

# Data I/O

## TOPICS

Plug-in DAQ devices

Data Acquisition in LabVIEW

Analog Input

Data Logging

Analog Output

Counters

Digital I/O



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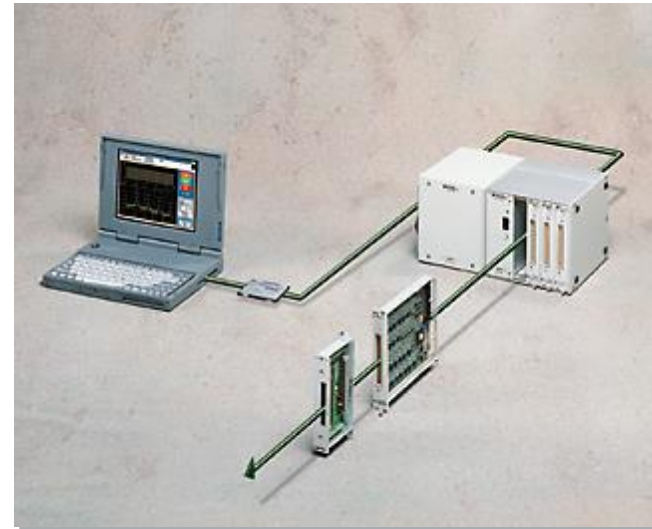
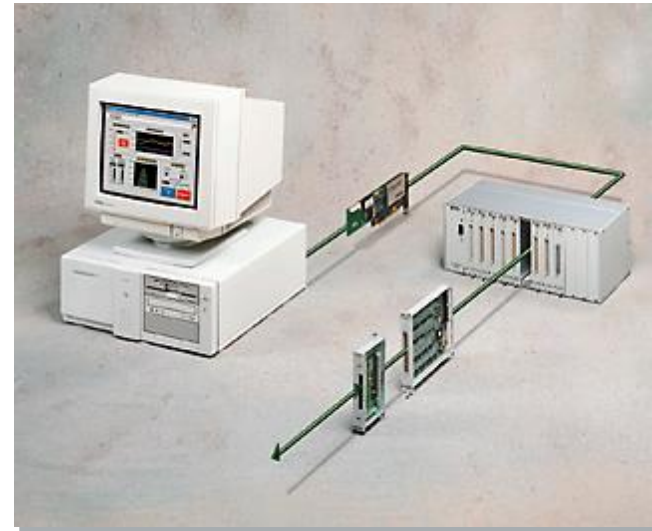
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# Overview and Configuration

Fundamental task of a DAQ system is to measure or generate real-world physical signals

DAQ system consists of:

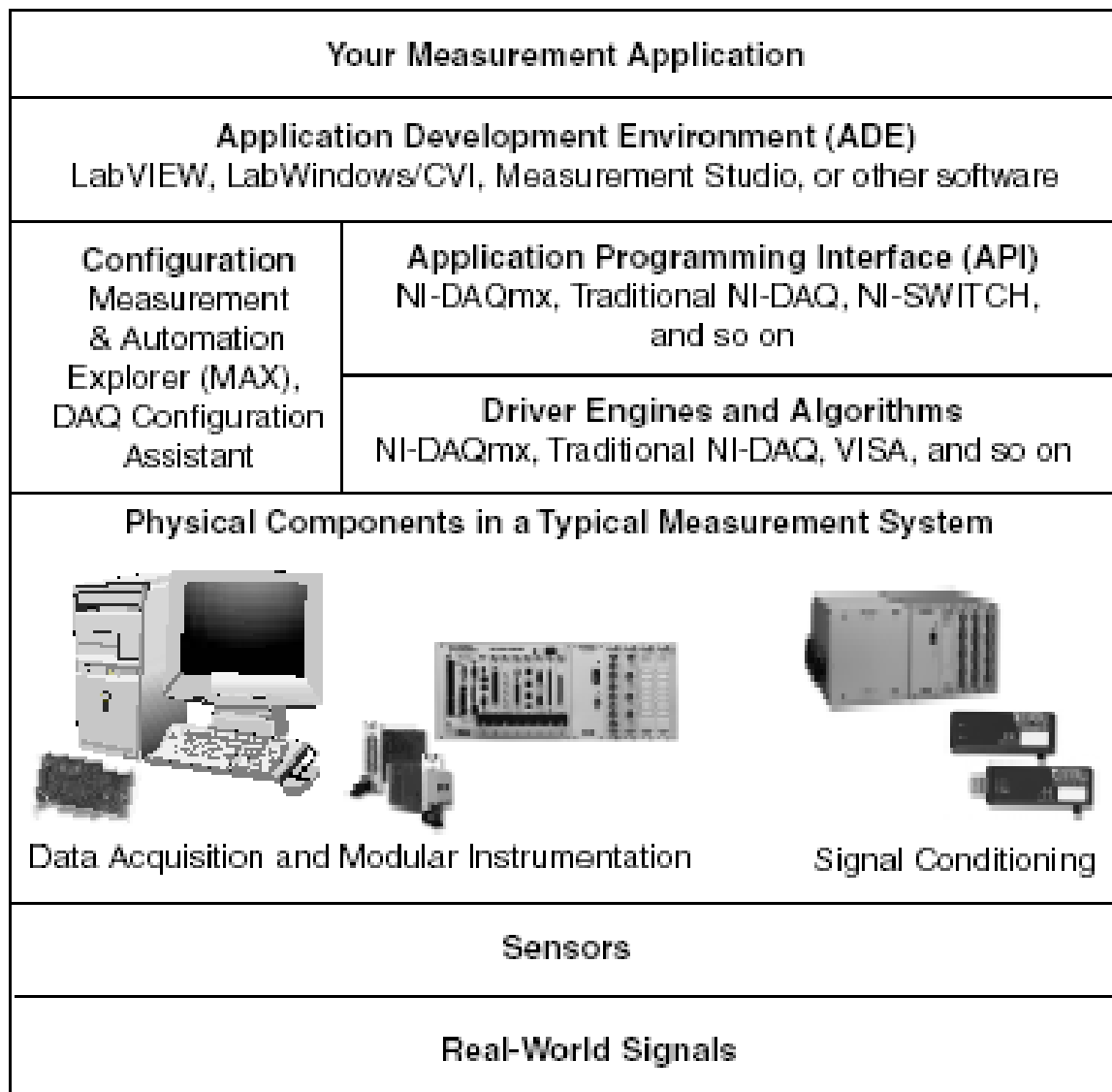
- Transducers
- Signal Conditioning
- Plug-in DAQ device
- Driver
- Software



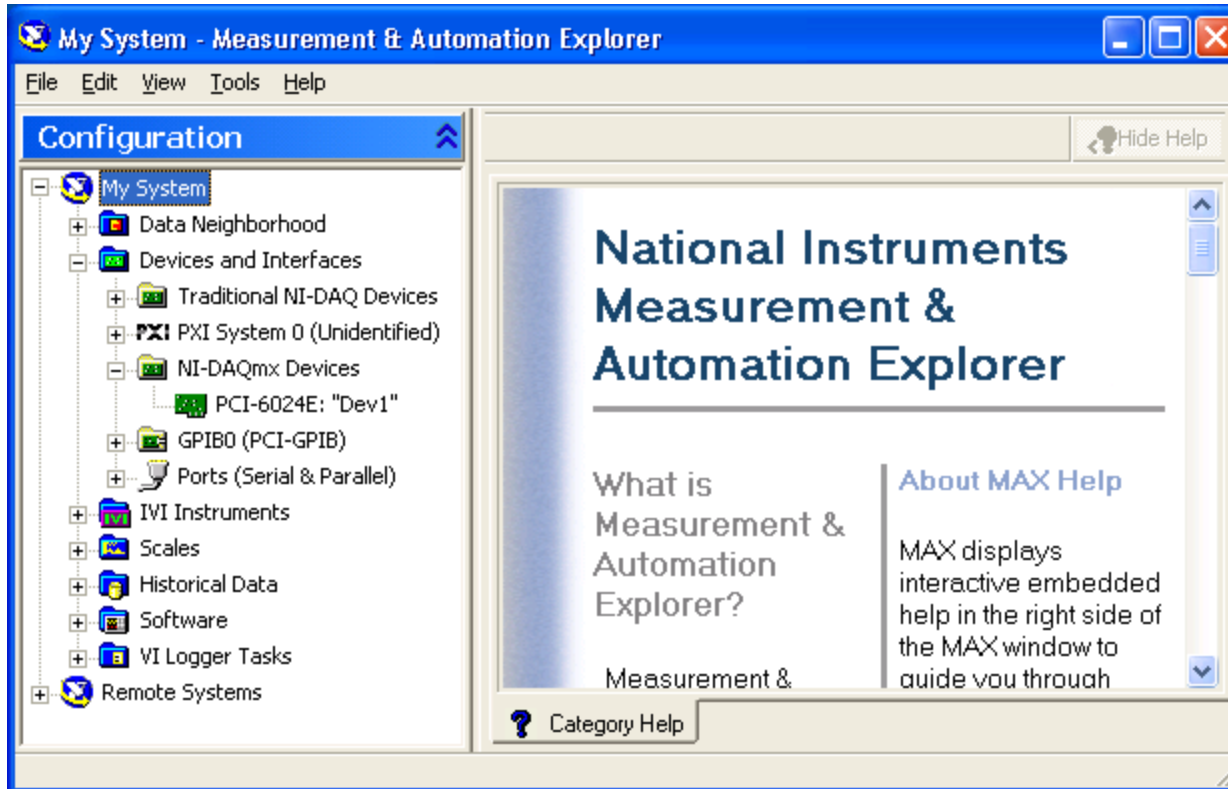
# Measurement Software Framework

NI-DAQ contains:

- Traditional NI-DAQ
- NI-DAQmx



# DAQ Hardware Configuration

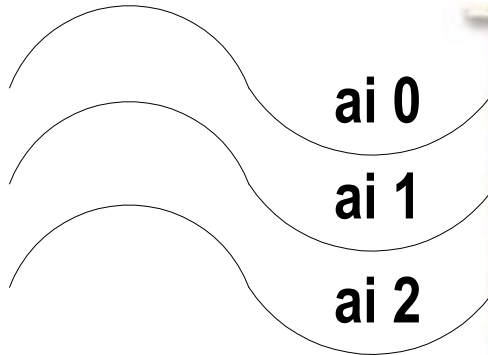


Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX)

# Channels and Tasks

## Channel names

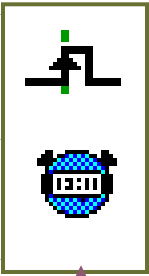
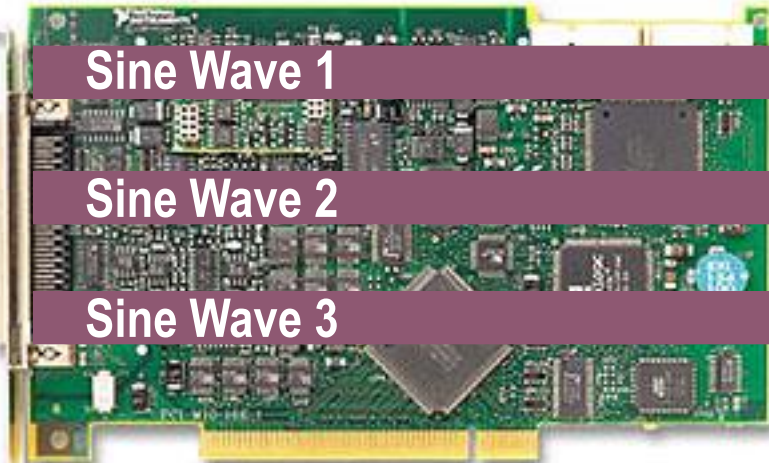
Signals



Sine Wave 1

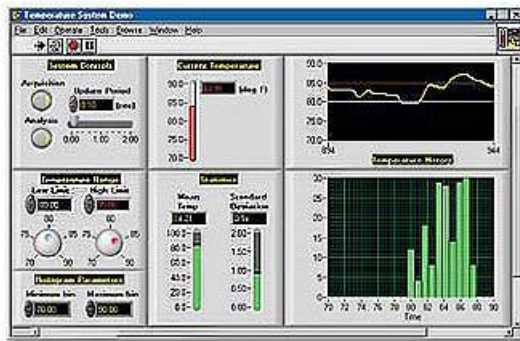
Sine Wave 2

Sine Wave 3

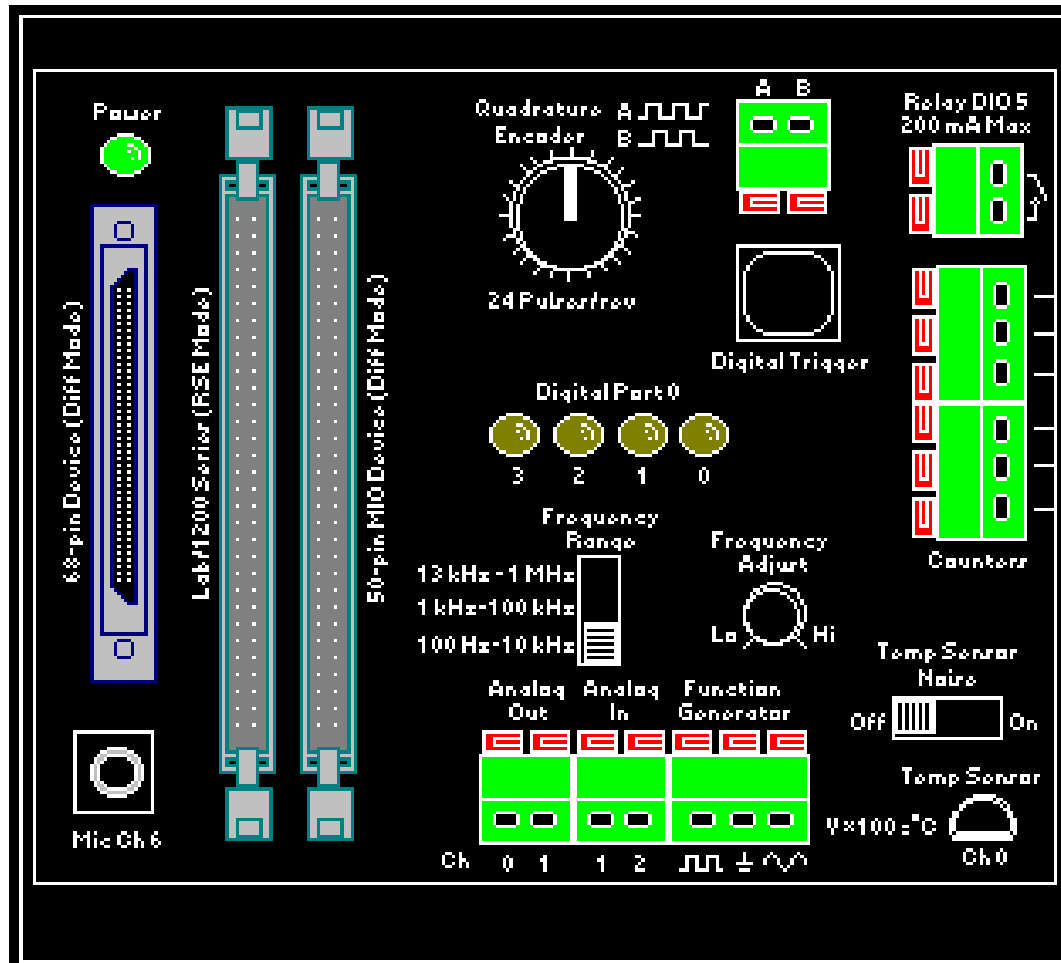


Tasks

Timing and Triggering



# The DAQ Signal Accessory



# NI-DAQmx versus Traditional NI-DAQ

	Feature	NI-DAQmx	Traditional NI-DAQ
Productivity	Test Panels	*	●
	DAQ Assistant with code generation	*	no
	On-line diagnostics	*	*
Performance	Scaling to voltage and physical units	*	●
	50 kS/s with single point I/O	*	◎
	Measurement multithreading	*	◎
Accuracy	Instant calibration	*	●
	Automatic selection of optimal gains	*	●
	Guaranteed lossless data	*	*
Quality	650 Alliance members	*	*
	Integration with LabVIEW	*	*
	Developer Exchange discussion forum	*	*
Compatibility	Compatible with Legacy ISA Boards	no	*

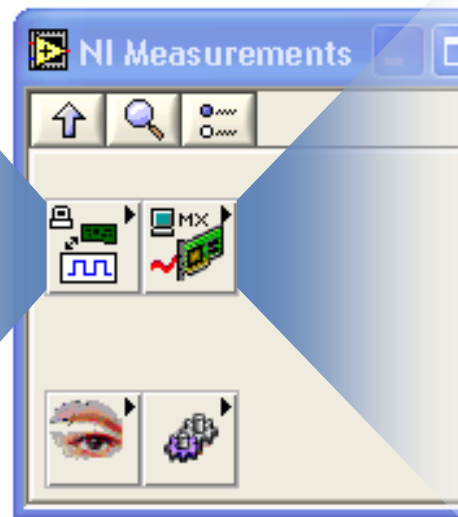
\* Best  
 ● Good  
 ◎ Fair

# Data Acquisition in LabVIEW

## Traditional NI-DAQ

Specific VIs for performing:

- Analog Input
- Analog Output
- Digital I/O
- Counter operations



## NI-DAQmx

Next generation driver:

- VIs for performing a task
- One set of VIs for all measurement types

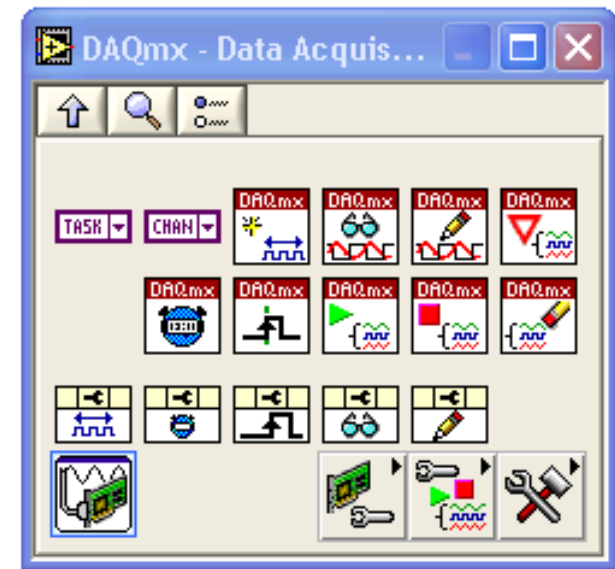


# NI-DAQmx Data Acquisition

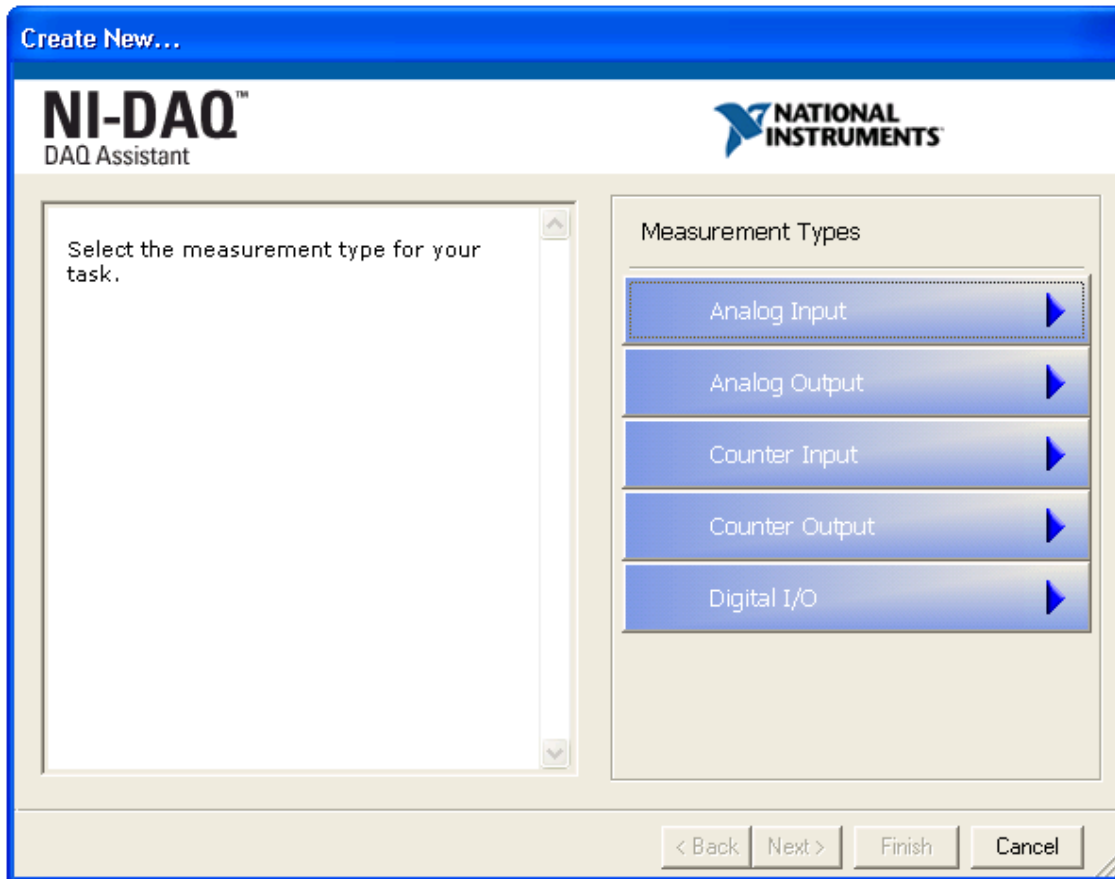
Single set of VIs used to perform analog I/O, digital I/O, and counter operations

## DAQ Assistant Express VI

- Quickly and easily program the DAQ device
- Creates a local task
- Most applications can use the DAQ Assistant Express VI



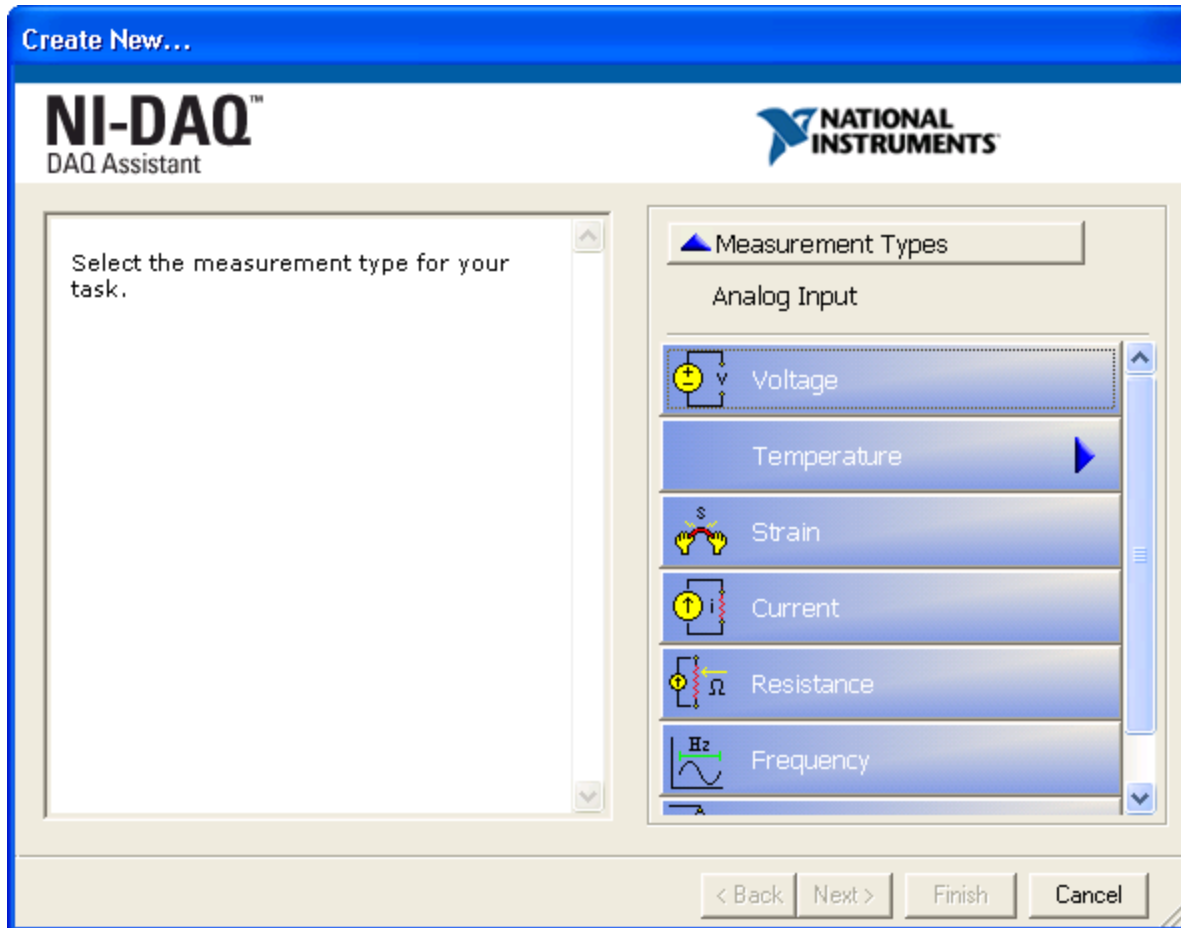
# NI-DAQmx Data Acquisition Task Types



Measurement type can be:


- Analog Input
- Analog Output
- Counter Input
- Counter Output
- Digital I/O

# Analog Input



Analog Input task is specific to the measurement

# Analog Input Task Timing and Triggering

 Task Timing


Acquire 1 Sample  
 Acquire N Samples  
 Acquire Continuously


100 Samples To Read  
1000.00 Rate (Hz)


**Advanced Clock Settings**

Clock Type: Internal  
Active Edge: Rising  
Clock Source:

Configures the number of samples and sample rate for the task

 Task Triggering

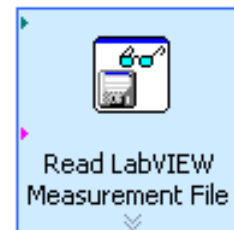
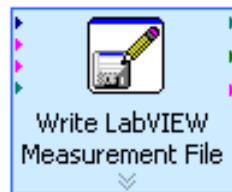
 Start  
Trigger Type: <none>

 Reference  
Trigger Type: <none>

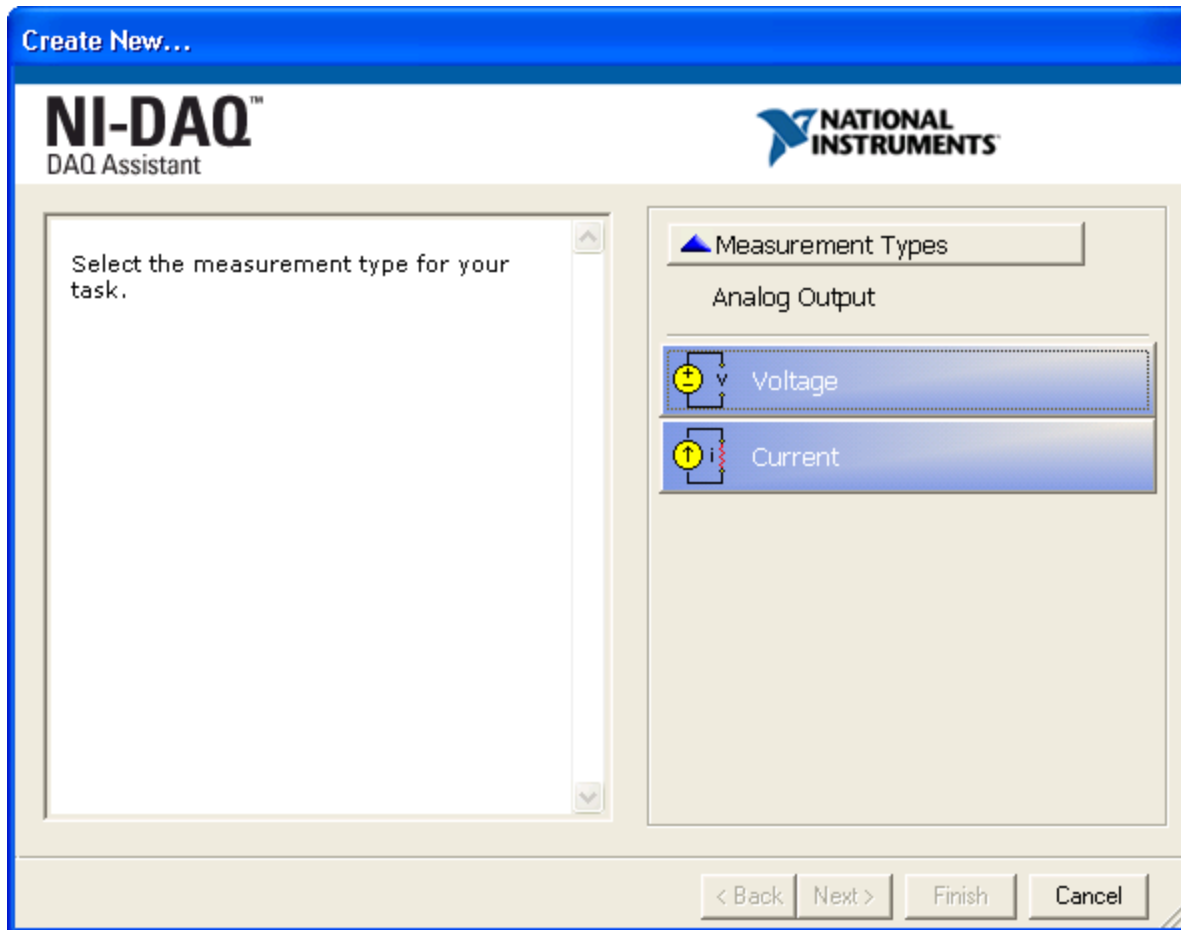
Configures the start and reference triggers for the task

# Data Logging

- It is often necessary to permanently store data that is acquired from the DAQ device
- LabVIEW includes the ability to read and write a LabVIEW Measurement File
- LabVIEW Measurement File is an ASCII text file




# Analog Output



Analog Output task is specific to the generation type

# Analog Output Task Timing and Triggering

 Task Timing

Generate 1 Sample

Generate N Samples

Generate Continuously

100 Samples To Write

1000.00 Rate (Hz)

**Advanced Clock Settings**

Clock Type: Internal

Active Edge: Rising

Clock Source:

Configures the number of samples and sample rate for the task

 Task Triggering

 Start

Trigger Type: <none>

 Reference

Trigger Type: <none>

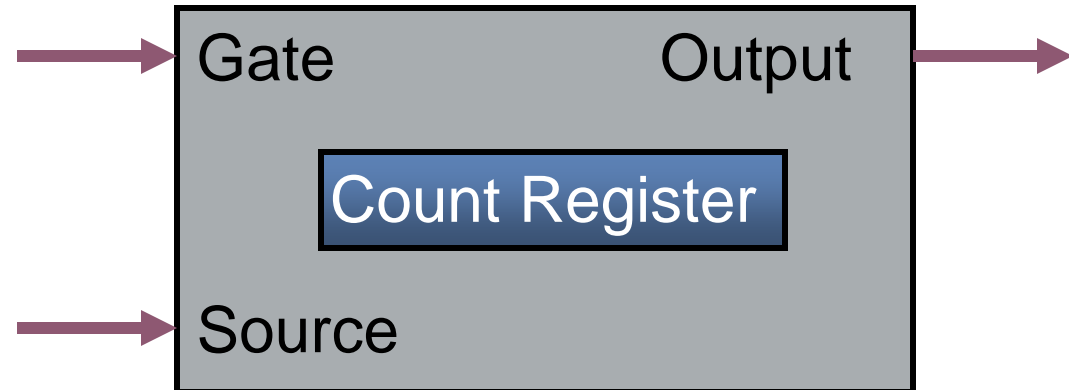
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# Counters

A counter is a digital timing device

Typical uses of a counter:

- Event counting
- Frequency measurement
- Period measurement
- Position measurement
- Pulse generation



**Count register** – Stores the current count of the counter

**Source** – Input that causes the counter to increment each time it toggles

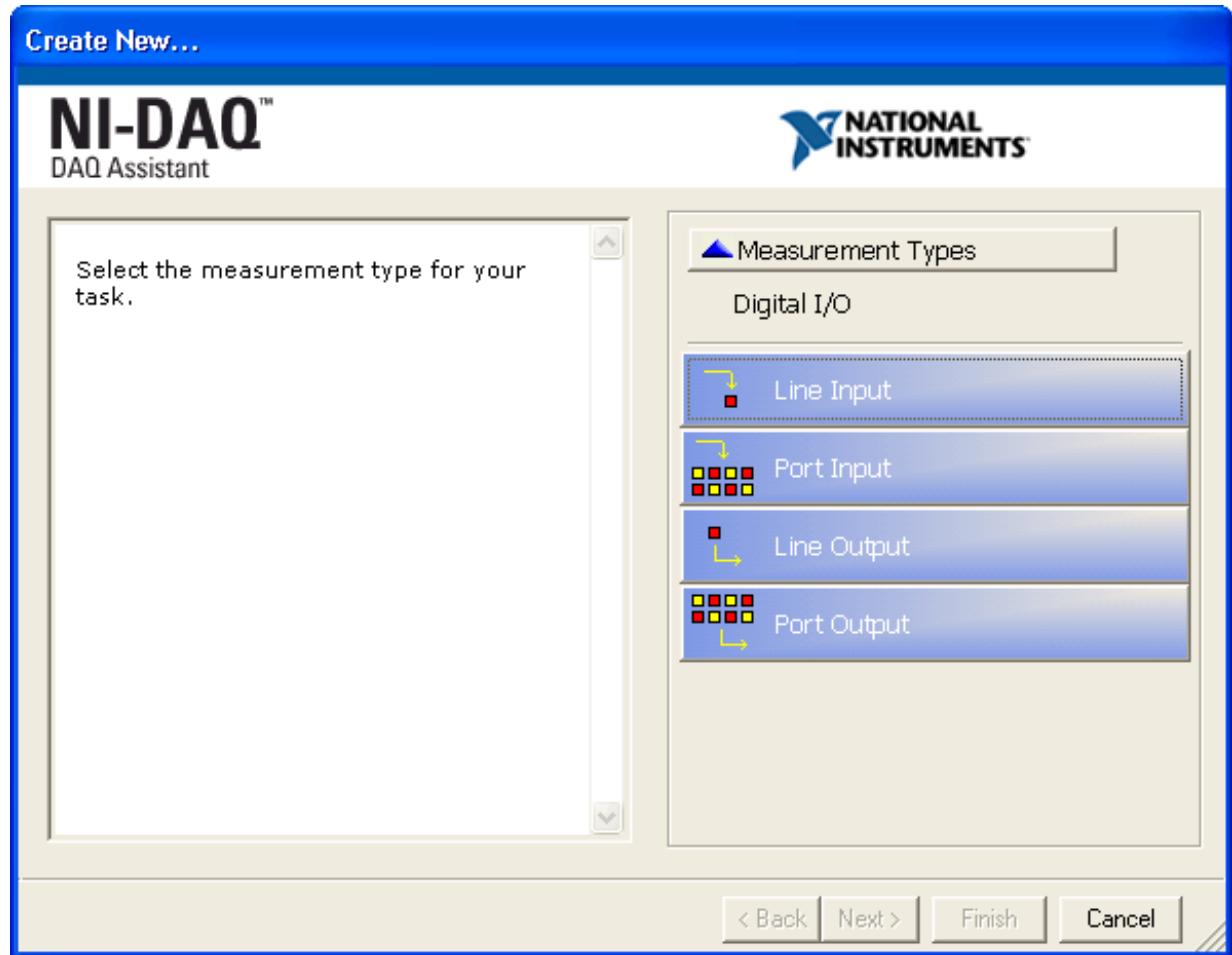
**Gate** – Input that is used to enable or disable the function of the counter

**Output** – Signal that generates pulses or a series of pulses



# Digital Input and Output

- Digital I/O can read from or write to a line or an entire digital port
- A digital port is a collection of digital lines



# Summary

- MAX is the primary configuration and testing utility that is available for the DAQ device.
- The DAQ Assistant is used to configure the DAQ device and perform data acquisition.
- Most application can use the DAQ Assistant. For applications that require advanced timing and synchronization use the VIs that come with NI-DAQmx.
- The DAQ Assistant can perform Analog Input, Analog Output, Digital I/O, and Counter operations.

# Instrument Control

## TOPICS

Instrument Control Overview

GPIB Communication and Configuration

Instrument I/O Assistant

Virtual Instrument Software Architecture (VISA)

Instrument Drivers

Serial Port Communication

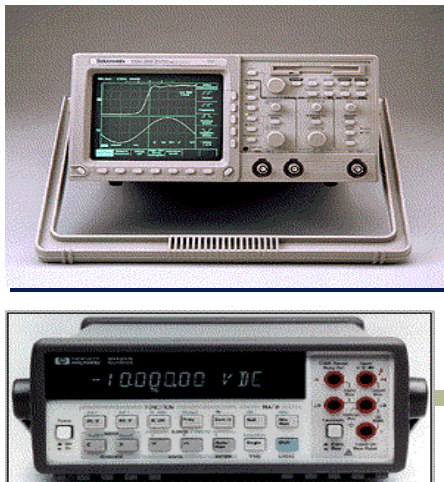
Waveform Transfers

# Instrument Control Overview

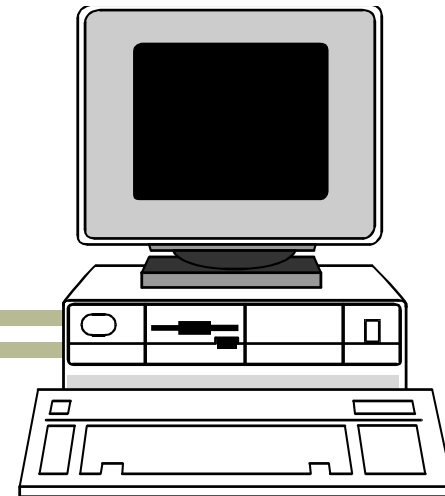
Control any instrument if you know the following:

- Type of connector on the instrument
- Electrical properties involved
- Software drivers available
- Type of cables needed
- Communication protocols used

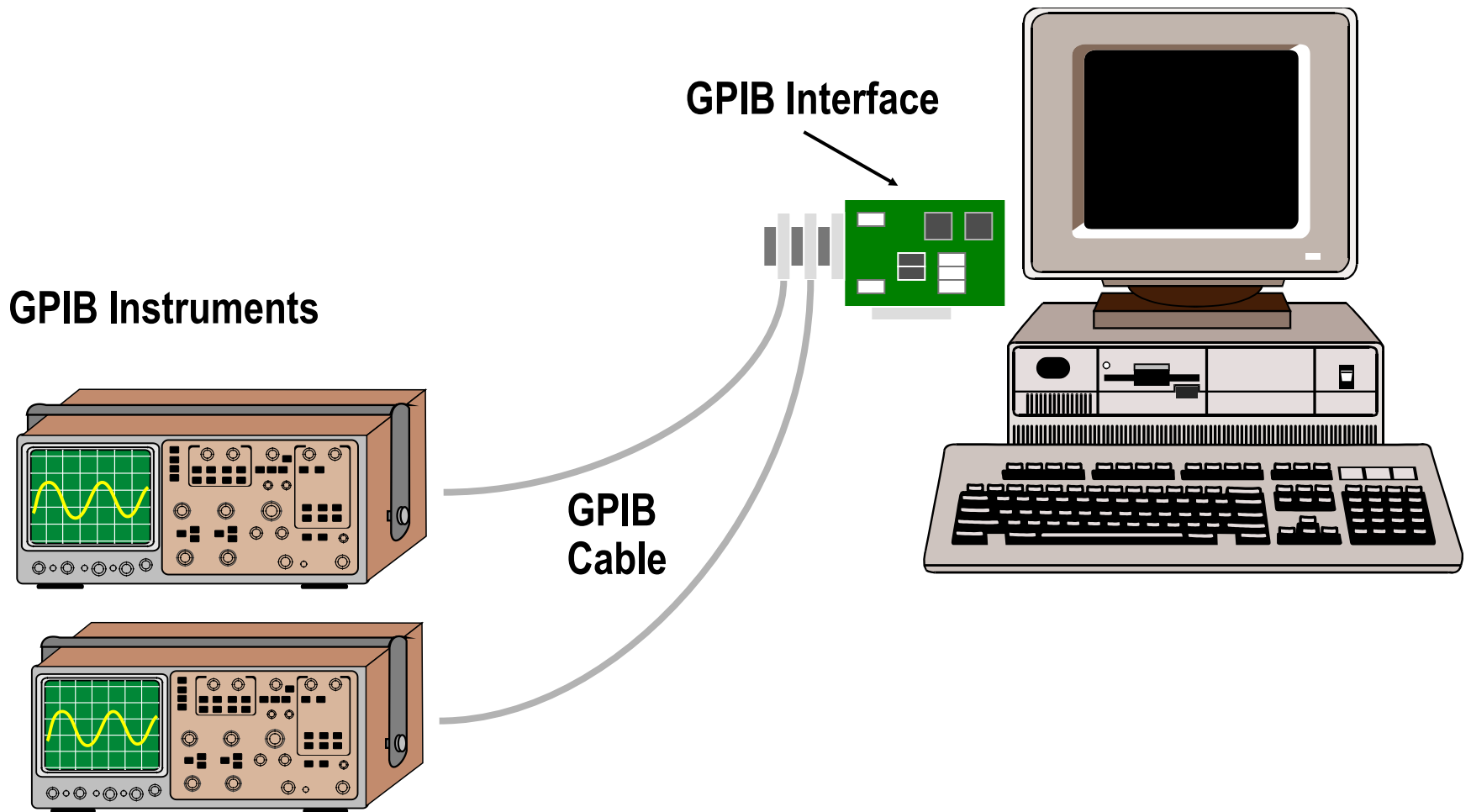
**Instruments**



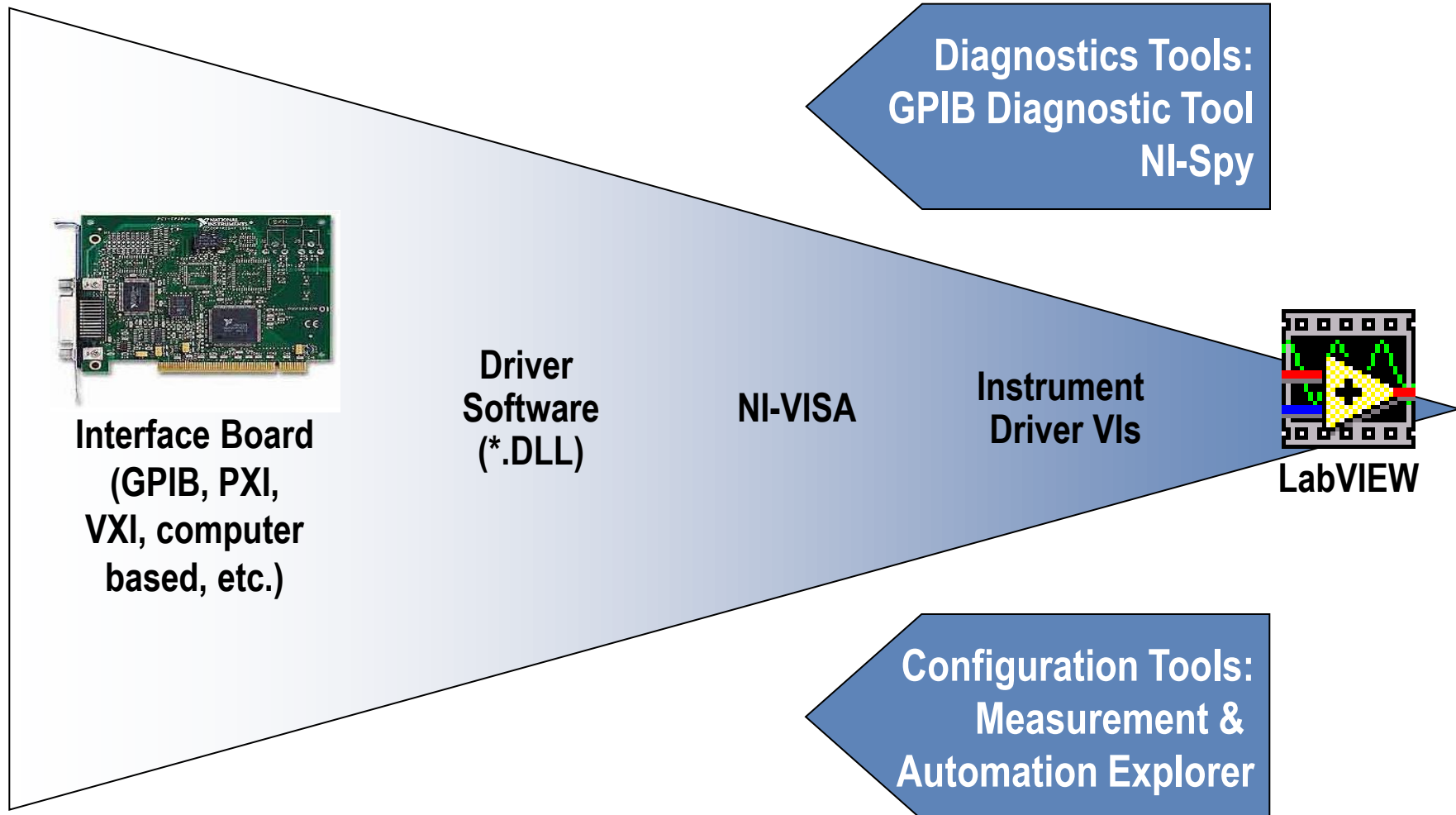
**Computer**



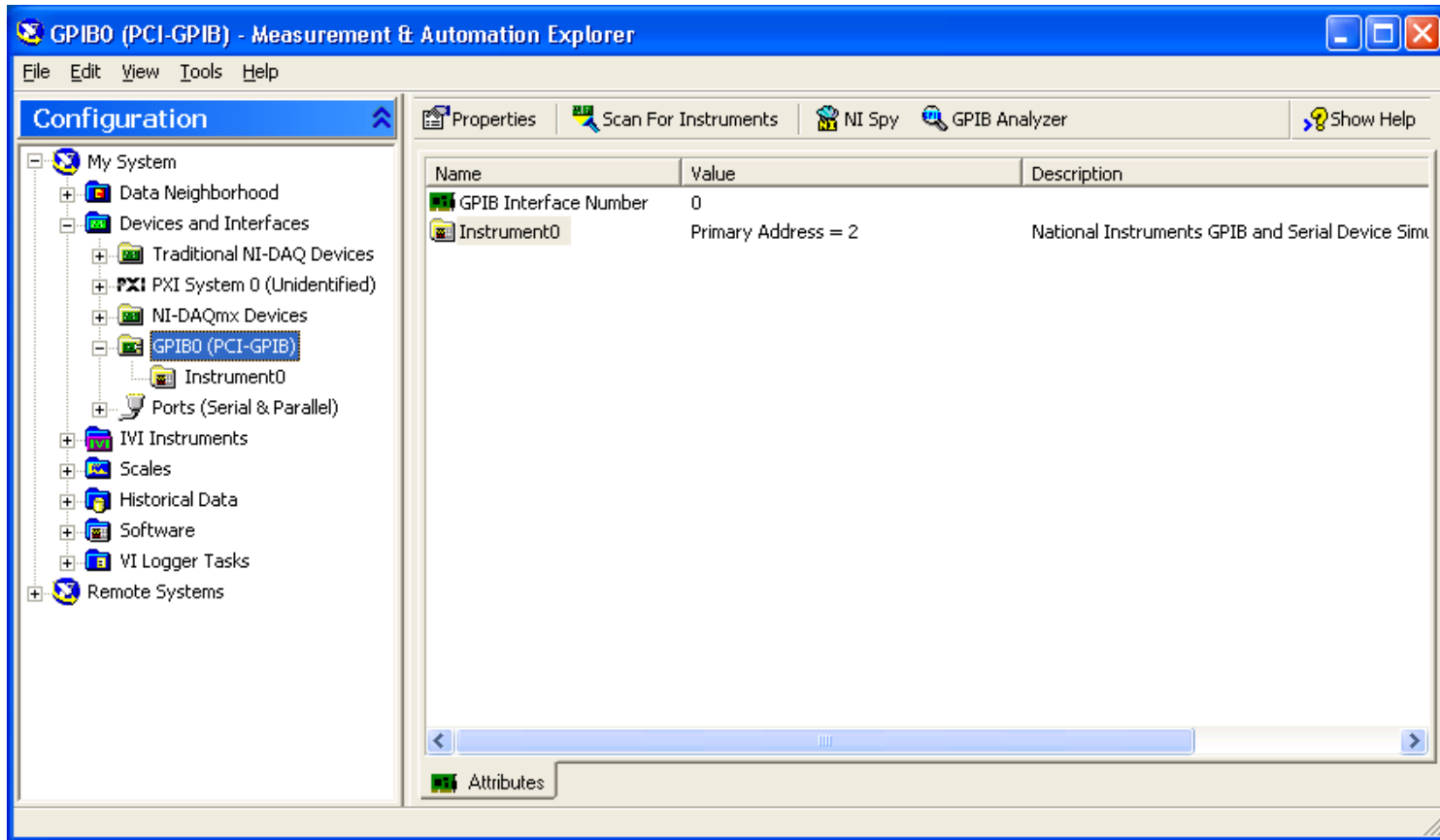
# GPIB Communication



# GPIB Software Architecture — Windows



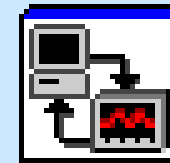
# Configuring GPIB Board and Instruments



## Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX)

# What is the Instrument I/O Assistant?

- Accessed through a LabVIEW Express VI
- Sets up device communication and data parsing step by step through a configuration interface

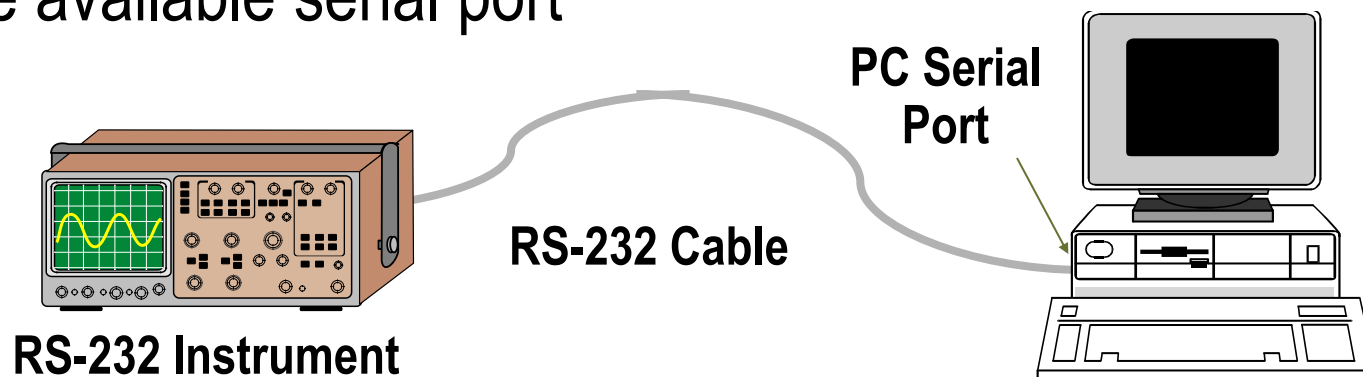


I/O Assistant

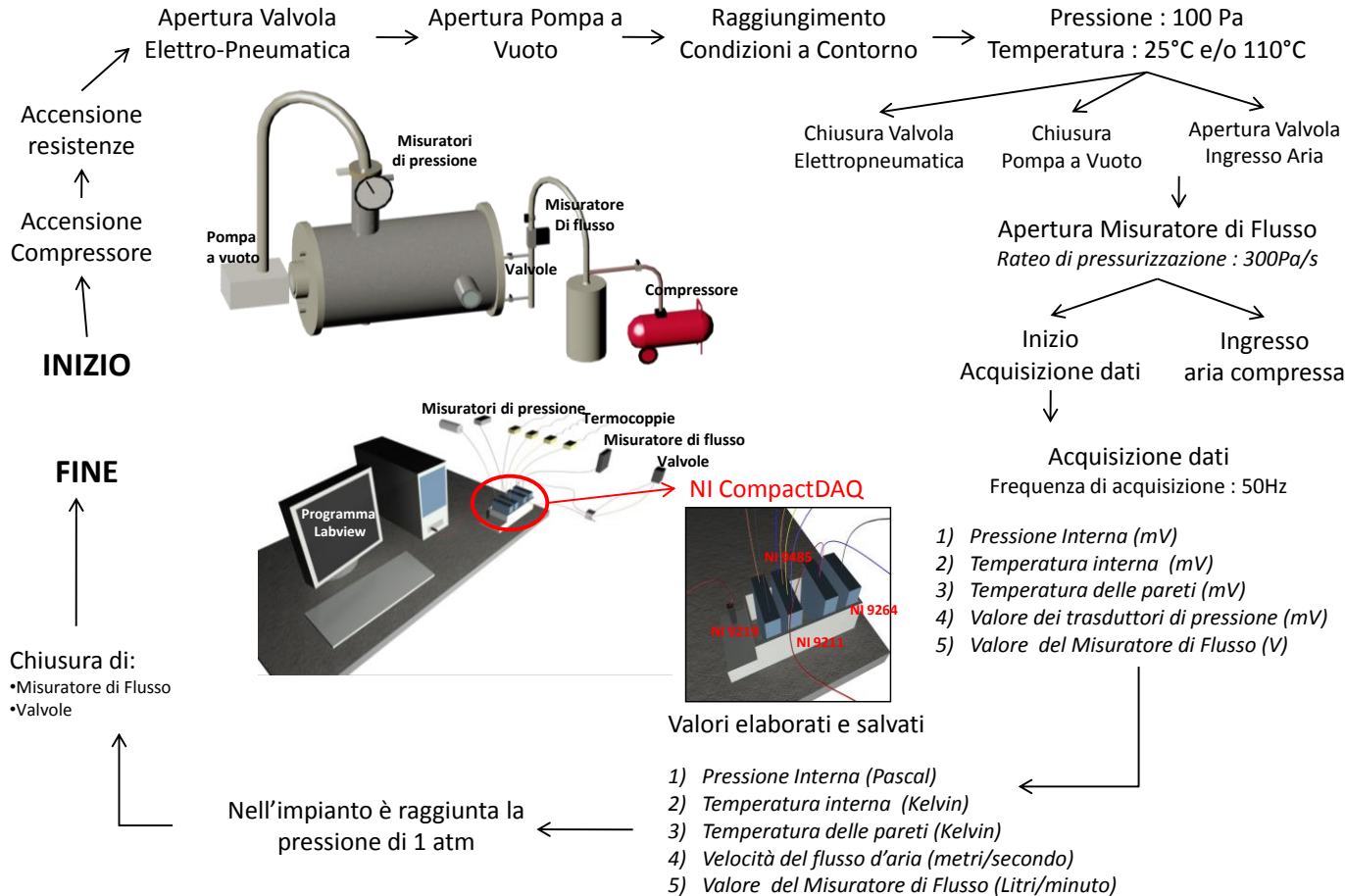


# Serial Communication

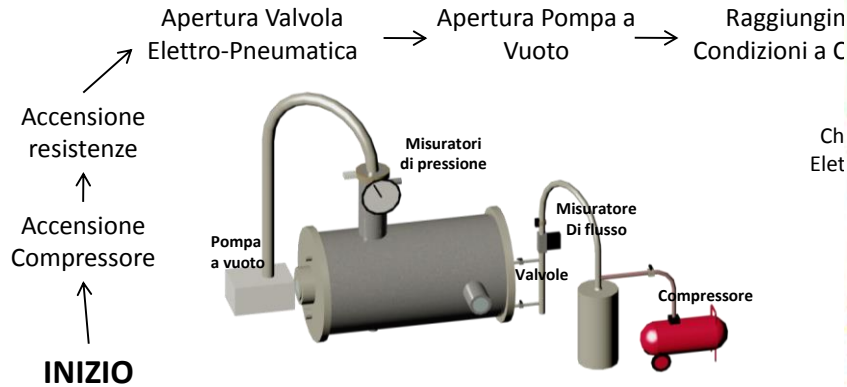
- Popular means of communication between computer and peripheral device
- Data sent one bit at a time across the cable
- Used for low transfer rates or long distances
- Only a cable is needed since most computers have at least one available serial port



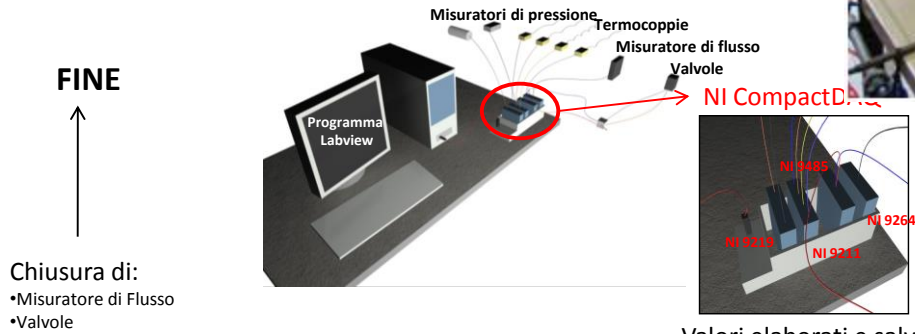
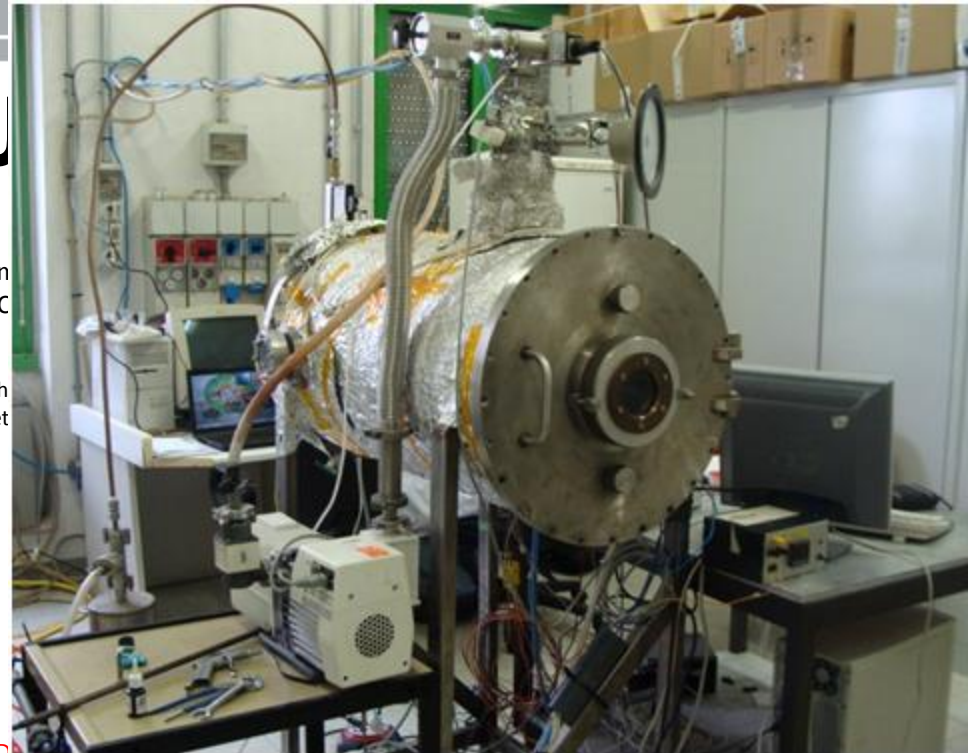
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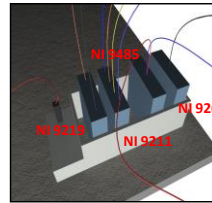
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NI CompactDAQ



- 1) Pressione Interna (mV)
- 2) Temperatura interna (mV)
- 3) Temperatura delle pareti (mV)
- 4) Valore dei trasduttori di pressione (mV)
- 5) Valore del Misuratore di Flusso (V)

Valori elaborati e salvati

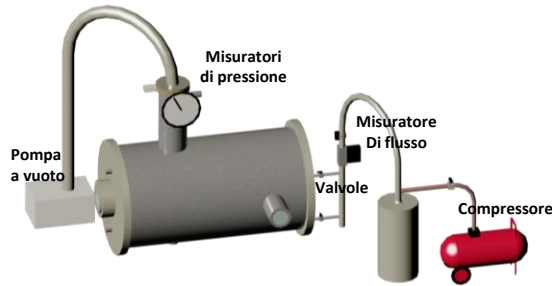
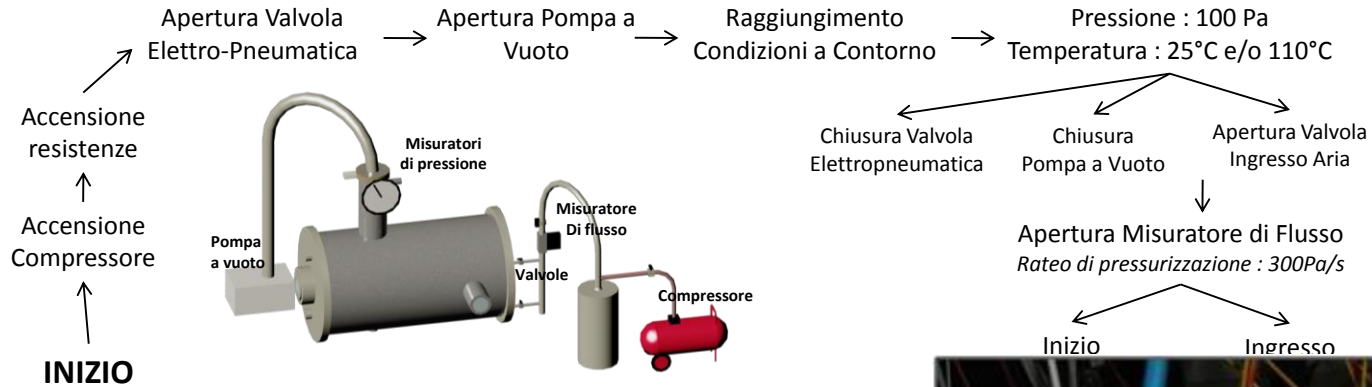
- 1) Pressione Interna (Pascal)
- 2) Temperatura interna (Kelvin)
- 3) Temperatura delle pareti (Kelvin)
- 4) Velocità del flusso d'aria (metri/secondo)
- 5) Valore del Misuratore di Flusso (Litri/minuto)

Nell'impianto è raggiunta la  
pressione di 1 atm

Chiusura di:  
•Misuratore di Flusso  
•Valvole

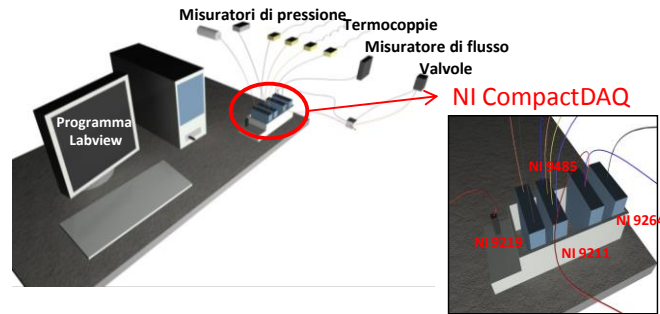
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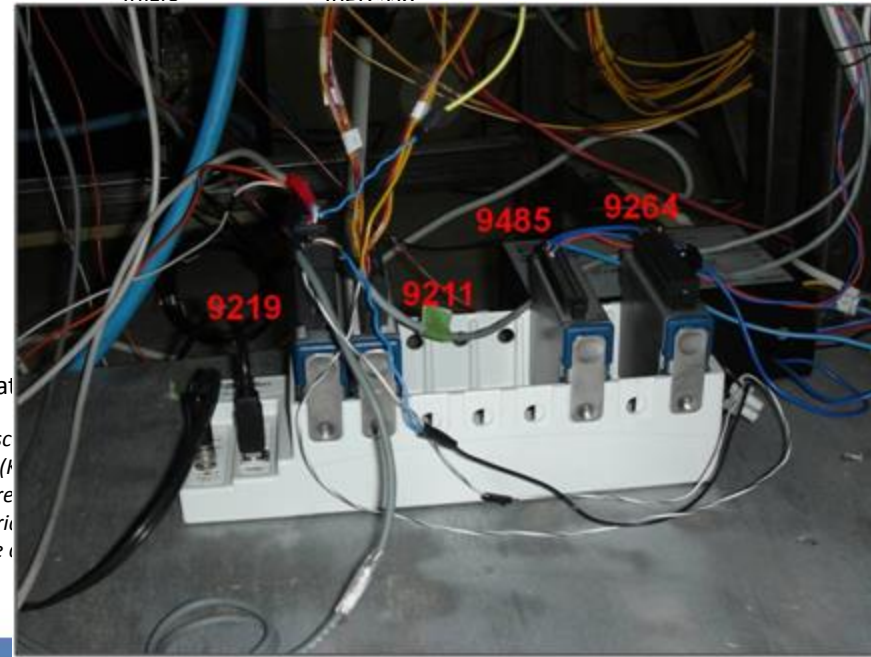


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Valori elaborati e salvati

- 1) Pressione Interna (Pasc)
- 2) Temperatura interna (K)
- 3) Temperatura delle pareti (K)
- 4) Velocità del flusso d'aria (m/s)
- 5) Valore del Misuratore di Flusso (Pa/s)



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