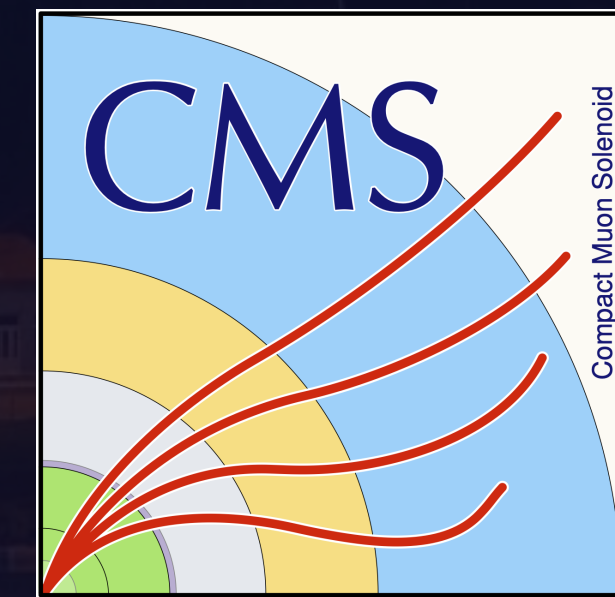




# LHC experiments at the Faculty of Physics: CMS experiment and other activities

Predrag Milenović and Vukašin Milošević on behalf of the UB-FP team  
RECFA visit to Serbia, 29.11.2024





# A brief look into history



- Our research team has been actively involved in the CMS experiment since 1997
- In-kind, hardware and engineering contribution:
  - Hydraulic jacks as connecting pieces for CMS magnet - UNIOR Components, Kragujevac (2002-2003)
  - ECAL Safety System and ECAL Relative Humidity System design
  - CMS Engineering and Integration Centre - Design and 3D modelling of the CMS detector, since 2004
- Physics and detector studies (since 1997):
  - Study and description of geometry for the preshower (ECAL) detector
  - Analyses of experimental data from test beam runs with the ECAL
  - Participation in preparation for the CMS data handling
  - Development of software packages and physics analyses of the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  decay channel
  - Search and analysis of events for decays of directly produced SUSY particles
- Since 2010: Active physics analysis of experimental data and detector upgrade work
  - More details in the following slides



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This moment was a landmark in the partnership between the Faculty of Physics and CERN!



February 26, 2014: Signed Agreement between CERN and the Faculty of Physics

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detector, since 2004



# The UB-FP teams

- **Faculty of Physics (FFUB):** 5 senior/junior researchers, 2 engineers, 4 PhD/master students.
- **Physics program:** SM, Higgs boson, and BSM physics
- **Detector:** Development, maintenance, operation of control systems + Mechanical 3D design for CMS detectors & services.

## Research staff:

- TL: Prof. Petar Adžić
- DTL: Prof. Predrag Milenović
- Dr Vukašin Milosević
- Dr Marjan Ćirković
- Dr Nikola Konjik



## Engineering and RnD:

- Nikola Rasevic, engineer
- Milorad Mijic, physicist

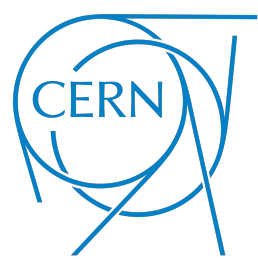
## PhD students:

- Lazar Marković - PhD student
- Jovan Mitić - PhD student
- Luka Bulaja - PhD student
- Darko Brunet - PhD student



## Externally-internal collaboration:

- Nebojša Smiljković - CERN LD
- Dr Vladimir Loncar - CERN LD (ex IPB)
- Lazar Cokic - engineer, CERN Fellow
- Irena Veljajnovic - engineer, CERN Fellow
- Predrag Bunčić - CERN IC



## RnD collaboration:

- Dr Aleksandra Radulovic, physico-chemist (IGPC)
- Dr Dubravka Milovanovic, physico-chemist (IGPC)
- Dr Nebojsa Begovic, physico-chemist (IGPC)
- Dr Jelena Jovanovic, physico-chemist (IGPC)
- Dr Saša Dujko, physicist (IPB)
- Dr Danko Bošnjaković, physicist (IPB)





# Research roles, responsibilities and projects

- List of projects:
  - COMETA COST Action CA22130 - Horizon Europe, 2023-2027
  - Bilateral Italy-Serbia project, RS19MO06, 2019-2021
  - VBSCAn COST Action CA16108, EU Horizon 2020, 2018-2021
  - Bilateral ETHZ - Belgrade project, 2016-2024
  - National project ON171019, MoESTD, Serbia, since 2011
  - SCOPES projects, SNF SDC, Switzerland, 2005-2015
- CERN funded positions:
  - Senior research fellowships (P. Milenovic, V. Milosevic)
  - Junior fellowships (I. Veljanovic, L. Cokic)
  - Multiple summer student positions
- List of conferences and workshops co-organised by group members:
  - Probing space-time properties at HEP experiment (Belgrade - 29th May 2023)
  - 11th LHC Physics (LHCP) conference (Belgrade - 22-26th May 2023)
  - CERN Danube School on Instrumentation (in PNP) - Novi Sad (8-13th Sep 2014)
  - Trans-European School of High Energy Physics 2021, Petnica (13-20th Jul 2012)
  - CERN IPPOG Physics Masterclass in Serbia - more than 10 years and across 5 cities!
- CMS and LHC-wide coordination roles:
  - LHC Higgs WG Steering Committee (2021 - 2023)
  - Effective Field Theory interpretations (2020 - 2023)
  - LHCHWG Higgs properties (WG2) group (2019 - 2021)
  - Higgs Future sub-group (2017 - 2019)
  - LHCHWG Higgs cross sections sub-group (2016 - 2019)
  - Higgs ZZ sub-group (2015 - 2017 and 2023 - 2025)
  - Higgs Trigger contact (2018-2021)
  - L1T DQM contact (2021-2023)
- Academic and teaching roles:
  - Various undergraduate and graduate courses in HEP and scientific computing
  - Serbian teacher's programme@CERN



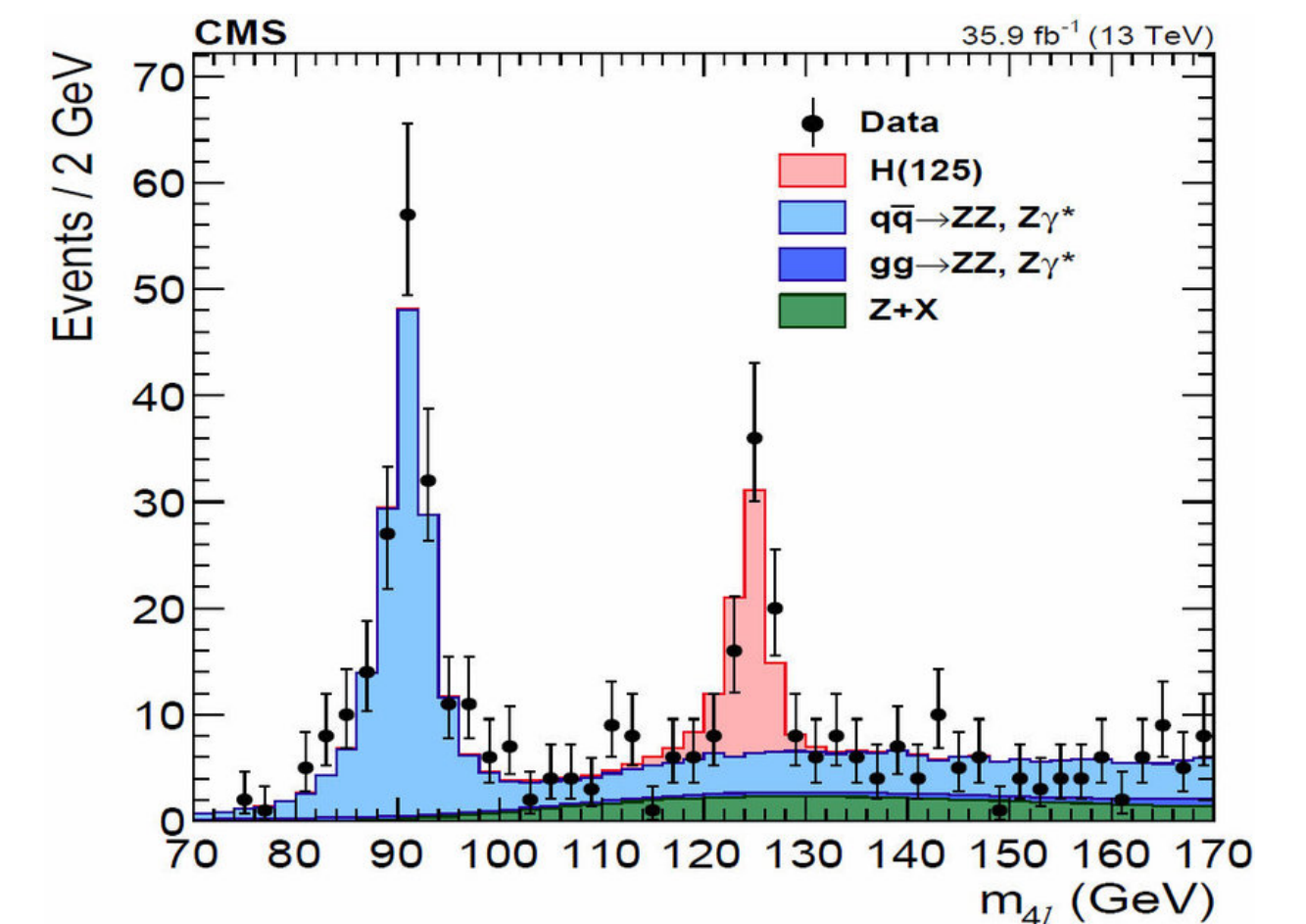
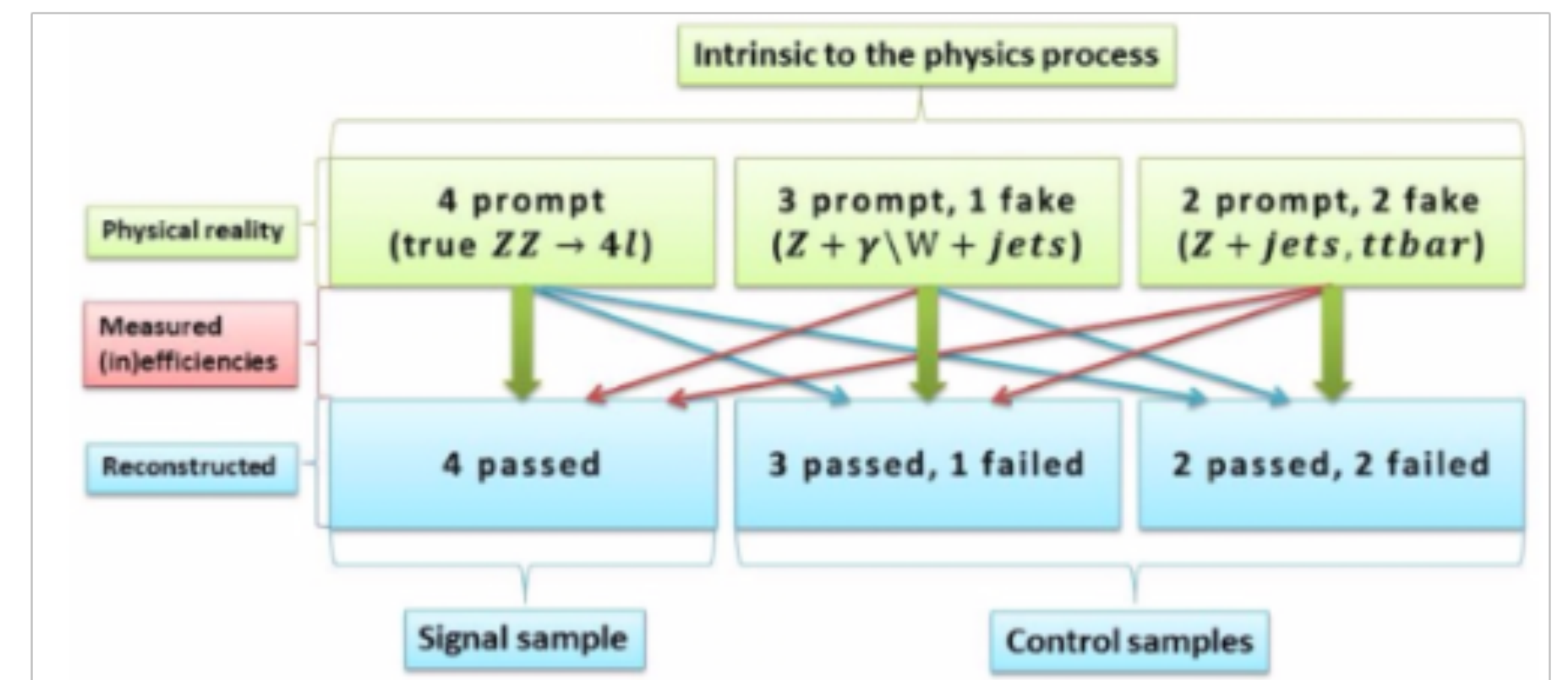


# Physics highlights: The road from Higgs discovery to the Run 2 with HZZ and beyond

- Team members were key persons in the analyses that led to the observation of the 125 GeV Higgs boson and measurement of its properties in its decay to four leptons
  - Development of a matrix element method and the public software tool **MEKD** for characterisation of the spin and parity of the newly discovered boson (**improvement in sensitivity to exotic states by up to 15%**)
  - **Strong activities in analyses focusing on anomalous HZZ interactions and fiducial and differential cross section measurements since the early days of Run 1**

- **Crucial role in development of reducible background estimation methods for 4l processes**

- Inclusion of extrapolation factors which take into account leptons with overlapping isolation cones
  - [Phys. Lett. B 763 \(2016\) 280](#)
- Reduced uncertainties by taking into account the sensitivity of fake rate measurements to background composition
  - [CMS-PAS-HIG-16-033](#), [JHEP 11 \(2017\) 047](#) and [EPJ. C 81 \(2021\) 488](#)





# Physics highlights: Down the road with HZZ

- **Run 2 legacy H4l paper comprehensive characterisation of the  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$  using fiducial cross section measurements:**

- 1D measurement - production and jet observables
- 2D measurements - phase space regions of interest for theorists
- Interpretations -  $k_b$ ,  $k_c$  and  $k_\lambda$ 
  - **Published in - [JHEP 08 \(2023\) 040](#)**

- **Ongoing work:**

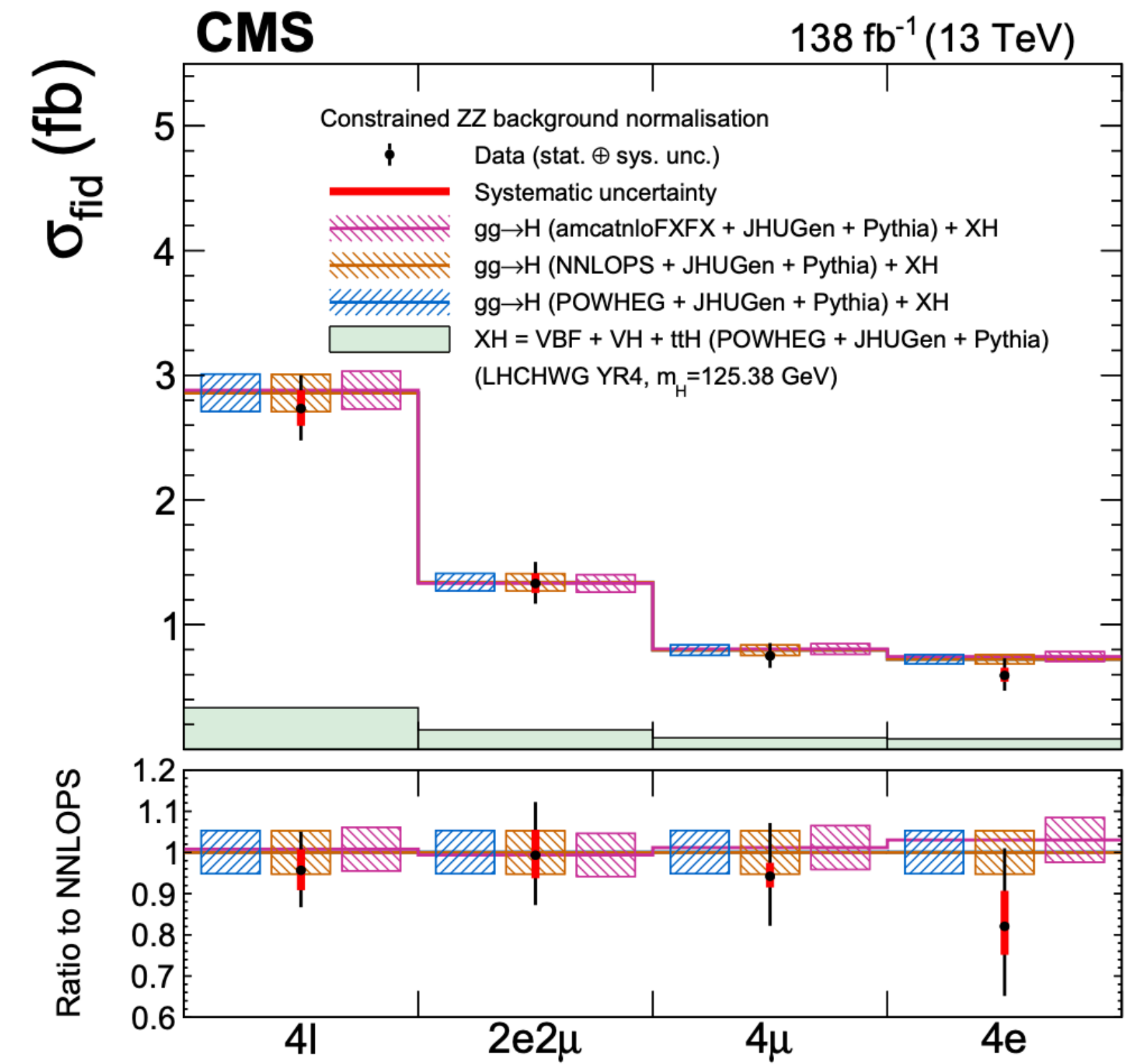
- **Partial Higgs decay width parameterisation and Higgs self coupling:**

- $H \rightarrow 4l$  at truth level for the full and fiducial phase space - parameterisation of quadratic terms

- **Constraining Higgs boson triple self coupling using  $H \rightarrow 4l$  using the off-shell Higgs production:**

- Exploit the quantum corrections from BSM  $\mathcal{O}_6$  operator and constraining the Wilson coefficient  $\mathbf{C}_6$

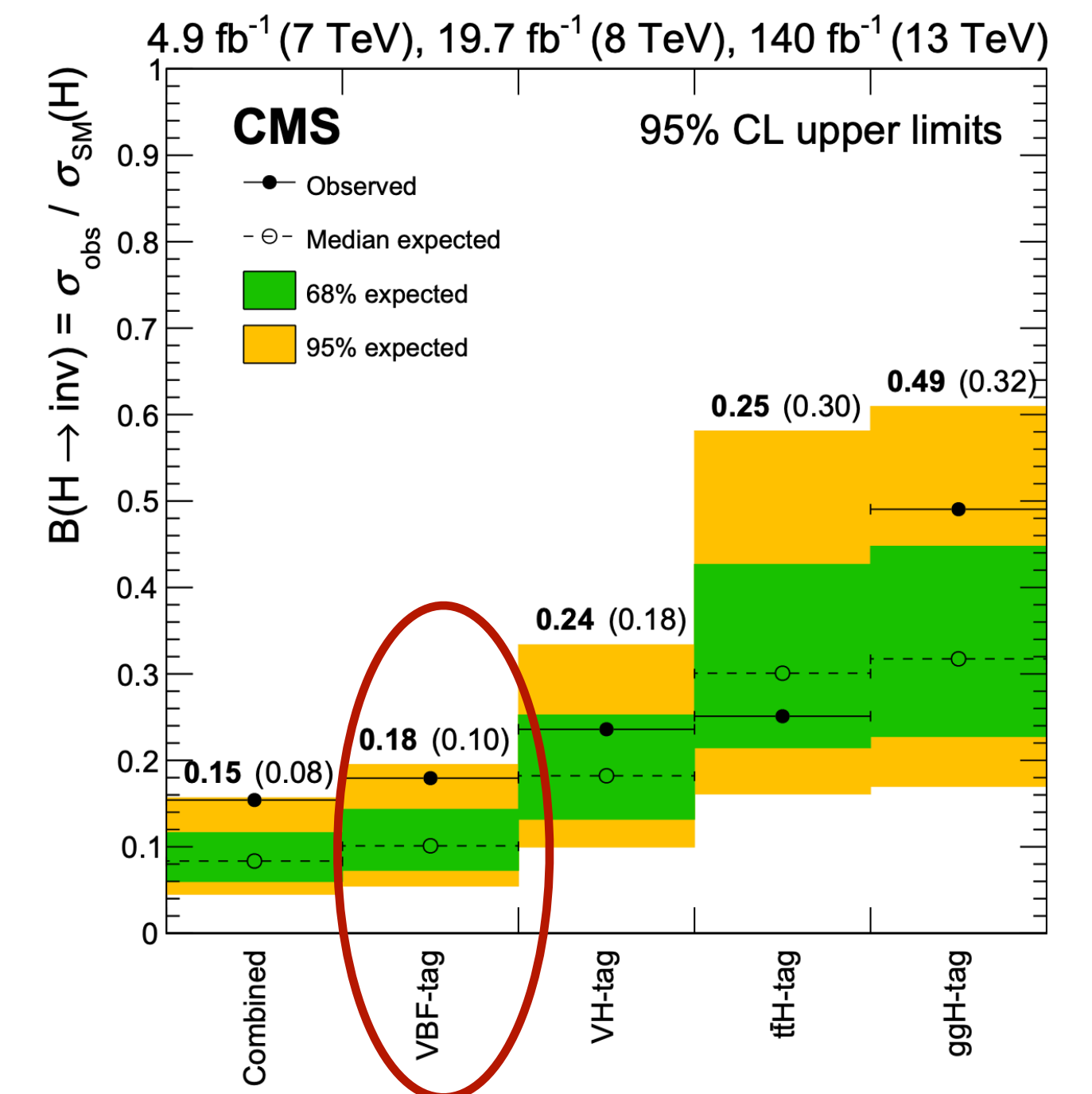
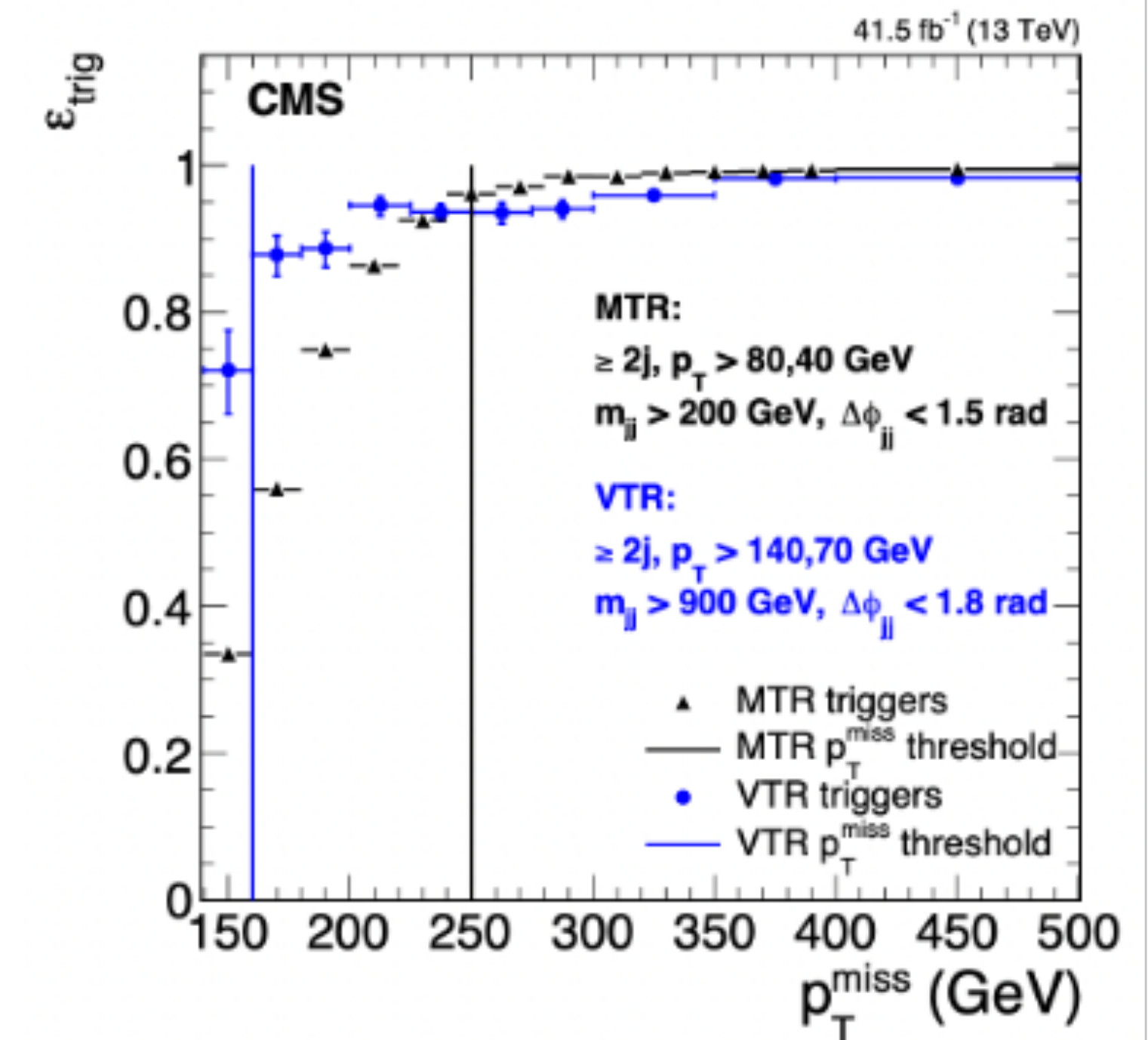
- **High mass spin-0 resonance search in  $X \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l2q$  and  $2l2\nu$  channels**





# Physics highlights: H->inv and HHH

- **Leading the search for the invisibly decaying Higgs boson:**
  - Analysis specific HLT paths focusing on the VBF H topology (2017/18 eras)
  - **Legacy Run 2 measurement: [Phys. Rev. D 105 \(2022\)](#)**
    - Placed 95% CL upper limit on  $B(H \rightarrow \text{inv.})$  at **0.18 (0.10)** obs. (exp.)
  - **Combination of H  $\rightarrow$  inv. analyses: [Eur. Phys. J. C 83 \(2023\) 933](#)**
    - Crucial contribution to the analysis and combination efforts
    - 95% CL upper limit on  $B(H \rightarrow \text{inv.})$  at **0.15 (0.08)** obs. (exp.)
- **Ongoing work on Higgs Boson Self-Interactions (ggH in 6b final state):**
  - **Problem:** Correctly assigning pairs of b-jets to the corresponding Higgs bosons.
    - **Symmetry Preserving Attention Network (SPANet) used for S/B discrimination**
    - **Transformer-encoder** structure:
      - Leverages attention mechanism and symmetry of the jet system
  - Overall improvements from SPANet are around **32% in jet pairing** and **20% in signal discrimination** when compared to the baseline methods





# CMS ECAL Control and Safety system

- **ECAL Safety System (since 2002):**
  - Developed by Belgrade & ETH Zurich in 2002-2010, maintained and operated in 2010-2025, ongoing upgrade for 2029.
  - **Siemens-based system**, full hardware redundancy, **endorsed by CERN/CMS**.
  - **Follows/leads** standardised approaches **across sub-detectors** in multiple areas (sensors, interfaces, integration).
- **DCS SCADA System and operation:**
  - **Based on WinCC OA**, in line with CERN recommendations
  - Providing experts for the on-call services 24h/7d (during LHC Run 1 - Run 3).
- **Towards ECAL Barrel Phase-2 upgrade:**
  - DCS/EBSS will provide support for ECAL upgrade in multiple areas.
  - Significant contribution to the system developments and coordination of the CMS ECAL integration activities at P5.
  - Several papers published in high-impact international journals and presented at international conferences. Contributed to ECAL TDRs.
- **Institutional support / responsibility:**
  - Contribution to CMS ECAL Upgrade in system hardware of 100 kCHF.
  - Planned institutional responsibility for the future CMS ECAL DCS/EBSS for period 2026 - 2040 (being discussed with CMS and FA), with aim to develop and maintain expertise relevant for future large-scale projects.

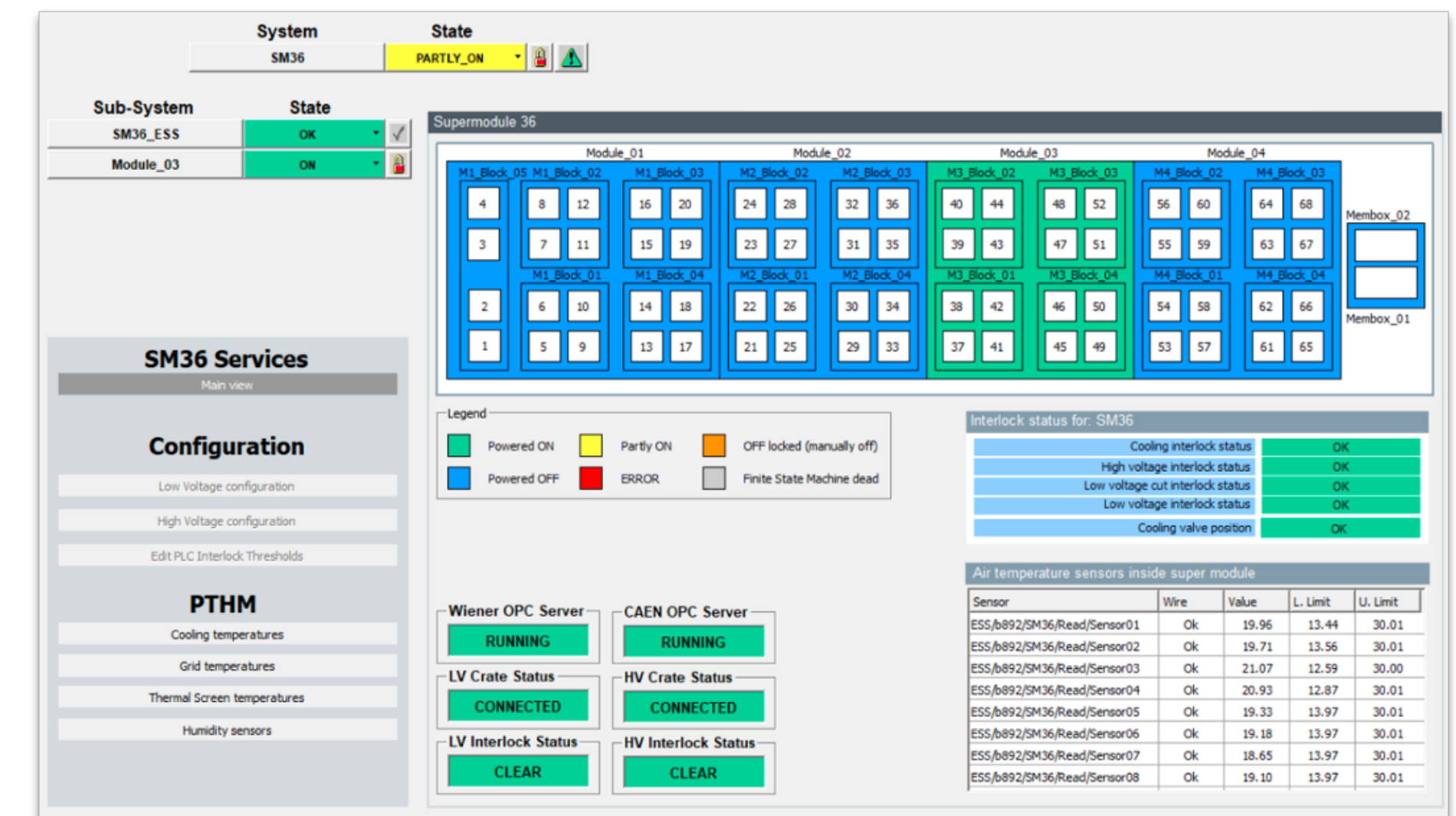
ECAL Barrel Safety System (Phase-2 prototype)



ECAL Safety System (Run 1 & Run 2)



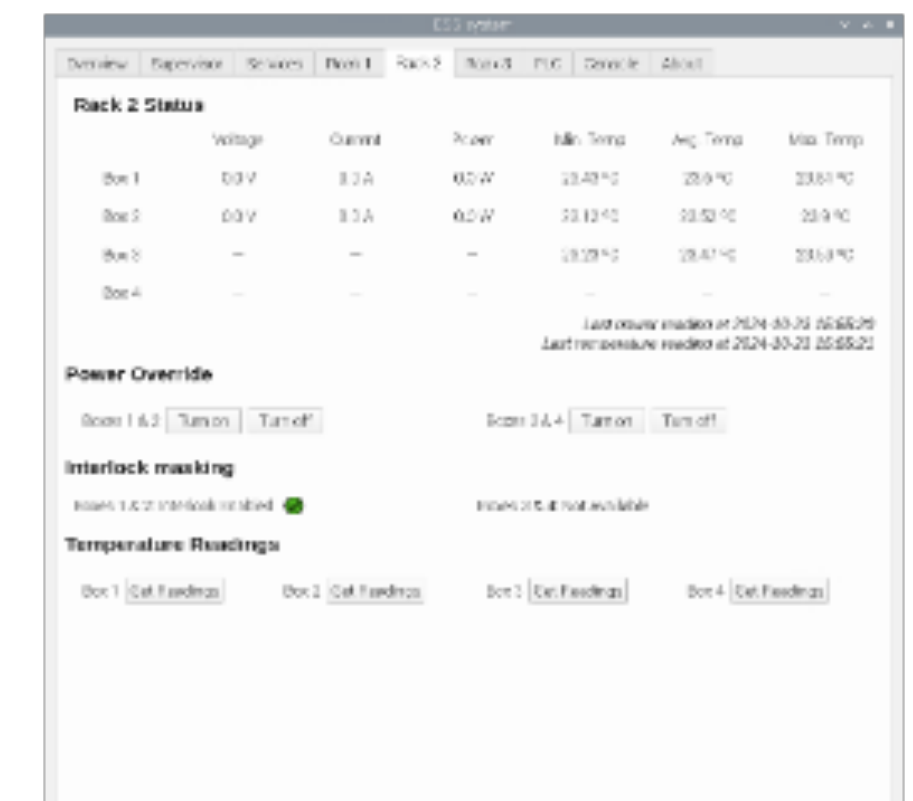
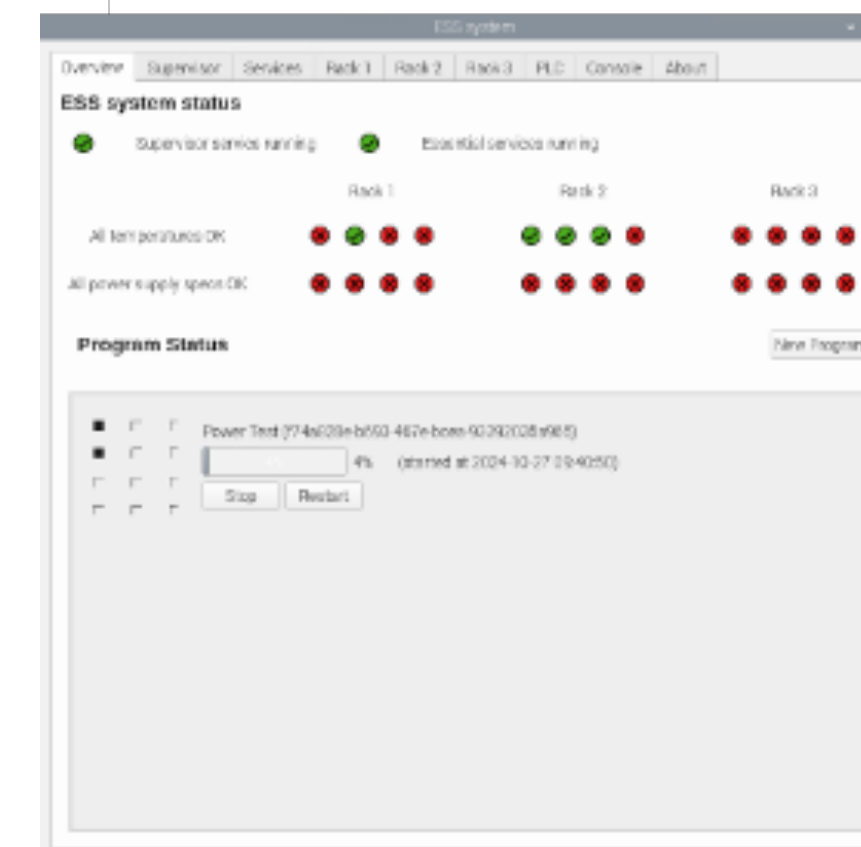
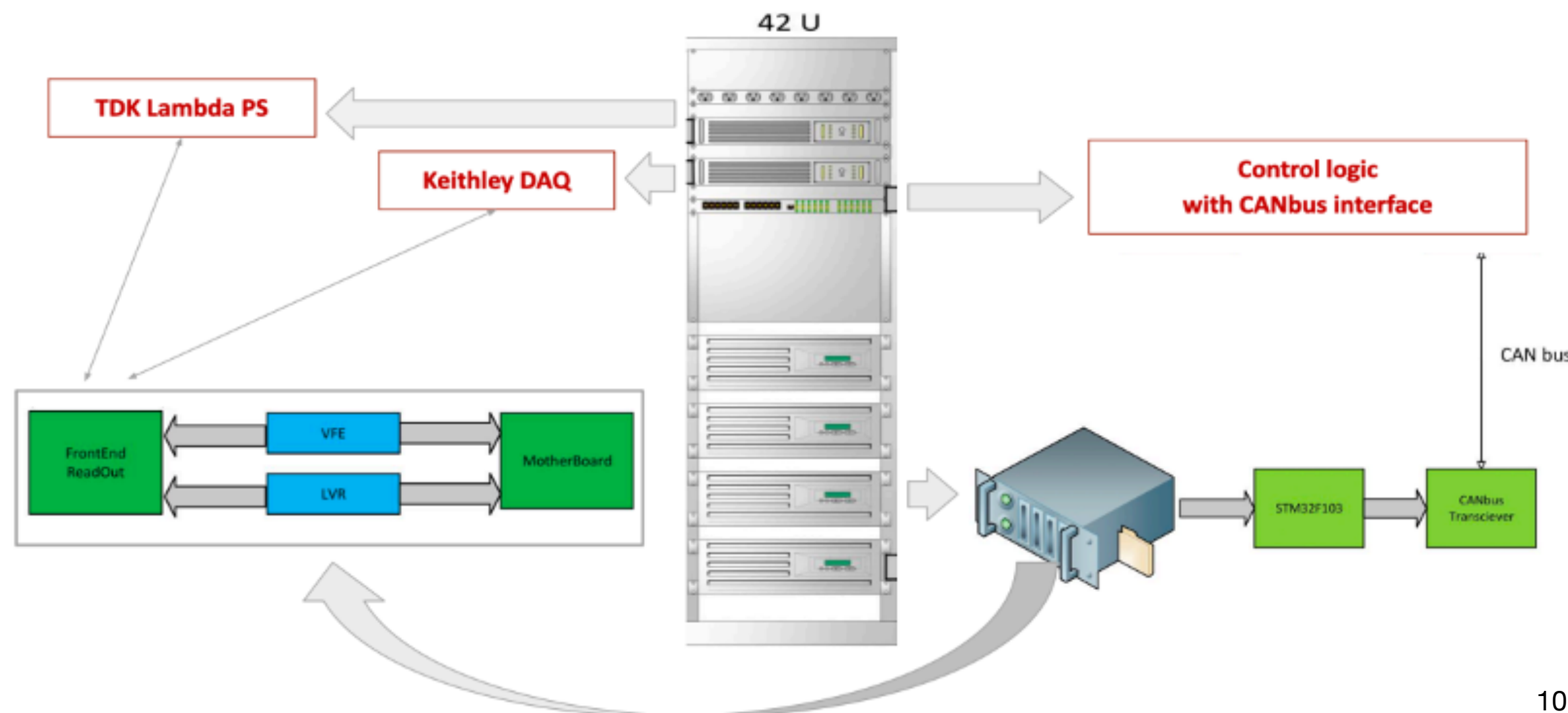
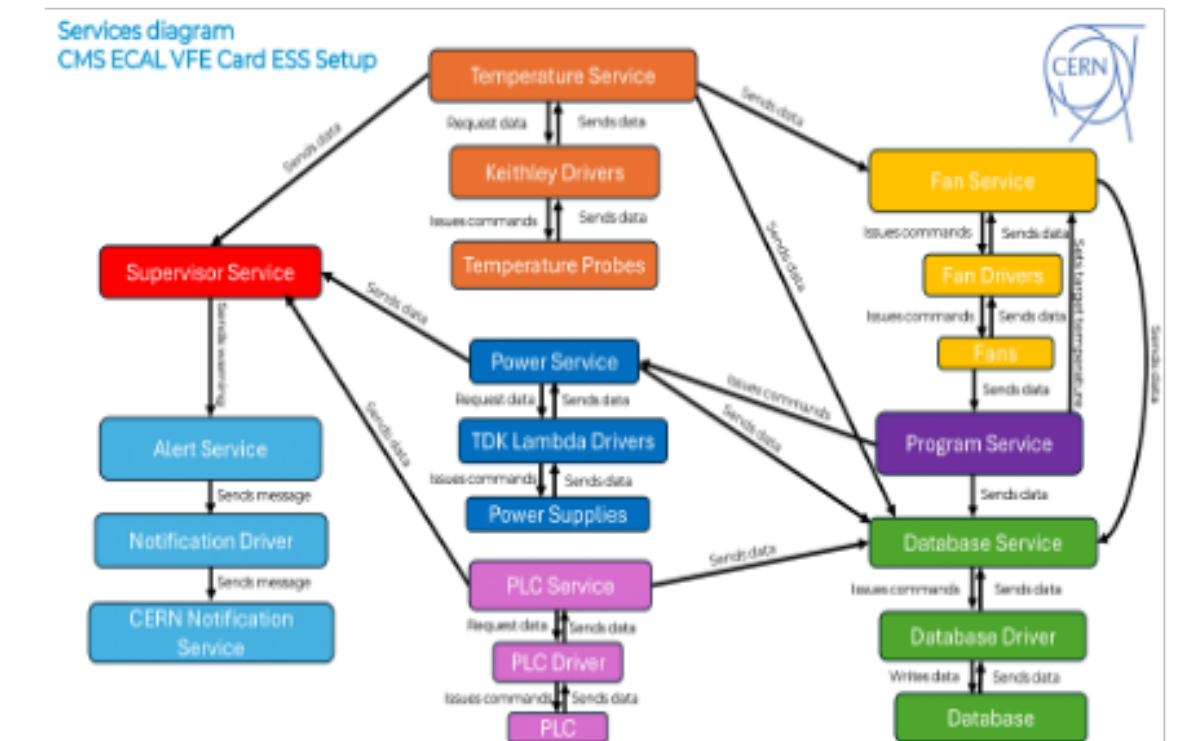
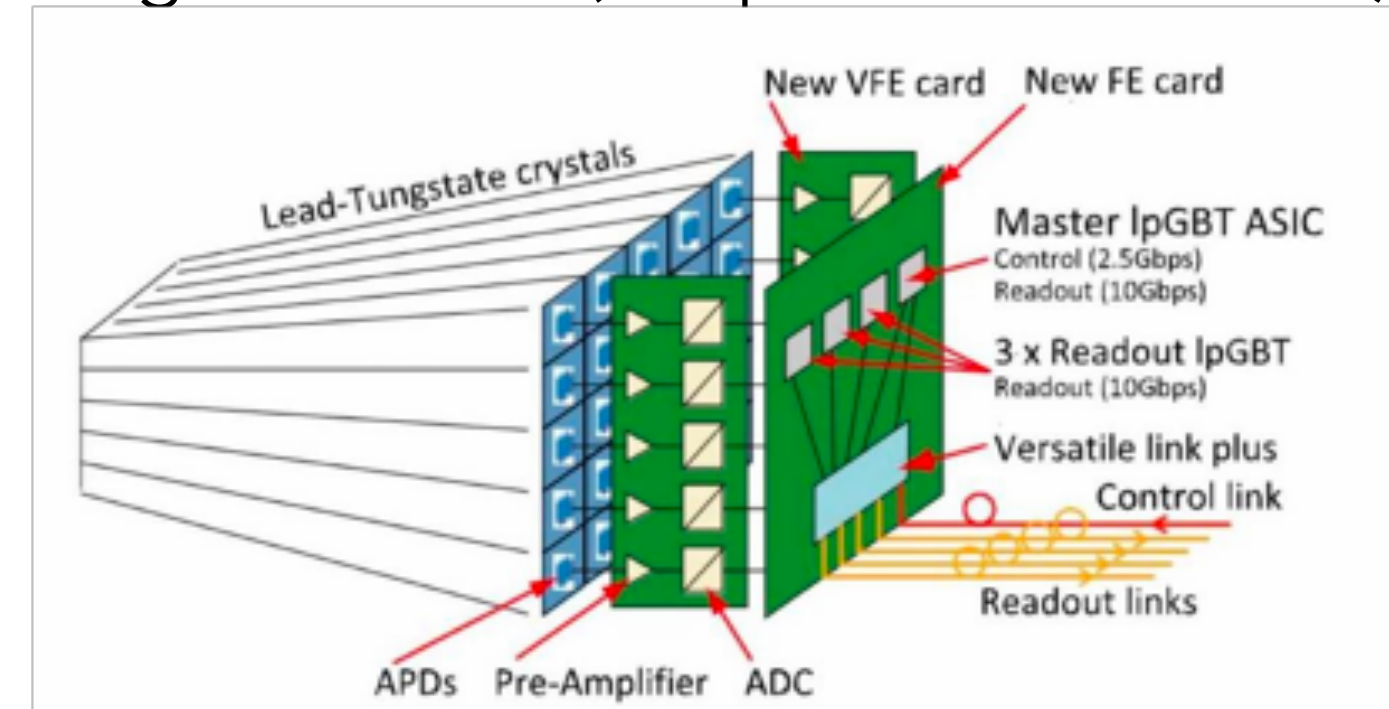
ECAL Barrel DCS Supervisor (Phase-2 prototype)





# CMS ECAL Upgrade - systematic testing/screening of readout electronics

- To accommodate higher trigger rates (750 MHz), full detector readout at 40 MHz, and improve timing resolution ( 30 ps for  $E \geq 50$  GeV), the **entire** on-detector and off-detector CMS ECAL electronics **will be replaced!**
- Extracting an EB module** for repair **is not foreseen** for the operation period of ~20 years, thus we aim at excellent reliability targeting <0.5% of failing channels at end-of-life.
- This will be achieved by systematic testing/screening with dedicated systems for the **Environmental Stress Screening (ESS)**.
  - Designed and built as a highly modular, configurable, scalable and safe system by **Faculty of Physics Belgrade in cooperation with ETH Zurich**.
  - Capable of performing the full testing/screening program for about 750 ECAL readout electronics boards simultaneously (within period of about 5 days).

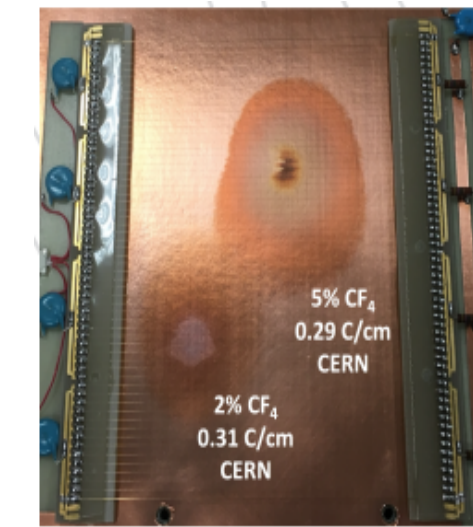
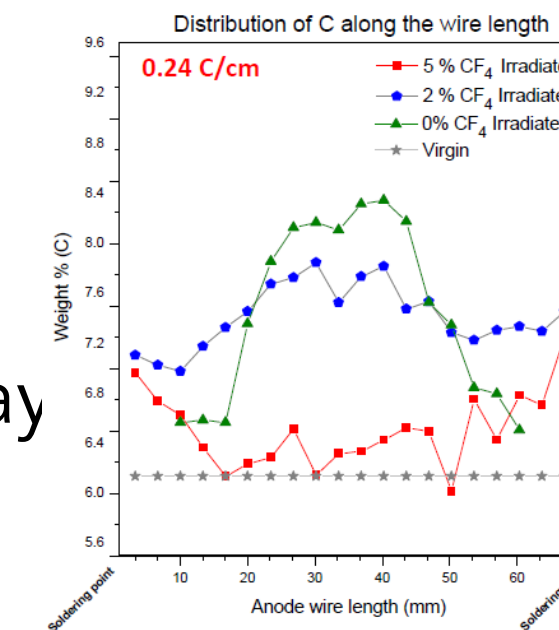




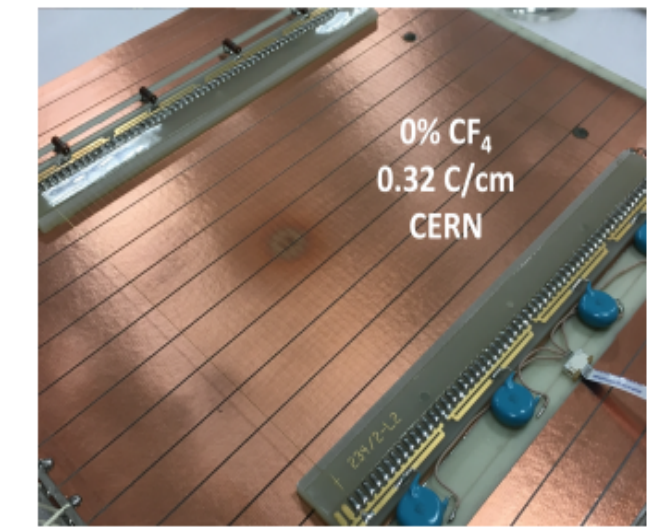
# Detector RnD - Muon Chambers

- **Physics program and participating teams:**

- **Participating teams:** Institute of General and Physical Chemistry, Faculty of Physics Belgrade, Institute of Physics in Belgrade.
- **Program:** Study the **ageing effects in the muon chambers** in a systematic way and develop the **tools for modelling their performance** in order to efficiently **search for the eco-friendly gas mixtures**.



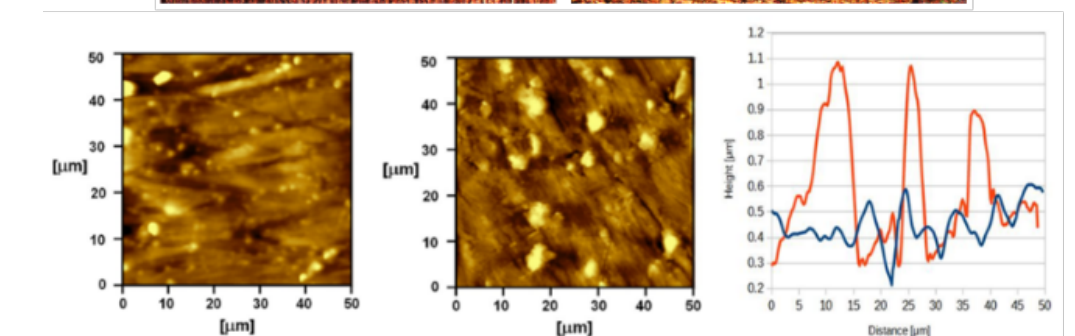
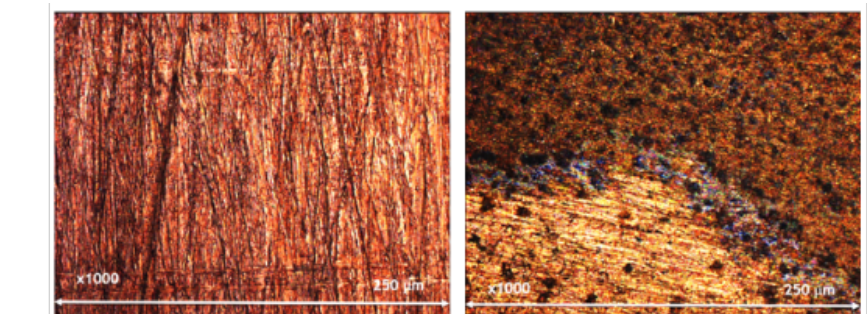
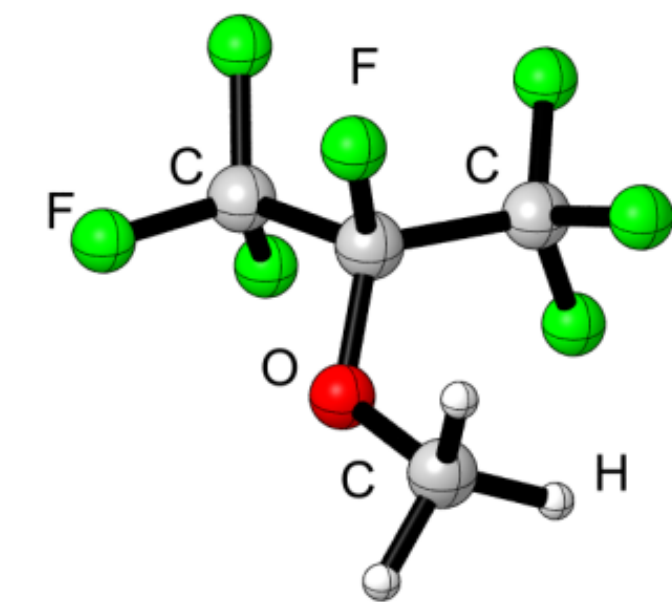
Cathode panel



Anode wire panels

- **Study the ageing effects of the Cathode Strip Chambers (IGPC):**

- As well as search for the eco-friendly gas mixtures for the Phase-2 upgrade.
- **Established the procedures** for characterization, analysis, sampling, handling, measurements of the deposits on the electrode of the muon gas chambers, to be used for the studies of future muon gaseous detectors.



- **Quantum-chemical calculations for gaseous detectors (IGPC, IPB):**

- Design of new molecules on the basis of the **quantum chemical calculation**, considering evolution of molecules in plasma-ionized states.
- **Predictive analysis** and pre-selection of novel eco-friendly gases.

- **Modelling of Resistive Plate Chambers performance (IPB):**

- Microscopic 3D Monte Carlo model for **modelling RPC performance characteristics**
- Obtained cross sections for electron scattering, as well as electron transport and streamer dynamics in environmentally friendly (and ultra-low GWP) gases
- **Good prediction of detector performance** in environ.-friendly RPC gas mixtures.

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**Longevity studies of CSC prototypes operating with Ar+CO<sub>2</sub> gas mixture and different fractions of CF<sub>4</sub>**

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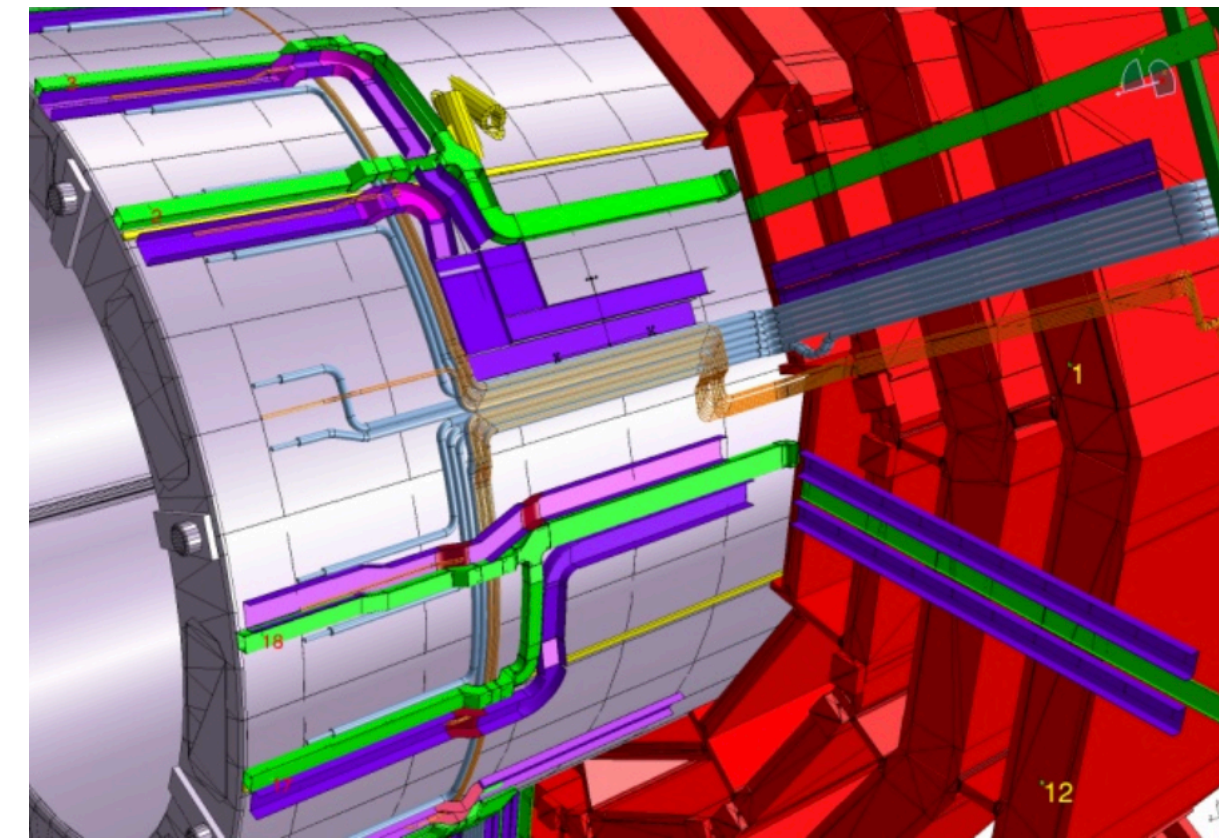
**Basis for joining  
 DRD1 Collaboration in 2024!**



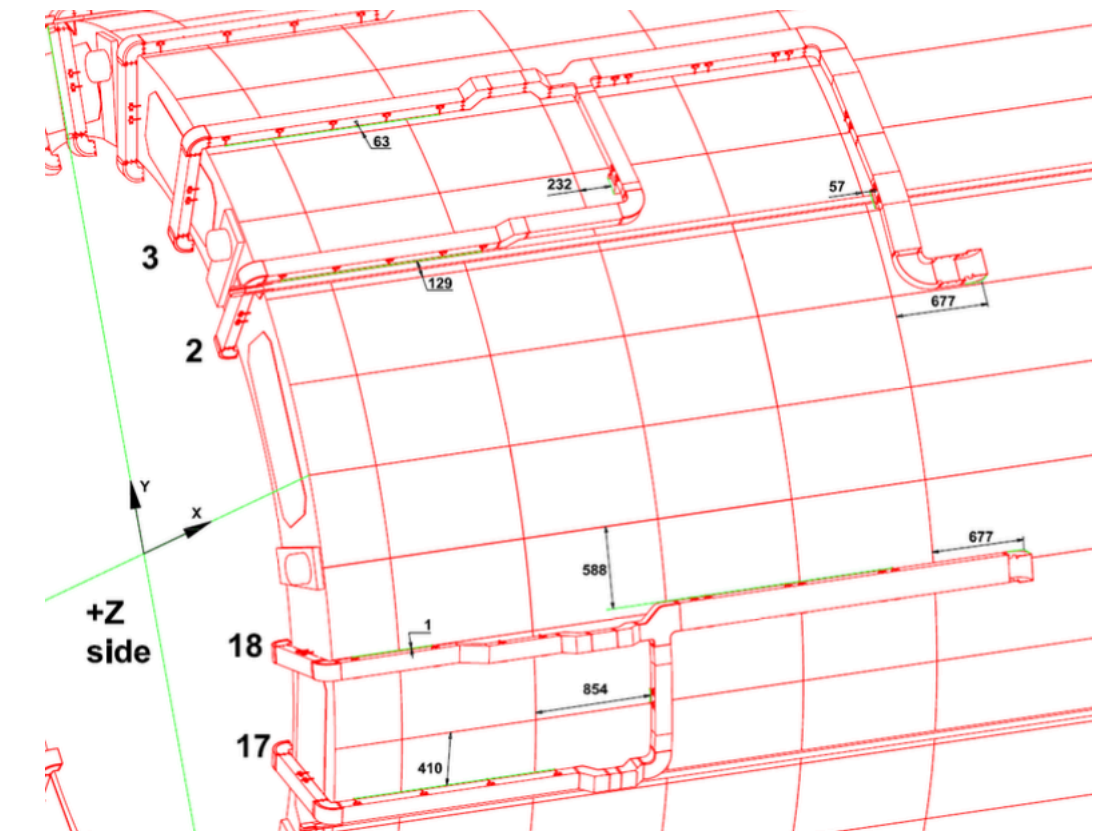
# CMS engineering and integration center

- **Activities dating from 2003!**
- **Transformation of the 3D envelopes** into the **real 3D models** of the systems converting models from EUCLID to Autodesk sft
- Present day: **reverse engineering** to provide “Built models” as a base for **coming upgrade projects**

3D models



Installation drawings

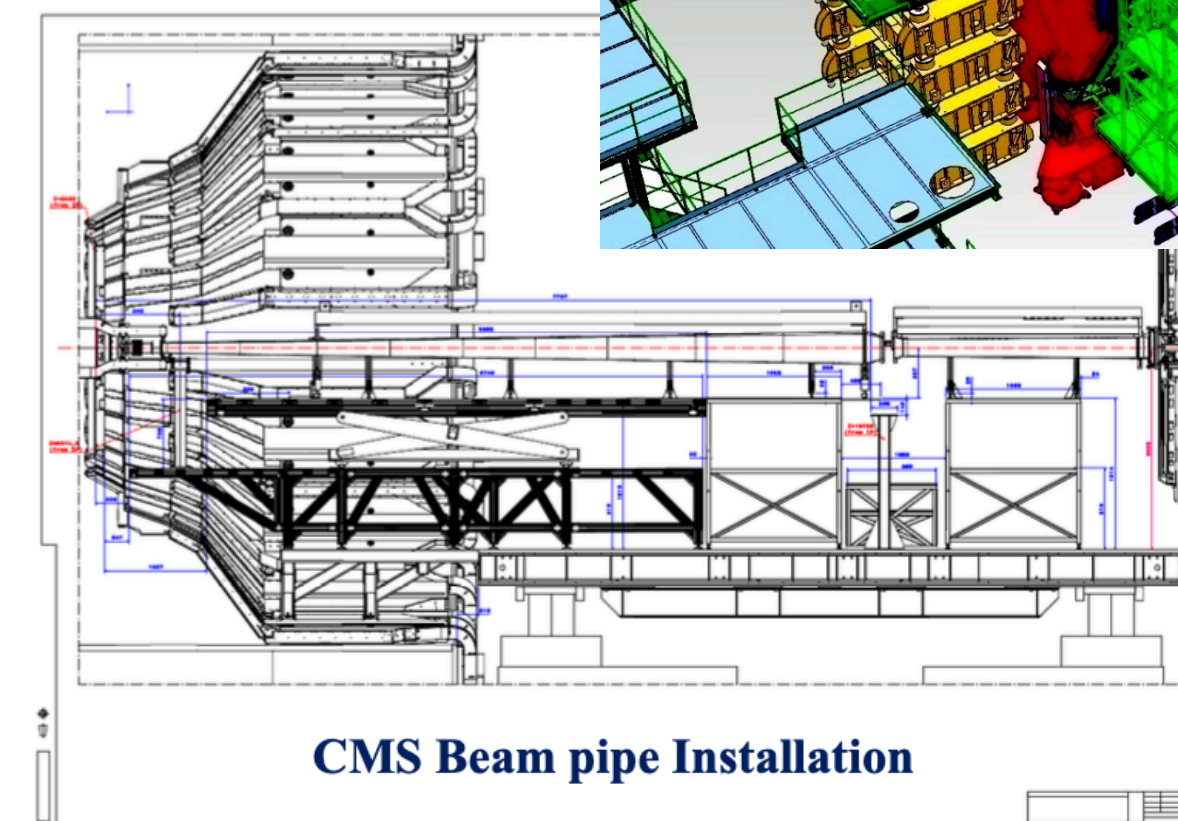
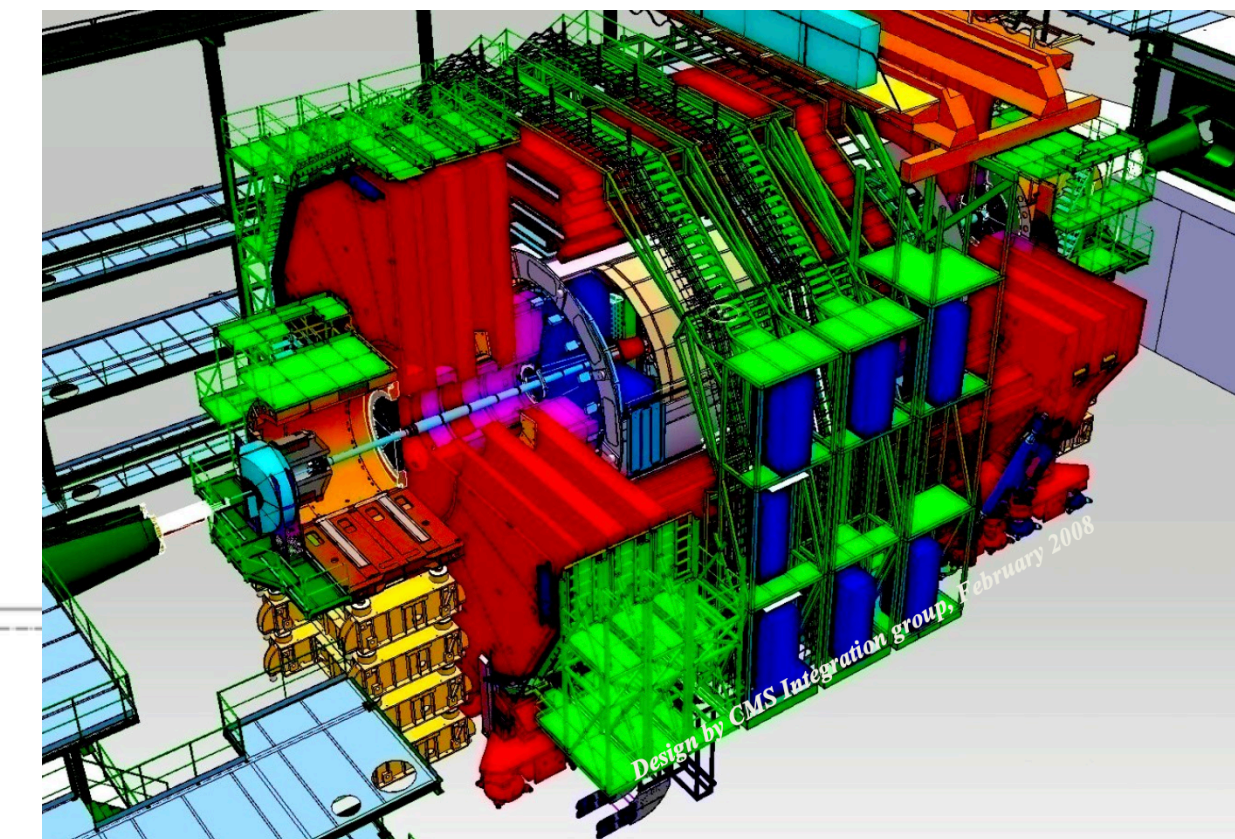


- **Organization, planning and control of the installation of the CMS detector**

- Proposal to convert different CAD files in to the CATIA system
- DMU, fitting and kinematic simulation modules, automatic transfer of the survey data are used in planning and control of different sequences of installation.

- **Engineering:**

- **Process to design & reinstall the new CMS Central beam pipe,** starting from conceptual design, using the stored data and proven procedure from the first installation.
- **Data base and functional files organisation**



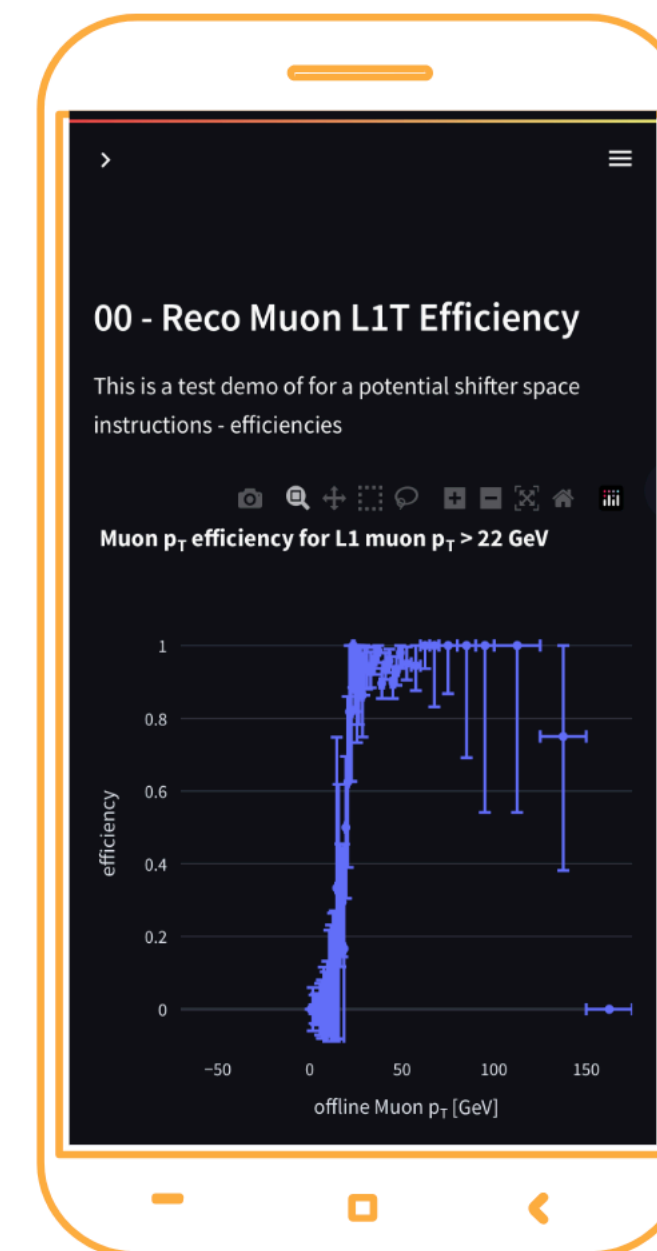
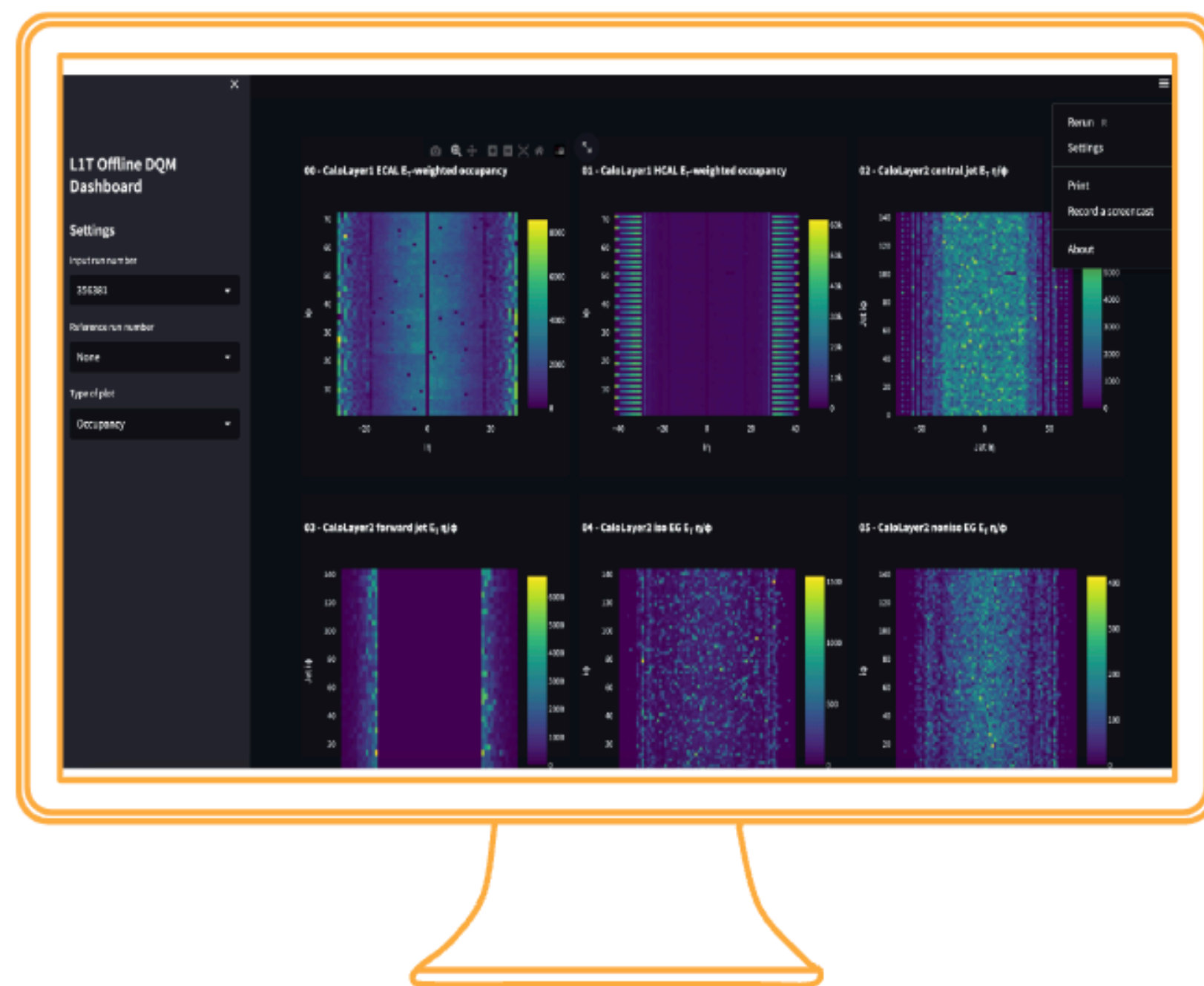
CMS Beam pipe Installation



# Advanced monitoring for CMS L1 trigger

Monitoring app can be tested [here](#)  
(N.B. A CMS account is required to access the page)

- A complete overhaul of the CMS L1T Data Quality Monitoring approach for Run 3 and beyond:
  - A new and dedicated Level-1 Trigger monitoring application based on plotly/streamlit solutions
    - **Plotly**: an interactive, open-source, and browser-based graphing library for Python
    - **Streamlit**: a dashboard solution that turns data scripts into shareable web apps without much complexity
- The application is **re-deployed in ~10 min** after a change has been pushed to deployment
  - A much **simpler workflow** from a training perspective, offers **transferable skills** for students/experts involved in projects!
  - **Accessibility through all devices** (laptop, tablet, smartphone) with CERN SSO protection

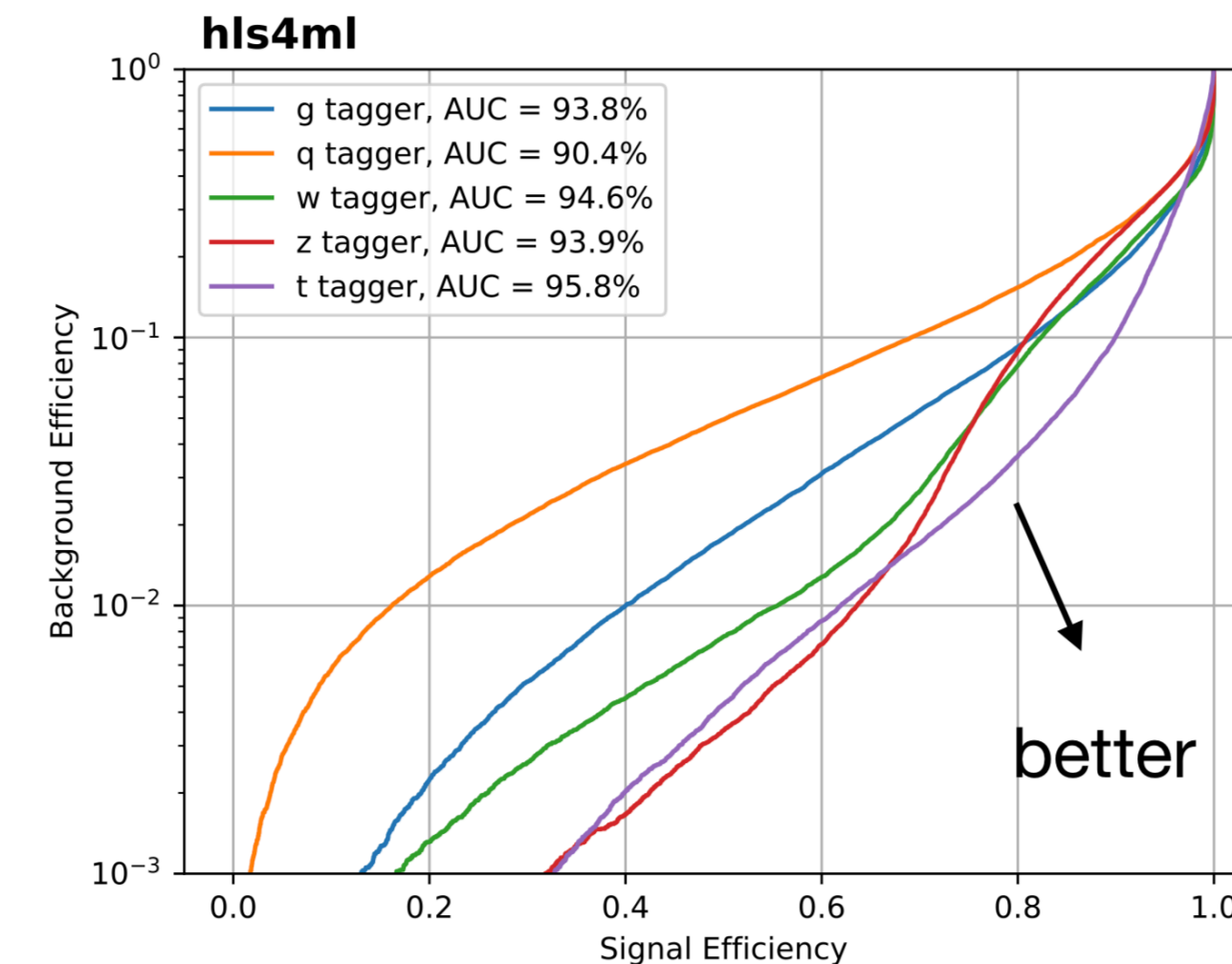
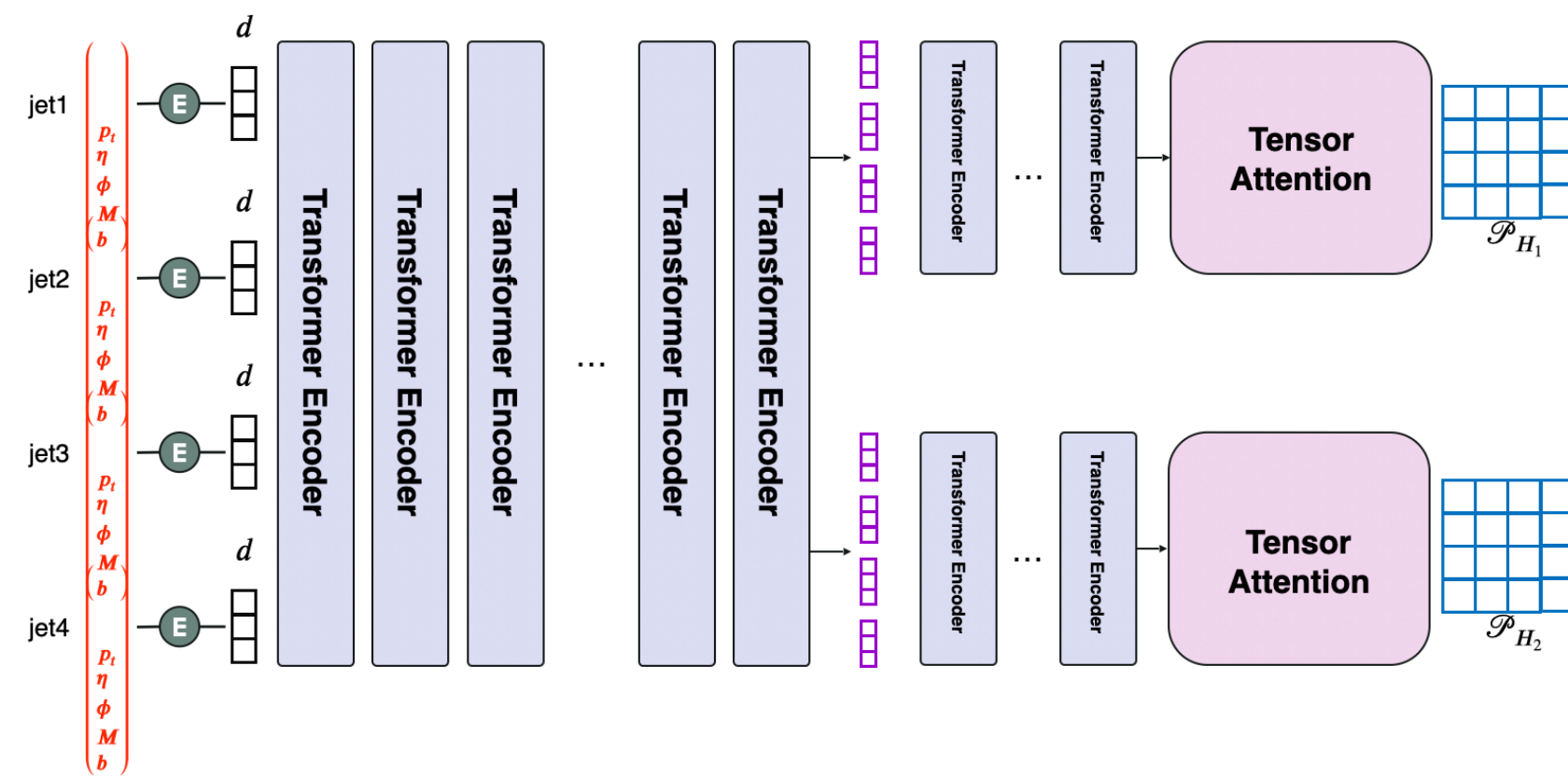




# Advanced computing technologies at HEP

## R&D in application of ML-based algorithms @ HEP:

- Development of tools for **ML on-demand service** and tools for optimisation of the **ML training on large scale distributed heterogeneous computing resources**.
- Development for algorithms for **particle identification**, for **event classification**, and for solving combinatorial problem: clustering algorithms of HGCal, CNNs/DNNs for FPGA @ L1, transformer-encoder networks for multi-b-jets final states.



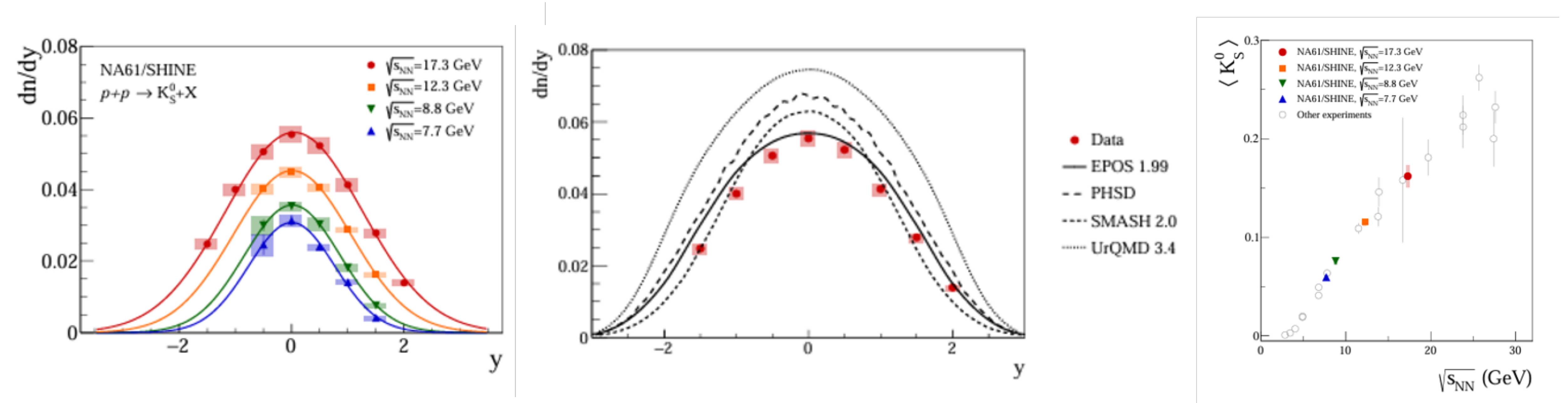
## Application of advanced technologies @ HEP:

- **Next-generation acceleration:** Exploring possibilities with intelligent compute accelerators (AI, HPCs, vector DBs)
  - Cooperation with CERN & private companies.
- **Quantum technologies initiative:** Exploring application/advantages of quantum algorithms in LHC data analysis
  - Through cooperation with other groups at CERN, MIT, Vienna, Belgrade



# FFUB and NA61/SHINE

- **Analysis: strange particle production in p+p and Ar+Sc interactions ( $K_S^0$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda^-$ )**
  - Crucial contributions to two publications: [EPJ C 84 \(2024\) 8, 820](#) and [EPJ C 82 \(2022\) 1, 96](#)



- **Calibration: Time Of Flight** detectors in several interactions:  $p+p$ , Be+Be, Ar+Sc, Xe+La,  $p+Pb$ , Pb+Pb and several beam energies: 13, 20, 31, 40, 80 and 158 GeV/c.
  - Significant contribution leading to several publications:
    - [EPJ C 84 \(2024\) 4, 416](#), [EPJ C 81 \(2021\) 1, 73](#) and [EPJ C 77 \(2017\) 10, 671](#)



# Main challenges from the FFUB point of view

- It is challenging to retain young Serbian scientists within the country and the field, making it difficult to sustain expertise in domestic research groups
- **The Faculty of Physics faces significant challenges in this area:**
  - It is not recognised by the state as a research institution, unlike dedicated institutes, while teaching positions remain very limited
  - Difficult to attract foreign researchers - no mechanism for permanent employment
- **Student situation: Extremely difficult to fulfil the PhD requirement of 2 published papers in 3-4 years**
  - Where at least 1 has to be on the physics analysis
- **Recognition of individual contribution to the large collaboration for grants, career advancement, excellence awards, etc.**



**Thank you for your time!**



# Backup