# Wireless Data Acquisition System

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### Introduction

**Problem:** Traditional oscilloscopes use BNC (coaxial) cables, a power cord, a built-in display, and buttons. These bulky, fragile, expensive tools make mobile data acquisition a challenge and hassle.

**Solution:** Creation of a compact, battery-powered, software-connected data acquisition system

#### **Intended Users:**

- **1. Researchers:** educated professionals conducting research on noninvasive tissue imaging
- 2. Lab Assistants: users with formal education on existing technologies who desire a friendly user experience with a minimal learning curve
- **3. Educational Institutions:** Establishments that may seek to acquire the devices for multifunctional purposes



<u>Figure 1</u>: Integration of wDAQ within Photoacoustic Tomography System

**Design Details** 

#### **Functional Requirements:**

# Design Approach

- Start with system block diagram
- Determine how inputs must be transformed at each of the subsystem blocks
  - Amplification, ADC, Serialization
- Inter-subsystem communication must propagate signal quickly with high integrity
  - o SMA, MHz range sampling, SPI



## Testing

- <u>Integration Testing:</u> Test with a combination of subcomponents to determine device interaction
- <u>Regression Testing:</u> As the project developed, tests were to ensure existing functionality

- <u>Amplifier Gain</u>: ~40 dB (100 V/V)
- <u>System Bandwidth:</u> 100 kHz up to 10 MHz
- Digital Resolution: 12 bits
- <u>Sampling Rate:</u> 10 MS/s
- <u>System Channels:</u> 2 Channels per Module
- Input Impedance: 50  $\Omega$

#### **Non-Functional Requirements:**

- Easy to use interface
- Visually appealing GUI
- Minimally Sized

#### **Considerations:**

System should be designed in a manner that caters to a varying degree of expertise, while offering straight-forward configuration and reliable connection



• <u>User Testing:</u> The Client used the device and software. Issues and limitations were identified and resolved

Note: Testing was conducted almost weekly

### **Engineering Standards**

- IEEE Wi-Fi Protocol (IEEE 802.11): ESP32
- IEEE Standard for Precision Coaxial Connectors at RF (IEEE 287.1-2021): Board Connectors
- <u>IEEE Microcontroller Programming Standard (IEEE</u> <u>1118.1-1990): Microcontroller Programming</u>



*Figure 4:* Finalized System Powered by Rechargeable Battery

<u>Figure 3:</u> LabVIEW Interface receiving transmitted signal from ESP32

## Results

Frequency Response Analysis: Device achieves a desired gain of 40dB and effective bandwidth
ADC: Effective digitization of analog signal
Wi-Fi Connectivity & User Interface: Continuous transmission, plotting, and data logging of voltage readings to LabVIEW





Figures 5 & 6: Frequency Response Analysis (Left) and Digitization of 12bit Analog Signal (Right)