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LFHCAL Test Beam August/September 2024

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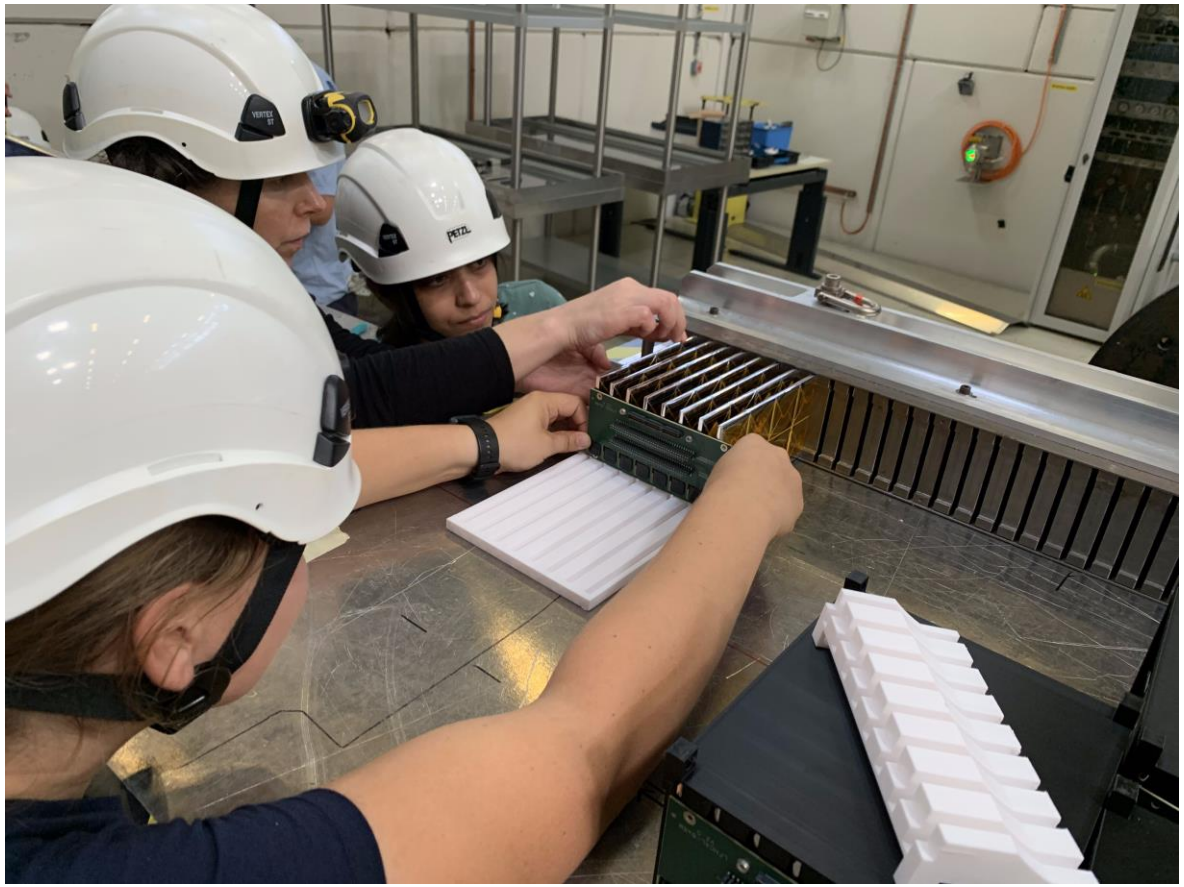
LFHCAL Prototype: The Plan

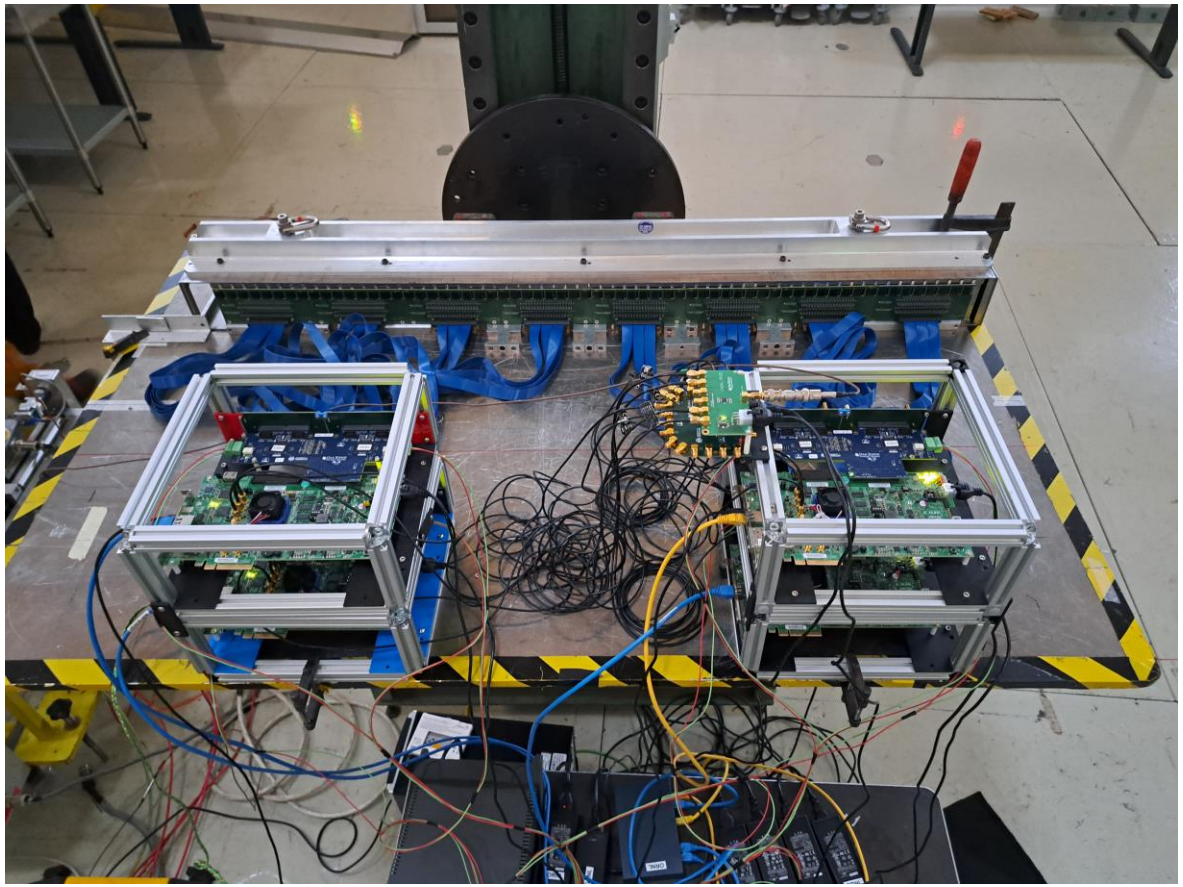
- Two continuous weeks of beam time at CERN PS.
- **August 28-September 11**
- First week: HGCROC Readout
- Second week: CAEN DT5202+DT5215 Readout

HGCROC Run Summary

- Setup without major issues
- First useful runs within hours of setup, needed some calibrations
- Trigger rates very very low (single digit events per spill)
  - Ultimately traced down to misconfigured FOCAL trigger board
- Still acquired full dataset:
  - Muons, electrons 1GeV-5GeV, hadrons (+-) 3-15GeV
- All (coarsely) QA'd by Tristan Protzmann's live data monitor

HGCROC Run Summary





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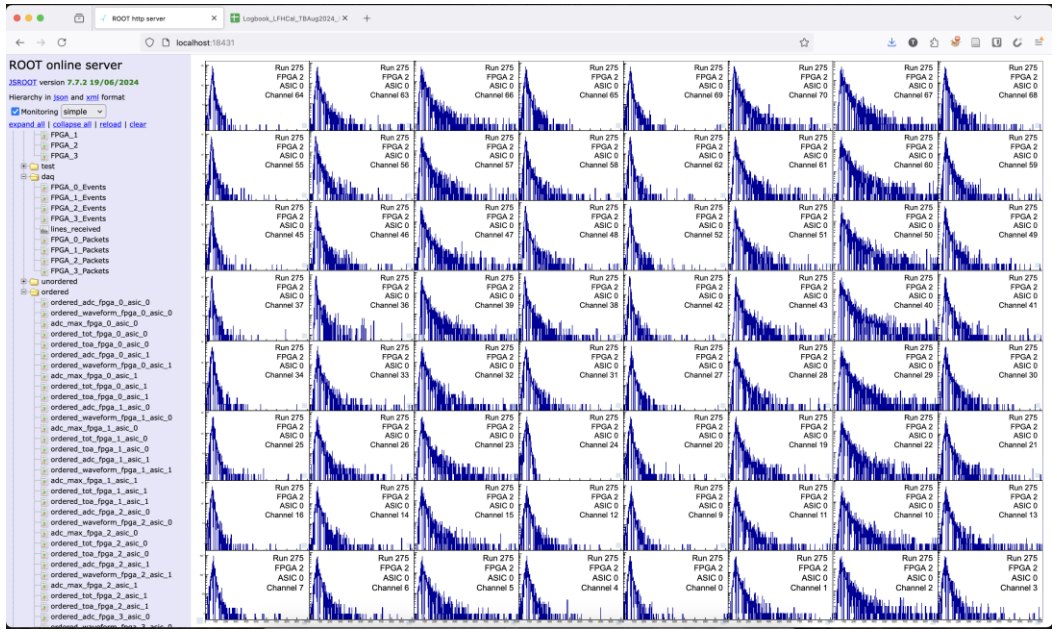

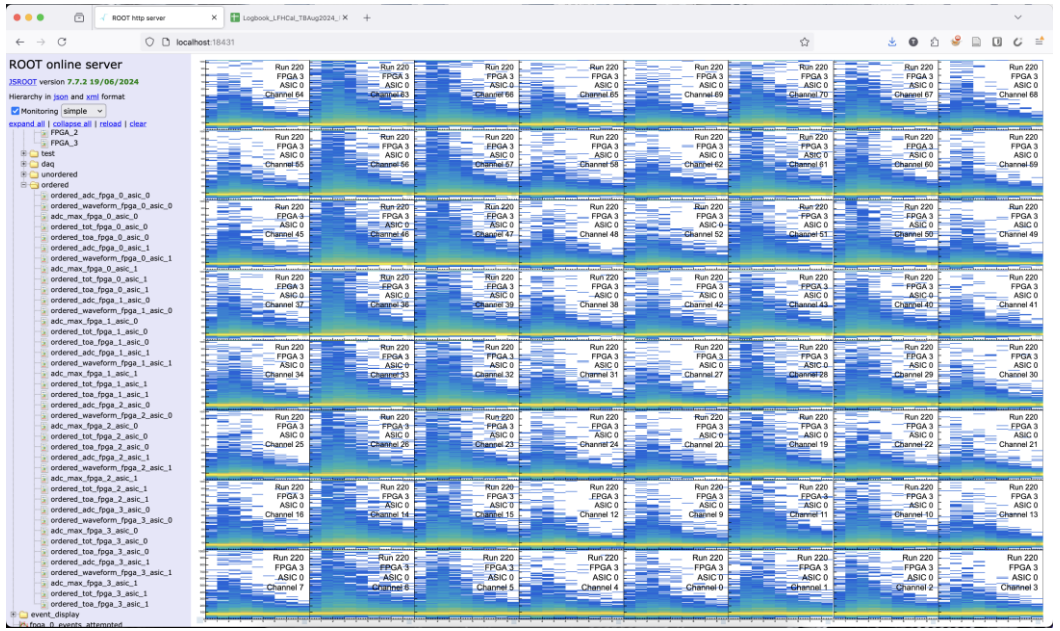

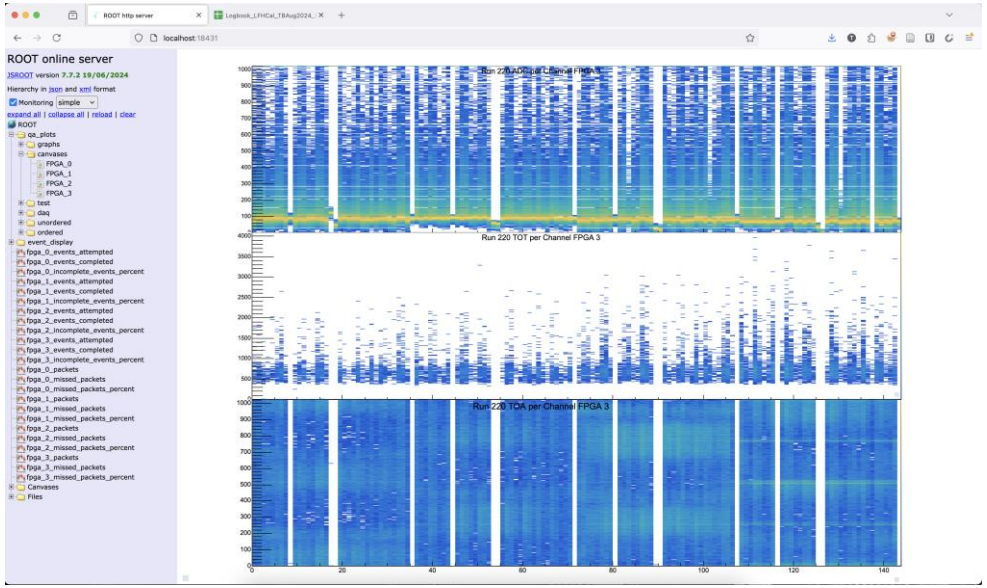

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The CAEN Saga pt1

- 8 DT5202 readout units + 1 DT5215 data concentrator
  - Using several loaned DT5202s from all over the world
  - Readout PC <-> single ethernet <-> DT5215 <-> “TDLink” fibers to DT5202
- Cabled up everything: pedestals good
  - No grounding issues, no ground lift to flex boards necessary (PS testbeam is cleaner environment than bldg. 6000)
- However: no signal whatsoever.

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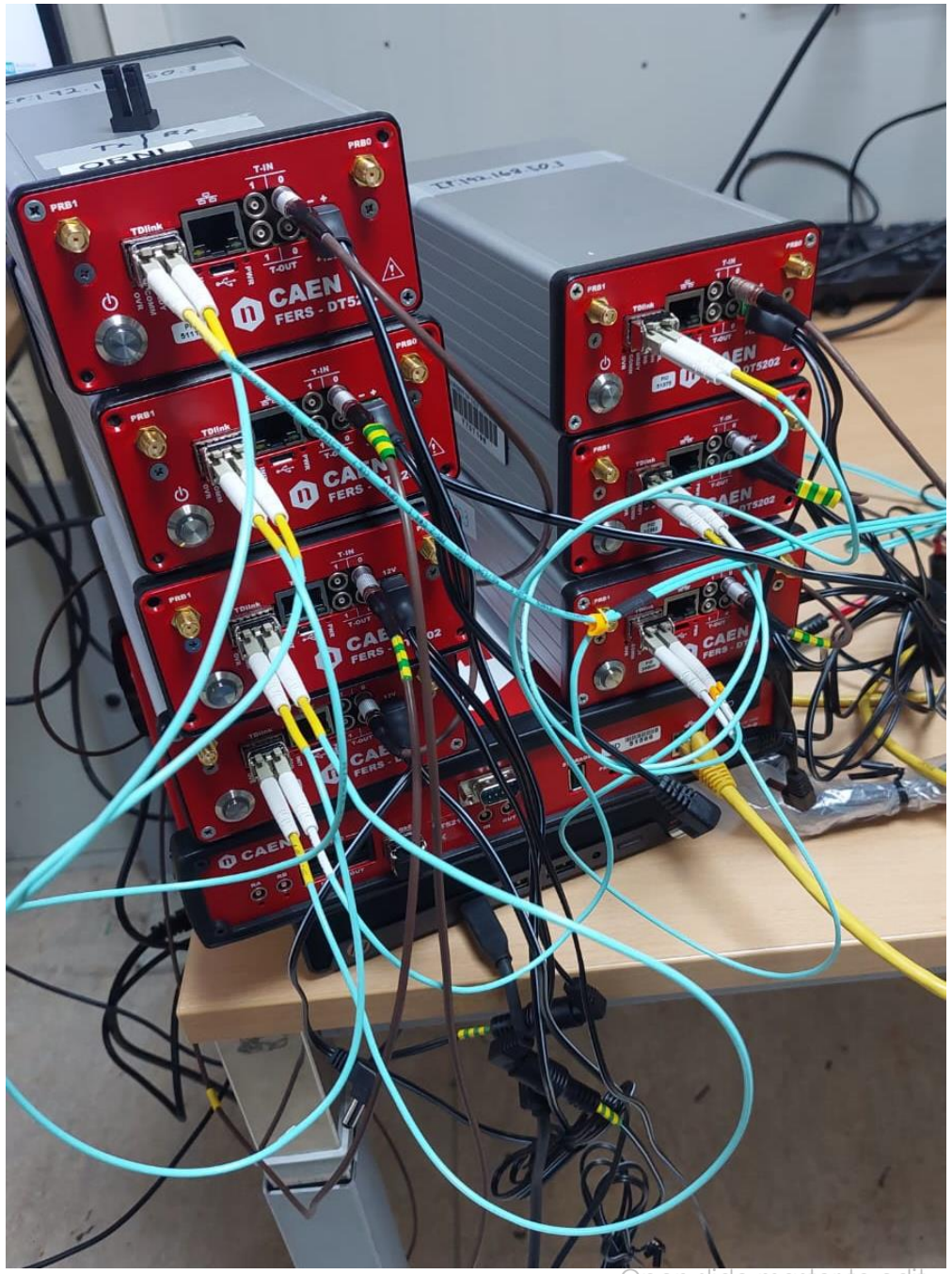
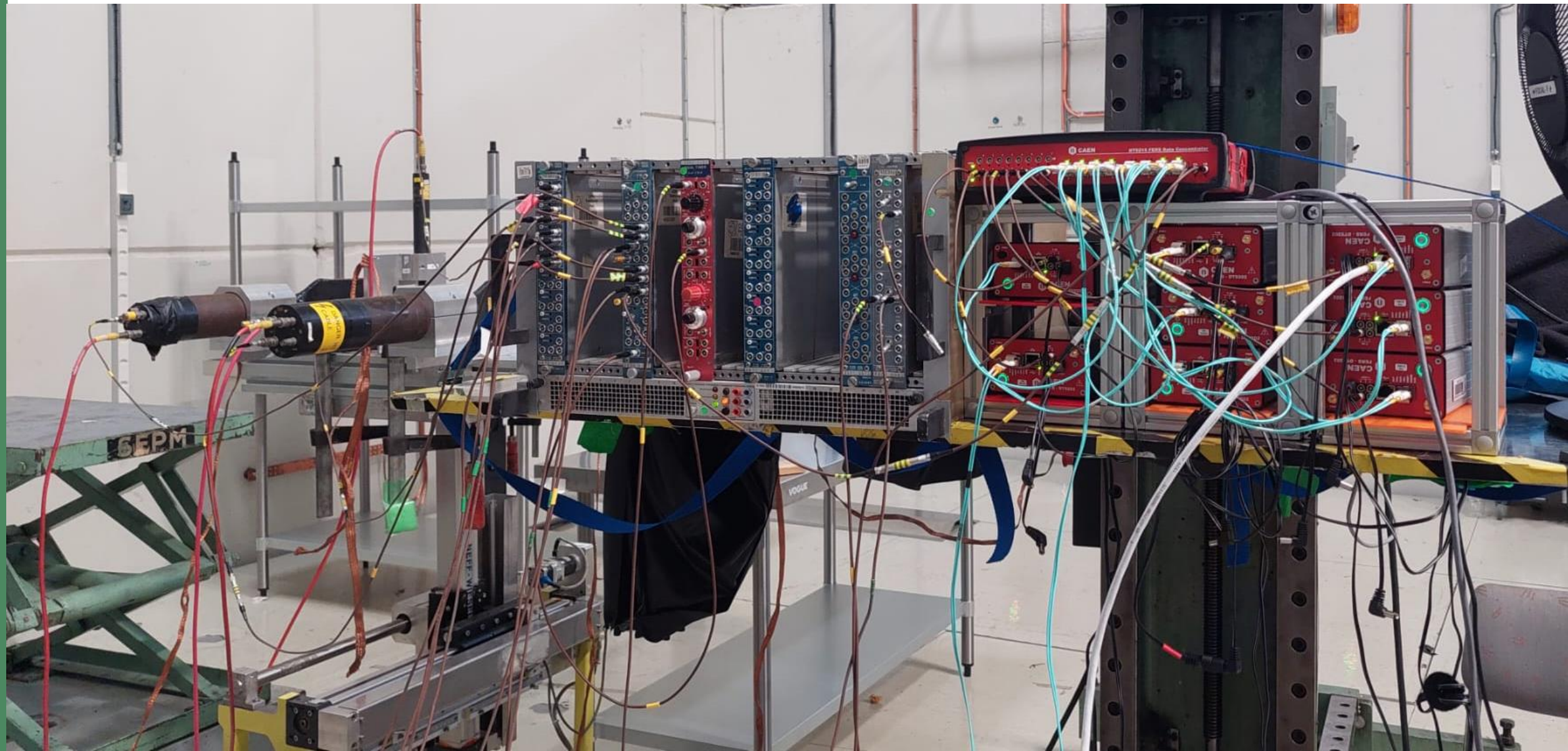


The CAEN Saga pt2: Fighting for Nanoseconds

- Trigger signal propagation delay too long.
- Did everything to reduce latency.
  - Smallest number of devices in chain, shortest cables, optimized geometry.
  - DT5215 integrated trigger fanout has 20ns delay by itself (CAEN confirmed this…)
- Increased shaping time of DT5202 to maximum
  - 87.5ns up from 25ns
  - Will need conversion factor between 25ns lab LED+cosmics and 87.5ns beam data…
- Finally saw some MIPs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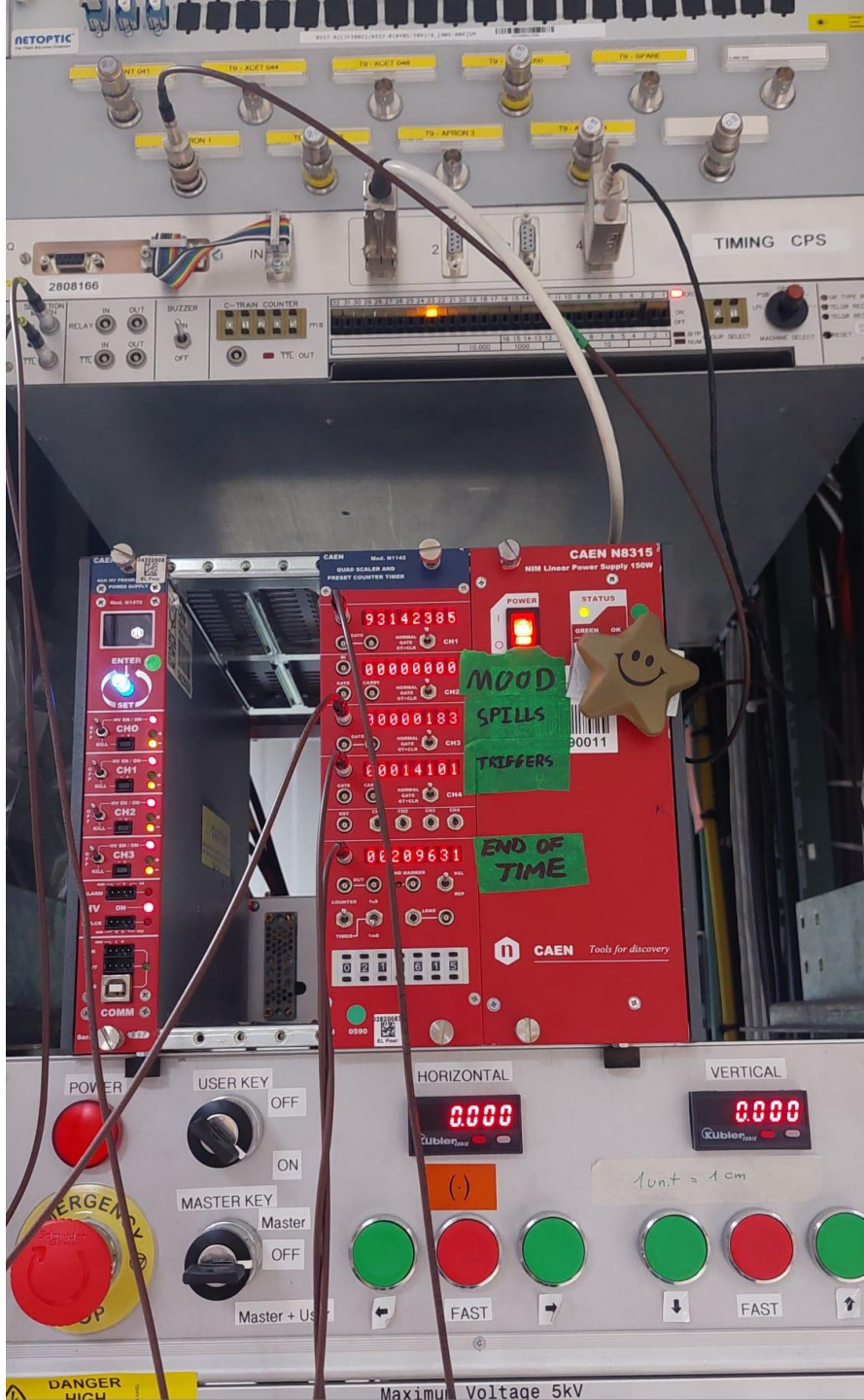
The CAEN Saga pt3: Fighting TDLinks

- Found the signal, but readout super unstable
  - Crashing every 0-5 minutes
  - Most likely due to instabilities in “TDLink” between units
- Suspected temperature issues,
  - Stripped all CAEN units of their casing and forced air through everything
- Contacted CAEN, had Zoom meeting with their engineers Friday afternoon: no result
  - New firmwares available with CRC checks, but made things way worse
- The mood got considerably worse at this point.

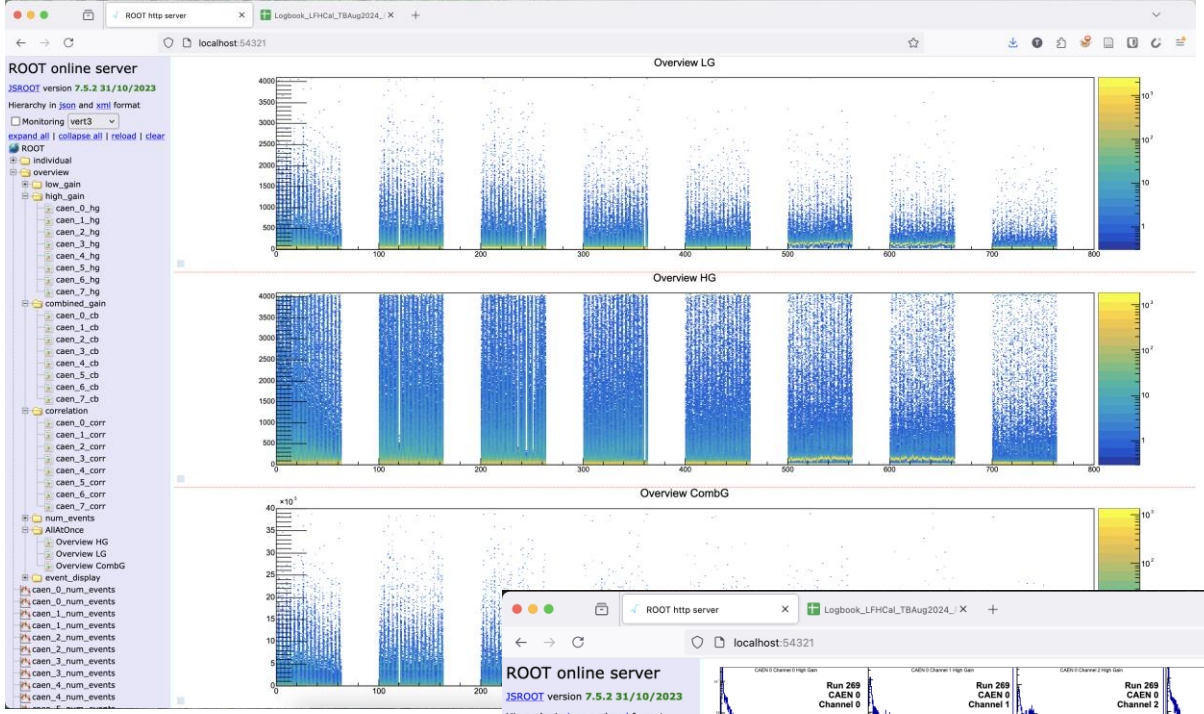
pt4: Happily Ever After

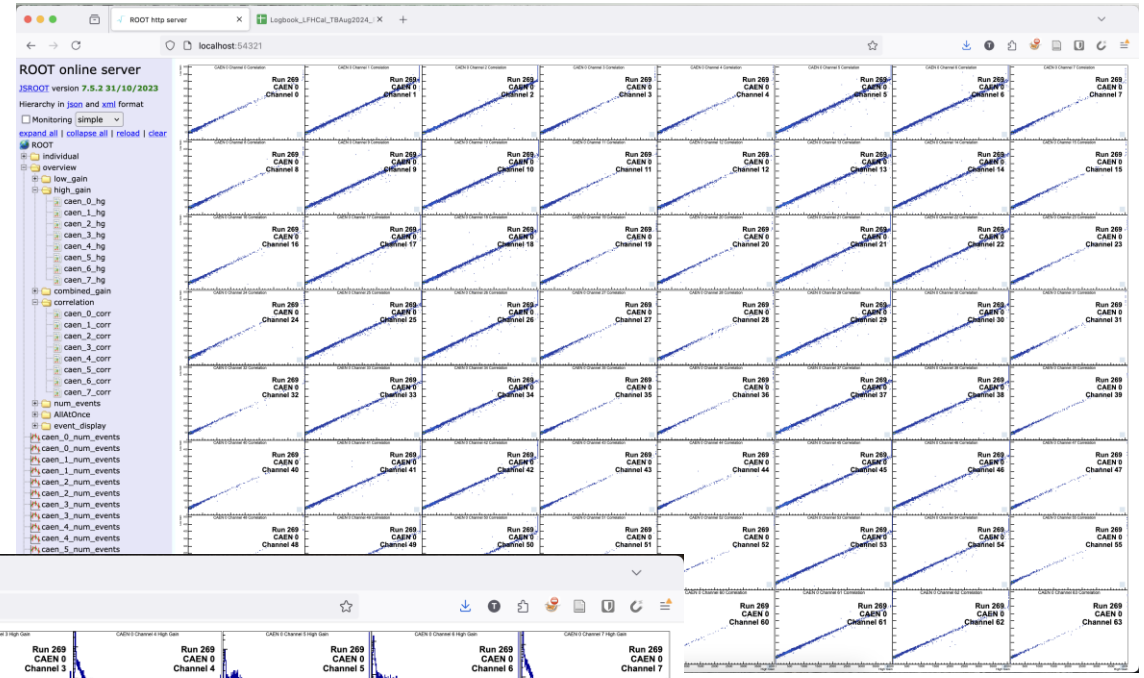
- A terrible idea: why not get rid of the data concentrator?
  - DT5202 can be run individually in “parallel” via ethernet.
  - Asynchronous, but we distribute synchronous external triggers…
- Tried it out of sheer desperation. Works.
  - Needed some minor adjustments in trigger holdoff (maximum 600ish triggers per spill)
  - Shifter needs to make **really** sure all runs are started in between spills.
  - Otherwise no problems. Have not power-cycled a single unit in 4 days(*).

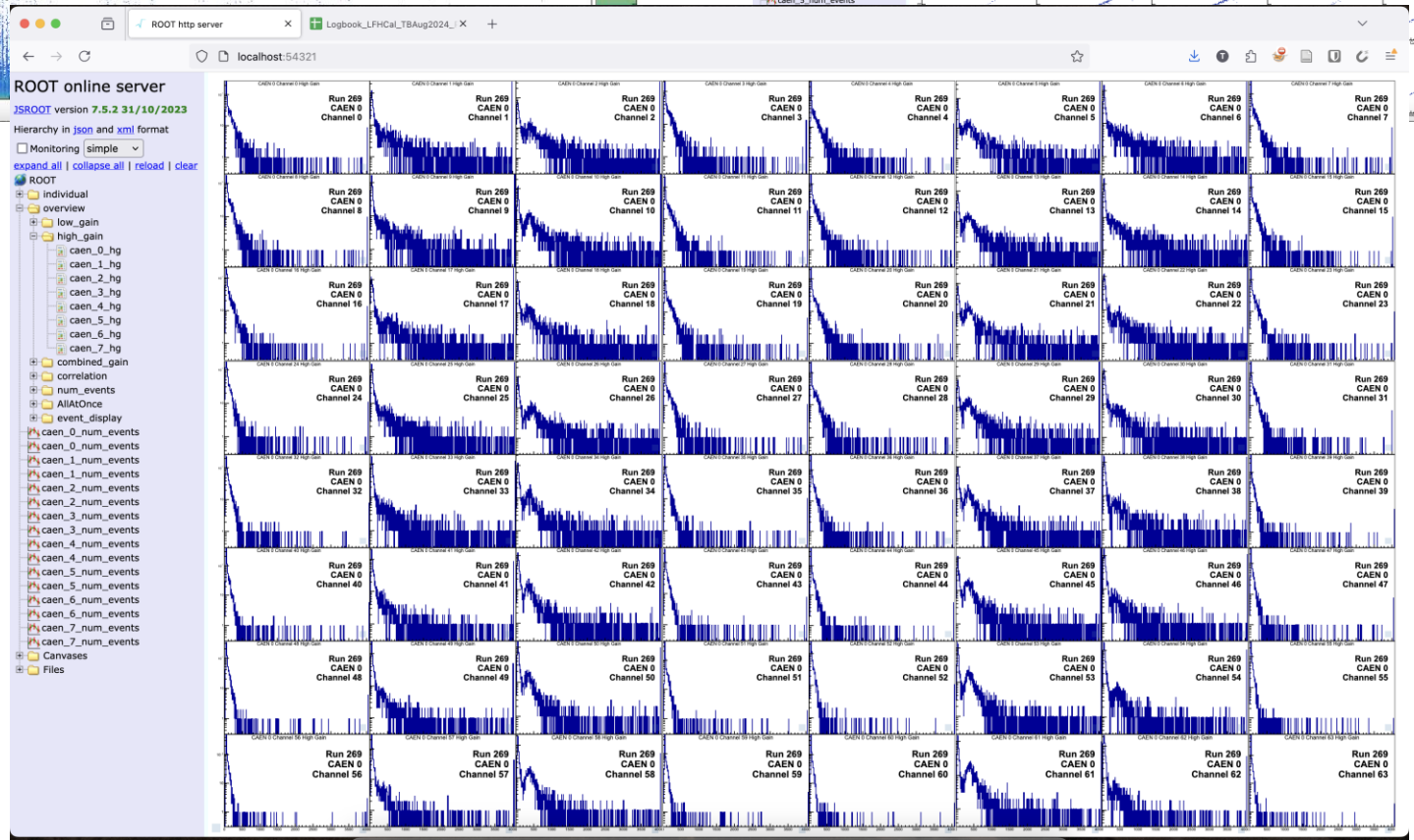


CAEN Run Summary

- Full muons, electrons, hadrons at 3 SiPM bias voltages
  - Full rerun of 45V bias point at the end for validation
- Muon scan with various shaper settings
  - To intercalibrate beam vs. lab measurements
- Full electron energy scan at 6 SiPM bias points total
  - Including dedicated muon calibrations before and after each electron scan
- All (coarsely) QA'd by Tristan Protzmann's live data monitor







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Shifters Summary

- Strong participation of various ePIC member institutes
  - Thanks to Fredi's tireless advertisement and "encouragement" to join
- Special thanks for CERN-local support from FOCAL experts

Name			Friederike Bock	Norbert Novitzky	Fernando Flor	Thibor Bernardon	Tristan Protzman	Stepan Obraztsov	Clément Delafosse	Matt Nguyen	Olivier Le Dortz	Carlos Munoz	Shihai Jia	Bobae Kim	Archita Dash	Miklos Czeller	Charlotte van Hulsen	Peter Steinberg	Oskar Hartbrich	Vincent Andrieux	Wenliang (Bill) Li	Ton van de Brink	Tommaso Isidori	Nicola Minafra
Institute			ORNL	ORNL	Yale	UTK	Lehigh	LLR/CERN	IJCLab	LLR	LLR	IJCLab	Copenh.	ANL	Muenster	Debrezen	UAH	BNL	ORNL	UIUC	MSU	Nikhef (engineer)	KU	KU
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Analysis Plans

- Initial calibrations first:
  - Pedestals, MIP positions, HG/LG intercalibration (?)
  - Worked on by Thibor Bernardon (+ OH)
  - Have data for various configurations,
- Need a simulation model (!)
  - Some work has been done, but I'm unsure about the status
- Electromagnetic response (in MIPs) and resolution
  - Hit spectra vs. simulations: saturation effects in SiPM response?
  - Response/resolution vs. simulations
- IMO: Only then go towards hadrons after electrons are understood

Summary

- Testbeams never work as planned.
  - Always stressful, but ultimately always quite fun
- Nevertheless very successful campaign
- All data backed up locally and on grid thanks courtesy of Bill.
- Testbeams are bad for your diet.

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