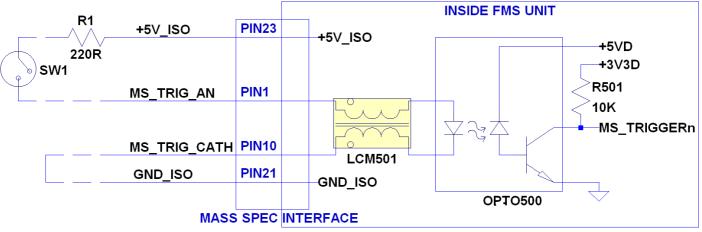
Owlstone UltraFAIMS-External Triggering using the MS Interface port

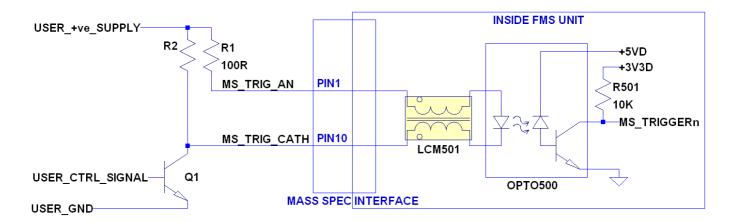
The MS interface presented to the user on the ultraFAIMS control unit casework is an optically isolated communications port containing 7 digital inputs and 3 digital outputs.

One of these digital inputs is known as the trigger line.

In order to cause a trigger condition the LED inside the opto-isolator must be driven correctly with a supply current of ~15mA. Two methods of providing this function can be seen below:



The first is by using a switch or relay contact in position SW1. R1 must be included in any setup to drop the required voltage for the LED to ~1.7Vdc and to limit the LED current to ~15mA. A cable drawing for a suitable solution can be found on the next page.



The second option is to use a digital signal driven by a device capable of sinking or sourcing the required 15mA such as an open collector inverter or buffer.

R2 is dependent on the selection of Q1.

Applying a positive signal to turn Q1 on will cause the MS_TRIGGERn line to fall resulting in a trigger condition.

