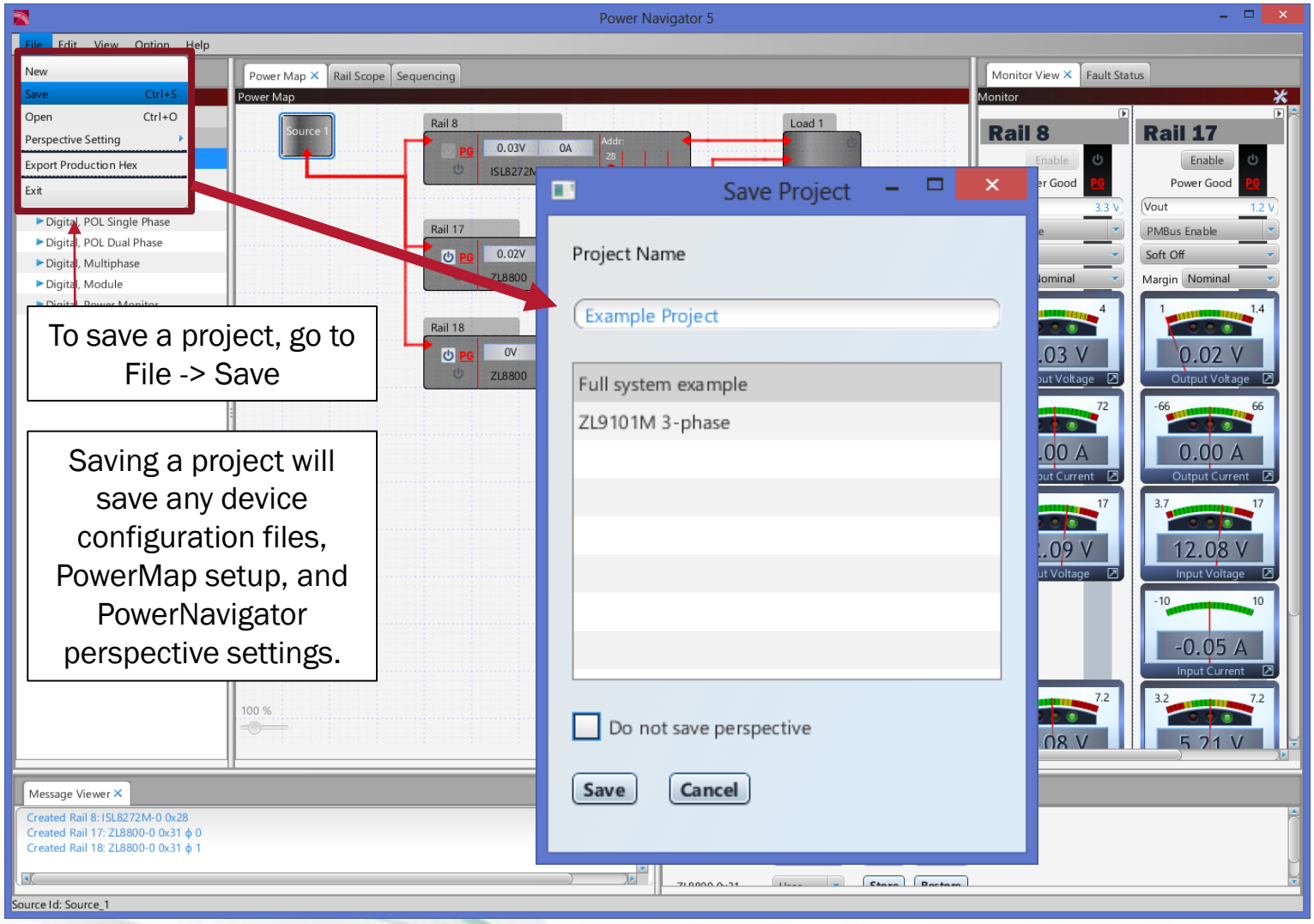


PowerNavigator 5.2 – Project Save



PowerNavigator – Rail Inspector

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PowerNavigator 5.2 – Rail Inspector

- **Rail Inspector tool eases device configuration**
  - Double click on RailBlocks to bring up individual Rail Inspector for each device.
  - Each device in PowerNavigator can have its own, customized Rail Inspector.
- **Rail Inspector tool can be used to:**
  - Quickly see rail summary, including PMBus addresses, controller type, PMBus status, device options, fault status, etc.
  - Save/Load Configuration Files
  - Configure device using command tool
- **Allows for future expandability**
  - Future releases of PowerNavigator will expand Rail Inspector features

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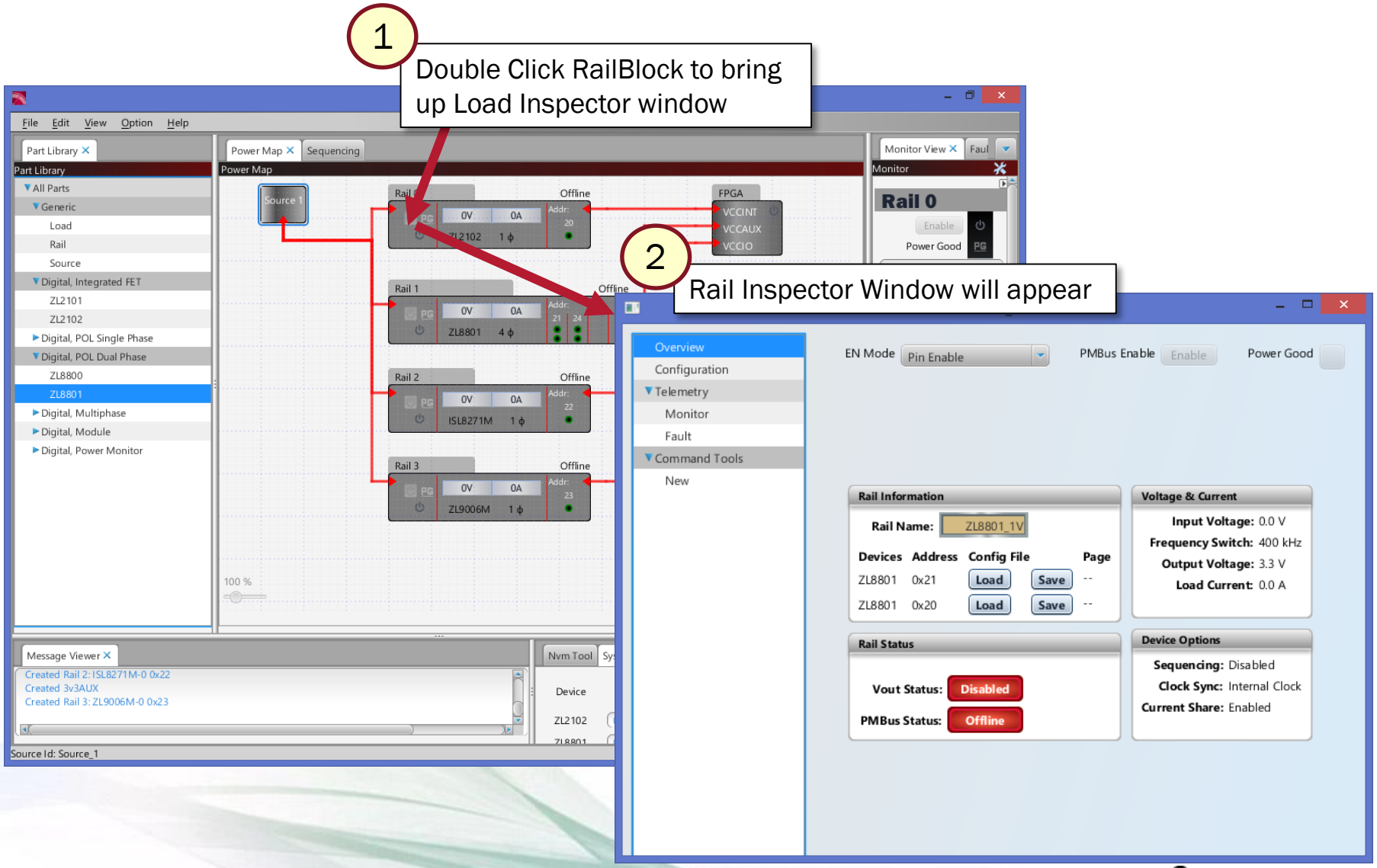
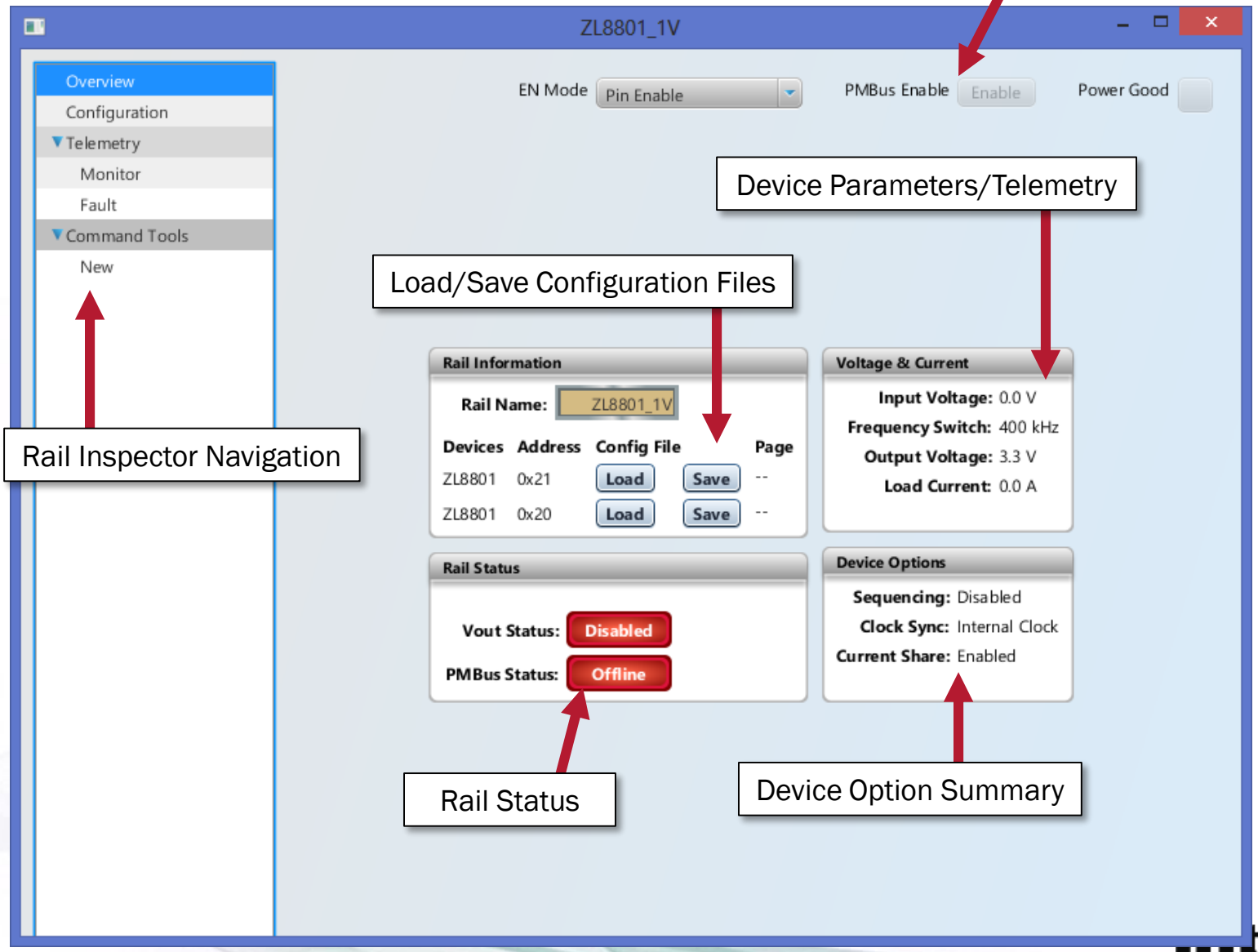


Example Rail Inspector – ZL8801



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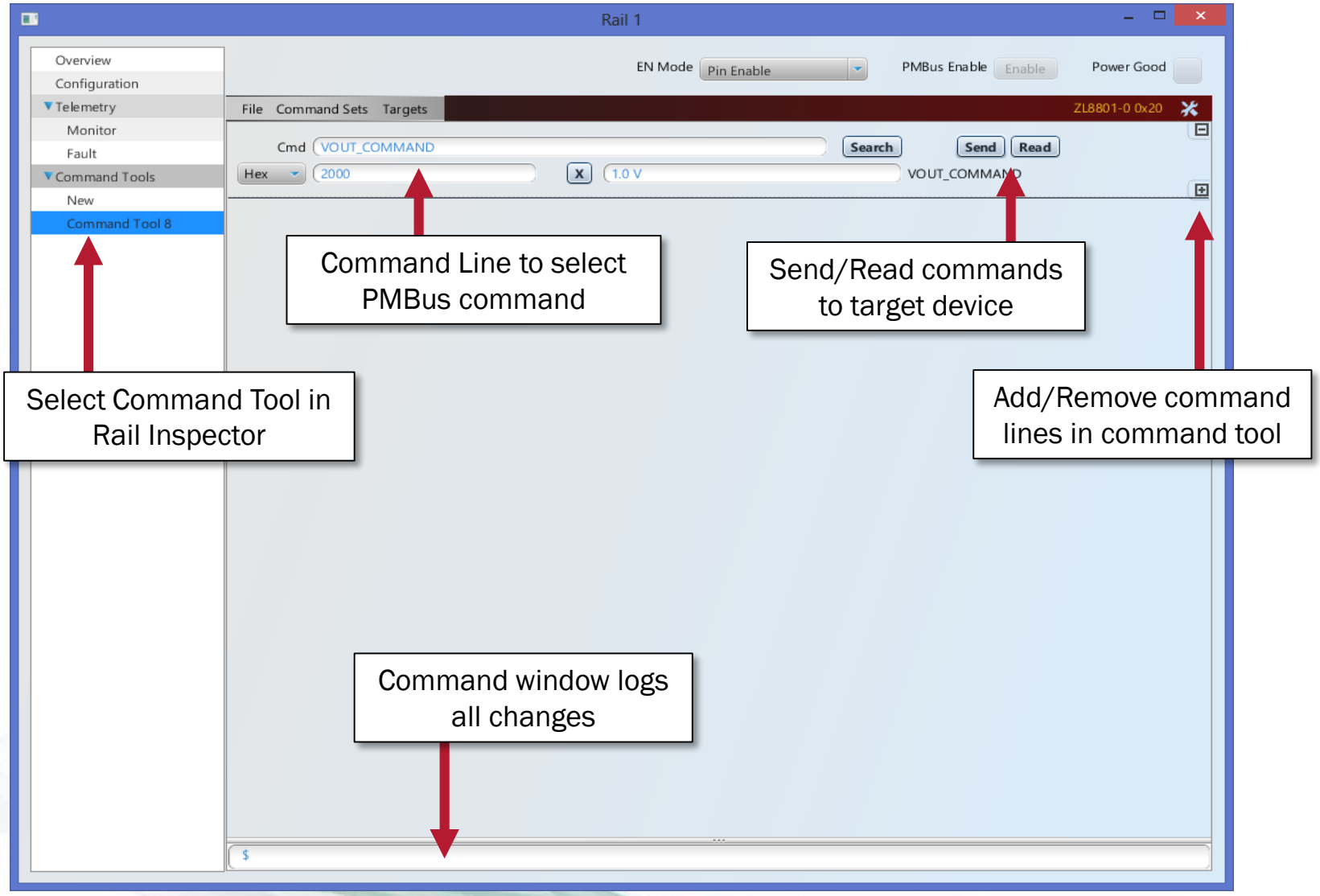

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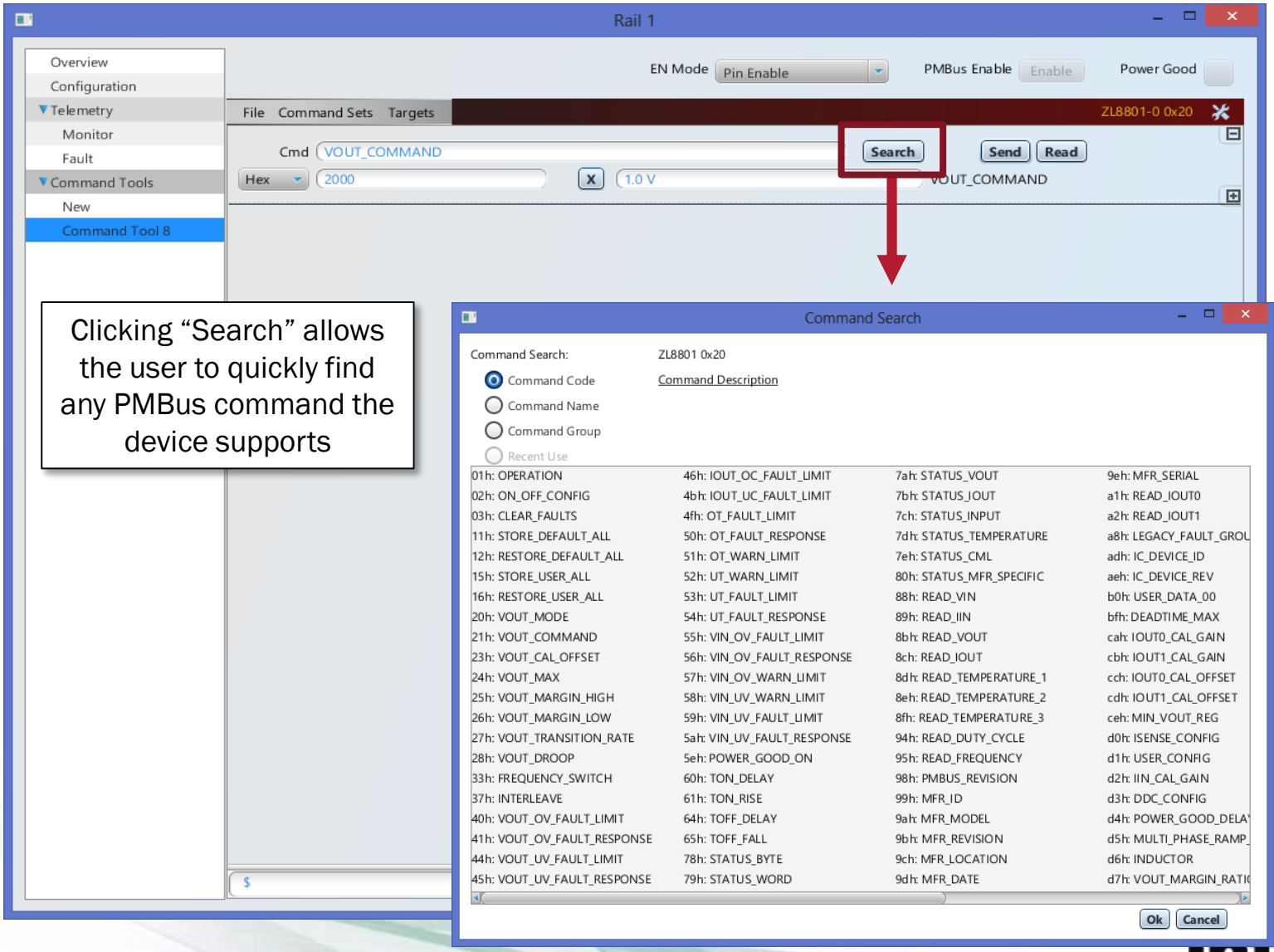

Sequencing


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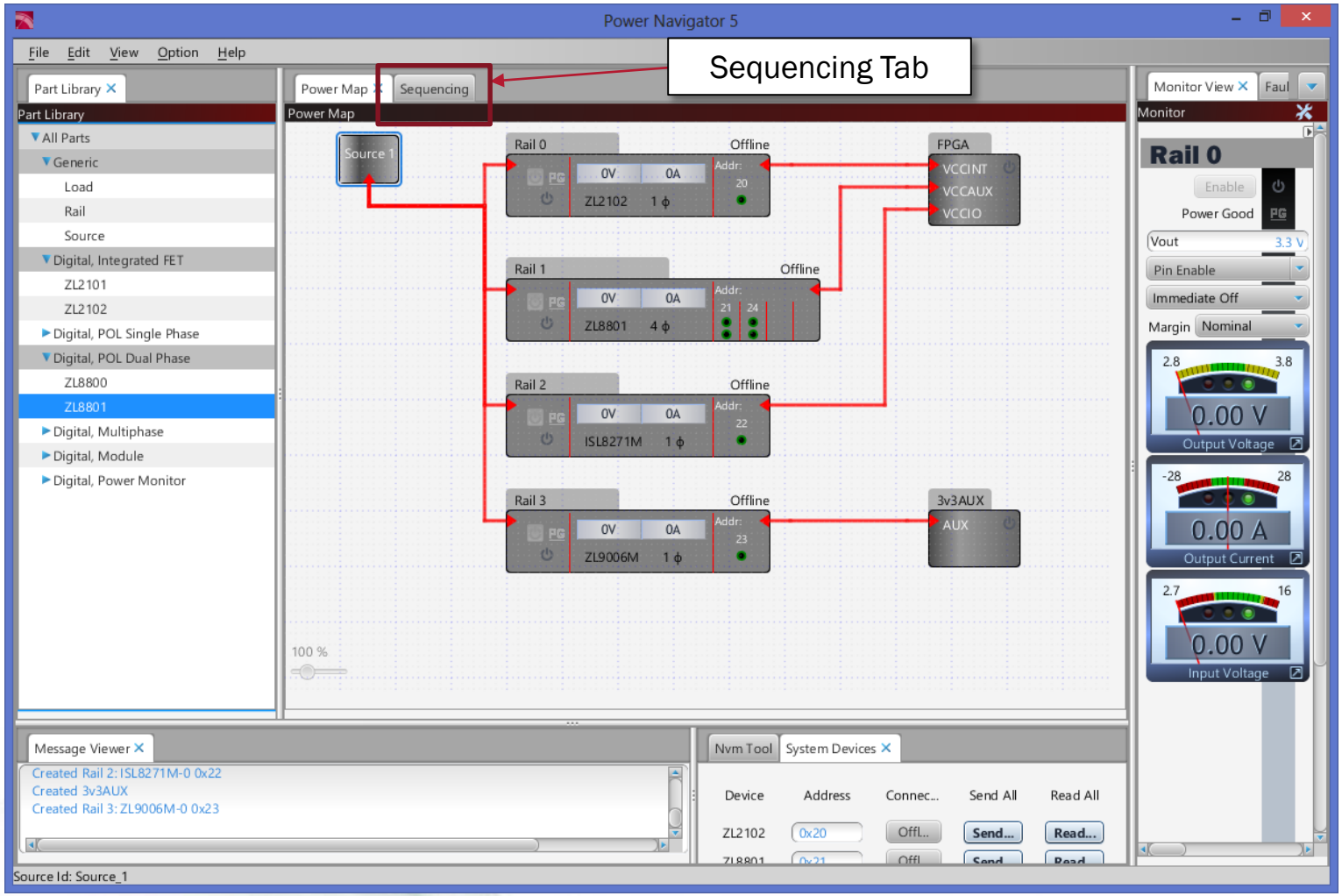
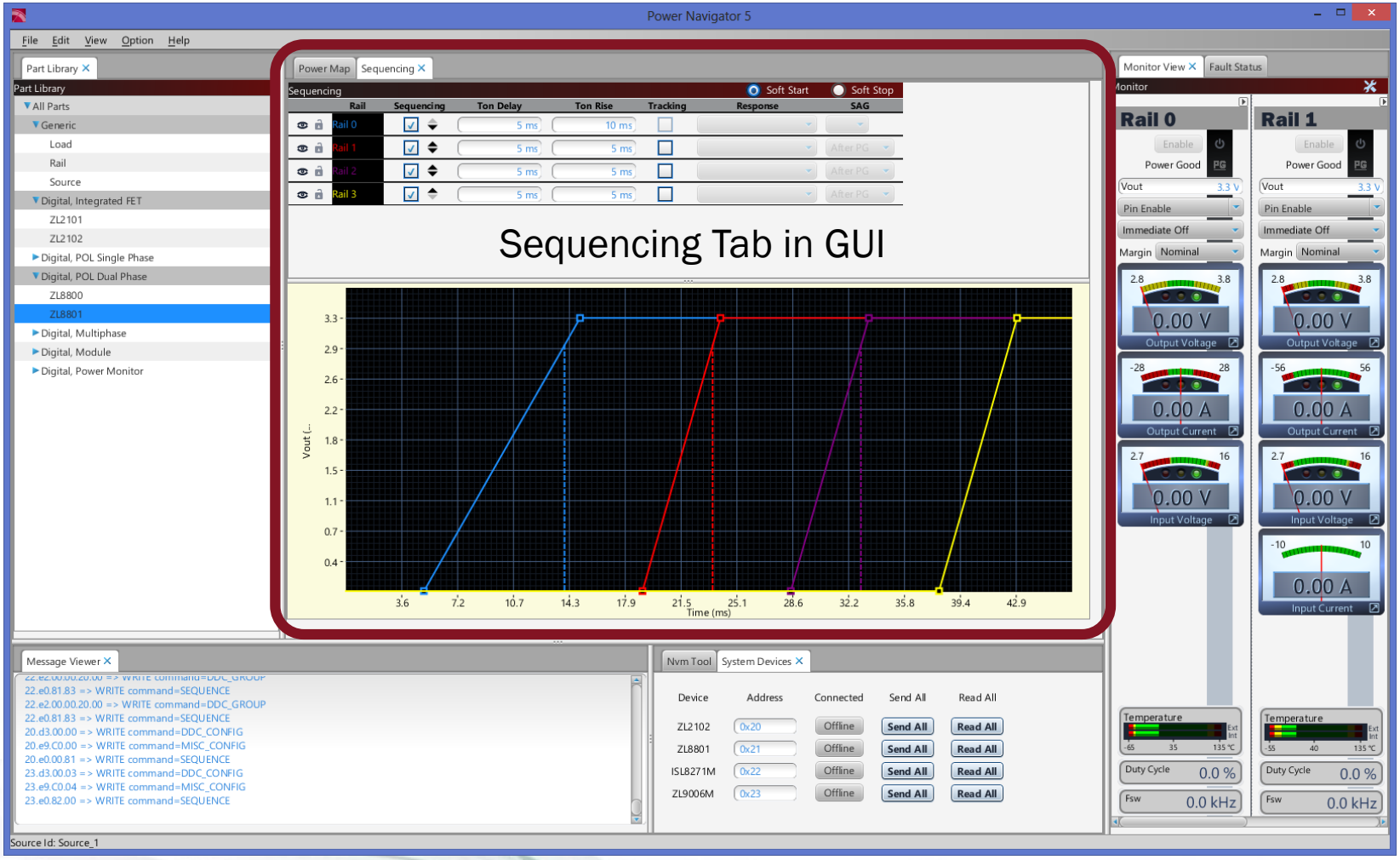


The sequencing tab allows for power up and power down sequencing of devices in the PowerMap.

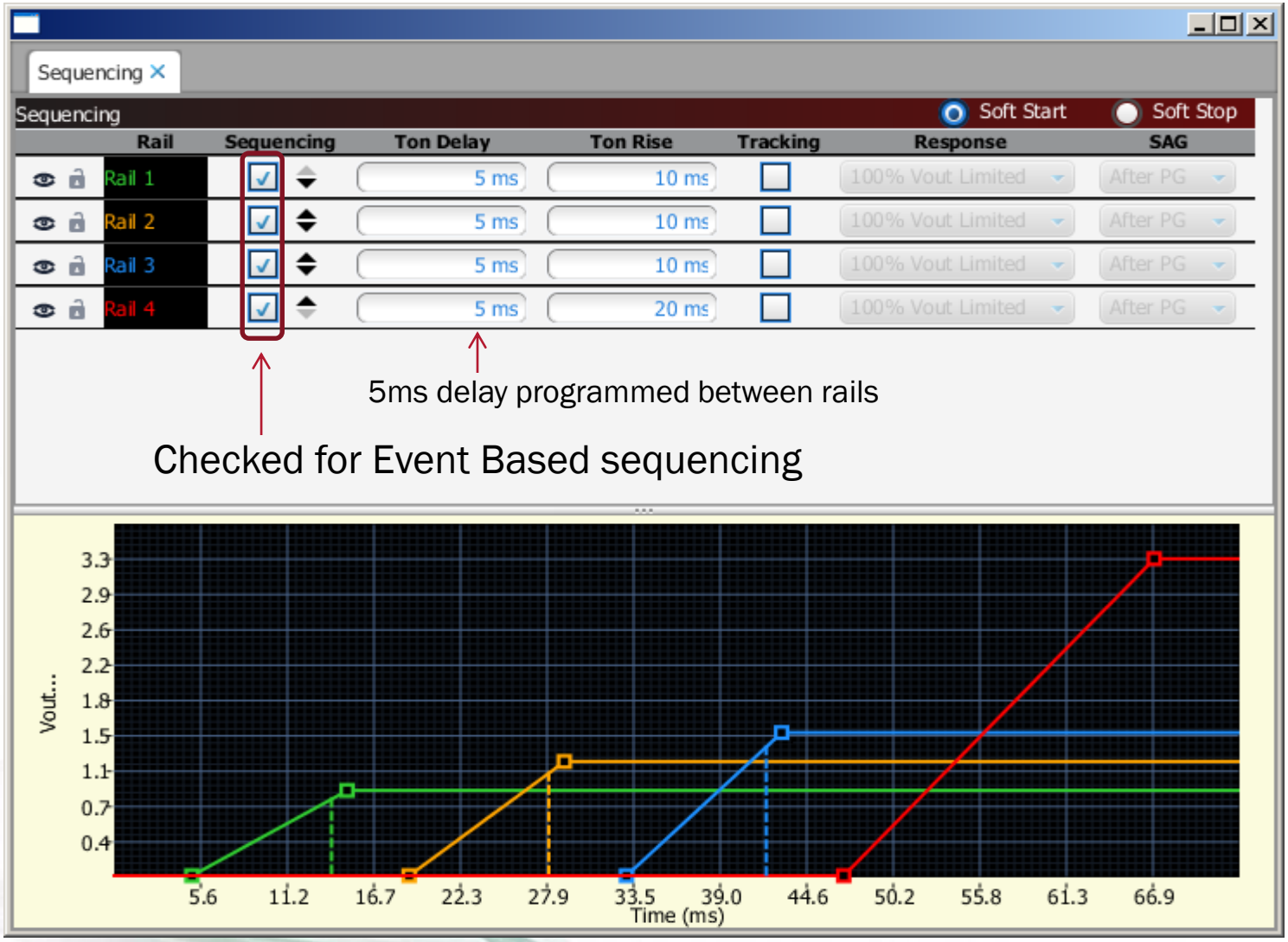
PowerNavigator GUI – Sequencing



PowerNavigator 5.2 – Sequencing

- **Event based sequencing waits for the device PGOOD to transition high (the event) before sequential rails start-up**
  - Sequence order is set by Prequel/Sequel using the SEQUENCE PMBus command
  - TON_DELAY is used to set the time delay between sequenced rails
- **Timed based sequencing uses a timer from a global enable to sequence rails at start-up.**
  - TON_DELAY sets the sequence order on the way up. TOFF_DELAY sets the order on the way down.

Event Based Sequence Example



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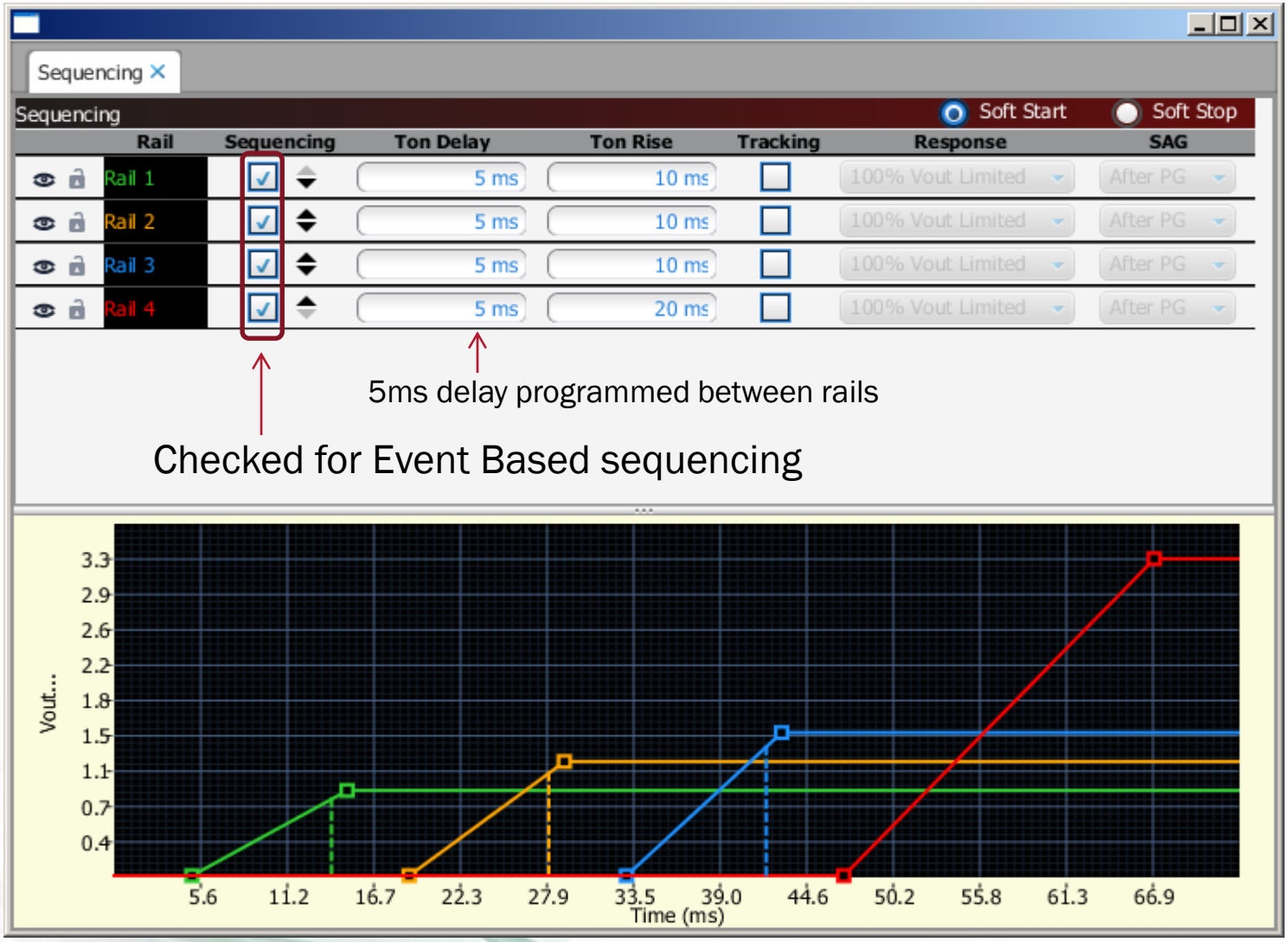

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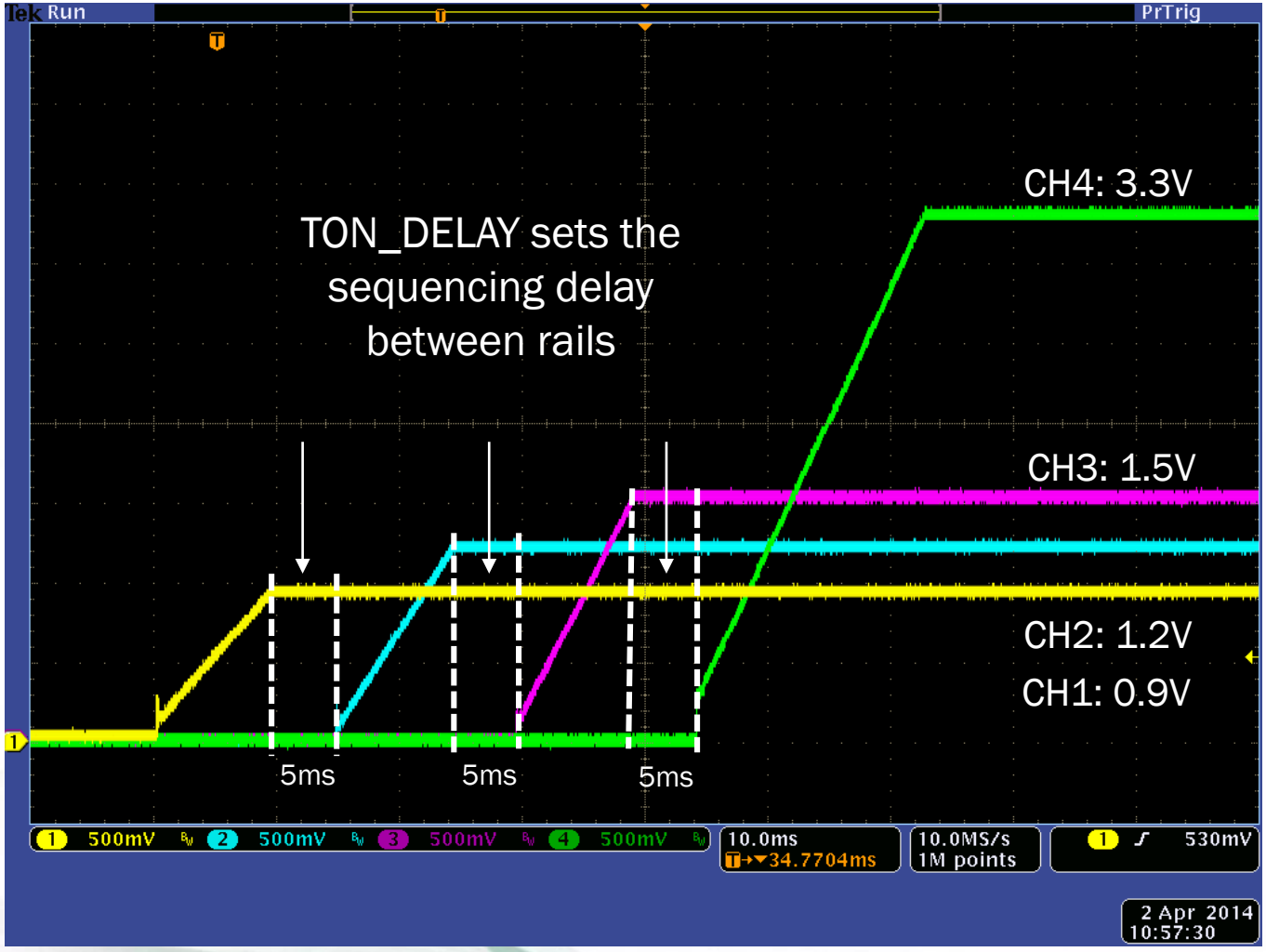

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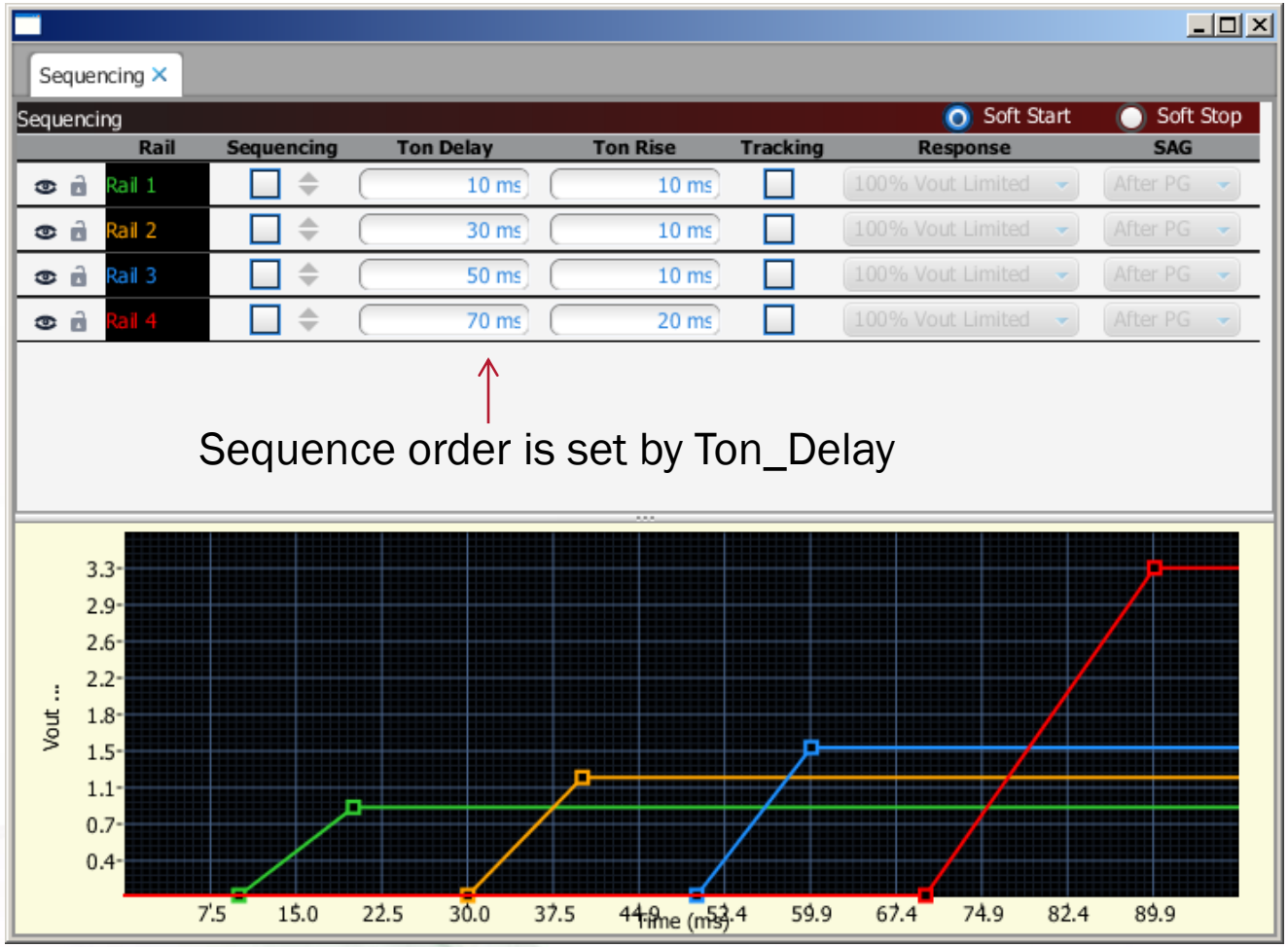

Telemetry

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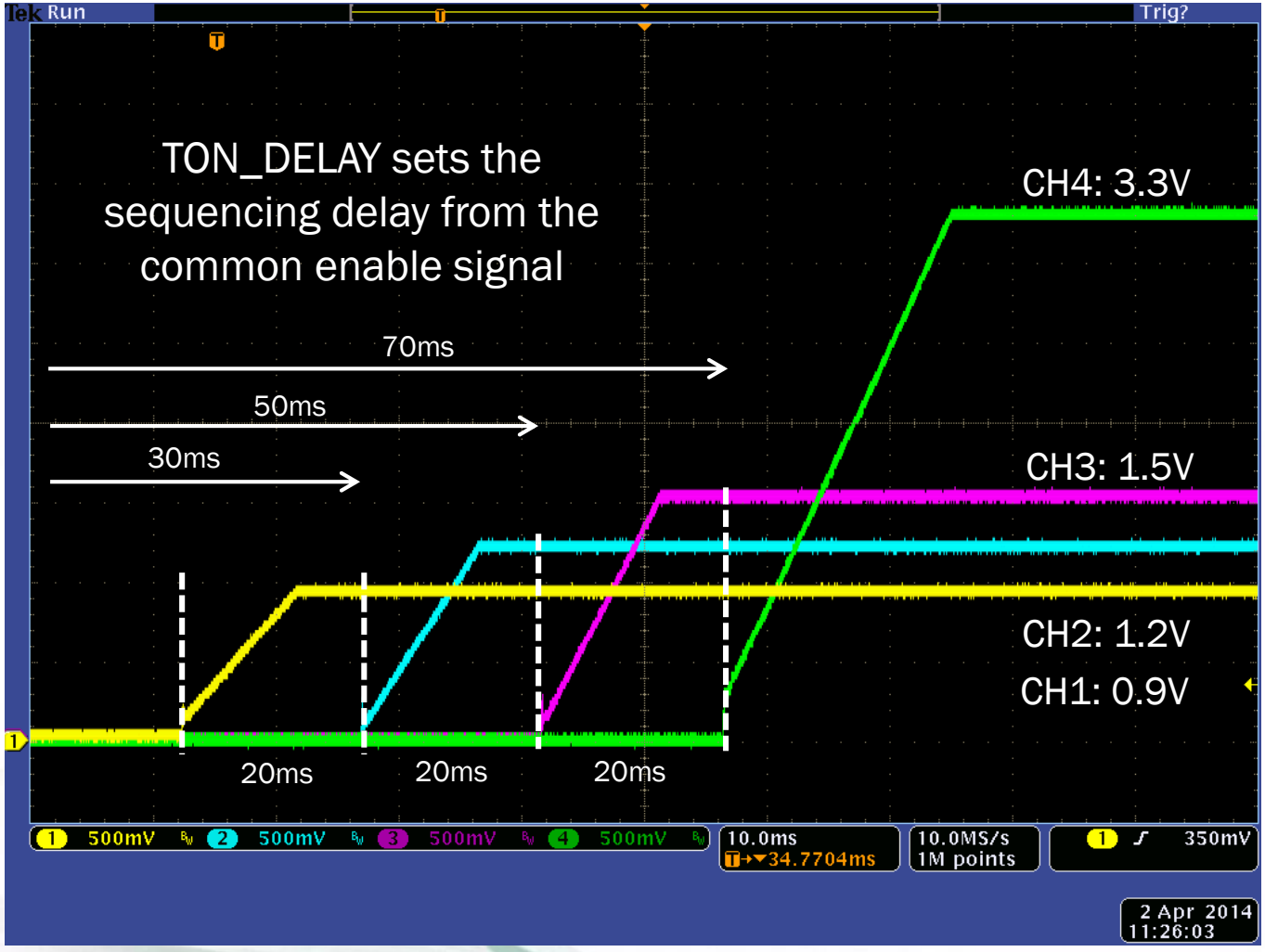

RailScope

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PowerNavigator 5.2 – RailScope

- **New RailScope allows the user to plot telemetry parameters from up to 4 devices.**
  - Similar to a Low Bandwidth Oscilloscope integrated into PowerNavigator.
  - Allows user to plot multiple telemetry values at a time.
- **Logging capability is also built-in.**
  - All telemetry values can be logged to a .csv file for later viewing.
  - Status registers are also logged.
- **Adjustable update rate allows users to control how much data they collect.**
  - Data can be updated as fast as 1ms and as slow as 1000ms.
  - Displayed points can be as few as 50 to as many as 500.

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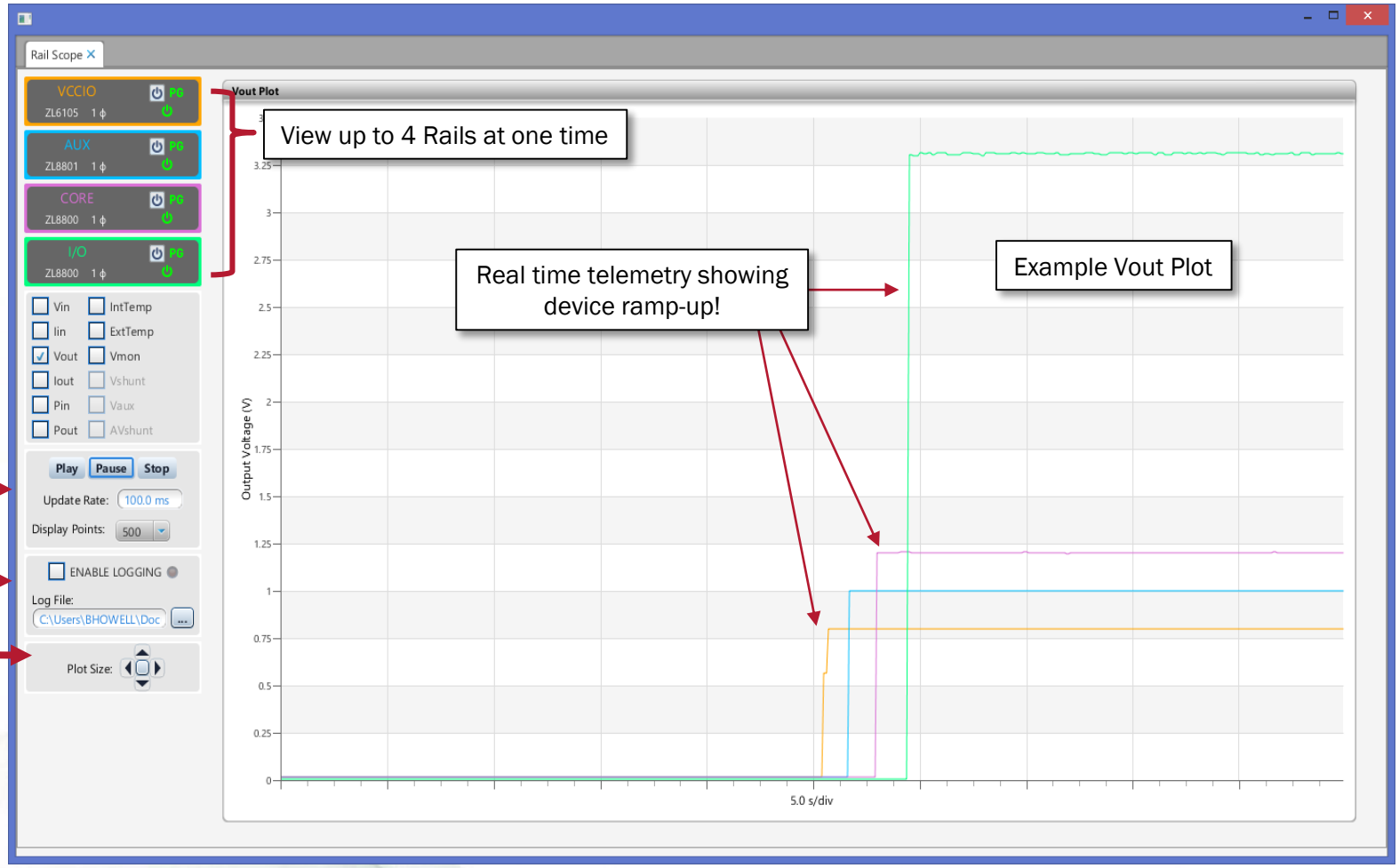
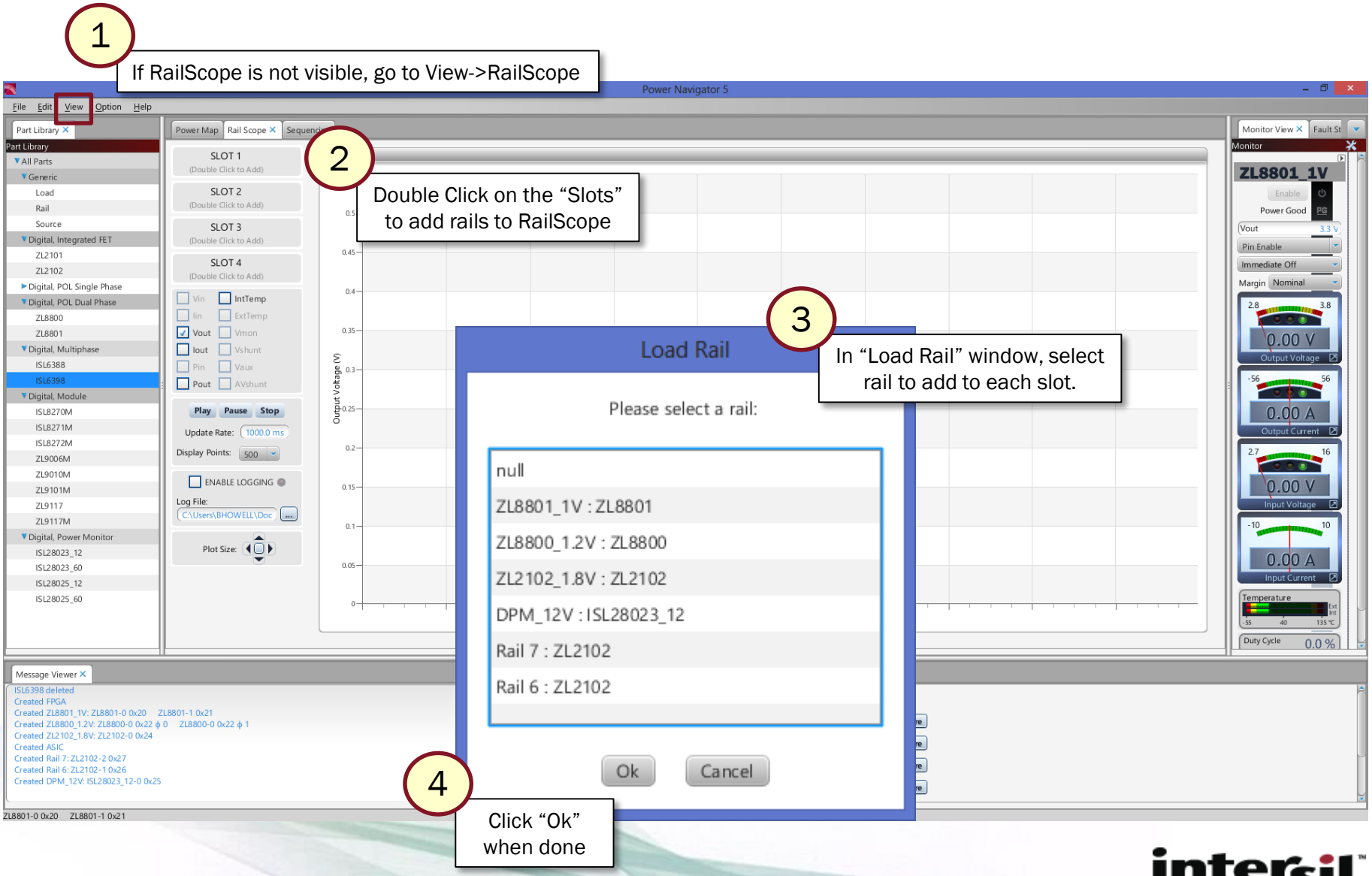
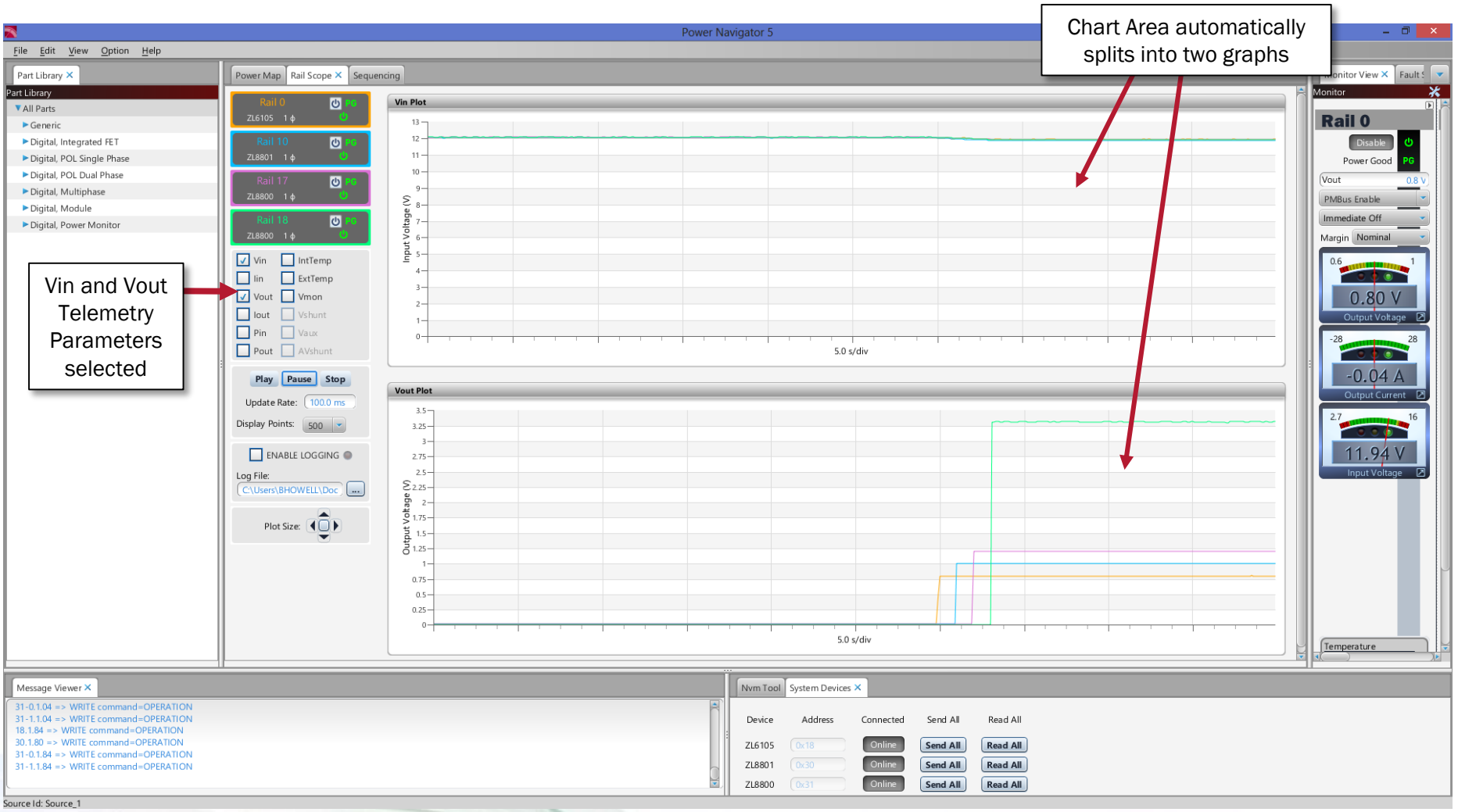


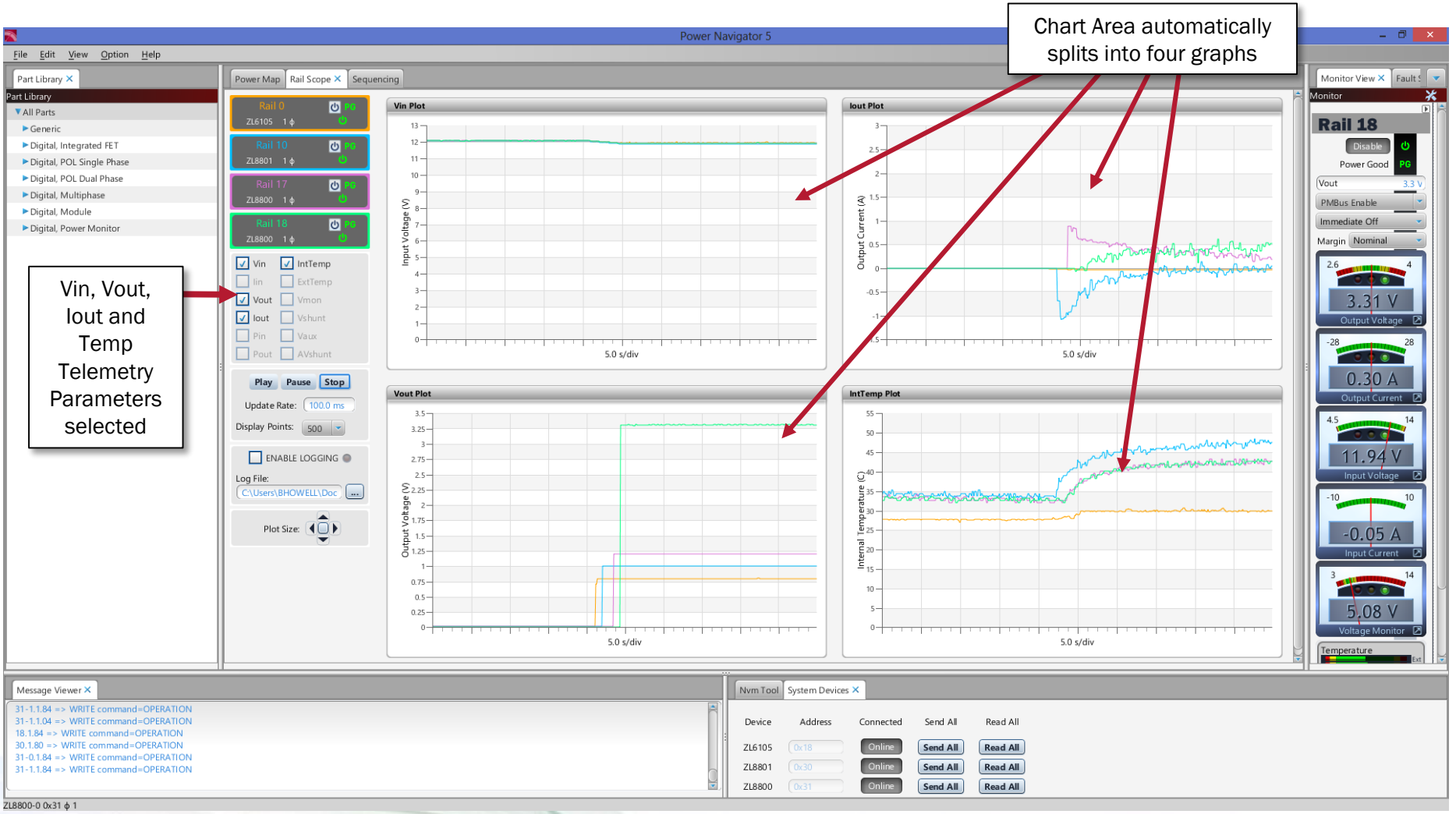
RailScope: Initial Setup



RailScope: Example View with 2 Telemetry Parameters



RailScope: Example View with 4 Telemetry Parameters



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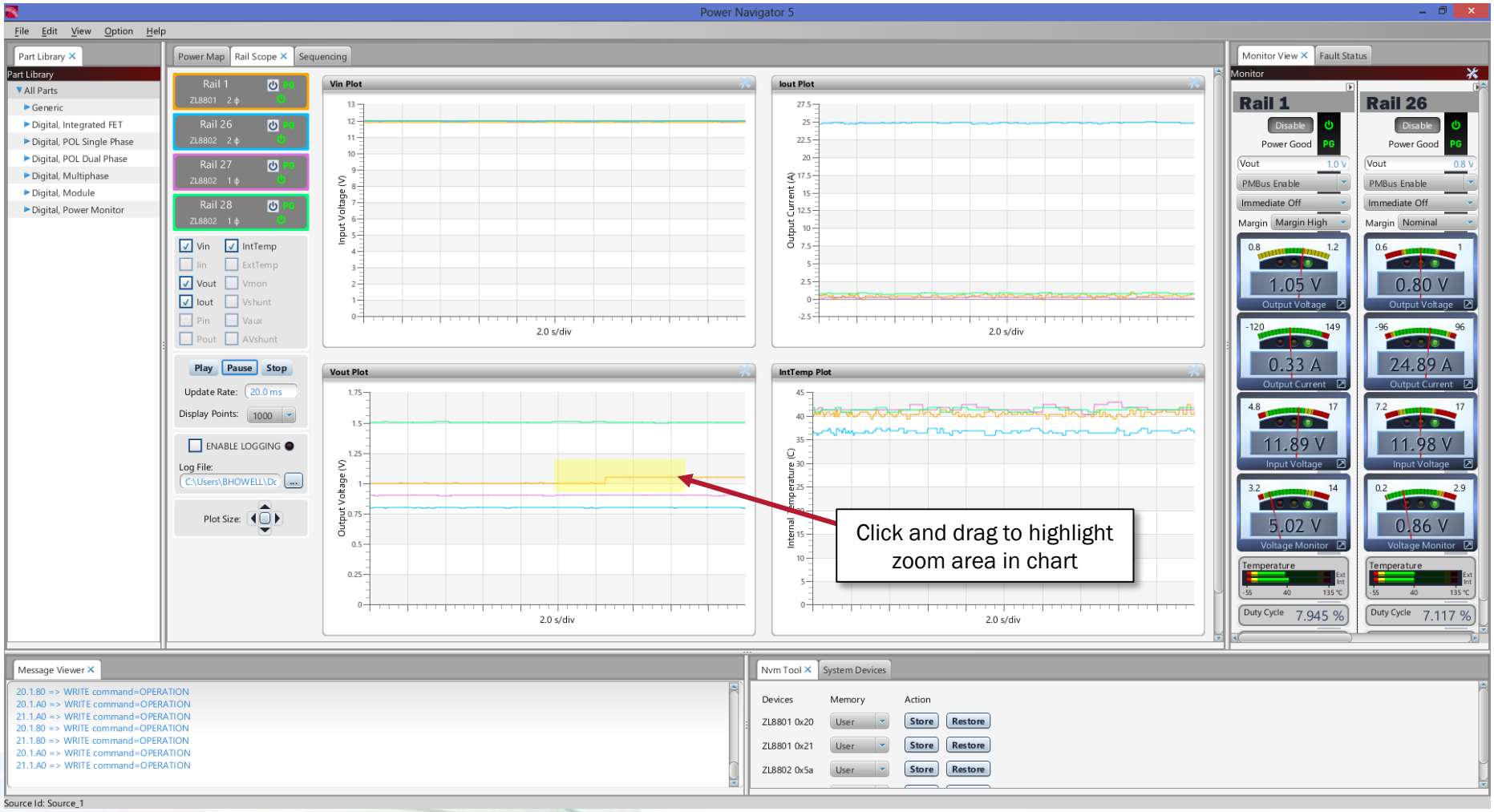

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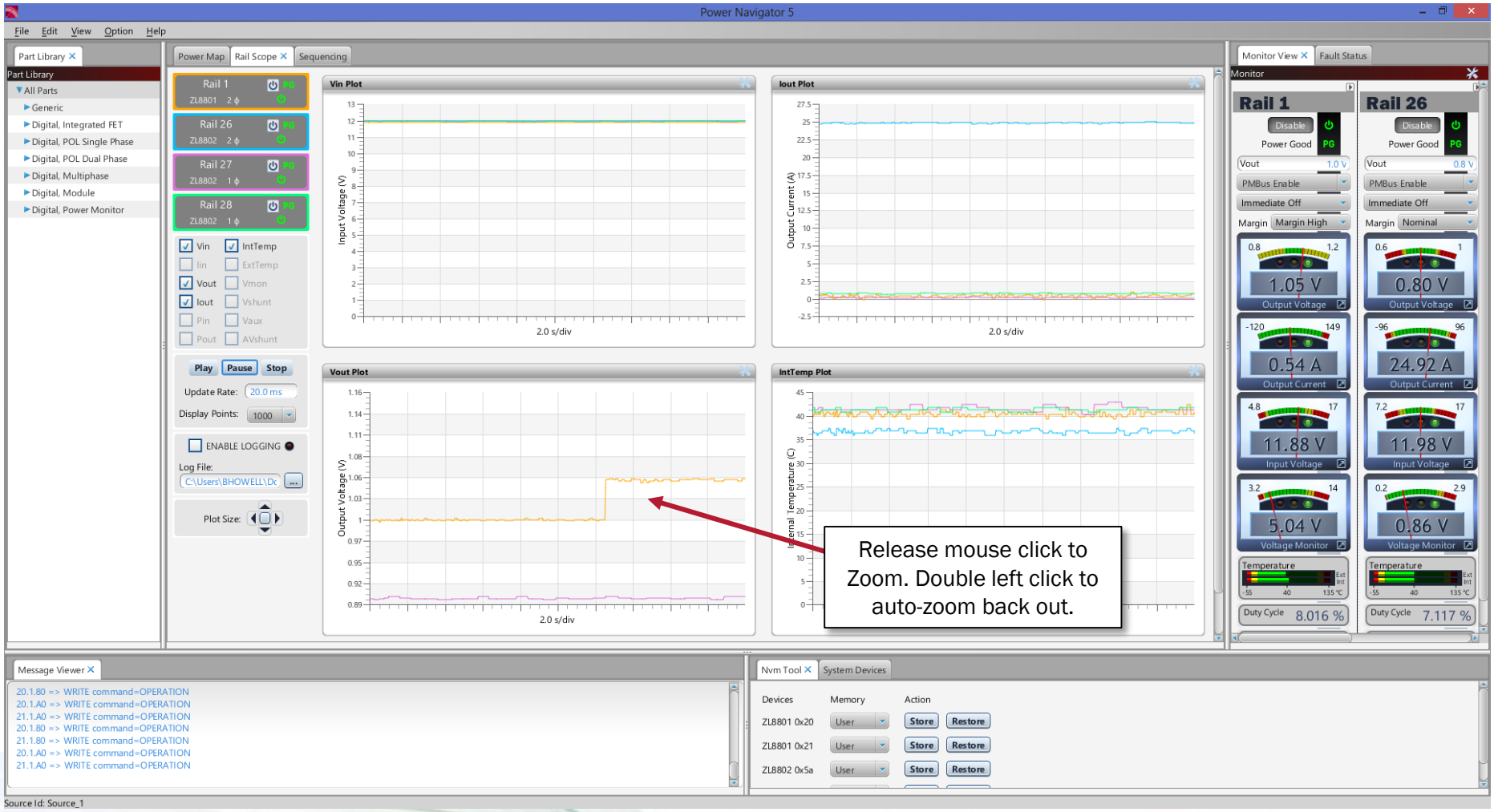
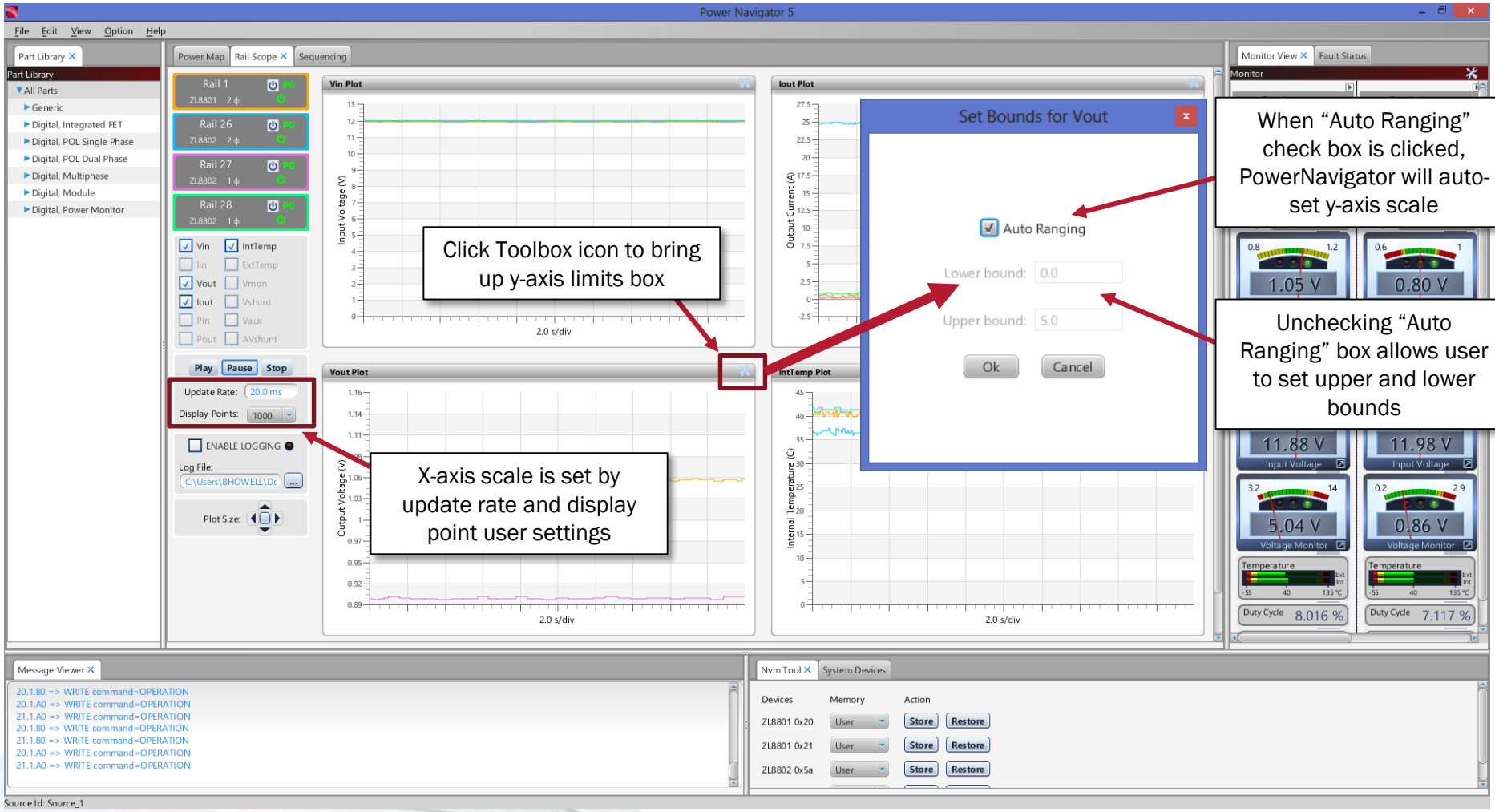


RailScope: Example X- & Y-axis Scale Options



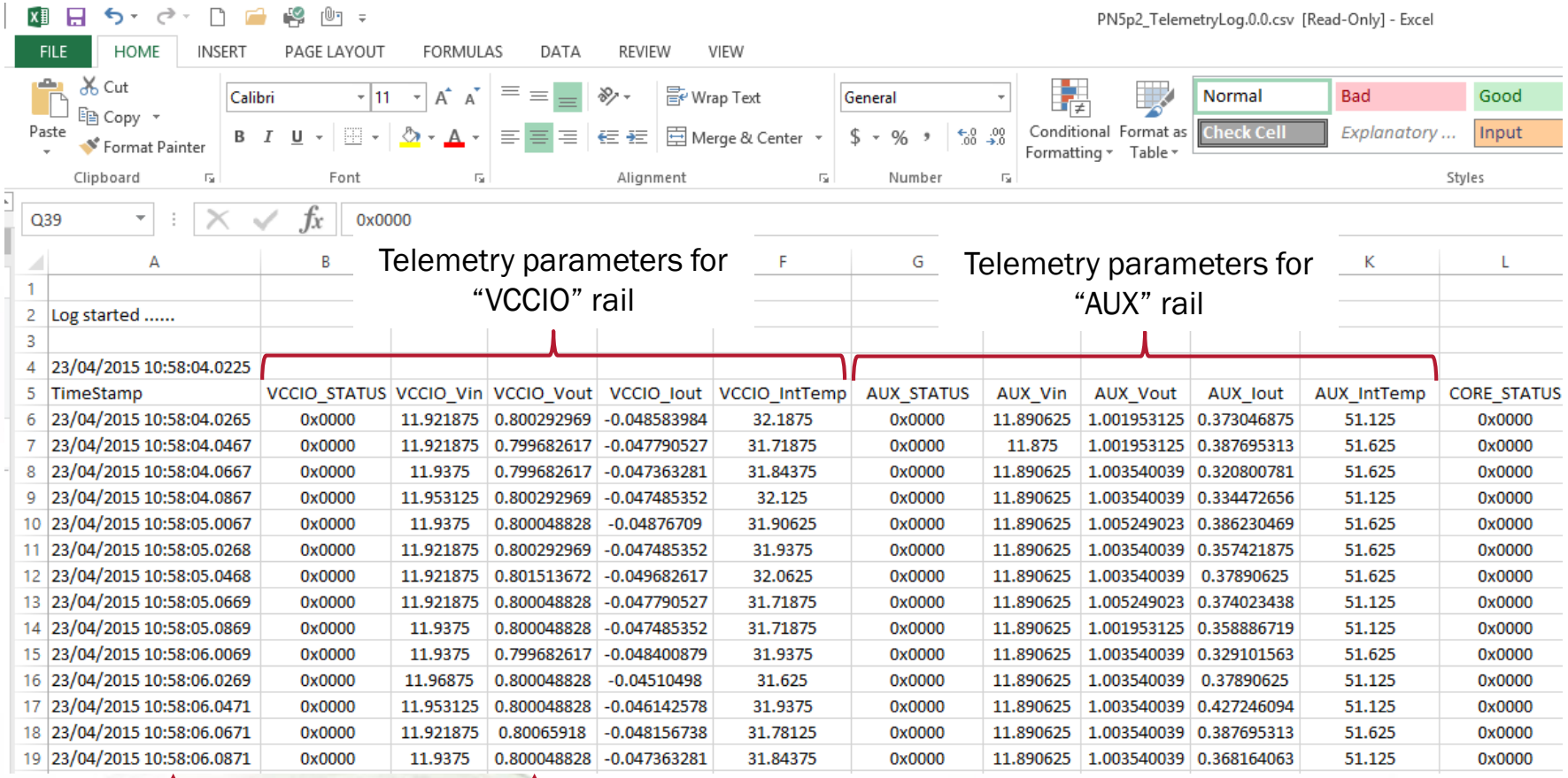
RailScope: Logging Feature

- **Once enabled, logging feature will automatically log all selected telemetry parameters and the STATUS_WORD register for each device.**

- **All data is saved to a .csv file, which can be opened in Excel for later data analysis.**
  - Once the .csv file size exceeds 50MB, a new file will automatically be created.
  - There is no limit on how long logging can run for.

- **The log file name and path can be changed by the end user.**

RailScope: Example Log File



	A	B	F	G	K	L
1						
2	Log started					
3						
4	23/04/2015 10:58:04.0225					
5	TimeStamp	VCCIO_STATUS	VCCIO_Vin	VCCIO_Vout	VCCIO_Iout	VCCIO_IntTemp	AUX_STATUS	AUX_Vin	AUX_Vout	AUX_Iout	AUX_IntTemp	CORE_STATUS
6	23/04/2015 10:58:04.0265	0x0000	11.921875	0.800292969	-0.048583984	32.1875	0x0000	11.890625	1.001953125	0.373046875	51.125	0x0000
7	23/04/2015 10:58:04.0467	0x0000	11.921875	0.799682617	-0.047790527	31.71875	0x0000	11.875	1.001953125	0.387695313	51.625	0x0000
8	23/04/2015 10:58:04.0667	0x0000	11.9375	0.799682617	-0.047363281	31.84375	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.320800781	51.625	0x0000
9	23/04/2015 10:58:04.0867	0x0000	11.953125	0.800292969	-0.047485352	32.125	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.334472656	51.125	0x0000
10	23/04/2015 10:58:05.0067	0x0000	11.9375	0.800048828	-0.04876709	31.90625	0x0000	11.890625	1.005249023	0.386230469	51.625	0x0000
11	23/04/2015 10:58:05.0268	0x0000	11.921875	0.800292969	-0.047485352	31.9375	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.357421875	51.625	0x0000
12	23/04/2015 10:58:05.0468	0x0000	11.921875	0.801513672	-0.049682617	32.0625	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.37890625	51.625	0x0000
13	23/04/2015 10:58:05.0669	0x0000	11.921875	0.800048828	-0.047790527	31.71875	0x0000	11.890625	1.005249023	0.374023438	51.125	0x0000
14	23/04/2015 10:58:05.0869	0x0000	11.9375	0.800048828	-0.047485352	31.71875	0x0000	11.890625	1.001953125	0.358886719	51.125	0x0000
15	23/04/2015 10:58:06.0069	0x0000	11.9375	0.799682617	-0.048400879	31.9375	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.329101563	51.625	0x0000
16	23/04/2015 10:58:06.0269	0x0000	11.96875	0.800048828	-0.04510498	31.625	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.37890625	51.125	0x0000
17	23/04/2015 10:58:06.0471	0x0000	11.953125	0.800048828	-0.046142578	31.9375	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.427246094	51.125	0x0000
18	23/04/2015 10:58:06.0671	0x0000	11.921875	0.80065918	-0.048156738	31.78125	0x0000	11.890625	1.003540039	0.387695313	51.625	0x0000
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Each telemetry entry is time stamped

Rail name can be set by user (taken from PowerMap)

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Hex File Creation

Configuration File Overview

- **Intersil Digital Power controllers use configuration files to program important device parameters.**
  - Configuration files are basically a list of PMBus commands defining device operation. i.e. Vout_Command = 1.0V, Iout_Cal_Gain = 0.5mV/A, etc…

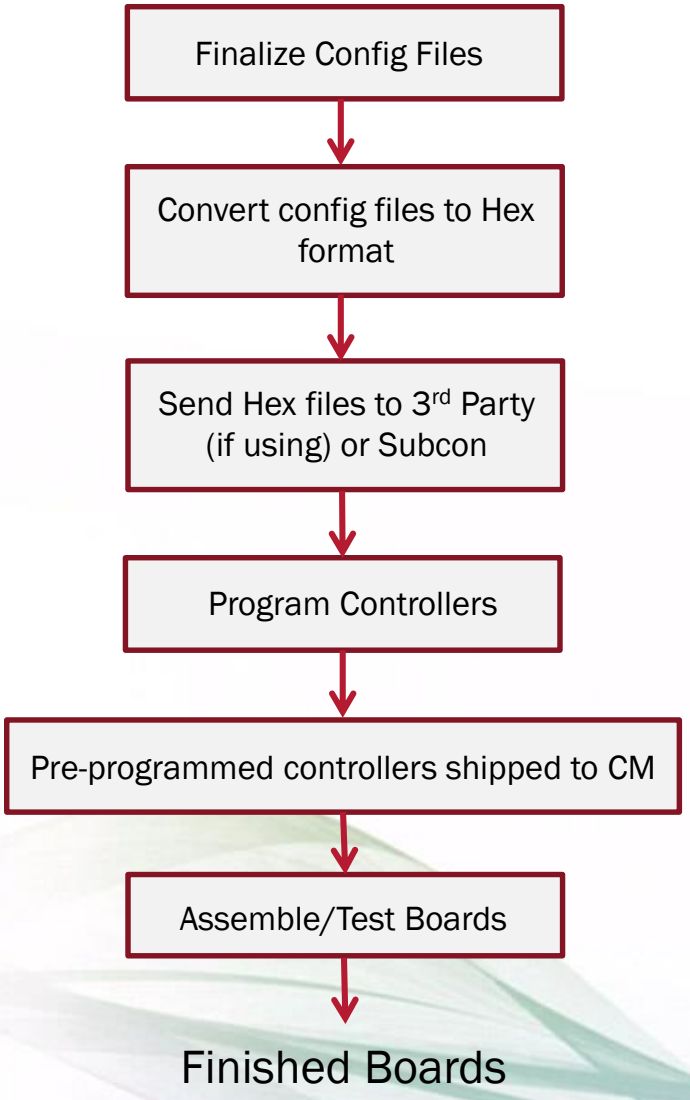
- **Device configuration only needs to be done one time – programmed parameters are stored inside non-volatile memory for future use. NVM supports multiple writes and is re-programmable.**

- **Several Options are available for programming devices in a production environment.**

Programming Devices in Manufacturing Environment

- **Option 1: Program controllers pre-board assembly**
  - Devices are programmed on a high speed production programmer before being assembled on a board.
  - Can use a supported 3rd party programming house OR offline programmer at sub-contractor.
- **Option 2: Program controllers after board assembly**
  - Devices are programmed on PCB post board assembly
  - Can be done at ICT (using a bed of nails approach or onboard microcontroller) OR using Intersil dongle and Production Configuration Tool (PCT).
  - Requires board to be powered up with all controllers DISABLED until they are fully programmed.

Typical Flow – Pre-Programmed Devices



- Controllers are programmed prior to PCB manufacture.
- Hex files are created using PowerNavigator software (File->Export Production Hex).
- Programming is done either with a 3rd party or using offline programmer at subcon.
- Typical programming time: 4-7 seconds per device.
- Individual part numbers are assigned to each device after programming to make sure boards are assembled correctly.

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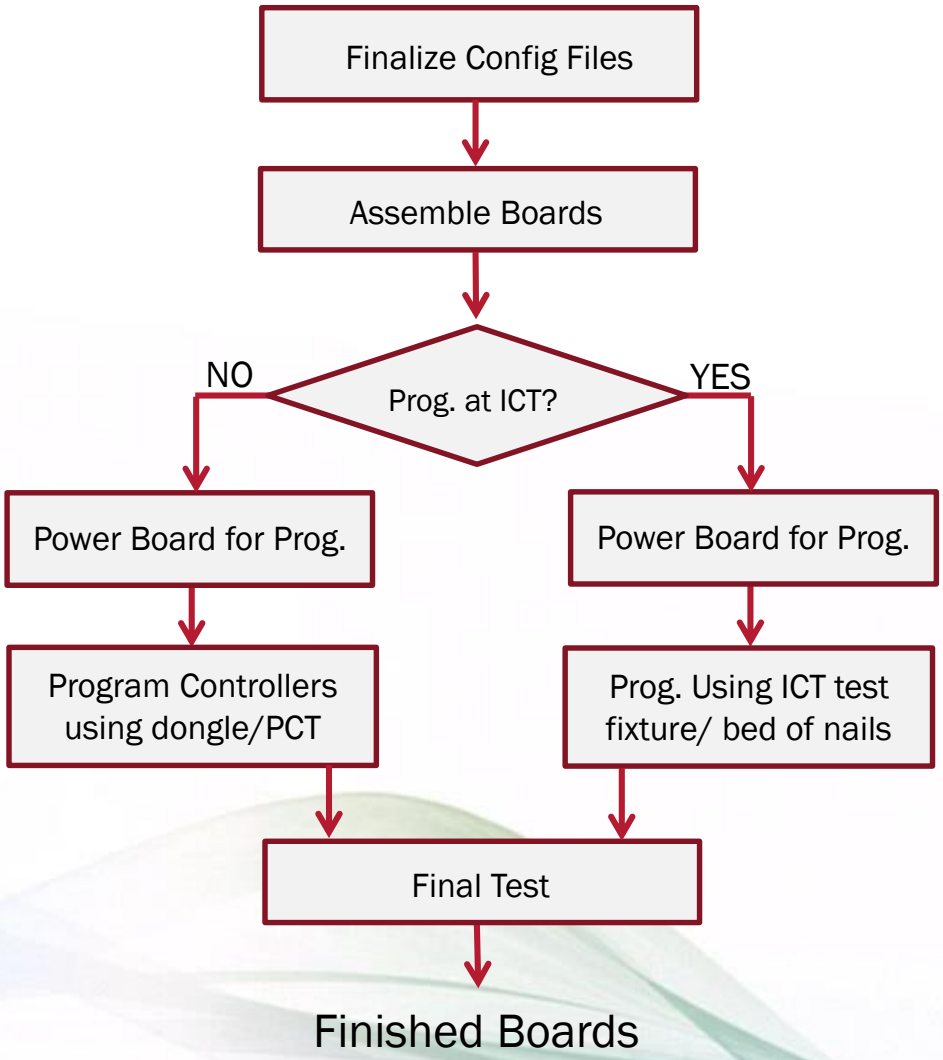
Typical Flow –Programming Parts on Board



- Controllers are programmed after board assembly.
- Typical Programming time: 5-10s per device.
- Simplified inventory and configuration file management.
- Controllers must be powered to program, but output must remain disabled until part is fully programmed.
- Special attention to sequencing must be made when using self-enabled parts.

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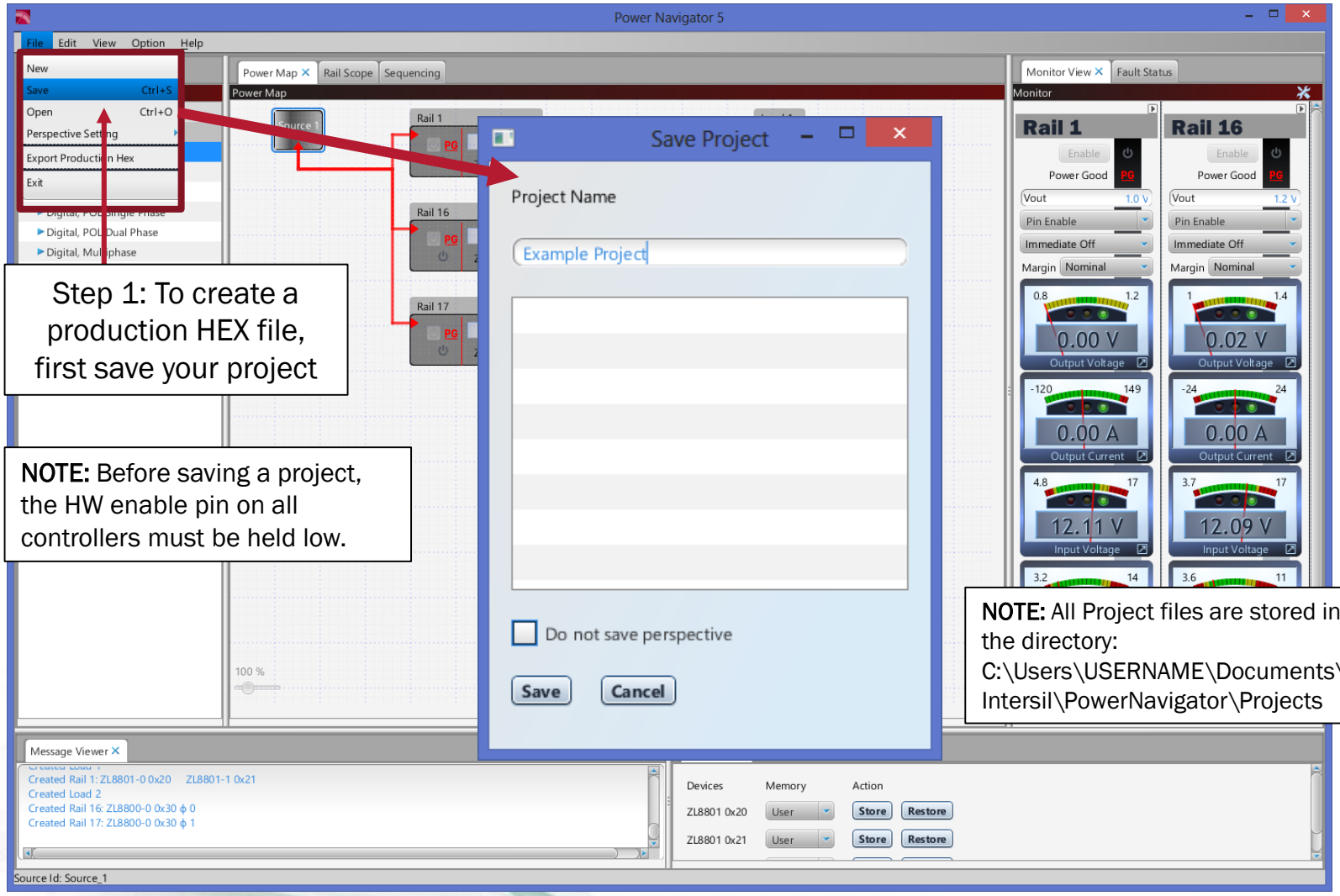
HEX File Creation – Step 1, Project Save

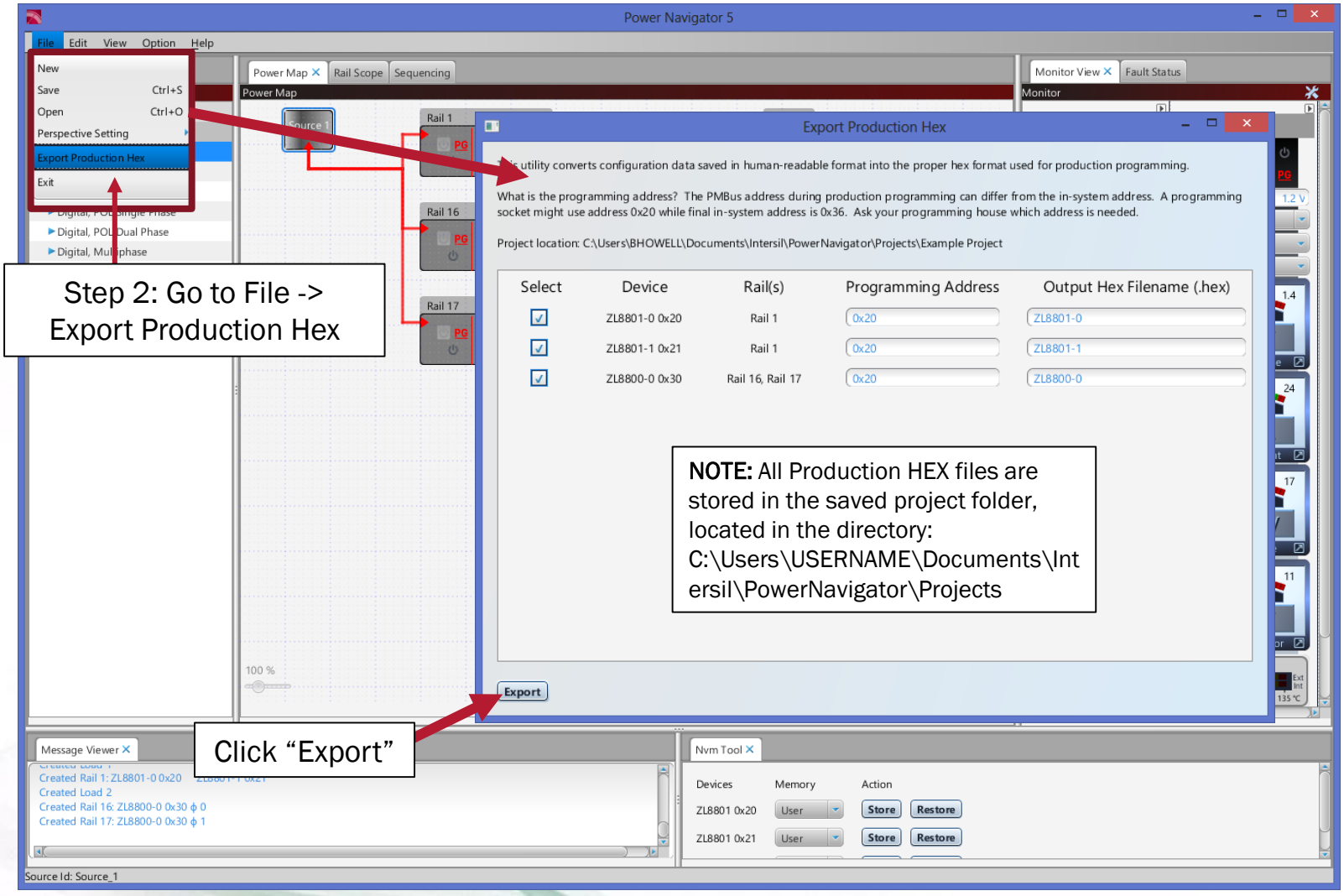


Step 1: To create a production HEX file, first save your project

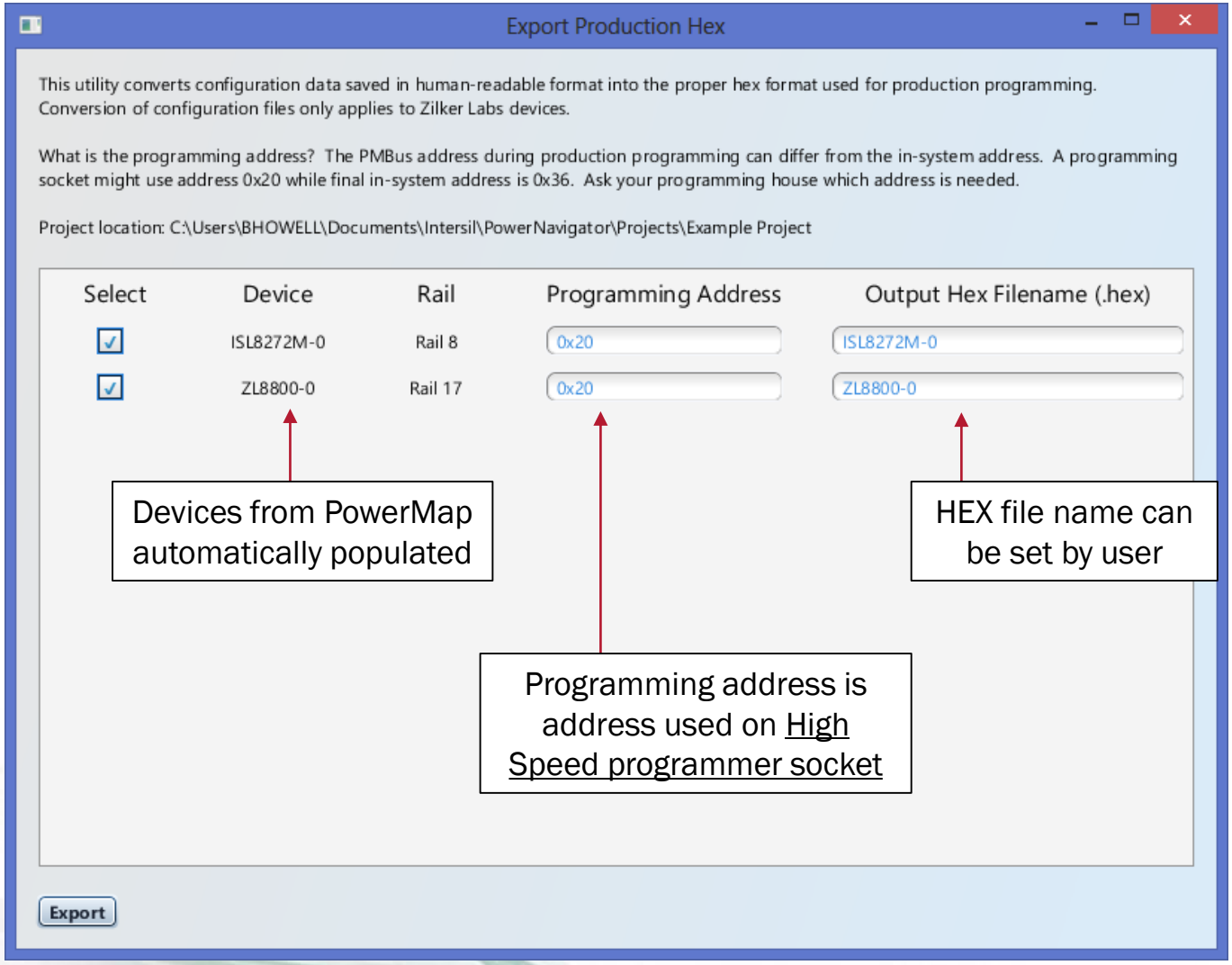
NOTE: Before saving a project, the HW enable pin on all controllers must be held low.

NOTE: All Project files are stored in the directory: C:\Users\USERNAME\Documents\Intersil\PowerNavigator\Projects

HEX File Creation – Step 2, Export HEX Files



Example Configuration File



Example Configuration File

```
# ZL8800-0 0x28
# connected: true
# DEVICE_ID                    ZL8800----01.04
# IC_DEVICE_ID                 0x49A02400
# IC_DEVICE_REV                0x01040000

# 2014/01/16 17:55:45000
RESTORE_FACTORY
STORE_DEFAULT_ALL
STORE_USER_ALL

### Begin User Store
RESTORE_USER_ALL

# Global commands
FREQUENCY_SWITCH               0xfa50        # 296 kHz
VIN_OV_FAULT_LIMIT             0xd380        # 14 V
VIN_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE          0x80
VIN_OV_WARN_LIMIT              0xd360        # 13.5 V
VIN_UV_WARN_LIMIT              0xca5e        # 4.734 V
VIN_UV_FAULT_LIMIT             0xca4c        # 4.594 V
VIN_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE          0x80
IIN_CAL_GAIN                   0xba00        # 1 mV/A
USER_GLOBAL_CONFIG             0x80
VMON_OV_FAULT_RESPONSE         0x80
VMON_UV_FAULT_RESPONSE         0x80
PRIVATE_PASSWORD
PUBLIC_PASSWORD
```

Header information with device type, FW version, creation date, etc.

This sequence of commands used to clear contents of NVM.

Programmed device parameters

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Example HEX File

```
000340F499
000440F10087
0003401530
000440F10087
000340112C
000440F10087
00054046C0DB82
0005404B80D562
000540E720DBE2
000540E800D628
000440D80193
00054038E9C295
0005403924C4E8
000540D0C0AB01
000440DCAC8D
000D40D50940CC7BF0AEFC60997B74
000540D750A2C9
000340112C
000440F10087
0003401225
000440F10087
```

Configuration file translated into machine readable hex format.

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