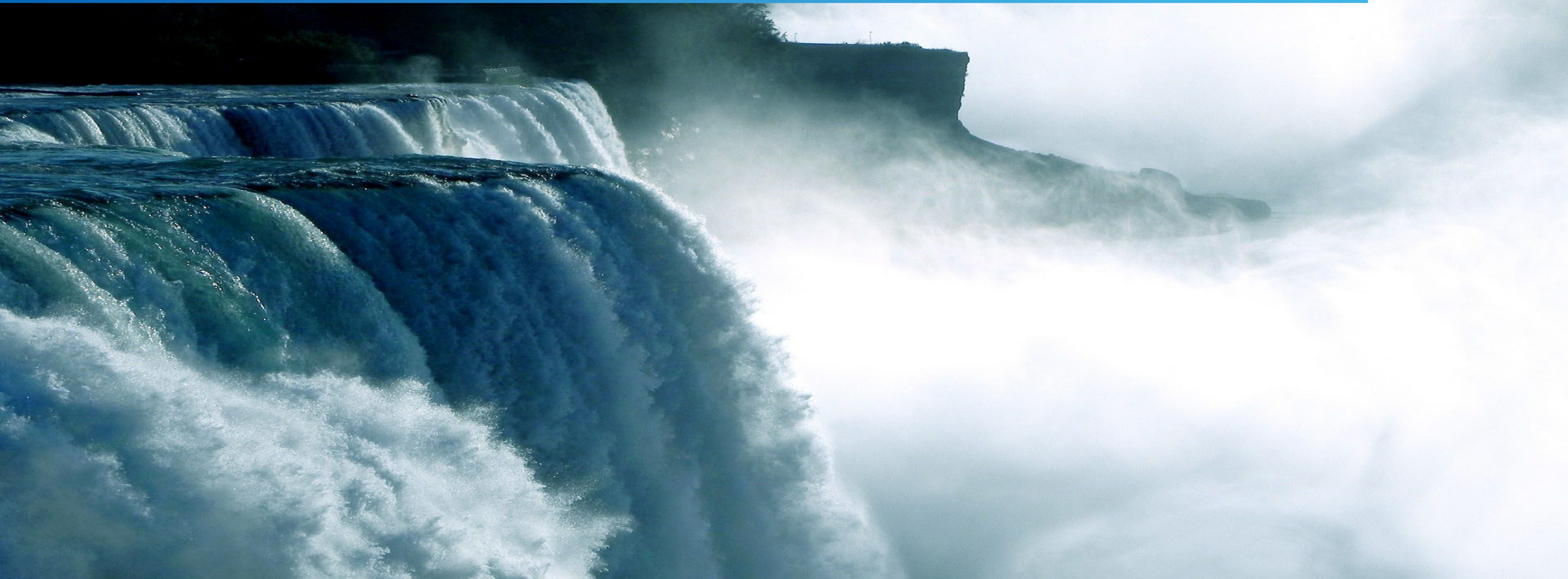




Amplifier Training

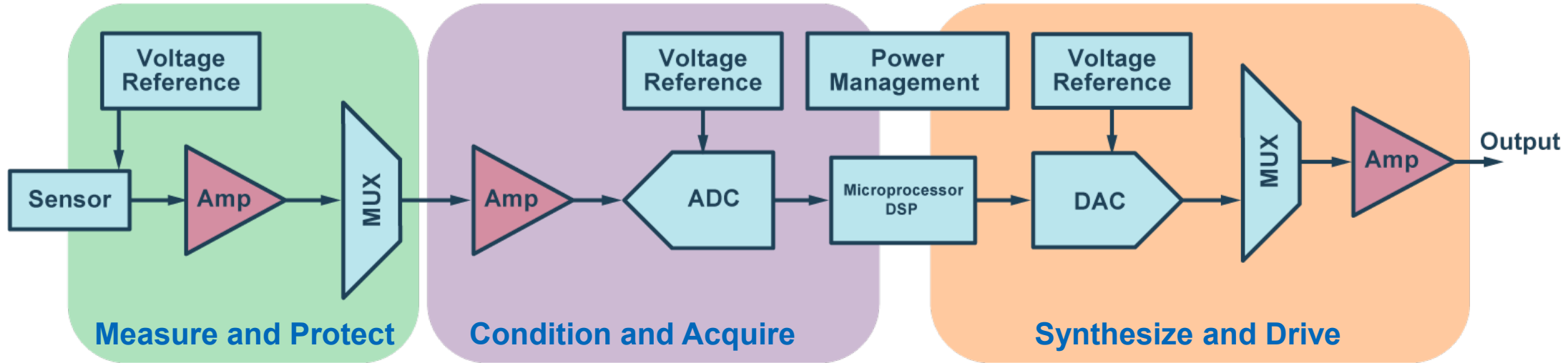
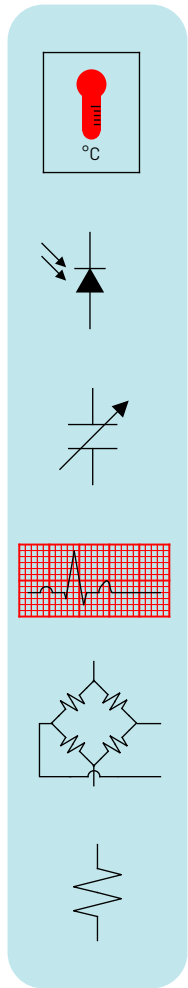
Demystifying Noise

Why We Care About Noise



It can be difficult to carry on a conversation in a noisy environment such as a bar or a restaurant or near a waterfall
Similarly, it can be difficult to measure small signals in the presence of noise

Low Noise Enables Precision Signal Chains



- ▶ Low I_B Op-Amps
- ▶ PGTIAs
- ▶ Zero-Drift Op-Amps
- ▶ Current Sense
- ▶ TIA/High Speed Amps

- ▶ High Speed Amps
- ▶ High efficiency Amps
- ▶ Amps for ADC driving
- ▶ Active filters

- ▶ DAC Output buffering
- ▶ High Voltage
- ▶ High Output current
- ▶ High Capacitive Load drive

Achieving low noise in analog circuits increases the information that is obtained from the sensor

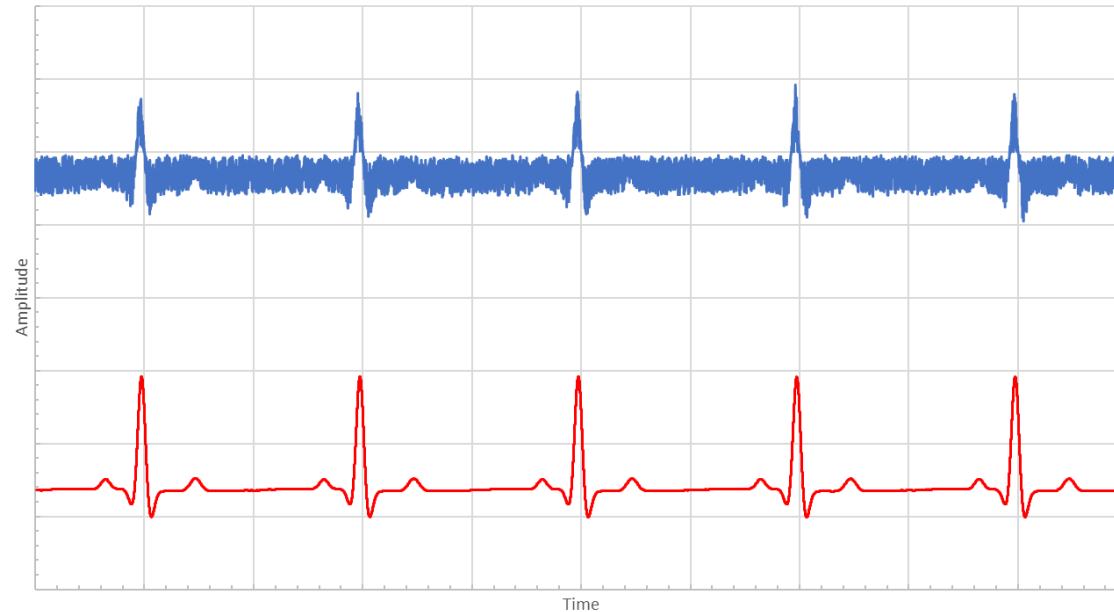
It is therefore important to understand:

What are the different types of noise?

Where does noise come from?

How do we predict and analyze noise?

Noisy signal



Low noise signal



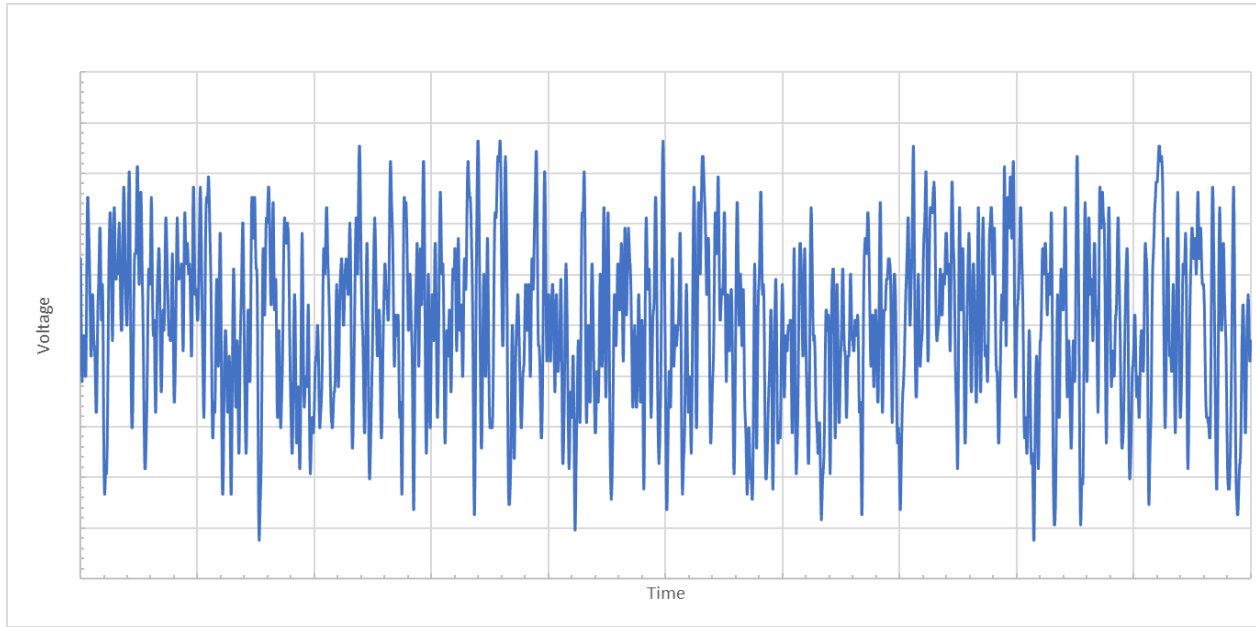
Terms and Definitions

- ▶ **RTO** – Acronym meaning Referred to Output
- ▶ **RTI** – Acronym meaning Referred to Input
- ▶ **Noise Power Spectral Density** – Expressed in (W/Hz) is the square of either voltage noise spectral density or current noise spectral density
- ▶ **Voltage Noise Spectral Density** – Voltage noise spectral density is a measurement of noise voltage per square-root hertz often expressed with units of $nV_{RMS}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- ▶ **Current Noise Spectral Density** – Current noise spectral density is a measurement of noise current per square-root hertz often expressed with units of $fA_{RMS}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- ▶ **Integrated Noise** – Also sometimes called total noise, can be thought of as the amount of “fuzz” you would see on a perfect, noiseless oscilloscope over a given measurement bandwidth. Integrated noise can be expressed in units RMS or peak-to-peak. It is called “integrated noise” as it is the area under the noise power spectral density curve when integrated over the frequency range of interest
- ▶ **Noise Bandwidth** – Is different than the signal bandwidth and is a concept used to relate the area under the noise power spectral density curve as a function of the steepness of the roll-off at high frequency

- ▶ **Noise Gain** – Can be different than the signal gain. Noise Gain throughout this presentation refers to the gain from the opamps equivalent input noise voltage source. The gain will be the same gain as for the non-inverting opamp configuration, i.e. $1+Z_F/Z_G$
- ▶ **Equivalent Input Noise Voltage** – a voltage source with units of $V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ placed in series with $IN+$ terminal. This equivalent voltage source represents all of the noise sources internal to the opamp reflected to the input
- ▶ **Equivalent Input Noise Current** – a current source with units of $A/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ placed at each input terminal of an opamp and ground. This equivalent current source represents the noise associated with the input bias current and leakage current of an amplifiers input stage
- ▶ **NSD** – Acronym meaning Noise Spectral Density. Describes the noise parameter as a function of frequency



Noise in the Time Domain



Noise is often times viewed in the time domain, with time plotted on the X-axis and voltage plotted on the Y-axis

You can think of noise in the time domain as an infinite summation of sine waves at different frequencies

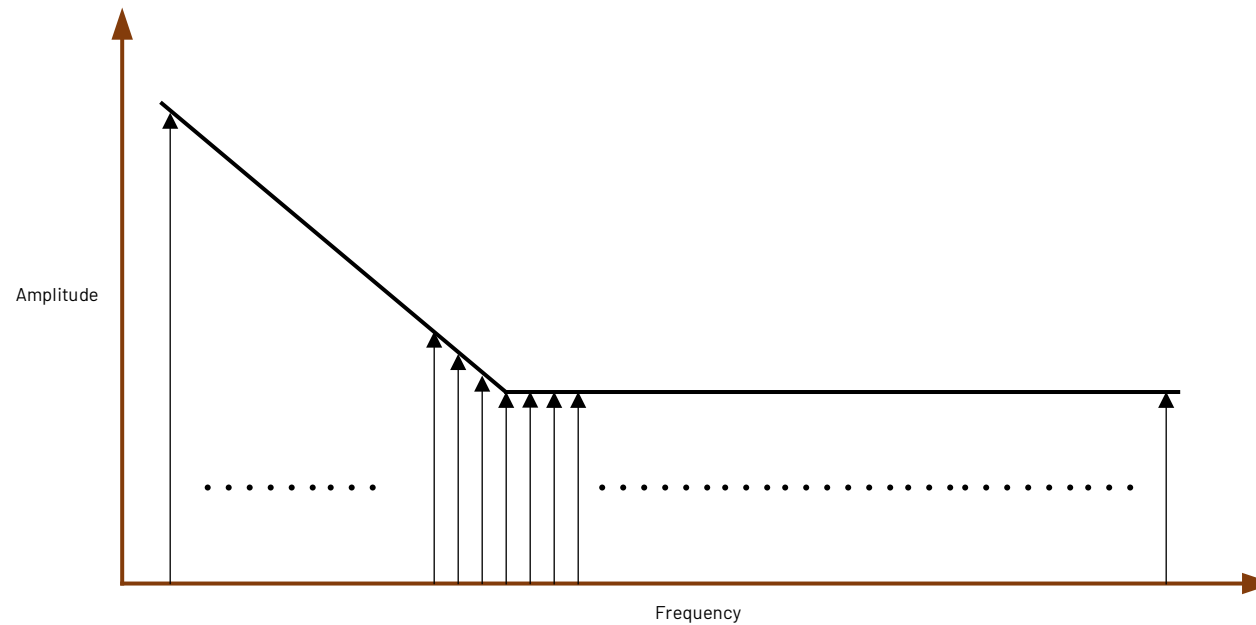
Specifically, for an opamp you can think of the equivalent voltage noise of an opamp as representing the input offset voltage changing in time

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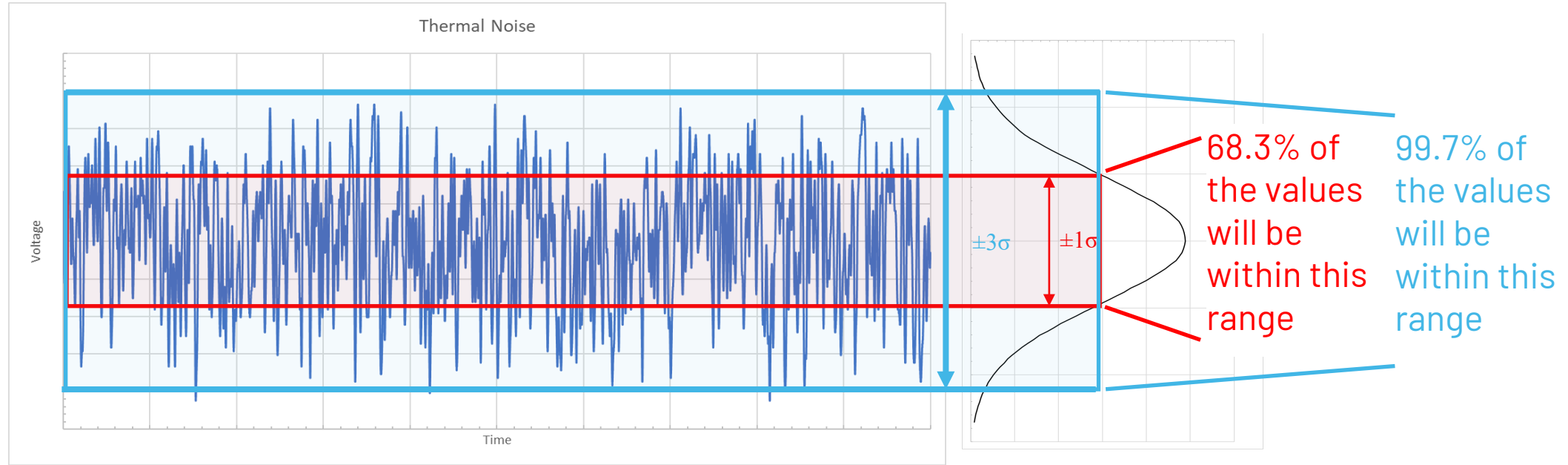
Noise in the Frequency Domain

Noise in the frequency domain can be thought of as an infinite number of impulses across the frequency spectrum



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Random Nature of Noise



Number of Standard Deviations	Chance of Measuring Voltage (%)
2 <i>sigma</i> (+/-1 <i>sigma</i>)	68.3
3 <i>sigma</i> (+/-1.5 <i>sigma</i>)	86.6
4 <i>sigma</i> (+/-2 <i>sigma</i>)	95.4
5 <i>sigma</i> (+/-2.5 <i>sigma</i>)	98.8
6 <i>sigma</i> (+/-3 <i>sigma</i>)	99.7
6.6 <i>sigma</i> (+/-3.31 <i>sigma</i>)	99.9

Noise is random in nature and generally has a Gaussian distribution. Statistical methods are used to analyze and combine noise signals

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Because noise has a Gaussian distribution you can estimate the relationship between RMS and Peak-to-Peak values as:

$$V_{PP} = 6 \times V_{RMS} \text{ for } 99.7\% \text{ of the population (use } 6.6 \text{ for } 99.9\%)$$

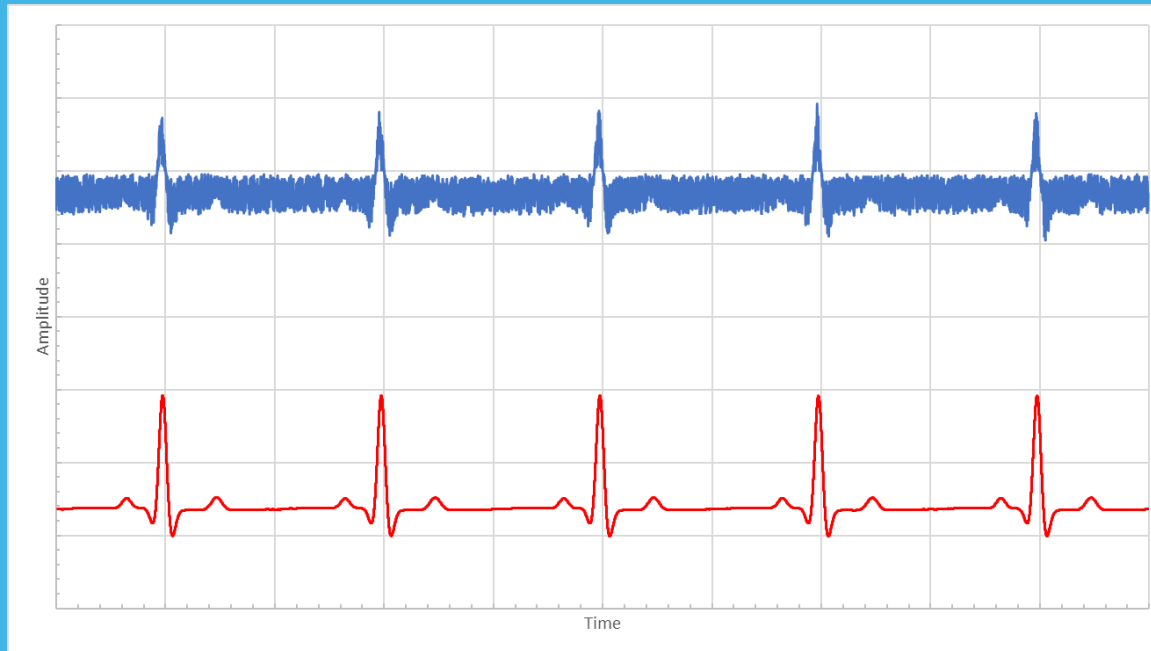
Because noise sources are uncorrelated, they are combined (added) as the square-root of the sum of the squares:

$$V_{n_{total}} = \sqrt{(V_{n_1})^2 + (V_{n_2})^2 \dots + (V_{n_n})^2}$$

Types of Noise

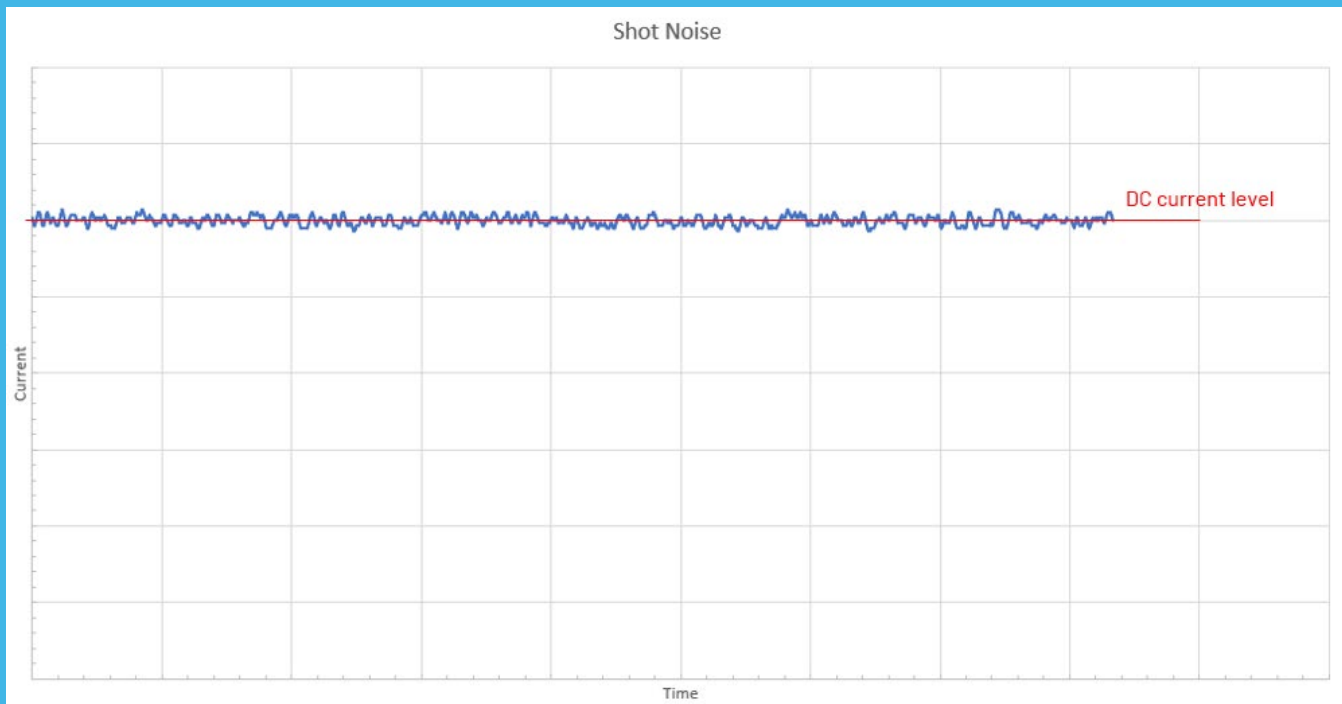
Types of Noise

- ▶ **Shot Noise** – Associated with DC current flow in PN junctions (Diodes, bipolar transistors)
- ▶ **Thermal Noise** – Associated with the random motion of thermally excited electrons in a conductor
- ▶ **1/f Noise** – Associated with DC current flow and related to traps and imperfections in silicon devices
- ▶ **Popcorn Noise** – A low-frequency noise, generally associated with ionic contamination, silicon defects, etc



Shot Noise

- ▶ DC Current flow through PN junctions will occur as individual carriers with charge q
- ▶ The electrons will transition across the PN junction randomly in time and in the aggregate will result in an average DC current
- ▶ If examined closely on a sensitive oscilloscope a DC current will look like a bunch of random current pulses and is modelled as a current source

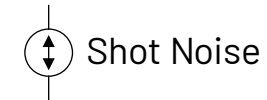


$$I_{SHOT} = \sqrt{2qI_{DC}\Delta f}$$

q = electronic charge, 1.602×10^{-19} Coulombs

I_{DC} = DC current in amps

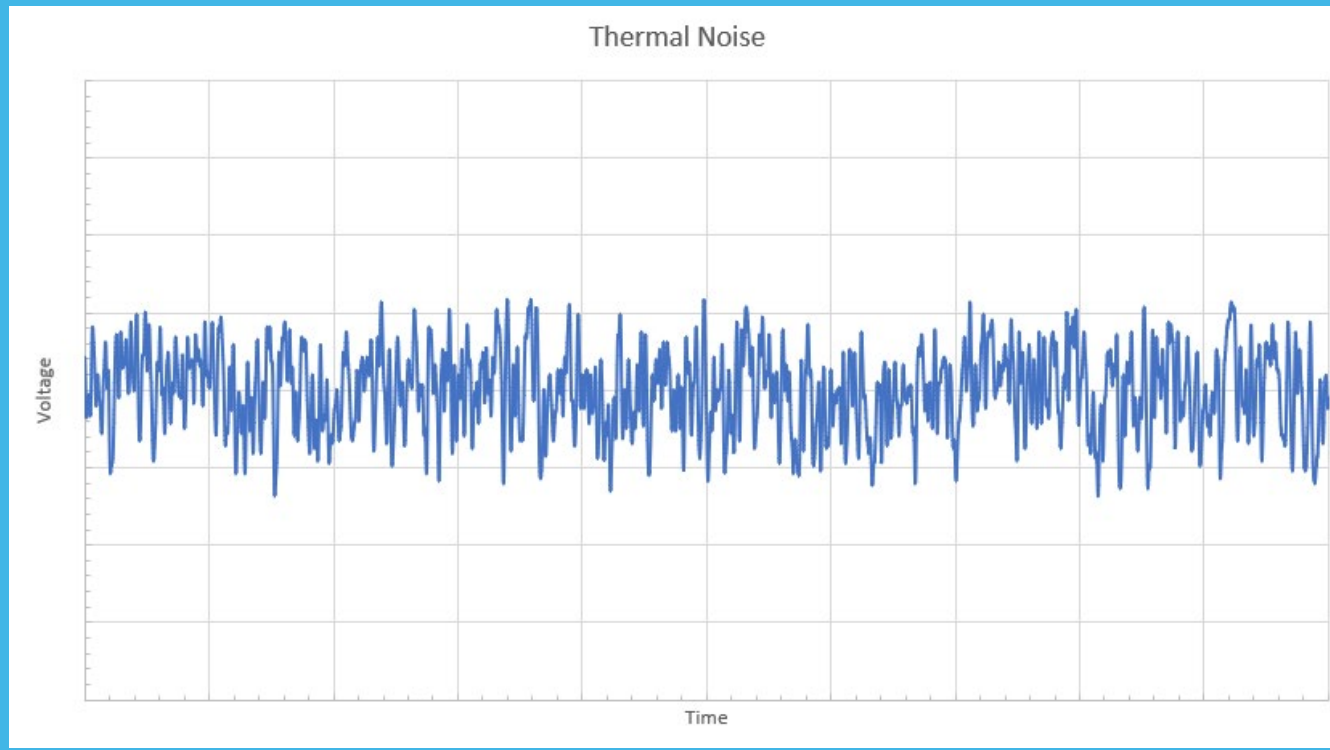
Δf = Noise bandwidth in Hertz



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- ▶ Thermal noise in conductors is due to the random thermal motion of the electrons
- ▶ Thermal noise is directly proportional to temperature
- ▶ In a resistor, thermal noise can be represented by either a voltage source in series with the resistor or as a current source in parallel with the resistor



$$V_N = \sqrt{4kTR\Delta f}$$

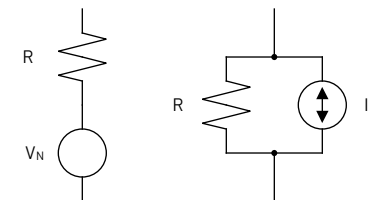
$$I_N = \sqrt{4kT \frac{1}{R} \Delta f} = \frac{V_N}{R}$$

k = Boltzmann's constant, $1.38 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{W}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{K}}$

T = Temperature °K

R = Resistance Ω

Δf = Noise bandwidth in Hertz

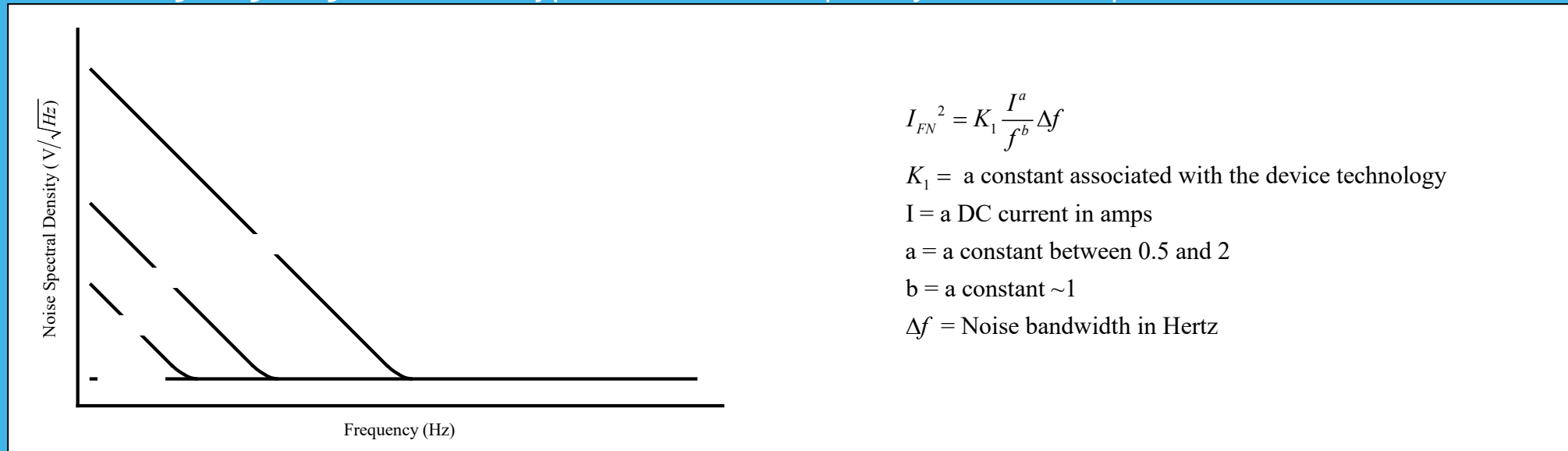


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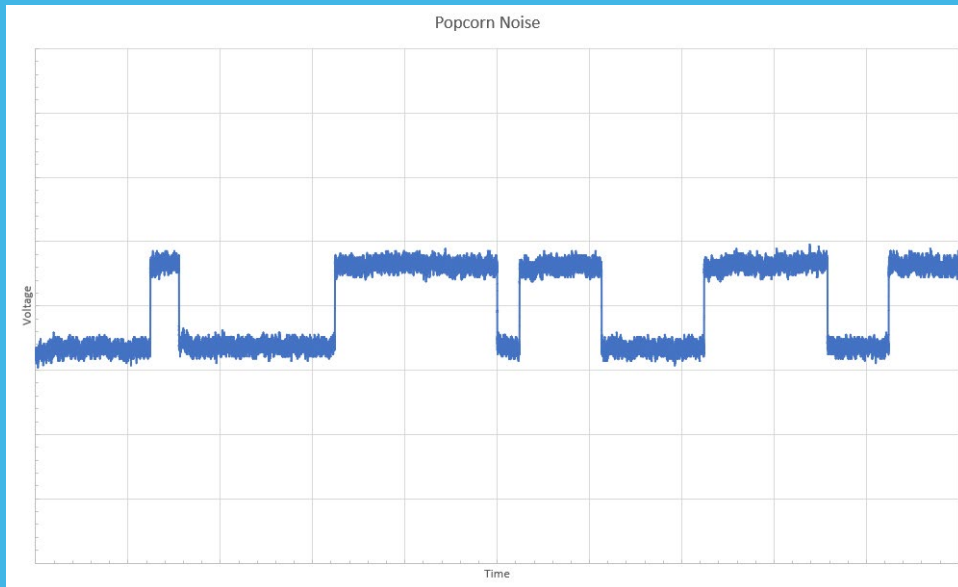
- ▶ Also known as flicker noise, 1/f noise is associated with both active and passives devices and is associated with DC current flow
- ▶ In bipolar transistors, flicker noise is associated with traps caused by crystalline defects in the emitter-base depletion layer
- ▶ In CMOS devices, defects in the gate oxide or channel surface are the primary source of flicker noise
- ▶ Time constants associated with the traps and defects vary across the spectrum of process technologies giving rise to the typical NSD vs Frequency relationships shown below



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- ▶ Also known as burst noise or random telegraph noise
- ▶ Popcorn noise inherits its name from the fact that the frequency of the noise is often times in the audible spectrum and if listened through headphones can sound like corn popping
- ▶ The noise levels will take on two (or more) discrete levels
- ▶ In bipolar technologies, popcorn noise can be thought of as a sudden change in the h_{fe} (β) of a bipolar transistor



$$I_{BURST}^2 = K_2 \frac{I^C}{1 + \left(\frac{f}{f_c}\right)^2} \Delta f$$

K_2 = a constant for a particular device technology

I = a DC current in amps

C = a constant in the range of 0.5 to 2

f_c = a particular frequency for a given noise process

Δf = noise bandwidth in Hertz

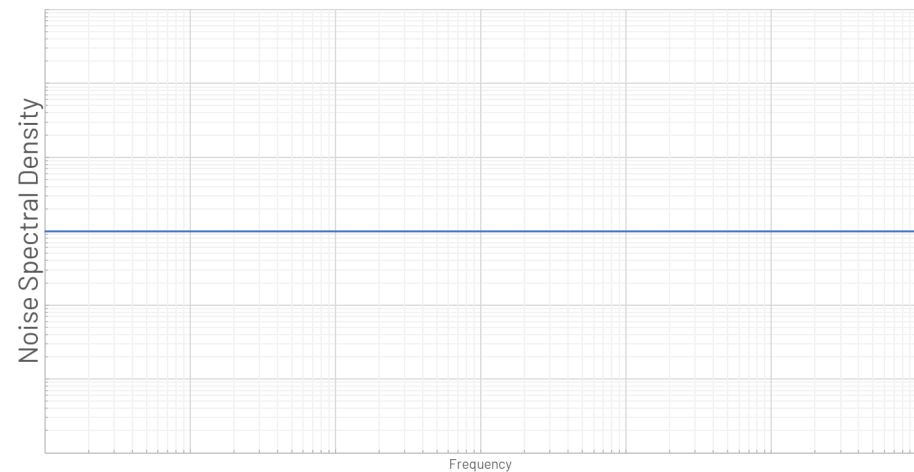
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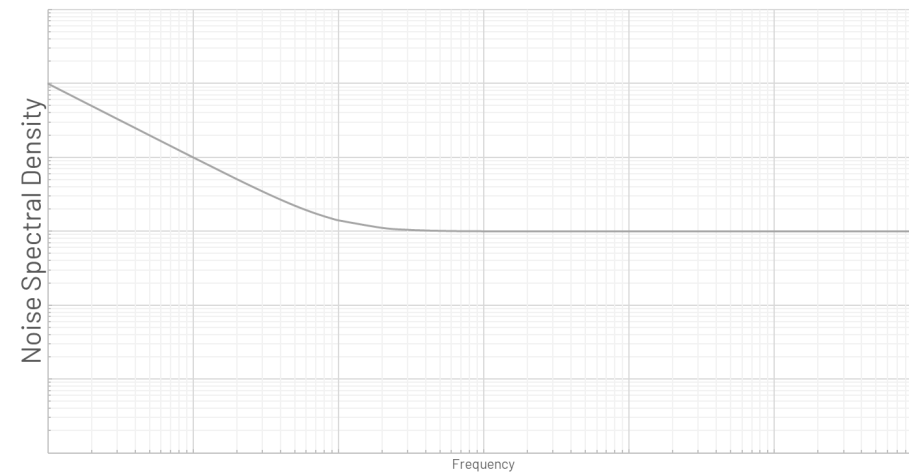


Spectral Content of Various Types of Noise

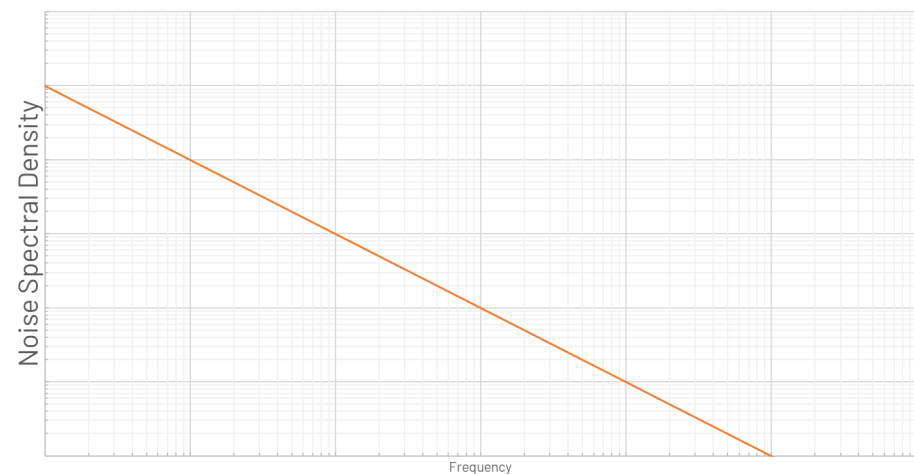
Shot and Thermal



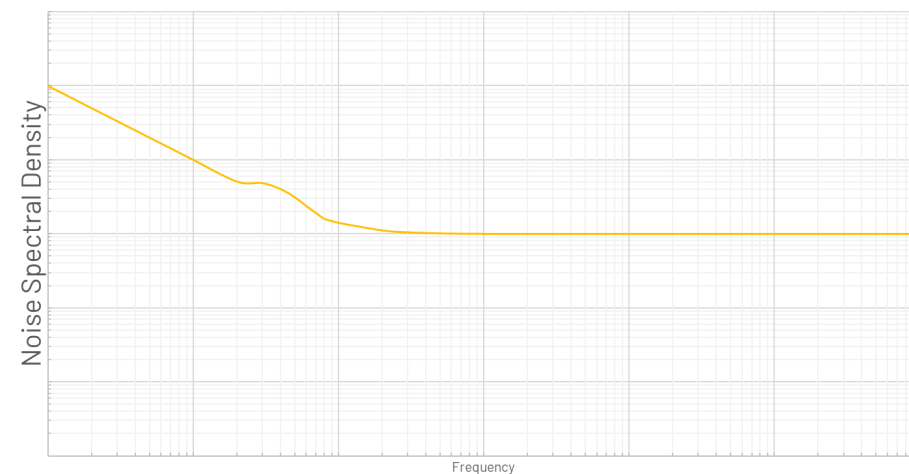
Typical Opamp



$1/f$



Typical Opamp with Popcorn



Noise in Resistors

Modeling Thermal Noise in Resistors

The noise power in a conductor is given by:

$$N_t = kT\Delta f$$

Where:

$$k = \text{Boltzmann's constant, } 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \frac{\text{W}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{K}}$$

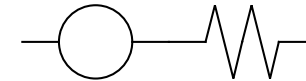
T = Temperature °K

Δf = Noise bandwidth in Hertz

The noise voltage of a resistor is modelled as:

$$V_n = \sqrt{4kTR\Delta f}$$

V_N



Equivalent
noise voltage
generator

Noiseless
resistor

Rule of Thumb

A 1kΩ resistor has a noise voltage of 4nV/√Hz, you can use this simple Rule of Thumb to determine the noise for any other resistor with the following equation:

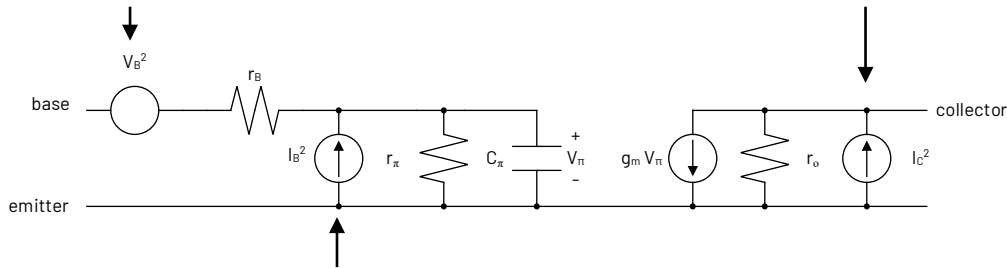
$$V_{n_{R_2}} = 4 \text{ nV} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{\frac{R_2}{1\text{k}}} \longrightarrow \text{Example: a 100k resistor has a noise density of } 40 \text{ nV} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Noise in Transistors



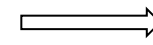
Modeling Noise in Bipolar Transistors

Thermal noise in base resistance

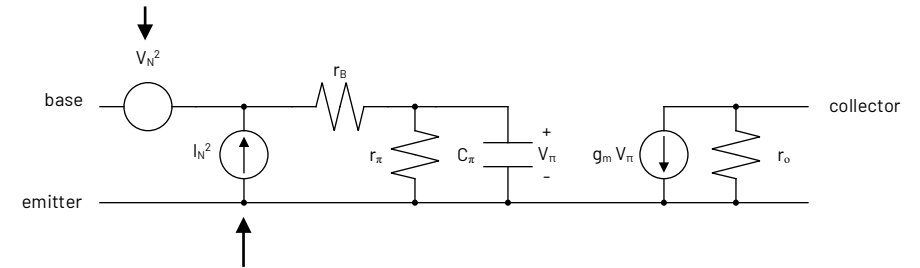


Shot noise +1/f noise in base current

Shot noise in collector current



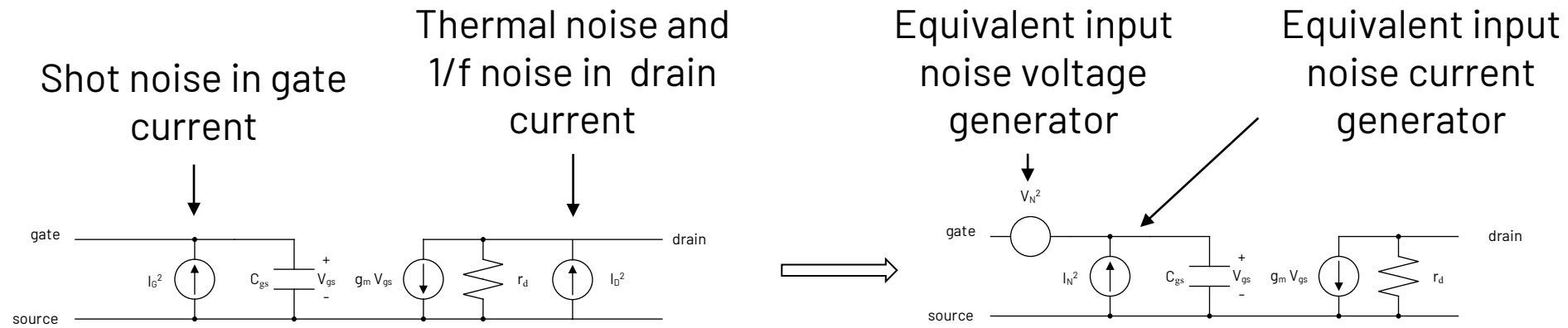
Equivalent input noise voltage generator



Equivalent input noise current generator



Modeling Noise in JFET and CMOS Transistors



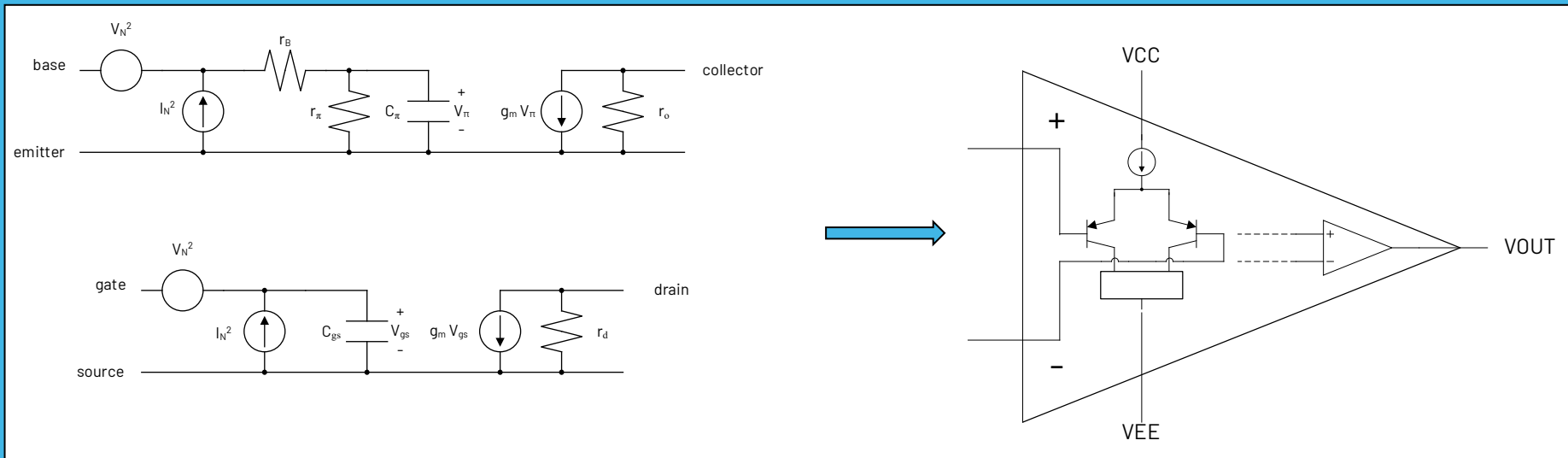
- ▶ Noise, if not mitigated can mask out small details in analog signals
- ▶ Noise is random in nature, having a Gaussian distribution
- ▶ You can think of noise as the input offset voltage of an opamp changing in time (similar for input bias current)
- ▶ There are common types of noise in every opamp circuit
 - Thermal noise from resistors, JFETS and CMOS devices
 - Shot noise from bipolar transistors and input leakage currents
 - Flicker noise from bipolar, JFET and CMOS transistors
 - Popcorn noise is generally eliminated for amplifiers and rarely needs to be considered
- ▶ The lowest noise amplifiers have historically been Bipolar, followed by JFET then CMOS. This is particularly true for the low frequency region dominated by $1/f$ noise
- ▶ Zero-Drift amplifiers are built on CMOS technologies and eliminate $1/f$ noise and as such only the broadband noise spectral density needs to be considered in any noise analysis
- ▶ Ultimately overall system noise performance can be limited by the $1/f$ noise in very low frequency systems

Noise in Amplifiers

Sources of Noise in Operational Amplifiers

- ▶ Operational amplifiers are made from transistors, resistors and capacitors
- ▶ Transistors will be either bipolar, JFET or CMOS
- ▶ Each of these noise sources can be represented by a noiseless element with its corresponding noise sources (voltage and/or current) placed at the input
- ▶ It stands to reason then an amplifier will likewise consist of many internal noise sources than can be modelled as voltage and current sources at the amplifier inputs
- ▶ In an opamp the dominant sources of noise are found in the input stage

Bipolar

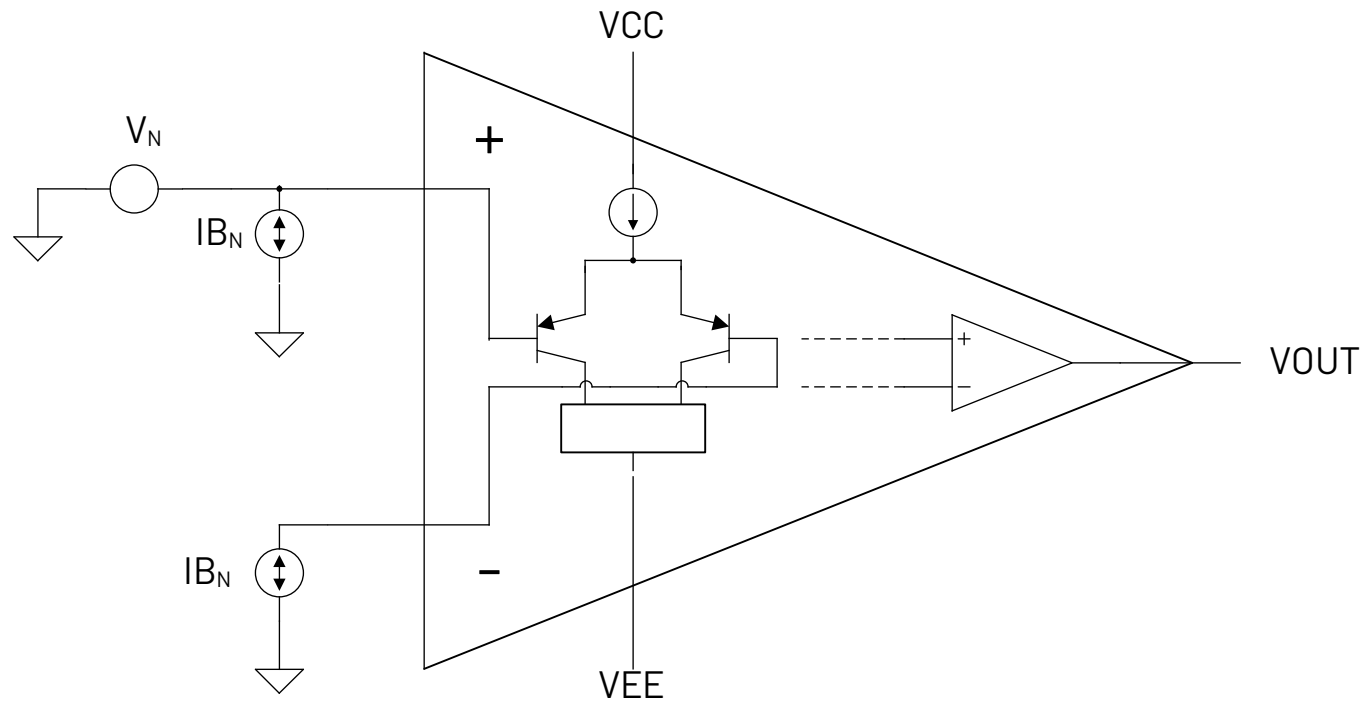


JFET

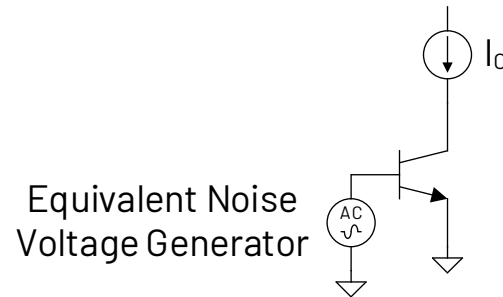
CMOS

Opamp Noise Model

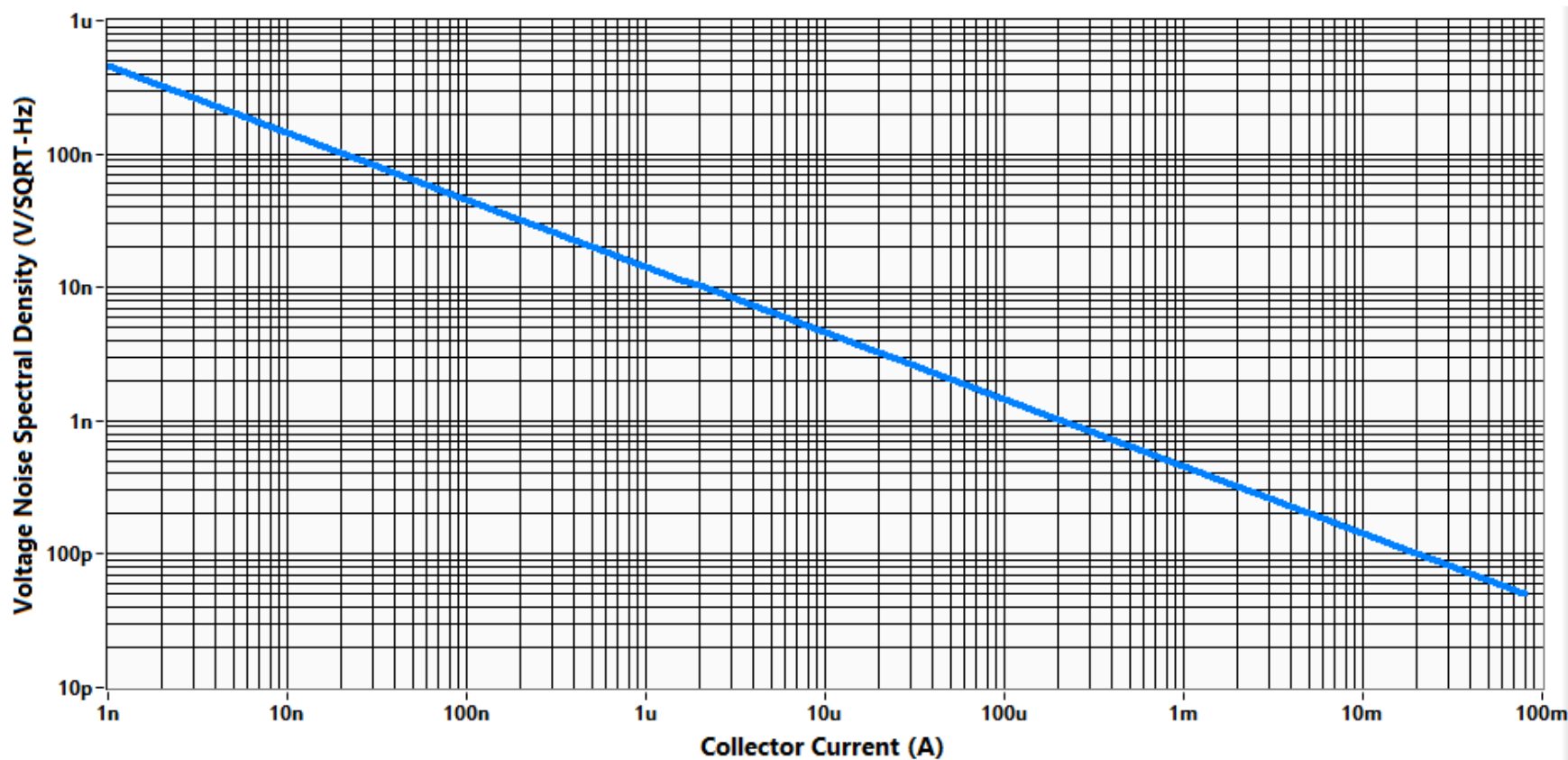
- ▶ The opamp is modelled with an equivalent noise voltage source connected in series with the non-inverting input and two equivalent current sources, one at each input



Noise Reduces with Increased Power Consumption



Voltage Noise Spectral Density vs Collector Current for an Ideal Bipolar Transistor

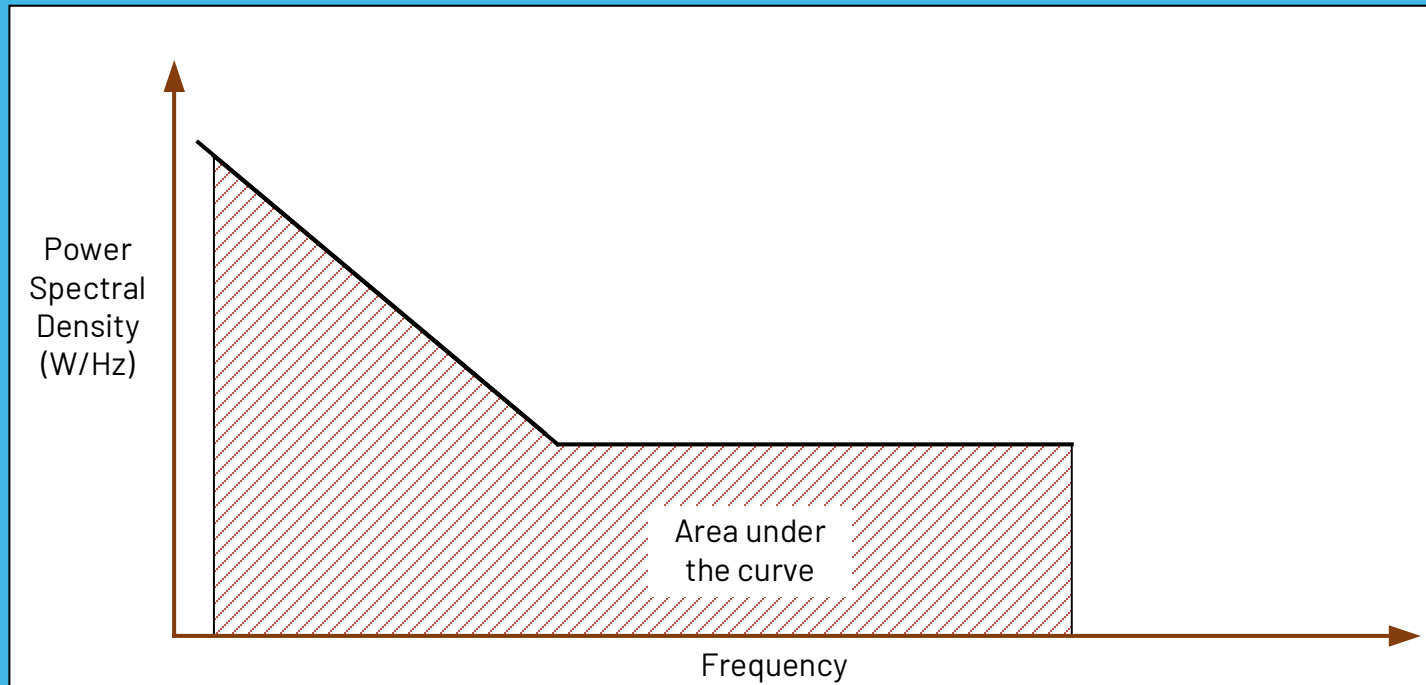


Integrated Noise



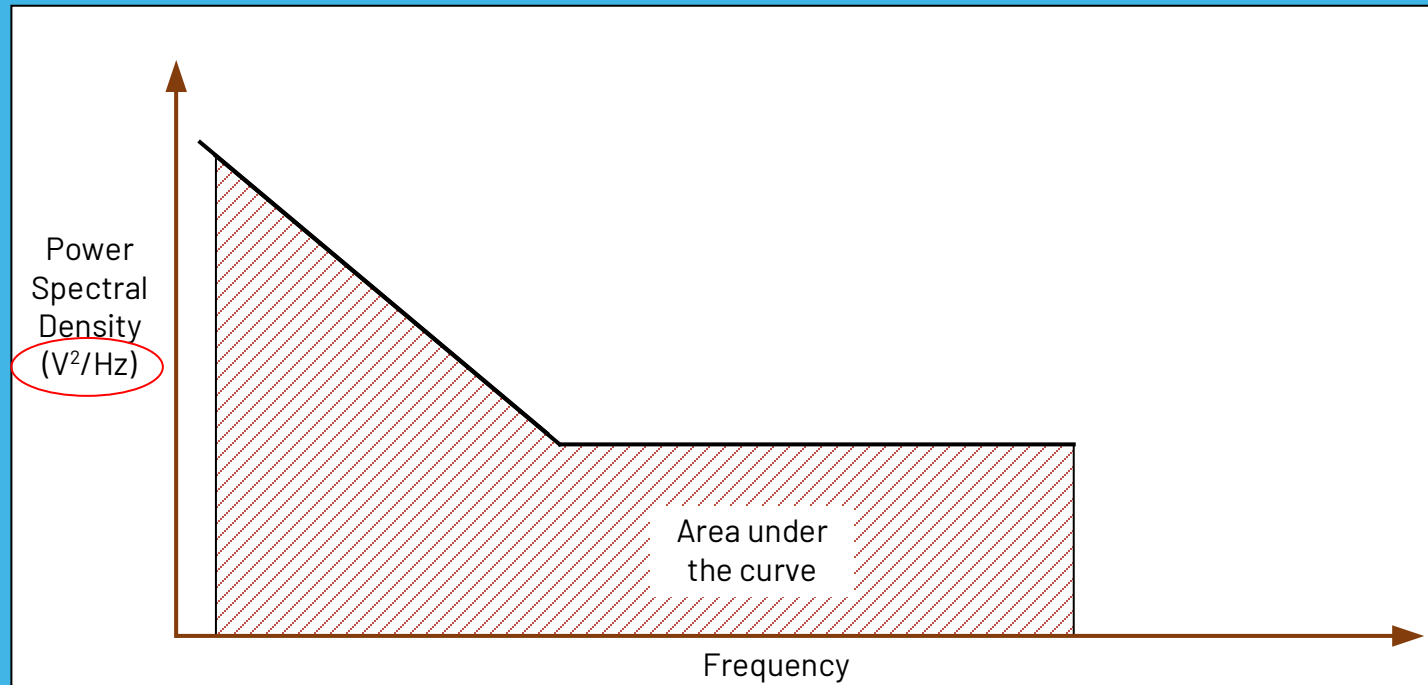
Integrated Noise

- ▶ Integrating the Noise Power Spectral Density curve over frequency will result in the total RMS noise power of a signal
- ▶ This is equivalent to the area under the noise power spectral density curve over the frequency range of interest...wider bandwidth results in more area under the curve which in turn results in more noise



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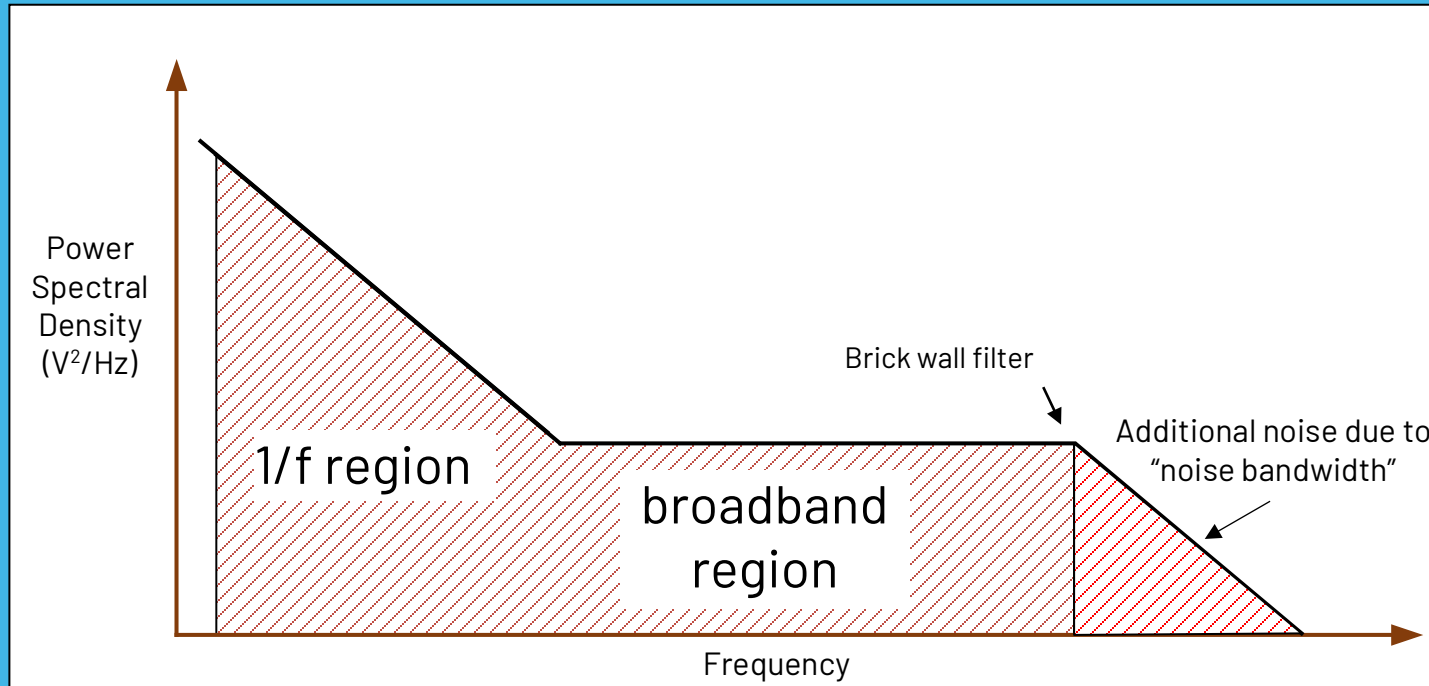
- ▶ Opamp manufacturers do not provide Noise Power Spectral Density curves, they provide Voltage Noise and Current Noise Spectral Density Curves...so now what?
- ▶ The correct way is to convert from voltage or current to power (V^2 or I^2) and perform the integration



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All Systems Have Finite Bandwidth

- ▶ Circuit bandwidths in practice do not extend to infinity and we do not have “brick wall filters”
- ▶ Consider the most common band limiting filter, a first-order low-pass filter



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- ▶ The concept of “noise bandwidth” accounts for the additional area under the noise power spectral density curve
- ▶ The steeper the filter, the closer to an ideal “brick wall filter” a system will behave
- ▶ Conveniently if the order of the LPF is known, a scaling factor can be used to relate the small-signal bandwidth and noise bandwidth of the system

$$\text{noise bandwidth} = \text{small signal bandwidth} \times \text{noise bandwidth ratio}$$

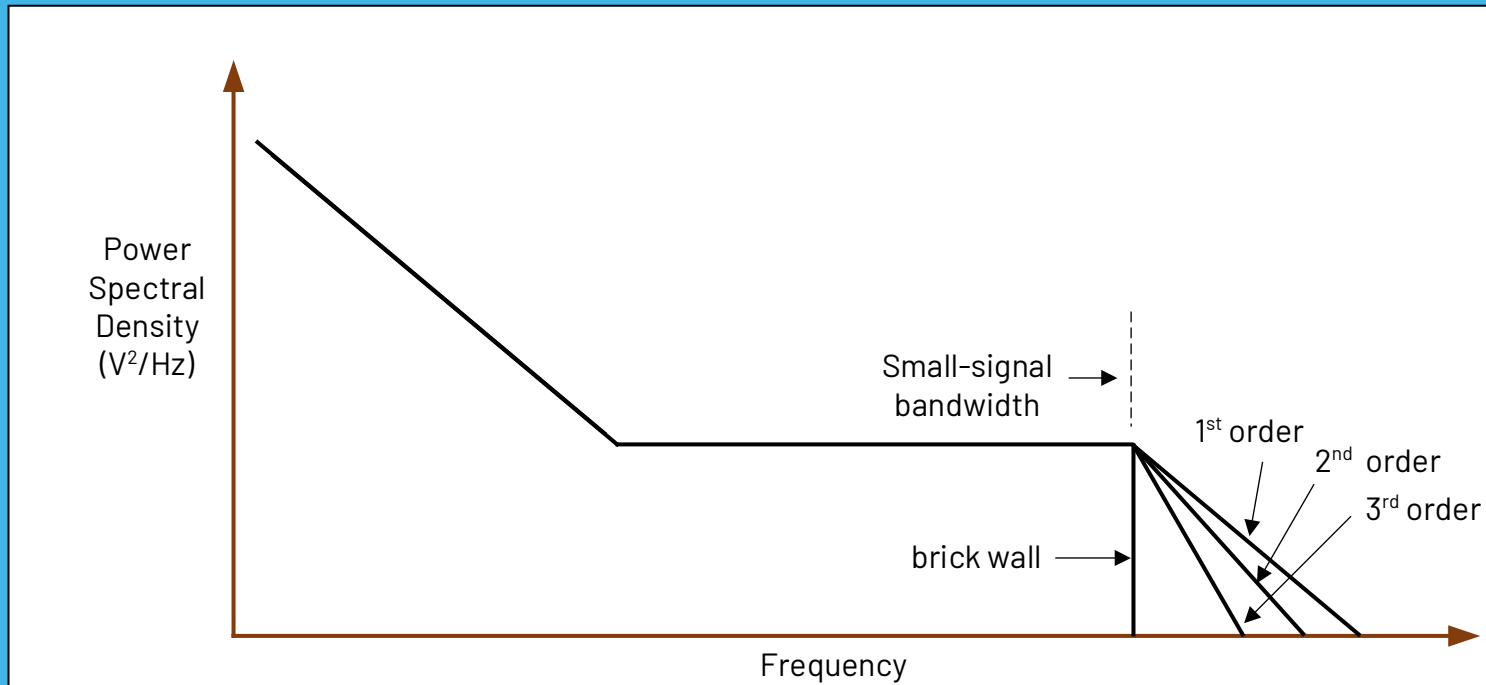
Number of Poles in Filter	Noise Bandwidth Ratio
1	1.57
2	1.22
3	1.16
4	1.13
5	1.12

Table 1

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Noise Bandwidth and Filter Order

- ▶ The steeper the filter (higher filter order) the less area under the curve resulting in lower total noise

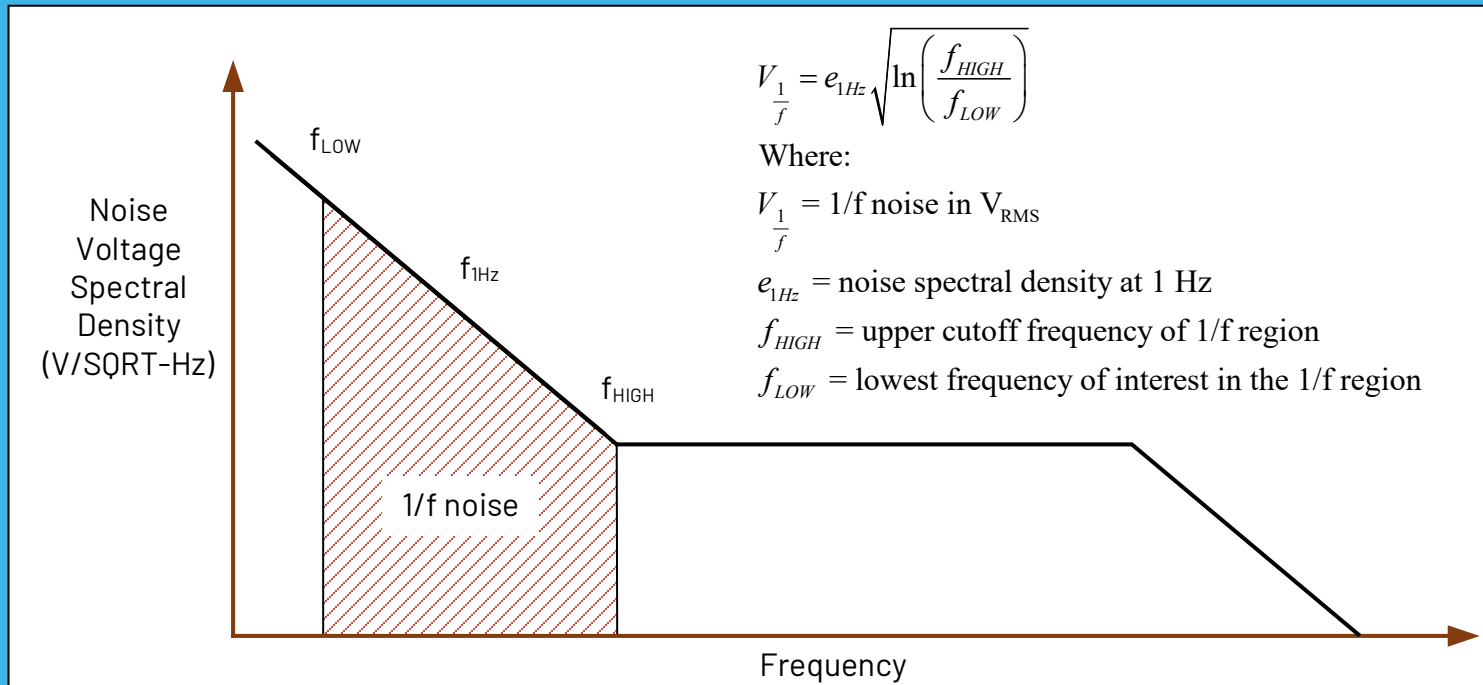


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Calculate the 1/f Noise Voltage in V_{RMS}

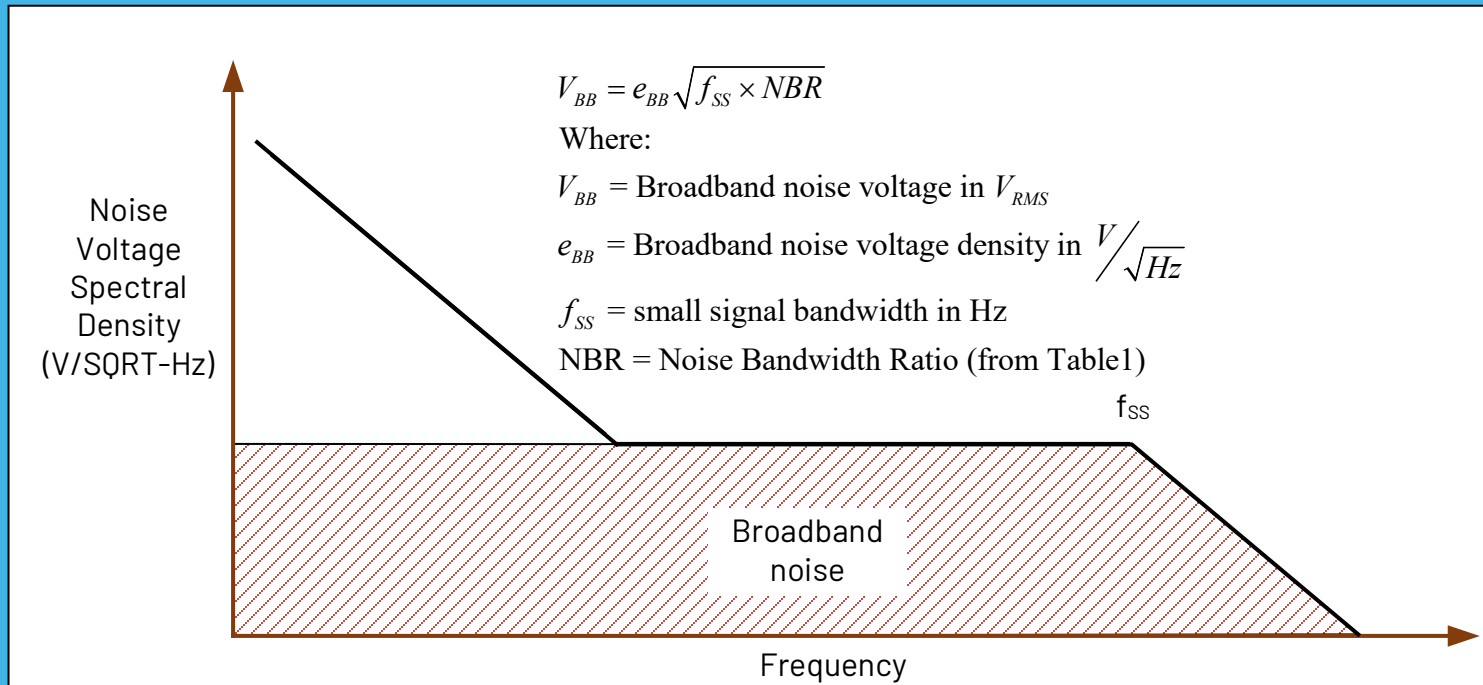
- ▶ The Voltage Noise Spectral Density is given in the opamp data sheet
- ▶ Calculate the total RMS noise in the 1/f region as:



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Calculate the Broadband Noise Voltage in V_{RMS}

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- ▶ Calculate the total RMS noise in the broadband region as:

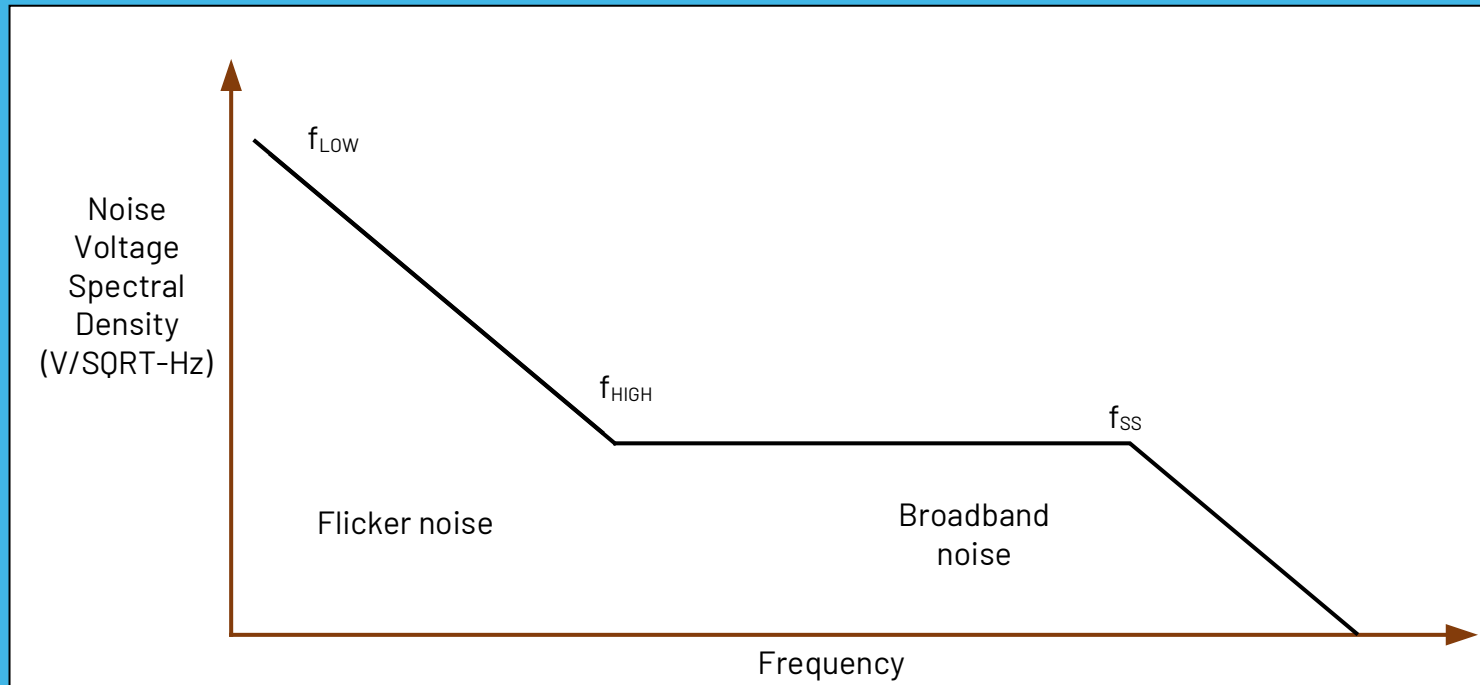


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Computing the Total Noise

- ▶ To compute the total RMS noise in a system, add the 1/f noise to the broadband noise:

$$V_{n_{total}} = \sqrt{(V_{1/f})^2 + (V_{BB})^2}$$



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- ▶ Amplifiers are made from transistors, resistors and capacitors
- ▶ Amplifiers have their internal noise sources represented by equivalent voltage noise and current noise generators placed at their inputs to aid in noise analysis
- ▶ Amplifiers commonly have
 - 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz noise voltage expressed in μV_{PP} ,
 - Voltage NSD specified in $nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 1kHz (or sometimes 10kHz)
 - Current NSD specified in $fA/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ (JFET/CMOS, bipolar opamps may have units of $pA/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)
- ▶ Total noise in a circuit is determined by integrating the noise power over the frequency range determined by the noise bandwidth.
- ▶ Methods to estimate noise use simplified algebraic terms to estimate total noise without having to perform actual integration of complex noise spectral density plots over frequency
- ▶ 1/f noise and broadband noise can be estimated separately and combined as the square root of the sum of the squares to estimate total noise

Estimating Noise in Amplifier Circuits

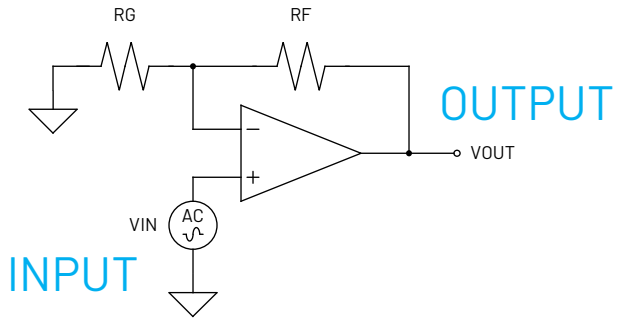
▶ Estimating noise in an amplifier circuit can be a daunting task...there is no doubt attention to detail is warranted...but breaking the process down into a several simple steps will ease the process

- 1) Determine all the sources of noise in the circuit
- 2) Refer each noise source to the output (RTO)
- 3) Combine all output referred noise sources into a single noise value RTO (because noise sources are random and uncorrelated their noise terms add as square root of the sum of the squares)

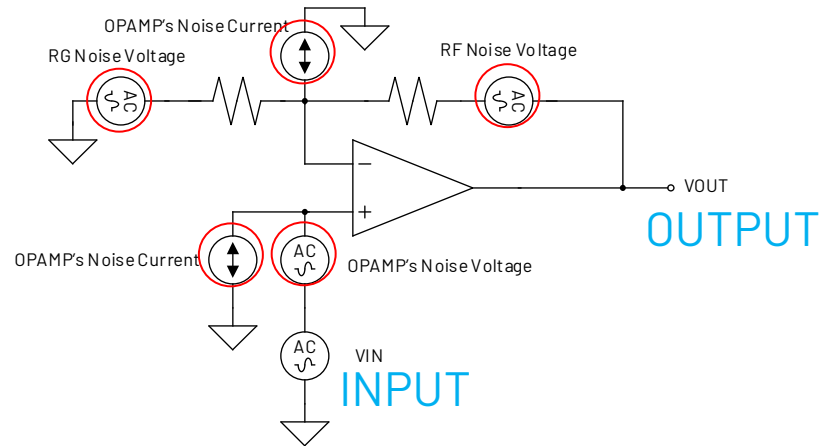
$$V_{n_{total}} = \sqrt{(V_{n_1})^2 + (V_{n_2})^2 \dots + (V_{n_n})^2}$$

- 4) Convert from units of V/SQRT-Hz to Vrms or Vpp by integrating over the noise bandwidth
- 5) Refer the combined RTO noise value back to the input if interested to know RTI noise based upon the noise gain of the amplifier

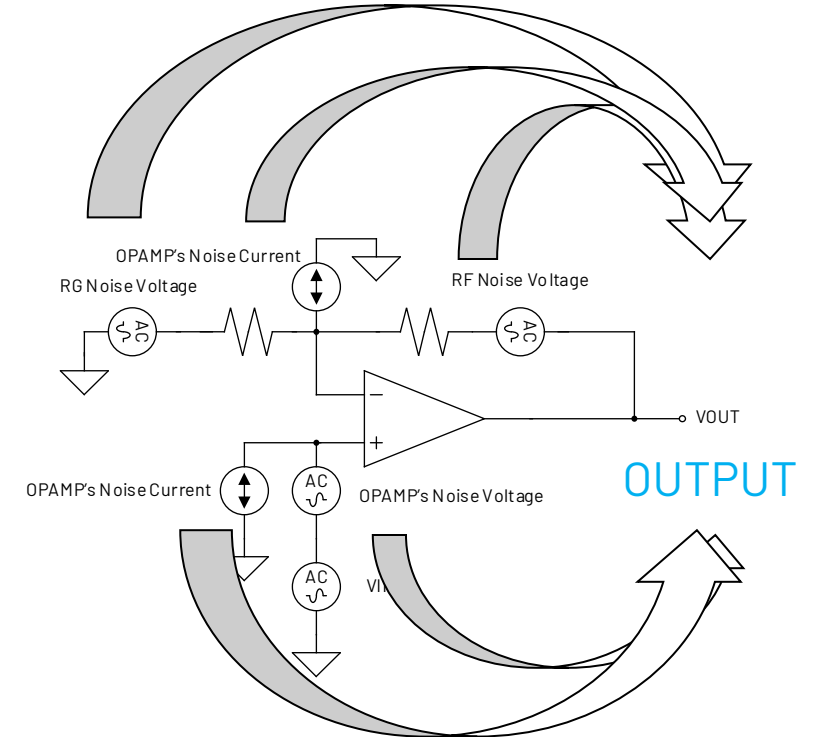
Example for a Simple Non-Inverting Amplifier



1. Start with your circuit



2. Add the noise sources



3. Refer the noise sources to the output

Referring Noise Sources to the Output

- ▶ To refer a noise source to the output, the gain from each noise to the output must be computed
- ▶ It may be different for each noise source

By inspection:

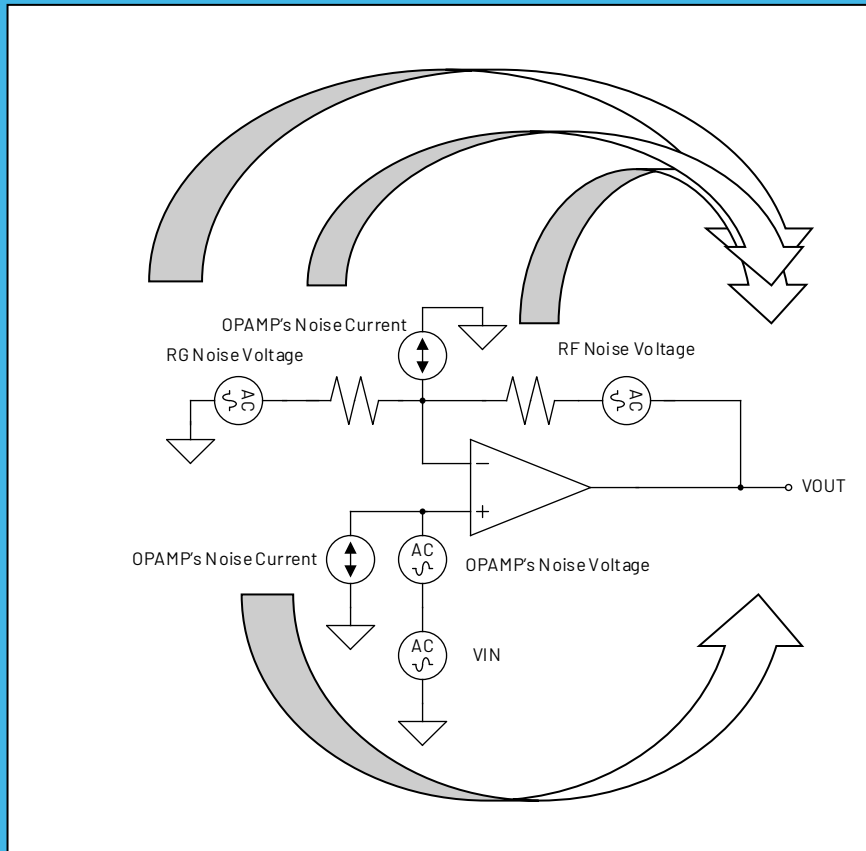
The gain from R_G to the output is $-R_F/R_G$. (Since noise is random, uncorrelated and has no phase we can ignore the sign) $\rightarrow R_F/R_G$

The gain from R_F to the output is 1

The gain from the opamp's voltage noise source is $1+R_F/R_G$

The gain from the opamp current noise source at the $-IN$ pin is R_F

Since in this analysis we will assume the source impedance of voltage source V_{IN} is zero the current noise source at the $+IN$ pin sees zero impedance and does not contribute noise in this circuit





Referring Noise Sources to the Output

The RTO noise from R_G is given by:

$$V_{n_{RG}} \times gain = V_{n_{RG}} \times \frac{R_F}{R_G}$$

The RTO noise from R_F is given by:

$$V_{n_{RF}} \times gain = V_{n_{RF}} \times 1$$

The RTO noise from the opamp voltage noise is given by:

$$V_{n_{OPAMP_VOLTAGE}} \times gain = V_{n_{OPAMP_VOLTAGE}} \times \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right)$$

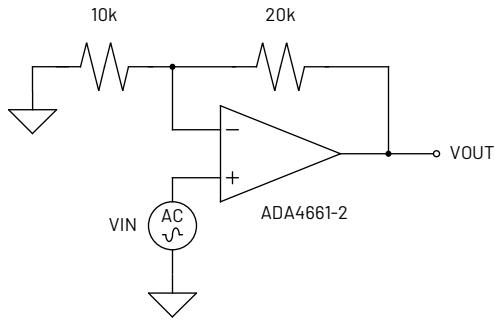
The RTO noise from the opamp current noise is given by:

$$I_{n_{OPAMP_CURRENT}} \times gain = I_{n_{OPAMP_CURRENT}} \times R_F$$

Summing all the individual RTO noise sources:

$$V_{n_{RTO}} = \sqrt{\left(V_{n_{RG}} \times \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right)^2 + \left(V_{n_{RF}}\right)^2 + \left(V_{n_{OPAMP_VOLTAGE}} \times \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}\right)\right)^2 + \left(I_{n_{OPAMP_CURRENT}} \times R_F\right)^2}$$

Let's Add Some Actual Values to Our Circuit



Let's determine the noise voltage from each resistor using a simple rule of thumb where:

$$1k = 4nV/\sqrt{Hz} \quad \rightarrow$$

$$10k = 4 \times \sqrt{\frac{10k}{1k}} = 4 \times \sqrt{10} = 12.65 nV/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$20k = 4 \times \sqrt{\frac{20k}{1k}} = 4 \times \sqrt{20} = 17.89 nV/\sqrt{Hz}$$

From the ADA4661-2 data sheet the noise is given as:

NOISE PERFORMANCE				
Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise	THD + N	$A_V = 1, V_{IN} = 0.44 \text{ V rms at } 1 \text{ kHz}$		
Bandwidth = 80 kHz			0.002	%
Bandwidth = 500 kHz			0.003	%
Peak-to-Peak Noise	$e_n \text{ p-p}$	$f = 0.1 \text{ Hz to } 10 \text{ Hz}$	3	$\mu\text{V p-p}$
Voltage Noise Density	e_n	$f = 1 \text{ kHz}$	18	nV/\sqrt{Hz}
		$f = 10 \text{ kHz}$	14	nV/\sqrt{Hz}
Current Noise Density	i_n	$f = 1 \text{ kHz}$	360	fA/\sqrt{Hz}

$$\rightarrow \begin{aligned} \text{ADA4661-2 Voltage Noise} &= 14 nV/\sqrt{Hz} \\ \text{ADA4661-2 Current Noise} &= 360 fA/\sqrt{Hz} \end{aligned}$$

Summing all the individual RTO noise sources:

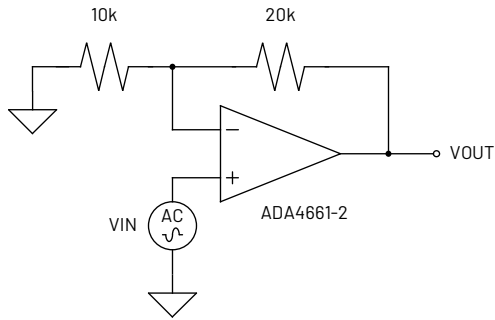
To compute the RTI noise voltage divide by the signal gain:

$$V_{n_{RTO}} = \sqrt{\left(12.65e^{-9} \times \frac{20k}{10k}\right)^2 + (17.89e^{-9})^2 + \left(14e^{-9} \times \left(1 + \frac{20k}{10k}\right)\right)^2 + (360e^{-15} \times 20k)^2}$$

$$V_{n_{RTO}} = \sqrt{(25.3e^{-9})^2 + (17.89e^{-9})^2 + (42e^{-9})^2 + (7.2e^{-9})^2} = 52.68 nV/\sqrt{Hz}$$

$$V_{n_{RTI}} = \frac{52.68e^{-9}}{3} = 17.56 nV/\sqrt{Hz}$$

Let's Estimate the Total Broadband Noise in the Circuit



The unity gain frequency of the ADA4661 is 4MHz

In the gain of 3 shown the small signal bandwidth is 1.33MHz (this is that "brick wall" filter value)

Since there are no additional filters in the circuit the roll off is only from the opamp and is first order

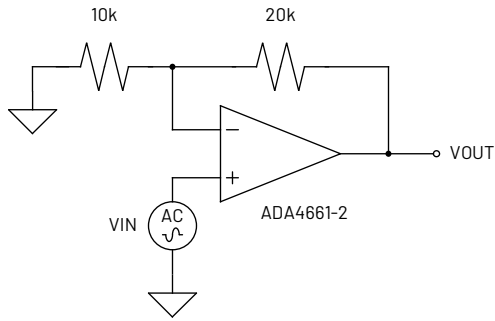
Compute the noise bandwidth as $1.33\text{MHz} \times 1.57 = 2.1\text{MHz}$

Using the estimated RTI noise voltage of $17.56\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$, a noise gain = 3V/V and 2.1MHz noise bandwidth we estimate the broadband RMS noise to be:

$$V_{NOISE_TOTAL} = e_{BB} \times \text{noisegain} \times \sqrt{\text{noisebandwidth}}$$

$$V_{NOISE_TOTAL} = 17.56e^{-9} \times 3 \times \sqrt{2.1e^6} = 76\mu V_{RMS}$$

Let's Estimate the Total 1/f Noise in the Circuit



From the data sheet curve we can estimate the 1Hz 1/f noise at 300nV/SQRT-Hz

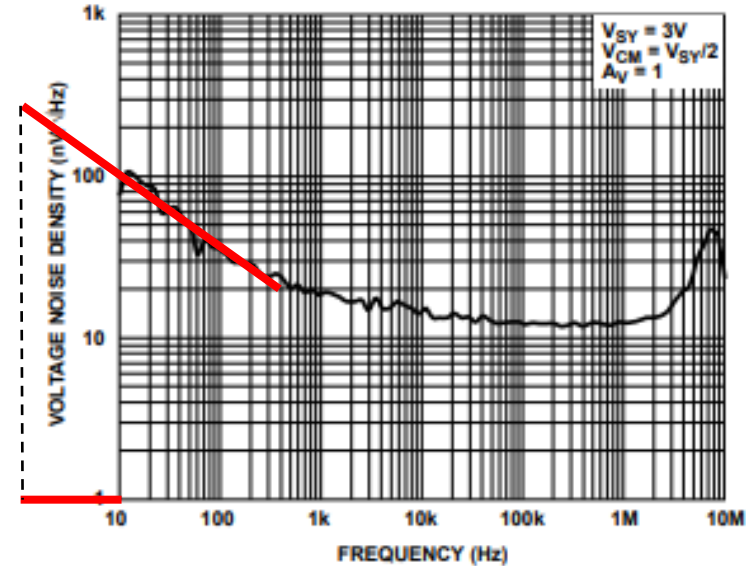


Figure 56. Voltage Noise Density vs. Frequency

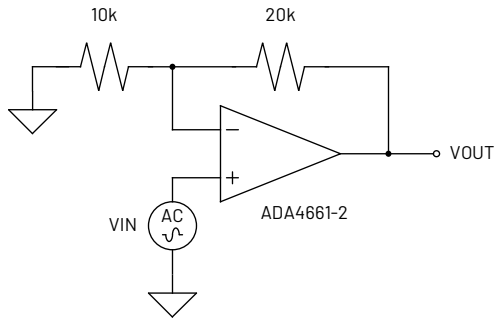
We can also estimate the 1/f corner frequency of 10kHz

Using:

$$V_{\frac{1}{f}} = e_{1\text{Hz}} \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{f_{\text{HIGH}}}{f_{\text{LOW}}}\right)} \times \text{noisegain}$$

We can estimate the 1/f noise as $300\text{e-}9 \times \text{SQRT}(\text{LN}(10\text{e}3/1)) \times 3 = 2.7\mu\text{V}_{\text{RMS}}$

Let's Estimate the Total Noise in the Circuit



Combining the 1/f noise and the broadband noise we estimate the total noise as:

$$V_{n_{total}} = \sqrt{(76e^{-6})^2 + (2.7e^{-6})^2} = 76\mu V_{RMS}$$

And converting to peak-to-peak we estimate $456\mu V_{PP}$

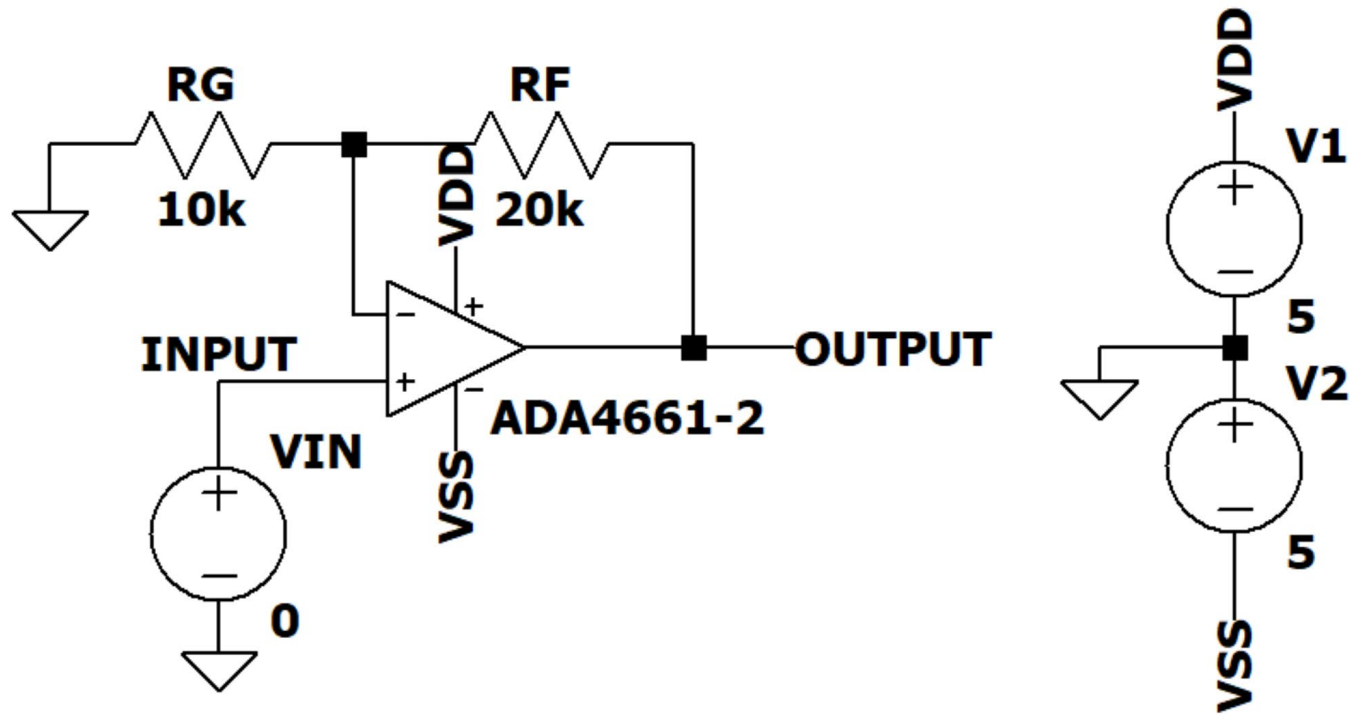
Summary (so far)

- ▶ To analyze noise, identify all the sources of noise, refer them to the output and combine them appropriately to estimate the RTO NSD
- ▶ Determine the RTI NSD by referring the RTO noise to the circuit input. This requires determination of the noise gain.
- ▶ The noise gain is generally indicating the gain from the non-inverting terminal of an amplifier to the output but could be whatever you determine you want to use as your input. You simply must be consistent within your analysis
- ▶ Determine the noise bandwidth of your circuit
- ▶ Multiply RTI NSD by Noise gain by the square root of the noise bandwidth to estimate rms noise at the output
- ▶ Multiply by 6 or 6.6 to estimate the peak-to-peak noise voltage
- ▶ Understanding the dominate noise sources and the nature of the noise gain and the nature of the noise bandwidth can help understand how to optimize the circuits noise performance

Simulating Noise in Amplifier Circuits

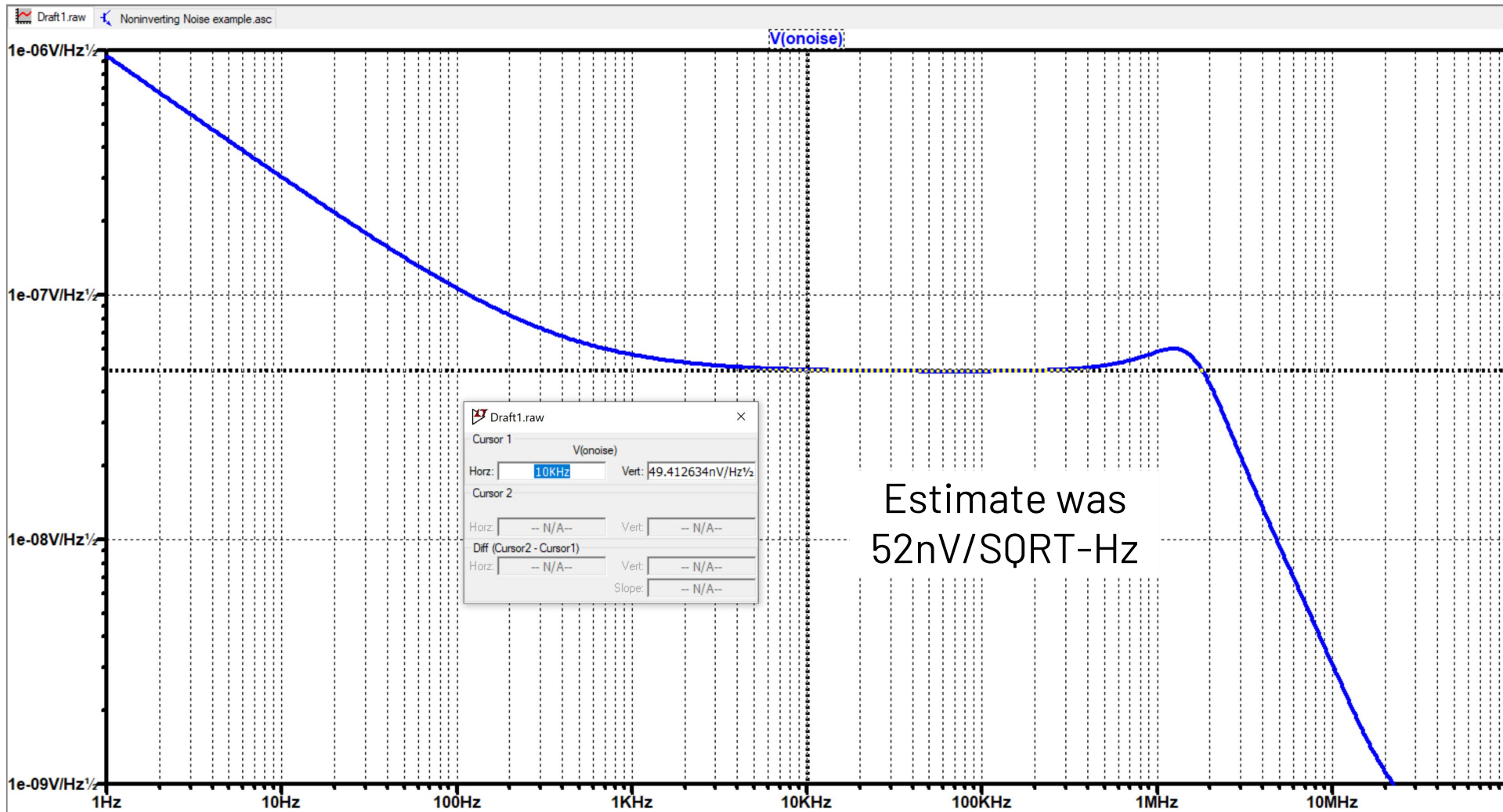


Simulation Circuit in LTSpice

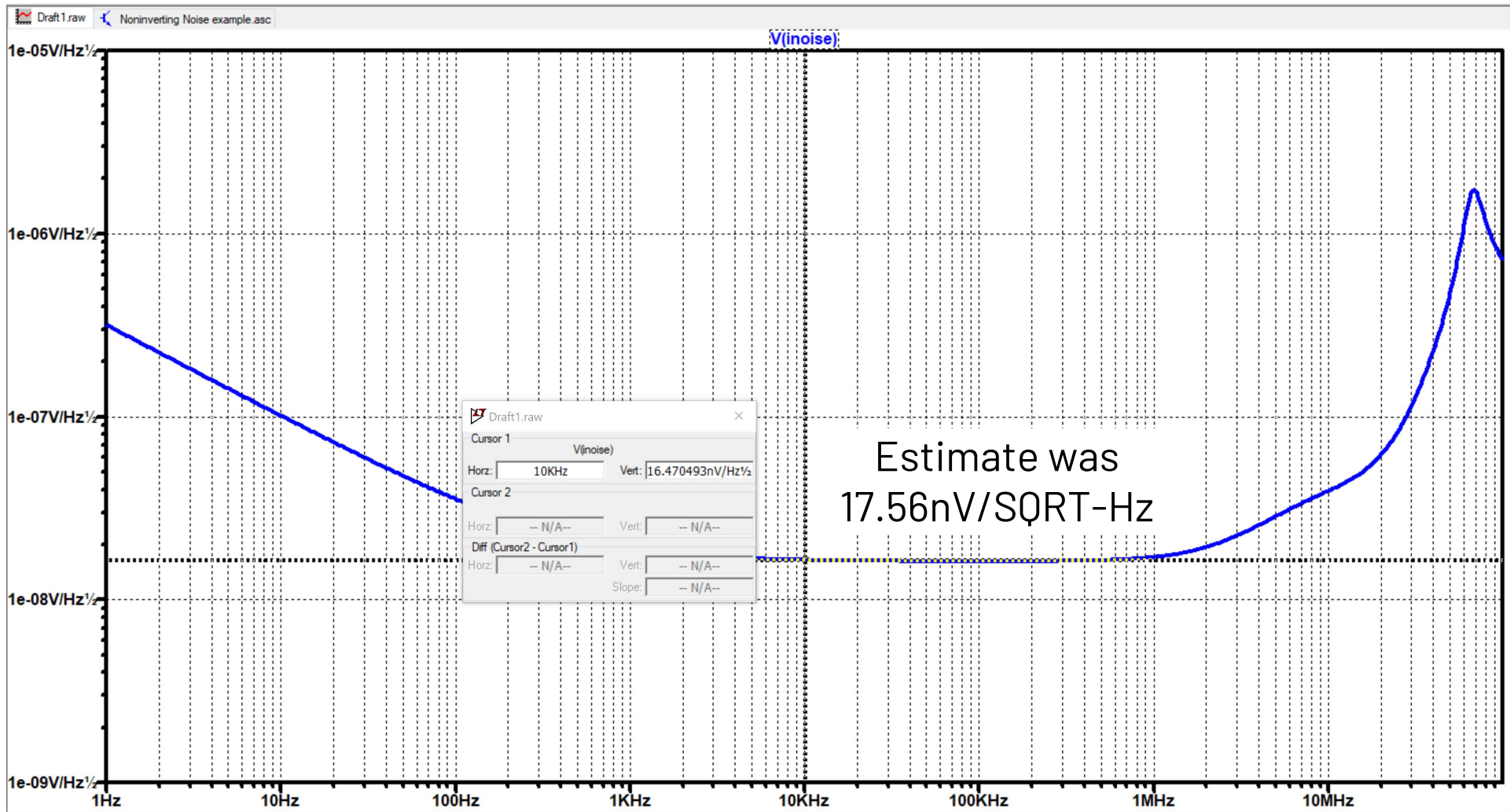


.noise V(OUTPUT) VIN dec 100 1 100e6

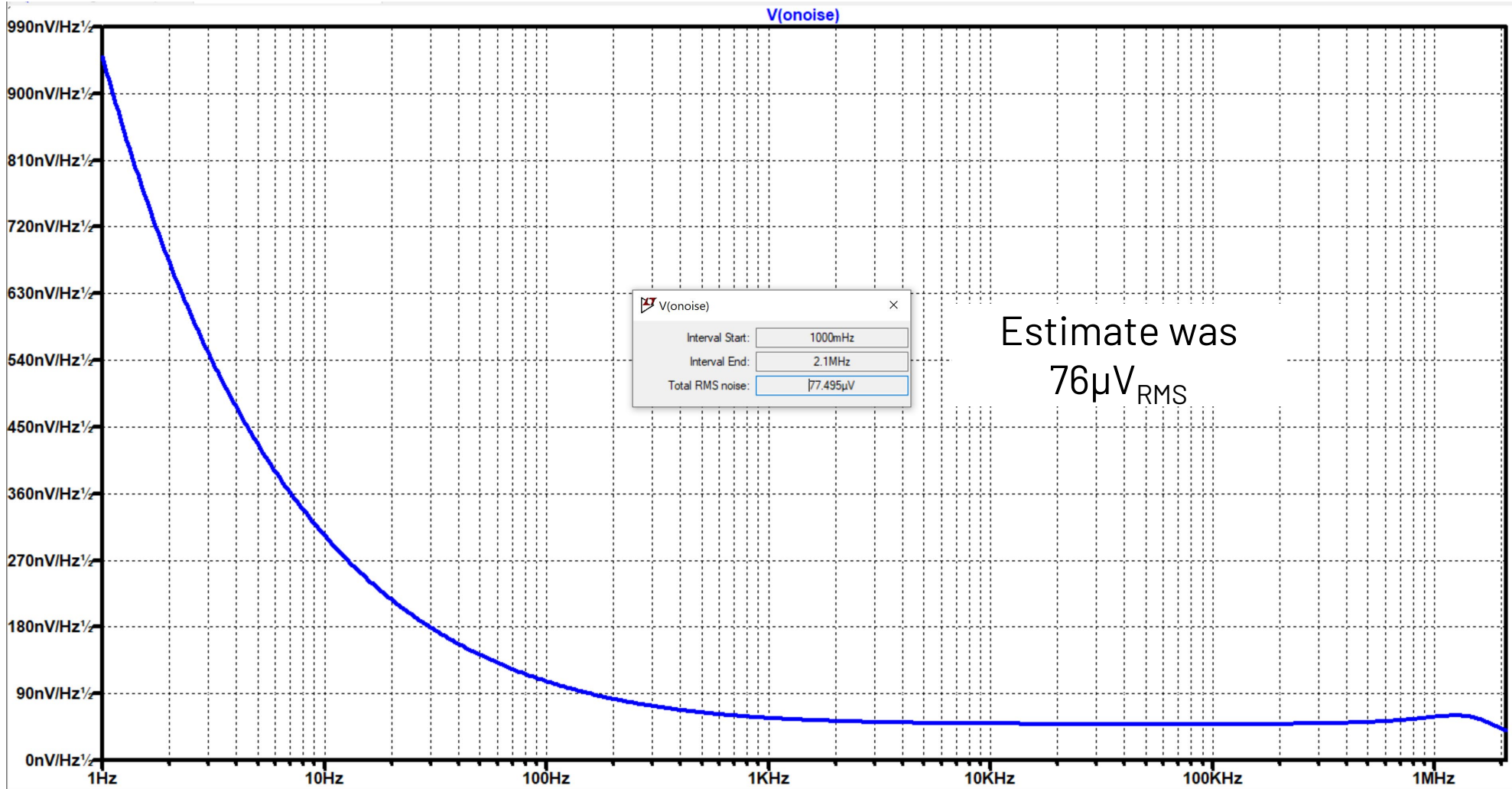
Simulation Results - RT0



Simulation Results - RTI



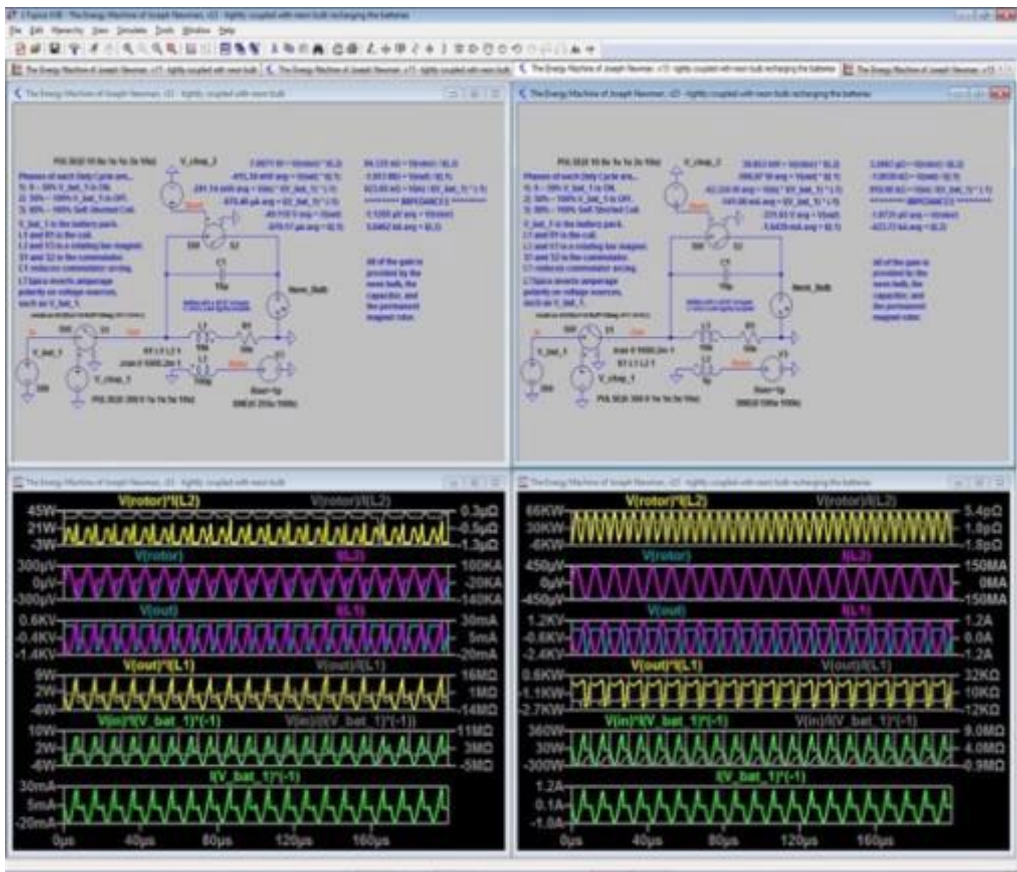
Simulation Results – Integrated Noise





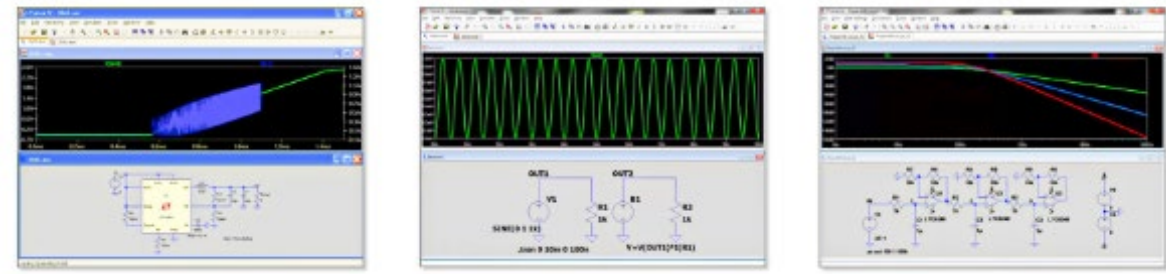
LTSpice Simulation Software

- ▶ LTSpice Simulation Software is a powerful, fast and free SPICE simulator software, schematic capture and waveform viewer with enhancements and models for improving the simulation of analog circuits.
- ▶ It contains hundreds of ADI models that are being tested and updated regularly



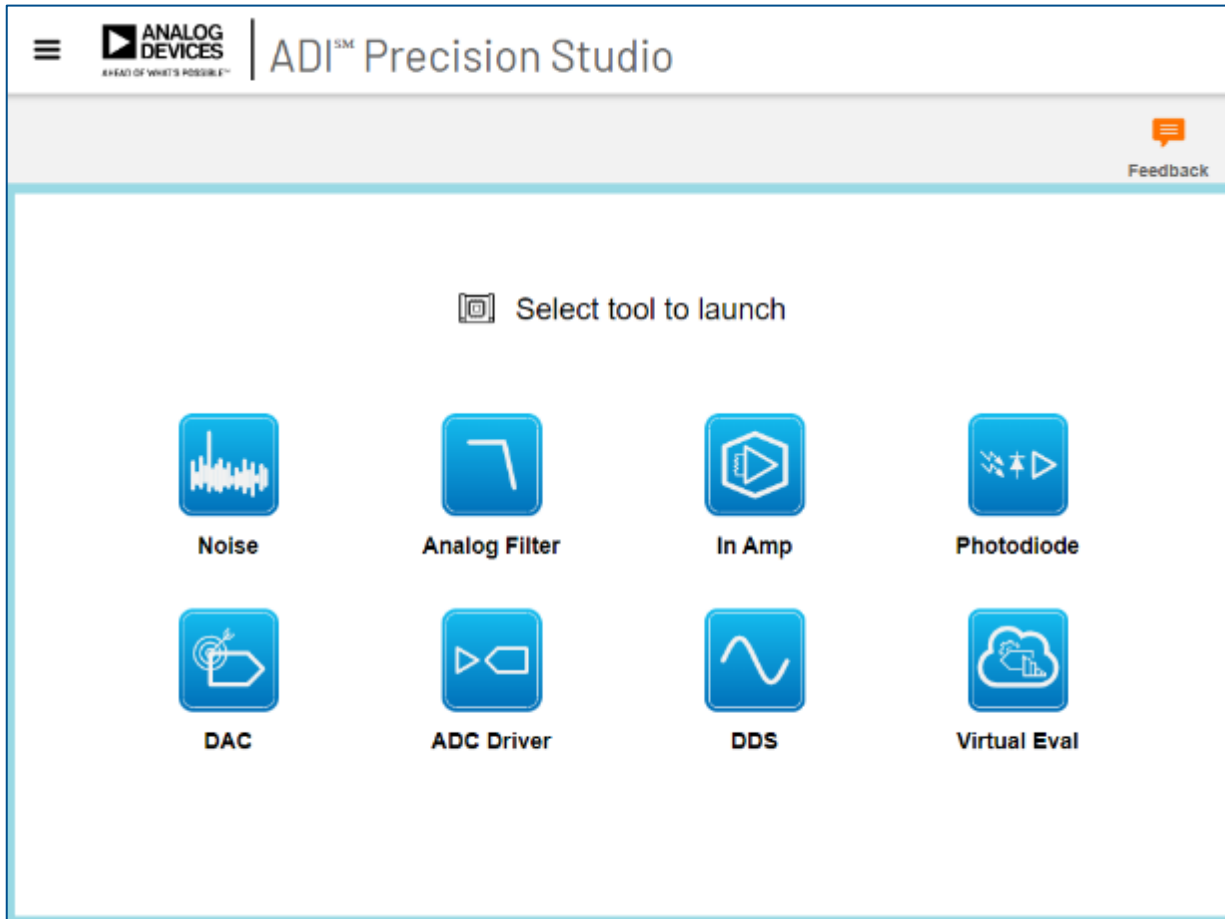
Learn How to Use LTSpice

Instructional Videos











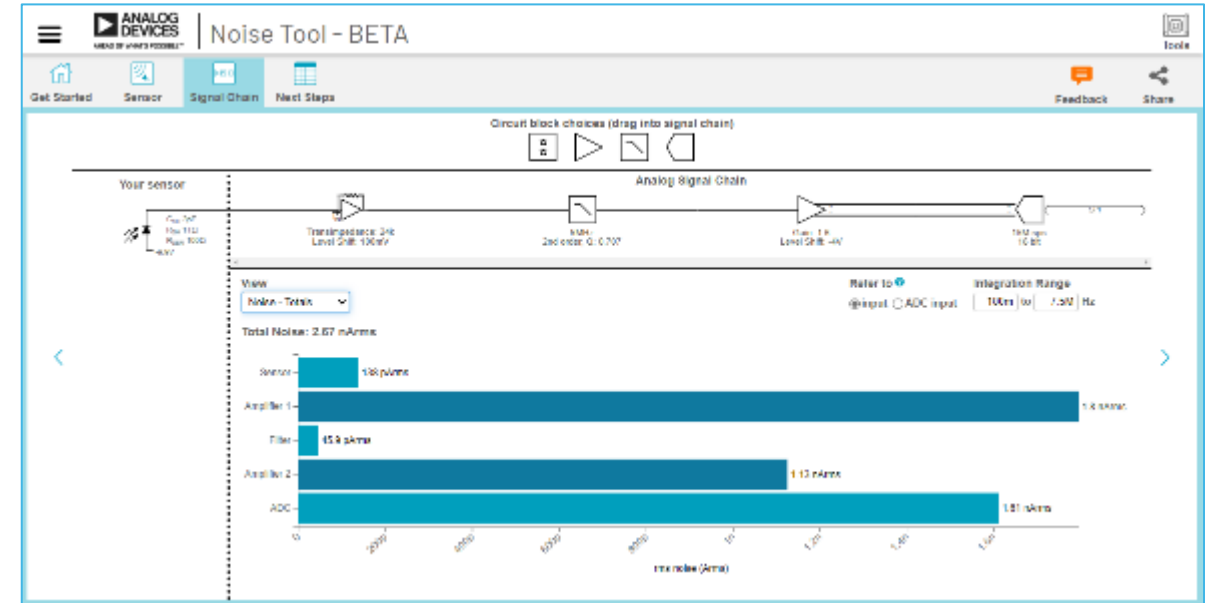
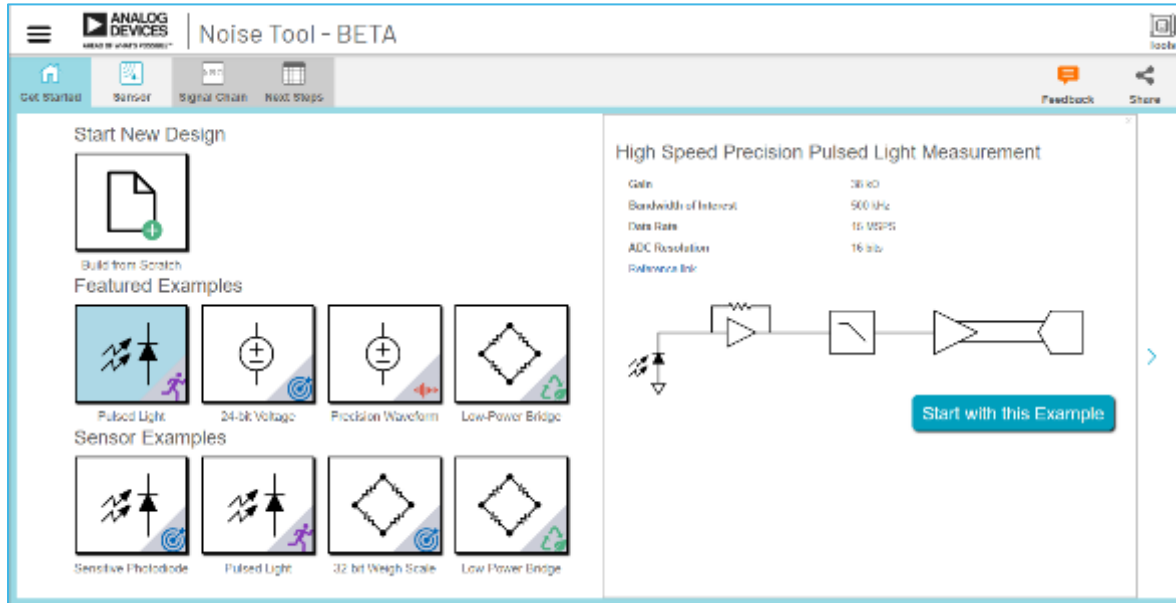
Download here!
[LTSpice Information Center | Analog Devices](#)

- ▶ ADISM Precision Studio is a collection of tools to help design signal conditioning circuits



Access it here!
[ADISM Precision Studio | Analog Devices](#)

-  **Noise Tool**
-  **Analog Filter Wizard**
-  **In-Amp Diamond Plot Tool**
-  **Photodiode Circuit Design Wizard**
-  **Precision DAC Error Budget Calculator**
-  **Precision ADC Driver Tool**
-  **Direct Digital Synthesis Simulator**
-  **Virtual Evaluation Tool**



- ▶ Design sensor signal conditioning
- ▶ Generate schematic blocks
 - Example: 10kHz, Q=1.5 filter
- ▶ Simulate AC and noise performance
 - Entire signal chain
- ▶ Export to LTspice

Additional Reading and Resources

- ▶ [11 Myths About Analog Noise](#)
- ▶ [Noise Analysis of Precision Data Acquisition Signal Chain](#)
- ▶ [LTSpice Tutorial for AC & Noise Analysis \(Video\) | Analog Devices](#)
- ▶ [LTSpice: Noise Simulations](#)
- ▶ [LTSpice: Integrating Noise Over a Bandwidth | Analog Devices](#)
- ▶ [Step-by-Step Noise Analysis Guide for Your Signal Chain](#)
- ▶ [Low Frequency Noise Analysis for Sensor Signal Chains](#)
- ▶ [Noise Analysis in Precision Analog Designs](#)
- ▶ [Analysis of Input Current Noise with Even Harmonics Folding Effect in a Chopper Op Amp](#)
- ▶ [Practical Input-Referred Calculations in Precision Systems | Analog Devices](#)
- ▶ [Signal Chain Noise Calculator | Precision Studio | Analog Devices](#)
- ▶ [Low Noise Amplifier Selection Guide for Optimal Noise Performance | Analog Devices](#)
- ▶ [Understanding and Eliminating 1/f Noise | Analog Devices](#)

Voltage Noise of Zero-drift amplifiers

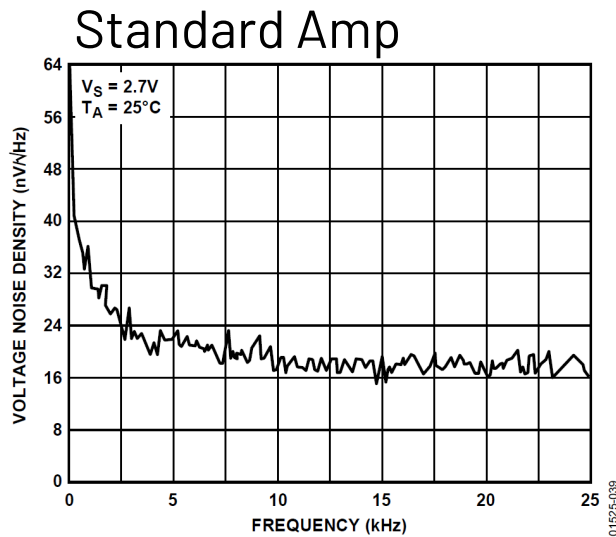
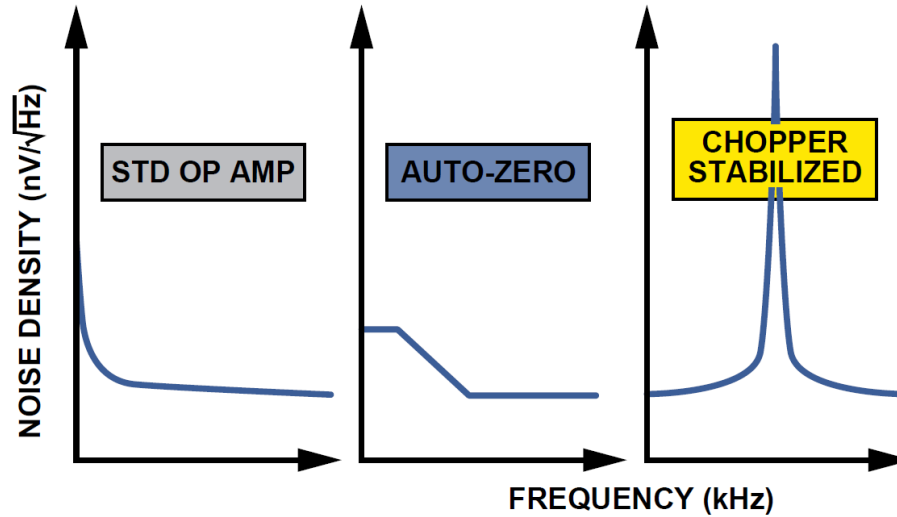


Figure 39. Voltage Noise Density vs. Frequency

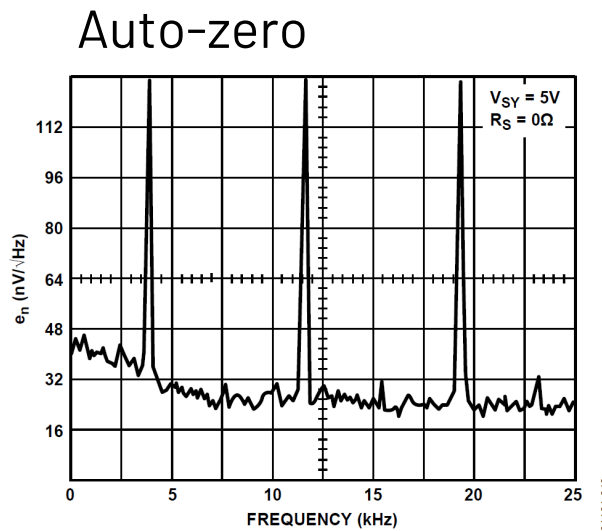


Figure 43. Voltage Noise Density at 5 V from 0 Hz to 25 kHz

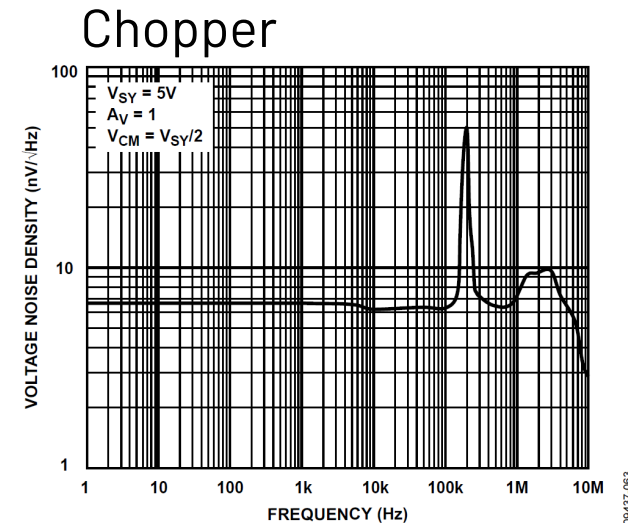


Figure 67. Voltage Noise Density vs. Frequency

Noise Comparison of Zero-Drift Amplifiers

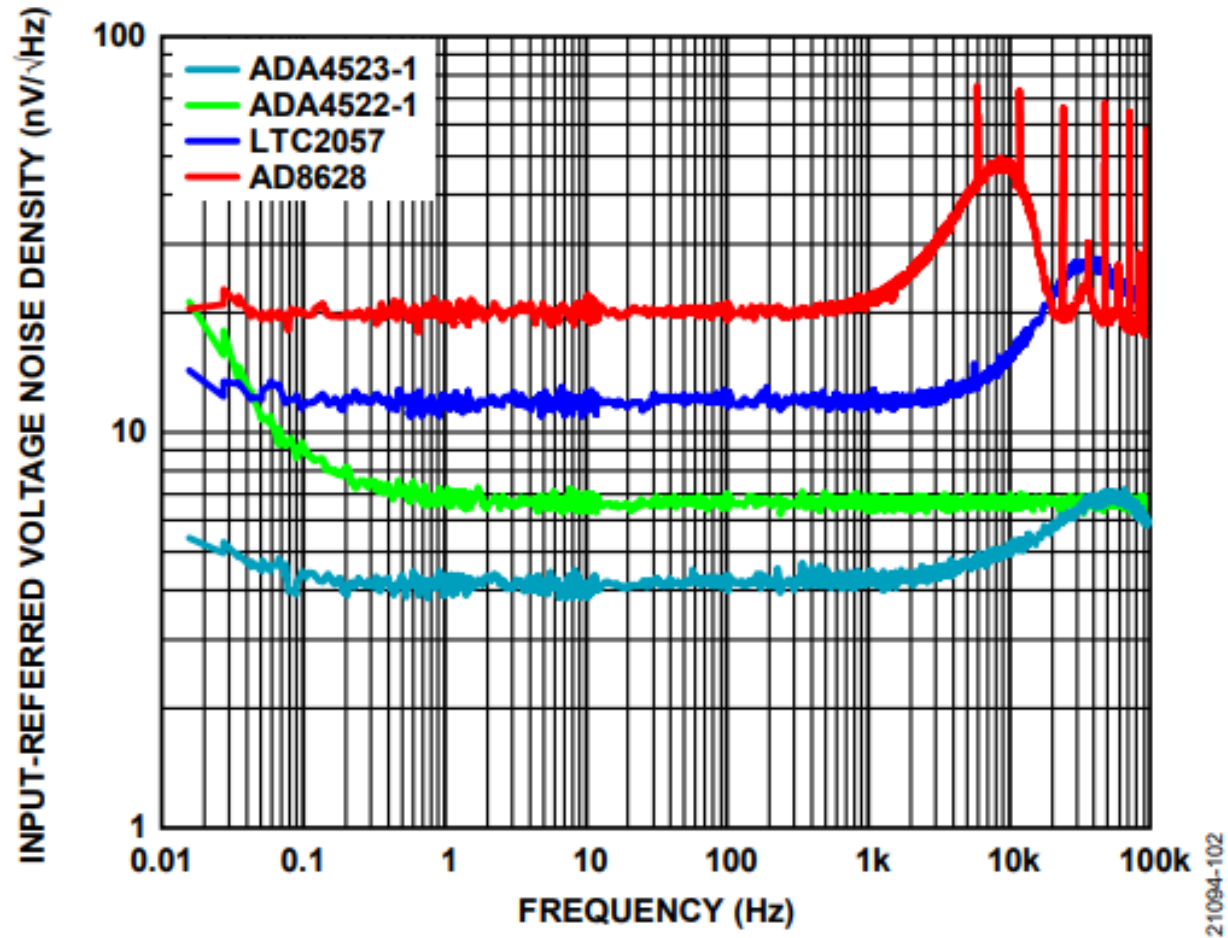


Figure 2. Input-Referred Voltage Noise Density vs. Frequency, Zero Drift Amplifier Family Comparison

Where Do I Find More Information About Zero-Drift Amplifiers?

- ▶ Zero-Drift Amp Landing Pages
 - <http://www.analog.com/en/products/amplifiers/operational-amplifiers/zero-drift-amplifiers.html>
 - http://www.linear.com/products/Zero-Drift_Amplifiers
- ▶ Zero-Drift Amplifiers: Now Easy to Use in High Precision Circuits
 - http://www.analog.com/library/analogdialogue/archives/49-07/Zero-Drift_Amplifiers.html
- ▶ AN-1114 Lowest Noise ZD Amplifier Has 5.6 nV/√Hz Voltage Noise Density
 - <http://www.analog.com/media/en/technical-documentation/application-notes/AN-1114.pdf>
- ▶ MS-2062 To Chop or Auto-Zero: That Is the Question
 - <http://www.analog.com/media/en/technical-documentation/technical-articles/MS-2062.pdf>
- ▶ Ask the Apps Engineer 39—Zero-Drift Operational Amplifiers
 - http://www.analog.com/library/analogdialogue/archives/44-03/zero_drift.html
- ▶ Demystifying Auto-Zero Amplifiers—Part 1
 - <http://www.analog.com/library/analogdialogue/archives/34-02/demystify/index.html>
- ▶ Demystifying Auto-Zero Amplifiers—Part 2
 - <http://www.analog.com/library/analogDialogue/archives/34-03/chopper/index.html>
- ▶ MT-055 Chopper Stabilized (Auto-Zero) Precision Op Amps
 - <http://www.analog.com/media/en/training-seminars/tutorials/MT-055.pdf>

Low-Frequency Noise Demo

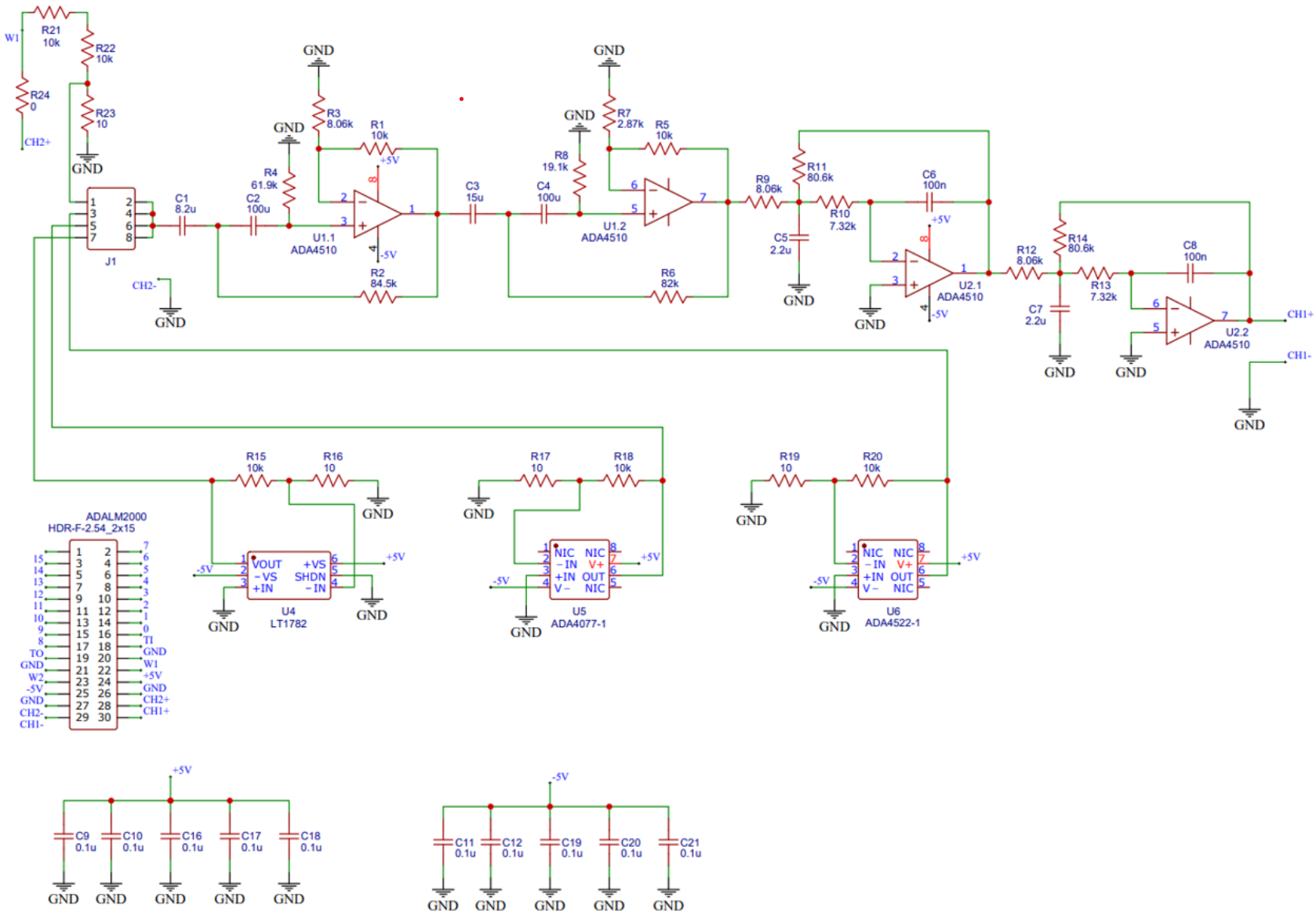
Needed for the Demo

- ▶ Laptop
- ▶ [ADALM2000](#)
- ▶ Noise Demo Board, one jumper
- ▶ USB cable that fits your laptop and the ADALM2000 (USBxxx to USB Micro B)
- ▶ [Scopy](#) software installed
- ▶ Scopy Configuration Files

The Setup



0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Demo Board Schematic

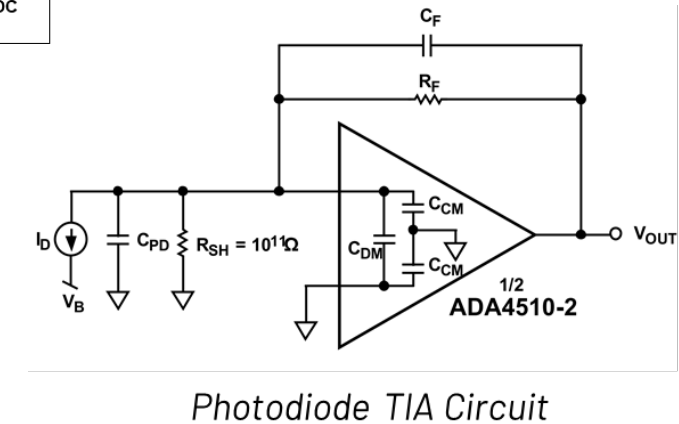
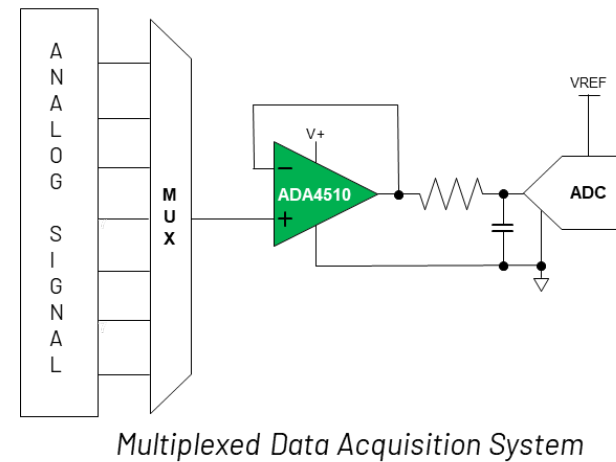


Key Features:

- Low Offset Voltage: **$\pm 5\mu\text{V}$** typ., **$\pm 20\mu\text{V}$** max
- Low Offset Voltage Drift: **$0.5\mu\text{V}/^\circ\text{C}$** max
- Low Noise: **$5\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$** @ 1kHz and **$1.0\mu\text{Vp-p}$** typ. from 0.1 to 10Hz
- Wide GBW: **10.4MHz** typ.
- Fast Slew Rate: **$19\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$** typ.
- Low Input Bias Current: **10pA** max
- Heavy Capacitive Load Drive Capability: 1nF
- Integrated EMI Filter

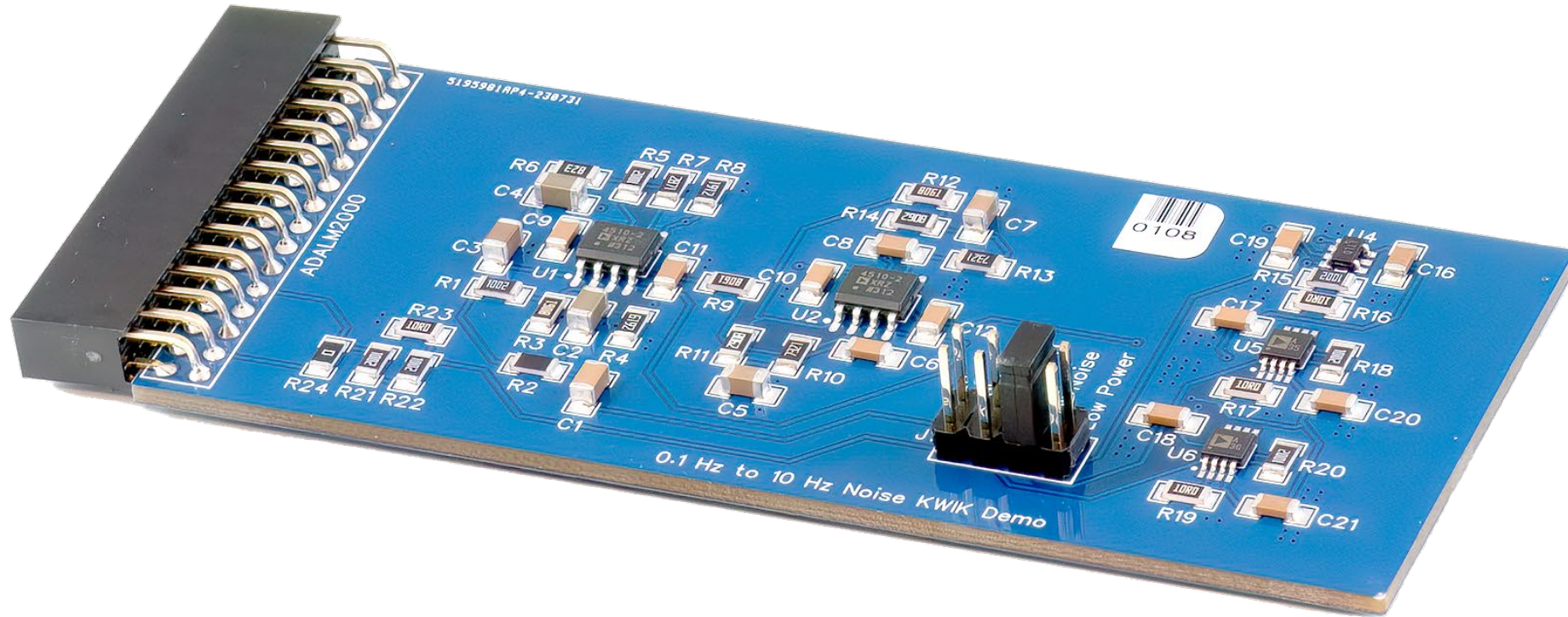
Key Applications:

- Mux-Compatible
- Precision Instrumentation
- Data acquisition systems
- Multipole filters



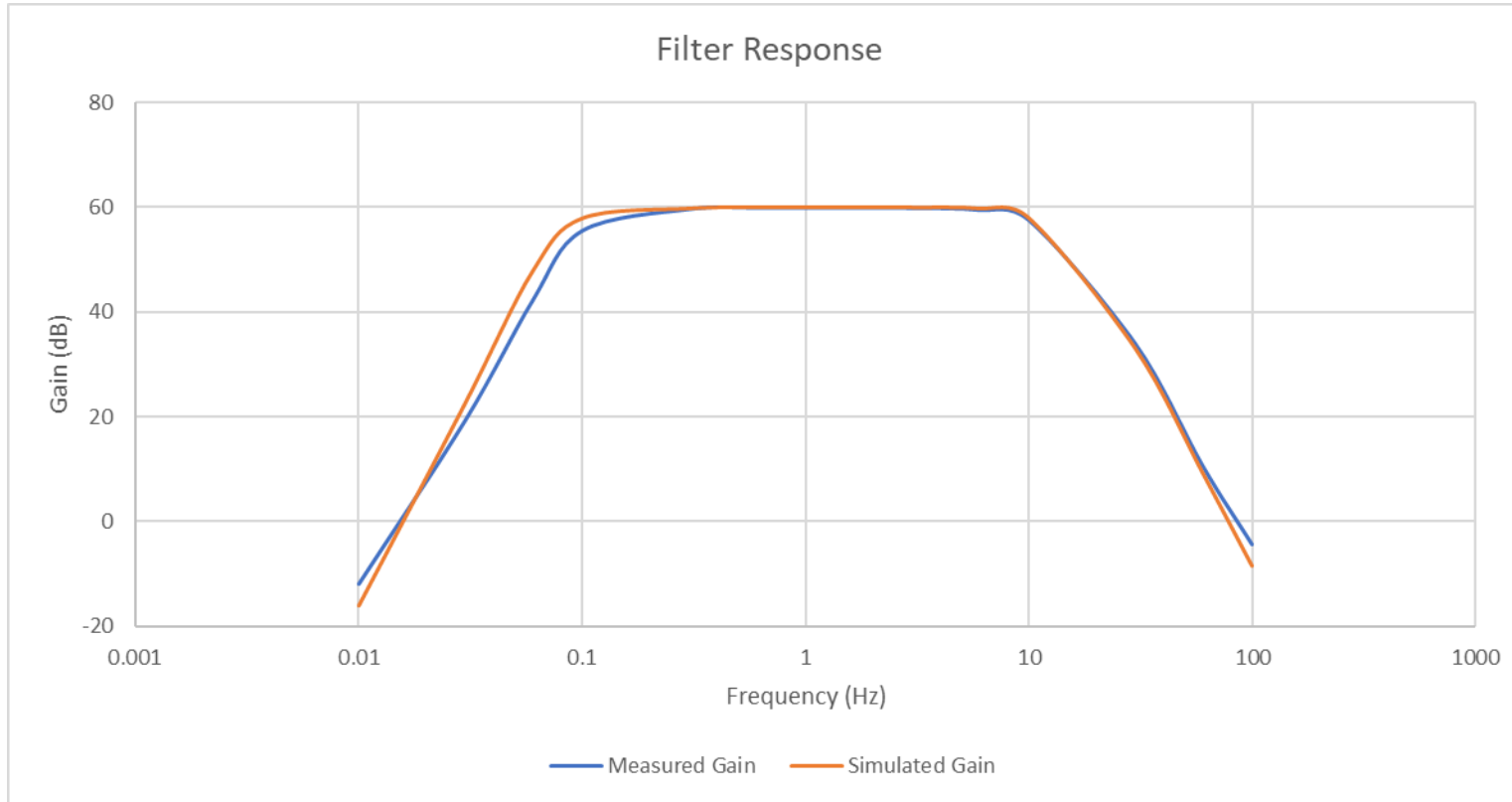
	ADA4510	Competitor
Offset Voltage (Max)	20 μV	25 μV
1/f Noise	1.0 $\mu\text{Vp-p}$	1.3 $\mu\text{Vp-p}$
Voltage Noise Density	5 $\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	5.5 $\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Demo Board

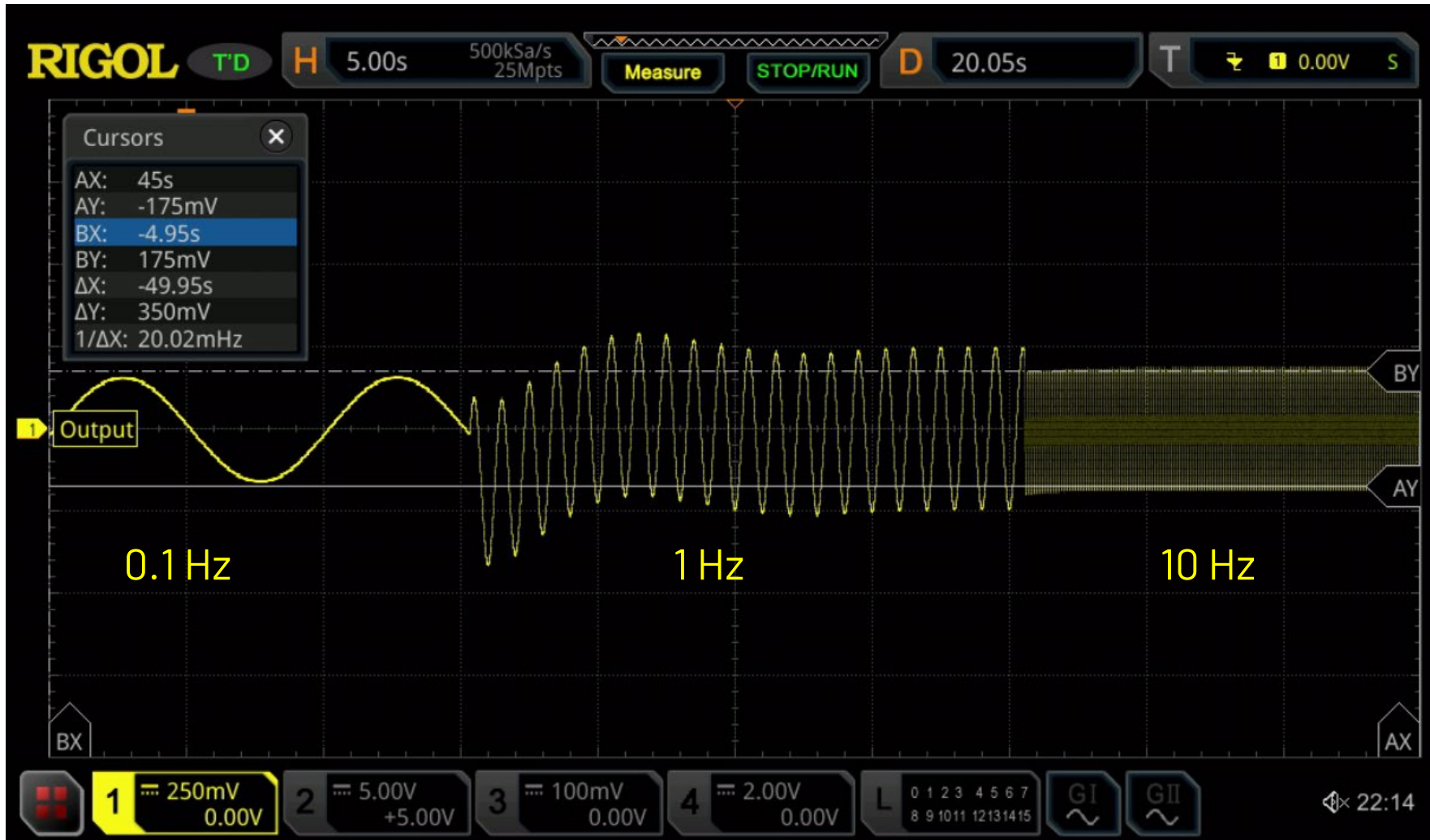




0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Demo Board Verification Results



0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Demo Board Verification Results



0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Demo

- ▶ In this demo we are going to estimate the 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz noise for three different amplifiers
 - LT1782 – a low power opamp
 - ADA4077 – a low noise, bipolar opamp
 - ADA4522 – a low noise, zero-drift opamp
- ▶ We will compare the estimate to the data sheet information
- ▶ We will use the ADALM2000 + demo board and measure the noise
- ▶ We will compare our measured results to our estimated results
- ▶ We will use the Network Analyzer feature of the ADALM2000 to measure the filter response from 1 Hz to 100 Hz

0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Noise Board Demo Step-by-Step Guide

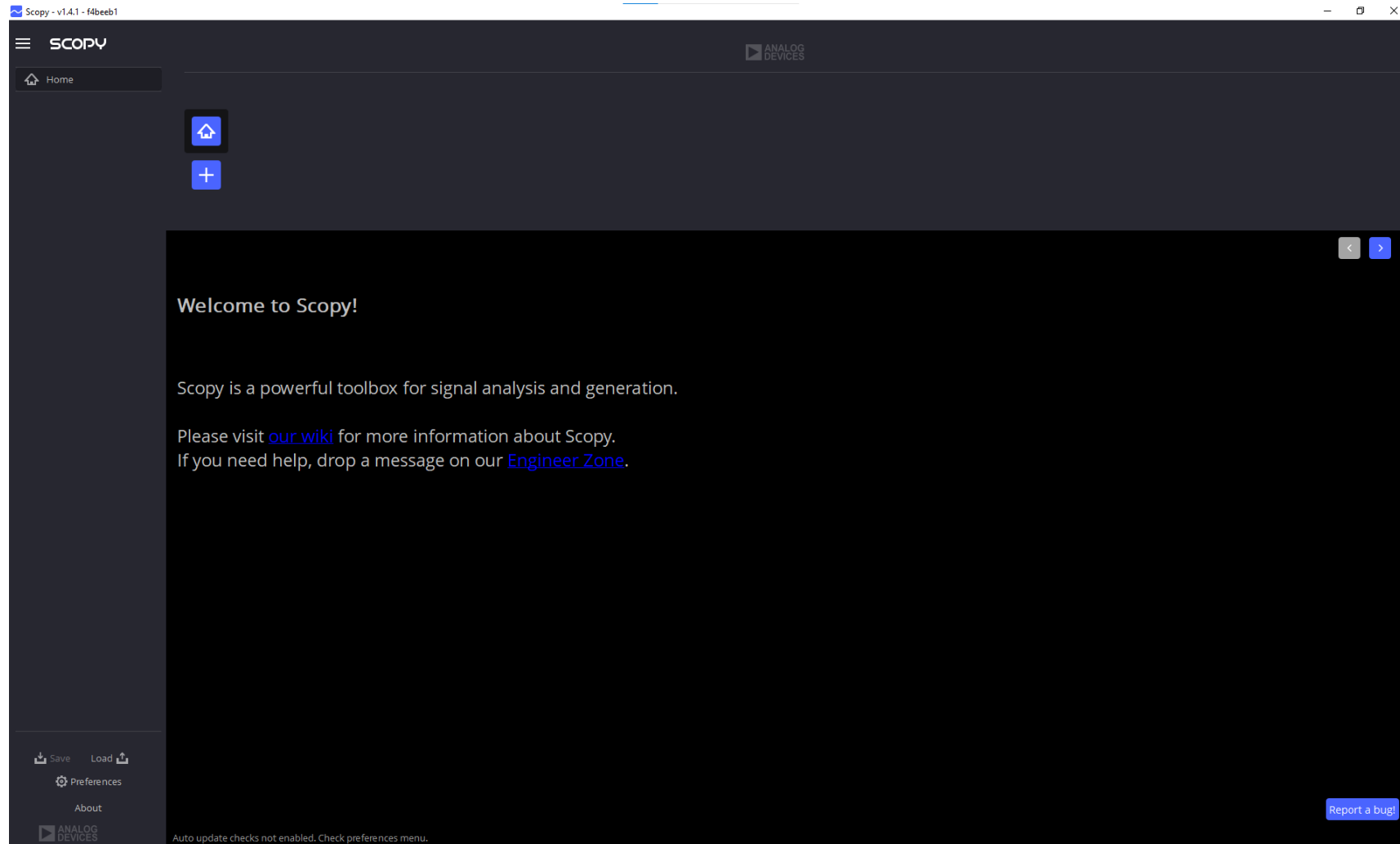
Physically Connect PCB to ADALM2k



Carefully align pins and insert firmly

ADALM2000 should be powered off when connecting or disconnecting the PCB

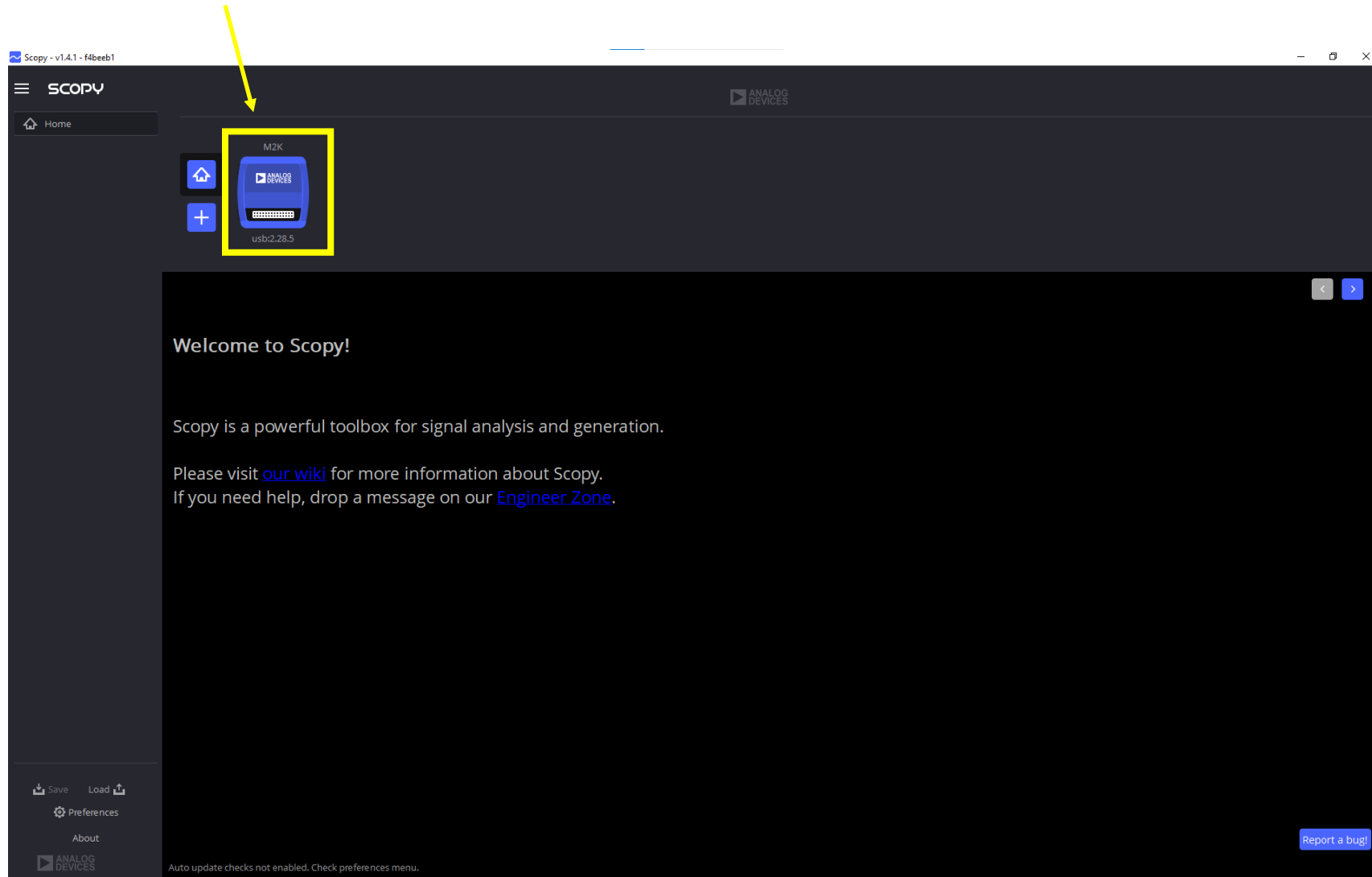
Launch the Scopy Software



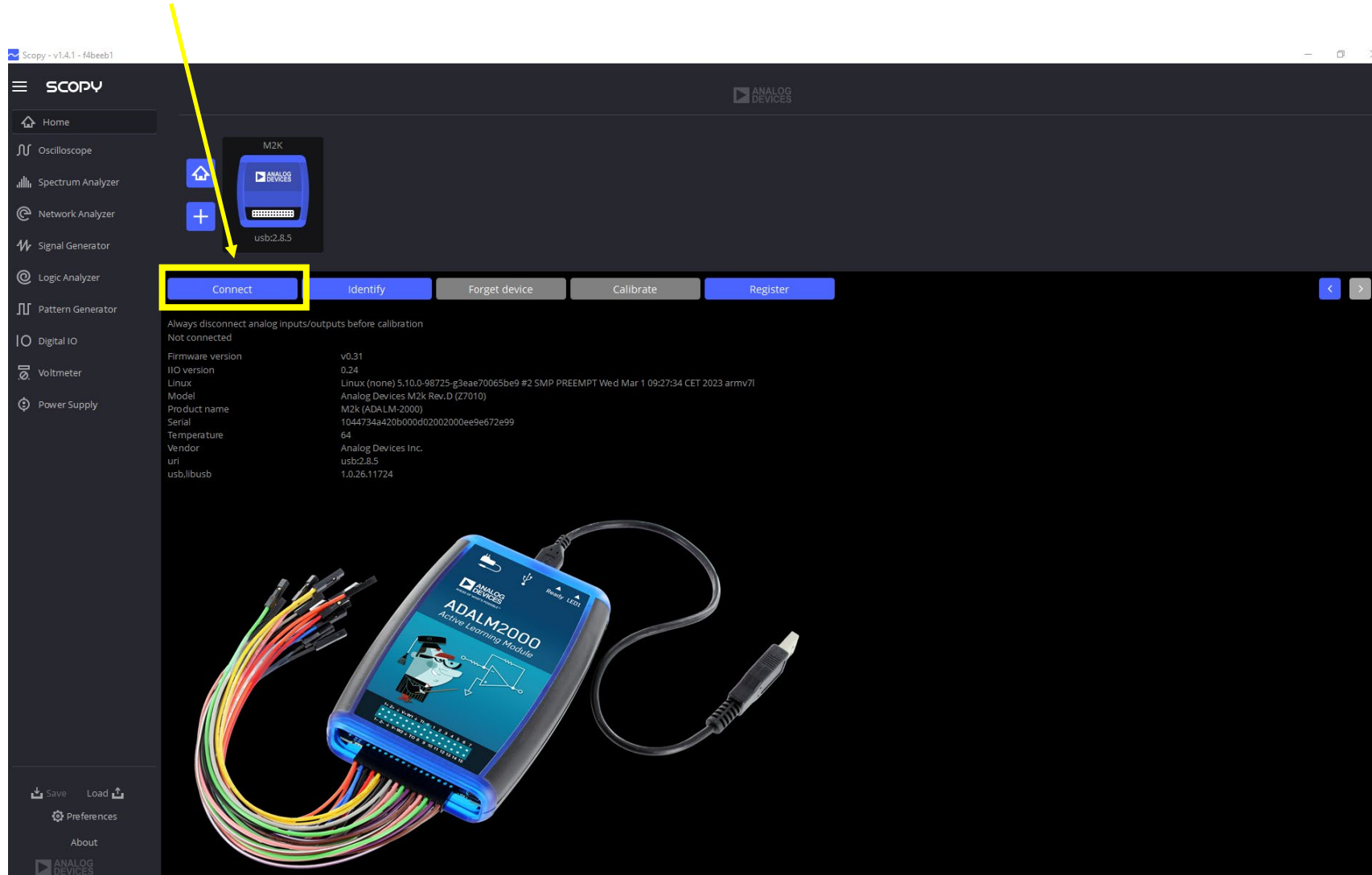
Physically Connect the ADALM2k to the Laptop



Click on the Icon



Click "Connect"




The screenshot shows the SCOPY software interface. A yellow arrow points to the 'Connect' button, which is highlighted with a yellow box. The interface displays the following information:

Always disconnect analog inputs/outputs before calibration
Not connected

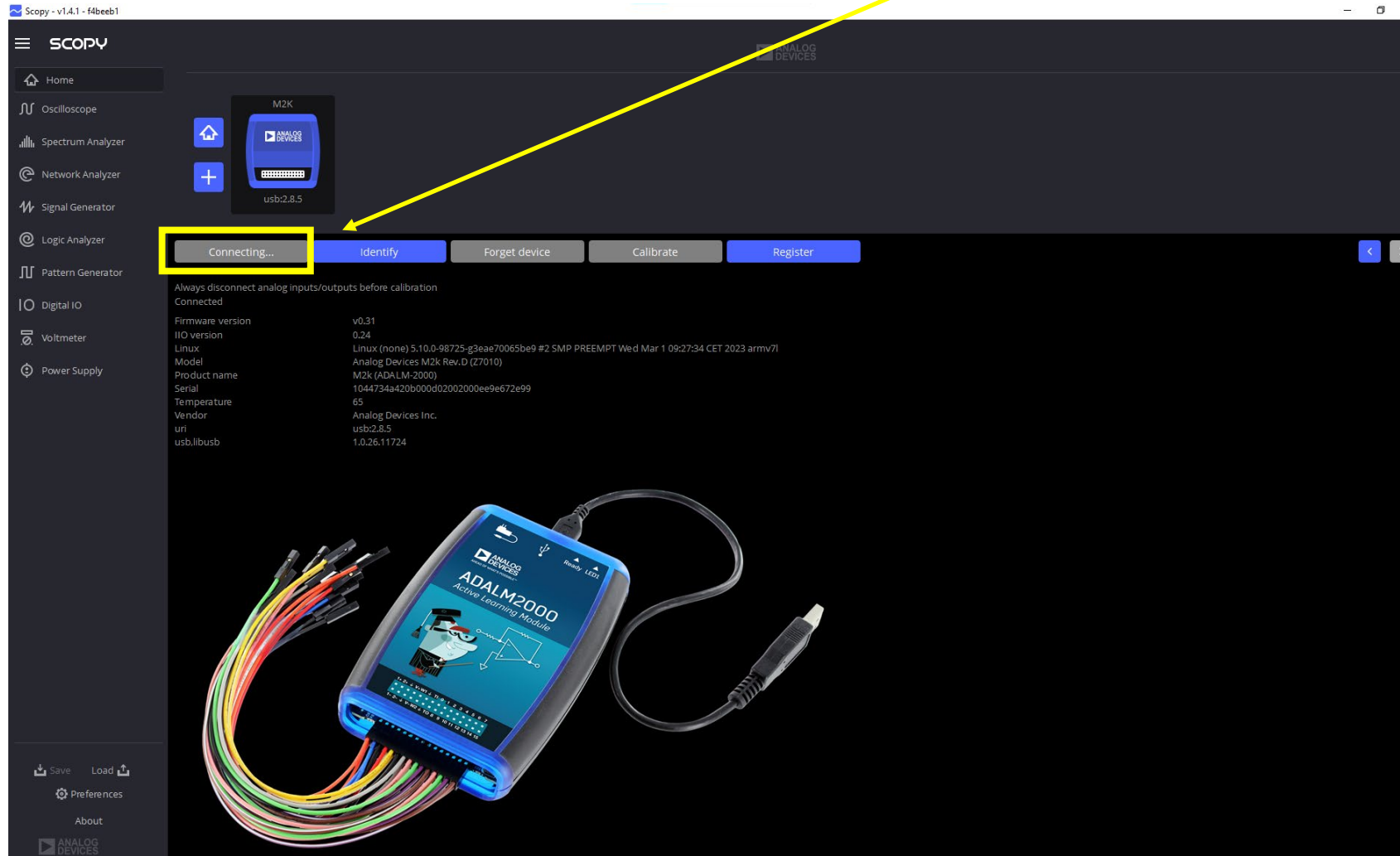
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I/O version	0.24
Linux	Linux (none) 5.10.0-98725-g3eae70065be9 #2 SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 1 09:27:34 CET 2023 armv7l
Model	Analog Devices M2K Rev.D (Z7010)
Product name	M2K (ADALM-2000)
Serial	1044734a420b000d02002000ee9e672e99
Temperature	64
Vendor	Analog Devices Inc.
uri	usb2.8.5
usb.lbusb	1.0.26.11724

The interface also shows a list of tools on the left: Home, Oscilloscope, Spectrum Analyzer, Network Analyzer, Signal Generator, Logic Analyzer, Pattern Generator, Digital I/O, Voltmeter, and Power Supply. At the bottom, there are buttons for Save, Load, Preferences, and About.



The image shows the ADALM2000 Active Learning Module, a blue USB device with a clear plastic case. It has a USB cable connected to the top and a multi-pin connector with several colored cables (red, yellow, green, blue, black) connected to the bottom. The device is labeled 'ANALOG DEVICES ADALM2000 Active Learning Module'.

The ADALM2k will Begin the Connection Process



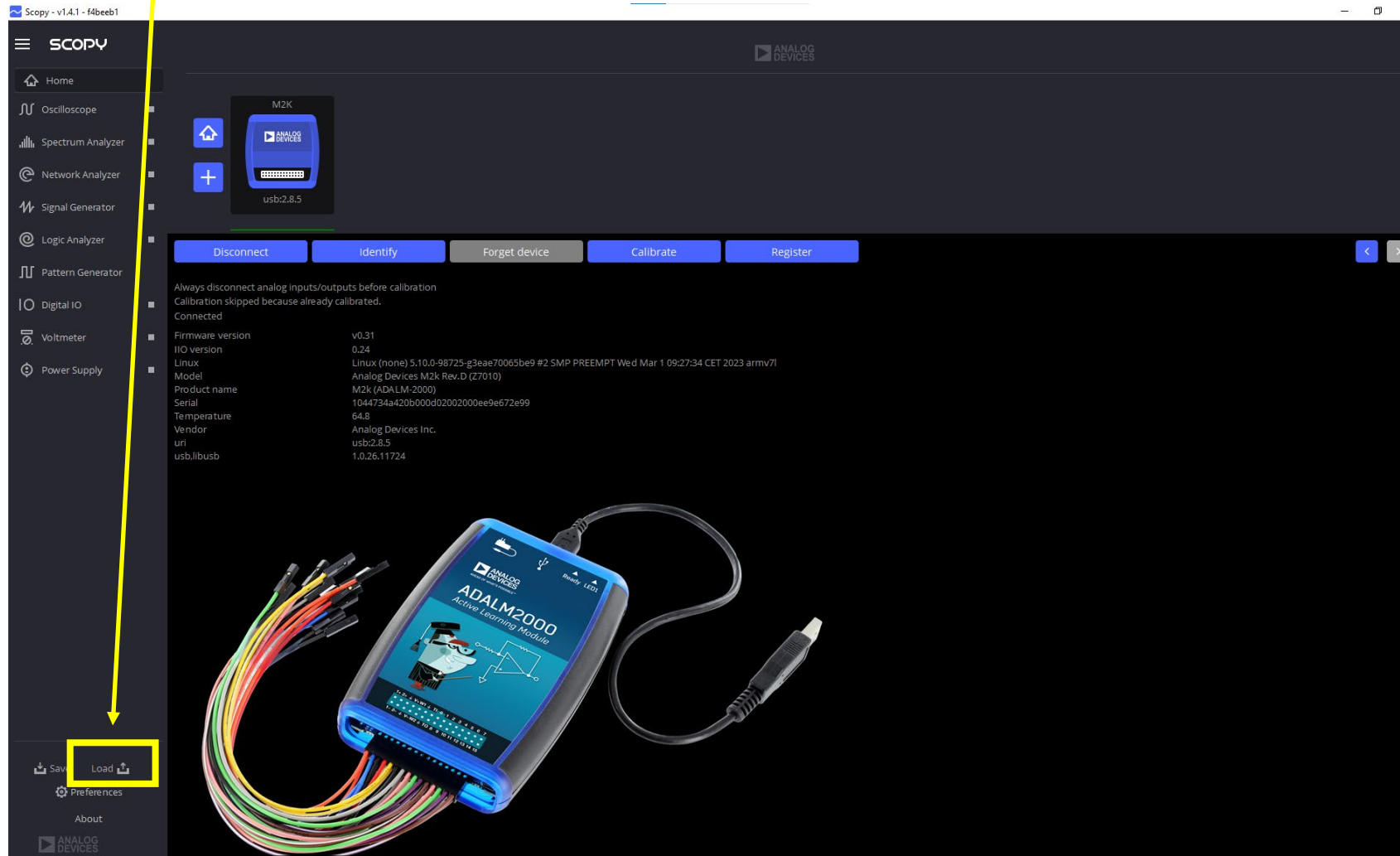
Successful Connection Looks Like This

The screenshot shows the SCOPY software interface with the following elements:

- Top-left: Window title "Scopy - v1.4.1 - f4bbeb1".
- Top-right: "ANALOG DEVICES" logo.
- Left sidebar: Navigation menu with icons for Home, Oscilloscope, Spectrum Analyzer, Network Analyzer, Signal Generator, Logic Analyzer, Pattern Generator, Digital IO, Voltmeter, and Power Supply.
- Center: Device icon for "M2K" with "usb:2,8.5" below it.
- Buttons: "Disconnect" (highlighted with a yellow box and arrow), "Identify", "Forget device", "Calibrate", and "Register".
- Text below buttons: "Always disconnect analog inputs/outputs before calibration. Calibration skipped because already calibrated. Connected".
- Table of device information:

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IIO version	0.24
Linux	Linux (none) 5.10.0-98725-g3eae70065be9 #2 SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 1 09:27:34 CET 2023 armv7l
Model	Analog Devices M2K Rev.D (Z7010)
Product name	M2k (ADALM-2000)
Serial	T044734a420b000d02002000ee9e672e99
Temperature	64.8
Vendor	Analog Devices Inc.
uri	usb:2,8.5
usb.libusb	1.0.26.11724
- Bottom-left: "Save", "Load", "Preferences", and "About" options.
- Bottom-right: Photograph of the ADALM2000 Active Learning Module with various cables connected.

Load the Config Files

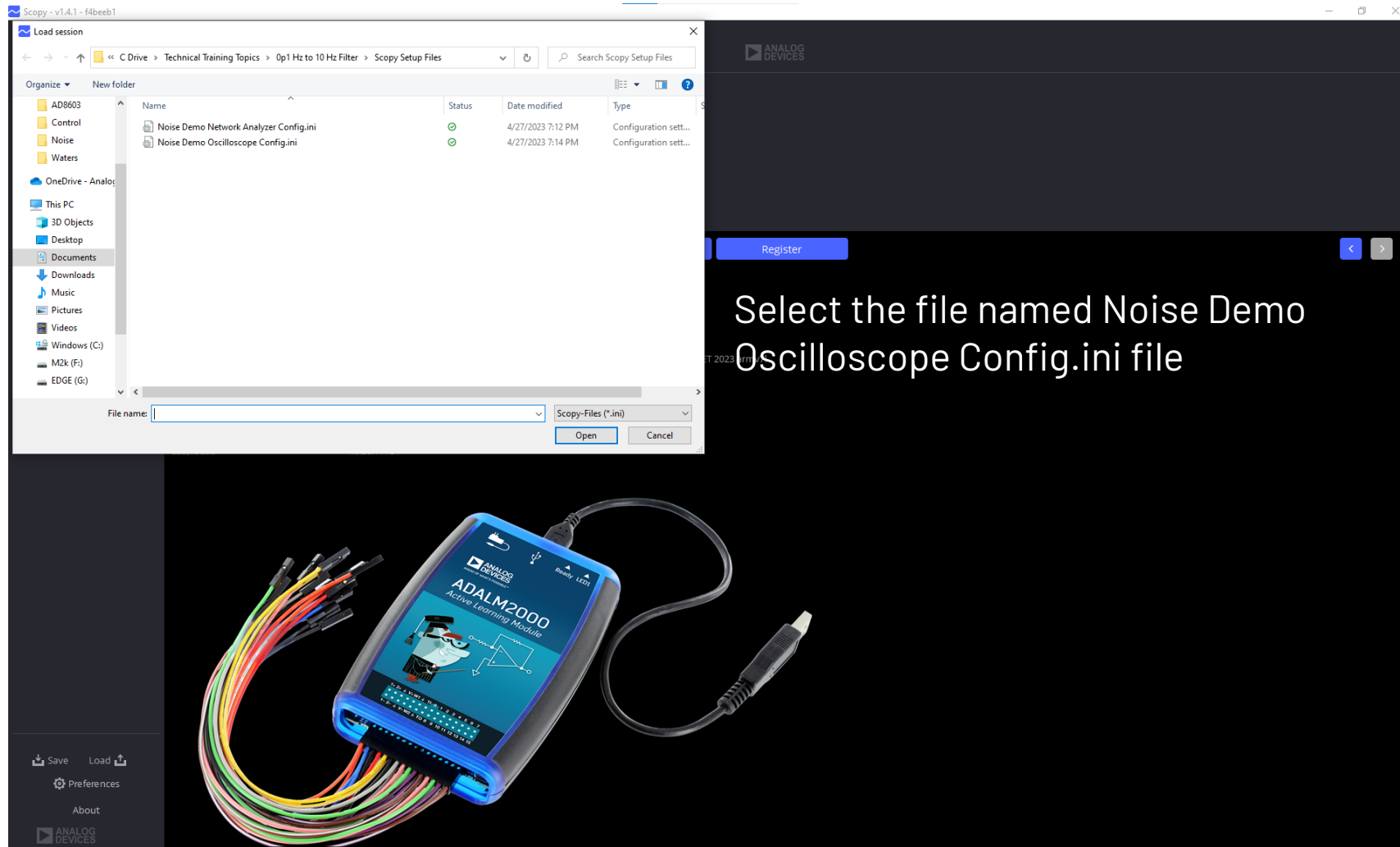


The screenshot shows the SCOPY software interface. On the left, a sidebar contains various tool icons, with the 'Load' icon highlighted by a yellow box and a yellow arrow pointing to it. The main window displays a connected device 'M2K' with the following details:

Property	Value
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IIO version	0.24
Linux	Linux (none) 5.10.0-98725-g3eae70065be9 #2 SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 1 09:27:34 CET 2023 armv7l
Model	Analog Devices M2K Rev.D (Z7010)
Product name	M2k (ADALM-2000)
Serial	T044734a420b000d02002000ee9e672e99
Temperature	64.8
Vendor	Analog Devices Inc.
uri	usb:2.8.5
usb.libus	1.0.26.11724

Below the device information is a photograph of the ADALM2000 Active Learning Module hardware, which is a blue USB device with a multi-pin connector and a USB cable.

Navigate to the Config File Location



The image shows a Windows File Explorer window titled "Scopy - v1.4.1 - f4bbeeb1" with the address bar set to "C Drive > Technical Training Topics > 0p1 Hz to 10 Hz Filter > Scopy Setup Files". The file list contains two files:

Name	Status	Date modified	Type
Noise Demo Network Analyzer Config.ini	✓	4/27/2023 7:12 PM	Configuration sett...
Noise Demo Oscilloscope Config.ini	✓	4/27/2023 7:14 PM	Configuration sett...

Below the file explorer, a software interface is shown with a "Register" button and the text "Select the file named Noise Demo Oscilloscope Config.ini file". At the bottom of the interface is an image of the ADALM2000 Active Learning Module, a blue handheld device with a screen and various ports.



Noise Demo Network Analyzer Config.ini



DO THIS FIRST

Double-click on the icon above and save to your preferred location on your laptop

The 0-Scope Will be Configured as Shown

SCOPY - v1.4.1 - f4beeb1

Print Enable Mixed Signal View Run Single

Channel 1

Time Base: 625 ms

Position: 0 ns

Volts/Div: 200 mVolts

Position: 30.151 mVolts

CH Thickness: 1 Curve Style: Lines

Memory depth: 10000 Probe Attenuation: 1

Software AC Coupling: on off

Autoset Snapshot

625 ms/div

200 mV/div (±2.5) 1 V/div (±25.0)

CH 1 CH 2

Cursors Measure Trigger

Home Oscilloscope Spectrum Analyzer Network Analyzer Signal Generator Logic Analyzer Pattern Generator Digital IO Voltmeter **Power Supply**

Save Load Preferences About

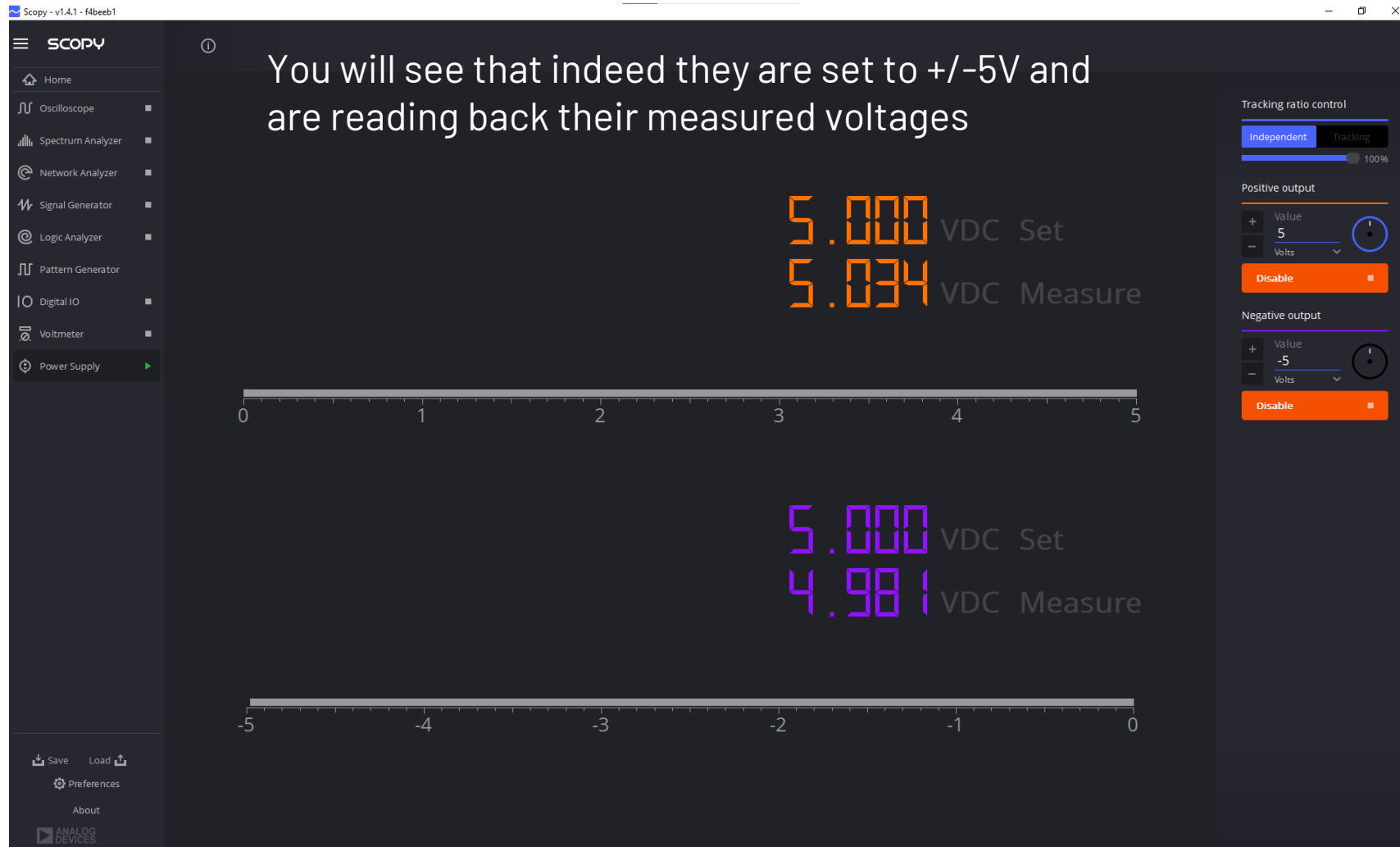
ANALOG DEVICES

Sets the time per division to 0.625s/div

Sets the Volts per division to 200mV/div

The power supplies are set to +/-5V and are enabled

If You Click on the Power Supply Label



The screenshot displays the SCOPY software interface for a power supply. The main display area shows two voltage readings: a setpoint of 5.000 VDC and a measured value of 5.034 VDC. Below this, another setpoint of 5.000 VDC and a measured value of 4.981 VDC are shown. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like Home, Oscilloscope, Spectrum Analyzer, Network Analyzer, Signal Generator, Logic Analyzer, Pattern Generator, Digital IO, Voltmeter, and Power Supply. On the right, there are controls for Tracking ratio control (Independent/Tracking), Positive output (Value: 5 Volts), and Negative output (Value: -5 Volts). A horizontal scale at the bottom ranges from -5 to 0.

You will see that indeed they are set to +/-5V and are reading back their measured voltages

5.000 VDC Set
5.034 VDC Measure

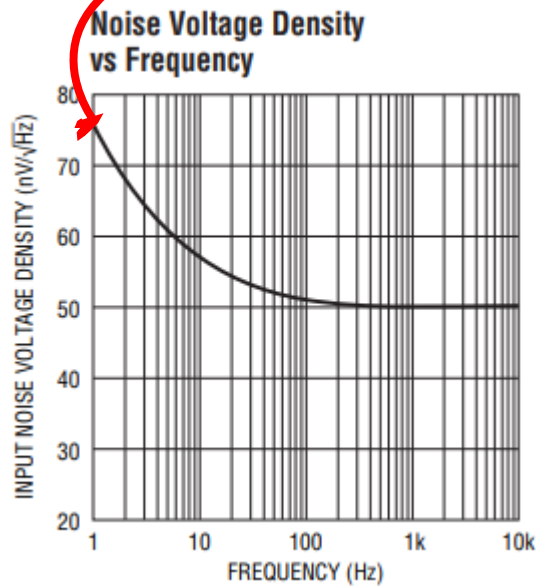
5.000 VDC Set
4.981 VDC Measure

Set the Jumper to "Low Power"



Let's Estimate the 1/f Noise for the LT1782

While the filter is settling, let's take a minute to estimate the low frequency noise



From the data sheet curve, we can estimate the 1Hz 1/f noise at 75nV/SQRT-Hz

We will integrate from 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz

Calculation:

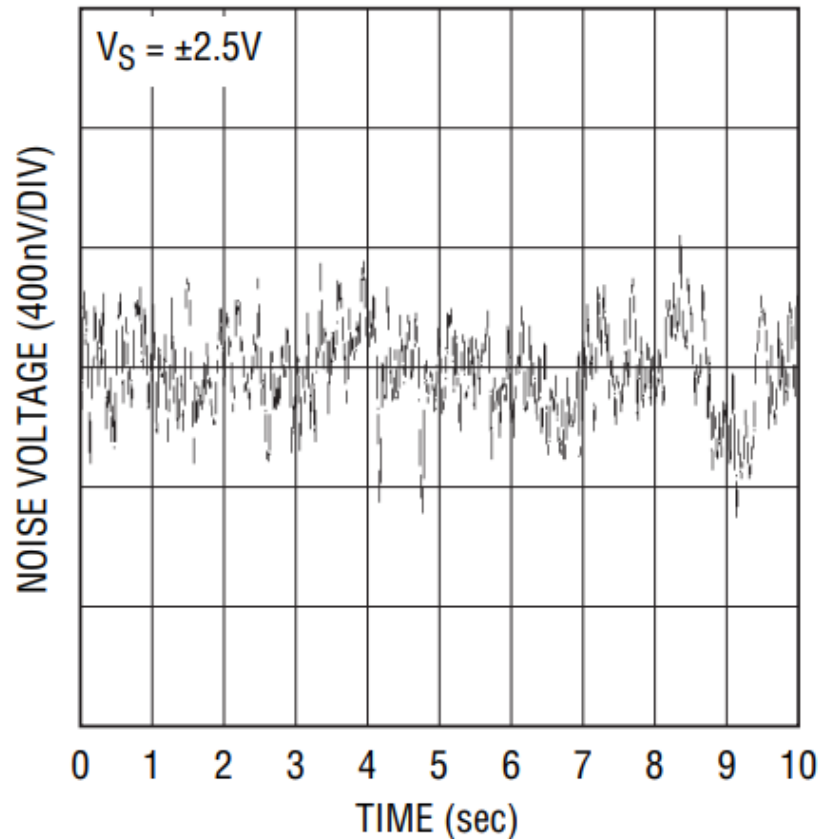
$$V_{\frac{1}{f}} = 6.6 \times e_{1\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{f_{\text{HIGH}}}{f_{\text{LOW}}}\right)} = 6.6 \times 75e^{-9} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{10}{0.1}\right)} = 1.06\mu V_{PP}$$

Let's Compare our Estimate to the LT1782 Datasheet

Data Sheet:

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1782C/LT1782I			UNITS
		MIN	TYP	MAX	
Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz		1		$\mu\text{V}_{\text{p-p}}$

0.1Hz to 10Hz Noise Voltage

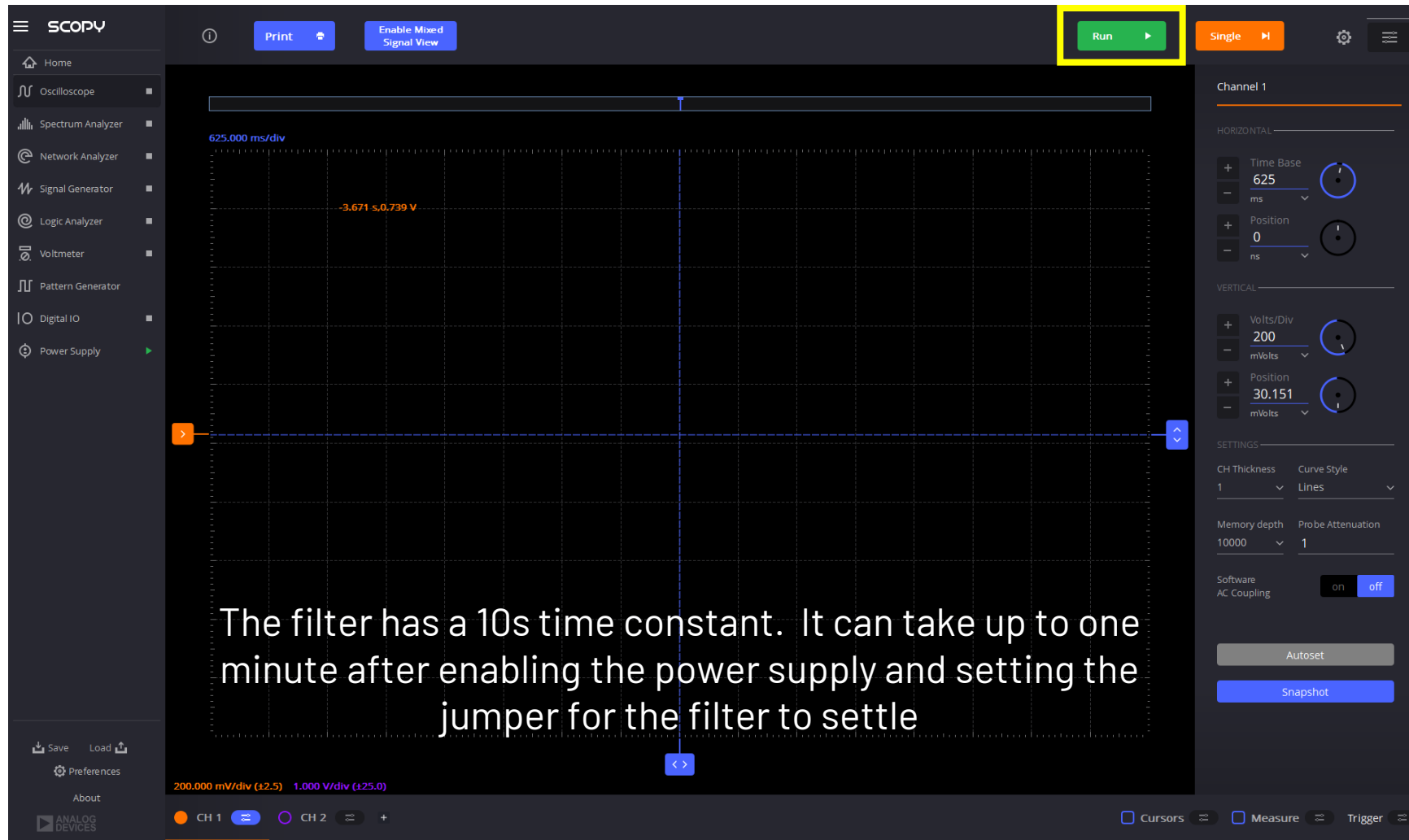


1782 G09

Estimate:

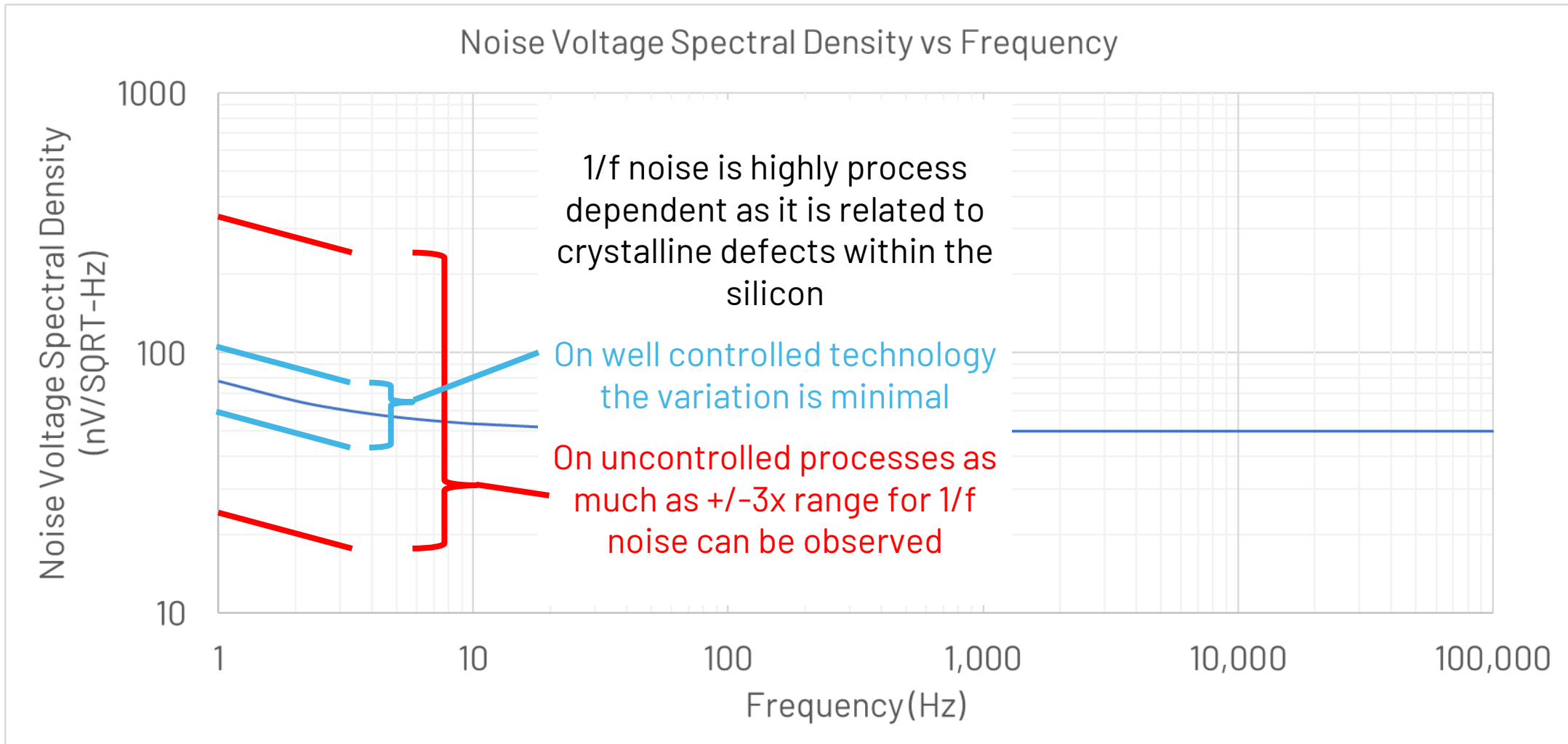
$$V_{\frac{1}{f}} = 6.6 \times e_{1\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{f_{\text{HIGH}}}{f_{\text{LOW}}}\right)} = 6.6 \times 75e^{-9} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{10}{0.1}\right)} = 1.06 \mu\text{V}_{\text{PP}}$$

Click on the Green "Run" Button



The filter has a 10s time constant. It can take up to one minute after enabling the power supply and setting the jumper for the filter to settle

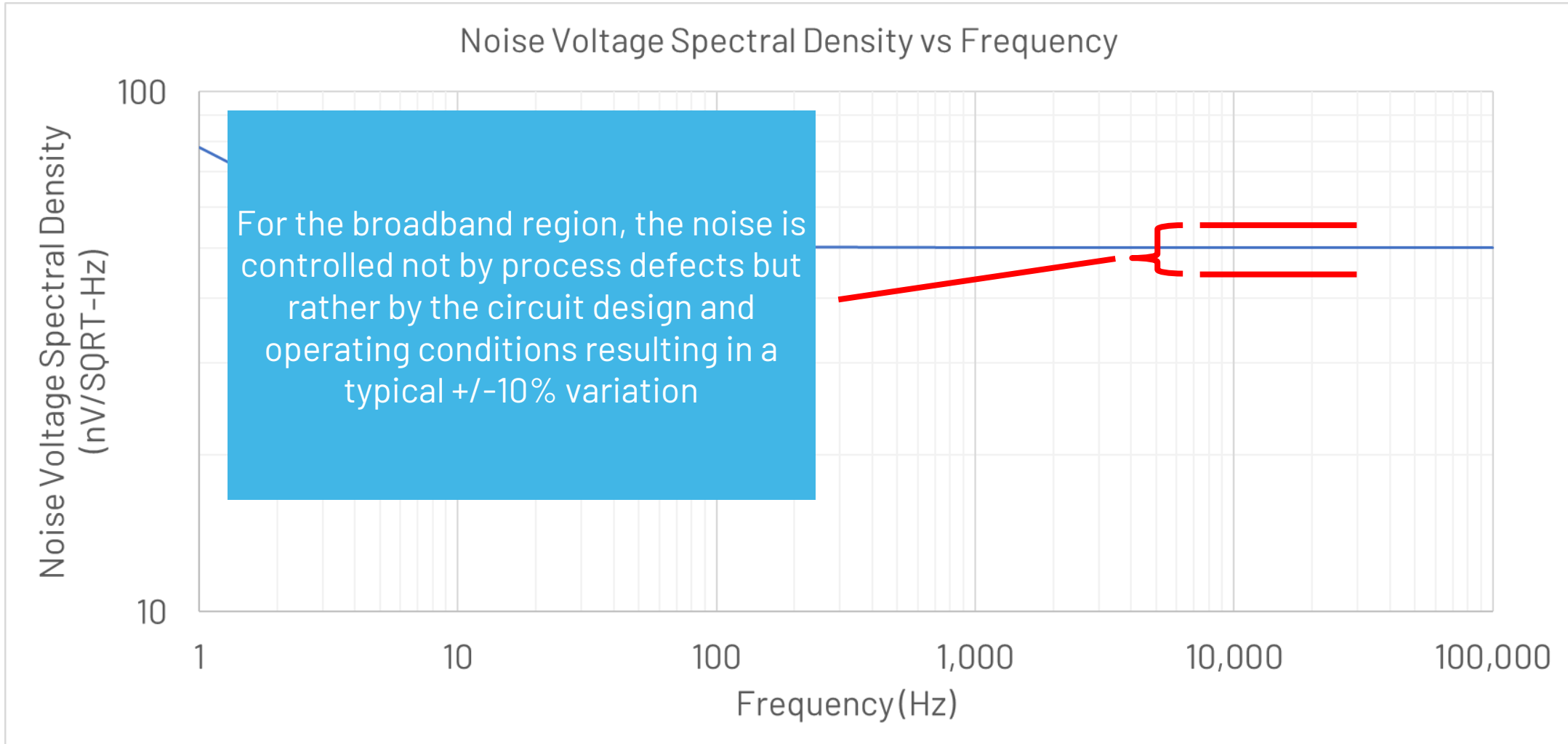
What to Expect if Only a Typical Value is Given?



Source:

Art Kay, Operational Amplifier Noise Techniques and Tips for Analyzing and Reducing Noise, Boston, Newnes/Elsevier, 2012

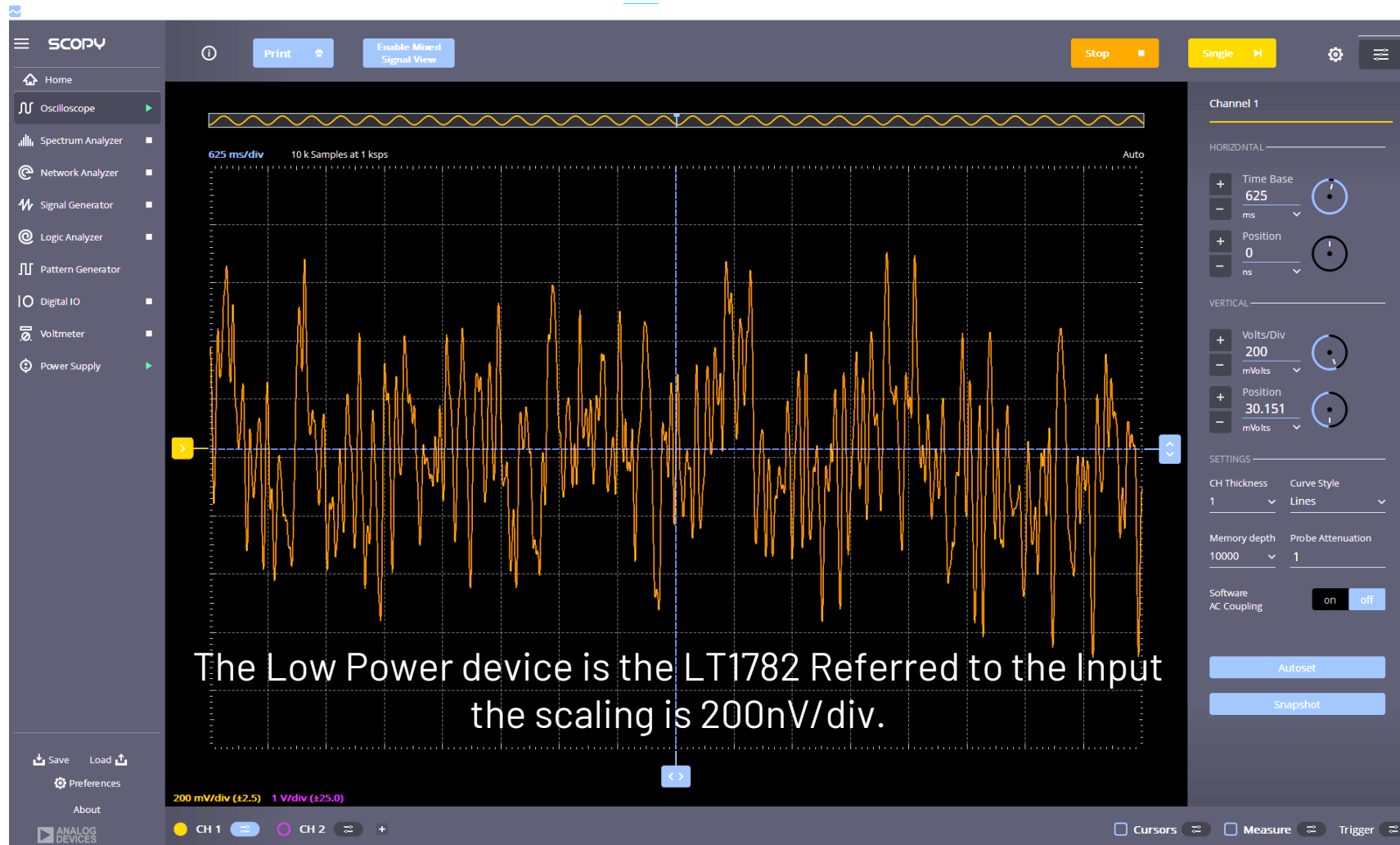
What to Expect if Only a Typical Value is Given?



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Art Kay, Operational Amplifier Noise Techniques and Tips for Analyzing and Reducing Noise, Boston, Newnes/Elsevier, 2012

Typical Result for the Low Power Device



Set the Jumper to "Low Noise"



Let's Estimate the 1/f Noise for the ADA4077

While the filter is settling, let's take a minute to estimate the low frequency noise

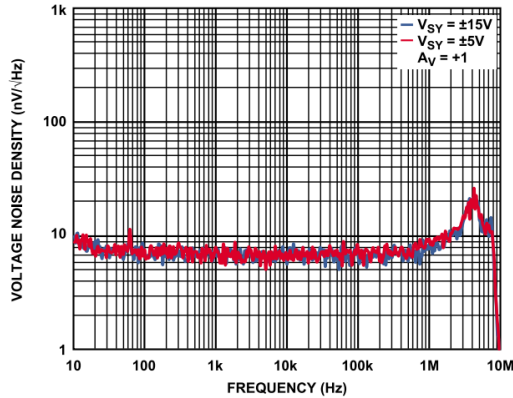


Figure 58. Voltage Noise Density vs. Frequency, $V_{SY} = \pm 5 V$ and $V_{SY} = \pm 15 V$

From the data sheet curve, we can estimate the 1Hz 1/f noise at 13nV/SQRT-Hz

We will integrate from 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz

Calculation:

$$V_{\frac{1}{f}} = 6.6 \times e_{1\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{f_{\text{HIGH}}}{f_{\text{LOW}}}\right)} = 6.6 \times 13e^{-9} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{10}{0.1}\right)} = 0.18\mu V_{PP}$$

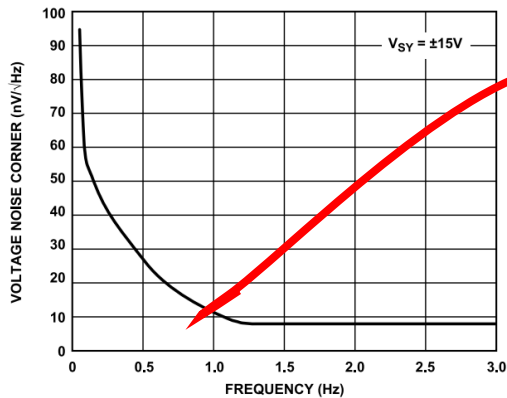


Figure 61. Voltage Noise Corner vs. Frequency, $V_{SY} = \pm 15 V$ and $V_{SY} = \pm 5 V$

Let's Compare our Estimate to the ADA4077 Datasheet

Data Sheet:

NOISE PERFORMANCE				
Voltage Noise	e_n p-p	0.1 Hz to 10 Hz	0.25	$\mu\text{V p-p}$
Voltage Noise Density	e_n	$f = 1 \text{ Hz}$	13	$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

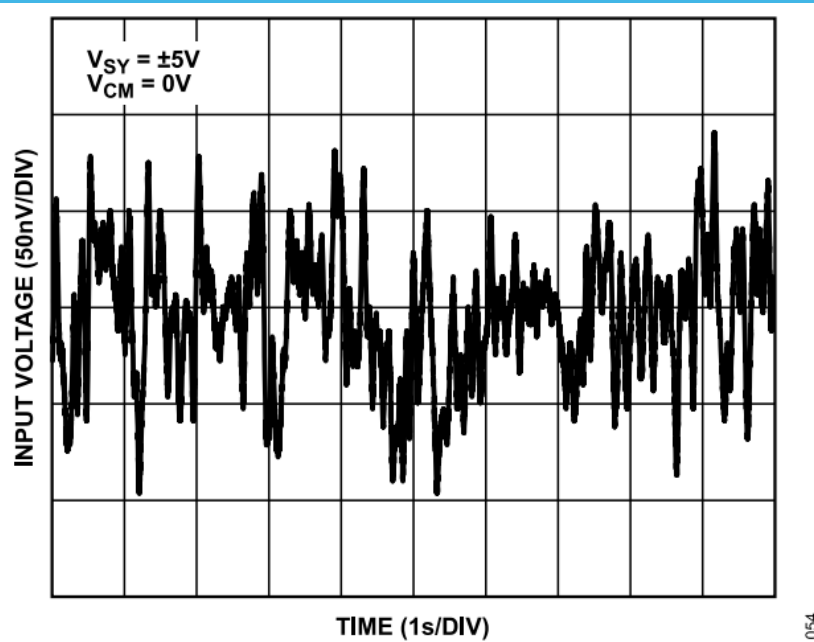
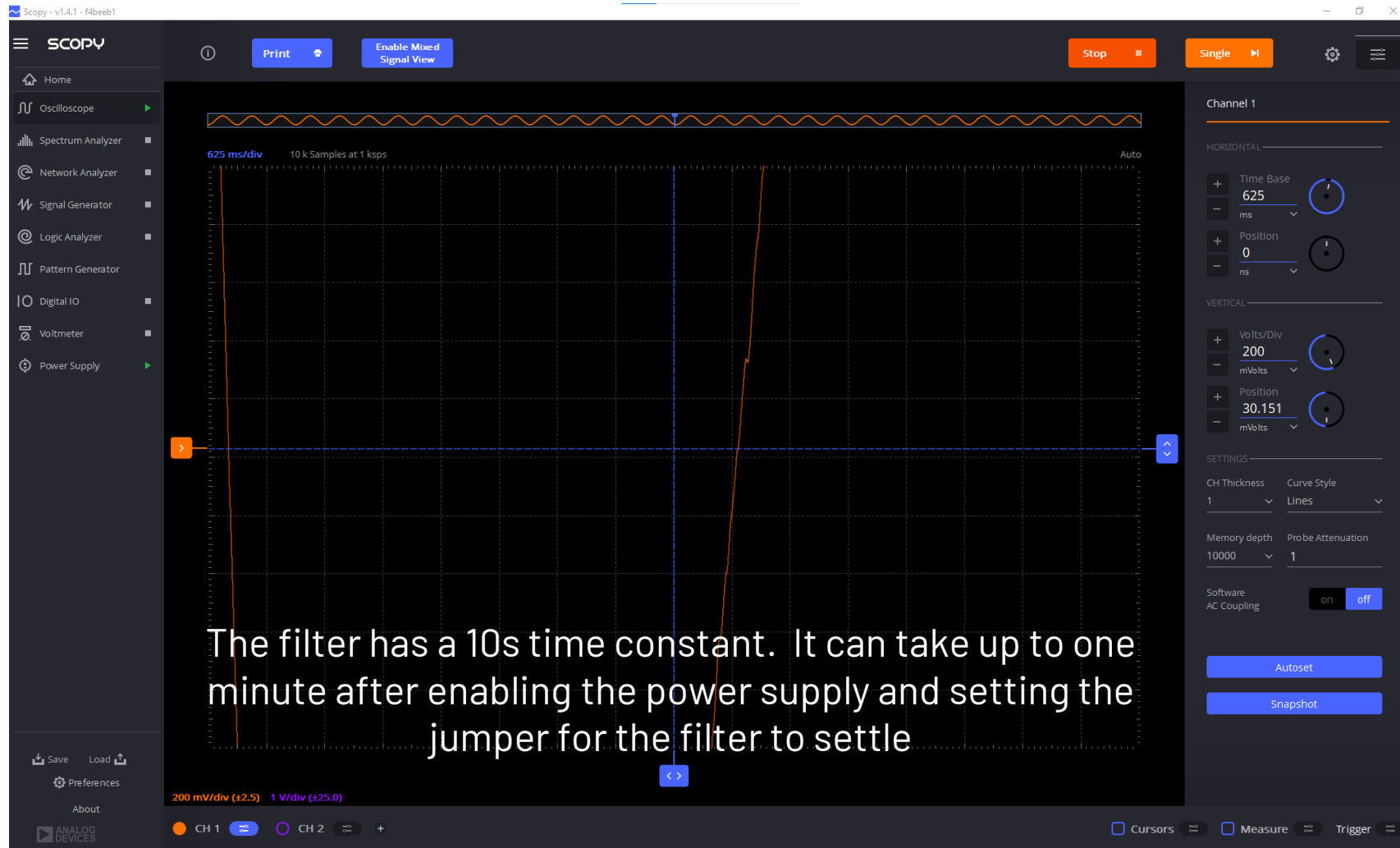


Figure 60. 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Noise, $V_{SY} = \pm 5 \text{ V}$

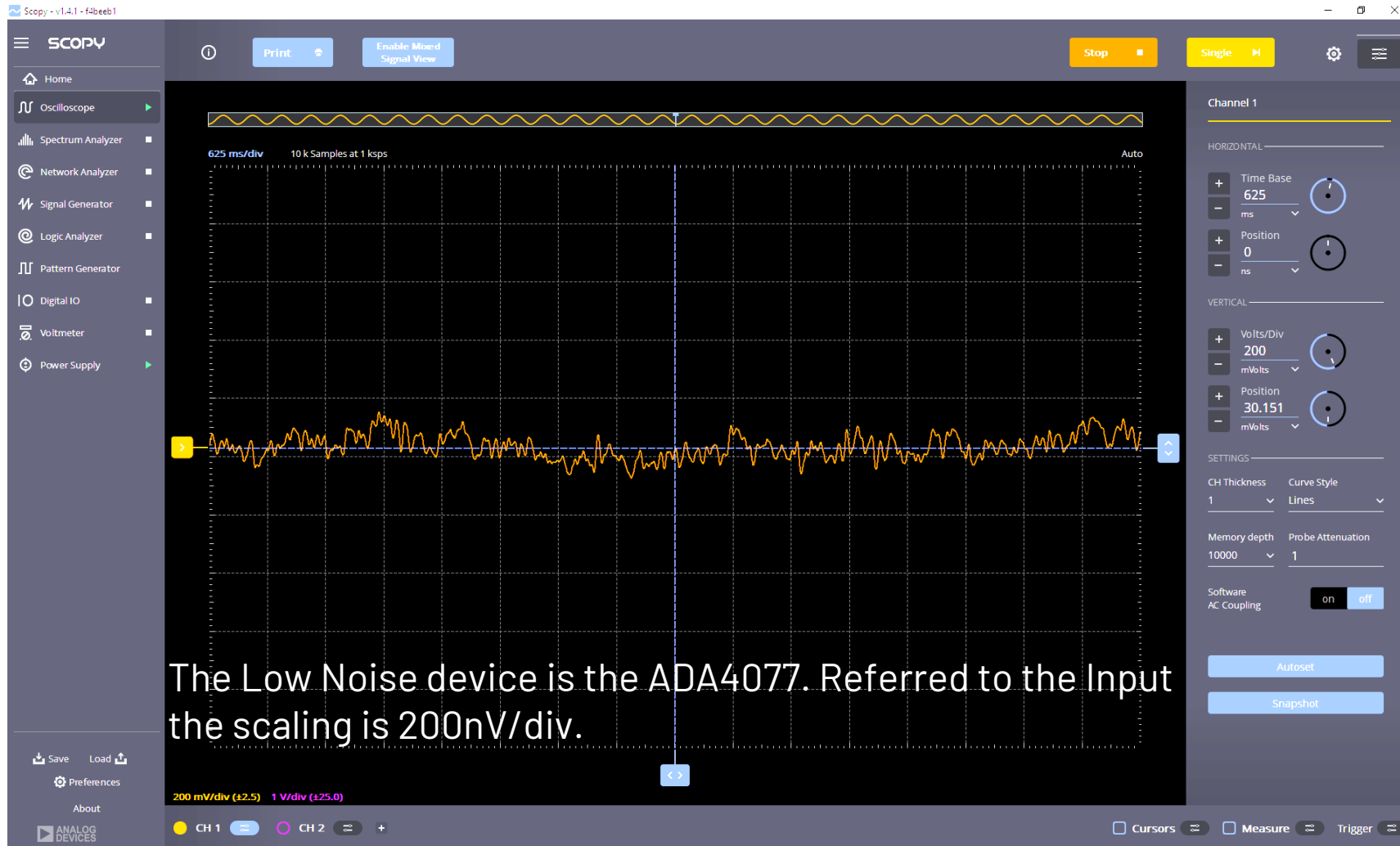
Estimate:

$$V_{\frac{1}{f}} = 6.6 \times e_{1\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{f_{\text{HIGH}}}{f_{\text{LOW}}}\right)} = 6.6 \times 13e^{-9} \times \sqrt{\ln\left(\frac{10}{0.1}\right)} = 0.18 \mu\text{V}_{PP}$$

Wait for Filter to Settle



Typical Result for the Low Noise Device



Set the Jumper to "Zero Drift"



Let's Estimate the 1/f Noise for the ADA4522

While the filter is settling, let's take a minute to estimate the low frequency noise

Because the ADA4522 is a Zero-Drift device, it has no 1/f noise, so we must calculate the broadband noise from 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz using 5.8nV/SQRT-Hz

We will use a noise bandwidth of 10 Hz

Calculation:

$$V_n = 6.6 \times NSD \sqrt{\text{Noisebandwidth}} = 6.6 \times 5.8e^{-9} \sqrt{10} = 0.12 \mu V_{PP}$$

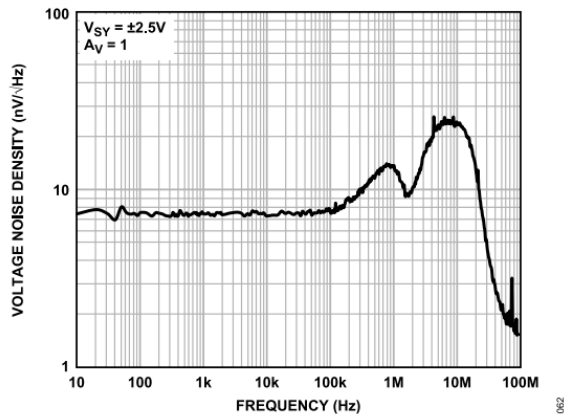
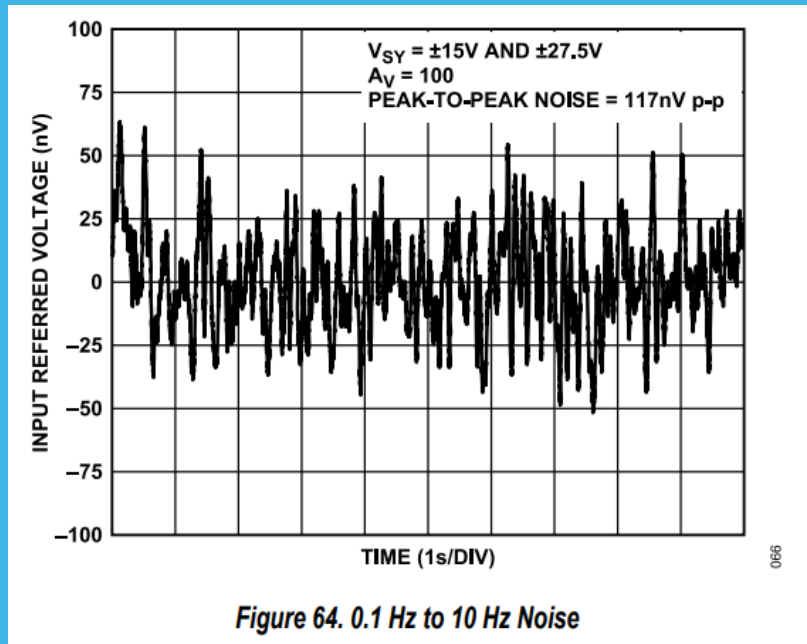


Figure 60. Voltage Noise Density vs. Frequency, $V_{SY} = \pm 2.5 V$

Let's Compare our Estimate to the ADA4522 Datasheet

Data Sheet:

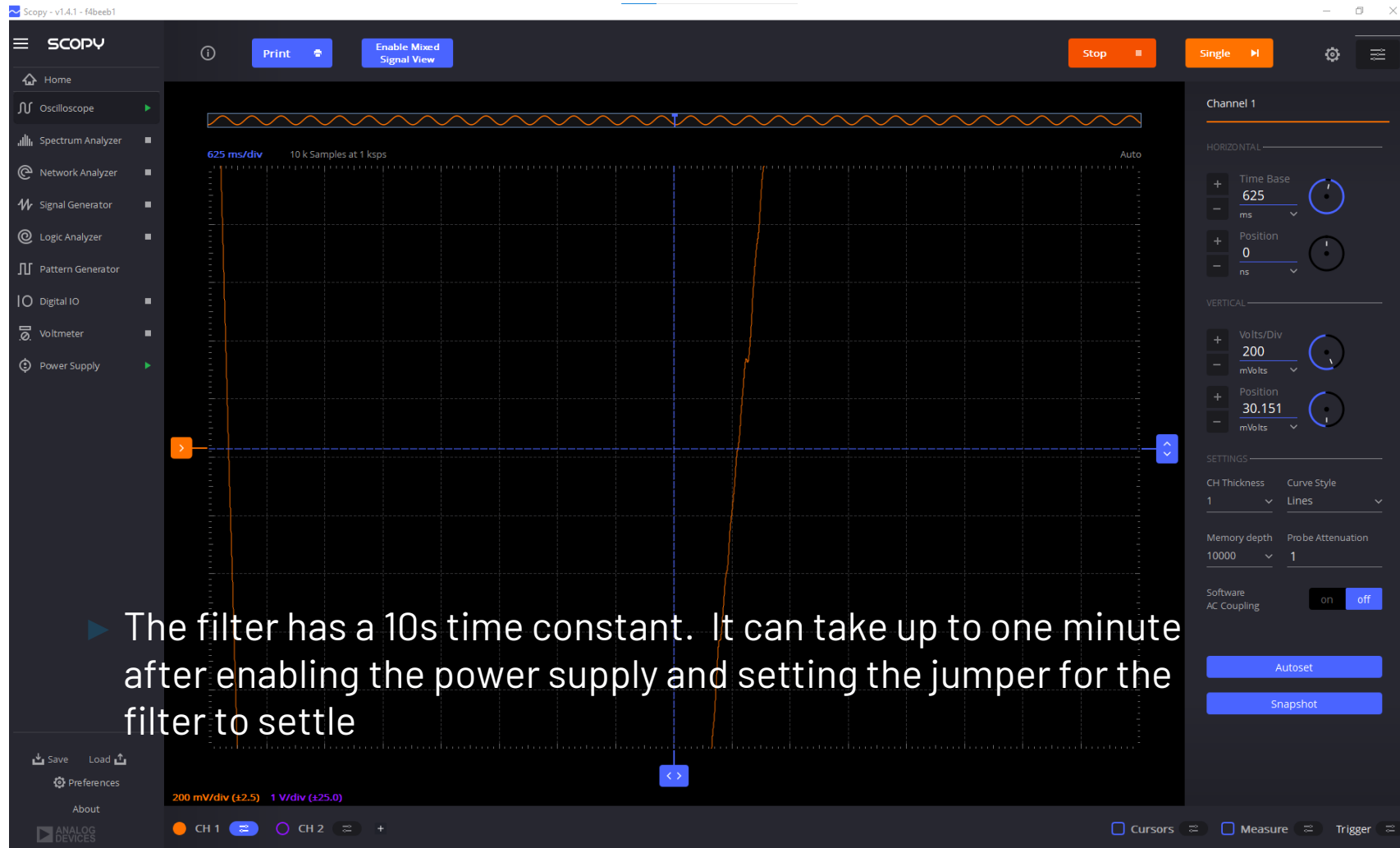
NOISE PERFORMANCE				
Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise BW = 80 kHz BW = 500 kHz	THD + N	$A_V = 1, f = 1 \text{ kHz}, V_{IN} = 6 \text{ V rms}$	0.0005 0.004	% %
Peak-to-Peak Voltage Noise	$e_{N \text{ p-p}}$	$A_V = 100, f = 0.1 \text{ Hz to } 10 \text{ Hz}$	117	nV p-p
Voltage Noise Density	e_N	$A_V = 100, f = 1 \text{ kHz}$	5.8	nV/√Hz
Peak-to-Peak Current Noise	$i_{N \text{ p-p}}$	$A_V = 100, f = 0.1 \text{ Hz to } 10 \text{ Hz}$	16	pA p-p
Current Noise Density	i_N	$A_V = 100, f = 1 \text{ kHz}$	0.8	pA/√Hz



Estimate:

$$V_n = 6.6 \times NSD \sqrt{\text{Noisebandwidth}} = 6.6 \times 5.8e^{-9} \sqrt{10} = 0.12 \mu V_{PP}$$

Wait for Filter to Settle



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Print Enable Mixed Signal View Stop Single

Channel 1

HORIZONTAL

Time Base 625 ms

Position 0 ns

VERTICAL

Volts/Div 200 mVolts

Position 30.151 mVolts

SETTINGS

CH Thickness 1 Curve Style Lines

Memory depth 10000 Probe Attenuation 1

Software AC Coupling on off

Autoset Snapshot

Save Load Preferences

About

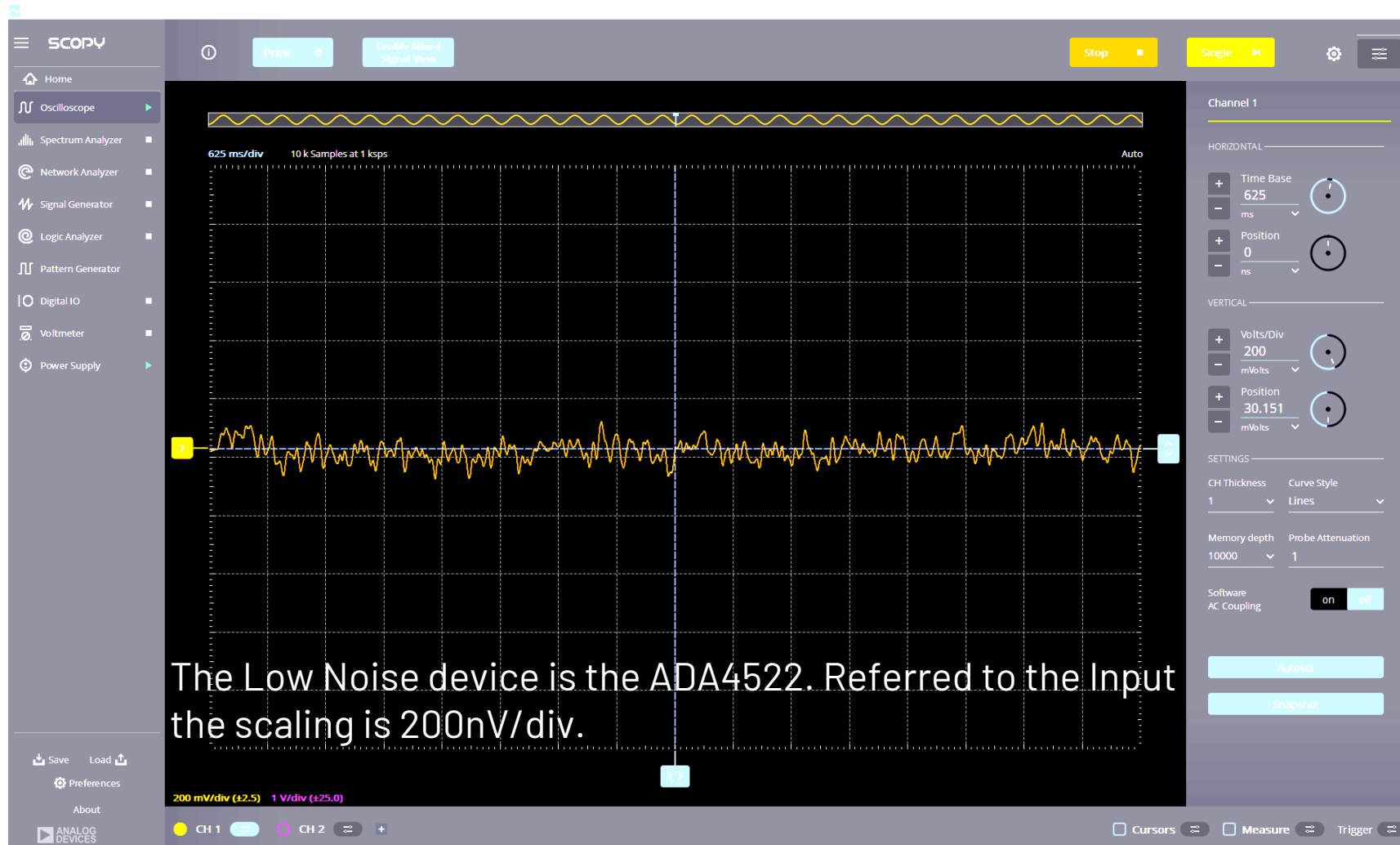
200 mV/div (±2.5) 1 V/div (±25.0)

CH 1 CH 2

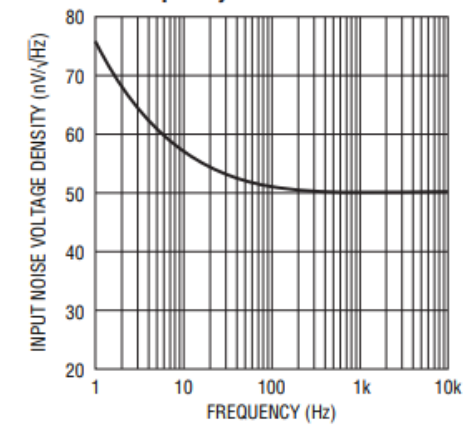
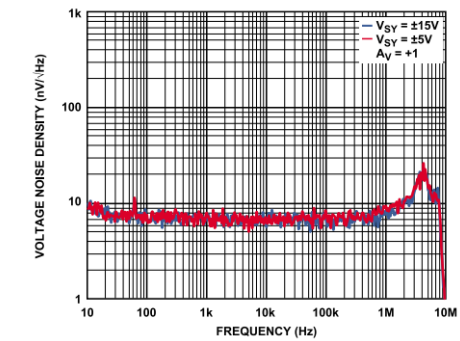
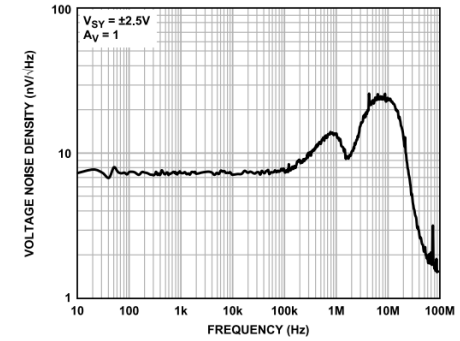
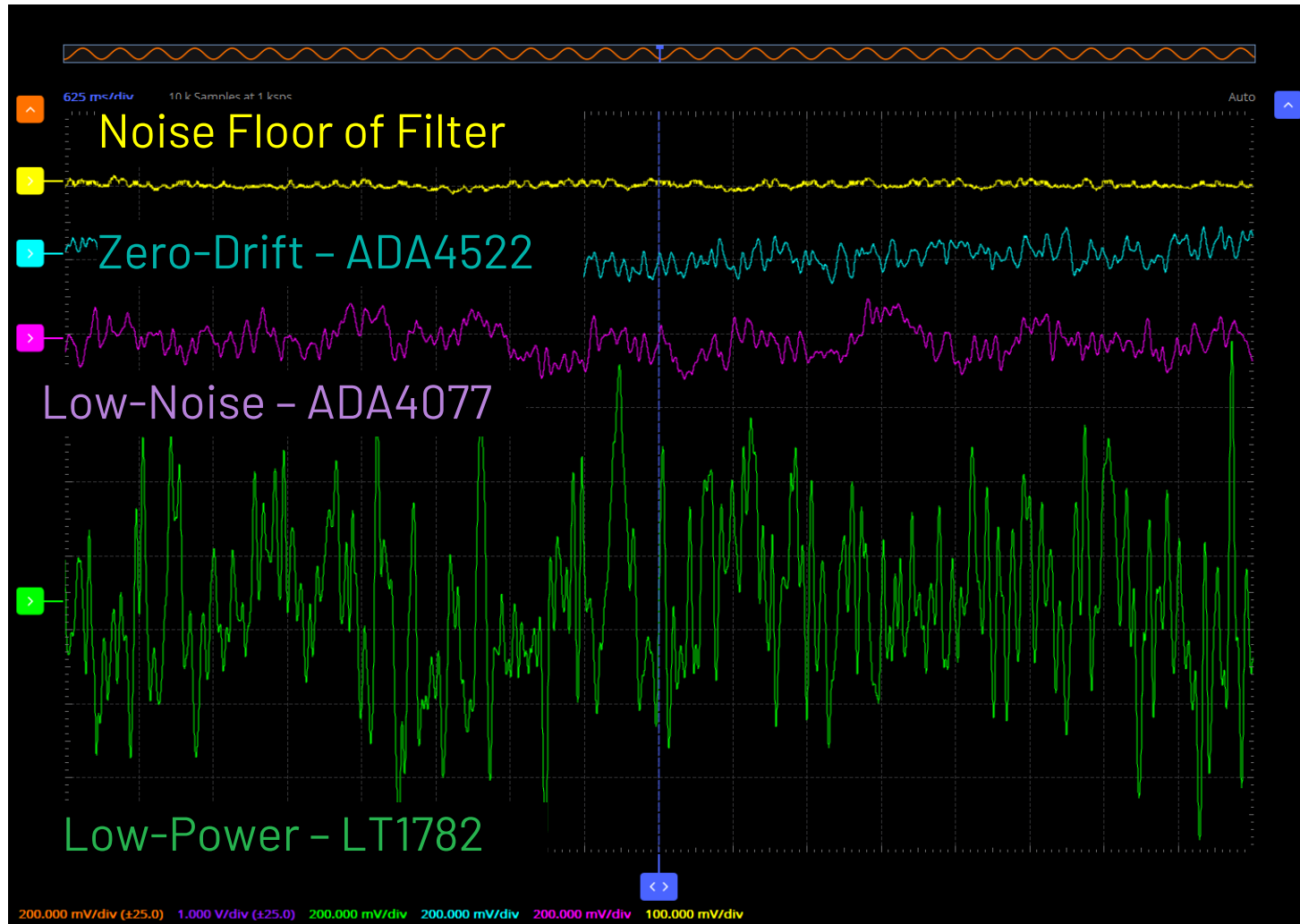
Cursors Measure Trigger

▶ The filter has a 10s time constant. It can take up to one minute after enabling the power supply and setting the jumper for the filter to settle

Typical Result for the Zero-Drift Device

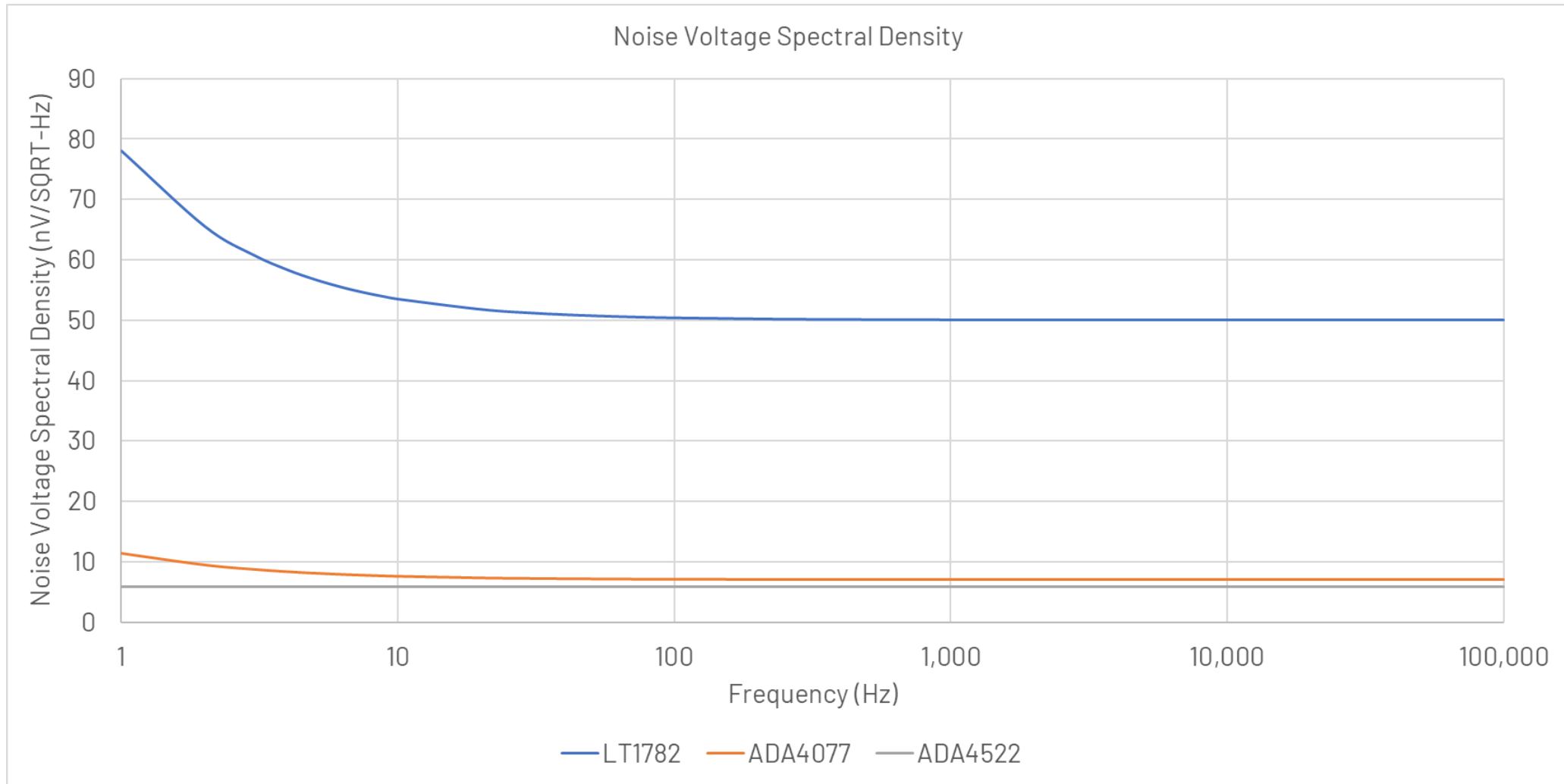


Results Summary





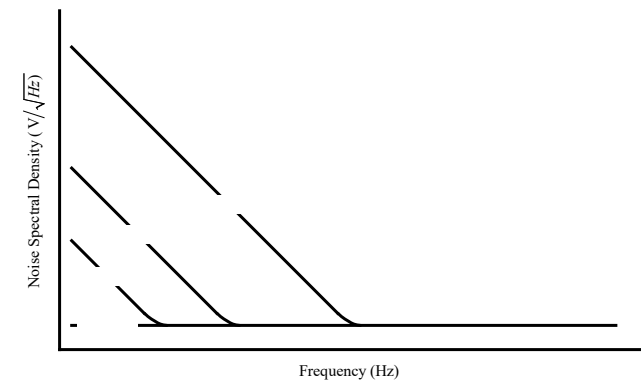
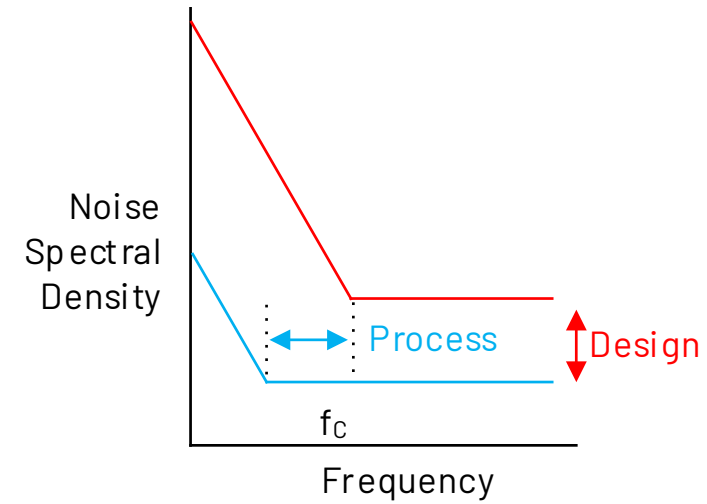
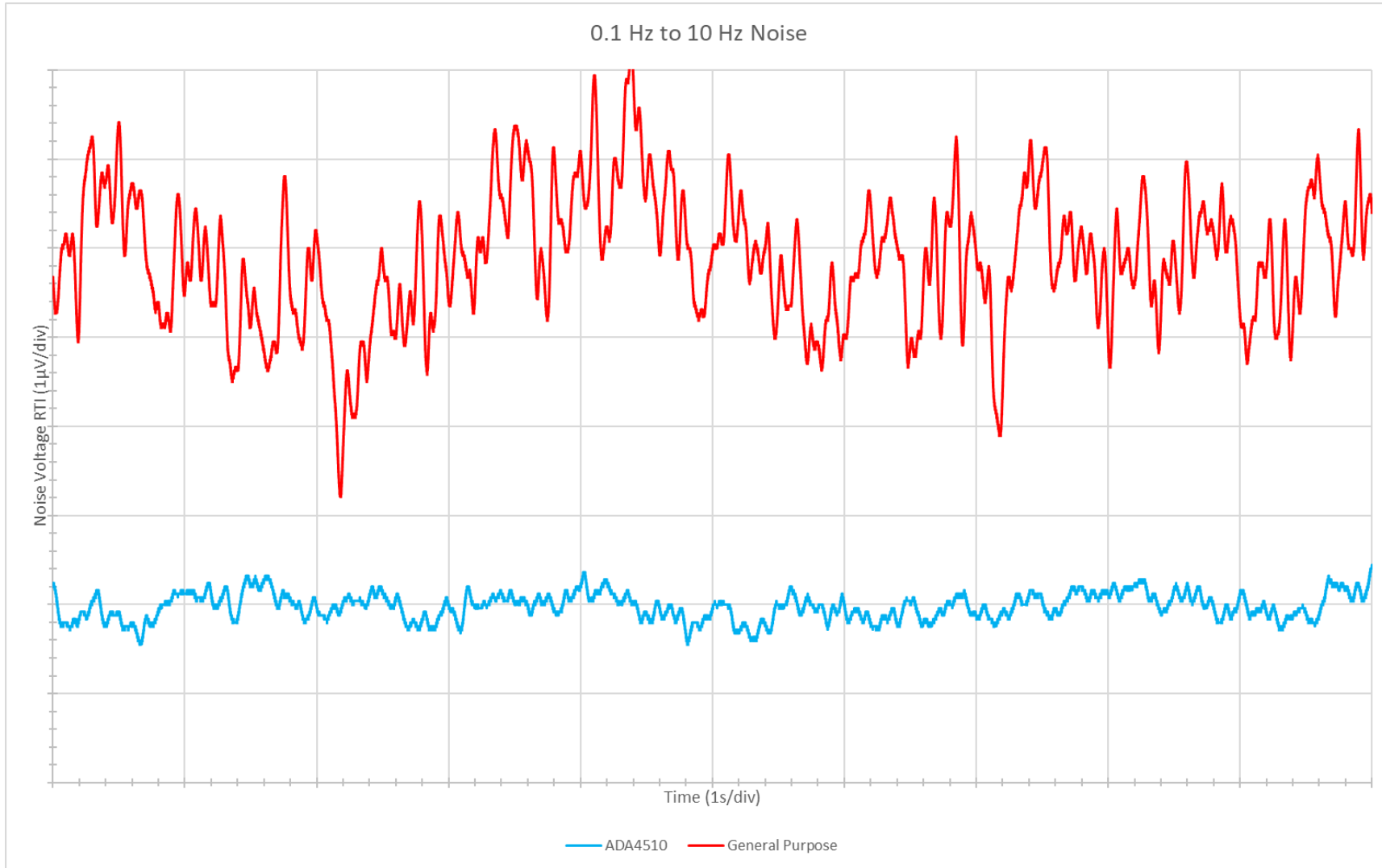
Recap - NSD for all three Opamps Included in this Demo





Recap - Low Frequency Noise Comparison

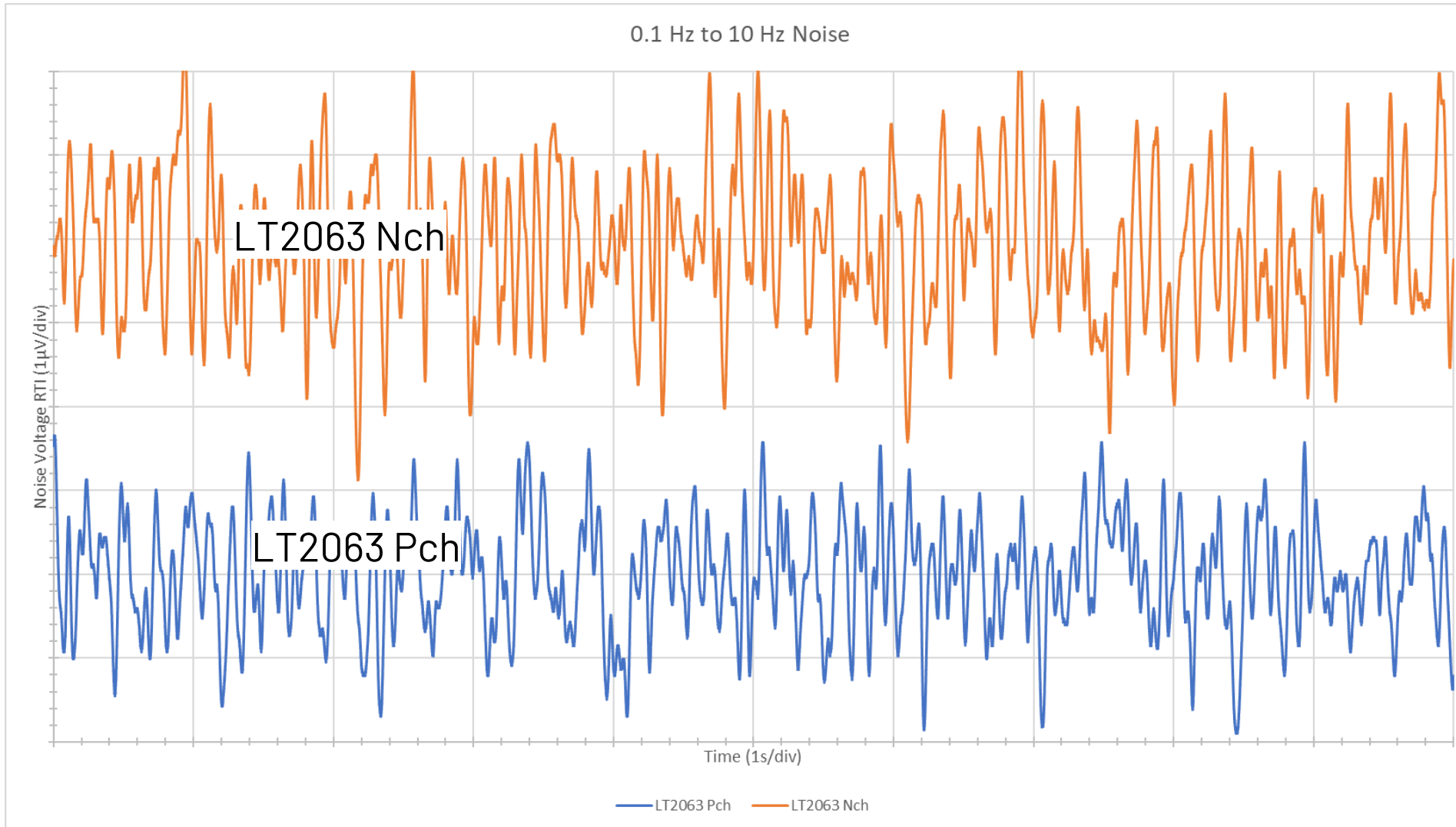
Low Noise Technology vs Standard Technology





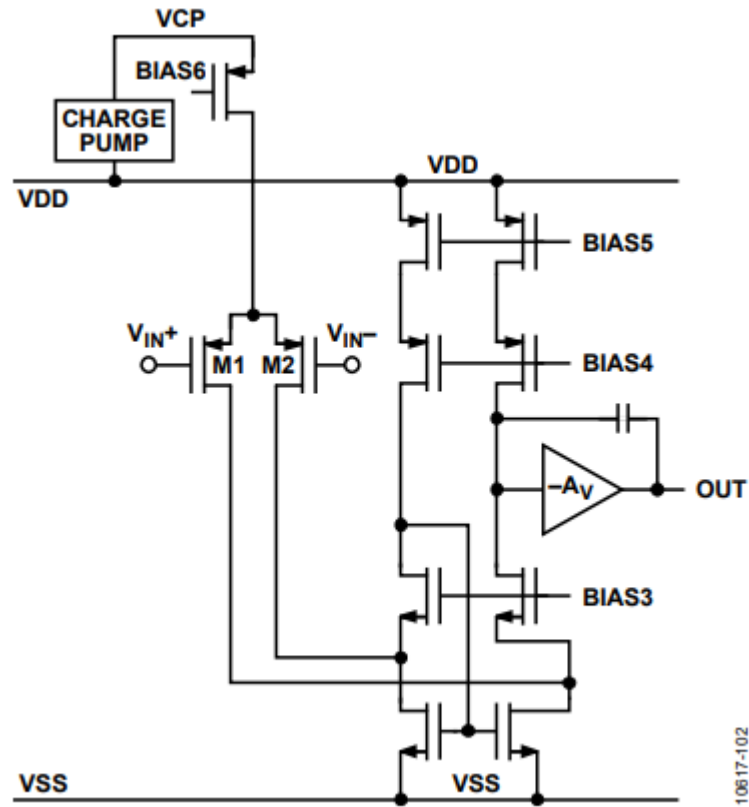
Rail-to-Rail Input Stages

0.1 Hz to 10 Hz Noise





Rail-to-Rail Input Stages



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Figure 61. ADA4500-2 Input Structure



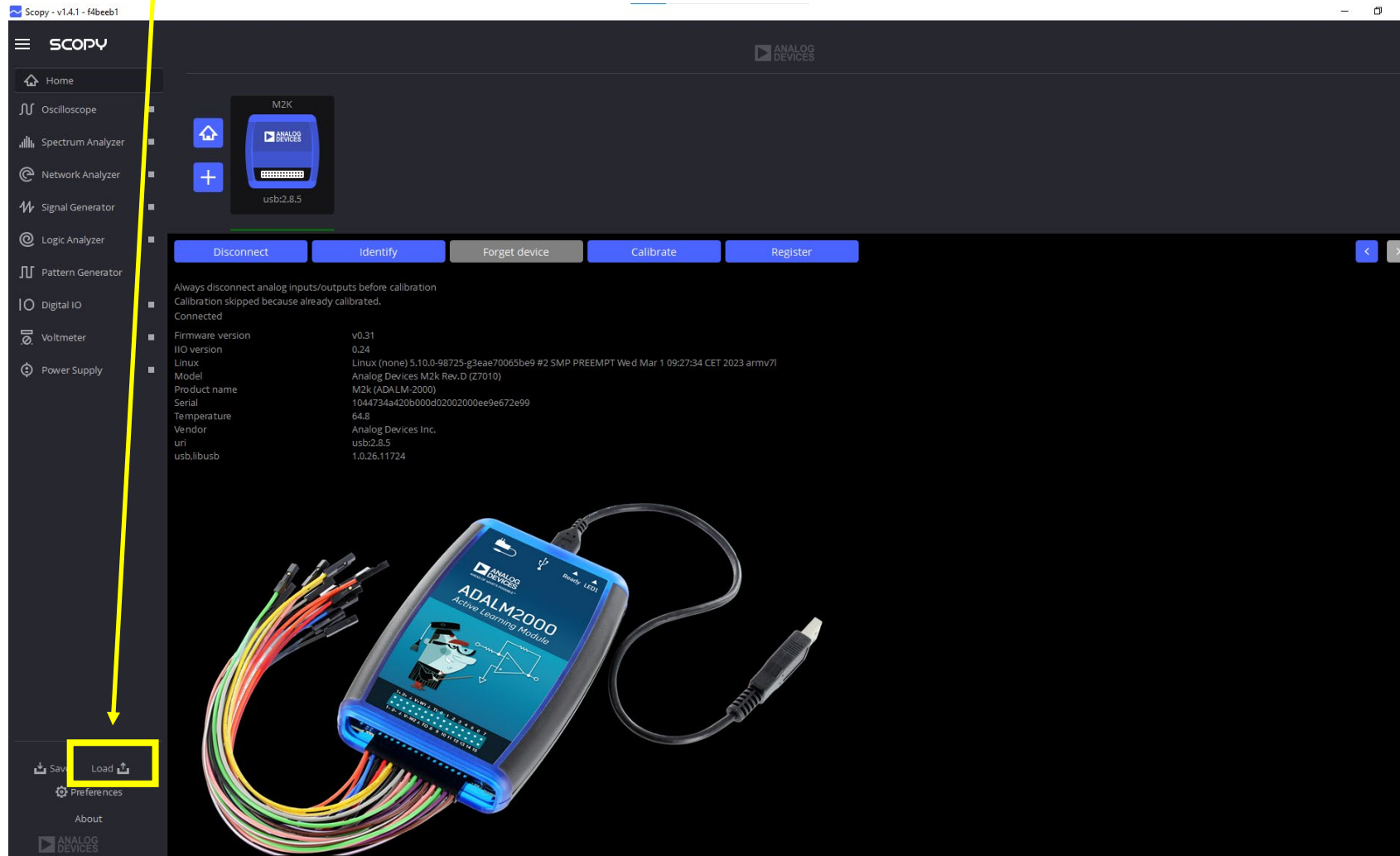
AHEAD OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE™

Let's use the Network Analyzer Feature of the ADALM2000 to Measure the Filter Response

Set the Jumper to "Network Analyzer"



Load the Config Files

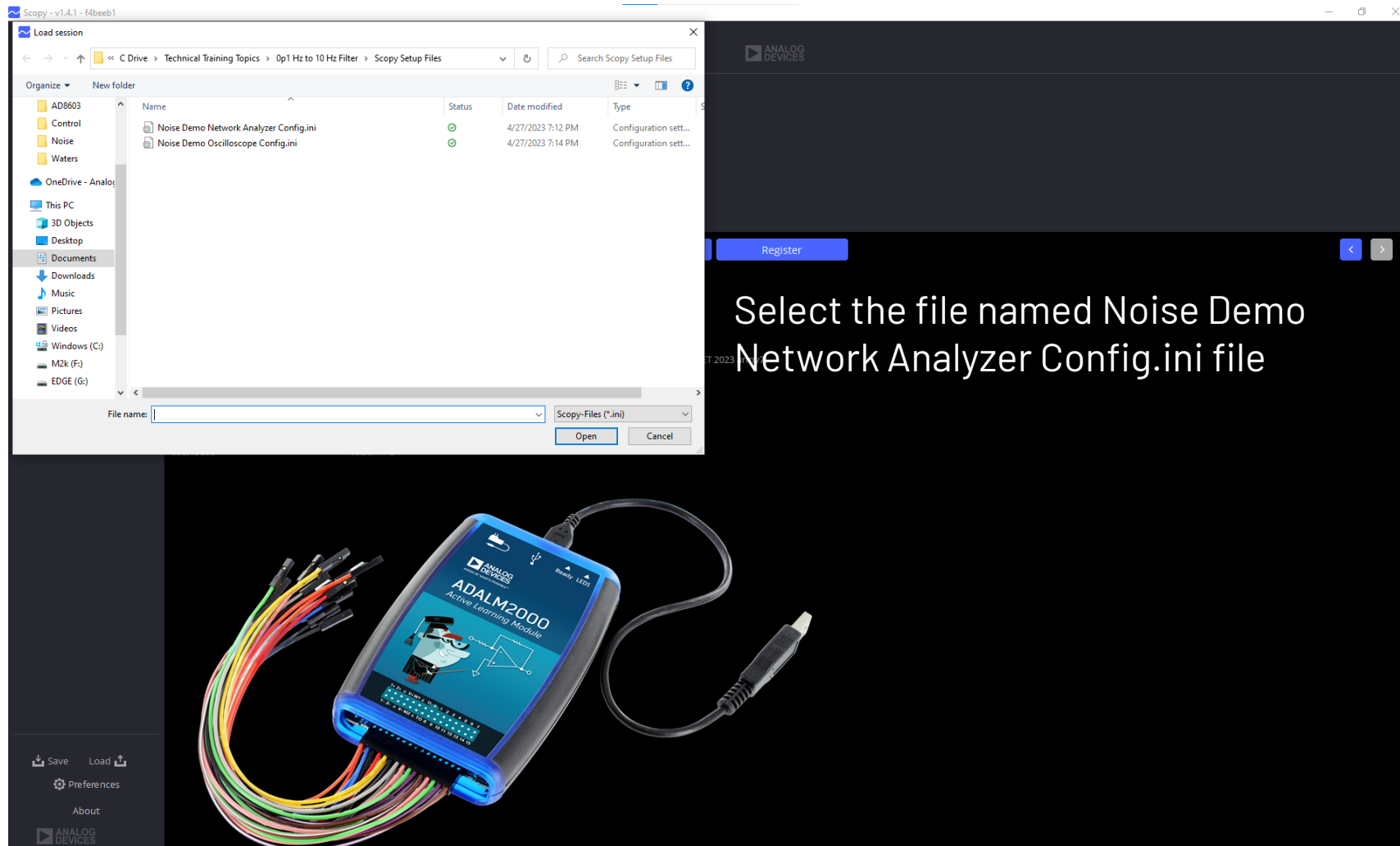


The screenshot shows the SCOPY software interface. On the left is a sidebar with various tool icons. The 'Load' icon, represented by a document with an upward arrow, is highlighted with a yellow box. A yellow arrow points from the top of the sidebar down to this 'Load' button. The main window displays a connected device 'M2K' on a USB 2.0 port. Below the device name are buttons for 'Disconnect', 'Identify', 'Forget device', 'Calibrate', and 'Register'. A status message reads: 'Always disconnect analog inputs/outputs before calibration. Calibration skipped because already calibrated. Connected'. Below this is a table of device details:

Firmware version	v0.31
I/O version	0.24
Linux	Linux (none) 5.10.0-98725-g3eae70065be9 #2 SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 1 09:27:34 CET 2023 armv7l
Model	Analog Devices M2K Rev.D (Z7010)
Product name	M2k (ADALM-2000)
Serial	T044734a420b000d02002000ee9e672e99
Temperature	64.8
Vendor	Analog Devices Inc.
uri	usb:2.8.5
usb.libus	1.0.26.11724

At the bottom of the main window is a photograph of the ADALM2000 Active Learning Module hardware, which is a blue rectangular device with a multi-pin connector and a USB cable.

Navigate to the Config File Location



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Load session

« C Drive » Technical Training Topics » 0p1 Hz to 10 Hz Filter » Scopy Setup Files

Name	Status	Date modified	Type
Noise Demo Network Analyzer Config.ini	✓	4/27/2023 7:12 PM	Configuration sett...
Noise Demo Oscilloscope Config.ini	✓	4/27/2023 7:14 PM	Configuration sett...

File name: Scopy-Files (*.ini)

Open Cancel

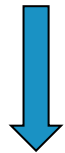
Register

Select the file named Noise Demo Network Analyzer Config.ini file

ADALM2000 Active Learning Module



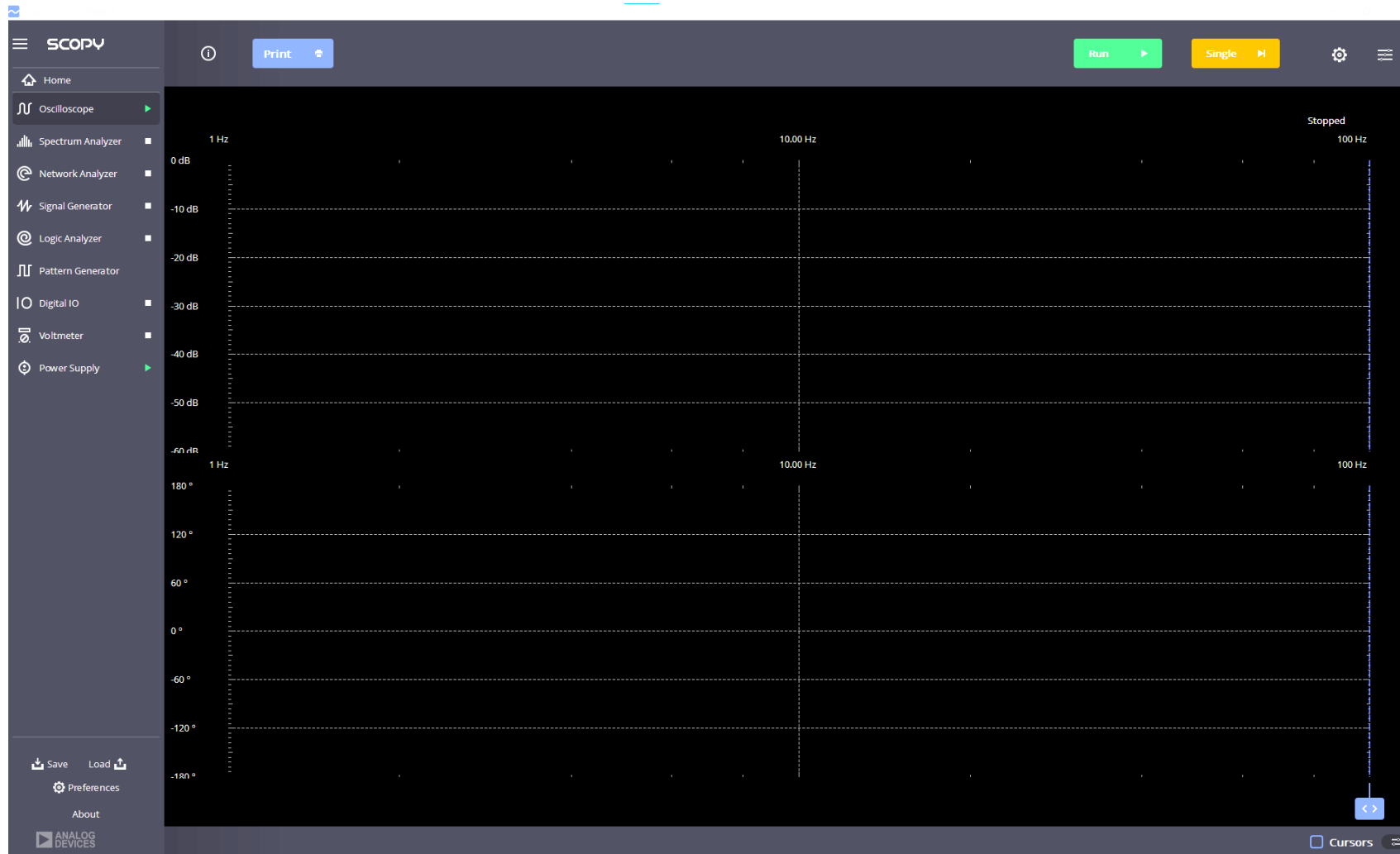
Noise Demo Network Analyzer Config.ini



DO THIS FIRST

Double-click on the icon above and save to your preferred location on your laptop

The Network Analyzer Panel is Opened and Configured



Click Here to see the Relevant Settings

Print

Run

Single

Settings

Channel 1 Channel 2

Amplitude 10 Volts Offset 0 μ Volts Settling time 0 ms

RESPONSE

DC Filtering On Off Gain Mode Automatic Settling time 0 ms

Logarithmic Linear

Start 1 Hz Stop 100 Hz

Center 50.5 Hz Span 99 Hz

Samps/decade 20 Samples/decade 40

Periods 2 Apply

Cursors

Sets the amplitude to 10Vpp

The minimum frequency for the Network Analyzer is 1 Hz

Sets the start frequency to 1Hz, stop frequency to 100Hz

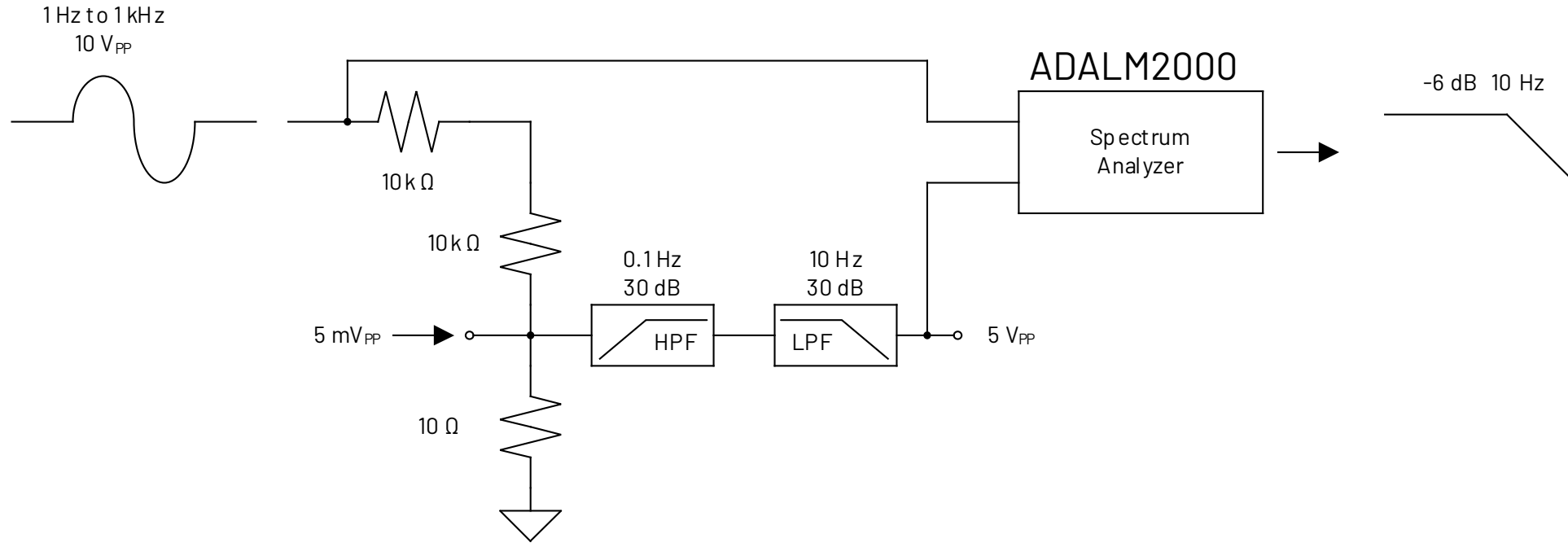
Scroll Down to See Additional Config Settings

Click Run to start the sweep

Sets the number of periods to 2 and the number of averages to 2

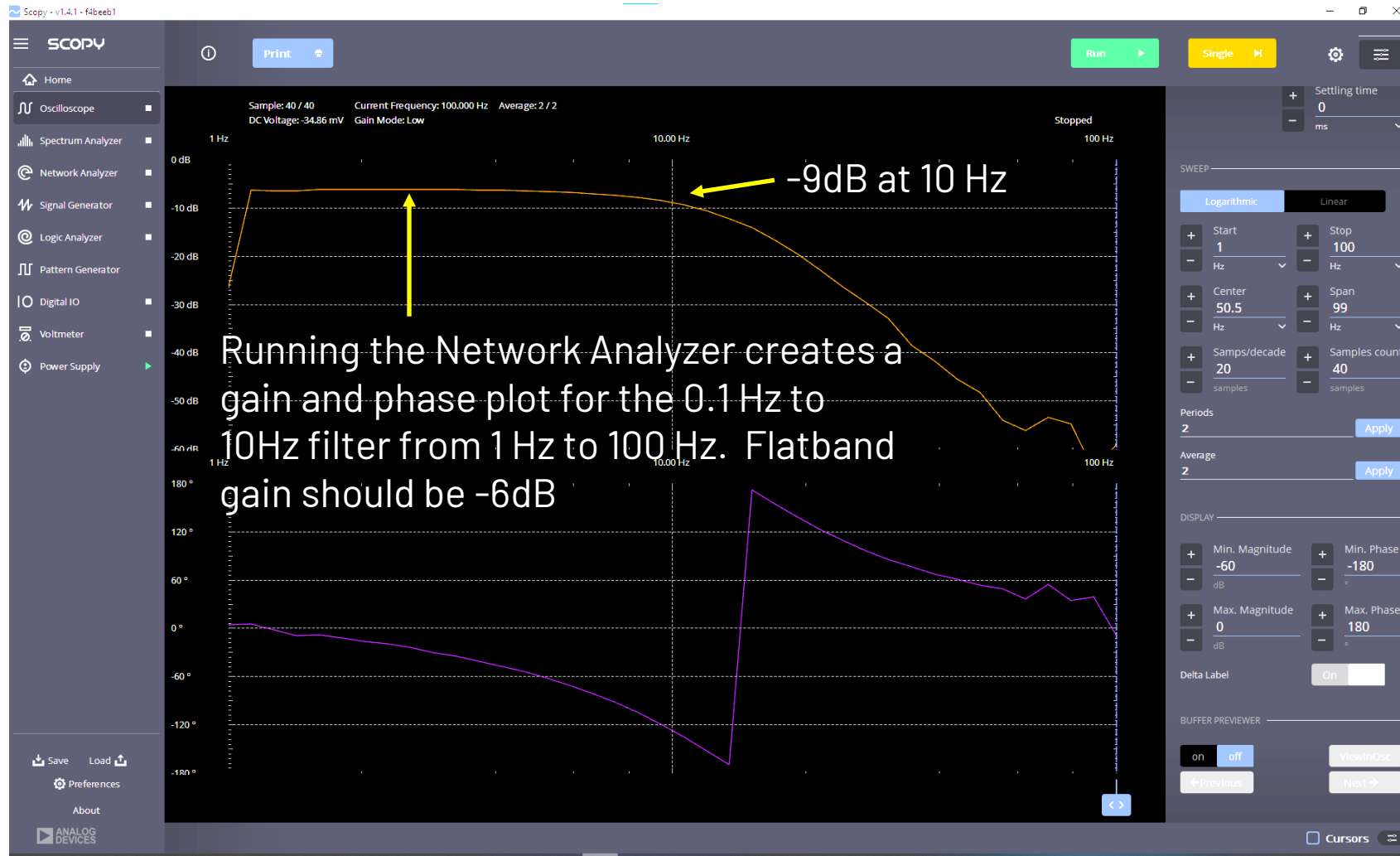
Sets the Y-axis to span from -60dB to 0dB

What Do We Expect to See?



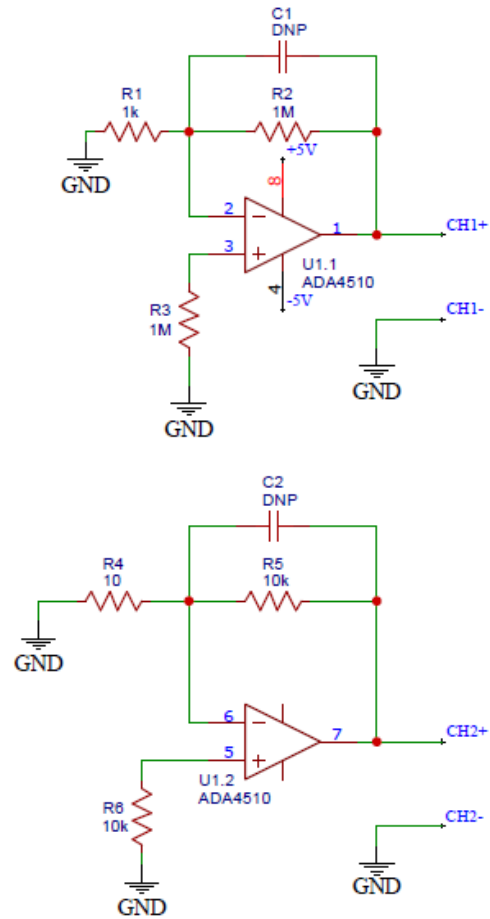
We are applying a 10 V_{PP} sinewave at the input, dividing it by 2000, multiplying by 60dB (1000) and measuring the ratio → -6 dB

Typical Result for the Network Analyzer Demo

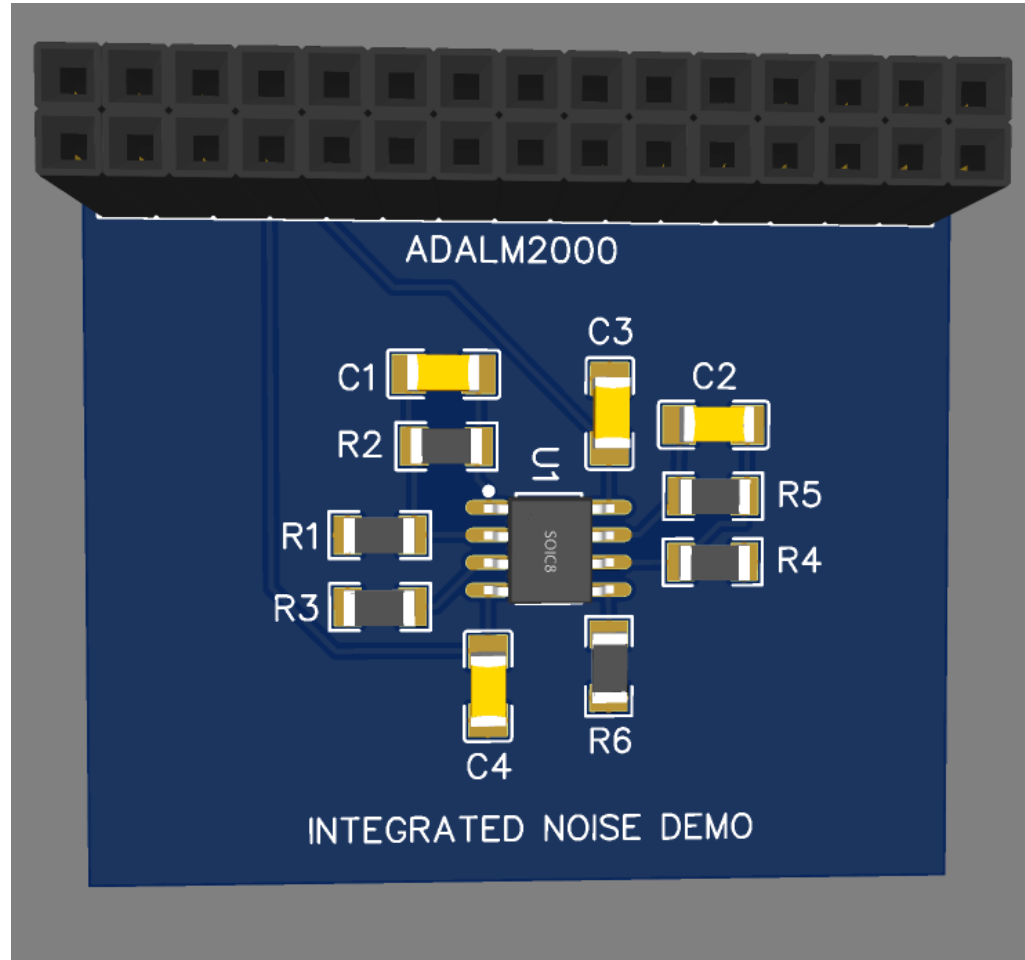


Integrated Noise Demo

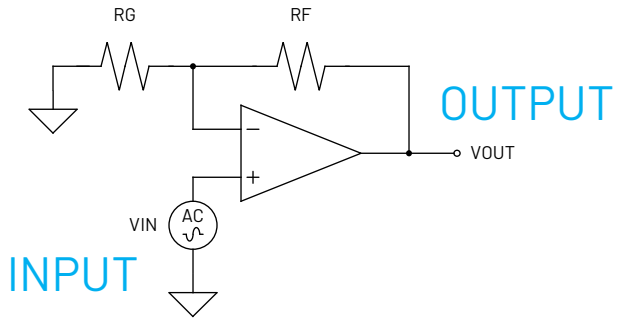
Integrated Noise Demo Board Schematic



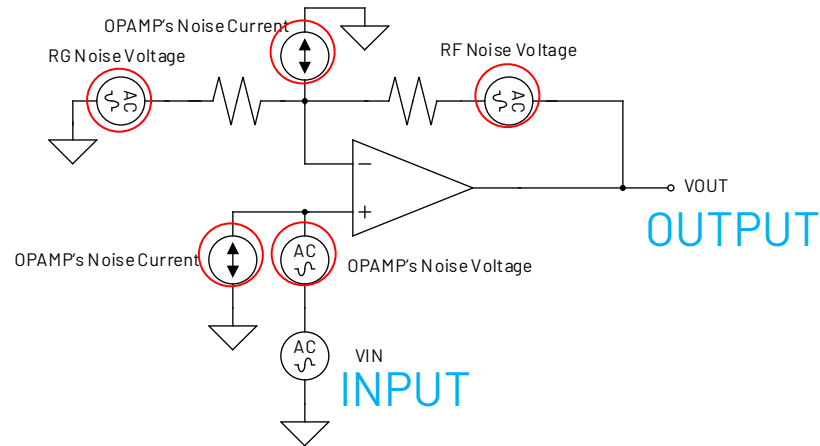
Integrated Noise Demo Board Top Side



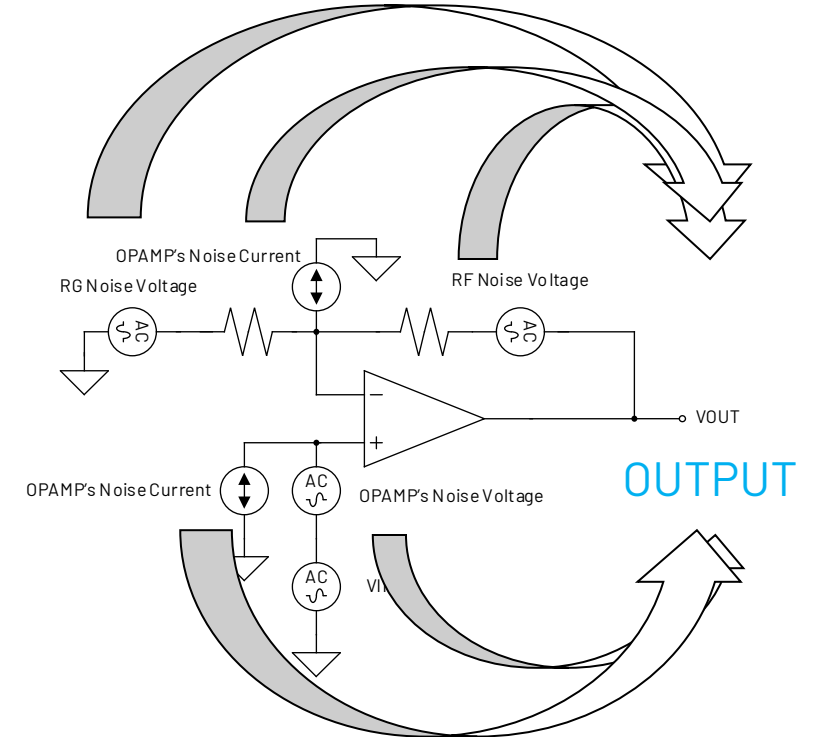
Estimate the Noise



1. Start with your circuit



2. Add the noise sources



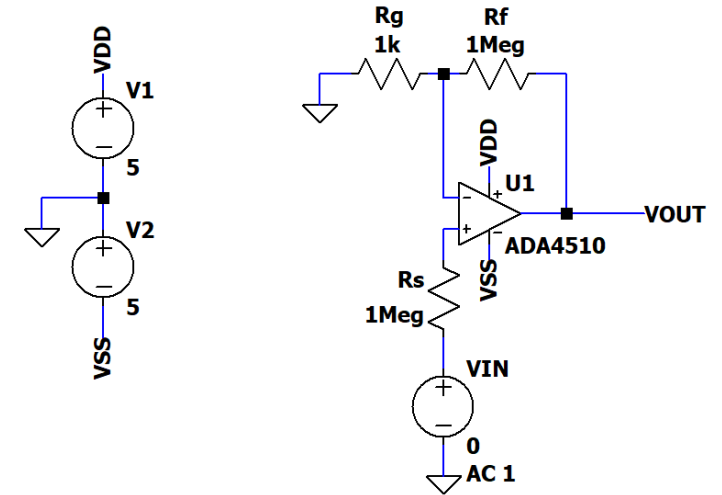
3. Refer the noise sources to the output

► Identify the noise Bandwidth

- ADA4510 configured in $G = 1001$
 - Small-signal bandwidth = $10.4\text{MHz}/1001 = 10.4\text{kHz}$
 - Noise bandwidth = $10.4\text{kHz} * 1.57 = 16.3\text{kHz}$

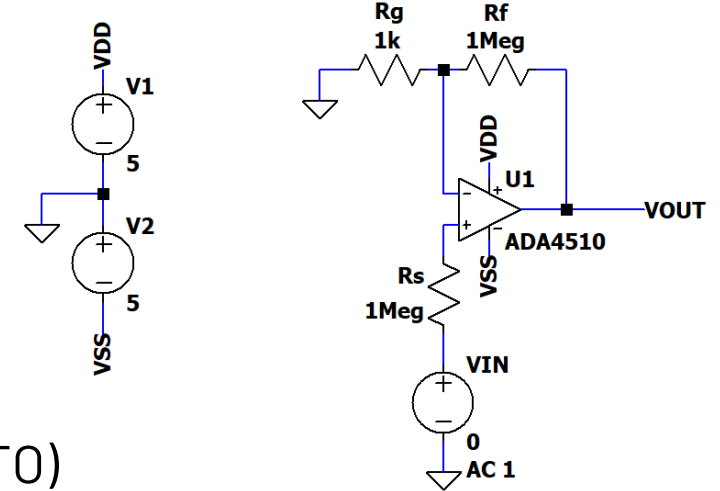
► Identify each noise source:

- $R_g = 1\text{k} \rightarrow 4\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- $R_f = 1\text{M} \rightarrow 127\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- $R_s = 1\text{M} \rightarrow 127\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow V_n = 5\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n-} = 200\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n+} = 200\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz})$



Refer each Noise Source to the Output:

- $R_g = 1k \rightarrow 4nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} * 1000 = 4\mu V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- $R_f = 1M \rightarrow 127nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} * 1 = 127nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- $R_s = 1M \rightarrow 127nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} * 1001 = 127\mu V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow V_n = 5nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz}) * 1001 = 5\mu V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n-} = 200fA/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz}) * 1M = 200nV/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n+} = 200fA/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz}) * 1M * 1001 = 200\mu V/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$



Sum the NSD at the output:

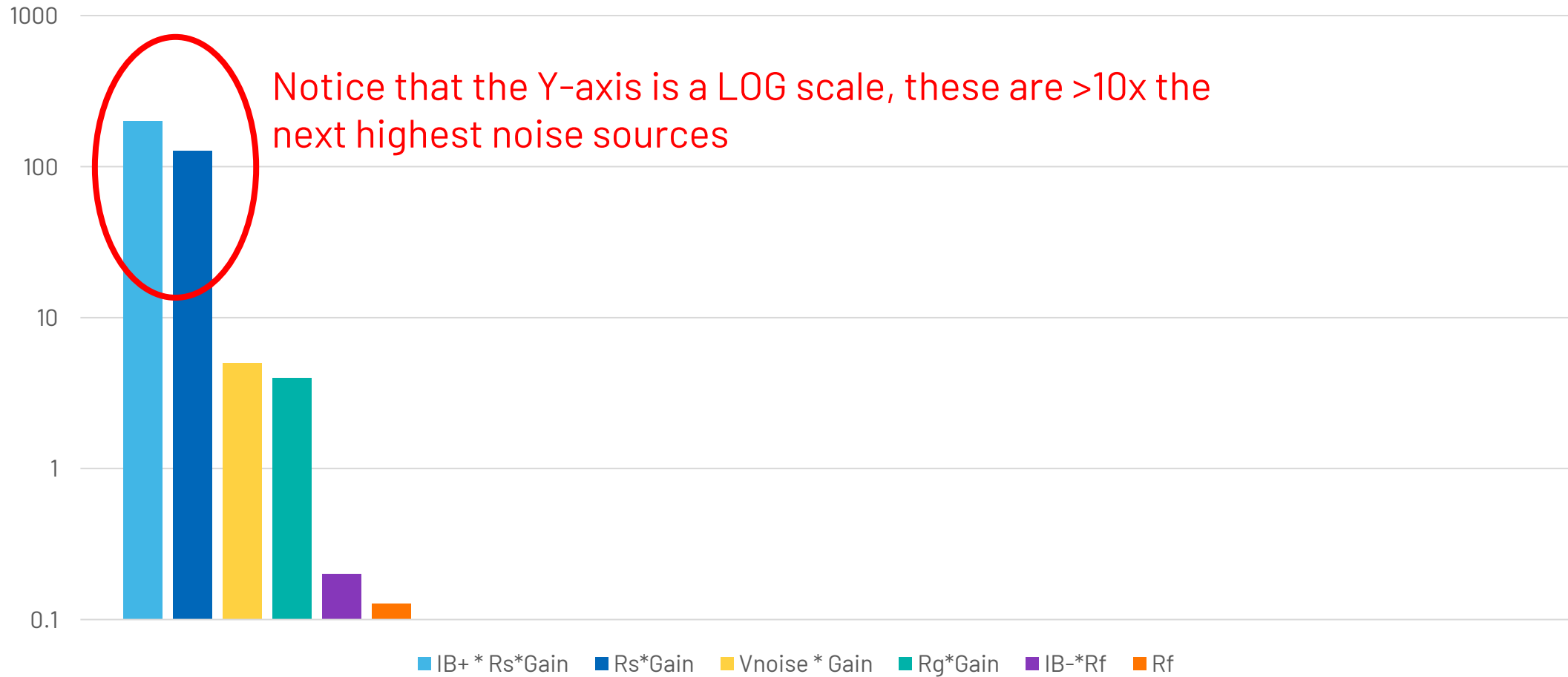
$$V_{OUT_{NSD@16.3kHz}} = \sqrt{(4\mu V / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (127nV / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (127\mu / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (5\mu V / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (200nV / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (200\mu V / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2} = 237\mu V / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Estimate the Total Noise:

$$V_{OUT_{TOTALNOISE_{V_{PP}}}} = 6.6 \times 237\mu V / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{16.3\text{kHz}} = 200mV_{PP}$$

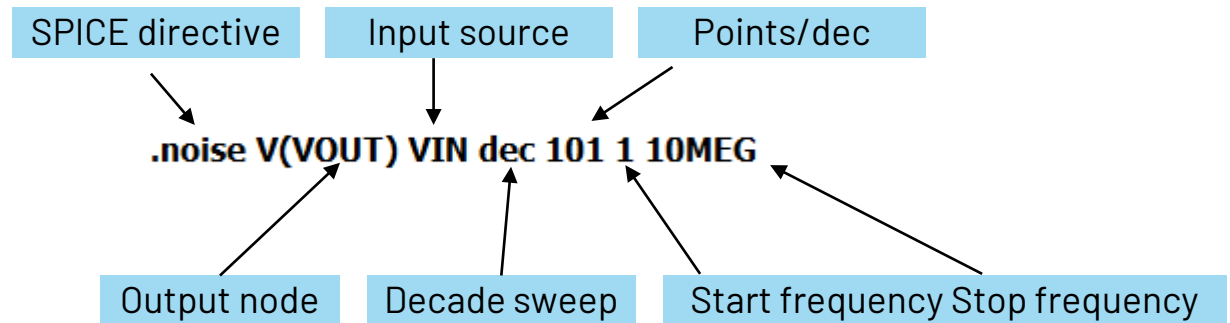
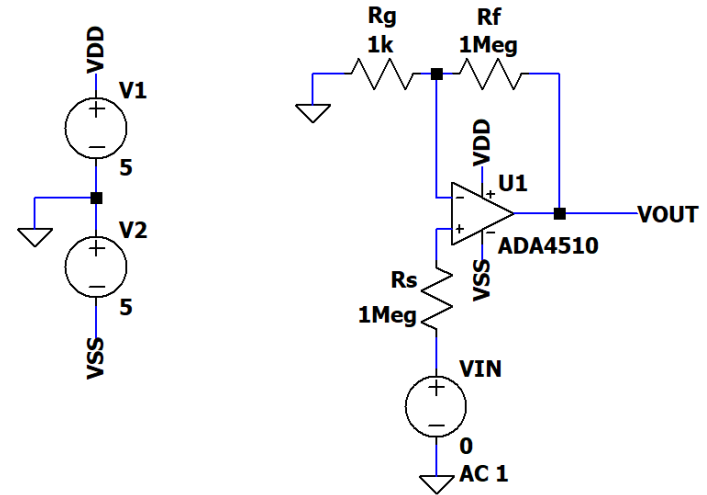
Identify Dominant Noise Sources

Output Noise Spectral Density Pareto Chart

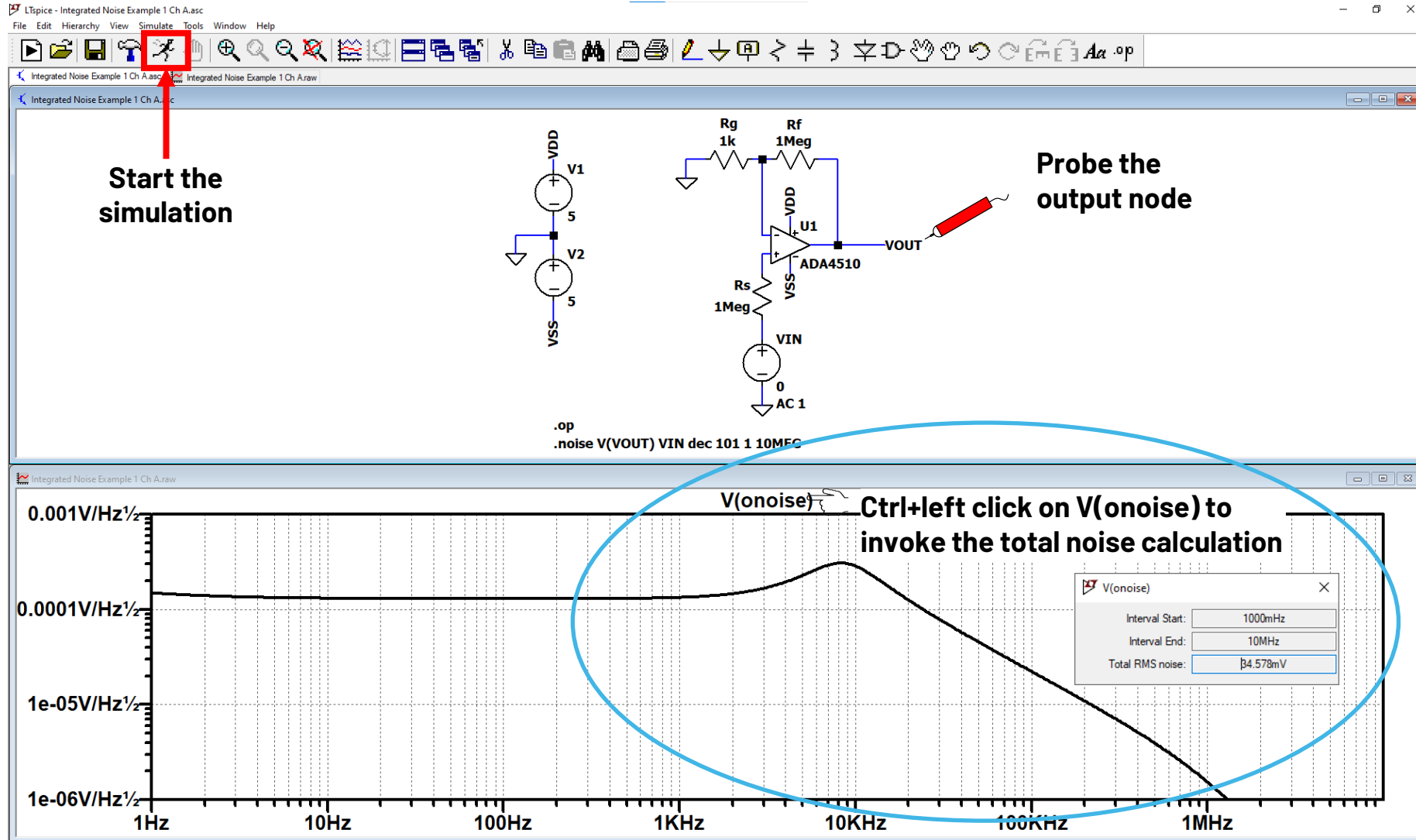


Simulating Noise in LTSpice

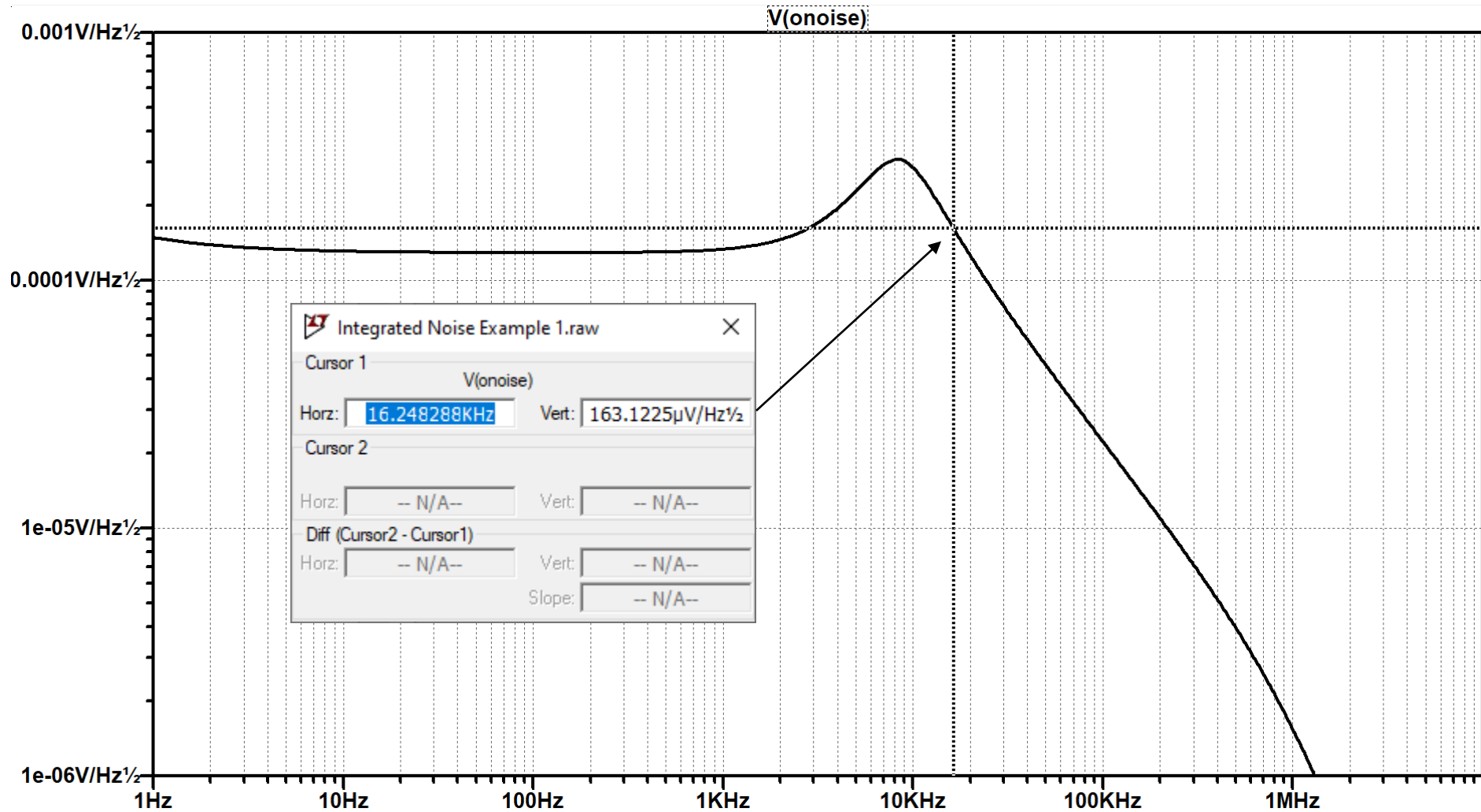
- ▶ Add the `.noise` command as a SPICE directive with the listed arguments:
 - Output: The **node** where you want to examine the **output referred noise**
 - Input: The **source** where you want to examine the **input referred noise**
 - Type of sweep: octave, decade, linear or list
 - Number of points: per octave, per decade, etc
 - Start Frequency: Lowest frequency in the sweep in Hz
 - Stop Frequency: Highest frequency in the sweep in Hz



Simulating Noise in LTSpice

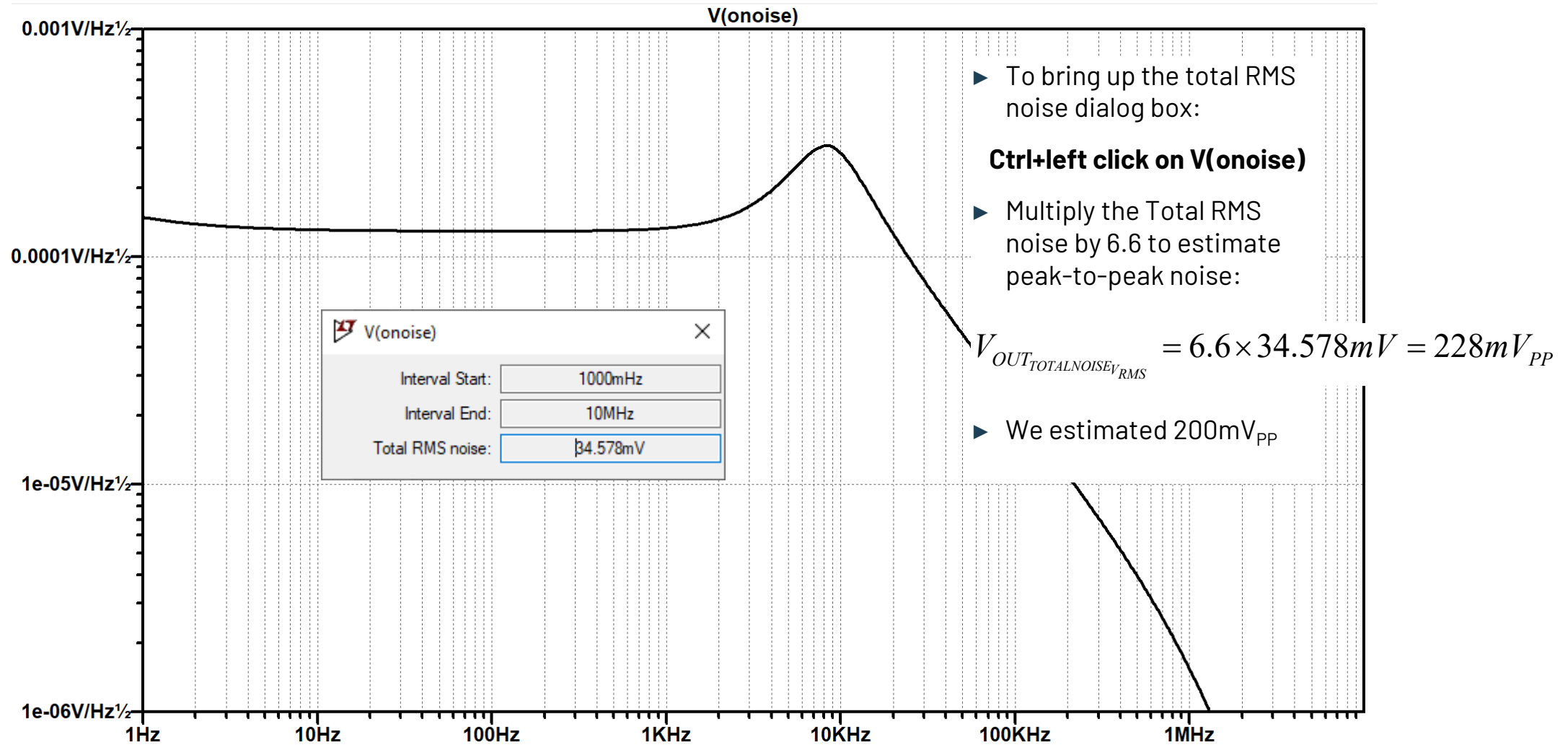


Output Referred Noise Spectral Density



- ▶ Place the cursor at the noise bandwidth of 16.3kHz
- ▶ We estimated $237 \mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at the noise bandwidth of 16.3 kHz
- ▶ This is slightly past the -3dB point
- ▶ Calculating $\sim 3\text{dB}$ down from our estimate we would expect $167 \mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- ▶ The simulation shows $163 \mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

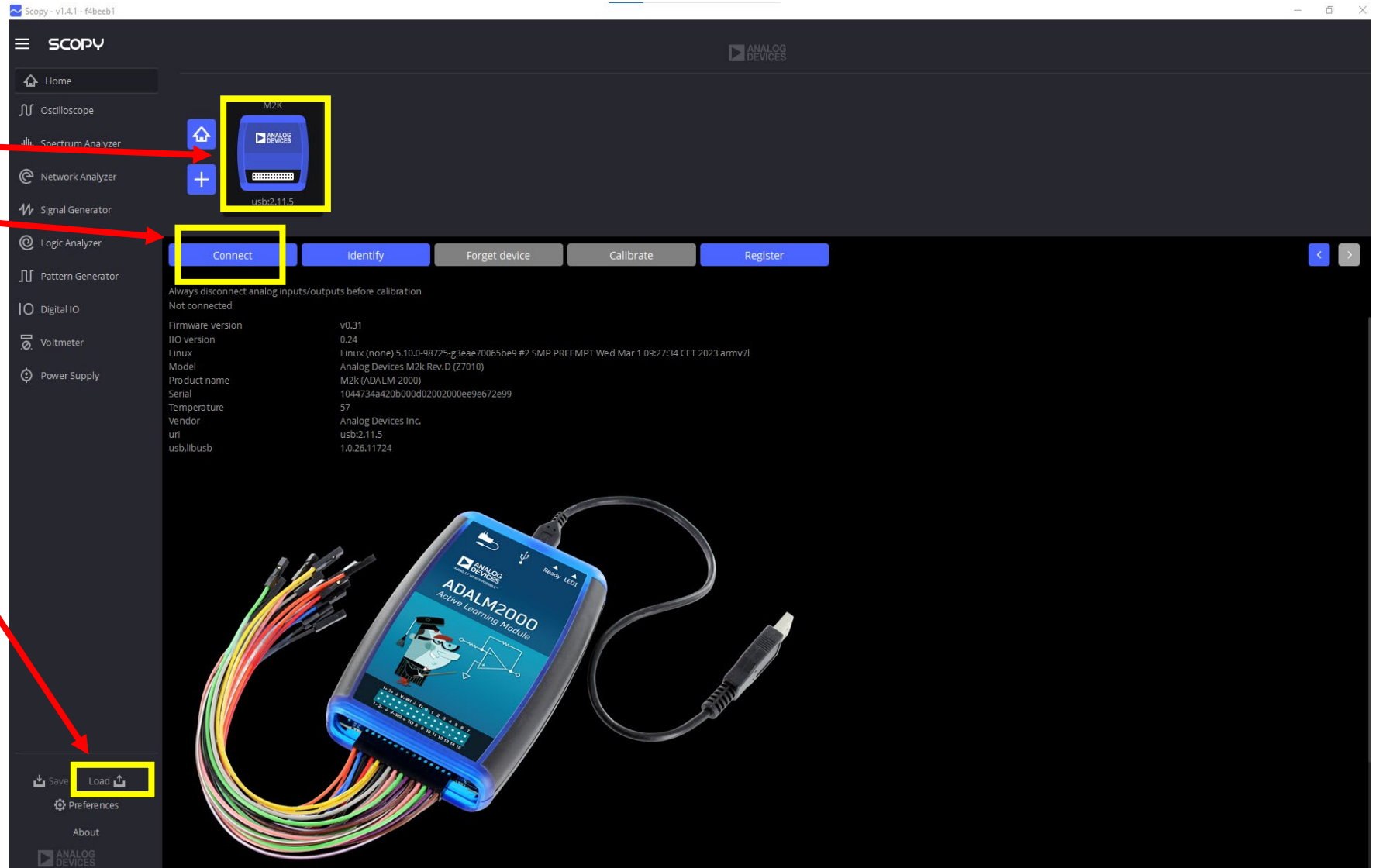
Total Noise



Launch Scopy and Load Config File

- ▶ Connect the ADALM2000 to your laptop and launch Scopy
- ▶ Click on the M2K icon
- ▶ Click connect
- ▶ Once connected click on load and load the file named:

“Integrated Noise Scopy Config.ini”



The screenshot shows the Scopy software interface with the following elements:

- Left Sidebar:** A list of measurement tools including Oscilloscope, Spectrum Analyzer, Network Analyzer, Signal Generator, Logic Analyzer, Pattern Generator, Digital IO, Voltmeter, and Power Supply.
- Top Panel:** A navigation bar with a home icon, a plus sign, and a yellow box around the **M2K** icon (Analog Devices logo and 'usb:2.11.5').
- Control Panel:** A row of buttons: **Connect** (highlighted with a yellow box), **Identify**, **Forget device**, **Calibrate**, and **Register**.
- Device Information:** A table of device details:

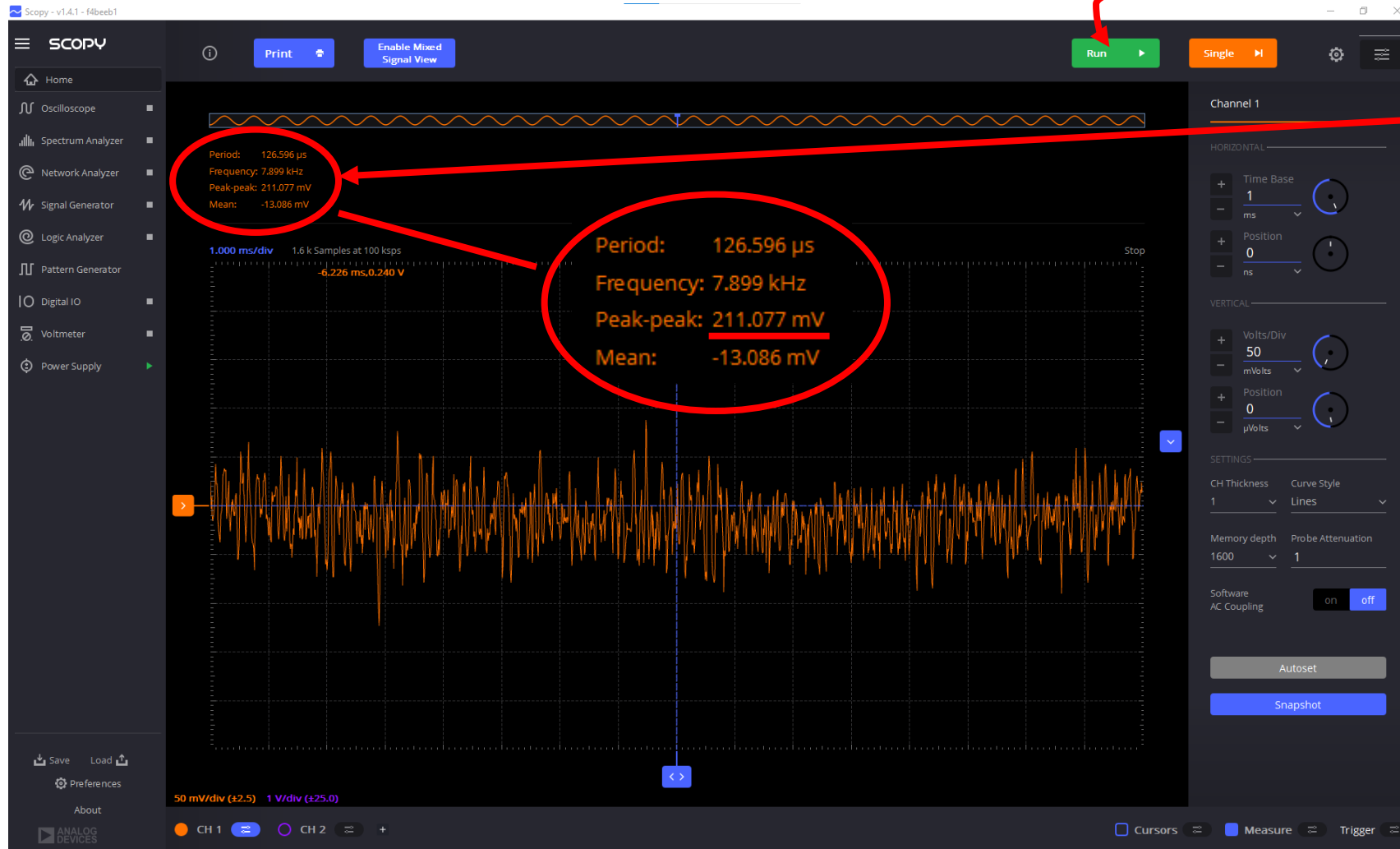
Always disconnect analog inputs/outputs before calibration	
Not connected	
Firmware version	v0.31
IIO version	0.24
Linux	Linux (none) 5.10.0-98725-g3eae70065be9 #2 SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 1 09:27:34 CET 2023 armv7l
Model	Analog Devices M2k Rev.D (Z7010)
Product name	M2k (ADALM-2000)
Serial	1044734a420b000d02002000ee9e672e99
Temperature	57
Vendor	Analog Devices Inc.
uri	usb:2.11.5
usb.linux	1.0.26.11724
- Bottom Panel:** A 'Load' button (highlighted with a yellow box) and a 'Save' button.
- Bottom Right:** A photograph of the ADALM2000 Active Learning Module hardware with various cables connected.

Let's Have a Look at the Total Noise

▶ Click "Run" to start the oscilloscope



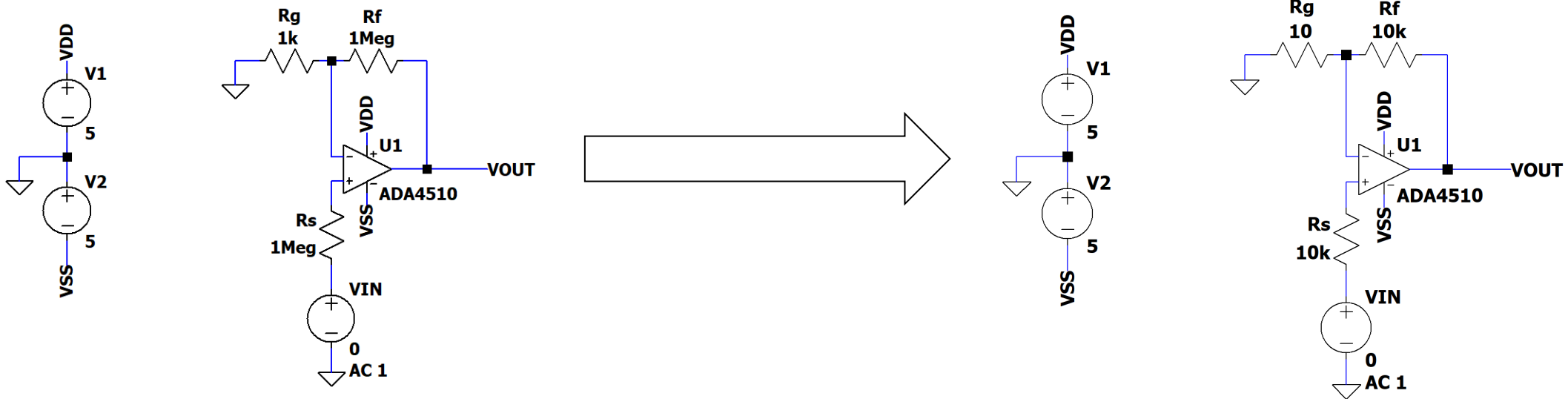
Review the Result...is it about what you expected?



- ▶ You can click the **stop button** and look at the **peak-to-peak measurement**
- ▶ Try running and stopping a few times...you will notice some variation in the result...this is the nature of noise
- ▶ If your result seems too high, you might be picking up external noise (the circuit has very high impedances and is in a high gain) try moving the board or rotating it to reduce any external interference 😊

Reducing the Noise

- ▶ In the previous example we saw that the dominant sources of noise were the I_{B+} noise current multiplied by the source impedance multiplied by the gain and the voltage noise of the source resistance multiplied by the gain
- ▶ Let's reduce all the impedance values by 100, keeping the same gain, but with less noise contribution from I_{B+} and R_s



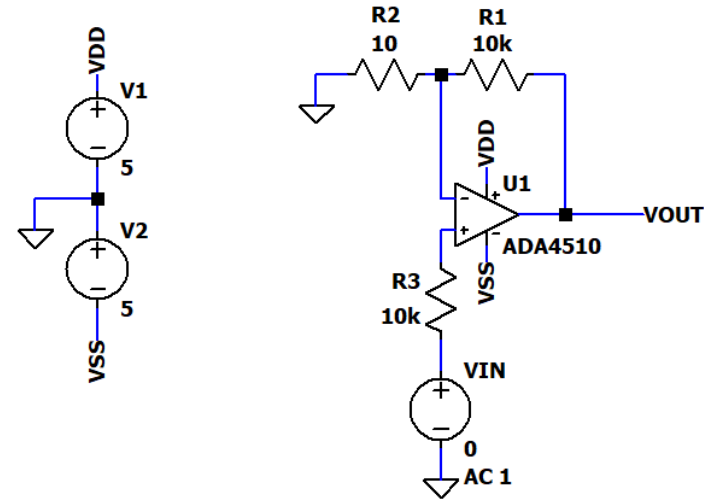
Example for a Simple Non-Inverting Amplifier

► Identify the noise Bandwidth

- ADA4510 configured in $G = 1001$
 - Small-signal bandwidth = $10.4\text{MHz}/1001 = 10.4\text{kHz}$
 - Noise bandwidth = $10.4\text{kHz} * 1.57 = 16.3\text{kHz}$

► Identify each noise source:

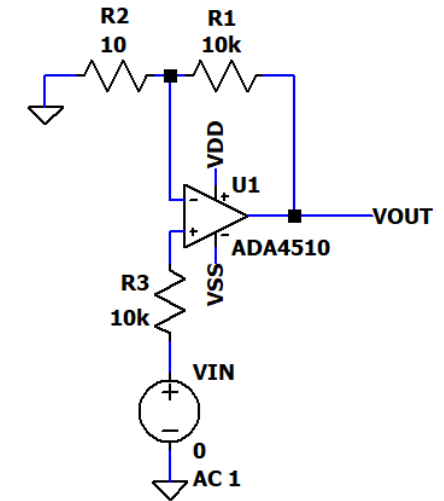
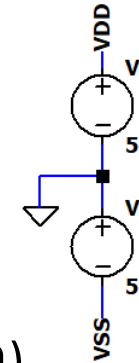
- $R_g = 10 \rightarrow 0.4\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- $R_f = 10\text{k} \rightarrow 12.7\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- $R_s = 1\text{k} \rightarrow 12.7\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow V_n = 5\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n-} = 200\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n+} = 200\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz})$



Example for a Simple Non-Inverting Amplifier

Refer each Noise Source to the Output:

- $R_g = 10 \rightarrow 0.4\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} * 1000 = 0.4\mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- $R_f = 10\text{k} \rightarrow 12.7\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} * 1 = 12.7\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- $R_s = 10\text{k} \rightarrow 12.7\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} * 1001 = 12.7\mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow V_n = 5\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz}) * 1001 = 5\mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n-} = 200\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz}) * 10\text{k} = 2\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$
- ADA4510 $\rightarrow I_{n+} = 200\text{fA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (@16.3\text{kHz}) * 10\text{k} * 1001 = 2\mu\text{V}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}} (\text{RTO})$



Sum the NSD at the output:

$$V_{OUT_{NSD@16.3kHz}} = \sqrt{(0.4\mu\text{V} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (12.7\text{nV} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (12.7\mu\text{V} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (5\mu\text{V} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (2\text{nV} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2 + (2\mu\text{V} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}})^2} = 14\mu\text{V} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

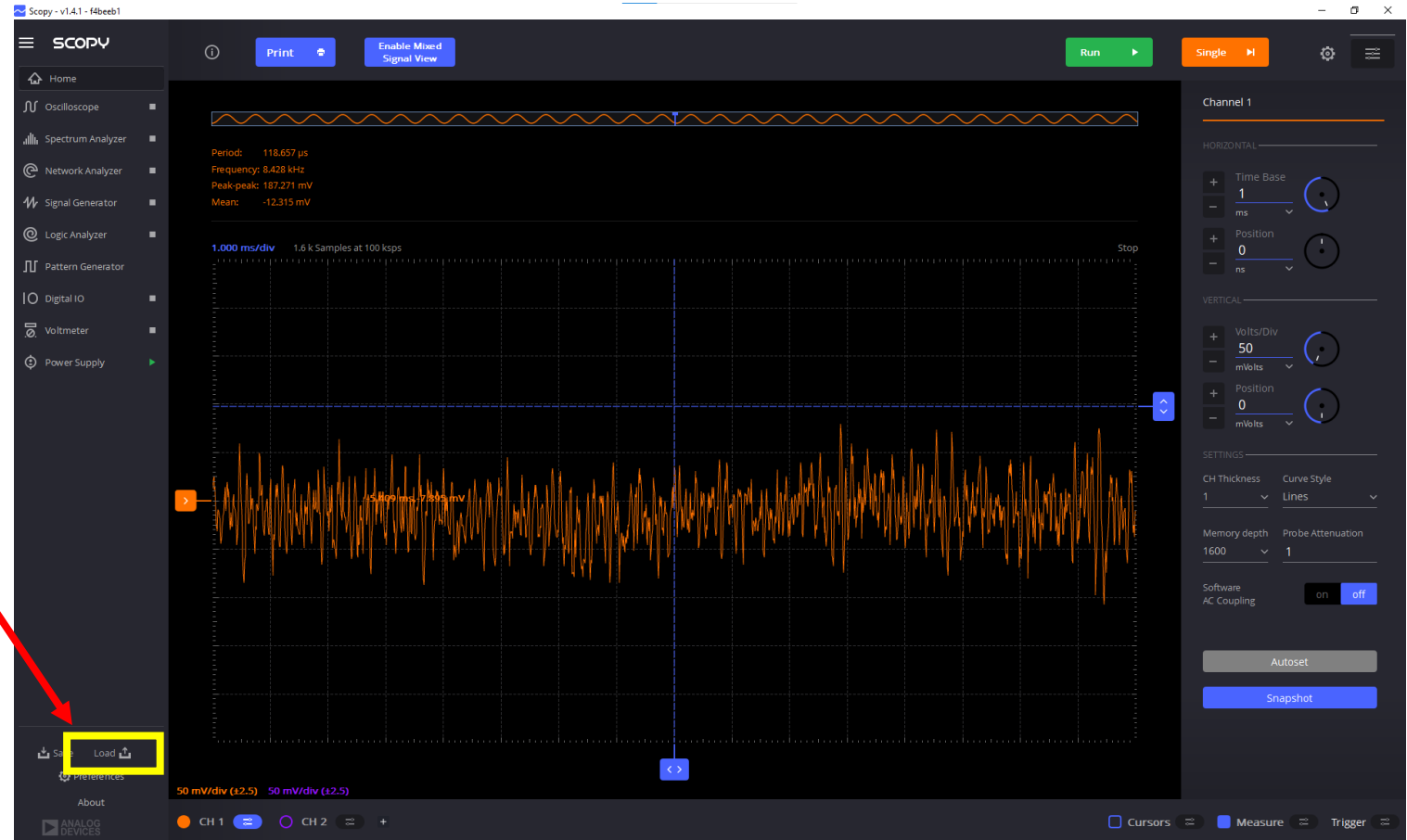
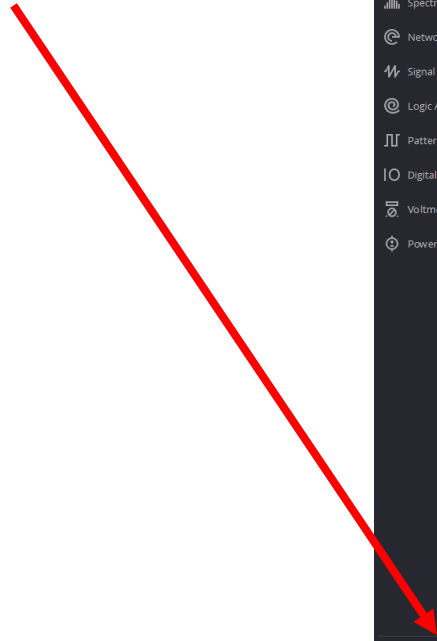
Estimate the Total Noise:

$$V_{OUT_{TOTALNOISEV_{PP}}} = 6.6 \times 14\mu\text{V} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}} \times \sqrt{16.3\text{kHz}} = 12\text{mV}_{PP}$$

Load Config File

▶ Load the file named:

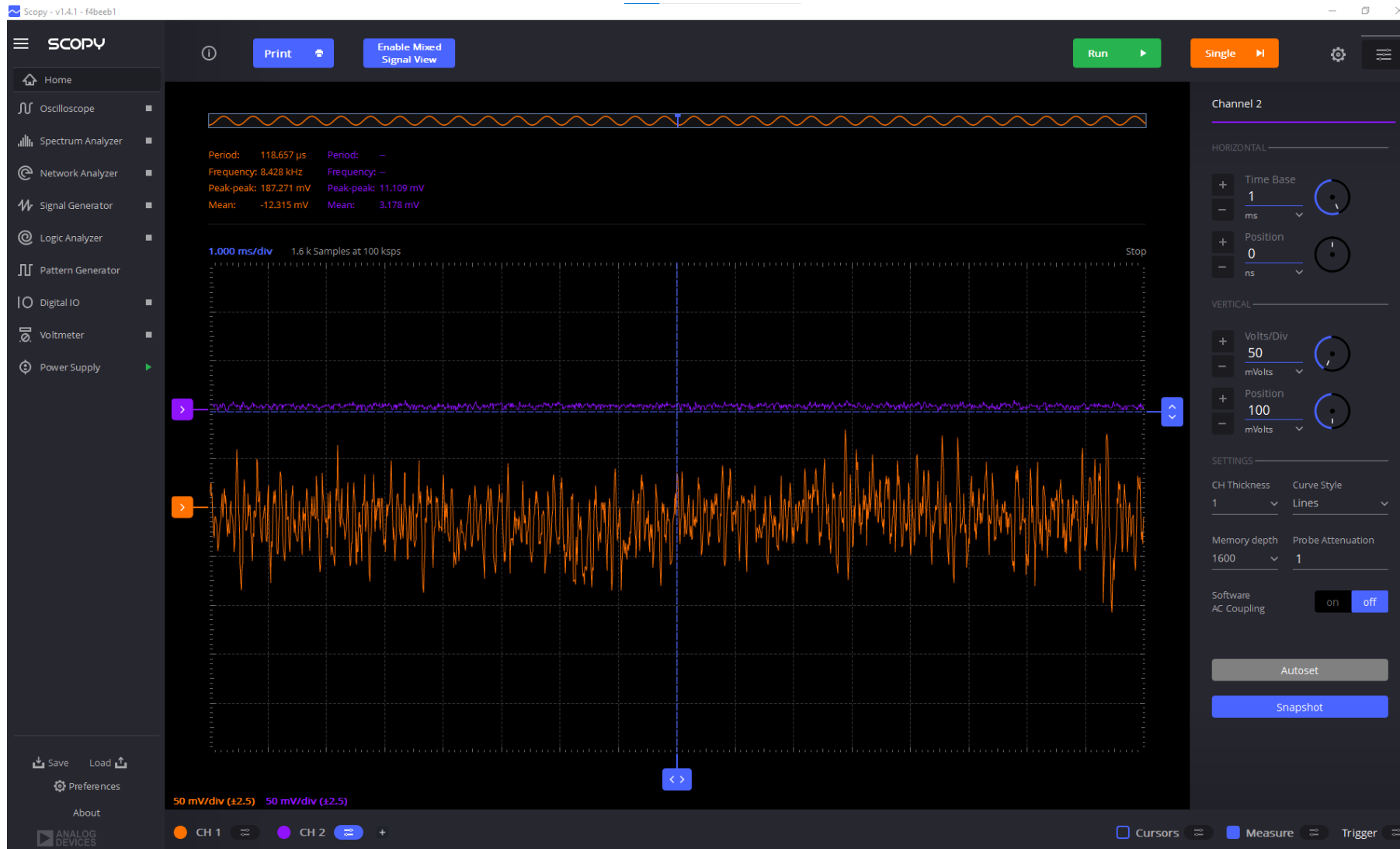
“Integrated Noise Scopy Config Ch B.ini”



The screenshot displays the Scopy software interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with options: Home, Oscilloscope, Spectrum Analyzer, Network Analyzer, Signal Generator, Logic Analyzer, Pattern Generator, Digital I/O, Voltmeter, and Power Supply. The main window shows a signal waveform with the following parameters: Period: 118.657 μ s, Frequency: 8.428 kHz, Peak-peak: 187.271 mV, and Mean: -12.315 mV. The waveform is set to 1.000 ms/div and 1.6 k Samples at 100 kps. On the right, the Channel 1 settings are visible, including Time Base (1 ms), Position (0 ms), Volts/Div (50 mVolts), and Position (0 mVolts). The SETTINGS section includes CH Thickness (1), Curve Style (Lines), Memory depth (1600), and Probe Attenuation (1). The Software AC Coupling is set to 'on'. At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for 'Load', 'Preferences', and 'About'. The 'Load' button is highlighted with a yellow box.

Let's Have a Look at the Total Noise

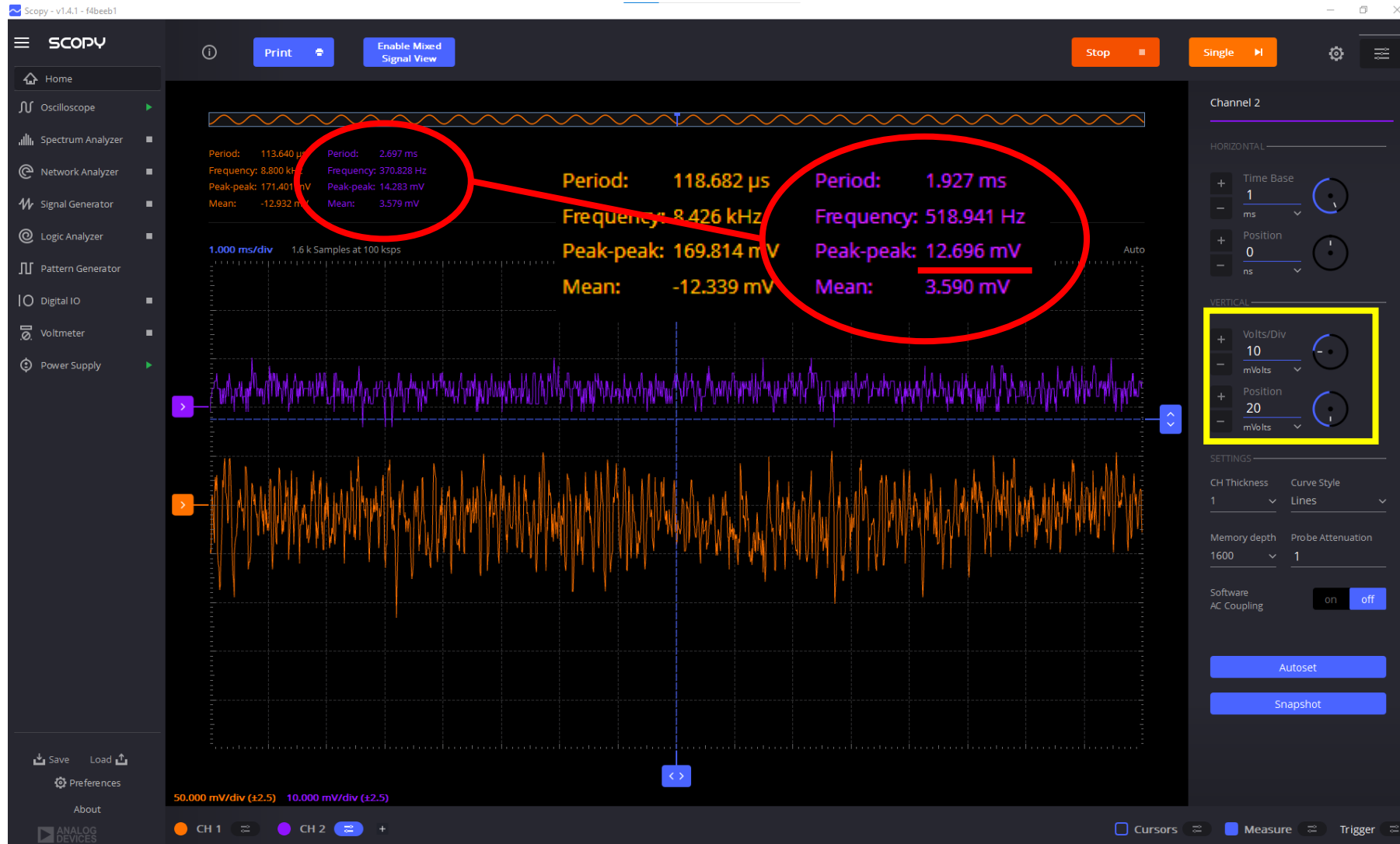
► Click "Run" to start the oscilloscope



- Click "Run" to start the oscilloscope
- Notice both Ch1 and Ch2 are on the same scale
- You see how much the noise is reduced

Let's Zoom In and Measure

► Click "Run" to start the oscilloscope



- Change Ch 2 to 10mV/Div
- Change Ch2 Position to 20mV
- Measure the peak-to-peak noise

Shutting Down

Shutting Down



Scopy - v1.4.1 - f4bee1

Print

Run Single

Sample: 40 / 40 Current Frequency: 100.000 Hz Average: 2 / 2
DC Voltage: -34.86 mV Gain Mode: Low

1 Hz 10.00 Hz 100 Hz

0 dB
-10 dB
-20 dB
-30 dB
-40 dB
-50 dB
-60 dB
-80 dB
-100 dB

180°
120°
60°
0°
-60°
-120°
-180°

1 Hz 10.00 Hz 100 Hz

Stopped

Settling time: 0 ms

SWEEP: Logarithmic Linear

Start: 1 Hz Stop: 100 Hz
Center: 50.5 Hz Span: 99 Hz
Samps/decade: 20 Samples count: 40

Periods: 2 Apply
Average: 2 Apply

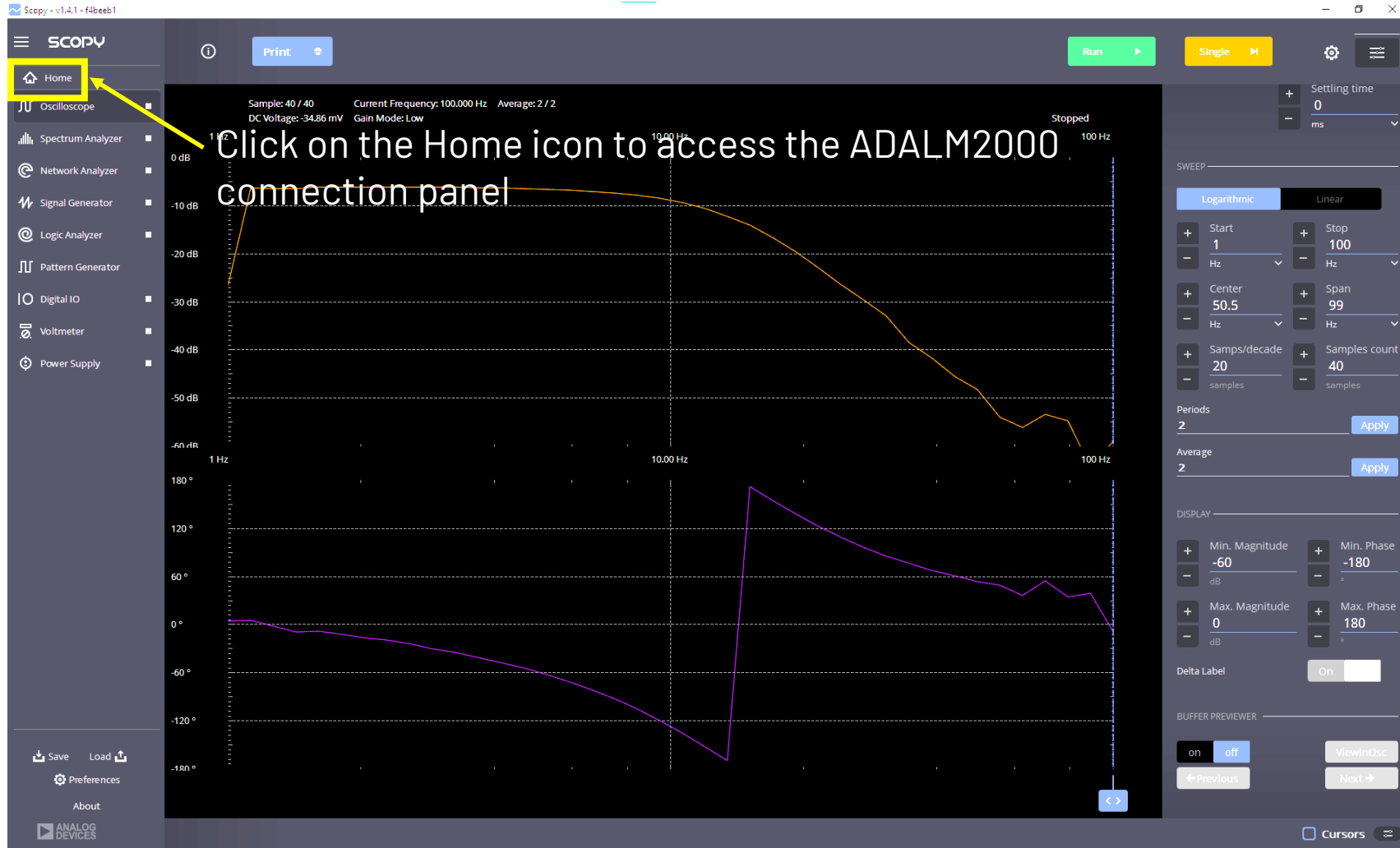
DISPLAY: Min. Magnitude: -60 dB Min. Phase: -180°
Max. Magnitude: 0 dB Max. Phase: 180°
Delta Label: On

BUFFER PREVIEW: on off View in Osc
Previous Next

Cursors

Click on the green triangle icon next to the Power Supply label...it will turn into a grey box. It is now safe to disconnect the PCB from the ADALM2000

Shutting Down



The screenshot displays the Scopy software interface. On the left, a sidebar contains various tool icons, with the 'Home' icon highlighted by a yellow box and a yellow arrow. A text overlay reads: "Click on the Home icon to access the ADALM2000 connection panel". The main area shows a Bode plot with magnitude (yellow line) and phase (purple line) versus frequency. The magnitude plot shows a roll-off starting around 10 Hz. The phase plot shows a phase shift from 0° to -180°. The right sidebar contains control panels for SWEEP, DISPLAY, and BUFFER PREVIEW. The SWEEP panel is set to Logarithmic mode with a start of 1 Hz and a stop of 100 Hz. The DISPLAY panel shows Min. Magnitude at -60 dB and Max. Magnitude at 0 dB. The BUFFER PREVIEW panel has 'on' and 'off' buttons.

Click on the Disconnect Button



You may first need to click on this icon if the option to disconnect does not automatically appear

Click on the Disconnect button. It is now safe to disconnect the ADALM2000 from your laptop

Always disconnect analog inputs/outputs before calibration

Calibrated	
Connected	
Firmware version	v0.31
I/O version	0.24
Linux	Linux (none) 5.10.0-083725-g3aa70065be9 #2 SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 1 09:27:34 CET 2023 armv7l
Model	Analog Device (ADALM2000)
Product name	M2k (ADALM2000)
Serial	1044734a420b000d02002000ee9e672e99
Temperature	61.4
Vendor	Analog Devices
uri	usb2.28.5
usb.libusb	1.0.26.11724

Thank You!