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Evaluating the **ADAQ7980** 16-Bit, 1 MSPS, μ Module® Data Acquisition System in LGA

FEATURES

Full featured evaluation board for the **ADAQ7980**
Versatile analog signal conditioning circuitry
On-board reference, reference buffers, and ADC drivers
SDP board-compatible (**EVAL-SDP-CB1Z**)
PC software for control and data analysis of time and
frequency domain

EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ evaluation board
Wall power supply 9 V dc adapter
Daughter card power connector
Nylon screws

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

System demonstration platform (**EVAL-SDP-CB1Z**)
Precision analog signal source
Power supply, +7.5 V/–2.5 V (optional)
USB cable
SMA cable
PC running Windows® XP SP2, Windows Vista, Windows 7, or
higher with USB 2.0 port

ONLINE RESOURCES

[ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988 data sheet](#)
[EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ user guide](#)
[ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#)
[FAQs and Troubleshooting](#)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The **EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ** is an evaluation board designed to demonstrate the low power **ADAQ7980** performance and provide an easy to understand interface for a variety of system applications. The **ADAQ7980** is a 16-bit, 1 MSPS, μ Module data acquisition system that integrates four common signal processing and conditioning blocks into a system in package (SiP) design that supports a variety of applications.

The **EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ** can also evaluate the **ADAQ7988**, despite being populated with the **ADAQ7980**. To mimic the evaluation of the **ADAQ7988** performance, limit the maximum sample rate of the **ADAQ7980** to 500 kSPS in the **ADAQ798x Evaluation Software**.

The evaluation board is ideal for use with the Analog Devices, Inc., system demonstration platform (SDP) board, **EVAL-SDP-CB1Z**. The **EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ** interfaces to the SDP board via a 120-pin connector. P1, P2, P3, and P4 SMA connectors are provided to connect a low noise analog signal source.

The **ADAQ798x Evaluation Software** executable controls the evaluation board over the USB through the **EVAL-SDP-CB1Z**. See the Related Links section for a list of on-board components.

A full description and complete specifications for the **ADAQ7980** are provided in the **ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988** data sheet and must be consulted in conjunction with this user guide when using the evaluation board. Full details on the **EVAL-SDP-CB1Z** are available on the **SDP-B** product page.

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EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ EVALUATION BOARD

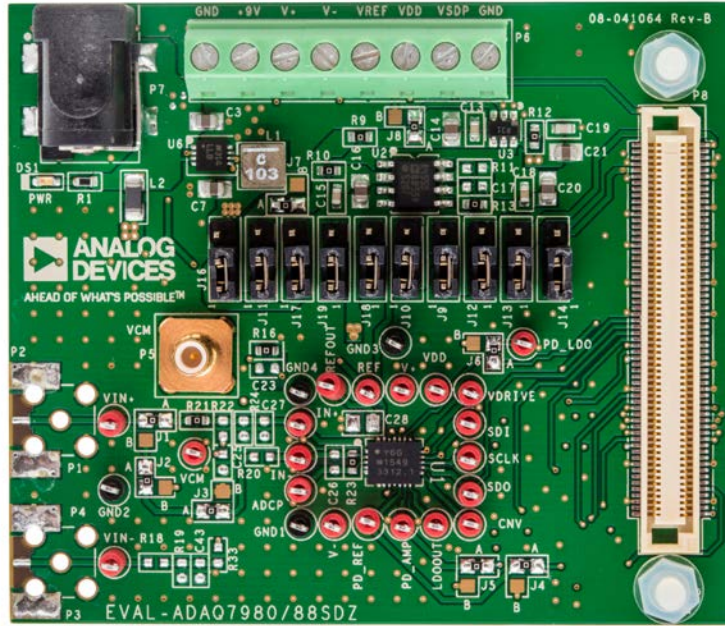


Figure 1.

GETTING STARTED

The following section contains the installation instructions for the [ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#) and the drivers for the SDP hardware required for operation of the software. The evaluation software provides a graphical user interface (GUI) for quick evaluation of the [ADAQ7980](#).

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

Download the evaluation board software from the [ADAQ7980](#) product page on the Analog Devices website.

To install the software, take the following steps:

- Run the [ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#) installation
- Run the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) SDP board drivers installation

Warning

Install the evaluation board software and drivers before connecting the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) evaluation board and [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) board to the USB port of the PC to ensure the evaluation system is correctly recognized when it connects to the PC.

Installing the [ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software](#)

To install the [ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#),

1. Start the Windows operating system and download the software from the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) product page on the Analog Devices website.
2. Unzip the downloaded file.
3. Double-click the **setup.exe** file to begin the evaluation board software installation (see Figure 2).

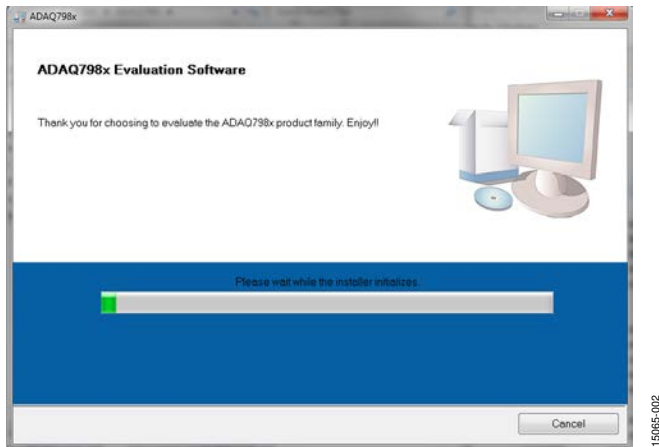


Figure 2. [ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software Installation](#)—Installation Begins

4. Select a location to install the software and click **Next**. The default location is **C:\Program Files (x86)\Analog Devices\ADAQ798x**. This location also contains the executable software and example files.

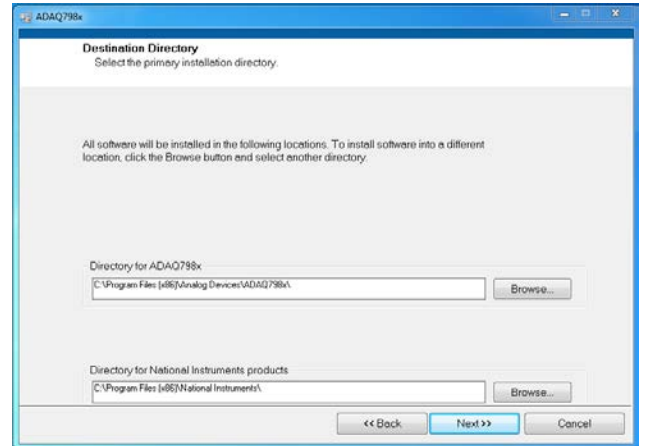


Figure 3. [ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software Installation](#)—Selecting the Location for Software Installation (Default Location Shown)

5. A license agreement appears. Read the agreement, and then select **I accept the License Agreement**, and click **Next**.



Figure 4. [ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software Installation](#)—Accept the License Agreement

6. An installation summary displays. Click **Next** to continue.

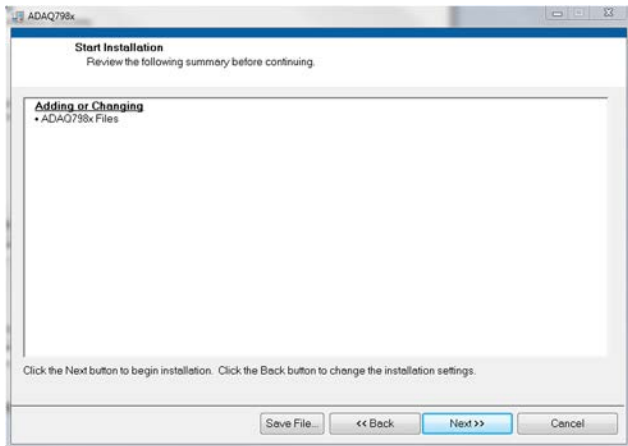


Figure 5. ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software Installation—Installation Summary

7. A dialog box shows the installation progress.

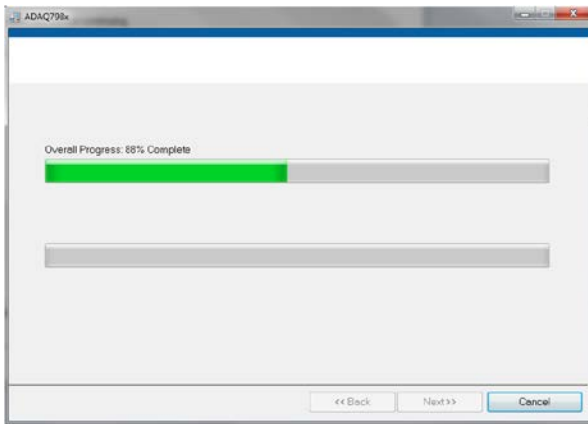


Figure 6. ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software Installation—Installation Progress

8. The dialog box informs the user when the installation is complete. Click **Finish**.

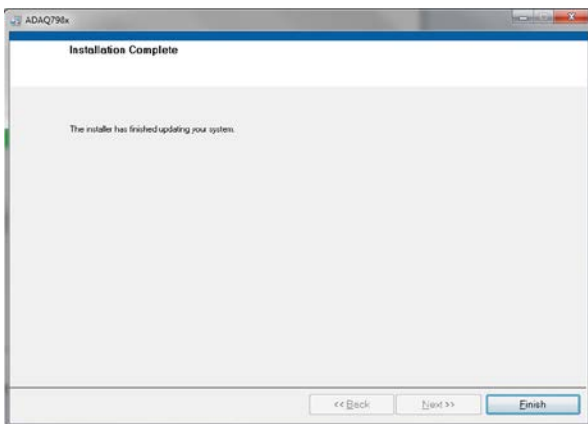


Figure 7. ADAQ7980 Evaluation Board Software Installation—Installation Complete

9. The setup for the installation of the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z SDP board drivers automatically loads.



Figure 8. Loading the Setup for SDP Drivers Installation

Installing the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z SDP Board Drivers

After installation of the evaluation board software completes, a welcome window displays for the installation of the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z system demonstration platform board drivers. Then, take the following steps:

1. Ensure all other applications are closed and click **Next**.



Figure 9. EVAL-SDP-CB1Z Drivers Setup: Beginning the Drivers Installation

2. Select a location to install the drivers and click **Install**.

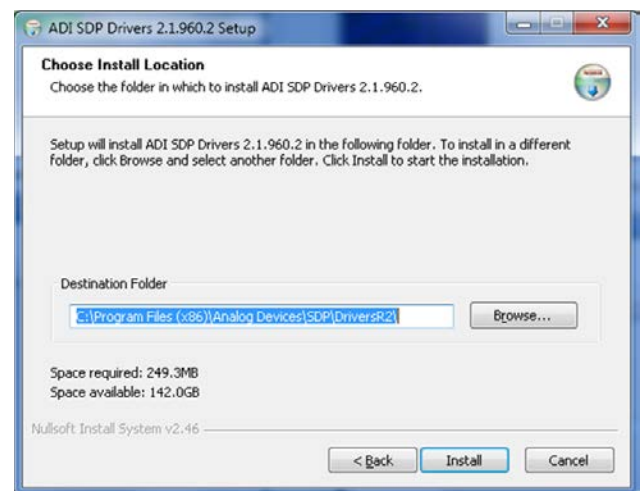


Figure 10. EVAL-SDP-CB1Z Drivers Setup: Selecting the Location for Drivers Installation

3. Installation of the SDP drivers begins.

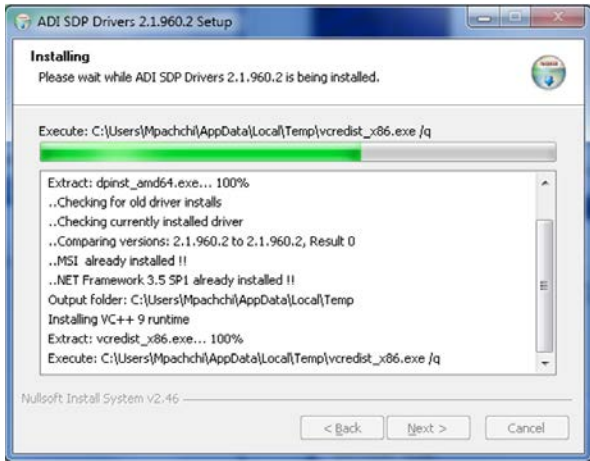


Figure 11. EVAL-SDP-CB1Z Drivers Setup—Beginning the Installation

4. A dialog box appears asking to install the SDP software available with the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z. Click **Install**.



Figure 12. EVAL-SDP-CB1Z Drivers Setup—Granting Permission to Install Drivers

5. To complete the drivers installation, click **Finish**, which closes the installation wizard.



Figure 13. EVAL-SDP-CB1Z Drivers Setup: Completing the Drivers Setup Wizard

6. After installing the drivers, restart the PC prior to using the ADAQ798x Evaluation Software. A dialog box opens, giving the following options: **Restart**, **Shut Down**, and **Restart Later**. Click **Restart**.



Figure 14. EVAL-SDP-CB1Z Drivers Setup: Restarting the PC

EVALUATION BOARD SETUP PROCEDURES

The EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ connects to the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z SDP board. The EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board is the controller board, which is the communication link between the PC and the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ. The following section describes how to connect the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z to the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ hardware and the PC.

Connecting the Evaluation and SDP Boards to a PC

After installing the ADAQ7980 software, ensure that the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board is disconnected from the USB port of the PC while installing the software. The PC must be restarted after the installation is complete. See the Software Installation Procedures section for more information.

To connect the evaluation board and SDP boards to a PC, take the following steps:

1. Before connecting power, connect the 120-pin connector, P8, of the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ board to Connector J4 on the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board. Nylon fastening screws are included in the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ evaluation kit to ensure the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ and EVAL-SDP-CB1Z boards are connected firmly together.
2. Verify that the link settings are correct before connecting power to the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ evaluation kit (see the Link Configuration Options section and Table 6).
3. Connect the 9 V power supply adapter included in the kit to the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ.
4. Connect the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board to the PC via the USB cable. If using Windows XP, the user may need to search for the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z drivers. Choose to automatically search for the drivers for the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board if prompted by the operating system.

Verifying the Board Connection

To verify the evaluation board connection, take the following steps:

1. Allow the **Found New Hardware Wizard** to run after the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board is plugged into the PC. If using Windows XP, the user may need to search for the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z drivers. Choose to automatically search for the drivers for the EVAL-SDP-CB1Z board if prompted by the operating system.

2. Verify that the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is connected to the PC correctly using the **Device Manager** of the PC.
 - a. Access the **Device Manager** as follows:
 - i. Right-click **My Computer** and then click **Manage**.
 - ii. A dialog box appears asking for permission to allow the program to make changes to the PC. Click **Yes**.
 - iii. The **Computer Management** window appears. From the list of **System Tools**, click **Device Manager**.
 - b. Under **ADI Development Tools**, **Analog Devices System Development Platform SDP-B** appears (see Figure 15), indicating the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) driver software is installed and the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is connected to the PC correctly.

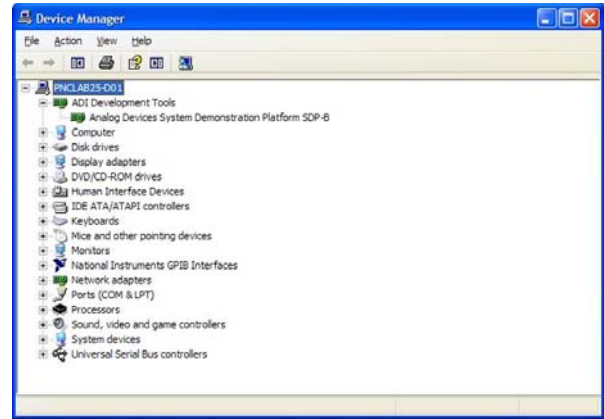


Figure 15. **Device Manager:**
Checking the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) Is Connected to the PC Correctly

EVALUATION BOARD HARDWARE

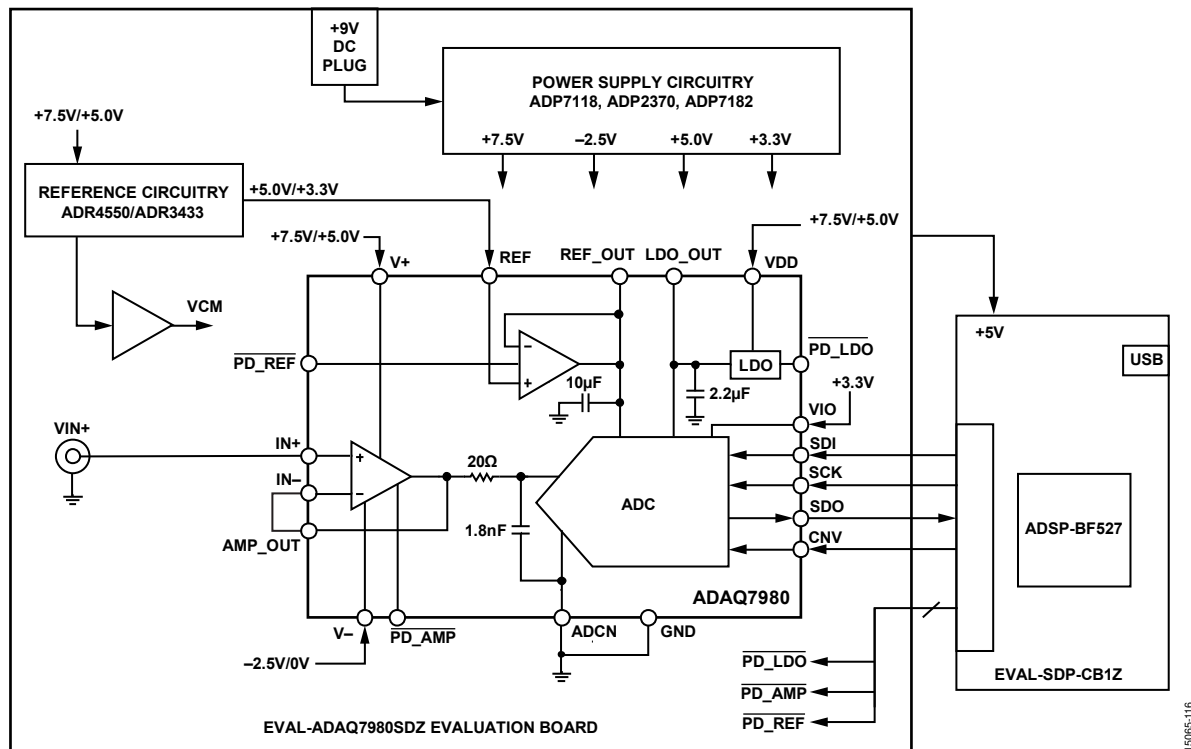


Figure 16. EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ Simplified Block Diagram

HARDWARE OVERVIEW

Figure 16 shows a simplified block diagram of the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#). The evaluation board features the [ADAQ7980](#) and peripheral circuitry that evaluates the device. This section gives an overview of the [ADAQ7980](#) operation and describes how the operation parameters can be configured on the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) hardware.

The [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) allows a variety of configuration options for many of the major operation nodes of the [ADAQ7980](#). The evaluation board provides two on-board reference options (5 V and 3.3 V), pads to set multiple configurations for the ADC driver, and various power supply options. The following sections describe these options in detail.

Figure 28 to Figure 32 show the evaluation board schematics. The evaluation board is a flexible design that enables the user to adjust compensation components and operate the evaluation board from an adjustable bench top power supply.

REFERENCE

The reference setting of the [ADAQ7980](#) (the voltage set at the REF input) determines the full-scale input range at the integrated ADC inputs which determines the output range of the integrated ADC driver (the range of the AMP_OUT pin). For example, if using a 5 V reference, then the [ADAQ7980](#) can convert signals on the AMP_OUT pin between 0 V and 5 V before the signal overranges.

The REF pin of the [ADAQ7980](#) is the input to the integrated reference buffer. The REF_OUT pin is the output of the reference buffer and the reference node utilized by the integrated ADC. When utilizing the reference buffer, drive the REF pin to the desired reference voltage for the system. See the [ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988](#) data sheet for more information regarding reference voltage operation.

The [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) has two reference devices installed: the [ADR4550BRZ](#) supplying 5 V and the [ADR3433ARJZ](#) supplying 3.3 V. Either of these references can be routed to the REF pin of the [ADAQ7980](#) by means of jumpers and links on the evaluation board.

In addition to the on-board [ADR4550BRZ](#) and [ADR3433ARJZ](#) references, the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) provides the option to supply the reference externally through Pin 5 on the P6 terminal block.

Table 1 shows the configurations required for using the two on-board references and an external reference.

Table 1. On-Board Reference Options Provided on the EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ

On-Board Reference Voltage (V)	On-Board Reference Devices	Link Settings
5	ADR4550BRZ	J7 at A J9 at 1 J10 at 1
3.3	ADR3433ARJZ	J7 at B ¹ J9 at 3 J10 at 1
External Reference Voltage	External device	J10 at 3

¹ The J7 configuration is set to ensure the voltage input of the [ADR3433ARJZ](#) is within its specified range (<5.5 V).

The [ADR4550BRZ](#) and [ADR3433ARJZ](#) also supply the VCM node, which can be used as a dc bias or common-mode voltage for the analog-to-digital converter (ADC) driver. Figure 30 shows the circuitry generating VCM. See the Analog Inputs section for more information on VCM operation.

ANALOG INPUTS

This section describes how to apply analog inputs to the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#).

The [ADAQ7980](#) contains an ADC driver. The user has access to the noninverting and inverting inputs and output of the ADC driver (IN+, IN-, and AMP_OUT, respectively), which allows configurability of the driver by means of jumper settings and passive components. Figure 17 shows the ADC driver connection diagram, including all relevant jumpers and passive components for configuration.

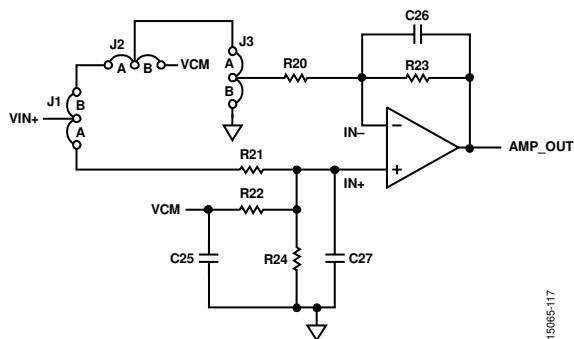


Figure 17. Relevant Links and Components for Configuring the ADC Driver

The ADC input accepts unipolar signals between ground and the voltage set by the integrated reference buffer (voltage on the REF and REF_OUT pins). Therefore, the ADC driver outputs must be limited to ground and the voltage on REF_OUT as well. Because the signal is unipolar, the input signal must include a dc offset component, typically to REF/2.

If the input source cannot supply the dc bias, a common-mode voltage generated on board (labeled VCM in Figure 17) can connect to the noninverting input of the ADC driver through the R22 resistor. VCM is set to REF/2 by default. Use the R22 and R24 resistors to set VCM to another desired dc voltage. See the Reference section for more information on VCM.

Table 2 outlines the link settings and passive components that implement common ADC driver configurations.

Table 2. ADC Driver Configuration Settings

Configuration	Link Settings	Component
Noninverting Unity-Gain Buffer	J1 at A	Do not populate R20 R21 at 0 Ω Do not populate R22 R23 at 0 Ω Do not populate R24
Inverting with Level Shift	J1 at B, J2 at A, and J3 at A	Select R20 and R23 for desired gain Do not populate R21 R22 and R24 selected for desired dc setting
Noninverting with Nonunity Gain	J1 at A and J3 at B	Select R20 and R23 for desired gain R21 at 0 Ω Do not populate R22 and R24
Noninverting Unity-Gain Buffer with Level Shift	J1 at A	Do not populate R20 R21 = R22 ≠ 0 Ω R23 at 0 Ω Select R24 for desired dc setting

The [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is configured by factory default with the ADC driver in a unity-gain configuration. The dc offset needed for unipolar signals can be provided either by the signal source or by using the on-board dc offset VCM.

The analog inputs to the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) are the P1 to P4 SMA connectors. The input circuit arrangement is controlled by the settings of J1 to J3. The circuit not only allows different configurations, input range scaling, and filtering, but it also allows adding a dc component. The analog input amplifiers are set as unity-gain buffers by factory default. The amplifier positive rail is driven from 7.5 V from U7 ([ADP7118](#)). The amplifier negative rail is driven from -2.5 V, generated by U9 ([ADP7182](#)).

A differential output source can also drive the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) inputs as long as the output of the source can be biased to the midscale (either internally or externally). The P3 and P4 connectors and the R18/R19 voltage divider balance termination of the signal source.

For dynamic performance, conduct a fast Fourier transform (FFT) test by applying a very low distortion ac source.

For low frequency testing, an instrument like an audio precision source (such as the SYS-2700 series) can be used directly because its outputs are isolated. Set the outputs as balanced with a floating ground. The P3 and P4 connectors balance termination of a signal source. Different sources can be used; however, most are single-ended sources that use a fixed output resistance.

POWER SUPPLIES

The evaluation board can be powered from a wall adapter or from a bench top power supply. By default, the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is set up to operate from a 9 V wall adapter using the on-board power supplies described in Table 3.

Table 3. Power Supplies Provided on the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#)

Power Supply (V)	Default Function	On-Board Components
+5	SDP power	ADP2370-5.0
+7.5	V+ and VDD supply	ADP7118
-2.5	V- supply	ADP7182
+3.3	V _{DRIVE} (V _{IO} supply)	ADP7118-3.3

Each on-board power supply is decoupled where it enters the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) as well as at the power pins of each of the on-board components. A single ground plane on the evaluation board minimizes the effect of high frequency noise interference.

The [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) provides multiple power scheme options by means of various link settings on the evaluation board. These options allow evaluation of the [ADAQ7980](#) with various power configurations. By default, the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is configured as shown in Table 1. Table 4 lists the different supply settings available.

Table 4. Alternate Power Supply Options

ADAQ7980 Power Pin	Pin Function	On-Board Power Options (V)
VDD	Input to LDO powering the ADC	+7.5 and +5
V+	ADC driver and reference buffer positive supply	+7.5 and +5
V-	ADC driver and reference buffer negative supply	-2.5 and 0

To evaluate the [ADAQ7980](#) in a single-supply configuration, connect the V- pin to ground and connect the V+ and VDD pins to either 7.5 V or 5 V. If V+ is set to 5 V, the device is not able to use a 5 V reference voltage.

Alternatively, power the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) from a bench top power supply by using the P6 terminal block. Individual supplies can also be supplied externally through P6, but also require changing the position of the relevant solder link (see Table 5). When using bench top power, use of the wall adapter and the on-board power supplies are no longer required.

Table 5. Solder Links—Settings for Bench Top Power Supply¹

Link	Setting	Function
J17	3	V+_BENCH
J18	3	V-_BENCH
J13	3	VSDP_BENCH
J12	3	VDD_BENCH

¹ See Table 6 for all other link settings.

DIGITAL INTERFACE

The evaluation board uses the synchronous serial peripheral port (SPORT) interface from the [ADSP-BF527](#) digital signal processor (DSP) on the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) to control the digital interface, for example, initiating conversion and data readback, of the [ADAQ7980](#). Multiple AND gates (U12, U13, and U14) clock and gate the SPORT transfer to the [ADAQ7980](#).

The evaluation board also provides optional connections between the [ADSP-BF527](#) DSP and the PD_REF and PD_AMP inputs on the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) through Link J4 and J5, respectively. These connections allow software controlled dynamic power scaling (DPS) of the ADC driver and reference buffer, which greatly reduces overall power consumption. For more details on implementing DPS with the [ADAQ7980](#), consult the [ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988](#) data sheet.

The [ADAQ7980](#) PD_LDO input can also be connected to the [ADSP-BF527](#) DSP by means of Link J6. This further reduces power consumption during long periods of inactivity. Power cycling the [ADAQ7980](#) integrated low dropout regulator (LDO) requires a longer time than the ADC driver and reference buffer, however, and may not be possible for many DPS applications. See the [ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988](#) data sheet for power-down timing specifications for each of the components.

LINK CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

Take care before applying power and signals to the evaluation board to ensure all link positions are set as required by the operating mode.

Table 6 shows the default positions in which the links are set when the evaluation board is packaged. When the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is shipped, it is assumed the evaluation board operates with the SDP board (SDP controlled mode).

Table 6. Links—Factory Default Settings

Link	Setting	Function	Comment
J1	A	VIN+ to noninverting input	Change to B for inverting configuration
J2	A	VIN+ to inverting path	Change to B for VCM level shift voltage
J3	A	Ground inverting path	Change to A for inverting configuration
J4	A	Reference buffer power-down signal (from SDP)	Change to B for reference buffer always on (ties it to V+)
J5	A	ADC driver power-down signal (from SDP)	Change to B for ADC driver always on (ties it to V+)
J6	A	LDO power-down signal (from SDP)	Change to B for LDO always on (ties it to VDD)
J7	A	Reference source input voltage (7.5 V or 5.0 V)	Set A to 7.5 V and B at 5.0 V
J8	A	ADR3433 enable signal	Do not alter
J9	1	On-board reference voltage selection (5.0 V or 3.3 V)	Set 1 to 5.0 V and 3 to 3.3 V
J10	1	Reference source (on-board or externally supplied)	Change to 3 if using bench reference
J11	1	VDD supply voltage (5.0 V or 7.5 V)	Set 1 to 5.0 V and 3 to 7.5 V
J12	1	VDD source (on-board or externally supplied)	Change to 3 if using bench supplies
J13	1	V_SDP source (on-board or externally supplied)	Change to 3 if using bench supplies
J14	1	VDRIVE supply (on-board or from SDP)	Change to 3 if using SDP to provide logic level (both settings supply 3.3 V)
J15	A	ADP2370 frequency select	Set A to 1.2 MHz and B to 600 kHz
J16	1	V+ supply voltage (7.5 V or 5.0 V)	Set 1 to 7.5 V and 3 to 5.0 V
J17	1	V+ source (on-board or externally supplied)	Change to 3 if using bench supplies
J18	1	V– source (on-board or externally supplied)	Change to 3 if using bench supplies
J19	1	V– supply voltage (nonzero or ground)	Change to 3 to ground V– supply
J20	A	VCM buffer disable pin setting	Change to B to disable VCM buffer

MODES OF OPERATION

SDP CONTROLLED MODE

The [ADAQ7980](#) uses a high speed serial interface that allows sampling rates of up to 1 MSPS. For more information about the operation of the serial interface, refer to the [ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988](#) data sheet.

The [ADAQ7980](#) uses the serial interface to transfer data to the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#).

The [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) communicates with the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) board using a 3.3 V logic level. Logic voltages that exceed 3.3 V can damage the SDP interface.

USER DEFINED CONTROL MODE

The [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) can also be used without the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) controller board. In this case, the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) connects to the serial interface using the P8 connector or the test points. For more information about the operation of the serial interface, refer to the [ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988](#) data sheet.

EVALUATION BOARD SOFTWARE SETUP PROCEDURES

EVALUATION BOARD CONNECTION SEQUENCE

With the evaluation software installed, use the following evaluation board operation/connection sequence:

1. Connect the SDP controller board to the evaluation board via the P8 connector (secure the connection using nylon screws). The software is configured to find the evaluation board on the J2 connector of the SDP board.
2. Power the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) with the appropriate supply, as described in the Power Supplies section.
3. Connect the [EVAL-SDP-CB1Z](#) board to a PC using the USB cable.
4. Start the evaluation software. Click **Start > All Programs > Analog Devices > ADAQ798x > ADAQ798x Evaluation Software**.

When the software starts running, it searches for Analog Devices hardware connected to the PC, first attempting to detect and connect to any SDP boards connected to the PC via the USB ports. If SDP boards are connected, the software attempts to detect the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) evaluation board connected to the SDP board. If the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) connects, the software runs in the standard operation mode. If it does not connect, a dialog box appears and prompts the user to either repeat the connection attempt or run the software in standalone mode.

With Hardware Connected

To run the program with hardware connected,

1. Follow Step 1 to Step 4 in the Evaluation Board Connection Sequence section.
2. The software then attempts to connect to the SDP board and the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#). If the SDP board is not found, an error window displays (see Figure 18). If the SDP board is found but the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is not detected, a different error window displays (see Figure 19). If either connectivity error displays, ensure the hardware is properly connected to the USB port of the PC, wait a few seconds, click **Rescan**, and follow the instructions.

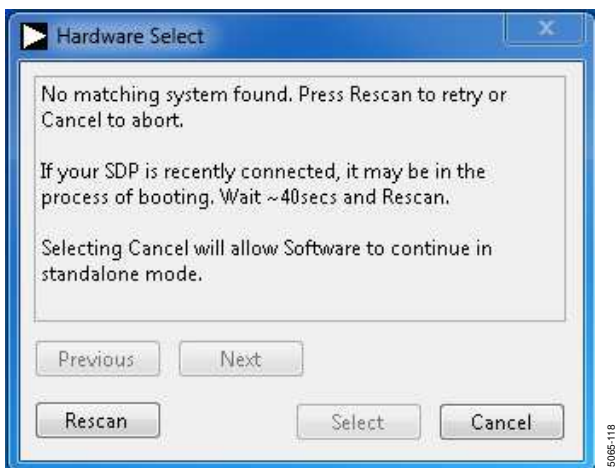


Figure 18. SDP Board Not Connected to the USB Port Pop-Up Window Error



Figure 19. EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ Not Connected to the USB Port Pop-Up Window Error

3. After finding the evaluation board, the software connects to the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) and displays the pop-up window shown in Figure 20.

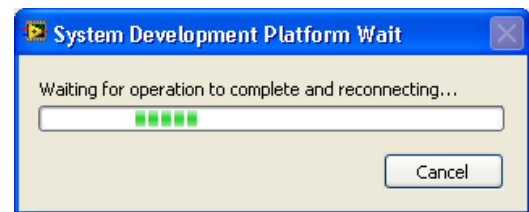


Figure 20. Software Connects to SDP Board

4. After the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is detected, the main window of the software appears (see Figure 22), showing that the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) is connected.

Without Hardware Connected

The software can run in standalone mode when no evaluation board hardware is connected to the USB port. Use this mode to load previously saved states of the [ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#) and view previously captured sets of data in the various windows of the software.

1. Click **Start > All Programs > Analog Devices > ADAQ798x > ADAQ798x Evaluation Software**.
2. The software attempts to connect to the evaluation hardware. If the hardware is not found, either of the error messages in Figure 18 or Figure 19 display. To continue without hardware in standalone mode, click **Cancel**.

3. If operating in standalone mode, the window in Figure 21 displays.

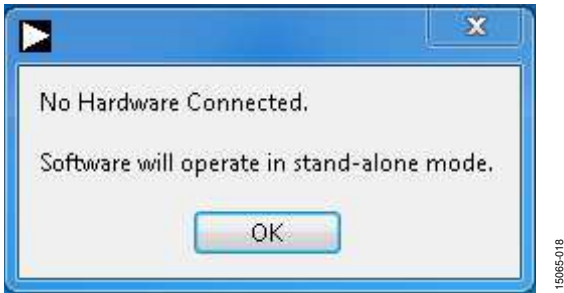


Figure 21. Software Indicates Operating in Standalone Mode

4. Load example files or previously saved files via **File > Load data**. The contents of the loaded file update the various plots in the software.
5. To connect the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) and run the software in standard operation, close and relaunch the software to allow it to repeat the search for the SDP board and the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) evaluation board.

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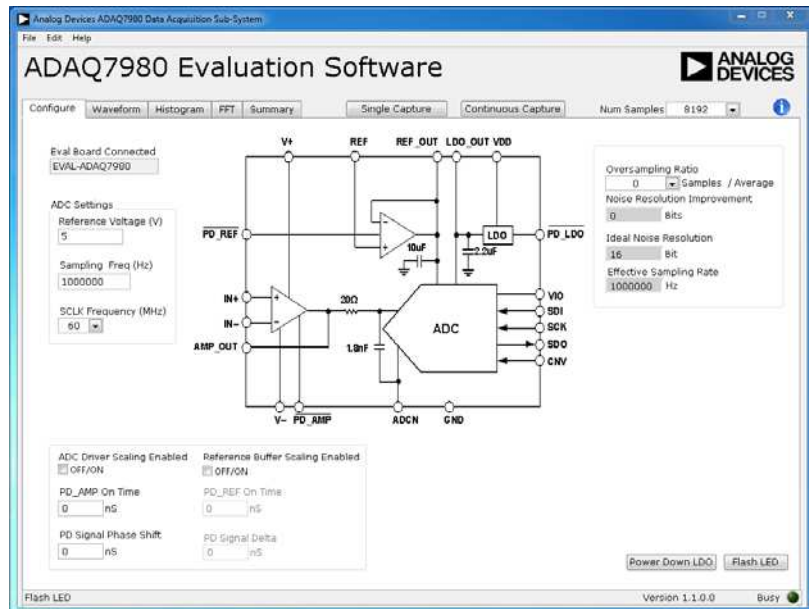


Figure 22. GUI Main Window

The following section gives a detailed description of the various controls and indicators in the [ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#). For instructions on how to capture and analyze data, see the Evaluation Hardware and Software Operation section.

OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN WINDOW

The main window of the software is shown in Figure 22. The following sections describe the various controls that are accessible via this window.

File Menu

The **File** menu provides the following options:

- **Load data**—load previously captured data.
- **Save Data as .tsv**—save captured data in .tsv format for future analysis.
- **Save Picture**—save the current screen capture as a JPEG file.
- **Print**—print the current window to the default printer.
- **Exit**—close the application.

Edit Menu

The **Edit** dropdown menu provides the **Reinitialize Default Values** option that resets controls to their default state.

Help Menu

The **Help** menu provides the following options:

- The **Analog Devices Website** option opens the Analog Devices website in the default browser.
- The **User Guide** option opens the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#) user guide.
- The **Context Help** option opens a window containing information about the controls of the software. Help text displays in the window when the mouse hovers over a control.

- The **About** option opens a window displaying the software version information.

Tabs

There are five tabs available in the tabs area of the main window: **Configure**, **Waveform**, **Histogram**, **FFT**, and **Summary**. These tabs display the data in different formats. Navigation tools are provided within each tab to allow the user to control the cursor, zooming, and panning (see Figure 23) within the graphs displayed.

Each tab and their respective controls and functions are described in the following sections.

Single Capture Button

Click **Single Capture** to perform a single set of captures from the ADC. The number of captures is determined by the value in **Num Samples**.

Continuous Capture Button

Click **Continuous Capture** to perform repeated sets of captures from the ADC. The number of samples per capture set is determined by the value in **Num Samples**.

Num Samples Dropdown Box

The **Num Samples** dropdown box allows the user to select the number of samples to analyze per capture window.

Busy Indicator

The **Busy** indicator indicates when the software is performing operations, for example, when running conversions and analysis.

Exit Button

Click the **Exit** button to close the software; alternatively, users can select **Exit** from the **File** menu.

CONFIGURE TAB

The following contains information on the various controls accessible in the **Configure** tab.

Eval Board Connected Field

The **Eval Board Connected** field displays **EVAL-ADAQ7980** when the evaluation board is connected to the USB port.

When an evaluation board is not connected to the USB port, the software can operate in standalone mode for data analysis.

ADC Settings

The **ADC Settings** allow changing the sampling rate and serial clock frequency via the **Sampling Freq (Hz)** field and **SCLK Frequency (MHz)** dropdown menu, respectively.

The reference voltage for the **ADAQ7980** must be specified in the **Reference Voltage (V)** field. Use this field for data analysis only; it does not alter nor detect the reference voltage on the **EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ**. For correct data interpretation, input the reference voltage being used on the evaluation board.

By default, the external reference voltage is 5 V (**ADR4550** on-board reference). The minimum and maximum voltage calculations are based on this reference voltage. When changing the reference voltage, change this input accordingly.

The **Sampling Freq (Hz)** field sets the sample rate of the **ADAQ7980**, which is equivalent to the frequency of the contingent negative variation (CNV) signal of the device. The maximum sample rate of the **ADAQ7980** is 1 MHz; therefore, the **Sampling Freq (Hz)** field does not allow values larger than 1,000,000. This control can interpret SI prefixes. Units can be entered as, for example, **10k** for 10,000 Hz.

Oversampling Ratio

The **Oversampling Ratio** dropdown menu allows users to select the oversampling ratio to improve system dynamic range. The oversampling ratio is calculated as 2^{2N} , where N is the number of bits selected. For example, if N is selected as 2, then 16 consecutive samples are averaged together to produce one sample. This effectively reduces the ADC Nyquist rate by a factor of the oversampling ratio, but at the benefit of increased resolution.

Dynamic Power Scaling

The Dynamic Power Scaling pane provides dynamic power scaling (DPS) configuration options for both the ADC driver and the reference buffer. DPS is a power-saving functionality of the **ADAQ7980**. See the **ADAQ7980/ADAQ7988** data sheet for a description of DPS.

Both ADC driver DPS settings are controlled by the **ADC Driver Scaling Enabled OFF/ON** box, the **PD_AMP On Time** field, and **PD Signal Phase Shift** field. The reference buffer DPS settings are controlled by the **Reference Buffer Scaling Enabled OFF/ON** check box, the **PD_REF On Time** field, and the **PD Signal Delta** field. These controls do the following:

- **ADC Driver Scaling Enabled OFF/ON** activates DPS for the ADC driver when checked. When unchecked, DPS is deactivated, leaving the device on constantly.
- **PD_AMP On Time** sets the ADC driver on time in a sample period. If the value in **PD_AMP On Time** is larger than the sample period, the amplifier remain actives.
- **PD Signal Phase Shift** sets the offset of the ADC driver on time relative to the CNV signal.
- **Reference Buffer Scaling Enabled OFF/ON** activates DPS for the reference buffer when checked. When unchecked, DPS is deactivated, leaving the device on constantly.
- **PD_REF On Time** sets the reference buffer on time in a sample period. If the value in **PD_REF On Time** is larger than the sample period, the amplifier remains active.
- **PD Signal Delta** sets the offset of the reference buffer on time relative to the CNV signal.

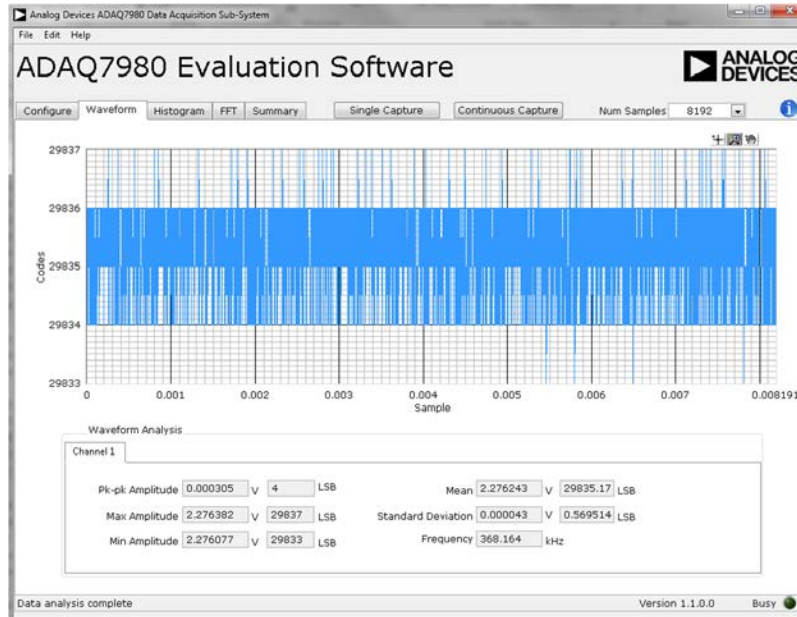
Power Down LDO Button

The **Power Down LDO** button powers down the **ADAQ7980** integrated LDO, which allows evaluation of the power consumption of the **ADAQ7980** while in its power-down state.

The **Power Down LDO** button is not part of the evaluation software DPS functionality (see the Dynamic Power Scaling section for more information).

Flash LED Button

The **Flash LED** button flashes the LED on the **EVAL-SDP-CB1Z** board. Verify that the **EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ** and the **EVAL-SDP-CB1Z** are connected.

Figure 23. **Waveform Tab**

WAVEFORM TAB

The following sections contain information on the contents of the **Waveform** tab (see Figure 23).

Waveform Plot

The waveform plot displays the raw [ADAQ7980](#) results obtained during the most recent capture burst. See the [Generating a Waveform Analysis Report](#) section for more information.

Waveform Analysis

The **Waveform Analysis** pane displays important analysis parameters on the data in the waveform plot. The indicators (except **Frequency**) are displayed in both volts (**V**) and codes (**LSB**). The analysis items reference the signal at the AMP_OUT pin of the [ADAQ7980](#).

The indicators include the following:

- **Pk-pk Amplitude** displays the difference between the maximum and minimum values in the data.
- **Max Amplitude** displays the maximum value in the data.
- **Min Amplitude** displays the minimum value in the data.
- **Mean** displays the average value of the data.
- **Standard Deviation** displays the standard deviation of the data.
- **Frequency** displays the frequency with the largest amplitude in the data and is only displayed in **kHz** (see [FFT Analysis](#) section).

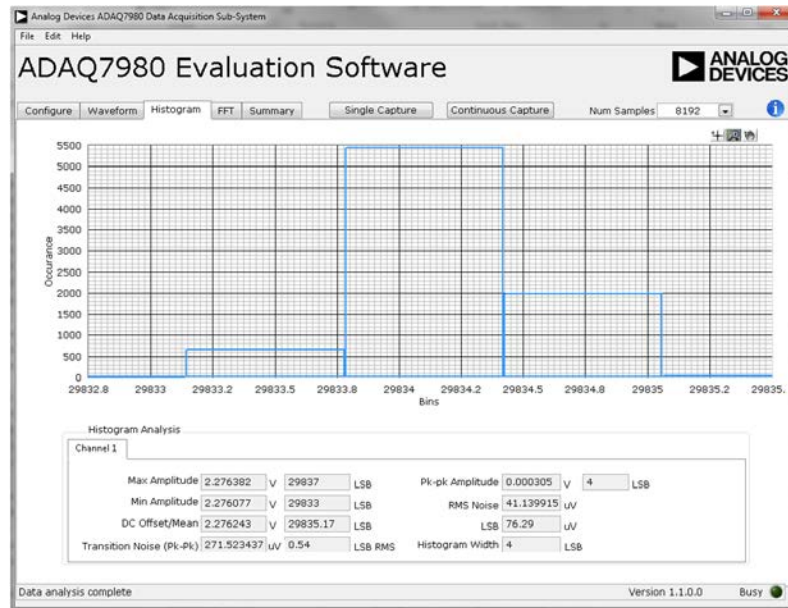


Figure 24. Histogram Tab

HISTOGRAM TAB

Histogram Plot

The histogram plot contains a histogram of the results obtained during the most recent capture burst (see Figure 24). This plot shows the number of occurrences for each code in the results. See the Generating a Histogram of the ADC Code Distribution section for more information.

Histogram Analysis

The **Histogram Analysis** pane displays important analysis parameters on the data in the histogram plot. The indicators are displayed in volts (V) and codes (LSB), unless otherwise specified. The analysis items reference the signal at the AMP_OUT pin of the ADAQ7980.

The parameters include the following:

- **Max Amplitude** displays the maximum value in the data.
- **Min Amplitude** displays the minimum value in the data.
- **DC Offset/Mean** displays the average value of the data.
- **Transition Noise (Pk-Pk)** displays the peak-to-peak value of the noise of the signal (displayed in μ V and LSB RMS).
- **Pk-pk Amplitude** displays the difference between the maximum and minimum values in the data.
- **RMS Noise** displays the rms value of the data (displayed in μ V).
- **LSB** displays the equivalent voltage difference between each code value (displayed in μ V). This value is determined by the **Reference Voltage (V)** control in the **Configure** tab.
- **Histogram Width** displays the maximum code in the histogram minus the minimum code in the histogram (displayed in LSB).

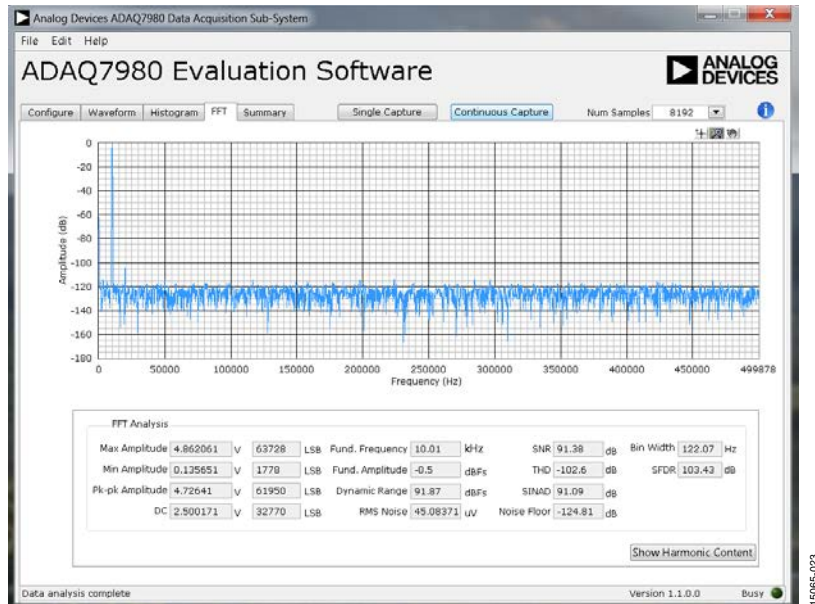


Figure 25. FFT Tab

FFT TAB

The following contains information on the contents of the **FFT** tab (see Figure 25).

FFT Plot

The FFT plot displays frequency analysis of the raw [ADAQ7980](#) results from the most recent capture burst. See the [Generating an FFT of AC Characteristics](#) section for more information.

FFT Analysis

The **FFT Analysis** pane displays important ac analysis parameters of the data in the FFT plot. The analysis items reference the signal at the AMP_OUT pin of the [ADAQ7980](#).

The parameters include the following:

- **Max Amplitude** displays the maximum value in the data (displayed in **V** and **LSB**).
- **Min Amplitude** displays the minimum value in the data (displayed in **V** and **LSB**).
- **Pk-pk Amplitude** displays the difference between the maximum and minimum values in the data (displayed in **V** and **LSB**).
- **DC** displays the average value of the data (displayed in **V** and **LSB**).
- **Fund. Frequency** displays the frequency with the largest amplitude in the FFT (displayed in **kHz**).
- **Fund. Amplitude** displays the amplitude of the **Fund. Frequency** value (displayed in **dBFS**, which is dB relative to the reference voltage).
- **Dynamic Range** displays the ratio of a full-scale signal (which is the largest signal the [ADAQ7980](#) can accept with amplitude equal to the reference voltage) to the noise floor value (displayed in **dBFS**).
- **RMS Noise** displays the rms voltage of the noise floor in the FFT plot. Specifically, this calculation includes all frequency bins in the FFT plot that are not displayed in the **Show Harmonic Content** window. This value is used in calculations for **Dynamic Range**, **SNR**, **SINAD**, and **SFDR** values.
- **SNR** displays the ratio of the **Fund. Amplitude** value to the **RMS Noise** value displayed in **dB**.
- **THD** displays the ratio of the energy in second through fifth harmonic frequencies to that of the **Fund. Frequency** value (displayed in **dB**).
- **SINAD** displays the ratio of the **Fund. Amplitude** value to the **RMS Noise** value and amplitude of the second through fifth harmonic frequencies (displayed in **dB**).
- **Noise Floor** displays the ratio of the **RMS Noise** value and the full-scale range of the [ADAQ7980](#) set by **Reference Voltage** in the **Configure** tab (displayed in **dB**).
- **Bin Width** displays the range of frequencies included in each point drawn on the FFT plot. A smaller **Bin Width** value corresponds with higher resolution in frequency amplitude information in the FFT plot, affected by the **Sampling Freq** and **Num Samples** in the **Configure** tab values. For example, increasing the **Num Samples** value while leaving **Sampling Freq** constant results in a smaller **Bin Width** value.
- **SFDR**, the spurious-free dynamic range, displays the ratio of the **Fund. Amplitude** value to the largest spurious frequency amplitude (displayed in **dB**).
- The **Show Harmonic Content** button toggles a display showing the **Fund. Frequency** value and the harmonics amplitudes. Frequencies are displayed in **kHz** and amplitudes in **dBFS**.

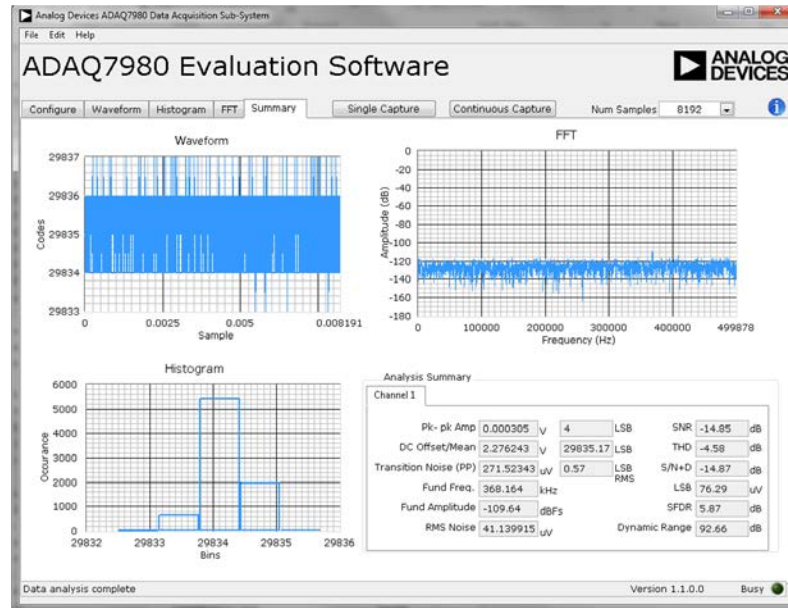


Figure 26. Summary Tab

SUMMARY TAB

The following contains information on the contents of the **Summary** tab (see Figure 26).

Waveform Plot

The **Waveform** plot displays the raw **ADAQ7980** results obtained during the most recent capture burst. See the [Generating a Waveform Analysis Report](#) section for more information.

Histogram Plot

The **Histogram** plot contains a histogram of the results obtained during the most recent capture burst. This shows the number of occurrences for each code in the results. See the [Generating a Histogram of the ADC Code Distribution](#) section for more information.

FFT Plot

The **FFT** plot displays frequency analysis of the raw **ADAQ7980** results from the most recent capture burst. See the [Generating an FFT of AC Characteristics](#) section for more information.

Analysis Summary Window

The **Analysis Summary** pane displays important analysis parameters on the various plots in the **Summary** tab, including the following:

- **Pk-pk Amp** displays the difference between the maximum and minimum values in the data (displayed in **V** and **LSB**).

- **DC Offset/Mean** displays the average value of the data (displayed in **V** and **LSB**).
- **Transition Noise (PP)** displays the peak-to-peak value of the noise of the signal (displayed in **μV** and **LSB RMS**).
- **Fund Freq.** displays the frequency with the largest amplitude in the **FFT** plot (displayed in **kHz**).
- **Fund Amplitude** displays the amplitude of the **Fund Freq.** value (displayed in **dBFS**).
- **RMS Noise** displays the rms voltage of the noise floor in the **FFT** plot (displayed in **μV**).
- **SNR** displays the ratio of the **Fund Amplitude** value to the **RMS Noise** value (displayed in **dB**).
- **THD** displays the ratio of the energy in second through fifth harmonic frequencies to that of the **Fund Freq.** value (displayed in **dB**).
- **S/N+D** displays the ratio of the **Fund Amplitude** value to the **RMS Noise** value and amplitude of the second through fifth harmonic frequencies (displayed in **dB**).
- **LSB** displays the equivalent voltage difference between each code value (displayed in **μV**).
- **SFDR** displays the ratio of the **Fund Amplitude** value to the largest spurious frequency amplitude (displayed in **dB**).
- **Dynamic Range** displays the ratio of a full-scale signal, which is the largest signal the **ADAQ7980** can accept with amplitude equal to the **Reference Voltage (V)** value (in the **Configure** tab) to the noise floor value (displayed in **dBFS**).

EVALUATION HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE OPERATION

The following sections outline how to use the [ADAQ798x Evaluation Software](#) to capture, analyze and view conversion results from the [ADAQ7980](#).

CAPTURING CONVERSION RESULTS

The following describes how to collect conversion results from the [EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ](#):

1. Set the various controls in the **Configure** tab to the desired values. See the Configure Tab section for a detailed description of these controls.
2. Once these controls are set, press either the **Single Capture** or the **Continuous Capture** buttons in the main window to initial conversions. See the Overview of the Main Window section for more information on these controls.

GENERATING A WAVEFORM ANALYSIS REPORT

Figure 23 illustrates the **Waveform** tab for a dc input signal when using the on-board 5 V external reference.

The **Waveform Analysis** pane reports the amplitudes recorded from the captured signal and the frequency of the signal tone.

GENERATING A HISTOGRAM OF THE ADC CODE DISTRIBUTION

The **Histogram** tab can perform ac testing or, more commonly, dc testing. This tab shows the ADC code distribution of the input and computes the mean and standard deviation, which are displayed as **DC Offset/Mean** and **Transition Noise (Pk-Pk)**, respectively, in the **Histogram Analysis** pane.

Figure 24 shows the histogram of a dc signal applied to the ADC input along with the resulting calculations.

AC Input

To perform a histogram test of ac input,

1. Apply a sinusoidal signal with low distortion (better than 100 dB) to the evaluation board at the P1/P2 input SMA connector pair.
2. Click the **Histogram** tab from the main window.
3. Click the **Single Capture** or **Continuous Capture** button.

Raw data is then captured and passed to the PC for statistical computations, and various measured values are displayed in the **Histogram Analysis** pane.

DC Input

To perform a histogram test of dc input,

1. If using an external source, apply a signal to the evaluation board at the P1/P2 input SMA connector pair. It can be required to filter the signal to ensure that the dc source is noise compatible with the ADC.
2. Click the **Histogram** tab from the main window.
3. Click the **Single Capture** or **Continuous Capture** button.

Raw data is then captured and passed to the PC for statistical computations, and various measured values are displayed in the **Histogram Analysis** pane.

GENERATING AN FFT OF AC CHARACTERISTICS

Figure 25 shows the **FFT** tab. This feature tests the traditional ac characteristics of the ADC and displays an FFT plot of the results.

To perform an ac FFT test,

1. Apply a sinusoidal signal with low distortion (better than 100 dB) to the evaluation board at the P1/P2 input SMA connector pair. To attain the requisite low distortion, which is necessary to allow true evaluation of the [ADAQ7980](#), one option is to
 - a. Filter the input signal from the ac source. A band-pass filter can be used; its center frequency must match the test frequency of interest.
 - b. If using a low frequency band-pass filter when the full-scale input range is more than a few volts peak-to-peak, use the on-board amplifiers to amplify the signal, thus preventing the filter from distorting the input signal.
2. Click the **FFT** tab from the main window.
3. Click the **Single Capture** button or **Continuous Capture** button.

As in the histogram test, raw data is then captured and passed to the PC, which performs the FFT and displays the resulting signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), signal-to-noise-and-distortion ratio (SINAD), total harmonic distortion (THD), and spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR).

The **FFT Analysis** pane displays the results of the captured data.

GENERATING A SUMMARY OF THE WAVEFORM, HISTOGRAM, AND FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM

Figure 26 shows the **Summary** tab. The **Summary** tab captures all the display information and provides it in one pane with a synopsis of the information, including key performance parameters such as SNR and THD.

OPERATING THE EVALUATION SOFTWARE IN STANDALONE MODE

The software can run in standalone mode when no evaluation board hardware is connected to the USB port. Conversions cannot be performed in this mode, but previously acquired results can be loaded and viewed in the evaluation software environment. Selecting **File > Load Data** loads a dialogue box prompting the file to load. The results can then be viewed in the **Waveform**, **Histogram**, **FFT**, and **Summary** tabs.

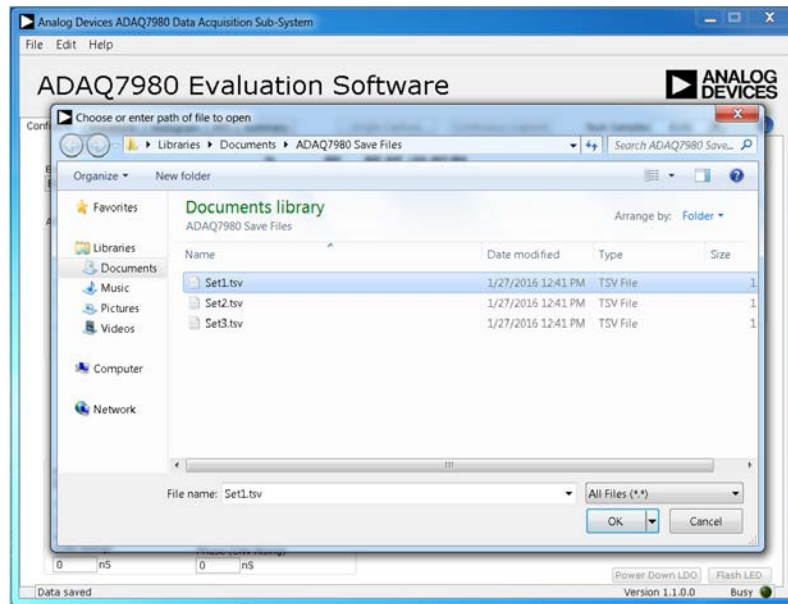


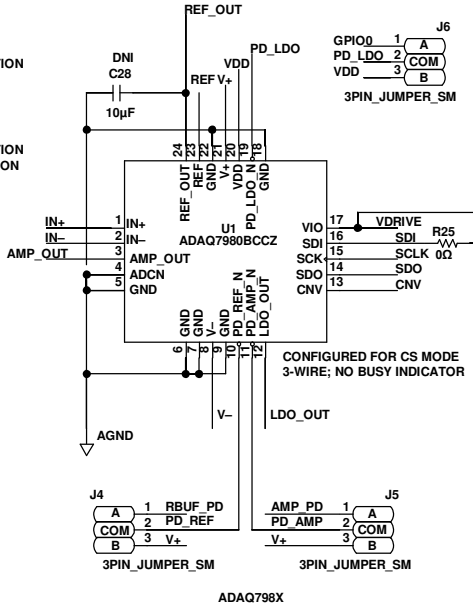
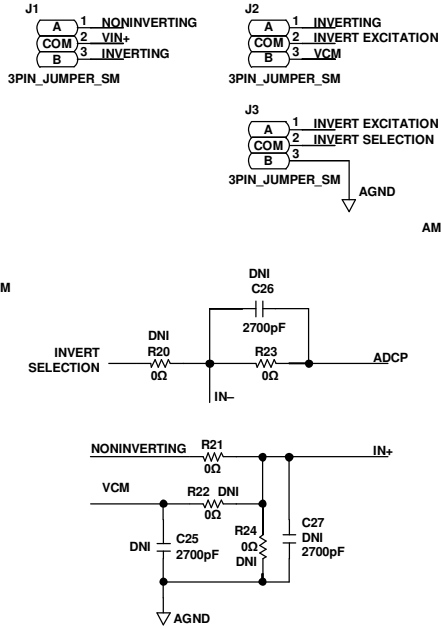
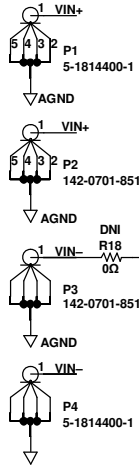
Figure 27. Loading File Menu

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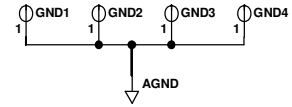
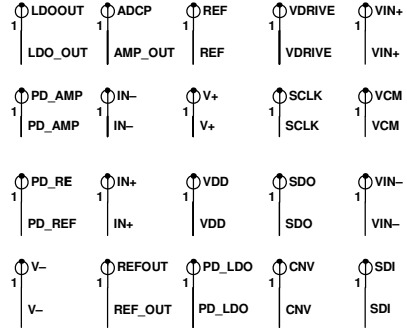
EVALUATION BOARD SCHEMATICS AND ARTWORK

FEEDBACK LOOP AND INPUT CONNECTIONS

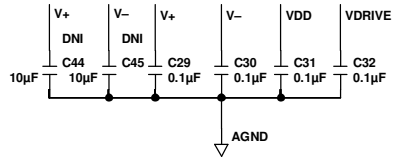
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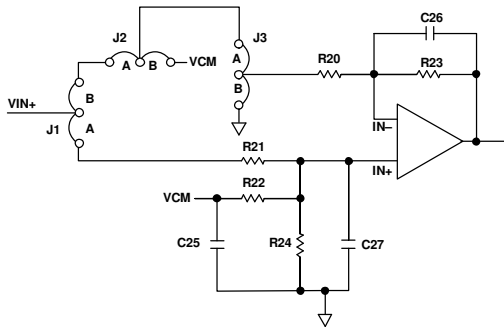
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ADC DRIVER CONNECTION DIAGRAM



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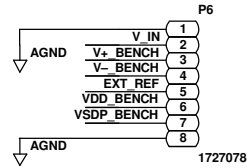
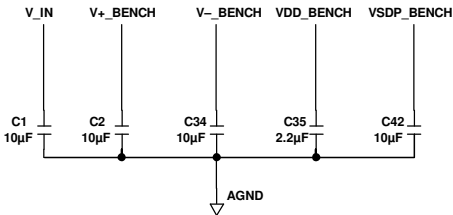


Figure 28. EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ Schematic, Page 1

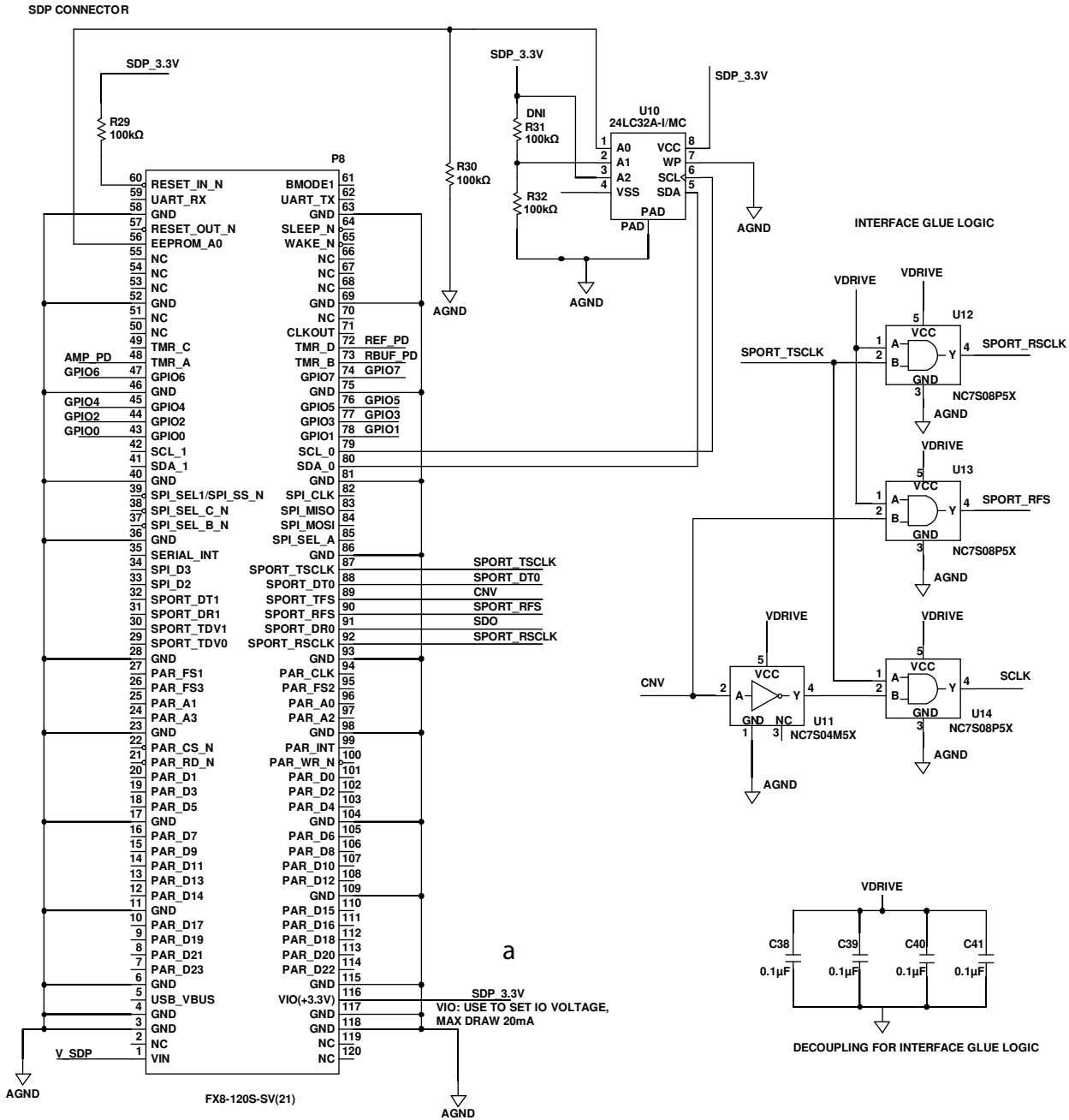


Figure 29. EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ Schematic, Page 2

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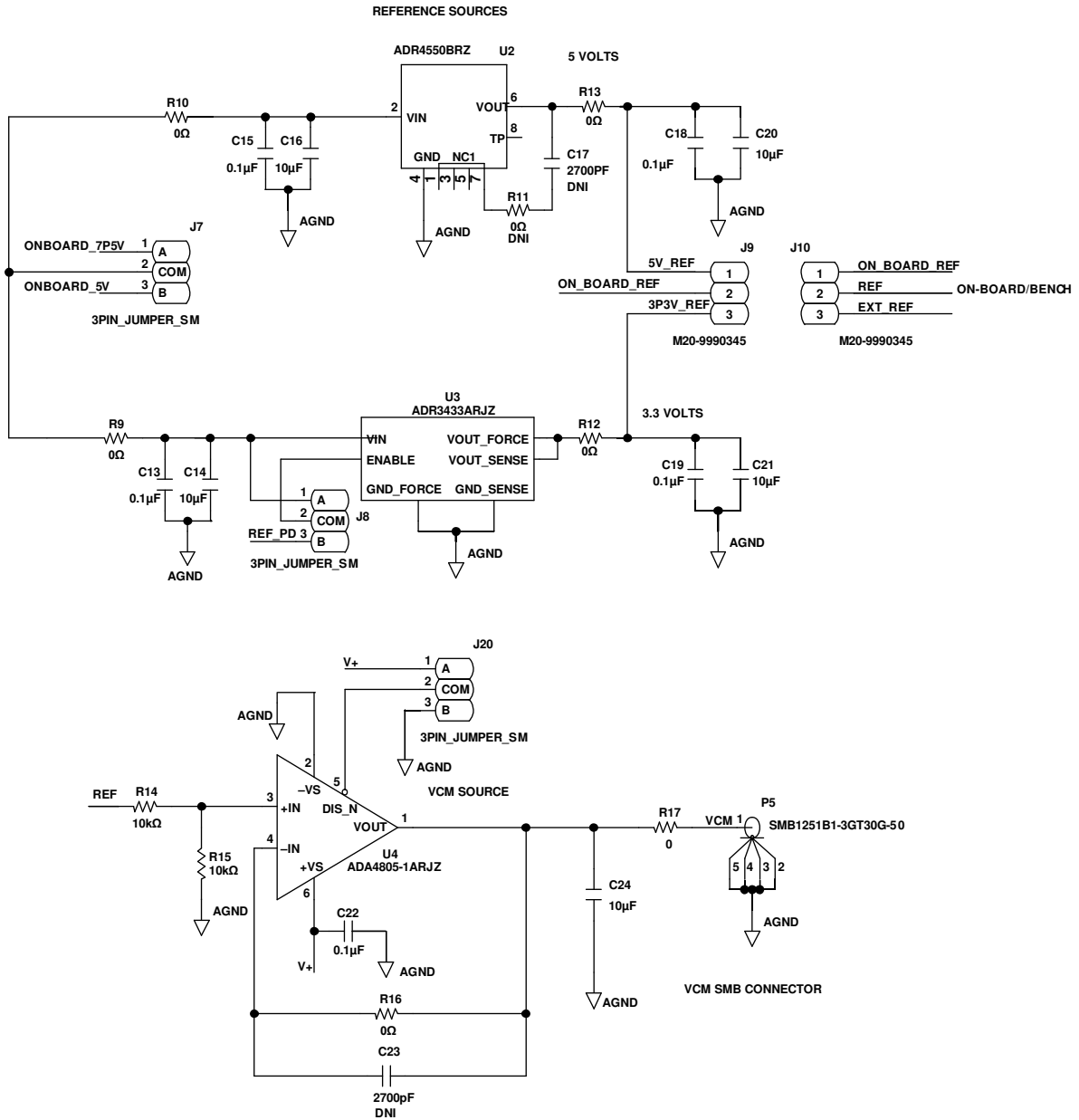


Figure 30. EVAL-ADAQ7980SDZ Schematic, Page 3

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