



# Data query and cleaning for Post Mortem beam loss analysis

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# Introduction – What is Post Mortem?

- Diagnostics system that stores data from *events*, most notably from LHC beam dumps
- Assert correct functioning of the Machine Protection Systems for all high-energy beam dumps, by machine protection experts
  - Partially manual, partially automated
- Identify potential issues
- PM Playback:

The screenshot displays the LHC Post Mortem analysis interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Session confirmation, Modules graph, and Results. Below this is a menu of analysis modules such as BCT, BIC IPOC, BLM LOSSES, and others. The main content area is divided into four panels:

- Dump context:** Shows event details including timestamp (2018.09.10 14:29:57 CEST), fill number (7145), filling pattern, beam mode (PROTON PHYSICS / STABLE BEAMS), energy (6499080 MeV), intensities for B1 and B2, SMP flags (PRESENT, STABLE, MOVEABLE), and BSTAR parameters.
- Event sequence:** Lists event category (PROGRAMMED\_DUMP), classification (OPERATOR\_SWITCH), and a detailed event sequence: 'First USR\_PERMIT change: Ch 4-Operator Buttons: A T -> F on CIB.CCR.LHC.B1'. It also lists triggered BIC inputs and SCEvents (No power converter events found).
- Machine protection features:** Provides a summary of protection status. Event description: 'BIC\_IPOC analysis finished with warnings.' Highest beam losses: 'BLMTI.04L6.B1E10\_TCDSA.4L6.B1 BLMTI.04R6.B2I10\_TCDSA.4R6.B2'. Magnet quenches: 'No magnet quenches found'. nQPS triggers: 'No nQPS events found'. A grid of status indicators shows: BIC IPOC: ✓, FMCM ISA: ✓, PIC IPOC: ✓, XPOC B1: ✓, XPOC B2: ✓, Safe for injection?: ✓, and PM Overall: ✓.
- Comments:** Shows user 'gtrad', advised actions, beam losses (Losses in dump region), orbit changes (No considerable Orbit Changes), and classification (Programmed Dump). A comment reads: 'Dump (2256b) upon the request of ATLAS for an urgent access'. Buttons for Confirm, Discard, and Release SIS are at the bottom.

# Introduction – Project description

- Goal: Develop an automated analysis tool for screening of beam loss data

The screenshot displays a software interface for beam loss analysis. The title bar indicates the session ID and date. A green banner at the top states "Final analysis is confirmed". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Session confirmation / Modules graph / Results:** A navigation bar with various analysis modules like BCT, BIC IPOC, BLM LOSSES, etc.
- Dump context:** A table of event parameters including timestamp (2018.09.10 14:29:57 CEST), fill number (7145), beam mode (PROTON PHYSICS / STABLE BEAMS), energy (6499080 MeV), and intensities for B1 and B2.
- Event sequence:** Details the event category (PROGRAMMED\_DUMP), classification (OPERATOR\_SWITCH), and the sequence of triggered BIC inputs across various beam lines and detectors.
- Machine protection features:** A checklist showing the status of various protection systems. All items (BIC IPOC, XPOC B1, Safe for injection, FMCM ISA, XPOC B2, PM Overall, PIC IPOC) are marked with green checkmarks. The PIC IPOC entry is highlighted with a red box.
- Comments:** A section for user notes, including the user name (gtrad) and a comment about a dump request from ATLAS.

# Introduction – Beam Loss Monitors (BLMs)

BLM type (in PM)	Count
IC	3651
LIC	110
SEM	177
Other	3230

**3761**

**IC:** Ionization chamber

**LIC:** Little ionization chamber

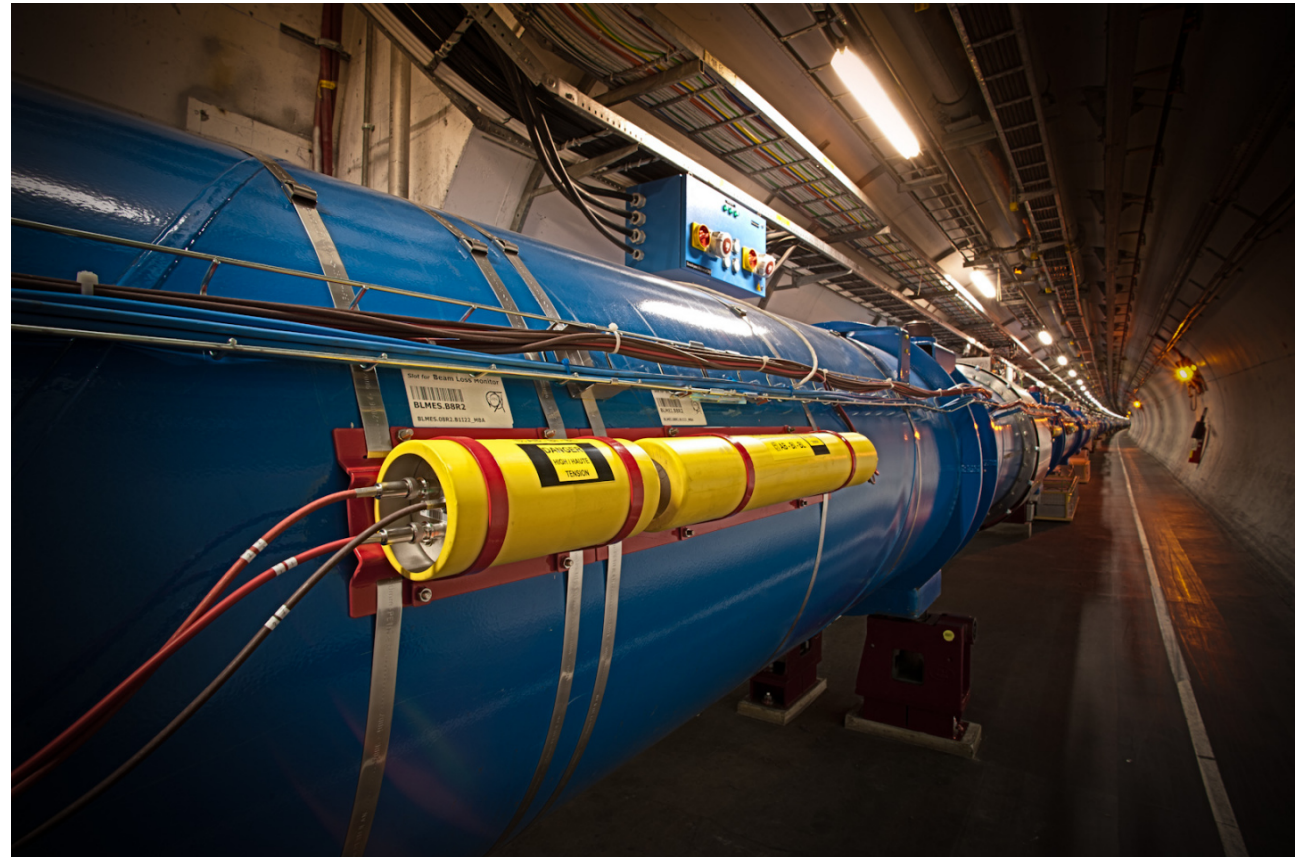
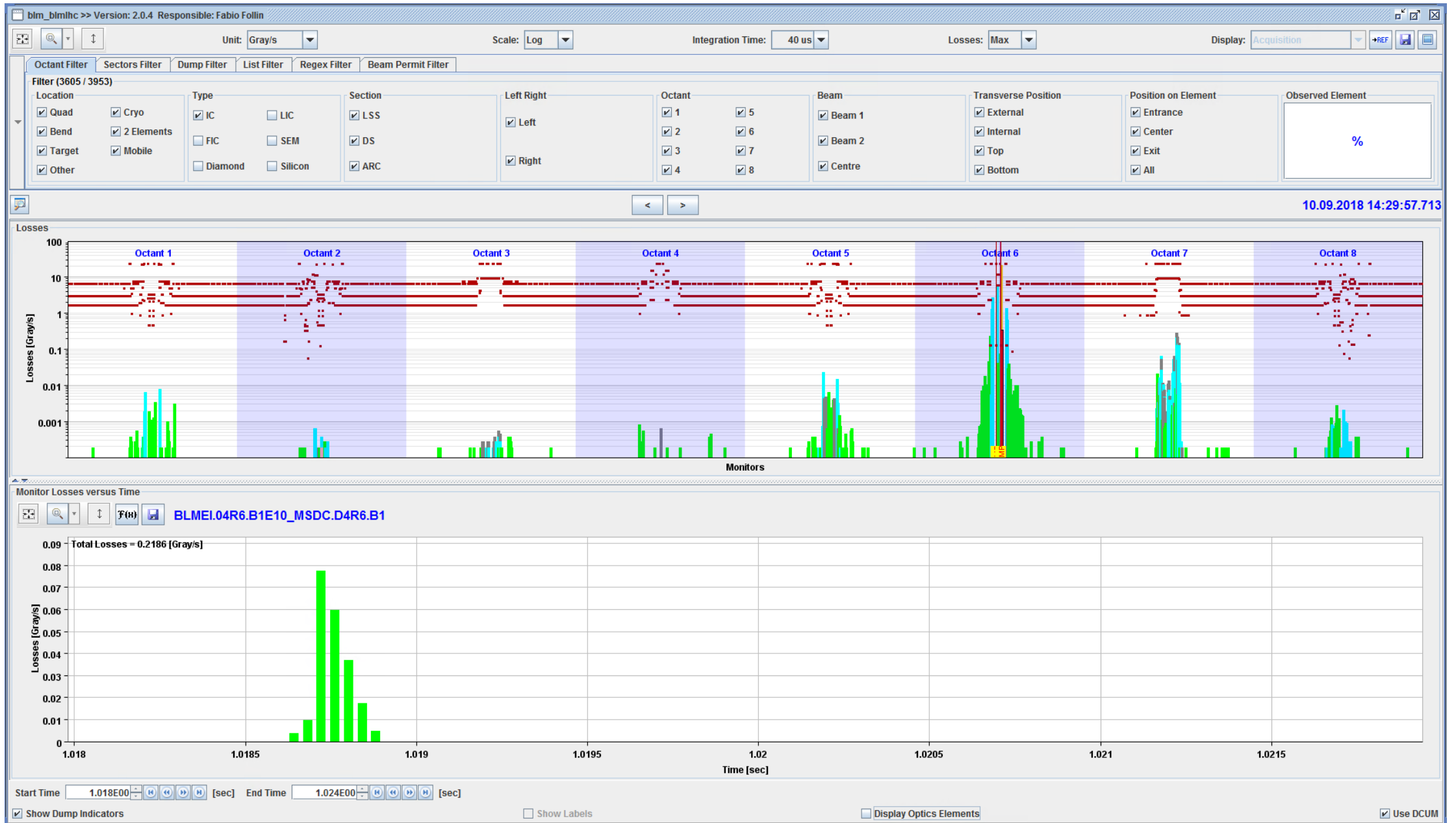


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# Introduction – Project outline

## Steps:

- **Collect data from all beam dumps in Run 2 (2015 - 2018)**
  - Get **loss data** from BLMs
  - Get LHC **context variables**
    - E.g., beam energy, intensity, collimator positions
- **Use data to define “normal”/”acceptable” losses**
  - Approach 1: **Model-driven approach**
    - Based on understanding of physics and phenomena in the LHC
  - Approach 2: **Machine learning approach**
  - Probably combine the two approaches

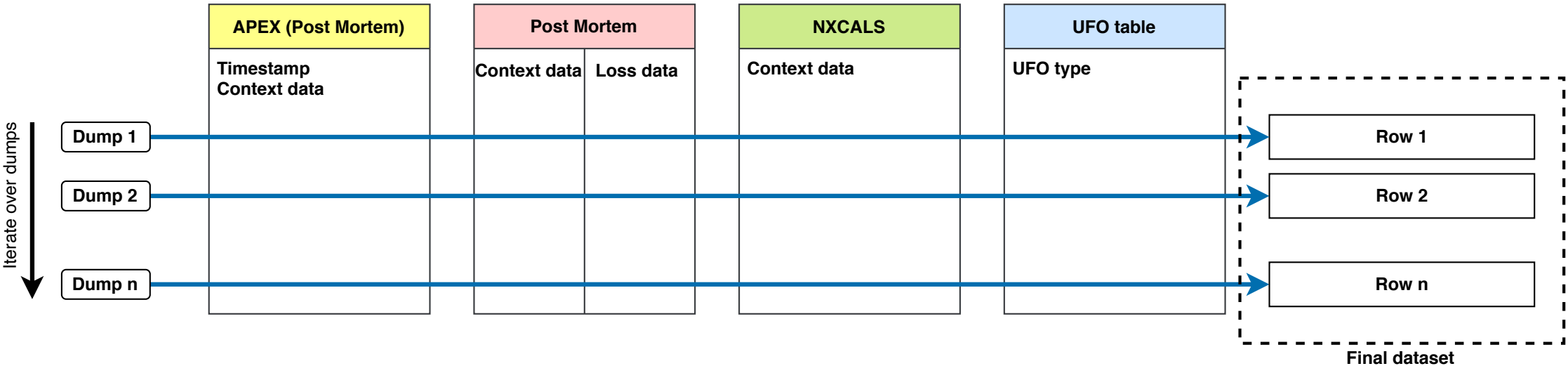


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# Data collection

- Data collection is done in several steps
- All data parts are merged in the end into one big dataset
- So far, I've only considered 2018 data
  - Data from 2015-2017 to be included



# Data collection - APEX

- **APEX: PM Database and Statistics - A tool for browsing PM data and statistics**
- **Get timestamps for all beam dumps**
- **20 context variables**
  - Beta star, operator comments, dump classification, ...
- **Timestamps from APEX used as basis for further data collection**

	Event Timestamp <sup>↑</sup>	Event Category	Accelerator Mode	Beam Mode	Beam Energy [MeV]	Fill Number	Stable Beams [hours]	Fill Luminosity [nb <sup>-1</sup> ]	Mps Expert Comment	
	01-JUL-2018 09.46.24.305000	PROGRAMMED_DUMP	PROTON PHYSICS	STABLE BEAMS	6499200	6868	21.9	536.02875	Programmed dump of VdM fill with 140b. Clean dump.	52E
	01-JUL-2018 11.56.34.773000	PROGRAMMED_DUMP	PROTON PHYSICS	FLAT TOP	6499200	6869	0	0	Asynchronous dump test at Flat Top 90 m run.	2nc
	01-JUL-2018 20.51.31.698927	PROTECTION_DUMP	PROTON PHYSICS	FLAT TOP	6499200	6871	0	0	Off-momentum loss map at Flat Top, nominal cycle, RF trim -500Hz.	2nc
	01-JUL-2018 22.16.01.889000	PROTECTION_DUMP	PROTON PHYSICS	INJECTION PHYSICS BEAM	449880	6872	0	0	-	25r
	01-JUL-2018	PROTECTION_DUMP	PROTON	INJECTION PHYSICS BEAM	449880	6872	0	0	-	25r

# Post Mortem – Context data

- Using a Python REST API to access PM data
- Script based on the LHC Signal Monitoring project
  - Thanks, Michał!
- SWAN notebook for launching script
- 10 context variables
  - Beam energy, beam intensity, abort gap population, ...



	OVERALL_ENERGY	OVERALL_INTENSITY_1	OVERALL_INTENSITY_2	BEAM_MODE	timestamp_blm	aGXpocTotalIntensityB1	aGXpocTotalMaxInte
(7145,)	64990.8	18731	19135	11	1536582597713488525	9.132174e+07	3.9695

# Post Mortem – Loss data

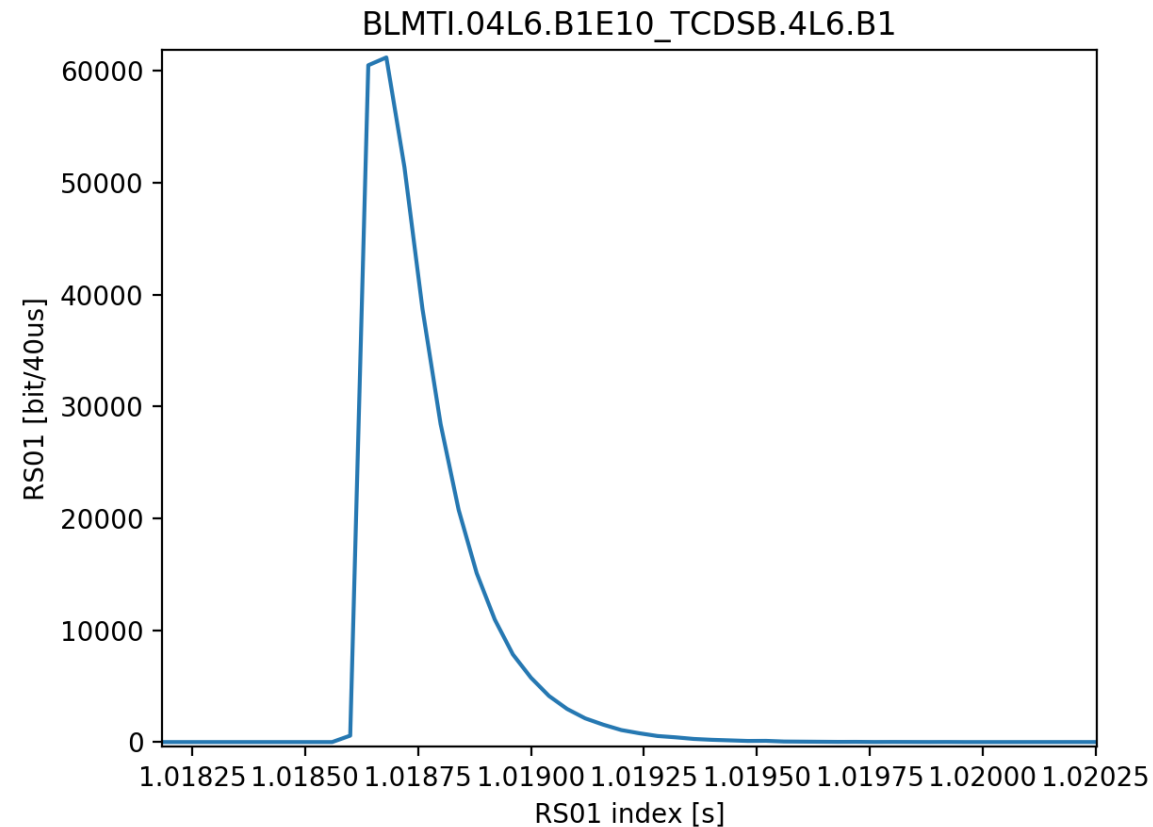
- Losses recorded by each BLM are stored in PM in 2 running sums

Running sum	Integration window	No. of values stored around dump	Length of time series around dump
RS01	40 $\mu$ s	25600	1.024 s
RS09	1.31 s	512	671 s

- **RS01: 25600 values/BLM \* 4000 BLMs \* 1000 dumps/year  $\approx$  1e11 values/year**
- **Need to condense RS time series to make them more manageable**
- **Compute “features”**
  - Maximum, sum, rise time, fall time

# Post Mortem – Loss data

- **Split RS01 time series in two (“before dump” and “after dump”)**
  - Calculate features individually



# NXCALS

- **A logging system using Hadoop Big Data technologies**
- **Continuously stores data during operation**
  - Context variables, BLM losses (stored at 1 Hz), ...
- **Connect to Spark clusters via a SWAN notebook**
- **Using functions from the LHC SM API for querying the logging database**
- **Examples of context variables**
  - Collimator positions (LVDT gap)                      Examples: TCTPH.4L1.B1, TCSG.D5L7.B2
  - Beam position (button BPMs)                      Examples: LHC.BPTUH.A4L1.B1, LHC.BPTUV.D4R7.B2
  - Luminosity (at ALICE/ATLAS/CMS/LHCb)

# Adding special flags - UFOs

- **UFO: Unidentified Falling Object – Dust particle falling into the beam**
- **Can cause beam dumps**
- **Add three flags based on table compiled by Philippe Bélanger containing all UFO events in Run 2**
- **Get timestamp and UFO type (UFO, ULO, 16L2) from table**

Timestamp	Type	Source/BLM	Comment
2018-07-17 22:07:21	16L2	HC.BLM.SR2.L/BLMQI.16L2.B1E30_MQ	Dumped by 16L2 losses when squeezing down, due...
2018-07-21 21:17:09	UFO	HC.BLM.SR8.C/BLMQI.01R8.B2E30_MQXA	Dumped by small UFO in IR8 and LHCb. Fast loss...
2018-08-07 18:31:17	16L2	HC.BLM.SR2.L/BLMQI.16L2.B1E30_MQ	16L2 B1 (2556b) @ 6.5TeV, ~5ms, dumped by TCP ...
2018-09-28 11:03:48	UFO	HC.BLM.SR7.R/BLMBI.18R7.B0T10_MBA-MBB_17R7	Beam dumped during squeeze, due to strong and ...

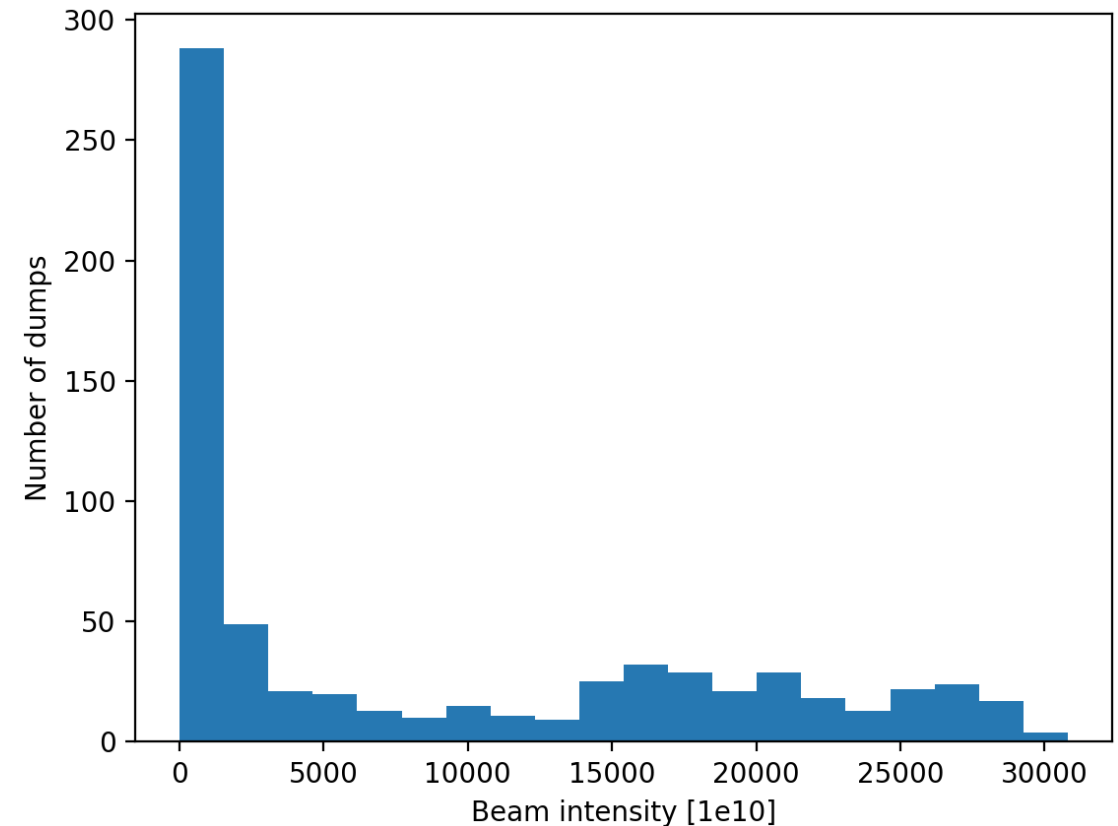


# 2018 dataset – Facts and figures

- Size of resulting dataset: **316 MB**
- 896 rows, 100 492 columns
- Estimated size without dimensionality reduction of loss data: **~500 GB per year**
- Number of UFO dumps: **21**
- Number of dumps with some missing PM context data: **140**

# 2018 dataset – Facts and figures

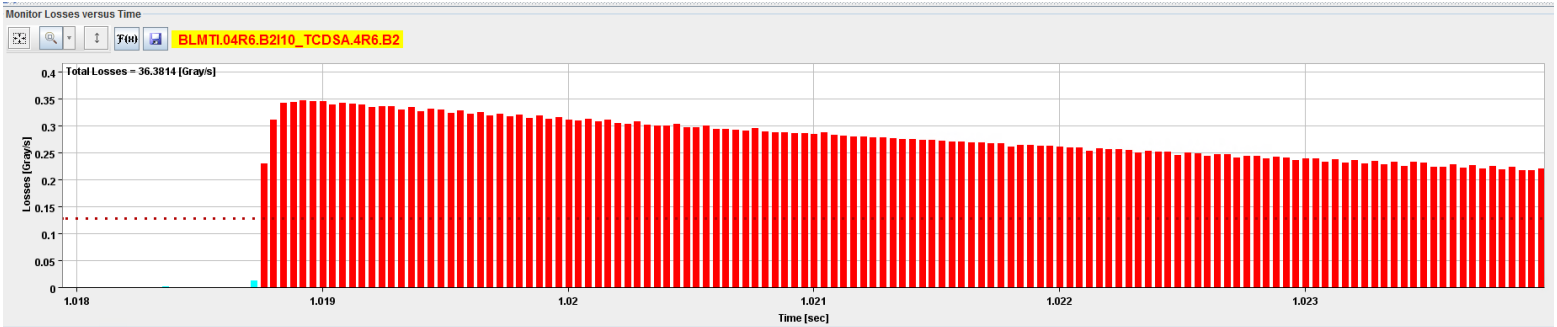
- **760 beam dumps in 2018 (when filtering out dump events without beam)**
- **By dump category:**
  - 406 programmed dumps
  - 354 protection dumps
- **By beam energy:**
  - 293 at injection energy (450 GeV)
  - 363 at top energy (6.5 TeV)
  - 104 between 450 GeV and 6.5 TeV
- **46 dumps had only one beam present**



# Data collection – Dealing with issues

- **Handle missing data**
  - Missing context data from NXCALS and PM: Fill with N/A entries
- **Some context variables in NXCALS are stored with deviating frequencies**
  - Sometimes a variable doesn't have a recorded value close to the dump event
  - Sometimes the last stored value isn't accurate
- **Defining time index for “dump moment”**
- **Calculating rise and fall time for RS01**

ALICE:LUMI_TOT_INST	
-3.994	2.528513
-3.012	2.542154
-2.029	2.552235
-1.046	2.485550
0.046	1.208162
1.029	0.000000



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# Data cleaning – Initial checks

- **Ensure correct data types (integers, floats, strings, Booleans)**
- **Consistency checks:**
  - Beam intensity not above its theoretical maximum
  - Beam losses not above the BLM saturation level
  - Compare loss data from PM to loss data from NXCALS
    - PM: bits, 25600 Hz
    - NXCALS: Gy/s, 1 Hz
  - Manually evaluate RS01 max for each BLM over time to ensure that no BLMs were moved or had a filter installed/changed
- **Alignment checks:**
  - Make sure that data from the different sources are concatenated properly
  - Compare fill numbers and exact timestamps

# Data cleaning

- **Filter out dumps where no beam was present**
  - Some non-dump PM events are stored as dump events
- **For each dump: Remove data from BLMs that had unphysical losses:**
  - Loss values above the BLM saturation level (165 BLMs in 2018)
  - Clearly abnormal loss values, e.g., only taking on values that are powers of 2
  - Replace unphysical values with N/A entries
- **Filter out BLMs that had no data at all in 2018**
  - 1640 BLMs (BLMM)

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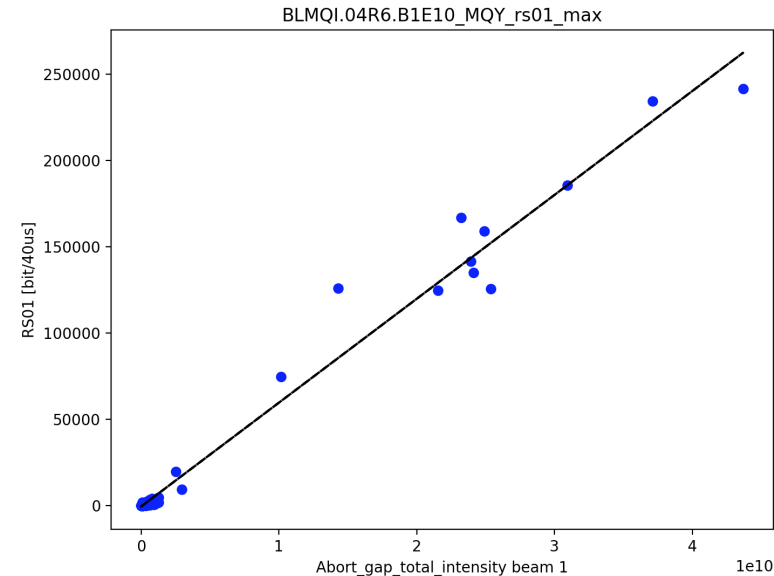
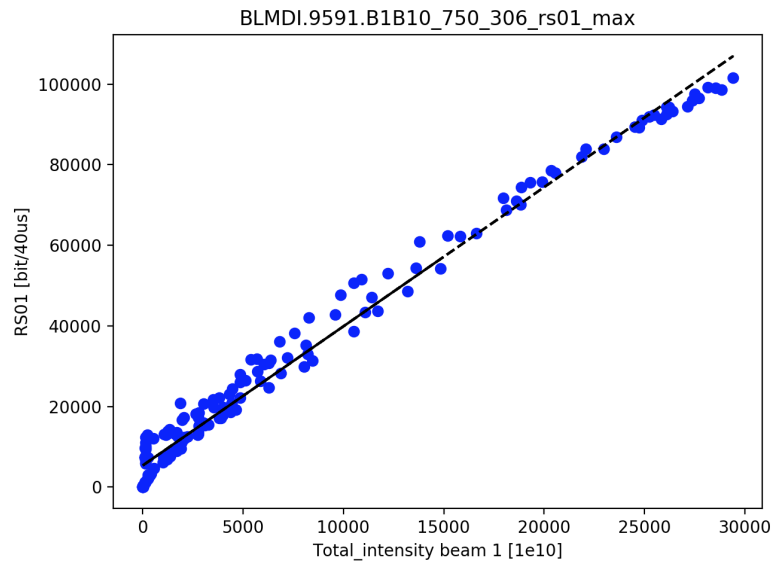
# First look at the data – Filtering

- **Split dataset in two:**
  - Injection energy dumps (450 GeV)
  - High-energy dumps (>450 GeV)
- **Filter out BLM types other than IC and LIC**
- **For simple linear correlation checks:**
  - Filter out BLMs below noise level
- **Filter out dumps from the ion run**



# First look at the data

- **Study first correlations between losses and some context variables:**
  - **Beam intensity:** 13 ICs strongly correlated (located in dump line or close to the dump)
  - **Abort gap population:** ~120 ICs strongly correlated



- **BLMs with consistently low losses (near noise level) are marked as “low-loss”**
  - 45 % of ICs and LICs had no RS01 losses greater than 25 bits (~2 mGy/s) in 2018

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# Outlook

- **Collect data from 2015-2017**
- **Start defining simple thresholds for BLMs, based on collected data**
- **Perform some initial “predictions” and evaluate thresholds**
- **Post-processing of some vector-valued context variables**
  - Filling pattern, abort gap spill, bunch configuration, BPMs
- **In parallel to this: Run machine learning algorithms**
  - Neural networks
  - Anomaly detection, conditioned on the context variables
  - Distributed computing: HTCondor? OpenStack? Using GPUs if possible

# Thank you for your attention

## Questions?

