

## BK Connect FFT Analysis Applet Type 8490-A-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 FFT Analysis Applet is specifically for standard stationary and non-stationary FFT analysis including mobility measurements, vibration diagnostics and narrow-band analysis of acoustic 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

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#### Uses

- General sound and vibration data acquisition, analysis and reporting
- Time data recording
- Batch processing of multiple sets of time recordings
- Stationary and non-stationary FFT analysis
- Analysis with different filter settings and FFT bandwidths
- Simple and efficient reporting of results with user-definable layouts and metadata

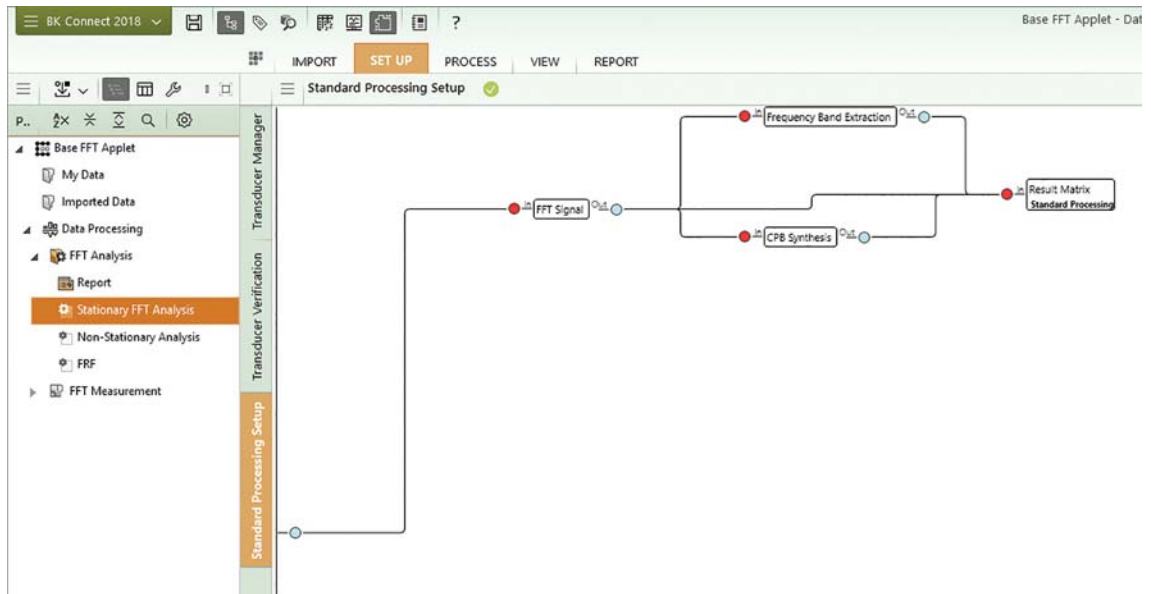
#### Features

- Single applet for acquisition, recording, batch post-processing, data management and reporting
- User interface, task completion and data organization optimized to fit the job at hand – with tools and components that make FFT 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 FFT Analysis Applet, you can record and analyse data using three different predefined setups:

- Stationary setup – multi-analysis that includes FFT, frequency extraction and CPB synthesis
- Non-stationary setup – multi-analysis that includes FFT vs time and frequency extraction
- FRF setup – FRF system analysis

**Fig. 1**  
Example of analysis  
setup: Stationary FFT  
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.

If you need to perform real-time measurements, there is also a fourth setup providing a measurement interface and FFT system output.

### Utilizing BK Connect Application Components

To generate an efficient workflow, Type 8490-A-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
- 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
- Standard Measurement task for basic real-time spectral measurements

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.

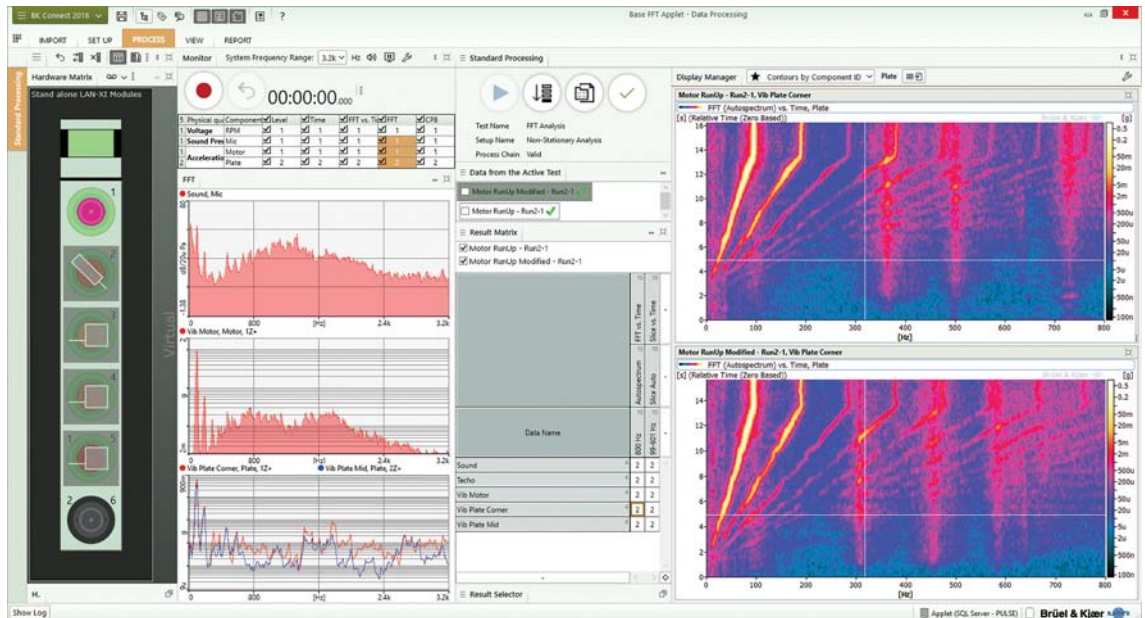
The applet also includes some basic data viewing functionality that a standard BK Connect user would have, such as: access to all the metadata attributes; Microsoft® PowerPoint®-based reporting; exporting to Microsoft® Excel®; and BK Connect Notes for on-screen notations.

## Using the Applet

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

With real-time spectral measurements, you can set up triggering, bandwidth, resolution, number of averages, selection of reference signals, and output function types. Results are automatically sent to the Standard Processing task for post-processing.

**Fig. 2**  
Processing in the FFT  
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 in 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 FFT Analysis Applet can be used with any single module within the LAN-XI data acquisition hardware platform, including LAN-XI Light Type 3676-B-040. This means that anywhere between 4 to 12 channels are supported. If additional channels are required that will require more than one module, then you need to use a full version BK Connect application.

# Specifications – BK Connect FFT Analysis Applet Type 8490-A-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; or Windows® 7 Pro, Enterprise or Ultimate (SP1) (x64) operating systems
- Microsoft® Office 2016 (x32 or x64) or Office 2013 (x32 or x64)
- Microsoft® SQL Server® 2014 Express (SP2) (included in installation), Microsoft® SQL Server® 2014 (SP2), SQL Server 2012 R2, SQL Server 2008 or 2008 R2 Express Edition SP1

### RECOMMENDED PC SYSTEM

- 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® 2014 (SP2)
- 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

The following data file formats are supported:

- .bkc (BK Connect native format) – both function and time data
- .csv (based on a predefined format):
  - Recording data (even abscissa time domain)
  - 2D complex-valued frequency domain data
  - 2D real-valued frequency domain data (FFT)

### 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 in a range of graph types including:

- Waterfall
- Waterfall (step)
- Colour contour (3 variants)
- Campbell diagram
- Bar
- Line
- Curve
- Curve (step)
- Overlay
- Overlay (all)
- Multi-value

**Superimposed Graphs:** A number of functions can be superimposed on the same curve graph

### AXES

- X-axis Scale: Linear and logarithmic

\* 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

- Y-axis Scale: Linear, logarithmic and dB
- Z-axis Scale: Linear and logarithmic

### COMPLEX DISPLAYS

- Real
- Imaginary
- Magnitude
- Phase
- Nyquist
- Bode

### SPECTRAL UNITS

- Root mean square (RMS)
- Power (PWR)
- Power spectral density (PSD)
- Root mean square spectral density (RMSSD)
- Energy spectral density (ESD)
- Peak (Peak)
- Peak-to-Peak (PkPk)

### ACOUSTIC POST-WEIGHTING

A-, B-, C-, D-, L-weighting

### $j\omega$ WEIGHTING

$1/j\omega^2$ ,  $1/j\omega$ ,  $1$ ,  $j\omega$ ,  $j\omega^2$  (single and double integration and differentiation)

### CURSOR TYPES

Depending on the display type, the following are available:

- Main
- Delta
- Order
- Reference
- Harmonic
- Sideband

**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

### CURSOR READINGS

The cursor values that can be read:

- Acoustic levels
- Corrected frequency
- Cursor indices and values
- Delta
- Delta/total
- Max. and min. values
- Nearest harmonic
- Nearest sideband
- Reference
- Resonance
- Reverberation
- Slice definition
- Status
- 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 (of data files, report templates, pictures)

Uses a filefarm (on disk) referenced by the database. File sizes limited by disk only

## 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

## DATA SHARING

Via external BK Common file enables one file to contain all results from a common source, including their metadata

## 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

## Hardware Setup Features

- Support for any single LAN-XI data acquisition module or a single LAN-XI Light module
- Transducer Manager for transducer set-up
- Hardware Browser for channel set-up
- Transducer calibration/verification
- 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 an interactive display of the front-end hardware, called the Hardware Matrix, and a channel list called the HW Setup Table. These two components, working together, provide a highly efficient way to work with any size system

Header bar buttons in the Hardware Browser allow for:

- 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

## HARDWARE MATRIX

The Hardware Matrix has the following functionality:

- 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

### Available Matrix Display Styles:

- 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

The HW Setup Table 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

### Editing the Table:

- 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

## TRANSDUCER MANAGER

The Transducer Manager works with a Microsoft® Access® database (as used by PULSE LabShop) to manage transducer specifications and calibration information. A full set of Brüel & Kjær transducer types, with nominal sensitivities, is provided with all BK Connect installations, but more can be added using the Transducer Manager. Each transducer type can have a number of devices of that type, each with its own unique calibration history

**Adding Transducers:** 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:

- 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

## Real-time Monitor

### MONITORS

Channel monitor (time or FFT), channel level meter, channel level history, elapsed time, rpm profile, tachometer

**FFT Monitor:** Monitors 2D spectra or 3D spectrograms for all active channels or selected channels. 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

### LAYOUT VIEWS

- 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

Note that the grid displays can be sorted according to Signal Name, Maximum Level, Minimum Level and Level Range

## Transducer Verification

Transducer Verification (under Setup) 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

## 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
- FFT spectral measurements using the Standard Measurement task

### MEASUREMENT CONTROL

**Averaging:** Averaging can be performed either in the frequency or time domains. Averaging types available for the measured signals are:

- Linear (fixed number of blocks)
- Linear All (full time range)
- Exponential
- Maximum hold

### ANALYZERS

FFT analyzer

### FFT ANALYSIS

The following specifications apply to all FFT-based analysis

#### Frequency Range:

- Baseband and Zoom: 50 – 102400 lines
- Frequency Span: 1 Hz – 204.8 kHz in 1, 2, 5 ... or  $2^n$  (1, 2, 4, 8 ...) sequence (depending on hardware)

**Signal Type:** Random; Periodic; Transient

Properties are automatically set up to a logical default; e.g., when transient type is selected, Signal Trigger is selected as the triggering mode

#### Triggering Modes:

- Free run
- Signal Trigger: Trigger attributes include level, hysteresis, slope, hold-off, delay and divider

## Ordering Information

### Type 8490-A-N-SYS\* FFT Analysis Applet

#### SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENTS†

M1-8490-A-N-SYS Agreement for Type 8490-A-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

**Time Weighting:** The following are available:

- Exponential
  - Uniform
  - Transient
  - Hanning
  - Flat-top
  - Kaiser-Bessel
- Overlap:** User selectable values of 0%, 50%, 66.67%, and 75%, user editable from 0% to 99%

#### Output:

- FFT Signal: Autospectrum, Cross-spectrum, Phase-assigned Spectrum, Time, Weighted Time
- FFT System: Autospectrum, H1 FRFs, Coherence and Phase-assigned Spectrum

## Process Chains

### ANALYSIS ELEMENTS

- FFT Signal
- FFT System
- FFT Signal vs Time

### POST-ANALYSIS ELEMENTS

- CPB Synthesis (1/3-octave)
- Frequency Band Extraction

### GENERAL ELEMENTS

- Result Matrix: Results are presented using the same functionality as in the Result Matrix Viewer task, with the addition of the Result Selector to make pre-defined selections in the matrix, simplifying the process of displaying data

## OTHER BK CONNECT PRODUCTS

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

**NOTE:** Applets cannot be upgraded to full-version applications or added to other applets

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