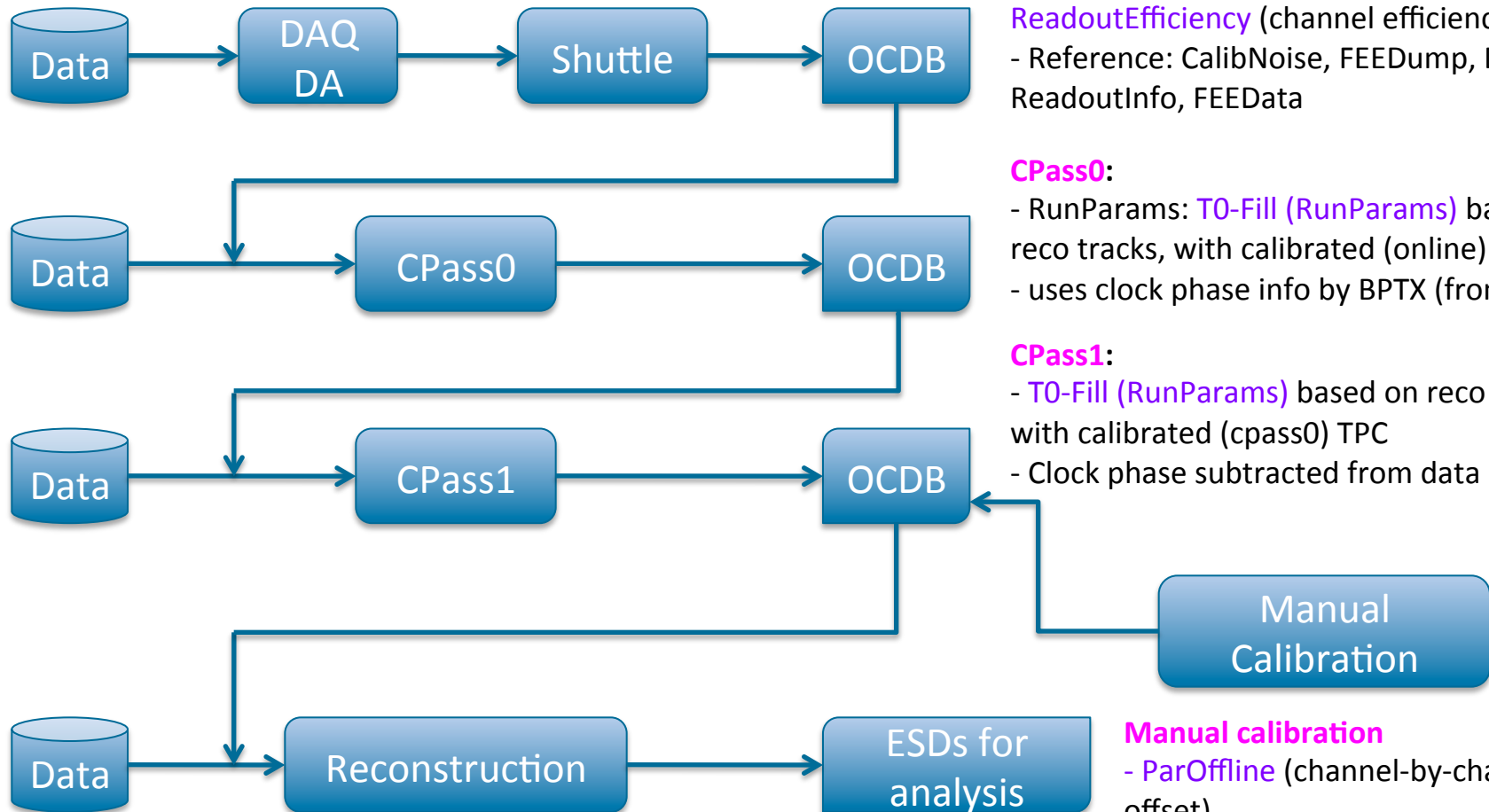


TOF Calibration

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TOF current Calibrations



Shuttle:

- OCDB: **Status** (noisy channels, HV, LV), **ReadoutEfficiency** (channel efficiency)
- Reference: CalibNoise, FEEDump, DCSDData, ReadoutInfo, FEEData

CPass0:

- RunParams: **T0-Fill (RunParams)** based on reco tracks, with calibrated (online) TPC
- uses clock phase info by BPTX (from GRP)

CPass1:

- **T0-Fill (RunParams)** based on reco tracks, with calibrated (cpass0) TPC
- Clock phase subtracted from data (GRP)

Manual calibration

- **ParOffline** (channel-by-channel offset)
- **Problematic** (problems with HW, seen in measured times)
- **ParOffline** (Time slewing)

TOF manual calibration

See this morning presentation:

https://indico.cern.ch/event/460232/session/8/contribution/56/attachments/1193298/1732920/TOF_20151124_manualCalib.pdf

- How it works
 - a) a task runs over the ESDs from cpass1 to produce a tree (`TOFCalibTree.root`)
 - b) Trees are merged over a period
 - c) The merged tree is the input for a macro which extracts the residual (wrt cpass1) offsets channel-by-channel (if statistics is sufficient) and the list of problematic
 - d) A manual update of the OCDB is requested if necessary
- Performed typically **over one LHC period** due to the high statistics required for the channel-by-channel calibration
- Moving toward automatisisation:
 - Since 2015, the **task** that we used to run by hand (based on CPass1 ESDs output), **has been added to cpass1** to produce the trees used for the manual calibration
 - To do: **merging trees run by run** (in place for other cpass outputs, TOF to be added)
 - To do: **merging trees over period** (in place for TPC QA, to be extended to TOF calib)
- Time it takes (if nothing else is in the way)
 - 3 days to run the merging + prepare the calibrations (with some safety margin)
 - Automatisisation of merging could speed this up to 1 day (with some safety margin)

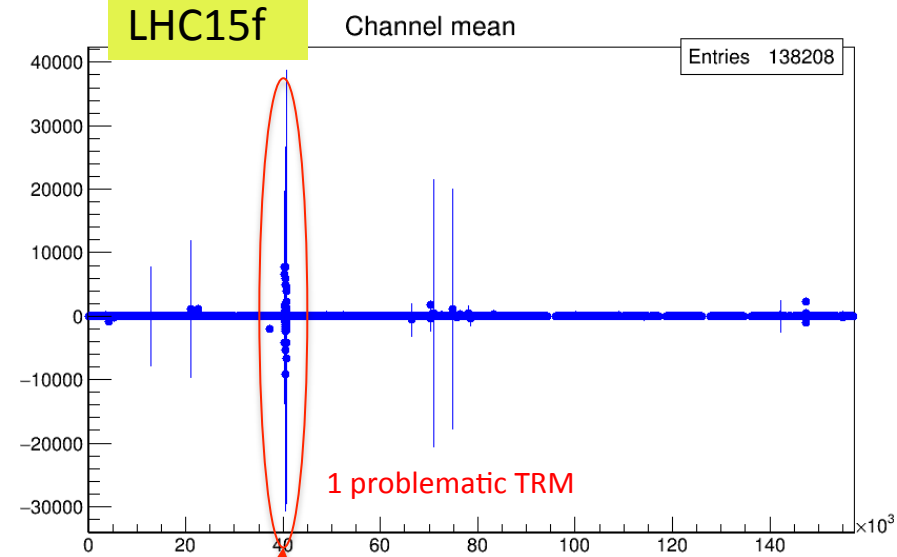
TOF calibration – time dependence

- List of problematic channels may change in time
 - hardware related, may appear/disappear if boards are replaced
 - If understood, a solution could be attempted at the hardware level
- channel-by-channel offset should not change in time
 - to be investigated (hardware related)
 - If understood, channel-by-channel offset could be obtained once for all!
 - 1 Calibration less
 - Very useful also for run 3
- channel-by-channel time-slewing should not change in time
 - to be investigated (hardware related)
 - If understood, channel-by-channel time-slewing could be obtained once for all!
 - 1 Calibration less
- gas-pressure calibrations change in time
 - Could be parameterized, and done once for all

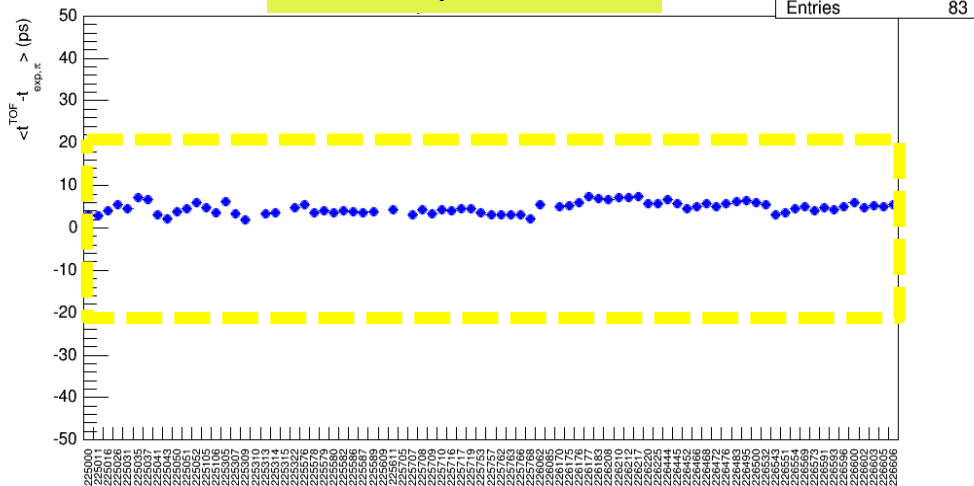
LHC15f fully calibrated for pass2

LHC15f fully calibrated (83 runs with TOF, pass2)

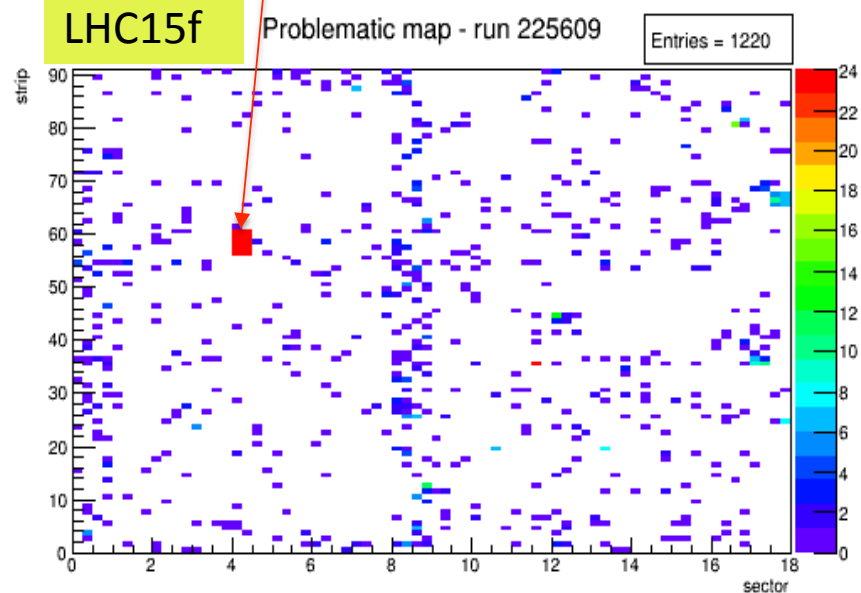
- Statistics (~1k matched hits/channel) allowed **manual calibration at the single-channel level**
- Time offsets and problematic channel map produced ([ALIROOT-6271](#))
- 4 runs with no matched hits at TOF due to channels flagged as inefficient → see dedicated slide



LHC15f pass2 QA



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Periods with cpass1_pass1 calibration

Legend: runs **with TOF** / **with pass1** / **with cpass1**,
TS = prod. in technical stop, R = running

LHC15g (6/31/54)

LHC15h (63/68/68)

LHC15i (108/108/123)

LHC15j (143/TS/146)

LHC15k (26/TS/26)

LHC15l (100/TS/108)

LHC15m (runs without TPC → TOF cannot be calibrated)

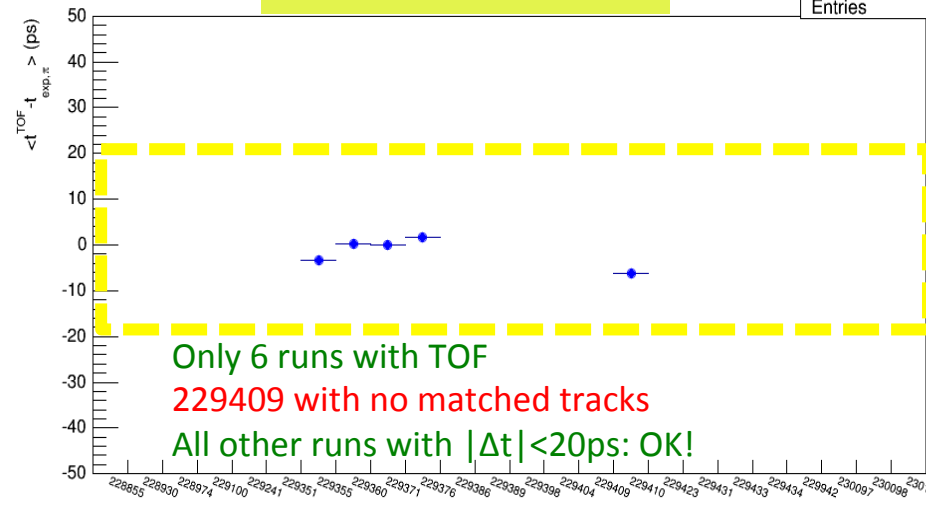
LHC15n (14R/1R/30R)

- Double bands due to **problematic channels** spotted by the QA in all periods
 - To be identified with manual calibration
- (manual) calibration to be **rechecked after space charge calibration of the TPC**
- 34 **runs with no matched hits at TOF** (list of run/periods in backup)
 - due to channels flagged as inefficient and masked in reconstruction
 - **HW/readout related** → Under investigation
 - Runs **BAD for PHYSICS**, but **can be used for TPC calibration**

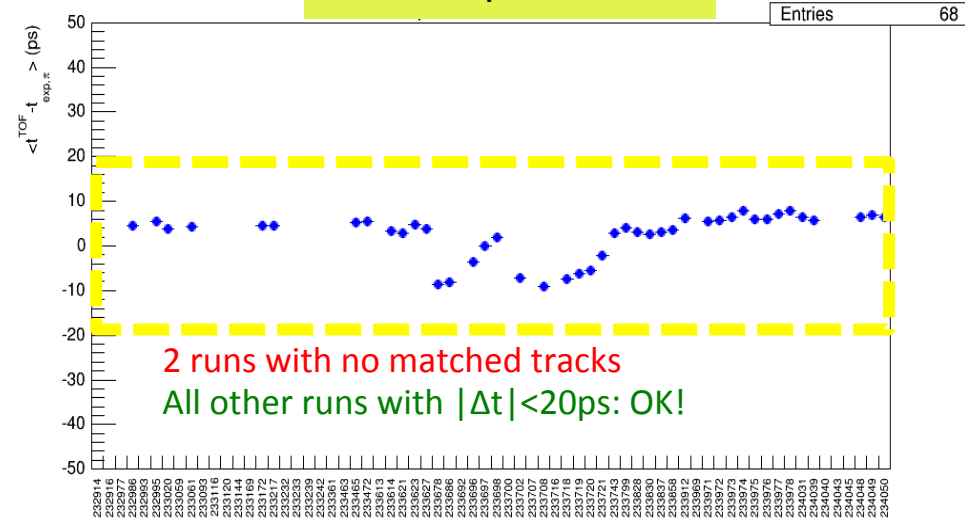
Details: LHC15g, h, i

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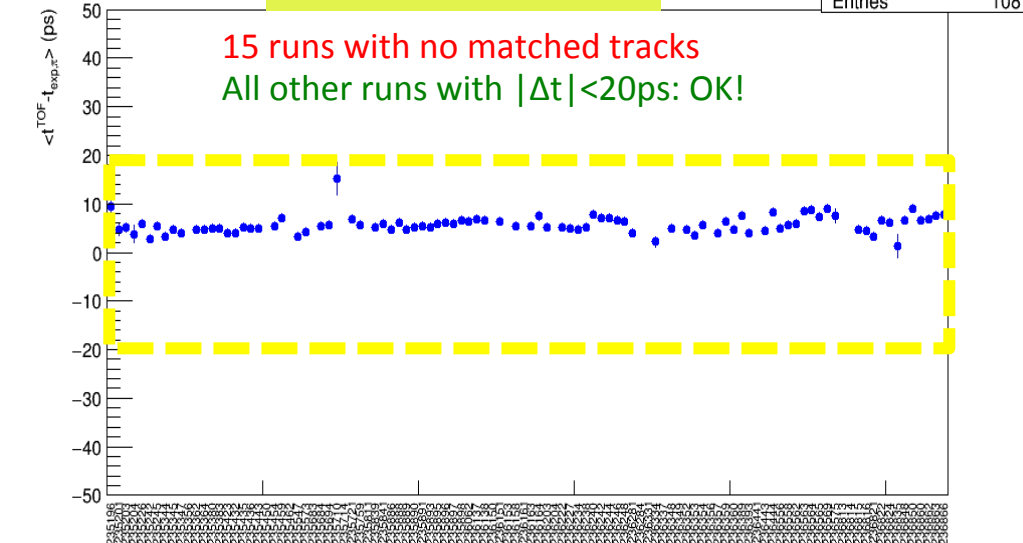
LHC15g pass1 QA



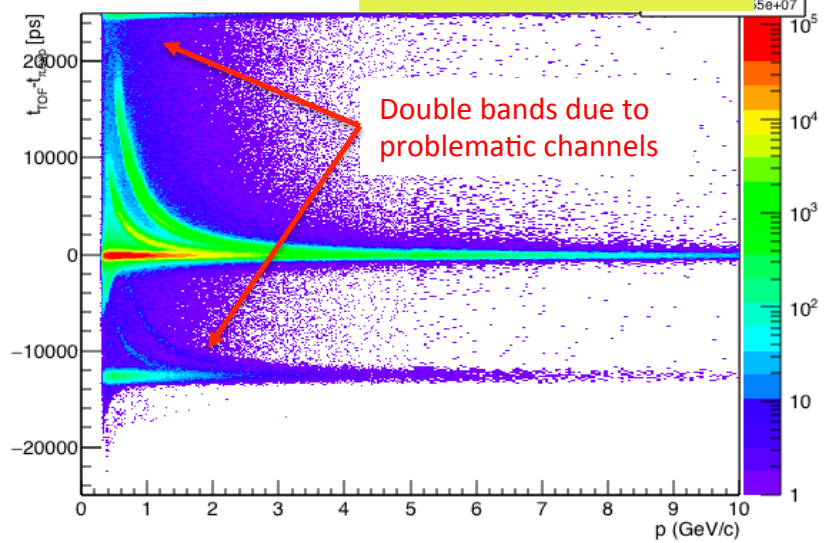
LHC15h pass1 QA



LHC15i pass1 QA

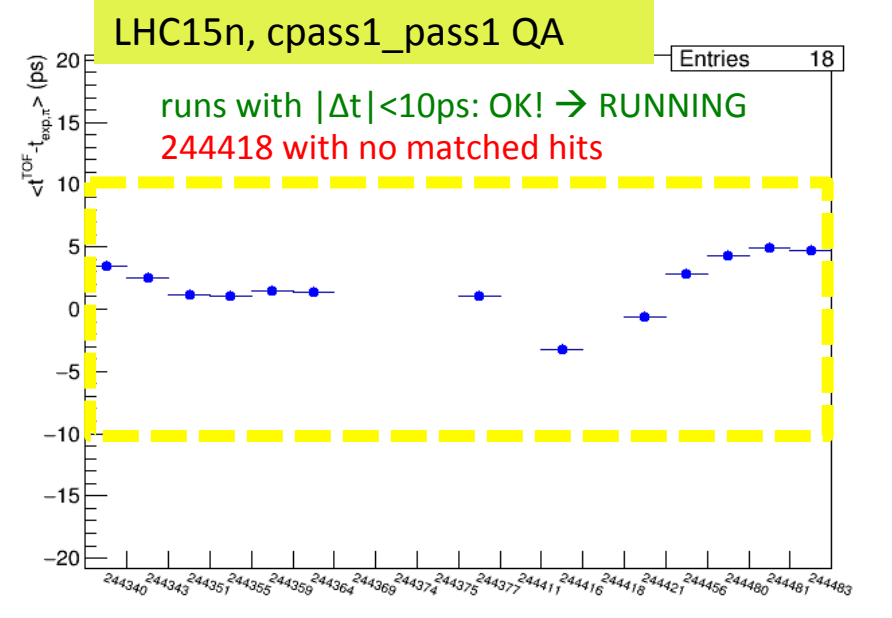
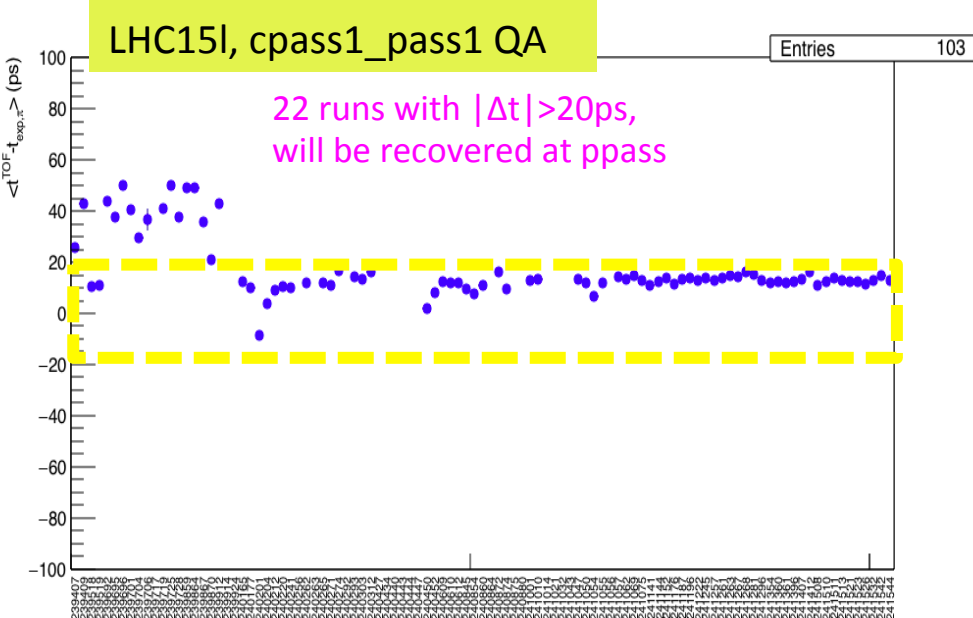
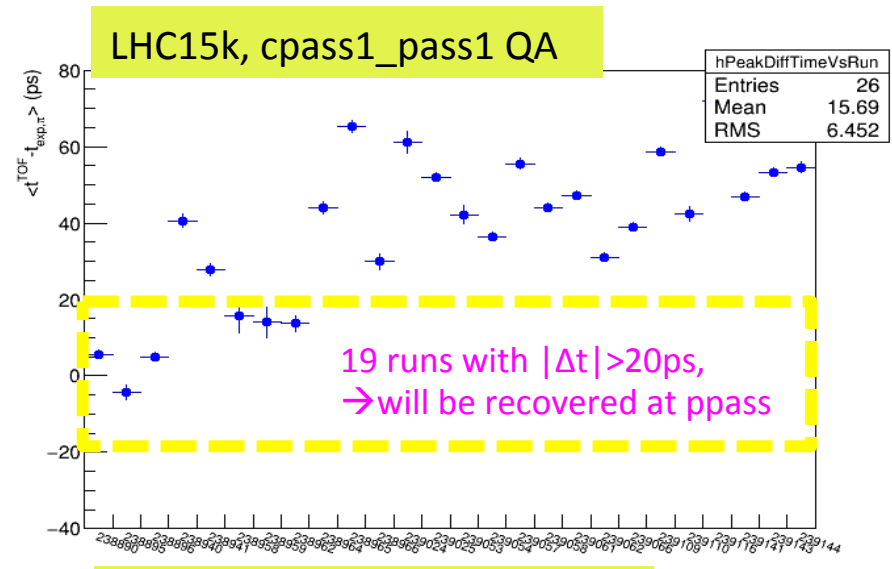
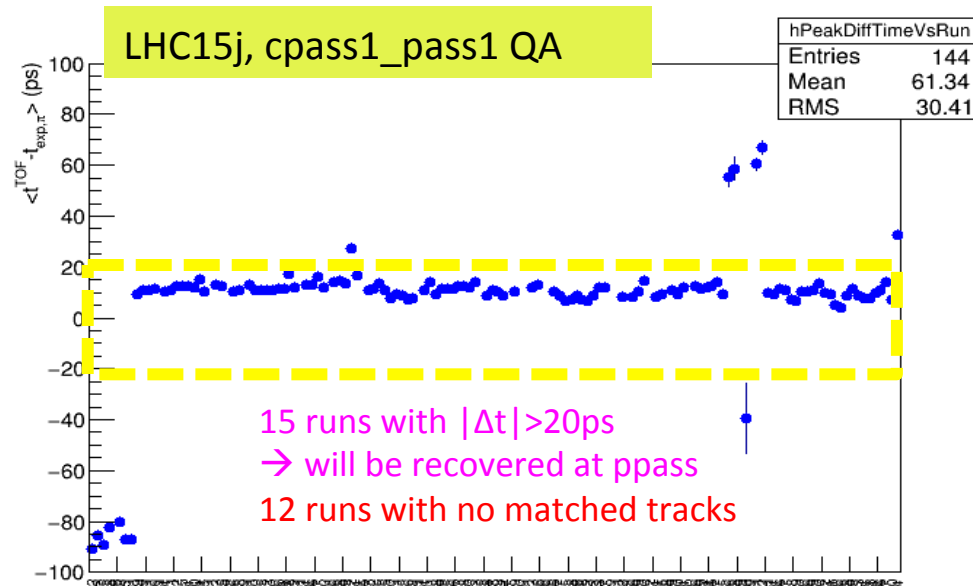


PIONS $t_{\text{exp},\pi}$ LHC15i pass1 QA



Details: LHC15k, l, n

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Outlook

- Study of TOF calibration time dependence could improve the calibration process
 - No one assigned so far, plan to have manpower for early 2016
 - Useful to determine Run 3 calibration strategy
- Automatization of TOFcalibTree merging run-by-run and over period
- 2015 calibration:
 - LHC15f fully calibrated (including manual calibration for pass2)
 - LHC15ghijkln to be manually calibrated (problematic + channel-by-channel offsets)
 - Manual calibration for LHC15i ongoing (merging stage completed)
 - Next priority: pp reference (LHC15n) and PbPb runs (LHC15o)
 - 34 runs with no matched hits and inefficient channels under investigation

Runs with no matched hits in reco/QA

34 runs found with no matched hits in reconstruction

LHC15n: 244418

LHC15k, l: none found

LHC15j: 236969, 237259, 237289, 237391, 237505, 237765, 237787, 237790, 237791, 237796, 237806, 238133

LHC15i: 235356, 235450, 235462, 235811, 236150, 236161, 236284, 236331, 236337, 236349, 236356, 236441, 236813, 236814

LHC15h: 233707, 233716

LHC15g: 229409

LHC15f: 225310, 225315, 225609, 225705

- The QA of the cpass1/pass1 finds 0 tracks matched at TOF, because
- the reconstruction finds 0 matchable hits in the TOF, because
- all channels are marked as “inefficient” in the OCDB, thus masked in reconstruction.
- Hardware/readout related → experts are **investigating** possible causes (raw data decoding, HV/ACQbit, PAR procedure, ...)
- These runs are BAD for PHYSICS, but can be used for TPC calibration

TOF Current Calibrations

From C. Zampoli,
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/228415>

- **Shuttle:**
 - OCDB: **Status** (noisy channels, HV, LV), **ReadoutEfficiency** (efficiency of a channel – to be > 95%)
 - Reference: CalibNoise, FEEDump, DCSDData, ReadoutInfo, FEEData
- **CPass0:**
 - RunParams: **T0-Fill (RunParams)** based on reconstructed tracks, with calibrated (after online calibration) TPC
 - Uses also the clock phase information measured by BPTX, reading it from GRP
- **CPass1:**
 - RunParams: **T0-Fill (RunParams)** based on reconstructed tracks, with calibrated (after CPass0) TPC
 - Clock phase subtracted from data, reading it from GRP

Used in reconstruction

TOF Current Calibrations – II

From C. Zampoli,
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/228415>

- **Manual calibrations** from CPass1 output
 - Channel-by-channel offset → **ParOffline**
 - Every period, ~100 entries/channel (~160000 channels)
 - Problematic channels (problems with HW, seen in measured times) → **Problematic**
 - Every period, ~100 entries/channel (~160000 channels)
 - Time slewing → **ParOffline**
 - Every year, ~10k entries/channel (~160000 channels)

Used in reconstruction