

# MATAA – Mat’s Audio Analyzer

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MATAA is a free audio analysis tool  
for use with MATLAB or GNU Octave

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# 1 Overview

MATAA (<https://github.com/mbrennwa/mataa>) is a highly flexible and versatile audio analysis system. MATAA uses the computer soundcard (or an external audio interface) to feed a test signal to the device under test (DUT) and to simultaneously record the response signal of the DUT. The response signal is then analysed using one or more of the many tools provided by MATAA. MATAA is extremely flexible and extensible, so that you can make it do exactly what you need (it won't make coffee, though). MATAA runs on all sorts of computer platforms and operating systems (Mac OS X, Windows, Linux, etc.). And, most important, MATAA is free software!

However, MATAA is not just another audio analyser, such as e.g. MLSSA (<http://www.mlssa.com>), CLIO (<http://www.audiomatica.com>), IMP (<http://www.libinst.com>), LAUD (<http://www.libinst.com>), Praxis (<http://www.libinst.com>), Hobby Box (<http://www.audio-software.de>), ARTA (<http://www.fesb.hr/~mateljan/arta>), or MacSpeaker (<http://www.audioroot.net/analysis/MacSpeaker.html>), etc. MATAA is rather a collection of small programs (I will call them '*MATAA tools*' or just '*tools*' from now on) that accomplish small (but sometimes difficult or tedious) tasks to acquire, process, transform, and visualise audio data. These tools are written in the standard and easy-to-understand but very powerful programming language of MATLAB (<http://www.mathworks.com>), a numerical computing environment. Instead of MATLAB, you can also use GNU Octave (<http://www.gnu.org/software/octave>), which is a free MATLAB clone. MATAA runs just as well under either MATLAB or Octave.

The strength of MATAA over other audio analysers is its flexibility. The various MATAA tools can be combined in any way you like. In addition, you can use MATLAB/Octave scripts to automate a measurement according to your needs and setup, or to expand on the features of MATAA. Several pre-defined scripts to automate 'typical' analyses are provided with MATAA (e.g. measuring the impulse response of a loudspeaker, removing room echoes, and calculating the anechoic frequency response). To get a feeling for MATAA, I recommend you use these scripts as a starting point and modify them as required for your needs. If you are new to MATLAB/Octave, I recommend you take a look at Chapter 6 [Getting started with MATLAB or Octave], page 77. The approach of having to write MATLAB/Octave commands and scripts may seem cumbersome in comparison to interacting with MATAA using some whizz-bang graphical user interface. However, my experience with writing commands and scripts is that it makes me think twice about how my measurement works, which in turn results in a deeper understanding of the data I acquired with MATAA. Also, once a script works as desired, it is easy and very fast to repeat a given measurement procedure.

One notable advantage of using MATLAB/Octave as a basis for MATAA is that we can use all the available MATLAB/Octave tools for processing, analysis, and plotting of data. MATLAB/Octave can import and export data in various formats, which greatly simplifies the data exchange between MATAA and other software. In addition, MATLAB/Octave provide powerful tools for plotting data, and to export these plots in various graphics file formats.

While MATLAB and Octave both run on a wide variety of operating systems and computer platforms, their audio input/output routines do not work the same on different environments, and, as of this writing, they do not work at all on some operating systems (e.g.

Mac OS X). I therefore designed MATAA such that the audio input/output is handled by one single tool that works differently depending on the computer environment. The user therefore does not need to worry about the audio differences of different platforms. Furthermore, I wrote a program that handles the audio input/output on Mac OS X. So far, the audio input/output of MATAA has been tested on Mac OS X and on Windows. Linux users reported that audio input/output can be compiled successfully, but I cannot provide specific compilation instructions. Chapter 2 [Installation and Setup], page 3, provides more information on the specific requirements of MATAA regarding the audio hardware and operating systems.

To find out more about MATAA, go to the MATAA homepage at <https://github.com/mbrennwa/mataa> (<https://github.com/mbrennwa/mataa>).

## 2 Installation and Setup

Before digging in, I believe the following note is in order: installing MATAA and MATLAB/Octave may be difficult for those who are not experienced computer buffs. If you need help, ask a wizard. If you don't have a wizard at hand, try asking me at [matthias@audioroot.net](mailto:matthias@audioroot.net).

### 2.1 MATLAB/Octave

To run MATAA, you need to install either MATLAB or Octave. I leave it up to you to decide on either of those. You can also install both MATLAB and Octave, they can peacefully co-exist on the same computer. MATLAB is an expensive commercial product, and you get what you pay for (see <http://www.mathworks.com> for details). In contrast, Octave is free software, but you still get a lot from it (more than enough for MATAA), see <http://www.octave.org> for details. Furthermore, there is a very helpful mailing list where you can get help and assistance with Octave, see <http://www.octave.org/help>. Depending on your computer platform and operating system, the installation of MATLAB or Octave will be different. Please follow the instructions that come with MATLAB/Octave.

If you decide to run MATAA using Octave, I highly recommend to use Octave 3.0 or later. While earlier MATAA versions were able to run on Octave 2.1 or 2.9, version 3.0 incorporates a large part of Matlab's handle-graphics system. To simplify further development of MATAA on both Octave and Matlab, I therefore decided to drop support for the older gnuplot-oriented graphics system in Octave. The plotting routines of current versions of MATAA therefore rely on Octave 3.0 or later.

I recommend to keep all your MATLAB/Octave code and packages in one directory (which may of course contain several subdirectories). This greatly helps MATLAB/Octave to find your files. For MATLAB, the default path for this is `~/MATLAB` (where `~` indicates your home directory). For Octave, there is no default (I believe), but I recommend to use either `~/Octave/` or, if you have both MATLAB and Octave installed and want to keep the MATLAB/Octave files in the same directory, `~/MATLAB/`.

### 2.2 MATAA

First of all, download MATAA. There are two possibilities:

- Download a recent package file from <https://github.com/mbrennwa/mataa> and expand it if your internet browser or computer didn't do so already. If you later need to update to a more current version, download the most current package file, expand it and replace your previous version with the new one.
- Download the most current version using subversion with the following command:  
`svn checkout https://github.com/mbrennwa/mataa/trunk`  
 Then rename `trunk` to `mataa`. On Linux or Mac OS X:  
`mv trunk mataa`  
 If you later need to update to the current version, use the following command:  
`svn update`

You should now have a directory `mataa` containing several sub-directories. Make sure `mataa` (and its subdirectories) is located in the MATLAB/Octave search path. For the



purpose of this documentation, it is assumed that `mataa` is installed in `~/MATLAB/` (see Section 2.1 [Installing MATLAB/Octave], page 3). Your MATAA setup should now look like this (in alphabetical order):

- `~/MATLAB/mataa/documentation/`: This directory contains the MATAA documentation and manual in various formats.
- `~/MATLAB/mataa/mataa_scripts/`: This directory contains various demo and test scripts.
- `~/MATLAB/mataa/mataa_tools/`: This directory contains the MATAA ‘tools’ (see [MATAA tools], page 1).
- `~/MATLAB/mataa/microphone_data/`: This directory contains files with information on the characteristics of measurement microphones (this data will be used to correct for the microphone characteristics, e.g. for loudspeaker testing).
- `~/MATLAB/mataa/test_signals`: This directory contains various test-signal files.
- `~/MATLAB/mataa/TestTone`: This directory contains the TestTone and TestDevices programs (binaries for Mac OS X and Windows, as well as the source code if you want to compile for other platforms.).
- `~/mataa_settings.mat`: This file is used to store the ‘preferences’ of MATAA (e.g. the color to be used for data plotting). Don’t worry if this file is missing—MATAA will create it for you.

In addition to these files and paths, you might consider to create an additional path to keep your custom MATAA scripts. I highly recommend to keep this path outside the main MATAA path. Otherwise it will be difficult to upgrade to a newer version of MATAA and you increase the risk of accidentally losing your custom files during the upgrade process. For instance, I keep my custom MATAA scripts in `~/MATLAB/mataa_user_scripts/`.

If everything set up as outlined above, you are ready to use MATAA from within MATLAB/Octave. However, MATLAB/Octave will (most probably) not find the MATAA files. To tell MATLAB/Octave where the MATAA files are, you can use the `addpath` (with older versions of Octave, you may have to use `path` instead). To automate this task, I recommend to put the necessary commands into the so-called startup file of MATLAB/Octave. This file is executed by MATLAB/Octave everytime MATLAB/Octave is started. You can edit the startup file, which is an ASCII text file, using your preferred text editor:

- For MATLAB, the startup file is `~/MATLAB/startup.m`
- For Octave, the startup file is `~/octaverc` (note the dot in the file name)

For example, assume you have installed MATAA to `~/MATLAB/mataa/`. Add the following lines to the end of this file:

```
addpath ("~/MATLAB/mataa/mataa_tools");
addpath ("~/MATLAB/mataa/mataa_scripts");
addpath ("~/MATLAB/mataa/calibration");
```

If you created a directory `~/MATLAB/mataa_user_scripts/` to store your custom MATAA stuff, you may add the following line to let MATLAB/Octave know about this::

```
addpath ("~/MATLAB/mataa_user_scripts");
```

If the path to your MATAA files contains spaces, you will need to add a backslash in front of the space(s). Otherwise MATLAB/Octave will not recognize the space(s) and the `path`

commands will fail. For example, if your MATAA files are in `~/My Octave files/mataa`, the above lines would read `addpath ("~/My\ Octave\ files/mataa/mataa_tools/");`, etc.

Also, it is not recommended to install the MATAA files (or any of your personal MATLAB/Octave files) to the path where the MATLAB/Octave program is installed. Once you update your MATLAB/Octave software to a later version, the previous program files may be deleted, and hence your MATAA (or other personal MATLAB/Octave files) will be deleted, too.

## 2.3 Hardware Setup

The way your sound hardware (soundcard or audio interface) needs to be set up for use with MATAA will depend on its features, on your computer platform, and on the type of measurement you want to make. Furthermore, additional devices (e.g. amplifiers, filters, microphones, etc.) may be needed for certain measurements. Hence, the hardware setup will vary with the type of measurement and the specifics your equipment. This manual therefore aims to provide rather general advice and background on what to watch out for.

That said, you should also remember that a measurement can only be as good as the audio hardware you use!

### 2.3.1 The Building Blocks of the Measurement Setup

The basic procedure followed during a MATAA measurement is that MATAA feeds a test signal to the soundcard, which is connected to the DUT. The response of the DUT to this test signal is recorded by the soundcard. The response signal is then loaded back into MATAA for further analysis.

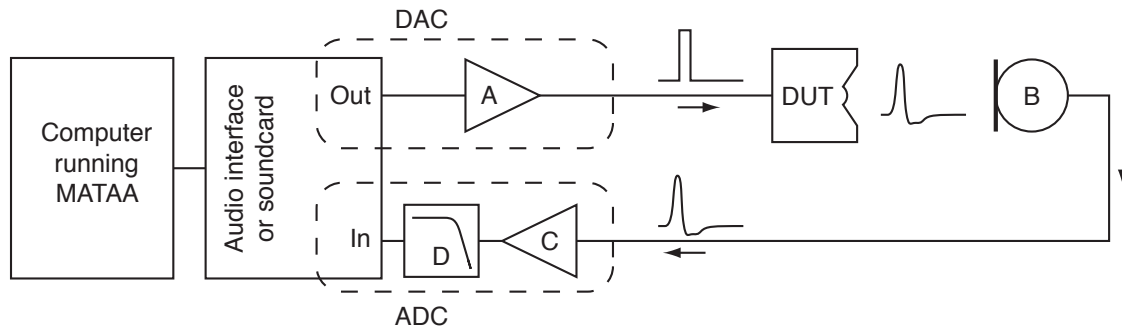


Figure 2.1: ‘Generalised’ measurement setup. A: buffer or amplifier to drive the DUT (optional), B: sensor to record the DUT’s response signal (e.g. microphone), C: output signal buffer or amplifier (e.g. microphone amplifier), D: anti-alias filter (may be omitted in special cases, see text). To calibrate the signal levels, MATAA takes into account the gain and transfer functions of the soundcard (input and output), amplifiers, and the detector; The DAC (digital-to-analog conversion including buffer or amplifier), the sensor (B), and the ADC (analog to digital conversion including buffer or amplifier) are considered separately for calibration (see text).

Figure 2.1 shows the measurement setup, which consists of several building blocks. Depending on the type of measurement and setup, some (or most) of these building blocks are obsolete. In Figure 2.1, the test signal travels through the following blocks:

- The audio output of the soundcard. The the sound hardware is usually set up via the operating system. The output level of the soundcard should be set as high as possible to maximise the signal/noise ratio (SNR). Apart from thatz, the quality of the test signal will depend on the quality of the soundcard (e.g. the D/A converter). Today, most soundcards support sampling rates of 44.1 kHz and bit depths of 16 bits (CD quality), which is fine for many types of measurements. Many soundcards allow sampling rates of 96 kHz or even 192 kHz and sampling depths of 24 bits, therefore providing more headroom with respect to SNR and the upper frequency limit. In some applications (e.g. for low-frequency analyses utilising long test signals), however, low sampling rates are preferable to minimise memory and computing time. Most soundcards allow sampling frequencies as low as 8 kHz. Another aspect of the souncard output is the output impedance and output power. The output impedance should be much lower than the input impedance of the next stage. While most soundcards can easily drive high-impedance headphones, the output impedance may be too high and the output power too low to directly drive a loudspeaker or other low-impedance DUT.
- A buffer or amplifier (A in Figure 2.1). Depending on the DUT, you will need a buffer or amplifier to match the impedance and power loevel to the DUT.
- The device under test (DUT). In principle, this can be anything accepting an electrical sound at its input. Typical MATAA applications include loudspeakers and speaker crossover filters, as well as active devices such as active filters or amplifiers.
- A sensor (B in Figure 2.1) to convert the output signal of the DUT to an electrical signal. For instance, this sensor may be a microphone or an accelerometer (e.g. for loudspeaker testing). If the output of the DUT is electrical (e.g. in case of a filter circuit or an amplifier), the DUT's output should be terminated by a resistor, which can be considered to act as a sensor. This resistor should have the same value as the impedance of the device that would otherwise be connected to the output of the DUT. For testing loudspeaker crossover filters, consider connecting the filter output to the speaker driver(s) rather than a resistor, because the behaviour of the filter may depend on the complex impedance of the driver(s). If the signal voltage from the sensor (or the DUT) is higher than the maximum voltage of the next stage, you will need to attenuate the signal, e.g. using a voltage divider. In some cases (e.g. to analyse high-voltage signals in tube amplifiers), I strongly recommend to add further over-voltage protection to avoid destroying anything!
- A buffer or amplifier (C in Figure 2.1) to match the signal amplitude and impedance level of the DUT response to the input of the soundcard. If the DUT's respons was recorded with a microphone, this will be a microphone amplifier. In many other cases, this buffer/amplifier can be omitted, provided the output impedance of the previous stage (the sensor) is much lower than the input impedance of the next stage.
- The anti-aliasing filter (D in Figure 2.1) removes high-frequency components from the DUT's response signal. If the the DUT response contains signal components with frequencies higher than the Nyquist frequency (half the sampling frequency) of the sound input's analog-to-digital (A/D) converter, these signal components will be aliased to lower frequencies during A/D conversion. This signal 'contamination' can be avoided

(or at least constrained) by removing the signal components higher than the Nyquist frequency *before* A/D conversion. Many soundcards have a built-in anti-aliasing filter with a cut-off frequency that is automatically adjusted to the sampling rate. You can check for the presence of an anti-aliasing filter by applying sine signals with frequencies higher than the Nyquist frequency (e.g. using an analog signal generator). Then check the digitized signal for alias signals in the frequency range below the Nyquist frequency. Further, if the signal from the DUT is (virtually) free of frequencies higher than the Nyquist frequency, you can omit the anti-aliasing filter. Vice versa, you can omit the anti-aliasing filter, if the soundcard samples the test signal with a sampling rate of at least twice the highest frequency contained in the test signal. For instance, loudspeakers and test microphones rarely extend to frequencies higher than 40 kHz. Thus, if your soundcard allows setting the sampling rate to 80 kHz or higher (e.g. 96 kHz or 192 kHz), you can omit the anti-aliasing filter by using a sampling rate of at least 80 kHz.

- The Soundcard audio input: Here, the same applies as with the audio input, with a few exceptions. Firstly, a high input impedance is preferable so that the previous stage can easily drive the audio input. Secondly, the sensitivity of the analog-to-digital (A/D) converter should be set as high as possible (to maximise SNR), but not too high (to avoid clipping of the signal).
- Signal calibration: MATAA takes into account the sensitivity and gain of the DAC and ADC blocks, as well as the sensitivity and the potentially frequency-dependent transfer function of the signal sensor. See [\[Data calibration\]](#), page [\[undefined\]](#).

### 2.3.2 Software interfaces for sound-card access

There are two user-selectable methods for MATAA to talk to a sound card. The first method is to use the TestTone and TestDevices programs. The second option is PlayRec. Both options rely on PortAudio to talk to the sound card (<http://www.portaudio.com>). The quality of the measurement data (sample rate, sample depth) obtained from TestTone or PlayRec is the same. The advantage of TestTone and TestDevices is that they are supported very well by MATAA on many operating systems and sound APIs. The advantage of PlayRec is that it allows much faster data exchange with MATAA, but its current MATAA implementation is still experimental and has been tested on Linux only.

The use of TestTone / TestDevices vs. PlayRec is configured in MATAA by using the following settings:

```
mataa_settings ('audio_IO_method','TestTone')
mataa_settings ('audio_IO_method','PlayRec')
```

### 2.3.3 Using MATAA with TestTone and TestDevices

The TestTone and TestDevices programs are part of the MATAA package, see Section 2.2 [Installing MATAA, page 3]. The TestTone program is used for output and input of audio data via the sound card. The TestDevices program is used to obtain information about the sound card. If your computer has more than one device for sound input or output, MATAA uses the default device set for your computer. The TestTone and TestDevices programs were developed specifically for MATAA. The data exchange between MATAA and TestTone or TestDevices is handled by writing / reading data to / from ASCII files. This form of data exchange is slow, but works very reliably on all kinds of different platforms.

A few notes:

- The TestTone and TestDevices programs will always use the audio devices configured as default devices in the operating system.
- The Windows versions of TestTone and TestDevices only work with ASIO drivers (WMM and DirectSound are not supported). If your soundcard did not come with an ASIO driver, check out ASIO4ALL (<http://www.asio4all.com>). The Windows binaries were compiled by Shu Sang ([sangshu@hotmail.com](mailto:sangshu@hotmail.com)) – thank you Shu! Please note that Shu used Microsoft Visual Studio to compile TestTone and TestDevices. Therefore, if you experience problems with sound input or output, you may need to install the Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package (x86) to make TestTone and TestDevices work properly. You can download the package here: <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=200B2FD9-AE1A-4A14-984D-389C36F85647&displaylang=en> (thanks to Gabe for this hint!).
- The Mac OS X versions of TestTone and TestDevices rely on CoreAudio, Apples application programming interface for sound on Mac OS X. CoreAudio provides automatic sample-rate conversion. It is therefore possible to use sample rates with MATAA that are not directly supported by the hardware.
- The Linux versions of TestTone and TestDevices are available for Linux running on Intel and PowerPC machines. If you need to compile your own binaries using the source code included in the MATAA distribution, see Section 2.3.3.3 [Compiling TestTone and TestDevices on Linux], page 9.

### 2.3.3.1 Configuration on Mac OS X

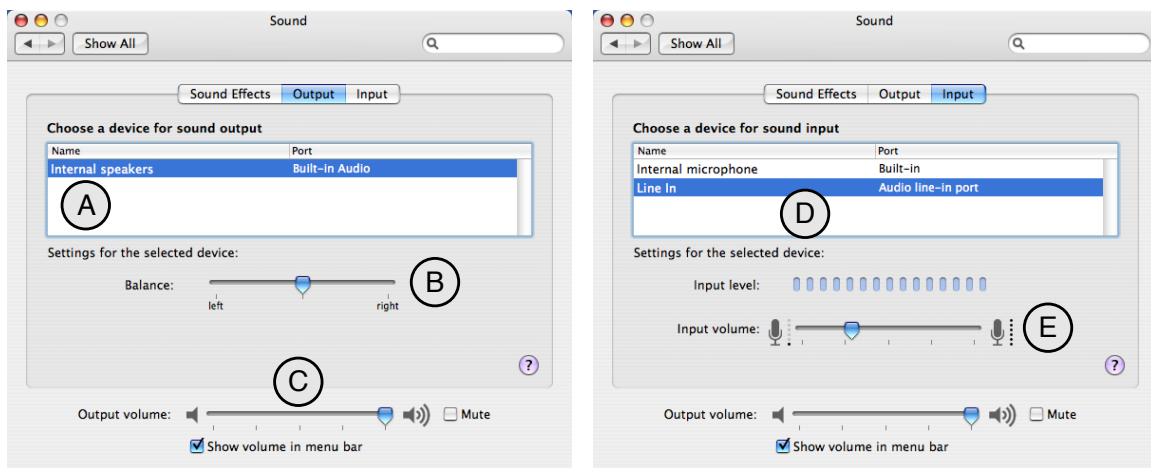


Figure 2.2: Audio hardware setup in Mac OS X (left: audio input, right: audio output). A: select the device to be used for audio output, B: set channel balance to ‘balanced’, C: set output level as high as possible, D: select the device to be used for audio input, E: set input sensitivity as high as possible, but low enough to avoid clipping of the input signal.

To set up the audio hardware in Mac OS X, choose ‘System Preferences’ in the Apple menu. Then, click on ‘Sound’, and follow the instructions in Figure 2.1.

### 2.3.3.2 Linux

On Linux, I strongly recommend using ALSA (the Advanced Linux Sound Architecture). Choosing the right sound architecture and sound devices as the default devices (i.e. the devices that will be used by MATAA) depends on the Linux distribution used. Read the documentation for your system. Apart from that, the following terminal commands may be useful to find the relevant information on the sound devices available on your system:

- To display a list of the ALSA sound cards for sound output, including the current default device that will be used by MATAA:  
`aplay -L`
- To display a list of the ALSA sound cards for sound input, including the current default device that will be used by MATAA:  
`arecord -L`
- To display a list of the ALSA sound output devices:  
`aplay -l`
- To display a list of the ALSA sound input devices:  
`arecord -l`
- As an alternative, the following command displays information on the available ALSA devices:  
`cat /proc/asound/devices`

Also, reading the ALSA instructions on <http://www.alsa-project.org> or <http://seehuhn.de/pages/alsa> will be helpful. From reading these documents, I found that all I needed to do on my system was to create a file `~/.asoundrc`, which specifies the default. As an illustration, this is how the file looks on one of my systems:

```
pcm.!default {
    type hw
    card 0
}
ctl.!default {
    type hw
    card 0
}
```

Without this file, the default device on this system is set to something that thinks that there are 128 sound channels, both for input and output. MATAA therefore produces data for all 128 channels, both for input and output. Because my hardware only has two channels, the remaining 126 channels are somehow merged into two real channels, which takes a lot of CPU power. Sound input and output is therefore very time consuming, and I believe merging 128 data channels into the two sound channels of the hardware is not good for the data integrity. I therefore always double check if MATAA uses the right sound device using the `mataa_audio_info` command. On most systems, the number of sound channels should be 2, and probably not 128.

### 2.3.3.3 Compiling TestTone and TestDevices on Linux

Note that the precompiled binaries will run on most computers and Linux distributions. However, if you need to compile TestTone and TestDevices on Linux, please follow the instructions in the README that comes with the source code of TestTone and TestDevices.

### 2.3.4 Using MATAA with PlayRec

PlayRec is a Matlab and Octave utility (MEX file) that provides simple yet versatile access to soundcards using PortAudio. In principle, PlayRec can be used on different operating systems and sound APIs. However, PlayRec support in MATAA is still experimental and has been tested on Linux only. In contrast to TestTone and TestDevices, PlayRec allows much faster data exchange with MATAA, because the PlayRec MEX utility is executed directly within Matlab or Octave.

To use PlayRec with MATAA, you need to download PlayRec from <https://github.com/mbrennwa/playrec>. To compile PlayRec for use with MATAA on Linux, follow the instructions in the file `COMPILE_AND_INSTALL_ON_LINUX.txt`. Make sure that PlayRec is on the searchpath of Matlab or Octave. For example, you could add the following to your `~/MATLAB/startup.m` or `~/octaverc` file:

```
addpath ("~/MATLAB/playrec");
```

### 2.3.5 Sound channel allocation

Most soundcards have at least two sound channels for stereo sound. While many measurements can be made using only one channel, there are a few cases where the second channel is needed to record a reference signal (e.g. impedance measurements, [\[Impedance measurement\]](#), page [1](#)). In most other cases, using the second channel to record a calibration signal will allow you to correct for artifacts that may be introduced by the test equipment, which will improve the precision and the quality of the measurement.

While Figure 2.1 shows the path of the test signal to and from the DUT, it does not show the path reference signal. The reference-signal path will depend strongly on the type of measurement and the test equipment used. Figure 2.3 is an attempt to illustrate some typical examples.

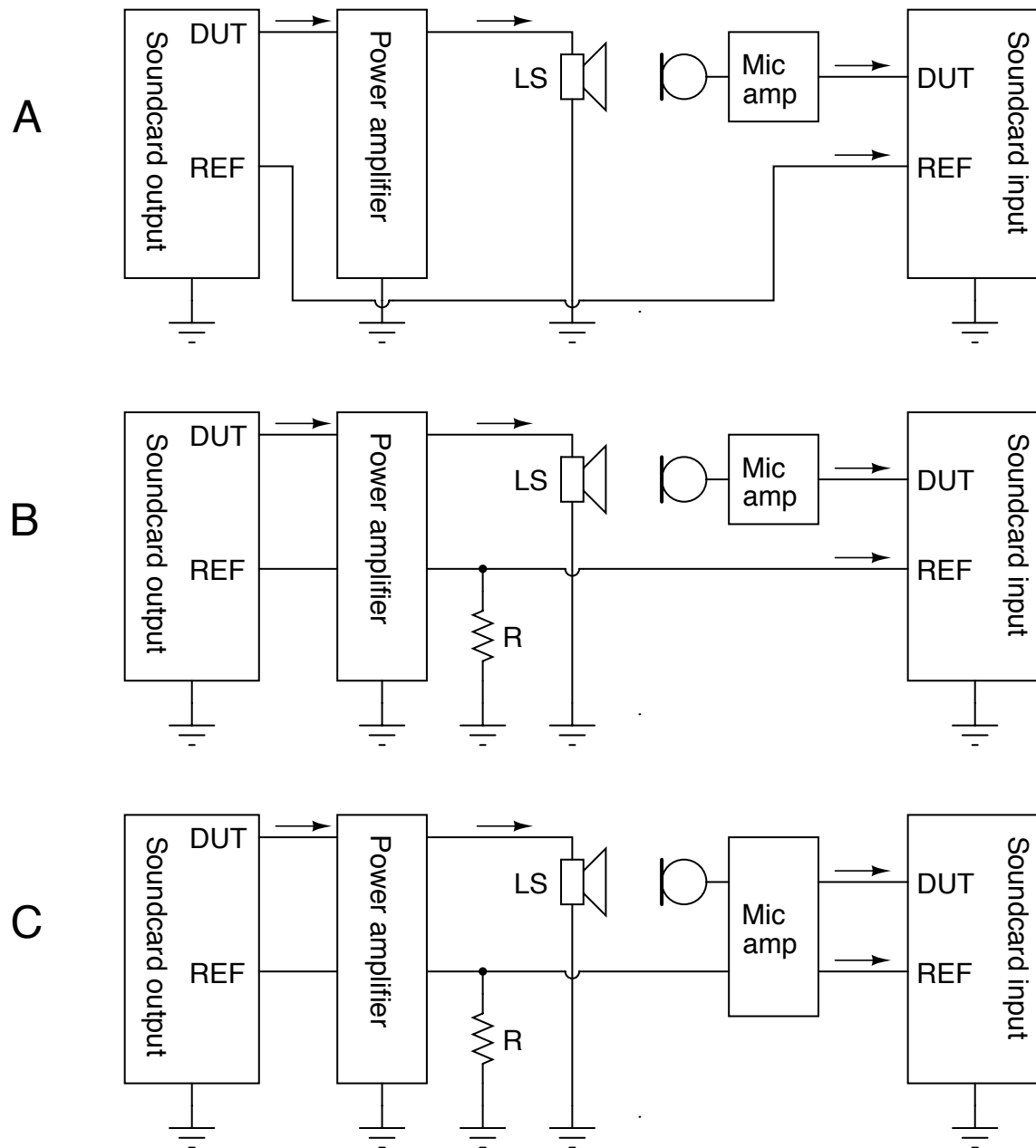


Figure 2.3: Some examples of how to use the second sound channel ('REF') of a stereo soundcard. A: both the power amplifier and the microphone amplifier are mono: wire the REF output directly to the REF input, B: the power amplifier has two (stereo) channels, but the microphone amplifier is mono: use the second channel of the power amplifier to calibrate for its characteristics, C: both the power amplifier and the microphone amplifier are stereo: use the second channel of the power amplifier and the microphone amplifier to calibrate for the characteristics of both amplifiers.



By default, MATAA uses the left channel to record the test signal from the DUT, and the right channel to record the reference signal. If your soundcard uses 3.5 mm jacks, the DUT channel (left) should be on the tip of the 3.5 mm jack. The reference channel (right) should be on the ring in the middle of the jack. The ground (common to both channels) is on the contact closest to the body of the jack Figure 2.4. If the left and right channels are reversed on the connectors of your soundcard, you can adjust the channel allocation using the `mataa_settings` command.

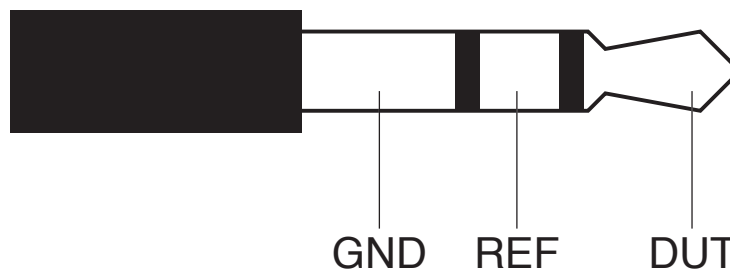


Figure 2.4: Pinout of 3.5 mm jack

### 2.3.6 Interchannel delay

With some (lesser) soundcards, the data recorded in one channel may be offset in time with respect to the other up to several tens of microseconds. This effect is called “interchannel delay”. Interchannel delay can result in wrong results from impedance measurements using the sine-sweep method as described in “MATAA: A Free Computer-Based Audio Analysis System” (article in *audioXpress* (7), 2007).

Therefore, interchannel delay must be removed from the measured data before calculating impedance function from the data. The `mataa_measure_impedance` command, which automates impedance measurement using the mentioned sine-sweep method, takes care of interchannel delay by shifting the measured data in time. The information on the amount of interchannel delay is taken from the MATAA settings file (the `interchannel_delay` field specifies the interchannel delay in seconds). By default, the interchannel delay is set to zero. You can adjust this value using the `mataa_settings` command (see Section 5.70 [mataa\_settings], page 63). For instance, with a soundcard exhibiting an interchannel delay of 17 microseconds, the interchannel delay parameter would be set by:

```
mataa_settings('interchannel_delay',17E-6);
```

To test if your soundcard exhibits interchannel delay, it is best to measure the impedance of a resistor with a purely ohmic impedance (i.e. with constant resistance for all frequencies) using the method described in “MATAA: A Free Computer-Based Audio Analysis System” (article in *audioXpress* (7), 2007). If this measurement gives a flat impedance reading, your soundcard is not affected by interchannel delay (or the interchannel delay is already adjusted properly in the MATAA settings). Otherwise, you need to adjust the interchannel delay setting until you get a flat impedance reading.

## 2.4 Testing the Installation

To test your software installation, first start MATLAB or Octave. Then, type `mataa_selftest` to the MATLAB/Octave command prompt to run a MATAA self-test. `mataa_selftest` is a MATAA script in `.../mataa/mataa_scripts/` that runs several tests, that will display various messages on the success of the tests. Some tests may fail, but that does not necessarily mean that your MATAA installation is broken. If in doubt, carefully read the error or warning messages. If still in doubt, contact me at `matthias@audioroot.net`.

The self-test script also includes a test of the hardware for sound input and output. Details on the setup of the sound hardware are given in Section 2.3 [Hardware Setup], page 5. For now, it will suffice to run the self test with the soundcard input(s) connected directly to the output(s).

If MATLAB/Octave cannot find the `mataa_selftest` script, this most likely indicates that the script file is not on the search path of MATLAB/Octave. Double check the path settings outlined in Section 2.2 [Installing MATAA], page 3. You can also type `path` to the MATLAB/Octave prompt to display the current search path.

### 3 Working with MATAA

This manual assumes you know what kind of measurements you are after, and why. This manual is not an introduction to acoustic measurement principles. Please refer to other sources to find background information on techniques and methods for measurements in electroacoustic systems. Some documents that I can recommend:

1. J. d'Appolito: Testing Loudspeakers, Audio Amateur Press, Peterborough, New Hampshire, USA, 1987.
2. J. d'Appolito: Testing Loudspeakers: Which Measurements Matter (Parts 1 and 2), audioXpress (9,10), 2008.
3. L. Olson: A MLSSA Gallery, 2006, <http://www.nutshellhifi.com/MLS> (last checked 5 May 2007)
4. M.S. Brennwald: MATAA: A Free Computer-Based Audio Analysis System, audioXpress (7), 2007. Copies of this article are distributed together with MATAA, and are available online, too. The original article is at <http://www.audioxpress.com/magsdirx/ax/addenda/media/brennwald2806.pdf> (last checked 12 Aug 2007), and a version that is somewhat easier to read is at [http://www.audioroot.net/analysis/MATAA\\_aX\\_original.pdf](http://www.audioroot.net/analysis/MATAA_aX_original.pdf) (last checked 12. Aug 2007).

The workflow with MATAA can be separated into two parts. First, you need to figure out how to setup the connections between the DUT and the soundcard (see Section 2.3 [Hardware Setup], page 5). Second, you will type commands into MATLAB/Octave telling MATAA to carry out the tests, process the data, or plot the results. This second step requires you to know how to work with MATLAB/Octave (see Chapter 6 [Getting started with MATLAB or Octave], page 77). You will also need to know the names of the MATAA commands and how they work.

Information on the MATAA commands is available in the Chapter 5 [MATAA tools reference], page 16. You may also use the online help system on MATLAB/Octave by typing `help <command>` into the MATLAB/Octave command prompt. For instance, if you need to know how to use the signal generator command `mataa_signal_generator`, type `help mataa_signal_generator`. This help system is not limited to the MATAA commands, but works for all MATLAB/Octave commands (for example, if you want to find out how to save data from within Matab/Octave to disk, type `help save`).

For a few worked examples on how to use MATAA in real-world applications, please refer to the MATAA article published in audioXpress ("MATAA: A Free Computer-Based Audio Analysis System", included with the MATAA package).

## 4 Data Calibration

MATAA allows calibrating the test data in terms of real physical units. To achieve this, many MATAA tools which send or record test signals to/from a DUT allow specifying (i) the physical units of the test data and (ii) a file that describes the measurement chain in terms of the sensitivities and transfer functions of the various hardware blocks in the measurement chain.

The measurement chain is reflected by the DAC, the SENSOR, and the ADC:

- The digital-to-analog converter (DAC) outputs a test signal to the device under test (DUT). If an amplifier or buffer is used in between the DAC and the DUT, MATAA considers this amplifier/buffer as part of the DAC for the purposes for calibration.
- The SENSOR is used to probe the DUT output signal. This could be a microphone, vibration sensor, or simply a plain wire “sensing” an electronic signal.
- The analog-to-digital converter (ADC) records the output signal from the SENSOR. If an amplifier or buffer is used in between the SENSOR and the ADC (e.g., a microphone amplifier), MATAA considers this amplifier/buffer as part of the ADC for the purposes for calibration.

MATAA calibrates the test data by evaluating the test signals at the input and the output of the DUT:

- Calibration of the test signal applied to the DUT input works by considering the gain and transfer function of the DAC. This is implemented in the the function `mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTin`.
- Calibration of the test signal output by the DUT works by considering the gains and transfer functions of the sensor and the ADC. This is implemented in the function `mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTout`.

### 4.1 Calibration files

This section is under constuction. For the time being, it is recommended to study the examples in the `mataa/calibration/` directory to learn how the calibration files work. Note that there are two types of calibration files. On the one hand, there are files that describe the individual hardware blocks (DAC, SENSOR, or ADC types). On the other hand, there are “CHAIN” type files, which describe a complete measurement chain. These CHAIN files contain the links to the correspondings DAC, SENSOR and ADC files.

## 5 MATAA tools reference

This section contains a list of the MATAA tools and their usage information as of 27-Dec-2020.

### 5.1 mataa\_audio\_guess\_latency

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_audio\_guess\_latency.m

```
function latency = mataa_audio_guess_latency (fs,maxLatency);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function measures the latency of the audio hardware at sampling frequency fs, including the connected DUT.

The latency is defined as follows:

t1: the time needed by the audio output device to process the signal

t2: the time needed by the signal to travel from the audio output to the audio input of the computer (this will be determined by the analytical setup. In case of loudspeaker analysis, t2 will be determined mainly by the distance between microphone and loudspeaker).

t3: the time needed by the audio input device to process the signal

Then:  $\text{latency} = t1 + t2 + t3$

#### INPUT:

fs: sampling frequency to be used for audio I/O (in seconds)

maxLatency (optional): the expected maximum of the latency (in seconds). If not specified, the user will be asked to supply a value.

#### OUTPUT:

latency: the latency of the system, as defined above (in seconds)

### 5.2 mataa\_audio\_info

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_audio\_info.m

```
function audioInfo = mataa_audio_info;
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function returns a struct (audioInfo) containing information on the default devices for audio input and output. Note: the list of supported sample rates reflects the 'standard' rates offered by the operating system. This is not necessarily identical to the rates supported by hardware itself, as the operating system may provide other rates, e.g. by (automatic) sample-rate conversion (such as in the case of Mac OS X / CoreAudio). Also, the list of supported sample rates may be incomplete, because the TestDevices programs checks

for 'standard' rates only. It may therefore be possible to use other sample rates than those returned from this function (check the description of your audio hardware if you need to know the rates supported by the hardware). This function checks for full and half duplex operation (i.e. if the input and output devices are the same), and returns the list of supported sample rates depending on full or half duplex operation (they may be different, e.g. if a high sampling rate is only available with half duplex due to limits in the data transfer rates).

NOTE: some audio interfaces react in unwanted ways to the audio-info query. For instance, the RTX-6001 goes through a nasty cycle of relays clicking, which causes clicks in its audio output and may lead to excessive wear of the relays. To avoid such effects, the test query can be skipped by changing the value of the 'audioinfo\_skipcheck' field in the MATAA settings to a non-zero value. `mataa_audio_info` will then return `audioInfo` corresponding to a "typical" generic audio interface.

#### EXAMPLE:

(get some information on the audio hardware):

```
> info = mataa_audio_info;
> info.input % shows information about the input device
> info.output % shows information about the output device
```

prepare device info (with empty/unknown entries):

### 5.3 `mataa_audio_init_playrec`

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_audio\_init\_playrec.m

```
function success = mataa_audio_init_playrec;
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Check if PlayRec is initialised with the given sample rate and audio input / output devices, and reset/init PlayRec accordingly if needed.

#### INPUT:

`fs`: sample rate (samples per second)

`output_ID`, `input_ID`: PlayRec IDs of the audio devices used for audio output and input

`num_output_chan`, `num_input_chan`: number of input channels needed for audio output and input

#### OUTPUT:

`success`: flag indicating of PlayRec is initialised properly according to the INPUTs (bool)

#### EXAMPLE:

```
> mataa_audio_init_playrec (44100, 0, 0, 2, 2)
```

## 5.4 mataa\_cal\_autoscale

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_cal\_autoscale.m

```
function cal = mataa_cal_autoscale (c);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Execute the "autoscaling" function(s) for the ADC and DAC device(s) described by the calibration struct `c`, and return the ADC and DAC sensitivities in `cal` struct in the same format as with fixed/non-autoscaling calibration structs.

## 5.5 mataa\_computer

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_computer.m

```
function platform = mataa_computer;
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Returns the current computer platform.

### INPUT:

(none)

### OUTPUT

platform: string indicating the computer platform:

MAC: Mac OS X (Darwin)

PCWIN: MS Windows

LINUX\_X86-32: Linux on x86 / 32 Bit platform

LINUX\_X86-64: Linux on AMD / 64 Bit platform

UNKNOWN: unknown platform (unknown to MATAA)

## 5.6 mataa\_convolve

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_convolve.m

```
function z = mataa_convolve(x,y);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

This function convolves two data series `x` and `y`. The convolution is done using the fourier-transform method. `x` and `y` should have the same length (pad zeroes, if necessary). The result of the convolution (`z`) will also be of the same length as `x` and `y`.

see also <http://rkb.home.cern.ch/rkb/AN16pp/node38.html>

**EXAMPLE:**

```

T = 1; fs = 44100; f0 = 10;
t = [1/fs:1/fs:T];
x = sin(2*pi*f0*t);
y = zeros (size(x));
y(1000) = -1.5;
z = mataa_convolve (x,y);
plot (t,x,'r',t,y,'k',t,z,'b')

```

**5.7 mataa\_deConvolve**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_deConvolve.m

```
function [y] = mataa_deConvolve(z,x);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function deconvolves z from x. In other words: if  $z = x * y$  ('z' is the convolution of x and y'), then this function calculates y from z and x. The deconvolution is done using the fourier-transform method. z and x should have the same length (pad zeroes, if necessary).

see also <http://rkb.home.cern.ch/rkb/AN16pp/node38.html>

Example (calculate impulse response of a loudspeaker or other DUT):

x: the input signal sent to the speaker (known),  $\text{length}(x) = L_x$

y: the impulse response of the speaker (not known),  $\text{length}(y) = L_y$

z: the measured response of the speaker to signal x (known),  $\text{length}(z) = L_z$

then:  $z = x * y$

note:  $L_z = L_x + L_y - 1$

then:  $Z = XY$  (where the uppercase letters denote the complex fourier transforms of x, y, and z)

or:  $\text{fft}(z) = \text{fft}(x) \text{fft}(y)$ , where x and y are padded with zeros to length  $L_z$

hence  $\text{fft}(y) = \text{fft}(z) / \text{fft}(x)$ , or  $y = \text{ifft}(\text{fft}(z) / \text{fft}(x))$

**5.8 mataa\_export\_FRD**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_export\_FRD.m

```
function mataa_export_FRD (f,mag,phase,comment,file);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Export frequency-domain data to a FRD file.

(see also <http://www.pvconsultants.com/audio/frdis.htm>)



An FRD file is essentially an ASCII file containing three columns of data: frequency, magnitude, and phase. A detailed description of the FRD file format is given below.

#### INPUT:

f: frequency values (Hz)

mag: magnitude values (usually in dB)

phase: phase (in degrees, usually wrapped to the range -180...+180 degrees)

file: string containing the name of the file to be written (may contain a complete path. If no path is given, the file will be written to the current working directory)

comment: string containing a comment to be saved with the data, e.g. a description of the data. Use comment = " " if you do not want a comment in the data file.

#### OUTPUT:

(none)

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE FRD FILE FORMAT

The following is a detailed description of the FRD format (taken from the website given above):

---

What is an FRD File?

A Frequency Response Data file is a human readable text file that contains a numerical description of Frequency and Phase Response. The purpose of an FRD file to represent measurements or targets or corrections of acoustic items, like loudspeakers and/or crossovers or room effects. The reason for using FRD files is to pass information between different design programs and thus to get the programs to share data and work together to achieve a complete finished design.

Structurally, an FRD file is very simple. An \* is placed in the first character position of any line that is a comment, so the remainder of that line is ignored. Comments can only be added at the beginning of an FRD file and not embedded once the data starts.

After the comment, the data block is composed of three numerical values per line separated by either one or more spaces or a tab. Each line is a single measurement or value instance. The numerical values, in order, per line, correspond to Frequency, Magnitude and Phase. The frequency data should start at the low end of the response and proceed to the higher end with no directional reversals or overlapping repeating regions in the frequency progression. That is all. It should look something like this:

\* Seas T25-001.frd

\* Freq(Hz) SPL(db) Phase(deg)

\*

10 21.0963 158.4356

10.1517 21.0967 158.4363

```

10.3056 21.3305 158.7836
10.4619 21.5644 159.1299
10.6205 21.7983 159.2452
10.7816 22.032 159.3599
10.9451 22.2658 159.4099
11.1111 22.4996 159.4597
11.2796 22.7335 159.4832
11.4507 22.9672 159.5065
11.6243 23.2011 159.5171
11.8006 23.4349 159.5276
11.9795 23.6687 159.5308
12.1612 23.9025 159.534

```

The comment field mentioned above is sometimes required, even if the data in it is never used, or at least we have encountered programs that will not load the FRD file if the Comment field is not there. We have also found the opposite, programs that get confused about the comment field and work better if there was none. In general the comments are useful to the human reader and specific to the last program to output the data. So box modelers may have the conditions used to create the curve, like Vb, Driver name and T/S parameters, etc.

It is usually better that the data blocks have boundaries on the numbers used. Although Scientific Notation is permitted, it is usually better, more accurate and much more readable if the numbers used have exactly four decimal places below the dot (greater accuracy is really not helpful and less has been shown to induce jitter from Group Delay derived or other secondary processing). In addition, it greatly simplified the operation of any subsequent program if the Frequency spacing is even and progresses in a log spacing format. This tends to spread the samples evenly over the frequency segment.

The Magnitude number is log gain and in db values. The scale can be SPL wattage distance format (hovering about 90) or a unity aligned offset (usually just above zero for diffraction or starting at and diving below zero steeply for box models and crossover functions). The Phase data is best if in degrees, from  $-180$  to  $+180$  wrapping.

In general, there are good reasons to keep the frequency sampling density high enough to accurately represent a complex waveform sequence (without losing detail) but not so dense as to generate large amounts of extra sample data. Usually between 200 to 250 samples per decade, which is about 60 to 75 samples per octave, works very well.

When processing files and using the resultants, there are also good reasons to have the response extend at least one octave and preferably 2 or more octaves beyond the region of interest (above and below) so as to keep phase tracking error very low. This is especially important when deriving Minimum Phase or Optimizing crossovers downstream. A good standard to target is the internal default one of the Frequency Response Combiner program, which was selected for those reasons above (sample density and frequency extension) and for a close adherence to digital sound cards sampling rates, and also that the sample set

was easily sub-divided into many equal sized integer count pieces (2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 14, 16, 21, 24). The FRC program default standard for internal FRD data calculation is 2 Hz to 96,000 Hz with 1176 equal log spaced samples or about 251 samples per decade.

---

## 5.9 mataa\_export\_TMD

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_export\_TMD.m

```
function mataa_export_TMD (t,s,comment,file);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Export time-domain data to a TMD file (or, in other words: export the samples a signal  $s(t)$  to an ASCII file). A TMD file is essentially an ASCII file containing two columns of data: time and signal samples. The 'TMD format' is modelled after the FRD format for frequency-domain data (see `mataa_export_FRD` for more information).

### INPUT:

t: time values (seconds)

s: signal samples

comment: string containing a comment to be saved with the data, e.g. a description of the data. Use `comment = ''` if you do not want a comment in the data file.

### OUTPUT:

(none)

## 5.10 mataa\_file\_default\_name

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_file\_default\_name.m

```
function name = mataa_file_default_name;
```

### DESCRIPTION:

This function returns a file name that can be used to save MATAA data. If 'ask' is nonzero, the user is asked to enter a file name. If no answer is given or if 'ask' is zero, a default file name made up of the current date and time of day is returned.

### INPUT:

ask: flag to specify if the user should be asked for a file name. If 'ask' is not specified, ask=0 is assumed.

### OUTPUT:

name: file name

## 5.11 mataa\_FR\_extend\_LF

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_FR\_extend\_LF.m

```
function [mag,phase,f] = mataa_FR_extend_LF (fh,mh,ph,fl,ml,pl,f1,f2);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Extend frequency response (e.g. from an anechoic analysis of a loudspeaker impulse response measured in the far field) with low-frequency data (e.g. from a near-field measurement). The frequency ranges of the two frequency responses need to overlap, and the common data in the frequency range [f1,f2] is used to determine the offsets in the magnitude and phase of the two frequency-response data sets. The low-frequency magnitude and phase (ml, pl) is adjusted to fit the high-frequency data (mh, ph). The phase data (ph, pl) may either be wrapped (e.g. to a range of -180..+180 deg) or unwrapped. After adjusting the relative offsets, the resulting response in the overlap band is computed as the weighted mean of the low and high frequency data, where the weight of the high-frequency data increases linearly from 0 at f1 to 1 at f2 (and vice versa for the low-frequency data).

### INPUT:

mh, ph, fh: magnitude (dB), phase (deg.) and frequency (Hz) data of the frequency response covering the high-frequency range

ml, pl, fl: magnitude (dB), phase (deg.) and frequency (Hz) data of the frequency response covering the low-frequency range

f1, f2: [f1,f2] is the frequency range used to determine the offsets of the low-frequency magnitude and phase (ml, pl) relative to the high-frequency data (mh, ph).

### OUTPUT:

mag, phase, f: magnitude (dB), phase (deg, unwrapped) and frequency (Hz) of the combined frequency response. The data with  $f > f2$  are identical to (mh,ph,fh), those with  $f < f1$  correspond to (ml,pl,fl) with the magnitude and phase offsets removed. The data in the range [f1,f2] corresponds to the combination of the data of both data sets.

## 5.12 mataa\_FR\_inbox\_convert

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_FR\_inbox\_convert.m

```
function mag = mataa_FR_inbox_convert (mag,f,Vb,r);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Convert SPL frequency response measured inside a loudspeaker box to free-field SPL frequency response (2pi). The method follows the description by R.H. Small (see reference below), but does not implement the compensation of acoustic losses (expressed as QL in the Small paper). The microphone-in-box (MIB) technique is useful to determine the acoustic performance of a loudspeaker at low frequencies in the 2pi free field. The MIB technique

works well for closed and vented boxes, no matter how many radiators there are. It is not suitable for transmission lines. If Vb and r are specified (optional), the code calculates the absolute free-field SPL response. Otherwise the SPL curve is normalized to 0 dB-SPL at 100 Hz. Note that the method yields the 2pi free field SPL response, so it does not account for baffle edge diffraction or similar effects. Also note that the results are strictly only accurate for frequencies with wavelength that are considerably larger than the longest dimension of the loudspeaker box. However, it is often possible to stretch this limit a bit by experimenting with the microphone position within the box (positioning the microphone close to the geometric center of the box often allows a somewhat higher upper frequency limit).

See also:

- R.H. Small, "Simplified Loudspeaker Measurements at low Frequencies", J. Audio Engineering Society, Vol. 20, pp. 28-33, 1972
- <https://www.audioxpress.com/article/measuring-loudspeaker-low-frequency-response>

INPUT:

mag: SPL magnitude inside the box (in dB-SPL)

f: frequency values corresponding to the mag data

Vb (optional): box volume (in L)

r (optional): distance used to calculate/normalize the free-field SPL level (in m)

OUTPUT:

mag: free-field frequency response (magnitude in dB-SPL)

check input arguments:

### 5.13 mataa\_FR\_smooth

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_FR\_smooth.m

```
function [mag,phase,f] = mataa_FR_smooth (mag,phase,f,smooth_interval);
```

DESCRIPTION:

Smooth frequency response in octave bands.

INPUT:

mag: magnitude data

phase: phase data

f: frequency

smooth\_interval: width of octave band used for smoothing

OUTPUT:

mag: smoothed frequency response (magnitude)

phase: smoothed frequency response (phase)  
 f: frequency values of smoothed frequency response data

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo;
> [mag,phase,f] = mataa_IR_to_FR(h,t); % calculates magnitude(f) and phase(f)
> [magS,phaseS,fS] = mataa_FR_smooth(mag,phase,f,1/4); % smooth to 1/4 octave resolution
> semilogx ( f,mag , fS,magS ); % plot raw and smoothed data
```

fractional octave between last and second-last data point:

## 5.14 mataa\_f\_to\_t

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_f\_to\_t.m

```
function t = mataa_f_to_t (f);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

returns the time bins of the inverse fourier spectrum sampled at frequencies f (f is assumed to be evenly spaced!)

**INPUT:**

f: frequency-value vector (in Hz). Values must be sorted and evenly spaced.

**OUTPUT:**

t: time values (vector, in seconds)

## 5.15 mataa\_gnuplot

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_gnuplot.m

```
function mataa_gnuplot (cmd);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function executes the gnuplot command 'cmd' by calling `--gnuplot_raw--(cmd)`. This only makes sense with Octave if gnuplot is used as the plotting engine. **IMPORTANT: THIS FUNCTION SHOULD NOT BE USED ANYMORE, BECAUSE THE GNUPLOT INTERFACE TO OCTAVE HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY IN OCTAVE 2.9.X. IT WILL PROBABLY BE CHANGED FURTHER, BREAKING THIS FUNCTION.**

**INPUT:**

cmd: string containing the gnuplot command.

## 5.16 mataa\_guess\_IR\_start

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_guess\_IR\_start.m

```
function [t_start,t_rise] = mataa_guess_IR_start (h,t,fc,verbose);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Try to determine the start and and rise time of an impulse response signal.

Note: this function calculates the analytic signal to determine the envelope function of  $h(t)$ , and then analyses the envelope curve to find  $t\_start$  and  $t\_rise$ . See, for instance: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Analytic\\_signal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Analytic_signal) .

### INPUT:

$h$ : impulse response

$t$ : time-values vector of impulse response samples (vector, in seconds), or, alternatively, the sampling frequency of  $h(t)$  (scalar, in Hz, the first sample in  $h$  is assumed to correspond to time  $t(1)=0$ ).

$fc$  (optional): cut-off frequency of high pass filter applied to  $h(t)$  before finding the impulse. This is useful if  $h(t)$  is masked by low-frequency noise. If  $fc$  is not empty, a 4th order Butterworth high-pass filter will be applied to  $h(t)$  to remove low-frequency noise.

$verbose$  (optional): if  $verbose=0$ , no user feedback is given. If not specified,  $verbose \sim 0$  is assumed.

### OUTPUT:

$t\_start$ : 'beginning' of  $h(t)$  (seconds)

$t\_rise$ : rise time of  $h(t)$  (seconds)

### EXAMPLE:

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo; % load demo data of an loudspeaker impulse response.
> mataa_plot_IR(h,t); % plot the fake signal
> [t_start,t_rise] = mataa_guess_IR_start(h,t,20)
```

This gives  $t\_start = 0.288$  ms and  $t\_rise = 0.0694$  ms. In this example might therefore safely discard all data with  $t < t\_start$ . In real-world use (with noise and Murphy's law against us), however, it might be worthwhile to add some safety margin, e.g. using  $t\_rise$ : discard all data with  $t < t\_start - t\_rise$ .

## 5.17 mataa\_hilbert

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_hilbert.m

```
function y = mataa_hilbert (x)
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Calculates the Hilbert transform of  $x$ .

This code was modelled after the Hilbert transform function 'hilbert.m' available from Octave-Forge

**INPUT:**

$x$ : input signal (column vector). If  $x$  contains complex values, only the real part of these values will be used.

**OUTPUT:**

$y$ : hilbert transform of  $x$

**5.18 mataa\_impedance\_fit\_speaker\_LR2**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_impedance\_fit\_speaker\_LR2.m

```
function [Rdc,f0,Qe,Qm,L1,L2,R2] = mataa_impedance_fit_speaker_LR2 (f,mag,phase);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Fits the impedance model of `mataa_impedance_speaker_model_LR2` to the impedance data  $\text{mag}(f)$  and  $\text{phase}(f)$ . This can be useful in determining Thiele/Small parameters from impedance measurements.

**INPUT:**

$f$ : frequency values of the impedance data  
 $\text{mag}$ : magnitude of impedance data (Ohm)  
 $\text{phase}$ : phase of impedance data (degrees)

**OUTPUT:**

$R_{dc}$ ,  $f_0$ ,  $Q_e$ ,  $Q_m$ ,  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $R_2$ : see `mataa_impedance_speaker_model_LR2` (input parameters)

**5.19 mataa\_impedance\_speaker\_model\_LR2**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_impedance\_speaker\_model\_LR2.m

```
function [mag,phase] = mataa_impedance_speaker_model_LR2 (f,Rdc,f0,Qe,Qm,L1,L2,R2)
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Calculate speaker impedance (magnitude and phase) as a function of frequency  $f$  according to the "LR-2 model" (see also Figure 7.16 in J. d'Appolito, "Testing Loudspeakers", Audio Amateur Press). This model essentially consists of a combination of three impedance elements connected in series (where  $w = 2\pi f$ ,  $w_0 = 2\pi f_0$ ):

(a) The DC resistance of the voice coil ( $R_{dc}$ )



- (b) A parallel LCR circuit, reflecting the the low-frequency part of the impedance curve (resonance peak).
- (c) L1 in series with a parallel combination of R2 and L2. L1, L2, and R2 reflect the high-frequency part of the impedance curve. For  $L2 = 0$  and  $R2 = \text{Inf}$ , this model reduces to the simpler concept where the voice-coil inductance  $L_e$  is constant with frequency (and  $L1 = L_e$ ).

**INPUT:**

f: frequency values for which impedance will be calculated  
 Rdc: DC resistance of the voice coil (Ohm)  
 f0: resonance frequency of the speaker (Hz)  
 Qe: electrical quality factor of the speaker (at resonance)  
 Qm: mechanical quality factor of the speaker (at resonance)  
 L1, L2, R2 (optional): see above (in H or Ohm, respectively)

**OUTPUT:**

mag: magnitude of impedance (Ohm)  
 phase: phase of impedance (degrees)

**NOTES:**

- The ratio  $Q_m/Q_e$  reflects the height of the impedance peak. If  $Z_{\text{max}}$  is the impedance maximum (at resonance) then  $Z_{\text{max}}/R_{\text{dc}} = Q_m/Q_e + 1$ .
- $Q_e$  reflects the width of the impedance peak (large  $Q_e$  corresponds to a narrow peak)

**EXAMPLE:**

The following gives a good approximation of the data shown in Fig. 7.18 in J. d'Appolito, "Testing oudspeaker" on page 122:

```
f = logspace(1,4,100);
[mag,phase] = mataa_impedance_speaker_model (f,7.66,33.22,0.45,3.4,0.4e-3,1.1e-3,13);
semilogx (f,mag,f,phase)
```

## 5.20 mataa\_impedance\_speaker\_model\_WRIGHT

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_impedance\_speaker\_model\_WRIGHT.m

```
function [mag,phase] = mataa_impedance_speaker_model_WRIGHT (f,Rdc,f0,Qe,Qm,Kr,Xr,Ki,Xi)■
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Calculate speaker impedance (magnitude and phase) as a function of frequency  $f$  according to the "Wright model" (see "An Empirical Model for Loudspeaker Motor Impedance", J R Wright, AES Preprint, 2776 (S-2), 1989). This model essentially consists of a combination of three impedance elements connected in series (where  $w = 2\pi f$ ,  $w_0 = 2\pi f_0$ ):

- (a) The DC resistance of the voice coil ( $R_{\text{dc}}$ )
- (b) A parallel LCR circuit, reflecting the the low-frequency part of the impedance curve

(resonance peak).

(c) an empirical term that describes the impedance rise above the resonance peak:  $Z = K_r \omega^X r + i K_i \omega^X i$

INPUT:

f: frequency values for which impedance will be calculated

Rdc: DC resistance of the voice coil (Ohm)

f0: resonance frequency of the speaker (Hz)

Qe: electrical quality factor of the speaker (at resonance)

Qm: mechanical quality factor of the speaker (at resonance)

Kr,Xr,Ki,Xi (optional): see above

OUTPUT:

mag: magnitude of impedance (Ohm)

phase: phase of impedance (degrees)

NOTES:

- The ratio  $Q_m/Q_e$  reflects the height of the impedance peak. If  $Z_{max}$  is the impedance maximum (at resonance) then  $Z_{max}/R_{dc} = Q_m/Q_e + 1$ .
- $Q_e$  reflects the width of the impedance peak (large  $Q_e$  corresponds to a narrow peak)

EXAMPLE:

```
> f = logspace(1,4,1000);
> Rdc = 6.1; f0 = 45; Qe = 0.35; Qm = 5.0;
> Kr = 4.5E-3; Ki = 27E-3; Xr = 0.65; Xi = 0.68;
> [mag,phase] = mataa_impedance_speaker_model_WRIGHT (f,Rdc,f0,Qe,Qm,Kr,Xr,Ki,Xi);
```

## 5.21 mataa\_import\_AIFF

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_import\_AIFF.m

function [t,s] = mataa\_import\_AIFF (file)

DESCRIPTION:

Import time-domain data from an AIFF file. This function requires the sndfile-convert utility, which is part of libsndfile ( <http://www.mega-nerd.com/libsndfile> ).

INPUT:

file: string containing the name of the file containing the data to be imported. The string may contain a complete path. If no path is given, the file is assumed to be located in the current working directory.

OUTPUT:

t: time values (s)

s: signal samples

## 5.22 mataa\_import\_FRD

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_import\_FRD.m

```
function [f,mag,phase,comments] = mataa_import_FRD (file);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Import frequency-domain data from a FRD file.

(see also mataa\_export\_FRD).

### INPUT:

file: string containing the name of the file containing the data to be imported. The string may contain a complete path. If no path is given, the file is assumed to be located in the current working directory.

### OUTPUT:

f: frequency values (Hz)

mag: magnitude values

phase: phase

comments: cell string containing the comments in the data file (if any)

### HISTORY:

9. January 2008 (Matthias Brennwald): first version

## 5.23 mataa\_import\_mlssa

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_import\_mlssa.m

```
function [mlsvec,mlsfs,stimulus_amp,mlsdf] = mataa_import_mlssa (File,Outfile,Withir);
```

Reads a MLSSA .TIM or .FRQ file and extracts all data from it. Note that this function has been designed using Matlab only (i.e. it might not work as well with Octave).

### INPUT:

File (optional): should contain the filename, including path and extension (.TIM or .FRQ). If File is empty, a file dialog is presented.

Outfile: should contain a filename, including path but no extension (will be given.mat). The output data will be saved in this file.

Withir (optional): parameter, should be included and with the text 'Withir' if the impulse response (or transfer function) mlsvec should be included in the Output file.

**OUTPUT:**

`mlsvec` the impulse response (for `.TIM` files) or the transfer function (for `.FRQ` files; containing  $nfft/2 + 1$  complex values).

`mlsfs` the sampling frequency

`stimulus_amp` the stimulus amplitude used during the measurement

`mlsdf` the frequency increment (only for `.FRQ` files)

Comment 1: Note that an MLS file (`.TIM` or `.FRQ`) is half the size of the corresponding Matlab file (MLSSA uses single precision whereas Matlab uses double precision). Thus the MLS files can be used and opened every time data is needed, instead of creating a Matlab copy of the file.

Comment 2: The output parameter `stimulus_amp` might be needed to scale the impulse response correctly. MLSSA does not scale the impulse versus the `stimulus_amp` so that if different `stimulus_amp` have been used, the corresponding impulse responses will display different amplitudes. The transfer functions (`.FRQ`) are however scaled correctly.

Comment 3: The impulse response can be retrieved from the transfer function by inserting the values for negative frequencies:

```
[mlsvec,mlsfs,stimulus_amp,mlsdf] = readmls('TEST.FRQ',Outfile);
```

```
npoints = length(mlsvec);
```

```
mlsvec = [mlsvec; conj(mlsvec( npoints-1:-1:2 ))];
```

```
ir = real(iff(mlsvec)); % ir should be a real quantity. Any remaining
```

```
% imaginary values will reflect numerical errors
```

```
% or an incorrect transfer function.
```

Note however that if a window was used before calculating the transfer function the windowed impulse response will be extracted.

Comment 4: The MLSSA files contain a large number of auxilliary parameters that are saved in

the `Outfile`. Refer to the appendix of the MLSSA manual for information about these parameters, which are those in the setup of the MLSSA measurements. According to the manual, this setup structure can be changed in future versions. This one is valid for version 9.0.

The program is based on code written by Peter Svensson (svensson[at]iet.ntnu.no) available at <http://www.iet.ntnu.no/~svensson/readmls.m>. Peter Svensson explicitly agreed to provide his work for inclusion in MATAA.

## 5.24 mataa\_import\_PIR

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_import\_PIR.m

```
function [t,s,info] = mataa_import_PIR (file);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Import time-domain data from a PIR file (binary ARTA data file).

**INPUT:**

file: string containing the name of the file containing the data to be imported. The string may contain a complete path. If no path is given, the file is assumed to be located in the current working directory.

**OUTPUT:**

t: time values (s)

s: signal amplitude values

info: data information (as described in ARTA manual, see also m-file code in this file)

**HISTORY:**

26. October 2019 (Matthias Brennwald): first version

## 5.25 mataa\_import\_TMD

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_import\_TMD.m

```
function [t,s,comments] = mataa_import_TMD (file,timefix)
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Import time-domain data from a TMD file (see also mataa\_export\_TMD).

**INPUT:**

file: string containing the name of the file containing the data to be imported. The string may contain a complete path. If no path is given, the file is assumed to be located in the current working directory.

timefix (optional): flag indicating if (and how) mataa\_import\_TMD should try to make time values evenly spaced. If timefix > 1:  $t = \text{timefix} * \text{round}(1/\text{mean}(\text{diff}(t))/\text{timefix})$

**OUTPUT:**

t: time values (s)

s: signal samples

comments: cell string containing the comments in the data file (if any)

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> [t,h,comments] = mataa_import_TMD ('scanspeaker_0deg_no_filter_tweeter.tmd',10);
```

## 5.26 mataa\_interp

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_interp.m

```
function y = mataa_interp (xi,yi,x);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Linear interpolation of  $y(x)$  from  $y_i(x_i)$

if  $x$  is outside the range of  $x_i$ , `mataa_interp` returns a linear extrapolation of the  $y_i$

Linear interpolation is of course available in Matlab and Octave-Forge as `interp1`. However, it's not available in plain-vanilla Octave, which is a shame, I think (this was fixed a while ago, so `mataa_interp` is obsolete and may be removed in the future). I therefore provided this function for MATAA so that I don't have to worry about `interp1` missing in Octave while still being able to easily write code that is compatible with both Matlab and Octave.

FIXME: THIS CODE IS AS INEFFICIENT AS IT GETS!

## 5.27 mataa\_IR\_demo

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_IR\_demo.m

```
function [h,t,unit] = mataa_IR_demo (IRtype)
```

### DESCRIPTION:

This function returns the an impulse response  $h(t)$ , specified by 'IRtype'.

### INPUT:

type (optional): string describing the type of impulse response (see below). If not specified, type = 'DEFAULT' is used.

valid choices for 'IRtype':

FE108: impulse response of a Fostex FE108Sigma full-range driver, sampled at a rate of 96 kHz.

DIRAC: dirac impulse (first sample is 1, all others are zero), with a length of 1 second, sampled at 44.1 kHz.

EXP: exponential decay ( $f(t) = \exp(-t/\tau)$ , with  $\tau=1E-2$  seconds), with a length of 1 second, sampled at 44.1 kHz.

DEFAULT: same as 'FE108'.

**OUTPUT:**

h: impulse response samples  
t: time coordinates of samples  
unit: unit of data in h

**5.28 mataa\_IR\_remove\_echo**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_IR\_remove\_echo.m

```
function [h,t] = mataa_IR_remove_echo (h,t,t_echo_start,t_echo_end);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function removes echos from an impulse response. The echos are replaced by data calculated by linear interpolation.

**INPUT:**

h: values impulse response (vector)  
t: time values of samples in h (vector)  
t\_echo\_start: start time of echo  
t\_echo\_end: end time of echo

**OUTPUT:**

h: values impulse response with echo removed  
t: time values of samples in h

**5.29 mataa\_IR\_to\_CSD**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_IR\_to\_CSD.m

```
function [spl,f,d] = mataa_IR_to_CSD (h,t,T,smooth_interval);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function calculates cumulative spectral decay (CSD) data (SPL-responses spl at frequencies f and delay times d).

**INPUT:**

h: values impulse response (vector)  
t: time values of samples in h (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of h (scalar, in Hz)  
T: desired delay times (should be evenly spaced)  
smooth\_interval (optional): if supplied, the SPL curves are smoothed using mataa\_IR\_to\_FR\_smooth

**OUTPUT:**

spl: CSD data (dB)  
 f: frequency (Hz)  
 d: delay of CSD data (seconds)

**EXAMPLE:**

```
[h,t] = mataa_IR_demo ('FE108');
T = [0:1E-4:4E-3];
[spl,f,t] = mataa_IR_to_CSD (h,t,T,1/24);
mataa_plot_CSDt (spl,f,t,50);
```

**5.30 mataa\_IR\_to\_ETC**

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_IR\_to\_ETC.m

```
function [etc,t] = mataa_IR_to_ETC (h,t);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function calculates the energy-time-curve (ETC) from the impulse response  $h(t)$ . The ETC is the envelope (magnitude) of the analytic signal of  $h$  (see D'Appolito, J.: Testing Loudspeakers, p. 125)

**INPUT:**

h: impulse response (in volts)  
 t: time coordinates of samples in h (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of h (scalar, in Hz)

**OUTPUT:**

etc: energy-time curve  
 t: time coordinates of etc (in seconds)

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo;
> [etc,t] = mataa_IR_to_ETC(h,t);
> mataa_plot_ETC_lin(etc,t)
```

**5.31 mataa\_IR\_to\_FR\_LFextend**

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_IR\_to\_FR\_LFextend.m

```
function [mag,phase,f,unit] = mataa_IR_to_FR_LFextend (h,t,t1,t2,t3,N,smooth_interval,unit);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Calculate frequency response (magnitude in dB and phase in degrees) of a loudspeaker with



impulse response  $h(t)$  in two steps: first, the anechoic part ( $t < T_0$ ) is windowed and fourier transformed. Then, low-frequency bins in the range  $f_0 \dots 1/T_0$  are added by using the part of the impulse response after  $T_0$  (the low-frequency response is therefore not anechoic).

**INPUT:**

$h$ : impulse response (in volts)

$t$ : time coordinates of samples in  $h$  (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of  $h$  (scalar, in Hz)

$t_1, t_2, t_3$ : time ranges of the anechoic and the following echoic parts, relative to the first value in  $t$ .  $[t_1, t_2]$  is the time range used to calculate the anechoic frequency response,  $[t_1, t_3]$  the time range used to extend the frequency response towards lower frequencies (echoic part).

$N$ : number of frequency-response values to calculate in echoic frequency range

`smooth_interval` (optional): if specified, the frequency response is smoothed over the octave interval `smooth_interval`.

`unit`: see `mataa_IR_to_FR`

**OUTPUT:**

`mag`: magnitude of frequency response (in dB)

`phase`: phase of frequency response (in degrees). This is the TOTAL phase including the 'excess phase' due to (possible) time delay of  $h(h)$ . `phase` is unwrapped (i.e. it is not limited to  $\pm 180$  degrees, and there are no discontinuities at  $\pm 180$  deg.)

`f`: frequency coordinates of `mag` and `phase`

`unit`: see `mataa_IR_to_FR`

## 5.32 mataa\_IR\_to\_FR

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_IR\_to\_FR.m

```
function [mag,phase,f,unit] = mataa_IR_to_FR (h,t,smooth_interval,unit);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Calculate frequency response (magnitude in dB and phase in degrees) of a system with impulse response  $h(t)$

**INPUT:**

$h$ : impulse response (in volts, Pa, FS, etc.)

$t$ : time coordinates of samples in  $h$  (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of  $h$  (scalar, in Hz)

`smooth_interval` (optional): if specified, the frequency response is smoothed over the octave interval `smooth_interval`.

`unit` (optional): unit of  $h$ . If no unit is given, `unit = 'FS'` is assumed.

Known units:

`unit = 'V'` (Volt)

`unit = 'Pa'` (Pascal)

`unit = 'FS'` (digital Full Scale, values ranging from -1 to +1).

**OUTPUT:**

mag: magnitude of frequency response (in dB). Depending on the unit of h, mag is references to different levels:

- Unit of h is 'Pa' (Pascal) → mag is referenced to 20 microPa (standard RMS reference sound pressure level).

- Unit of h is 'V' (Volt) → mag is referenced to 1.0 V(RMS).

phase: phase of frequency response (in degrees). This is the TOTAL phase including the 'excess phase' due to (possible) time delay of h(h). phase is unwrapped (i.e. it is not limited to +/-180 degrees, and there are no discontinuities at +/- 180 deg.)

f: frequency coordinates of mag and phase

unit: unit of mag (depends on unit given at input):

input unit = 'V' → output unit = 'dB-V(rms)' // a sine wave with a RMS level of 1V(rms) corresponds to 0 dB-V(rms)

input unit = 'Pa' → output unit = 'dB-SPL(rms)' // a sine wave with a RMS SPL of 2E-5Pa(rms) corresponds to 0 dB-SPL(rms)

input unit = 'FS' → output unit = 'dB-FS(rms)' // a sine wave with a RMS level of 0.707FS (1.0FS peak amplitude) corresponds to 0 dB-FS(rms)

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> [h,t,unit_h] = mataa_IR_demo ('FE108'); % load demo IR (Fostex FE-108 speaker)
> [mag,phase,f,unit_mag] = mataa_IR_to_FR(h,t,1/12,unit_h); % calculate magnitude(f)
and phase(f), smoothed to 1/12 octave resolution
> subplot (2,1,1); semilogx (f,mag); ylabel (sprintf('SPL (%s)',unit_mag)); % plot magni-
tude response
> subplot (2,1,2); semilogx (f,phase); ylabel ('Phase (deg.)'); xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)'); %
plot phase response
```

**5.33 mataa\_IR\_to\_SR**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_IR\_to\_SR.m

```
function [s,t] = mataa_IR_to_SR (h,t);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

calculates the step response of a system with impulse response h(t)

**INPUT:**

h: impulse response

t: time coordinates of samples in h (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of h (scalar, in Hz)

**OUTPUT:**

s: step response

t: time (seconds)

### 5.34 mataa\_IR\_to\_TBES

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_IR\_to\_TBES.m

```
function [A,tau,f] = mataa_IR_to_TBES (h,t,f);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Calculate tone burst energy storage (TBES) data. The impulse response is convolved with shaped tone burst(s) to analyze the transient response and energy storage of the DUT at different frequencies. Tone burst signals used are 4 cycles of pure sine with a Blackman envelope.

The method is based on the ideas of Siegfried Linkwitz (see [http://www.linkwitzlab.com/frontiers\\_2.htm#M](http://www.linkwitzlab.com/frontiers_2.htm#M)) and Jochen Fabricius.

#### INPUT:

h: values impulse response (vector)

t: time values of samples in h (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of h (scalar, in Hz)

f: frequency value(s) of tone burst (Hz)

#### OUTPUT:

A: amplitude envelope (dB, relative to max value)

tau: dimensionless time value (time normalized by period of burst frequency)

f: frequency values (same values as in input, useful for plotting TBES results)

#### EXAMPLE:

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo ('FE108');
> f = logspace (2,4,50);
> [A,tau,f] = mataa_IR_to_TBES (h,t,f);
```

### 5.35 mataa\_load\_calibration

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_load\_calibration.m

```
function cal = mataa_load_calibration (calfile)
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Load calibration data for test devices from calibration file.

#### INPUT:

calfile: name of calibration file (e.g., "Behringer\_ECM8000.txt")

#### OUTPUT:

cal: struct with calibration data.

**EXAMPLE:**

To load the (generic) calibration data for a Behringer ECM8000 microphone:

```
c = mataa_load_calibration ('BEHRINGER_ECM8000_D1303397118_MICROPHONE.txt');
```

**5.36 mataa\_measure\_GedLee**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_measure\_GedLee.m

```
function [Gm,tf] = mataa_measure_GedLee ( f0,T,fs,N_h,latency,cal,amplitude,unit,N_avg,do_plot);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Measure the GedLee distortion metric. This is achieved by measuring the distortion harmonics from a sine signal to construct the transfer function of the system, which is analysed according to the GedLee metric to obtain "Gm".

**INPUT:**

(see mataa\_measure\_HD\_noise)

'amplitude' may be specified as a vector of different amplitude values.

do\_plot (optional): flag (boolean) or figure number (positive integer). Use this to set plotting of the DUT output spectrum used to determine the transfer function for GedLee analysis. This is useful to check if the right number of harmonics (N\_h) is used, or if the harmonics are lost in the noise floor (default: do\_plot = 15).

**OUTPUT:**

Gm: GedLee metric

tf: normalised transfer function (as used to determine Gm)

**REFERENCES:**

[1] "Weighting Up", Keith Howard

**EXAMPLE-1:**

```
[Gm,tf] = mataa_measure_GedLee (1000,0.3,44100,10,0.2);
plot (linspace(-1,1,length(tf)),tf);
xlabel ('Input (normalised)'); ylabel ('Output (normalised)'); title ('Transfer function')
```

**EXAMPLE-2:**

```
ampl = logspace(-3,0,10)*5;
[Gm,tf] = mataa_measure_GedLee (1000,0.3,88200,10,0.2,'MB_ACOUSTIC_CHAIN_DUT.txt',ampl,'V',3);

semilogx (ampl/sqrt(2),Gm)
xlabel ('Signal (V-RMS)'); ylabel ('Gm value')
```

### 5.37 mataa\_measure\_HD\_noise

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_measure\_HD\_noise.m

```
function [HD,fHD,THD,THDN,L,f,unit] = mataa_measure_HD_noise ( f0,T,fs,N_h,latency,cal,amplitude,unit,w
);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Measure harmonic distortion and total harmonic distortion plus noise (THD+N). If necessary, the fundamental frequency (f0) is adjusted to match the center of the closest FFT bin to avoid smearing of the spectrum.

#### INPUT:

f0: fundamental frequency (Hz).

T: length of sine signal in seconds.

fs: sampling frequency in Hz

N\_h: number of harmonics to consider (including the fundamental)

latency (optional): see mataa\_measure\_signal\_response (default: latency = [])

cal (optional): calibration data for data calibration (see mataa\_signal\_calibrate for details).

amplitude and unit (optional): amplitude and unit of test signal at DUT input (see mataa\_measure\_signal\_response). Note that the 'unit' controls the amplitude of the analog signal at the DUT input. Default: amplitude = 1, unit = 'digital'.

window (optional): window function to be applied to the DUT response before calculating the spectrum (default: window = 'none'). See also mataa\_signal\_window(...). If the window function requires additional parameter, then window can be given as a struct with three fields corresponding to the mataa\_signal\_window(...) arguments as follows:

window.name = 'window' input argument of mataa\_signal\_window(...)

window.par = 'par' input argument of mataa\_signal\_window(...)

window.len = 'len' input argument of mataa\_signal\_window(...)

fLow,fHigh (optional): frequency bandwidth of analysis (default: fLow = [], fHigh = []):

- If fLow is not empty, only spectral data at frequencies larger or equal to fLow are used for the analysis.

- If fHigh is not empty, only spectral data at frequencies lower or equal to fHigh are used for the analysis.

N\_avg (optional): number of averages (integer, default: N\_avg = 1). If N\_avg > 1, the measurement is repeated N\_avg times, and the mean result is returned. This is useful to reduce the noise floor.

#### OUTPUT:

HD: amplitudes (zero-to-peak) and phase angles (radians) of the fundamental and harmonics (size(HD) = [2,N\_h]).

fHD: frequency values of the fundamental and harmonics (Hz)

THD: total harmonic distortion ratio ( $THD = \sqrt{\sum(HD(2:end).^2)}/HD(1)$ ), following the AD convention for normalisation

THDN: THD + noise (THD+N) ratio. THD+N ratio = RMS level of the measured distortion plus noise (with the fundamental removed) divided by the level of the fundamental (following

the AD convention).

L and fL: full spectrum (see `mataa_measure_sine_distortion`)

unit: unit of data in HD and L.

#### NOTE:

The THD ratio and the THD+N ratio are normalised to the level of the fundamental (as described in [1,2]). The alternative convention of normalising to the full signal including harmonics or noise (as used by Audio Precision, for example) is discouraged, because it may cause errors and misinterpretation [1,2].

#### REFERENCES:

[1] "On the Definition of Total Harmonic Distortion and Its Effect on Measurement Interpretation", Doron Shmilovitz, IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON POWER DELIVERY, VOL. 20, NO. 1, JANUARY 2005, <http://www.eng.tau.ac.il/~shmilo/10.pdf>

[2] "Understand SINAD, ENOB, SNR, THD, THD + N, and SFDR so You Don't Get Lost in the Noise Floor", Walt Kester, Analog Devices MT-003, <http://www.analog.com/media/en/training-seminars/tutorials/MT-003.pdf>

EXAMPLE-1 (harmonic distortion + noise analysis with 1 kHz fundamental, 1 second test signal, 44.1 kHz sampling rate, include 10 peaks in analysis (fundamental + 9 harmonics):

```
[HD,fHD,THD,THDN,L,fL,unit] = mataa_measure_HD_noise ( 1000,1,44100,10,0.2 );
subplot (2,1,1)
semilogy (fL,L(:,1)/sqrt(2),'k-', fHD,HD(1,:)/sqrt(2),'ro' );
xlim([0,fHD(end)])
ylabel ('Amplitude (RMS uncal.)')
subplot (2,1,2)
plot ( fHD,HD(2,:)/pi*180,'ro' );
xlim([0,fHD(end)])
ylabel ('Phase (deg.)')
xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)');
```

EXAMPLE-2 (like EXAMPLE-1, but with calibrated 0.3 V test signal amplitude, Hann window, bandwidth-limit 100 to 10500 Hz, 5 averages)

```
[HD,fHD,THD,THDN,L,fL,unit] = mataa_measure_HD_noise ( 1000,1,44100,10,0.2,'MB_ELECTRONIC_CHA
');
semilogy ( fL,L(:,1)/sqrt(2),'k-', fHD,HD(1,:)/sqrt(2),'ro' )
ylabel (sprintf('Amplitude (%s-RMS)',unit))
xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)');
```

check arguments:

## 5.38 mataa\_measure\_impedance

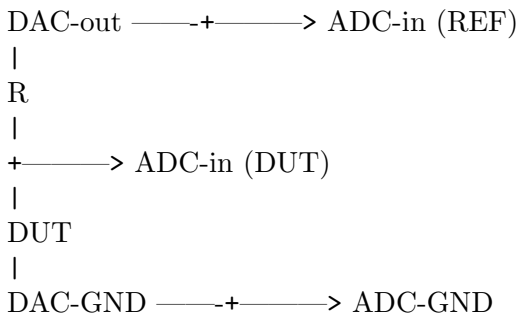
file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_measure\_impedance.m

```
function [Zmag,Zphase,f] = mataa_measure_impedance (fLow,fHigh,R,fs,resolution,cal,amplitude,unit,latency)
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function measures the complex, frequency-dependent impedance  $Z(f)$  of a DUT using a swept sine signal ranging from `fLow` to `fHigh`. Note the fade-in and fade-out of the test signal results in a loss of precision at the frequency extremes, which may be compensated by using a slightly larger frequency range.

The measurement relies on the following set up:



Note that the current flowing through the reference resistor `R` is identical to the current flowing through the DUT at all times. This allows calculating the impedance of the DUT using Ohm's Law with the voltages observed at the ADC inputs of the REF and DUT channels.

#### INPUT:

`fLow`: lower limit of the frequency range (Hz)

`fHigh`: upper limit of the frequency range (Hz)

`R`: resistance of the reference resistor (Ohm)

`fs` (optional): sampling frequency to be used for sound I/O. If not value is given, the lowest possible sampling frequency will be used.

`resolution` (optional): frequency resolution in octaves (example: `resolution = 1/24` will give 1/24 octave smoothing). Default is `resolution = 1/48`. If you want no smoothing at all, use `resolution = 0`.

`cal` (optional): calibration data (see `mataa_signal_calibrate` for details). This is required only if the signal amplitude used for the measurement needs to be set to a specific level.

`amplitude` and `unit` (optional): amplitude and unit of test signal at DUT input (see `mataa_measure_signal_response`). These parameters are used only if '`cal`' is specified. Note that the '`unit`' controls the amplitude of the analog signal at the DUT input. Default: `amplitude = 1`, `unit = 'digital'`.

`latency` (optional): see `mataa_measure_signal_response` (default: `latency = []`)

#### OUTPUT:

`Zabs`: impedance magnitude (Ohm)

Zphase: impedance phase (degrees)  
 f: vector of frequency values

EXAMPLE 1 (simple measurement from 10 Hz to 20 kHz, using a reference resistor R=8.0 Ohm, with unspecified signal level):

```
[Zmag,Zphase,f] = mataa_measure_impedance (10,20000,8.0,44100);
semilogx (f,Zmag); xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)'); ylabel ('Impedance (Ohm)')
```

EXAMPLE 2 (similar to above, but without smoothing and using a sweep amplitude of +/- 3.0 V-pk):

```
[Zmag,Zphase,f] = mataa_measure_impedance (10,20000,8.0,44100,0,'MB_ELECTRONIC_CHAIN.txt',3.0,'V')

subplot (2,1,1); semilogx (f,Zphase); ylabel ('Phase (deg.)')
subplot (2,1,2); semilogx (f,Zmag); xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)'); ylabel ('Impedance (Ohm)')
```

check arguments:

## 5.39 mataa\_measure\_IR\_HD

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_measure\_IR\_HD.m

```
function hi = mataa_measure_IR_HD (P, T, fs, N, tL, latency, cal, A, unit)
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Measures the impulse response and the harmonic distortion products using the "Farina method". This uses an exponential sine sweep (chirp) as a test signal. The sweep of length T contains an integer number of octaves down from the Nyquist frequency. The impulse responses of the fundamental and harmonic distortion products are determined by convolving the DUT response with the inverse filter corresponding to the chirp signal. The magnitude spectrum ripple in the high-frequency extreme is minimized due to the sweep beginning and ending in phase zero. A Hanning fade-in is applied for the first octave, so the flat spectrum is (P - 1) octaves long. Similarly, a Hanning fade-out is applied to the last 1/24 octave to reduce the ripple even more.

The REF input channel is not used.

### REFERENCES:

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K. Vetter, S. di Rosario: "ExpoChirpToolbox: a Pure Data implementation of ESS impulse response measurement", Rotterdam/London, July 2011. Available at [http://www.uni-weimar.de/medien/wiki/PDCON:Conference/Pure\\_Data\\_implementation\\_of\\_an\\_ESS-](http://www.uni-weimar.de/medien/wiki/PDCON:Conference/Pure_Data_implementation_of_an_ESS-)



based\_impulse\_response\_acoustic\_measurement\_tool. ExpoChirpToolbox page:  
<http://www.katjaas.nl/expochirp/expochirp.html>.

#### NOTES:

- (1) The original code was contributed by estearg (github) on 24.12.2017+30.12.2017 and modified to better suit the MATAA way of code.
- (2) This code went through substantial changes and fixes (Aug 2019), because it was hard to use and gave wrong results. After substantial testing and comparison with discrete distortion testing, the distortion results now seem to be consistent with those obtained from conventional (discrete frequency) methods.

#### INPUT:

P: integer number of octaves, of which the first will be spent on a fade-in window  
 T: desired sweep duration  
 fs: sampling frequency  
 N: number of harmonics included in the analysis  
 tL: length of anechoic part of impulse response (seconds)  
 latency (optional): see mataa\_measure\_signal\_response  
 cal (optional): see mataa\_measure\_signal\_response  
 A and unit (optional): amplitude and unit of test signal at DUT input (see mataa\_measure\_signal\_response). Note that the 'unit' controls the amplitude of the analog signal at the DUT input. Default: amplitude = 1, unit = 'digital'

#### OUTPUT:

hi: vector of structs with measured data. hi(1) corresponds to the fundamental, h(k) to the k-th harmonic, with  $k = 2 \dots N$ .  
 hi(k).mag: magnitude data  
 hi(k).phase: phase data  
 hi(k).mag\_unit: unit of mag  
 hi(k).percent: percentage of harmonic amplitude relative to fundamental  
 hi(k).f: frequency values for mag, phase and percent  
 hi(k).h: impulse response data  
 hi(k).h\_unit: unit of h  
 hi(k).t: time values for impulse response data

#### EXAMPLE:

```
> % Measure anechoic loudspeaker response (above 300 Hz) and harmonic distortions (2nd
and 3rd) using P=8 octaves, T=3 s, fs=96 kHz, default latency, and 1 V (peak-to-zero)
drive voltage:
> h = mataa_measure_IR_HD (8,3,96000,3,1/300,[],'MB_ACOUSTIC_CHAIN_DUT.txt',1,'V');

> figure(1);
> semilogx (h(1).f,h(1).mag,'k-Fundamental;', h(2).f,h(2).mag,'b-;2nd;',
h(3).f,h(3).mag,'r-;3rd;'); % plot absolute levels
> xlim([300 20E3]); ylabel ('dB-SPL'); xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)');
> figure(2);
```

```
> loglog(h(2).f,h(2).percent,'-b;2nd;' , h(3).f,h(3).percent,'r-;3rd;') % plot levels relative to
fundamental
> xlim([300 20E3]); ylabel ('HD (%)'); xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)');
```

## 5.40 mataa\_measure\_IR

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_measure\_IR.m

```
function [h,t,unit] = mataa_measure_IR (test_signal,fs,N,latency,loopback,cal,unit);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

This function measures the impulse response  $h(t)$  of a system using sample rate  $fs$ . The sampling rate must be supported by the audio device and by the TestTone program. See also `mataa_measure_signal_response`.  $h(t)$  is determined from the deconvolution of the DUT's response and the original input signal (if no loopback is used) or the REF channel (with loopback). The allocation of the DUT (and REF) channel is determined using `mataa_settings('channel_DUT')` (and `mataa_settings('channel_REF')`).

Note that the deconvolution result is normalised to the level of signal at the DUT input / DAC(+BUFFER) output. In order to remove this normalisation of the impulse response ( $h$ ), the function multiplies the deconvolution result by the RMS signal level of the signal at the DUT input (if the DUT input signal level is available from the calibrator process).

### INPUT:

`test_signal`: test signal, vector of signal samples (can be a chirp, MLS, pink noise, Dirac, etc.).

`N` (optional): the impulse response is measured  $N$  times and the mean response is calculated from these measurements.  $N = 1$  is used by default.

`latency`: see `mataa_measure_signal_response`

`loopback` (optional): flag to control the behaviour of deconvolution of the DUT and REF channels. If `loopback = 0`, the DUT signal is not deconvolved from the REF signal (no loopback calibration). Otherwise, the DUT signal is deconvolved from the REF channel. The allocation of the DUT and REF channels is taken from `mataa_settings('channel_DUT')` and `mataa_settings('channel_REF')`. Default value (if not specified) is `loopback = 0`.

`cal` (optional): calibration data (struct or (cell-)string, see `mataa_load_calibration` and `mataa_signal_calibrate`)

`unit` (optional): unit of `test_signal` (see `mataa_measure_signal_response`). Note that this controls the amplitude of the analog signal at the DUT input.

### OUTPUT:

`h`: impulse response

`t`: time

`unit`: unit of data in `h`

### EXAMPLE:

Measure impulse response of a loudspeaker using a sweep test signal (without any data calibration):

```
> % measure impulse response using chirp test signal, allowing for 0.1 s latency of sound
in/out
> fs = 44100; s = mataa_signal_generator ('sweep',fs,1,[50 20000]); % test signal
> [h,t,unit] = mataa_measure_IR (s,fs,1,0.1,0,'GENERIC_CHAIN_ACOUSTIC.txt');
> plot (t,h); xlabel ('Time (s)'); ylabel (sprintf('Amplitude (%s)',unit)); % plot result
```

## 5.41 mataa\_measure\_signal\_response

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_measure\_signal\_response.m

```
function [dut_out,dut_in,t,dut_out_unit,dut_in_unit] = mataa_measure_signal_response
(X0,fs,latency,verbose,channels,cal,X0_unit);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

This function feeds one or more test signal(s) to the DUT(s) and records the response signal(s).

See also note on channel numbers and allocation of DAC, ADC and cal channel numbers below!

### INPUT:

X0: test signal with values ranging from -1...+1. For a single signal (same signal for all DAC output channels), X0 is a vector. For different signals, X0 is a matrix, with each column corresponding to one channel

fs: the sampling rate to be used for the audio input / output (in Hz). Only sample rates supported by the hardware (or its driver software) are supported.

latency: the signal data in X0 are padded with zeros at the beginning and end to avoid cutting off the test signals early due to the latency of the sound input/output device(s). 'latency' is the length of the zero signals padded to the beginning and the end of the test signal (in seconds).C

verbose (optional): If verbose=0, no information or feedback is displayed. Otherwise, mataa\_measure\_signal\_response prints feedback on the progress of the sound in/out. If verbose is not specified, verbose ~ 0 is assumed.

channels (optional): index to data channels obtained from the ADC that should be processed and returned. If not specified, all data channels are returned.

cal (optional): calibration data for the full analysis chain DAC / SENSOR / ADC (see mataa\_signal\_calibrate\_DUTin and mataa\_signal\_calibrate\_DUTout for details). If different audio channels are used with different hardware (e.g., a microphone in the DUT channel and a loopback without microphone in the REF channel), separate structs describing the hardware of each channel can be provided in a cell array. If no cal is given or cal = [], the data will not be calibrated.

X0\_unit (optional): unit of test signal data in X0 (string):

If unit = 'digital' (default): X0 signal is given in digital domain. The X0 values are sent to the DAC without any amplitude conversion. X0 values are allowed to range from -1 to +1, corresponding to the min. and max. value of the analog signal at the DAC output.

If unit = unit of the sensitivity value specified in the cal data for the DAC analog output signal (e.g., unit = 'V': X0 signal is given in the physical units of the ; X0 reflects the signal voltage that is generated at the DAC output. The X0 voltages are converted to "digital domain values" using the DAC sensitivity given in the 'cal' data before the data is sent the DAC. X0 values are allowed to range from the min. to max. voltages that can be generated by the DAC output.

#### OUTPUT:

dut\_out: matrix containing the signal(s) at the DUT output(s) / SENSOR input(s) (all channels used for signal recording, each column corresponds to one channel). If SENSOR and ADC cal data are available, these data are calibrated for the input sensitivity of the SENSOR and ADC.

dut\_in: matrix containing the signal(s) at the DAC(+BUFFER) output(s) / DUT input. If DAC cal data are available, these data are calibrated for the output sensitivity of the DAC(+BUFFER). This may also be handy if the original test-signal data are stored in a file, which would otherwise have to be loaded into workspace to be used.

t: vector containing the times corresponding the samples in dut\_out and dut\_in (in seconds)

dut\_out\_unit: unit of data in dut\_out. If the signal has more than one channel, signal\_unit is a cell string with each cell reflecting the units of each signal channel.

dut\_in\_unit: unit of data in dut\_in (analogous to dut\_out\_unit)

X0\_RMS: RMS amplitude of signal at DUT input / DAC(+BUFFER) output (same unit as dut\_in data). This may be different from the RMS amplitude of dut\_in due to the zero-padding of dut\_in in order to accomodate for the latency of the analysis system; the X0\_RMS value is determined from the test signal before zero padding.

#### NOTES:

(1) As a general rule, the number of DAC channels (X0) and the number of ADC channels ('channels' index) must be the same:

\* In many situations the optional 'channels' index for the ADC channels can be omitted or left empty (channels=[]). The index will then be set automatically to channels = [1:size(X0,2)] (i.e., the ADC channel numbers correspond to the DAC channel numbers).

\* Some audio interfaces have more ADC channels than DAC channels, so it is necessary to explicitly specify which ADC channels are used. Example for an audio interface with 2 DACs and 4 ADCs: using X0 with two channels (size(X0,2)=2) requires two ADC channels. If channels = [], ADC channels 1 and 2 will be used automatically. To use ADC channels 3 and 4 instead, set channels=[3,4].

\* If cal data is specified, each channel needs its own cal data, so length(cal) = size(X0,2). If cal is not specified, the cal data for each channel will be set to calk=[], and the data will remain uncalibrated.

(2) If the DAC output is specified as "digital" (no physical unit for X0 data), the signal samples may range from -1.0 to +1.0.

#### EXAMPLES:

(1) Feed a 1 kHz sine-wave signal to the DUT and plot the DUT output (no data calibration):

```
> fs = 44100;
> [s,t] = mataa_signal_generator ('sine',fs,0.2,1000);
> [out,in,t,out_unit,in_unit] = mataa_measure_signal_response(s,fs,0.1,1,1);
> plot (t,out);
> xlabel ('Time (s)')
```

(2) Feed a 1 kHz sine-wave signal with a 1.8 Volt amplitude (zero-to-peak) to the DUT, use calibration as in `GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt` file, and compare the input and response signals:

```
> fs = 44100;
> [s,t] = mataa_signal_generator ('sine',fs,0.2,1000);
> [out,in,t,out_unit,in_unit] = mataa_measure_signal_response(1.8*s,fs,0.1,1,1,'GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt');

> subplot (2,1,1); plot (t,in); ylabel (sprintf('Signal at DUT input (%s)',in_unit));
> subplot (2,1,2); plot (t,out); ylabel (sprintf('Signal at DUT output (%s)',out_unit));
> xlabel ('Time (s)')
```

check input

## 5.42 mataa\_measure\_sine\_distortion

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_measure\_sine\_distortion.m

```
function [L,f,fi,L0,unit] = mataa_measure_sine_distortion (fi,T,fs,latency,cal,amplitude,unit>window,N_avg);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Play sine signals with frequencies `fi` and return the spectrum of the resulting signal in the DUT channel (e.g., measure harmonic distortion spectrum, or intermodulation distortion spectrum).

### INPUT:

`fi`: base frequency in Hz (if `fi` is a scalar), or frequency values of simultaneous sine signals (if `fi` is a vector).

`T`: length of sine signal in seconds.

`fs`: sampling frequency in Hz

`latency` (optional): see `mataa_measure_signal_response` (default: `latency = []`)

`cal` (optional): calibration data for data calibration (see `mataa_signal_calibrate` for details).

`amplitude` and `unit` (optional): amplitude and unit of test signal at DUT input (see `mataa_measure_signal_response`). Note that the `'unit'` controls the amplitude of the analog signal at the DUT input. Default: `amplitude = 1`, `unit = 'digital'`

`window` (optional): window function to be applied to the DUT response before calculating the spectrum (default: `window = 'none'`). See also `mataa_signal_window(...)`. If the window function requires additional parameter, then `window` can be given as a struct with three

fields corresponding to the `mataa_signal_window(...)` arguments as follows:

`window.name` = 'window' input argument of `mataa_signal_window(...)`

`window.par` = 'par' input argument of `mataa_signal_window(...)`

`window.len` = 'len' input argument of `mataa_signal_window(...)`

`N_avg` (optional): number of averages (integer, default: `N_avg = 1`). If `N_avg > 1`, the measurement is repeated `N_avg` times, and the mean result is returned. This is useful to reduce the noise floor.

OUTPUT:

`L`: spectrum of DUT output signal at frequency values `f`. `L(:,1)` = amplitudes (zero-to-peak), `L(:,2)` = phase angles (radian)

`f`: frequency values of spectrum (Hz).

`fi`: frequency value(s) of fundamental(s) they may have been adjusted to align with the frequency resolution of the spectrum to avoid frequency leakage)

`L0`: signal level of fundamental(s) (useful for normalising plots)

`unit`: unit of data in `L` and `L0`.

EXAMPLE-1 (distortion spectrum from 1000 Hz fundamental, with 1.0 V-pk amplitude test signal):

```
> [L,f,fi,L0,unit] = mataa_measure_sine_distortion (1000,1,44100,0.2,'GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt',1.0,'V',
% perform measurement with 1V-pk test signal
> loglog (f,L); xlabel ('Frequency (Hz)'); ylabel(sprintf('Amplitude (%s)',unit)); % plot
result
```

EXAMPLE-2 (IM distortion spectrum from 10000 // 11000 Hz fundamentals):

```
> [L,f,fi,L0] = mataa_measure_sine_distortion ([10000 11000],10,44100,0.2); % perform mea-
surement
> loglog (f,L/L0*100); xlabel('Frequency (Hz)'); ylabel('Amplitude rel. fundamentals (%)');
% plot result
```

## 5.43 mataa\_menu

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_menu.m

function out = mataa\_menu (title, varargin)

DESCRIPTION:

This function prints a menu and asks the user to choose a command from the menu.

title: the title of the menu (string)

varargin: a list of menu entries as described in the below example

out: the command chosen by the user

EXAMPLE:

To print a menu with the title 'Main menu' and the commands 'measure', 'plot', 'save' and 'exit':

```
choice = mataa_menu('Main menu','m','measure','p','plot','s','save','e','exit');
```

The result will look like this:

---

Main menu:

[m] measure – [p] plot – [s] save – [e] exit

Choose a command:

---

The user then chooses one of the four commands by entering 'm', 'p', 's' or 'e'. If he/she enters something else, an error message will be shown, and the menu is displayed again.

## 5.44 mataa\_minimum\_phase

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_minimum\_phase.m

```
function min_phase = mataa_minimum_phase (mag,f);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Calculates minimum phase from magnitude frequency response using the Hilbert transform (see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimum\\_phase#Relationship\\_of\\_magnitude\\_response\\_to\\_phase\\_response](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimum_phase#Relationship_of_magnitude_response_to_phase_response)).

### INPUT:

mag: magnitude of frequency response (in dB)

f: frequency coordinates of mag (in Hz)

### OUTPUT:

min\_phase: minimum phase at frequencies f (unwrapped, in degrees)

```
%% % calculate minimum phase using the Hilbert transform:
```

```
%% % see: http://www.fourelectronics.com/Hilbert-transform-to-calculate-Magnitude-
from-Phase-10052397.html
```

```
%% % and: http://www.dsprelated.com/showmessage/29416/1.php
```

```
%% % this should use the NATURAL log, and 'abs(p)' rather than '10*abs(p)'
```

```
convert mag from dB to natural units:
```

## 5.45 mataa\_octave\_version

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_octave\_version.m

```
function [version,subversion,subsubversion] = mataa_octave_version
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Returns the Octave version. If called with Matlab, the output values are set to NaN.

**INPUT:**

(none)

**OUTPUT:**

version: main version

subversion: subversion

subsubversion: subsubversion

**EXAMPLE:**

With Octave 2.1.73, the output is:

version = 2

subversion = 1

subsubversion = 73

**5.46 mataa\_path**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_path.m

```
function pth = mataa_path (whichPath);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function returns the Matlab / MATAA paths as specified by 'whichPath'

**INPUT:**

whichPath (optional): a string specifying which path should be retrieved.

whichPath can be one of the following:

'main' (default) the main MATAA path

'signals' the path where the test signal data is stored

'tools' the path where the MATAA 'tools' routines are stored (the MATAA toolbox)

'TestTone' the path to the TestTone program

'TestDevices' the path to the TestDevices program

'mataa\_scripts' the path to the MATAA scripts

'microphone' the path to the microphone-data files - THIS IS DEPRECATED! The 'microphone' identifier is now mapped to the 'calibration' identifier.

'settings' the path where the MATAA settings are stored

'calibration' the path where calibration files are stored (microphones, audio interfaces / soundcards, etc.)

If whichPath is not specified, it is set to 'main' by default.



**OUTPUT:**

pth: the MATAA path as indicated by whichPath (string)

**5.47 mataa\_phase\_remove\_delay**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_phase\_remove\_delay.m

```
function [phase,f] = mataa_phase_remove_delay (phase,f,delay);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function removes excess phase due to time delay.

**INPUT:**

phase: phase, including excess phase due to time delay (unwrapped, in degrees)

f: frequency coordinates of phase (in Hz)

delay: time delay to be removed from the phase (in seconds)

**OUTPUT:**

phase: phase with excess phase corresponding to delay removed (unwrapped, in degrees)

**5.48 mataa\_phase\_remove\_trend**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_phase\_remove\_trend.m

```
function [phase,delay] = mataa_phase_remove_trend (phase,f,f1,f2);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Remove linear trend in phase(f), e.g. excess phase due to time delay.

**INPUT:**

phase: phase, including excess phase due to time delay (unwrapped, in degrees)

f: frequency coordinates of phase (in Hz)

f1, f2 (optional, in Hz): if both f1 and f2 are specified, the linear trend in phase(f1<f<f2) is removed from phase(f). If both f1 and f2 are not specified, the full range of f is used from trend analysis.

**OUTPUT:**

phase: phase with excess phase corresponding to delay removed (unwrapped, in degrees)

delay: time delay corresponding the the removed phase trend (in seconds)

**EXAMPLE** (remove excess phase and determine "flight time" of impulse response):

```
[h,t,unit] = mataa_IR_demo ('FE108'); % load impulse response
```

```
[mag,phase,f] = mataa_IR_to_FR(h,t,[],unit); % convert to frequency domain
```

```
min_phase = mataa_minimum_phase (mag,f); % determine minimum phase (in degrees)
```

```
ex_phase = phase - min_phase; % determine excess phase (phase = minimum-phase +
excess-phase)
[u,delay] = mataa_phase_remove_trend (ex_phase,f,1400,5000); % determine excess phase
trend (ex_phase = -2pi x delay), and determine delay = "flight time"
```

## 5.49 mataa\_plot\_CSDt

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_CSDt.m

```
function mataa_plot_CSDt (spl,f,t,spl_range,annotate,opts);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Plot cumulative spectral decay (CSD) data from `mataa_IR_to_CSD(...)` in a 3D diagram using slices of constant time `t` ('waterfall plot'). The argument 'annotate' is optional, and can be used to specify annotations to be added to the titles of the plots.

### INPUT:

`spl,f,t`: see description of output of `mataa_IR_to_CSD`

`spl_range`: the range covered on the y axis of the waterfall diagram (in dB)

`annotate`: annotations to the plot title (string, optional)

`opts`: plot opts (string or cell string containing multiple opts, optional). Currently, the following opts are available (for Octave 2.9.10 or newer):

`opts = 'contours'` : plot contours of waterfall diagram below the waterfall

`opts = 'countours2'`: plot contours (lines) only in a 2-D plot

`opts = 'shaded2'`: similar to 'countours2', but fills the areas in between the contours with a solid color)

### EXAMPLE:

```
[h,t] = mataa_IR_demo ('FE108');
T = [0:1E-4:4E-3];
[spl,f,t] = mataa_IR_to_CSD (h,t,T,1/24);
mataa_plot_CSDt (spl,f,t,50);
```

## 5.50 mataa\_plot\_defaults

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_defaults.m

```
function mataa_plot_defaults
```

### DESCRIPTION:

In earlier version of MATAA, this function sets default gnuplot state for MATAA plots in Octave. With the current version of MATAA, this function has no effect.

**HISTORY:**

26. December 2007 (Matthias Brennwald): commented out all commands so they have no effect anymore. Leave setting of plotting options to the user.

first version: 7. November 2006, Matthias Brennwald

```
%% if exist('OCTAVE_VERSION')
%% % do Octave specific stuff here
%% else
%% % do Matlab specific stuff here
%% %%% fh = gcf;
%% %%% p = get(fh,'Position');
%% %%% if p([3,4]) == [560 420];
%% %%% % make plots somewhat smaller than default
%% %%% p([3,4]) = [450 280];
%% %%% set(fh,'Position',p);
%% %%% end
%% %%% set(fh,'PaperPositionMode','auto'); % use same plot size for saving files as for
plotting on screen
%% end
%% if mataa_settings('plotHoldState')
%% hold on
%% end
%%
%% % otherwise leave the plot state as it is (the user may have typed 'hold on' or something
```

**5.51 mataa\_plot\_ETC\_dB**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_ETC\_dB.m

```
function mataa_plot_ETC_log (etc,t,annotate,dB_range);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Same as mataa\_plot\_ETC, but uses a dB scale for the vertical axis.

The 'dB\_range' parameter (optional) can be given to specify the dB range to be plotted. If not specified, a default value of 60 dB is used

**5.52 mataa\_plot\_ETC\_lin**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_ETC\_lin.m

```
function mataa_plot_ETC_lin (etc,t,annotate);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Plots the energy-time-curve (ETC) etc(t), using a linear y-axis scale.

**INPUT:**

etc: values of the energy-time curve (vector)  
 t: time values (vector)  
 annotate (optional): annotation to the plot title (string)

**OUTPUT:**

(none)

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> t = [0:100]/1000; h = sin(200*t).*exp(-70*t);
> etc = mataa_IR_to_ETC(h,t);
> mataa_plot_ETC(t,etc, 'damped sine');
```

**5.53 mataa\_plot\_FR**

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_plot\_FR.m

```
function mataa_plot_FR (mag,phase,f,annotate,fNorm,phaseUnwrap);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Plots frequency response magnitude, and phase (optional)

**INPUT:**

mag: magnitude of frequency response (in dB)  
 phase (optional): phase of frequency response (in degrees). If you don't want to plot phase, but other optional arguments below are required, use phase = [].  
 f: frequency coordinates of mag and phase (in Hz)  
 annotate (optional): text note to be added to the plot title. If you don't want to add a note, but other optional arguments below are required, use annotate = "".  
 fNorm (optional): frequency to which the magnitude plot is normalised. If you don't want to normalise the plot, but other optional arguments below are required, use fNorm = [].  
 phaseUnwrap (optional): if phaseUnwrap is not zero, the phase is unwrapped (so that discontinuities at +/- 180 deg. are avoided). Otherwise, phase is wrapped to +/- 180 deg.

**EXAMPLE(S):**

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo;
> [mag,phase,f] = mataa_IR_to_FR(h,t,1/12);
> mataa_plot_FR(mag,[],f); % plain vanilla plot of magnitude vs. frequency (without phase)
> mataa_plot_FR(mag,[],f,'demo',1000); % plots magnitude with an annotation to the plot title and normalizes mag by mag(f=1000).
> mataa_plot_FR(mag,phase,f,'demo again',80,1); % plots magnitude and phase with an annotation to the plot title. Magnitude is normalised such that mag(f=80) = 0 dB, and phase is unwrapped.
```

### 5.54 mataa\_plot\_HD

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_plot\_HD.m

```
function mataa_plot_HD (kn, annotate);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function plots the harmonic distortion spectrum in kn.

**INPUT:**

kn = [ k1 k2 k3 ... kn ] is the normalised distortion spectrum.

k1 corresponds to the fundamental frequency or first harmonic (k1 = 1, not plotted), k2 the component of second harmonic relative to the fundamental, k3 that of the third harmonic, etc.

annotate (optional): optional annotation to be added to the plot title

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> HD = mataa_measure_HD_noise ( 1000,1,44100,10,0.2 ); % measure harmonic distortion spectrum
> mataa_plot_HD(HD(1,:),f0: 1kHz'); % plot the distortion spectrum
```

### 5.55 mataa\_plot\_impedance

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_plot\_impedance.m

```
function mataa_plot_impedance (mag,phase,f,annotate);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Plots impedance (magnitude and phase) versus frequency.

**INPUT:**

mag: impedance magnitude (Ohm)

phase: impedance phase (degrees)

f: frequency (Hz)

annotate (optional): text note to be added to the plot title.

**OUTPUT:**

(none)

### 5.56 mataa\_plot\_IR

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_plot\_IR.m

```
function mataa_plot_IR (h,t,annotate);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function plots the impulse response  $h(t)$ .

**INPUT:**

h: impulse response samples

t: time coordinates of impulse response samples (vector, in seconds), or, alternatively, the sampling frequency of  $h(t)$  (scalar, in Hz)

annotate (optional): text note to be added to the plot title.

**EXAMPLE:**

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo;
```

```
> mataa_plot_IR(h,t,'demo impulse response');
```

## 5.57 mataa\_plot\_one

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_one.m

```
function h = mataa_plot_one (x,y,figNum,plottit,xtit,ytit);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Plots y vs. x.

**INPUT:**

x: x values

y: y values to be plotted vs. x.

figNum: number (handle) of the figure window to be used for the plot. Use figNum = [] if the default window is to be used (e.g. the current plot window)

plottit: plot title.

xtit: x-axis label

ytit: y-axis label

**OUTPUT:**

h: handle to the axes of the plot.

## 5.58 mataa\_plot\_save

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_save.m

```
function mataa_plot_save (fileName);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Saves the last plot to an EPS (encapsulated post script) file.

'fileName' is the name (and path) of the file. If it does not include a path, the file is saved

to the current directory (type 'pwd' to see the current directory).

### 5.59 mataa\_plot\_SR

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_SR.m

```
function mataa_plot_SR (h,t,annotate);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function plots the step response  $h(t)$ .

#### INPUT:

$h$ : step response samples

$t$ : time coordinates of response samples (vector), or, alternatively, the sampling frequency of  $h(t)$  (scalar)

annotate (optional): text note to be added to the plot title.

#### EXAMPLE:

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo;
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_to_SR(h,t);
> mataa_plot_SR(h,t,'demo step response');
```

### 5.60 mataa\_plot\_TBESf

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_TBESf.m

```
function mataa_plot_TBESf (f,tau,A,ARange,tauRange,annotate);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Plot tone burst energy storage data (as obtained from `mataa_IR_to_TBES(...)` in a 3D diagram using slices of constant frequency  $t$ .

#### INPUT:

$f, \tau, A$ : see description of output of `mataa_IR_to_TBES`

$ARange$ : range of  $A$  axis

annotate: annotations to the plot title (string, optional)

#### EXAMPLE:

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo ('FE108');
> f = logspace (2,4,50);
> [A,tau,f] = mataa_IR_to_TBES (h,t,f);
> mataa_plot_TBESf (f,tau,A,40,8,'FE108');
```

### 5.61 mataa\_plot\_time\_signal

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_time\_signal.m

```
function mataa_plot_time_signal (s,t,plottit,xtit,ytit,plotWindow);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function plots the signal  $s(t)$ .

**INPUT:**

s: signal samples

t: time values (vector, in seconds), or, alternatively, the sampling frequency of the signal (scalar, in Hz)

plottit: plot title.

xtit, ytit: labels for the x-axis and y-axis

plotWindow: number (handle) of the figure window to be used for the plot. Use plotWindow = [] if the default window is to be used (e.g. the current plot window)

### 5.62 mataa\_plot\_two\_logX

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_two\_logX.m

```
function h = mataa_plot_two_log (x,y1,y2,figNum,plottit,xtit,y1tit,y2tit);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Same as mataa\_plot\_two, but with logarithmic x axes.

**INPUT:**

(see mataa\_plot\_two)

**OUTPUT:**

(see mataa\_plot\_two)

### 5.63 mataa\_plot\_two

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_plot\_two.m

```
function h = mataa_plot_two (x,y1,y2,figNum,plottit,xtit,y1tit,y2tit);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Plots  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  vs.  $x$ .

**INPUT:**

x: x values



y1, y2: y values to be plotted vs. x. y2 may be empty ( $y2 = []$ ), which will result in a single plot of y1 vs x.

figNum: number (handle) of the figure window to be used for the plot. Use figNum = `[]` if the default window is to be used (e.g. the current plot window)

plottit: plot title.

xtit: x-axis label

y1tit, y2tit: y-axis label of the y1 and y2 data

OUTPUT:

h: a 2-vector containig the handles to the axes of the two plots. If the second plot is omitted h(2) will be set to NaN,

## 5.64 mataa\_realFT0

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_realFT0.m

```
function [S,f] = mataa_realFT0 (s,t);
```

DESCRIPTION:

Calculates the complex fourier-spectrum S of a real signal s for frequencies  $f \geq 0$ . Only the half spectrum corresponding to positive frequencies is returned, because for a real signal  $S(-f)=S^*(f)$ . This implies that the RMS level of S is only half the RMS level of the full (symmetric) Fourier spectrum.

s can be of any length (no padding to length of 2n or even length necessary). In order to avoid frequency leakage, mataa\_realFT does NOT pad s to even length. Each column of s represents one audio channel.

INPUT:

s: signal samples (vector containing the real-valued samples)

t: time values of the signal samples (vector, with evenly spaced values) or sample rate (scalar)

OUTPUT:

S: complex fourier spectrum of s ('positive' half, see also DESCRIPTION).

f: frequency values (vector)

## 5.65 mataa\_realFT

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_realFT.m

```
function [S,f] = mataa_realFT (s,t);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Identical to `mataa_realFT0`, but without the component corresponding to  $f=0$ .

**INPUT:**

(see `mataa_realFT0`)

**OUTPUT:**

(see `mataa_realFT0`)

**5.66 mataa\_realIFT0**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_realIFT0.m

```
function [s,t] = mataa_realIFT0 (S,f);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Calculates the inverse Fourier transform of a spectrum  $S(f)$  of a signal with real-valued samples. Only the 'positive' half of the spectrum is used, i.e. only positive frequencies (including  $f=0$ ) must be given as input. See also `mataa_realFT0`.

**INPUT:**

S: complex fourier spectrum of the signal ('positive' half, see also DESCRIPTION).  
f: frequency values (vector)

**OUTPUT:**

s: signal samples (real-valued samples)  
t: time values of the signal

**5.67 mataa\_realIFT**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_realIFT.m

```
function [s,t] = mataa_realIFT (S,f);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Same as `mataa_realIFT0`, but without  $f=0$ .

**INPUT:**

S: complex fourier spectrum of the signal ('positive' half, see also DESCRIPTION).  
f: frequency values (vector)

**OUTPUT:**

s: signal samples (real-valued samples)

t: time values of the signal

## 5.68 mataa\_running\_mean

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_running\_mean.m

```
function y = mataa_running_mean (x,n,w);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Returns a running mean of a data series x.

### INPUT:

x: vector containing the original data series

n: width of the smoothing window (number of samples, should be an odd number,  $n > 0$ )

w (optional): name of window type to be used. Default is 'rectangular', for other window types see mataa\_signal\_window

### OUTPUT:

y: running mean of y,  $\text{length}(y) = \text{length}(x)$

### EXAMPLE:

```
> N=1000; f0=500; fs=96000; t=[0:N-1]/fs; s = sin(2*pi*f0*t); % prepare a 500-Hz sine
> x = s+randn(size(s))/10; % create a noisy version of s
> y = mataa_running_mean(x,41,'hamm'); % remove the noise using a 41 samples wide
Hamming window
> plot(t,x,'k',t,s,'g',t,y,'r') % plot the different versions of s
```

## 5.69 mataa\_select\_signal\_window\_time

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_select\_signal\_window\_time.m

```
function [t_start,t_end] = mataa_select_signal_window_time;
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Interactively select start and end times of a signal.

### INPUT:

(none)

### OUTPUT:

t\_start: start of selected signal range

t\_end: end of selected signal range

input('Make shure that the window showing the signal-plot is active, and the zoom is set accordingly (press ENTER to confirm)...')

## 5.70 mataa\_settings

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_settings.m

function val = mataa\_settings (field,value)

### DESCRIPTION:

Retrieve and set MATAA settings.

mataa\_settings with no arguments returns all the settings  
mataa\_settings(field) returns the value of the setting of 'field'  
mataa\_settings(field,val) sets the value of the setting 'field' to 'val'.  
mataa\_settings('reset') resets the settings to default values

### EXAMPLES:

\*\* get the current settings (this also shows you the available fields):  
> mataa\_settings

\*\* get the current plot color:  
> mataa\_settings('plotColor')

\*\* set the plot color to red:  
> mataa\_settings('plotColor','r')

\*\* In principle, you can store anything in the MATAA settings file. For instance, you can store the birthday of your grandmother, so you'll never forget that:  
> mataa\_settings('BirthdayOfMyGrandmother','1st of April 1925');

## 5.71 mataa\_signal\_analytic

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_analytic.m

function a = mataa\_signal\_analytic (s);

### DESCRIPTION:

Calculate analytic signal a of signal s.

### INPUT:

s: vector containing the samples values of the signal.

**OUTPUT:**

a: vector containing the analytic signal of s.

**EXAMPLE:**

calculate the amplitude envelope of the impulse response of a loudspeaker

```
> [h,t] = mataa_IR_demo; % load demo impulse response
> a = mataa_signal_analytic(h); % calculate analytic response
> a = abs(a); % abs(a) is the amplitude envelope of impulse response
> plot(t,a);
```

**5.72 mataa\_signal\_autocorr**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_autocorr.m

```
function [c,T] = mataa_signal_autocorr (s,t);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Autocorrelation  $c(T)$  of signal  $s(t)$ , for positive delays ( $T \geq 0$ ).

**INPUT:**

s: vector containing the samples values of the signal.

t: time values of the signal samples (vector, in seconds, with evenly spaced values) or sample rate (scalar, in Hz).

**OUTPUT:**

c: vector containing the autocorrelation of s.

T: time lag (vector).

**5.73 mataa\_signal\_calibrate\_DUTin**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_calibrate\_DUTin.m

```
function [s_cal,t,s_cal_unit] = mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTin (s,t,cal)
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function calibrates the signal  $s(t)$  at the input of a DUT using the given DAC(+BUFFER) calibration data, and it will also (try to) determine the unit of the calibrated data. In other words, this function "converts" the raw data sent to the sound interface (DAC) to the physical signal at the DAC(+BUFFER) output as seen by the DUT. See illustration below.

If `s` has more than one channel, different calibration information can be specified for the different channels.

See also `mataa_load_calibration` and `mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTin`.

ILLUSTRATION (example with loudspeaker/DUT tested using a microphone):

MATAA / COMPUTER  $\longrightarrow$  DAC (+BUFFER)  $\longrightarrow$  DUT  $\longrightarrow$  SENSOR  $\longrightarrow$  ADC  
 (+PREAMP)  $\longrightarrow$  MATAA / COMPUTER  
 (dimensionless) (dim.less  $\rightarrow$  V) (V  $\rightarrow$  Pa) (Pa  $\rightarrow$  V) (V  $\rightarrow$  dim.less) (dimensionless)

$\implies$  unit of DUT output / sensor input signal (`h_cal`) is Pa

INPUT:

`s`: signal samples (unit: dimensionless data as obtained by ADC / soundcard)  
`t`: time coordinates of samples in `h` (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of `h` (scalar, in samples per second)  
`cal`: name of calibration file or calibration data (struct object as obtained from `mataa_load_calibration`). `cal` struct must contain `DAC` field. For calibration of more than one data channels, `cal` can be specified as a cell array, whereby each cell element is used for the corresponding data channel.

OUTPUT:

`s_cal`: calibrated signal  
`t`: time coordinates of samples in `h`  
`s_cal_unit`: unit of `h_cal` (string), i.e. the unit of the calibrated DUT signal

EXAMPLE

Feed a 1 kHz sine-wave signal to the DUT and measure the raw response signal without calibration; then calibrate raw data according to `GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt` `cal` file:

```
> fs = 44100;
> [s,t] = mataa_signal_generator('sine',fs,0.2,1000);
> [out,in,t,out_unit,in_unit] = mataa_measure_signal_response(s,fs,0.1,1,1);
> [X,t_X,unit_X] = mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTin(in,t,'GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt');
% calibrate signal at DUT input / DAC(+BUFFER) output
> [Y,t_Y,unit_Y] = mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTout(out,t,'GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt');
% calibrate signal at DUT out / ADC input
> subplot(2,1,1); plot(t_X,X); ylabel(sprintf('Signal at DUT input (%s)',unit_X));
> subplot(2,1,2); plot(t_Y,Y); ylabel(sprintf('Signal at DUT output (%s)',unit_Y));
> xlabel('Time (s)')
```

## 5.74 mataa\_signal\_calibrate\_DUTout

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_calibrate\_DUTout.m

```
function [s_cal,t,s_cal_unit] = mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTout (s,t,cal)
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function calibrates the signal  $s(t)$  at the output of a DUT using the given calibration data (e.g., for a specific audio interface, microphone, sensor, etc), and it will also (try to) determine the unit of the calibrated data. In other words, this function "converts" the raw data recorded by the sound interface (ADC) to the physical signal seen by the sensor (e.g., by a measurement microphone). See illustration below.

If the transfer function of the analytical chain (sensor, microphone, etc.) given in the cal data is specified using magnitude only (i.e, without phase information), the phase of the transfer function is calculated by assuming a minimum phase system (for example, if the transfer function of a measurement microphone is given by magnitude, it's phase is determined by assuming minimum phase). The DUT response signal is then compensated for the full transfer function taking into account both magnitude and phase.

If  $s$  has more than one channel, different calibration information can be specified for the different channels.

See also `mataa_load_calibration` and `mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTin`.

ILLUSTRATION (example with loudspeaker/DUT tested using a microphone):

MATAA / COMPUTER  $\rightarrow$  DAC (+BUFFER)  $\rightarrow$  DUT  $\rightarrow$  SENSOR  $\rightarrow$  ADC  
 (+PREAMP)  $\rightarrow$  MATAA / COMPUTER  
 (dimensionless) (dim.less  $\rightarrow$  V) (V  $\rightarrow$  Pa) (Pa  $\rightarrow$  V) (V  $\rightarrow$  dim.less) (dimensionless)

$\Rightarrow$  unit of DUT output / sensor input signal ( $h_{cal}$ ) is Pa

#### INPUT:

$s$ : signal samples (unit: dimensionless data as obtained by ADC / soundcard)

$t$ : time coordinates of samples in  $h$  (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of  $h$  (scalar, in samples per second)

$cal$ : name of calibration file (e.g., 'Behringer\_ECM8000\_transfer.txt') or calibration data (struct object as obtained from `mataa_load_calibration`).  $cal$  data must contain ADC and SENSOR fields. For calibration of more than one data channels,  $cal$  can be specified as a cell array, whereby each cell element is used for the corresponding data channel.

NOTE: for use with multiple calibration channels, the size of the cell arrays `SENSOR_cal` and `ADC_cal` must be the same

#### OUTPUT:

$s_{cal}$ : calibrated signal

$t$ : time coordinates of samples in  $h$

$s_{cal\_unit}$ : unit of  $h_{cal}$  (string), i.e. the unit of the calibrated DUT signal

Feed a 1 kHz sine-wave signal to the DUT and measure the raw response signal without calibration; then calibrate raw data according to GENERIC\_CHAIN\_DIRECT.txt cal file:

```
> fs = 44100;
> [s,t] = mataa_signal_generator ('sine',fs,0.2,1000);
> [out,in,t,out_unit,in_unit] = mataa_measure_signal_response(s,fs,0.1,1,1);
> [X,t_X,unit_X] = mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTin (in,t,'GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt');
% calibrate signal at DUT input / DAC(+BUFFER) output
> [Y,t_Y,unit_Y] = mataa_signal_calibrate_DUTout (out,t,'GENERIC_CHAIN_DIRECT.txt');
% calibrate signal at DUT out / ADC input
> subplot (2,1,1); plot (t_X,X); ylabel (sprintf('Signal at DUT input (%s)',unit_X));
> subplot (2,1,2); plot (t_Y,Y); ylabel (sprintf('Signal at DUT output (%s)',unit_Y));
> xlabel ('Time (s)')
```

helper function for calibration of various units

## 5.75 mataa\_signal\_clipcheck

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_clipcheck.m

```
function n = mataa_signal_clipcheck (s,N);
```

DESCRIPTION:

Returns the number of samples with amplitude less than N percent% lower than the maximum amplitude of the signal (absolute values).

INPUT:

s: vector of signal samples

N (optional): percentage of deviation from maximum amplitude. Default value is N = 1 (i.e. 1%).

OUTPUT:

n: number of samples with amplitude less than 1% lower than the maximum amplitude of the signal (absolute values).

EXAMPLES:

\* White-noise signal (not clipped):

```
> wn = mataa_signal_generator('pink',1000,1); % a white-noise signal with 1000 samples
(with sample ranges distributed in the range between -1...+1).
```

```
> n = mataa_signal_clipcheck(wn,0.1); % find number of samples with (absolute) amplitudes
that are within 0.1% of the maximum (absolute) amplitude. This will result in a low value
of n (i.e. n=1, 2, or 3, but higher values are unlikely).
```

\* Clipped white-noise signal:

```
> wn = 2.5*mataa_signal_generator('pink',1000,1); % a white-noise signal with 1000 samples
(with sample ranges distributed in the range between -2.5...+2.5).
```



```
> wn(wn > 1) = 1; wn(wn < -1) = -1; % fake clipping, i.e. truncate the samples to the range
(-1...+1).
> n = mataa_signal_clipcheck(wn,0.1); % find number of samples with (absolute) amplitudes
that are within 0.1% of the maximum (absolute) amplitude. This will result in a much higher
value of n than in the previous example (n ~ 200).
```

\* Square-wave signal:

```
> sq = mataa_signal_generator('square',10000,0.1,1000); % a square wave signal with 1000
samples (i.e. a signal with sample values of either +1 or -1).
> n = mataa_signal_clipcheck(sq,0.01); % find number of samples with (absolute) amplitudes
that are within 0.01% of the maximum (absolute) amplitude. This results in n=1000,
because the amplitude of all samples is equal to 1.
```

## 5.76 mataa\_signal\_crop

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_crop.m

```
function [s,t] = mataa_signal_crop (s,t,t_start,t_end);
```

DESCRIPTION:

This function crops out the part of the signal  $s(t)$  in the range  $t = t\_start \dots t\_end$

INPUT:

s: signal samples

t: time coordinates of impulse response samples (vector, in seconds), or, alternatively, the sampling frequency of  $s(t)$  (scalar, in Hz)

OUTPUT:

s: signal samples of cropped signal

t: time coordinates of cropped signal (in seconds)

## 5.77 mataa\_signal\_generator

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_generator.m

```
function [s,t,info] = mataa_signal_generator (kind,fs,T,param);
```

DESCRIPTION:

This function creates a signal  $s(t)$  of a specified type.

INPUT:

kind: kind of signal (see below)

fs: sampling rate (in Hz)

T: length of the signal (in seconds)

param: Some signals require additional information, which can be specified in 'param' (a vector or structure containing the required parameters, depending on the signal kind, see below)

kind can be one of the following:

'white': White noise (no additional parameters required)

'pink': Pink noise (no additional parameters required)

'MLS': Maximum length sequence (MLS). The 'T' parameter is ignored, and param = n is the number of taps to be used for the MLS. The length of the MLS will be  $2^{n-1}$  samples.

'sine', 'sin': Sine wave (param = frequency in Hz)

'cosine', 'cos': Cosine wave (param = frequency in Hz)

'sweep', 'sweep\_log': Sine sweep, where frequency increases exponentially with time (param = [f1 f2], where f1 and f2 are the min. and max frequencies in Hz)

'sweep\_lin': Sine sweep, where frequency increases linearly with time (param = [f1 f2], where f1 and f2 are the min. and max frequencies in Hz)

'sweep\_smooth', 'sweep\_log\_smooth': Same as 'sweep' and 'sweep\_log', but with a smooth fade-in and fade-out (to reduce high-frequency clicks at beginning and end)

'stepsweep', 'stepsweep\_log': Stepped sine sweep; a series of time-shaped sine bursts, whereby the frequency is constant throughout each burst, and increases exponentially from one burst to the next. Bursts are shaped by a Blackman envelope for smooth transition from one burst to the next. The length of each burst is such that all burst contain the same number of sine cycles. param(1): frequency of first burst, param(2): frequency of last burst, param(3): number of bursts, param(4): fractional length of burst envelope with full amplitude [optional, default value: 0.7]. info.f: frequencies of bursts, info.i\_end: indices to last sample in each burst, info.Nc: number of cycles in each burst

'square': Square (rectangle) wave (param = frequency in Hz)

'rectangle', 'rect': Same as 'square'

'sawtooth', 'saw': Sawtooth wave (param = frequency in Hz)

'triangle', 'tri': Triangle wave (param = frequency in Hz)

'dirac': Dirac signal (First sample 1, zeroes otherwise)

'zero': Zero signal ('silence')

#### OUTPUT:

s: vector containing the signal samples (the values in s can range from -1...+1)

t: vector containing the sample times (in seconds)

info: additional information about the signal (empty in for most signal types; see 'kind' input above).

#### Examples:

1. Create a 1-second pink-noise signal 96kHz sample rate:

```
> [pink,t] = mataa_signal_generator('pink',96000,1);
> plot(t,pink)
```

2. Create a 0.1-second 1-kHz square-wave signal with 10 kHz sample rate:

```
> [sq,t] = mataa_signal_generator('square',10000,0.1,1000);
```

```
> plot(t,sq)
```

3. Create a 1-kHz sine burst windowed by a Hanning window:

```
> [burst,t]=mataa_signal_generator('sin',96000,0.01,1000);
> burst = mataa_signal_window(burst,'hann');
> plot(t,burst)
```

#### FURTHER READING:

- different kinds of noise: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colors\\_of\\_noise](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colors_of_noise)

- pink noise generation: <http://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/loadFile.do?objectId=5091&>

- sine sweeps (chirp signals): <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chirp>

## 5.78 mataa\_signal\_pad\_Zeros

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_pad\_Zeros.m

```
function [s,t] = mataa_signal_pad_Zeros (s0,t0,T);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

This function pads a signal  $s_0(t_0)$  with zeroes, i.e. replaces signal  $s_0(t_0)$  with  $s(t)$ , where...

... $s(t=t_0) = s_0(t_0)$

... $s(t > \max(t_0)$  and  $t < T) = 0$

The new signal  $s(t)$  therefore has length  $T$

## 5.79 mataa\_signal\_removeHF

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_removeHF.m

```
function [s,t] = mataa_signal_removeHF (s,t,fc);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Removes signal components with frequencies higher than  $fc$  from  $s(t)$  by repeated convolution of  $s$  with a Hann window.

#### INPUT:

$s$ : signal samples

$t$ : time (vector, in seconds) or sampling frequency (scalar, in Hz)

$fc$ : cut-off frequency (in Hz)

#### OUTPUT:

$s$ : filtered signal samples

t: time

## 5.80 mataa\_signal\_save

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_save.m

```
function mataa_signal_save (s,fs,file,description);
```

DESCRIPTION:

Saves the signal  $s(t)$  to an binary file (Matlab 6 format).

INPUT:

...

OUTPUT:

...

## 5.81 mataa\_signal\_spectrogram

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_spectrogram.m

```
function [m,t,f] = mataa_signal_spectrogram (s,t,dt,smooth);
```

DESCRIPTION:

Calculate spectrogram (aka sonogram) of the signal  $s(t)$ .

INPUT:

s: vector containing the samples values of the signal.

t: time values of samples in h (vector, in seconds) or sampling rate of h (scalar, in Hz)

dt: width time chunks used to calculate of spectrogram lines

smooth (optional): if specified, the data is smoothed in the frequency domain over the octave interval smooth\_interval.

OUTPUT:

m: magnitude values in dB (matrix)

t: time values

f: frequency values

EXAMPLE:

```
fs = 44100; L = 3;
```

```
[s1,t] = mataa_signal_generator ("sweep_lin",fs,L,[1000 20000]);
```

```
s2 = mataa_signal_generator ("sweep_log",fs,L,[1000 20000]);
```

```
s3 = s1+s2;
```

```
[M1,T1,F1] = mataa_signal_spectrogram (s1,t,0.05);
```

```
[M2,T2,F2] = mataa_signal_spectrogram (s2,t,0.05);
[M3,T3,F3] = mataa_signal_spectrogram (s3,t,0.05);
subplot (3,1,1); surf (T1,F1/1000,M1); shading interp; view (0,90); ylabel ('Frequency
(kHz)');
subplot (3,1,2); surf (T2,F2/1000,M2); shading interp; view (0,90); ylabel ('Frequency
(kHz)');
subplot (3,1,3); surf (T3,F3/1000,M3); shading interp; view (0,90); xlabel ('Time (s)'); yla-
bel ('Frequency (kHz)');
```

## 5.82 mataa\_signal\_to\_TestToneFile

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_to\_TestToneFile.m

```
function pathToFile = mataa_signal_to_TestToneFile (s,pathToFile,zeroTime,fs);
```

### DESCRIPTION:

Saves the test signals in matrix `s` to a file on disk (for use with `TestTone`). Optionally, the signals are padded with zeroes at the beginning and the end.

### INPUT:

`s`: the signal samples (in the range of `[-1..+1]`). In general, `s` is a matrix with each column corresponding to one data channel, and each row corresponding to a signal frame (i.e. all samples corresponding to the same time step). For single-channel data (i.e. mono signals), `s` is a column vector. A warning will be printed if `s` has more columns than rows.

`pathToFile` (optional): the path (including the file name) of the destination file. If not specified, a temporary file will be used. If you want to specify `zeroTime` and `fs`, but not `pathToFile`, use `pathToFile = ''`;

`zeroTime` (optional): duration of 'zero signal' to be padded to the beginning and the end of the signal (in seconds). If not specified, no zeros will be padded to the signal.

`fs` (only if `zeroTime` is specified): the sample rate of the signal (in Hz). This is required to determine the number of 'zero samples'.

### OUTPUT:

`pathToFile`: the path (including the file name) of the file to which the data was written.

NOTE 1: `TestTone` assumes that all information regarding the sample rate / time interval in between the samples is handled appropriately. `mataa_signal_to_TestToneFile` therefore does NOT handle any sample timing information. Only the sample VALUES are written to disk.

NOTE 2: the data in `s` should be padded with zeros at the beginning and the end of the signal to avoid problems with sound-I/O latency. If `s` does not include zeros at the beginning and the end, use the `zeroTime` option.

check format of input data:

### 5.83 `mataa_signal_window`

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_signal\_window.m

```
function s = mataa_signal_window (s0>window,par,len);
```

#### DESCRIPTION:

Multiplies the signal `s0` by the window function with the name `'window'`, and returns the result in `s`.

Some window functions rely on a parameter, which can be specified by `par` (`par` can be omitted for those functions that don't rely on an extra parameter)

The following window functions are available (see e.g. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Window\\_function](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Window_function) for a description of these functions):

`'rectangular'`, `'rect'`, `'nowindow'`, `'none'` : rectangular window (i.e., signal is not changed at all)

`'gauss'`: gauss window, with shape parameter `sigma = par` (`par <= 0.5`)

`'sin'`, `'cos'`, `'sine'`, `'cosine'`: sine / cosine window

`'hamming'`, `'hamm'`: Hamming window

`'hann'`: Hann window (cosine window). Note: in analogy to the `'Hamming'` window, this is often wrongly referred to as `'Hanning'`. However, the name relates to a guy called Julius von Hann.

`'bartlett'`, `'bart'`, `'triangular'`: Bartlett (triangular) window.

`'blackman'`, `'black'`: Blackman window

`'flattop'`: Flat-top window, using the "SRS shape coefficients" (see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Window\\_function](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Window_function)). This window has broad bandwidth, which makes it useful to maintain sinusoidal amplitudes in spectrum analysers, with the drawback of poor frequency resolution.

`'kaiser'`: Kaiser window with parameter `alpha = par`

`'bingham'`: Bingham window with parameter `par` (`par = 0` -> rectangular window, `par = 1` -> Hann window).

Also, `'half'` windows may be used, whereby the second half of the window is used. This is done by appending `'_half'` to the window name. This is useful, for instance, to attenuate echoes towards the end in an impulse response, while retaining the information at the beginning of the signal.

Furthermore, `mataa_signal_window` can also be used to return the window function itself, see example below.

**INPUT:**

s0: vector containing the samples values of the original signal (i.e. the signal that will be windowed).

window: name of the window type to be used (string, see above).

par: parameter(s) to further specify the window function. Depending on the window type, par may not be required (and will be ignored in these cases).

len: fractional length of full-amplitude range inserted between rise / fall of window slopes (optional, default: len = 0)

**OUTPUT:**

s: vector containing the sample value of the windowed signal.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
> s = mataa_signal_window(s,'hamming'); % replaces s by a hamming-windowed version of itself
```

```
> s = mataa_signal_window(s,'hamming_half'); % replaces s by a version of s windowed by the second half of a hamming window
```

```
> s = mataa_signal_window(repmat(1,1,1000),'gauss',0.4); % returns just the gauss window itself
```

**5.84 mataa\_smooth\_log**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_smooth\_log.m

```
function [y,x] = mataa_smooth_log (yRaw,xRaw,step)
```

THIS FUNCTION IS OBSOLETE. USE mataa\_FR\_smooth instead.

**5.85 mataa\_speaker\_TSP\_addmass**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_speaker\_TSP\_addmass.m

```
function [Vas,Cms,Mms,Sd] = mataa_speaker_TSP_addmass (fs,fsM,M,D);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Determine Thiele-Small parameters Vas, Cms and Mms using the "added mass method". This works by comparing the resonance frequency of the unmodified driver (fs) with the resonance frequency (fsM) obtained after adding a mass (M) to cone. Make sure the mass M is firmly attached to the cone!

**INPUT:**

fs: driver resonance frequency (Hz)

fsM: resonance frequency with added mass (Hz)

M: added mass (g)

D: cone diameter including part of the surround, typically 1/3 to 1/2 the width of the surround (cm)

**OUTPUT:**

Vas: driver compliance equivalent volume (litres)

Cms: Compliance of the driver's suspension (mm/N)

Mms: Mass of the diaphragm/coil, including acoustic load (g)

Sd: Projected area of the driver diaphragm (cm<sup>2</sup>)

EXAMPLE (measured driver resonance at fs = 46.1 Hz, fsM = 21.9 Hz with added mass M = 166 g, cone diameter with 1/2 surround on both sides D = 25.0 cm):

```
> [Vas,Cms,Mms,Sd] = mataa_speaker_TSP_addmass (46.1,21.9,166,25.0);
```

## 5.86 mataa\_tempfile

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_tempfile.m

```
function filepath = mataa_tempfile;
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

returns a path to a tempfile to be used with MATAA

**INPUT:**

(none)

**OUTPUT:**

filepath: string containing the path to the tempfile (including the file name).

## 5.87 mataa\_t\_to\_f0

file: ...mataa-tools/mataa\_t\_to\_f0.m

```
function f = mataa_t_to_f0 (t);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

This function returns the frequency bins of the fourier spectrum of a signal sampled at times t (vector). t must be sorted and evenly spaced for this.



**INPUT:**

t: time values (vector, in seconds) of the signal

**OUTPUT:**

f: vector of the fourier-frequency bins (in Hz)

**5.88 mataa\_t\_to\_f**

file: ...mataa\_tools/mataa\_t\_to\_f.m

```
function f = mataa_t_to_f (t);
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

Same as `mataa_t_to_f0`, but the component corresponding to  $f=0$  is removed from the output.

**INPUT:**

(see `mataa_t_to_f0`).

**OUTPUT:**

(see `mataa_to_f0`).

## 6 Getting started with MATLAB or Octave

MATLAB and Octave are powerful number crunching tools. While MATLAB is a commercial product, Octave is free and largely compatible with MATLAB. Both MATLAB and Octave run on various computer platforms. The name ‘MATLAB’ (*Matrix laboratory*) indicates that MATLAB (and therefore also Octave) basically work with matrices (for the non-mathematicians out there: a matrix is nothing more than a collection of numbers arranged in a rectangular way). This also includes scalars (i.e. a 1 x 1 matrix) and vectors (e.g. a 3 x 1 matrix for a vector containing 3 elements).

MATAA uses mostly scalars and vectors rather than ‘full-blown’ matrices. For example, consider a test signal made up by 2000 samples. This test signal would be stored in a vector with 2000 elements, or, in MATLAB terminology, in a 2000 x 1 matrix. Such a vector is also called a *column* vector, because its elements are arranged vertically. The same test signal might as well be represented by a 1 x 2000 matrix, which would then be called a *row* vector, because its elements are arranged horizontally. I leave it to the MATAA user to choose between column and row vectors. However, I usually prefer to store test signals and the like in column vectors, because if the data is stored in a text file, I find it easier to read with a text editor.

In some later version of this manual I may add more information on using MATLAB and Octave. For the time being, please refer to the excellent tutorials listed below. These tutorials should get you started with MATLAB or Octave, but beware: you will not need to read (or even understand) every detail in these documents to run MATAA. Also note that ‘MATLAB tutorials’ are also useful for Octave users, and vice versa. Finally, typing **help** at the MATLAB/Octave prompt will display an overview of the MATLAB/Octave environment. Also, **help** can be used to get help on a specific command, e.g.: **help fft** will display information on the **fft** command (fast Fourier transform).

- Kermit Sigmon wrote an excellent MATLAB tutorial. It is available in HTML format for online viewing ([http://www.mines.utah.edu/gg\\_computer\\_seminar/MATLAB/MATLAB.html](http://www.mines.utah.edu/gg_computer_seminar/MATLAB/MATLAB.html)) and as a post-script file for printing ([http://www.mines.utah.edu/gg\\_computer\\_seminar/MATLAB/primer.ps](http://www.mines.utah.edu/gg_computer_seminar/MATLAB/primer.ps)).
- Mark Gockenbach wrote another good introduction to MATLAB. It is available in HTML format for online viewing (<http://www.math.mtu.edu/~msgocken/intro/intro.html>) and as a post-script file for printing (<http://www.math.mtu.edu/~msgocken/intro/intro.ps>).
- Henri Gavin has compiled a list of various MATLAB tutorials and books: <http://www.duke.edu/~hpgavin/MATLAB.html>
- The full documentation for Octave (by John W. Eaton) is available online : <http://www.gnu.org/software/octave/doc/interpreter/>
- Another Octave tutorial is available online at <http://homepages.nyu.edu/~kpl2/dsts6/octaveTutorial.html>
- Henri Amuasi, Carl Scheffler and Mike Pickles also wrote a nice Octave tutorial, which is available online at <http://www.aims.ac.za/resources/tutorials/octave/>
- There are also some Octave Wikis: <http://wiki.octave.org/> and <http://www.aims.ac.za/wiki/index.php/Octave>

- Finally, Wikipedia has nice pages on both MATLAB (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MATLAB>) and Octave ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU\\_Octave](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_Octave)).

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