Hall C 12 GeV Trigger Set-Up

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1 Detector Electronics Racks and Patch Panel Diagrams

The majority of the detector electronics in the HMS/SHMS detector huts are read out in the Counting Room except for the HMS/SHMS Drift Chambers and the SHMS Shower Counter signals which are read in their respective detector huts. In HMS/SHMS huts, the Drift Chamber signals are output by 20-25 feet long ribbon cables which are read in the hut electronics rack (See Figure 2). On the SHMS side, the Shower Counter consists of 224 signal cables which would take up most of the space available for other detectors in the Counting Room, so they are read directly in the hut electronics rack.

1.1 HMS Detector Hut

The HMS Drift Chambers are read out through a VXS Crate (ROC3) in the detector hut electronics rack. The signals are carried through 16-channel ribbon cables which are fed in various CAEN1190 TDC modules. The **TI** (or Trigger Interface) module at the front end of the crate distributes the readout trigger throughout all modules in the crate and initiates data readout. The rest of the HMS detector signals(Gas Çerenkov, Hodoscope, Calorimeter) are sent to the

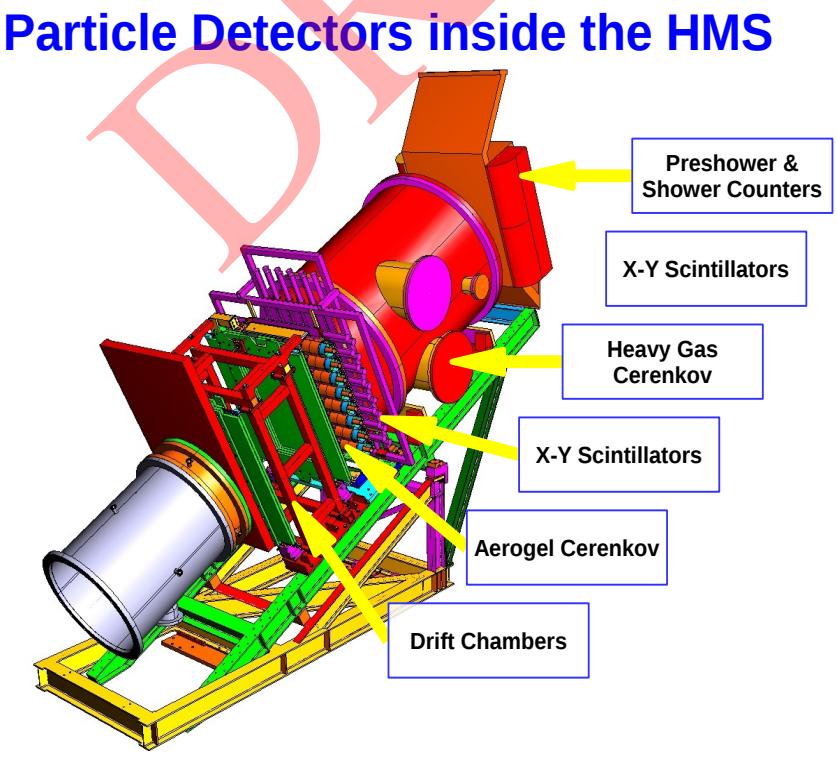

Figure 1: HMS detector stack.

Hall C Floor Patch Panel via the hut Patch, with the exception of the Aerogel, which is sent directly from the detector to the Floor Patch.

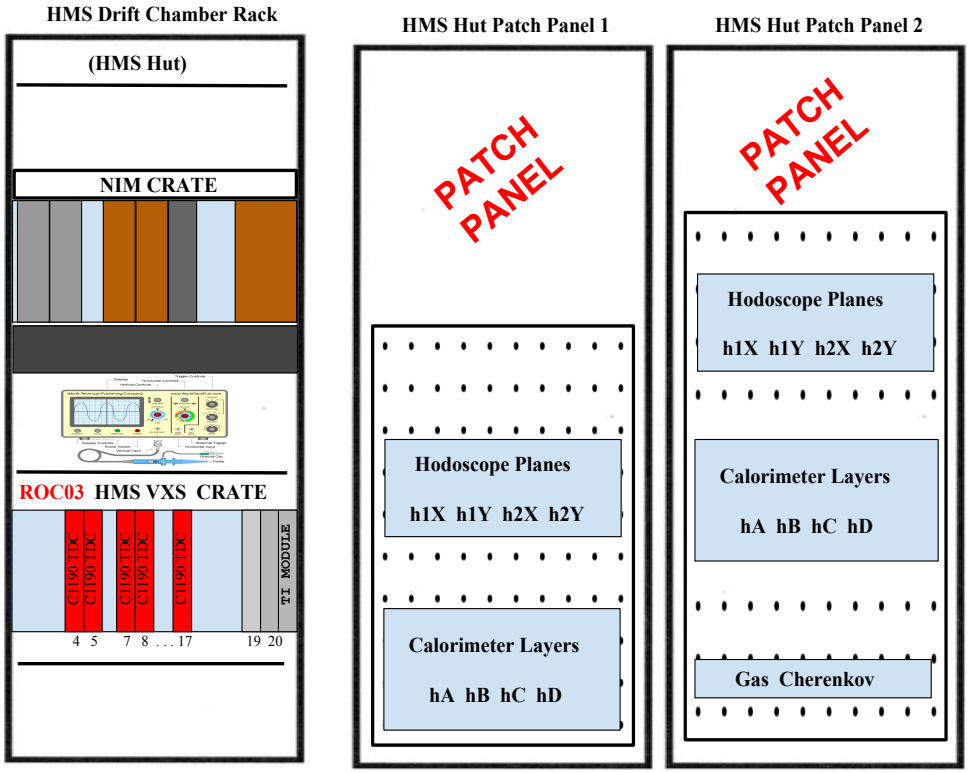

Figure 2: HMS detector hut electronic rack and patch panels.

All the signals are then sent to the Counting Room Patch Panel to be processed by the electronics. (See Figure 3)

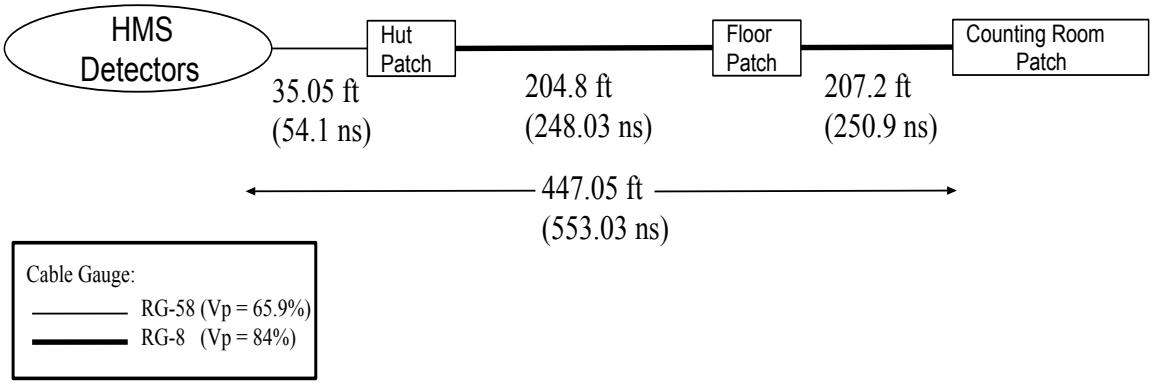

Figure 3: HMS Patch Diagram from detectors to Counting Room.

1.2 SHMS Detector Hut

Similarly to the HMS Drift Chambers, the SHMS Drift Chambers are also read out by TDCs in a VXS Crate in the SHMS electronics hut (See Figure 6). The Shower Counter 224 signals are fed directly into the Flash ADC (fADC-250) modules in a VXS Crate (ROC4). The Pre-Shower signals (x14/side) pass through a 50:50 splitter and a part is fed into fADCs. The other part is partially summed in the hut and sent via the hut patch panel to the Counting Room Patch (See Figure 5).

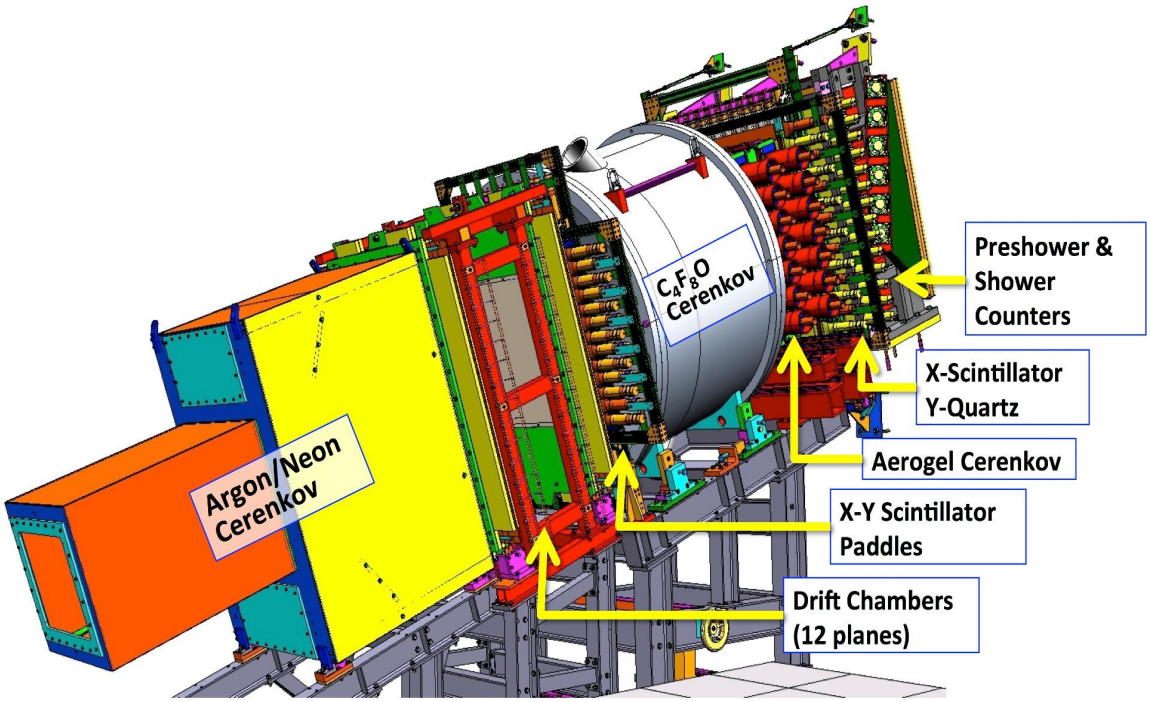

Figure 4: SHMS detector stack.

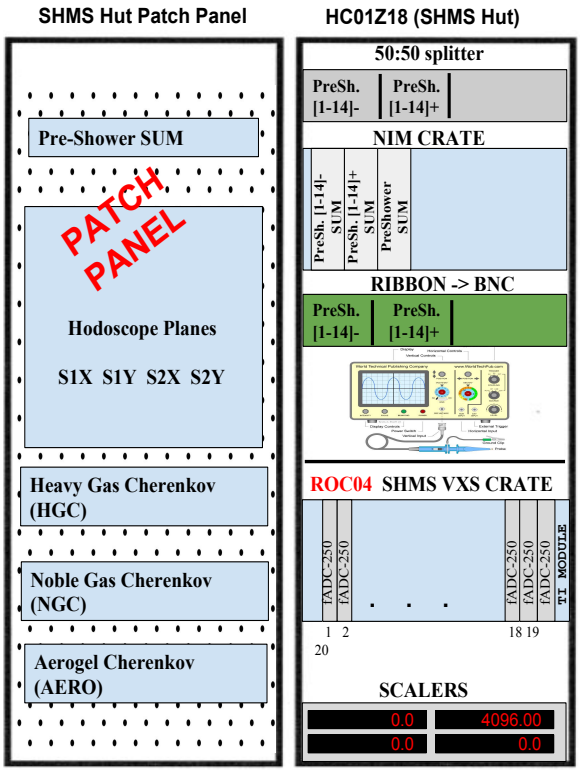

Figure 5: SHMS Hut Patch Panel (left) and Electronics Rack (right).

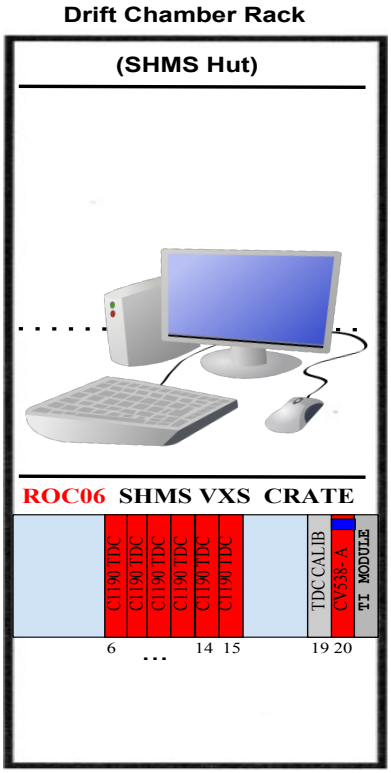

Figure 6: SHMS Drift Chamber Electronics Rack.

The rest of the SHMS detector signals (HGC/NGC, Hodoscope, Aerogel) are sent to the Counting Room via the hut patch panel (See Figure 7).

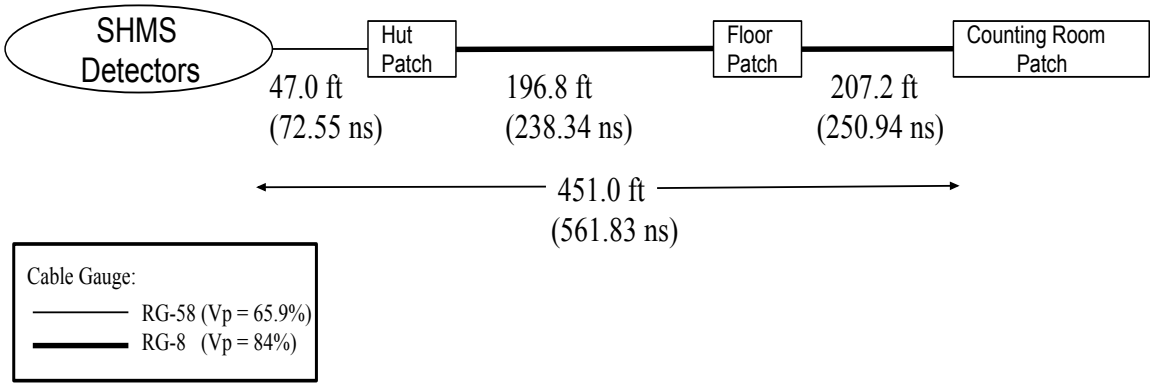

Figure 7: SHMS Patch Diagram from detectors to Counting Room.

1.3 Hall C Counting Room

Once the detector signals arrive at the Counting Room Patch (See Figure 8), they are processed by the NIM/CAMAC electronics (See Figure 9) to form the single arm and coincidence triggers for each spectrometer. The signals are also sent to ADCs/TDCs to determine energy and timing information for individual detectors as well as trigger TDC information.

Figure 8: Counting Room Patch Panels.

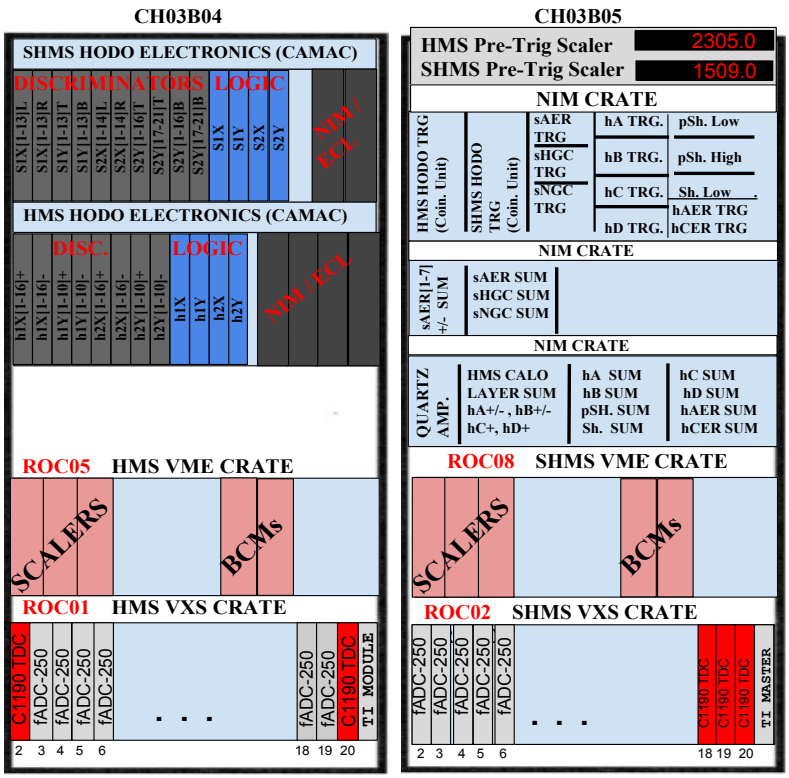

Figure 9: Counting Room main Electronic Racks for HMS/SHMS detectors.

2 HMS Trigger Set-Up

The XY scintillator arrays (hodoscope planes) will form part of the standard HMS trigger configuration. Additional particle detectors may also be incorporated into the HMS trigger as required by different experiments. The Gas Čerenkov and Calorimeter triggers will be used for e/π separation, whereas the Aerogel Čerenkov trigger will be used for π/K/p separation.

2.1 Hodoscope Pre-Trigger

Each hodoscope plane consists of an array of scintillator bars coupled to a PMT at each end (See Figure 1), so each bar reads out two signals. As shown in Figure 10, for example, hodoscope plane h1X consists of 32 signals (16 bars) read out in the Counting House (CH) patch. Each side of the plane (x16 signals/side) is fed into a 64-channel input passive splitter (16 Ch./set). One-third (33%) of the signal amplitude is sent via a 16-channel ribbon cable to a 64 Ch. input Ribbon-to-BNC converter (16 Ch./set) which outputs are fed into a 16-channel NIM input flash ADC (fADC). The remaining two-thirds (66%) of the signal amplitude is sent to a 16-Ch. input CAMAC Discriminator unit. The HMS discriminators thresholds and gate widths were set to -44.5 mV and 60 ns , respectively.

The discriminated signals are sent via two ribbon-cable outputs to CAEN1190 TDCs/Scalers (daisy-chained) and to a LeCroy 4564 CAMAC Logic unit to form the plane pre-triggers. The Logic Unit takes four sets of 16-Ch. input ribbon cable and forms a 16-fold OR for each set by default. Further boolean operations are done through the module backplane by connecting a twisted pair cable to the pin corresponding to the desired boolean operation. For hodoscope plane pre-triggers, the boolean operations are as follows:

h1X = h1X+ (16-fold OR) *AND* h1X- (16-fold OR)
h1Y = h1Y+ (10-fold OR) *AND* h1Y- (10-fold OR)
h2X = h2X+ (16-fold OR) *AND* h2X- (16-fold OR)
h2Y = h2Y+ (10-fold OR) *AND* h2Y- (10-fold OR)

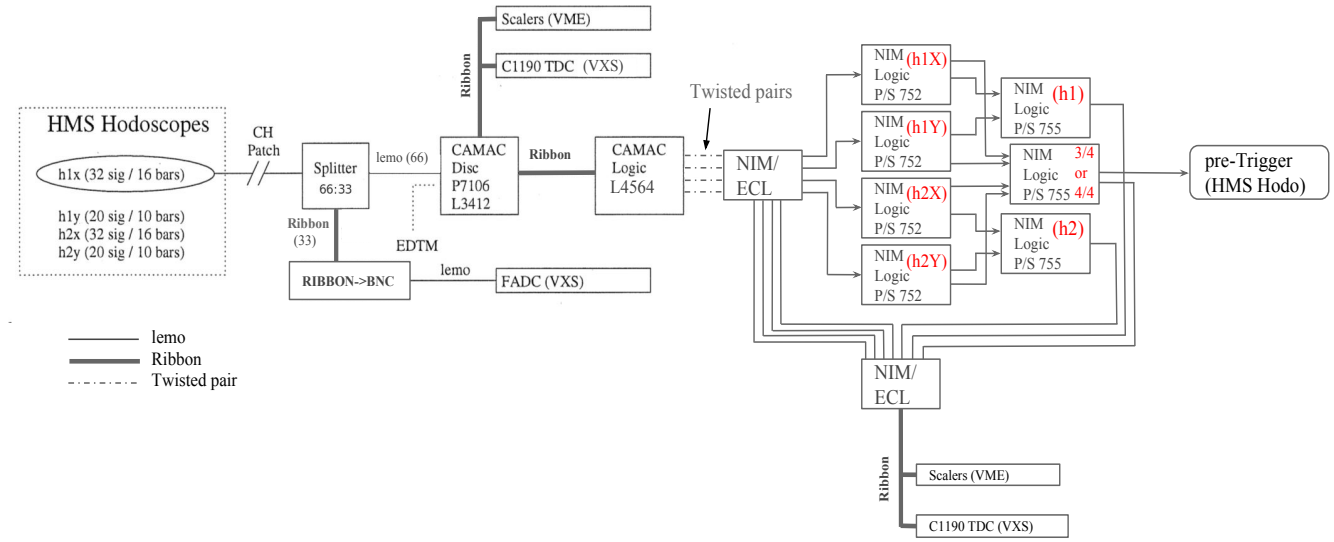

Figure 10: HMS Hodoscope Electronics Diagram.

Once a pre-trigger has been made for each plane, they are sent to a NIM/ECL converter (Level Translator - Phillips Scientific (or P/S) Model 7126) via twisted pair cables to convert the ECL signal (twisted pair) to a NIM signal. The NIM output is then sent to individual sets of a P/S Model 752 NIM Logic unit to adjust the widths of each of the plane pre-triggers as necessary before making a coincidence. An X-Y hodoscope plane coincidence (h1 = h1X *AND* h1Y, h2 = h2X *AND* h2Y) is then made by feeding each hodoscope X-Y plane pair into a P/S Model 755 Nim Logic unit. A copy of each of the four individual plane pre-triggers is also sent to another set of P/S Model 755 to make a 3/4 or 4/4 plane coincidence (via a front-panel knob) which defines the production hodoscope pre-trigger. A copy of all the pre-triggers discussed above are sent to TDCs/Scalers via a NIM/ECL converter for timing and counting rate information. (See Figure 10)

2.2 Calorimeter Pre-Trigger

The HMS Calorimeter consists of four layers of lead blocks. Layers A and B read out a 26 PMT signals per layer (13 signals/side) while layers C and D read out 13 signals/layer on one side. The first two layers form the Pre-Shower Counter while all four layers (A, B, C and D) form the Shower Counter. Each layer is read out in the Counting Room patch and fed into 50:50 splitters. One output of the splitter is fed to fADCs via a Ribbon-to-BNC converter (same as hodoscopes) while the other output is sent to a P/S Model 740 NIM Linear FI/FO summing modules. Each side of a layer is summed first (hA+, hA-, hB+, hB-, hC and hD sums). The sums are fed into a LeCroy Model 428F summing module where layers hA+/- and hB+/- are summed to form hA and hB sums. A copy of each layer sum is sent to fADCs. The Pre-Shower SUM is then made from the sum of layers A and B, while the Shower SUM is made by summing all four layers. A copy of the PreShower and Shower sums is also sent to fADCs. The Pre-Shower and Shower sums are then sent to a P/S Model 715 NIM Discriminator unit to form the PreShower Low/High (LO/HI) and Shower Low pre-triggers with thresholds -40 mV , -60 mV and -45 mV , respectively with all gate widths set to 30 ns. A copy of the pre-triggers is sent to TDCs/Scaler modules for trigger timing and counting rate information.

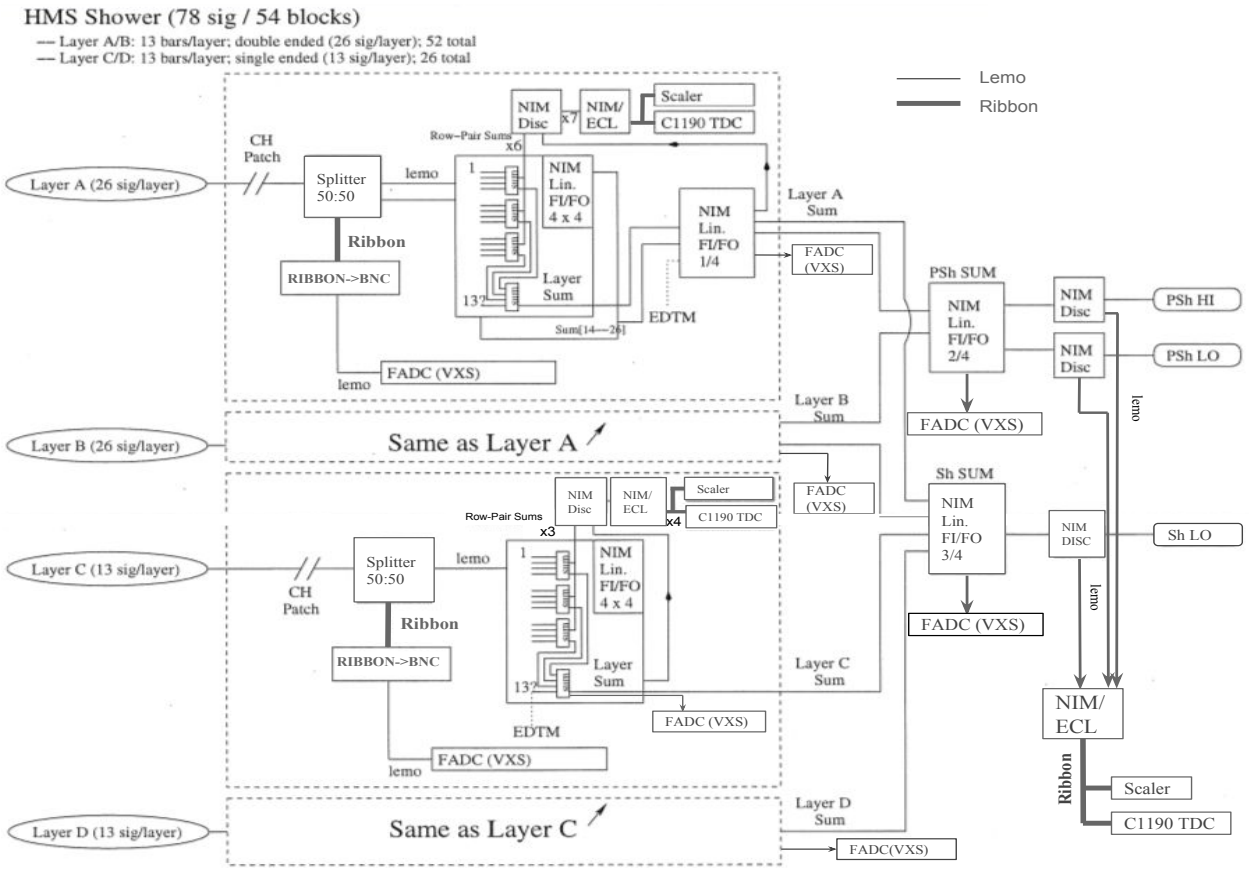

Figure 11: HMS Calorimeter Electronics Diagram.

2.3 Gas Čerenkov Pre-Trigger

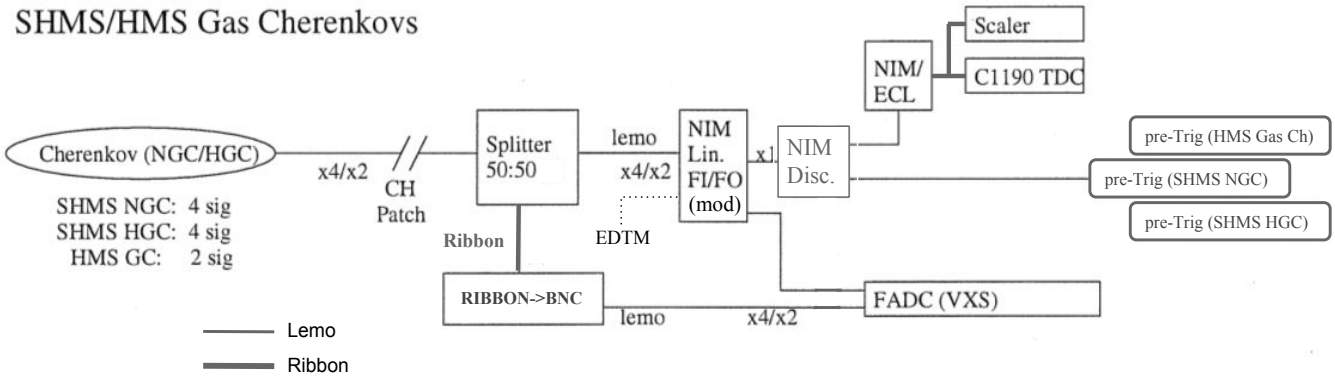

Figure 12: HMS Gas Čerenkov Electronics Diagram. Same electronics diagram applies for SHMS Gas Čerenkov.

The HMS Gas Čerenkov detector consists of a 1.5 m long cylindrical tank between the first and second set of hodoscope planes (See Figure 1). The tank is filled with a gas and has two spherical mirrors that focus the Čerenkov photons towards two 5-inch PMTs[2]. The signals are read out in the Counting Room patch and pass through a 50:50 splitter. One output is fed into an fADC module via a Ribbon-to-BNC converter. The other output is sent to a LeCroy Model 428F summing module, and a copy of the sum is fed to an fADC. The sum is also sent to a P/S Model 715 NIM discriminator to form the Čerenkov pre-trigger with a threshold and gate width set to -50 mV and 30 ns . A copy of the discriminated signal is also sent to TDCs/Scalers via a NIM/ECL converter for trigger and counting rate information.

2.4 Aerogel Čerenkov Pre-Trigger

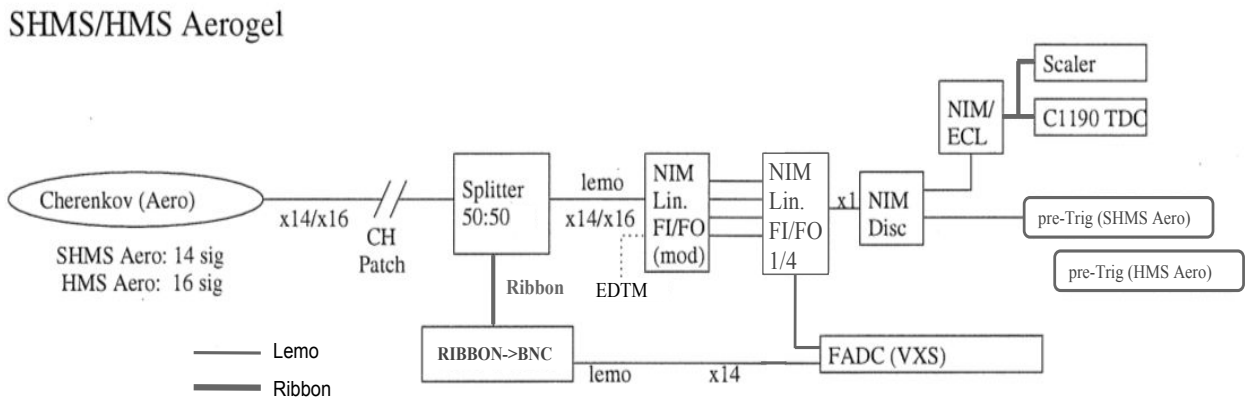

Figure 13: Aerogel Čerenkovs Electronics Diagram. Same electronics diagram applies for SHMS Aerogel.

The HMS Aerogel Čerenkov detector consists of a 120cm x 70cm rectangular aerogel tray coupled to a diffusion box[1] and is located between the second Drift Chamber and first set of hodoscope planes. The diffusion box has 8 PMTs on each side which detect Čerenkov light produced by interactions with the Aerogel material. The signals are sent directly to the Hall C Floor Patch Panel, and then read out in the Counting Room patch and pass through a 50:50 splitter. One output is fed into an fADC module via a Ribbon-to-BNC converter. The other output is sent to a summing module, and a copy of the sum is fed to an fADC. The sum is also sent to a NIM discriminator to form the Aerogel pre-trigger. A copy of the discriminated signal is also sent to TDCs/Scalers via a NIM/ECL converter for trigger and counting rate information.

2.5 HMS Single Arm Trigger

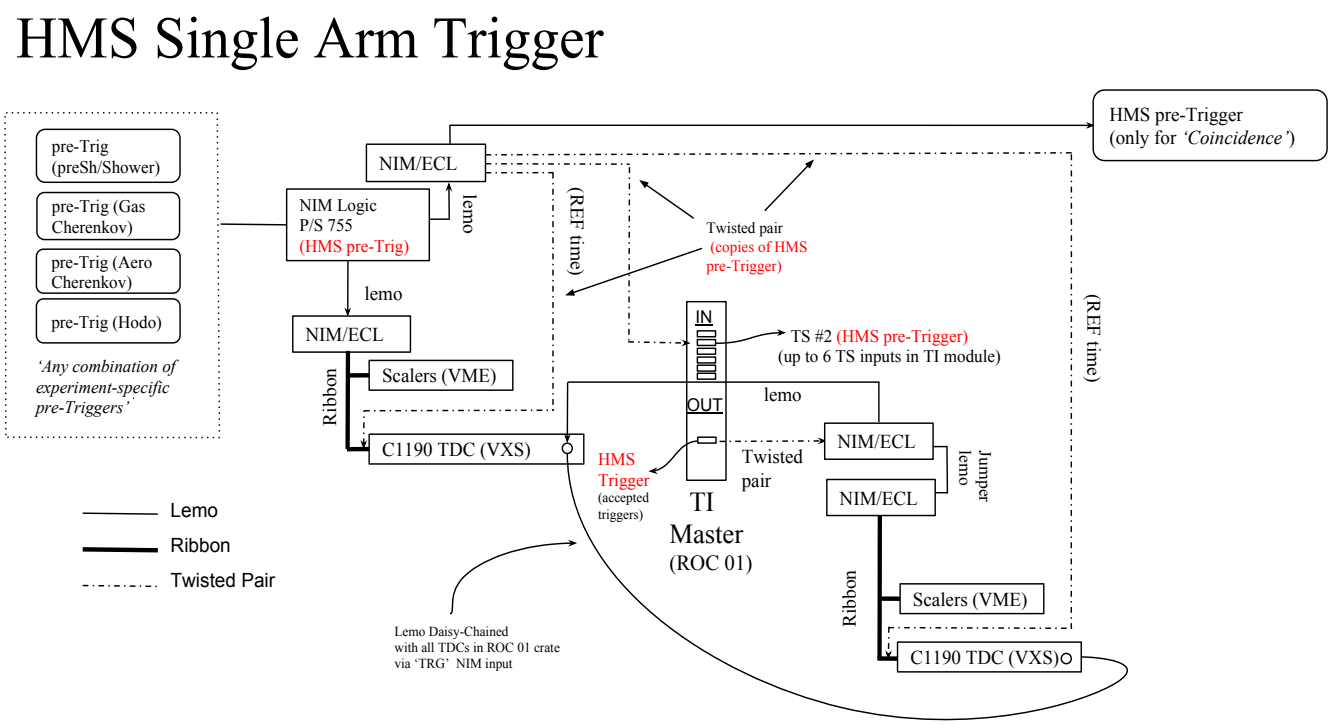

Figure 14: HMS Single Arm Trigger Electronics Diagram

The HMS single arm pre-trigger will be formed from the standard pre-trigger (hodoscopes) and a combination of other detector pre-triggers as required by the experiment. The standard and other *experiment-specific* pre-triggers are

sent to a P/S Model 755 NIM Logic unit to form a single-arm coincidence. Once the HMS pre-trigger is formed, a copy is sent to Scalers/TDCs. The other copy is sent to a NIM/ECL converter, where three copies of the HMS pre-trigger are sent via ECL twisted pairs to two CAEN 1190 TDC modules and an input on the TI[1] known as the *Trigger Supervisor or TS* (up to six trigger inputs). The copies sent to the TDCs are fed externally through the 16th pin of a 16-channel input ribbon cable adaptor[2] The pre-trigger copy sent to the Trigger Supervisor is processed, accepted and disseminated throgh the crate backplane to all modules (except TDCs) in the crate. The TDCs are NOT configured to not receive a copy of the accepted triggers, therefore, a copy must be sent from the "TRG" ECL output in TI front panel to the TDC "TRG" NIM input[3] via a NIM/ECL converter. The inputs are daisy-chained with other TDCs present in the crate. A copy of the accepted triggers is also sent to Scalers/TDCs.

3 SHMS Trigger Set-Up

The three planes (X1, Y1, X2) of scintillator arrays and the Quartz plane (Y2) will form part of the standard SHMS trigger configuration (See Figure 4). Additional particle detectors may also be incorporated into the SHMS trigger as required by different experiments. The Noble Gas Čerenkov [4] and Calorimeter triggers will be used for e/π separation, whereas the Heavy Gas[5] and Aerogel Čerenkov trigger will be used for π/K/p separation[6].

3.1 Hodoscope Pre-Trigger

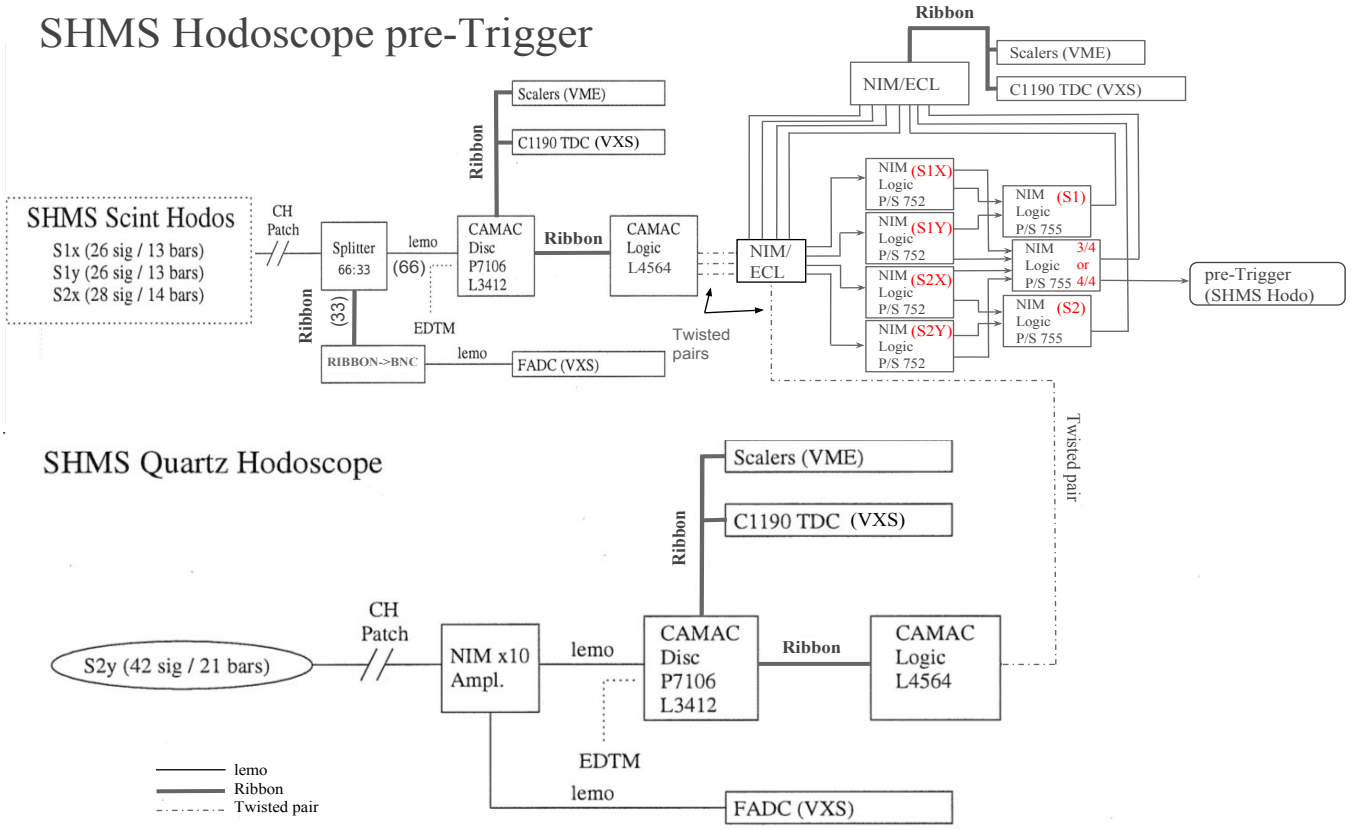

Figure 15: SHMS Hodoscope Electronics Diagram.

[1]In single-arm mode, the TI in ROC 01 is known as *TM or Trigger Master*, and its main operation is to distribute a copy of the accepted triggers to all ROCs related to the HMS via fiber optic lines. The same applies to the SHMS when operated in single-arm mode.

[2]Each TDC module in the readout crate (ROC 01) must receive a copy of the HMS pre-trigger known as the *reference time* via twisted pairs. The reference time in each TDC module functions as a common stop for all detector signals being fed to the TDC.

[3]A copy of the accepted triggers is needed by ADCs/TDCs in order to initiate readout in all channels of the respective modules.

[4]Noble Gas Čer: e/π separation $\geq$ 6 GeV/c

[5]Heavy Gas Čer: π/K separation above 3.4 GeV/c

Each hodoscope plane consists of an array of scintillator bars coupled to a PMT at each end (See Figure 4), so each bar reads out two signals. As shown in Figure 15, for example, hodoscope plane S1X consists of 26 signals (16 bars) read out in the Counting House (CH) patch. Each side of the plane (x13 signals/side) is fed into a 64-channel input passive splitter (16 Ch./set). One-third (33%) of the signal amplitude is sent via a 16-channel ribbon cable to a 64 Ch. input Ribbon-to-BNC converter (16 Ch./set) which outputs are fed into a 16-channel NIM input flash ADC (fADC). The remaining two-thirds (66%) of the signal amplitude is sent to a 16-Ch. input CAMAC Discriminator unit. The SHMS discriminators thresholds and gate widths were set to -30 mV and 60 ns , respectively, whereas the Quartz Discriminators thresholds and gate widths were set to -60 mV and 60 ns , respectively

The discriminated signals are sent via two ribbon-cable outputs to CAEN1190 TDCs/Scalers (daisy-chained) and to a LeCroy 4564 CAMAC Logic unit to form the plane pre-triggers. The Logic Unit takes four sets of 16-Ch. input ribbon cable and forms a 16-fold OR for each set by default. Further boolean operations are done through the module backplane by connecting a twisted pair cable to the pin corresponding to the desired boolean operation. For hodoscope plane pre-triggers, the boolean operations are as follows:

S1X = S1XL (13-fold OR) *AND* S1XR (13-fold OR)
S1Y = S1YT (14-fold OR) *AND* S1YB (14-fold OR)
S2X = S2XL (13-fold OR) *AND* S2XR (13-fold OR)
S2Y = $\{$S2Y[1-16]T OR S2Y[17-21]T$\}$ *AND* $\{$S2Y[1-16]B OR S2Y[17-21]B$\}$

Once a pre-trigger has been made for each plane, they are sent to a NIM/ECL converter (Level Translator - Phillips Scientific (or P/S) Model 7126) via twisted pair cables to convert the ECL signal (twisted pair) to a NIM signal. The NIM output is then sent to individual sets of a P/S Model 752 NIM Logic unit to adjust the widths of each of the plane pre-triggers as necessary before making a coincidence. An X-Y hodoscope plane coincidence (S1 = S1X *AND* S1Y, S2 = S2X *AND* S2Y) is then made by feeding each hodoscope X-Y plane pair into a P/S Model 755 Nim Logic unit. A copy of each of the four individual plane pre-triggers is also sent to another set of P/S Model 755 to make a 3/4 or 4/4 plane coincidence (via a front-panel knob) which defines the production hodoscope pre-trigger. A copy of all the pre-triggers discussed above are sent to TDCs/Scalers via a NIM/ECL converter for timing and counting rate information. (See Figure 15)

3.2 Pre-Shower Calorimeter Pre-Trigger

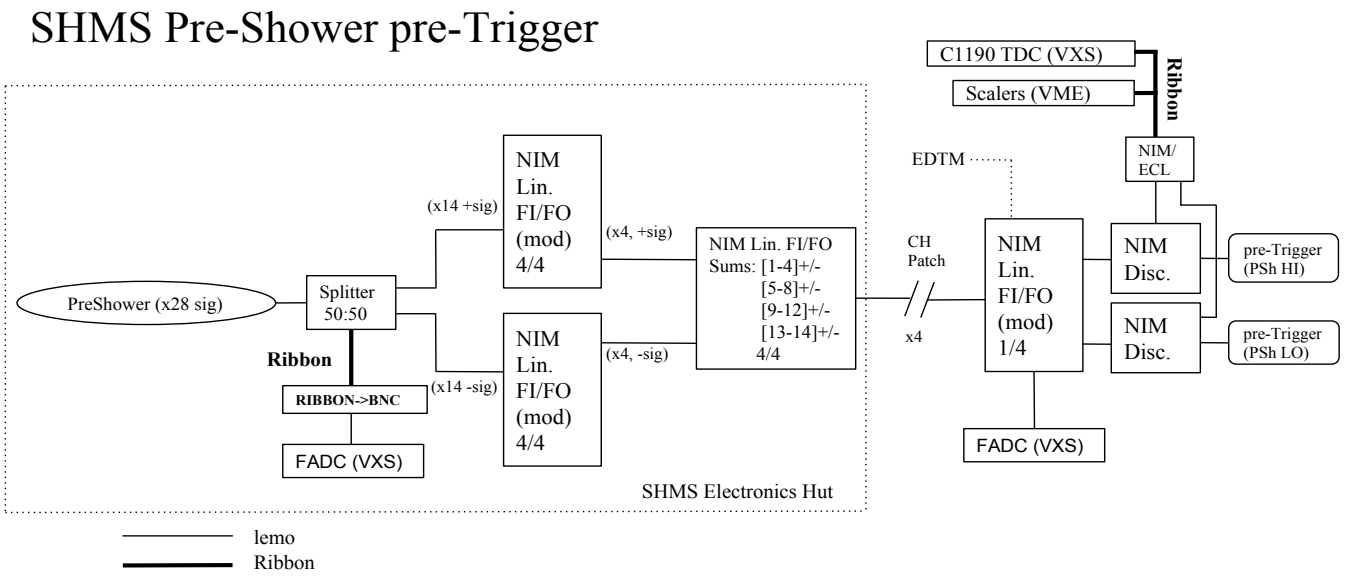

Figure 16: SHMS PreShower Electronics Diagram

The SHMS Pre-Shower consists of two sets of fourteen (PMT-coupled) lead blocks oriented perpendicular to the Shower Counter blocks[7]. The initial sum was done in the SHMS Electronics Hut. PMT signals from groups of four blocks were summed to form:

preSh SUM [1-4]: [1-4]L + [1-4]R
preSh SUM [5-8]: [5-8]L + [5-8]R
preSh SUM [9-12]: [9-12]L + [9-12]R
preSh SUM [13-14]: [13-14]L + [13-14]R

3.3 Heavy/Noble Gas Čerenkov Pre-Trigger

The SHMS Heavy Gas Čerenkov detector consists of a 1 m long, 1.6 m in diameter cylindrical tank located between the first set of hodoscope planes and the Aerogel (See Figure 4). The tank is filled with a gas and has four thin spherical mirrors that focus the Čerenkov photons towards four 5-inch PMTs[5]. For a description of the electronics diagram, See Section 2.3 on the HMS Gas Čerenkov.

The SHMS Noble Gas Čerenkov detector consists of a 2 m long active length of Argon/Neon gas tank located before the first drift chamber (See Figure 4). The tank is filled with a gas and has four overlapping mirrors, that focus the Čerenkov photons towards four 5-inch PMTs[3]. For a description of the electronics diagram, See Section 2.3 on the HMS Gas Čerenkov.

3.4 Aerogel Čerenkov Pre-Trigger

The SHMS Aerogel Čerenkov detector consists of a 110 x 100 x 24.5 cm^3 rectangular aerogel tray coupled to a diffusion box. The diffusion box has seven 5-inch PMTs on each side which detect Čerenkov light produced by interactions with the Aerogel material[4]. The detector is located between Heavy Gas Čerenkov and second set of hodoscope planes (See Figure 4). For a description of the electronics diagram, see Figure 13.

3.5 SHMS Single Arm Trigger

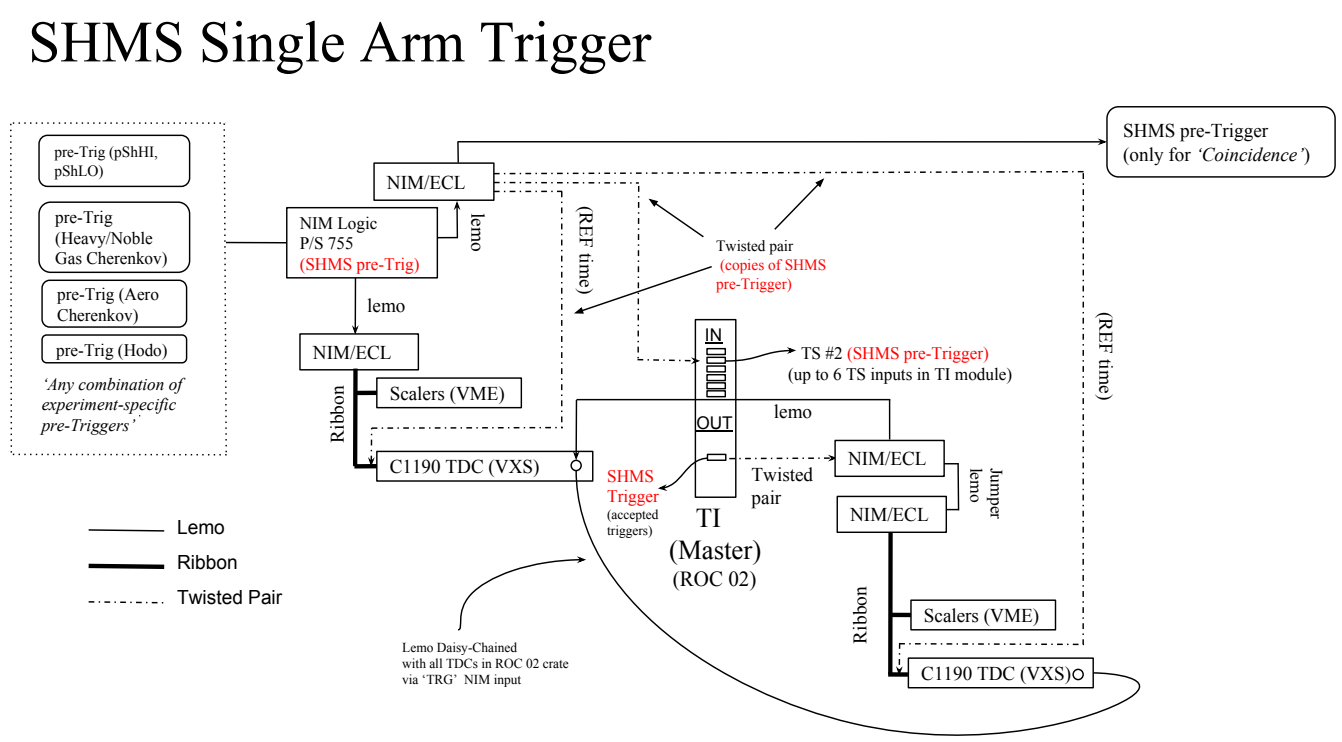

Figure 17: SHMS Single Arm Trigger Electronics Diagram

The SHMS single arm trigger is be formed exactly as the HMS single arm trigger, with the exception of the detectors involved. Compare the electronics diagrams in Figures 17 and 14, and read Section 2.5 for a detailed description of the electronic diagrams.

4 Coincidence Trigger Set-Up

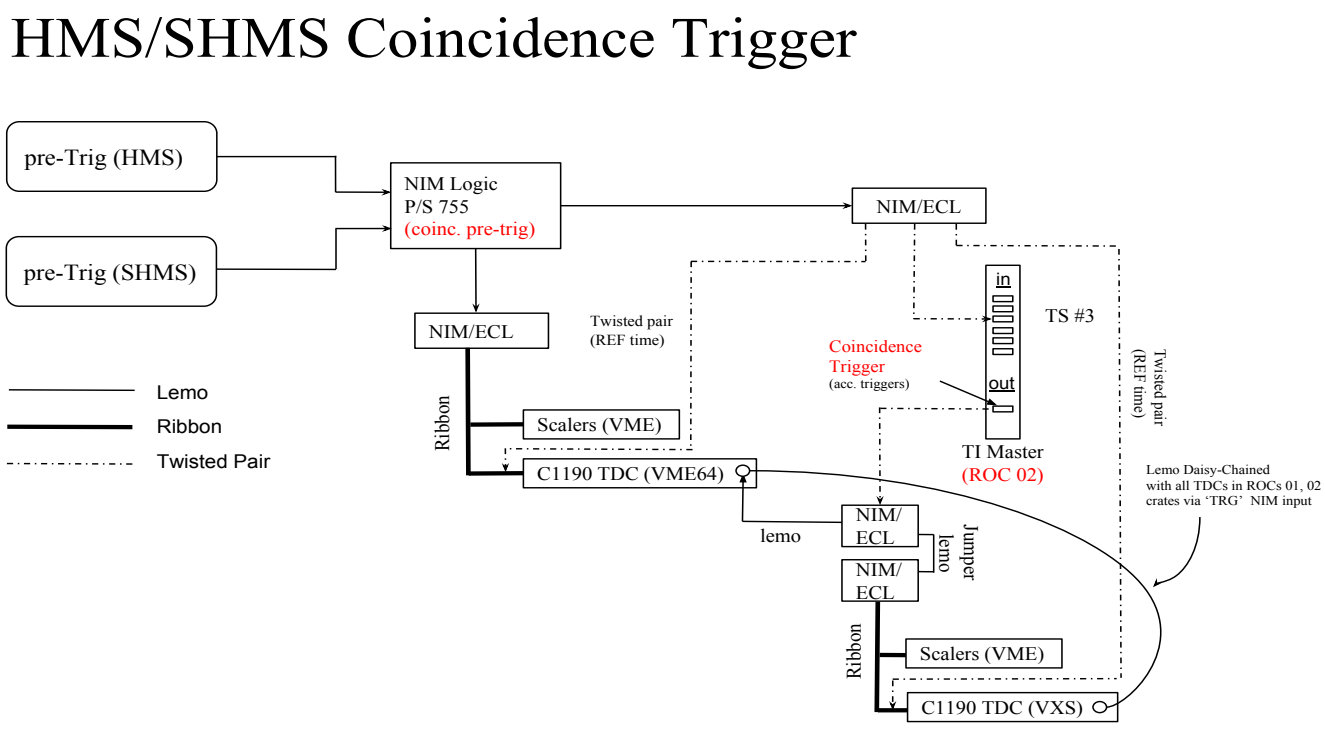

Figure 18: Coincidence Trigger Electronics Diagram

In coincidence mode, the HMS and SHMS pre-triggers are sent to a NIM Logic module, where the first pre-trigger that arrives will open a coincidence time window during which the second pre-trigger may or may not arrive in time. This will determine whether two events that occurred in each spectrometer are correlated with the event that originated at the target. If the coincidence pre-trigger is formed, a copy will be sent to scalers and TDCs, while the other copy is sent to a NIM/ECL converter where three copies (may be more) are sent via twisted pairs to every TDC module and the TI, which will be the **ONLY** Trigger Master in coincidence mode. Additional copies (not shown) may need to be sent to the HMS readout crate (ROC 01) as well, since the coincidence pre-trigger[6] is common to all crates.

Once the coincidence pre-trigger is processed by the TI Master in ROC 02, it is sent to a NIM/ECL converter, where a copy is sent to scalers and TDCs, and the other copy is sent to the "TRG" NIM input in the TDC front panel, and daisy-chained with other TDCs in ROC02 and ROC01. The remaining crates in the HMS/SHMS huts receive a copy of the accepted trigger via fiber optics lines running from the TI Master to the TIs in all other crates. The TIs then distribute the accepted trigger to all modules of their respective crates.

[6] A copy of the coincidence pre-trigger will also need to be sent to the HMS/SHMS TDC modules present in the detector huts crates via the patch panel.

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