
mdfreader Documentation

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MDFREADER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader main module

1.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

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1.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 <<http://www.python.org>>
- Numpy >1.6 <<http://numpy.scipy.org>>
- Sympy to convert channels with formula
- bitarray for not byte aligned data parsing
- Matplotlib >1.0 <<http://matplotlib.sourceforge.net>>
- NetCDF
- h5py for the HDF5 export
- xlwt for the excel export (not existing for python3)
- openpyxl for the excel 2007 export
- scipy for the Matlab file conversion
- zlib to uncompress data block if needed

1.3 Attributes

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1.4 mdfreader module

`mdfreader.convertMatlabName(channel)`

Removes non allowed characters for a Matlab variable name

Parameters `channel`: string

channel name

Returns string

channel name compatible for Matlab

class `mdfreader.mdf` (`fileName=None`, `channelList=None`, `convertAfterRead=True`, `filterChannelNames=False`)

Bases: `mdf3reader.mdf3`, `mdf4reader.mdf4`

mdf class

Notes

mdf class is a nested dict Channel name is the primary dict key of mdf class At a higher level, each channel includes the following keys :

- `'data'` : containing vector of data (numpy)
- `'unit'` : unit (string)
- `'master'` : master channel of channel (time, crank angle, etc.)
- `'description'` : Description of channel
- **`'conversion'`: mdfinfo nested dict for CCBlock.** Exist if channel not converted, used to convert with `getChannelData` method

Examples

```
>>> import mdfreader
>>> yop=mdfreader.mdf('NameOfFile')
>>> yop.keys() # list channels names
>>> yop.masterChannelList() # list channels grouped by raster or master channel
>>> yop.plot('channelName') or yop.plot({'channel1','channel2'})
>>> yop.resample(0.1) or yop.resample(channelName='master3')
>>> yop.exporttoCSV(sampling=0.01)
>>> yop.exportNetCDF()
>>> yop.exporttoHDF5()
>>> yop.exporttoMatlab()
>>> yop.exporttoExcel()
>>> yop.exporttoXlsx()
>>> yop.convertToPandas() # converts data groups into pandas dataframes
>>> yop.keepChannels({'channel1','channel2','channel3'}) # drops all the channels except the one
>>> yop.getChannelData('channelName') # returns channel numpy array
```

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
Version-Number	(int) mdf file version number
master-Channel-List	(dict) Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value containing a list of channels One key or master channel represents then a data group having same sampling interval.
multiProc	(bool) Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement. One thread per data group.
author	(str)
organisation	(str)
project	(str)
subject	(str)
comment	(str)
time	(str)
date	(str)

Methods

read(fileName = None, multiProc = False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True, filterChannelNames=False)	reads mdf file version 3.x and 4.x
write(fileName=None)	writes simple mdf 3.3 file
getChannelData(channelName)	returns channel numpy array
convertAllChannel()	converts all channel data according to CCBlock information
getChannelUnit(channelName)	returns channel unit
plot(channels)	Plot channels with Matplotlib
resample(samplingTime = 0.1, masterChannel=None)	Resamples all data groups
exportToCSV(filename = None, sampling = 0.1)	Exports mdf data into CSV file
exportToNetCDF(filename = None, sampling = None)	Exports mdf data into netcdf file
exportToHDF5(filename = None, sampling = None)	Exports mdf class data structure into hdf5 file
exportToMatlab(filename = None)	Exports mdf class data structure into Matlab file
exportToExcel(filename = None)	Exports mdf data into excel 95 to 2003 file
exportToXlsx(filename=None)	Exports mdf data into excel 2007 and 2010 file
convertToPandas(sampling=None)	converts mdf data structure into pandas dataframe(s)
keepChannels(channelList)	keeps only list of channels and removes the other channels
mergeMdf(mdfClass):	Merges data of 2 mdf classes
copy()	copy a mdf class

allPlot ()

convertAllChannel ()

Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information Converted data will take more memory.

convertToPandas (*sampling=None*)

converts mdf data structure into pandas dataframe(s)

Parameters **sampling** : float, optional

resampling interval

Notes

One pandas dataframe is converted per data group Not adapted yet for mdf4 as it considers only time master channels

copy ()

copy a mdf class

exportToCSV (*filename=None, sampling=0.1*)

Exports mdf data into CSV file

Parameters **filename** : str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

sampling : float, optional

sampling interval. By default, sampling is 0.1sec but can be changed

Notes

Data saved in CSV file be automatically resampled as it is difficult to save in this format data not sharing same master channel Warning: this can be slow for big data, CSV is text format after all

exportToExcel (*filename=None*)

Exports mdf data into excel 95 to 2003 file

Parameters **filename** : str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

Notes

xlwt is not fast for even for small files, consider other binary formats like HDF5 or Matlab If there are more than 256 channels, data will be saved over different worksheets Also Excel 203 is becoming rare these days

exportToHDF5 (*filename=None, sampling=None*)

Exports mdf class data structure into hdf5 file

Parameters **filename** : str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

sampling : float, optional

sampling interval.

Notes

The maximum attributes will be stored Data structure will be similar has it is in masterChannelList attribute

exportToMatlab (*filename=None*)

Export mdf data into Matlab file format 5, tentatively compressed

Parameters **filename** : str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

Notes

This method will dump all data into Matlab file but you will loose below information: - unit and descriptions of channel - data structure, what is corresponding master channel to a channel. Channels might have then different lengths

exportToNetCDF (*filename=None, sampling=None*)

Exports mdf data into netcdf file

Parameters **filename** : str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

sampling : float, optional

sampling interval.

exportToXlsx (*filename=None*)

Exports mdf data into excel 2007 and 2010 file

Parameters **filename** : str, optional

file name. If no name defined, it will use original mdf name and path

Notes

It is recommended to export resampled data for performances

getChannelData (*channelName*)

Return channel numpy array

Parameters **channelName** : str

channel name

Notes

This method is the safest to get channel data as numpy array from 'data' dict key might contain raw data

getChannelUnit (*channelName*)

Returns channel unit string Implemented for a future integration of pint

Parameters **channelName** : str

channel name

Returns str

unit string description

keepChannels (*channelList*)

keeps only list of channels and removes the other channels

Parameters **channelList** : list of str

list of channel names

mergeMdf (*mdfClass*)

Merges data of 2 mdf classes

Parameters **mdfClass** : mdf

mdf class instance to be merge with self

Notes

both classes must have been resampled, otherwise, impossible to know master channel to match create union of both channel lists and fill with Nan for unknown sections in channels

plot (*channels*)

Plot channels with Matplotlib

Parameters **channels** : str or list of str

channel name or list of channel names

Notes

Channel description and unit will be tentatively displayed with axis labels

read (*fileName=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True, filterChannelNames=False*)

reads mdf file version 3.x and 4.x

Parameters **fileName** : str, optional

file name

multiProc : bool

flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel names to be read If you use channelList, reading might be much slower but it will save you memory. Can be used to read big files

convertAfterRead : bool, optional

flag to convert channel after read, True by default If you use convertAfterRead by setting it to false, all data from channels will be kept raw, no conversion applied. If many float are stored in file, you can gain from 3 to 4 times memory footprint To calculate value from channel, you can then use method .getChannelData()

filterChannelNames : bool, optional

flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by ‘.’

Notes

If you keep `convertAfterRead` to true, you can set attribute `mdf.multiProc` to activate channel conversion in multiprocessing. Gain in reading time can be around 30% if file is big and using a lot of float channels

resample (*samplingTime=0.1, masterChannel=None*)

Resamples all data groups into one data group having defined sampling interval or sharing same master channel

Parameters `samplingTime` : float

resampling interval

****or****

masterChannel : str

master channel name used for all channels

Notes

1. resampling is relatively safe for mdf3 as it contains only time series. However, mdf4 can contain also distance, angle, etc. It might make not sense to apply one resampling to several data groups that do not share same kind of master channel (like time resampling to distance or angle data groups) If several kind of data groups are used, you should better use pandas to resample

2. resampling will convert all your channels so be careful for big files and memory consumption

write (*fileName=None*)

Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

Parameters `fileName` : str, optional

Name of file If file name is not input, written file name will be the one read with appended `'_new'` string before extension

Notes

All channels will be converted, so size might be bigger than original file

class `mdfreader.mdfinfo` (*fileName=None, filterChannelNames=False*)

Bases: dict

MDFINFO is a class gathering information from block headers in a MDF (Measure Data Format) file

Structure: nested dicts. Primary key is Block type, then data group, channel group and channel number.

Examples of dicts:

- `mdfinfo['HDBlock']` header block
- `mdfinfo['DGBlock'][dataGroup]` Data Group block
- `mdfinfo['CGBlock'][dataGroup][channelGroup]` Channel Group block
- `mdfinfo['CNBlock'][dataGroup][channelGroup][channel]` Channel block including text blocks for comment and identifier
- `mdfinfo['CCBlock'][dataGroup][channelGroup][channel]` Channel conversion information

Examples

```
>>> import mdfreader
>>> FILENAME='toto.dat'
>>> yop=mdfreader.mdffinfo(FILENAME)
or if you are just interested to have only list of channels
>>> yop=mdfreader.mdffinfo() # creates new instance f mdffinfo class
>>> yop=mdfreader.listChannels(FILENAME) # returns a simple list of channel names
```

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
mdffversion	(int) mdff file version number

Methods

readinfo(fileName = None, filterChannelNames=False)	Reads MDF file and extracts its complete structure
listChannels(fileName = None)	Read MDF file blocks and returns a list of contained channels

listChannels (*fileName=None*)

Read MDF file blocks and returns a list of contained channels

Parameters **fileName** : string

file name

Returns **nameList** : list of string

list of channel names

readinfo (*fileName=None, filterChannelNames=False*)

Reads MDF file and extracts its complete structure

Parameters **fileName** : str, optional

file name. If not input, uses fileName attribute

filterChannelNames : bool, optional

flag to filter long channel names including module names separated by a ‘.’

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Measured Data Format file reader module for version 3.x

2.1 Platform and python version

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2.4 mdf3reader module

class `mdf3reader.DATA` (*fid, pointer*)
Bases: `dict`

DATA class is organizing record classes itself made of recordchannel. This class inherits from dict. Keys are corresponding to channel group recordID A DATA class corresponds to a data block, a dict of record classes (one per channel group) Each record class contains a list of recordchannel class representing the structure of channel record.

Attributes

<code>fid</code>	(io.open) file identifier
<code>pointerToData</code>	(int) position of Data block in mdf file

Methods

<code>addRecord(record)</code>	Adds a new record in DATA class dict
<code>read(channelList, zip=None)</code>	Reads data block
<code>loadSorted(record, zip=None, nameList=None)</code>	Reads sorted data block from record definition
<code>load(nameList=None)</code>	Reads unsorted data block, not yet implemented

addRecord (*record*)

Adds a new record in DATA class dict

Parameters **record** class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

load (*nameList=None*)

not yet implemented

loadSorted (*record, zip=None, nameList=None*)

Reads sorted data block from record definition

Parameters **record** class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

zip : bool, optional

flag to track if data block is compressed

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel names

Returns numpy recarray of data

read (*channelList, zip=None*)

Reads data block

Parameters **channelList** : list of str, optional

list of channel names

zip : bool, optional

flag to track if data block is compressed

`mdf3reader.arrayformat3` (*signalDataType, numberOfBits*)

function returning numpy style string from channel data type and number of bits Parameters —————

signalDataType : int

channel data type according to specification

numberOfBits [int] number of bits taken by channel data in a record

Returns **dataType** : str

numpy dtype format used by `numpy.core.records` to read channel raw data

`mdf3reader.datatypeformat3` (*signalDataType, numberOfBits*)

function returning C format string from channel data type and number of bits

Parameters **signalDataType** : int

channel data type according to specification

numberOfBits : int

number of bits taken by channel data in a record

Returns `dataType` : str

C format used by fread to read channel raw data

`mdf3reader.expConv(data, conv)`

apply exponential conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdfinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf3reader.formulaConv(data, conv)`

apply formula conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdfinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

Notes

Requires sympy module

`mdf3reader.linearConv(data, conv)`

apply linear conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdfinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf3reader.logConv(data, conv)`

apply logarithmic conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdfinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

class `mdf3reader.mdf3` (*fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True, filterChannelNames=False*)

Bases: dict

mdf file version 3.0 to 3.3 class

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
Version-Number	(int) mdf file version number
master-Channel-List	(dict) Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value containing a list of channels One key or master channel represents then a data group having same sampling interval.
multiProc	(bool) Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement. One thread per data group.
convertAfterRead	(bool) flag to convert raw data to physical just after read
filterChannelNames	(bool) flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by ‘.’
author	(str)
organisation	(str)
project	(str)
subject	(str)
comment	(str)
time	(str)
date	(str)

Methods

read3(fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True)	Reads mdf 3.x file data and stores it in dict
getChannelData3(channelName)	Returns channel numpy array
convertChannel3(channelName)	converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information
convertAllChannel3()	Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information
write3(fileName=None)	Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

convert3 (*channelName*)

converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information

Parameters **channelName** : str

Name of channel

Returns numpy array

returns numpy array converted to physical values according to conversion type

convertAllChannel3 ()

Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information Converted data will take more memory.

convertChannel3 (*channelName*)

converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information

Parameters **channelName** : str

Name of channel

getChannelData3 (*channelName*)

Returns channel numpy array

Parameters **channelName** : str

channel name

Notes

This method is the safest to get channel data as numpy array from 'data' dict key might contain raw data

read3 (*fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True*)

Reads mdf 3.x file data and stores it in dict

Parameters **fileName** : str, optional

file name

info : mdinfo3.info3 class

info3 class containing all MDF Blocks

multiProc : bool

flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel names to be read If you use channelList, reading might be much slower but it will save you memory. Can be used to read big files

convertAfterRead : bool, optional

flag to convert channel after read, True by default If you use convertAfterRead by setting it to false, all data from channels will be kept raw, no conversion applied. If many float are stored in file, you can gain from 3 to 4 times memory footprint To calculate value from channel, you can then use method .getChannelData()

write3 (*fileName=None*)

Writes simple mdf 3.3 file

Parameters **fileName** : str, optional

Name of file If file name is not input, written file name will be the one read with appended '_new' string before extension

Notes

All channels will be converted to physical data, so size might be bigger than original file

mdf3reader.**polyConv** (*data, conv*)

apply polynomial conversion to data

Parameters **data** : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv : mdinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

mdf3reader.**processDataBlocks** (*Q, buf, info, dataGroup, channelList, multiProc*)

Put raw data from buf to a dict L and processes nested nBit channels

Parameters **Q** : multiprocessing.Queue, optional

Queue for multiprocessing

buf : DATA class

contains raw data

info : info class

contains information from MDF Blocks

dataGroup : int

data group number according to info class

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel names to be processed

multiProc : bool

flag to return Queue or dict

Returns **Q** : multiprocessing.Queue

updates Queue containing L dict

L : dict

dict of channels

`mdf3reader.rationalConv(data, conv)`

apply rational conversion to data

Parameters **data** : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

conv : mdfinfo3.info3 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

class `mdf3reader.record(dataGroup, channelGroup)`

Bases: list

record class lists recordchannel classes, it is representing a channel group

Attributes

<code>recordLength</code>	(int) length of record corresponding of channel group in Byte
<code>numberOfRecords</code>	(int) number of records in data block
<code>recordID</code>	(int) recordID corresponding to channel group
<code>recordIDsize</code>	(int) size of recordID
<code>dataGroup</code>	(int:) data group number
<code>channelGroup</code>	(int) channel group number
<code>numpyDataRecordFormat</code>	(list) list of numpy (dtype) for each channel
<code>dataRecordName</code>	(list) list of channel names used for recarray attribute definition
<code>master</code>	(dict) define name and number of master channel
<code>recordToChannelMatching</code>	(dict) helps to identify nested bits in byte
<code>channelNames</code>	(list) channel names to be stored, useful for low memory consumption but slow

Methods

<code>addChannel(info, channelNumber)</code>	
<code>loadInfo(info)</code>	
<code>readSortedRecord(fid, pointer, channelList=None)</code>	
<code>readUnsortedRecord(buf, channelList=None)</code>	

addChannel (*info*, *channelNumber*)

add a channel in class

Parameters **info** : mdfinfo3.info3 class

channelNumber : int

channel number in mdfinfo3.info3 class

loadInfo (*info*)

gathers records related from info class

Parameters **info** : mdfinfo3.info3 class

readSortedRecord (*fid*, *pointer*, *channelList=None*)

reads record, only one channel group per datagroup Parameters ———— **fid** : float

file identifier

pointer position in file of data block beginning

channelList [list of str, optional] list of channel to read

Returns **rec** : numpy recarray

contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

Notes

If channelList is None, read data using `numpy.core.records.fromfile` that is rather quick. However, in case of large file, you can use channelList to load only interesting channels or only one channel on demand, but be aware it might be much slower.

readUnsortedRecord (*buf*, *channelList=None*)

Not implemented yet, no reference files available to test it

class `mdf3reader.recordChannel` (*info*, *dataGroup*, *channelGroup*, *channelNumber*, *recordIDsize*)

recordChannel class gathers all about channel structure in a record

Attributes

name	(str) Name of channel
channelNumber	(int) channel number corresponding to mdinfo3.info3 class
signal-DataType	(int) signal type according to specification
bitCount	(int) number of bits used to store channel record
nBytes	(int) number of bytes (1 byte = 8 bits) taken by channel record
dataFormat	(str) numpy dtype as string
CFormat	(struct class instance) struct instance to convert from C Format
byteOffset	(int) position of channel record in complete record in bytes
bitOffset	(int) bit position of channel value inside byte in case of channel having bit count below 8
RecordFormat	(list of str) dtype format used for numpy.core.records functions ((name,name_title),str_type)
channelType	(int) channel type
posBeg	(int) start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
posEnd	(int) end position in number of bit of channel record in complete record

Methods

<code>__init__(info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, recordIDsize)</code>	constructor
<code>__str__()</code>	to print class attributes

`mdf3reader.tabConv(data, conv)`

apply Tabular conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf3reader.tabInterpConv(data, conv)`

apply Tabular interpolation conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf3reader.textRangeTableConv(data, conv)`

apply text range table conversion to data

Parameters `data` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`conv` : `mdinfo3.info3` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

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3.3 Attributes

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3.4 mdinfo3 module

class `mdinfo3.info3` (*fileName=None, fid=None, filterChannelNames=False*)
Bases: dict

mdf file info class version 3.x MDFINFO is a class information about an MDF (Measure Data Format) file
Based on following specification <http://powertrainnvh.com/nvh/MDFspecificationv03.pdf>

Notes

`mdinfo(FILENAME)` contains a dict of structures, for each data group, containing key information about all channels in each group. FILENAME is a string that specifies the name of the MDF file. General dictionary structure is the following

- `mdinfo['HDBlock']` header block

- `mdfinfo['DGBlock']`[dataGroup] Data Group block
- `mdfinfo['CGBlock']`[dataGroup][channelGroup] Channel Group block
- `mdfinfo['CNBlock']`[dataGroup][channelGroup][channel] Channel block including text blocks for comment and identifier
- `mdfinfo['CCBlock']`[dataGroup][channelGroup][channel] Channel conversion information

Attributes

<code>filterChannel-Names</code>	(bool, optional) flag to filter long channel names including module names separated by a '.'
<code>fileName</code>	(str) name of file

Methods

static `blockformats3` (*block*, *version=0*)

This function returns all the predefined formats for the different blocks in the MDF file

Parameters **block** : str

kind of block

version : int

mdf version

Returns nested list of str and int describing structure of block to be used by `mdfblockread3` method

listChannels3 (*fileName=None*)

reads data, channel group and channel blocks to list channel names

Returns list of channel names

Attributes

<code>fileName</code>	(str) file name
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static `mdfblockread3` (*blockFormat*, *fid*, *pointer*, *removeTrailing0=True*)

Extract block of data from MDF file in original data types. Returns a dictionary with keys specified in data structure `blockFormat`

Parameters **blockFormat** : nested list

output of `blockformats3` method

fid : float

file identifier

pointer : int

position of block in file

removeTrailing0 : bool, optional

removes or not the trailing 0 from strings

Returns Block content in a dict

readinfo3 (*fid*)

read all file blocks except data

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

MDF4READER MODULE DOCUMENTATION

Measured Data Format file reader module for version 4.x.

4.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

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4.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 <<http://www.python.org>>
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- bitarray to parse bits in not aligned bytes
- Sympy to convert channels with formula if needed
- zlib to uncompress data block if needed

4.3 Attributes

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4.4 mdf4reader module

class `mdf4reader.DATA` (*fid, pointer*)
Bases: `dict`

DATA class is organizing record classes itself made of recordchannel. This class inherits from dict. Keys are corresponding to channel group recordID A DATA class corresponds to a data block, a dict of record classes (one per channel group) Each record class contains a list of recordchannel class representing the structure of channel record.

Attributes

fid	(io.open) file identifier
pointerToData	(int) position of Data block in mdf file
type	(str) 'sorted' or 'unsorted' data block

Methods

addRecord(record)	Adds a new record in DATA class dict
read(channelList, zip=None)	Reads data block
load(record, zip=None, nameList=None)	Reads sorted data block from record definition
readRecord(recordID, buf, channelList=None):	read record from a buffer

addRecord (*record*)

Adds a new record in DATA class dict.

Parameters **record** class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

load (*record*, *zip=None*, *nameList=None*, *sortedFlag=True*)

Reads data block from record definition

Parameters **record** class

channel group definition listing record channel classes

zip : bool, optional

flag to track if data block is compressed

nameList : list of str, optional

list of channel names

Returns numpy recarray of data

read (*channelList*, *zip=None*)

Reads data block

Parameters **channelList** : list of str

list of channel names

zip : bool, optional

flag to track if data block is compressed

readRecord (*recordID*, *buf*, *channelList=None*)

read record from a buffer

Parameters **recordID** : int

record identifier

buf : str

buffer of data from file to be converted to channel raw data

channelList : list of str

list of channel names to be read

`mdf4reader.DATABlock (record, parent_block, channelList=None, sortedFlag=True)`

DATABlock converts raw data into arrays

Parameters `record` : class

record class instance describing a channel group record

`parent_block` : class

MDFBlock class containing at least parent block header

`channelList` : list of str, optional

defines list of channels to only read, can be slow but saves memory, for big files

`sortedFlag` : bool, optional

flag to know if data block is sorted (only one Channel Group in block) or unsorted (several Channel Groups identified by a recordID). As unsorted block can contain CG records in random order, block is processed iteratively, not in raw like sorted -> much slower reading

Returns a recarray containing the channels data

Notes

This function will read DTBlock, RDBlock, DZBlock (compressed), RDBlock (VLSD), sorted or unsorted

`mdf4reader.append_field (rec, name, arr, numpy_dtype=None)`

append new field in a recarray

Parameters `rec` : numpy recarray

`name` : str

name of field to be appended

`arr` : numpy array to be appended

`numpy_dtype` : numpy dtype, optional

apply same dtype as arr by default but can be modified

Returns numpy recarray appended

`mdf4reader.arrayformat4 (signalDataType, numberOfBits)`

function returning numpy style string from channel data type and number of bits

Parameters `signalDataType` : int

channel data type according to specification

`numberOfBits` : int

number of bits taken by channel data in a record

Returns `dataType` : str

numpy dtype format used by `numpy.core.records` to read channel raw data

`mdf4reader.bits_to_bytes (nBits)`

Converts number of bits into number of aligned bytes

Parameters `nBits` : int

number of bits

Returns number of equivalent bytes

`mdf4reader.change_field_name(arr, old_name, new_name)`
modifies name of field in a recarray

Parameters `arr` : numpy recarray

old_name : str

old field

new_name : str

new field

Returns numpy recarray with modified field name

`mdf4reader.convertChannelData4(channel, channelName, convert_tables, multiProc=False, Q=None)`

converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBLOCK information

Parameters `channelName` : dict

channel dict containing keys like 'data', 'unit', 'comment' and potentially 'conversion'
dict

channelName : str

name of channel

convert_tables : bool

activates computation intensive loops for conversion with tables. Default is False

multiProc : bool, default False

flag to put data in multiprocessing queue

Q : Queue class, default None

Queue used for multiprocessing

Returns dict

returns dict with channelName key containing numpy array converted to physical values
according to conversion type

`mdf4reader.convertName(channelName)`

Adds '_title' to channel name for numpy.core.records methods.

`mdf4reader.datatypeformat4(signalDataType, numberOfBits)`

function returning C format string from channel data type and number of bits

Parameters `signalDataType` : int

channel data type according to specification

numberOfBits : int

number of bits taken by channel data in a record

Returns `dataType` : str

C format used by fread to read channel raw data

`mdf4reader.equalizeStringLength(buf)`

Makes all strings in a list having same length by appending spaces strings.

Parameters `buf` : list of str

Returns list of str elements all having same length

`mdf4reader.formulaConv(vect, formula)`
 apply formula conversion to data

Parameters `vect` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`cc_val` : `mdfinfo4.info4` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

class `mdf4reader.invalid_bytes` (`info`, `dataGroup`, `channelGroup`, `recordIDsize`, `byte_aligned=True`)
 invalid_bytes class to handle invalid bytes in record if existing

Attributes

<code>name</code>	(str) Name of channel
<code>signalDataType</code>	(int) signal type according to specification
<code>bitCount</code>	(int) number of bits used to store channel record
<code>nBytes</code>	(int) number of bytes (1 byte = 8 bits) taken by channel record
<code>dataFormat</code>	(str) numpy dtype as string
<code>Format :</code>	C format understood by fread
<code>CFormat</code>	(struct class instance) struct instance to convert from C Format
<code>byteOffset</code>	(int) position of channel record in complete record in bytes
<code>bitOffset</code>	(int) bit position of channel value inside byte in case of channel having bit count below 8
<code>RecordFormat</code>	(list of str) dtype format used for <code>numpy.core.records</code> functions ((name,name_title),str_stype)
<code>channelType</code>	(int) channel type
<code>posByteBeg</code>	(int) start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
<code>posByteEnd</code>	(int) end position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
<code>posBitBeg</code>	(int) start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
<code>posBitEnd</code>	(int) end position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
<code>VLSD_CG_Flag</code>	(bool) flag when Channel Group VLSD is used
<code>data</code>	(int) pointer to data block linked to a channel (VLSD, MLSD)

Methods

<code>__init__(info, dataGroup, channelGroup, recordIDsize)</code>	constructor
<code>channel_validity(channelName)</code>	returns channel validity bit array

validity_channel (`channelName`)
 extract channel validity bits

Parameters `channelName` : str

channel name

`mdf4reader.linearConv(vect, cc_val)`
 apply linear conversion to data

Parameters `vect` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`cc_val` : `mdfinfo4.info4` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

class mdf4reader.**mdf4** (*fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True*)

Bases: dict

mdf file reader class from version 4.0 to 4.1

Attributes

fileName	(str) file name
Version-Number	(int) mdf file version number
master-Channel-List	(dict) Represents data structure: a key per master channel with corresponding value containing a list of channels One key or master channel represents then a data group having same sampling interval.
multiProc	(bool) Flag to request channel conversion multi processed for performance improvement. One thread per data group.
convertAfterRead	(bool) flag to convert raw data to physical just after read
filterChannelNames	(bool) flag to filter long channel names from its module names separated by ‘.’
author	(str)
organisation	(str)
project	(str)
subject	(str)
comment	(str)
time	(str)
date	(str)

Methods

read4(<i>fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True</i>)	Reads mdf 4.x file data and stores it in dict
getChannelData4(channelName)	Returns channel numpy array
convertChannel4(channelName)	converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information
convertAllChannel4()	Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information

convertAllChannel4 ()

Converts all channels from raw data to converted data according to CCBlock information Converted data will take more memory.

convertChannel4 (*channelName*)

converts specific channel from raw to physical data according to CCBlock information

Parameters **channelName** : str

Name of channel

getChannelData4 (*channelName*)

Returns channel numpy array

Parameters `channelName` : str

channel name

Notes

This method is the safest to get channel data as numpy array from 'data' dict key might contain raw data

read4 (*fileName=None, info=None, multiProc=False, channelList=None, convertAfterRead=True*)

Reads mdf 4.x file data and stores it in dict

Parameters `fileName` : str, optional

file name

info : `mdfinfo4.info4` class

info3 class containing all MDF Blocks

multiProc : bool

flag to activate multiprocessing of channel data conversion

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel names to be read If you use channelList, reading might be much slower but it will save you memory. Can be used to read big files

convertAfterRead : bool, optional

flag to convert channel after read, True by default If you use convertAfterRead by setting it to false, all data from channels will be kept raw, no conversion applied. If many float are stored in file, you can gain from 3 to 4 times memory footprint To calculate value from channel, you can then use method `.getChannelData()`

`mdf4reader.processDataBlocks4` (*Q, buf, info, dataGroup, channelList, multiProc*)

Put raw data from buf to a dict L and processes nested nBit channels

Parameters `Q` : `multiprocessing.Queue`, optional

Queue for multiprocessing

buf : `DATA` class

contains raw data

info : `info` class

contains information from MDF Blocks

dataGroup : int

data group number according to info class

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel names to be processed

multiProc : bool

flag to return Queue or dict

Returns `Q` : `multiprocessing.Queue`

updates Queue containing L dict

`L` : dict

dict of channels

`mdf4reader.rationalConv(vect, cc_val)`

apply rational conversion to data

Parameters `vect` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`cc_val` : `mdfinfo4.info4` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

class `mdf4reader.record(dataGroup, channelGroup)`

Bases: list

record class lists recordchannel classes, it is representing a channel group

Attributes

<code>CGrecordLength</code>	(int) length of record corresponding of channel group in Byte CG Block information
<code>recordLength</code>	(int) length of record as understood by program based on C datatypes
<code>numberOfRecords</code>	(int) number of records in data block
<code>recordID</code>	(int) recordID corresponding to channel group
<code>recordIDsize</code>	(int) size of recordID
<code>recordIDCFormat</code>	(str) record identifier C format string as understood by fread
<code>dataGroup</code>	(int:) data group number
<code>channelGroup</code>	(int) channel group number
<code>numpyDataRecordFormat</code>	(list) list of numpy (dtype) for each channel
<code>dataRecordName</code>	(list) list of channel names used for recarray attribute definition
<code>master</code>	(dict) define name and number of master channel
<code>recordToChannelMatching</code>	(dict) helps to identify nested bits in byte
<code>channelNames</code>	(list) channel names to be stored, useful for low memory consumption but slow
<code>Flags</code>	(bool) channel flags as from specification
<code>VLSD.CG</code>	(dict) dict of Channel Group VLSD, key being recordID
<code>VLSD</code>	(list of recordChannel) list of recordChannel being VLSD
<code>MLSD</code>	(dict) copy from <code>info['MLSD']</code> if existing
<code>byte_aligned</code>	(Bool) flag for byte aligned record
<code>invalid_channel</code>	(Default None) invalid_byte class if existing in record otherwise None

Methods

<code>addChannel(info, channelNumber)</code>	
<code>loadInfo(info)</code>	
<code>readSortedRecord(fid, pointer, channelList=None)</code>	
<code>readRecordBuf(buf, channelList=None)</code>	
<code>readBitarray(bita, channelList=None)</code>	

addChannel1 (*info, channelNumber*)

add a channel in class

Parameters `info` : `mdfinfo4.info4` class

channelNumber : int

channel number in mdinfo4.info4 class

loadInfo (*info*)

gathers records related from info class

Parameters **info** : mdinfo4.info4 class

readBitarray (*bita, channelList=None*)

reads stream of record bytes using bitarray module needed for not byte aligned data

Parameters **bitarray** : stream

stream of bytes

channelList : List of str, optional

list of channel to read

Returns **rec** : numpy recarray

contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

readRecordBuf (*buf, channelList=None*)

read stream of record bytes

Parameters **buf** : stream

stream of bytes read in file

channelList : list of str, optional

list of channel to read

Returns **rec** : dict

returns dictionary of channel with its corresponding values

readSortedRecord (*fid, pointer, channelList=None*)

reads record, only one channel group per datagroup Parameters ———— **fid** : float

file identifier

pointer position in file of data block beginning

channelList [list of str, optional] list of channel to read

Returns **rec** : numpy recarray

contains a matrix of raw data in a recarray (attributes corresponding to channel name)

Notes

If channelList is None, read data using `numpy.core.records.fromfile` that is rather quick. However, in case of large file, you can use channelList to load only interesting channels or only one channel on demand, but be aware it might be much slower.

class `mdf4reader.recordChannel` (*info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, recordIDsize*)

recordChannel class gathers all about channel structure in a record

Attributes

name	(str) Name of channel
channelNumber	(int) channel number corresponding to mdfinfo3.info3 class
signalDataType	(int) signal type according to specification
bitCount	(int) number of bits used to store channel record
nBytes	(int) number of bytes (1 byte = 8 bits) taken by channel record
dataFormat	(str) numpy dtype as string
Format :	C format understood by fread
CFormat	(struct class instance) struct instance to convert from C Format
byteOffset	(int) position of channel record in complete record in bytes
bitOffset	(int) bit position of channel value inside byte in case of channel having bit count below 8
RecordFormat	(list of str) dtype format used for numpy.core.records functions ((name,name_title),str_stype)
channelType	(int) channel type
posByteBeg	(int) start position in number of byte of channel record in complete record
posByteEnd	(int) end position in number of byte of channel record in complete record
posBitBeg	(int) start position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
posBitEnd	(int) end position in number of bit of channel record in complete record
VLSD_CG_Flag	(bool) flag when Channel Group VLSD is used
data	(int) pointer to data block linked to a channel (VLSD, MLSD)

Methods

<code>__init__(info, dataGroup, channelGroup, channelNumber, recordIDsize)</code>	constructor
<code>__str__()</code>	to print class attributes

`mdf4reader.textToTextConv(vect, cc_ref)`

apply text to text conversion to data

Parameters `vect` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`cc_ref` : `cc_ref` from `mdfinfo4.info4` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf4reader.textToValueConv(vect, cc_val, cc_ref)`

apply text to value conversion to data

Parameters `vect` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

`cc_val` : `cc_val` from `mdfinfo4.info4` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

`cc_ref` : `cc_ref` from `mdfinfo4.info4` conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf4reader.valueRangeToTextConv(vect, cc_val, cc_ref)`

apply value range to text conversion to data

Parameters `vect` : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val : cc_val from mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

cc_ref : cc_ref from mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf4reader.valueRangeToValueTableConv(vect, cc_val)`

apply value range to value table conversion to data

Parameters **vect** : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val : mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf4reader.valueToTextConv(vect, cc_val, cc_ref)`

apply value to text conversion to data

Parameters **vect** : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val : cc_val from mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

cc_ref : cc_ref from mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf4reader.valueToValueTableWInterpConv(vect, cc_val)`

apply value to value table with interpolation conversion to data

Parameters **vect** : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val : mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

`mdf4reader.valueToValueTableWOInterpConv(vect, cc_val)`

apply value to value table without interpolation conversion to data

Parameters **vect** : numpy 1D array

raw data to be converted to physical value

cc_val : mdinfo4.info4 conversion block ('CCBlock') dict

Returns converted data to physical value

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Measured Data Format blocks parser for version 4.x

5.1 Platform and python version

With Unix and Windows for python 2.6+ and 3.2+

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5.2 Dependencies

- Python >2.6, >3.2 <<http://www.python.org>>
- Numpy >1.6 <<http://numpy.scipy.org>>

5.3 Attributes

PythonVersion [float] Python version currently running, needed for compatibility of both python 2.6+ and 3.2+

5.4 mdinfo4 module

```
class mdinfo4.ATBlock (fid, pointer)
    Bases: mdinfo4.MDFBlock
    reads Attachment block and saves in class dict
```

Methods

```
class mdinfo4.CABlock (fid, pointer)
    Bases: mdinfo4.MDFBlock
    reads Channel Array block and saves in class dict
```

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.CCBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
reads Channel Conversion block and saves in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.CGBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
reads Channel Group block and saves in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.CHBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
reads Channel Hierarchy block and saves in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.CNBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
reads Channel block and saves in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.CommentBlock` (*fid, pointer, MDType=None*)
Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
reads Comment block and saves in class dict

Notes

Can read xml (MD metadata) or text (TX) comments from several kind of blocks

Methods

extractXmlField (*xml_tree, field*)
Extract Xml field from a xml tree
Parameters `xml_tree` : xml tree from `xml.etree.ElementTree`
field : str
Returns field value in xml tree

class `mdfinfo4.DGBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
 Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
 reads Data Group block and saves in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.EVBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
 Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
 reads Event block and saves in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.FHBlock` (*fid, pointer*)
 Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
 reads File History block and save in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.HDBlock` (*fid, pointer=64*)
 Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
 reads Header block and save in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.IDBlock` (*fid*)
 Bases: `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
 reads ID Block and save in class dict

Methods

class `mdfinfo4.MDFBlock`
 Bases: `dict`
 MDFBlock base class for the MDF related block classes

Methods

<code>loadHeader(fid, pointer)</code>	reads block's header and put in class dict
<code>mdfblockread(fid, type, count)</code>	converts a byte array of length count to a given data type
<code>mdfblockreadCHAR(fid, count)</code>	reads a character chain of length count encoded in latin.
<code>mdfblockreadBYTE(fid, count)</code>	reads an array of UTF-8 encoded bytes

loadHeader (*fid, pointer*)
 reads block's header and put in class dict

Parameters *fid* : float
 file identifier

pointer : int

position of block in file

static mdfblockread (*fid, type, count*)

converts a byte array of length count to a given data type

Parameters **type** : str

C format data type

count : int

number of elements to sequentially read

Returns array of values of 'type' parameter

static mdfblockreadBYTE (*fid, count*)

reads an array of UTF-8 encoded bytes. Removes trailing 0

Parameters **count** : int

number of bytes to read

Returns bytes array of length count

static mdfblockreadCHAR (*fid, count*)

reads a character chain of length count encoded in latin. Removes trailing 0

Parameters **count** : int

number of characters to read

Returns a string of length count

class mdfinfo4.**SIBlock** (*fid, pointer*)

Bases: mdfinfo4.MDFBlock

reads Source Information block and saves in class dict

Methods

class mdfinfo4.**SRBlock** (*fid, pointer*)

Bases: mdfinfo4.MDFBlock

reads Sample Reduction block and saves in class dict

Methods

mdfinfo4.**elementTreeToDict** (*element*)

converts xml tree into dictionary

Parameters **element** : xml tree from xml.etree.ElementTree

Returns dict of xml tree flattened

class mdfinfo4.**info4** (*fileName=None, fid=None*)

Bases: dict

information block parser fo MDF file version 4.x

Notes

mdfinfo(FILENAME) contains a dict of structures, for each data group, containing key information about all channels in each group. FILENAME is a string that specifies the name of the MDF file. Either file name or fid should be given. General dictionary structure is the following

- mdfinfo['HDBlock'] header block
- mdfinfo['DGBlock'][dataGroup] Data Group block
- mdfinfo['CGBlock'][dataGroup][channelGroup] Channel Group block
- mdfinfo['CNBlock'][dataGroup][channelGroup][channel] Channel block including text blocks for comment and identifier
- mdfinfo['CCBlock'][dataGroup][channelGroup][channel] Channel conversion information

Attributes

fileName	(str) name of file
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Methods

listChannels4 (*fileName=None*)

Read MDF file and extract its complete structure

Parameters **fileName** : str

file name

Returns list of channel names contained in file

readATBlock (*self, fid, pointer*)

reads Attachment blocks

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

pointer : int

position of ATBlock in file

Returns Attachments Blocks in a dict

readCGBlock (*fid, dg, channelNameList=False*)

reads Channel Group blocks

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

dg : int

data group number

channelNameList : bool

Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method

readCNBlock (*fid, dg, cg, channelNameList=False*)

reads Channel blocks

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

dg : int

data group number

cg : int

channel group number in data group

channelNameList : bool

Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method

readComposition (*fid, dg, cg, MLSDChannels, channelNameList=False*)

check for composition of channels, arrays or structures

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

dg : int

data group number

cg : int

channel group number in data group

MLSDChannels : list of int

channel numbers

channelNameList : bool

Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method

Returns MLSDChannels list of appended Maximum Length Sampling Data channels

readDGBlock (*fid, channelNameList=False*)

reads Data Group Blocks

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

channelNameList : bool

Flag to reads only channel blocks for listChannels4 method

readSRBlock (*fid, pointer*)

reads Sample Reduction Blocks

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

pointer : int

position of SRBlock in file

Returns Sample Reduction Blocks in a dict

readinfo (*fid*)

read all file blocks except data

Parameters **fid** : float

file identifier

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