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NC	Not connected.
NI-DAQ	National Instruments driver software for DAQ hardware.
noise	An undesirable electrical signal—Noise comes from external sources such as the AC power line, motors, generators, transformers, fluorescent lights, soldering irons, CRT displays, computers, electrical storms, welders, radio transmitters, and internal sources such as semiconductors, resistors, and capacitors. Noise corrupts signals you are trying to send or receive.
nvRAM	Nonvolatile RAM.

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operating system	Base-level software that controls a computer, runs programs, interacts with users, and communicates with installed hardware or peripheral devices.
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PC	Personal computer.
PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect—A high-performance expansion bus architecture originally developed by Intel to replace ISA and EISA. It has achieved widespread acceptance as a standard for PCs and workstations, and offers a theoretical maximum transfer rate of 132 Mbytes/s.
port	(1) A communications connection on a computer or a remote controller. (2) A digital port, consisting of four or eight lines of digital input and/or output.
ppm	Parts per million.
PXI	PCI eXtensions for Instrumentation—A rugged, open system for modular instrumentation based on CompactPCI, with special mechanical, electrical, and software features.