



Data Block (BLK) Window

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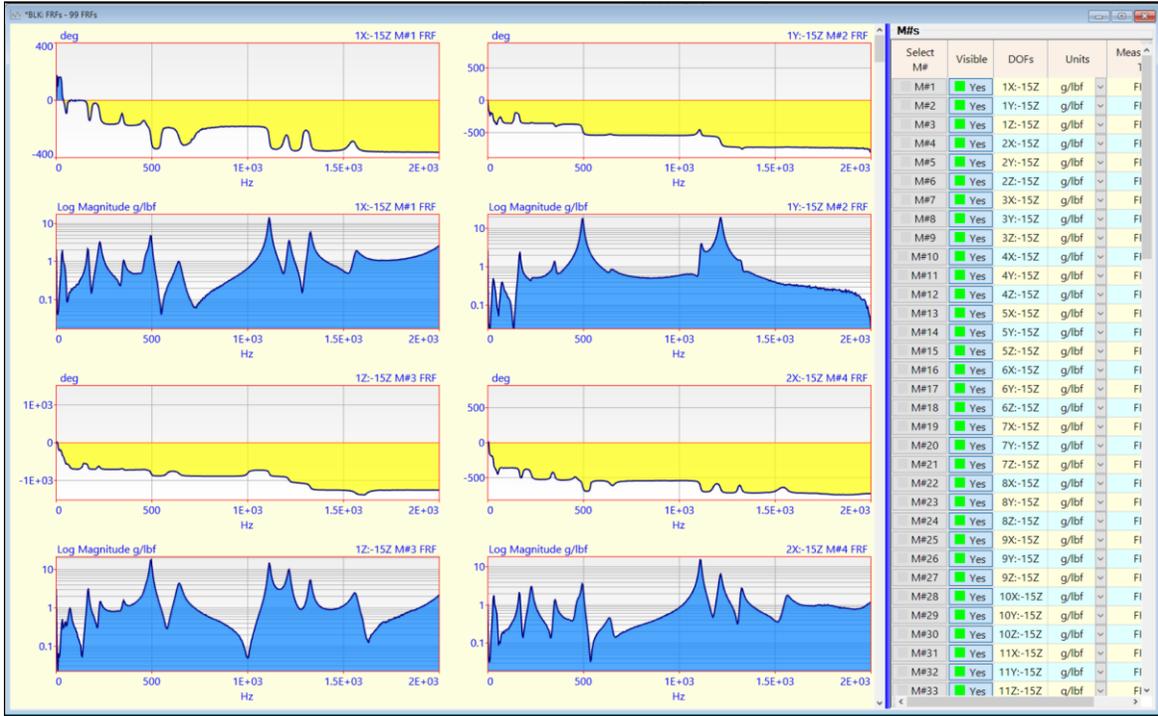
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Data Block (BLK) Window



Data Block (BLK) Window showing log magnitude of 4 FRFs.

This chapter contains descriptions of the basic commands in the Data Block (BLK) window.

NOTE: Only the commands for a VT-620 Visual ODS package are documented in this chapter. Additional commands authorized by MEScope Options are documented in separate chapters. Execute **Help | License Manager** to verify the Options authorized by your MEScope license.

A Data Block (BLK) window is used for

- Displaying and performing operations on **multiple time waveforms** or **frequency domain functions**
- Displaying Operating Deflection Shape (ODS) data from the **cursor position** in the Data Block (BLK) on a 3D model in a **connected Structure (STR)** window
- **Curve fitting the M# data** to obtain the experimental modal parameters of a Structure

A Data Block (BLK) window contains **one or more M#s** of measurement data, **all sharing a common X-axis**.

Each Data Block (BLK) window can contain either sampled time waveforms or calculated frequency functions.

Graphics Area & M#s Spreadsheet

The Data Block (BLK) window contains **graphics on the left** and a **M#s spreadsheet on the right**, separated by a **vertical blue splitter bar**.

Each **M#** is plotted in the graphics area **on the left**

The properties of each **M#** are listed in a row of the **M# spreadsheet on the right**

- Drag the **vertical blue splitter bar horizontally** in the window to make the graphics or the **M#s spreadsheet** larger

Menu Commands

Menu commands are ordered by command menu (from *left to right*), and then by the commands in each menu (from *top to bottom*). Each menu command is executed by choosing it from its command menu, or *by clicking* on its **Tool** on a Ribbon or if it is on a Toolbar.

Data Block (BLK) Mouse & Keyboard Operations

To *enlarge* this text, *click* on it, *hold down the Ctrl key* and *spin the mouse wheel*.

Right Click Menus

- *Right click* on a **graphics area** to display a menu of *frequently used* window commands
- *Right click* on a spreadsheet to display a menu of *frequently used* spreadsheet commands

Re-Ordering Spreadsheet Columns

- *Click & drag* the **column header** to move a spreadsheet column to a new position

Spreadsheet Vertical Scrolling

- If a **vertical scroll bar** is displayed on the **right side** of a spreadsheet, *click* on the spreadsheet and *spin the mouse wheel to scroll the spreadsheet vertically*

Spreadsheet Text Size

- To change the text size in a spreadsheet, *click* on the spreadsheet, *hold down the Ctrl key*, and *spin the mouse wheel*

Cut, Copy & Paste Text

1. *Select* one or more spreadsheet text cells
2. *Hold down the Ctrl key* and,
 - *Press the X key to cut* the selected text to the Windows Clipboard
 - *Press the C key to copy* the selected text to the Windows Clipboard
 - *Press the V key to paste* text from the Windows Clipboard into the selected cells

Scrolling the Graphics Display

- *Click* on the vertical scroll bar *to the right* of the graphics area and *spin the mouse wheel*

Zooming the Graphics Display

- *Click* in the graphics area and *spin the mouse wheel*

Panning the Zoomed Graphics Display

- *Right click & drag* the mouse pointer in the graphics area
- Or use the horizontal scroll bar *displayed below the graphics*

Moving the Cursors

Line Cursor

- Position the mouse pointer in the **graphics area** at the desired position and *click*
- Position the mouse pointer in the **graphics area**, and *click & drag* it to the desired position

Peak or Band Cursor

- Position the mouse pointer *inside the band*, and *click & drag* it to the desired position

Moving an Edge of the Peak or Band Cursor

- Position the mouse pointer *close to an edge outside the band*, and *click & drag* to move the edge

Toggle M# Selection

A *selected M#* has a *shaded background* in the graphics area, and its **Select M#** button is changed from **No** to **Yes** in the **M#s** spreadsheet .

- **Hold down the Ctrl key** and *click* in the graphics area *to toggle the selection of an M#*

Selecting a Range of M#s

- *Click* on a **Select M#** button of the *first M#* in the **M#s** spreadsheet to be *selected*
- **Hold down the Shift key**, and *click* on the **Select M#** button of the *last M#* of the range of **M#s** to be *selected*

Graphics Scroll Bars

Under certain conditions, *both vertical & horizontal scroll bars* will be displayed on the *right side and below the graphics area* in a Data Block (BLK) window.

Vertical Scroll Bar

If the number of displayed **M#s** is *less than the total number of M#s* in the Data Block (BLK), a scroll bar is displayed on the *right side* of the graphics area.

- *Click & drag* the vertical scroll bar *to scroll the display through the M#s*

Horizontal Scroll Bar

When the graphics display is **Zoomed**, not all measurement samples are displayed and a scroll bar is *displayed below* the graphics area.

- *Click & drag* the horizontal scroll bar *to scroll through the measurement samples*
- Or *right click & drag* in the graphics area *to scroll through the samples*

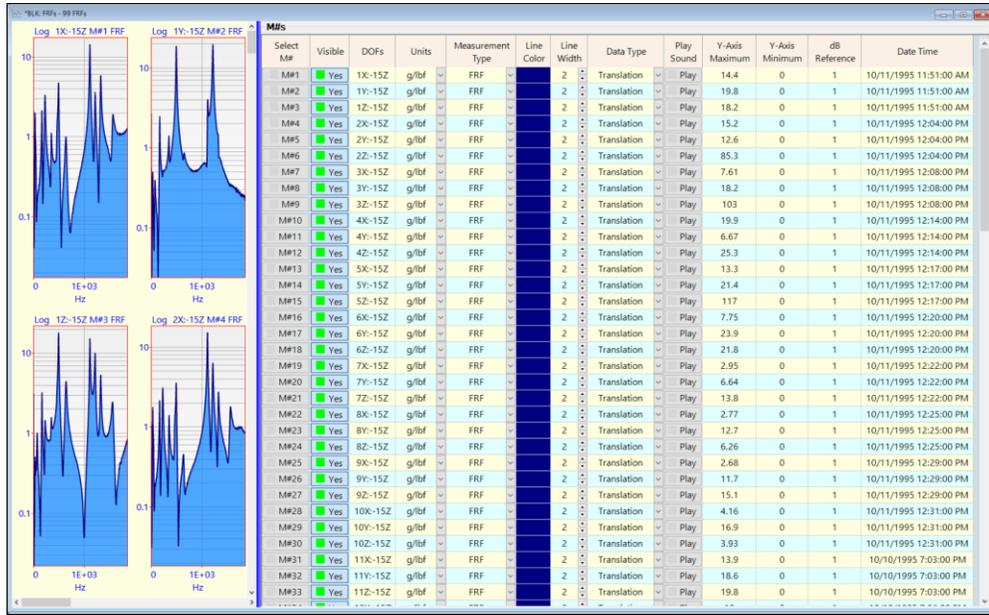
M#s Spreadsheet

The **M#s** spreadsheet contains all the properties associated with each measurement in a Data Block (BLK) window.

Each **row** of the **M#s** spreadsheet contains all properties of a single measurement

Each **column** of the **M#s** spreadsheet contains a *single* property for *all* measurements

- *Drag* the **Vertical Blue Splitter Bar** to the *left* to display the **M#s** spreadsheet
- Or execute Display | M#s SS
- Spreadsheet columns can be re-ordered by dragging & dropping them into a new position
- *Selected* spreadsheet **rows** can be moved by executing **Move Selected M#s Up** or **Down**
- If the **M#s** spreadsheet contains *more rows & columns* than are currently displayed, scroll bars will appear on the *bottom* and *right side* of the spreadsheet
- Some **columns** in the **M#s** spreadsheet are only made visible when **certain Options** are authorized in your software



Data Block (BLK) Window Showing M#s spreadsheet .

Showing & Hiding Spreadsheet Columns

- **Right click** on any spreadsheet and execute **Show Hide Columns** from the menu

The **File | Data Block Options** box will open displaying the **Show Hide** tab.

- **Check** columns *to show* them, and **Un-check** columns *to hide* them, and **click** on **OK**

Reset Spreadsheet Column Widths

- **Right click** on any spreadsheet and execute **Reset Column Widths** from the menu

Unique Measurement Numbers (M#s)

Each measurement in a Data Block (BLK) has a **unique M#**, listed in the **Select M#** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

M#s are used in the **M# Links** in a **connected Structure (STR)** window to retrieve measurement data for displaying **ODS's** in animation.

Selecting M#s

A **selected M#** has a **shaded background** in the graphics area, and its **Select M#** button has a **green background** in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

Selecting M#s in the M#s Spreadsheet

- **Right click** on the **M#s** spreadsheet and execute one of the **Edit | Select M#s** commands from the menu
- Or **click** on the **Select M#s** button for an **M# to select it**
- Or **double click** on the **Select M#s** column heading to **select or un-select all M#s**

Selecting M#s in the Graphics Area

- **Hold down the Ctrl key** and **click** in the graphics area **to toggle selection of an M#**
- Or **right click** on the graphics area and execute one of the **Edit | Select M#s** commands from the menu

Changing M# Properties

- **Click** on a property cell in the **M#s** spreadsheet , and edit the property of a single **M#**
- Or **double click** on the **column heading** of the property to be changed, **choose or enter** the property into the dialog box, and **click** on **OK**

Re-Ordering Spreadsheet Columns

- **Click & drag the column header** to move a column to a new position

Spreadsheet Vertical Scrolling

If a **vertical scroll bar** is displayed on the **right side** of a spreadsheet ,

- **Click** on the spreadsheet and **spin the mouse wheel** to **scroll** the spreadsheet vertically

Changing the M# Spreadsheet Text Size

- **Click** on the spreadsheet , **hold down** the Ctrl key, and **spin the mouse wheel**

Cut, Copy & Paste Text

1. **Select** one or more spreadsheet text cells
2. **Hold down** the Ctrl key and,
 - **Press the X key** to **cut** the selected text to the Clipboard
 - **Press the C key** to **copy** the selected text to the Clipboard
 - **Press the V key** to **paste** text from the Clipboard into the selected cells

Visible Column

Shows or Hides each **M#**.

Hidden **M#s** are excluded from all Data Block (**BLK**) operations.

Measurement Type Column

Contains the **Measurement Type** of each **M#**.

- **Click** on a cell in this column to display a list of available Measurement Types

DOFs Column

Contains the **DOFs** of each **M#**.

A measurement DOF is the location on the test article (Point **number & direction**) where a sensor was located when measurement data was acquired.

Each DOF is either a Roving DOF (*moving sensor*) or a Reference DOF (*fixed sensor*)

Single-Channel Measurement

Each *single-channel* measurement (Auto correlation, Auto spectrum) **has a single Roving DOF**.

- For example, if a sensor is located at **Point 1** and is sensing in the **X direction**, its DOF is **1X**

Cross-Channel Measurement

A *cross-channel* measurement (**FRF** or Cross spectrum), **has both Roving & Reference DOFs**, separated by a colon (:)

Roving Impact Test

If an **FRF** was measured by impacting at **DOF → 1X** and a (*fixed*) accelerometer has **DOF → 2Z**, then the **FRF** has **DOFs → 1X : 2Z**

Shaker Test

If an **FRF** was measured with a shaker located at **DOF → 1X** and a (*roving*) accelerometer has **DOF → 2Z**, then the **FRF DOFs → 2Z : 1X**

Using the DOF Generator

- **Double click** on the **DOFs** column header to open the DOF Generator for creating **DOFs**

See the **Using the DOF Generator** section in this chapter for details on using the DOF Generator.

Units Column

Contains the sensor engineering units of each **M#**.

Typical **input units** are excitation **force** units.

Typical **output units** are displacement, velocity, or acceleration units.

FRFs have both input & output units (**response output units / force input units**)

Transmissibility units are (**Roving response output units / Reference response input units**)

Cross spectrum units are (**response units * force units**) or (**response units**)²

ODS-FRF units are (**Roving response units * Reference response units**)

Color Column

Contains the **line color** of each **M#**.

All measurements are displayed using their **M#** color, except in the **Contour Map** format.

To color all (or *selected*) **M#s** using either a **Single Color** or the colors in the **Contour Colors** tab in the **File | Data Block Options** box,

- **Double click** on the **Color** column header.

The following dialog box will open.

- Select a color type and **click** on **OK**

The dialog box is titled "M#s Color" and contains the following elements:

- A red heading: "Multiple M# Color Selection"
- Three radio button options:
 - Single Color
 - RGB Colors
 - Use Contour Colors
- A sub-dialog box titled "Contour Color Groups" containing five radio button options:
 - None
 - DOF
 - Measurement Type
 - Units
 - Input Output
 - Group
- At the bottom, there are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

Sound Column

Plays the sound of the **M#** through the sound system on your computer.

If the **Band Cursor** is displayed, then the samples in the cursor band are played through the sound system.

If the *selected M#* is a frequency domain **M#**, it is **Inverse FFT'd** before playing it through the sound system.

Label Column

Contains a *text description* of each **M#**.

Data Type Column

Contains the **Data Type** of each **M#**.

- **Click on a cell in this column** to display a list of available Data Type choices

Y-Axis Minimum, Y-Axis Maximum Columns

Contains the scaling method used to display each **M#**.

Auto Scale

Displays each **M#** with its maximum value *near the top* of the graphics display.

Relative Scale

Displays each **M#** *relative* to the *maximum value* of all the **M#s** in the Data Block (**BLK**).

Fixed Scale

Displays each **M#** between user-specified **Minimum** & **Maximum** values.

Format / Y-Axis

Auto, **Relative** or **Fixed** scales can also be chosen for *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in the dialog box shown below.

Format | Y-Axis Upper graph

Magnitude

Scaling

Auto

Relative

Fixed

Max: ---

Min: ---

Reset

Linear Log

Linear

Log

dBs

Decades: 3

negative dBs

Horizontal Grid Lines

OK

Date Time Column

Contains a *text date & time* of the acquisition or calculation of each **M#**.

Group Column

Groups are used for scaling different types of shape data (such as vibration and acoustic data), so that both can be displayed together in animation.

- If no names are entered in this column, all **M#s** are treated as belonging to the *single Group*
- Contour colors can be defined for each Group
 - See the **Color Contours** tab under the **File | Data Block Options** command for details

Using the DOF Generator

The DOF Generator creates **DOFs** for *all* (or *selected*) **M#s**.

DOFs are displayed in the **DOFs** column of the **M#** spreadsheet.

Using **DOFs** is *optional*.

DOFs are used by **M# Links | Create Measured Links** to create links by matching **M# DOFs** with **Points & directions** of a Structure model.

DOFs are also used by certain **Advanced Signal Processing** commands.

- *Double click* on the **DOFs** column heading to open the **DOF Generator** dialog box.

Each DOF has the format

Roving DOF : Reference DOF [Measurement Set]

The Roving DOF *precedes the colon ":"* and the fixed Reference DOF *follows the colon ":"*.

For **vibration** or **acoustic intensity** data, a DOF contains both a **Point number** & **direction** of measurement.

For **scalar** data (temperature, pressure, voltage, current) a DOF contains *only a Point number*.

The **Measurement Set number** is enclosed in brackets [].

Measurement Set numbers are used to designate all measurements that were calculated from data that was *simultaneously acquired*.

Measurement directions depend on the **type of Measurement Axes** used.

The measurement direction shown in the Table below are used.

Measurement Axes	Direction Symbols
Rectangular	X, Y, Z
Cylindrical	R (radial), T (tangential), Z (axial)
Spherical	R (radial), T (tangential), P (phi angle)
Machine	H (horizontal), V (vertical), A (axial)

Single Channel DOFs

Single channel measurements (e.g. Auto spectrum, PSD) *only have a Roving DOF*.

To generate **single channel DOFs** using the **DOF Generator**,

- Choose **Measurement Axes** (Rectangular, Cylindrical, Spherical or Machine)
- Choose **Replace DOFs**
- **Check Roving DOF**, *un-check Reference DOF*, *un-check Measurement Set*
- Enter a Point number & Direction in the **Start** boxes under **Roving DOF**
- **Check Increment** under the Roving DOF

Translation or Rotational Data

- Enter a Point number & direction in the **Increment** boxes under **Roving DOF**

Scalar Data

- Enter a Point number in the **Increment** box under **Roving DOF**

If the DOF list doesn't contain the correct sequence of directions, type in the desired sequence.

- Enter the number of **M#**'s after which the **Roving DOF** is to be incremented
 - For example, if you enter 10, the *same Roving DOF* will be given to the first **10 M#**'s
- **Click** on **OK** to generate new **DOFs**

Cross Channel DOFs

Cross-channel measurements (e.g. **FRF** or Cross Spectrum) have both a Roving DOF and a Reference DOF.

To generate **cross-channel DOFs** using the **DOF Generator**,

- Choose **Measurement Axes** (Rectangular, Cylindrical, Spherical or Machine)
- Choose **Replace DOFs**
- **Check Roving DOF**, **check Reference DOF**, *un-check Measurement Set*
- Setup both the **Roving DOF** and **Reference DOF** sections

Roving Impact Test

If your measurements were acquired using a roving impact hammer,

- Each **Roving DOF** will be a hammer impact Point & direction
- The **Reference DOF** will be the fixed accelerometer DOF

Add To DOFs

Replaces the *current* **Roving & Reference DOFs** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** with the **Roving & Reference DOFs** generated by the **DOF Generator**.

Swap DOFs

If your **DOFs** have a *fixed* **Roving DOF** and *variable* **Reference DOFs**, you may want to swap them.

Delete DOFs

Deletes the **DOFs** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s**.

File Menu

File / Save Data Block

Saves the Data Block (**BLK**) file into the *currently open* **Project file** in memory.

File / Save Data Block with Date Time

Saves the Data Block (**BLK**) file into the *currently open* **Project file** in memory with the current Date & Time in its name.

File / Save Data Block As

Saves a *copy* of the Data Block (**BLK**) file with a *new name* into the *currently open* **Project file** in memory.

File / Save Graphics

Saves the graphics area in the Data Block (**BLK**) window into a file on disk.

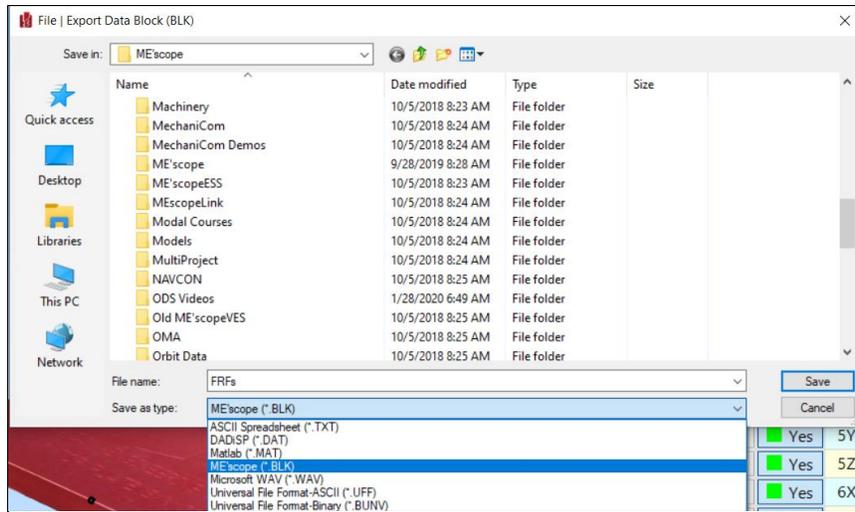
Graphics files can be saved in the JPG, GIF, PNG or BMP file formats

File / Export Data Block

Exports the measurement data in a Data Block (**BLK**) to a disk file in an external file format.

When this command is executed, the Windows File Save As dialog box is opened.

- *Choose* an export file format from the **Save as type** list
- *Choose* a disk folder for saving the file or create a new one
- Type the desired file name into the **File name** box
- *Click* on the **Save** button



Exporting a UFF File

The table below shows the Data Set Types that are created when a Data Block (BLK) is exported to a disk file in UFF format.

MEscope File	Type of Data	UFF Data Type
Structure (STR)	Structure Points and Lines	15 & 82
Shape Table (SHP)	Shapes	55
Data Block (BLK)	Time Waveforms, FRFs, Transmissibility's, Auto & Cross Spectra, Fourier Spectra.	58

File / Copy to Clipboard / Copy Graphics

Copies the **graphics area** to the Windows Clipboard.

File / Copy to Clipboard / Copy M#s SS

Copies the **M#s** spreadsheet to the Windows Clipboard.

File / Copy to Clipboard / Copy M#s Data

Copies the measurement data values to the Windows Clipboard in the Data Block (BLK) Spreadsheet format.

See [Importing a Data Block \(BLK\) in Spreadsheet Format](#) for details.

File / Print / Graphics

Prints the Data Block (BLK) **graphics area** to the Windows printer.

The installed Windows printer **must be a graphics printer** to use this command.

File / Print / M#s Spreadsheet

Prints the **M#s** spreadsheet to the Windows printer.

The installed Windows printer *must be a graphics printer* to use this command.

File / Data Block Properties

Opens the Data Block (**BLK**) Properties dialog box, wherein you can edit several Data Block (**BLK**) file properties.

- Editing the **Block Size** *changes* the number of samples for *all M#s*
- Editing the Starting, Increment & Ending values *does not change* the M# data
 - Editing these parameters affects the X-Axis
- If a *non-zero Machine Speed* is entered, the X-Axis values are displayed as machine **Orders** (multiples of the machine speed)
 - See **Format | X-Axis** for details

File | Data Block Properties

Data Block Label

X-Axis is Uniform

Block Size Samples

Starting Frequency Hz

Frequency Resolution Hz

Ending Frequency Hz

Machine Speed RPM

Notes

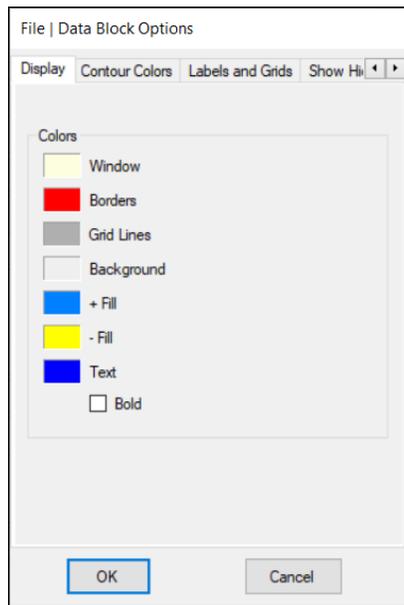
Data Block history

OK Cancel

*Data Block (**BLK**) Properties Box.*

File | Data Block Options

Opens the Data Block Options box.



Data Block Options Dialog Box.

Display Tab

Changes the following Data Block (**BLK**) window properties,

- Window, Borders, Grids, Background, Fill & Text colors

Contour Colors Tab

Used to define contour colors

Contour colors are used by the following commands,

- **Display | Fill Under Graph | Contour Color**
- **Format | Contour Map**
- **Animate | Contours** commands in a *connected* Structure (**STR**) window during animation
- **Stable pole groups** on a **Stability** diagram during curve fitting
- If **Animation Groups** that have been defined in a Data Block (**BLK**)

High & Low Contour Limits

Values above or below the data limits are displayed using the high & low limit colors.

High & Low Limits are entered into the **High Limit** and **Low Limit** boxes above and below the color bars

- For example, if the **Low Limit = 50** and the **High Limit = 100**, color contours will only be displayed for shape values between **50 & 100**

Contour Colors During Animation

If a Point has shape data in only one direction, or only one of the **Animate | Deflection** directions is *checked*, contour colors are displayed for shape values between Plus & Minus limits.

If a Point has shape data in more than one direction, contour colors are displayed for shape magnitudes between positive Low & High limits.

Labels & Grids Tab

Displays different items in the graphics area.

- If **Graph Titles, X-axis & Y-axis Labels** is *checked* they are displayed
- If **Vertical & Horizontal Grid Lines** is *checked* they are displayed
- If **Scroll Tip, M#s, or DOFs** is *checked* they are displayed next to the vertical scroll bar

Show Hide Tab

Shows and hides columns of the **M#s** spreadsheet .

- *Check* columns *to show* them, *un-check* columns *to hide* them
- To display this tab, *right click* on the **M#s** spreadsheet and select **Show Hide Columns** from the right click menu

Animation Tab

During Sweep animation from a **BLK** window, the user-specified number of **Sine Dwell Cycles per Shape** is executed before proceeding to the next sample of data.

File / Close Data Block

Closes the Data Block (**BLK**) window.

This window can also be closed by *clicking* on the close button  in the *upper right corner* of the window

Opening a Window

To open a Data Block (**BLK**) window in the MEscape Work Area, *double click* on its name in either pane of the **Current Project Panel**.

Or *right click* on its name in either pane of the **Current Project Panel** and execute **Open** from the menu

Importing Data in BLK Spreadsheet Format

Time or Frequency domain data can be imported to MEscape using the **BLK Spreadsheet Format (.TXT)**.

Column Format

Each column (or pair of columns) should contain samples of data for a single time or frequency domain measurement function

- Each **single column** is used for *real* data, e.g. time waveform or Auto spectrum
- Each **pair of columns** is used for *complex* data, e.g. **FRF, ODS-FRF**, Cross spectrum

Header Format

The header is *optional*. If there is *no header*, each column of data is *assumed to be a real valued time waveform*.

Each header line should contain a **Keyword** followed by a **Value**.

A **Value** and its **Keyword** are *separated by the same delimiter* used to separate data values in the spreadsheet columns.

Keywords and example **Values** are listed in the Table below

Keyword	Value	Description
Measurement Type	Time Waveform, Fourier Spectrum, Auto & Cross Spectrum, Auto & Cross Correlation, PSD, FRF , Coherence, IRF.	Default: Time Waveform for time domain, Linear Spectrum for frequency domain. Time Domain: each column is a M# Frequency Domain: each pair of columns is a M#
Label	Any text	Data Block (BLK) description
X Axis Spacing	Uniform, Non-uniform, No X Data	Uniform (Default): X Start = 0, X Step = 1) Non-uniform: first column is X Axis values
X Axis Units	Any text	X axis time or frequency units
Y Axis Type	Magnitude, Real/Imaginary	For complex data only. Magnitude denotes magnitude & phase, Real/Imaginary denotes real & imaginary data
Measurement Label	Any text	measurement label
Y Axis Units	formatted text	(output units) / or * (input units) Examples: G, G/N, G*G
Y Axis DOFs	formatted text	Roving DOF: Reference DOF [Meas. Set] Examples: 1Z, 1Z:3Z, 1Z:3Z [1]
Remark	Any text	Not read

*Keywords & Fields of an ASCII Text Data Block (**BLK**) (.TXT) file.*

Creating a (.TXT) File Template

The best way to put measurement data into a (.TXT) file format is to start with an MEScope Data Block (**BLK**) file as a template and add your data to it using a spreadsheet or text editing program

- If you want to import time domain measurements, open *any time domain* Data Block (**BLK**)
- If you want to import frequency domain measurements, open *any frequency domain* Data Block (**BLK**)
- Execute **File | Export Data Block (BLK)** and save the Data Block in (.TXT) format

Adding Your Data to the Template

- Open the (.TXT) file in a spreadsheet editing program like Microsoft *Excel* or a word processor like Microsoft *Word*
- Replace the measurement data in the spreadsheet columns with your own measurement data
- Edit the other information where applicable and save the file to disk

Make sure that the (.TXT) file is no longer open in the spreadsheet editor program before importing it into MEScope

Importing the (.TXT) File

- Execute **File | Import | Data Block** in the MEScope window, and import the (.TXT) File into an MEScope Data Block (**BLK**) window

Display Menu

Display | Center Data Block Window

Centers the window in the **Work Area** of the MEScope window.

Repeated execution of this command alternately centers the window and returns it to its former position

Display | M#s SS

Moves the **vertical blue splitter bar** either to the *left* to display the **M#s** spreadsheet, or to the *right* to hide the spreadsheet.

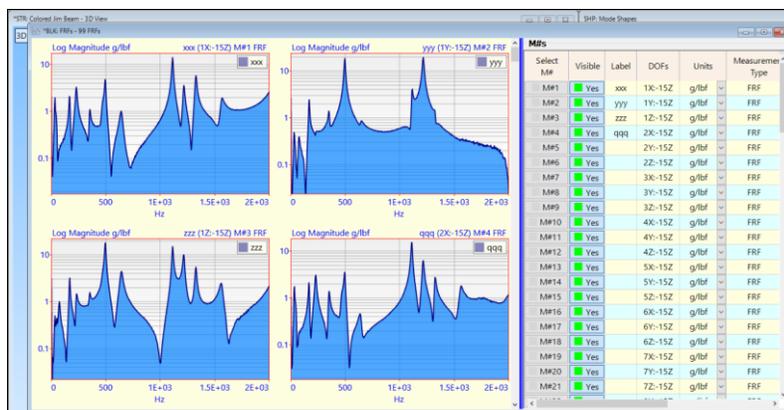
Display | Data Block Toolbars

If *checked*, the Toolbars are displayed in the Data Block (**BLK**) window.

Display | M# Label on Graph

If *checked*, the **M#** Label is displayed on each **M#** graph.

M# Labels are viewed and edited in the **M#s** spreadsheet



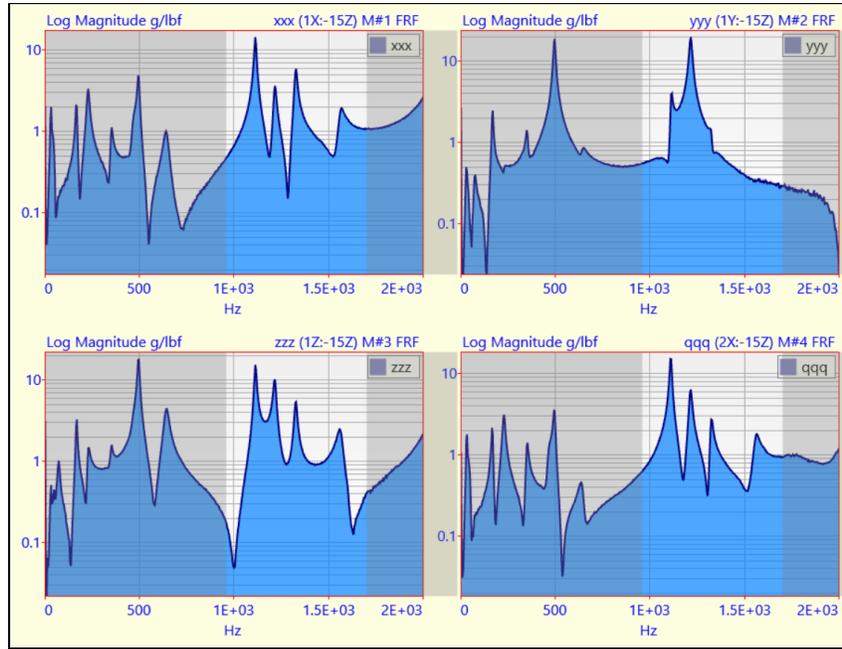
M# Label Displayed on Graphs.

Display | Zoom-In or Zoom-Out

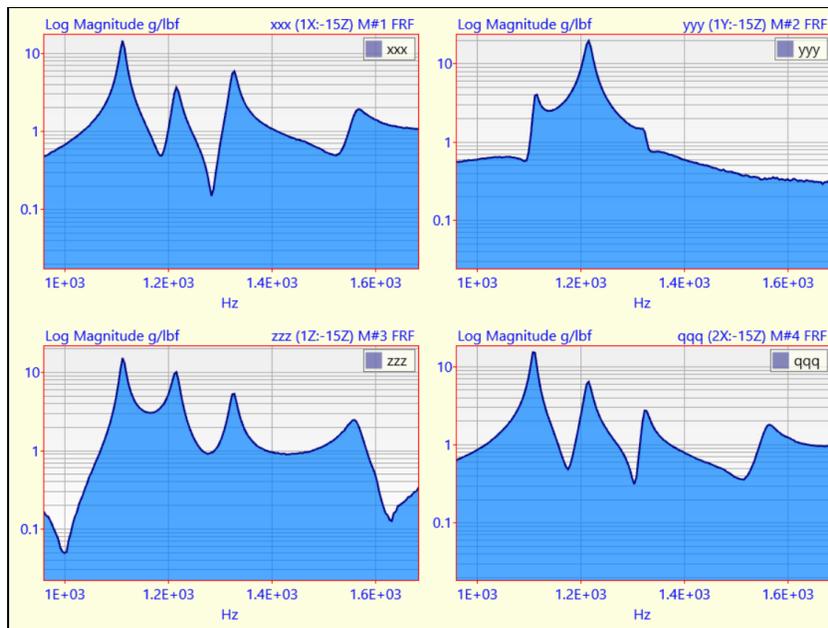
Zoom-In *expands* the display of the **M#s** in the graphics area by displaying fewer samples. Zoom-Out *restores* the display of all samples.

Zoom-In Operation

- Execute **Display | Zoom-In** to *enable* a Zoom operation
- Move the mouse pointer into the *graphics area*
 - The mouse pointer will change to (<=>)
- **Click & drag** to draw a **Zoom box** over the area to be zoomed



Graphs During a Zoom-In Operation.



Graphs After a Zoom-In.

Zooming with the Mouse Wheel

- Move the mouse pointer into the *graphics area*
- **Click** on the point to be zoomed about, and *spin the mouse wheel*

The display will expand in the horizontal direction about the mouse position

Panning After a Zoom

When the graphics display is zoomed, a *horizontal scroll bar* is displayed *at the bottom* of the graphics area.

To **pan** the display along the X-axis direction,

- **Right click & drag** the mouse in the graphics area
- Or use the horizontal scroll bar

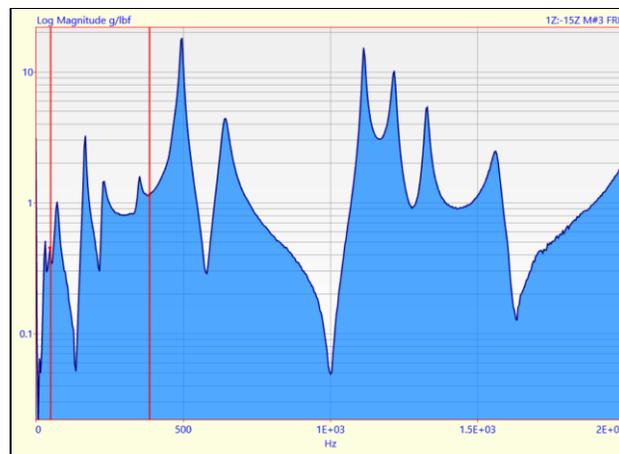
Display / Maximize

Maximizes the *Y-Axis display* of the measurements in the graphics area.

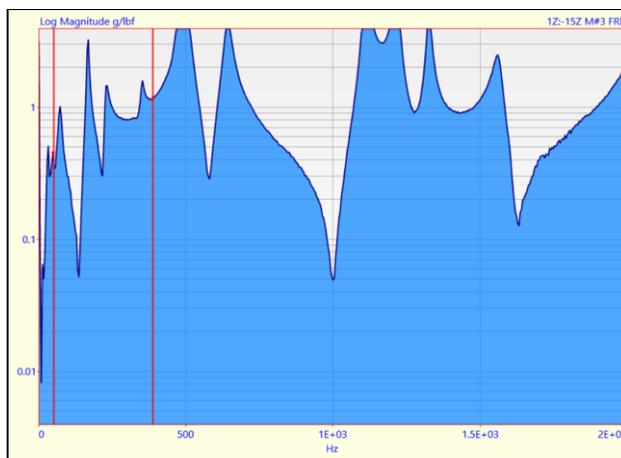
If **M#s** are *selected*, then only the *selected M#s* are maximized.

If the **Peak** or **Band** cursor is displayed, the data in the cursor band is maximized.

If the *Real* or *Imaginary* part of the **M#s** is displayed, *successive execution* of this command changes the display between **plus (+)** and **minus (-)** limits of the Y-axis centered about the zero "0".



Before Display / Maximize.



After Display / Maximize.

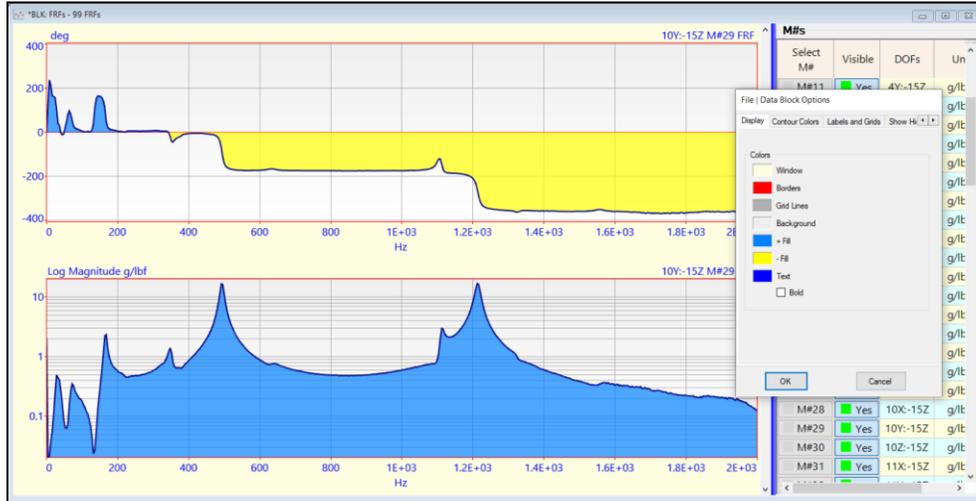
Display | Fill Under Graph | M# Color

If *checked*, the **Line Color** of each **M#** is used to fill under its graph

Each **M#** color is selected in the **Line Color** column of the **M#s** spreadsheet.

Display | Fill Under Graph | Fill Colors

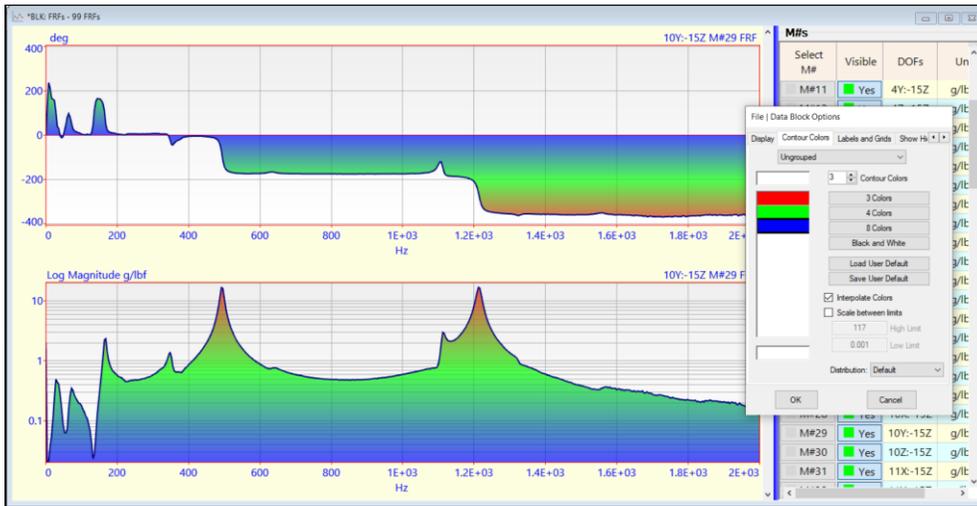
If *checked*, the + **Fill** & - **Fill** colors on the **Display** tab of the **File | Data Block Options** box are used to fill under each graph



Display Tab Showing Fill Colors.

Display | Fill Under Graph | Contour Colors

If *checked*, the colors on the **Contour Colors** tab of the **File | Data Block Options** box are used to fill under each graph



Bode Plot Using Contour Colors to Fill Under the Graph.

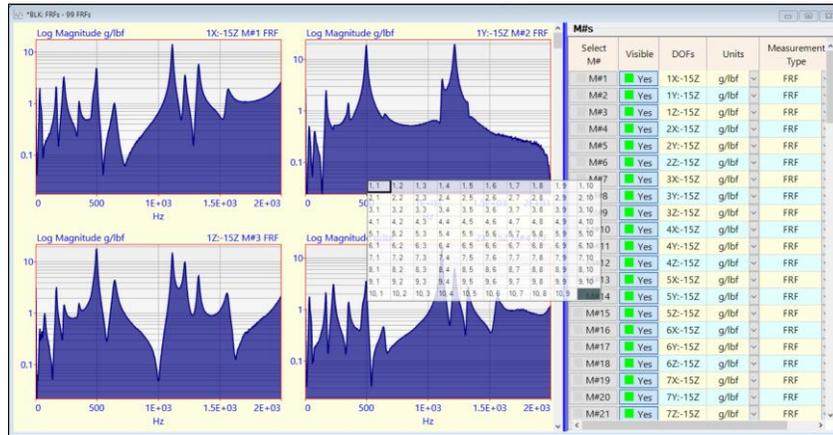
Format Menu

This menu is also displayed when you *right-click in the graphics area*.

Format / Rows Columns

Displays **M#s** in a **Row & Column** format.

When it is executed, a matrix of (**row, column**) format selections is displayed, as shown below.



M#s in Row Column Format.

Up to **10 rows** and **10 columns** of **M#s** can be displayed together

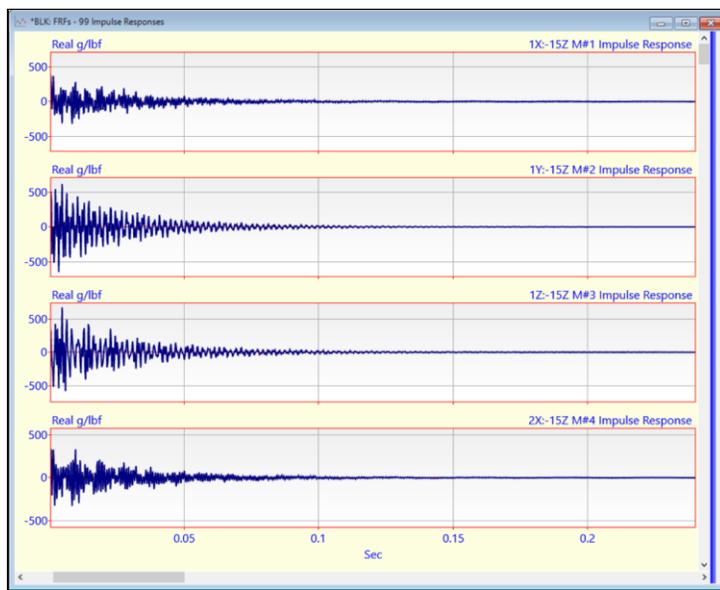
Vertical Scroll Bar

If the number of **M#s** in the Data Block (BLK) exceeds the number of **M#s** displayed, a **vertical scroll bar** is displayed on the *right-hand side* of the graphics area for displaying the remaining **M#s**.

The **vertical scroll bar** is labeled using either **M#s** or **DOFs**, which is chosen in the **Scroll Tip** section on the **Labels & Grids** tab in the **File | Data Block Options** box.

Format / Strip Chart

Displays *up to 10 M#s* together with a *common X-Axis* below them.



Strip Chart Format.

Format | Overlaid

Displays a *chosen number of M#s* in overlaid format.

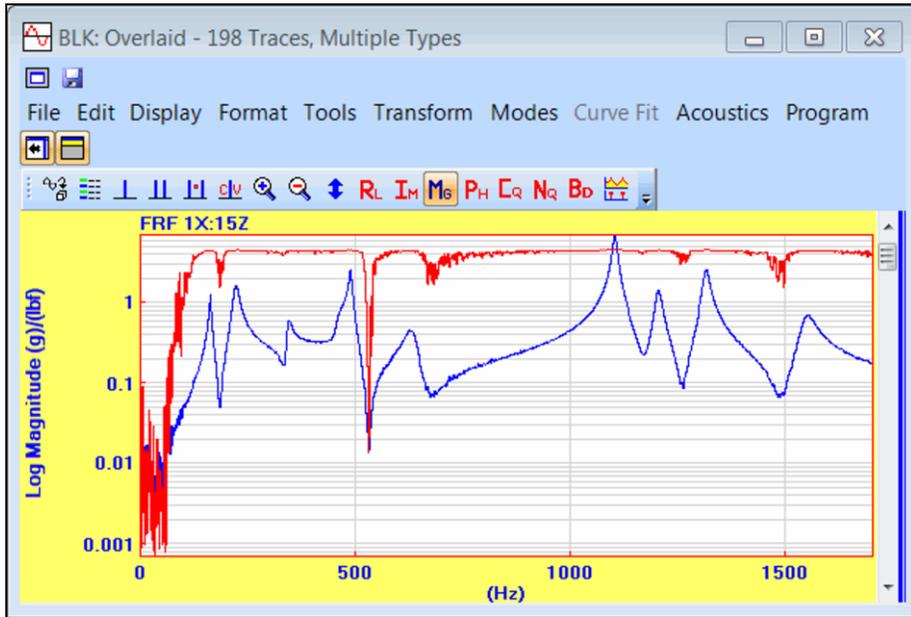
When this command is executed, the **Y-Axis** scaling is changed to **Relative**. See **Format | Y-Axis** for details.



Format | Overlay By DOF

If *checked*, *all* (or *selected*) *M#s* with the *same Roving DOF* are displayed together in **Overlaid** format.

This command is useful for displaying **FRFs** & **Coherences** together in overlaid format.

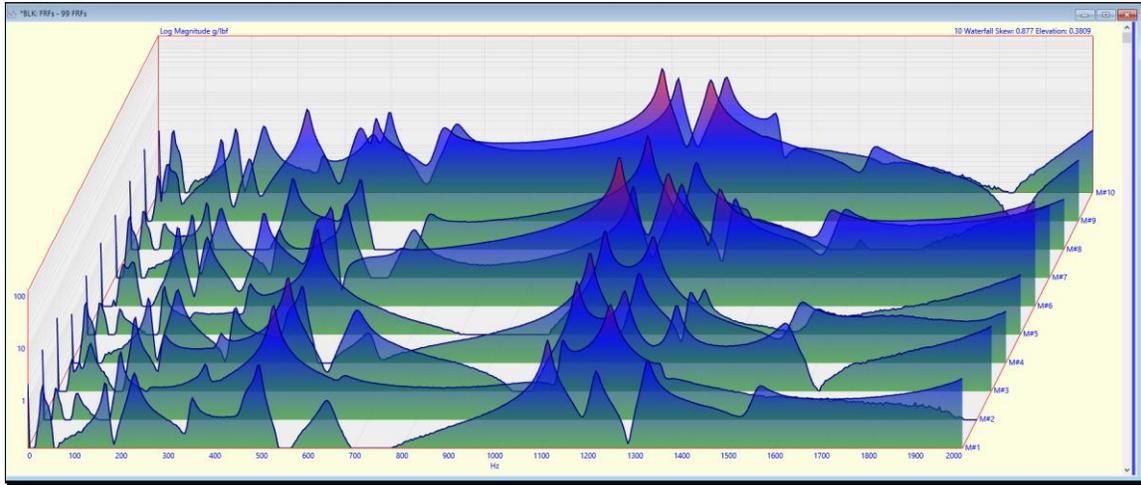


FRFs & Coherence Overlaid by DOF.

Format | Waterfall

Displays a *chosen number of M#s* in a Waterfall plot.

- To change the angle of the Waterfall axes, place the mouse pointer on the Waterfall Plot, **right click & drag** the mouse



Waterfall Plot.

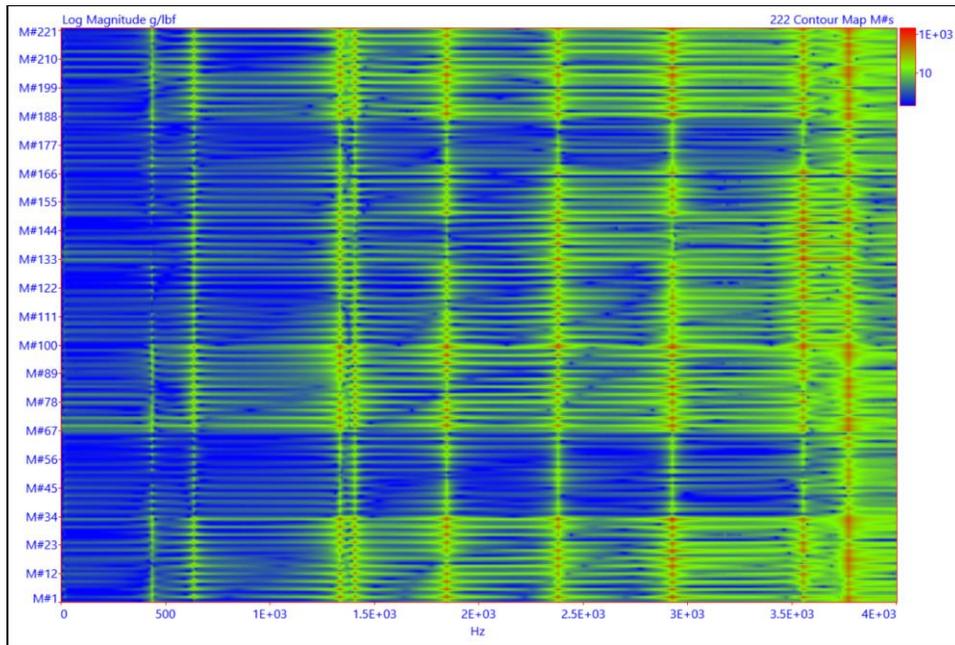
Vertical Scroll Bar

If the number of M#s in the Data Block (BLK) exceeds the number of M#s displayed, a **vertical scroll bar** is displayed on the **right-hand side** of the graphics area for displaying the remaining M#s.

Format | Contour Map

Displays a *chosen number of M#s* in a color contour map.

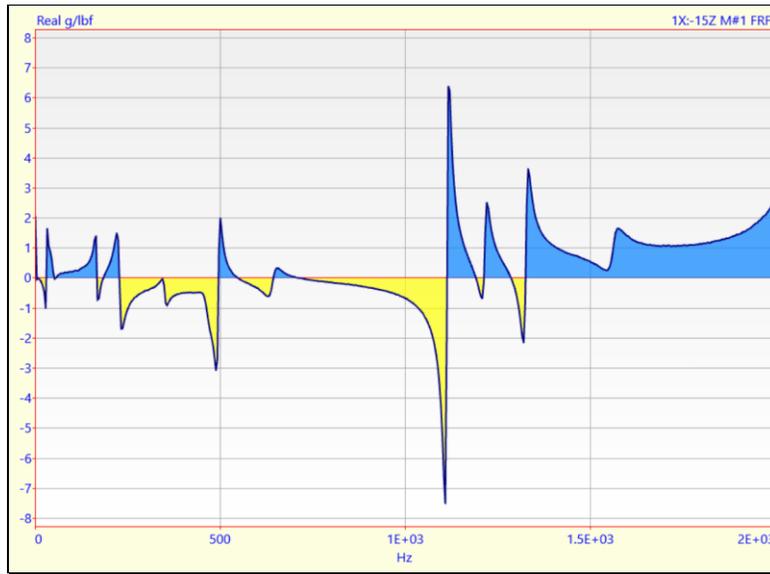
- The colors used for the contour map are chosen in the **Contour Colors** tab in the **File | Data Block Options** dialog box.



Contour Map.

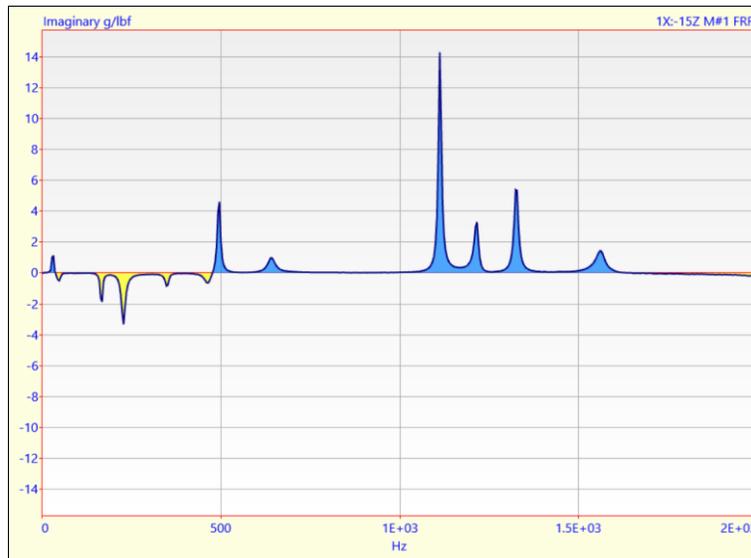
Format / Real

Displays *real* measurement data or the **Real Part** of *complex* data.



Format / Imaginary

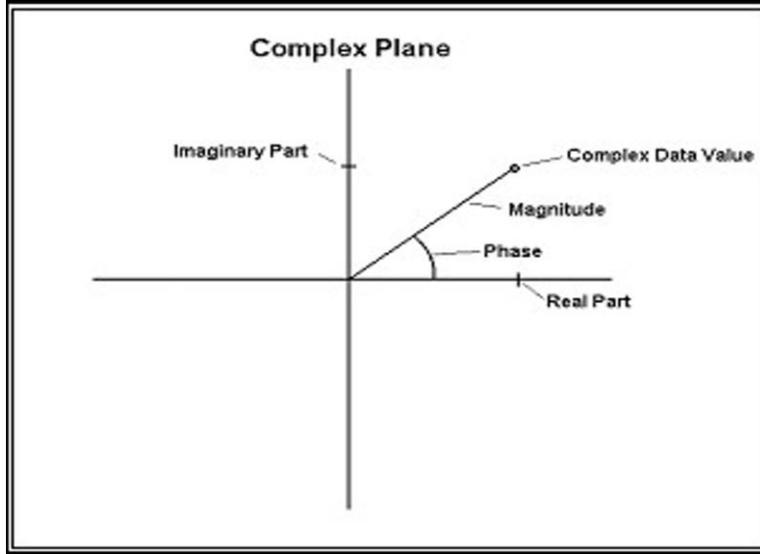
Displays the **Imaginary Part** of *complex* measurement data.



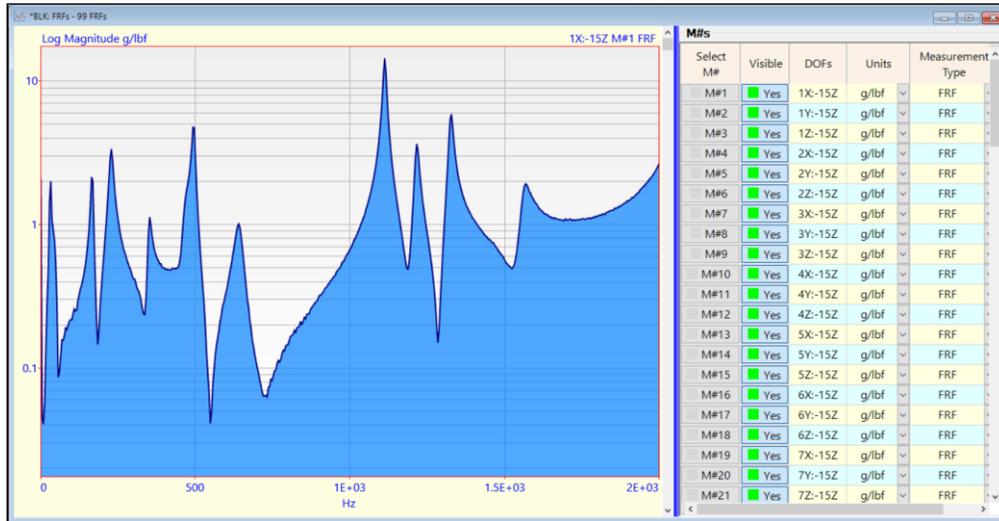
Format | Magnitude

Displays the **magnitude** of the measurement data.

$$\text{Magnitude} = \sqrt{(\text{Real Part})^2 + (\text{Imaginary Part})^2}$$



Real & Imaginary Parts on the Complex Plane.



Data Block (BLK) Window Showing Log Magnitude of an FRF.

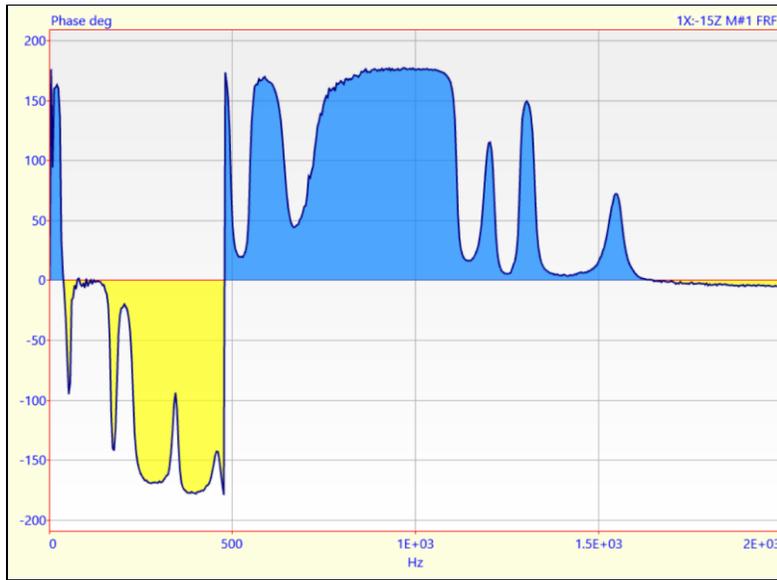
Linear, Log or dB

Magnitudes can be displayed in **Linear**, **Log** or **dB** (decibels) format. When **Log** or **dB** is chosen, you can also choose the number of decades to display.

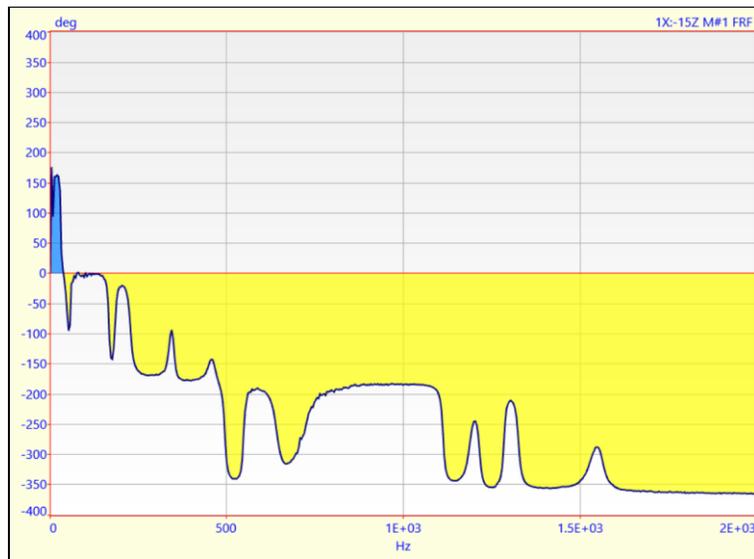
Linear, Log, dB & decades choices are made in the **Format | Y-Axis** dialog box

Format / Phase

Displays the **Phase** of *complex* measurement data, with values between +180 & -180 degrees.

**Format / Unwrapped Phase**

Displays the **Phase** of *complex* measurement data, with the phase *unwrapped around + - 180 degrees*.

**Format / CoQuad (Real & Imaginary)**

Displays the measurements in CoQuad (**Real & Imaginary**) format.

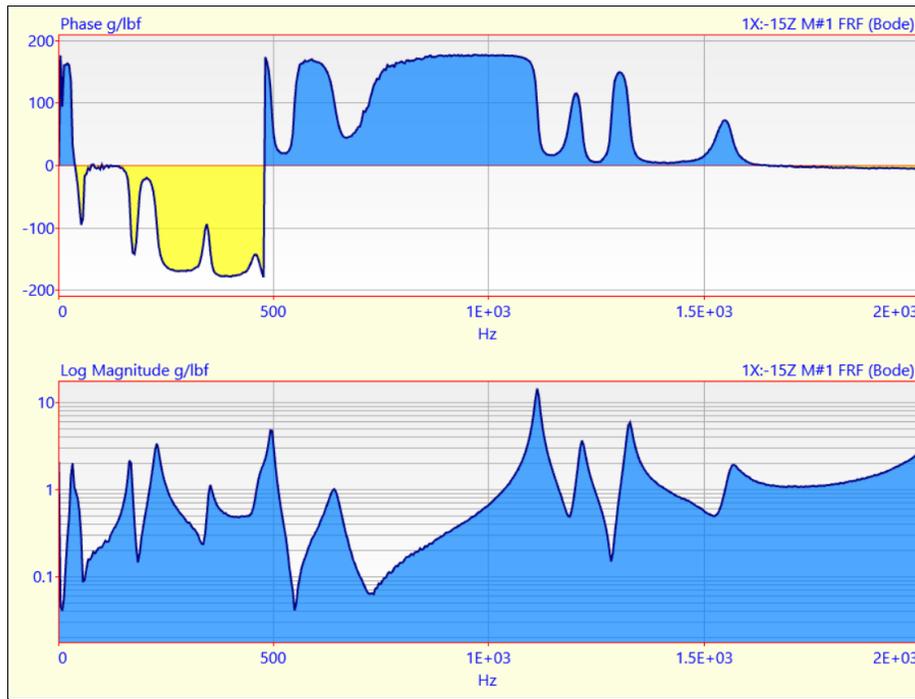
The **Real** part is also called the **Coincident** waveform.

The **Imaginary** part is called the **Quadrature** waveform.



Format / Bode (Magnitude & Phase)

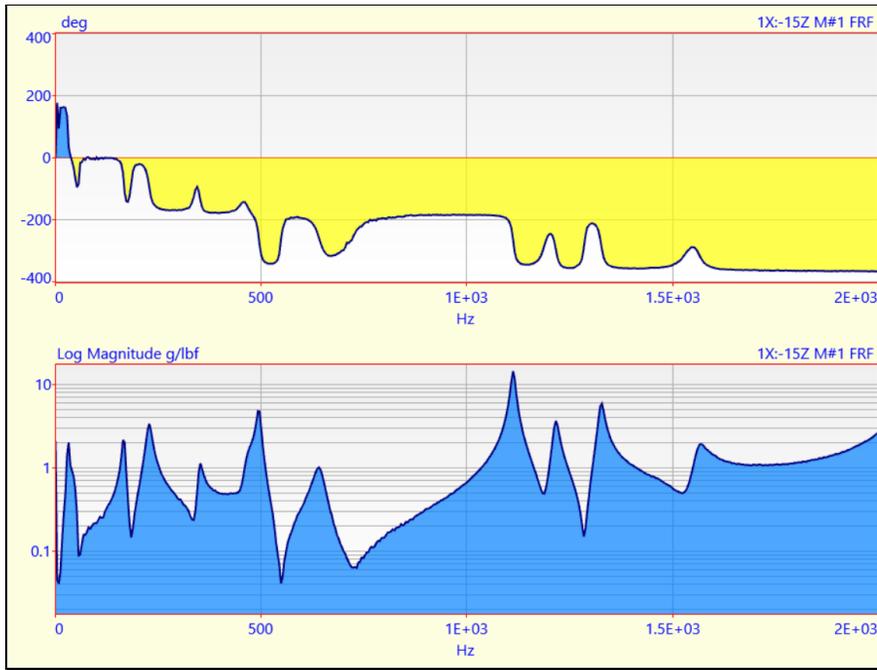
Displays the measurements in Bode (**Magnitude & Phase**) format.



Bode Plot.

Format | Unwrapped Bode

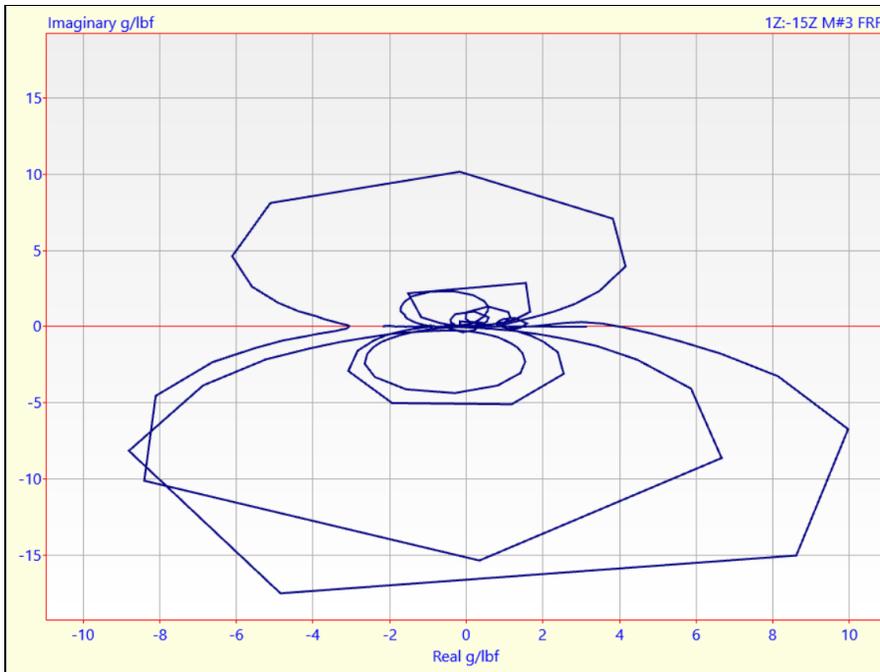
Displays the measurements in Bode (**Magnitude & Phase**) format.



Unwrapped Bode Plot.

Format | Nyquist (Real versus Imaginary)

Displays the **Real** part of each measurement on the *horizontal* axis and the **Imaginary** part on the *vertical* axis.



Nyquist Plot of an FRF.

Format | Y-Axis

Opens the **Y-Axis** format dialog box, which is used for formatting the Y-axis of the graphics display.

This dialog box can also be opened in the following ways,

1. **Double click** on the **Y-Axis** area of the graphics display
2. **Right click** in the **graphics area** and executing **Format | Y-Axis** from the menu

Y-Axis Scaling**Auto Scale**

Displays each **M#** between its *minimum & maximum* values.

Relative Scale

Displays each **M#** between the *minimum & maximum* values of *all M#s* in the Data Block (BLK).

Fixed Scale

Displays each **M#** between user-defined minimum & maximum limits.

Fixed scaling limits can be defined for the following display formats.

- Real or Imaginary part, Phase, Linear or Log Magnitude, Magnitude in dB

dB Units for Linear versus Power Quantities

- For **Linear (RMS)** quantities (FRFs, Fourier Spectra, etc.)
 $\text{Magnitude (dB)} = 20 \text{ Log}_{10}(\text{Magnitude})$
- For **Power (MS)** quantities (Auto Spectra, PSD's, etc.),
 $\text{Magnitude (dB)} = 10 \text{ Log}_{10}(\text{Magnitude})$

Scaling from the M#s spreadsheet

Each **M#** can be scaled by editing its cells in the **Y-axis Scale**, **Fixed Minimum** & **Fixed Maximum** columns of the **M#s** spreadsheet.

1. **Select** the **M#s** to be scaled
2. **Double click on the Y-axis Maximum** (or **Y-Axis Minimum**) column heading
3. Enter a value in the dialog box that opens and **click** on **OK**

dB Units for Linear versus Power Quantities

Magnitudes can be displayed in dB (decibels) units.

For **Linear (RMS)** quantities, (such as **FRFs**, Fourier Spectra, etc.) the Magnitude is displayed as,

$$\text{Magnitude (dB)} = 20 \text{ Log}_{10}(\text{Magnitude})$$

For **Power (MS)** quantities (such as Auto & Cross Spectra), the Magnitude is displayed as

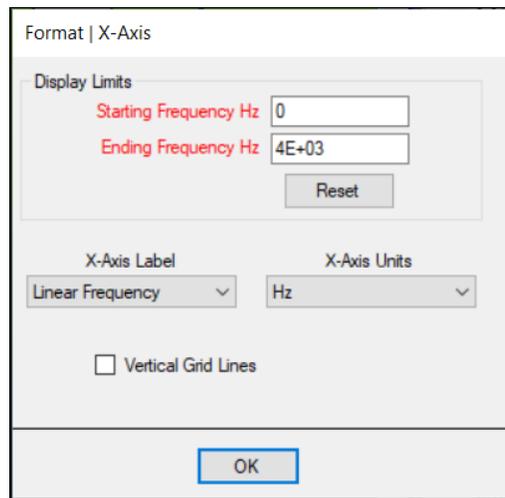
$$\text{Magnitude (dB)} = 10 \text{ Log}_{10}(\text{Magnitude})$$

Format | X-Axis

Opens the **X-Axis** dialog box which is used for formatting the X-axis of the graphics display.

This dialog box can also be opened in the following ways,

1. **Double click** on the **X-Axis** in the graphics area
2. **Right click** in the **graphics area** and executing **Format | X-Axis** from the menu



X-Axis Display Limits

The **Starting & Ending** limits of the X-Axis display.

All **M#s** are displayed between the **Display Limits** unless the **Reset** button is *pressed*

X-Axis Label & X-Axis Units

X-Axis Label and X-Axis Units define the X-Axis *for all M#s* in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Time waveforms can be displayed as **Linear Time**, **Log Time** or **Samples**, with Units of **Seconds**, **Milliseconds** or **Micro-seconds**.

Frequency spectra can be displayed as **Linear Frequency**, **Log Frequency** or **Samples**, with units of **Hz**, **CPS**, **CPM**, or **RPM**.

Cursor Menu

Cursor / Line Cursor

If *checked*, the Line cursor is displayed as a **vertical red line** on each M# graph.

Cursor / Band Cursor

If *checked*, the Band cursor is displayed as **two vertical red lines** (or **edges**) on each M# graph.

Cursor / Peak Cursor

If *checked*, the Peak cursor is displayed as **two vertical red lines** (or **edges**) on each M# graph.

The **peak sample** (maximum value of the displayed data) within the cursor band is displayed as a **red dot**.

Cursor / Cursor Values

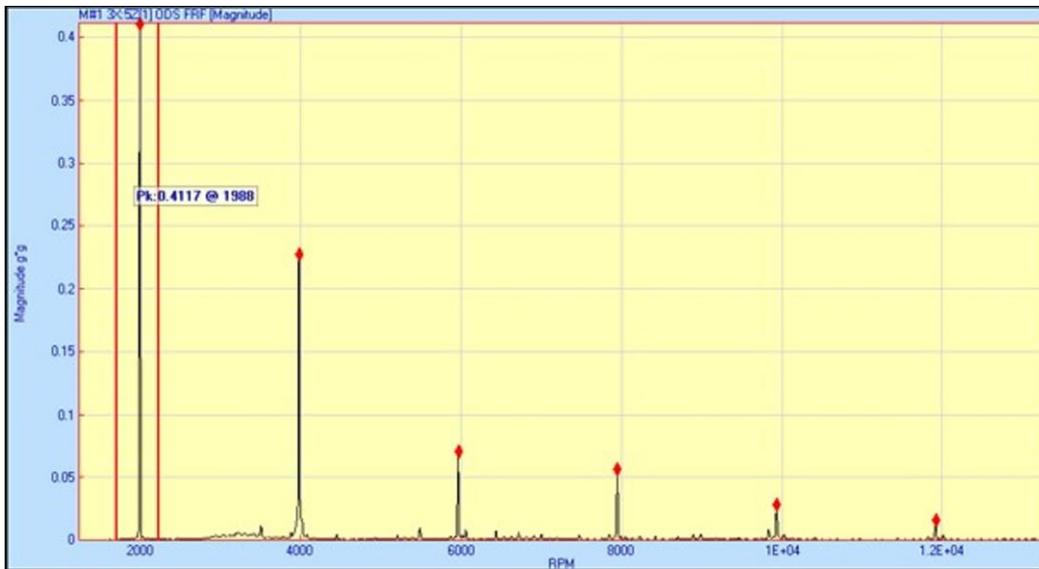
If *checked*, the cursor values are displayed in a text box next to the cursor on each M# graph.

- **Hold down** the **left mouse** button to display cursor values next to the cursor
- **Click & drag** to **move** the cursor value text box on the display

Cursor / Orders

If *checked*, all the **visible orders** (2x, 3x, 4x, etc.) of the **Line** or **Peak** cursor are displayed on each M# graph.

Each order is highlighted with a **red dot** at the **nearest sample** to the order



Data Block (BLK) Showing Order cursors.

Cursor / Peak Finder

Displays the current cursor at the **maximum value** of the **displayed** measurement data.

The Peak Finder finds the peak value within the **current cursor Bandwidth**.

If the **Peak** or **Band cursor** is displayed, its band is centered around the peak within the **current cursor Bandwidth**.

If the **Line cursor** is displayed, it will move to the peak within the **current cursor Bandwidth**.

Using the Peak Finder

- With the **Cursor | Peak Finder checked**, *click near a peak* to move the cursor to that peak

Moving the Cursors

- To display the cursor at a desired position, place the mouse pointer at the position on an **M#** graph and *click the left mouse button*
- To move the cursor to a desired position, Place the mouse pointer anywhere on an **M#** graph and *click & drag the mouse*

Moving the Band or Peak cursor

- Place the mouse pointer *inside the band* and *click & drag*

Moving one edge of the Band or Peak cursor

- Place the mouse pointer outside the band near the edge and click & drag

Animating the ODS from the Cursor Position

The **Line**, **Peak** or **Band** cursor *must be displayed* in order to animate an Operating Deflection Shape (**ODS**) in the *connected* Structure (**STR**) window from the cursor position in a Data Block (**BLK**) or Acquisition (**ACQ**) window.

If the **Line cursor** is displayed, the measurement values at the cursor position are displayed as the **ODS** in a *connected* Structure (**STR**) window.

If the **Peak cursor** is displayed, the measurement values at the *peak* in each **M#** are displayed as the **ODS** in a *connected* Structure (**STR**) window.

If the **Band cursor** is displayed, the measurement values in the cursor band are *summed together* for each **M#** and displayed as the **ODS** in a *connected* Structure (**STR**) window.

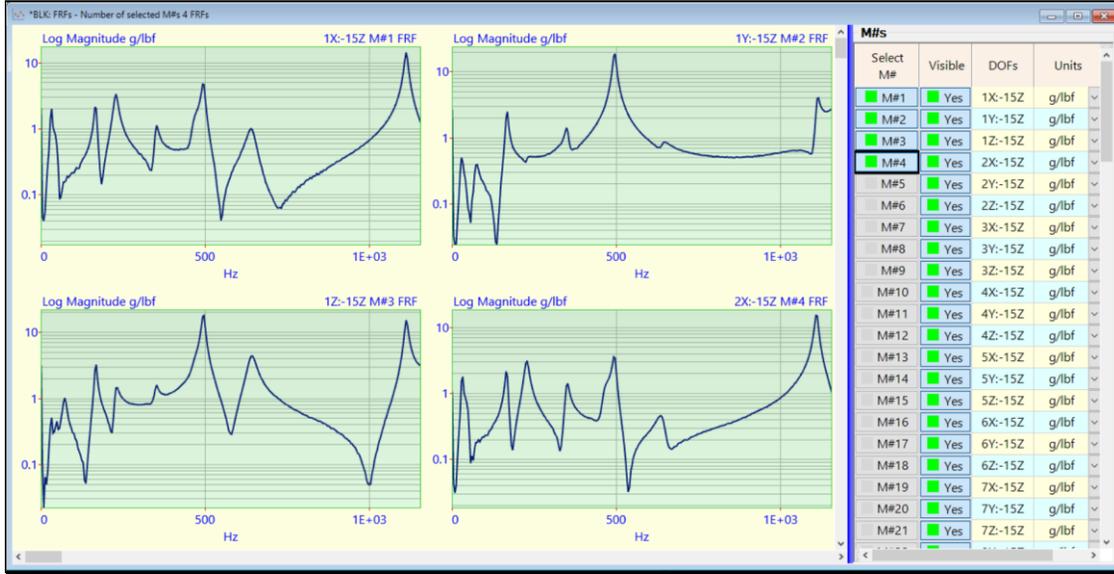
M#s Menu

This menu is also displayed when you *right-click in the graphics area*.

M#s | Select Menu

Most Data Block (BLK) window commands operate on *all* (or *selected*) M#s.

A *selected* M# is displayed with a **green background** in the graphics area, and its **Select** button is *depressed* in the M#s spreadsheet.

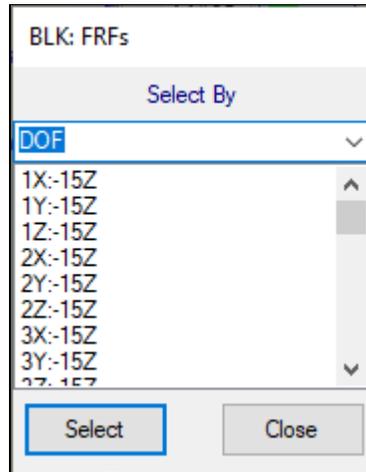


Data Block (BLK) Showing Four Selected M#s.

M#s | Select | Select By

When this command executed, a dialog box will open containing a list of options for selecting M#s.

- Choose a method from the **Select By** list
- Choose items from the selection list below the **Select By** list
- **Hold down** the **Shift** or **Ctrl** key to make *multiple* selections
- **Click** on **Select** to *select* the M#s



Start and Skip M#s

Opens another dialog box wherein you can enter a **Starting M#** and a **Skip M#s** (number of M#s to skip over) for *selecting M#s*.

- The default values are **Starting M# = 1**, and **Skip M#s = 0**

By Units

Selects M#s by their Engineering Units.

Engineering Units are listed in the **Units** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By DOF

Selects M#s by their DOF.

DOF → Roving DOF : Reference DOF [Measurement Set]

Single channel M#s have only a Roving DOF.

Cross channel M#s have a Roving & Reference DOF.

Measurement Set numbers are required when data is acquired in **multiple measurement sets**.

DOFs are displayed in the **DOFs** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Roving DOF

Selects M#s by their Roving DOF.

DOF → **Roving DOF** : Reference DOF

By Reference DOF

Selects M#s by their Reference DOF.

DOF → Roving DOF : **Reference DOF**

By Point

Selects M#s by their *Roving DOF* Point number.

DOF → Roving (**Point Number** & Direction) : Reference DOF

By Direction

Selects M#s by their *Roving* direction.

DOF → Roving (Point Number & **Direction**) : Reference DOF

By Rectangular Matrix DOFs

Selects M#s that form a *rectangular matrix of rows & columns* based on their **DOFs**.

Roving DOFs correspond to *rows* of the rectangular matrix.

Reference DOFs correspond to *columns* of the rectangular matrix.

By Measurement Type

Selects M#s by their Measurement Type.

Measurement Types are listed in the **Measurement Type** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet

By Measurement Set

Selects M#s by their Measurement Set number.

DOF → Roving DOF : Reference DOF [**Measurement Set**]

By Data Type

Selects M#s by their Data Type.

Data Types are listed in the **Data Type** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Label

Selects M#s by their text Label.

Labels are listed in the **Label** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Input Output

Selects M#s by their Input Output property.

Input Output is listed in the **Input Output** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Group

Selects M#s by their **Group** name.

Group names are listed in the **Group** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Date Time

Selects M#s by their Date Time.

Date Times are listed in the **Date Time** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

M#s | Select | Select All or Select None

Selects or *un-selects all* M#s.

M#s | Select | Invert Selection

Inverts the M# *selection*.

- All *selected* M#s are *un-selected*, and all *un-selected* M#s are *selected*

M#s | Sort Menu

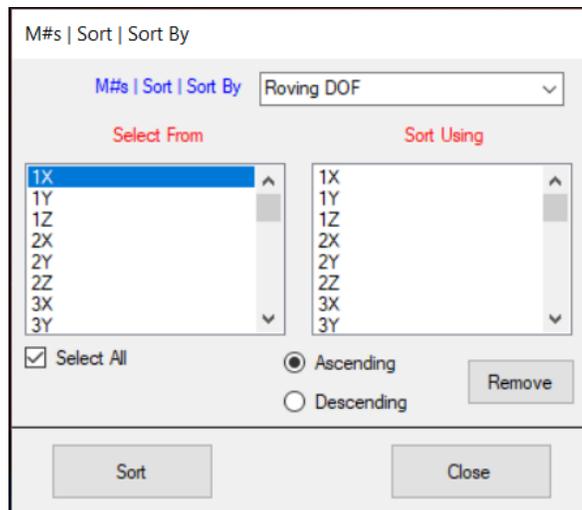
Each measurement has a *unique* M#, which is **its row** in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

The **M# Links** in a *connected STR* window retrieve data from each M# to display as an **ODS** in animation.

M#s | Sort | Sort By

When executed, a dialog box will open containing a list of options to sort by,

- Choose a sorting option from the **Sort By** list
- Choose items from the **Select From** list, or *check Select All* to choose all items in the **Select From** list
- Use **Ascending**, **Descending**, and the **Remove** button to obtain the desired **Sort Using** list
- *Click* on **Sort** to sort the M#s



Sort M#s By Dialog box.

By Units

Sorts **M#s** by their Engineering Units.

Engineering Units are listed in the **Units** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet'

By DOF

Sorts **M#s** by their DOF.

DOF → Roving DOF : Reference DOF [Measurement Set]

Single channel measurements have only a **Roving DOF**.

Cross channel measurements have a **Roving** and a **Reference** DOF.

Measurement Set numbers are required when data is acquired in *multiple measurement sets*.

DOFs are displayed in the **DOFs** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Roving DOF

Sorts **M#s** by their Roving DOF.

DOF → **Roving DOF** : Reference DOF

By Reference DOF

Sorts **M#s** by their Reference DOF.

DOF → Roving DOF : **Reference DOF**

By Point Number

Sorts **M#s** by their *Roving DOF* Point number.

DOF → Roving (**Point Number** & Direction) : Reference DOF

By Direction

Sorts **M#s** by their *Roving* direction of measurement.

DOF → Roving (Point Number & **Direction**) : Reference DOF

By Rectangular Matrix DOFs

Sorts **M#s** that form a **rectangular matrix** of *rows & columns* based on their **DOFs**.

Roving DOFs correspond to **rows** of the rectangular matrix.

Reference DOFs correspond to **columns** of the rectangular matrix.

By Measurement Type

Sorts **M#s** by their Measurement Type.

Measurement Types are listed in the **Measurement Type** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Measurement Set

Sorts **M#s** by their **Measurement Set** number.

DOF → Roving DOF : Reference DOF [**Measurement Set**]

By Data Type

Sorts **M#s** by their Data Type.

Data Types are listed in the **Data Type** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Label

Sorts **M#s** by their text **Label**.

Labels are listed in the **Label** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Input Output

Sorts **M#s** by their **Input Output** property.

Input Output is listed in the **Input Output** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Source

Sorts **M#s** by their **Source** name.

Source names are listed in the **Source Name** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

By Date Time

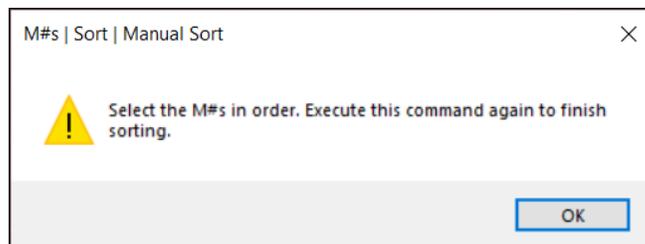
Sorts **M#s** by their **Date Time**.

Date times are listed in the **Date Time** column in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

M#s | Sort | Manual Sort

Enables manual sorting of measurements by *selecting* them in a desired order.

When this command is executed, a dialog box is opened with inSTRUCTIONS for *selecting* **M#s**



Dialog Prior to a Manual Sort of M#s.

- **Hold down** the **Ctrl** key and *click* on each graph in the desired order
- Or *depress* the **Select M#** buttons in the desired order, in the first column in the **M#s** spreadsheet

After all the **M#s** have been *selected*,

- Execute this command *again* to sort the measurements in the order in which they were *selected*

All *un-selected M#s* follow the *selected M#s* in the new sorted order in the **M#s** spreadsheet.

M#s | *Move M#s Up or Down*

Moves the *selected M#s* upward (or downward) in the **M#s** spreadsheet with each execution of this command.

Use this command to manually order of the **M#s** so that the properties of measurements of interest are listed near the top of the **M#s** spreadsheet.

M#s | *Delete selected*

Deletes (removes) *selected M#s* from a Data Block (**BLK**).

M#s | *Cut to File*

Cuts (deletes) *selected M#s* from the Data Block (**BLK**) and puts them into another Data Block (**BLK**) file.

M# Links

Measurement numbers (**M#s**) in the **M# Links** are used when animating **ODS**'s from a Data Block (**BLK**)

If **M#s** are cut from one Data Block (**BLK**) into another Data Block (**BLK**), new **M# Links** must be created in the *connected Structure (STR)* window in order to animate shapes from the new Data Block (**BLK**).

Data in the Cursor Band

If the **Band cursor** is displayed, you are given the choice of copying only the data in the cursor band.

- **Press Yes** to cut only the samples in the cursor band
- **Press No**, to cut *all* samples of the *selected M#s*

M#s | *Copy to File*

Copies *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** from the Data Block (**BLK**) into another Data Block (**BLK**) file.

M# Links

Measurement numbers (**M#s**) in the **M# Links** are used when animating **ODS**'s from a Data Block (**BLK**)

If **M#s** are copied from one Data Block (**BLK**) into another Data Block (**BLK**), new **M# Links** must be created in the *connected Structure (STR)* window in order to animate shapes from the new Data Block (**BLK**).

Data in the Cursor Band

If the **Band cursor** is displayed, you are given the choice of copying only the data in the cursor band.

- **Press Yes** to copy the samples in the cursor band
- **Press No**, to copy *all* samples of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s**

M#s | *Paste from File*

Pastes **M#s** from another Data Block (**BLK**) into the Data Block (**BLK**) in which it is executed.

The pasted **M#s** are *added to the end* of the **M#s** currently in the Data Block (**BLK**).

If **M#s** are *selected* in the **paste from** Data Block (**BLK**), only the *selected M#s* are pasted

M# Links

Measurement numbers (**M#s**) in the **M# Links** are used when animating **ODS**'s from a Data Block (**BLK**).

If **M#s** are pasted from one Data Block (**BLK**) into another Data Block (**BLK**), new **M# Links** must be created in the *connected* Structure (**STR**) window in order to animate shapes from the new Data Block (**BLK**).

Interpolated Samples

If the X-axis in the **Paste from** Data Block (**BLK**) does not match the X-axis values of the **Paste To** Data Block (**BLK**), each **Paste From** measurement *is interpolated* so that its X-axis values match those of the **Paste To** Data Block (**BLK**).

M#s | Paste at Cursor

Pastes data from another Data Block (**BLK**) into the Data Block (**BLK**) in which it is executed *starting at the Line cursor* position.

- The pasted data is added to the samples of each **M#** in the Data Block (**BLK**), starting at the **Line cursor** position
- If **M#s** are *selected* in the **Paste from** Data Block (**BLK**), then only data from the *selected M#s* is pasted

Edit Menu

This menu is also displayed when you *right-click in the graphics area*.

Edit | Undo

Restores the window to the state it was in *before* the *last* operation.

This command can be used repeatedly to undo the last **N** operations, **N = Number of edits saved**.

The Number of edits saved is changed on the General tab in the Project | MEscape Options dialog box.

Edit | Redo

Restores the window to the state it was in *before* the *last execution* of the **Edit | Undo** command.

Tools Menu

This menu is also displayed when you *right-click in the graphics area*.

Tools | Save Shapes

Saves shape data at the *current cursor position* into a Shape Table (**SHP**) file

If the **Line cursor** is displayed, the **M#** values at the cursor position are saved.

If the **Peak cursor** is displayed, the value at the *peak* in each **M#** are saved.

If the **Band cursor** is displayed, the **M#** values in the cursor band are *summed together* for each **M#** and saved.

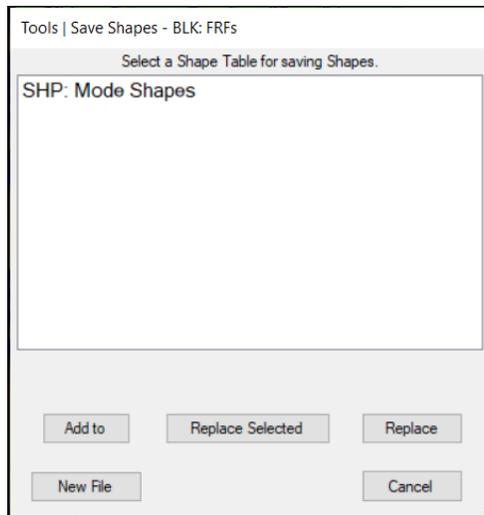
If the **Order cursors** are displayed, the measurement values at *each visible order* are saved as a *separate shape* in a Shape Table.

If **Format | Real** is *checked*, only the **Real** part of the data is saved.

If **Format | Imaginary** is *checked*, only the **Imaginary** part of the data is saved.

Otherwise, the **complex data** is saved.

When this command is executed, a dialog box opens, as shown below



Shape Table Selection Box.

Add to Shapes

- Press **Add to** to add the shape as a new shape to the Shape Table.

Matching DOFs

The **DOFs** of the new shape are matched with the **DOFs** in the Shape Table. If a DOF *does not match*, a new DOF is created in the Shape Table.

Replace Shapes

- **Press Replace** to replace *all the shapes* in the Shape Table with the new shape.

Replacing Selected Shapes & M#s

To replace selected shapes and selected **M#s** in the Shape Table with the new shape,

- **Select** the shapes in **Shapes** spreadsheet to be replaced
- **Select** the **M#s** in the **M#s** spreadsheet to be replaced
- Execute **Tools | Save Shapes**
- **Press** the **Replace Selected** button in the Shape Table Selection box

Script Menu

Script / Display / Cursor

Displays and positions the cursor in a Data Block (**BLK**) window.

Parameters

- (Line, Band, Peak, None)
- Position
 - Percentage (1 to 100) of the **Block Size**
 - Sample (1 to the **Block Size**)
 - Horizontal Axis Units (Hz, RPM, CPM, Sec, Milli-sec, micro-sec)
- Bandwidth
 - (Percentage, Sample, Horizontal Axis Units)

Script / Display / Zoom

Zooms the display in a Data Block (**BLK**) window.

Parameters

- Zoom start
 - Percentage (1 to 100 of the **Block Size**)
 - Sample (1 to the **Block Size**)
 - X-Axis Units (Hz, RPM, CPM, Sec, milli-sec, micro-sec)
- Zoom end
 - Percent, Samples, X-Axis Units)

Script / Display / Sine Dwell Cycles per Shape

Sets the number of Sine Dwell Cycles per Shape during Sweep Animation from a Data Block (**BLK**).

- During **Sweep animation** from a Data Block (**BLK**), the specified number of **Sine Dwell Cycles per Shape** is carried out before displaying the next shape.

Parameter

- Number of Cycles

Script / M#s / Select an M#

Selects (or *un-selects*) a single **M#** in the **M#s** spreadsheet .

Parameters

- **M#** (can also be a Script Variable)
- **Select** (Yes or No)
- Un-select All First (Yes or No)

Script / M#s / Select

Selects (or *un-selects*) a range of **M#s** in the **M#** spreadsheet .

Parameters

- **M#s** (1,2, 3,,; 1-3; all)
- **Select** (Yes or No).
- Un-select All First (Yes or No)

Script / M#s / Color

Changes the **color** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- Color (from color pallet)

Script / M#s / Label

Changes the **label** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- Label (text)

Script / M#s / DOFs

Changes the **DOFs** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- **DOFs** (1X, 1Y, 1Z ,...)

Script / M#s / Units

Changes the **units** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameters

- Units (g, N, lbs,)
- Re-scale **M#s** (Yes or No)

Script / M#s / Measurement Type

Changes the **Measurement Type** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- Type (**FRF**, Auto spectrum)

Script / M#s / Input Output

Changes the **Input Output** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- **Input Output** (Input, Output, Both, Cross)

Script / M#s / Line Width

Changes the **Line Width** of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- **Line Width** (1 to 9)

Script / M#s / Visibility

Makes *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** *visible* (or *invisible*) in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- **Visible** Yes or No

Script / M#s / Linear Power

Changes the **Linear Power** property of *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- Linear or Power

Script / M#s / Group

Gives a Group name to *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- Group text name

Script / M#s / dB Reference

Gives a dB reference value to *all* (or *selected*) **M#s** in a Data Block (**BLK**).

Parameter

- dB Reference value

Script / M#s / Copy Cells to Clipboard

Copies parameters from cells of the **M#s** spreadsheet to the Windows Clipboard.

Parameters

- Top Left Row
- Top Left Column
- Bottom Right Row
- Bottom Right Column

Script / M#s / Paste Clipboard into Cells

Pastes data from the Windows Clipboard into cells of the **M#s** spreadsheet .

Parameters

- Top Left Row
- Top Left Column
- Bottom Right Row
- Bottom Right Column

Script / M#s / Copy Cell to Variable

Copies a parameter from the **M#s** spreadsheet to a Global Variable.

Parameters

- Row
- Column
- Variable Name

Script / M#s / Paste Variable to Cell

Pastes a Global Variable value into an **M#** parameter in the **M#s** spreadsheet .

Parameters

- Row
- Column
- Variable Name

Script / Get / M# Count to Variable

Stores the number of **M#s** in a Data Block into a Script Variable.

Parameter

- Variable Name

Script / Get / Block Size to Variable

Stores the number of samples in a Data Block into a Script Variable.

Parameter

- Variable Name

Script / Get / Selected M# Count to Variable

Stores the number of *selected M#s* in a Data Block into a Script Variable.

Parameter

- Variable Name

Script / Get / Next Selected M# to Variable

Stores the *next selected M#* (starting after an **M#**) in a Data Block into a Script Variable.

Parameters

- Start After M# (number or variable)
- Variable Name