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Remaining tasks for INTT



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- Now, the sPHENIX operation has come to an end. The sPHENIX should now transition to the full-analysis phase
- We should start to review the progress we have made, which is, of course, huge!
 - But also the remaining tasks for INTT that we need to resolve/accomplish
- I prepared a wiki page aiming to summarize/monitor the tasks
 - https://wiki.sphenix.bnl.gov/index.php?title=INTT_Remaining_task

- **High Priority**

- INTT DAC setting implementation
- Offline QA, good run list for INTT
- Carried-over-hit issue
- The duplicate hits in Run25 AuAu due to too large open_time
- INTT data-MC edep discrepancy (ClusAdc, ClusPhiSize)
- INTT timing reliability, fraction of the hits to the next bco bin

- **Low Priority**

- INTT geometry distorted by the alignment parameters
- Cluster
 - splitting
 - merger
- Timing instability

Feel free to edit the web page if you come up with some new tasks, or if you have some updates for the task

INTT DAC setting implementation



- The module, InttDacMap.cpp, is for assigning the INTT hit DAC values
 - From adc0 - adc7 to thresholds we set to the FPHX comparators
- We kept the adc settings for all (most) of the runs in the sPHENIX PSQL DB (intt_setting)
- Currently, the InttDacMap.cpp module reads the table from the CDB file, but the CDB is outdated
 - There are only three DAC maps in the sPHENIX CDB file system
- We need to come up with a way to have the correct DAC values assigned to the INTT hits
 - We need to link runnumber to the corresponding threshold setting
 - We either update the CDB files or we load the values from the PSQL database

In the sPHENIX CDB file system

```
[ecie9969@sphnxuser08 cdb]$ ls INTT_DACMAP/*/*/*
INTT_DACMAP/05/2b/052bc59ac86636e7ee2310c636a0218e_CDBTree_INTT_DACMAP_2024.root
INTT_DACMAP/fb/c5/fbc57b510a51212c46c98b6cef0219f8_CDBTree_INTT_DACMAP.root
INTT_DACMAP/fd/55/fd551e8101598bcecdb3b305c19379f1_cdb_intt_dac_35_45_60_90_120_150_180_210_streaming.root
```

The variation of the threshold settings in INTT lifetime

			adc0
Run24	pp	triggered	30
		streaming	35
	AuAu	triggered	35
Run25	AuAu	triggered	30/25 (35?)
	pp	triggered	30?
		streaming	35
	OO	triggered	30
		streaming	35

```
class InttDacMap
{
public:
    InttDacMap();
    virtual ~InttDacMap() {}

    virtual int LoadFromCDB(std::string const& calibName);
    virtual int LoadFromFile(std::string const& filename);
    virtual int WriteToFile(std::string const& filename);
};
```

Issue in the intt_setting table

Somehow, the physics run 80125 is not listed in the INTT database

Message ID: 1656 Entry time: Tue Dec 23 20:54:50 2025

Author: Hanpu Jiang

Subject: 12/23 evening shift

Run:

Run Number	Run Type	Reason for Stop	Duration [min]	Notes
80118	Cosmic	Reach 1 hour	60 min	
80119	Cosmic	Reach 1 hour	59 min	
80120	Cosmic	Beam injection	45 min	
80123	Physics	To include TPC	11 min	
80125	Physics	SEB05 busy	31 min	
80126	Physics	Reach 1 hour	60 min	
80127	Physics	Handle to owl shift		

```
daq=> select * from intt_setting where runnumber > 80000;
runnumber | n_collisions | open_time | readout_mode | dac0 | dac1 | dac2 | dac3 | dac4 | dac5 | dac6 | dac7
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
80001 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80002 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80003 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80004 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80005 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80006 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80007 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80008 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80009 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80010 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80011 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80012 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80013 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
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80017 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80119 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80120 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80122 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80123 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80124 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80126 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
80127 | 127 | 59 | streaming | 35 | 45 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 150 | 180 | 210
```

and then you would get

```
missing_physics_runs
-----
(1 row)          697
```

Similar command to check the number of physics runs in run table.

```
1 | select count(*) as aaa from run where runnumber > 20000 and runtype = 'physics';
```

then you get

```
aaa
-----
10936
(1 row)
```

697 / 10936 = 6.37%

Jaein Hwang 2 weeks ago
Does this method also include some runs when INTT was not in big partition?(I bet it's quite rare but we have some)
Edited

It seems that few hundred physics runs are missing in the INTT DB

Offline QA, the good run list

- The sPHENIX run QA: https://sphenix-intra.sdcc.bnl.gov/WWW/scripts/runqa/all.py?page_size=50&page=2
 - In total, we have Run24 pp, Run24 AuAu, Run25 AuAu, Run25 pp, and Run25 OO
 - As far as I know, sPHENIX aims to centralize the good run list
 - Is this the official one?

Large acceptance losses? Really? Or is it just hot channels biasing the scale?

There are runs where the INTT is labeled as “Bad”. Is it really “bad”?

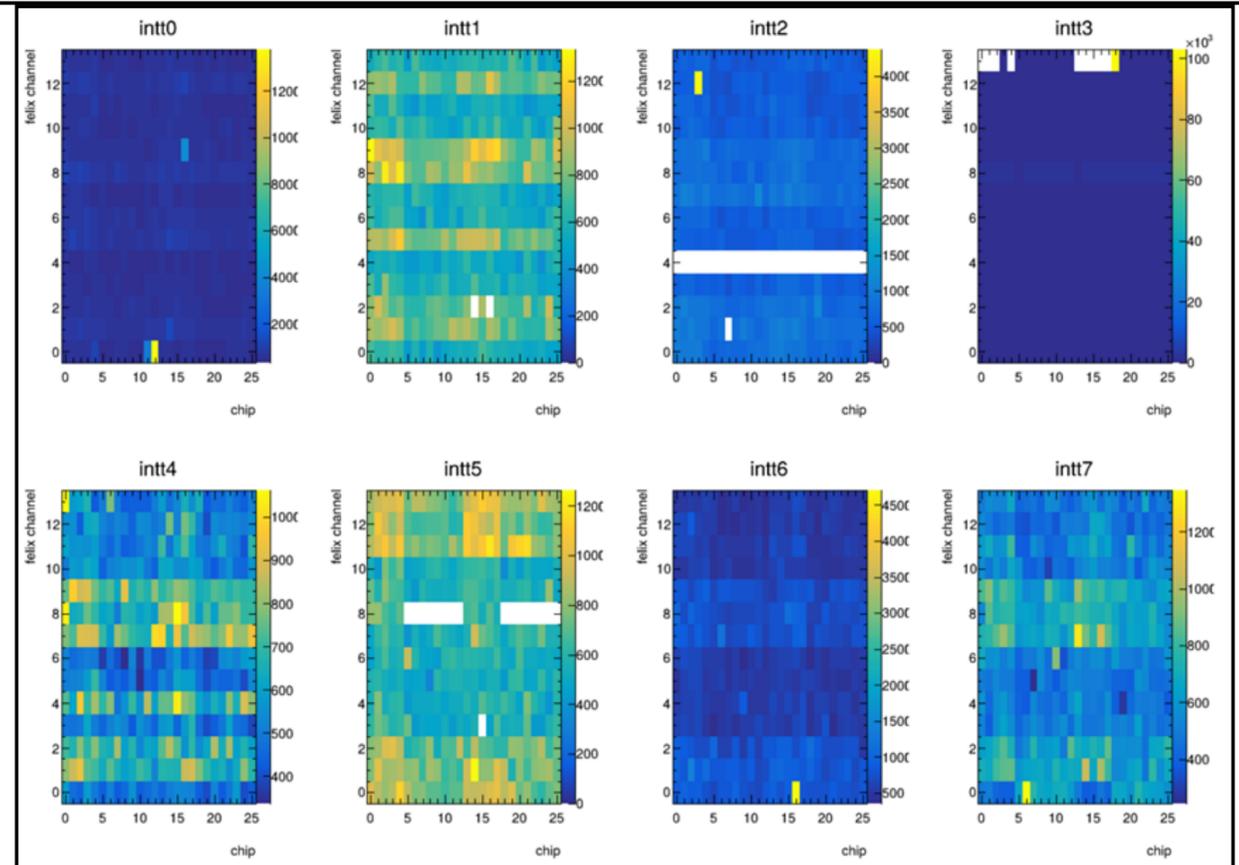
February 06

Xin Hu 3:08 AM

Hi INTT experts, runs #82526, 82508, INTT Hitmaps There are **large acceptance losses**. Runs were marked as QUESTIONABLE for INTT.

Hi MVTX experts, runs #82526, 82523, chi2/ndf are bad. Runs were marked as QUESTIONABLE for MVTX.

Run #	Begin Run Time	QA Links	Previews	Run Type	MVTX	INTT	TPC	TPOT	EMCAL	IHCAL	OHCAL	MBD	ZDC	sEPD	Tracking QA Ready	Calo QA Ready	Shifter Checked
82425	2026-02-01 21:57:09	Mon Online Mon		physics	Good	Good	Good	Good	Quest. bit shifted hot tower	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	QA ready	QA ready	Open
82424	2026-02-01 21:35:30	Offline Mon Online Mon		physics	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	QA ready	QA ready	Open
82423	2026-02-01 20:44:38	Offline Mon Online Mon		physics	Good	Good	Good	Good	Quest. bit shifted hot tower	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	QA ready	QA ready	Open
82422	2026-02-01 20:20:57	Offline Mon Online Mon		physics	Good	Good	Good	Good	Quest. bit shifted hot tower	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	QA ready	QA ready	Open
82421	2026-02-01 19:19:04	Offline Mon Online Mon		physics	Bad	Bad	Bad	Bad	Quest. bit shifted hot tower	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	QA Not ready	QA ready	Open

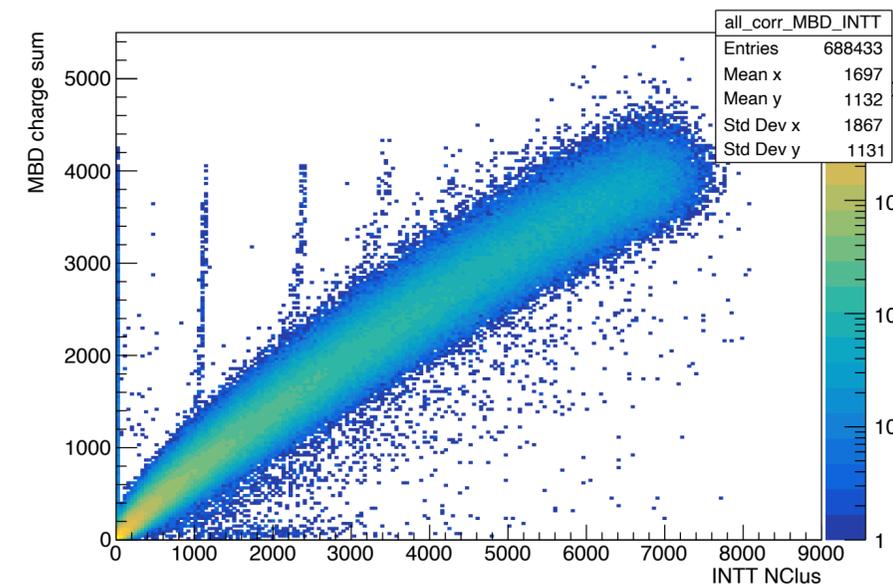
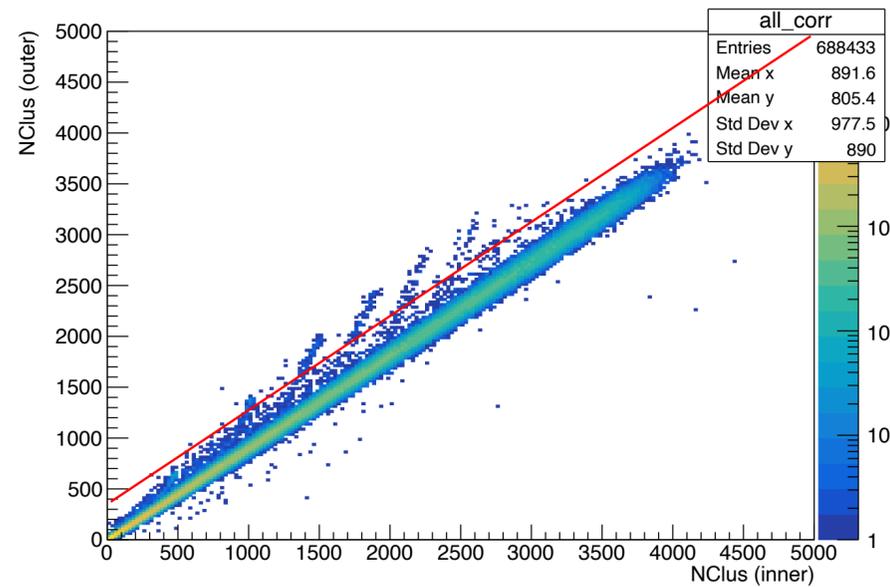


Jaen has put a lot of effort into the INTT good run classification. Now we need to take over and synchronize/update our good run list to the sPHENIX official table

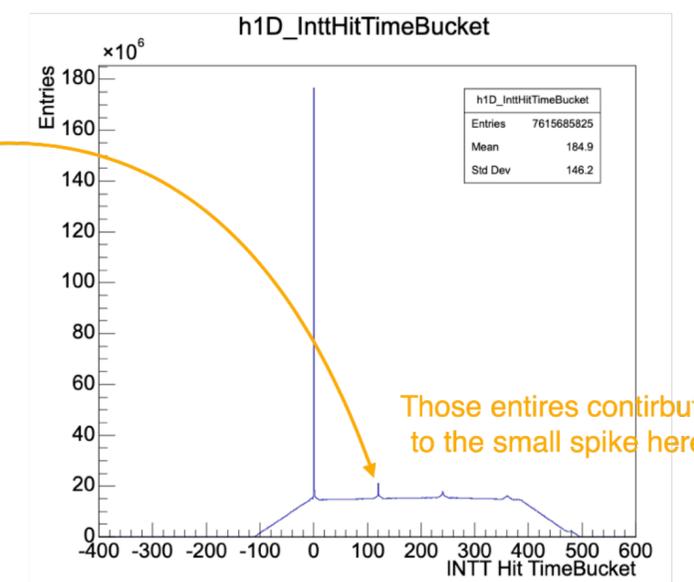
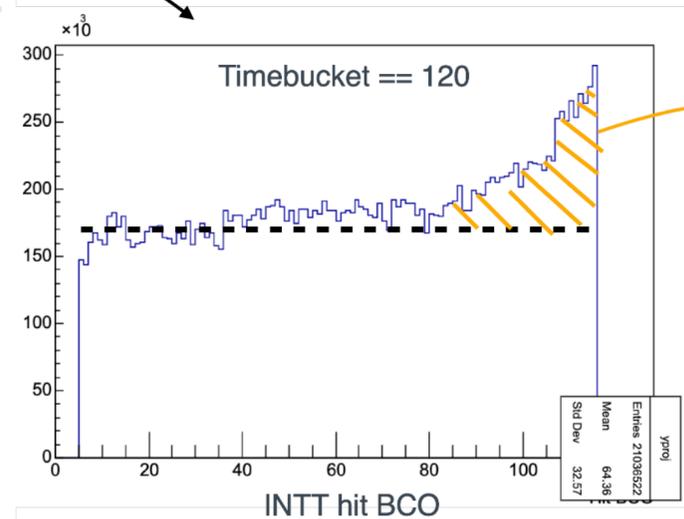
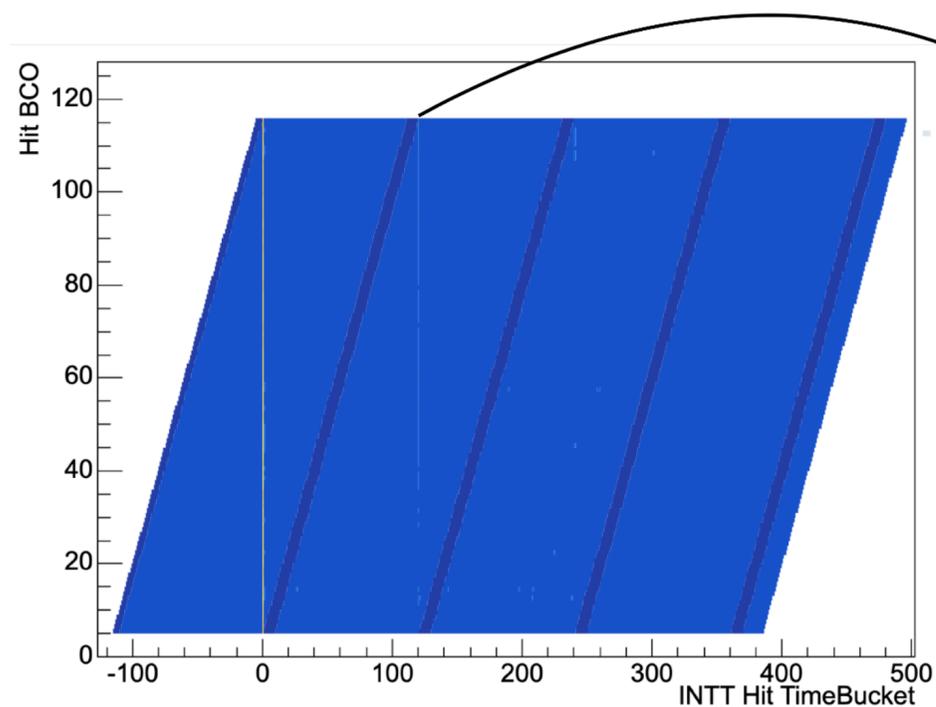
Carried-over-hit issue

- Carried-over-hit issue happens in triggered and streaming modes, but behaves differently
 - Now we have Ryotaro trying to implement some functions in the decoder step for the triggered mode, which is very nice
 - We should also look into the issue in streaming mode (see backup)

In triggered



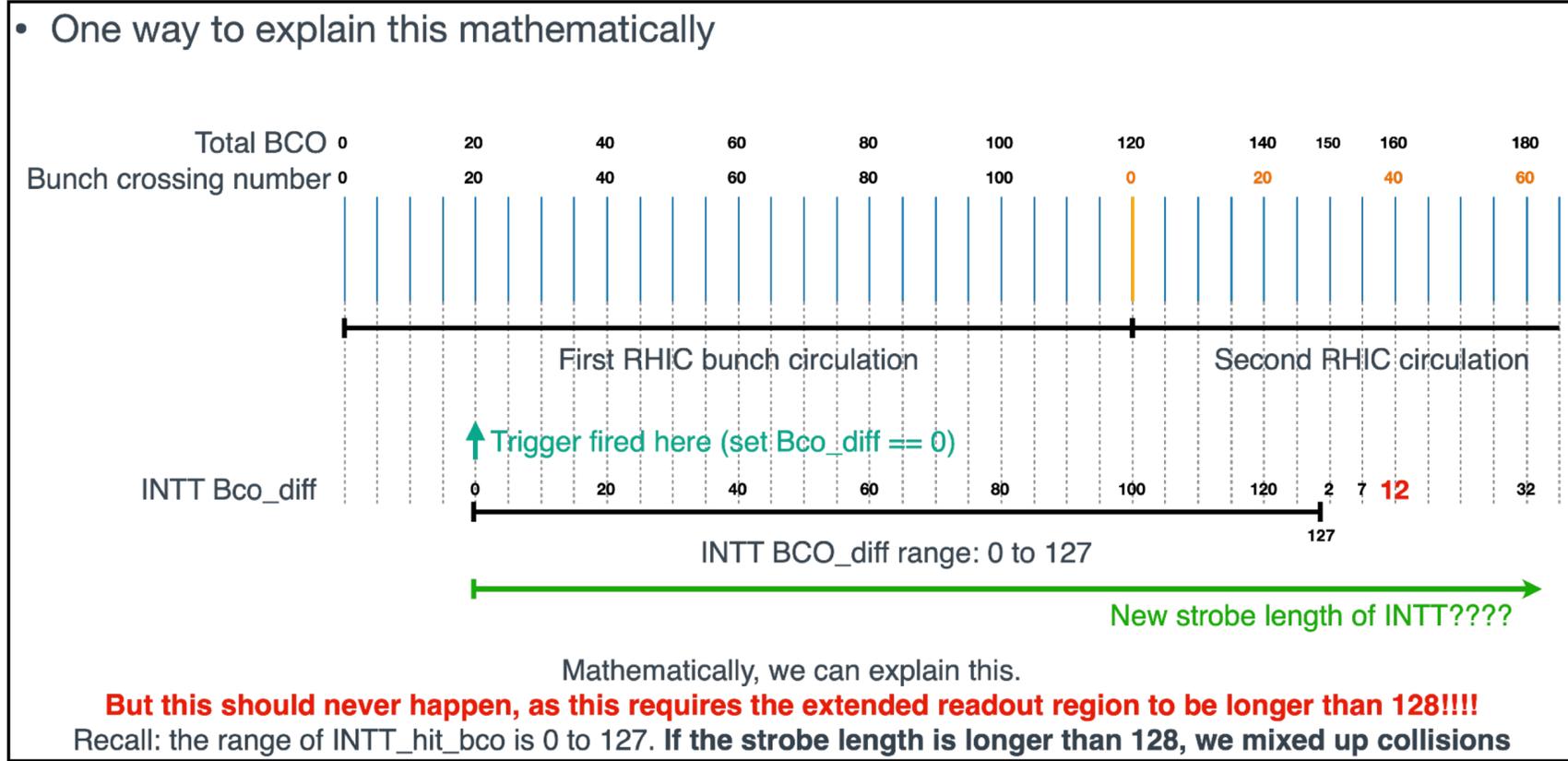
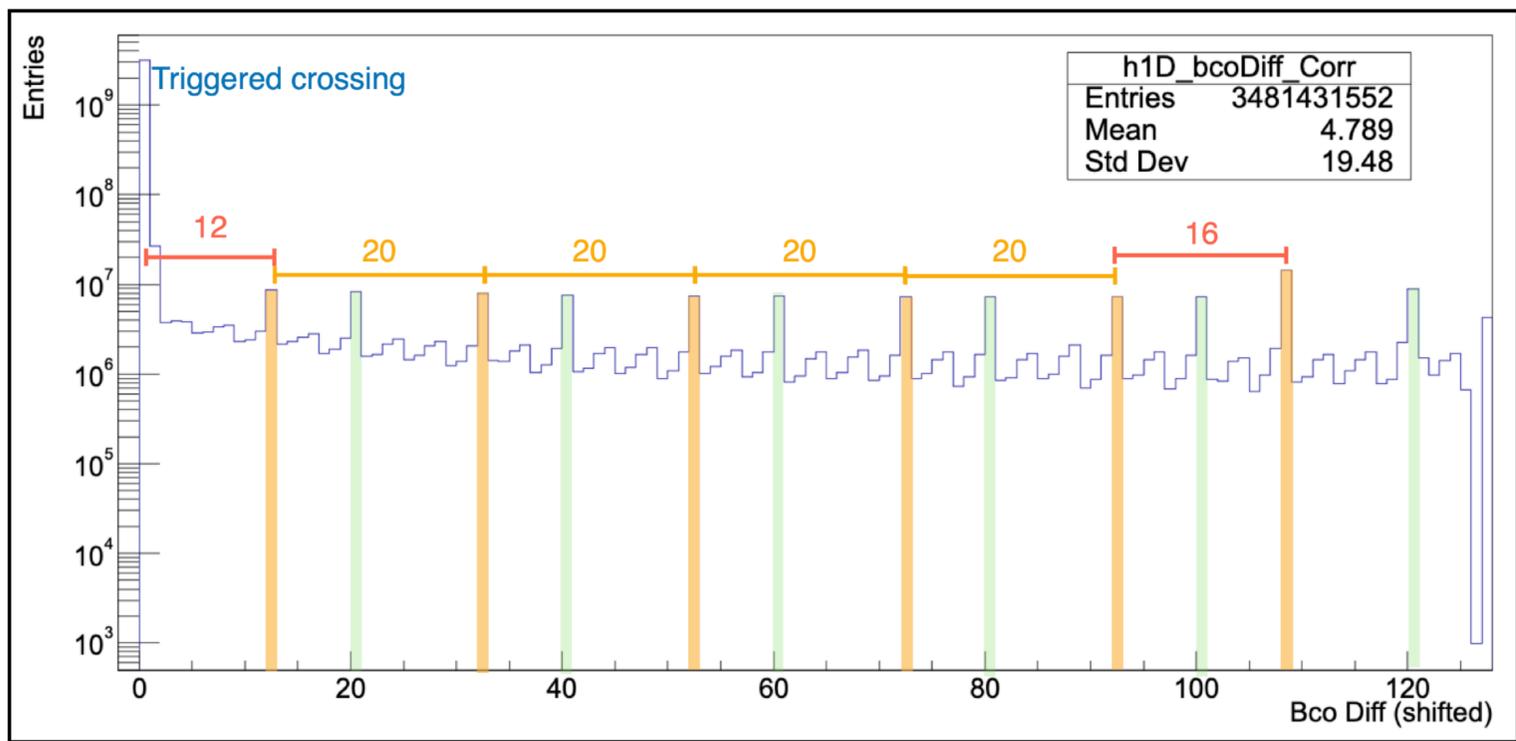
In streaming



The duplicate hits in Run25 AuAu due to too large open_time



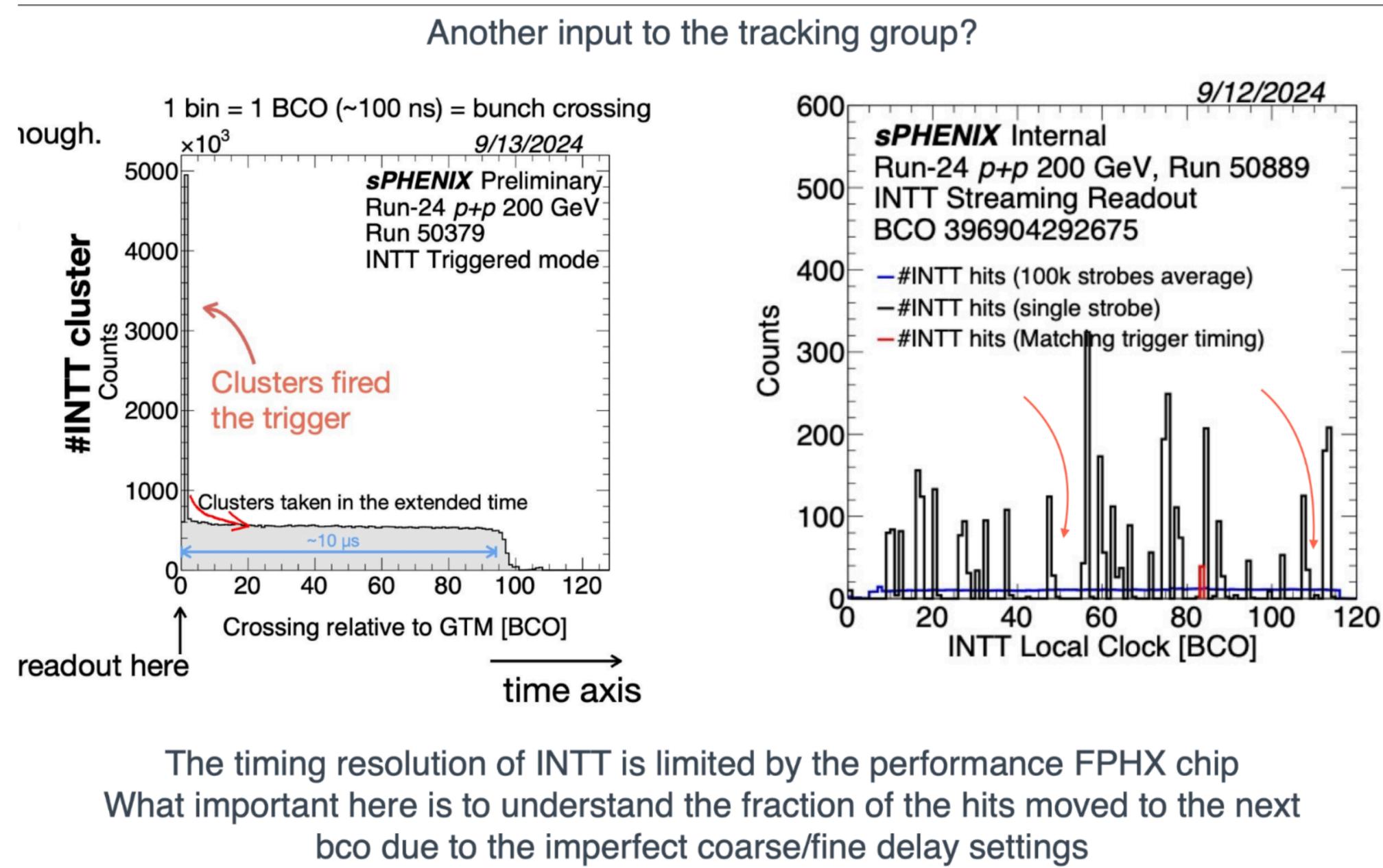
- Context:
 - I was checking a 6x6 run and found that there are more than 6 spikes in the INTT data
 - Those additional spikes are very likely to be due to too long open_time we set
 - The reason for extending the open_time was to try to resolve the chip-saturation issue



Several Run25 AuAu runs are affected. We need to resolve this (If one wishes to use the extended readout region)

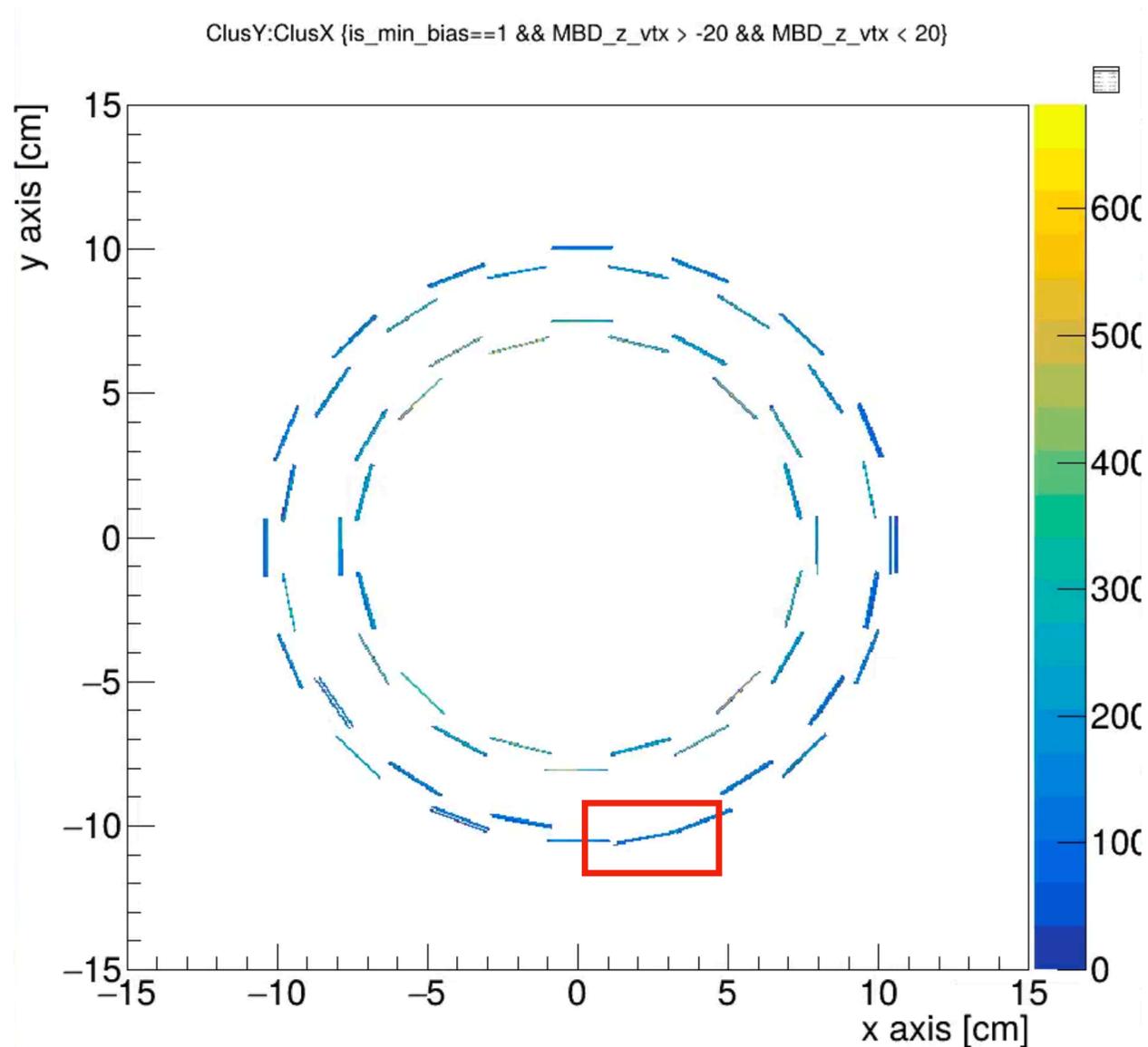
- We know that the current MC can not fully describe the INTT data, and there are some things we can improve in the INTT simulation
- The major issues in the MC can be found below
 - `siinactive_volume` is called by `si_glue_box`
 - Very small clearance in INTT Geant4 geometry, resulting in triggering the overlapping error when updating the geometry
 - Incorrect ZID assignment
 - Hard-coded threshold setting
 - No hit rejection if the hit_adc is below the threshold
 - non-optimized diffusion radius model and parameters
 - edep distribution discrepancy b/w data and MC
 - cluster phi size discrepancy

Fraction of the hits to the next bco bin

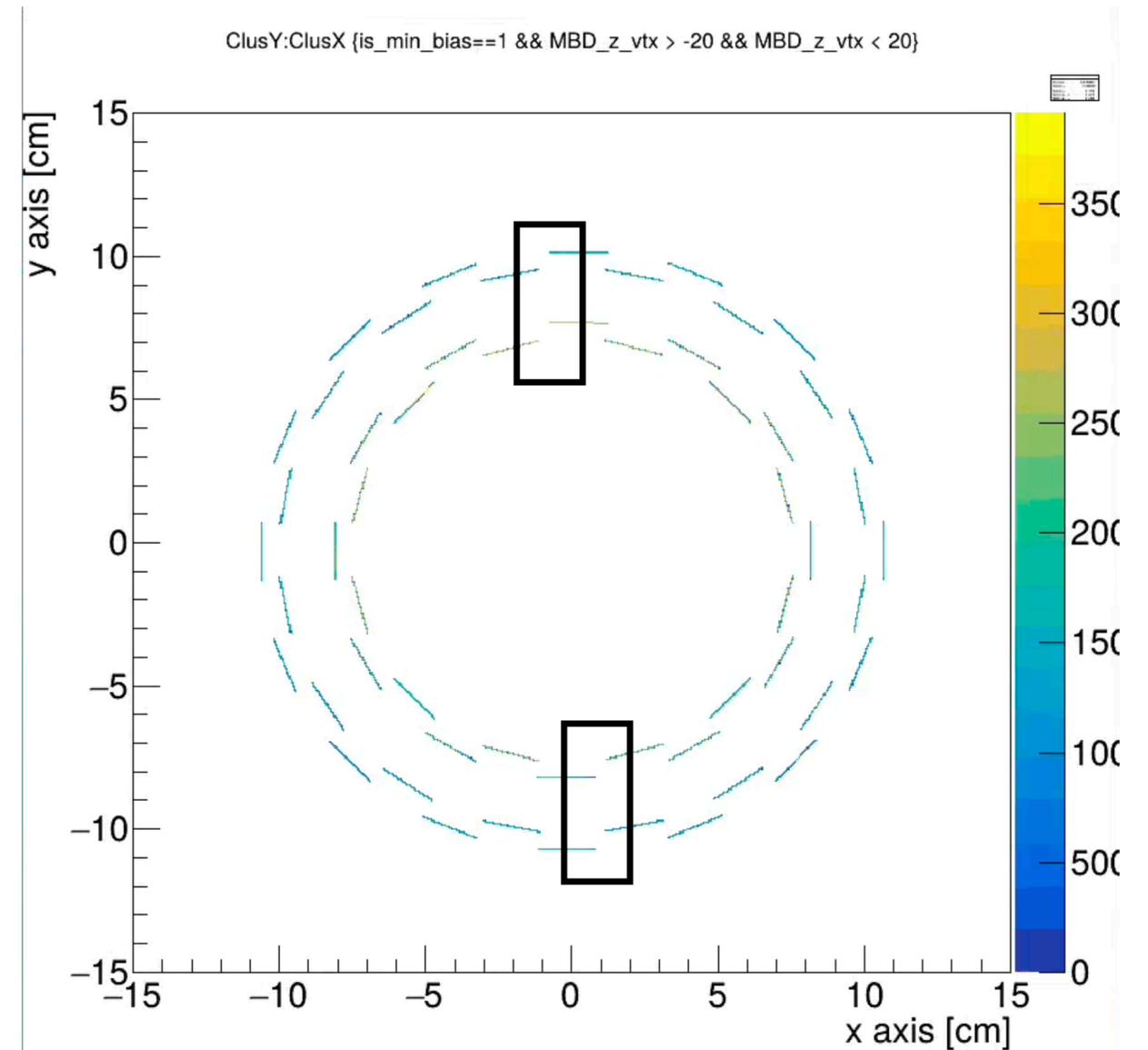


Or say, the question could be, shall we try to find a way to evaluate how good the INTT timing is?

w/ the latest alignment parameter file



NO alignment correction



Current alignment correction works quite well for the phi-relevant calculations, but it has no radial constraints

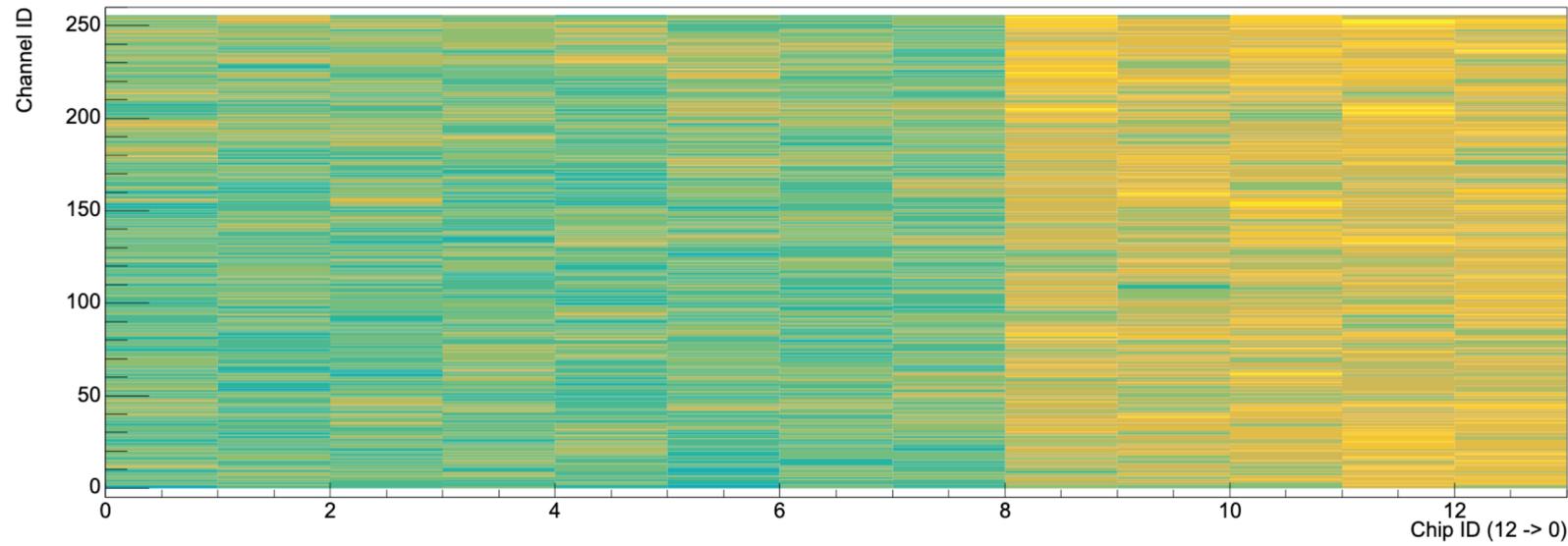
INTT timing instability



Run 54280 HitMap of Server_2, FelixCh 9, post hot channel mask, bco_diff cut, hitQA, clone hit removal

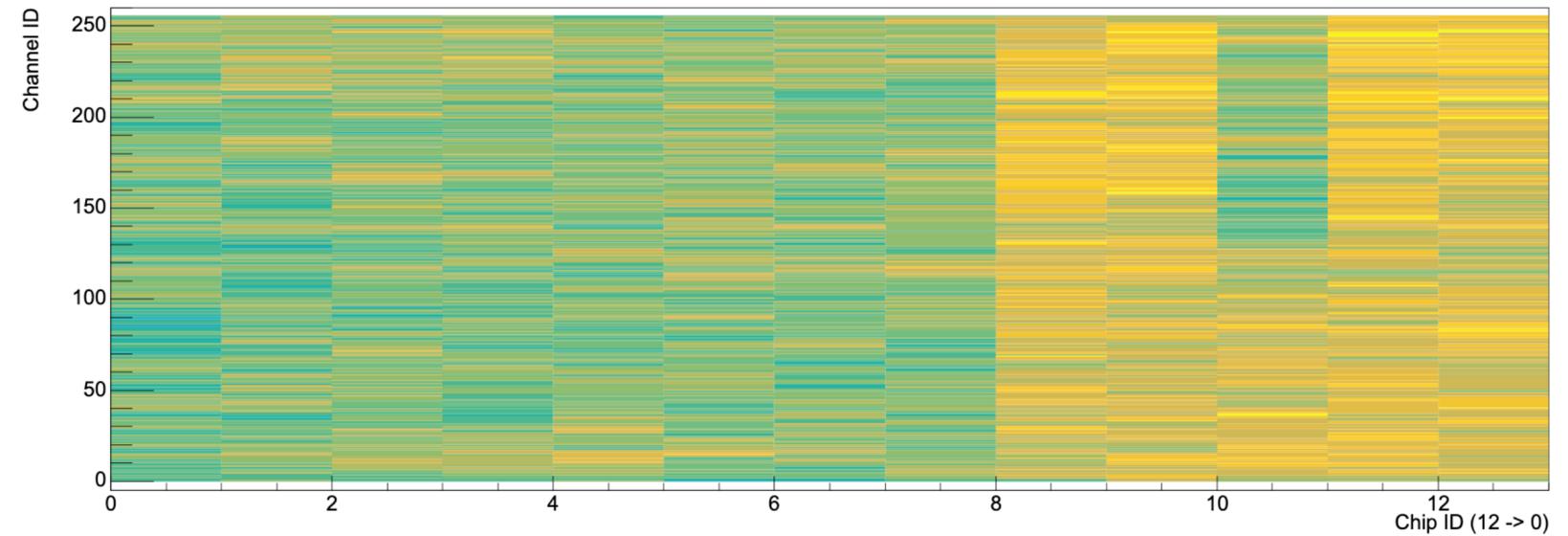
Event 20000 - 29999

hitmap_F2_Fch9



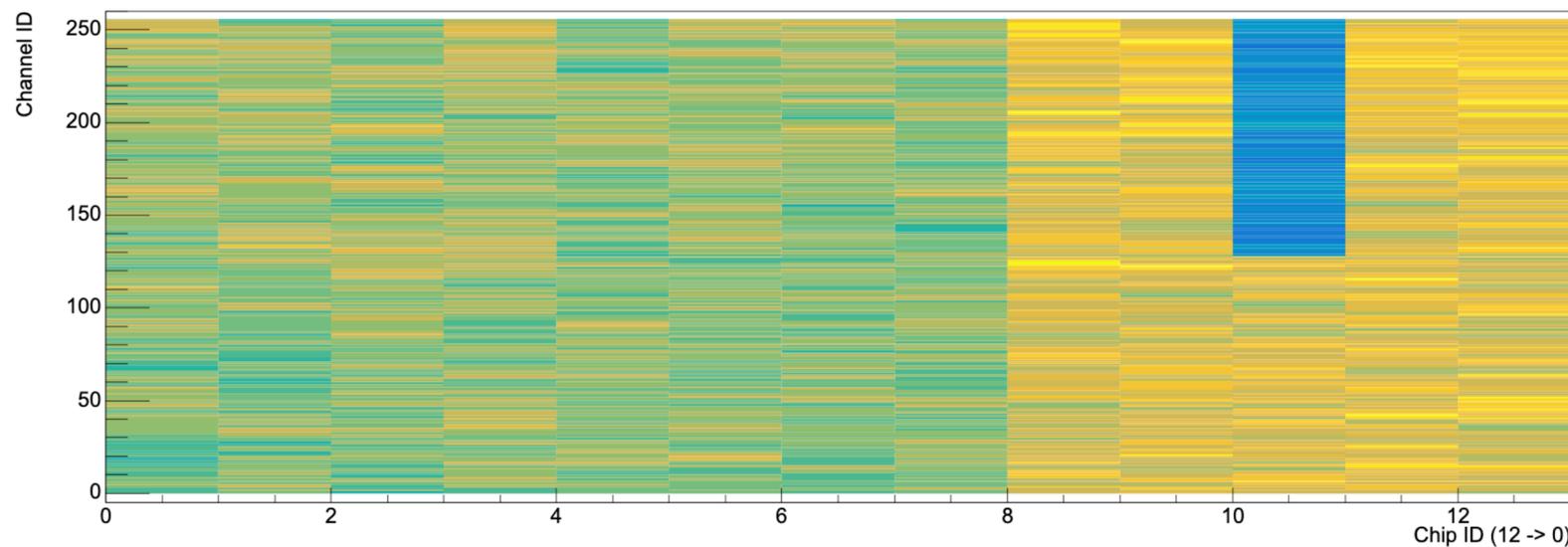
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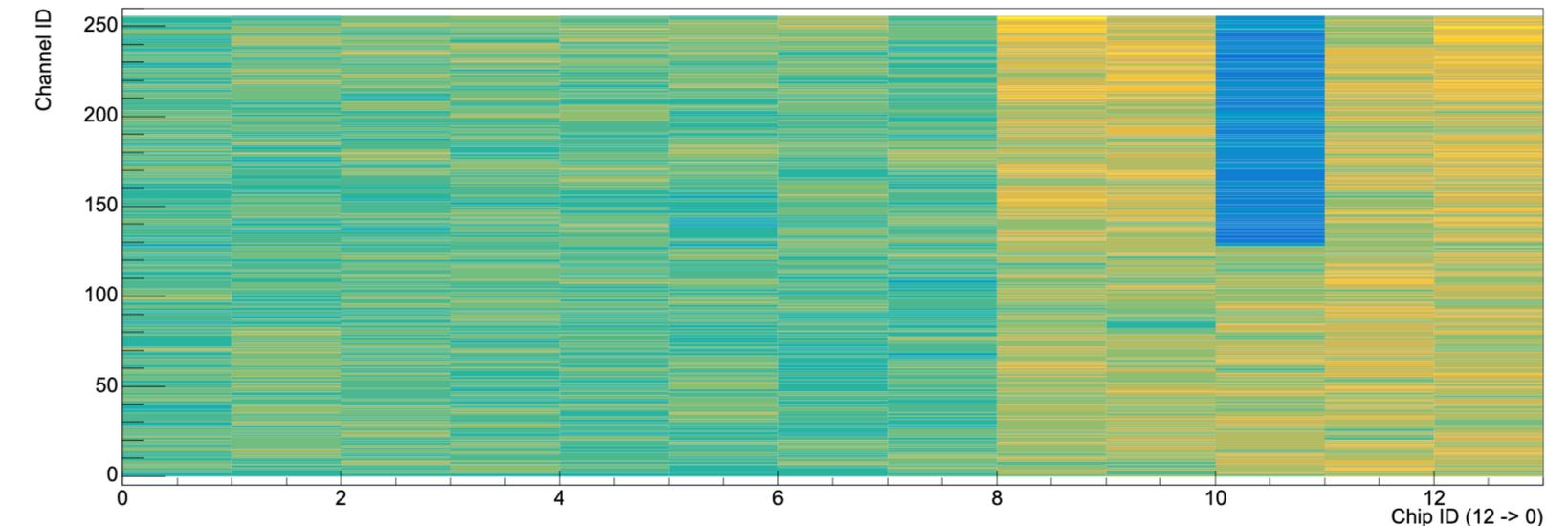
Event 40000 - 49999

hitmap_F2_Fch9



Event 50000 - 59999

hitmap_F2_Fch9



It's possible that the INTT timing varied during the data taking

- I think it may be good to look into cluster
 - splitting (one cluster showed up in multiple following BCOs)
 - merger (hits from multiple particles being considered as one cluster)

Backup

- Perhaps we don't have to solve the issue. The get-around solution could be (for the full-track reconstruction only):
 1. In reconstructing silicon seeds, we keep seeds with INTT cluster BCOs different by 120.
 2. And when matching to TPC seeds, we take the smaller INTT BCO for assigning the TPC z. This is the quickest get-around solution I can think of, and this should largely correct the issue. (study needed for sure)
- Quantify the impact of hit carry-over in streaming O+O (and p+p)
 - I think this can be quantified by
 1. counting the number of silicon seeds with two INTT clusters (MVTX triplet + INTT doublet, and requiring the BCO difference of the two INTT clusters to be within ± 1 BCO, and no INTT duplicates, e.g. one INTT cluster can only associate with 1 seed).
 2. We prepare the seed counts as a function of INTT BCO segments to see the correlation.

- **High Priority**

- INTT DAC setting implementation
 - CDB is now outdated
 - We need to establish a way to link the run number with the corresponding DAC setting configuration. INTT_setting PSQL DB could be a good approach.
 - Some runs are missing in INTT_setting PSQL DB
- offline QA, good run list for INTT
 - Run24 pp, Run25 AuAu, Run 25 pp, and Run 25 OO
 - We need to synchronize with the official good run list table
- Carried-over-hit issue
 - In triggered mode (Au+Au, pp)
 - In_streaming_mode (pp and OO)
- The duplicate hits in Run25 AuAu due to too large open_time
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