

# TS9326 - Live Classroom Measurements of Characteristic Curves and Frequency Responses Using myDAQ

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Compact, versatile, USB-powered: myDAQ is the perfect ADC/DAC platform to turn theoretical classes into practical lab sessions. At this presentation, explore live measurements of characteristic curves that provide hands-on experience in standard industrial procedures to students but can be realized with minimum cost and effort using myDAQ and LabVIEW.

The determination of a **solar cell's output power curve** delivers insight into I(U) characteristics and demonstrates the easy integration of op-amp circuits into myDAQ setups.

Recording **frequency response characteristics for loudspeakers and mechanical vibrations** then shows myDAQ's potential for dynamic measurements with very simple external circuits.

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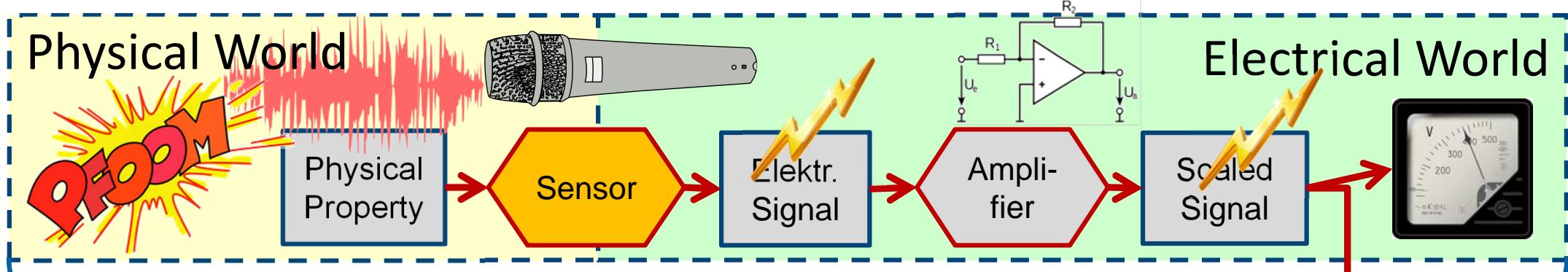
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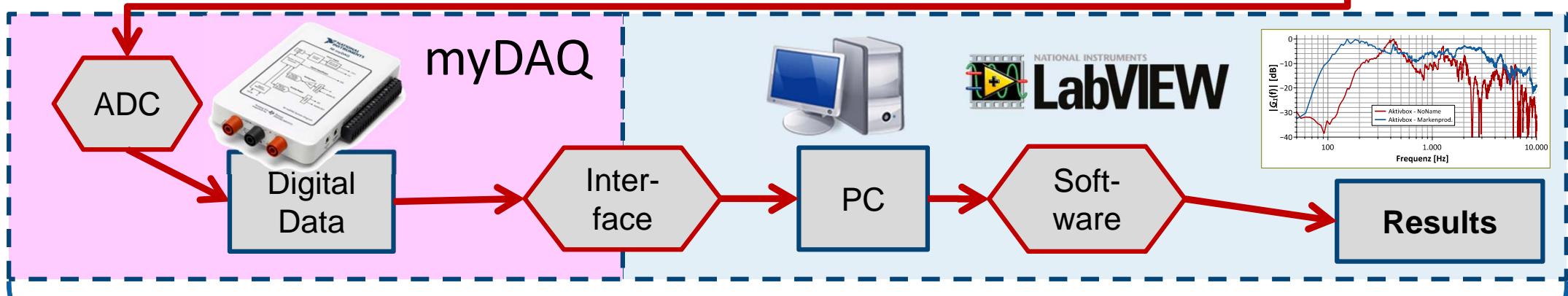
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# Sensor Technology: Turning Physical Properties into Data



Typical sensor technology lecture

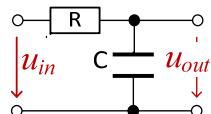


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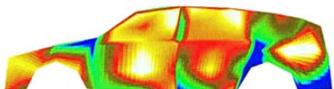
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Solar Cell Output Power Curve*



2. *System Analysis for Beginners:  
Bode Plots of Simple Circuits*



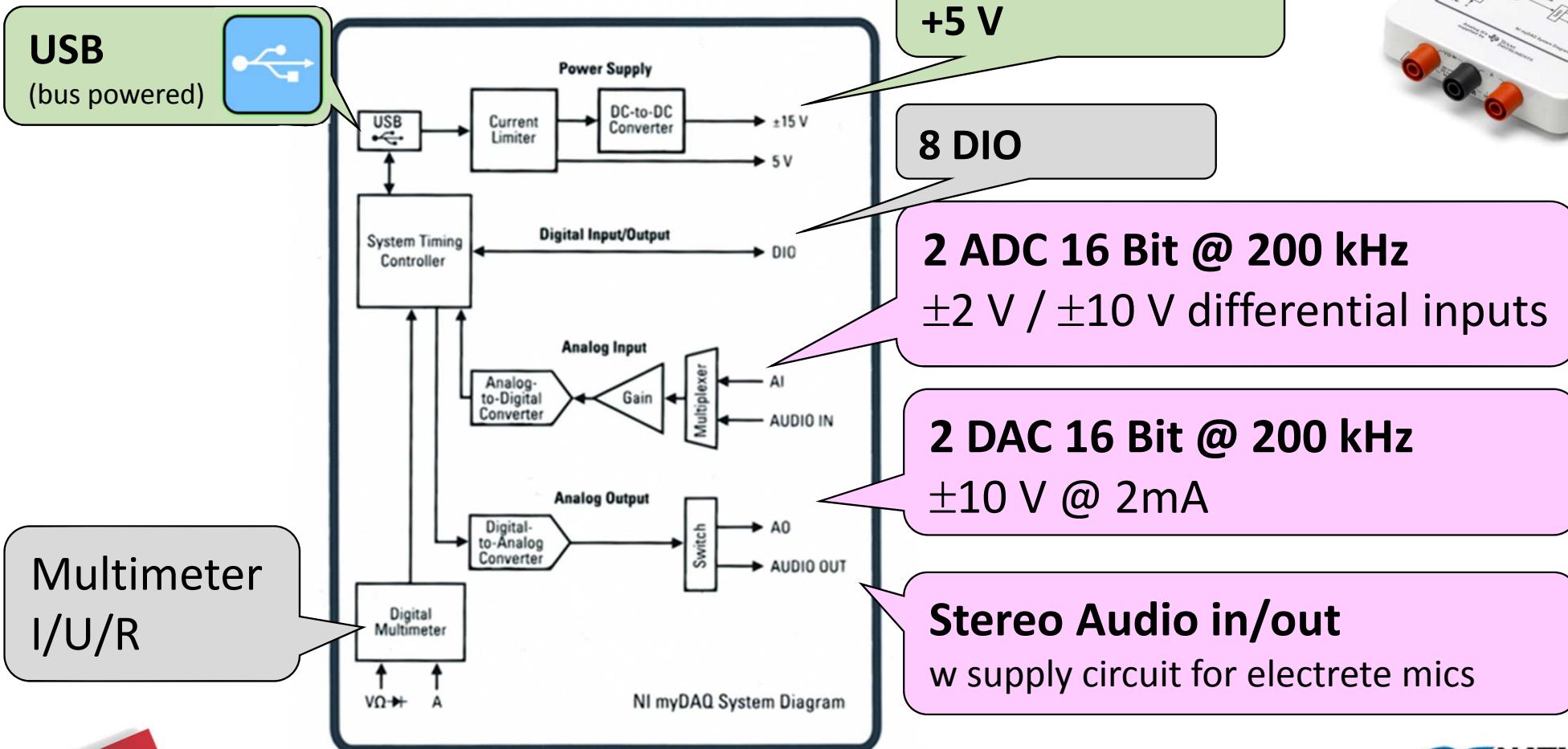
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# Up to date ADC Hardware



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# myDAQ: Overview

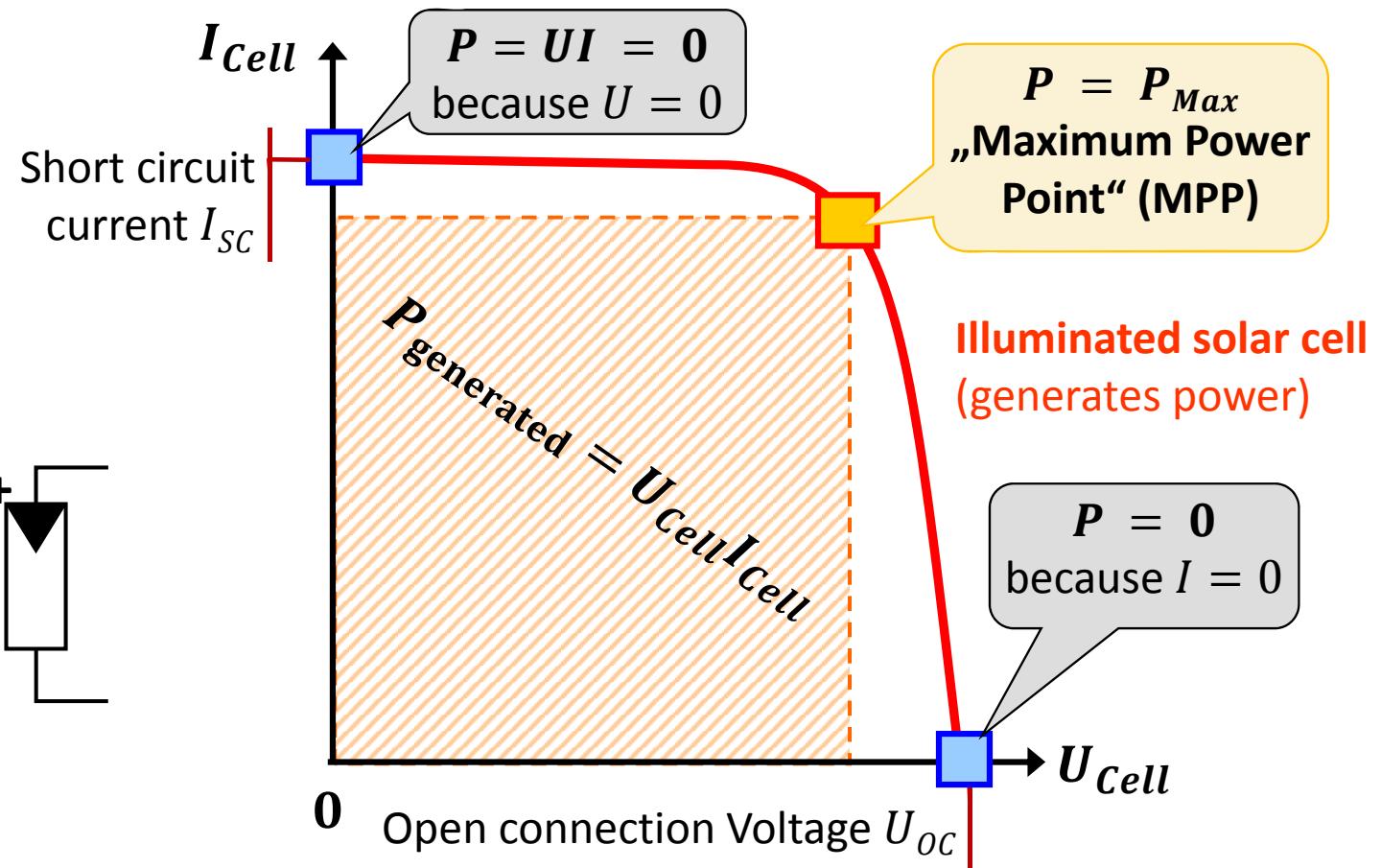
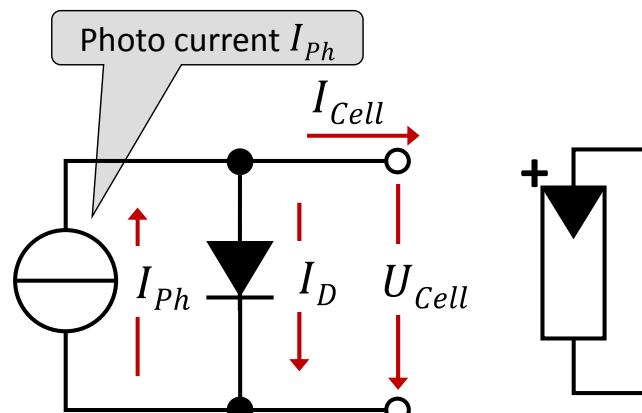


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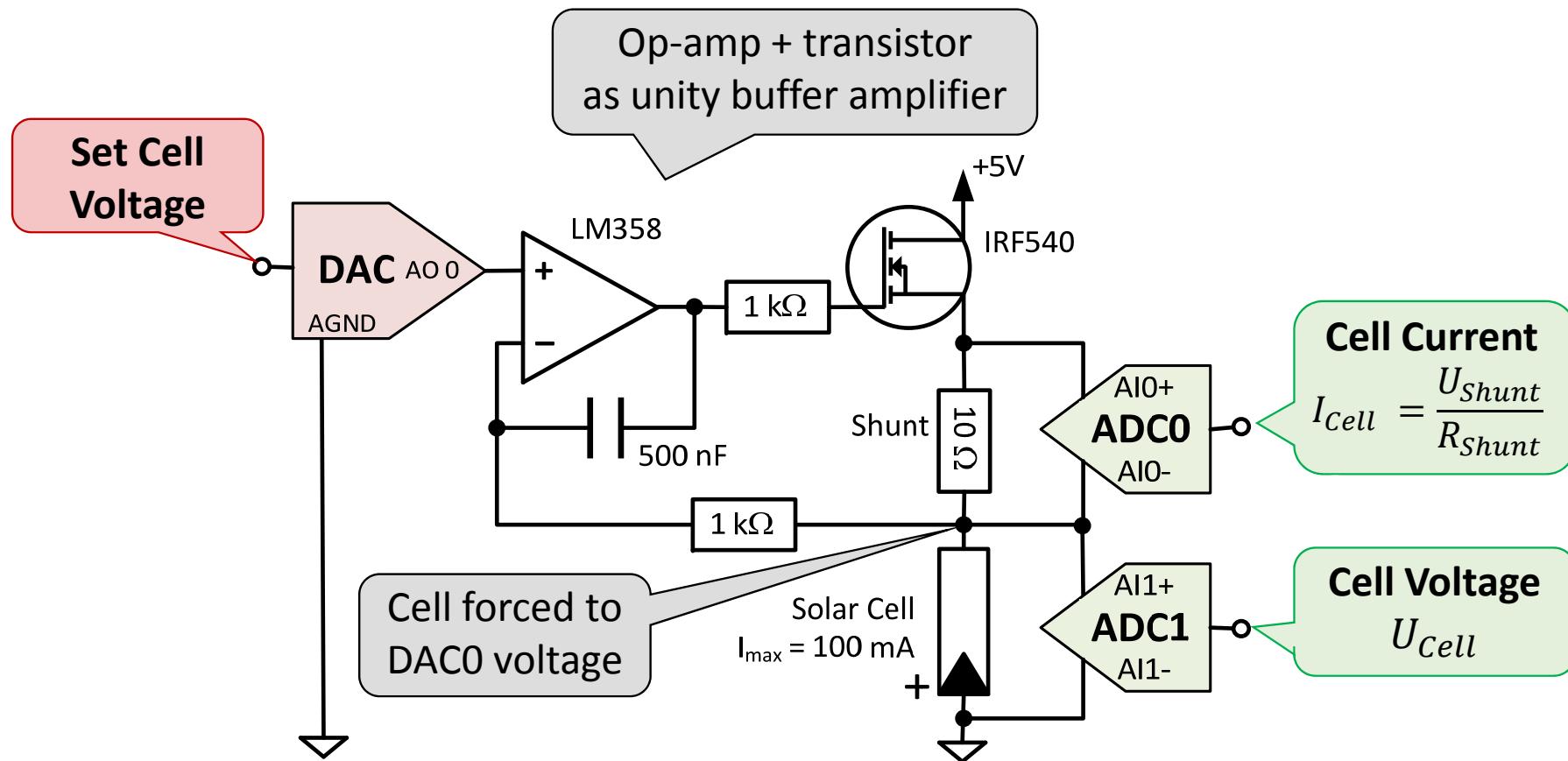
# *1. Harvesting the Sun:* Solar Cell Output Power Curve



# 1. Solar Cell Characteristic Curve

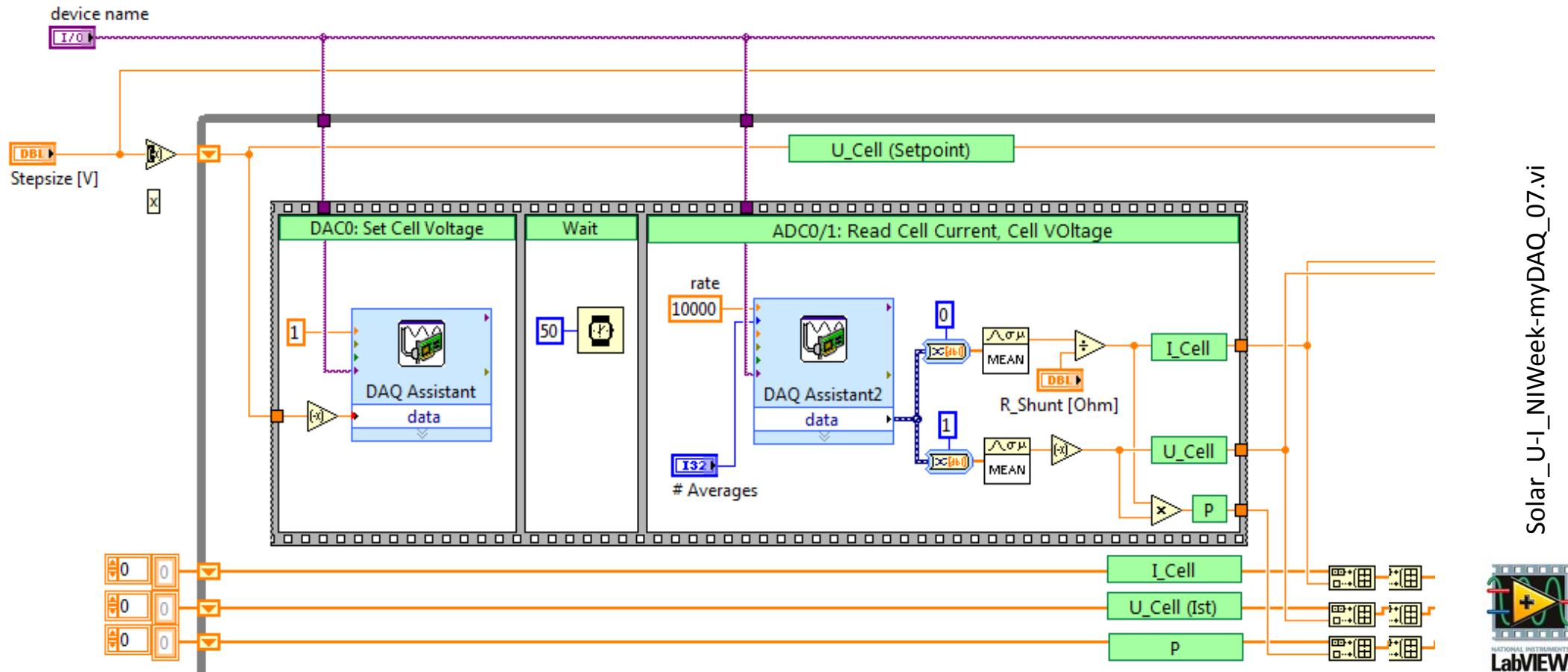


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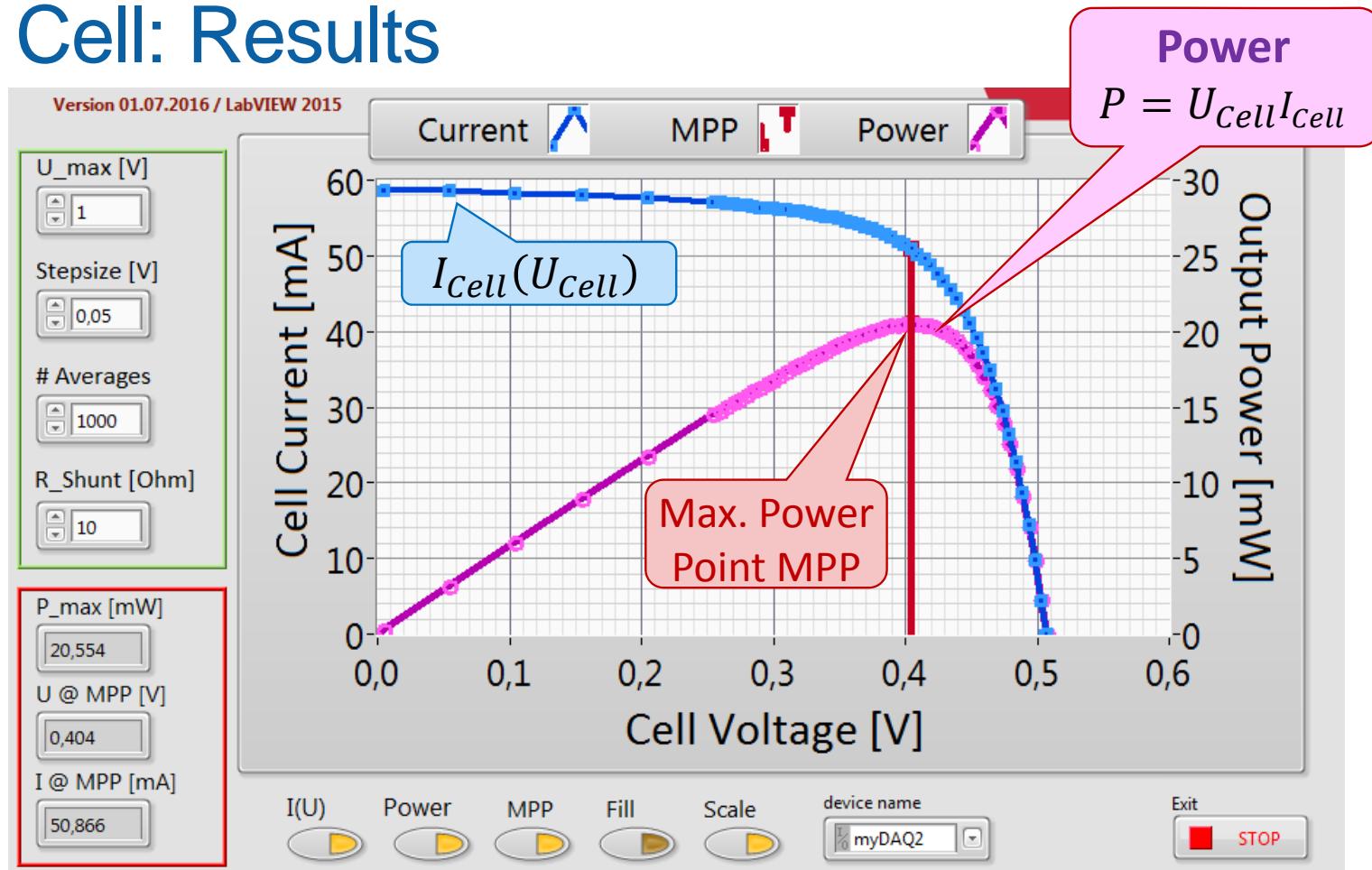


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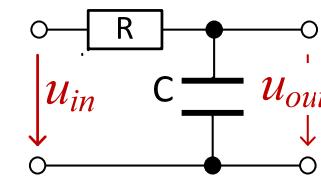
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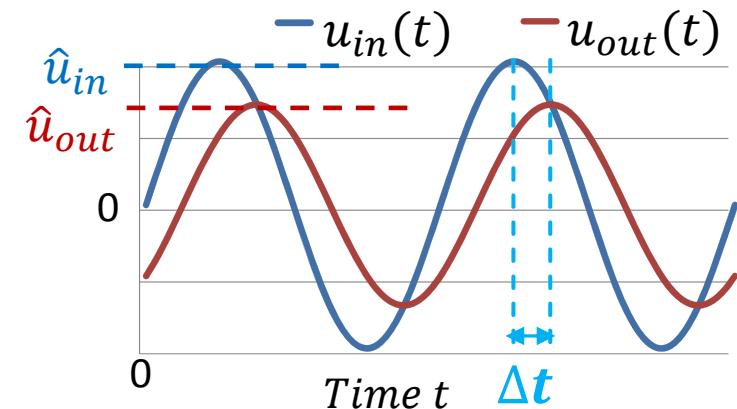
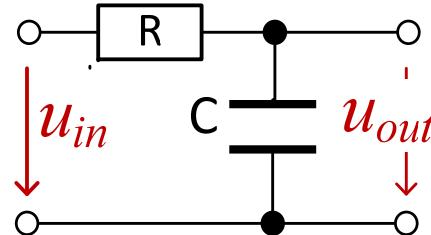
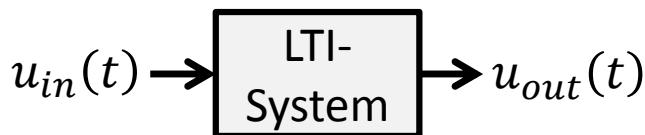
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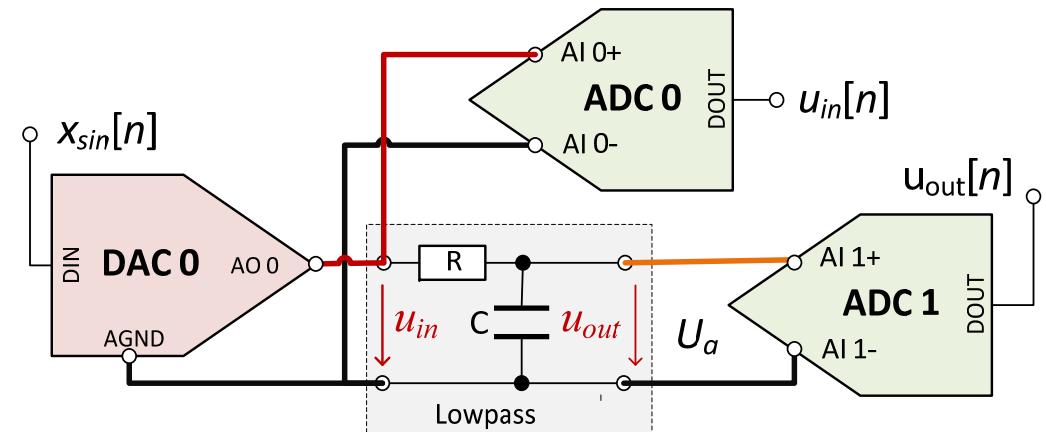
## 2. System Analysis for Beginners: Bode Plots of Simple Circuits



## 2. Bode Plot of Low-Pass Filter

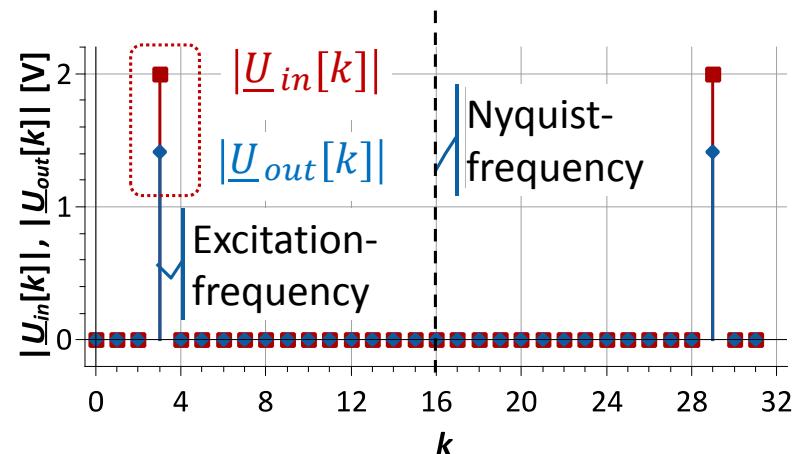
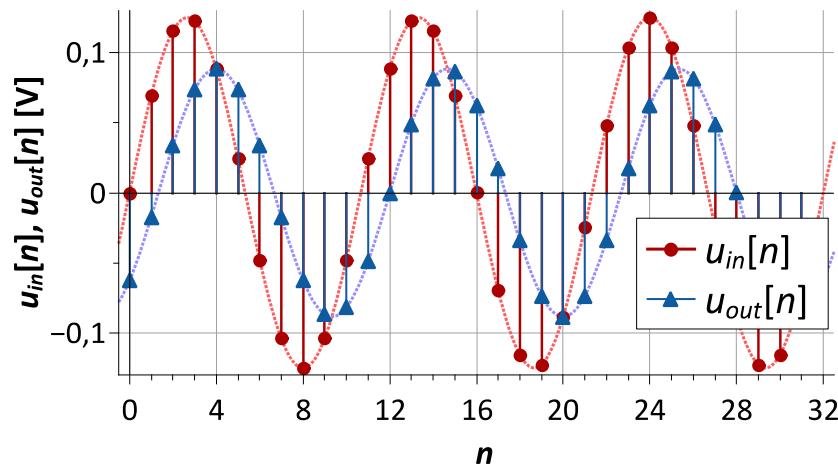


- **Bode Plot** displays:
  - Amplitude response**  $\frac{\hat{u}_{out}(f_0)}{\hat{u}_{in}}$
  - Phase response**  $\varphi(f) = 2\pi \Delta t f_0$
- **Frequency Response Function**  $\underline{G}(f) \in \mathbb{C}$ 
  - $|G(f)| = \frac{\hat{u}_{out}(f)}{\hat{u}_{in}}$
  - $\arg(G(f)) = \varphi(f)$



## 2. Bode Plots: Mathematics

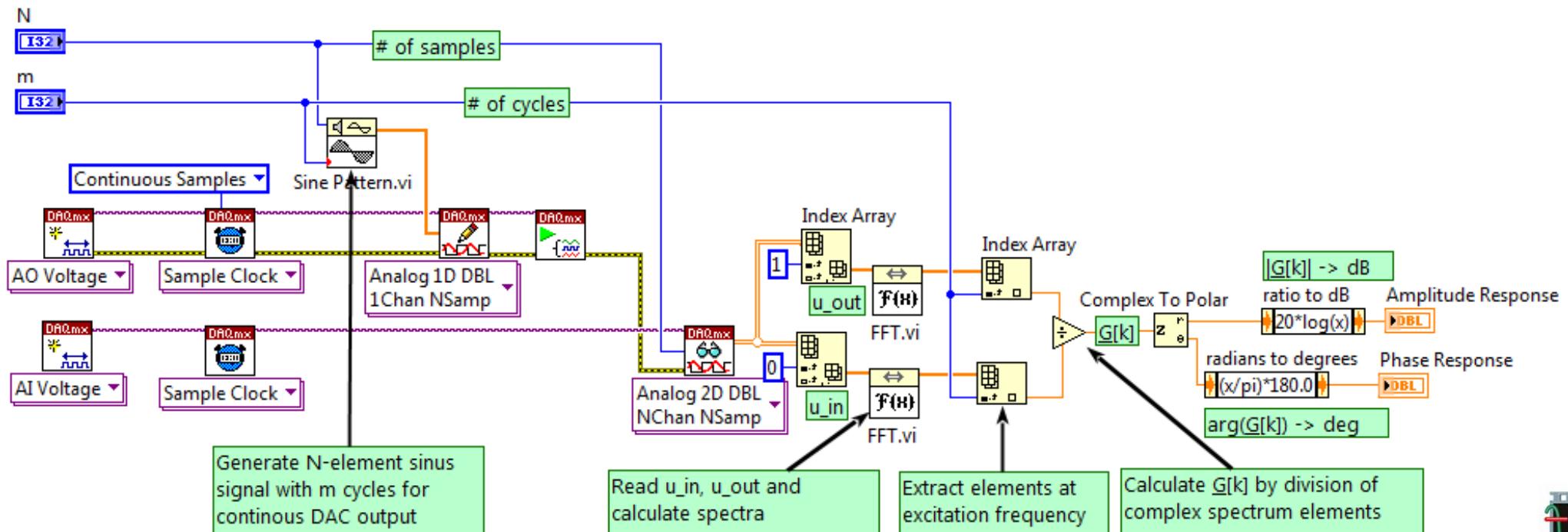
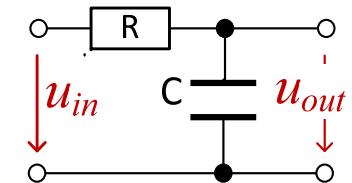
- Record  $u_{in}[n], u_{out}[n] \rightarrow$  Calculate Spectra  $\underline{U}_{in}[k], \underline{U}_{out}[k]$  via discrete Fourier transform



- Amplitude Response:  $|G[k]| = \frac{|\underline{U}_{out}[k]|}{|\underline{U}_{in}[k]|}$
- Phase Response:  $\varphi[k] = \arg(G[k]) = \arg\left(\frac{\underline{U}_{out}[k]}{\underline{U}_{in}[k]}\right)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} G[k] &= \frac{\underline{U}_{out}[k]}{\underline{U}_{in}[k]} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

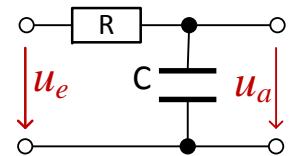
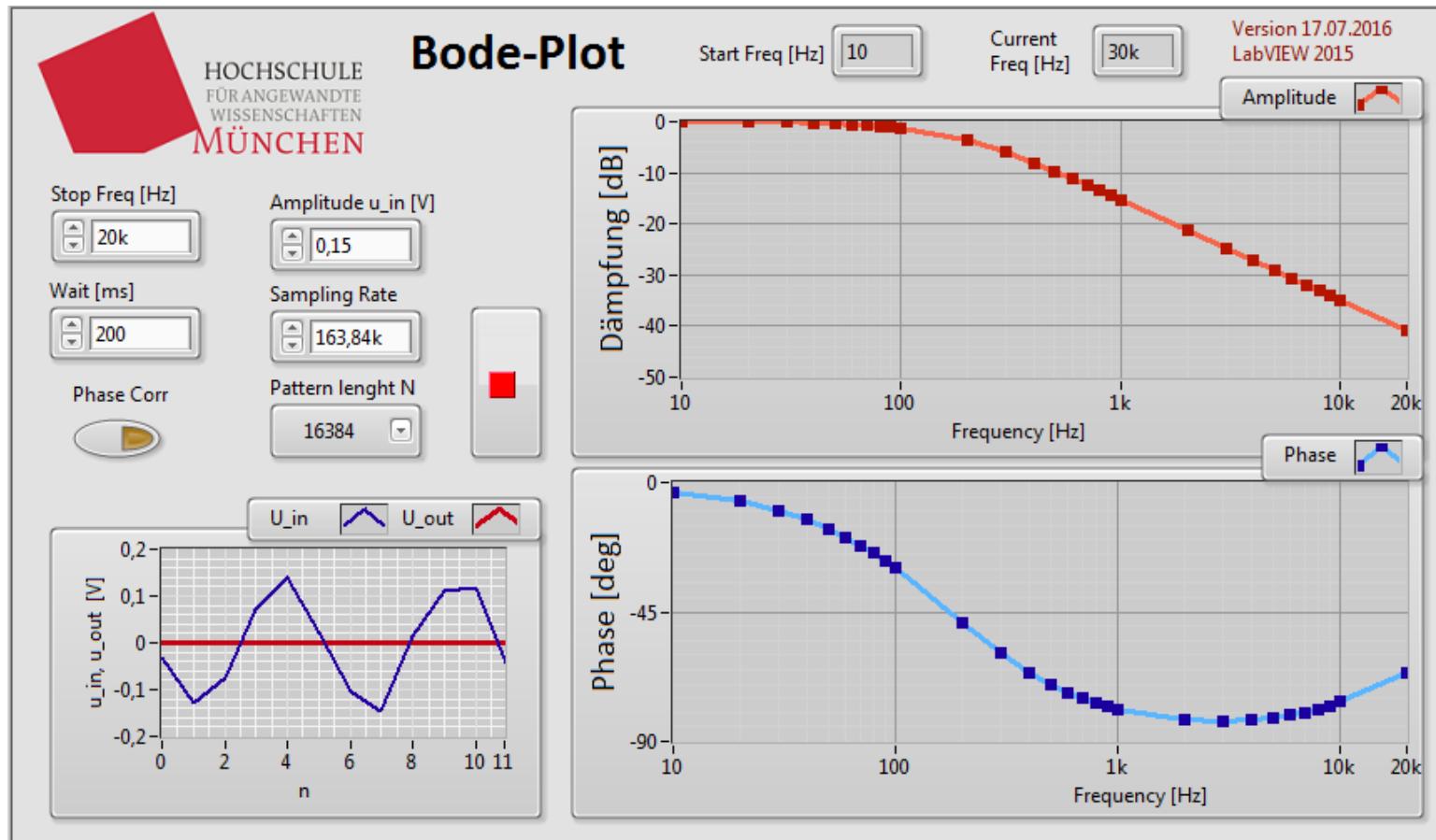
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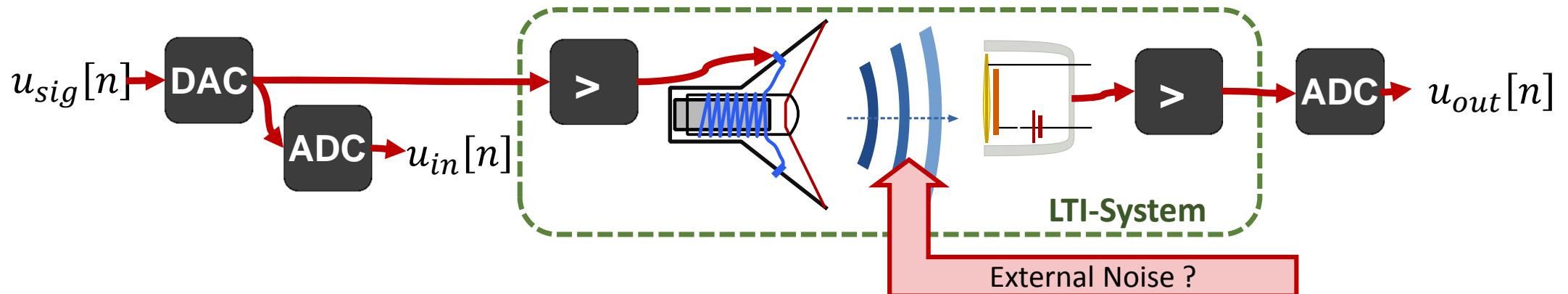


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### 3. 95-cent Acoustics: Frequency Responses of Loudspeakers



### 3. Loudspeaker Response Curves: General



- **LTI-System:** Amplifier – Speaker – Soundwave – Microphone - Amplifier

- $\underline{G}[k] = \frac{\mathcal{F}\{u_{in}[n]\}}{\mathcal{F}\{u_{out}[n]\}} = \frac{\underline{U}_{out}[k]}{\underline{U}_{in}[k]}$  ... only defined for frequencies with  $\underline{U}_{in}[k] \neq 0$   
→ broadband excitation signal needed
- $u_{in}[n]$ : **White noise** (statistical mix of all Frequencies)
- **External Noise might interfere with measurement**  
→ Validity criterion needed for  $\underline{G}[k]$

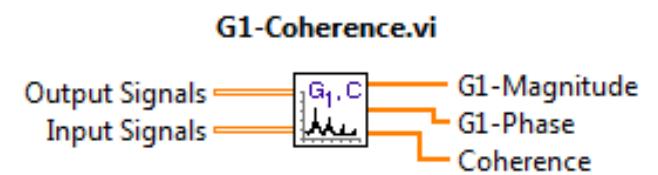
# 3. Coherence as Validity Check

- **Coherence** means **constant phase shift** between input and output signal at certain frequency for repeated measurements
- **Coherence as validity check:**
  - **Constant Phase Shift** → Output signal is reaction to input signal
  - **Random phase shift** → Output signal caused by external noise
- **Application:**
  - Repeat Measurement  $M$  times; calculate spectra  $\underline{U}_{in}[k]_m, \underline{U}_{out}[k]_m$
  - Calculate **Coherence-corrected Frequency Response  $\underline{G}_1[k]$ :**

$$\underline{G}[k] = \frac{\underline{U}_{out}[k]}{\underline{U}_{in}[k]} \Rightarrow \underline{G}_1[k] = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} (\underline{U}_{out}[k]_m \cdot \underline{U}_{in}^*[k]_m)}{\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} (\underline{U}_{in}[k]_m \cdot \underline{U}_{in}^*[k]_m)}$$

- **Coherence Function  $\gamma^2[k]$  mit  $0 \leq \gamma^2[k] \leq 1$ :**

$$\gamma^2[k] = \frac{\left| \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} (\underline{U}_{out}[k]_m \cdot \underline{U}_{in}^*[k]_m) \right|^2}{\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} (\underline{U}_{in}[k]_m \cdot \underline{U}_{in}^*[k]_m) \cdot \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} (\underline{U}_{out}[k]_m \cdot \underline{U}_{out}^*[k]_m)}$$



# 3. Microphones

## Electret Microphones

- Built-in FET preamp
- Require 5V DC phantom voltage
- Signal level in mV range

### Electret Microphone

COM-08635 ROHS✓



\$ 0.95

**ADD TO CART**

1 quantity

250+ in stock

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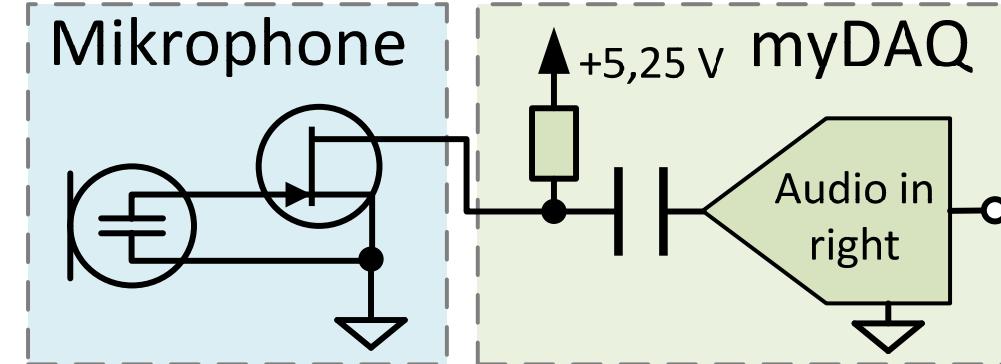
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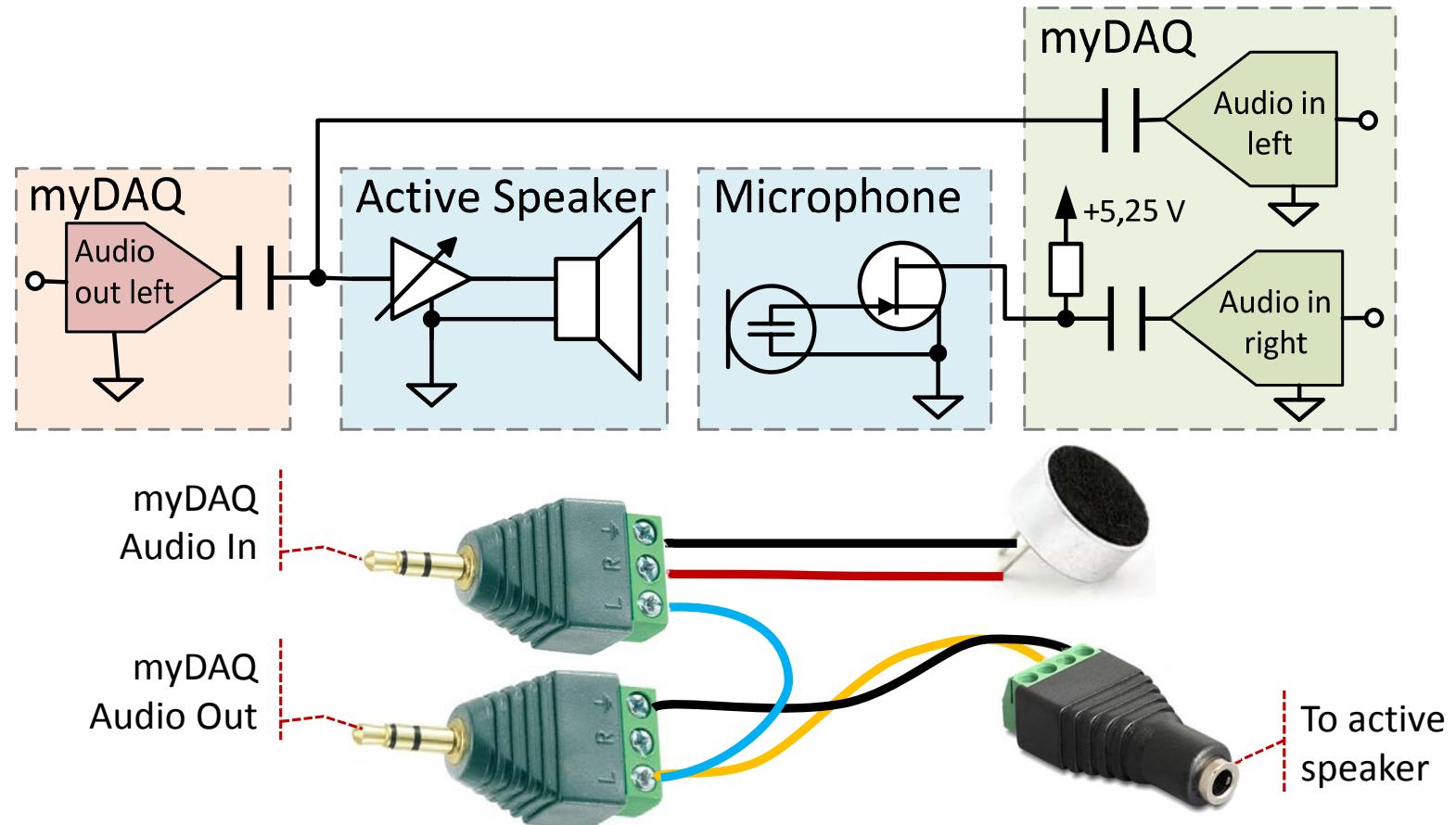
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## myDAQ Audio In

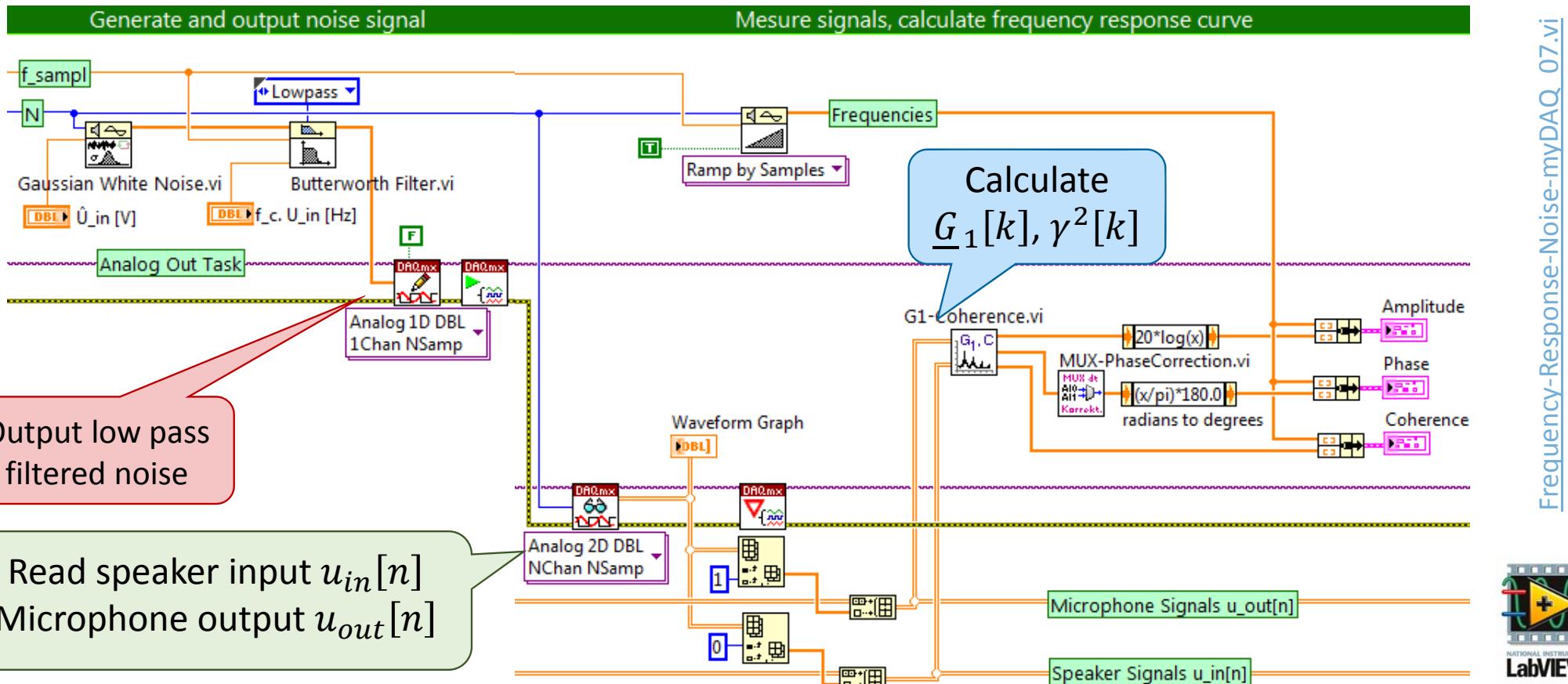
- Equipped with feeding circuit
- Electret mics can be connected directly

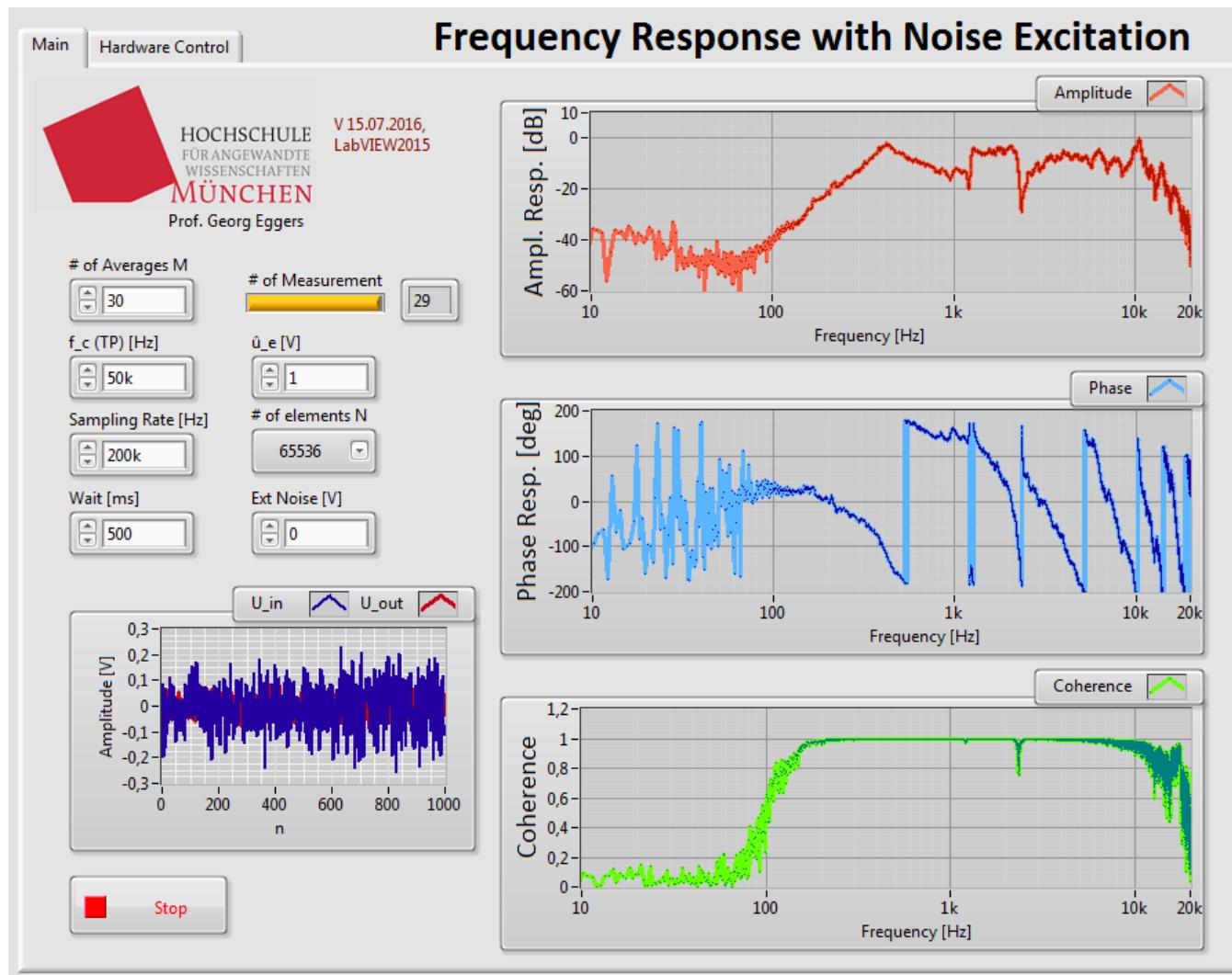


### 3. Speaker Frequency Response: Setup



### 3. LabVIEW Implementation





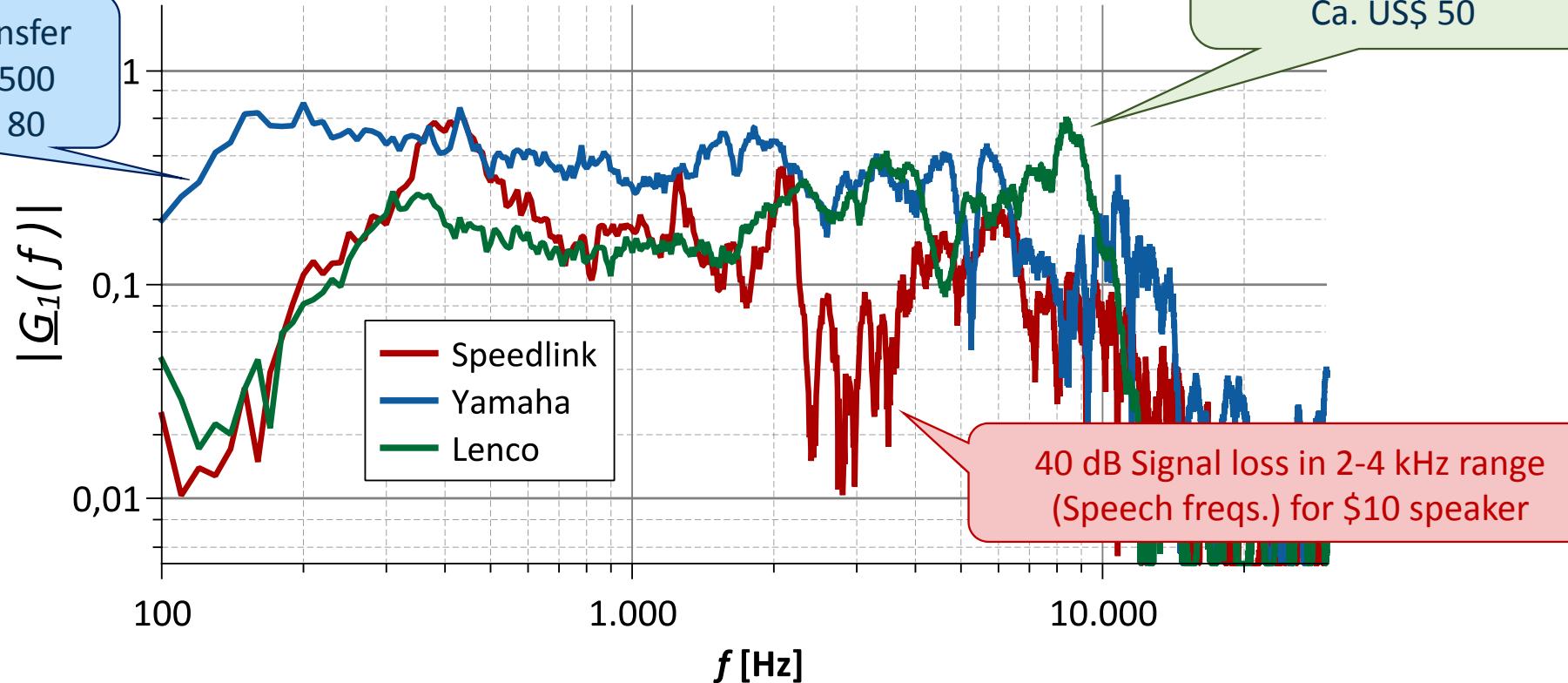
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### 3. Speaker response: Results

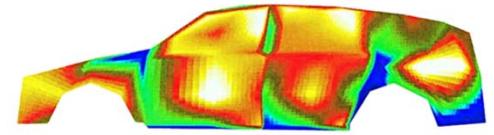
- Comparison of different active speaker systems

Good bass transfer  
Yamaha YPX-500  
Approx. US\$ 80

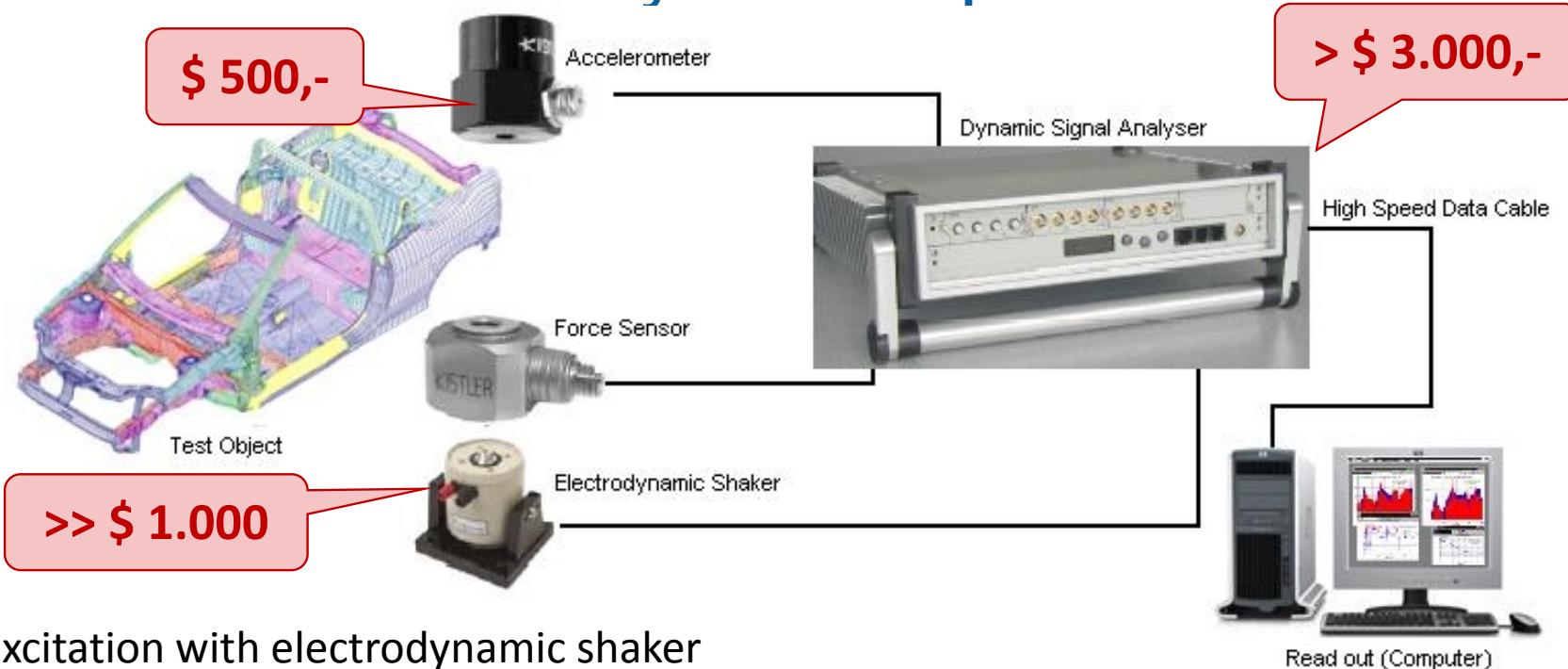
Good treble transfer  
Lenco BTSW-1  
Ca. US\$ 50



## *4. Poor Man's Modal Analysis:* Monitoring Mechanical Vibrations



## 4. Industrial Modal Analysis Setup



- Excitation with electrodynamic shaker
- Local vibration measurement with piezo accelerometers
- Charge amplifier with ADC required for signal readout

... expensive

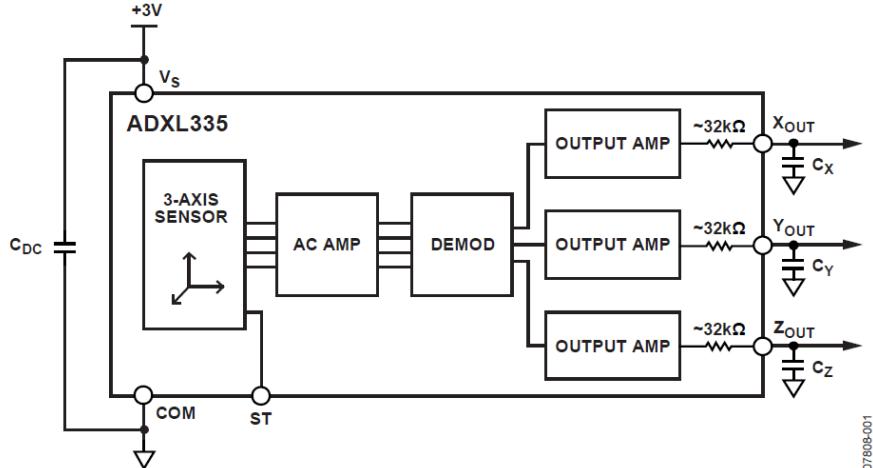
## 4. Low-Cost Shaker System



Science toy: Kosmos „Sound Booster“ – “Turn everything into a loudspeaker”

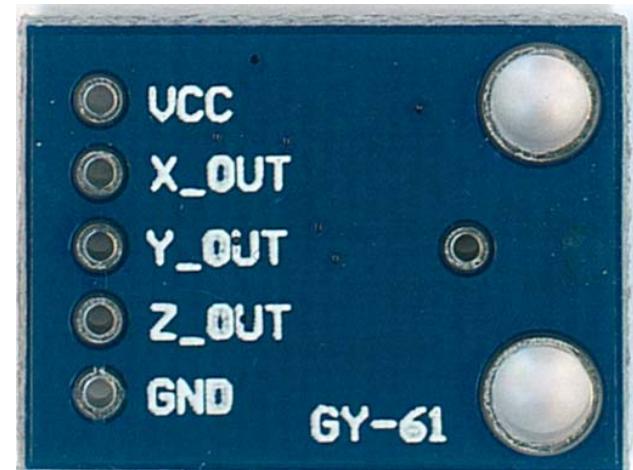
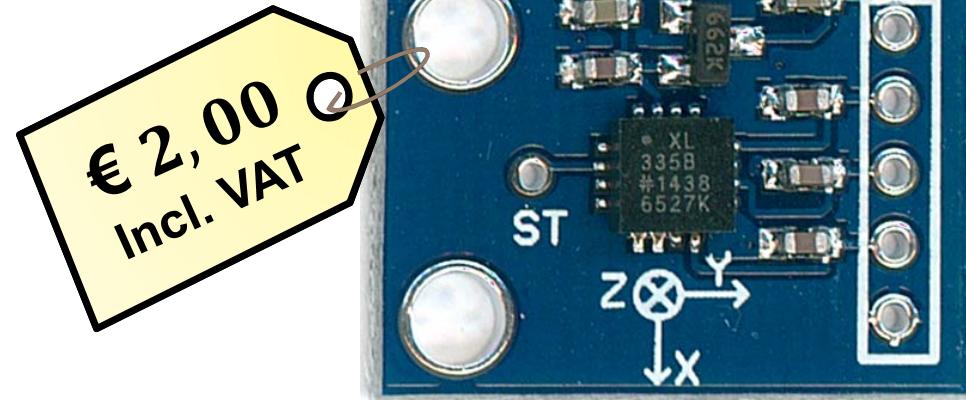
- Self-adhesive impact sound generator
- Battery-powered amplifier module, 3,5 mm audio plug
- Intended use: Construction of improvised speakers

## 4. Cheap Accelerometers



07808-001

Picture: Analog Devices Inc.



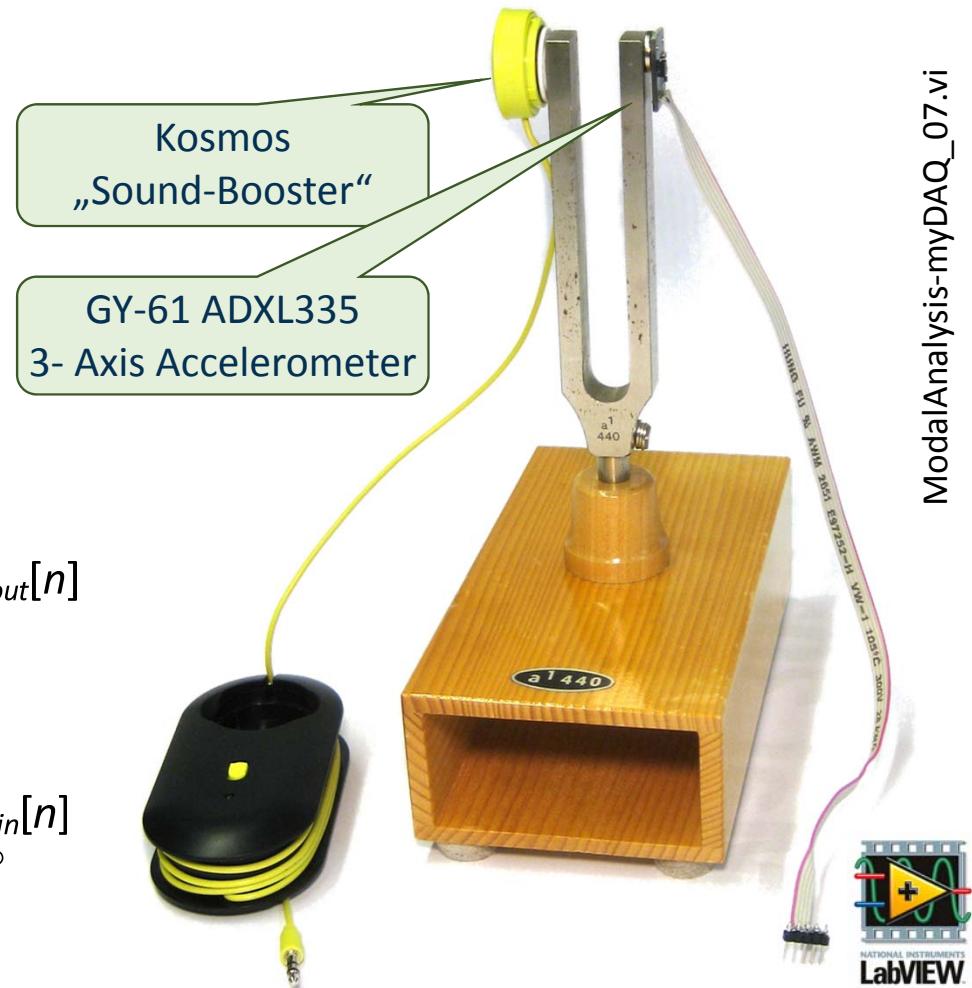
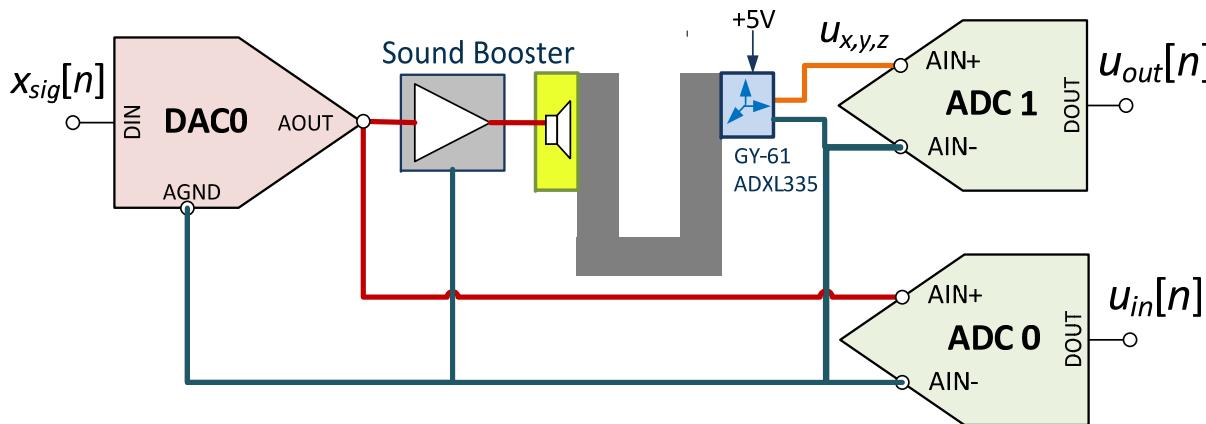
### GY-61 ADXL335 3 Axis Accelerometer

- 3-Axis accelerometer module based on ADXL335 to be used with „Arduino“ boards
- 3 analog outputs  $0,6 \dots 2,4 \text{ V} \equiv -3g \dots +3g$
- Bandwidth up to 1,6 kHz (x,y) / 0,5 kHz (z)

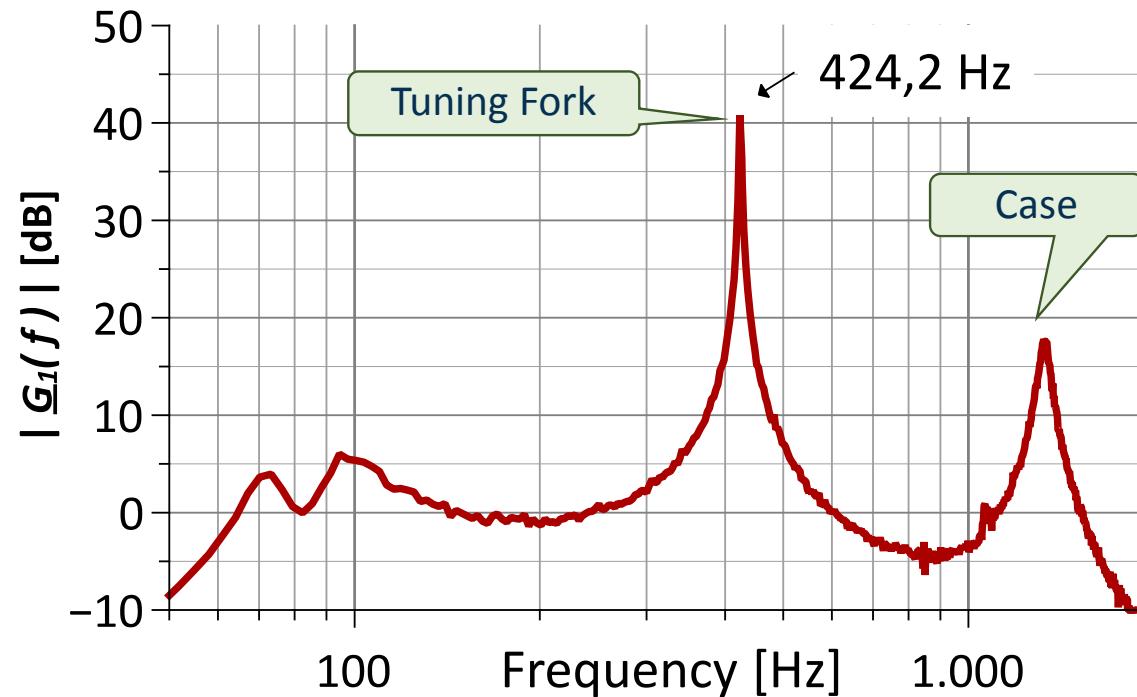
# 4. Poor Man's Modal Analysis

Same LabVIEW-SW as used in speaker analysis

- White noise excitation
- Calculation of coherence-corrected frequency response  $G_1[k]$



## 4. Modal Analysis: Results



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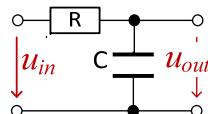


- Resonances of tuning fork and wooden resonator box
- Fork resonance shifts from 440 to 424 Hz due to speaker/sensor weight

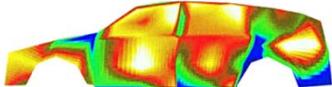
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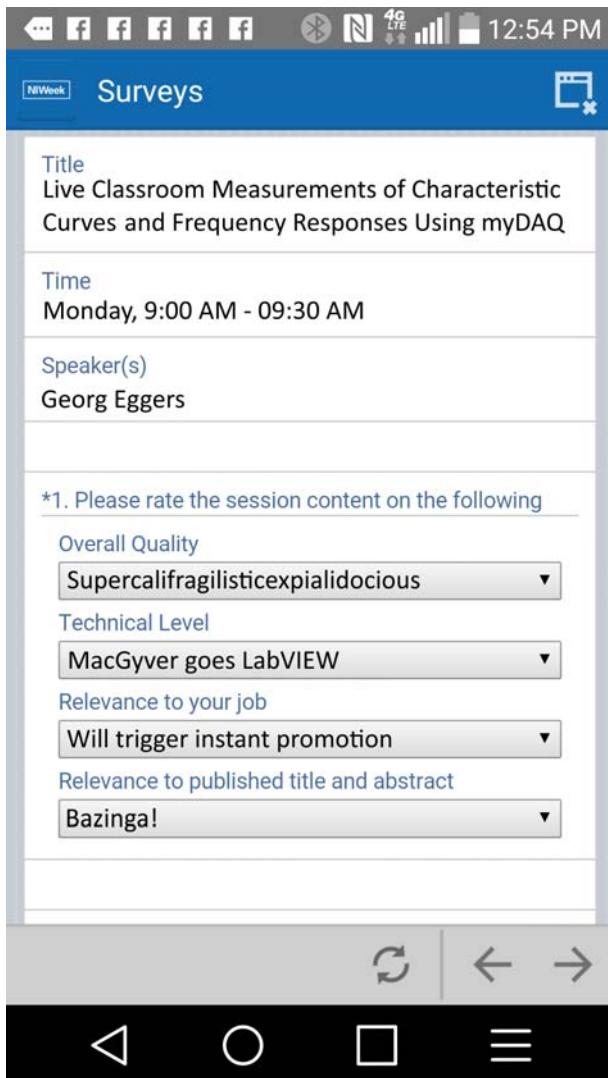
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## Pictures and Data Sheets

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