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## 1. Hardware Structure

### 1.1. General System Lay-out

Fig.1

### 1.2. What is CAMAC?

- **Computer Automated Measurement And Control**  
(also Confuses All Measurement And Control)
- First written specification introduced in 1969  
Updated specification published in 1983  
ESONE EUR 4100, EUR 6100 (Serial Highway)
- The standard defines **mechanical, electrical and logical** characteristics
- A CAMAC crate can house up to 25 modules (stations 1 to 25), the two rightmost slots are reserved for the CAMAC Crate Controller. Ventilation is provided by a removable fan tray. A plug-in power supply unit (500 to 700 W) is mounted at the rear.

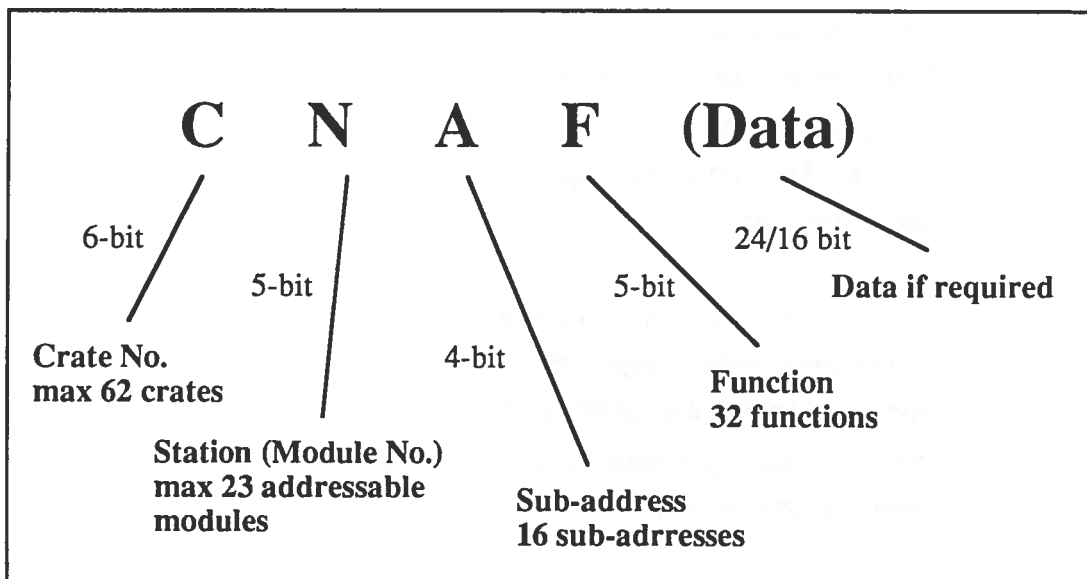
Fig.3

- The communication between the Crate Controller and the other CAMAC modules is handled by the **CAMAC Dataway**. The CAMAC Dataway can be thought of as a large multiplexer working at a maximum speed of approx. 1 MHz.

Fig.2

- Each module can request the attention of the VAX via the **LAM (Look-At-Me)** feature. In the present implementation, the digitizer modules are polled, without making use of the LAM feature

- The communication with a specific module follows a Command/Reply protocol via the **CNAF** addressing scheme



(ref. Fig.3)

Example 1: **C=42, N=10, A=0, F=25**  
 "Start module CADF1 digitizing"

Example 2: **C=42, N=10, A=1, F=16, Data=2048**  
 "Write '2048' in the CADF1 Post Trigger Sample Count register"

### 1.3. The CAMAC Serial Highway: VAX to CAMAC interface and intercrate communication

- The communication is based on a fibre optic serial loop, the CAMAC Serial Highway, with a data throughput of **5 Mbyte/s**. The fibre optic connection provides a noise insensitive and highly reliable communication, as well as galvanic isolation between the crates.
- The interface between the VAX 3200 and the CAMAC Serial Highway is provided by a Kinetic System **2060 SH Driver** connected to the VAX Q-bus via the interface card **D139**. The 2060 **D-ports** signal path is byte-wide with a separate clock.
- The electrical to optical conversion and the serialization of the byte-wide signal + clock is performed by the Kinetic System **U-port Adapter 3939**. Data and clock are encoded on the one single fibre by a Manchester (bi-phase) encoder, with a signal bandwidth of 100 MHz.
- Communication and control of the modules within a crate is done by the Kinetic System '**L2**' **Serial Crate Controller 3952**
- The optical connection is by means of 100/140  $\mu\text{m}$  glass fibres terminated with SMA905 wet-epoxy connectors (in-house facility for fibres termination and attenuation measurements will be available).  
Maximum distance between crates:  $\geq 1 \text{ km @ } 850 \text{ nm}$ , with a typical attenuation of 5 dB/km.
- Adjacent CAMAC crates do not require electro-optical connections (CAMAC cluster)

Fig.4

#### 1.4. The CAMAC Crate Bypass

- Continuity and integrity of the loop are essential in a serial implementation.
- A mechanism is required to exclude a crate from the loop (faulty crate or controller, or simply a need to replace or rearrange one or more modules) without affecting the whole system. This mechanism is the **CAMAC Crate Bypass**.
- Uninterruptable power or battery back-up is also required to maintain the U-port alive.
- A bypass command can be **issued manually** (front panel switch on the U-port), **by the SCC**, or **by the SH Driver**.
- Configurable bypass implementations: **master**, **cluster** and **slave** bypass.

Fig.5

Fig.6

Fig.7

### **1.5. Supported CAMAC modules: INCAA CADF and CADFH digitizers (and the other modules...)**

- The CADF 16 channel digitizer has been selected as the 'work-horse' general purpose digitizer, followed by the CADH 4 channel digitizer for medium speed applications.
  - The two modules are build in Holland by INCAA Computers, following JET specifications and are probably the most 'modern' digitizer currently on the market.
  - **CADF main characteristics:**
    - 16 differential input channels, with simultaneous sample-and hold**
    - 12-bit resolution ( $\pm 10V$  input signal)**
    - sampling rate 10 kHz/16-chan, 50 kHz/ 1-chan**
    - 64-ksample on board memory**
  - **CADH main characteristics:**
    - 4 differential input channels, with simultaneous sample-and hold**
    - 12-bit resolution ( $\pm 10V$  input signal)**
    - sampling rate 125 kHz/4-chan, 500 kHz/ 1-chan  
(analogue input bandwidth > 200 kHz)**
    - 64-ksample on board memory**
-



- Both modules store the digitized data in a circular memory and the user can specify a **post-trigger** (hardware) and a **pre-trigger** (software) value.
- External 'Master Oscillator.', Clock and Trigger inputs allow easy synchronization of multi-module applications. The use of an external dual-frequency clock is envisaged.
- The software drivers for the two modules are virtually identical.
- Many other CAMAC modules are or can be supported:

Fig.8

## 2. Software Structure

### 2.1. Main tasks of the acquisition software

- Establish communication with the distributed acquisition hardware
- User-friendly ( $\pm$ ) interactive modules setup.
- Automated acquisition scan: orderly execution of an acquisition cycle, including initialization of hardware modules, synchronization of events, triggering, transfer of data from local module memories to mass storage archiving memory.
- Creation and management of a database.
- Plotting and analysis of acquired data.

### 2.2. Major components of the acquisition software

- Four major components:
  - ORNL CAMAC Driver**
  - MDS Software**
  - IDL**
  - MATLAB**

Fig.9

### 2.3. The Oak Ridge National Laboratories CAMAC Driver Software Components

- The **VMS Device Driver**, which support the QIO interface to the CAMAC Serial Highway.
- The **CAMAC ACP (Ancillary Control Process)** , which support the management of LAM requests and CAMAC crate control functions.
- A **Library of CAMAC I/O Procedures**: a user tool to perform 'high level' access to specific CAMAC module functions via QIO or ACP.

Example:

```
CAM$STOPW(%descr(key),0,2,nsamples,%val(buffer.address),16)
```

Perform a 'stop on word count' CAMAC I/O, where the command 'read memory and increment memory address register' ( F=2, A=0) is executed nsamples times, and the 16-bit data are stored in a buffer memory addressed by buffer.address.

- The **CTS (CAMAC Topology Supervisor)**, which provides the translation between logical and physical definitions and control over specific module/crate.

Example 1: **Set SHA\*:/Online**

Sets all the crate controller of the Serial Highway 'A' on-line.

Example 2: **Assign SHA1:10 Best\_Diagnostic\_CADF3**

Assign the logical name 'Best\_Diagnostic\_CADF3' to a digitizer module physically located in slot 10 of crate 1 of the Serial Highway 'A'.

Fig.10

## 2.4. MDS Software Major Components

- **MDS** (v.5.2, August 1987) is a **Modular Data Acquisition System** developed at MIT by T.W. Fredian and J.A. Stillerman
- MDS is a large and structured kit of DCL commands, executable images, shareable images, utility tools and synchronization tools that allow the user to create a **site specific data acquisition system**.

Fig.11

## 2.4. The MDS Database

- The MDS Database is a **set of RMS** (Record Management System) **files** described by a database definition text file.
- Data to be stored or retrieved are identified by three identifiers:

**Shot identification:** date and number, number only

**Item** (a record within a shot): a name up to 23 char long

**Level:** defined as one character followed by a dot

Example: **S.MY\_SIGNAL**, where **S.** is the level and **MY\_SIGNAL** is the item.

- **Data compression:** a utility using a 'Delta Compression Method' (by T.W.Fredian) can be used to achieve approximately a factor of four in data reduction.
- **Shells and Templates** can be used to speed up storage time.
- Different **Database Views** can be defined, ie. it is possible to set up more databases pointing at the same data files.

## 2.5. An acquisition cycle

- The acquisition scan is performed by **CSVSCAN** according to the information received by **CSV**. It is essentially a two-phase process composed of an **INIT** phase and a **STORE** phase.

Fig.12

- The CAMAC modules are setup by the user calling up the appropriate form and tabbing through the various fields.

Fig.13

- The synchronization and trigger are provided by 'non-hardware' modules activated in the scantable.

Fig.14

- The data are retrieved from the database and plotted with IDL

Fig.15

## 2.6. Building a new model driver

- To add and run CAMAC (or non CAMAC) modules which are not already included with the MDS software it is necessary to build a specific module driver. This consists essentially of three routines, namely the **INIT**, **STORE** and **SETUP** routines, plus the generation of a **new module form**.

Fig.16

### 3. Speed performances (very preliminary!!!)

- Four CADF modules with **128 kbytes** local memory are used in the present test rig, generating a shot file of **1400 blocks** (700 kbytes).
- Only the **MSHELL** utility has been used.
- The access time to the hard disk represent the real limiting factor during the STORE.
- No other optimisation has yet been tried!
- The data throughput obtained with the above setup is somewhere between **70 kbyte/s** and **100 kbyte/s** for a complete cycle. A shot of **10 Mbytes** would therefore require a maximum storage time of some **2 minutes**, without any further optimisation

### 4. MDS-Plus

- More a re-make than an update.
- Jointly developed at MIT, IGI and LANL.
- Based on the concept of the '**experiment model**': a verbal description of the experiment compiled into optimized data structures.
- Runs with DEC WINDOWS
- More on this subject:

**15 March 1990**

**"MDS-Plus: A Model Driven Data Acquisition System"**

**by G. Flor and G Manduchi, IGI Padova**

## **Appendix A**

CADF Record

## **Appendix B**

CADF Init

## **Appendix C**

CADF Store

## **Appendix D**

CADF Setup

## **Appendix E**

CADF Form

```
DEFINE RECORD CADF$$1_REC.  
CADF$$1 STRUCTURE.  
  NAME          DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 20 CHARACTERS.  
  *            DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 3 CHARACTERS.  
  STORE         DATATYPE IS SIGNED BYTE.  
  INIT          DATATYPE IS SIGNED BYTE.  
  MODEL         DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 16 CHARACTERS.  
  ACTIVE        DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER.  
  EVENT         DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER.  
  COMMENT       DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 32 CHARACTERS.  
  SOURCE        DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 23 CHARACTERS.  
  LENGTH        DATATYPE IS SIGNED WORD.  
  VACANCIES     DATATYPE IS SIGNED WORD.  
  VERSION       DATATYPE IS SIGNED BYTE.  
  
  LAM_SUPPORT  DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER.  
  CLOCK         DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 23 CHARACTERS.  
  SAMPLECLK    DATATYPE IS SIGNED BYTE.  
  MASTER       DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER.  
  CLKGENINT    DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER.  
  POSTTRIG     DATATYPE IS SIGNED LONGWORD.  
  PRETRIG      DATATYPE IS SIGNED LONGWORD.  
  MUXOFFSET    DATATYPE IS SIGNED BYTE.  
  ACTCHAN      DATATYPE IS SIGNED BYTE.  
  TRIGGER      DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 23 CHARACTERS.  
  *            DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 2 CHARACTERS.  
  IN_USE       DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER  
                OCCURS 16 TIMES.  
  SAMPLES      DATATYPE IS SIGNED LONGWORD  
                OCCURS 16 TIMES.  
  CHANNELS     DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 16 CHARACTERS  
                OCCURS 16 TIMES.  
  TOTSAMPLES  DATATYPE IS SIGNED WORD.  
  OPERATION    DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 1 CHARACTER.  
  LOCATION     DATATYPE IS TEXT  
                SIZE IS 18 CHARACTERS.  
END CADF$$1 STRUCTURE.  
END CADF$$1_REC RECORD.
```



```

-----
C
C      Name: CSV$INIT_CADF
C
C      Type: Integer*4 Function
C
C      Author: IGNAZIO PIACENTINI
C
C      Date: 31 January 1990
C
C      Purpose: Initialize INCAA CADF digitizer module.
-----
C
C      Call sequence:
C
C          status = CSV$INIT_CADF ( module_record )
-----
C
C      Description:
C
C      Load CADF descriptor
C      Assign Camac module
C      initialize the module Z
C      build and load the CSR
C      load the PTSC
C      arm the module
C      Start scanning
C      Deassign the module
C      Set return status to success
C      Return
C      End
-----
C+
C      Integer *4 Function CSV$INIT_CADF (module)
C      Implicit none
C
C      Dictionary 'CDD$TOP.MDSS$user.CADF$$1_REC/LIST'
C      Record /CADF$$1/ module
-----
C
C      External functions or symbols referenced:
C
C          Integer*4 CAM$PIOW           ! CAMAC pio
C          External  RMSS NORMAL        ! Success return status
C          Integer*4 OTS$CVT_T_F       ! Convert string to floating
-----
C
C      Subroutines referenced:
-----
C
C      Global variables:
-----
C
C      Local variables:
C
C          Integer*4 KEY                 ! Module key
C          Integer*4 csr                 ! Control and status register
C          Integer*4 ptsc                ! Post trigger sample count register
C          Integer*2 i, last, first      ! First chan, last chan and index of chan
C          Integer*4 INDEX               ! Index of frequencies
C          Real*4   Frequencies (0:9)    ! Clock frequencies
C          + / 0., 50., 20., 10., 5., 2., 1., 0.5, 0.2, 0.1 /
C          Real*4   FREQ                 ! Internal clock frequency
-----
C
C      Executable:
C
C          CALL CSV$ASSIGN(MODULE.NAME,KEY)           ! Get the module record pointer
C
C          CALL CSV$CAMCHK(CAM$PIOW                 ! Initialize module (A0,F28)
C          + (%DESCR(KEY),0,28,0,16),.TRUE.,)
-----
C
C          find how many channels are active -----
C
C          do i=1,16
C              if (module.in_use(i).eq.'Y') last=i      ! Get first and last channel in_use
C              if (module.in_use(17-i).eq.'Y') first= (17-i)
C          enddo
C
C          module.muxoffset = first-1                   ! Find muxoffset value
C
C          module.actchan = 0                           ! Initialize module.actchan
C          if (last - first .gt. 0) module.actchan = 1  ! module.actchan = 1
C          if (last - first .gt. 1) module.actchan = 2  ! module.actchan = 2
C          if (last - first .gt. 3) module.actchan = 3  ! module.actchan = 3
C          if (last - first .gt. 7) module.actchan = 4  ! module.actchan = 4
-----
C
C          build up and load the CSR -----

```

```

C
C
      csr = 0                                ! Initialize CSR
      If (OTSSCVT T F(module.clock,         ! If clock internal
+     FREQ,..%val(1))) Then
          Do INDEX = 1,9                      ! Scan frequencies
+             If (FREQ.EQ.Frequencies      ! Find frequency match
+             (INDEX)) Then
                  CALL LIB$INSV            ! Insert clock frequency code
+             (INDEX,0.4,csr)
          End if
      Else
          CALL LIB$INSV (0,0.4,csr)         ! Insert external clock code
      End if

C
C
      CALL LIB$INSV (module.actchan,4,3,csr) ! Insert no. of active channels

C
C
      CALL LIB$INSV (module.muxoffset,7,4,csr) ! Insert multiplexer offset

C
C
      If (module.master.NE.'Y')             ! If not master
+     CALL LIB$INSV (module.master,11,1,csr) ! Insert '1' in the CSR

C
C
      If (module.clkgenint.NE.'Y')         ! If clock gen is external
+     CALL LIB$INSV (module.clkgenint,12,1,csr) ! Insert '1' in the CSR

C
C
      CALL CSV$CAMCHK(CAM$PIOW              ! Load the CSR (A2,F16)
+     (%DESCR(KEY),2,16,csr,16)..TRUE..)

C
C
----- get and load the Post Trigger Sample Counter -----
      ptsc = module.posttrig                ! Get the PTSC value
      CALL CSV$CAMCHK(CAM$PIOW              ! Load the PTSC register (A1,F16)
+     (%DESCR(KEY),1,16,ptsc,16)..TRUE..)

C
C
----- arm, start digitising and deassign the module -----
      CALL CSV$CAMCHK(CAM$PIOW              ! Arm the module
+     (%DESCR(KEY),0,11,0,16)..TRUE..)

C
C
      CALL CSV$CAMCHK(CAM$PIOW              ! Start digitising
+     (%DESCR(KEY),0,25,0,16)..TRUE..)

C
C
      CALL CAM$DASSGN(KEY)                  ! Deassign the module

C
C
      csv$init_cadf = %loc(rms$_normal)     ! Return the success code

RETURN
END

```

```

-----
C
C      Name: CSV$STORE_CADF
C
C      Type: Integer*4 Function
C
C      Author: Ignazio Piacentini
C              CRPP EPFL
C
C      Date:   31 Jan 1990
C
C      Purpose: Store data from INCAA CADF digitizer module
C
-----
C
C      Call sequence:
C
C      status = CSV$STORE_CADF(module_descriptor)
C
C      Where:
C
C      status           - return status
C      module_descriptor - module description record
C
-----
C
C      Description:
C
C      OPTIONS /CHECK=NOOVERFLOW /EXTEND
C      Integer*4 Function CSV$STORE_CADF(module)
C      Implicit none
C
C      Dictionary 'CDD$TOP.MDS$user.cadf$$1_REC'
C
C      Record /cadf$$1/module
C
-----
C
C      External functions or symbols referenced:
C
C      Integer*4 CAM$ASSIGN           ! Assign camac module
C      Integer*4 CAM$PIOW             ! Camac PI/O
C      Integer*4 CAM$XANDQ            ! Check for X and Q present
C      Integer*4 CAM$STOPW            ! Stop on word count CAMAC pio
C      Integer*4 OT$SCVT T F          ! Convert text to floating point
C      External CSV$NOT_TRIGGERED     ! Error message 'Module not triggered!'
C      External RMSS_NORMAL           ! Success return status
C      External TDB$K_DTYPE_W         ! Byte data type
C
-----
C
C      Subroutines referenced:
C
C
-----
C
C      Global variables:
C
C      Include 'MDS$ROOT:[SYSLIB]FORMDSDEF.TLB($TDBDEF)'
C
-----
C
C      Local variables:
C
C      Structure /DYNAMIC_BUFFER/
C      Integer*4 LENGTH /0/
C      Integer*4 ADDRESS /0/
C      End Structure
C
C      Record /DYNAMIC_BUFFER/ BUFFER
C
C      Integer*4      nchan,nsamples,ntime,ipt
C      Integer*4      CHANNEL           ! Channel designator
C      Integer*4      I
C      Integer*4      KEY               ! Module key
C      Integer*4      NAMLEN            ! The length of the name string
C      Integer*4      SAMPLES           ! number of samples to store
C      Integer*4      SHOTID            ! TDB shot id
C      Real*4         DELTA T            ! Sampling frequency of module
C      Real*4         OFFSET(6)         ! Polarity of each channel
C      Real*4         VECTOR(2) /0.0..0048828/ ! vector to make volts
C      Character*(TDB$S_NAME)          ! Clock name string
C      Integer*2      CSR               ! Control and status Register
C      Integer*4      OLDMAR            ! Old value of Mem Add Register
C      Integer*4      MAR               ! Memory address register
C      Integer        SAMPLE_CLOCK      ! Module sample clock (0=ext.)
C      Integer        nchannels         ! Number of active chan
C      Integer        channels_code     ! Coded number of active chan
C      Integer        n_samples         ! No. of samples
C      Integer        mux_offset        ! Multiplexer offset
C      Integer        current_state     ! Module current state
C
C      Real          dts(9)
C      Data          +
C                   dts/20.E-6,50.E-6,100.E-6,200.E-6,
C                   500.E-6,1.E-3,2.E-3,5.E-3,10.E-3/
C
C      Integer*4      PTSC              ! Post Trigger Sample Counter
C      Integer*4      Trig_point        ! Trigger point
C      Integer*4      max_samples        ! Largest no. of samples
C
-----

```



```

C
C
C-----
C
C      Name:   CSV$SETUP_CADF
C
C      Type:   Integer*4 Function
C
C      Author: Ignazio Piacentini
C              EPFL-CRPP-TCV
C
C      Date:   31 January 1990
C
C      Purpose: Setup the CADF model type
C
C              (modification of existing L8837 setup)
C-----
C
C      Call sequence:
C
C      status = CSV$SETUP_CADF( operation, channel, lib_id, modrec)
C-----
C
C      Property of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA 02139.
C      This program cannot be copied or distributed in any form for non-MIT
C      use without specific written approval of MIT Plasma Fusion Center
C      Management.
C-----
C
C      Description:
C
C      Clear the screen first time into form
C      Initialize operation
C      Open request library
C      If not successful
C      Signal error
C      Else
C      Do while not done
C      Do request
C      If not successful
C      Signal the error
C      Set done flag
C      End if
C      End do
C      Close the library
C      End if
C      No vacancies
C      Return the operation code
C      Return
C      End
C
C-----
C
C      Options /EXTEND
C      Function CSV$SETUP_CADF( operation, channel, lib_id, module )
C      Implicit none
C
C      Integer*4 CSV$SETUP_CADF
C
C      Character*1 operation
C      Integer*4 channel
C      Integer*4 lib_id
C      Dictionary 'CDD$TOP.MDSS$USER.CADF$$1_REC'
C      Record /CADF$$1/ module
C-----
C
C      External functions or symbols referenced:
C
C      Integer*4 TSS$REQUEST
C      Integer*4 TSS$OPEN_RLB
C-----
C
C      Subroutines referenced:
C
C-----
C
C      Global variables:
C
C      Include 'SYS$LIBRARY:FORSYSDEF($LN$MDEF)'
C-----
C
C      Local variables:
C
C      Integer*4 RLB
C      Structure /LNM_ITMLST/
C      Integer*2 LENGTH /25/
C      Integer*2 CODE /LNMS STRING/
C      Integer*4 ADDRESS /0/
C      Integer*4 LENADDR /0/
C      Integer*4 ENDLST /0/
C      End structure
C      Record /LNM_ITMLST/ ITMLST
C      Integer*4 LENGTH
C-----
C
C      Executable:
C
C      IF (operation .EQ. 'A') THEN
C          module.LENGTH = %LOC(module.OPERATION) - %LOC(module)
C          ! If add operation
C          ! Load length

```

```
module.MODEL = 'CADF'
module.VERSION = 1
ELSE
  IF (module.VERSION .NE. 1) THEN
    CALL TSS$WRITE MSG_LINE(channel,
+   'Invalid version - Use UPGRADE command')
    operation = 'Q'
    RETURN
  END IF
END IF
ITMLST.ADDRESS = %LOC(module.LOCATION)
ITMLST.LENADDR = %LOC(LENGTH)
module.OPERATION = operation
CSV$SETUP_CADF = TSS$OPEN_RLB
+ ('SYS$LIBRARY:CSV$CADF.RLB',RLB)
IF (.NOT.CSV$SETUP_CADF) THEN
  CALL TSS$WRITE MSG_LINE(channel,
+   'Unable to open setup request library')
ELSE
  DO WHILE (INDEX('ADMV',module.OPERATION) .NE. 0)
    module.LOCATION = ' '
    CALL SYS$TRNLNM(LNM$M CASE BLIND,'LNM$SYSTEM TABLE',module.NAME(1:LENGTH),,ITMLST)
    CSV$SETUP_CADF=TSS$REQUEST(channel,RLB,'CADF_REQ',module)
    IF (.NOT.CSV$SETUP_CADF) THEN
      CALL TSS$SIGNAL
      module.OPERATION = 'Q'
    END IF
  END DO
  CALL TSS$CLOSE_RLB(RLB)
END IF
operation = module.OPERATION
RETURN
END
```

```
! Load model
! Load version
! Else
! If invalid version
! Write message
! Quit
! Return
! End if
! End if
! Initialize operation
! Open request library
! If not successful
! Signal error
! Else
! Do while not done
! If not successful
! Signal the error
! Set done flag
! End if
! End do
! Close the library
! End if
! Return the operation code
! Return
! End
```

Form name: CADF FORM  
Form path name: \_CDD\$TOP.MDS\$USER.CADF\_FORM  
Help form name:  
Help form path name:  
Beginning line number: 1  
Last line number: 23  
Form screen width: 80  
Date/time form was stored in CDD: 14-FEB-1990 13:10:31.20  
Highlight attributes: BOLD, REVERSE, UNDERLINE,

Field Access Order List:

Field name	Subscript
ACTIVE	
COMMENT	
INIT	
STORE	
EVENT	
LAM_SUPPORT	
MASTER	
CLKGENINT	
POSTTRIG	
PRETRIG	
TRIGGER	
CLOCK	
IN USE	[1]
SAMPLES	[1]
CHANNELS	[1]
IN USE	[2]
SAMPLES	[2]
CHANNELS	[2]
IN USE	[3]
SAMPLES	[3]
CHANNELS	[3]
IN USE	[4]
SAMPLES	[4]
CHANNELS	[4]
IN USE	[5]
SAMPLES	[5]
CHANNELS	[5]
IN USE	[6]
SAMPLES	[6]
CHANNELS	[6]
IN USE	[7]
SAMPLES	[7]
CHANNELS	[7]
IN USE	[8]
SAMPLES	[8]
CHANNELS	[8]
IN USE	[9]
SAMPLES	[9]
CHANNELS	[9]
IN USE	[10]
SAMPLES	[10]
CHANNELS	[10]

Form CADF\_FORM  
Form Definition

2-MAR-1990 16:06:11  
2-MAR-1990 16:06:11

VAX FDU V1.8A-0  
SYSSINPUT:[]COM; (1

IN USE	[11]
SAMPLES	[11]
CHANNELS	[11]
IN USE	[12]
SAMPLES	[12]
CHANNELS	[12]
IN USE	[13]
SAMPLES	[13]
CHANNELS	[13]
IN USE	[14]
SAMPLES	[14]
CHANNELS	[14]
IN USE	[15]
SAMPLES	[15]
CHANNELS	[15]
IN USE	[16]
SAMPLES	[16]
CHANNELS	[16]





FIELD DEFINITIONS

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Field name: ACTIVE  
Field length: 1  
Field picture type: ALPHABETIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: N  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter "Y" to activate data storage for this module or "N" to de-activate.  
Attributes assigned: RESPONSE REQUIRED, UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: DOUBLE WIDE,  
Field Validator: CHOICE  
Abbreviation char/len: 0  
CASE MATCH:  
Y  
N

1.11

Field name: NAME  
Field length: 20  
Field picture type: ALPHANUMERIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Attributes assigned:  
Display attributes: BOLD, DOUBLE WIDE, DISPLAY ONLY,

2.1

Field name: LOCATION  
Field length: 25  
Field picture type: ALPHANUMERIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Attributes assigned:  
Display attributes: DISPLAY ONLY,

5.9

Field name: COMMENT  
Field length: 32  
Field picture type: ALPHANUMERIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter purpose or owner of the module for general information.  
Attributes assigned:  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

6.50

Field name: IN\_USE  
Field length: 1  
Field picture type: ALPHABETIC , VERTICALLY INDEXED AND REPEATED 16 TIMES  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: Y

Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter Yes or No (Y/N) to turn on and off this channel  
Attributes assigned: UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

6.54

Field name: SAMPLES  
Field length: 5  
Field scale factor: 0  
Field picture type: UNSIGNED NUMERIC , VERTICALLY INDEXED AND REPEATED 16 TIMES  
Field datatype: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Default value: 2048  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter the number of the samples to store for this channel  
Attributes assigned: RIGHT JUSTIFY,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

6.62

Field name: CHANNELS  
Field length: 16  
Field picture type: ALPHANUMERIC , VERTICALLY INDEXED AND REPEATED 16 TIMES  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter the name for this channels. Leave blank to turn off  
Attributes assigned: UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

11.19

Field name: INIT  
Field length: 2  
Field scale factor: 0  
Field picture type: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Field datatype: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Default value: 0  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter initialization sequence number (0-disable) (lowest seq# done first)  
Attributes assigned: RIGHT JUSTIFY,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

11.40

Field name: STORE  
Field length: 2  
Field scale factor: 0  
Field picture type: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Field datatype: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Default value: 0  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter sequence number for store operation (0-disable). (Lowest seq# first)  
Attributes assigned: RIGHT JUSTIFY,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

12.20

Field name: EVENT  
Field length: 1  
Field picture type: ALPHABETIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: N  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter Y to have the module generate a completion event on store operations  
Attributes assigned: AUTOTAB, RESPONSE REQUIRED, UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

12.41

Field name: LAM\_SUPPORT  
Field length: 1  
Field picture type: ALPHABETIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: N  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter Y if LAM support is enabled in this crate  
Attributes assigned: AUTOTAB, RESPONSE REQUIRED, UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

15.18

Field name: MASTER  
Field length: 1  
Field picture type: ALPHABETIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: Y  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter Y to set the module in MASTER mode, N to set the module in SLAVE mode  
Attributes assigned: AUTOTAB, RESPONSE REQUIRED, UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

15.41

Field name: CLKGENINT  
Field length: 1  
Field picture type: ALPHABETIC  
Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: Y  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter Y to select the internal 1MHz clock gen, N to select an external 1MHz  
Attributes assigned: AUTOTAB, RESPONSE REQUIRED, UPPERCASE,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

16.14

Field name: POSTTRIG  
Field length: 5  
Field scale factor: 0  
Field picture type: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Field datatype: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Default value: 00000  
Fill character: ' '

Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter no. of post trigger samples to be taken (min=0, max=max no. of samples  
Attributes assigned: RIGHT JUSTIFY,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

16,37

Field name: PRETRIG  
Field length: 5  
Field scale factor: 0  
Field picture type: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Field datatype: UNSIGNED NUMERIC  
Default value: 00000  
Fill character: ' '  
Clear character: ' '  
Field help text: Enter no. of pre trig samples to be taken (check amount of mem/chan availabl  
Attributes assigned: RIGHT JUSTIFY,  
Display attributes: REVERSE,

19,19

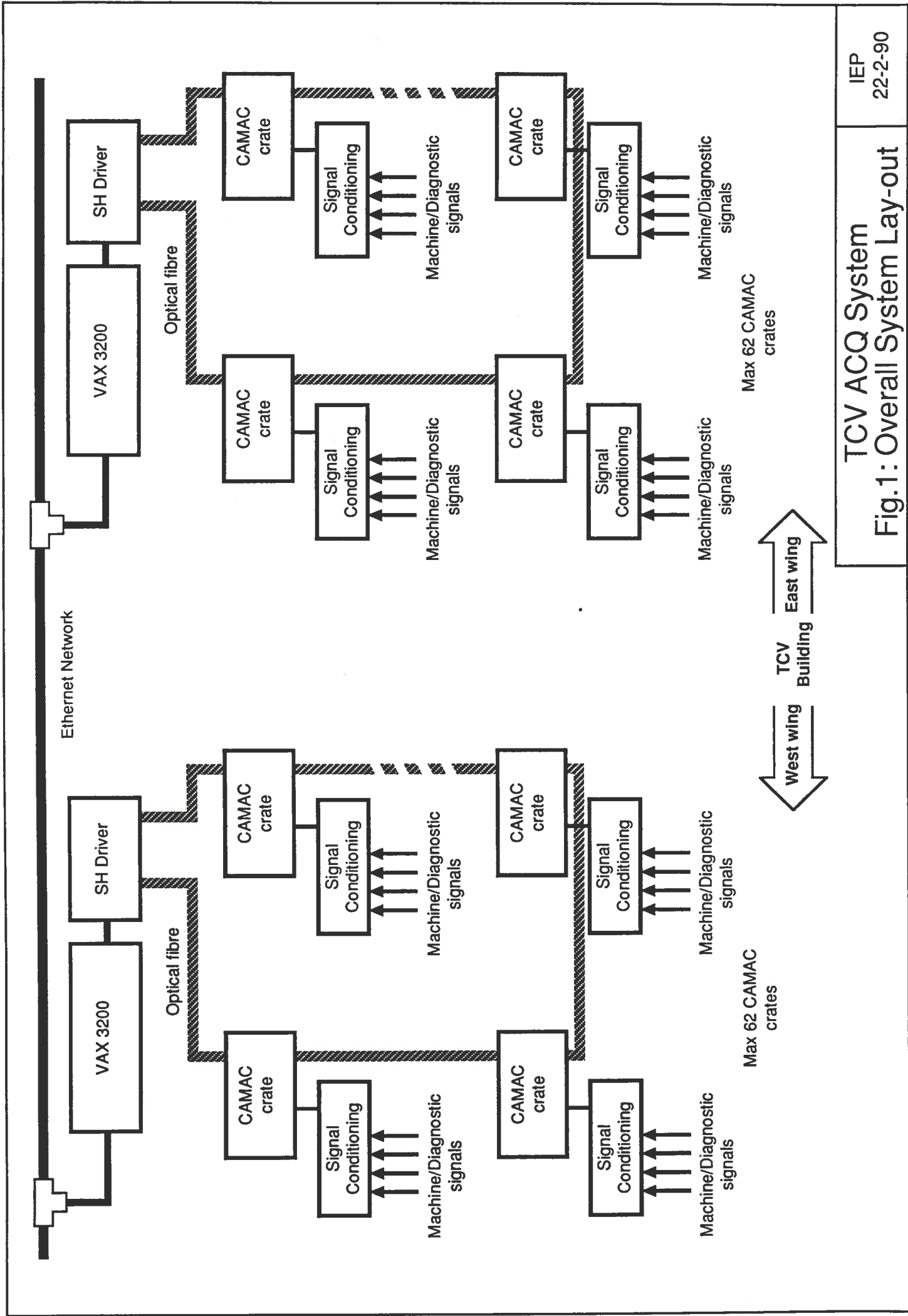
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Field length: 23  
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Field datatype: TEXT  
Default value: 0.0  
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Field help text: Enter time of trigger (seconds) or name of external trigger.  
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Display attributes: REVERSE,

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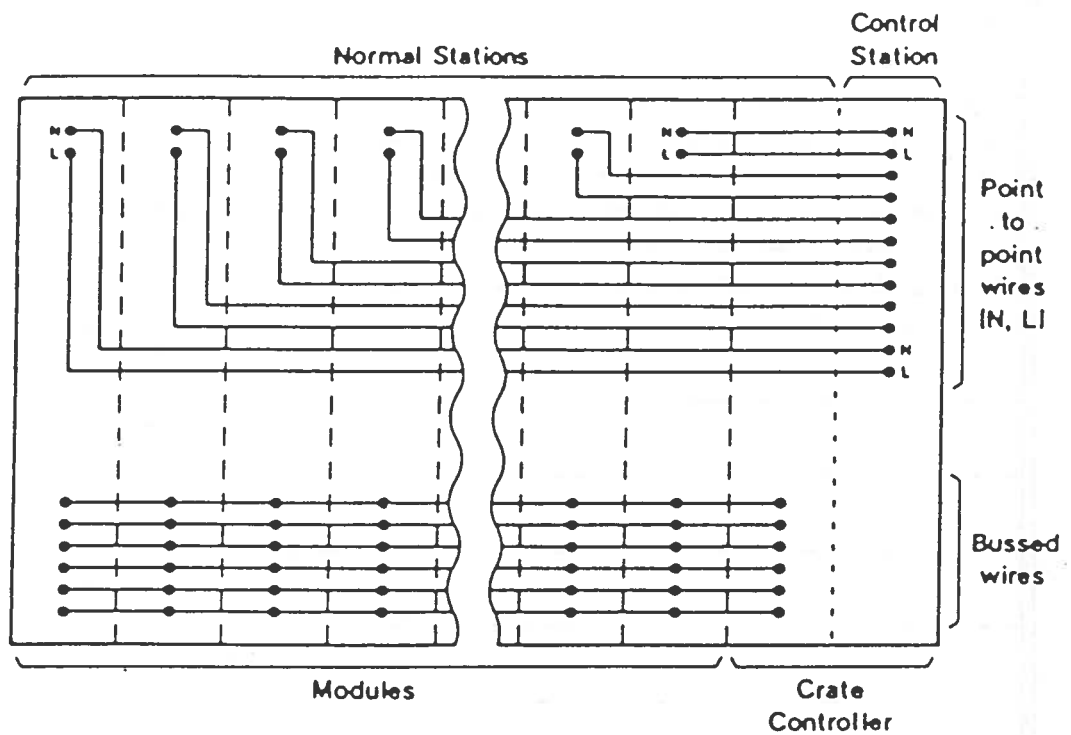
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Fill character: ' '  
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Field help text: Clock freq.(kHz) 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.2, 0.1 or name of external cloc  
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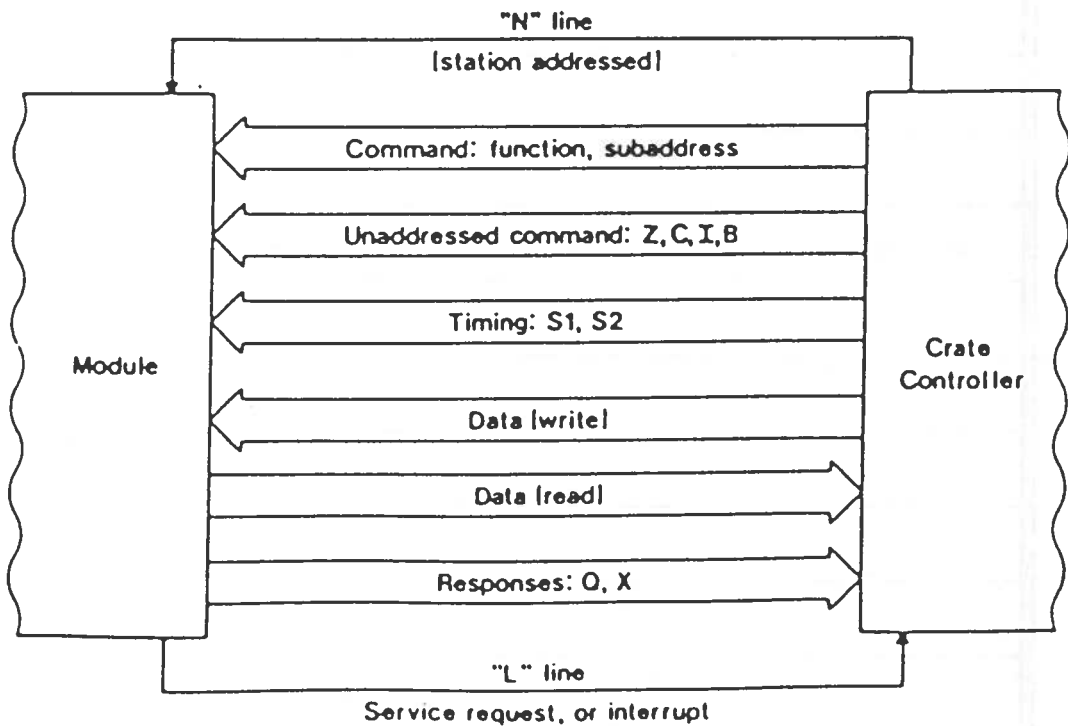
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Display attributes: DISPLAY ONLY,



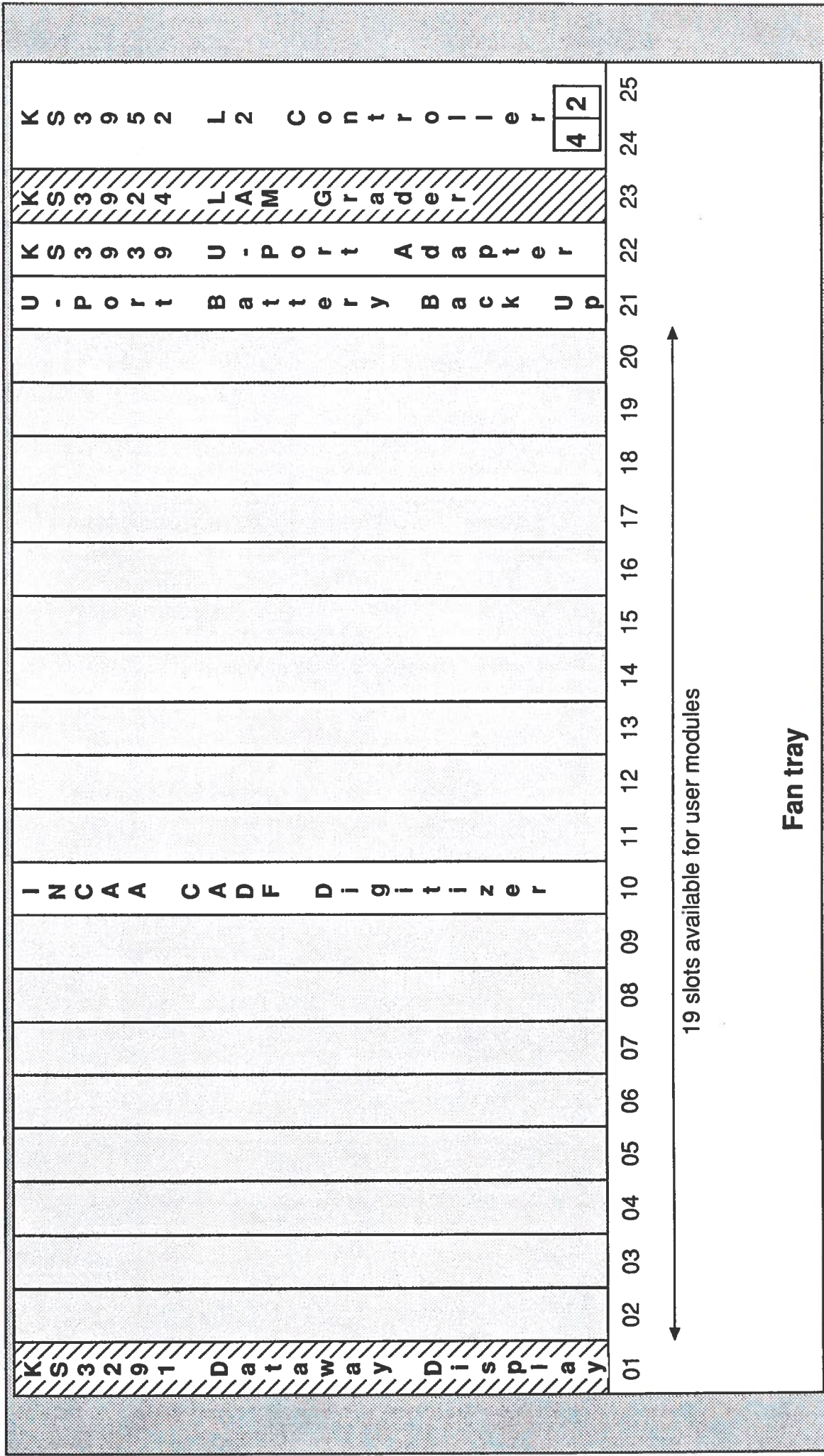
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 Fig.1: Overall System Lay-out



a. Signal flow between modules and crate controller.

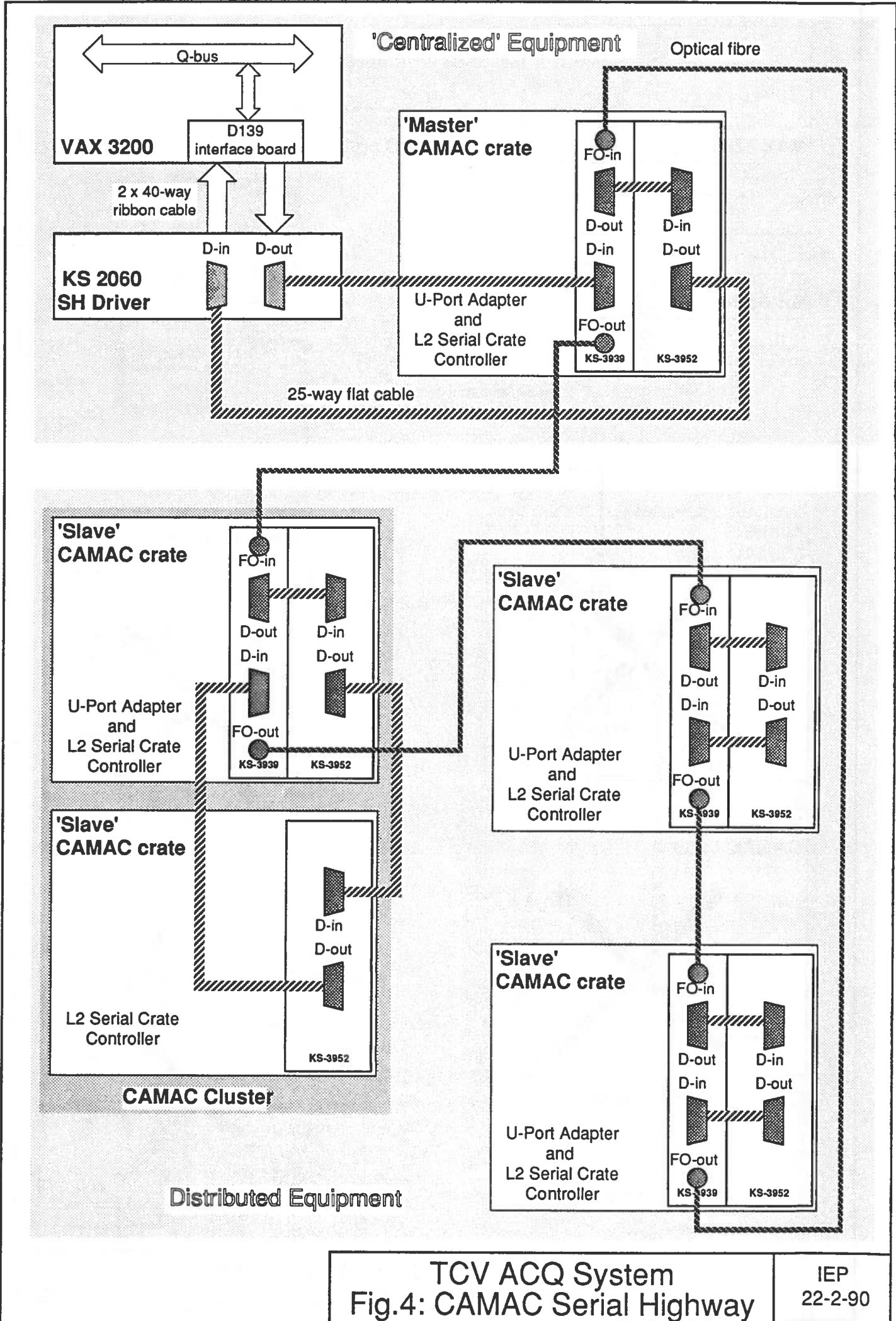


b. Simplified diagram of Dataway layout.

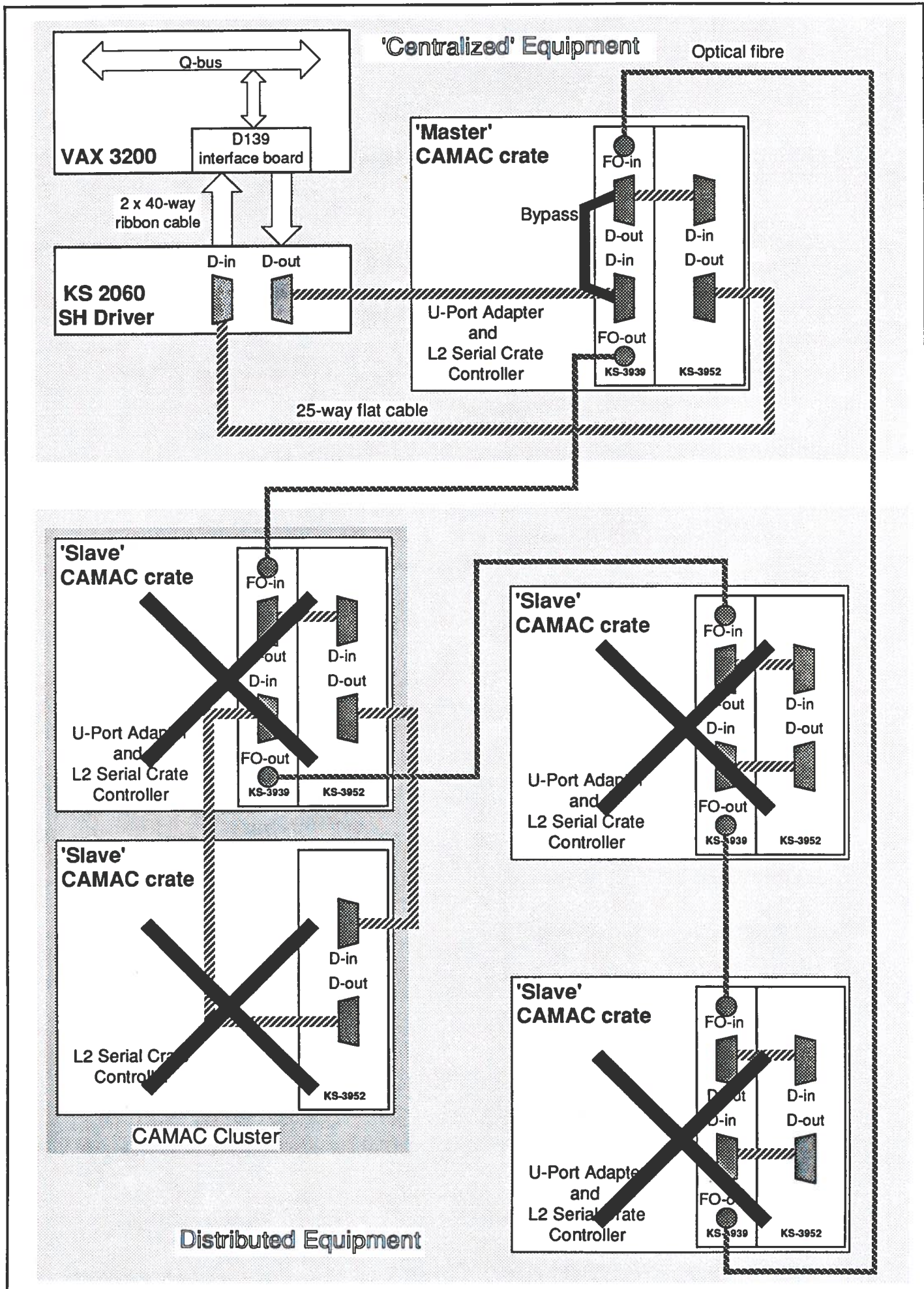


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 Fig.3: CAMAC modules allocation

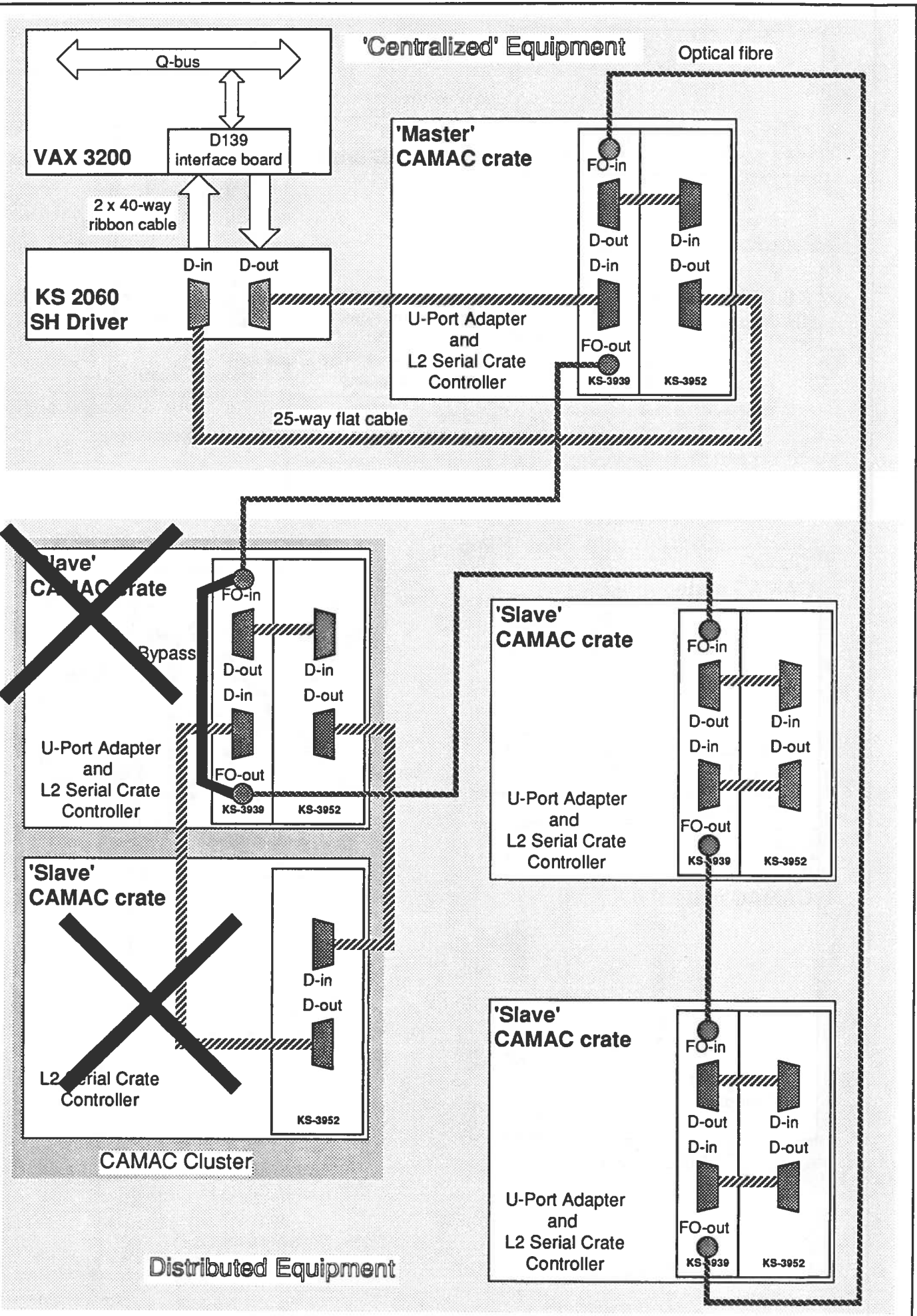




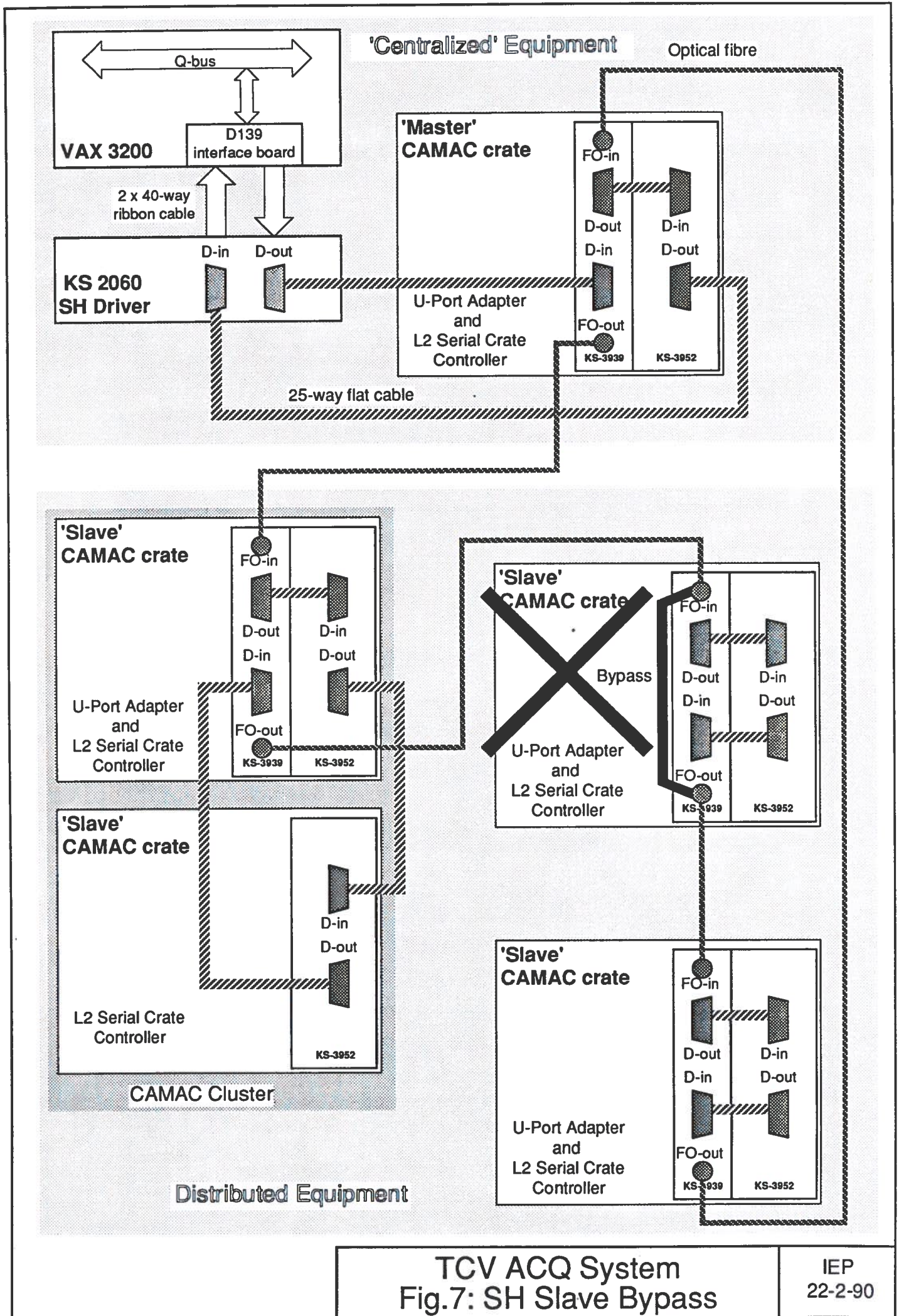
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Fig.4: CAMAC Serial Highway



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Fig.5: SH 'Master' Bypass



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Fig.6: SH Cluster Bypass



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Fig.7: SH Slave Bypass

**Supported CSV Models**

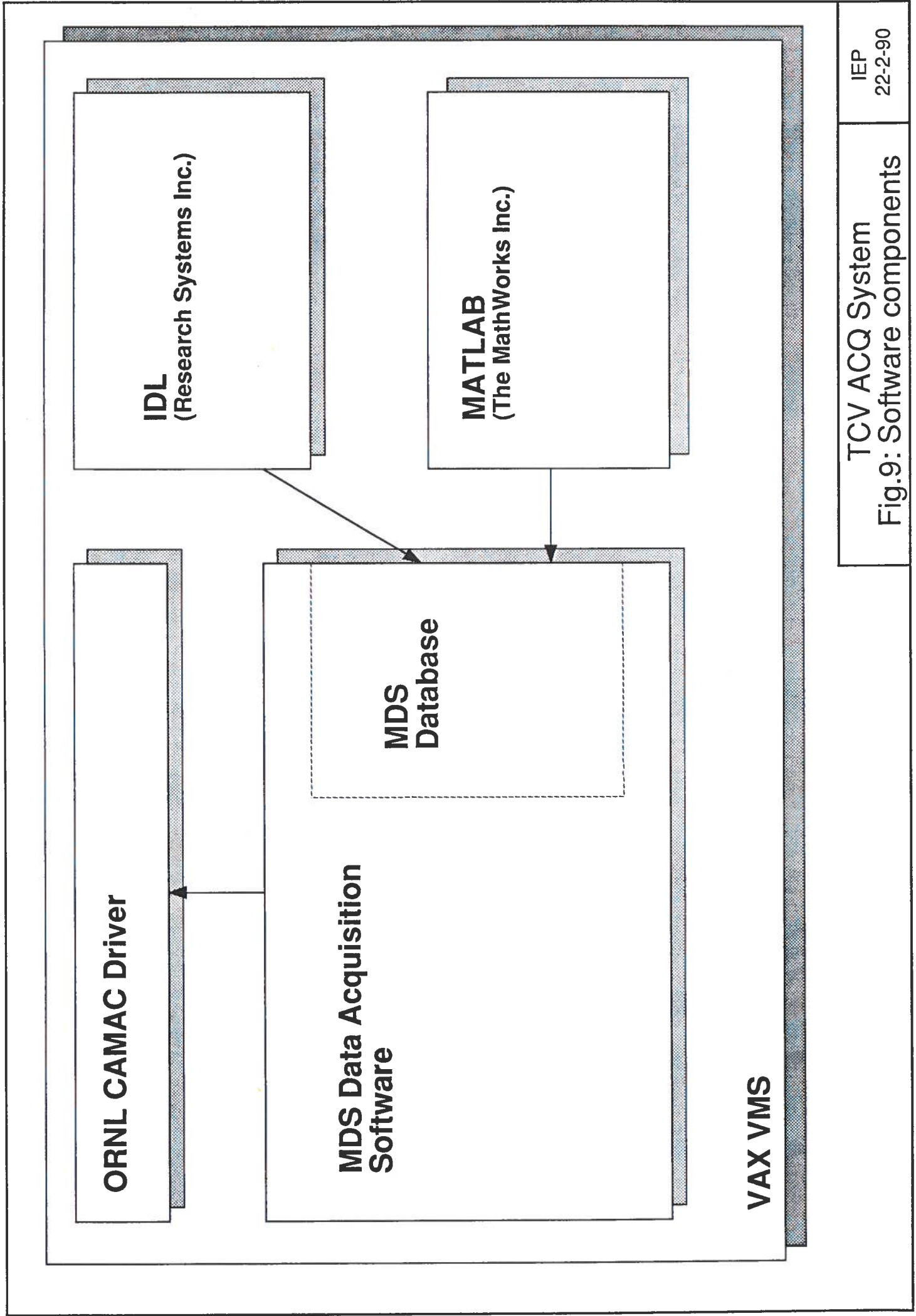
A	A12	Aurora 12 6 channel Digitizer (FB)
B	AEON3204	AEON programmable gain amplifier
C	B2408	BiRa 2408 Serial Time Interval Counter
D	B5910	BiRa 5910 4 Channel Signal Generator
E	CADF	TESTING
F	CALL_SYMBOL	Call routine in shared image
G	CCL	Camac Control Language Module
H	CSVCTL	Camac Server Control Events
I	D2101	DSP Signal averager (4100 and 2101s)
J	D2108	DSP Signal averager (4100 and 2108s)
K	FLOAT	Floating point Constants Module
L	J1808	Jorway Phase digitizer
M	J221	Jorway 12 Channel Timing and Sequencing Module
N	L2232	LeCroy 12 bit 32 channel single sample digitizer
O	L2250	LeCroy Charge sensitive 12 channel Fast buffered A
P	L2256	LeCroy 8 bit 20 Mhz Waveform digitizer
Q	L2264	LeCroy 8 bit 8 channel datalogger
R	L2415	LeCroy Programable High Voltage Power Supply

Enter the letter of the desired model, or <KEYPAD 1> to quit.

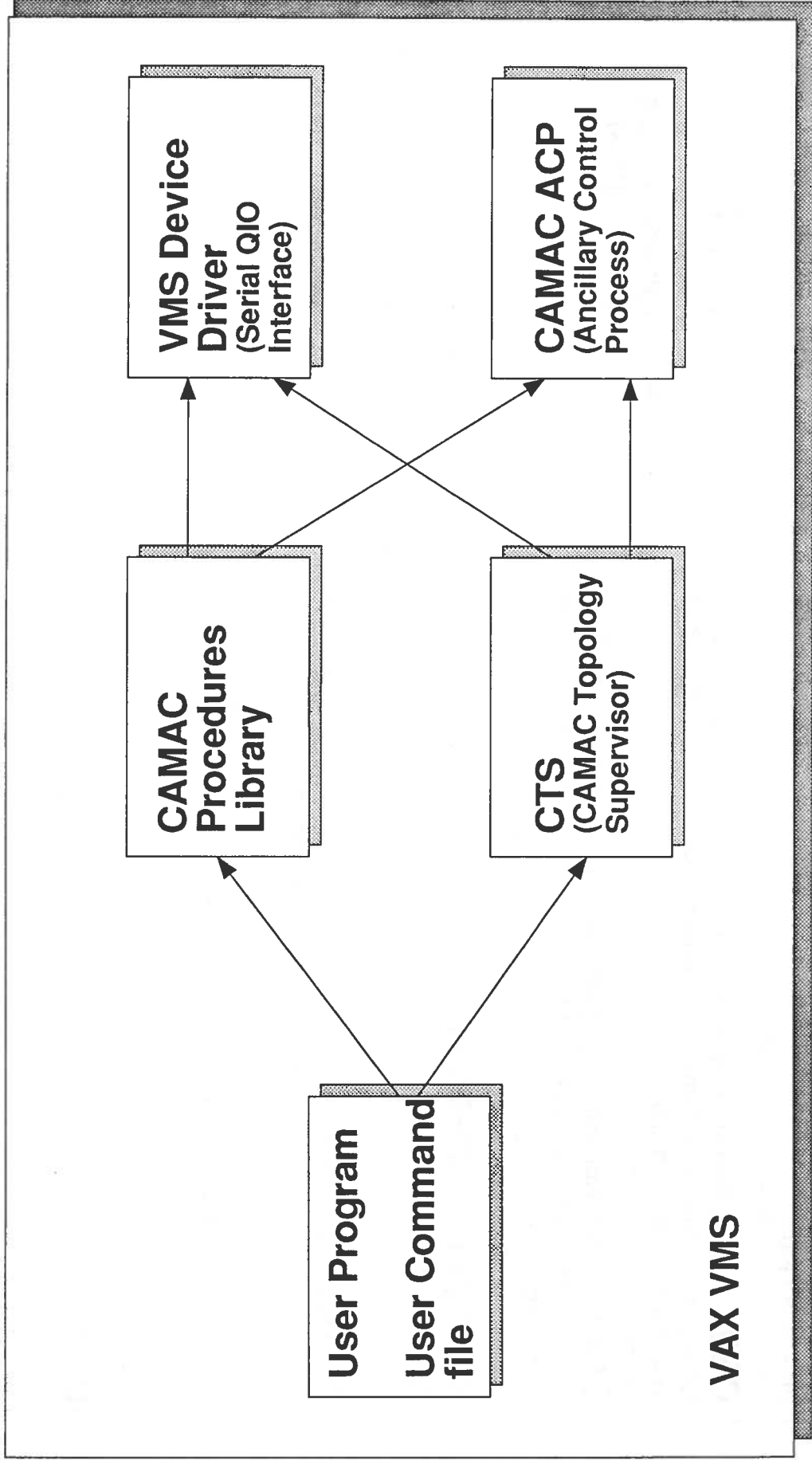
**Supported CSV Models**

A	L4222	LeCroy Quad, Wide Range, Gate and Delay Generator
B	L8201	LeCroy Dual-Port Memory Module (download only)
C	L8210	LeCroy Quad 10-Bit Transient Digitizer
D	L8212	LeCroy 4, 8, 16 or 32 channel datalogger
E	L8501	LeCroy 3-Speed Programmable Clock
F	L8590	LeCroy 100 Mhz latching Scaler
G	L8601	LeCroy Quad Programmable Complex Function Generato
H	L8828	LeCroy 200 Msample/Sec digitizer & 2323 GATE/Delay
I	L8837	LeCroy 32 Megasample / Second Transient Recorder
J	LAMWAIT	Wait for CAMAC Module to Generate LAM
K	LOCK_FILE	LOCK / UNLOCK an MDF file
L	MAKE_FILE	Create a shot file
M	SETEVENT	Generate an MDS event
N	SET_DATABASE	Select MDS Database
O	SUBMIT	Submit a VMS Batch Job
P	T2001	Transiac 100 Mhz 8 Bit Transient Recorder
Q	T2010	Transiac 10 Bit Waveform Digitizer
R	T4012	Transiac TRAQ I Controller

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Fig.9: Software components



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 Fig.10: ORNL CAMAC Driver

**CSVSCAN:** Table driven acquisition program 'scanner' that executes all the active modules (hardware and software) present on a 'scan table'.

**CSV:** CAMAC Server, an interpreter used to generate the input tables controlling the scanner. The verb SETUP provides access to individual module forms.

**CCL:** CAMAC Command Language, an interpreter for CAMAC testing and diagnostic. Also used to implement 'write only' modules for the scanner.

**SETEVENT / WFEVENT:** MDS 'events' used as synchronization tools.

**MSHELL:** Utility that creates an empty 'shell' file from an existing data file in the database. Used to speed up data archiving.

**COMPRESS:** Used to compress MDS data files.

## MDS Utilities

## VAX VMS

**MDS RTL**  
(Shared Images and Libraries)

**User Program**  
(Any language conforming to VAX VMS calling standards)

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Fig.11: MDS Major Components



## CSV Camac Server Setup

- A Add a new module to the table
- C Copy the current module to a new module
- D Delete the current module
- E Exit from CSV
- M Modify the current module
- P Pick the current module
- R Rename the current module
- S Spawn a subprocess to execute DCL commands (logout to return)
- T Toggle the current module on or off
- U Use a different CSV configuration file
- V View the current module
- X Xpert operations

CSV setup file name: USER: [IGNAZIO.MDS] SCANTABLE.MDF; 1

Select desired action                      Selection:

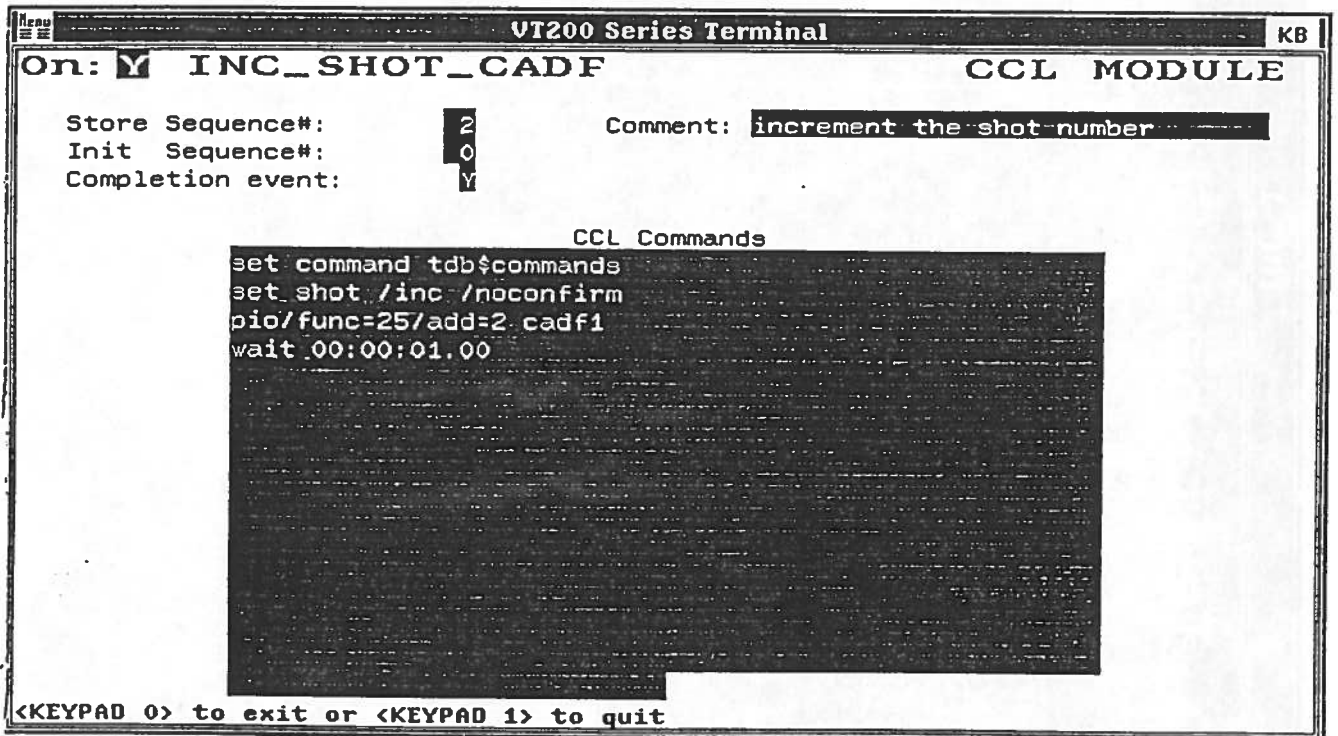
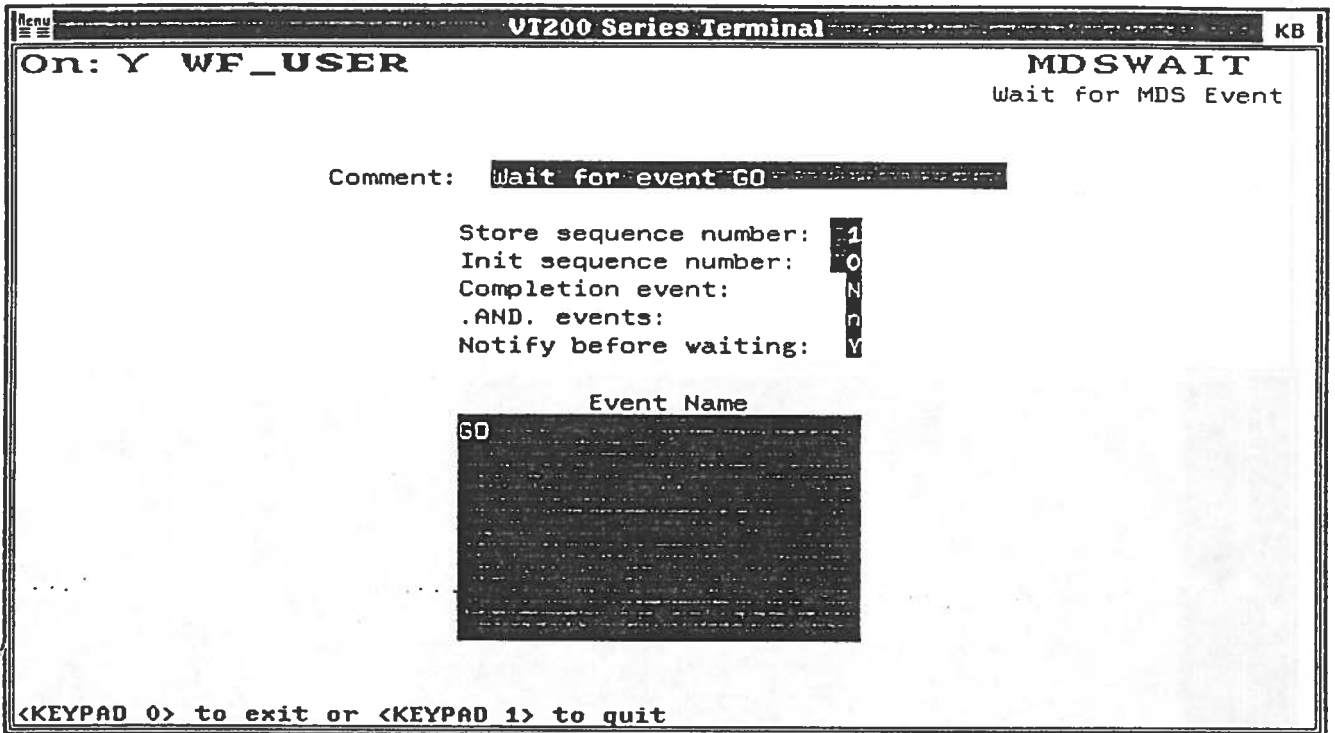
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			I	S	
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B	*CADF2	CADF	9	9	Acquisition Test-bed
C	*CADF3	CADF	8	8	Acquisition Test-bed
D	*CADF4	CADF	7	7	Acquisition Test-bed
E	CADF_NEW	CADF	0	0	
F	INC_SHOT	CCL	0	2	increment the shot number
G	*INC_SHOT_CADF	CCL	0	2	increment the shot number
H	INC_SHOT_MANTRIG	CCL	0	2	increment the shot number
I	LECROY8501	L8501	2	2	programmable clock gen.
J	LECROY8837	L8837	10	10	This is a sample digitizer
K	*SET_DATABASE	SET_DATABASE	1	1	Select MDS database to write
L	SIMIK_1	SIMIK	5	10	simik box comment
M	*WF_USER	WFEVENT	0	1	Wait for event GO

Enter letter of desired modu:

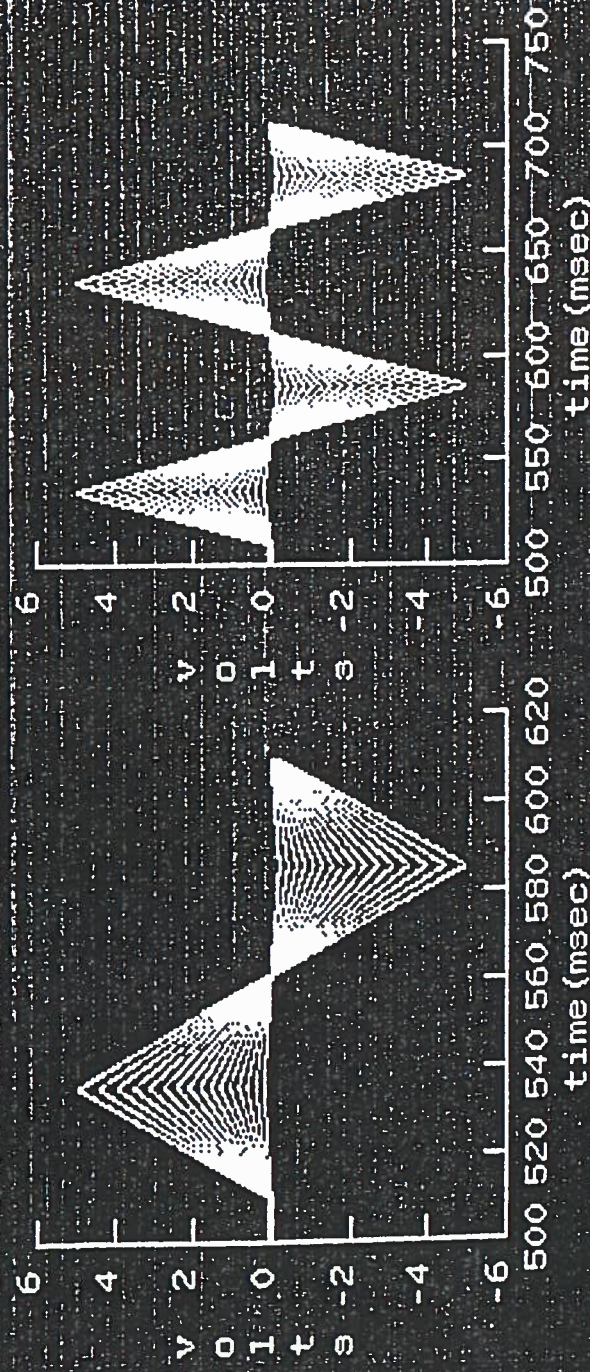
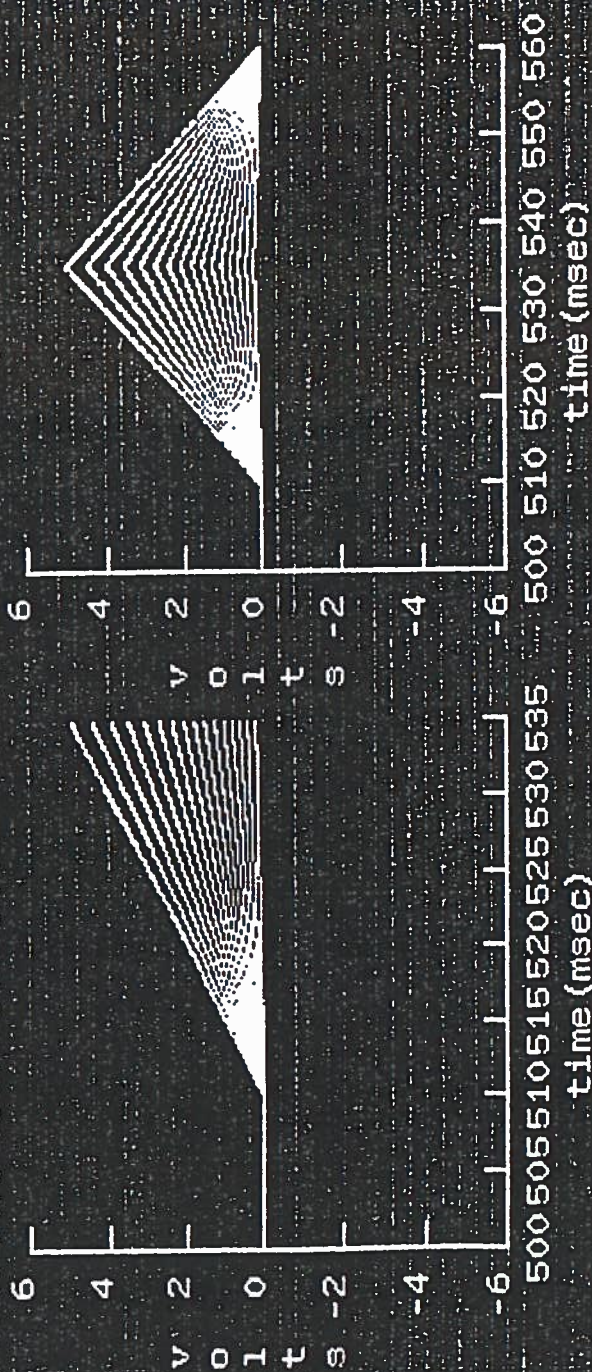
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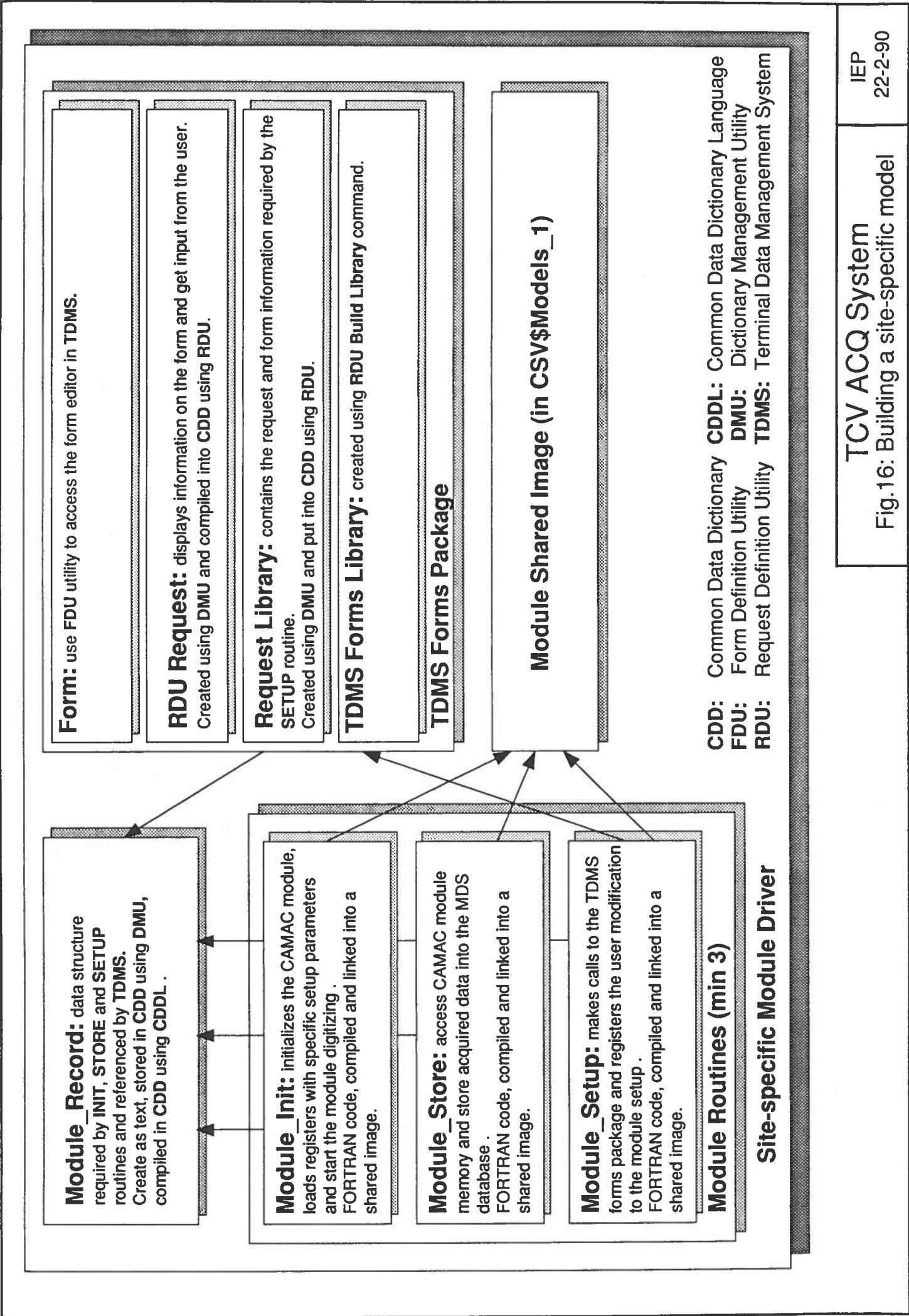
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# ACQ Test-bed Shot # 1





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 Fig.16: Building a site-specific model

