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Functionality Scope based on
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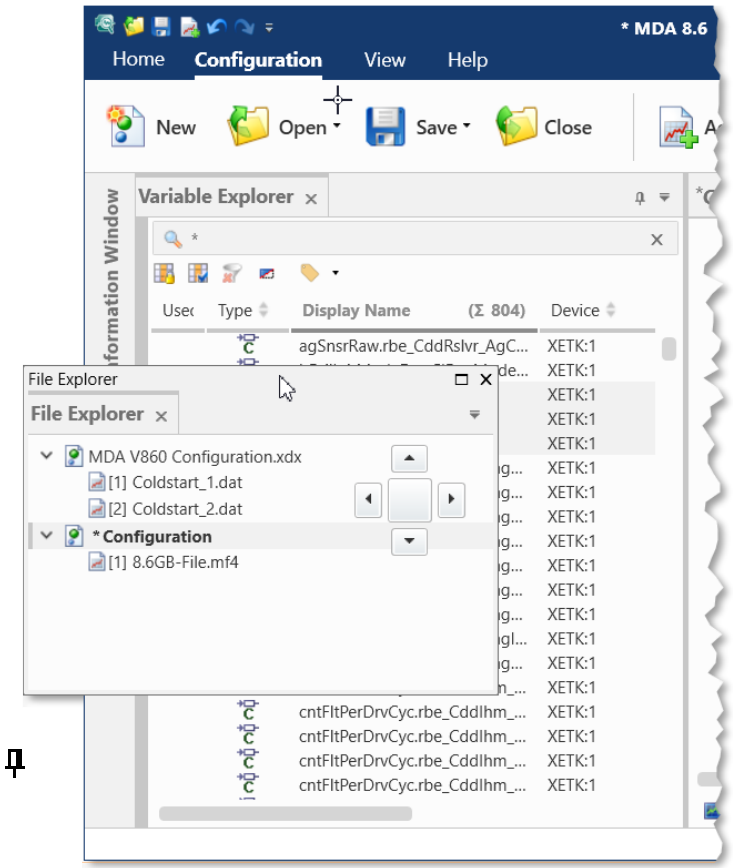
General Notes

– MDA V8.6 is the latest product release of the new generation of ETAS' measure data analysis tool
– It combines high performance (even with 'huge' files), and user-friendly operation concepts
– Installation of MDA V8 includes MCD Core* and DirectX9, it requires a 64 bit operating system version of Windows® 8.1, 10 or 11, or Windows® Server 2016 or 2019 *



Docking Windows Technology

– State-of-the-art technology is used, like Windows ribbon concept, or docking window mechanism, i.e., objects can be positioned at any desired place using drag & drop via the title bar
– Docking windows and other UI elements provide an auto-hide pin

* Notes:
- MCD Core is a base component for ETAS tools used for high performance data handling
- For more details about supported Operating Systems see the latest Release Notes document

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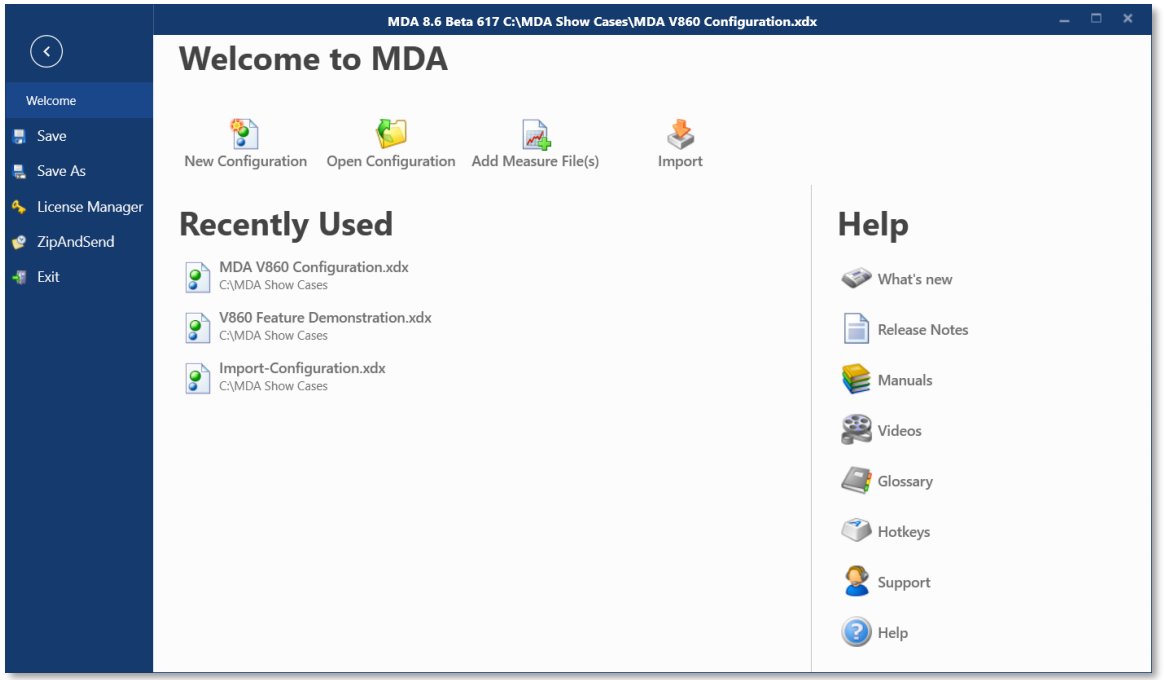
Welcome to MDA V8 – the Home Page

- After start of MDA V8 the Home Page appears
- It provides access to most relevant operations
  - Opening or creating a configuration
  - Adding a measure file
  - Importing an XDX or XDA configuration*
- Additionally direct access is given to
  - ETAS License Manager
  - ZipAndSend for issue reporting
  - any kind of documentation materials, like Manuals, Release Notes or an overview page for all available MDA V8 feature videos



* Notes:
- XDA configurations created with INCA or MDA V7 can be imported to reuse instruments or calculated signals. See Video "Import and Layer Handling" (#6)
- A brief overview how to use MDA V8 is given in the introduction video "Just Start" (#20)

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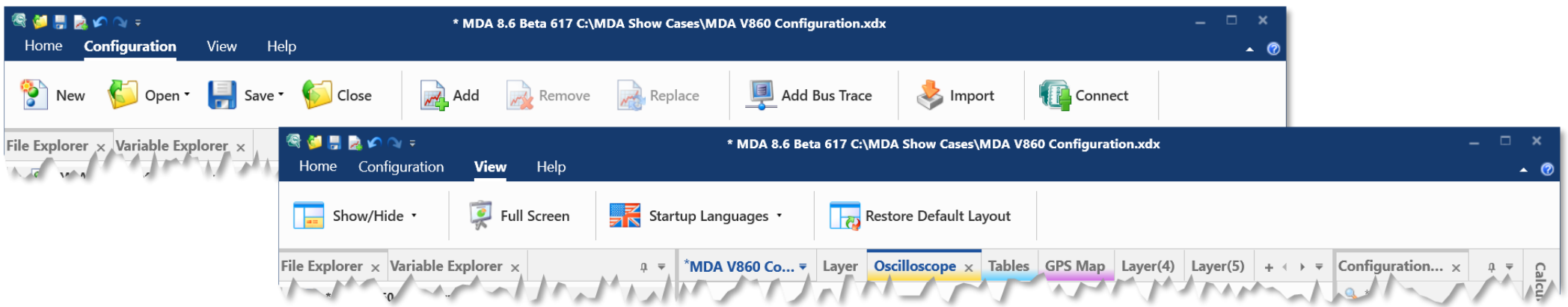
Ribbon: Get quickly access to frequently used functionalities

– Within the application functionality is structured in ribbons, namely for Configuration, View and Help
– For an efficient usage of the available space the ribbon can be set to auto-hide *
– A Quick Access Toolbar enables access to main functionality (like Open, Save, or Undo)



– Within the ‘View’ ribbon e.g., the start-up language can be set,
or the default position and behavior of the docking windows can be restored *

* Notes:
- These settings are persisted in ‘settings.user’ file, and applied when MDA V8 application is re-opened
- See video “Optimizing the View” (#7) how to use docking windows, and optimize screen space usage for instruments

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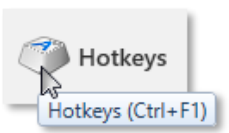
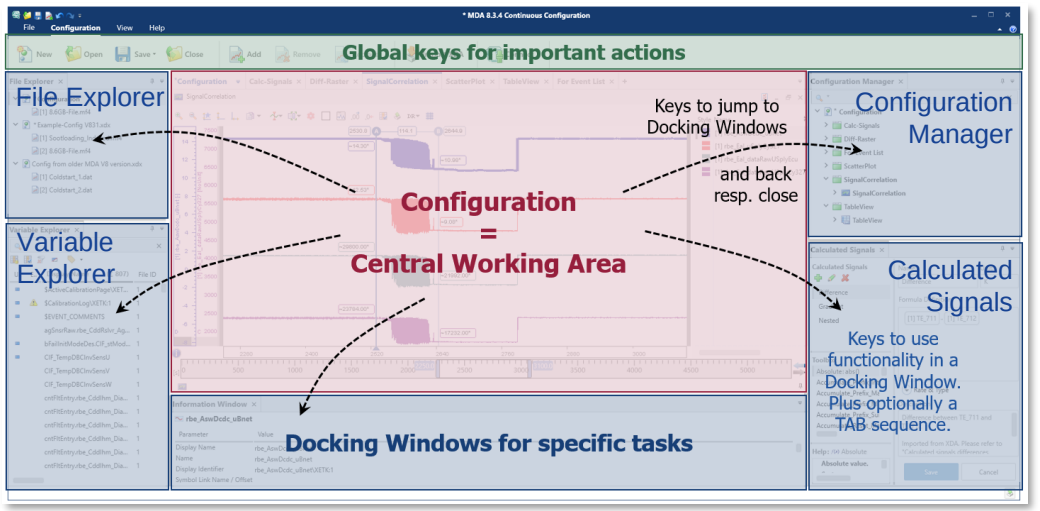
Different ways to operate MDA V8: via mouse and using the keyboard

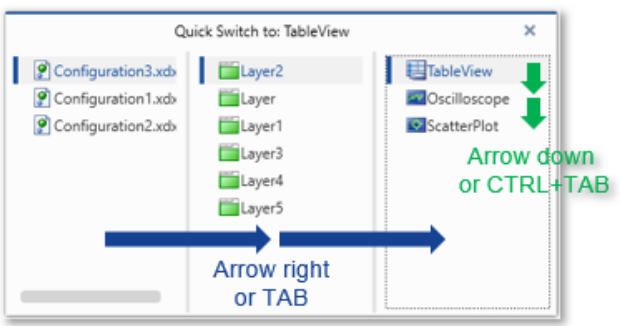
- Important actions can be done via global short-cuts
- Docking windows are opened individually, and can be closed using Shift+ESC
- Clear indication of focused element by blue borders
- All hotkeys for supported operations are listed in context menus or the tooltip of the icon

- CTRL+F1 provides an overview of all supported keyboard combinations *



- 'Quick Switch' window (opens via CTRL+TAB) enables quick navigation between different instruments, layers or even configurations





* Note: Pure navigation keys (like arrows down, page up or similar) are not listed

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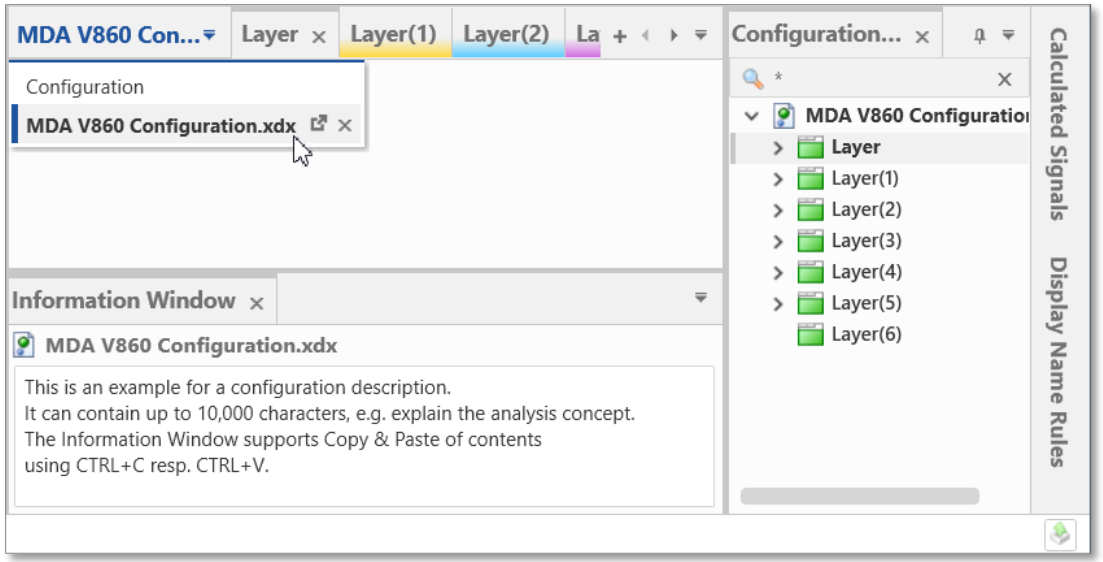
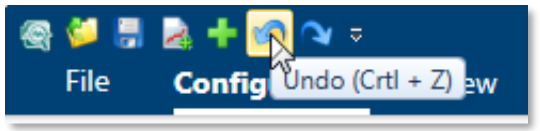
Configuration: Manage even complex display and analysis tasks

- A configuration is the central working place for the display and analysis of measure data
- Layers, instruments and signals assigned to instruments are part of a configuration
- Measure files are linked to configurations
- One MDA V8 session allows to have multiple configurations opened and used in parallel
- A configuration description can be given in the Information Window (Ctrl+I)
- A star indicates when a configuration contains unsaved changes
- UNDO (Ctrl+Z) and REDO (Ctrl+Y) are supported for configuration changes





Important Compatibility Limitations:

- MDA V8 configurations (XDX) cannot be opened in MDA V7.x and cannot be converted back into an XDA configuration
- An MDA V8 version can open configurations created with former MDA V8 versions, but not from newer software versions
- Per MDA session any configuration can be opened only once, if needed create a copy before opening the duplicate

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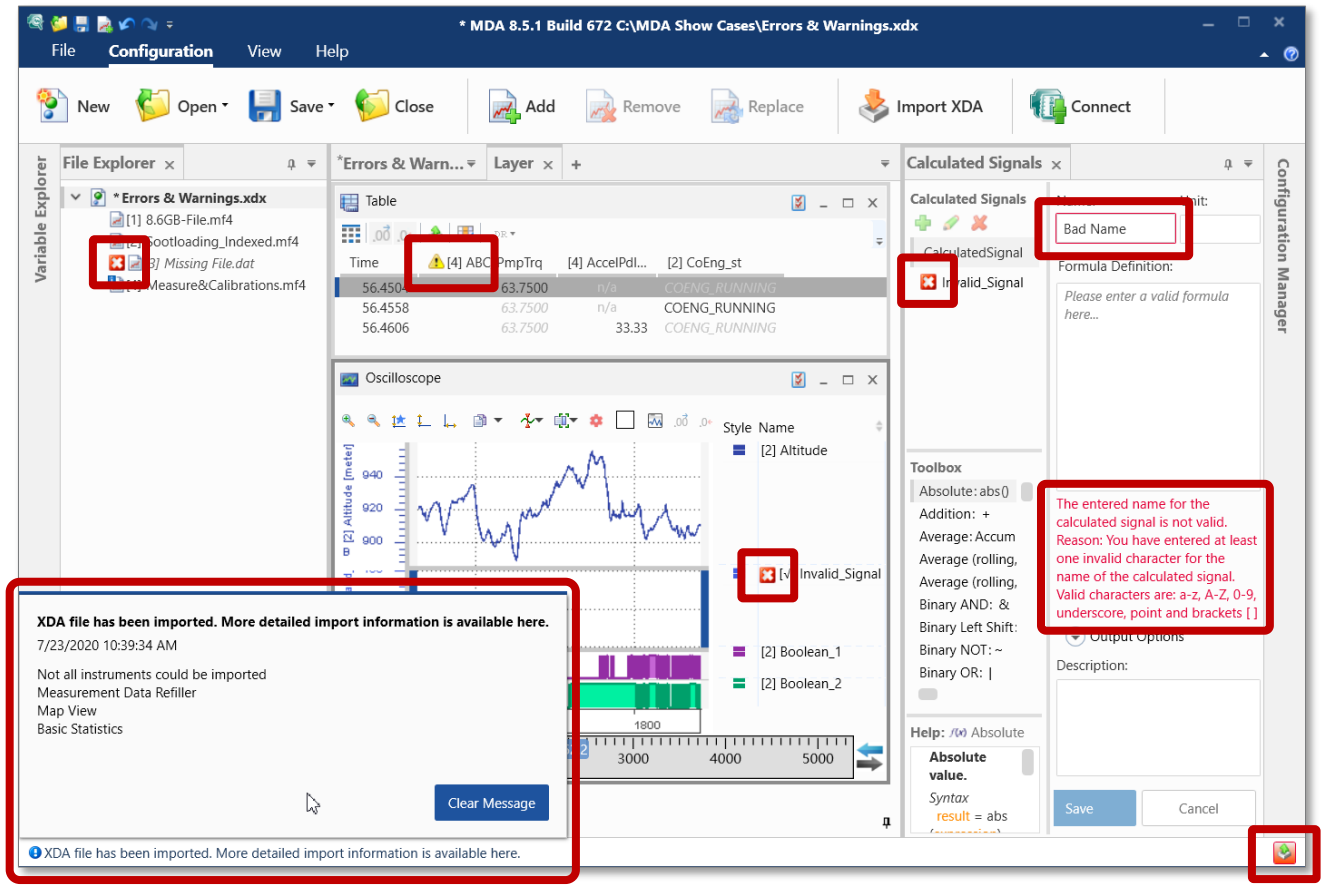
Unexpected situations: MDA V8 informs you when something unusual happens

- In case an activity could not be done as planned, or an object is causing issues, MDA V8 informs you
- The information usually happens at the location related to the issue, like
  - a warning or error icon is shown at the respective object (like a not supported signal, a missing file etc.)
  - a red frame around a name field
  - a message in the status bar appears (as in case of not imported objects)
- Just hover onto the icon and get more details about the issue



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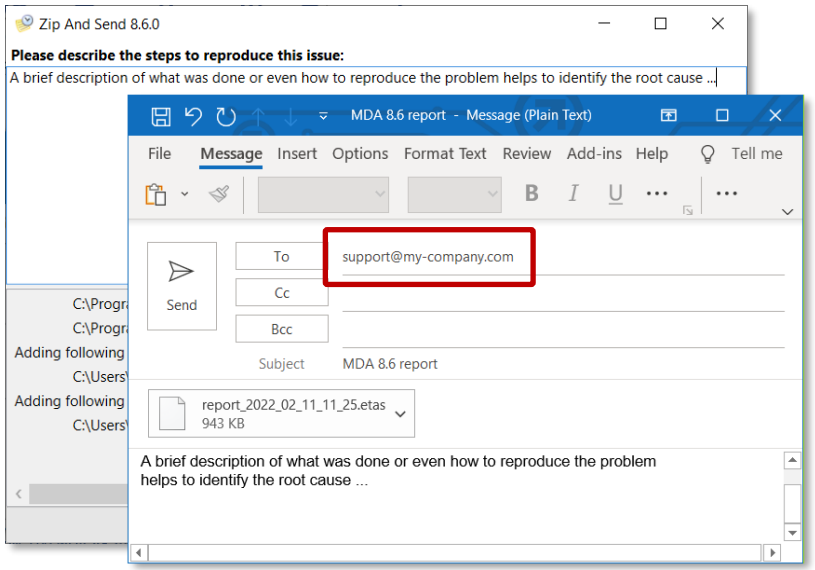
Adapt MDA V8 to your company's working environment

Customer specific support
- Support dialog can include customer specific support information
- MDA support dialog is extendable via the file ‚CustomerSupport.rtf'
- Contents can be plain text, hyperlinks to websites or email addresses

Default ZipAndSend email address
- The default email address used for ZipAndSend operation of MDA reports (MDA V8 log files) can be pre-defined to use a customer-specific support address



Notes:
- For more details see MDA V8 Installation Guide → Customizing the Support Information
- ZipAndSend can be opened from MDA's Help ribbon, the Home Page, or in Windows Start menu → ETAS MDA 8.6

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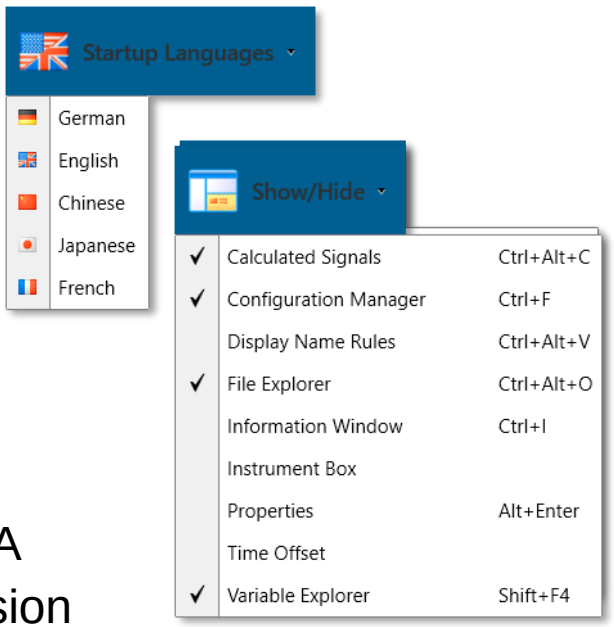
Spend less time with configuration as MDA V8 persists automatically your settings

- MDA V8 persists automatically many settings chosen by the user
  - Application: language, status & appearance of docking windows, paths
  - Per instrument: default appearance, like background color and others
  - For signals: color, decimals, connection style, marker symbols, etc.
- Settings are stored in the user specific ‘settings.user’ file
- These settings are loaded and re-used, when the application is started
- As a result the effort for configuring the tool layout, behavior of actions, or instrument and signal representation is minimized
- A pre-defined set of settings can be rolled out before the first usage of MDA
- User settings are stored per MDA version and migrated when a newer version is used for the first time, old setting files are kept as fall-back solution in case a downgrade should be required



Notes:
- For more details about which settings are persisted, and how to roll these out to users, see MDA Manual chapter 1.3
- Existing files ‘settings_*[version no.]*.user’ **must not** be edited externally, as edited files are rejected by MDA V8

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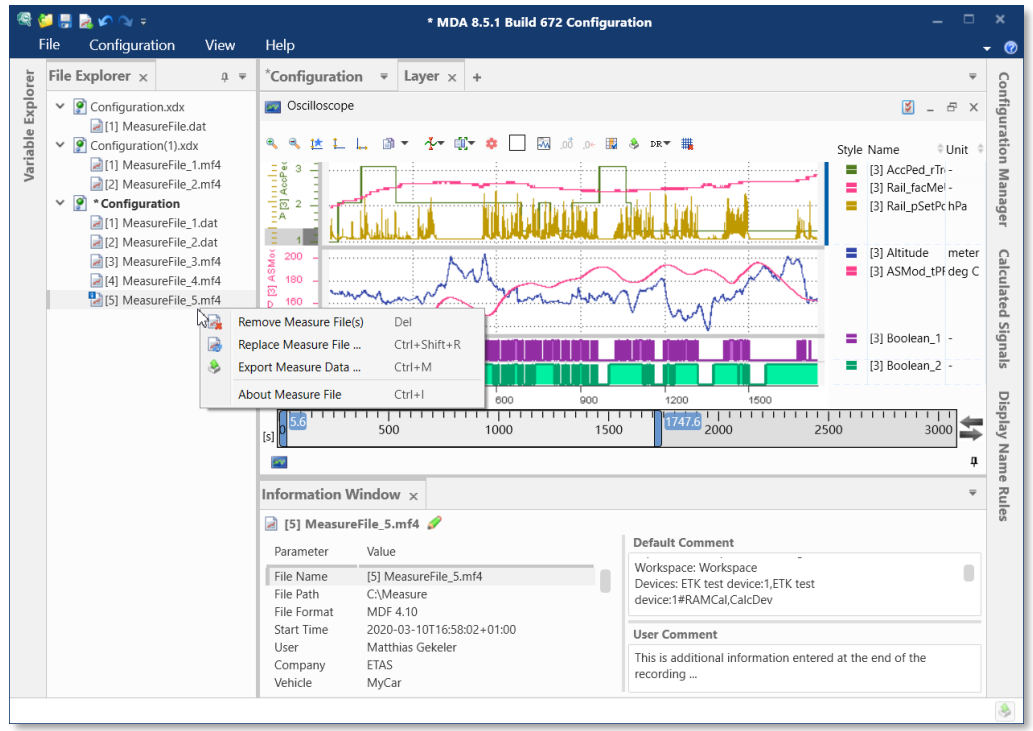
File Explorer: Manage your files in a clearly arranged way

- In the File Explorer all loaded configurations, and the assigned (measure) files are listed
- A configuration contains the selection of signals and how these are displayed, while the signals' values come from the measure file(s)
- Measure files assigned to a configuration appear underneath the configuration entry
- Each file has a file ID for better identification
- By CTRL+I the file comment and other meta data is shown in the Information Window
- File Explorer provides access for
  - removing, replacing, and
  - export or conversion of measure file(s)



Note: For the basic functionality see videos "Replacing Measure Files" (#13), "Exporting Signals and Files" (#5), and "Displaying Meta Information" (#14)

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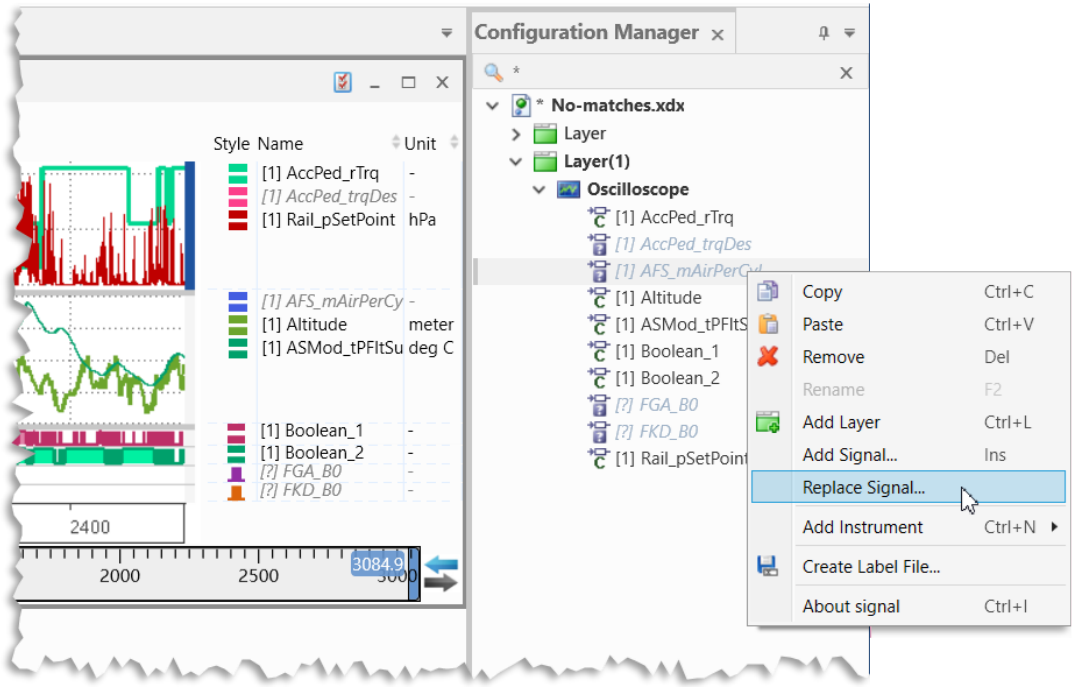
Improved and consistent handling when input signal is missing

- When removing or replacing a measure file, it might happen that a signal is no longer available
- Missing signals remain in the instruments as placeholders until they are available again
- When a measure file is replaced MDA conducts an automatic signal mapping based primarily on the signal name and optionally on meta information like device, ECU, raster etc.
- Signals which cannot be mapped get in the so-called ‘no-match’ state which is indicated by the grey italic font style of the signal name
- A signal can be replaced manually via context menu in the Configuration Manager



Notes:
- A removed file which is causing signals in no-match state remains a visible entry in the File Explorer, its signals have the file ID entry [?]
- To clean-up a configuration from signals in no-match state, a context menu entry exits in the Configuration Manager, and on the file level in the File Explorer
- If the input signal of a Calculated Signal is in no-match state, it needs to be removed manually

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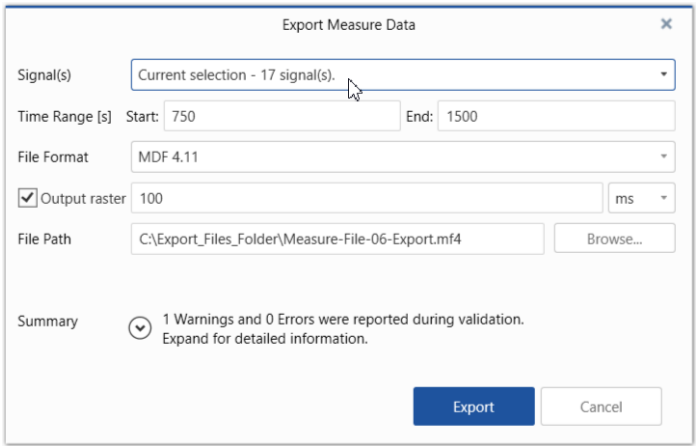
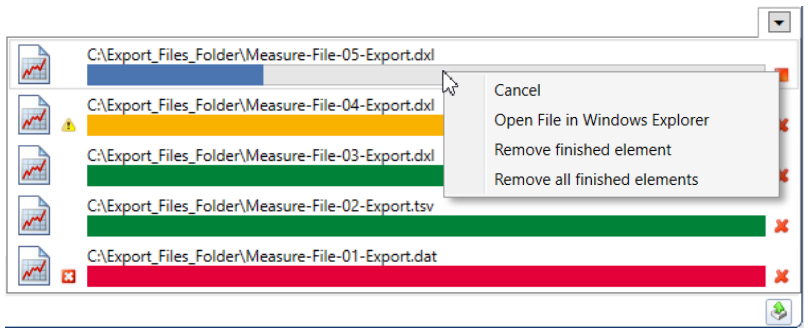
Export Measure Data: Create your own measure file

- Using ‘Export Measure Data’ allows to create a new measure file*, including any file format conversions
- ‘Export Measure Data’ dialog can be opened from
  - the File Explorer context menu by selecting the measure file to be exported resp. converted
  - the Variable Explorer context menu by multi-selecting signals, even from different files, and incl. calc. signals
  - an oscilloscope, scatter plot or table instrument toolbar to export directly the visible time range of the instrument, and optionally only the signals in the instrument
- A progress view shows information about the export process, allows to cancel the export and offers access to the new file





* Notes:
- For a short demo see video “Exporting Signals and Files” (#5)
- In case a time offset was applied to a measure file or a signal, the exported signals will have the offset included
- MDA V8.6 supports export of signals with numeric, verbal (Enumerations) and combined conversion (STATUS_STRING_REF), for MDF V3.x also data type String

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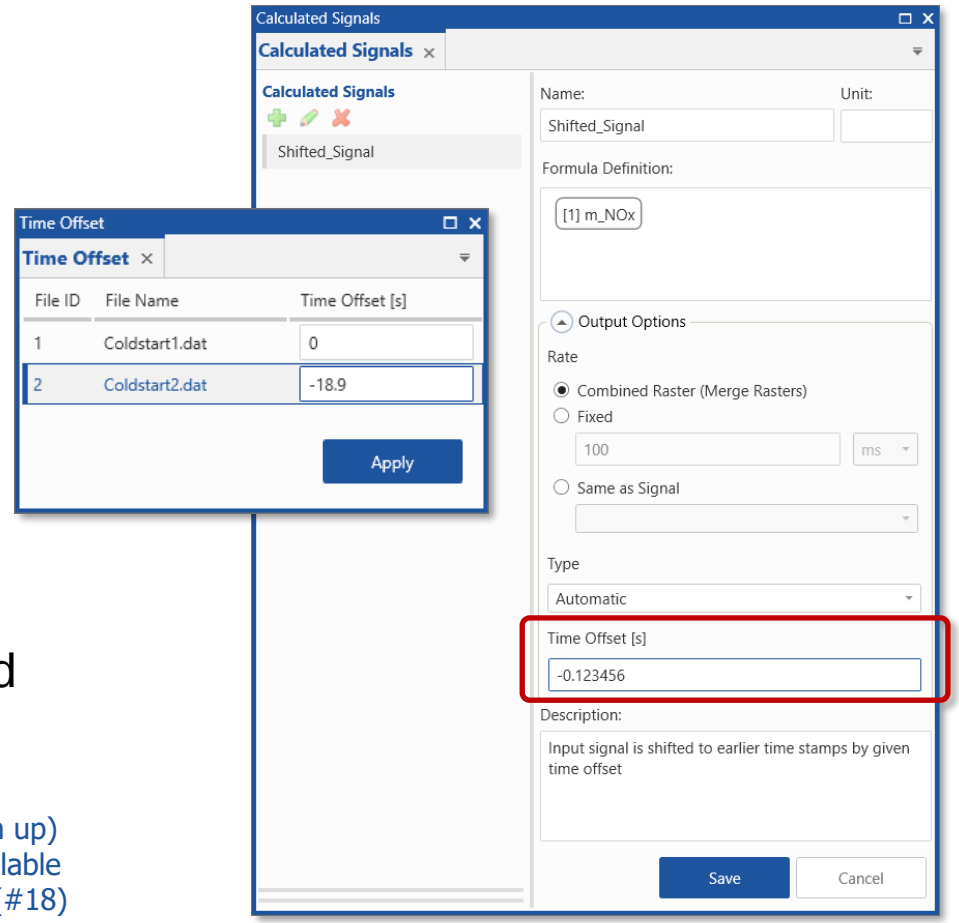
Synchronization of measure data by applying a ‘Time Offset’ on file level and signal level

- To compare measure data, often a time offset needs to be applied to synchronize the recorded data
- MDA V8 supports to apply time offsets
  - for complete measure files, i.e., all signals of the file are shifted accordingly
  - for individual signals, by using Calculated Signals functionality Output Options *
- A time offset for files is applied to the data basis, and effects any ‘consumer’ of the data, e.g., calculated signals are calculated based on the shifted data
- When exporting measure data the time offset is included



* Notes:
- Time offsets for a file and an individual signal are handled in cumulative manner (i.e., sum up)
- Time stamps of an input signal remain unchanged, i.e., original and shifted signal are available
- How to apply a time offset for a file or a signal is shown in video “Using the Time Offset” (#18)

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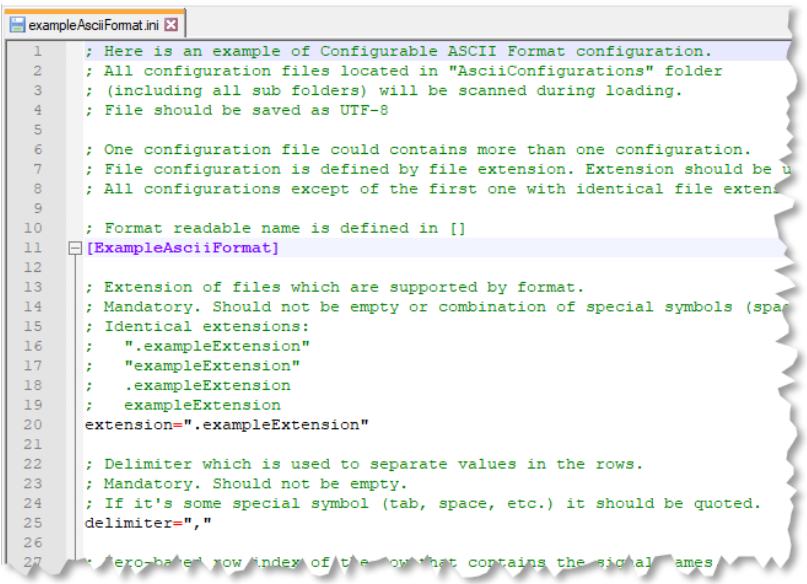
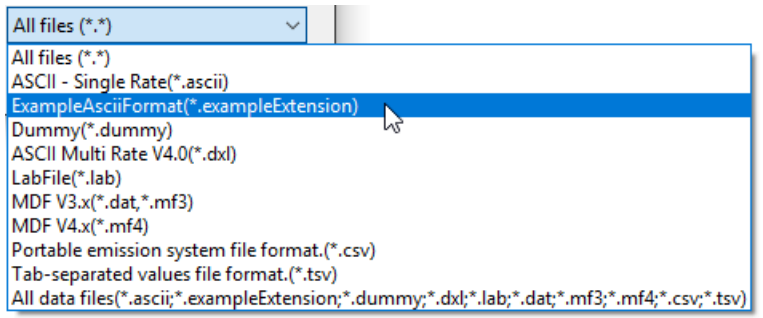
Teach MDA V8 to support your own customer-specific textual measure file formats

- MDA V8 supports additional (ASCII based) measure files formats by an easy-to-create configuration (INI) file, which defines how to read & write textual files, like CSV
- An example including a description for such an INI file is provided in the folder
  %ProgramData%\ETAS\MDA\8.x\CorePlugins\Etas.TargetAccess.Targets.MeasureFile.Formats.AsciiConfigurable
- Several options exist to specify e.g., the time channel format, structure of the signal name, device, unit and more

- When starting MDA, all available INI files are loaded
- For all file formats Read and Write support is given





* Notes:
- For detailed information about all options see example INI file in above mentioned folder
- The textual measure files must fulfill some prerequisites: the file extension must be unique, structure of header and data blocks must be clear, all signals must be available in the same raster

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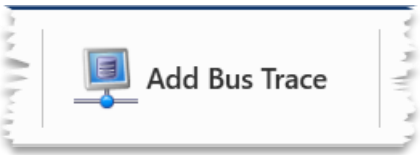
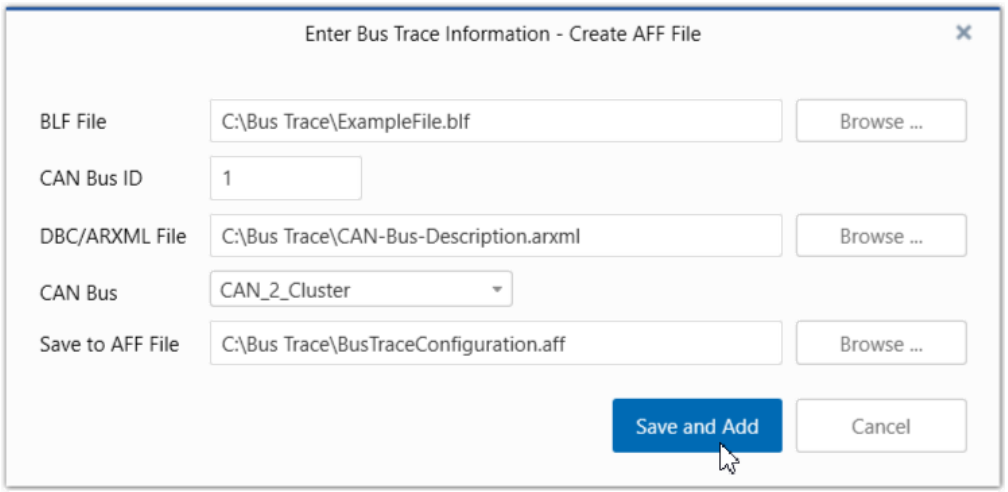
Extend your analysis to trace recordings of the CAN bus (BLF)

- With an Add-On for MDA V8 CAN Bus Trace files (BLF) can be loaded
- In the Configuration ribbon an additional icon is given to open the dialog for selecting the files
- After selection of a CAN Bus Trace file simply select the corresponding description file either in
  - DBC format plus CAN ID, or
  - ARXML format plus CAN Bus name
- Input files are combined to an AFF file which is shown as an entry in the File Explorer
- Trace file contents are interpreted based on the CAN bus description file, and resulting signals can be used as signals from ordinary measure files





* Notes:
- The Add-On is an ETAS Engineering solution, which needs to be ordered additionally and requires a valid license
- Bus support is limited to CAN and CAN-FD, CAN protocol 2.0 and J1939 are supported

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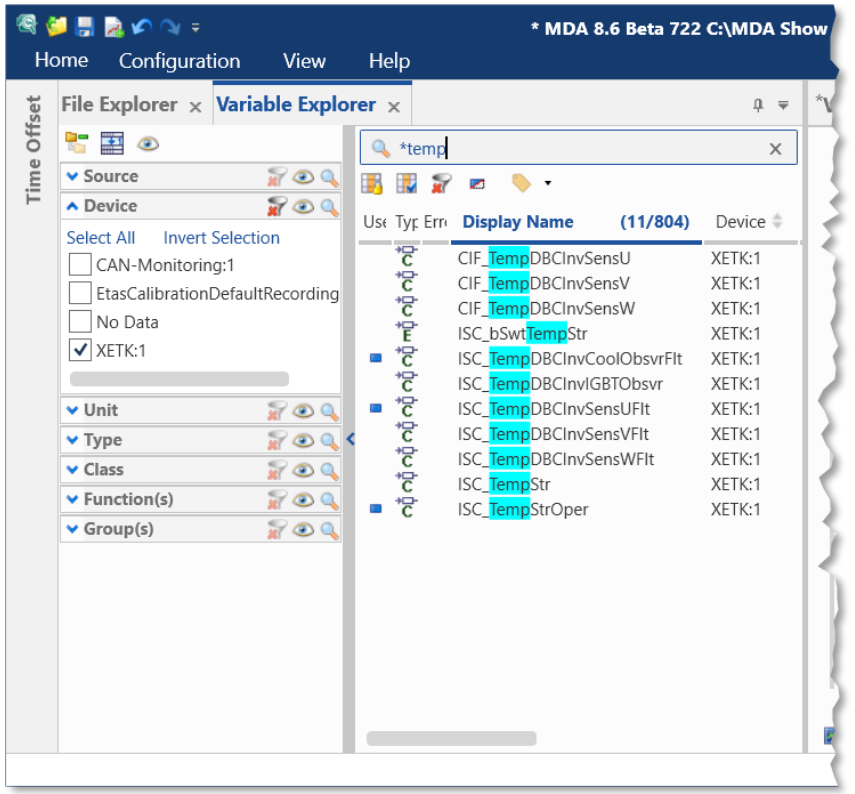
Variable Explorer: Experience the new performance

- The Variable Explorer is a tabular view for selecting signals
- Signal name and meta data are shown in columns
- The number of listed entries can be reduced via filtering
  - By the search field for the variable name
  - By means of multiple Filter Categories
  - For some columns by the column header (e.g. Raster)
  - And by the icon to filter used and not used entries
- Which columns are shown is customizable, as well as the columns order *
- Columns at left can be excluded from scrolling (‘Freeze’)*
- Signals are assigned to an instrument via drag & drop onto a layer tab, or into an existing instrument



* Notes:
- For a basic introduction see video “Selecting Signals” (#2)
- These settings are persisted in ‘settings.user’ file, and used when Variable Explorer is opened

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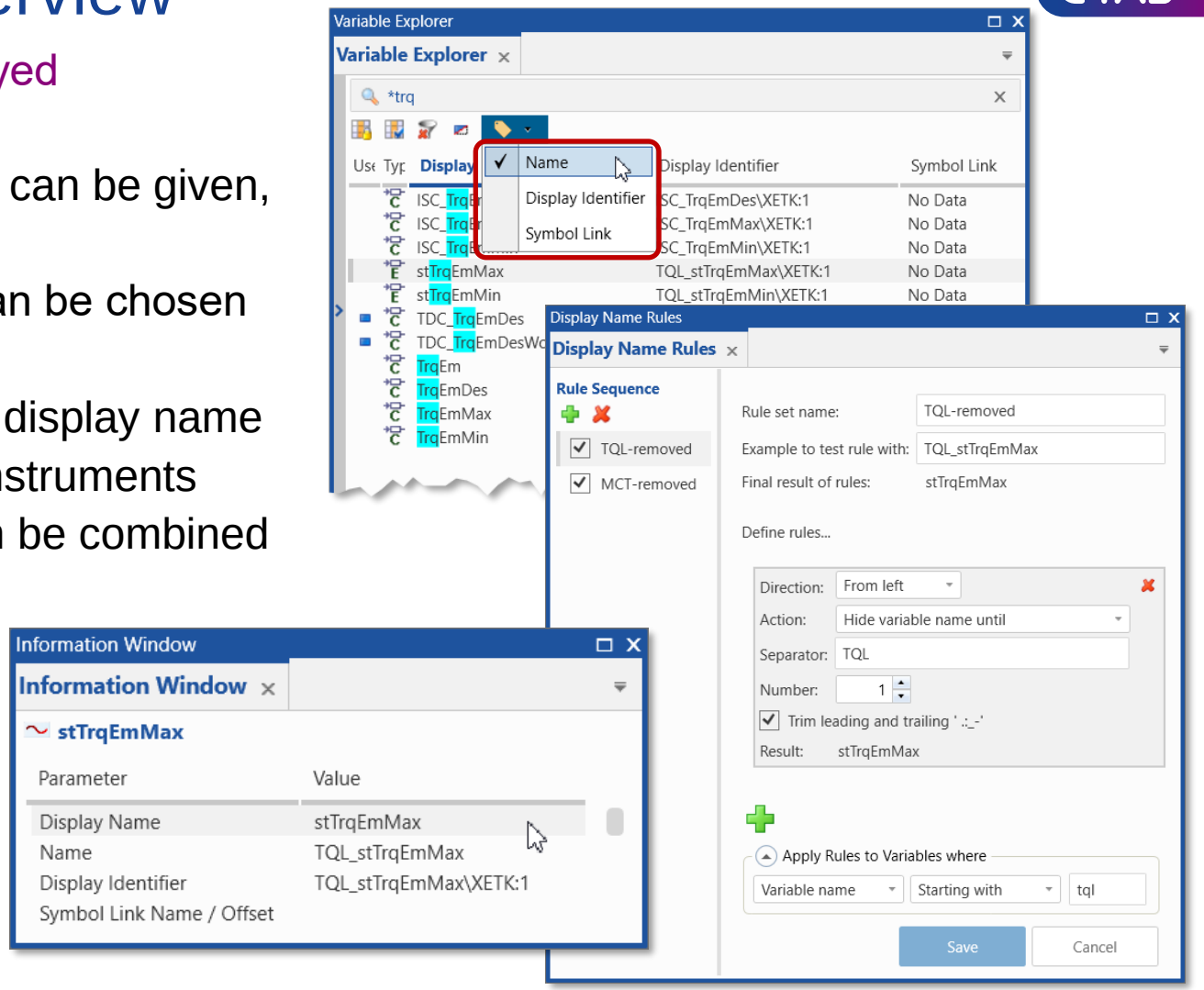
Define how a signal's name shall be displayed

- In an MDF file alternative variable names can be given, like Display Identifier, or Symbol Link
- The name type to be used in MDA's UI can be chosen in the Variable Explorer
- Additionally, MDA V8 allows to shrink the display name to the relevant part to be shown e.g., in instruments
  - An arbitrary number of atomic rules can be combined
  - Multiple Rule Sets can be defined
  - The target group of signals for which the rules shall be applied is definable
- In the Information Window all kinds of available names for a signal are listed



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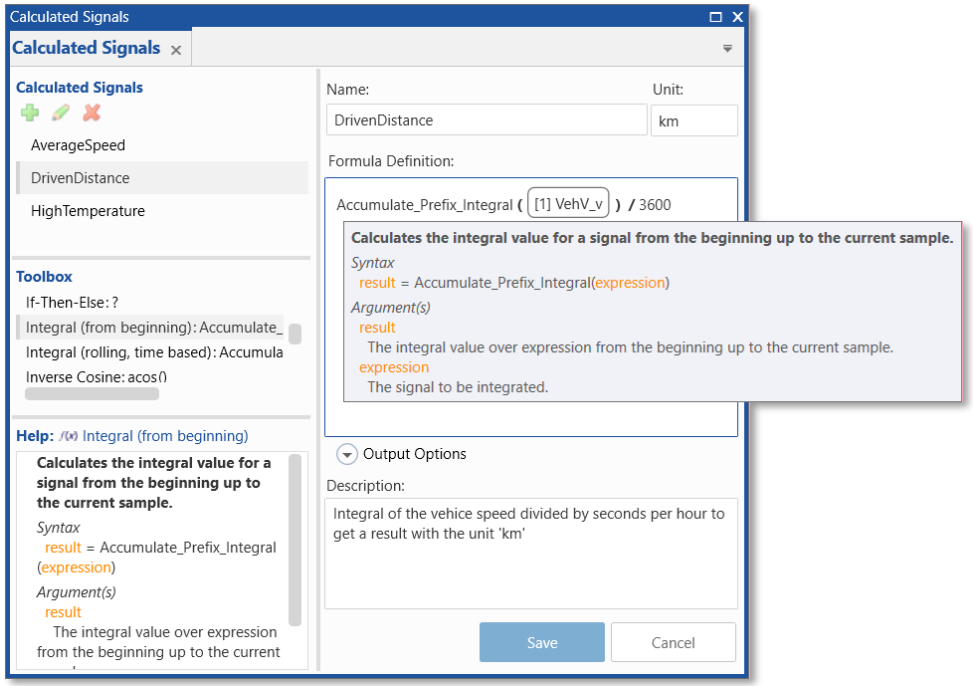
Easy-to-use Calculated Signals management

- Calculated signals enable to derive information which is not accessible directly in the recorded measure data
- A user-friendly Calculated Signals editor supports easy-to-read and -to-understand formulas
- Within very few steps a new calculated signal is defined, and ready to use instantly
- High-performance of the underlying calculation engine
- Duplicate, edit or rename an existing calculated signal
- Copy & paste or import calculated signals from other configurations, and MDA V8 tries to remap input signals
- For toolbox operators a Tooltip and the Help window show a description of the arguments
- Display in instruments, export into a measure file etc. can be done as for recorded signals



Note: For basic usage see video "Creating Calculated Signals" (#4), more details and examples are given in the Online Help and MDA V8 manual

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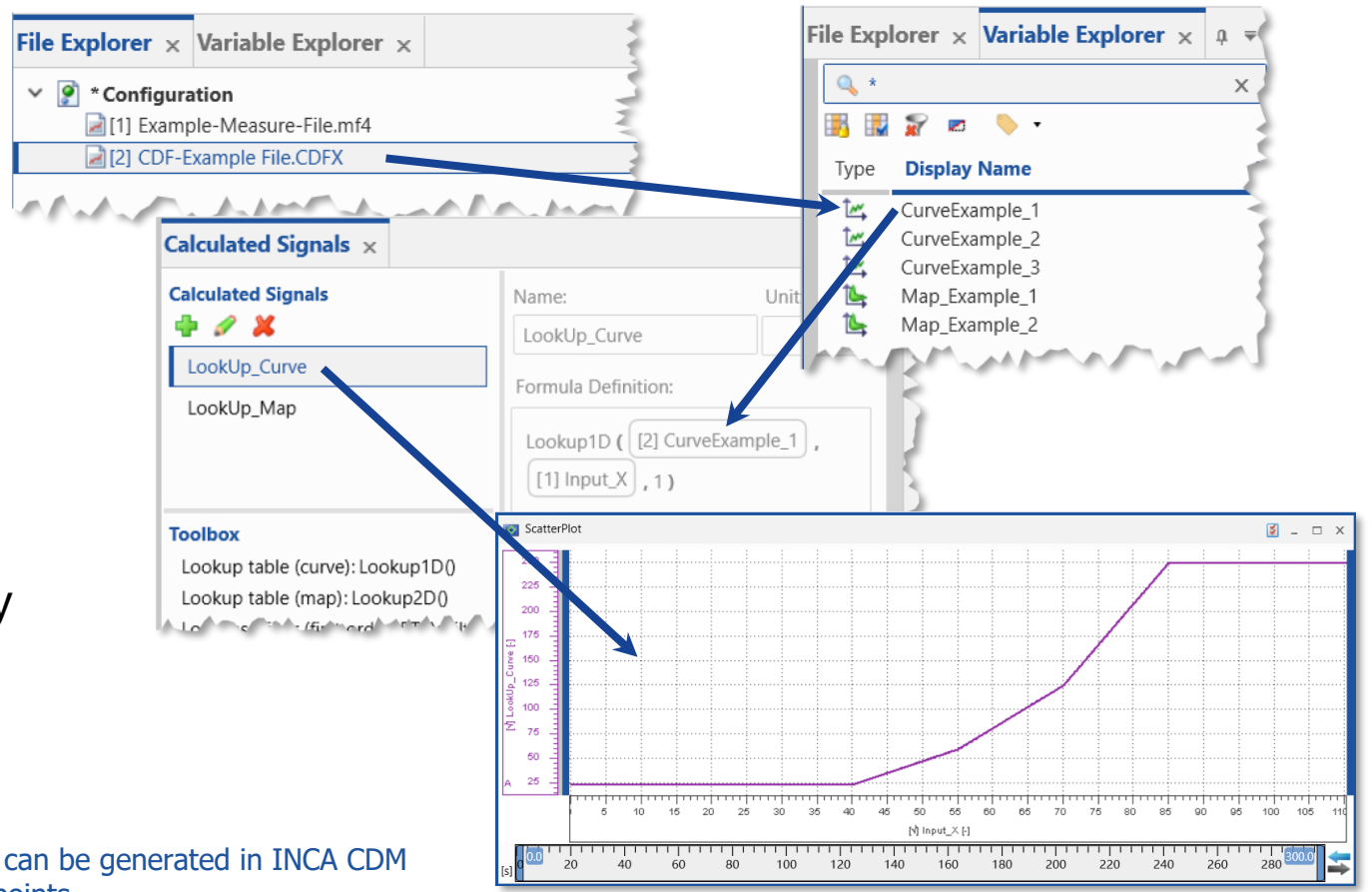
Easy definition, usage and update of Look-Up tables

- By adding CDF files* MDA V8 can read the data for look-up tables
- Parameters (i.e., Curves or Maps) provided via a CDF file are listed in the Variable Explorer
- Calculated Signals offer functions for ‘Lookup Table 1D’ (for Curves) and ‘Lookup Table 2D’ (for Maps) with linear or constant interpolation
- Update the data of the CDF file quickly by removing it in the File Explorer and then use CTRL+Z



* Notes:
- Calibration Data Format (CDF) files according ASAM standard can be generated in INCA CDM
- Axis values of Curves and Maps must have monotonous axis points

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Quick and simple way to extract bits signals

– To extract individual bit traces quickly from a combined signal MDA V8's Variable Explorer offers in the context menu a direct entry point
– The desired bit traces are selectable in a separate dialog, and MDA conducts the bit masking operation
– In the background the corresponding calculated signals are created, and can be renamed if desired
– Such bit signals are usable like ordinary signals, i.e., can be assigned to any instrument, used as input for calculated signals, and exported into new measure files

Notes:
- Generation of Bit Signals is **not** supported for enumerations, i.e., signals with a verbal computation method
- For an example see video "Extracting Bits from a Signal" (#16)

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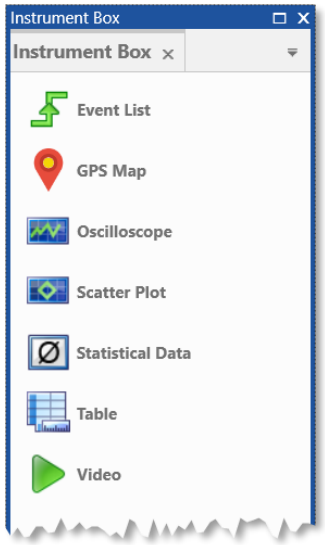
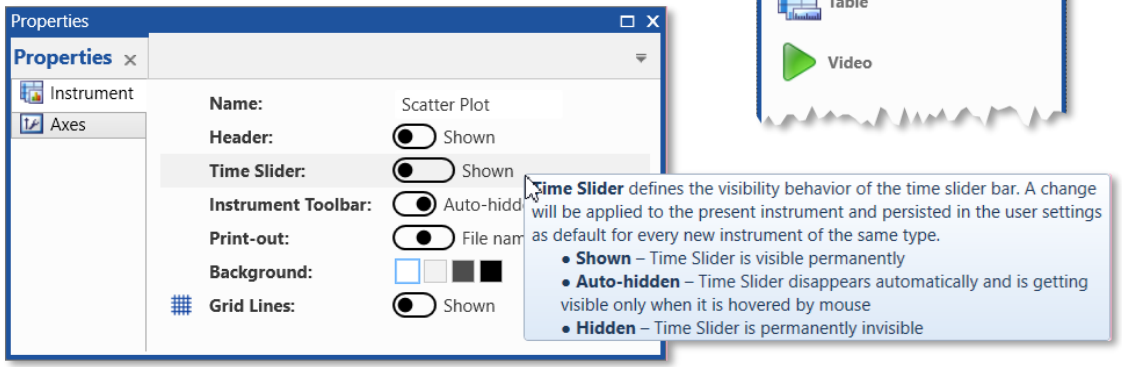
Instrument Box: Get an overview of all possible instruments

- MDA V8 provides different instruments i.e., allows different views on the data: an oscilloscope, a scatter plot (x-y representation), a table, an event list, a statistics instrument, a GPS map and a video instrument *
- To use the screen more efficiently, instruments specific properties allow to define e.g., show or hide instrument header, Time Slider and other instrument properties
- Changes are applied to the active instrument immediately
- Many properties for instruments and signals are persisted automatically in the file* ‘settings.user’
- Settings are re-used when creating a new instance of the instrument or signal (like oscilloscope background color, signal style and curve color, decimals for values etc.)





* Notes:
- Video instrument is available as add-on only
- Properties with default character are listed in the MDA V8 Manual Chapter 1.3 ‘User Settings’.
- File ‘settings_*[version no.]*.user’ is stored here: C:\Users*username* \AppData\Local\ETAS\MDA*8.x* \

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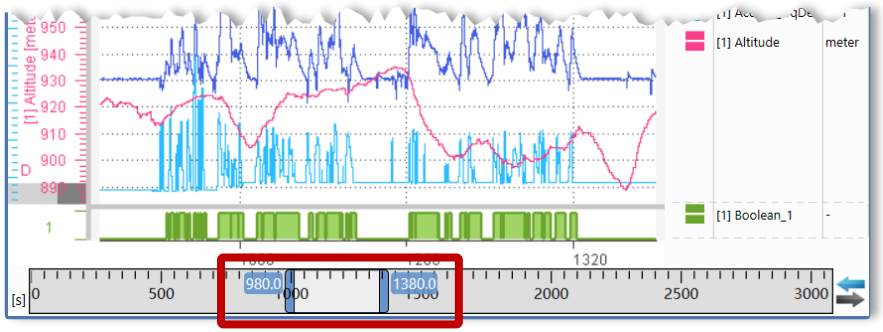
Time Slider: Display relevant time ranges quickly

– At the bottom of an oscilloscope a Time Slider is shown for an overview of the complete time range of all measure files assigned to the present configuration



– Time Slider allows quick navigation through measure data and time range

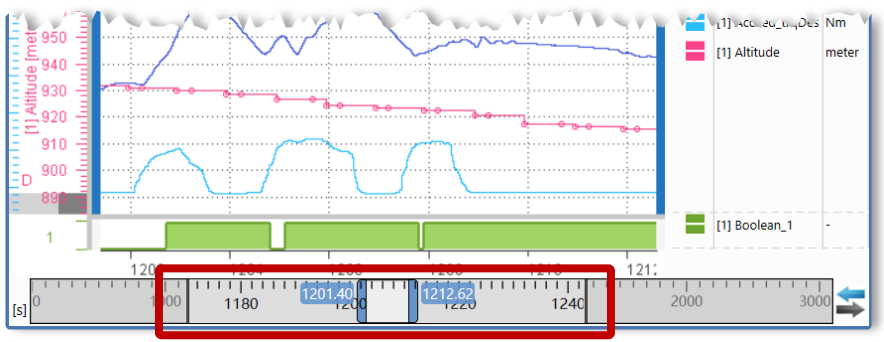
– Scrolling and zooming*

– Synchronization of instruments via ⇆ icon

– In case of deep zooming the mode switches automatically to Magnifier mode, i.e., for better orientation the visual range is represented on a magnified scale

– For quick navigation in magnifier mode, scrolling of the magnified scale is enabled

– Show/Hide behavior of Time Slider can be defined within the Properties window of each instrument



* Notes:
- For a brief demo see video "Navigating in Instruments" (#3)
- For symmetric zooming use the left mouse button plus CTRL key

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Oscilloscope: One instrument for several views

– The oscilloscope of MDA V8.6 offers:
  – Strips for analog or boolean signals
  – One ‘Event Strip’ for event signals
  – Analog signals can share the same axis
  – Axis range adaptations are done directly via mouse or via axes options
  – The color icon allows to set for each signal several settings for display (like color, markers, kind of connection) *
– Via icon bar frequently used actions are accessible e.g., zoom-to-fit, cursors, taking screenshots, or export data

* Notes:
- For scrolling of value axes or the time axis use the left mouse button, plus CTRL key for zooming or right mouse button
- See the different videos about the oscilloscope instrument and learn more about its possibilities:
  “Defining Strips and Signal List” (#8), “Settings for Signals and Axes” (#9), and “Using Cursors” (#10)
- Most of these settings are persisted in ‘settings.user’ file, and used when the signal is re-selected for an oscilloscope

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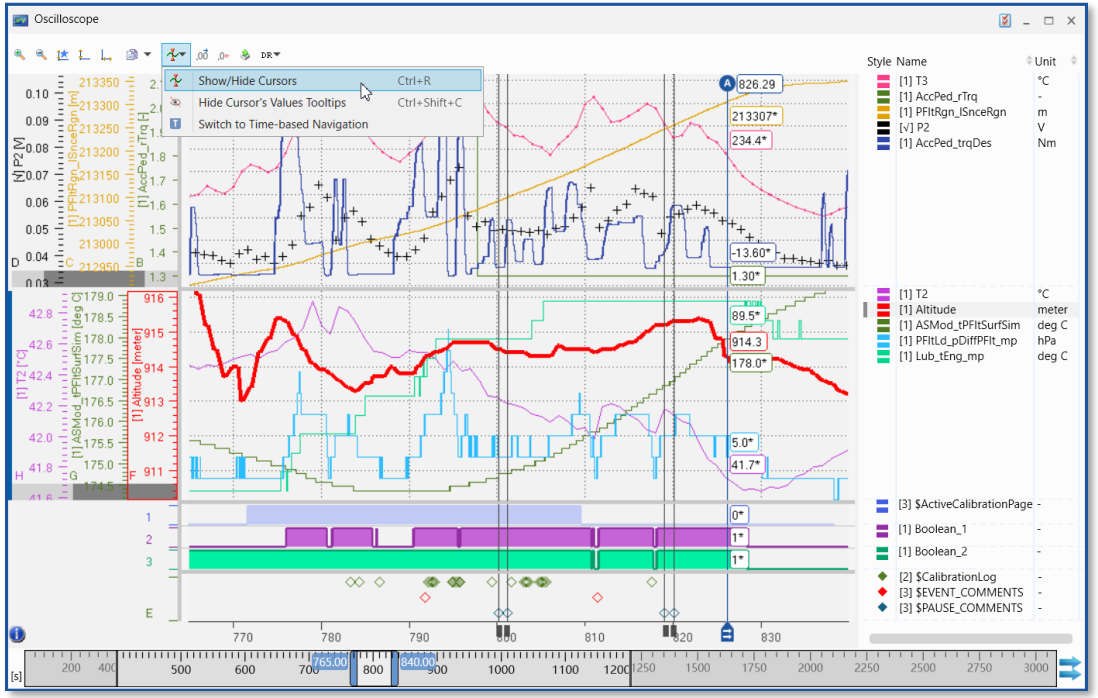
Oscilloscope's cursors: Several modes for efficient analysis

- Cursors are created easily using CTRL+R
- Cursors' behavior can be defined by settings *
  - Cursor movement along time or samples
  - Show or hide signal values *
  - 'Anchoring' the cursor to keep it in the visible range
- When instruments are synchronized, an anchored synchronization cursor indicates the time stamp which is used to align all instruments
- In synchronization mode cursors are created, and moved as done in the master instrument



* Notes:
- These settings are persisted in 'settings.user' file, and applied when a new cursor is created
- Especially for indexed files, the signal values shown are first indexed values (indicated by ~), the indicator disappears when the accurate values are available
- How to create cursors and define its behavior, see video "Using Cursors" (#10)

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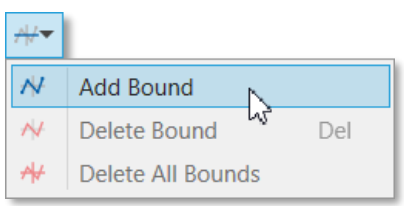
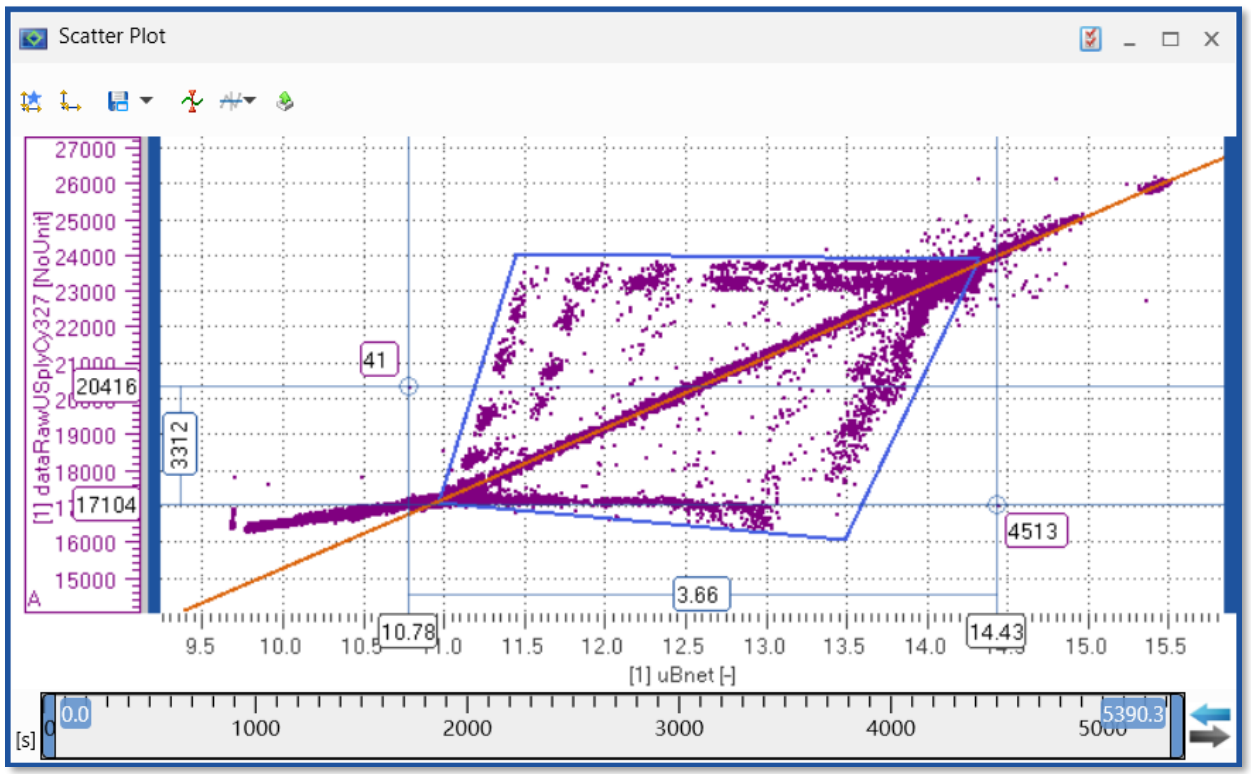
Scatter Plot: Fast analysis of sample distribution and signal relation

- To focus on time-independent sample distribution or on signal relation the instrument ‘Scatter Plot’ is provided
- Per strip one signal is drawn across another signal on the x axis
- Cross-hair cursors are supported
- Scatter plot can be time-synchronized with other instruments via Time Slider *
- Border lines can be created graphically





* Notes:
- For a basic introduction see video “Using the Scatter Plot” (#12)
- Scatter Plot does not support synchronization of cursors and configuration of signal settings so far

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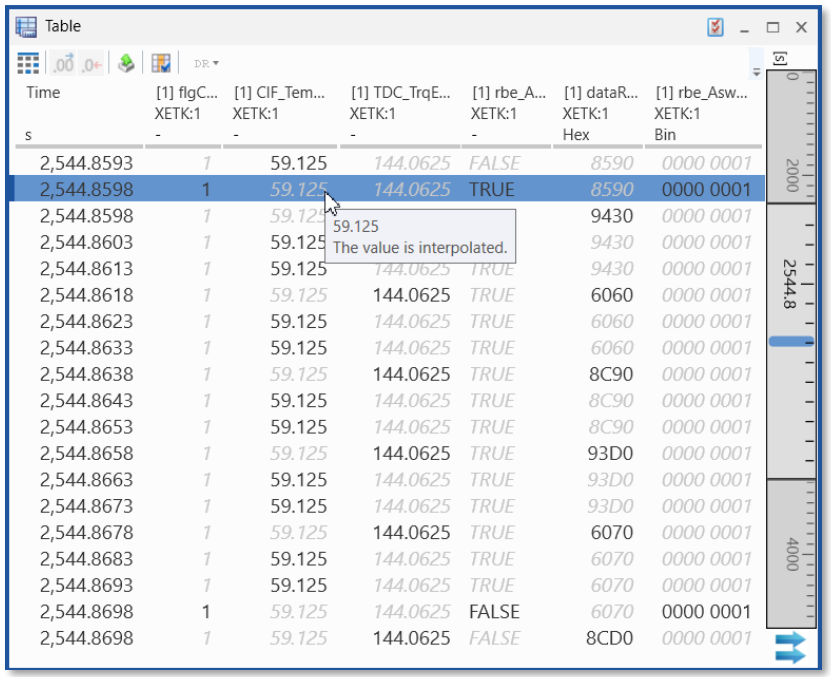
Table: User friendly instrument for detailed analysis

- Table instrument of MDA V8 shows accurate data for samples
  It combines MDA V7's table and measure data refiller (MDR)
- By a simple click onto the 'Fill empty cells' button ( ),
  data is interpolated step-wise to fill cells for which no recorded values are available *
- Columns (except time) can be re-ordered via drag&drop
- Decimals for time stamps and signal values can be set *
- Synchronization with other instruments is supported,
  and synchronization time is indicated by a blue line
- Enumerations and Events are displayed as strings
- Invalid sample values are indicated by an '**!**'
- Data can be exported to e.g., TSV (tab separated values) file format for a fast reuse in Excel®



* Notes:
- These settings are persisted in 'settings.user' file, and applied when a new table instrument is created
- For a brief introduction see video "Using the Table" (#11)

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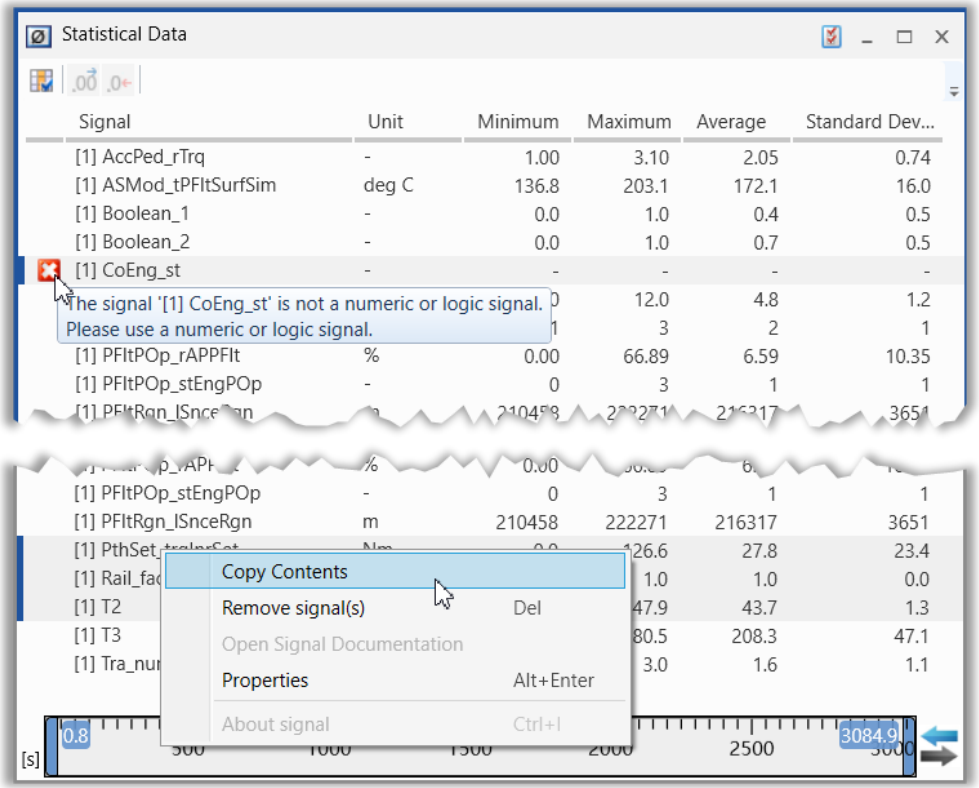
Statistics: Quick access to statistical data even in synchronized mode

- For numeric signals, recorded or calculated ones, basic statistical data can be displayed
- Columns to be displayed can be selected via icon *
- Columns' order can be set using drag & drop *
- Statistical data is based on the time range defined by the Time Slider
- In synchronization mode update of data happens based on the time range set in the synchronization master instrument e.g., an oscilloscope
- To copy contents of all columns of the selected rows and the column header, use the context menu entry 'Copy Contents'



* Note: These settings are persisted in 'settings.user' file, and applied when a new statistics instrument is created

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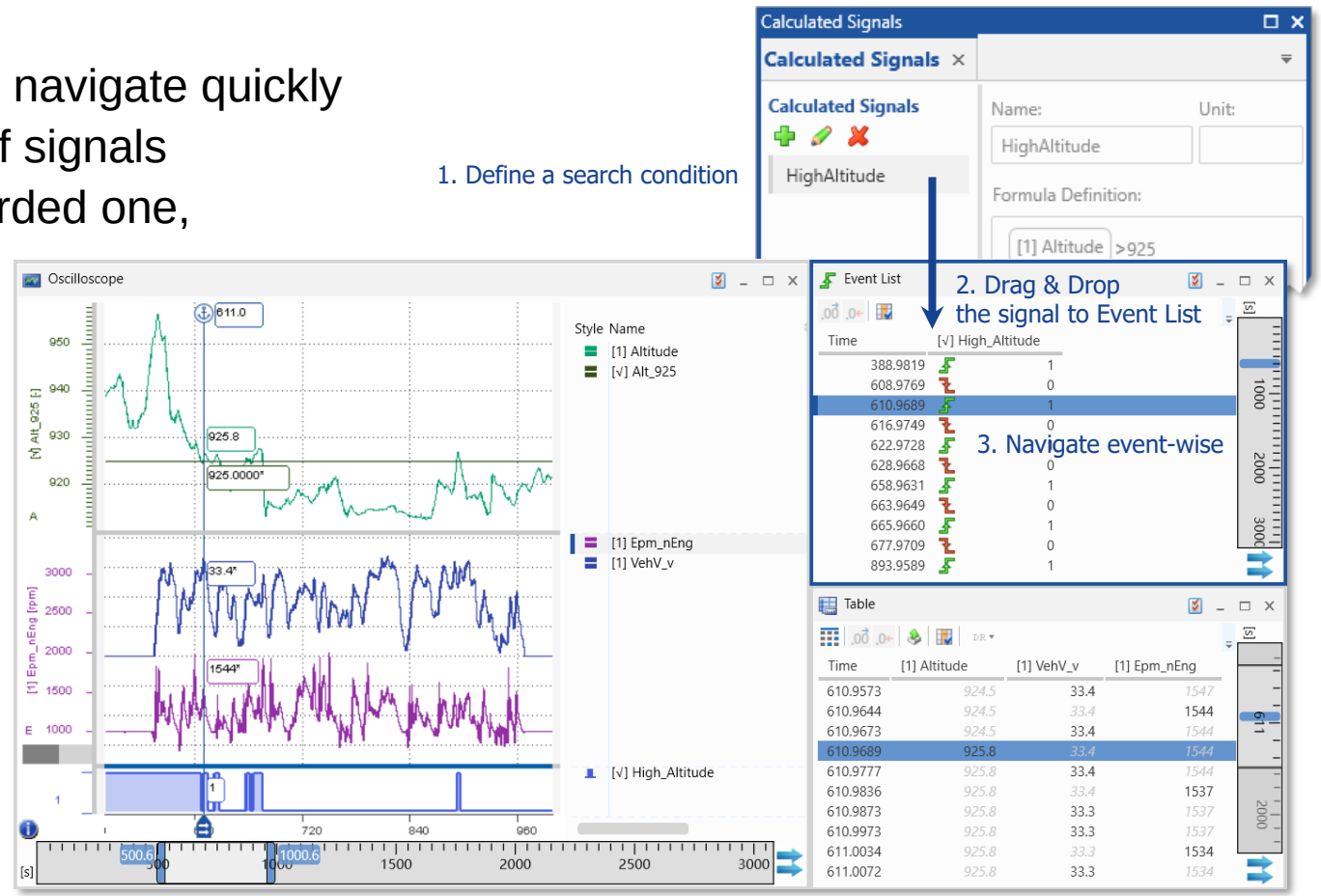
Event List: Get quickly a complete list of status changes for Boolean signals

– The Event List instrument supports to navigate quickly between events and value changes of signals
– Any signal can be used, either a recorded one, or a calculated signal

– After adding the event / signal to the event list, only time stamps having a status change are listed
– Synchronization with other instruments is supported
– To navigate event-wise just double-click an entry in the Event List view



Note: See example in video "Finding Events" (#15)

(Oscilloscope and table for visualization of synchronization only)

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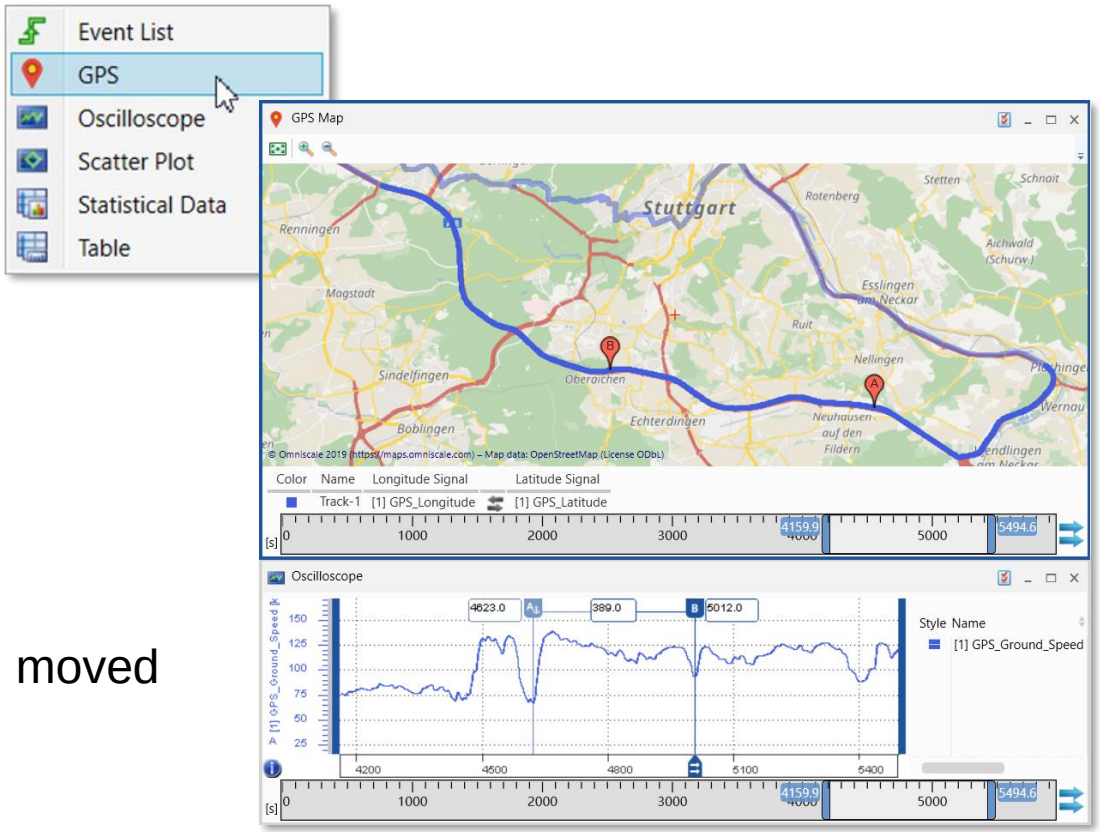
GPS view: Visualize directly the track of your test drive

- When longitude and latitude information is available in a measure file, a track can be displayed in map
- The GPS map instrument identifies longitude and latitude automatically by the signal names, alternatively, a manual assignment is possible
- For event signals added to the map markers are displayed along the track
- Zooming and scrolling the map is supported
- Time range can be defined using the time slider
- In synchronization mode cursors are shown and moved synchronously with cursors in other instruments



Notes:

- For a basic introduction see video "Using the GPS Map" (#17)
- To display a map URL: maps.omniscale.net of the external map provider Omniscale GmbH must be unblocked

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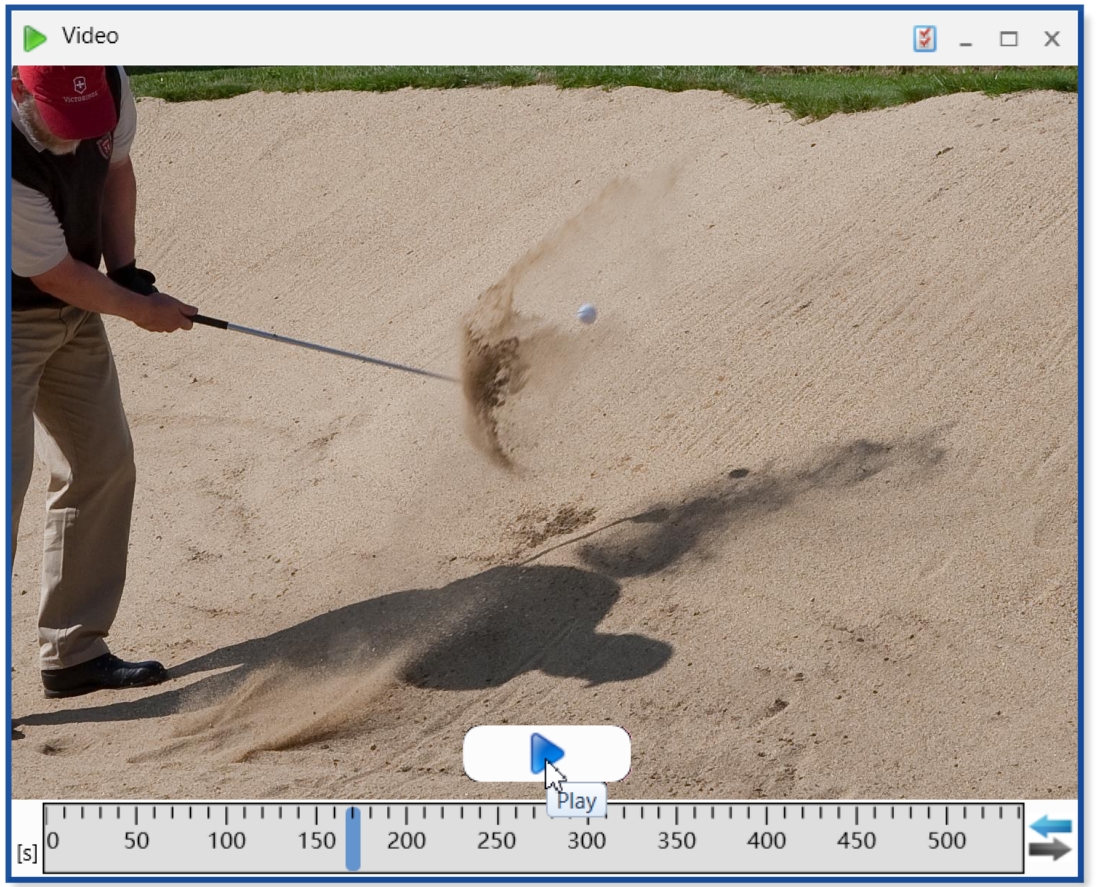
Video instrument: Watch and synchronize video recordings with measurement data

- A basic Video instrument is available* to display videos which were recorded using INCA's video add-on
- INCA creates an additional signal named 'VIDEO_TIMECODE'
- Just add the 'VIDEO_TIMECODE' signal to MDA's video instrument
- Play / Stop button to display the video
- Navigation and Synchronization with other instruments via Time Slider Bar



* Notes:
- The Video instrument is an ETAS Engineering solution and requires a valid license, which is combined with the license for INCA's Video add-on
- Keyboard support for Video instrument will follow in a future MDA version
- Ball came to rest close to the hole, and player could tap in for Par

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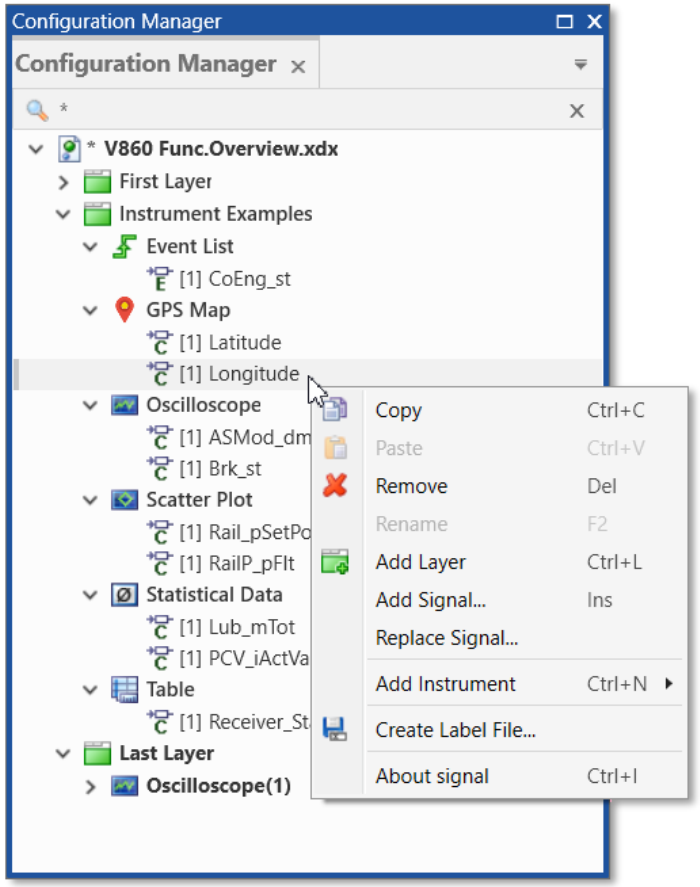
Configuration Manager: Get quickly an overview of your configuration

- The Configuration Manager shows a hierarchical representation of the configuration i.e., layers, instruments, and signals
- A variety of operations allows to handle the configuration's objects
- Search functionality (CTRL+F) for all kind of objects
- Within a configuration drag & drop of signals or instruments
- Copy & Paste of layers, instruments, and signals even across configurations within one MDA V8 session
- Renaming and removing of layer and instruments
- Adding of new layers and empty instruments
- Replacing signals by other signals (individually or globally)
- Clean-up for signals in no-match state from configuration node
- Creation of LAB files for reuse in INCA or the Variable Explorer



Note: Some basic aspects are demonstrated in video "Import and Layer Handling" (#6)

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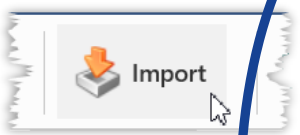
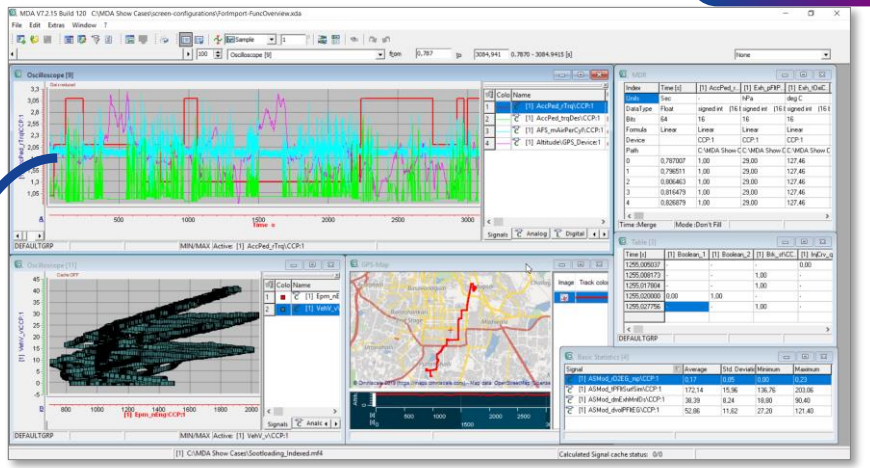
Migration from MDA V7: Import of XDA configurations

– Configurations from INCA and MDA V7.x (XDA files) can be imported into an MDA V8 configuration
– Oscilloscopes, scatter plots and tables are recreated with its signals, and settings
– When importing an XDA file from MDA V7.x each instrument is maximized on its individual layer using the instrument's name as layer name
– XDA file import from INCA V7 results in one layer
– Calculated Signals are imported (from XDA and XCS files) except e.g., not supported functions
– Messages for issues during import are shown in the status bar of MDA V8





Notes:
- For a brief demo see video "Import and Layer Handling " (#6)
- MDA V8 configurations (XDX) can not be converted back to XDA format
- Time Offsets defined in MDA V7 can not be imported

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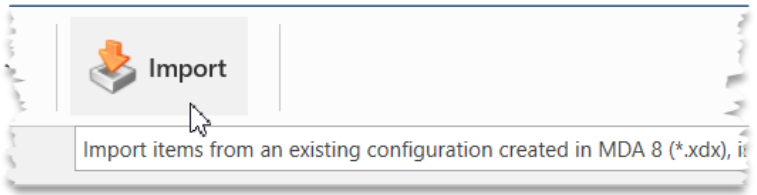
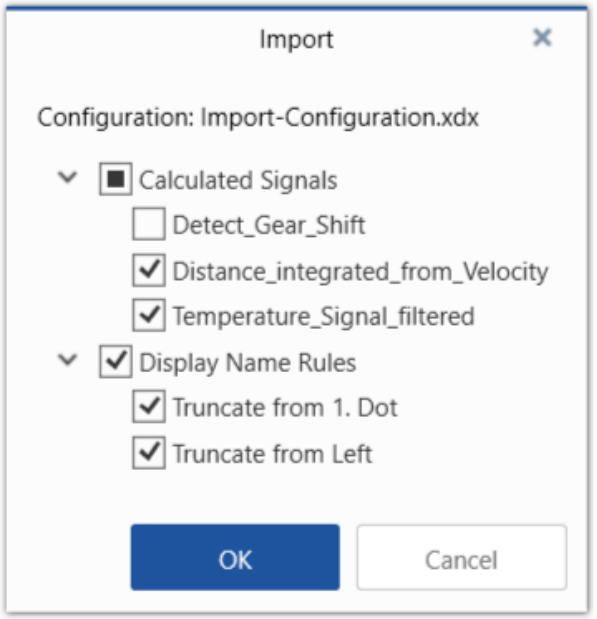
Import: Reuse objects from other MDA V8 configurations

- Reusing contents of existing XDX configurations is possible by using the import button
- Calculated Signals and Display Name Rule Sets can be imported *
- A dialog lists all supported objects and allows to selected the one to be imported
- If imported objects are referencing to one file only, and target configuration has only one file loaded, MDA tries to conduct a remapping automatically
- Messages about potential issues during import are shown in the status bar of MDA V8





* Notes:
- Only import of compatible XDX configuration is possible i.e., created with the same or an older MDA version
- If objects with the same names exist in the target configuration, the name of the imported object is increments
- Import functionality will be extended soon to import layers and instruments as well as files from an existing XDX configuration

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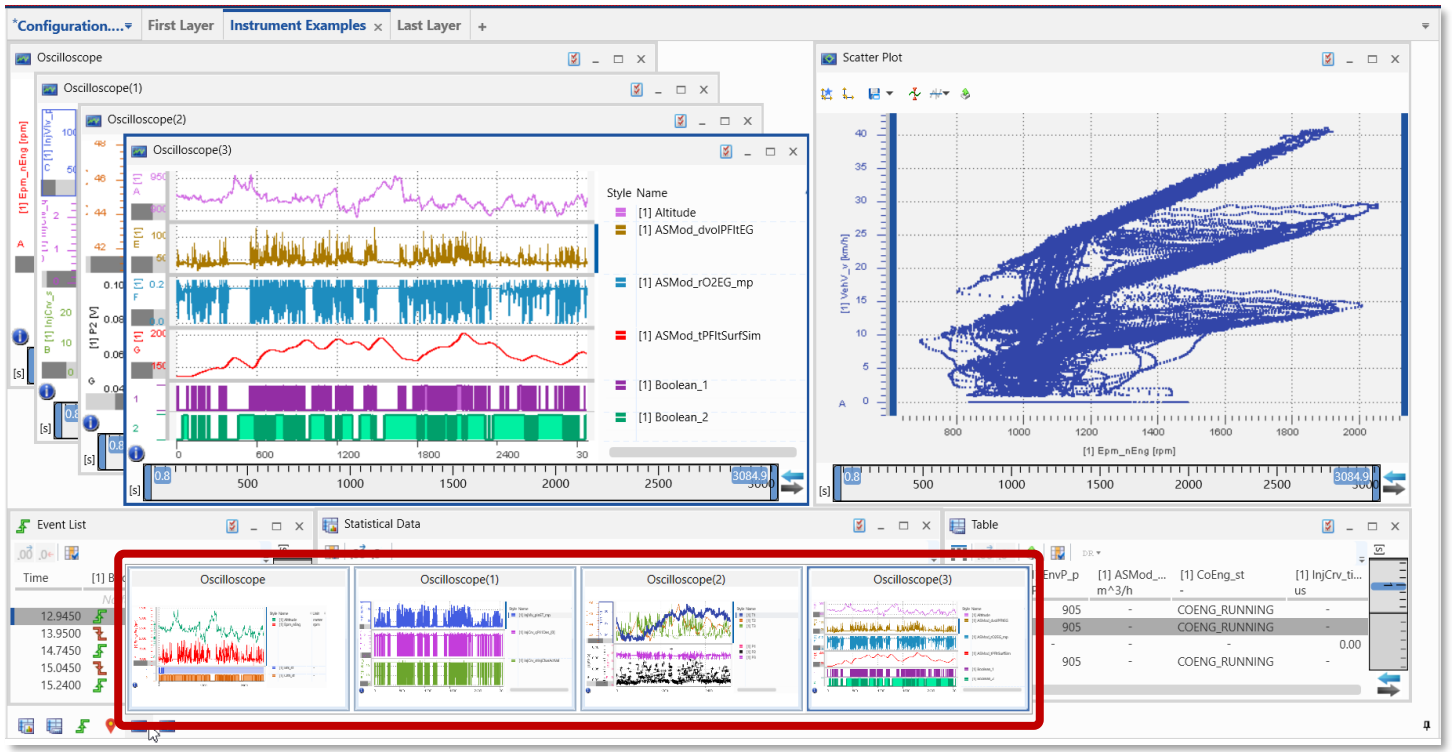
Layer Preview: Navigate quickly between different instruments

– On each layer instrument type symbols are shown in the task bar

– A preview allows to identify and to navigate quickly between the existing instruments
– The currently active instrument is highlighted by a blue frame
– A click on an instrument preview brings it to the front and into the visible area
– To navigate quickly via keyboard between instruments, layers, or configurations use CTRL+TAB



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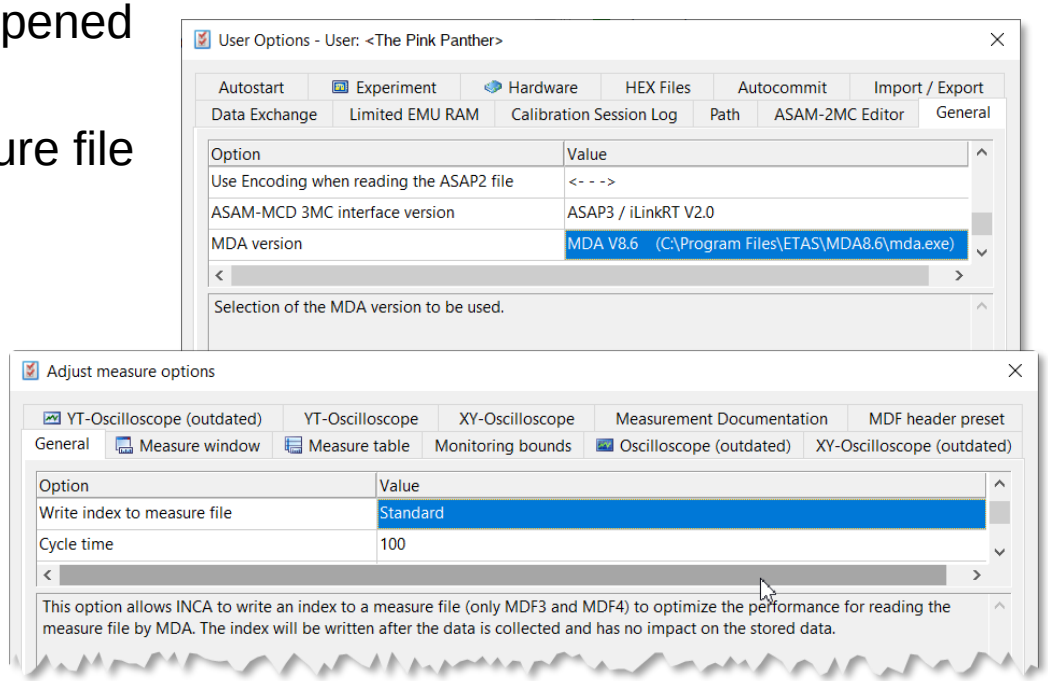
Handling in combination with INCA V7.x and MDA V7.x

- Usage of MDA V8 requires a valid license, which is covered by an INCA V7.2 or MDA V7.2 license
- A user option in INCA defines the MDA version to be opened (User Options → General)
  - MDA V8.x will start and load the just recorded measure file
  - Depending on the INCA user settings an XDA file is generated and imported into MDA V8
  - If MDA V8 is already open, the measure file of the active configuration will be replaced
- For performance reasons it is recommended to activate in INCA V7 ‘Standard’ indexing (User Options → Experiment → Measure → General)



* Notes:
- Snapshot Recording requires a combination of MDA V8.4.1 (or higher) and INCA V7.3.0 (or higher) and recording in MDF V4.x file format
- MDA V8.x and MDA V7.x can be installed and used in parallel without any negative effects
- Since MDA V8.6 (and INCA V7.4) for a machine-based license a FlexNet Embedded (FNE) license is required, a FlexNet Publisher (FNP) license is **not** sufficient

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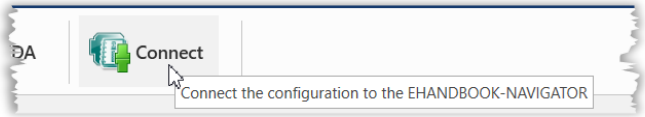
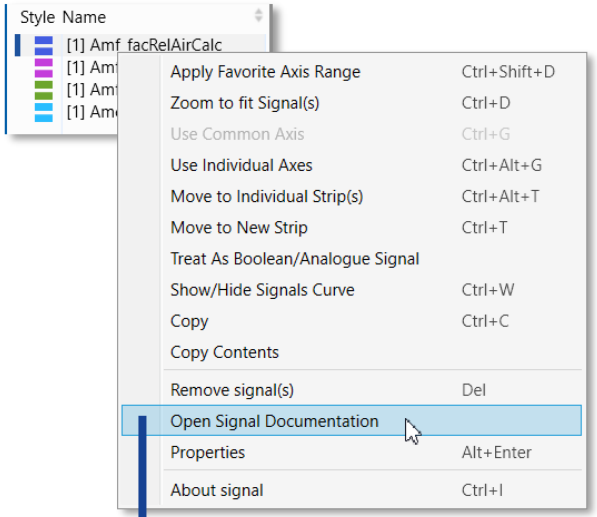
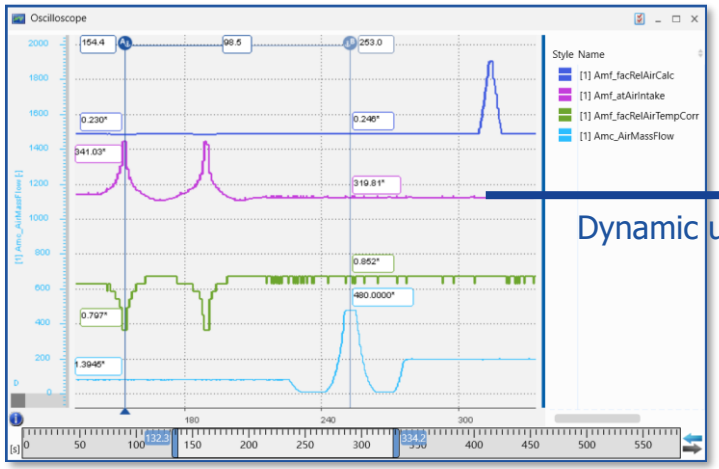
Combined usage of MDA V8 and EHANDBOOK-NAVIGATOR

- MDA V8 can be connected with interactive documentation tool EHANDBOOK-NAVIGATOR (V7.x required, V9.x preferred)
- In connection mode with a documentation container file (EHB)
  - A search for a signal can be triggered from MDA
  - Measure data can be displayed in interactive models and function overviews shown in EHANDBOOK-NAVIGATOR
  - A cursor movement in MDA updates automatically values in EHB-NAV







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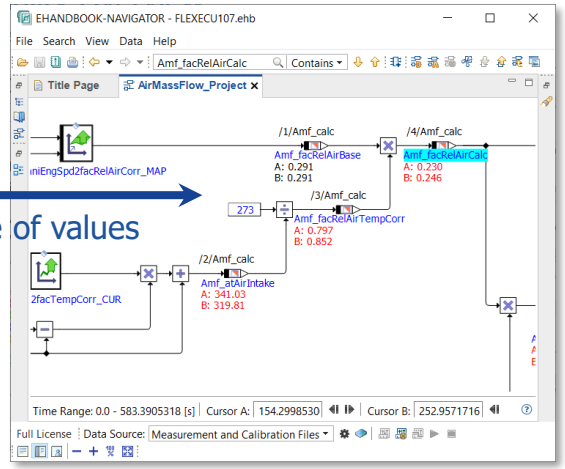

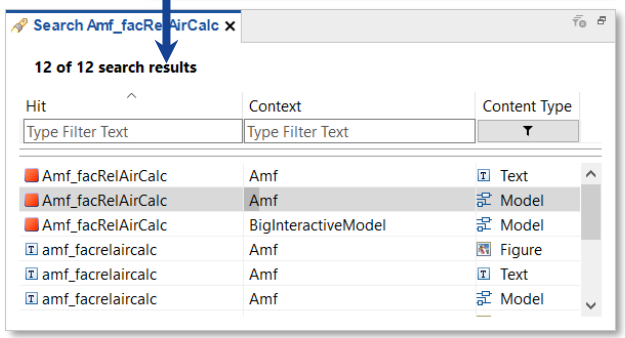

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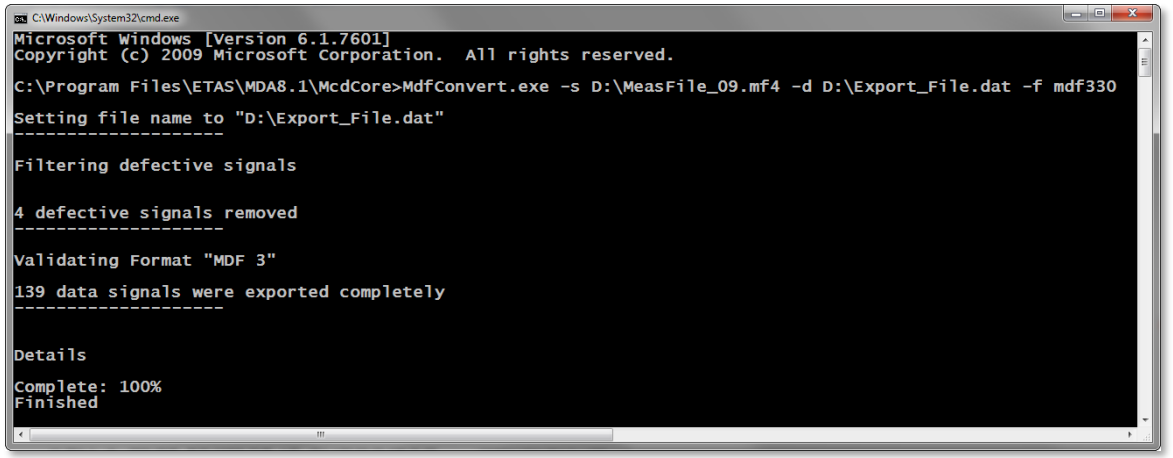
Command line tool for data conversion and extraction

– Together with MDA V8 ‘mdfconvert.exe’ tool is installed, which can be used independently from MDA V8 for format conversion and extraction of subsets of signals and time
– ‘mdfconvert.exe’ can be integrated easily into scripting solutions

– Supported file formats are:
  – any MDF format version
  – any textual file format supported in MDA V8 including customer specific textual file format definitions *



* Notes:
- Numeric data and enumerations are supported completely, for MDF V3.x also data type strings
- For MDF V4 signals of data type EVENT an option enables to post-add the events to the newly generated file
- More details about customer specific textual file formats are given on page 17
- All textual file formats have one merged time channel only, except DXL (ASCII Multi Rate V4.0) format which supports different time channel groups

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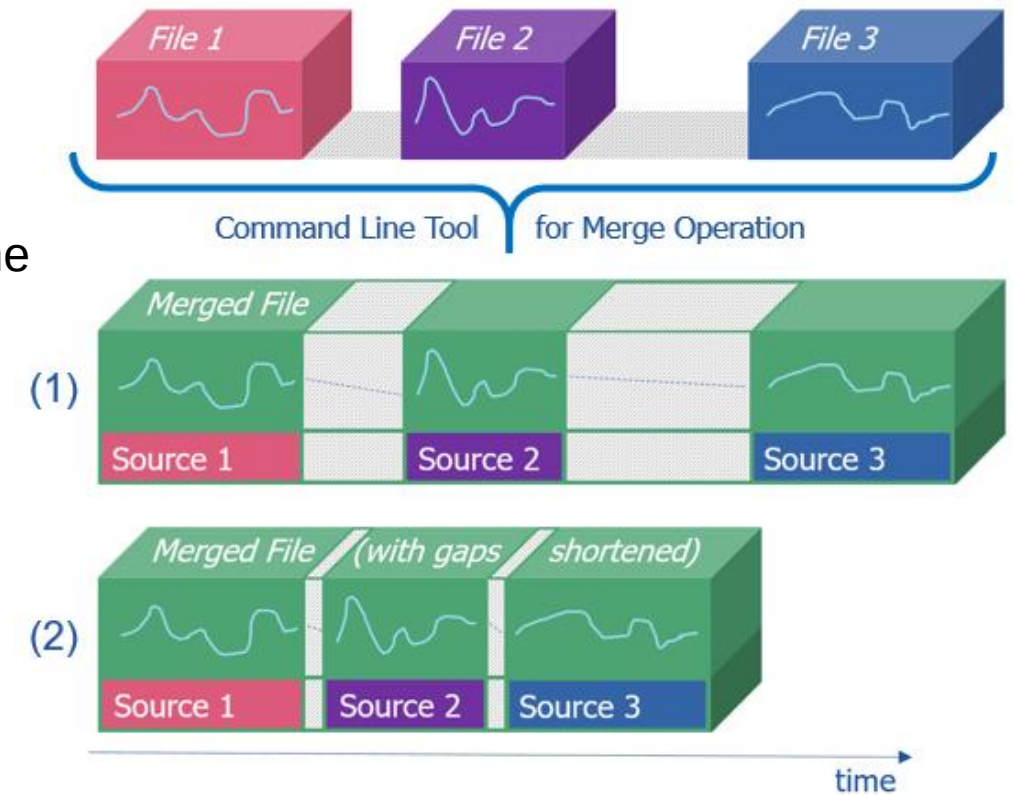
Command line tool for chronological merging of comparable MDF files

- Another command line tool delivered with MDA V8 allows to ‘Merge’ multiple measure files into one combined measure file
- ‘Merge’ means: the contents of the separate files are sorted chronologically, thereby signals having the same name and setup (device, raster, data type, etc.) but from separate files, result in one combined signal
- Parameters allow to define how time gaps at connection points are treated:
  (1) original duration of gaps is kept,
  (2) gaps are shortened to a defined duration



Notes:
- The video “Merging of Measure Files” (#20) shows how to use the command line tool
- Only measure files in MDF format which are not over-lapping can be merged
- Event signals are excluded when merging measure files

Thank you
for using MDA V8.6