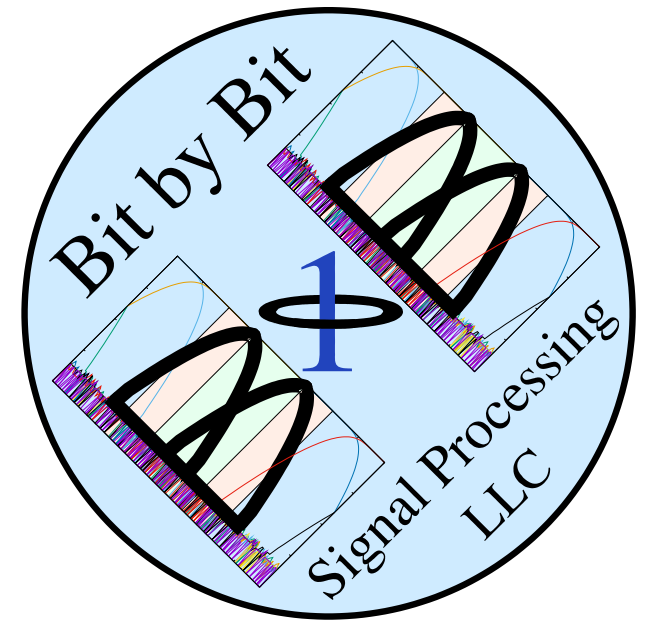


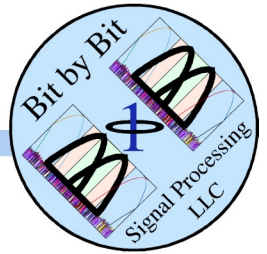
# BxB Demo 1 Quickstart



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# Hardware Setup

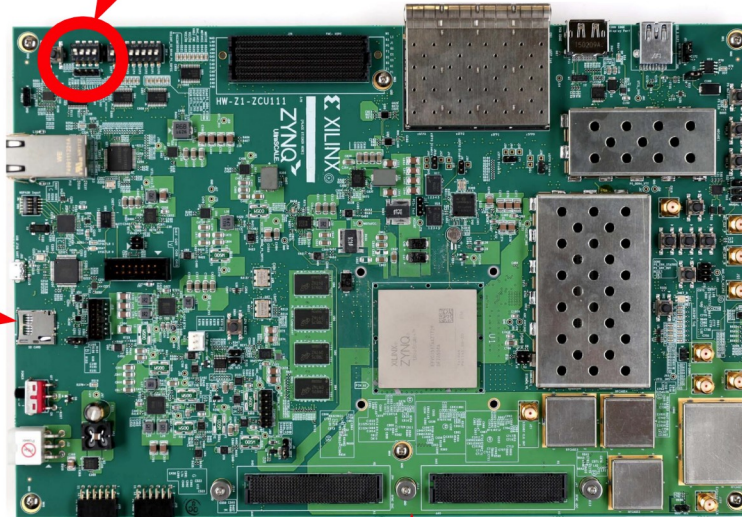


1. Get a ZCU111 board.



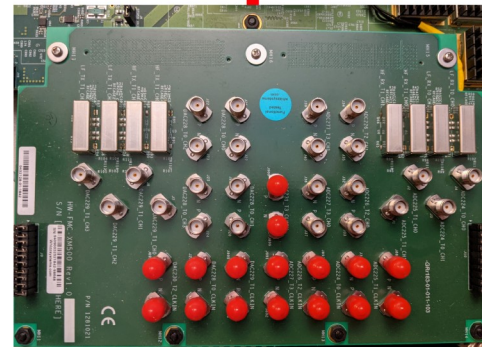
2. Select Boot Mode to UP-DOWN-DOWN-DOWN (Boot from microSD card)

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image.ub

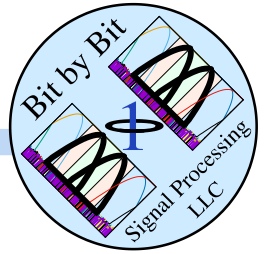


3. Get a microSD card. Delete all files on it, and put the two supplied boot files onto it. Insert it into the ZCU111. (It's usually unnecessary to format the card, but if you do use Microsoft "VFAT" format.)

4. Attach an XM500 board to the ZCU111. Other analog boards will work, but their features may not fully match the software.

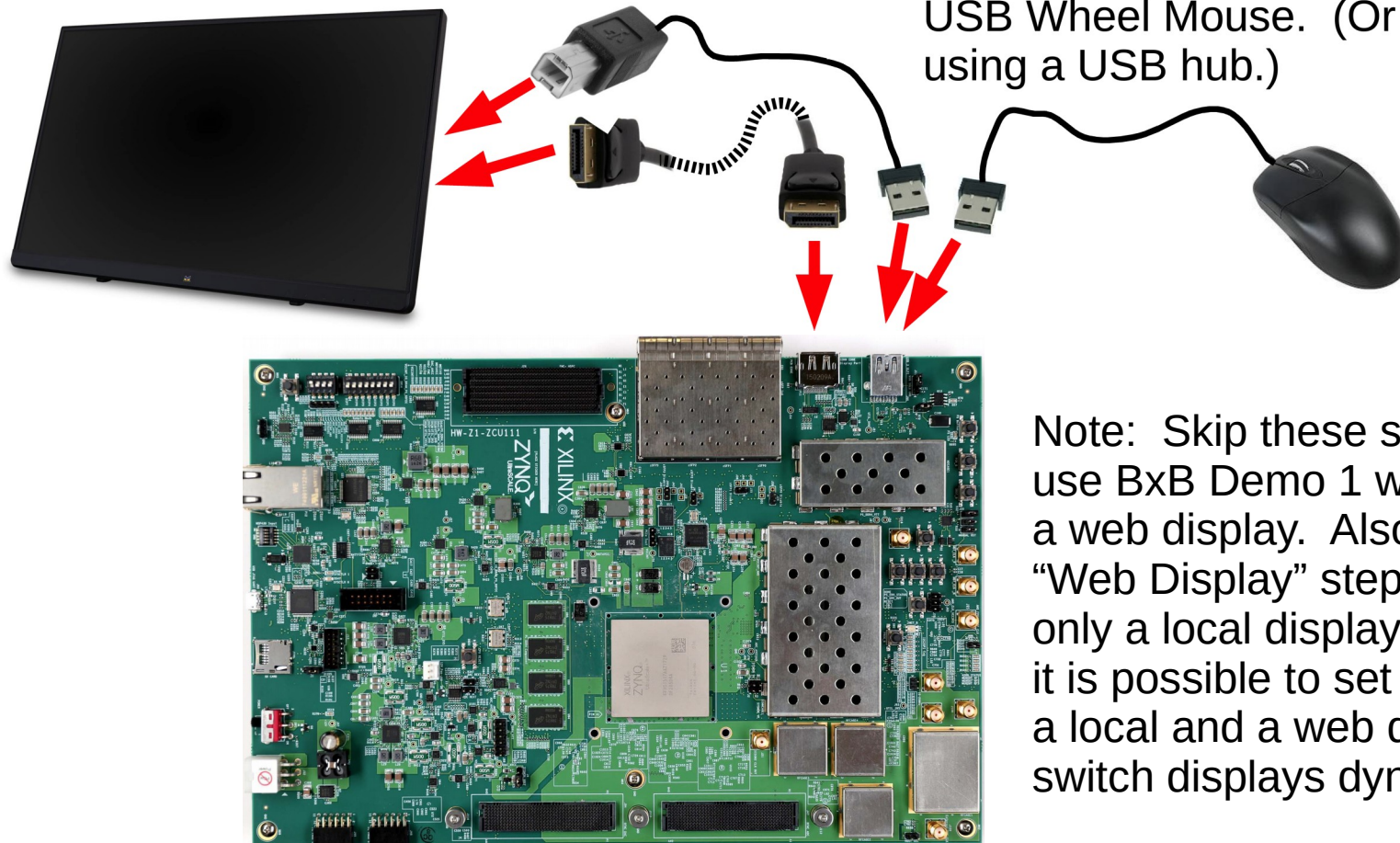


# Recommended: Local Display



5. Attach a DisplayPort monitor to the ZCU111.  
A monitor supporting DisplayPort audio is best.  
Most monitors should work. Particularly  
recommended is a multipoint touchscreen  
monitor, such as the ViewSonic TD2230.

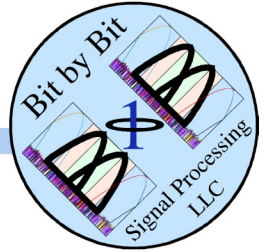
6. Attach the USB of your multipoint  
touchscreen monitor to the ZCU111  
USB port. As a fallback, attach a  
USB Wheel Mouse. (Or attach both,  
using a USB hub.)



Note: Skip these steps to  
use BxB Demo 1 with only  
a web display. Also, skip the  
“Web Display” steps next for  
only a local display. If desired,  
it is possible to set up both  
a local and a web display, and  
switch displays dynamically.

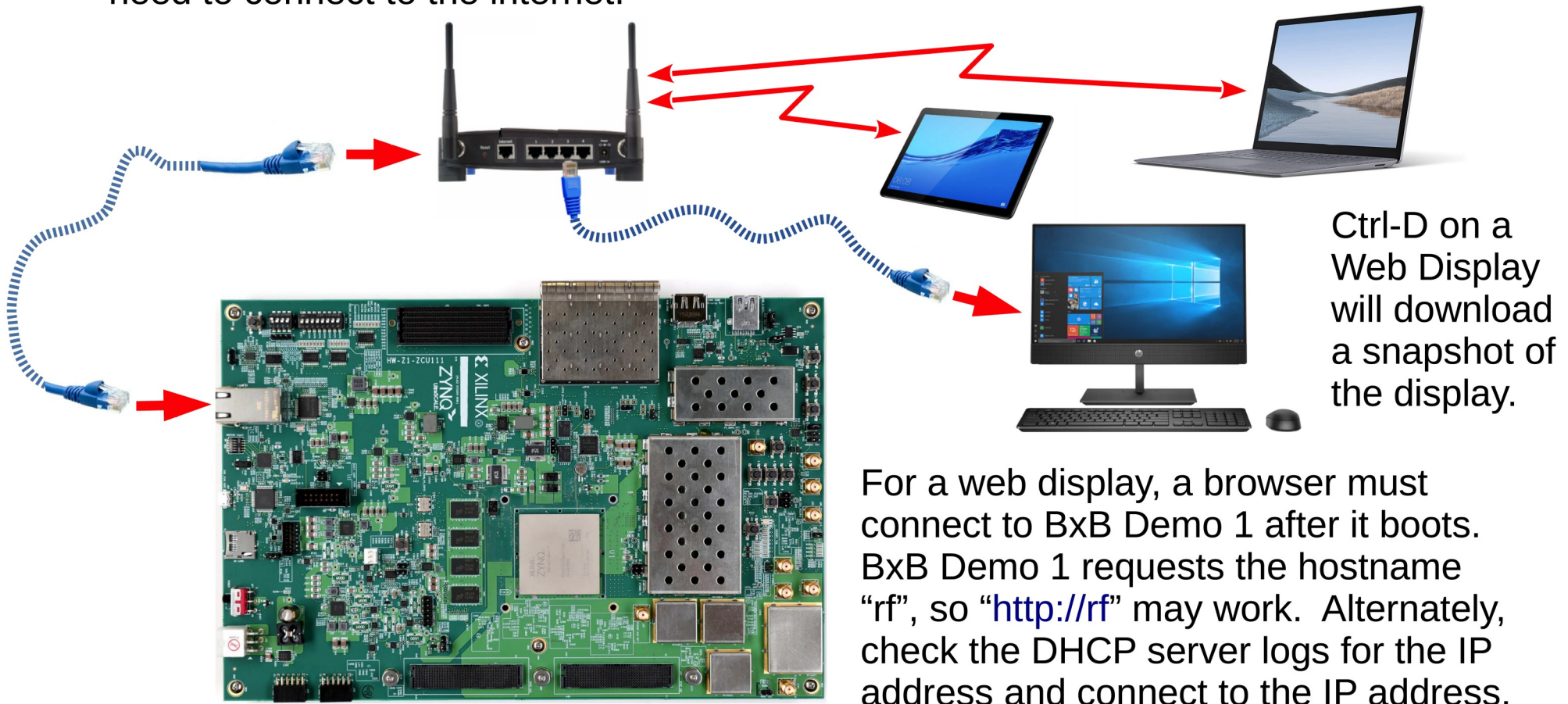


# Web Display



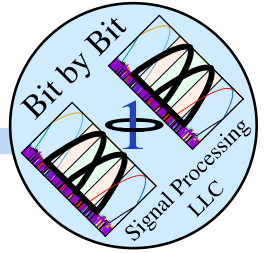
7. Use an ethernet cable to attach the ZCU111 to a router serving DHCP. The router may also be a WiFi Access Point. Note: the router may set up an isolated private network. It doesn't need to connect to the internet.

8. Connect a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet to the router to use as a display device. Devices connect to the ZCU111 using a web browser.

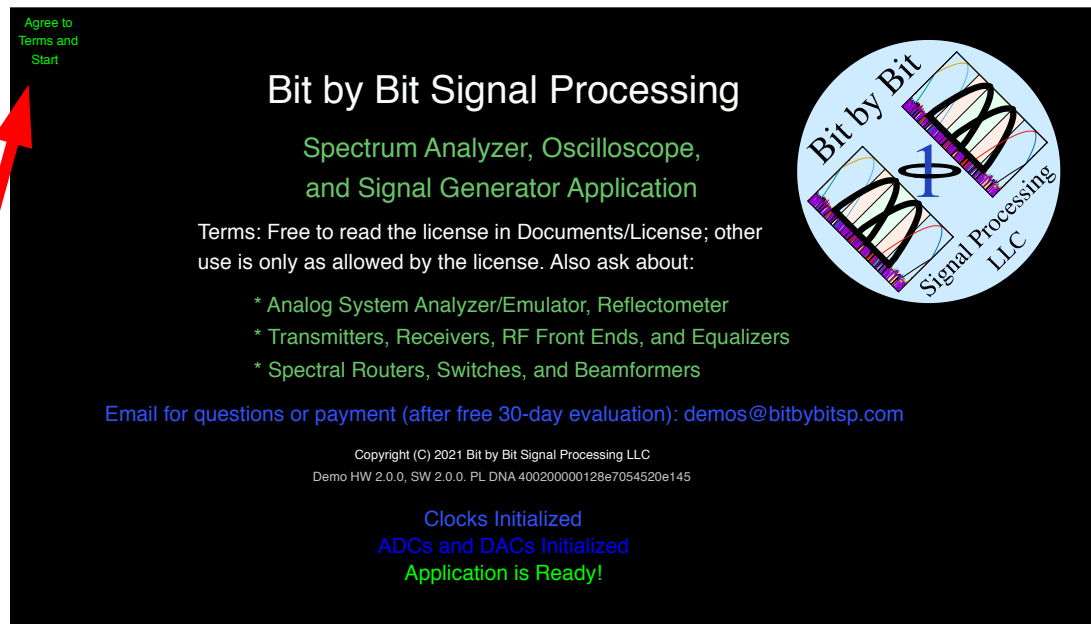




# BxB Demo 1 Startup



9. Turn everything on. Wait for it to boot. For a web display, also start a browser and connect it to the ZCU111 via HTTP. After some initialization steps, you should see the demo startup screen below.

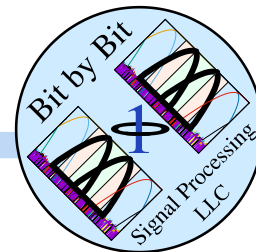


BxB Demo 1  
is now ready  
for use!

10. Press in the top left corner to agree to the license terms and go to the main menu. Read the license terms, but in a nutshell they are:
1. BxB will be paid for the demo if it's used after the evaluation period.
  2. The user is responsible for using the demo safely and wisely, not BxB.

Whenever you're not at the main menu, pressing in the top left corner will go to the main menu.

# Examples



## The following sections give examples of how to use BxB Demo 1

Example 1: BPSK generation and spectrum measurement.

Example 2: Sine generation and time measurement.

Example 3: Swept sine generation and time/frequency measurement.

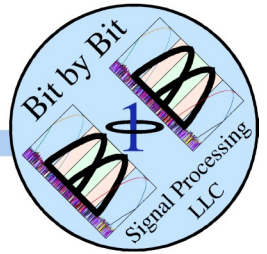
Example 4: White noise generation and cable delay measurement.

Example 5: Bandpass filter transfer function measurement.

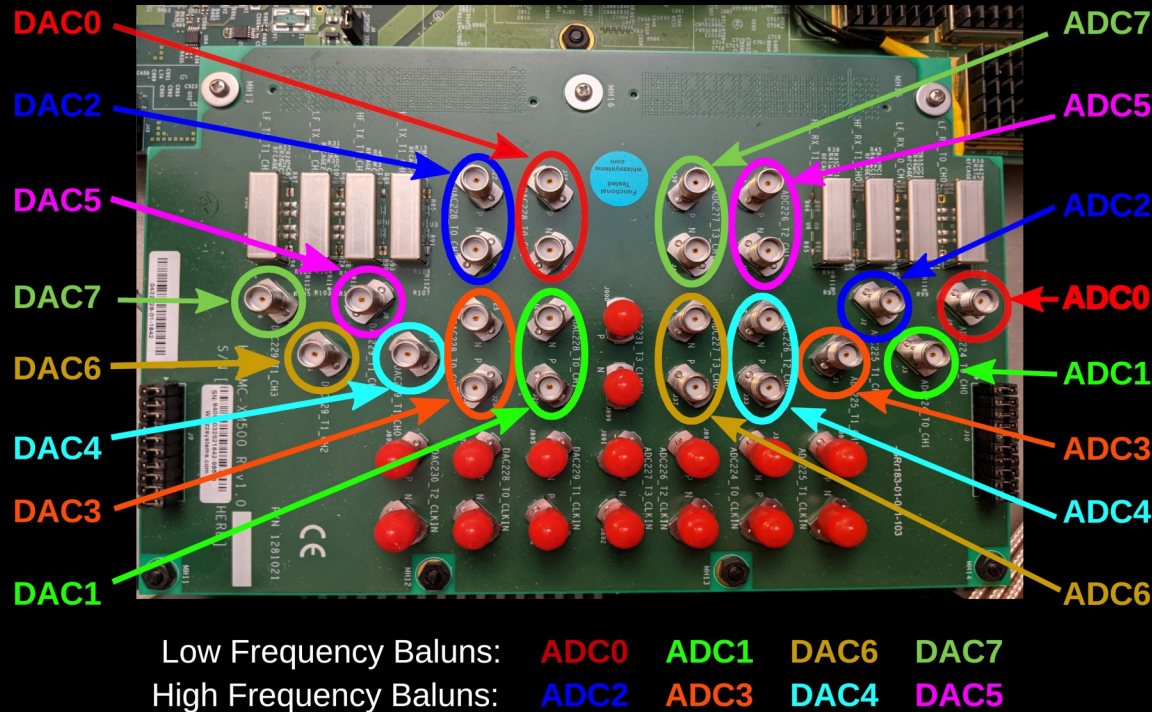
Example 6: ADC Channel imbalance measurement.

Example 7: In-app documentation.

# Loopbacks for Examples 1-3



XM500 Daughterboard



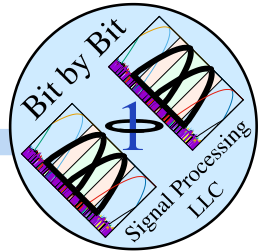
Note: BxB chose not to change the ADC/DAC numbers selected by Xilinx, although they can be confusing.

Examples 1-3 for BxB Demo 1 assume two loopbacks:

**DAC7** → **ADC0**      and      **DAC6** → **ADC1**



# Example 1, Step 1

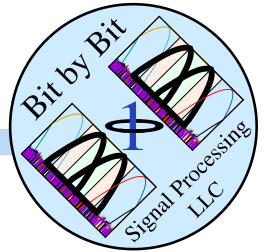


This example shows how to generate and view a BPSK waveform. The first step is to set up the BPSK waveform on **DAC 7**. Go to the main menu by clicking in the upper left corner, then make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "DAC 7"
3. "Sine"
4. "Constant" Frequency
5. 1 GHz Center
6. "BPSK" Modulation
7. "0 dBFS" Amplitude
8. 100Mbps Modulation Rate. Demo shows nearest supported value.

A screenshot of a software interface for DAC control. The interface has a dark background with various settings. Red arrows point from the numbered list to specific elements: 1. Points to the "DAC Control" menu item in the top left. 2. Points to the "DAC 7" option in a list of DACs. 3. Points to the "Sine" waveform selection. 4. Points to the "Constant" frequency selection. 5. Points to the "1 GHz" value in the frequency field. 6. Points to the "BPSK" modulation selection. 7. Points to the "0 dBFS" amplitude selection. 8. Points to the "98.304 Mbps" modulation rate, with a note that the demo shows the nearest supported value to 100Mbps.

# Example 1, Step 2



The next step is to set up a Graph of **ADC 0**. Make these selections, in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"      2. "New Graph"      3. "Band 1"      4. "**ADC 0**"      5. "MHz"      6. "dBm"      7. "Huge". This waveform is steady, so averaging helps make it clearer.

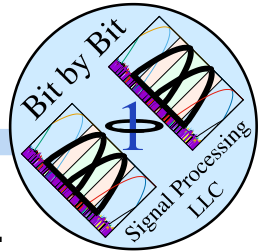
The screenshot shows a software interface with several panels. On the left, a 'Go to Graphs' menu is open, showing options like 'Graph Setup', 'Trigger Source', 'DAC Control', and 'Documents'. A red arrow points to 'Graph Setup'. In the center, a 'New Graph' panel is active, showing a list of 'Graph Type' options. A red arrow points to 'Band 1'. To the right of this, a 'Sources' list shows various ADC and DAC inputs. A red arrow points to 'ADC 0'. Further right, 'X Units' are set to 'MHz' and 'Y Units' are set to 'dBm'. A red arrow points to 'dBm'. Below 'Y Units', an 'Averaging' menu is open, showing options like 'None', 'Minimal', 'Moderate', 'Large', 'Huge', 'Immense', and 'Peak Hold'. A red arrow points to 'Huge'. At the bottom of the 'New Graph' panel, a 'Delete' button is visible. A red arrow points to the 'Go to Graphs' menu.

NOTE:  
Y Units are at the ADC inputs; they do not represent levels prior to the baluns.

8. "Go to Graphs"

Note: "Band 1" is the 1<sup>st</sup> Nyquist zone, 0.0MHz to 1966.08MHz

# Example 1, Last Step



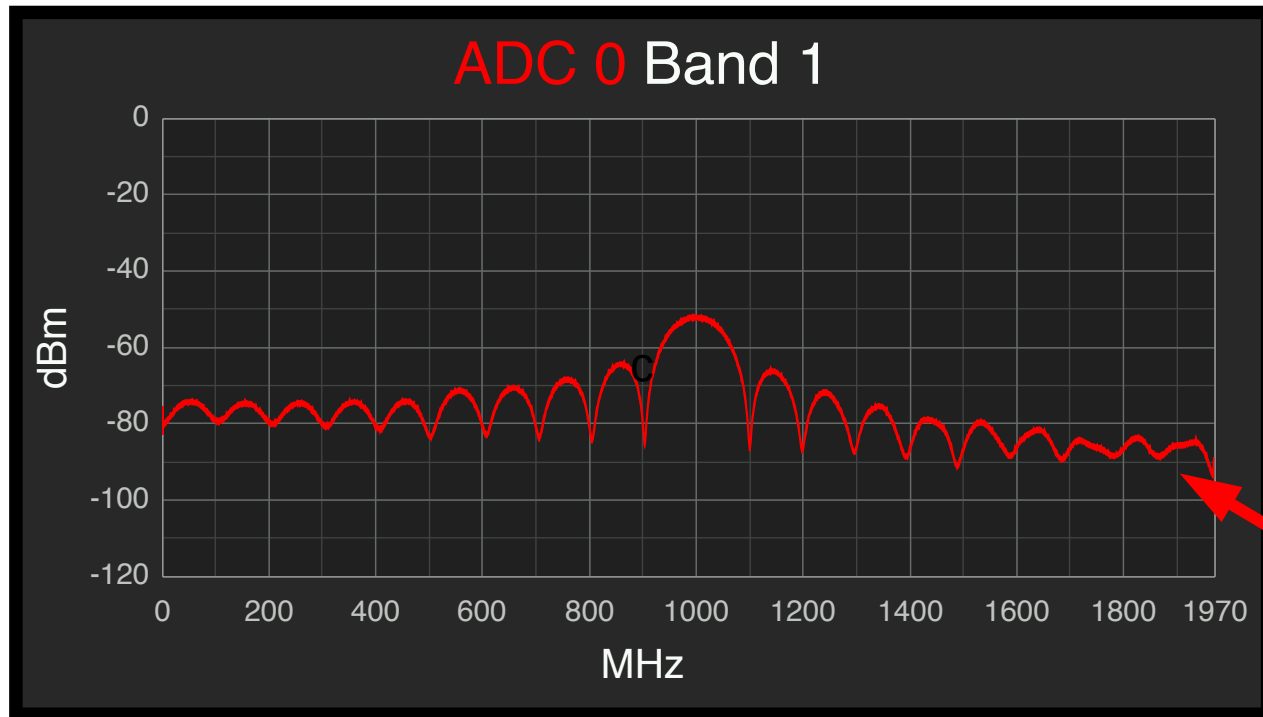
The previous steps will give a Graph of the spectrum of **ADC 0**, as shown below. The graph can be adjusted to see desired features by zooming and panning.

## Touchscreen controls:

Two fingers Horizontally: Zoom/pan X  
Two fingers Vertically: Zoom/pan Y  
Two fingers Diagonally: Zoom/pan X & Y

## Mouse controls:

Middle Mouse hold & move: pan X & Y  
Wheel on graph near X Axis: Zoom X  
Wheel on graph near Y axis: Zoom Y



Touch gestures with one finger or three fingers are reserved for later expansions.

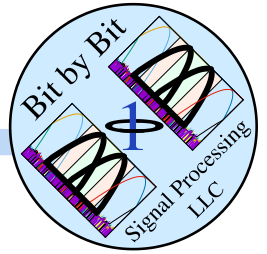
Mouse gestures with left or right mouse buttons are reserved for later expansions.

Note: waveform corruption at top frequencies is due to "folding" down of energy from 2<sup>nd</sup> Nyquist. To fix, use a lowpass filter to cut off high frequencies.

If you do not see this waveform, check previous steps. Also, check that the loopback cable is in place from **DAC 7** to **ADC 0**.



# Example 2, Step 1

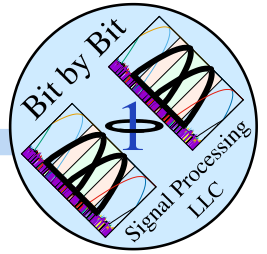


This example shows how to display time waveforms. The first step is to set up a sine wave on **DAC 7**. Go to the main menu by clicking in the upper left corner, then make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "**DAC 7**"
3. "Sine"
4. "Constant" Frequency
5. 10 MHz Frequency
6. No Modulation
7. Amplitude "0 dBFS"

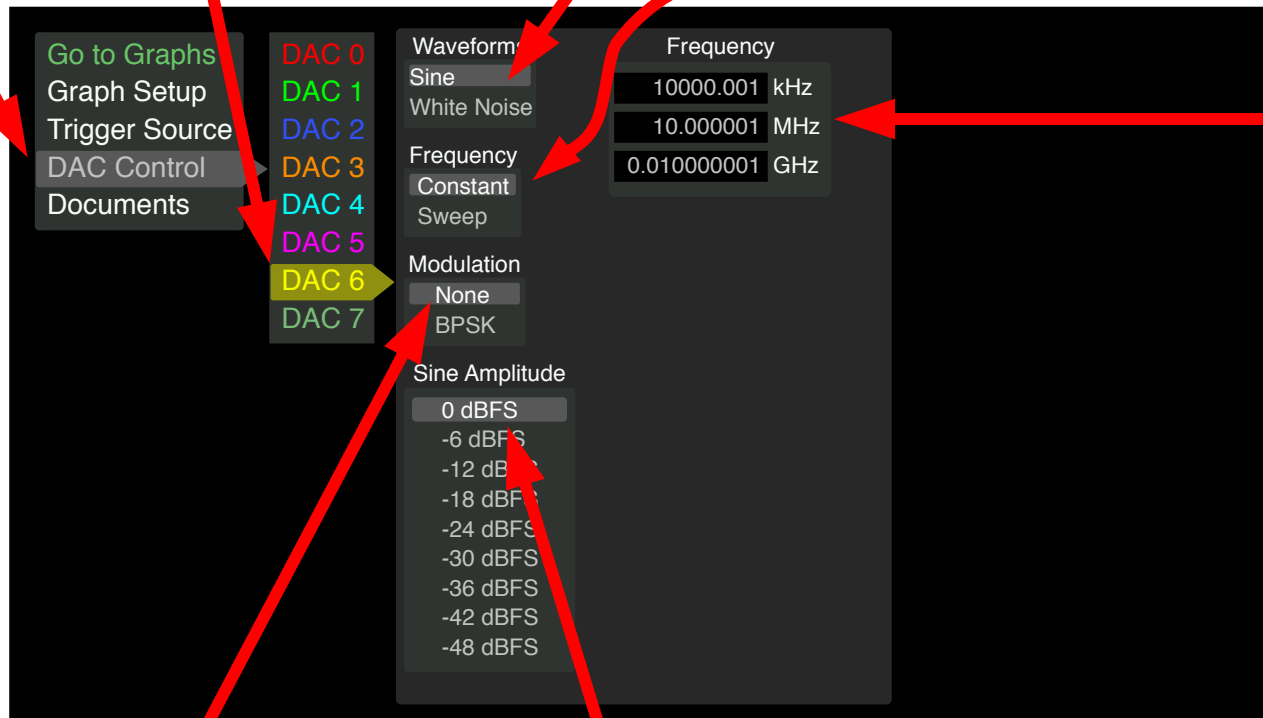
A screenshot of a software interface for DAC control. The interface has a dark background with various menu items and settings. Red arrows point from numbered labels to specific elements: 1. Points to "DAC Control" in the left sidebar. 2. Points to "DAC 7" in a list of DACs. 3. Points to "Sine" in the "Waveform" section. 4. Points to "Constant" in the "Frequency" section. 5. Points to "10 MHz" in the frequency selection list. 6. Points to "None" in the "Modulation" section. 7. Points to "0 dBFS" in the "Sine Amplitude" section. The interface also shows other options like "White Noise", "Sweep", "BPSK", and various dBFS levels for amplitude.

# Example 2, Step 2

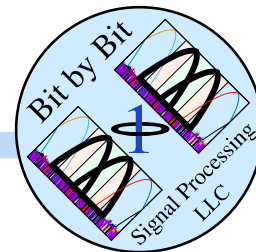


The second step is to set up a sine wave on **DAC 6**. Make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "**DAC 6**"
3. "Sine"
4. "Constant" Frequency
5. 10.000001 MHz Frequency. This is 1 Hz more than on **DAC 7**.
6. No Modulation
7. Amplitude "0 dBFS"



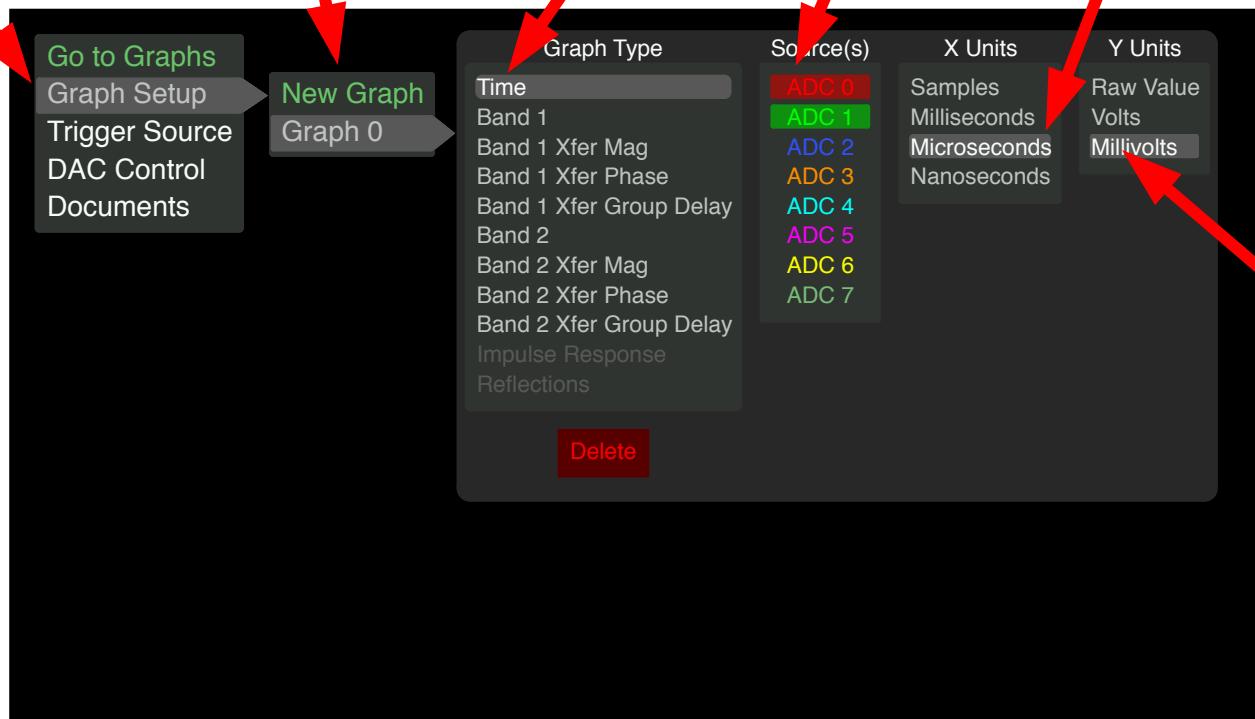
# Example 2, Step 3



This step sets up a time display of **ADC 0** and **ADC 1**. Make these selections:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "Graph 0" if it already exists, or "New Graph"
3. "Time"
4. "**ADC 0**" and "**ADC 1**"
5. "Microseconds"

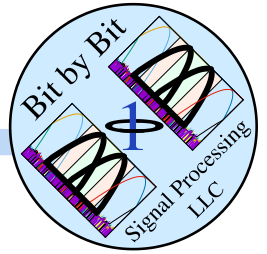
NOTE:  
Y Units are  
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6. "Millivolts"



# Example 2, Step 4



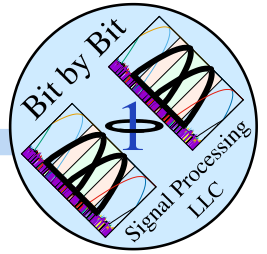
This step sets up a trigger on **ADC 0**. Make these selections:

1. "Trigger Source"
2. "**ADC 0**"
3. "Trigger Level" of 40.0 mV

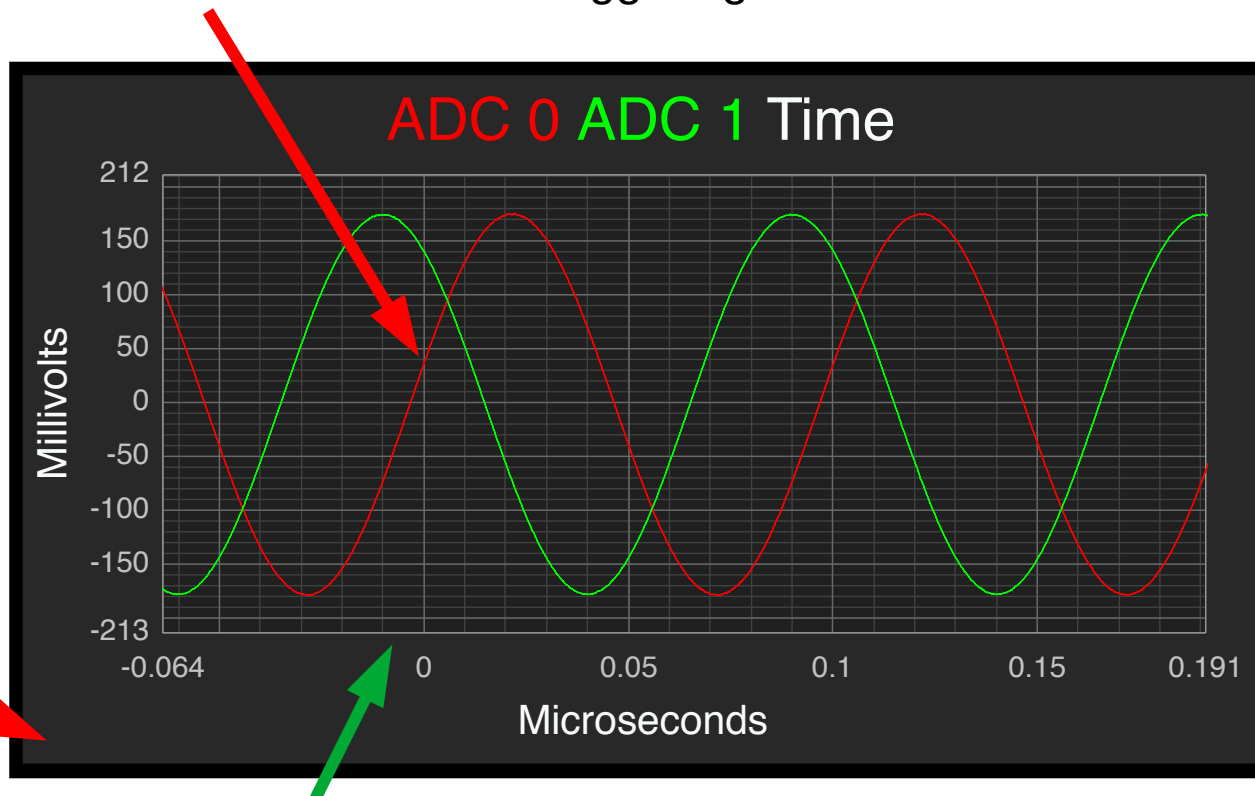


4. "Go to Graphs"

# Example 2, Last Step



The **ADC 0** waveform from **DAC 7** is captured as it passes the trigger level (set to 40.0 mV). Data before and after the trigger point is collected. Zero on the time axis is the time of the triggering event.

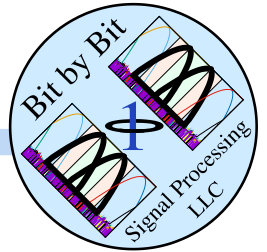


Pressing in the lower left corner will pause the graphs.

Significantly more data is collected than is shown. To see the rest, zoom out – as described in Example 1.

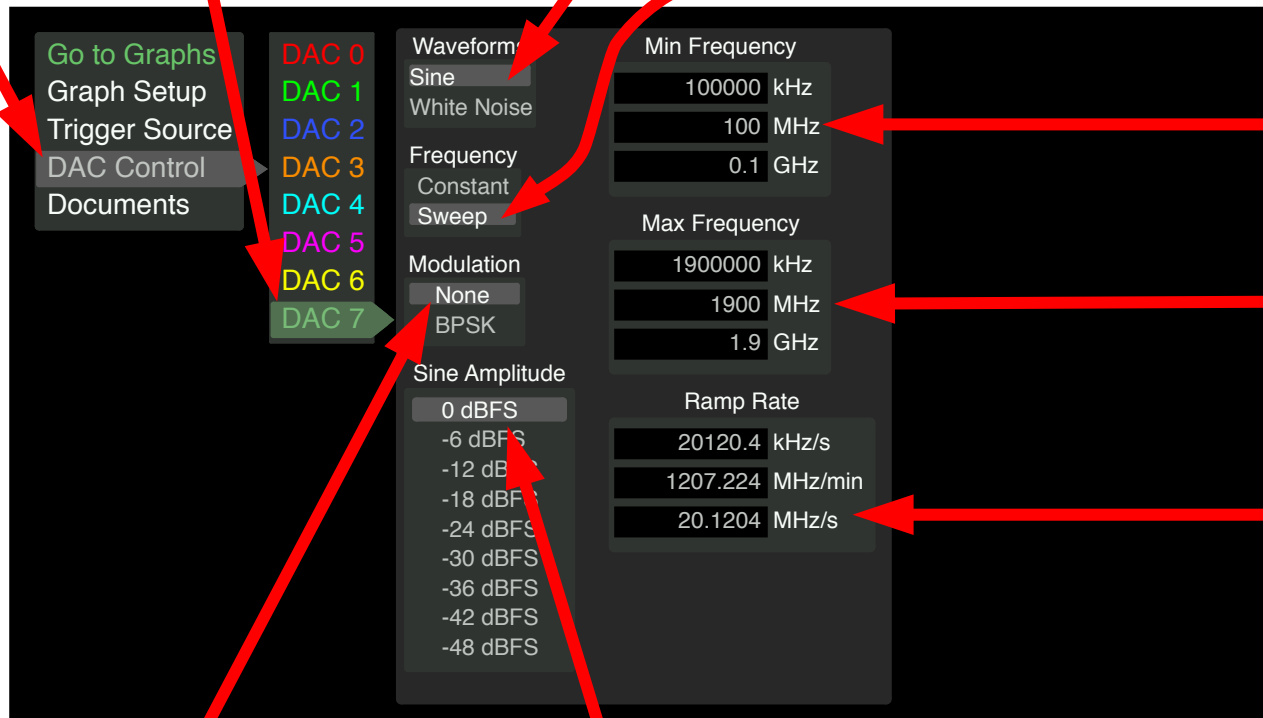
The **ADC 1** sine wave from **DAC 6** is 1Hz higher in frequency than the **ADC 0** sine wave from **DAC 7**. Thus it continually slides past the **ADC 0** sine wave at a 1Hz rate.

# Example 3, Step 1



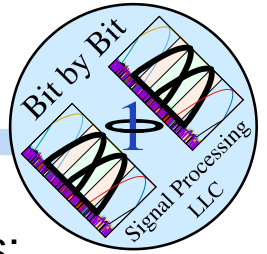
This example shows how to display useful time and frequency waveforms simultaneously. The first step is to set up a sine wave on **DAC 7**. Go to the main menu by clicking in the upper left corner, then make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "**DAC 7**"
3. "Sine"
4. "Sweep" Frequency
5. "Min Frequency" 100MHz
6. "Max Frequency" 1900MHz
7. "Ramp Rate" 20MHz/second. (The nearest supported value is displayed.)
8. No Modulation
9. "0 dBFS" Amplitude





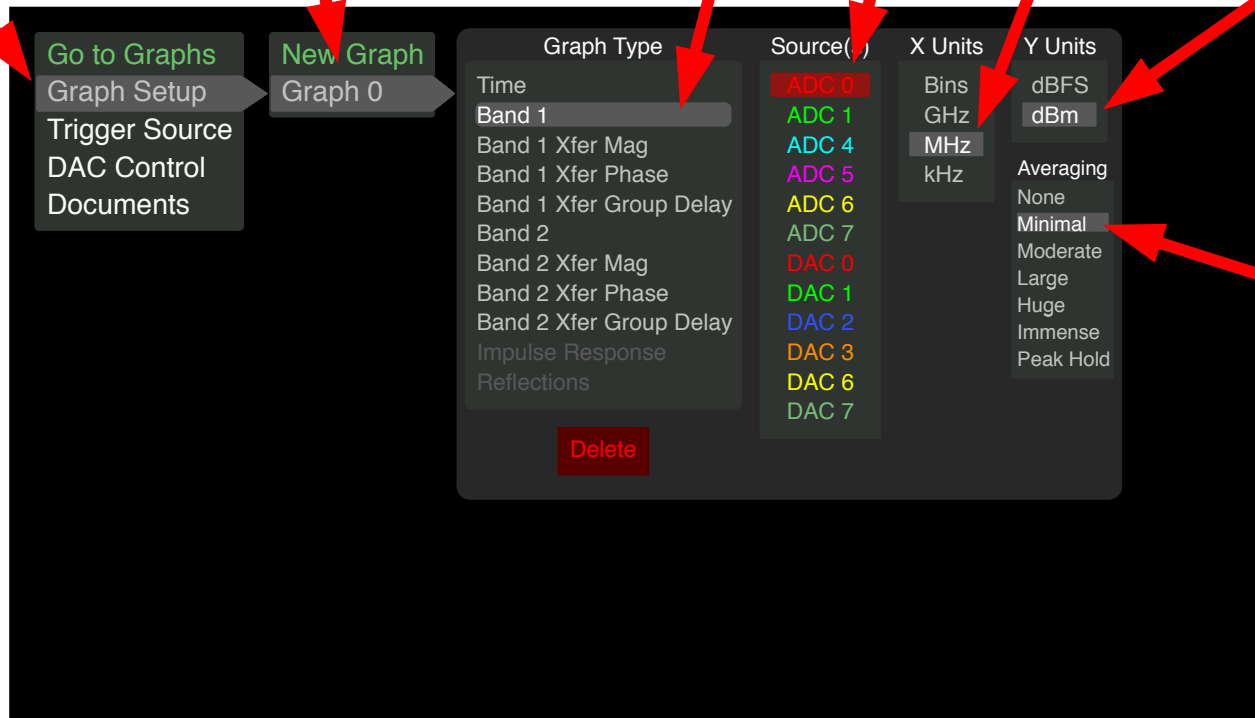
# Example 3, Step 2



The next step is to set up a Frequency Graph of **ADC 0**. Make these selections:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "Graph 0" if it already exists, or "New Graph"
3. "Band 1"
4. "**ADC 0**"
5. "MHz"
6. "dBm"

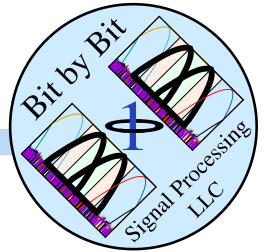
NOTE:  
Y Units are at the ADC inputs; they do not represent levels prior to the baluns.



7. "Minimal".  
This waveform is time-varying, so large values of averaging will distort it.

"Band 1" is the 1<sup>st</sup> Nyquist zone, 0.0MHz to 1966.08MHz

# Example 3, Step 3



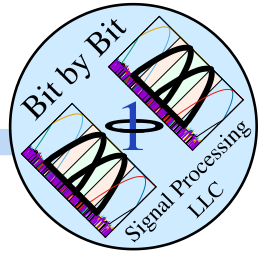
This step sets up a Time Graph of **ADC 0**. Make these selections:

1. "Graph Setup"      2. Select "Graph 1" if it already exists, or "New Graph"      3. "Time"      4. "**ADC 0**"      5. "Microseconds"      6. "Millivolts"

The screenshot shows a software interface with several panels. On the left, a "Go to Graphs" menu is open, showing options: "Graph Setup", "Trigger Source", "DAC Control", and "Documents". A red arrow points to "Graph Setup". In the center, a "New Graph" panel shows "Graph 0" and "Graph 1". A red arrow points to "Graph 1". To the right, a "Graph Type" panel shows a list of options: "Time", "Band 1", "Band 1 Xfer Mag", "Band 1 Xfer Phase", "Band 1 Xfer Group Delay", "Band 2", "Band 2 Xfer Mag", "Band 2 Xfer Phase", "Band 2 Xfer Group Delay", "Impulse Response", and "Reflections". A red arrow points to "Time". Below this is a "Delete" button. To the right of the "Graph Type" panel is a "Source(s)" panel showing a list of ADCs: "ADC 0", "ADC 1", "ADC 2", "ADC 3", "ADC 4", "ADC 5", "ADC 6", and "ADC 7". A red arrow points to "ADC 0". To the right of the "Source(s)" panel is an "X Units" panel showing options: "Samples", "Milliseconds", "Microseconds", and "Nanoseconds". A red arrow points to "Microseconds". To the right of the "X Units" panel is a "Y Units" panel showing options: "Raw Value", "Volts", and "Millivolts". A red arrow points to "Millivolts".

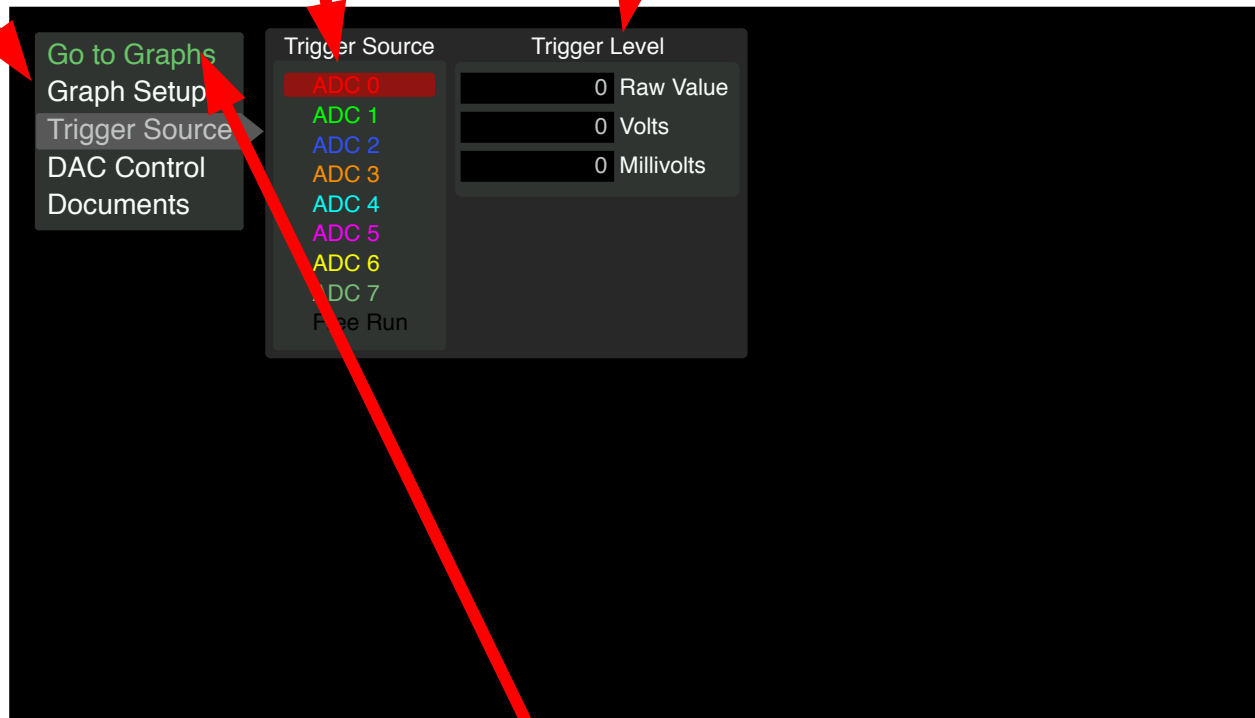
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# Example 3, Step 4



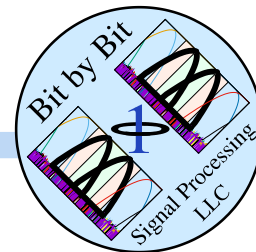
This step sets up a trigger on **ADC 0**. Go to the main menu by clicking in the upper left corner, then make these selections:

1. "Trigger Source"
2. "**ADC 0**"
3. "Trigger Level" of 0.0 mV

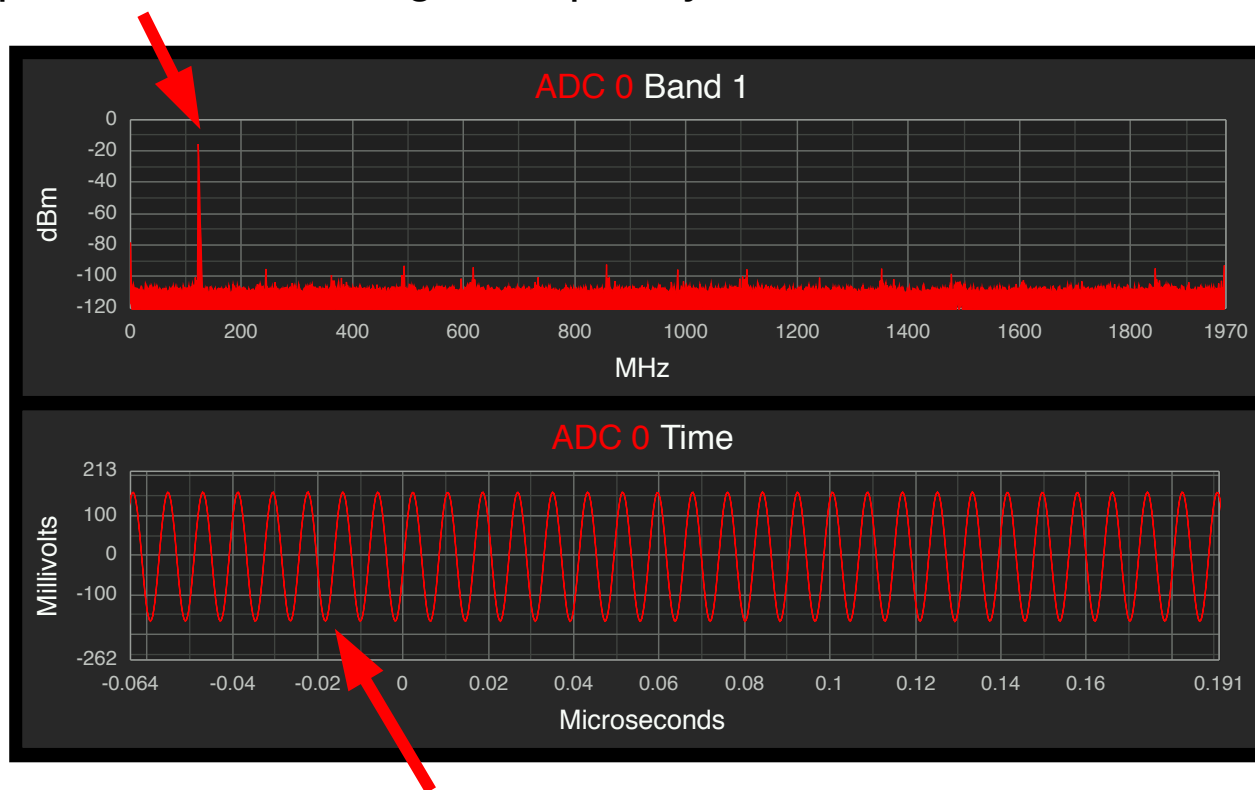


4. "Go to Graphs"

# Example 3, Last Step

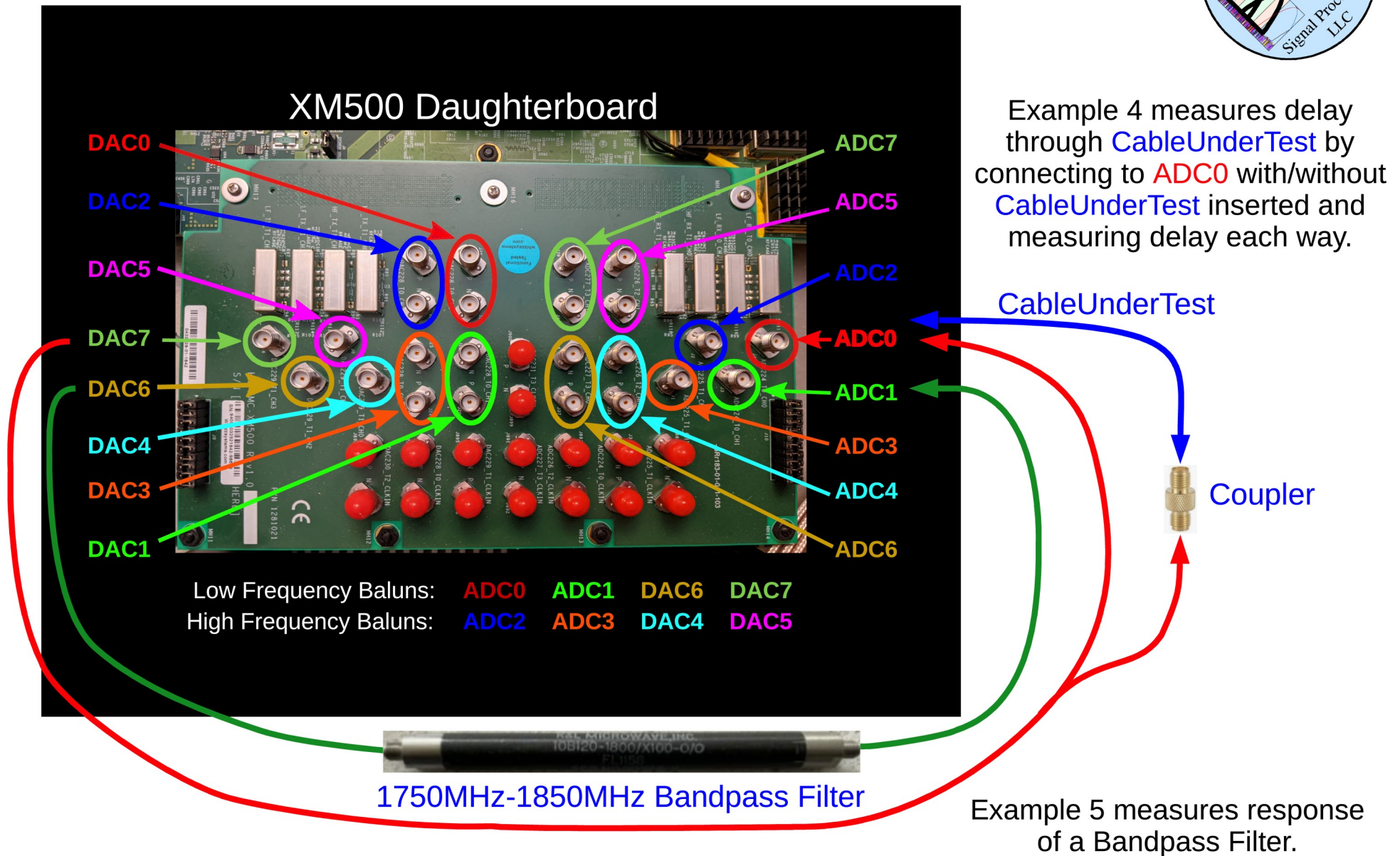
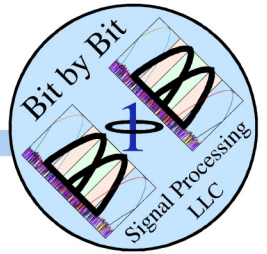


The swept sine waveform from **DAC 7** is seen on **ADC 0**. Its spectrum is a single peak, with various forms of interference. Some spikes are ADC artifacts that are independent of the signal. More are from harmonics of the input sine wave or mixer products between the input sine wave and ADC/DAC sampling frequencies. The error source can often be identified by how each peak moves as the input sine wave changes frequency. The ADC noise floor is also seen.



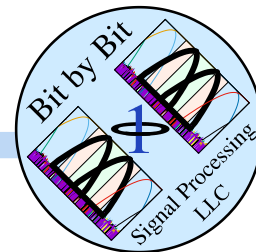
The **ADC 0** time waveform expands in and out like an accordion about its trigger point. This is especially visible at low frequencies. At higher frequencies, Moiré patterns between the input sine frequency and the sampling frequency can be seen.

# Loopbacks for Examples 4 & 5



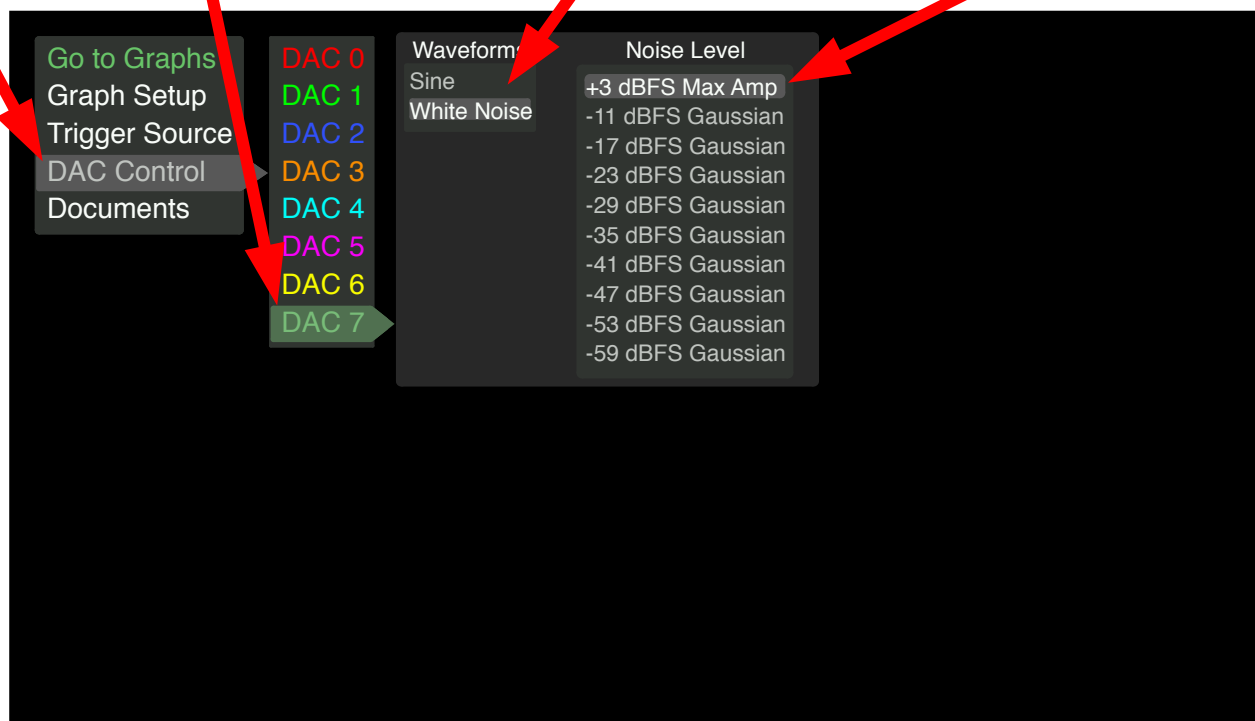


# Example 4, Step 1

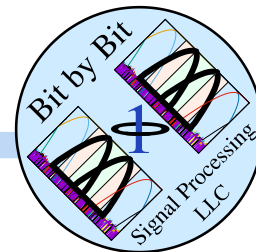


This example shows how to generate white noise and measure cable delays. The first step is to set up white noise on **DAC 7**. Go to the main menu by clicking in the upper left corner, then make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "**DAC 7**"
3. "White Noise"
4. "+3dBFS Max Amp"



# Example 4, Step 2



The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Phase Graph from **DAC 7** to **ADC 0**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"      3. Select "New Graph"      5. From "**DAC 7**"      7. "MHz"      9. "Huge".  
A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.

2. If there are existing graphs, delete them by pressing "Delete" repeatedly.

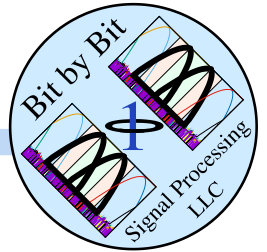
4. "Band 1 Xfer Phase"      6. To "**ADC 0**"      8. "Cycles"

The screenshot shows the 'New Graph' setup window. The 'Graph Type' list on the left has 'Band 1 Xfer Phase' selected. The 'From' column lists various components, with 'DAC 7' selected. The 'To' column lists various components, with 'ADC 0' selected. The 'X Units' column has 'MHz' selected. The 'Units' column has 'Cycles' selected. The 'Averaging' column has 'Huge' selected. A 'Delete' button is visible at the bottom of the 'Graph Type' list.

Graph Type	From	To	X Units	Units	Averaging
Time	ADC 0	ADC 0	Bins	Cycles	None
Band 1	ADC 1	ADC 1	GHz	Degrees	Minimal
Band 1 Xfer Mag	ADC 4	ADC 4	MHz		Moderate
Band 1 Xfer Phase	ADC 5	ADC 5	kHz		Large
Band 1 Xfer Group Delay	ADC 6	ADC 6			Huge
Band 2	ADC 7	ADC 7			Immense
Band 2 Xfer Mag	DAC 0				
Band 2 Xfer Phase	DAC 1				
Band 2 Xfer Group Delay	DAC 2				
Impulse Response	DAC 3				
Reflections	DAC 4				

"Band 1" is the 1<sup>st</sup> Nyquist zone, 0.0MHz to 1966.08MHz

# Example 4, Step 3

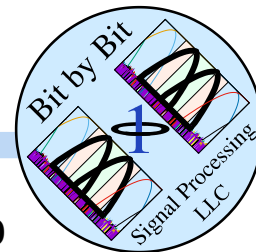


The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Group Delay Graph from **DAC 7** to **ADC 0**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "New Graph"
3. "Band 1 Xfer Group Delay"
4. From "DAC 7"
5. To "ADC 0"
6. "MHz"
7. "Nanoseconds"
8. "Huge".  
A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.
9. "Go to Graphs"

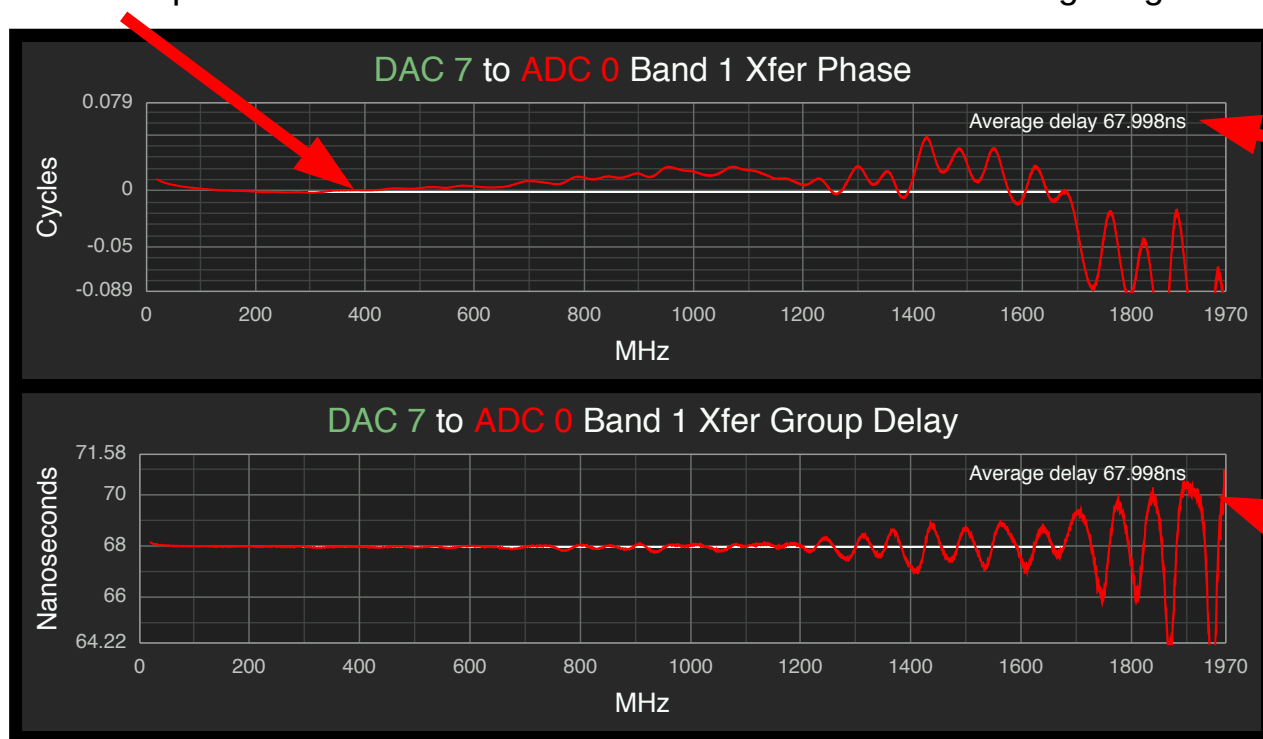
The screenshot shows a software interface with a dark background. On the left, a vertical menu contains "Go to Graphs" (highlighted in green), "Graph Setup", "Trigger Source", "DAC Control", and "Documents". To the right of this menu is a "New Graph" section with "Graph 0" and "Graph 1" (highlighted in green). Further right is a "Graph Type" list with options like "Time", "Band 1", "Band 1 Xfer Mag", "Band 1 Xfer Phase", "Band 1 Xfer Group Delay" (highlighted), "Band 2", "Band 2 Xfer Mag", "Band 2 Xfer Phase", "Band 2 Xfer Group Delay", "Impulse Response", and "Reflections". Below this list is a red "Delete" button. To the right of the "Graph Type" list is a table with "From" and "To" columns. The "From" column lists "ADC 0", "ADC 1", "ADC 4", "ADC 5", "ADC 6", "ADC 7", "DAC 0", "DAC 1", "DAC 2", "DAC 3", "DAC 4", "DAC 5", "DAC 6", and "DAC 7" (highlighted in green). The "To" column lists "ADC 0", "ADC 1", "ADC 4", "ADC 5", "ADC 6", "ADC 7", "DAC 0", "DAC 1", "DAC 2", "DAC 3", "DAC 4", "DAC 5", "DAC 6", and "DAC 7". To the right of the table is a section for "X Units" with options "Bins", "GHz", "MHz" (highlighted), and "kHz". To the right of that is a section for "Y Units" with options "Nanoseconds" (highlighted) and "Samples". Below the "Y Units" section is an "Averaging" section with options "None", "Minimal", "Moderate", "Large", "Huge" (highlighted), and "Immense".

# Example 4, Step 4



The previous steps will give graphs of the phase and group delay from **DAC 7** to **ADC 0**. This measurement is without the **CableUnderTest** inserted, and it is repeated in Step 5 with the **CableUnderTest** inserted.

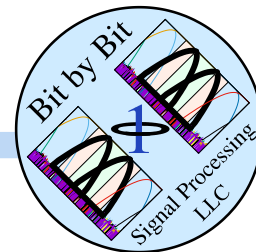
The white line shows the x-axis extent of the group delay measurement. The measurement is displayed in the top right; this matches the time shown on the y-axis of the Group Delay plot. For best measurements, zoom in on the y axis, then zoom and position the x-axis so that the measurement is in a large region of relative flatness..



Group Delay measurement  
67.998nS

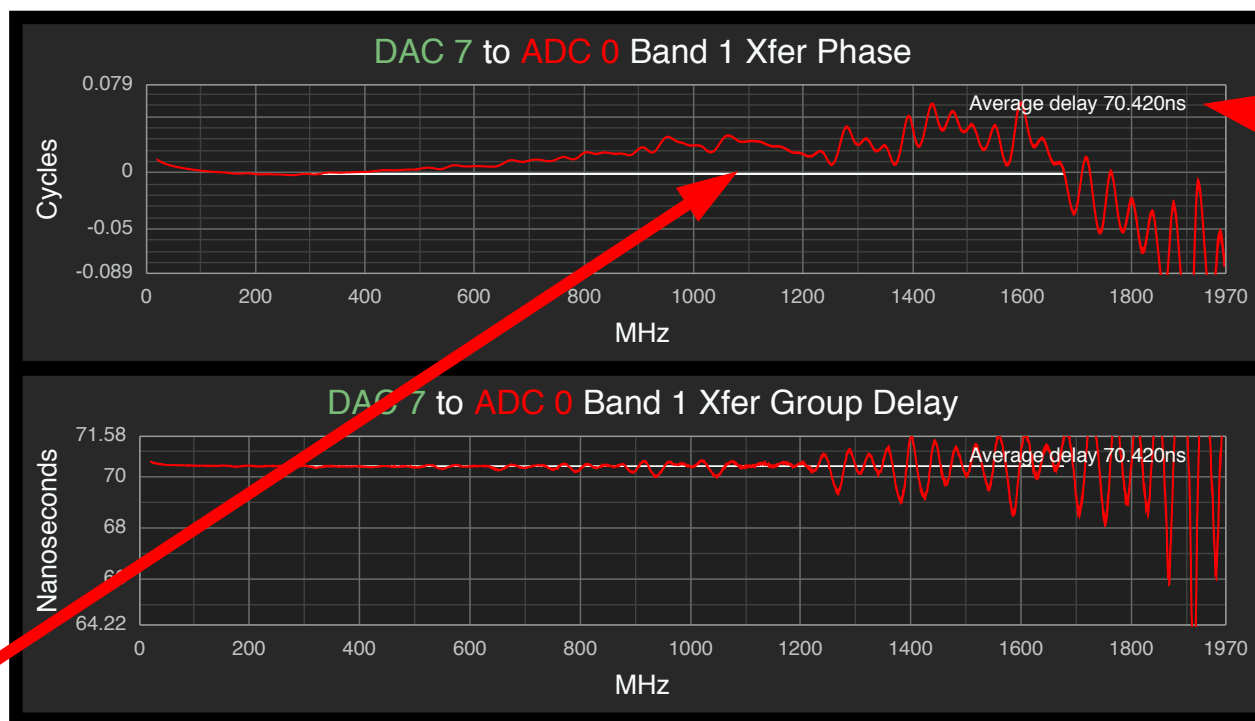
A small Loss of linearity at high frequencies is due to multiple effects, such as "folding" of energy from 2<sup>nd</sup> Nyquist and uncorrected reflections in the cables. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nyquist issues can be eliminated by adding a lowpass filter to DAC output in the test setup.

# Example 4, Step 5



Step 4 is repeated with **CableUnderTest** inserted, to measure the increased delay caused by **CableUnderTest** and the additional required **Coupler**.

If the connections are changed, the measurements converge faster if you enter the main menu and exit again. This engages an algorithm that speeds convergence. This may make for a faster second measurement after **CableUnderTest** is inserted.

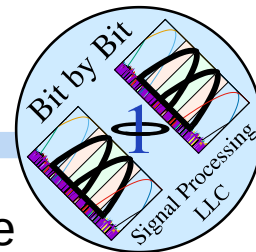


Group Delay  
measurement  
70.420nS

Note that on the Phase plot, the white measurement line diverges from the measured phase at the lower frequencies where the measurement is most accurate. To get a better measurement, move the graph to the right, so the measurement line is better positioned.

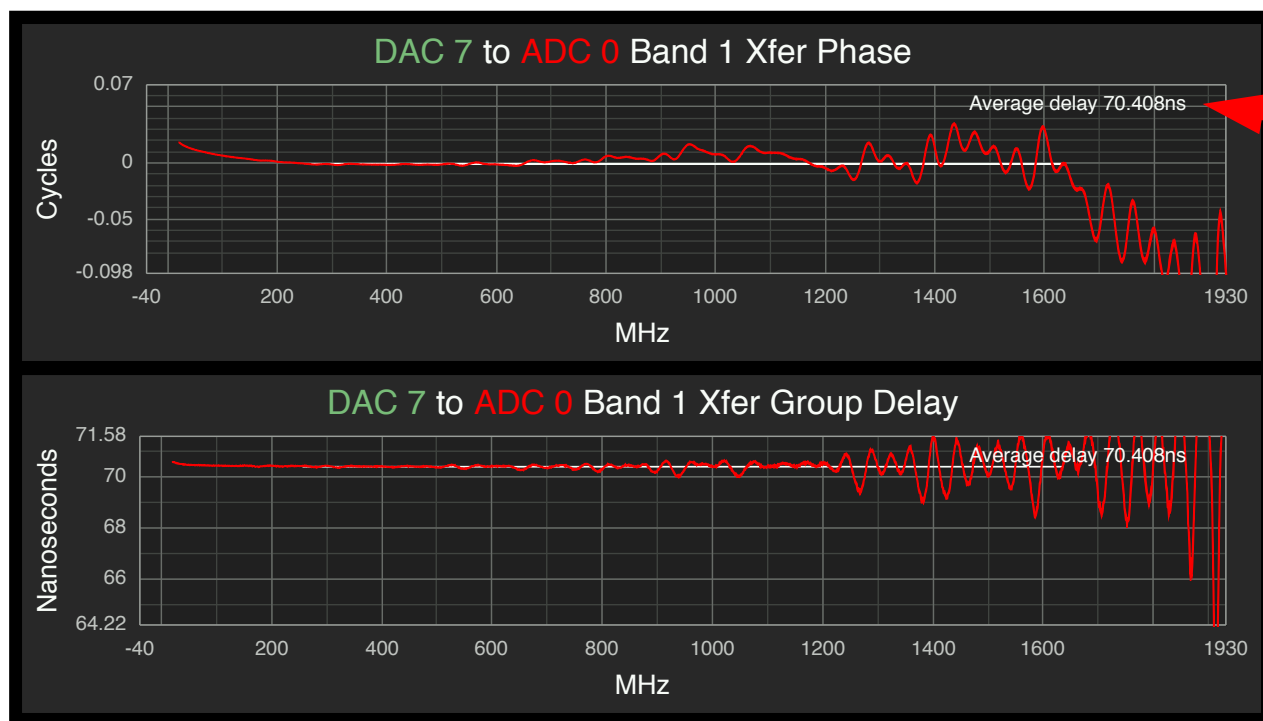


# Example 4, Last Step



After adjusting the graph position, the white line more closely matches the phase plot. This gives a more accurate measurement.

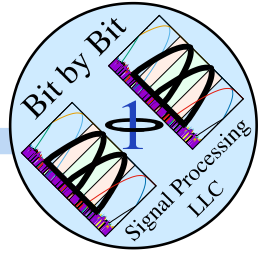
Note that these plots are also capable of showing deviations from linear phase that may indicate issues with cables or connectors.



Group Delay  
measurement  
70.408nS

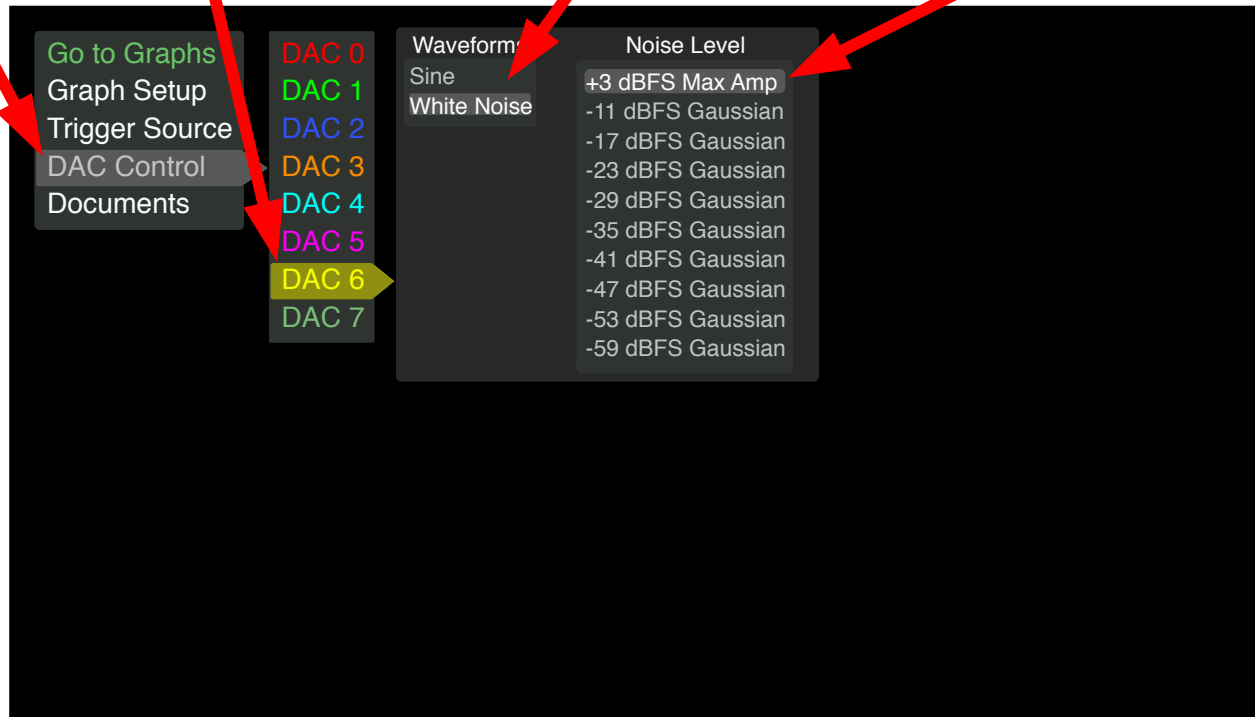
The measurement with [CableUnderTest](#) + [Coupler](#) is 70.408nS, and the measurement without them is 67.998nS (from Step 4). So this particular cable and coupler together have a delay of  $70.408\text{nS} - 67.998\text{nS} = 2.41\text{nS}$ .

# Example 5, Step 1

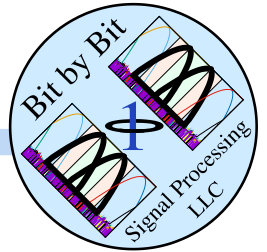


This example measures the magnitude, phase linearity, and group delay of a bandpass filter. The first step is to set up white noise on **DAC6**. Make the required cable connections for Example 5 that were shown on an earlier slide. Then go to the main menu and make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "**DAC6**"
3. "White Noise"
4. "+3dBFS Max Amp"



# Example 5, Step 2



The next step is to set up a graph of the spectrum of **ADC 1** and **DAC 6** .  
Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"      3. Select "New Graph"      5. "**ADC 1**"      7. "MHz"      8. "dBFS"

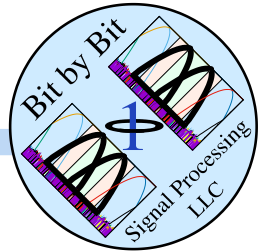
4. "Band 1"      6. "**DAC 6**"

9. "Huge".  
A balance between  
the most accurate  
reading and  
convergence time.

The screenshot shows a software interface with a dark background. On the left, a menu is open with options: "Go to Graphs", "Graph Setup", "Trigger Source", "DAC Control", and "Documents". A red arrow points to "Graph Setup". In the center, a "Graph Type" menu is open, showing options like "Time", "Band 1", "Band 1 Xfer Mag", etc. A red arrow points to "Band 1". To the right, a "Source(s)" list is shown with items like "ADC 0", "ADC 1", "ADC 4", etc. A red arrow points to "ADC 1". Below that, a "Y Units" menu is open, showing options like "dBFS", "dBm", "Averaging", etc. A red arrow points to "dBFS". At the bottom, a "Delete" button is visible, with a red arrow pointing to it. A red arrow also points to the "Huge" option in the "Y Units" menu.

2. If there are existing graphs, delete them by pressing "Delete" repeatedly.

# Example 5, Step 3

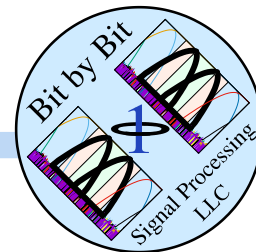


The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Magnitude Graph from **DAC 6** to **ADC 1**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "New Graph"
3. "Band 1 Xfer Mag"
4. From "DAC 6"
5. To "ADC 1"
6. "MHz"
7. "dB"
8. "Huge".  
A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.

The screenshot shows a software interface with a dark background. On the left, a vertical menu has 'Go to Graphs' in green, followed by 'Graph Setup', 'Trigger Source', 'DAC Control', and 'Documents'. A red arrow points from step 1 to 'Graph Setup'. To the right of this menu, 'New Graph' is highlighted in green, with 'Graph 0' and 'Graph 1' below it. A red arrow points from step 2 to 'New Graph'. The main area contains a 'Graph Type' list with 'Band 1 Xfer Mag' selected. A red arrow points from step 3 to this selection. Below the list is a red 'Delete' button. To the right of the 'Graph Type' list are columns for 'From' and 'To'. 'From' contains a list of ADCs (0-7) and DACs (0-7). 'To' contains a similar list. A red arrow points from step 4 to 'DAC 6' in the 'From' column. Another red arrow points from step 5 to 'ADC 1' in the 'To' column. To the right of these columns are 'X Units' (Bins, GHz, MHz, kHz) and 'Y Units' (dB). A red arrow points from step 6 to 'MHz' in the 'X Units' column. Another red arrow points from step 7 to 'dB' in the 'Y Units' column. Below 'Y Units' is an 'Averaging' section with options: None, Minimal, Moderate, Large, Huge, and Immense. A red arrow points from step 8 to 'Huge'.

# Example 5, Step 4



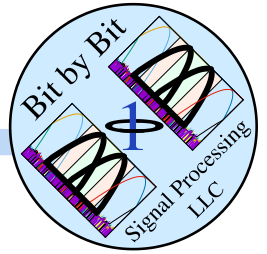
The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Phase Graph from **DAC 6** to **ADC 1**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "New Graph"
3. "Band 1 Xfer Phase"
4. From "DAC 6"
5. To "ADC 1"
6. "MHz"
7. "Cycles"
8. "Huge".  
A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.

The screenshot shows a software interface with a dark background. On the left, a sidebar menu has 'Go to Graphs' highlighted in green, with sub-items 'Graph Setup', 'Trigger Source', 'DAC Control', and 'Documents'. 'Graph Setup' is selected, and a 'New Graph' button is visible. The main area shows a 'Graph Type' list with 'Band 1 Xfer Phase' selected. Below this is a table with 'From' and 'To' columns. 'From' has 'DAC 6' selected in yellow. 'To' has 'ADC 1' selected in green. To the right of the table are 'X Units' (MHz selected) and 'Units' (Cycles selected). Further right is an 'Averaging' section with options: None, Minimal, Moderate, Huge (selected), and Immense. Red arrows point from the numbered list items to these specific UI elements.



# Example 5, Step 5

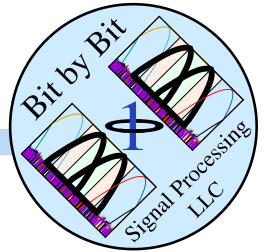


The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Group Delay Graph from **DAC 6** to **ADC 1**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "New Graph"
3. "Band 1 Xfer Group Delay"
4. From "**DAC 6**"
5. To "**ADC 1**"
6. "MHz"
7. "Nanoseconds"
8. "Huge".  
A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.
9. "Go to Graphs"

The screenshot shows a software interface with a dark background. On the left, a menu is open with options: "Go to Graphs", "Graph Setup", "Trigger Source", "DAC Control", and "Documents". A red arrow points to "Go to Graphs". In the center, a "Graph Type" list is shown with options: "Time", "Band 1", "Band 1 Xfer Mag", "Band 1 Xfer Phase", "Band 1 Xfer Group Delay", "Band 2", "Band 2 Xfer Mag", "Band 2 Xfer Phase", "Band 2 Xfer Group Delay", "Impulse Response", and "Reflections". A red arrow points to "Band 1 Xfer Group Delay". Below this list is a "Delete" button. To the right of the "Graph Type" list is a table with columns "From" and "To". The "From" column lists ADCs 0 through 7, and the "To" column lists ADCs 0 through 7. A red arrow points to "DAC 6" in the "From" column. To the right of the "From" and "To" columns is a table with columns "X Units" and "Y Units". The "X Units" column lists "Bins", "GHz", "MHz", and "kHz". A red arrow points to "MHz". The "Y Units" column lists "Nanoseconds" and "Samples". A red arrow points to "Nanoseconds". To the right of the "X Units" and "Y Units" columns is a table with columns "Averaging" and "None", "Minimal", "Moderate", "Large", "Huge", and "Immense". A red arrow points to "Huge".

# Example 5, Step 6



The previous steps will give the graphs shown below. Yours may vary if you have a different bandpass filter.

Measurement amplitudes at some frequencies are below -110dBFS. Amplitude/phase measurement of the filter is unreliable at these amplitudes.

Measured phases at low frequencies are detected to be random due to noise, and thus are unwrapped and not used for measurements.

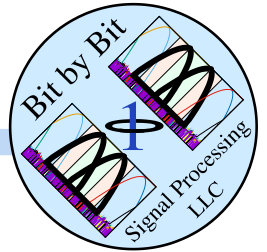
No Group Delay measurement because it is only made in the center  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the graph window and the only good values from the filter are off center.



Filter group delay is shown. There is no white line for the measurement and the measurement isn't shown because the filter is off center in the plot. Also, frequencies where no good value could be measured are omitted from the graph.

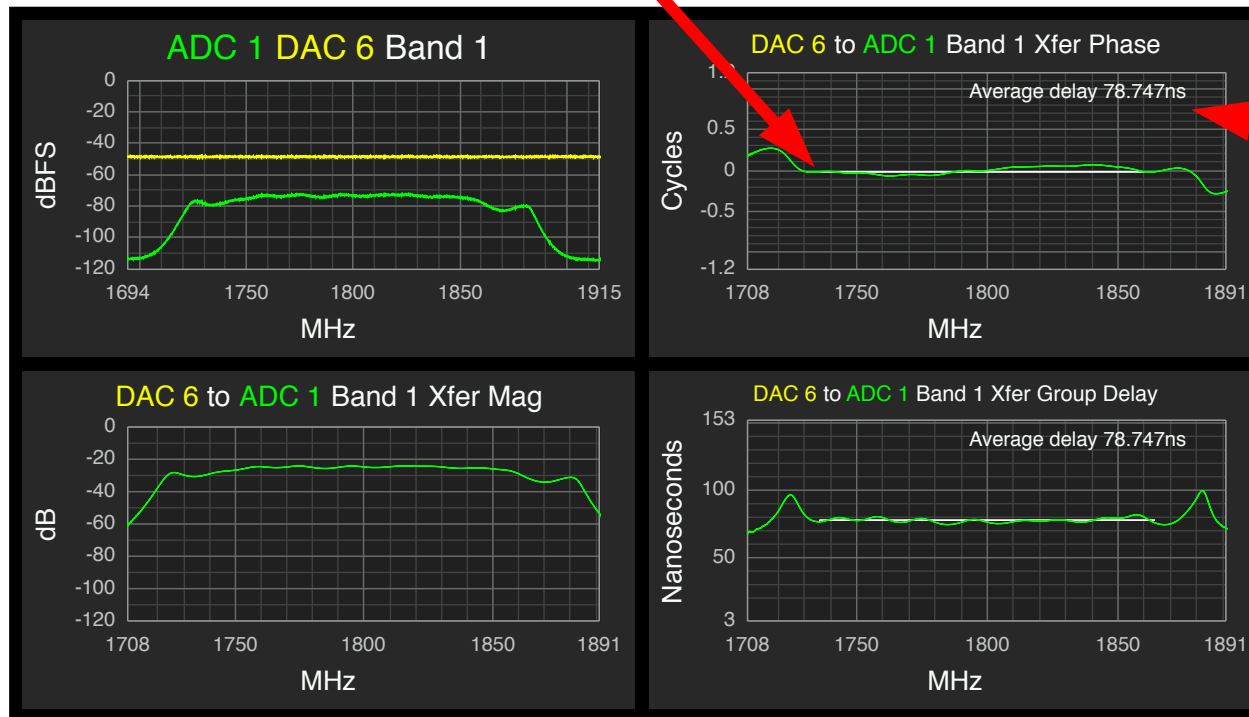
The transfer magnitude plot is similar to subtracting the DAC 6 from the ADC 1 spectrum. However, the transfer measurement suppresses interference and extends dynamic range. Note that in the "Band 1" spectrum plot the filter amplitude varies from -70dBFS to -115dBFS, which is a difference of 45dB. The "Band 1 Xfer Mag" plot shows filter amplitude from -25dB to -80dB, a difference of 55dB. So an extra 10dB of measurement range was gained.

# Example 5, Step 7



Zooming in allows the white measurement line to be positioned in the passband of the filter, for a measurement of the group delay through the filter in its passband.

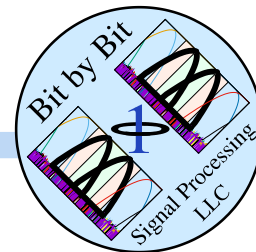
Putting the filter passband in the graph center makes the measurement line appear with a corresponding Group Delay measurement.



Measured group delay is approximately 78.747ns. ADC → DAC delay must be measured and subtracted from this to obtain the filter delay. This can be done by repeating the measurement after removing the filter from the line.

This filter provides at least 55dB of stopband attenuation (from the last slide). It may provide more attenuation, but that is beyond the measurement range with this setup. To measure further, higher signal amplitude could be generated using amplifiers (being careful to not exceed ADC input ranges) or by concentrating the DAC energy in a smaller range of frequencies.

# Example 5, Step 8



To explore the filter response at its lower edge, you can put more energy at the lower edge using these selections:

1. "DAC Control"

2. "DAC6"

3. "Sine"

4. "Sweep"

5. "BPSK"

6. "0dBFS"

7. Min Freq 1650MHz

8. Max Freq 1690MHz

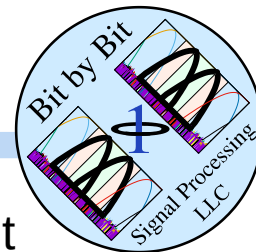
9. Ramp Rate 60Mbps (closest available value is shown)

10. Modulation Rate 2Mbps (closest available value is shown)

11. "Go to Graphs"

A screenshot of a software interface for DAC control. The interface has a dark background with various settings. Red arrows point from numbered text labels to specific UI elements. The labels are: 1. "DAC Control" (points to the DAC Control menu item), 2. "DAC6" (points to the DAC 6 button), 3. "Sine" (points to the Sine waveform button), 4. "Sweep" (points to the Sweep modulation button), 5. "BPSK" (points to the BPSK modulation button), 6. "0dBFS" (points to the 0 dBFS sine amplitude button), 7. Min Freq 1650MHz (points to the 1650 MHz Min Frequency input), 8. Max Freq 1690MHz (points to the 1690 MHz Max Frequency input), 9. Ramp Rate 60Mbps (closest available value is shown) (points to the 3595.428 MHz/min Ramp Rate input), 10. Modulation Rate 2Mbps (closest available value is shown) (points to the 1.99804878 Mbps Modulation Rate input), and 11. "Go to Graphs" (points to the Go to Graphs menu item). The interface shows a list of DACs (DAC 0 to DAC 7) on the left, a waveform selection menu (Sine, White Noise, Frequency, Constant, Sweep) in the center, and a modulation selection menu (None, BPSK) below it. The right side contains input fields for Min Frequency, Max Frequency, Ramp Rate, and Modulation Rate.

# Example 5, Last Step

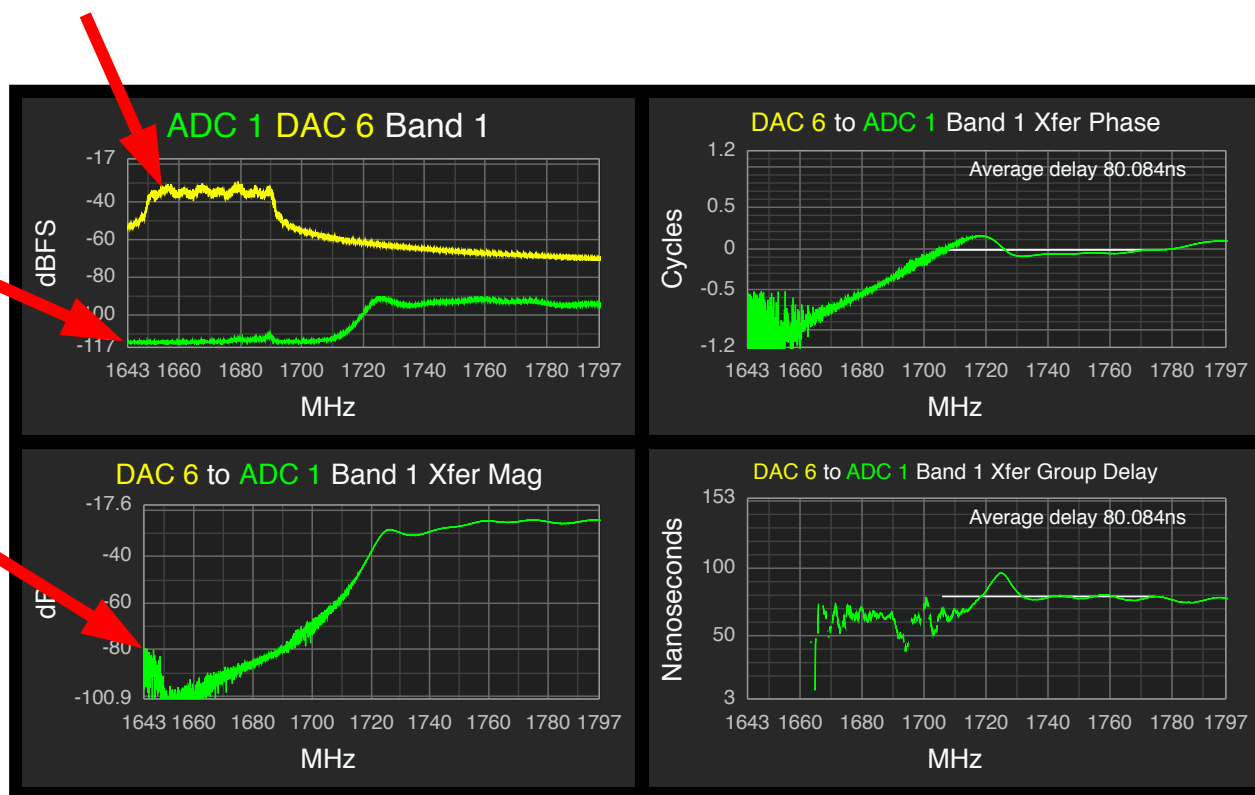


Changing from white noise to a swept BPSK signal allows more energy to be put in desired places to explore the filter response in regions of high cutoff.

DAC energy is now concentrated in a frequency region for which the filter is difficult to measure.

Response is below the noise threshold.

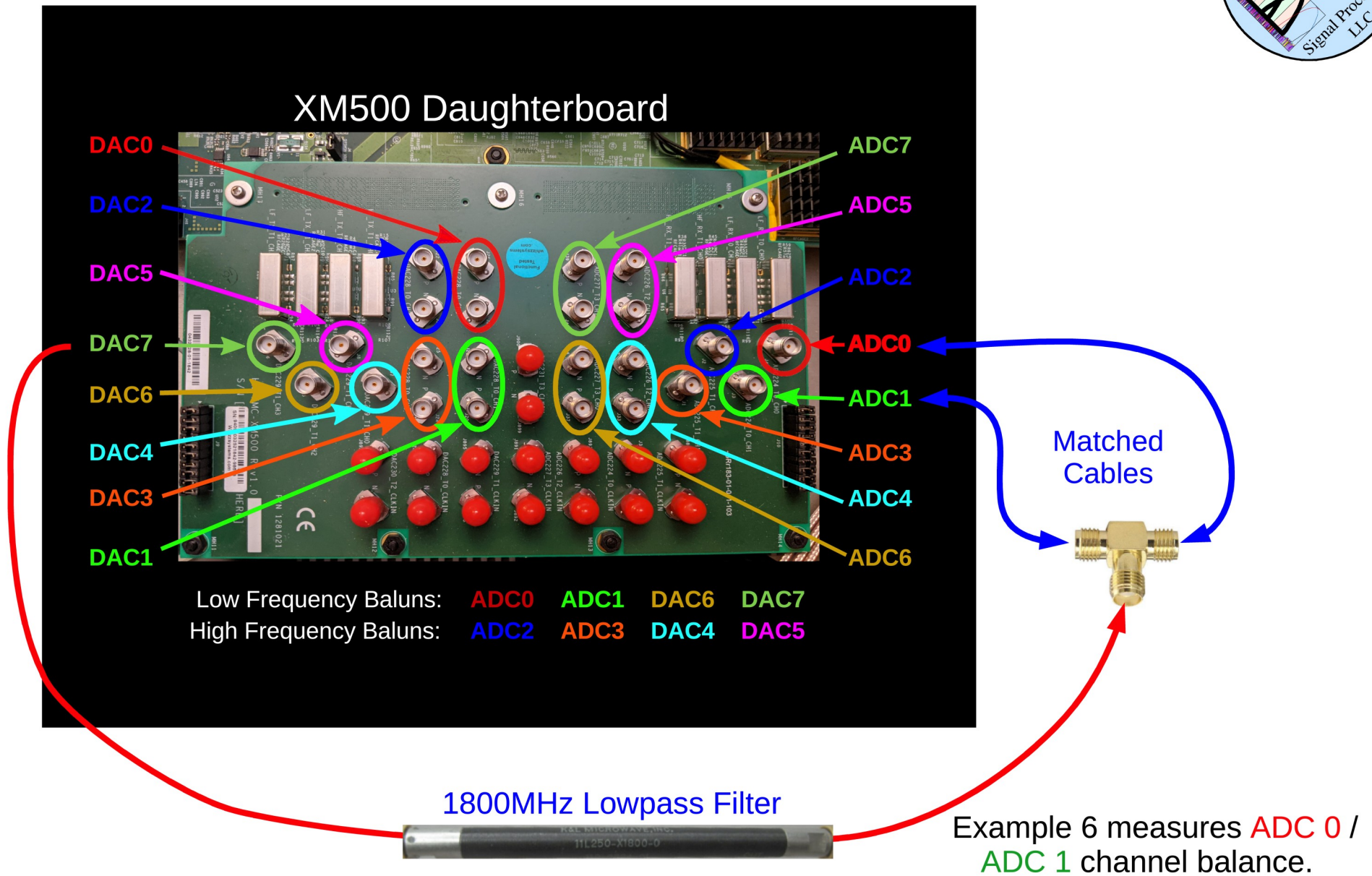
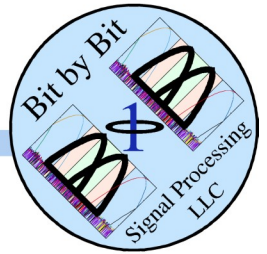
Processing pulls a useful result out of the noise.



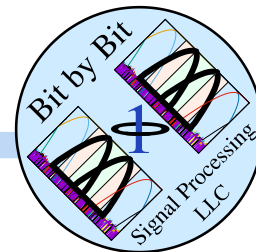
By concentrating the energy, the filter response can be explored in regions of high attenuation. Here we see a passband response of around -23dB, with a stopband response at the lower edge of the filter of around -100dB. So it can now be seen that this filter attenuates by nearly 80dB at stopband frequencies, to the limit of the measurement capability without amplification.



# Loopbacks for Example 6

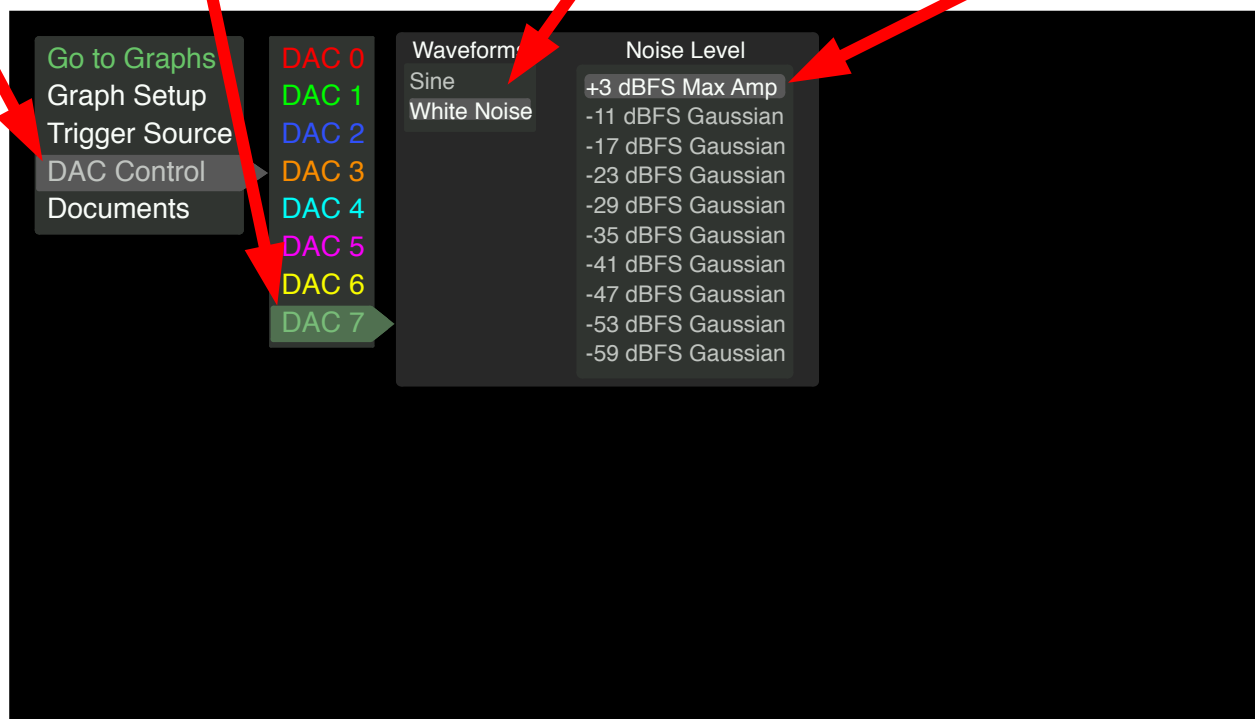


# Example 6, Step 1

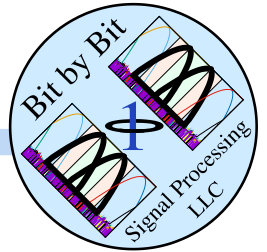


This example shows how to measure ADC balance. After setting up the cables as shown in the last slide, the first step is to set up white noise on **DAC 7**. Go to the main menu by clicking in the upper left corner, then make these selections:

1. "DAC Control"
2. "**DAC 7**"
3. "White Noise"
4. "+3dBFS Max Amp"



# Example 6, Step 2



The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Magnitude Graph from **ADC 0** to **ADC 1**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Delete other graphs, then select "New Graph"
3. "Band 1 Xfer Mag"
4. From "**ADC 0**"
5. To "**ADC 1**"
6. "MHz"
7. "dB"
8. "Huge". A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.

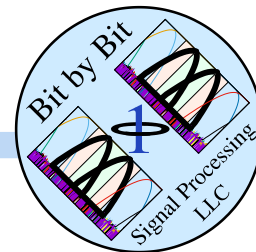
The screenshot shows the 'Graph Setup' menu with 'New Graph' selected. The 'Band 1 Xfer Mag' configuration is shown with the following settings:

Graph Type	From	To	X Units	Y Units
Time	ADC 0	ADC 0	Bins	dB
Band 1	ADC 1	ADC 1	GHz	
Band 1 Xfer Mag	ADC 4	ADC 4	MHz	
Band 1 Xfer Phase	ADC 5	ADC 5		
Band 1 Xfer Group Delay	ADC 6	ADC 6		
Band 2	ADC 7	ADC 7		
Band 2 Xfer Mag	DAC 0			
Band 2 Xfer Phase	DAC 1			
Band 2 Xfer Group Delay	DAC 2			
Impulse Response	DAC 3			
Reflections	DAC 6			
	DAC 7			

The 'Delete' button is visible at the bottom of the configuration panel.

Note: A transfer function from **ADC 0** to **ADC 1** only works because they are driven by the same source (**DAC 7**).

# Example 6, Step 3

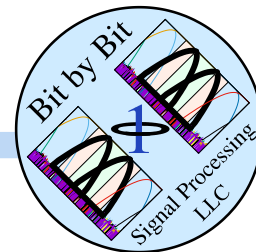


The next step is to set up a Transfer Function Phase Graph from **ADC 0** to **ADC 1**. Make these selections in numerical order:

1. "Graph Setup"
2. Select "New Graph"
3. "Band 1 Xfer Phase"
4. From "**ADC 0**"
5. To "**ADC 1**"
6. "MHz"
7. "Degrees"
8. "Huge".  
A balance between the most accurate reading and convergence time.
9. "Go to Graphs"

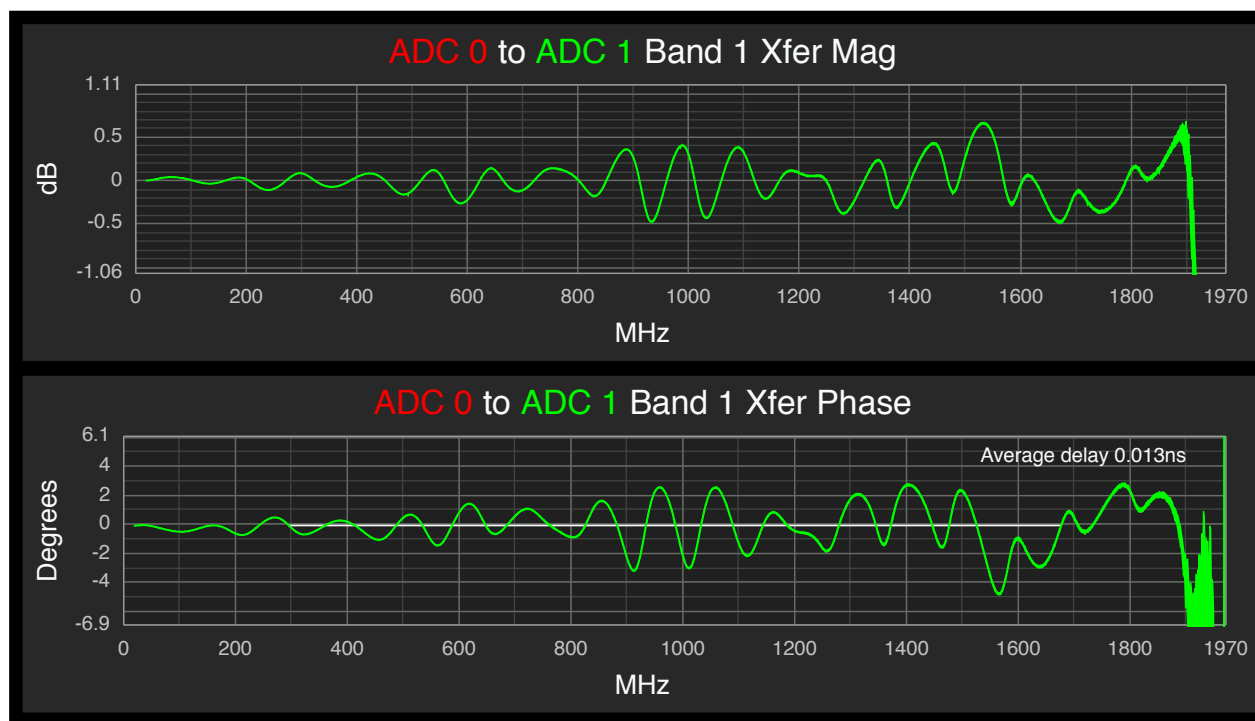
The screenshot shows a software interface for setting up a graph. On the left, a sidebar menu has "Go to Graphs" highlighted in green. In the center, a "New Graph" dialog box is open, showing a list of "Graph Type" options. "Band 1 Xfer Phase" is selected. Below this, a table for "From" and "To" ADCs is visible. "ADC 0" is selected for "From" and "ADC 1" for "To". To the right of the table, "X Units" are set to "MHz" and "Units" are set to "Degrees". Below the units, an "Averaging" section shows "Huge" selected. A "Delete" button is at the bottom of the dialog. Red arrows point from the numbered list items to the corresponding UI elements: 1 to "Go to Graphs", 2 to "New Graph", 3 to "Band 1 Xfer Phase", 4 to "ADC 0", 5 to "ADC 1", 6 to "MHz", 7 to "Degrees", 8 to "Huge", and 9 to "Go to Graphs".

# Example 6, Step 4



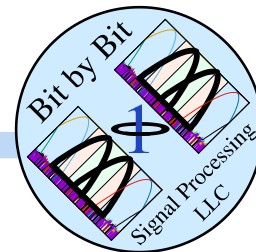
The graph shows the response of **ADC 1** relative to **ADC 0**.

Zooming in on the y-axis shows differences between channels of up to 0.7dB in magnitude, 5 degrees in phase, and 0.013nS in group delay. These differences are small but possibly significant. For example, assume **ADC 0** was at 0dBm = 1mW which corresponds to 223.6mV in a 50Ω system. Then a +0.7dB difference on **ADC 1** puts it at  $223.6 * 10^{(0.7/20)} = 242.4\text{mV}$ . The error signal has a level of  $242.4 - 223.6 = 18.8\text{mV}$ . In dBm, the error is at  $20\log_{10}(18.8\text{mV}/223.6\text{mV}) = -21.5\text{dBm}$ . Not very low at all!



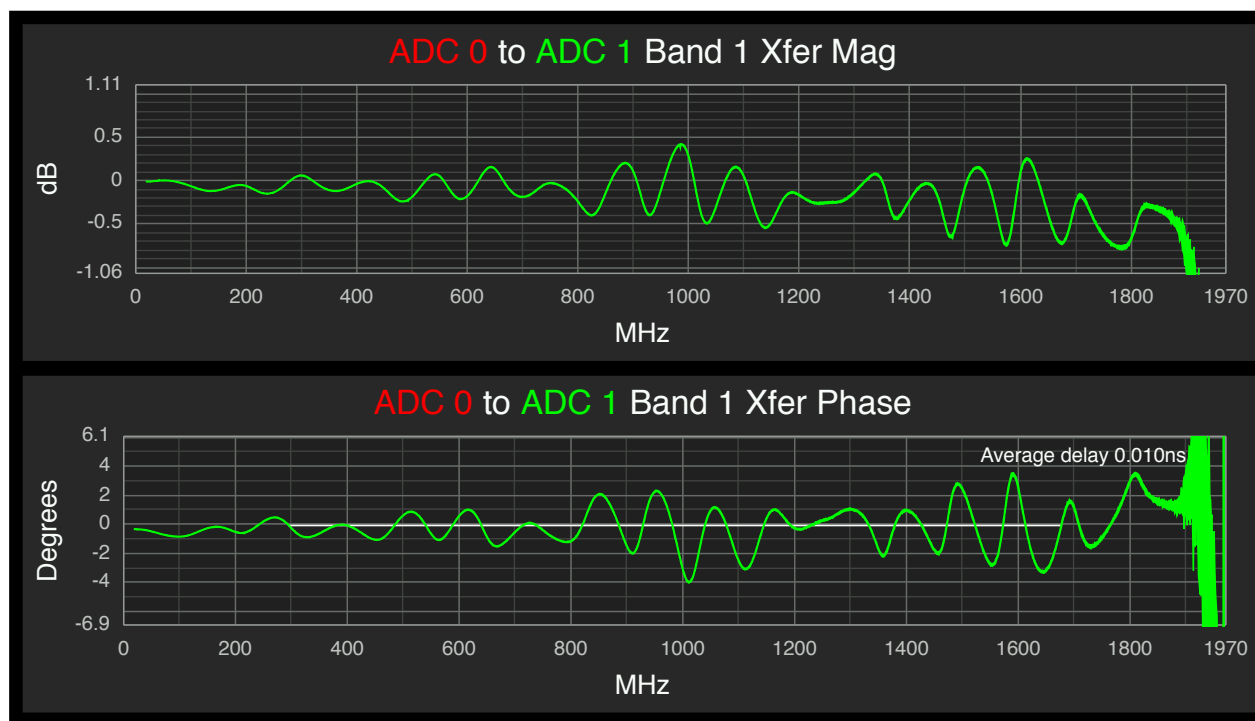
Beamforming and interleaved sampling are affected by the magnitude, phase, and group delay imbalances seen here. It's important to understand the level of imbalance to know whether the effect can be ignored for the target application or whether it must be corrected for.

# Example 6, Last Step



The graph shows the response of **ADC 1** relative to **ADC 0**, with the **ADC 1** and **ADC 0** inputs swapped from the previous graph.

The graphs with inputs swapped should be the same if all deviations are in the XM500/ZCU111 rather than in the test apparatus. Flipping back and forth with the previous slide, one can see that some things change, such as ripple amplitude. These changes are likely the effect of splitter imbalance. Other things are reasonably consistent, such as group delay and ripple peak location. These likely indicate real channel imbalances.

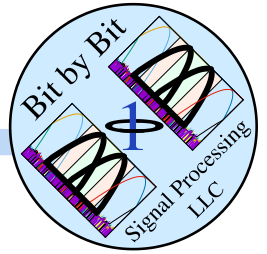


0.010nS delay between channels is reasonably consistent, and thus is unlikely to be in the splitter. It appears there is a small time delay difference in the analog chain between the two ADCs. This could also be due to slightly different sampling times.

An unequal split in the splitter degrades the usefulness of this method. However, it still gives a good indication of ADC imbalance. When the split between channels is part of what is being tested, such as a channel that is split in two to be sampled by different interleaved ADCs, then this is a great test.



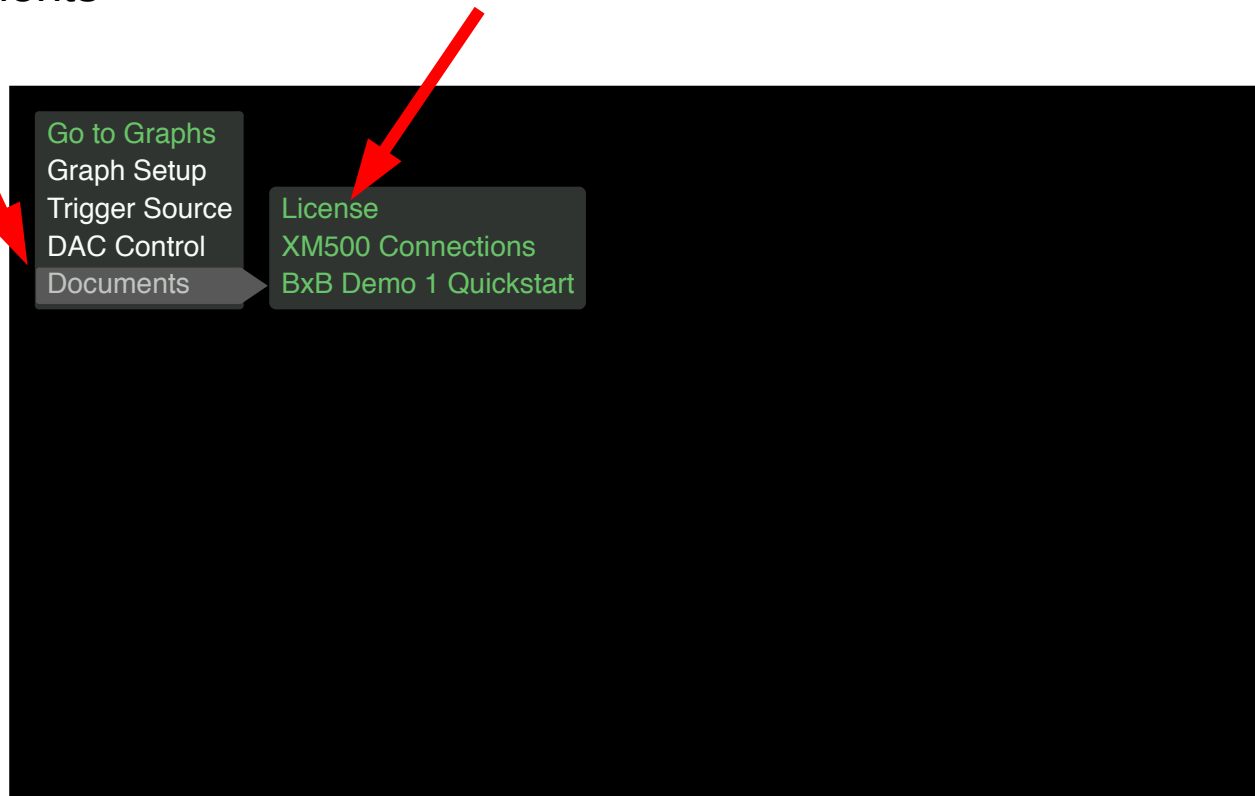
# Example 7, Step 1



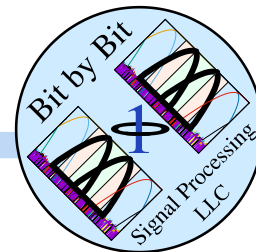
This example shows how to access the built-in documentation. Make the following selections from the main menu:

1. "Documents"

2. "License"



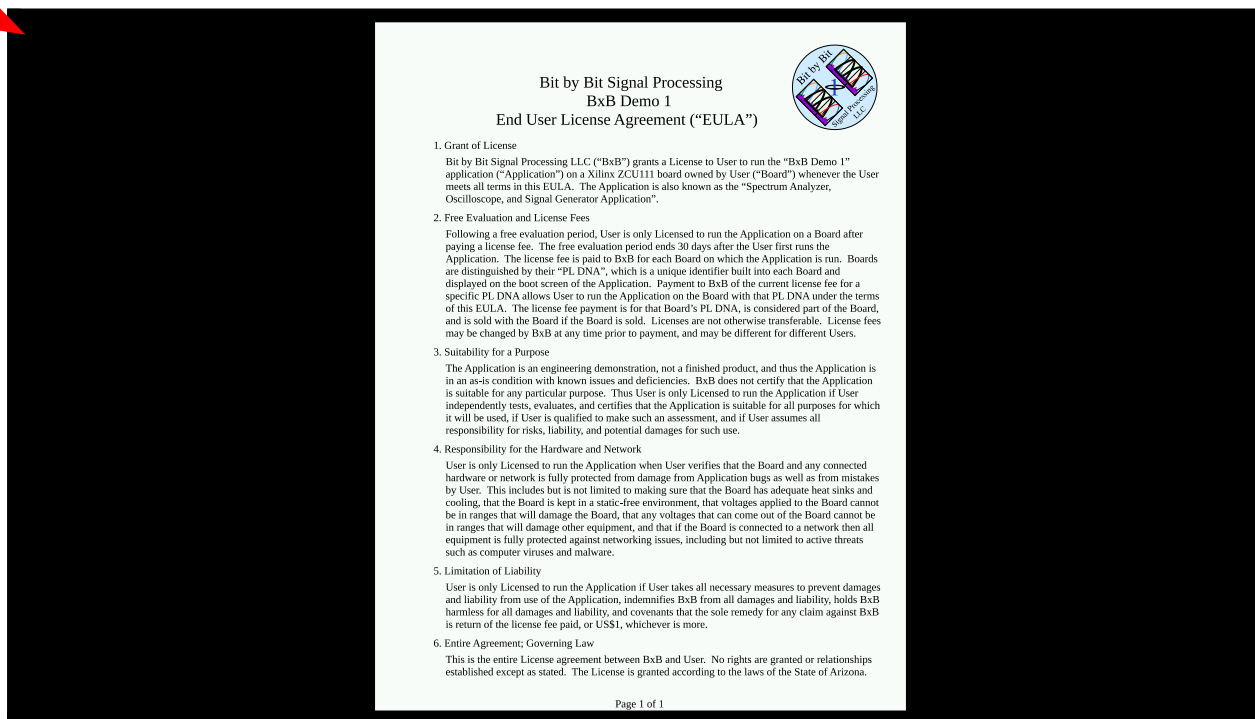
# Example 7, Step 2



You should now see a copy of the License for BxB Demo 1, presented directly on the screen from BxB Demo 1.

Click on the top left to return to the main menu.

Click/touch on the left side of the screen to go back one page.  
Click/touch on the right side of the screen to go forward one page.  
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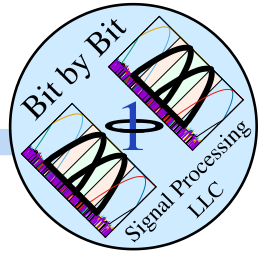


Middle mouse button or two-fingered touch: zoom/pan the same way graphs do.

Note: X and Y can't be zoomed independently: document aspect ratio is always maintained.

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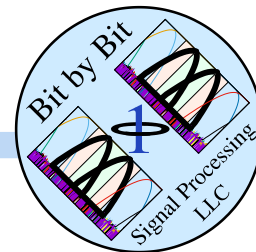
# End of Examples



- This is the end of prepared examples
- The examples showed BxB Demo 1 operation
  - How to generate signals and make measurements
- BxB Demo 1 is a useful lab instrument

No ZCU111 need ever be shelved from obsolescence!

# BxB Demo 1 Features



## Display Types and Features:

- Local DisplayPort monitor
- Remote web browser
- Connect local plus multiple web displays
- Switch between active displays
- Hotplug displays

## Input Types and Features:

- Multitouch touchscreen
- Single touch touchscreen
- Wheel/Scroll Mouse
- Connect and use multiple input devices
- Hotplug input devices

## Network Types:

- Ethernet with external router and DHCP
- WiFi sourced from BxB Demo 1 ZCU111
  - Requires Netgear WNDA4100
  - WiFi "BxB\_Demo", PW bitbybit, <http://rf>

## Functions:

- Spectrum Analyzer; 1.96608GHz BW
  - Nyquist Zone 1 or Zone 2
- Network Analyzer
  - Transfer functions, filter shapes
  - Phase and group delay
- Oscilloscope; 16  $\mu$ second time capture
- Function Generator: Sine; Random Noise
- Documentation Viewer

## Graph Features:

- Time and frequency graphs
- Multiple graphs, automatic arrangement
- Multiple signals on each graph

## Graph Selections:

- Source
- Reference (Xfer functions only)
- X Axis Units
- Y Axis Units
- Averaging mode (Spectrums only)
- Peak Hold (Spectrums only)

## Oscilloscope Triggering Selections:

- Source (or Free Run)
- Trigger Level

## Function Generator Selections:

- DAC number (all 8 work simultaneously)
- Enable/Disable
- Constant Frequency / Sweep
- BPSK Modulation / None
- Amplitude (in 6dB steps)
- Frequency (two for sweep mode)
- Ramp Rate (sweep only)
- Modulation Rate (BPSK only)

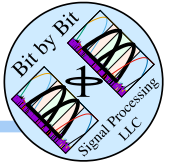
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