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# **ImpedanceFitter Documentation**

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## EXAMPLES

These are a few examples of how ImpedanceFitter could be used.

## 1.1 Generating and using a model

The general idea of ImpedanceFitter is to generate equivalent-circuit models from the basic elements. However, there are some more complex circuits and models that are pre-implemented. One example is the [Randles circuit](#).

The Randles circuit can be formulated in ImpedanceFitter as:

```
model = 'R_s + parallel(R_ct + W, C)'
```

The model consists of the basic elements  $R$ ,  $W$ , and  $C$  with respective suffix.

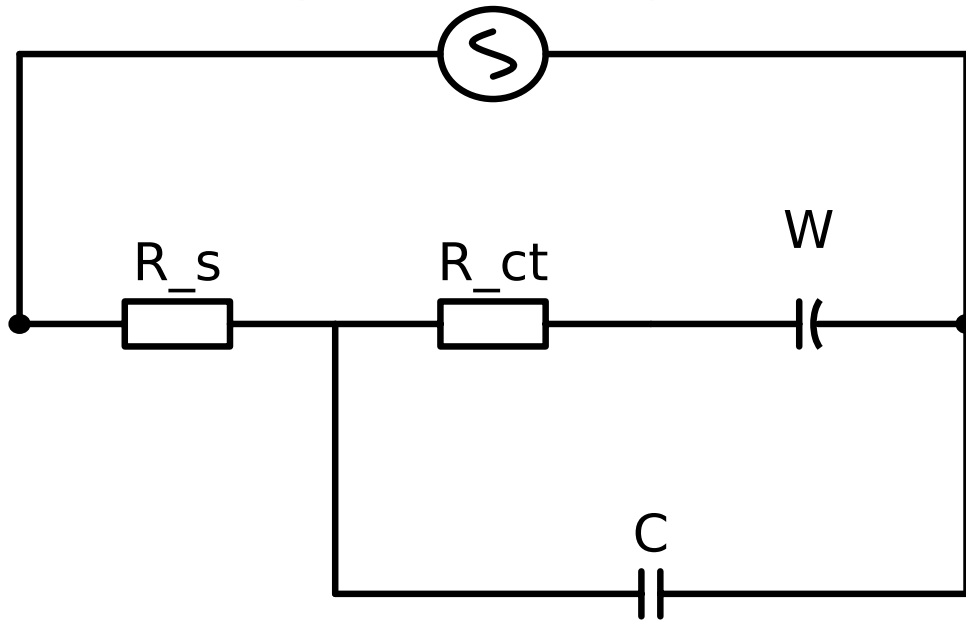
It can be drawn by

```
impedancefitter.draw_scheme(model)
```

Note that the interface to draw the equivalent circuit is quite simplistic and might not be correct for very complicated circuits!

For this circuit it yields

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The impedance for a list of frequencies can be computed by calling

```
frequencies = numpy.logspace(0, 8)
Rct = 100.
Rs = 20.
Aw = 300.
C0 = 25e-6

model = 'R_s + parallel(R_ct + W, C)'
lmfit_model = impedancefitter.get_equivalent_circuit_model(model)
Z = lmfit_model.eval(omega=2. * numpy.pi * frequencies,
                    ct_R=Rct, s_R=Rs,
                    C=C0, Aw=Aw)
```

The same circuit has been pre-implemented and is available as

```
model = 'Randles'
lmfit_model = impedancefitter.get_equivalent_circuit_model(model)
Z = lmfit_model.eval(omega=2. * numpy.pi * frequencies,
                    Rct=Rct, Rs=Rs,
                    C0=C0, Aw=Aw)
```

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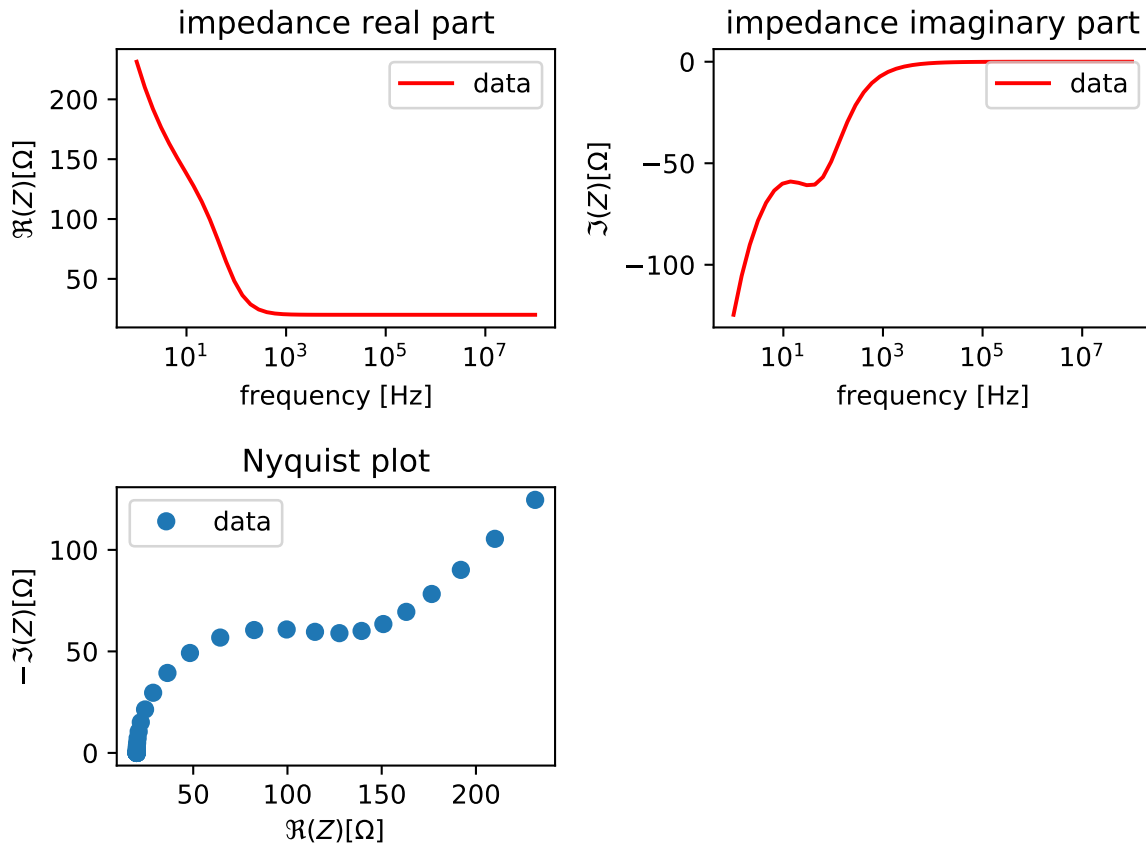
**Note:** LMFIT names parameters with a prefix. When writing equivalent circuits, it is usual to use suffixes. Hence, the models here are formulated using suffixes but the parameters need to be named with prefixes. Then, if the model is  $R_{ct}$ , the respective parameter is  $ct_R$ .

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The computed impedance can also be visualized

```
impedancefitter.plot_impedance(2. * numpy.pi * frequencies, Z)
```

The real and imaginary part are shown together with the Nyquist plot



### 1.1.1 See Also

examples/Randles/randles\_model.py.

## 1.2 Validating the data

Before fitting the experimental data to an equivalent circuit model, you can make sure that the data are valid. The LinKK test [Schoenleber2014] allows one to validate the data.

Here, it is summarized how the test works in ImpedanceFitter.

Assume the model discussed in [Schoenleber2014]. It can be represented in ImpedanceFitter by

```
model = 'R_s1 + parallel(C_s3, R_s2) + parallel(R_s4, W_s5)'
```

After having generated artificial data stored in *test.csv*, we can initialize the fitter.

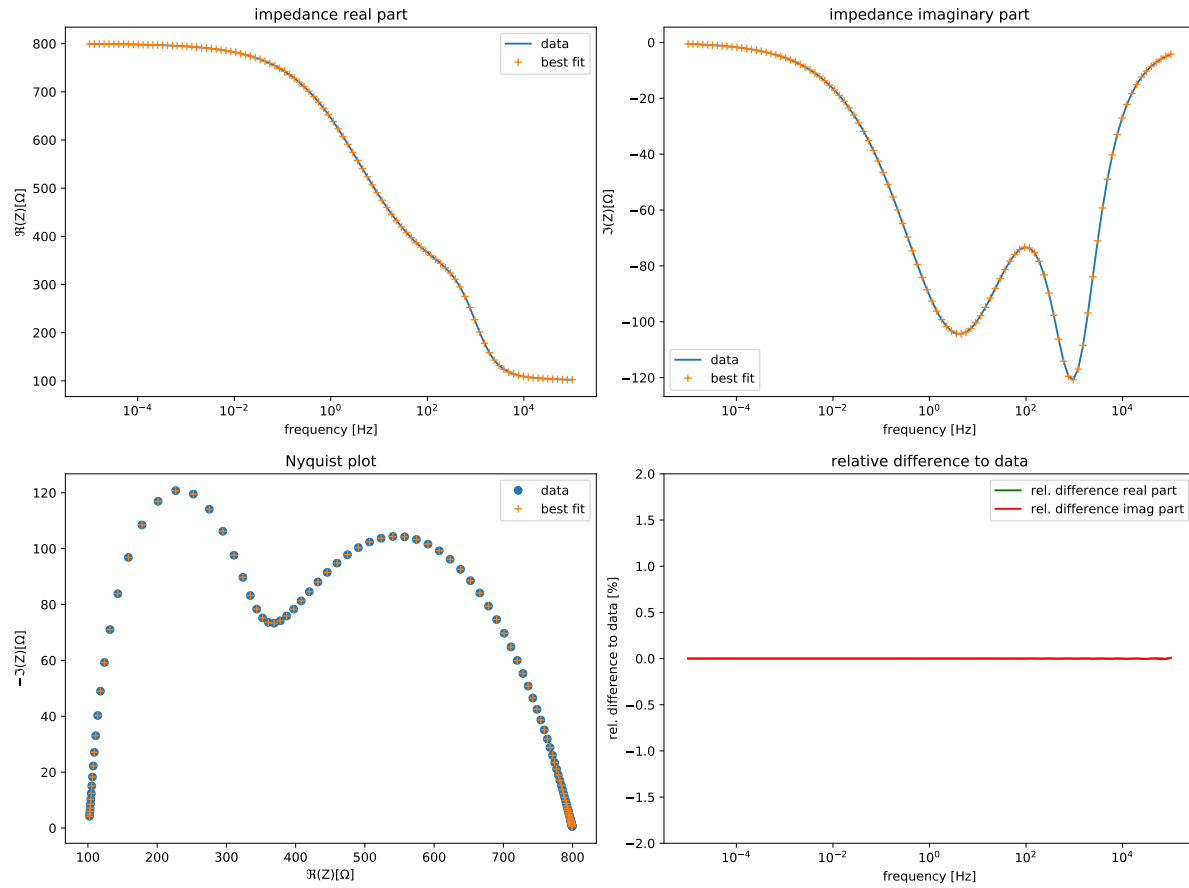
```
fitter = impedancefitter.Fitter('CSV')
```

Then, the LinKK test can be performed for all data sets by running

```
results, mus, residuals = fitter.linkk_test()
```

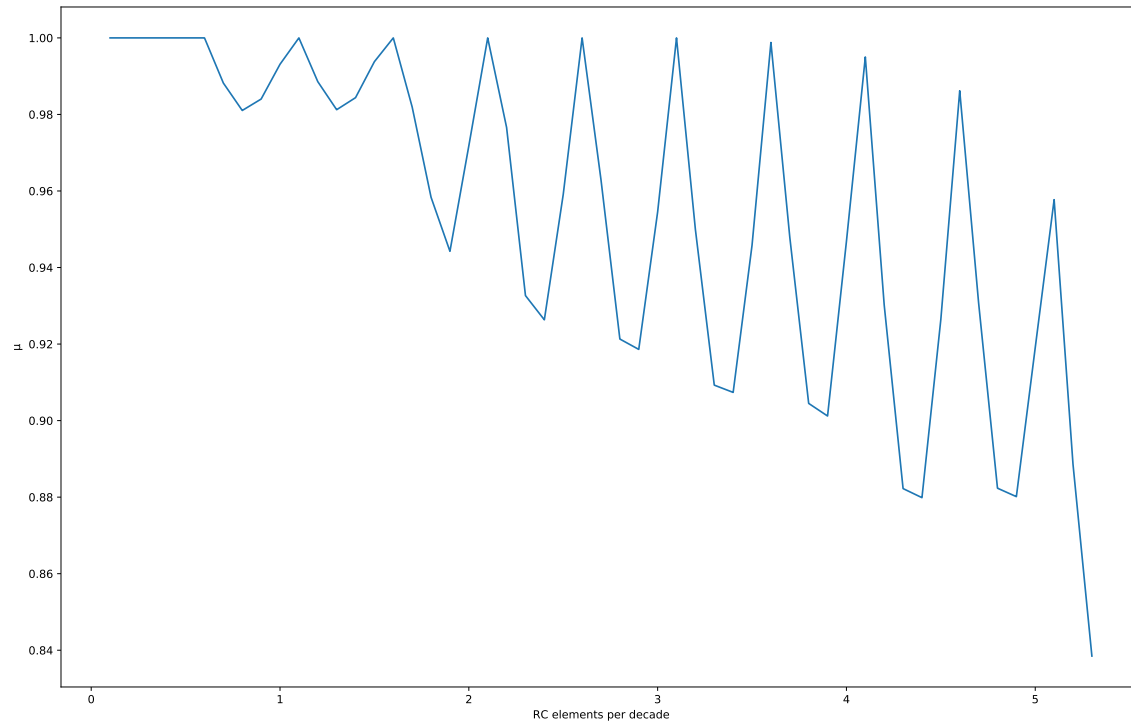
*results* contains the fit results as a dictionary. *mus* is a dictionary with all  $\mu$  values for an increasing number of RC-elements used in the LinKK-test. *residuals* is a dictionary containing all residuals during the least-squares fit.

The result of the fit looks like this:



The parameter  $\mu$  decays with an increased number of RC elements as described in [Schoenleber2014]. It is used to detect overfitting. The threshold for overfitting is set to 0.85 but can be manually adjusted.





In this example, all residuals are very small (as expected for artificial data). If the relative difference exceeds 1% or if there is a drift in the residuals, concerns about the validity of the experimental data could be raised. If you observe sinusoidal oscillations in your residuals, increase the number of RC-elements either manually or by decreasing the threshold to values below 0.85.

If there is an inductive or capacitive element present, it can be beneficial to add an extra capacitance or inductance to the circuit. This can be done by

```
results, mus = fitter.linkk_test(capacitance=True)
results, mus = fitter.linkk_test(inductance=True)
results, mus = fitter.linkk_test(capacitance=True, inductance=True)
```

Especially if you observe large residuals at high frequencies, an inductive element should be added.

## 1.2.1 See Also

examples/LinKK/linkk.py. examples/LinKK/linkk\_cap.py. examples/LinKK/linkk\_ind.py. examples/LinKK/linkk\_ind\_cap.py.

*impedancefitter.fitter.Fitter.linkk\_test()*

## 1.3 Fitting experimental data

Impedance spectroscopy data can be processed using `impedancefitter.fitter.Fitter`.

Currently, a few fileformats can be used. They are summarized in `impedancefitter.utils.available_file_format()`.

In this example, artificial data will be generated and fitted.

We want to fit a user-defined circuit, which reads

```
model = 'R_s + parallel(R_ct + W, C)'
```

First the data is generated using the following parameters

```
frequencies = numpy.logspace(0, 8)
Rct = 100.
Rs = 20.
Aw = 300.
C0 = 25e-6
```

Then the model is defined and data generated and exported

```
lmfit_model = impedancefitter.get_equivalent_circuit_model(model)
Z = lmfit_model.eval(omega=2. * numpy.pi * frequencies,
                    ct_R=Rct, s_R=Rs,
                    C=C0, Aw=Aw)
data = {'freq': frequencies, 'real': Z.real,
        'imag': Z.imag}
# write data to csv file
df = pandas.DataFrame(data=data)
df.to_csv('test.csv', index=False)
```

The fitter is initialized with verbose output. Also, the fit results will be plotted immediately.

```
fitter = impedancefitter.Fitter('CSV', LogLevel='DEBUG', show=True)
os.remove('test.csv')
```

We use the Randles circuit that corresponds to the custom circuit model. The initial guess is passed in a dictionary with minimal information.

```
model = 'Randles'
parameters = {'Rct': {'value': 3. * Rct},
              'Rs': {'value': 0.5 * Rs},
              'C0': {'value': 0.1 * C0},
              'Aw': {'value': 1.2 * Aw}}
```

Then the fit is simply run by

```
fitter.run(model, parameters=parameters)
```

Initial and best fit can be plotted together to improve on the initial parameter guess

```
fitter.plot_initial_best_fit()
```

Here, the initial guess was passed in a dictionary with minimal information. One could also specify bounds or fix a parameter.

For example, if  $R_{ct}$  was restricted to be between 50 and 500 and  $C_0$  was known and thus fixed, the parameters would read

```
parameters = {'Rct': {'value': 3. * Rct,
                      'min': 50,
                      'max': 500},
              'Rs': {'value': 0.5 * Rs},
              'C0': {'value': C0, 'vary': False},
              'Aw': {'value': 1.2 * Aw}}
```

### 1.3.1 See Also

examples/Randles/randless\_data.py.

## 1.4 Customizing the solver

The previous example *Fitting experimental data* is chosen again.

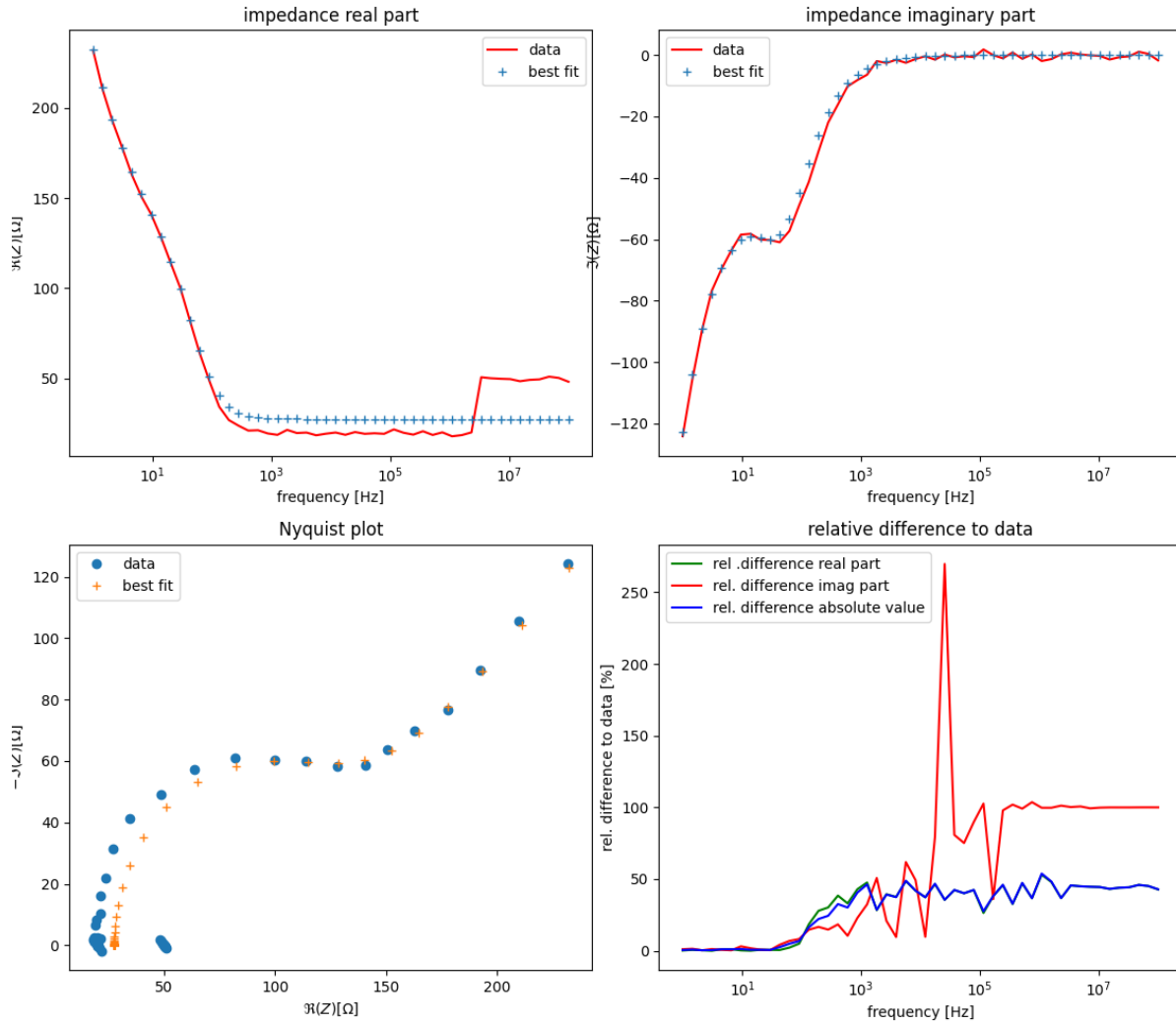
This time, noise and outliers are added to the data

```
# generate noise
rnd = numpy.random.RandomState(42)
noise = (1. + 1j) * rnd.randn(Z.size)

# let's have 10 outliers at the last frequencies
n_outliers = 10
Z[-n_outliers:] += 30

# add noise
Z += noise
```

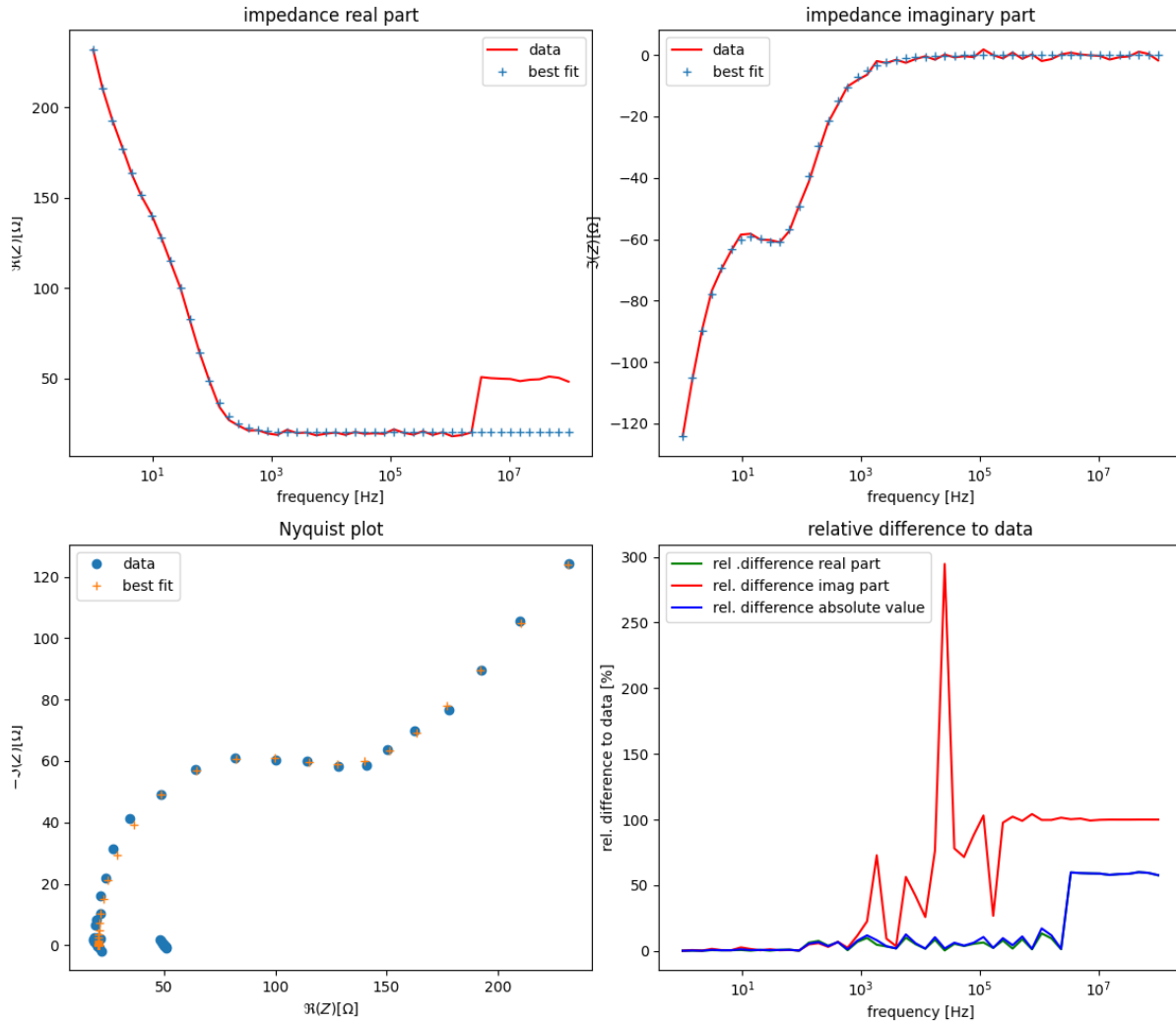
When running the fit with the standard least-squares solver, we obtain



Instead, we can customize the solver:

```
solver = "least_squares"
solver_kwargs = {'loss': 'soft_l1',
                 'f_scale': 2.}
fitter.run(model, parameters=parameters,
           solver=solver, solver_kwargs=solver_kwargs)
```

and obtain



### 1.4.1 See Also

`examples/Randles/randles_solver.py`.

## 1.5 Analysing a larger data set

When performing multiple measurements on different samples, it is convenient to analyse the statistics of the data set.

Here, we show how to fit many samples and subsequently generate histograms and find the best probability distribution to describe the data.

```
import numpy as np
import os
import pandas as pd
from collections import OrderedDict
from impedancefitter import get_equivalent_circuit_model, PostProcess, Fitter
from matplotlib import rcParams
```

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```

rcParams['figure.figsize'] = [20, 10]

# parameters
f = np.logspace(1, 8)
omega = 2. * np.pi * f
R = 1000.
C = 1e-6

data = OrderedDict()
data['f'] = f

samples = 1000

model = "parallel(R, C)"
m = get_equivalent_circuit_model(model)
# generate random samples
for i in range(samples):
    Ri = 0.05 * R * np.random.randn() + R
    Ci = 0.05 * C * np.random.randn() + C

    Z = m.eval(omega=omega, R=Ri, C=Ci)
    # add some noise
    Z += np.random.randn(Z.size)

    data['real' + str(i)] = Z.real
    data['imag' + str(i)] = Z.imag

# save data to file
pd.DataFrame(data=data).to_csv('test.csv', index=False)

# initialize fitter
# LogLevel should be WARNING; otherwise there
# will be a lot of output

fitter = Fitter('CSV', LogLevel='WARNING')
os.remove('test.csv')
parameters = {'R': {'value': R},
              'C': {'value': C}}
fitter.run(model, parameters=parameters)

postp = PostProcess(fitter.fit_data)
# show histograms
postp.plot_histograms()

# compare different algorithms to find matching model
print("BIC best model for R:",
      postp.best_model_bic('R', ['Normal', 'Beta', 'Gamma'])[0])
print("Chisquared best model for R:",
      postp.best_model_chisquared('R', ['Normal', 'Beta', 'Gamma'])[0])
print("Kolmogorov best model for R:",
      postp.best_model_kolmogorov('R', ['Normal', 'Beta', 'Gamma'])[0])
print("Expected result:\nNormal(mu = {}, sigma = {})".format(R, 0.05 * R))

```

### 1.5.1 See Also

`examples/Statistics/statistics.py`.





## FITTING

The script will cycle through all files in a selected directory (unless certain files are excluded or explicitly listed) and will store the experimental data. The experimental data can then be fitted to user-defined model.

### 2.1 Formulate the model

The ImpedanceFitter parser understands circuits that follow a simple pattern:

- Elements in series are connected by a +.
- Elements in parallel are connected by *parallel(A, B)*.

An example of a circuit could be:

```
parallel(R, C) + CPE
```

This stands for a resistor in parallel with a capacitor that are in series with a constant phase element (CPE).

Also nested parallels are possible:

```
parallel(parallel(L, C), R)
```

Find all available elements in Section *Circuit elements* and all available circuits in Section *Circuits*.

You can also use prefixes. This is needed if you want to combine multiple elements or circuits of the same type. Otherwise, the parameters cannot be distinguished by LMFIT.

For example:

```
parallel(R_f1, C_f1) + parallel(R_f2, C_f2)
```

### 2.2 Execute the fit

Using *impedancefitter.fitter.Fitter.run()*, those files can be fitted to an equivalent circuit model. If there are two models involved that shall be fitted sequentially for each file, refer to *impedancefitter.fitter.Fitter.sequential\_run()*. This method allows one to communicate inferred parameters to the second model. In [Sabuncu2012], an example of such a sequential procedure has been presented.

## 2.3 Add a custom model

If you want to add a custom model that cannot be built by the existing models, you need to follow these steps:

1. Create a new function for this like

```
def example_function(omega, parameterA, parameterB):  
    impedance = ...  
    return impedance
```

The first argument of the function needs to be named *omega* and is the angular frequency! The same holds true for elements. LMFIT generates the model based on the function arguments and always takes the first argument as the independent variable. The other parameters are then accessible by their names.

2. Give this model a reference name that does not contain numbers or underscores. Link it in `impedancefitter.utils._model_function()` to the function you defined in the previous step. Add the model to `impedancefitter.utils.available_models()`.
3. Add the new parameter names and their corresponding LaTeX representation to `impedancefitter.utils.get_labels()`.
4. Write a unit test for the model.
5. Use the model.

## 2.4 API Reference

**class** `impedancefitter.fitter.Fitter` (*inputformat*, *directory=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

The main fitting object class. All files in the data directory with matching file ending are imported to be fitted.

### Parameters

- **inputformat** (*string*) – The inputformat of the data files. Must be one of the formats specified in `impedancefitter.utils.available_file_format()`. Moreover, the ending of the file must match the *inputformat*.
- **directory** (*string*, *optional*) – Path to data directory. Provide the data directory if the data directory is not the current working directory.
- **LogLevel** (*{'DEBUG', 'INFO', 'WARNING'}*, *optional*) – choose level for logger. Case DEBUG: the script will output plots after each fit, case INFO: the script will output results from each fit to the console.
- **excludeEnding** (*string*, *optional*) – For file ending that should be ignored (if there are files with the same ending as the chosen inputformat). Useful for instance, if there are files like *\*\_data.csv* and *\*\_result.csv* around and only the first should be fitted.
- **ending** (*string*, *optional*) – When *inputformat* is *TXT*, an alternative file ending is possible. The default is *.TXT*.
- **minimumFrequency** (*float*, *optional*) – If you want to use another frequency than the minimum frequency in the dataset.
- **maximumFrequency** (*float*, *optional*) – If you want to use another frequency than the maximum frequency in the dataset.
- **data\_sets** (*int*, *optional*) – Use only a certain number of data sets instead of all in directory.
- **current\_threshold** (*float*, *optional*) – Use only for data from E4980AL LCR meter to check current. If the current is not close to the threshold, the data point will be neglected.

- **write\_output** (*bool, optional*) – Decide if you want to dump output to file. Default is False
- **fileList** (*list of strings, optional*) – provide a list of files that exclusively should be processed. No other files will be processed. This option is particularly good if you have a common fileending of your data (e.g., .csv)
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Decide if you want to see the plots during the fitting procedure.
- **savefig** (*bool, optional*) – Decide if you want to save the plots. Default is False.
- **trace\_b** (*string, optional*) – For TXT files, which contain more than one trace. The data is only read in until `trace_b` is found. Default is None (then `trace_b` does not have any effect).
- **skiprows\_txt** (*int, optional*) – Number of header rows inside a TXT file. Default is 1.
- **skiprows\_trace** (*int, optional*) – Lines between traces blocks in a TXT file. Default is None (then `skiprows_trace` does not have any effect).
- **delimiter** (*str, optional*) – Only for TXT files. If the TXT file is not tab-separated, this can be specified here.

### Variables

- **omega\_dict** (*dict*) – Contains frequency lists that were found in the individual files. The keys are the file names, the values the frequencies.
- **z\_dict** (*dict*) – Contains corresponding impedances. Note that the values might be lists when there was more than one impedance data set in the file.
- **fit\_data** (*dict*) – Contains the fitting results for each individual file. In case of a sequential run, the dictionary contains two sub-dictionaries with keys *model1* and *model2* and the results.
- **fittedValues** (`lmfit.model.ModelResult`) – The fitting result of the last data set that was fitted. Exists only when `run()` was called.
- **fittedValues1** (`lmfit.model.ModelResult`) – The fitting result of the last data set that was fitted. Exists only when `sequential_run()` was called and corresponds to the first model in this run.
- **fittedValues2** (`lmfit.model.ModelResult`) – The fitting result of the last data set that was fitted. Exists only when `sequential_run()` was called and corresponds to the second model in this run.

**cluster\_emcee\_result** (*constant=100.0, show=False*)

Apply clustering to eliminate low-probability samples.

### Parameters

- **constant** (*float*) – The constant, which is used to define the threshold from which on walkers are eliminated.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Plot clustering result.

## Notes

The clustering approach described in [Hou2012] is implemented in this function. The walkers are sorted by probability and subsequently the difference between adjacent walker probabilities  $\Delta_j$  is evaluated. Then the average difference between the current and the first walker ( $\bar{\Delta}_j$ ) is evaluated. Both differences are compared and a threshold is defined:

$$\Delta_j > \text{constant} \cdot \bar{\Delta}_j$$

When this inequality becomes true, all walkers with  $k > j$  are thrown away.

## References

### `emcee_conf_interval(result)`

Compute emcee confidence intervals.

The  $1\sigma$  to  $3\sigma$  confidence intervals are computed for a fitting result generated by emcee since this case is not covered by the original LMFIT implementation.

**Parameters** `result` (`lmfit.model.ModelResult`) – Result from fit.

#### Returns

Dictionary containing limits of confidence intervals for all free parameters. The limits are structured in a list with 7 items, which are ordered as follows:

1. lower limit of  $3\sigma$  confidence interval.
2. lower limit of  $2\sigma$  confidence interval.
3. lower limit of  $1\sigma$  confidence interval.
4. median.
5. upper limit of  $1\sigma$  confidence interval.
6. upper limit of  $2\sigma$  confidence interval.
7. upper limit of  $3\sigma$  confidence interval.

**Return type** dict

### `emcee_report()`

Reports acceptance fraction and autocorrelation times.

### `initialize_model(modelname, log=False)`

Interface to LMFIT model class.

The equivalent circuit (represented as a string) is parsed and a LMFIT Model is returned. This can be useful if one wants to compute the impedance values for a given model and use it in a different context.

#### Parameters

- **modelname** (*string*) – Provide equivalent circuit model to be parsed.
- **log** (*bool*) – Decide, if logscale is used for the model.

**Returns** `model` – The resulting LMFIT model.

**Return type** `lmfit.model.Model`

### `linkk_test(capacitance=False, inductance=False, c=0.85, maxM=100, show=True, limits=[-2, 2])`

Lin-KK test to check Kramers-Kronig validity.

**Parameters**

- **capacitance** (*bool, optional*) – Add extra capacitance to circuit.
- **inductance** (*bool, optional*) – Add extra inductance to circuit.
- **c** (*double, optional*) – Set threshold for algorithm as described in [Schoenleber2014]. Must be between 0 and 1.
- **maxM** (*int, optional*) – Maximum number of RC elements. Default is 100.
- **show** (*bool*) – Show plots of test result. Default is True.
- **limits** (*list, optional*) – Lower and upper limit of residual.

**Returns**

- **results** (*dict*) – Values of Lin-KK test for each file.
- **mus** (*dict*) – All *mu* values during Lin-KK run for each file.
- **residuals** (*dict*) – Least-squares residuals during Lin-KK run for each file.

**Notes**

The implementation of the algorithm follows [Schoenleber2014] closely.

If the option *savefig* is generally enabled, the plot result of the LinKK-Test will be saved to a pdf-file.

**References**

**model\_iterations** (*modelclass*)

**Information about number of iterations** if there is an iterative scheme for a modelclass.

**Parameters** **modelclass** (*str*) – Name of the modelclass. This means that this model is represented in the equivalent circuit.

**Returns** Number of iteration steps.

**Return type** int

**Notes***Double-Shell model*

The following iterative procedure is applied:

1. 1st Fit: The data is fitted against a model comprising the double-shell model. Parameters to be determined in this fitting round: *kmed* and *emed*.
2. 2nd Fit: The parameters *kmed* and *emed* are fixed and the data is fitted again. To be determined in this fit: *km* and *em*.
3. 3rd Fit: In addition, the parameters *km* and *em* are fixed and the data is fitted again. To be determined in this fit: *kcp*.
4. last Fit: In addition, the parameter *kcp* is fixed. To be determined in this fit: all remaining parameters.

*Single-Shell model*

The following iterative procedure is applied:

1. 1st Fit: The data is fitted against a model comprising the single-shell model. Parameters to be determined in this fitting round: *kmed* and *emed*.
2. 2nd Fit: The parameters *kmed* and *emed* are fixed and the data is fitted again.

*Cole-Cole model*

1. 1st Fit: The data is fitted against a model comprising the Cole-Cole model. Parameters to be determined in this fitting round: *kdc* and *eh*.
2. 2nd Fit: The parameters *kdc* and *eh* are fixed and the data is fitted again.

**See also:**

```
impedancefitter.double_shell.double_shell_model(),      impedancefitter.
single_shell.single_shell_model(),                    impedancefitter.cole_cole.
cole_cole_model()
```

**plot\_initial\_best\_fit** (*sequential=False*)

Plot initial and best fit together.

This method reveals how good the initial fit was.

**Parameters** *sequential* (*bool, optional*) – If a *sequential\_run()* was performed, set this value to True.

**plot\_uncertainty\_interval** (*sigma=1, sequential=False*)

Plot uncertainty interval around best fit.

**Parameters**

- **sigma** (*{1, 2, 3}, optional*) – Choose sigma for confidence interval.
- **sequential** (*bool, optional*) – Set to True if you performed a sequential run before.

**prepare\_emcee\_run** ()

Prepare initial configuration.

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**Todo:** Implement.

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**process\_data\_from\_file** (*filename, model, parameters, modelclass=None*)

Fit data from input file to model.

Wrapper for LMFIT fitting routine.

**Parameters**

- **filename** (*str*) – Filename, which is contained in the data dictionaries *omega\_dict* and *z\_dict*.
- **model** (*lmfit.model.Model* or *lmfit.model.CompositeModel*) – The model to fit to.
- **parameters** (*lmfit.parameter.Parameters*) – The model parameters to be used.
- **modelclass** (*str, optional*) – For an iterative scheme, the modelclass is passed to this function.

**Returns** Result of fit as *lmfit.model.ModelResult* object.

**Return type** *lmfit.model.ModelResult*

**run** (*modelname, solver=None, parameters=None, protocol=None, solver\_kwargs={}, model-class='none', log=False, weighting=None*)

Main function that iterates through all data sets provided.

## Parameters

- **modelname** (*string*) – Name of the model to be parsed. Must be built by those provided in `impedancefitter.utils.available_models()` and using `+` and `parallel(x, y)` as possible representations of series or parallel circuit.
- **solver** (*string, optional*) – Choose an optimizer. Must be available in LMFIT. Default is `least_squares`
- **parameters** (*dict, optional*) – Provide parameters if you do not want to read them from a yaml file (for instance in parallel UQ runs).
- **protocol** (*string, optional*) – Choose ‘Iterative’ for repeated fits with changing parameter sets, customized approach. If not specified, there is always just one fit for each data set.
- **solver\_kwargs** (*dict, optional*) – Customize the employed solver. Interface to the LMFIT routine.
- **modelclass** (*str, optional*) – Pass a modelclass for which the iterative scheme should be used. This is experimental support for iterative schemes, where parameters can be fixed during the fitting routine. In the future, a more intelligent approach could be found. See `impedancefitter.Fitter.model_iterations()`
- **weighting** (*str, optional*) – Choose a weighting scheme. Default is unit weighting. Also possible: proportional weighting. See [Barsoukov2018] for more information.

## References

**sequential\_run** (*model1, model2, communicate, solver=None, solver\_kwargs={}, parameters1=None, parameters2=None, modelclass1=None, modelclass2=None, protocol=None*)

Main function that iterates through all data sets provided.

Here, two models are fitted sequentially and fitted parameters can be communicated from one model to the other.

## Parameters

- **model1** (*string*) – Name of first model. Must be built by those provided in `impedancefitter.utils.available_models()` and using `+` and `parallel(x, y)` as possible representations of series or parallel circuit
- **model2** (*string*) – Name of second model. Must be built by those provided in `impedancefitter.utils.available_models()` and using `+` and `parallel(x, y)` as possible representations of series or parallel circuit
- **communicate** (*list of strings*) – Names of parameters that should be communicated from model1 to model2. Requires that model2 contains a parameter that is named appropriately.
- **solver** (*string, optional*) – choose an optimizer. Must be available in LMFIT. Default is `least_squares`
- **solver\_kwargs** (*dict, optional*) – Customize the employed solver. Interface to the LMFIT routine.
- **parameters1** (*dict, optional*) – Parameters of model1. Provide parameters if you do not want to use a yaml file.
- **parameters2** (*dict, optional*) – Parameters of model2. Provide parameters if you do not want to use a yaml file.

- **modelclass1** (*str, optional*) – Pass a modelclass for which the iterative scheme should be used. This is experimental support for iterative schemes, where parameters can be fixed during the fitting routine. In the future, a more intelligent approach could be found.
- **modelclass2** (*str, optional*) – Pass a modelclass for which the iterative scheme should be used. This is experimental support for iterative schemes, where parameters can be fixed during the fitting routine. In the future, a more intelligent approach could be found.
- **protocol** (*string, optional*) – Choose ‘Iterative’ for repeated fits with changing parameter sets, customized approach. If not specified, there is always just one fit for each data set.

**visualize\_data** (*savefig=False, Zlog=False, allinone=False, show=True*)

Visualize impedance data.

#### Parameters

- **savefig** (*bool, optional*) – Decide if plots should be saved as pdf. Default is False. Saves the file as *filename* + index of dataset + *\_impedance\_overview.pdf*. If *allinone* is True, then it is *allinone\_impedance\_overview.pdf*.
- **Zlog** (*bool, optional*) – Plot impedance on logscale.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Decide if you want to immediately see the plot.
- **allinone** (*bool, optional*) – Visualize all data sets in one plot



## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

To analyse the fit results when the data set is rather large, there exists an interface to [OpenTurns](#). It can generate histograms or find the best distribution to describe a certain fit parameter of the data set.

### 3.1 API Reference

**class** `impedancefitter.postprocess.PostProcess` (*fitresult=None, yamlfile=False*)

This class provides the possibility to statistically analyse the fitted data.

#### Parameters

- **fitresult** (*dict*) – Result of the fit.
- **yamlfile** (*bool*) – Provide the link to a file from which you want to read the results.

#### Notes

Provide either *fitresult* or *yamlfile*.

**best\_model\_bic** (*parameter, distributions, showQQ=False*)

Test, which distribution models your data best based on the Bayesian information criterion.

#### Parameters

- **parameter** (*string*) – Parameter, whose distribution is to be found.
- **distributions** (*list*) – List with strings describing valid OpenTURNS distributions such as `['Normal', 'Uniform']`

#### Returns

- `openturns.Distribution`
- *float*

**best\_model\_chisquared** (*parameter, distributions, showQQ=False*)

Test, which distribution models your data best based on the chisquared test.

#### Parameters

- **parameter** (*string*) – Parameter, whose distribution is to be found.
- **distributions** (*list*) – List with strings describing valid OpenTURNS distributions such as `['Normal', 'Uniform']`

#### Returns

- `openturns.Distribution`

- `openturns.TestResult`

**best\_model\_kolmogorov** (*parameter, distributions, showQQ=False*)

Test, which distribution models your data best based on the kolmogorov test.

#### Parameters

- **parameter** (*string*) – Parameter, whose distribution is to be found.
- **distributions** (*list*) – List with strings describing valid OpenTURNS distributions such as `['Normal', 'Uniform']`

#### Returns

- `openturns.Distribution`
- `openturns.TestResult`

#### See also:

`openturns.FittingTest_BestModelKolmogorov()`

**fit\_to\_histogram\_distribution** (*parameter, showQQ=False*)

Generate histogram from results.

**Parameters** **parameter** (*string*) – Parameter, whose distribution is to be found.

#### Returns

**Return type** `openturns.Distribution`

**fit\_to\_normal\_distribution** (*parameter, showQQ=False*)

Fit results for to normal distribution.

#### Parameters

- **parameter** (*string*) – Parameter, whose distribution is to be found.
- **showQQ** (*bool, optional*) – Decide if you want to check the fit visually

#### Returns

**Return type** `openturns.Distribution`

**plot\_histograms** (*savefig=False, show=True*)

Plot histograms for all determined parameters.

#### Parameters

- **savefig** (*bool, optional*) – Set to True if you want to save the figure *histograms.pdf*.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Switch on or off if figures is shown.

## Notes

Fails if values are too close to each other, i.e. the variance is very small.

## CIRCUIT ELEMENTS

The following elements are available. Since prefixes are possible, each element is referred to as by a special name. The elements' parameters are called as in the original function. This is the concept of LMFIT.

### 4.1 Names for building the model

Name	Corresponding function
R	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_R()</code>
C	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_C()</code>
L	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_L()</code>
W	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_w()</code>
Wo	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_wo()</code>
Ws	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_ws()</code>
Cstray	<code>impedancefitter.elements.Z_stray()</code>

### 4.2 API reference

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_C(omega, C)`  
Capacitor impedance

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **C** (`double`) – capacitance of capacitor

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_CPE(omega, k, alpha)`  
CPE impedance

$$Z_{\text{CPE}} = k^{-1}(j\omega)^{-\alpha}$$

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **k** (`double`) – CPE factor
- **alpha** (`double`) – CPE phase

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_L(omega, L)`

Impedance of an inductor.

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **L** (*double*) – inductance

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_R(omega, R)`

Create array for a resistor.

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **R** (*double*) – Resistance.

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_stray(omega, Cs)`

Stray capacitance in pF

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **Cs** (*double*) – Stray capacitance, for numerical reasons in pF.

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_w(omega, Aw)`

Warburg element

$$Z_W = A_W \frac{1-j}{\sqrt{\omega}}$$

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **Aw** (*double*) – Warburg coefficient

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.elements.Z_wo(omega, Aw, B)`

Warburg open element

**Parameters**

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **Aw** (*double*) – Warburg coefficient
- **B** (*double*) – Second coefficient

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

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**Todo:** Better documentation needed.

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`impedancefitter.elements.Z_ws` (*omega*, *Aw*, *B*)

Warburg short element

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **Aw** (*double*) – Warburg coefficient
- **B** (*double*) – Second coefficient

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

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**Todo:** Better documentation needed.

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`impedancefitter.elements.log` (*Z1*, *dummy*)

Return logarithm of impedance for LMFIT

### Parameters

- **Z1** (`numpy.ndarray`, complex) – Impedance 1
- **dummy** (`numpy.ndarray`, complex) – Array full of ones, such that `np.log10(dummy)` is zero.

`impedancefitter.elements.parallel` (*Z1*, *Z2*)

Return values of parallel circuit.

### Parameters

- **Z1** (`numpy.ndarray`, complex) – Impedance 1
- **Z2** (`numpy.ndarray`, complex) – Impedance 2

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex



## CIRCUITS

There exist a few predefined circuits that were implemented based on published papers. Usually, those circuits are rather complex and cannot be built by the existing elements or feature parameters in certain ranges or units that are not consistent with the generally chosen unit set.

## 5.1 Names for building the model

Name	Corresponding function
ColeCole	<code>impedancefitter.cole_cole.cole_cole_model()</code>
ColeColeR	<code>impedancefitter.cole_cole.cole_cole_R_model()</code>
Randles	<code>impedancefitter.randles.Z_randles()</code>
RandlesCPE	<code>impedancefitter.randles.Z_randles_CPE()</code>
DRC	<code>impedancefitter.RC.drc_model()</code>
RCfull	<code>impedancefitter.RC.RC_model()</code>
RC	<code>impedancefitter.RC.rc_model()</code>
SingleShell	<code>impedancefitter.single_shell.single_shell_model()</code>
DoubleShell	<code>impedancefitter.double_shell.double_shell_model()</code>
CPE	<code>impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_model()</code>
CPECT	<code>impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_ct_model()</code>
CPECTW	<code>impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_ct_w_model()</code>

## 5.2 Cole-Cole circuits

`impedancefitter.cole_cole.cole_cole_R_model(omega, Rinf, R0, tau, a)`

Standard Cole-Cole circuit for macroscopic quantities.

See for example [Schwan1957] for more information.

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`, double) – list of frequencies
- **Rinf** (double) – value for  $R_\infty$
- **R0** (double) – value for  $R_0$
- **tau** (double) – value for  $\tau$ , in ns
- **a** (double) – value for  $1 - \alpha = a$

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

Equation for calculations:

$$Z_{\text{Cole}} = R_{\infty} + \frac{R_0 - R_{\infty}}{1 + (j\omega\tau)^a}$$

**Warning:** The time constant tau is in ns!

## References

`impedancefitter.cole_cole.cole_cole_model` (*omega*, *c0*, *el*, *tau*, *a*, *kdc*, *eh*)

Cole-Cole model for dielectric properties.

The model was implemented as presented in [Sabuncu2012]. You need to provide the unit capacitance of your device to get the dielectric properties of the Cole-Cole model.

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`, double) – list of frequencies
- **c0** (*double*) – value for  $c_0$ , unit capacitance in pF
- **eh** (*double*) – value for  $\varepsilon_h$
- **el** (*double*) – value for  $\varepsilon_l$
- **tau** (*double*) – value for  $\tau$ , in ns
- **kdc** (*double*) – value for  $\sigma_{dc}$
- **a** (*double*) – value for  $1 - \alpha = a$

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

**Warning:** The unit capacitance is in pF! The time constant tau is in ns!

Equations for calculations:

$$\varepsilon_s = \varepsilon_h + \frac{\varepsilon_l - \varepsilon_h}{1 + (j\omega\tau)^a}$$

$$Z_s = \frac{1}{j\varepsilon_s\omega c_0 + \frac{\sigma_{dc}c_0}{\varepsilon_0}}$$



## References

## 5.3 Single-Shell model

`impedancefitter.single_shell.single_shell_model` (*omega*, *em*, *km*, *kcp*, *ecp*, *kmed*, *emed*, *p*, *c0*, *dm*, *Rc*)

Single Shell model.

## Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`, double) – list of frequencies
- **c0** (*double*) – value for  $c_0$ , unit capacitance in pF
- **em** (*double*) – membrane permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_m$
- **km** (*double*) – membrane conductivity, value for  $\sigma_m$
- **ecp** (*double*) – cytoplasm permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_{cp}$
- **kcp** (*double*) – cytoplasm conductivity, value for  $\sigma_{cp}$
- **emed** (*double*) – medium permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_{med}$
- **kmed** (*double*) – medium conductivity, value for  $\sigma_{med}$
- **p** (*double*) – volume fraction
- **dm** (*double*) – membrane thickness, value for  $d_m$
- **Rc** (*double*) – cell radius, value for  $R_c$

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

**Warning:** The unit capacitance is in pF!

Equations for the single-shell-model [Feldman2003]:

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_1 &= \left(1 - \frac{d_m}{R_c}\right)^3 \\ \varepsilon_m &= \varepsilon_m - j \frac{\sigma_m}{\varepsilon_0 \omega} \\ \varepsilon_{cp} &= \varepsilon_{cp} - j \frac{\sigma_{cp}}{\varepsilon_0 \omega} \\ \varepsilon_{cell}^* &= \varepsilon_m^* \frac{2(1 - \nu_1) + (1 + 2\nu_1)E_1}{(2 + \nu_1) + (1 - \nu_1)E_1} \\ E_1 &= \frac{\varepsilon_{cp}^*}{\varepsilon_m^*} \\ \varepsilon_{sus}^* &= \varepsilon_{med}^* \frac{(2\varepsilon_{med}^* + \varepsilon_{cell}^*) - 2p(\varepsilon_{med}^* - \varepsilon_{cell}^*)}{(2\varepsilon_{med}^* + \varepsilon_{cell}^*) + p(\varepsilon_{med}^* - \varepsilon_{cell}^*)} \\ Z &= \frac{1}{j\varepsilon_{sus}^* \omega c_0}\end{aligned}$$

## References

See also:

`impedancefitter.double_shell.double_shell_model()`

## 5.4 Double-Shell model

`impedancefitter.double_shell.double_shell_model` (*omega*, *km*, *em*, *kcp*, *ecp*, *ene*, *kne*, *knp*, *enp*, *kmed*, *emed*, *p*, *c0*, *dm*, *Rc*, *dn*, *Rn*)

Double Shell model.

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`, `double`) – list of frequencies
- **c0** (`double`) – value for  $c_0$ , unit capacitance in pF
- **em** (`double`) – membrane permittivity, membrane permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_m$
- **km** (`double`) – membrane conductivity, value for  $\sigma_m$
- **ecp** (`double`) – cytoplasm permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_{cp}$
- **kcp** (`double`) – cytoplasm conductivity, value for  $\sigma_{cp}$
- **ene** (`double`) – nuclear envelope permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_{ne}$
- **kne** (`double`) – nuclear envelope conductivity, value for  $\sigma_{ne}$
- **enp** (`double`) – nucleoplasm permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_{np}$
- **knp** (`double`) – nucleoplasm conductivity, value for  $\sigma_{np}$
- **emed** (`double`) – medium permittivity, value for  $\varepsilon_{med}$
- **kmed** (`double`) – medium conductivity, value for  $\sigma_{med}$
- **p** (`double`) – volume fraction
- **dm** (`double`) – membrane thickness, value for  $d_m$
- **Rc** (`double`) – cell radius, value for  $R_c$
- **dn** (`double`) – nuclear envelope thickness, value for  $d_n$
- **Rn** (`double`) – nucleus radius, value for  $R_n$

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

**Warning:** The unit capacitance is in pF!

Equations for the single-shell-model [Feldman2003]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_1 &= \left(1 - \frac{d_m}{R_c}\right)^3 \\
 \nu_2 &= \left(\frac{R_n}{R - d}\right)^3 \\
 \nu_3 &= \left(1 - \frac{d_n}{R_n}\right)^3 \\
 \varepsilon_c^* &= \varepsilon_m^* \frac{2(1 - \nu_1) + (1 + 2\nu_1)E_1}{(2 + \nu_1) + (1 - \nu_1)E_1} \\
 E_1 &= \frac{\varepsilon_{cp}^*}{\varepsilon_m^*} \frac{2(1 - \nu_2) + (1 + 2\nu_2)E_2}{(2 + \nu_2) + (1 - \nu_2)E_2} \\
 E_2 &= \frac{\varepsilon_{ne}^*}{\varepsilon_{cp}^*} \frac{2(1 - \nu_3) + (1 + 2\nu_3)E_3}{(2 + \nu_3) + (1 - \nu_3)E_3} \\
 E_3 &= \frac{\varepsilon_{np}^*}{\varepsilon_{ne}^*} \\
 \varepsilon_m &= \varepsilon_m - j \frac{\sigma_m}{\varepsilon_0 \omega} \\
 \varepsilon_{cp} &= \varepsilon_{cp} - j \frac{\sigma_{cp}}{\varepsilon_0 \omega} \\
 \varepsilon_{ne} &= \varepsilon_{ne} - j \frac{\sigma_{ne}}{\varepsilon_0 \omega} \\
 \varepsilon_{np} &= \varepsilon_{np} - j \frac{\sigma_{np}}{\varepsilon_0 \omega} \\
 \varepsilon_{cell}^* &= \varepsilon_m^* \frac{2(1 - \nu_1) + (1 + 2\nu_1)E_1}{(2 + \nu_1) + (1 - \nu_1)E_1} \\
 \varepsilon_{sus}^* &= \varepsilon_{med}^* \frac{(2\varepsilon_{med}^* + \varepsilon_{cell}^*) - 2p(\varepsilon_{med}^* - \varepsilon_{cell}^*)}{(2\varepsilon_{med}^* + \varepsilon_{cell}^*) + p(\varepsilon_{med}^* - \varepsilon_{cell}^*)} \\
 Z &= \frac{1}{j\varepsilon_{sus}^* \omega c_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

In [Ermolina2000], there have been reported upper/lower limits for certain parameters. They could act as a first guess for the bounds of the optimization method.

Parameter	lower limit	upper limit
$\varepsilon_m$	1.4	16.8
$\sigma_m$	8e-8	5.6e-5
$\varepsilon_{cp}$	60	77
$\sigma_{cp}$	0.033	1.1
$\varepsilon_{ne}$	6.8	100
$\sigma_{ne}$	8.3e-5	7e-3
$\varepsilon_{np}$	32	300
$\sigma_{np}$	0.25	2.2
$R$	3.5e-6	10.5e-6
$R_n$	2.95e-6	8.85e-6
$d$	3.5e-9	10.5e-9
$d_n$	2e-8	6e-8

See also:

`impedancefitter.single_shell.single_shell_model()`

## 5.5 Inductance circuits

`impedancefitter.loss.Z_in(omega, L, R)`

Lead inductance of wires connecting DUT.

Described for instance in [Kordzadeh2016].

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **L** (*double*) – inductance
- **C** (*double*) – capacitance
- **R** (*double*) – resistance

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

### References

### Notes

As mentioned in [Kordzadeh2016], the unit of the inductance is nH.

`impedancefitter.loss.Z_loss(omega, L, C, R)`

Impedance for high loss materials, where LCR are in parallel.

Described for instance in [Kordzadeh2016].

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **L** (*double*) – inductance
- **C** (*double*) – capacitance

- **R** (*double*) – resistance

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

### Notes

As mentioned in [Kordzadeh2016], the unit of the capacitance is pF and the unit of the inductance is nH.

## 5.6 CPE circuits

`impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_ct_model(omega, k, alpha, Rct)`  
Constant Phase Element in parallel with charge transfer resistance.

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **k** (*double*) – CPE factor
- **alpha** (*double*) – CPE phase
- **Rct** (*double*) – charge transfer resistance

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

**See also:**

`impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_model()`

`impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_ct_w_model(omega, k, alpha, Rct, Aw)`

**Constant Phase Element in parallel with** charge transfer resistance, which is in series with Warburg element.

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **k** (*double*) – CPE factor
- **alpha** (*double*) – CPE phase
- **Rct** (*double*) – charge transfer resistance
- **Aw** (*double*) – Warburg coefficient

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

**See also:**

`impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_model()`

`impedancefitter.cpe.cpe_model(omega, k, alpha)`  
Constant Phase Element.

$$Z_{\text{CPE}} = k^{-1}(j\omega)^{-\alpha}$$

### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`) – List of frequencies.
- **k** (*double*) – CPE factor
- **alpha** (*double*) – CPE phase

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## 5.7 RC circuits

`impedancefitter.RC.RC_model(omega, Rd, Cd)`

Simple RC model, resistor in parallel with capacitor.

### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or array of double*) – list of frequencies
- **Rd** (*complex*) – Resistance.
- **Cd** (*double*) – Capacitance

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

`impedancefitter.RC.drc_model(omega, RE, tauE, alpha, beta)`

Distributed RC circuit.

### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or array of double*) – list of frequencies
- **RE** (*double*) – resistance
- **tauE** (*double*) – relaxation time, in ns
- **alpha** (*double*) – Cole-Cole exponent
- **beta** (*double*) – DRC exponent, beta = 1 equals Cole-Cole model

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

### Notes

Described for example in [Emmert2011].

**Warning:** The time constant tauE is in ns!

## References

`impedancefitter.RC.rc_model(omega, c0, kdc, eps)`

Simple RC model to obtain dielectric properties.

### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or array of double*) – list of frequencies
- **c0** (*double*) – unit capacitance in pF
- **eps** (*double*) – relative permittivity
- **kdc** (*double*) – conductivity

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

**Warning:** C0 is in pF!

`impedancefitter.RC.rc_tau_model(omega, Rk, tauk)`

Compute RC model without explicit capacitance.

### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or array of double*) – list of frequencies
- **Rk** (*double*) – resistance
- **tauk** (*double*) – relaxation time

## Notes

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

## Notes

Used for example in the Lin-KK test [[Schoenleber2014](#)].

The impedance reads

$$Z = \frac{R_k}{1 + j\omega\tau_k}$$

## 5.8 Randles circuits

`impedancefitter.randles.Z_randles` (*omega*, *Rct*, *Rs*, *Aw*, *C0*)

Randles circuit.

### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or array of double*) – list of frequencies
- **Rct** (*double*) – Resistance in series with Warburg element, e.g. charge transfer resistance
- **Rs** (*double*) – Resistance of the DUT, e.g. electrolyte resistance
- **Aw** (*double*) – Warburg coefficient
- **C0** (*double*) – capacitance

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

### Notes

Function holding the Randles equation with capacitor in parallel to resistor in series with Warburg element and another resistor in series.

Equations for calculations:

Impedance of resistor and Warburg element:

$$Z_{RW} = R_0 + A_W \frac{1-j}{\sqrt{\omega}}$$

Impedance of capacitor:

$$Z_C = (j\omega C_0)^{-1}$$

$$Z_{\text{fit}} = R_s + \frac{Z_C Z_{RW}}{Z_C + Z_{RW}}$$

`impedancefitter.randles.Z_randles_CPE` (*omega*, *Rct*, *Rs*, *Aw*, *k*, *alpha*)

Randles circuit with CPE instead of capacitor.

### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or array of double*) – list of frequencies
- **Rct** (*double*) – Resistance in series with Warburg element, e.g. charge transfer resistance
- **Rs** (*double*) – Resistance of the DUT, e.g. electrolyte resistance
- **Aw** (*double*) – Warburg coefficient
- **k** (*double*) – CPE coefficient
- **alpha** (*double*) – CPE exponent

**Returns** Impedance array

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`, complex

**See also:**

`Z_randles()`, `impedancefitter.elements.Z_CPE()`



## UTILITIES

```
impedancefitter.utils.available_file_format()
```

List available file formats.

Currently available:

**XLSX and CSV:**

The file is structured like: frequency, real part of impedance, imaginary part of impedance. There may be many different sets of impedance data, i.e. there may be more columns with the real and the imaginary part. Then, the frequencies column must not be repeated. In fact, the number of columns equals the number of impedance data sets plus one (for the frequency).

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**Note:** A single header line is needed in a CSV and XLSX file. It may contain for example *frequency*, *Real Part*, *Imag Part*. Otherwise the read-in function will fail.

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**CSV\_E4980AL:**

Read in data that is structured in 5 columns: frequency, real part, imaginary part of the impedance, voltage, current

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**Note:** There is always only one data set in a file.

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**TXT:**

These files contain frequency, real and imaginary part of the impedance (i.e., 3 columns). The TXT files may contain two traces; only one of them is read in. For TXT files you can specify the number of rows to skip. Moreover, the file ending is not strictly enforced here.

**See also:**

*impedancefitter.fitter.Fitter*

```
impedancefitter.utils.available_models()
```

return list of available models

```
impedancefitter.utils.check_parameters(bufdict)
```

Check parameters for physical correctness.

**Parameters** *bufdict* (*dict*) – Contains all parameters and their values

```
impedancefitter.utils.draw_scheme(modelname, show=True, save=False)
```

Show (and save) SchemDraw drawing.

**Parameters**

- **modelname** (*str*) – String representation of the equivalent circuit.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Show scheme in matplotlib window.
- **save** (*bool, optional*) – Save scheme to file. File is called *scheme.svg*.

`impedancefitter.utils.get_equivalent_circuit_model(modelname, logscale=False)`  
 Get LMFIT CompositeModel.

#### Parameters

- **modelname** (*str*) – String representation of the equivalent circuit.
- **logscale** (*bool*) – Convert to logscale.

**Returns** the final model of the entire circuit

**Return type** `lmfit.model.CompositeModel` or `lmfit.model.Model`

#### Notes

The parser is based on Pyparsing. It is sensitive towards extra ( or ) or +. Thus, keep the circuit simple.

`impedancefitter.utils.get_labels(params)`  
 return the labels for every parameter in LaTeX code.

**Parameters** **params** (*list of string*) – list with parameters names (possible prefixes included)

**Returns** **labels** – dictionary with parameter names as keys and LaTeX code as values.

**Return type** dict

`impedancefitter.utils.return_diel_properties(omega, Z, c0)`

Return relative permittivity and conductivity from impedance spectrum in cavity with known unit capacitance.

#### Notes

Use that the impedance is

$$Z = (j\omega\varepsilon^*)^{-1},$$

where  $\varepsilon^*$  is the complex permittivity (see for instance [Grant1958] for further explanation).

When the unit capacitance  $c_0$  of the device is known, a direct mapping from impedance to relative complex permittivity is possible:

$$\varepsilon_r^* = (j\omega Z c_0)^{-1} = \frac{\varepsilon^*}{\varepsilon_0}$$

The unit capacitance (or air capacitance) of the device is defined as

$$c_0 = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d}$$

for a parallel-plate capacitor with electrode area  $A$  and spacing  $d$  but can also be measured in a calibration step.

The relative permittivity is the real part of  $\varepsilon_r^*$  and the conductivity is the negative imaginary part times the frequency and the vacuum permittivity.

#### Parameters

- **omega** (`numpy.ndarray`, double) – frequency array

- **Z** (`numpy.ndarray`, complex) – impedance array
- **c0** (*double*) – unit capacitance of device

**Returns**

- **eps\_r** (`numpy.ndarray`, double) – relative permittivity
- **conductivity** (`numpy.ndarray`, double) – conductivity in S/m

**References**

`impedancefitter.utils.set_parameters` (*model*, *parameterdict=None*, *emcee=False*)

**Parameters**

- **model** (`lmfit.model.Model`) – The LMFIT model used for fitting.
- **parameterdict** (*dict*, *optional*) – A dictionary containing parameters for model with *min*, *max*, *vary* info for LMFIT. If it is None (default), the parameters are read in from a yaml-file.
- **emcee** (*bool*, *optional*) – if emcee is used, an additional `__Insigma` parameter will be set

**Returns** **params** – LMFIT Parameters object.

**Return type** `lmfit.parameter.Parameters`



## PLOTTING

### 7.1 API Reference

`impedancefitter.plotting.emcee_plot(res, **corner_kwargs)`

Create corner plot.

#### Parameters

- **res** (*dict*) – Dictionary containing values and flatchain
- **corner\_kwargs** (*dict, optional*) – Dictionary with further corner plot options

`impedancefitter.plotting.plot_bode(omega, Z, title="", Z_fit=None, show=True, save=False, Z_comp=None, labels=['data', 'best fit', 'init fit'])`

Bode plot of impedance.

Plots phase and log of magnitude over log of frequency.

#### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or ndarray of double*) – Frequency array
- **Z** (*complex or array of complex*) – Impedance array, experimental data or data to compare to.
- **Z\_fit** (*complex or array of complex*) – Impedance array, fit result. If provided, the difference between data and fit will be shown.
- **title** (*str*) – Title of plot.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Show figure (default is True).
- **save** (*bool, optional*) – Save figure to pdf (default is False). Name of figure starts with *title*.
- **Z\_comp** (*optional*) – Complex-valued impedance array. Might be used to compare the properties of two data sets.
- **labels** (*list*) – List of labels for three plots. Must have length 3 always. Is ordered like: *[Z, Z\_fit, Z\_comp]*
- **save** (*bool, optional*) – save figure to pdf (default is False). Name of figure starts with *title* and ends with *\_bode\_plot.pdf*.

`impedancefitter.plotting.plot_compare_to_data(omega, Z, Z_fit, subplot=None, title="", show=True, save=False, residual='parts', sign=False, limits=None)`

plots the difference of the fitted function to the data

#### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or ndarray of double*) – frequency array
- **Z** (*complex or array of complex*) – impedance array, experimental data or data to compare to
- **Z\_fit** (*complex or array of complex*) – impedance array, fit result
- **subplot** (*optional*) – decide whether it is a new figure or a subplot. Default is None (yields new figure). Otherwise it can be an integer to denote the subfigure.
- **title** (*str, optional*) – title of plot. Default is an empty string.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – show figure (default is True). Only has an effect when *subplot* is None.
- **save** (*bool, optional*) – save figure to pdf (default is False). Name of figure starts with *title* and ends with *\_relative\_difference\_to\_data.pdf* or *\_difference\_to\_data.pdf*.
- **relative** (*str, optional*) – Plot relative difference if True, else plot residual (i.e. just difference).
- **sign** (*bool, optional*) – Use sign of residual. Default is False, i.e. absolute value is plotted.
- **residual** (*str*) – Plot relative difference w.r.t. real and imaginary part if *parts*. Plot relative difference w.r.t. absolute value if *absolute*. Plot difference (residual) if *diff*.
- **limits** (*list, optional*) – List with entries [*bottom*, *top*] for y-axis of residual plot.

`impedancefitter.plotting.plot_dielectric_properties(omega, Z, c0, Z_comp=None, title="", show=True, save=False)`

#### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or ndarray of double*) – frequency array
- **Z** (*complex or array of complex*) – impedance array
- **c0** (*double*) – unit capacitance of device
- **Z\_comp** (*optional*) – complex-valued impedance array. Might be used to compare the properties of two data sets.
- **title** (*str, optional*) – title of plot. Default is an empty string.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – show figure (default is True)
- **save** (*bool, optional*) – save figure to pdf (default is False). Name of figure starts with *title* and ends with *\_dielectric\_properties.pdf*.

`impedancefitter.plotting.plot_impedance(omega, Z, title="", Z_fit=None, show=True, save=False, Z_comp=None, labels=['data', 'best fit', 'init fit'], residual='parts', sign=False, Zlog=False, append=False, limits_residual=None)`

Plot the *result* and compare it to data *Z*.

Generates 4 subplots showing the real and imaginary parts over the frequency; a Nyquist plot of real and negative imaginary part and the relative differences of real and imaginary part as well as absolute value of impedance.

#### Parameters

- **omega** (*double or ndarray of double*) – Frequency array
- **Z** (*complex or array of complex*) – Impedance array, experimental data or data to compare to.

- **Z\_fit** (*complex or array of complex*) – Impedance array, fit result. If provided, the difference between data and fit will be shown.
- **title** (*str*) – Title of plot.
- **show** (*bool, optional*) – Show figure (default is True).
- **save** (*bool, optional*) – Save figure to pdf (default is False). Name of figure starts with *title* and ends with *\_impedance\_overview.pdf*.
- **Z\_comp** (*optional*) – Complex-valued impedance array. Might be used to compare the properties of two data sets.
- **labels** (*list*) – List of labels for three plots. Must have length 3 always. Is ordered like: [*Z*, *Z\_fit*, *Z\_comp*]
- **residual** (*str*) – Plot relative difference w.r.t. real and imaginary part if *parts*. Plot relative difference w.r.t. absolute value if *absolute*. Plot difference (residual) if *diff*.
- **sign** (*bool, optional*) – Use sign of residual. Default is False, i.e. absolute value is plotted.
- **Zlog** (*bool, optional*) – Log-scale of impedance

`impedancefitter.plotting.plot_uncertainty(omega, Zdata, Z, Z1, Z2, sigma, show=True, model=None)`

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**Todo:** documentation

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**Parameters** **model** (*int, optional*) – numbering of model for sequential plotting





## OVERVIEW

Impedance spectroscopy (IS) is a great tool to analyse the behaviour of an electrical circuit, to characterise the response of a sample (e.g. biological tissue), to determine the dielectric properties of a sample, and much more [Barsoukov2018].

In IS, often (complex) non-linear least squares is used for parameter estimation of equivalent circuit models. ImpedanceFitter is a software that facilitates parameter estimation for arbitrary equivalent circuit models. The equivalent circuit may comprise different standard elements or other models that have been formulated in the context of impedance spectroscopy. The unknown parameters are found by fitting the model to experimental impedance data. The underlying fitting software is LMFIT [Newville2019], which offers an interface to different optimization and curve-fitting methods going beyond standard least-squares. ImpedanceFitter allows one to build a custom equivalent circuit, fit an arbitrary amount of data sets and perform statistical analysis of the results using OpenTurns [Baudin2017].



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