

BK Connect Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet Type 8490-D-N-SYS

BK Connect® applets are for customers looking for a point solution that works like they work, providing just what you need in a user-friendly solution. The applets provide the same reliability and thought-through design of an advanced sound and vibration analysis software platform, in a small, self-contained package.

BK Connect Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet is specifically for standard sound tests using the ISO 532-1 loudness calculation and overall analysis on both stationary and non-stationary signals.

The applet provides you with a complete testing solution so that you can complete the job at hand – from data acquisition and monitoring to measurement, recording, analysis and reporting.



Uses and Features

Uses

- General sound data acquisition, analysis and reporting
- Time data recording
- Batch processing of multiple sets of time recordings
- Broadband overall analysis for characterization of noise
- Stationary and non-stationary analysis
- Analysis with different filter settings and resolution of the loudness calculation bandwidths
- Simple and efficient reporting of results with user-definable layouts metadata
- Loudness for impulsive events and BSR (buzz, squeak and rattle)

Features

- Single applet for acquisition, recording, batch post-processing, data management and reporting
- Simultaneous multi-analysis of the same recorded data – loudness according to ISO 532-1 including statistical percentiles 5%, 50% and 90%, and overall analysis
- User interface, task completion and data organization optimized to fit the job at hand – with tools and components that make acoustic analysis quick and easy
- Embedded reporting using Microsoft® Office products to integrate report creation directly in the test process
- Easy to learn and use, reducing training and test time

With the Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet, you can record and analyse data using two different predefined setups:

- Stationary tests that allow you to perform simultaneous multi-analysis using:
 - Sound Quality (SQ) Metrics – Loudness both level and spectrum (sones), loudness level (phon) ISO 532-1 (2017) and articulation index calculation
 - Overall – Broadband analysis that includes acoustic weighting
- Non-stationary tests that allow you to perform time-varying analysis
 - SQ Metrics – Time-varying loudness spectrum, level ISO 532-1 (2017) and articulation index
 - Overall – Time-varying broadband analysis that includes acoustic weighting

Fig. 1
Example of analysis setup: Stationary loudness and overall analysis



For each setup, a complete set of real-time monitors is preconfigured, and a targeted process (analysis) chain is predefined – ready for you to start analysis. If needed, you can adjust monitor parameters and analysis properties to suit your test specifications. When ready, record data using the simple recorder located in the monitors.

Utilizing BK Connect Application Components

To generate an efficient workflow, Type 8490-D-N-SYS takes advantage of many of the task-oriented and user-friendly features that are found in full-version BK Connect applications, including:

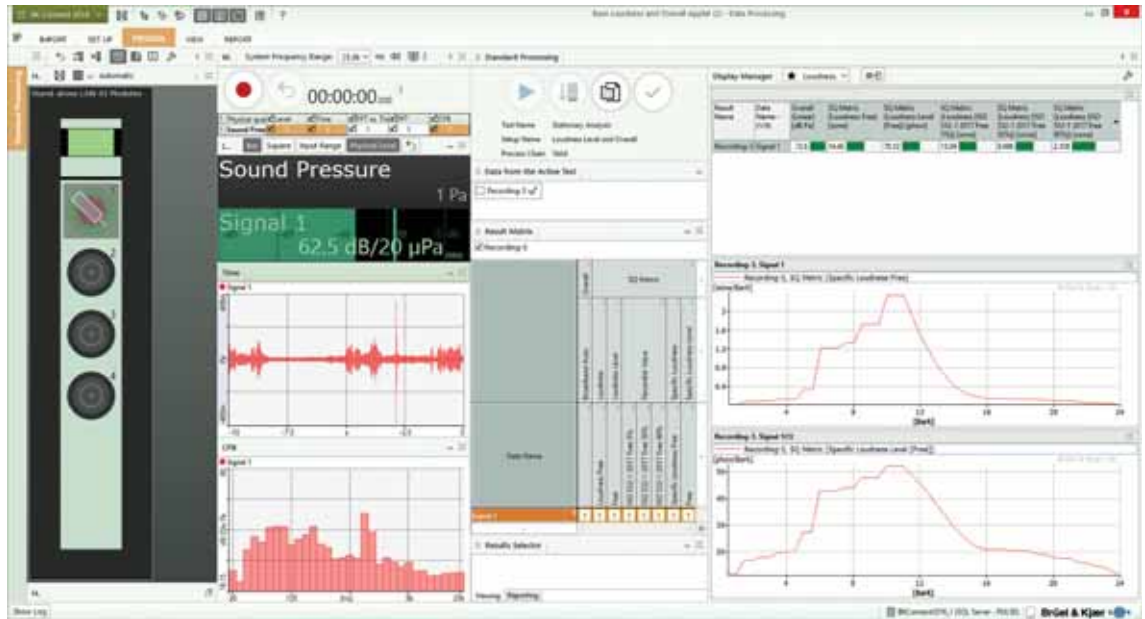
- Standard Processing Setup and Standard Processing tasks for adjusting the analysis properties and executing the predefined process chains
- Hardware Browser and Monitor components for a graphical overview and validation of your front end channels
- Generator Setup for setting up the generator output in LAN-XI modules with a signal generator
- Transducer Manager and Verification tasks for configuration and calibration of connected transducers
- Result Matrix and Display Manager processing tools to review results and set up preferred result displays

To review any data in the current project data including imported data, as well as data stored in the database, you can use the Result Matrix Viewer task.

The applet also includes some basic data viewing functionality that a standard BK Connect user would have, such as: access to all the metadata attributes; Microsoft® PowerPoint®-based reporting; exporting to Microsoft® Excel®; and BK Connect Notes for on-screen notations.

The applet's user-friendly interface provides automated batch processing of data, immediate display and storage of analysis results and automated reporting.

Fig. 2
Processing in the Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet



Automated Operations

The applet's many automated operations makes it easy for novice users and is perfect for repetitive testing:

- Auto-detection of hardware – The software will automatically detect connected LAN-XI data acquisition modules and TEDS-enabled transducers
- Data source management – Select a default data source for processing, the software will always draw data from that source
- Auto-analysis start – If selected, the software will automatically start analysis as soon as data is available for the Standard Processing task
- Auto-sizing of active window – If selected, the software will automatically maximize the window of the active task/component
- Result selector – Select a default combination of outputs and display layout, the software will always display and store these results
- Reporting – Set up a report, with a simple click a report will be created using the predefined template and stored with the project
- Done management – Select a default task completion operation, the software will always perform this task when you complete a task

Hardware Support

The Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet can be used to measure and record data with any single module within the LAN-XI data acquisition hardware platform – from 1 to 12 channels – including the highly portable, 4-input channel LAN-XI Light Type 3676-B-040. Together with LAN-XI Light, you have a complete stand-alone system ideally suited for small test setups.

If additional channels are required that will require more than one module, then you need to use a full-version BK Connect application. For a complete overview of LAN-XI hardware, go to bksv.com/lanxi.

Specifications – BK Connect Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet Type 8490-D-N-SYS

This Windows®-based analysis software is delivered via installation media (DVD or USB)

System

PC SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Microsoft® Windows® 10 Pro or Enterprise (x64) with either Current Branch (CB) or Current Branch for Business (CBB) servicing model
- Microsoft® Office 2016 (x32 or x64) or Office 2019 (x32 or x64)
- Microsoft® SQL Server® 2017 or SQL Server® 2019

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM PC

- Intel® Core™ i7, 3 GHz processor or better
- 32 GB RAM
- 480 GB Solid State Drive (SSD) with 20 GB free space, or better
- 1 Gbit Ethernet network*
- Microsoft® Windows® 10 Pro or Enterprise (x64) with CB
- Microsoft® Office 2016 (x32)
- Microsoft® SQL Server® 2017
- Screen resolution of 1920 × 1080 pixels (full HD)

FRONT END

Required for real-time measurements and recording

Front-end Support: One LAN-XI-based data acquisition module

Import/Export

SUPPORTED DATA FORMATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .bkc (BK Connect native format) – both function and time data • .csv (based on a predefined format): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Recording data (even abscissa time domain) – 2D complex-valued frequency domain data
PROJECT FILE EXPORT AND IMPORT	Export a project to an external “transport” file (*.BKConnectTemplate or *.BKConnectProject), with or without imported or processed data, for archiving outside the database, sharing with other BK Connect users, capturing a snapshot of a particular state, or creating a project template

Data Display

Displays enable viewing and comparison of measurements and results. Data is dragged-and-dropped to/from the Project Browser. The User-defined Display task is the container for displaying graphical results

GRAPH TYPES	Display of functions <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfall • Bar • Line • Curve </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curve (step) • Overlay • Overlay (all) • Multi-value </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfall • Bar • Line • Curve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curve (step) • Overlay • Overlay (all) • Multi-value
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SUPERIMPOSED GRAPHS	A number of functions can be superimposed on the same curve graph		
AXES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-axis Scale: Linear, logarithmic and CPB • Y-axis Scale: Linear, logarithmic and dB • Z-axis Scale: Linear and logarithmic 		

CURSOR TYPES	Depending on the display type, the following are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main • Delta <p>Alignment: Cursors in different displays can be synchronized to allow the changes to one display to be reflected in other displays showing the same or different functions</p>	
CURSOR READINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acoustic levels • Cursor indices and values • Delta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delta/total • Max. and min. values • Total

Reporting

A separate reporting task enables templates to be created in Microsoft® PowerPoint®

Data Management

Data management is based on a data model that interacts with a Microsoft® SQL Server® database. Connection to the last used database is automatic upon starting BK Connect. However, the user can connect to a different database at any time during a session. Only one database can be connected at a time.

Local database with each BK Connect installation; optionally accessible via a BK Connect service, one user at a time, over a company network

DATABASE HANDLING	Databases can be created, deleted, backed up and restored
DATABASE MIGRATION TOOL	Tool that allows users to start application using an SQLite database and at a later point migrate data to an SQL Server solution
DATA STORAGE	Uses a filefarm (on disk) referenced by the database to store data files, report templates, pictures. File sizes limited by disk only
DATA SHARING	Via external BK Common file enables one file to contain all results from a common source, including their metadata
METADATA AND DEVICE UNDER TEST	Defined by the user as a method to document valuable information about the test. Enables customized searching for input data and results on the BK Connect local database

Result Matrix Viewer

The Result Matrix Viewer provides a structured overview of results from a large number of tests, making selection and comparison very easy:

RESULT LAYOUT	As a matrix of signals versus analyses
SMART RESULTS GROUPING	Each individual cell in the matrix represents a group of similar results for which comparison is valid
AUTOMATIC RESULT DATA PRESENTATION	Selecting a cell presents the results, either in a table view for scalars, or graphical display for function data
AUTOMATIC REPORT GENERATION	Reports can be generated in Microsoft® PowerPoint®, either from blank documents, or from templates prepared in advance

* A dedicated data acquisition network (LAN or WAN) is recommended. A network that only handles data from the front end improves the stability of the data

Hardware Setup Features

HARDWARE SUPPORT	Support for any single LAN-XI data acquisition module or a single LAN-XI Light module
TRANSDUCER MANAGER	For transducer setup
HARDWARE BROWSER	For channel setup
GENERATOR SETUP	For setting up any LAN-XI module with built-in signal generator
CALIBRATION	Transducer calibration/verification
SIGNAL MONITORING	Real-time monitor including a monitor recorder

Hardware Configuration

The software automatically detects the front-end hardware and configures the system. If IEEE 1451.4 capable transducers (with standardized TEDS) are being used, these are detected and attached automatically to the correct input channels

Hardware Browser

The Hardware Browser combines the Hardware Matrix and HW Setup Table that work together to provide a highly efficient way to work with any size system

HARDWARE MATRIX	<p>An interactive display of the front-end hardware</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signal levels indicated using coloured rings • Channel overload status, using different symbols for different types of overload • Transducer status, using symbols to identify each transducer type • Calibration/verification status when used in the Transducer Verification task • Drop destination for transducers dragged from the Transducer Manager • Channel selector for the HW Setup Table and overall level meter • Automatic indication of TEDS transducers
LAYOUT VIEWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Square Grid: Completely dynamic. Signals form a best-fit grid in the available screen space using coloured rings to display signal amplitude • Bar Grid: Completely dynamic. Signals form a best-fit grid in the available screen space using bars to display signal amplitude <p>Note that the grid displays can be sorted according to Signal Name, Maximum Level, Minimum Level and Level Range</p>
MATRIX DISPLAY STYLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical: A visually representative display of the physical front end • Logical: Channels shown as coloured rings in the same configuration as the physical front end
HW SETUP TABLE	A channel list that contains all information about the front-end hardware and any transducers connected to it. The number of rows displayed in the table depends on the channel selection made in the Hardware Matrix, the default being all channels. The size of the table updates dynamically according to which channels are selected in the Hardware Matrix, making it very easy to focus on subsets of channels when needed

TABLE EDITING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual editing of channel information • Update from an external XML or UFF 1808 (Channel Table) file or from Microsoft® Excel® • Save HW Setup Table contents to an external XML or UFF 1808 (Channel Table) file for later use • Create different (favourite) views to tailor which columns should be shown
BROWSER HEADER BAR	<p>Tools in the Hardware Browser allow for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resetting of channel status • Reconnecting the front end • Display of either the HW Setup Table, the LAN-XI home page, or an overall level meter for all channels

Transducer Manager

The Transducer Manager works with a Microsoft® Access® database (as used by PULSE LabShop) to manage transducer specifications and calibration information

INCLUDED TRANSDUCERS	A full set of Brüel & Kjær transducer types, with nominal sensitivities, is provided with all BK Connect installations
ADDING TRANSDUCERS	<p>Individual devices, or groups of devices, can be dragged and dropped onto the Hardware Matrix to add transducers to the configuration and/or add calibration/sensitivity information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag a transducer type to many (or all) channels. The HW Setup Table applies the nominal sensitivity for that type to the selected channel(s) • (Typical) Drag specific devices to individual channels where they are known to be physically connected
DATABASE	Each transducer type can have a number of devices of that type, each with its own unique calibration history

Transducer Verification

Transducer Verification can be used either to verify that transducers are functioning correctly, or to make a new calibration. A transducer calibrator is used to apply the necessary excitation for either verification or calibration. Multiple calibrators can be used simultaneously. The software automatically detects the calibrator signal and performs the verification/calibration, with coloured status indicators in the Hardware Matrix and HW Setup Table showing In Progress, Failed or Passed. At the end of the procedure, the Transducer Manager is updated along with the HW Setup Table and calibration information is added to the device's calibration history

Generator Setup

SETUP	Graphical tools can be used for setting up excitation type, frequency parameters, output level, level ramp up/down times, and whether burst excitation is to be used	
GENERATOR SIGNAL TYPES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sine (fixed frequency) • Continuous and Burst Random 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic and Pseudo-random • Periodic chirp

Real-time Monitor

MONITORS	Channel monitor (time, CPB or FFT), channel level meter, channel level history, elapsed time, rpm profile, tachometer. Includes generator stop/start control buttons
FFT MONITOR	Monitors 2D spectra or 3D spectrograms for all active channels or selected channels. Grouped automatically based on the physical quantity
CPB MONITOR	Monitors 2D spectra for all active channels with the option to apply acoustic weighting to sound pressure signals. Channels are grouped automatically based on the physical quantity
LEVELS MONITOR	Monitors the overall levels displayed in voltage or physical quantity for all active or selected channels. The data can be monitored as instantaneous level or max. hold, using slow, fast or impulsive time weighting
TIME MONITOR	Monitors the complete raw time history for the entire length of the recording, while overlaying overload and marker locations

Data Processing Features

- Analysis of time data including pre-processing
- Immediate display and store of analysis results
- Automated processing using the Standard Processing task
- Automated multi-page reporting

Analizers: Sound quality (SQ) metrics – loudness and overall analyzers

SQ Metrics

- Stationary Loudness – ISO 532-1 (2017)
- Statistical Loudness (5%, 50% and 90% levels)
- Loudness Level – ISO 532-1 (2017)
- Time-varying Loudness – ISO 532-1 (2017)
- With free- and diffuse-field correction, the level and spectra can be calculated for the ISO 532-1 (2017) loudness
- Articulation index (AI) – Beranek

Overall Analysis

The overall level analyzer meets the requirements for a class 1 instrument in IEC 61672-1, ANSI S1.43-1997 Type 1, ANSI S1.4-1983 Type 1, IEC 804-1985 and IEC 651. The following specifications apply to all overall-based analysis

AVERAGING	Exponential, Impulse, Linear (Leq), Linear All, True Peak, True Peak All
TRIGGER METHOD	Free run; Fixed time interval An auxiliary signal may be used as a trigger signal
FREQUENCY SPAN	1 Hz – 204.8 kHz in 1, 2, 5 ... or 2n (1, 2, 4, 8 ...) sequence
ACOUSTIC WEIGHTING	As signals, A, B, C, D, G

Process Chains

ANALYSIS ELEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQ Metrics – Loudness and Loudness Level articulation index • SQ Metrics vs Time – Loudness articulation index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall • Overall vs Time
POST-ANALYSIS ELEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency Extraction 	
GENERAL ELEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Result Matrix: Results are presented using the same functionality as in the Data Viewer's Result Matrix Viewer, where you can make predefined selections in the matrix, simplifying the process of displaying data 	

Ordering Information

Type 8490-D-N-SYS* Loudness and Overall Analysis Applet

SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENTS†
M1-8490-D-N-SYS Agreement for Type 8490-D-N

* "N" indicates the licence is node locked to a PC or dongle. Floating licences not available

† Agreement expiration date to be agreed at time of contract

OTHER BK CONNECT PRODUCTS

For an overview of all BK Connect applications and applets, visit the [BK Connect page](#) on the Brüel & Kjær website.

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