



A Two-Input Polygraph

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Introduction

- The polygraph detects stress-related physiological responses commonly linked with deception
- Modern-day polygraphs rely on 4 major variables:
- The Foundation of a lie-detector examination is in its structure
 - Environmental Setting
 - Experience and Conduct of Examiner
 - Questions: Control, Irrelevant, and Relevant
- Decisions are based on the assumption that an innocent subject will react more strongly to the control questions and a guilty subject will react more strongly to the relevant questions



Introduction

- The project uses 2 inputs to make decision—heart rate and skin conductivity
 - Heart speeds up during times of emotional stress
 - Perspire during times of emotional stress – increases conductivity
- Project divided into three sections
 - The Physiological Sensors
 - The Digital Decision-Making Unit
 - The Output Display

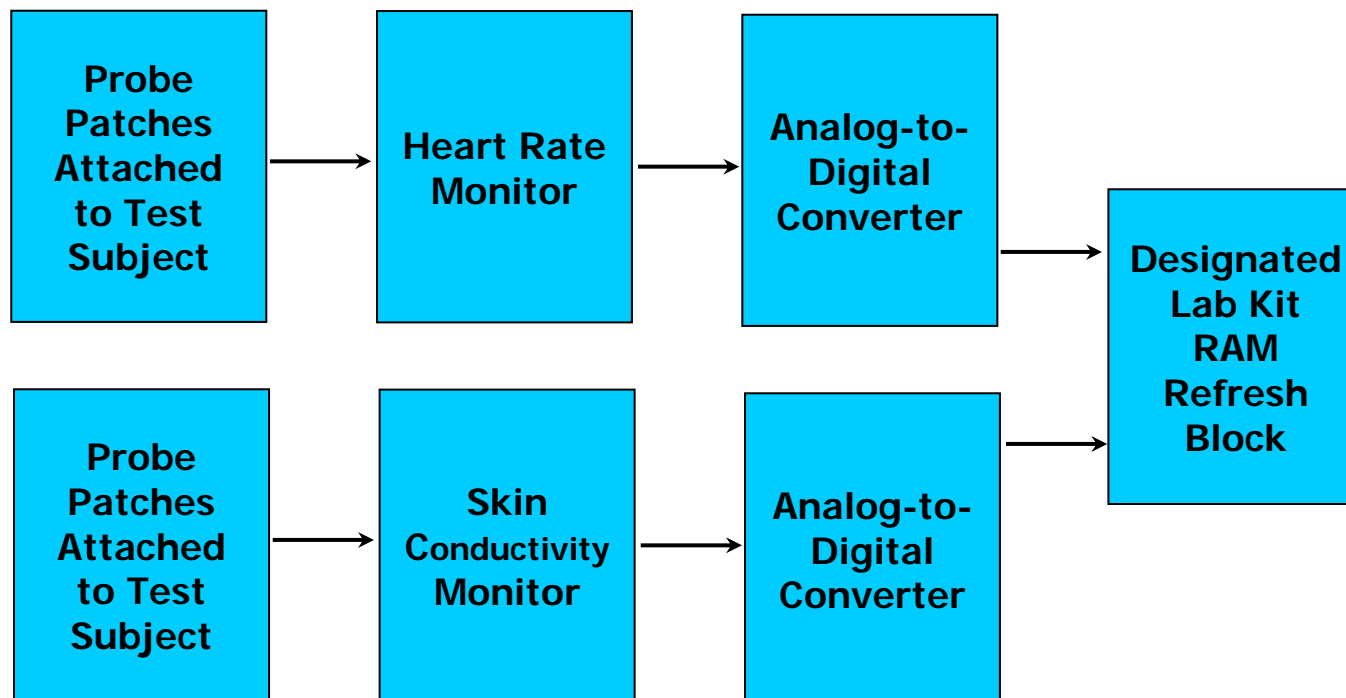
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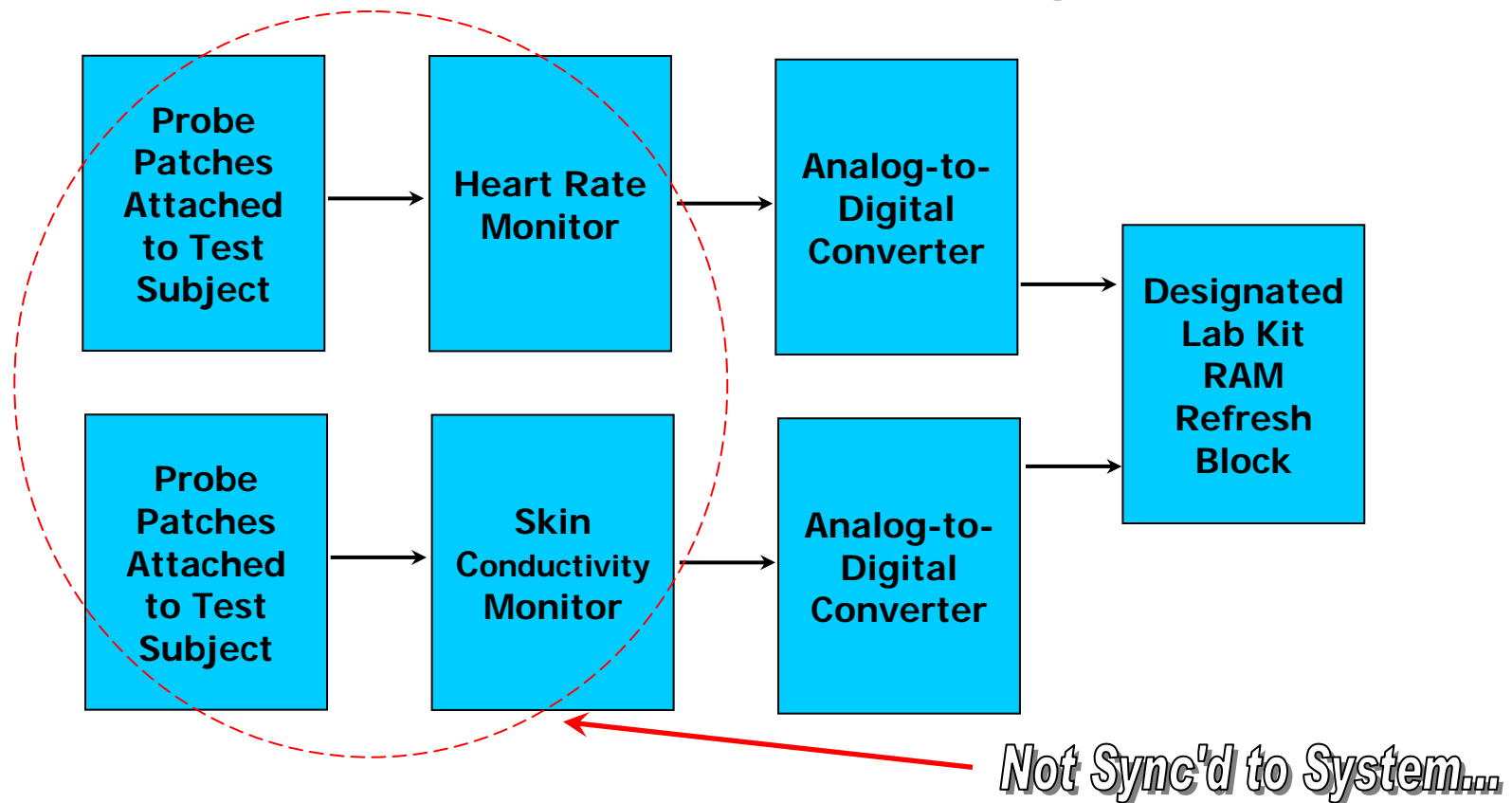
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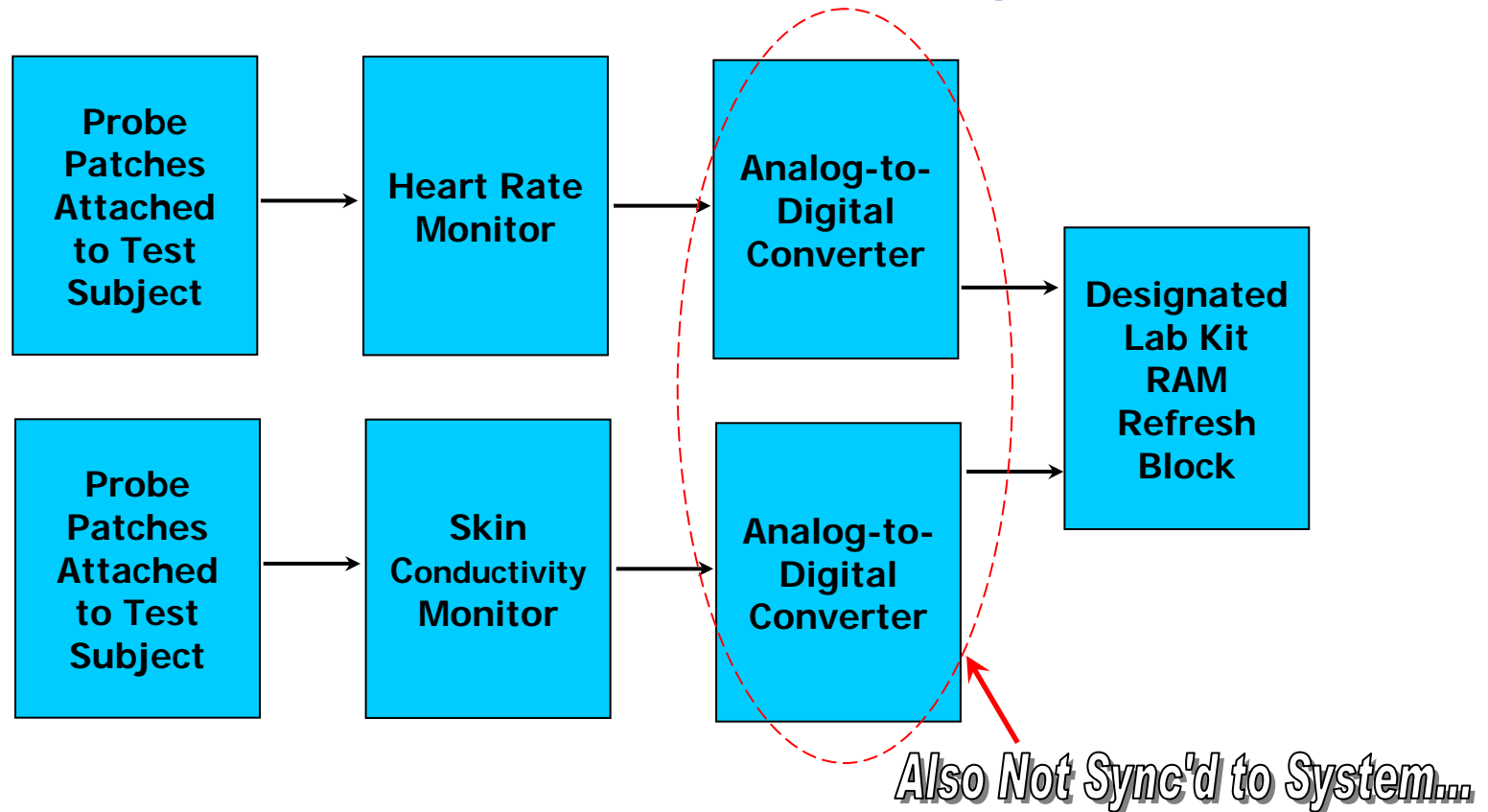
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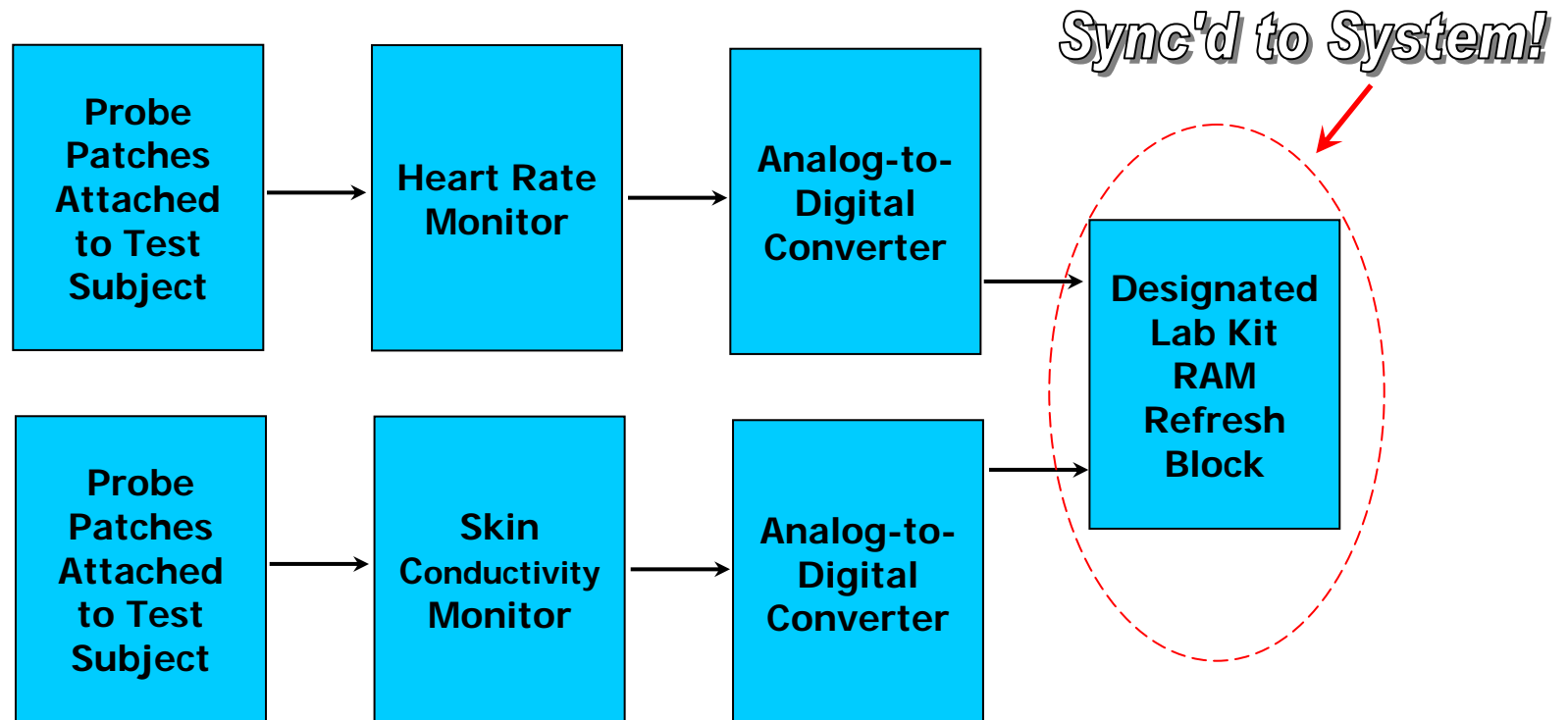
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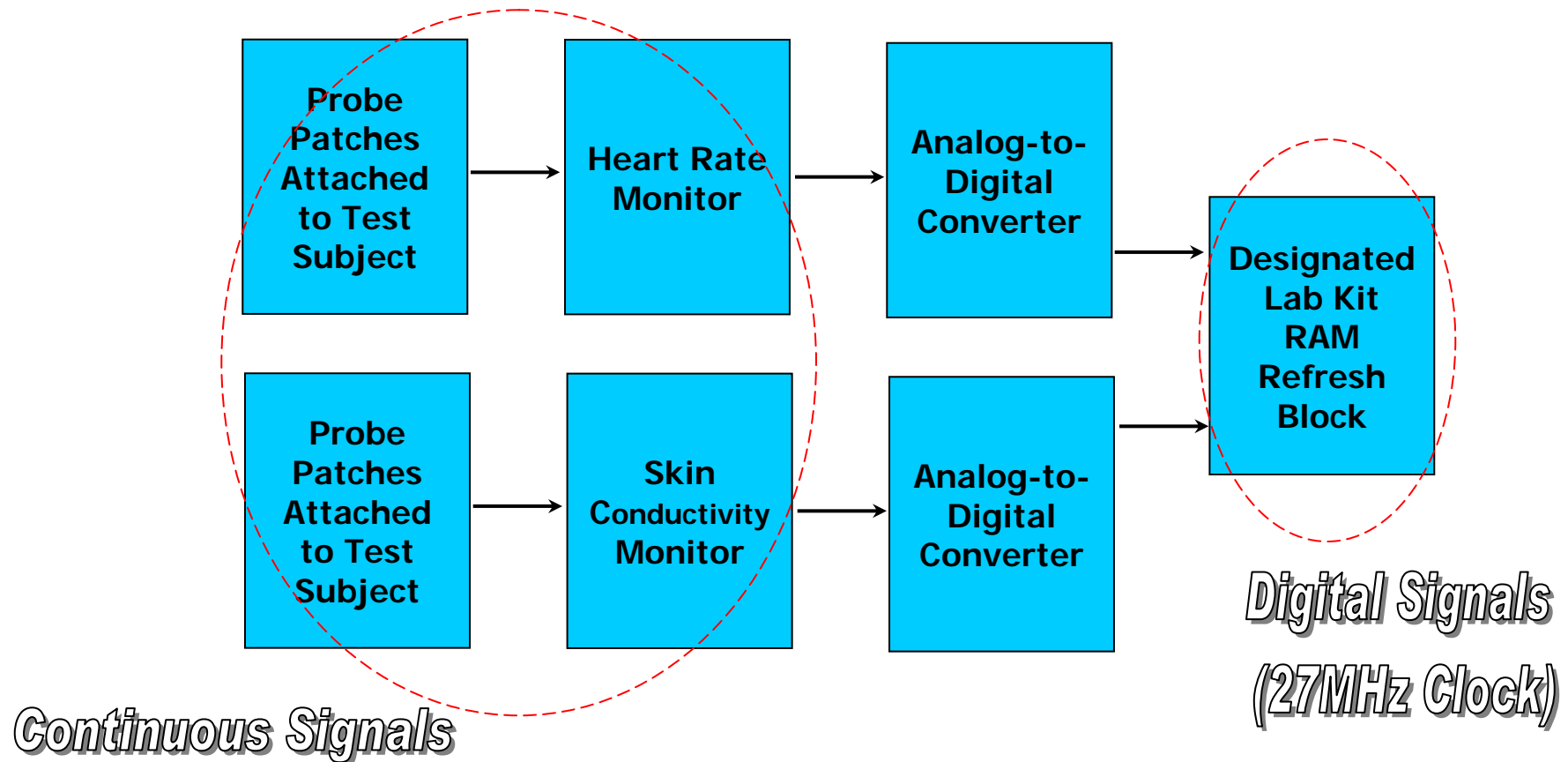
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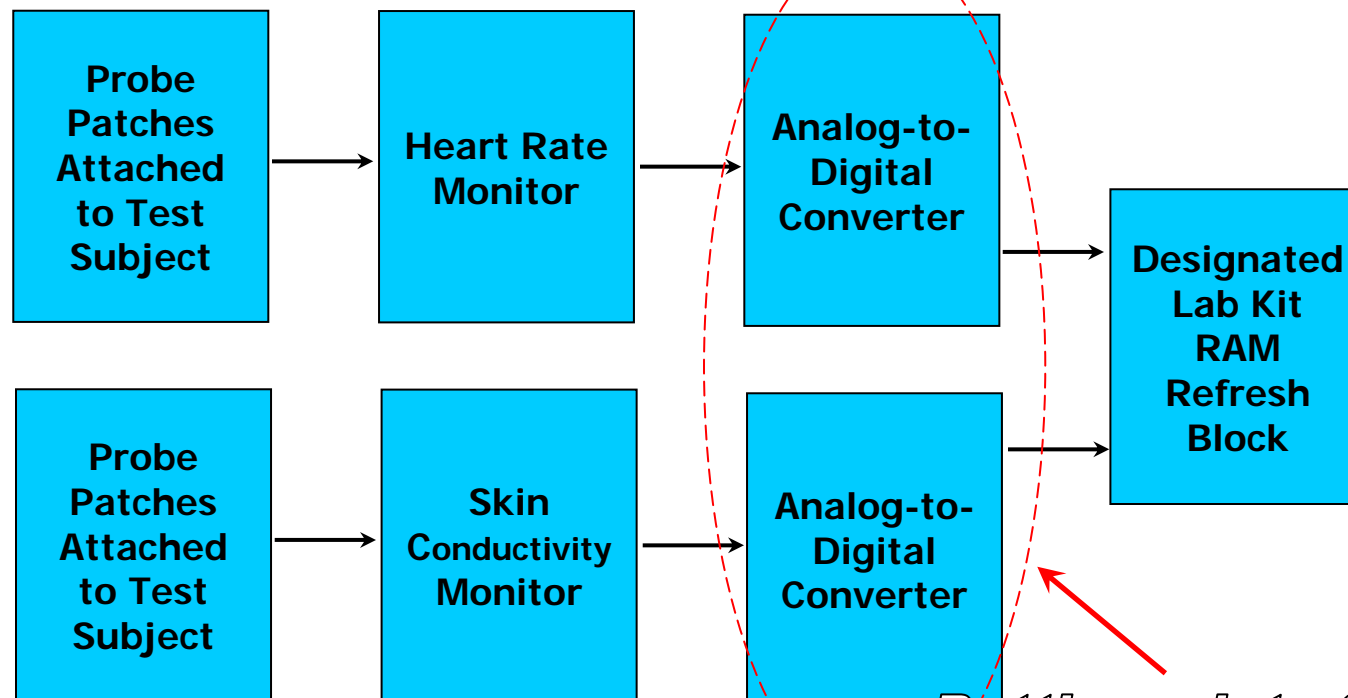
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***Bottleneck to Speed
of Entire System!!!***

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Electrocardiogram Heart Monitor

Ramsey Electronics ECG1C



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Skin Conductivity Monitor

The Galvactivator



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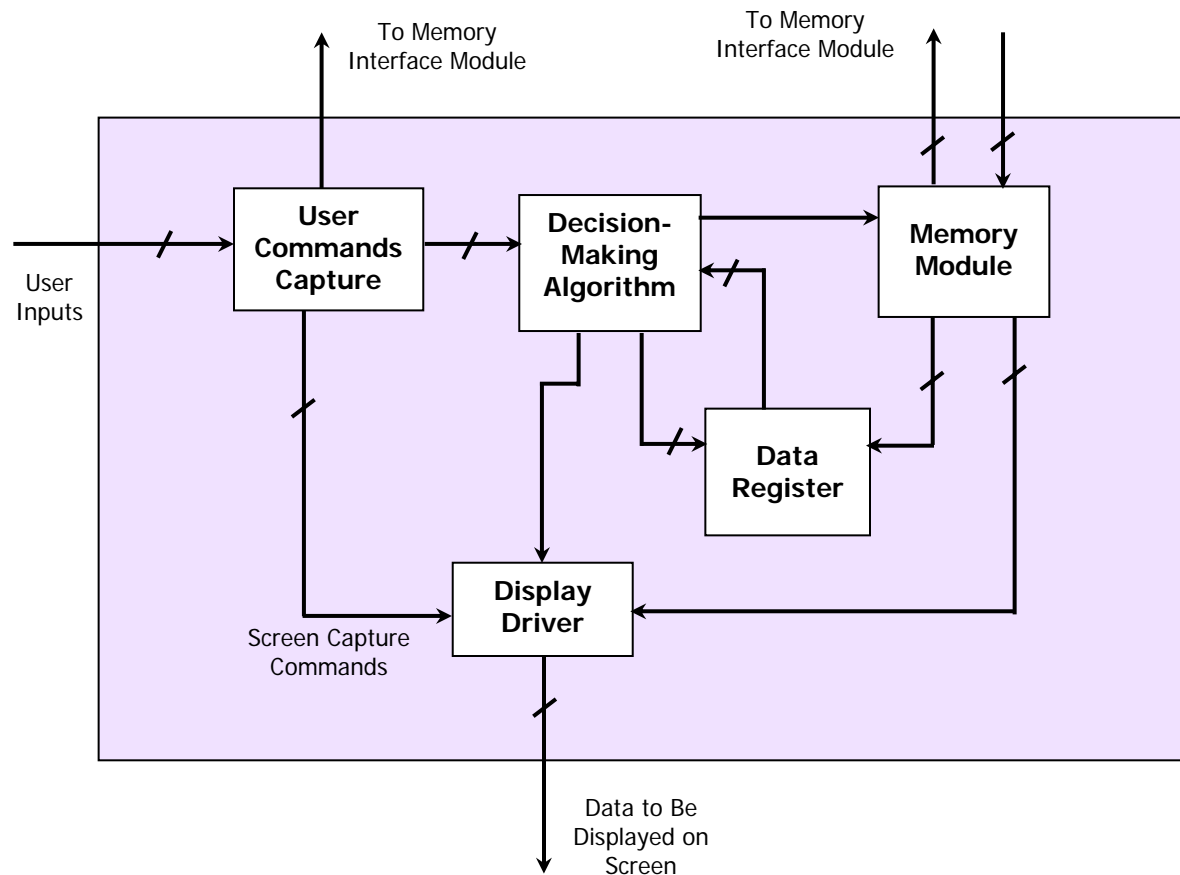
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The Digital Decision-Making Unit

Design Overview

- User Interface
- Decision-Making Portion Based on Polygraph Data
- Additional Functions
 - Obtain Data Stored Externally in RAM
 - Prepare/Send Data to Display Unit

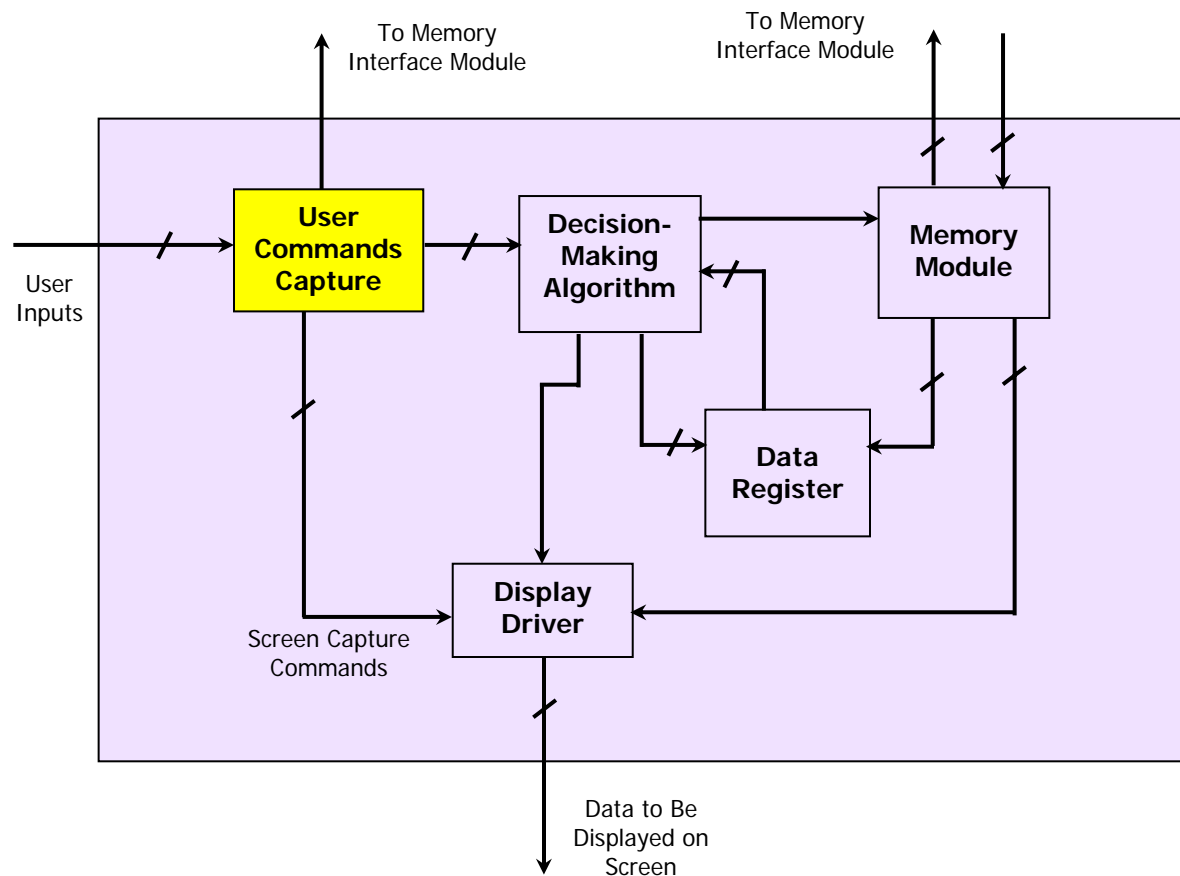


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Capturing User Commands



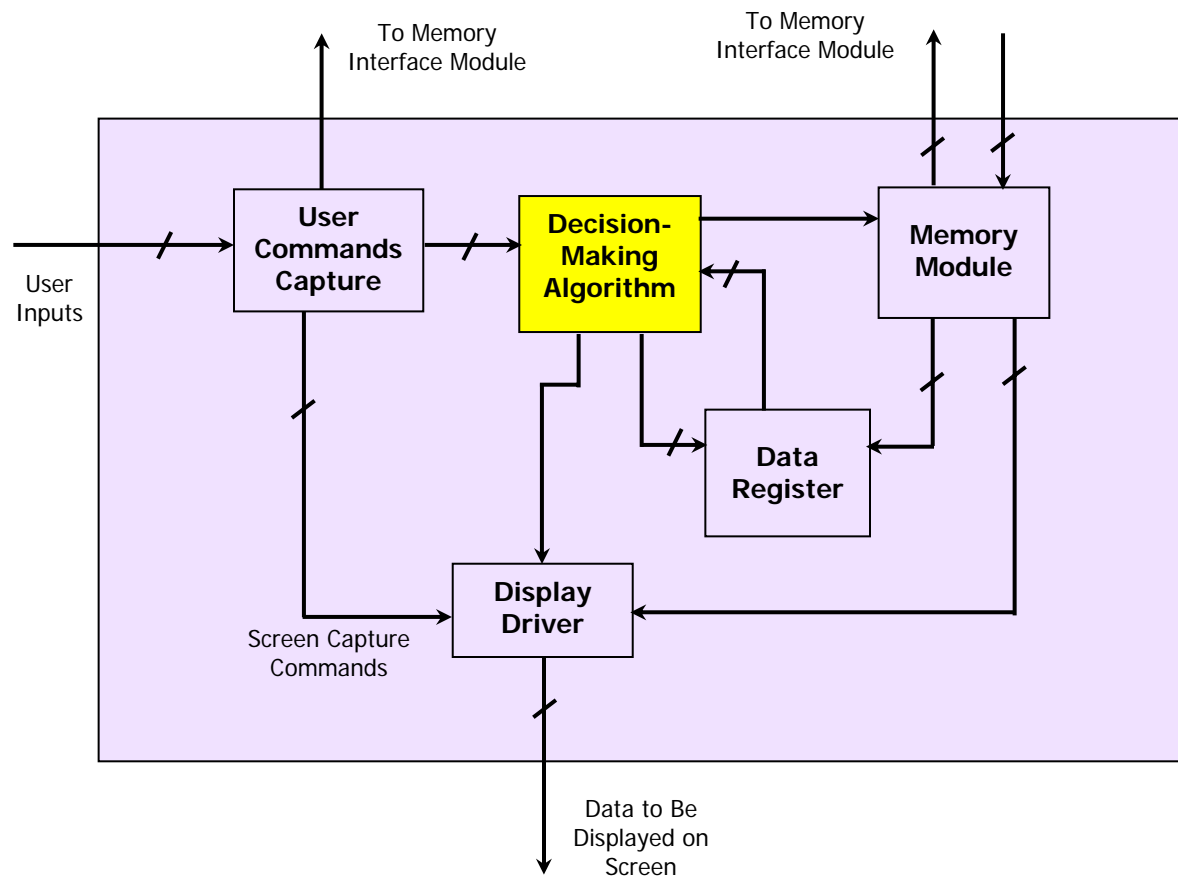
- Module registers all user inputs and passes them to appropriate module
- User Commands:
 - Type of Question
 - Analyze Results
 - Display Data
 - Store Data
 - Screen Capture

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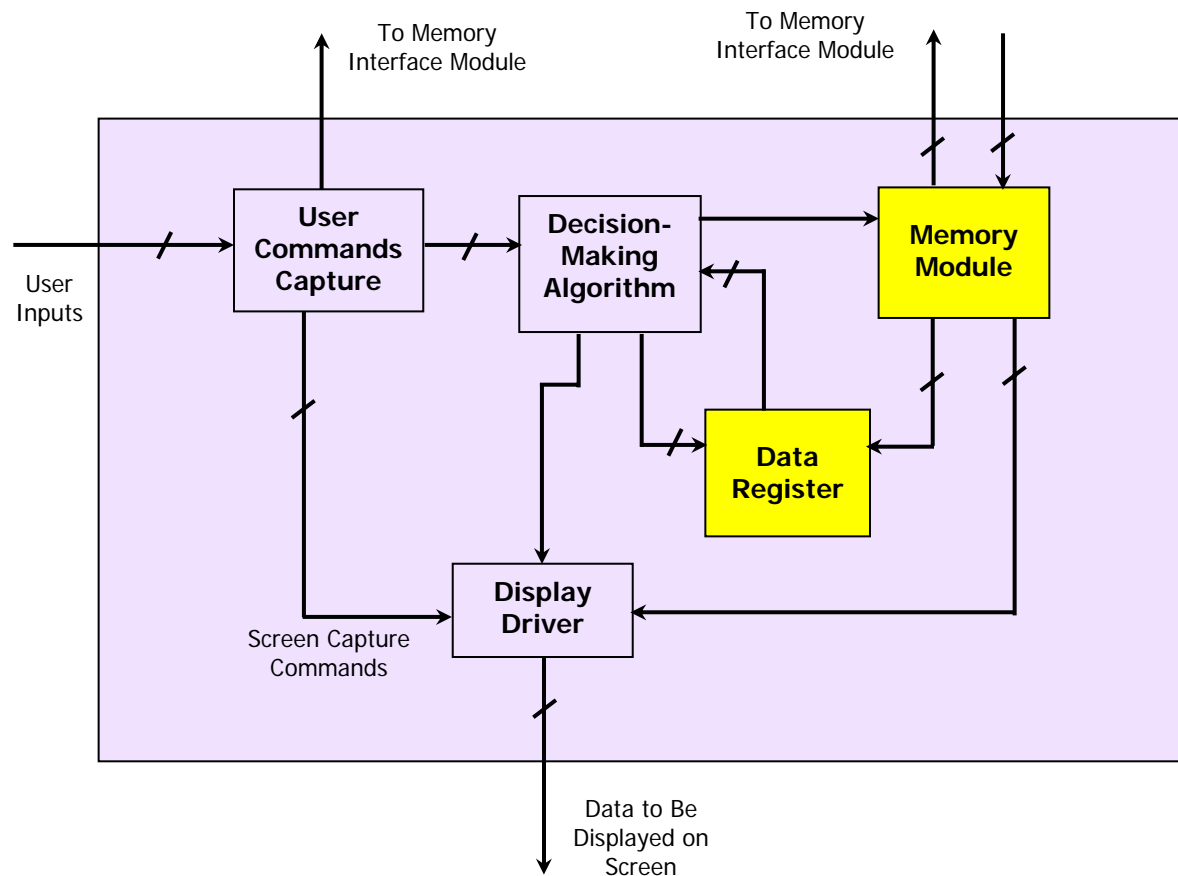
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Decision-Making Algorithms



- Main Module of the DDMU – Analyzes sensor data and outputs binary “TRUTH/LIE” decision
- Digital Pre-Processing on data to remove extraneous, environmental factors
 - Average incoming data
 - Highpass Filter
- Implement one or more of following algorithms:
 - Compare statistics of time signal
 - Convert to frequency domain and compare
 - Hypothesis Testing

The Memory Module and Data Register



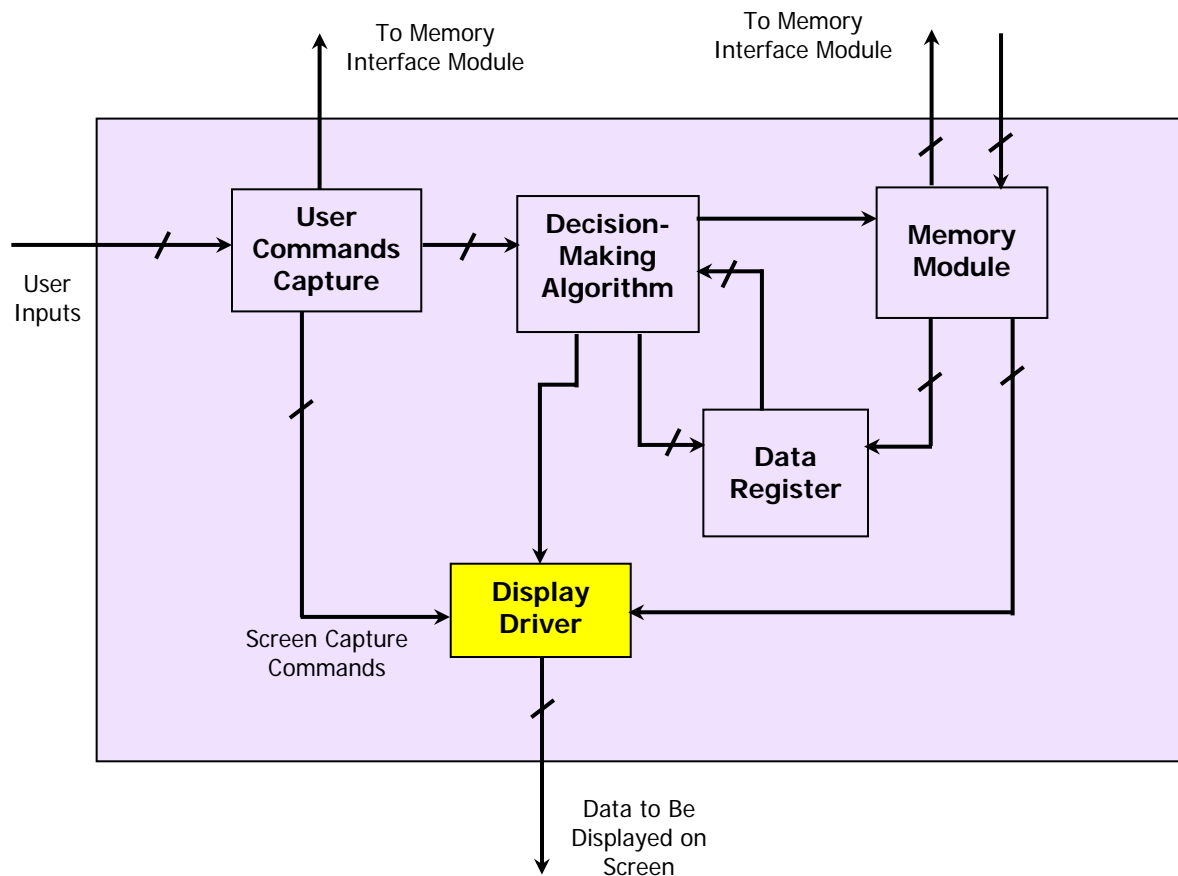
- The Memory Module signals Memory Interface to Read from and Write to RAM by asserting a "request" signal
- Data Register holds critical values for the Decision-Making Algorithm:
 - Time sequences to be compared
 - Computed Statistics

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Display Driver



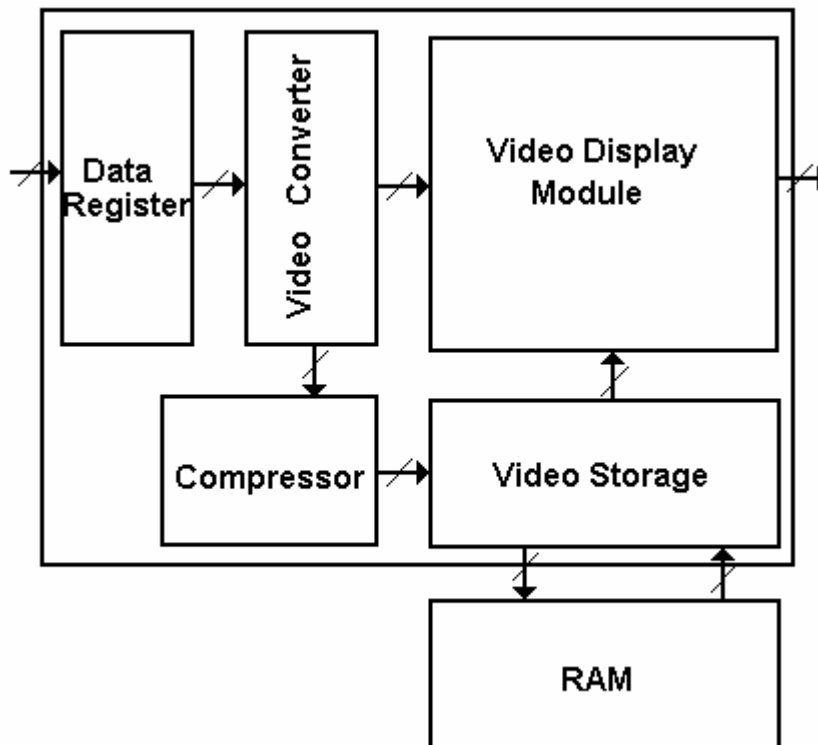
- Gathers data to be sent to Display Unit
 - Sensor Data
 - Decision (T/F)
 - Screen Capture Command

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Video Display



Job of the Video Display

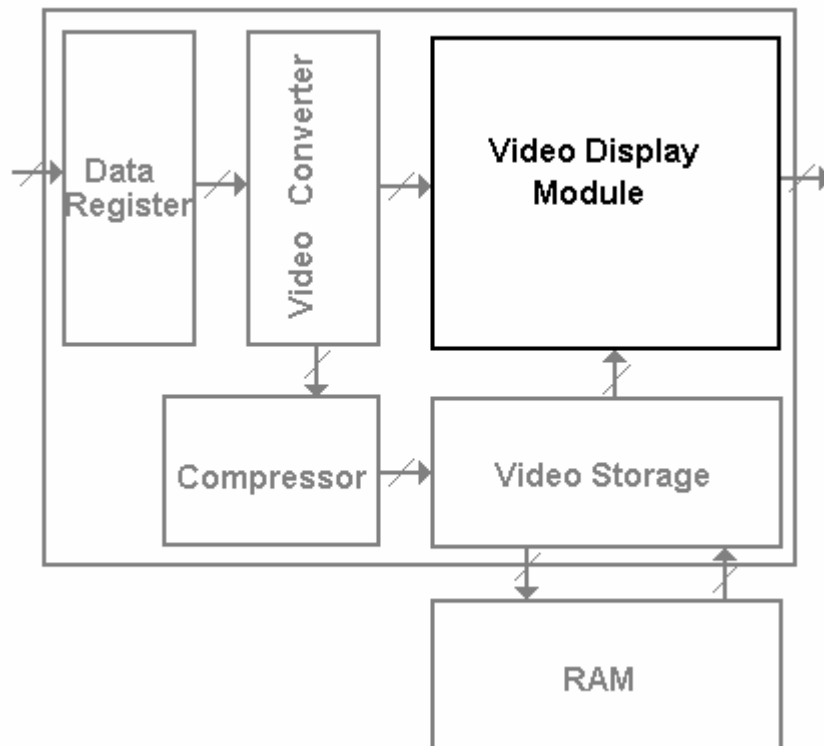
- Take in data and convert to a visually appealing format
- Display data
- Save previous data for reference

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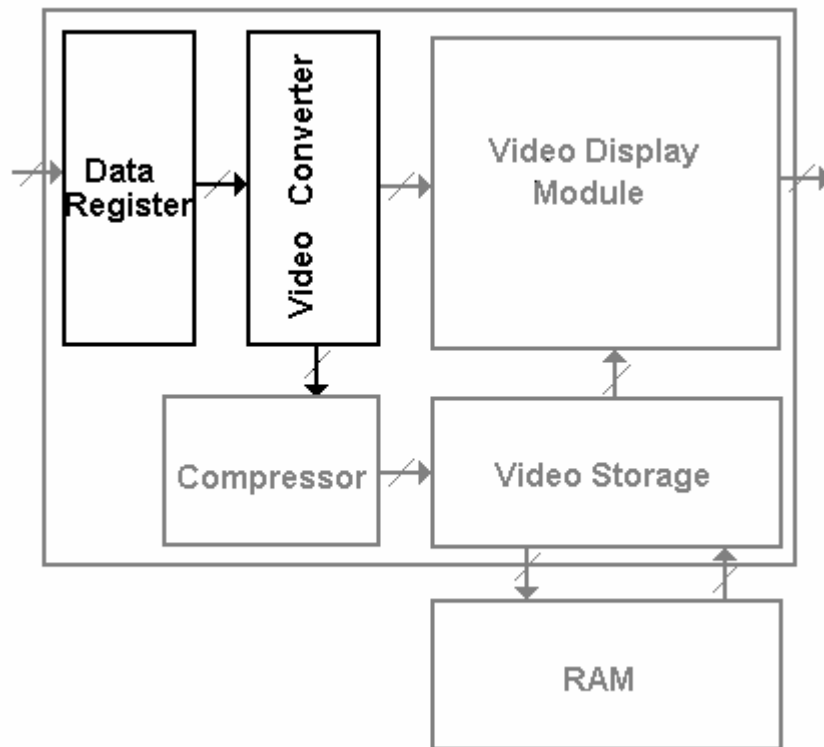
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Video Output



- On computer monitor
- Like PS3/Lab 4
- Higher Resolution

Data Inputs



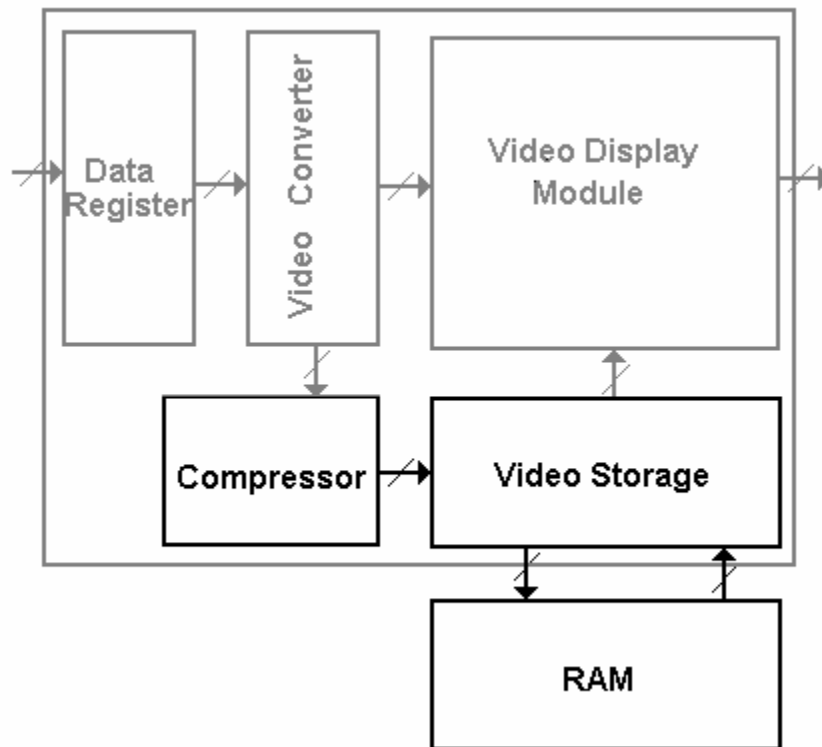
- Register data on vsync refresh
- Convert data into an eye-pleasing format

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Video Storage



- Compresses data to save
- Displays previous data
- Interacts with onboard RAM
- Changes based on user input



Conclusion

- Design is modular
- Project is good extension to material presented in class
- Polygraph is an interesting real-world application