



Study of ATLAS Forward Proton TOF performances on Run 3 data

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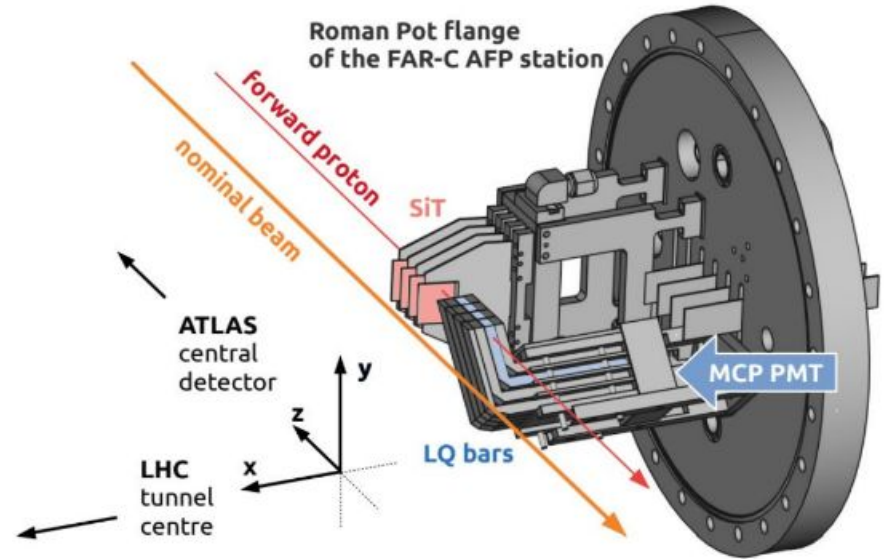
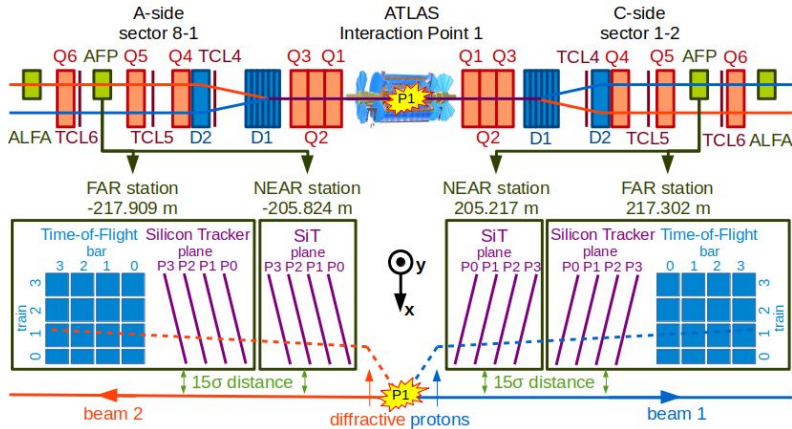
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ATLAS Forward Proton : generalities

- Was installed during run 2 but was able to take data in 2017 only before run 3



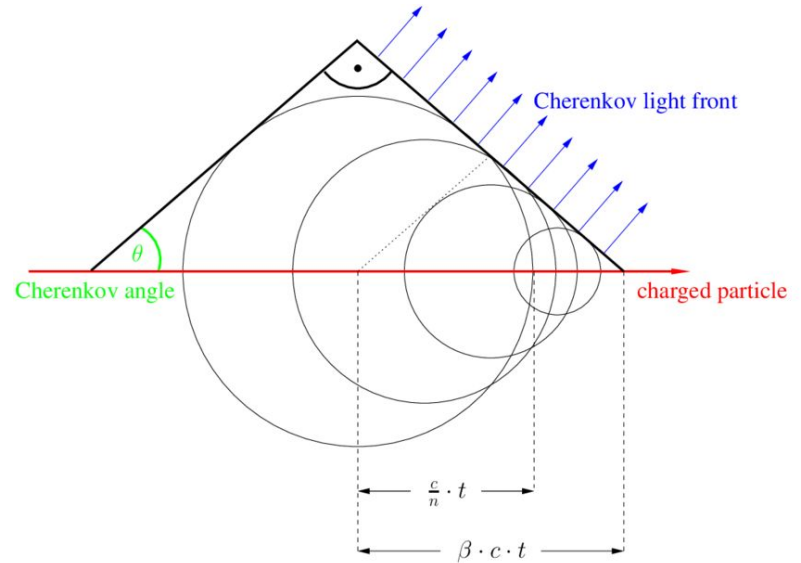
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Theoretical basics

Cherenkov effect

- AFP ToF detectors are based on this effect
- Happens when charged particles travel faster than light in a specific medium (but $v < c$)
- Characterized by a cone geometry with an angle θ such as :

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$

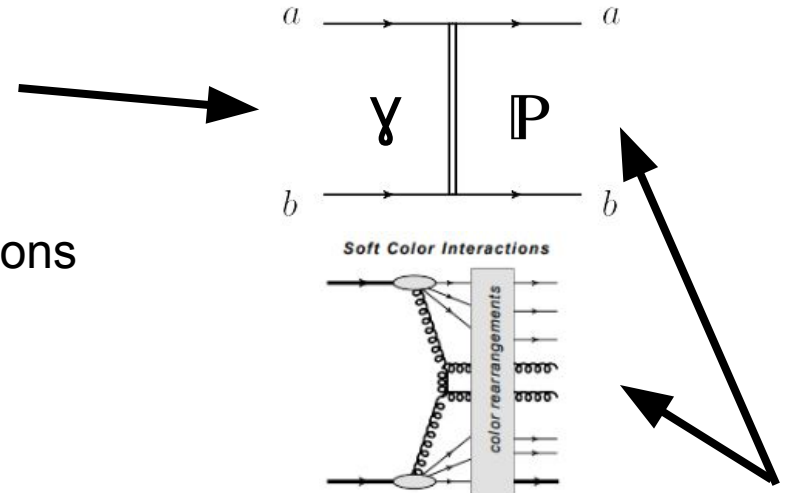


Theoretical basics

Diffractive physics 1/2

- Diffractive processes = processes where **no** quantum numbers are exchanged
- Quantum **Chrom**odynamics mediators are gluons which carry a color charge

QCD “confinement” impose that all observable particles are colorless

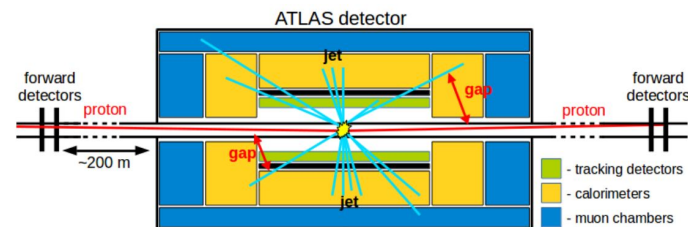


Diffractive processes in proton-proton via exchange of two gluons in singlet state or colorless “Pomeron”

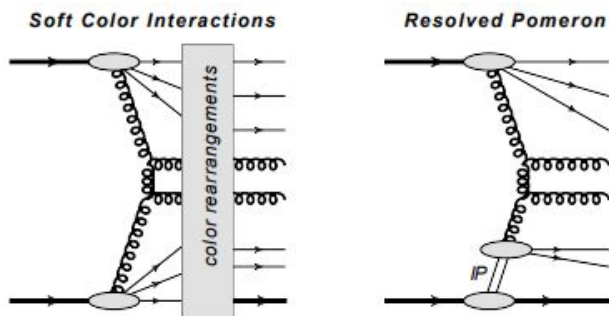
Theoretical basics

Diffractive physics 2/2

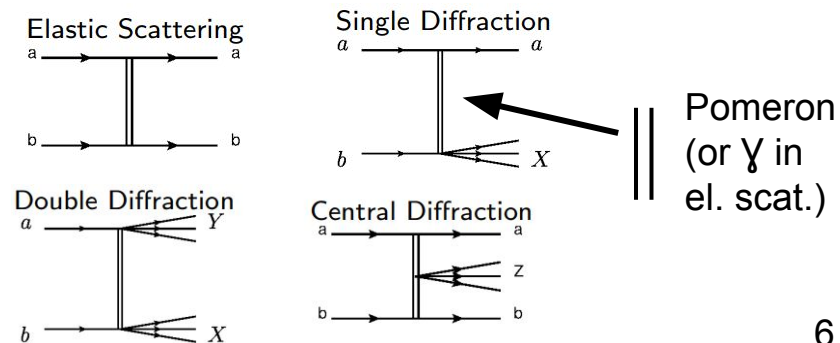
- Two experimental signatures : rapidity gaps and intact protons in the forward direction



Hard processes



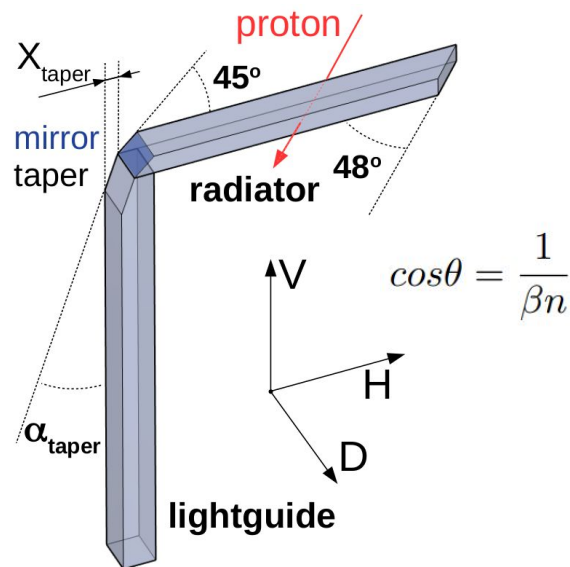
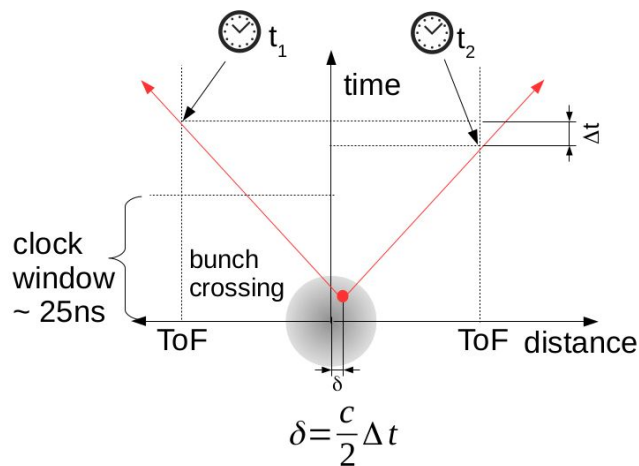
Soft processes



Experimental basics

ATLAS Forward Proton : time of flight detectors

- Very simple in principle, but need very strong precision in time resolution



ATLAS Forward Proton : Review of **run 2** performances

Expected specifications

- time resolution of **10 ps**
- efficiency **> 90%**
- radiation hard

Observed specifications

- time resolution **20 - 30 ps**
- efficiency of **8 - 9%**
- efficiency decreasing over time
→ degradation of photomultipliers
- efficiency of side A > side C

ATLAS Forward Proton : upgrades during long shutdown 2

- Photomultipliers position changed, placed outside Roman pots
- Damaged photomultipliers replaced, LQ Bars replaced by glueless bars, many hardware updates...
- HPTDC **should** have been replaced by PicoTDC, but has not been !



In the end, should be radiation hard now

Methods exploited

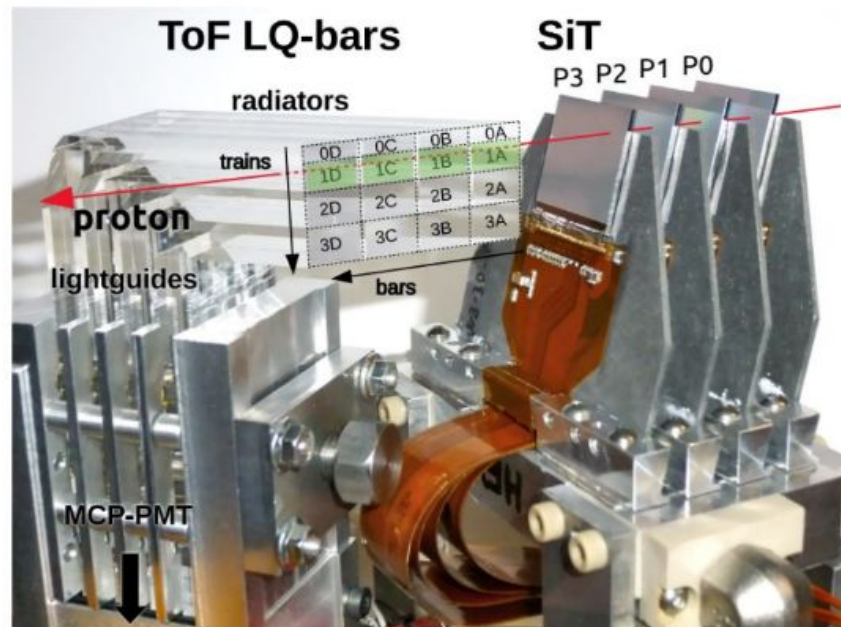
Single channel efficiencies : efficiency calculation

$$\varepsilon_{ijk} = \frac{N(\text{bar} - ij \mid \text{track} - k)}{N(\text{track} - k)}$$

N(bar-ij | track-k) : nb of events with a Track in SiT «**train k**» and also hits in ToF Channel i and train j

N (track-k) : nb of events with a track in SiT train k

Nota bene : $j \neq k$ which allows «strange» cases



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Methods exploited

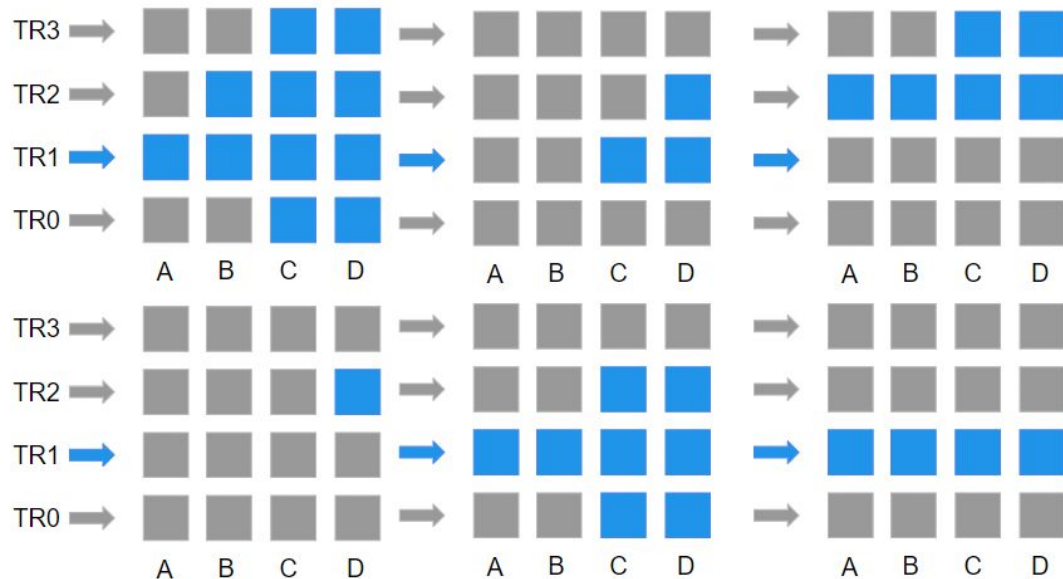
ToF efficiencies : **any** case

$$\varepsilon_{ijk} = \frac{N(\text{bar} - ij \mid \text{track} - k)}{N(\text{track} - k)}$$

- The most global case

- Application of previous equation with the only condition : **only 1** track in the SiT

- Allows to probe the performances of the ToF detectors on a detector level

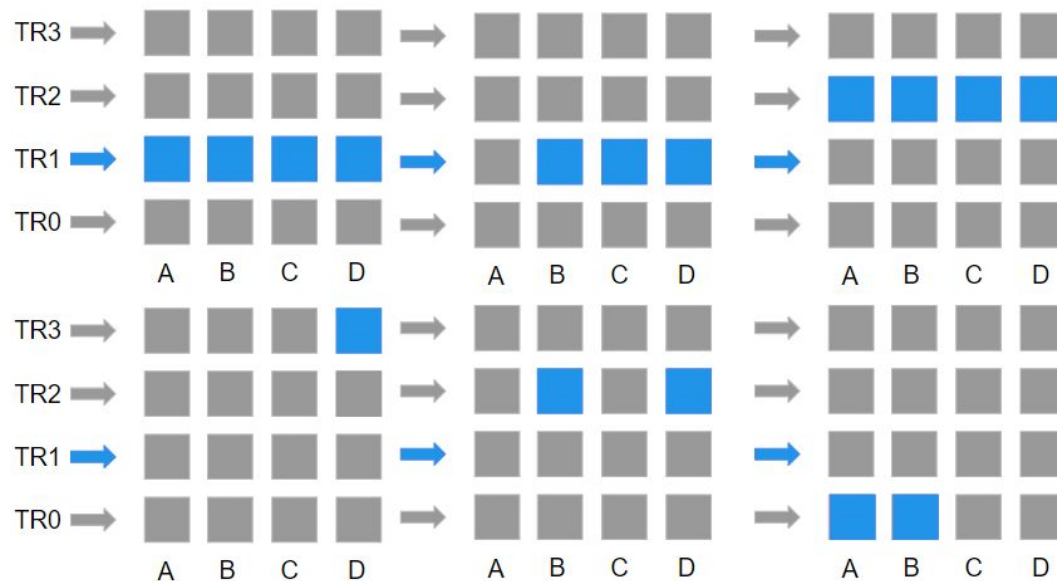


Methods exploited

ToF efficiencies : **clean case**

- Included in the «any» case calculation
- Two conditions : a single track in the SiT and events with ToF signals in a single ToF train -> **less stat.**
- Allows to probe the performances of the ToF detectors on a physics level

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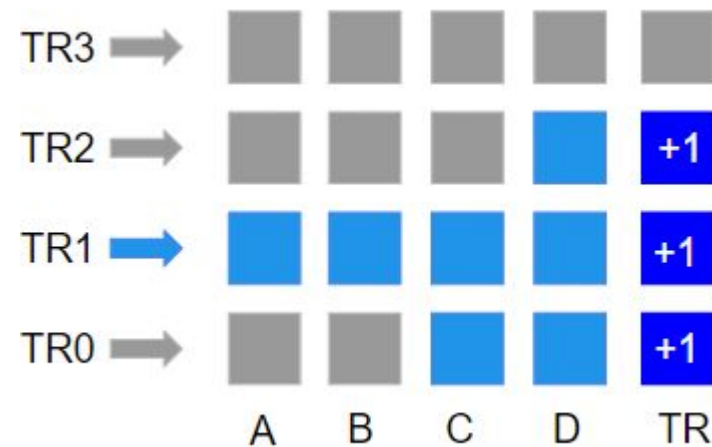


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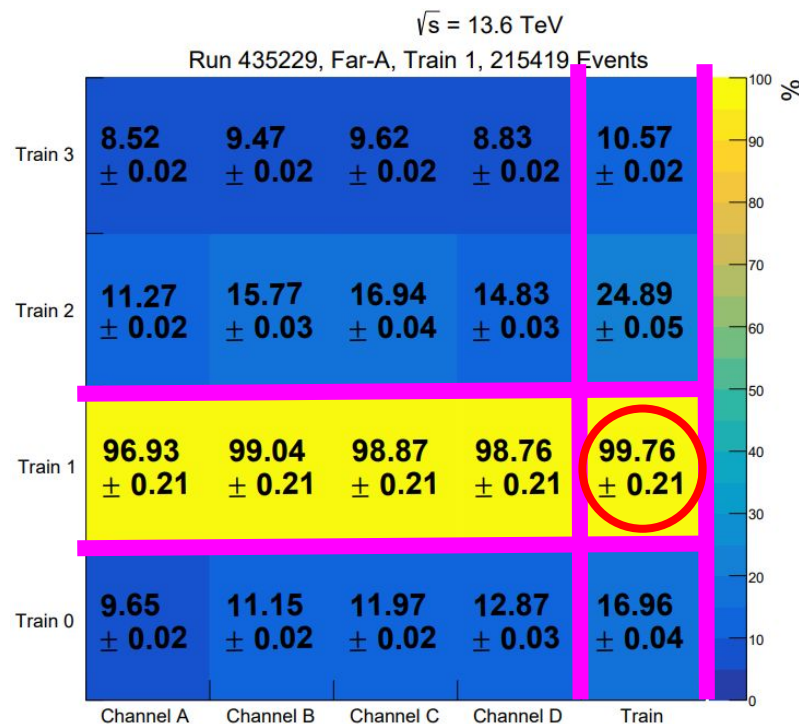
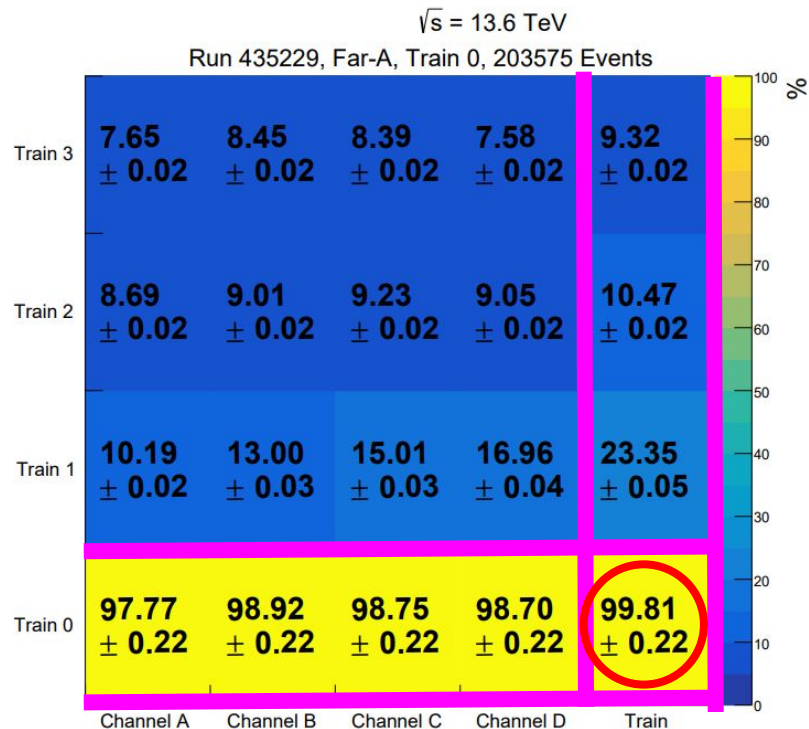
ToF efficiencies : **train** efficiencies

- Is calculated for both the «any» and the «clean» cases
- A column is artificially added in the results plots → see next chapter
- Is used to plot the efficiency over time so we have only 4 points per run and per side

$$\varepsilon_{ijk} = \frac{N(\text{bar} - ij \mid \text{track} - k)}{N(\text{track} - k)}$$



How to understand single channel efficiencies ?



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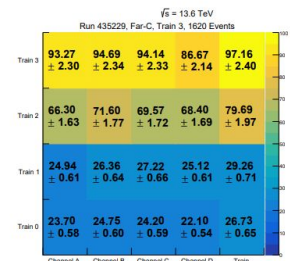
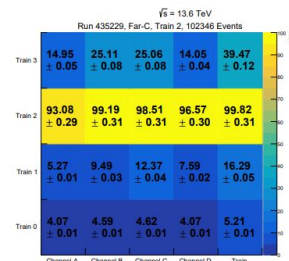
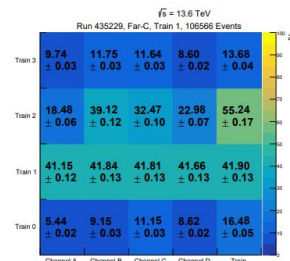
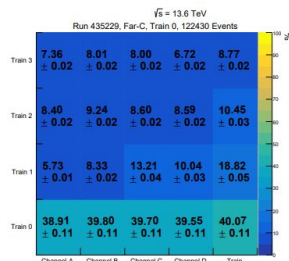
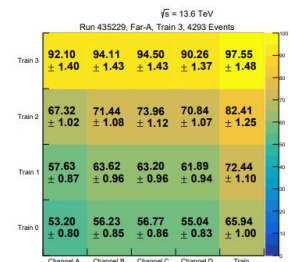
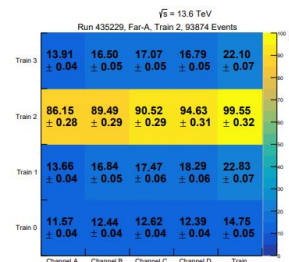
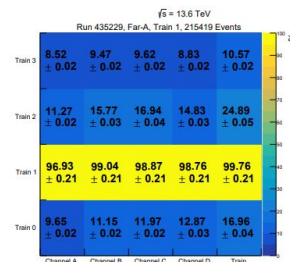
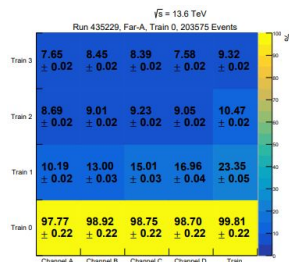
Results

2022 results : example of a low pile-up run in «any case»

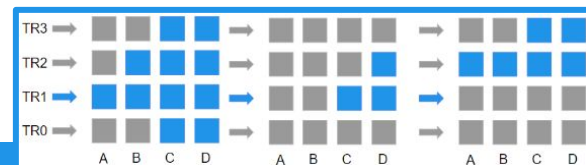
- Eff. can reach **>90%**

- Asymmetry between FAR-A and FAR-C

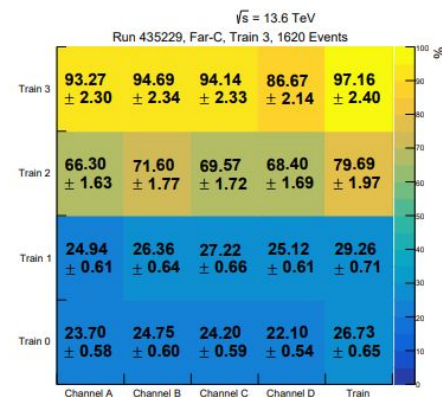
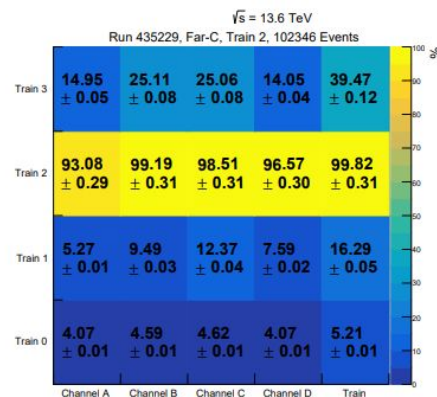
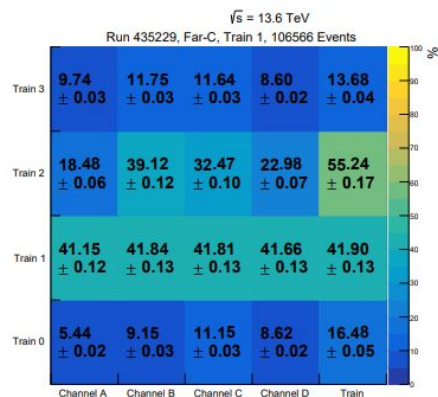
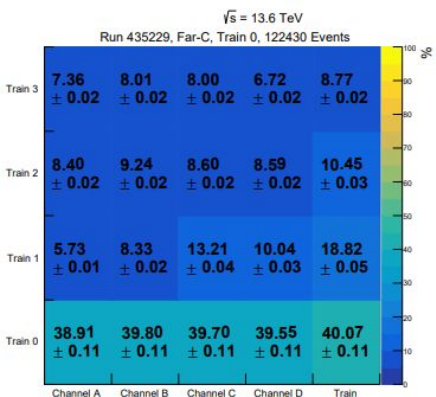
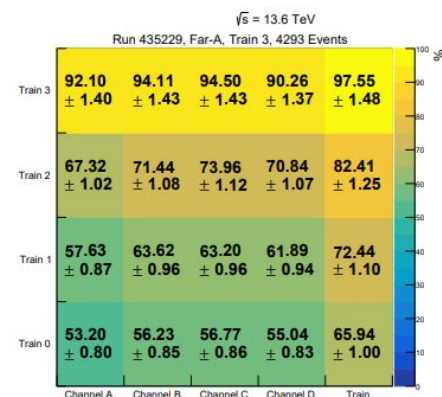
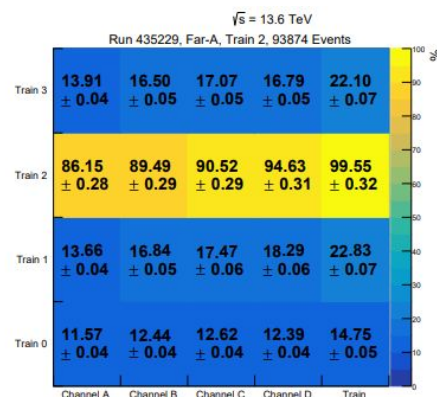
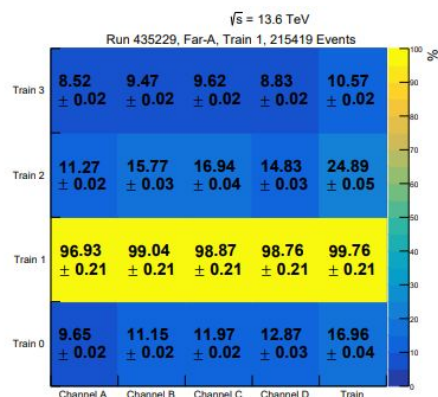
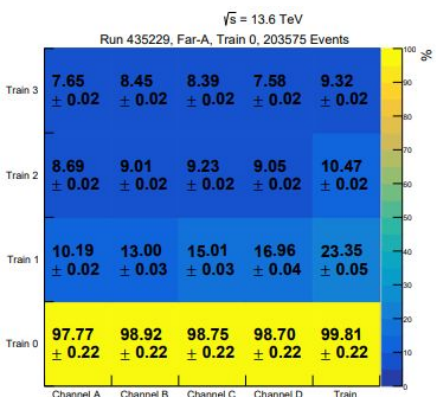
- Leakage in other trains is **NOT** negligible



Run : 435229 (24 Sept. 2022), $\mu < 0.1$, 18 096 933 events Topology :



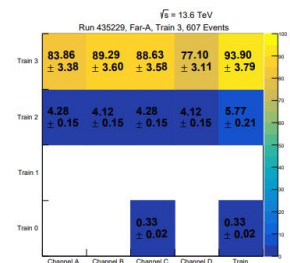
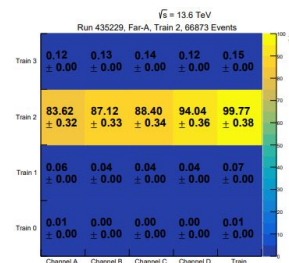
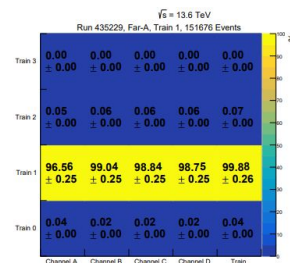
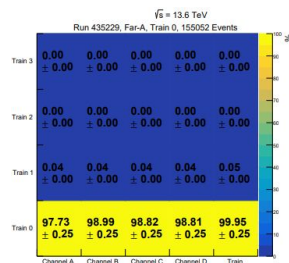
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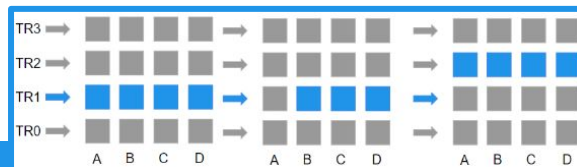
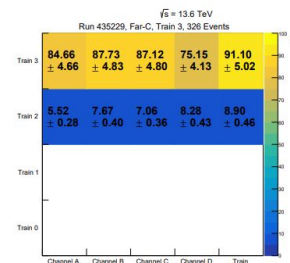
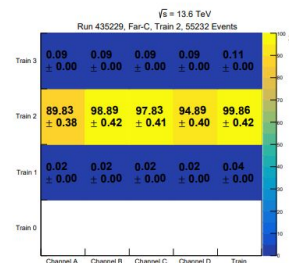
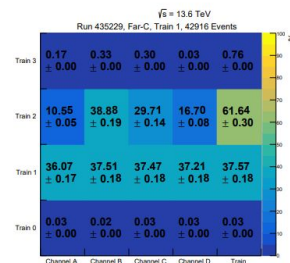
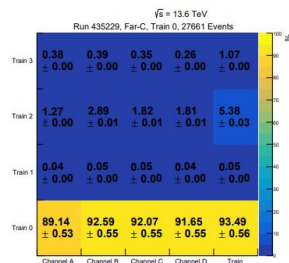
2022 results : example of a low pile-up run in «clean case»

- Expected behavior :
pointed train eff. ↗
other trains eff. ↘



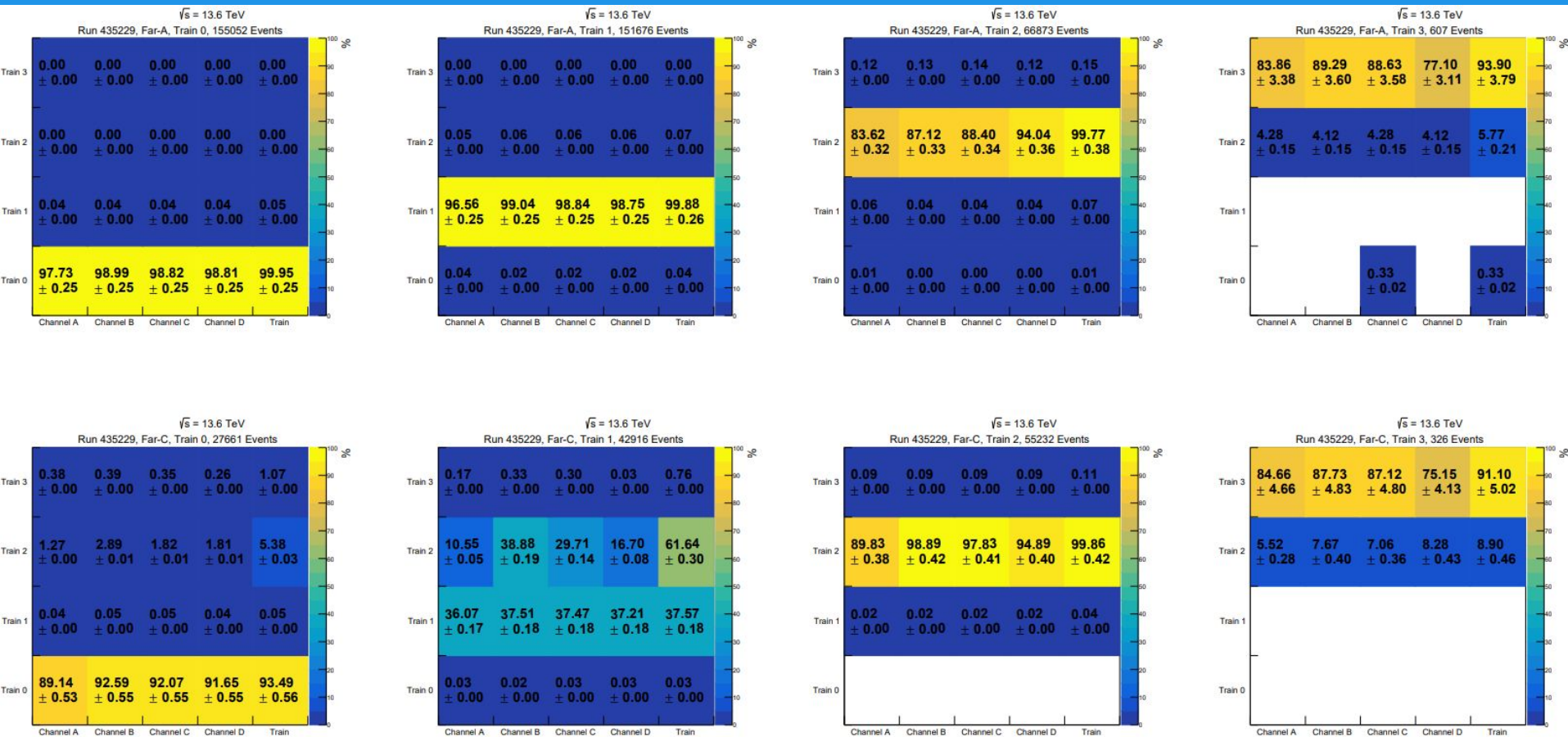
- Statistics loss up to 75%
in this run !

- Some channels completely
lack of data



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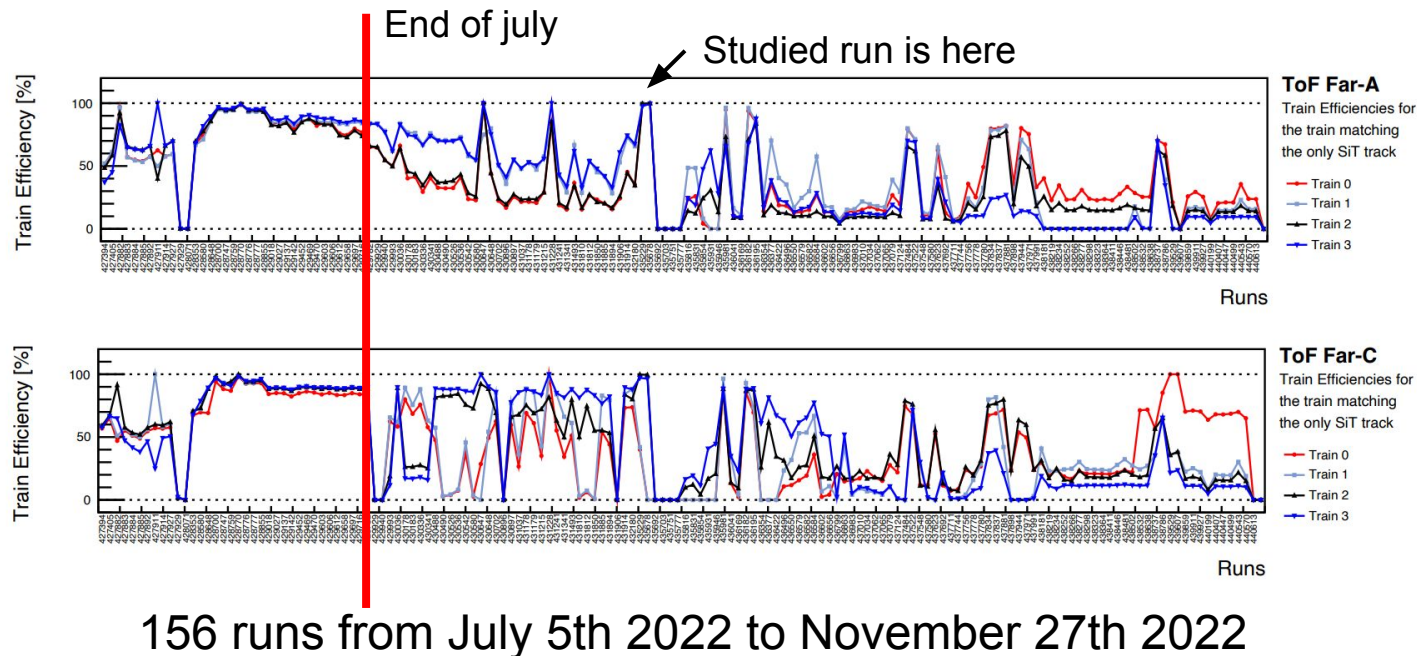
2022 results : efficiency over time



Graph updated
compared to report

- Great efficiencies
up to the end of
July

- Not taking in
account pile-up



Results

2023 results : efficiency over time

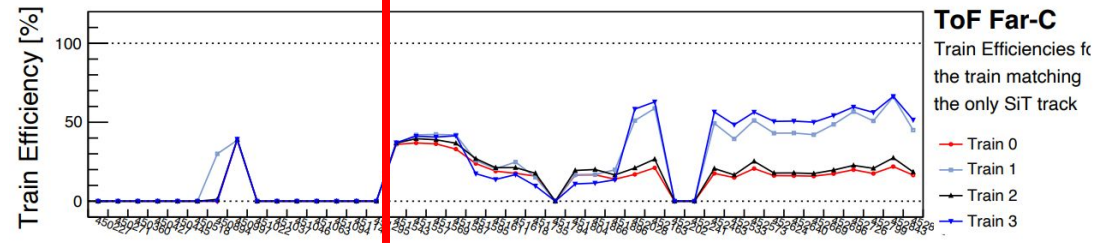
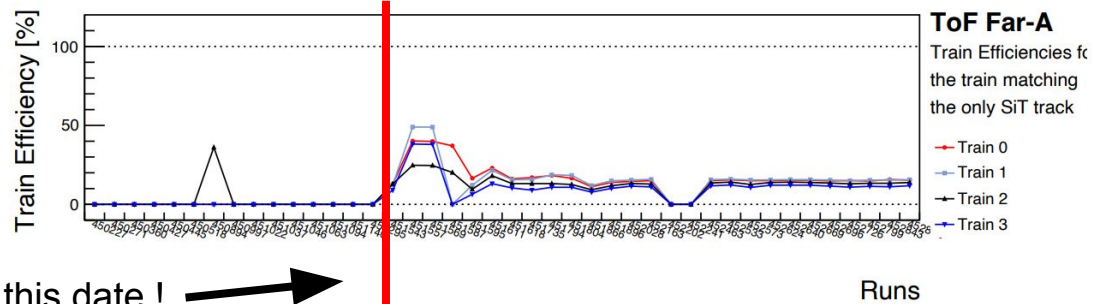


Graph updated compared to report

- Scary beginning, but seems like it can be fixed at a later stage of the year

- 1 week delay between run and AOD data available after reconstruction

HPTDC last touched at this date ! 



44 runs from April 21th 2023 to May 25th 2023

Preliminary conclusion of run 3 performances

- Great efficiencies **CAN** be achieved with the time of flight detectors
- However the great performances were not maintained over the year
→ Seems like it is a matter of hardware settings
- A dedicated run at low pile-up will happen next week at the LHC, the AFP group will take this run as an opportunity to probe the problems of the ToF detectors !
- If the good performances in time resolution are confirmed in run 3, the ToF detectors could be able to have really great performances to study physics of interest

What's next ?

Concerning the efficiencies :

- Unification/documentation of the analysis code
- Efficiency vs pile-up study
- Investigating multiple hits

After the work on efficiencies is finished :

- Time resolution determination



Thank you for your attention !

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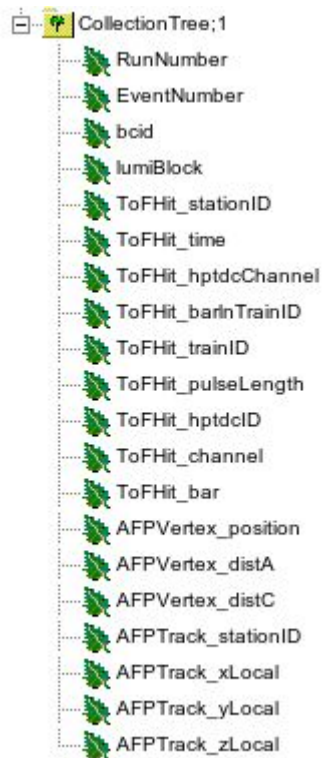
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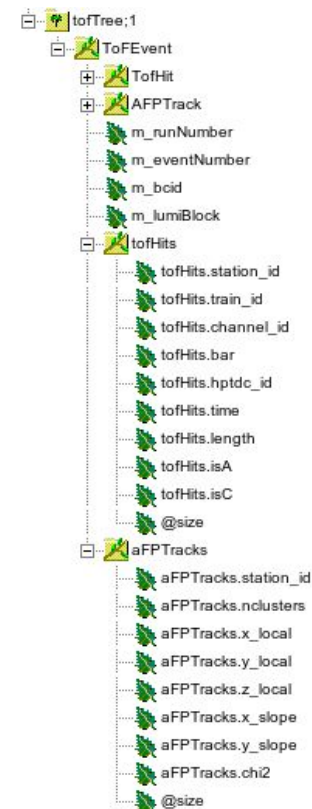
Previous format
«**vector** like»

- unclear
- more needy in storage place
- error prone due to the many indices



New format
«**object** like»

- way clearer, easier to code with
 - translate how is the data taken
- ~200 runs processed this way



Number of runs and integrated luminosity

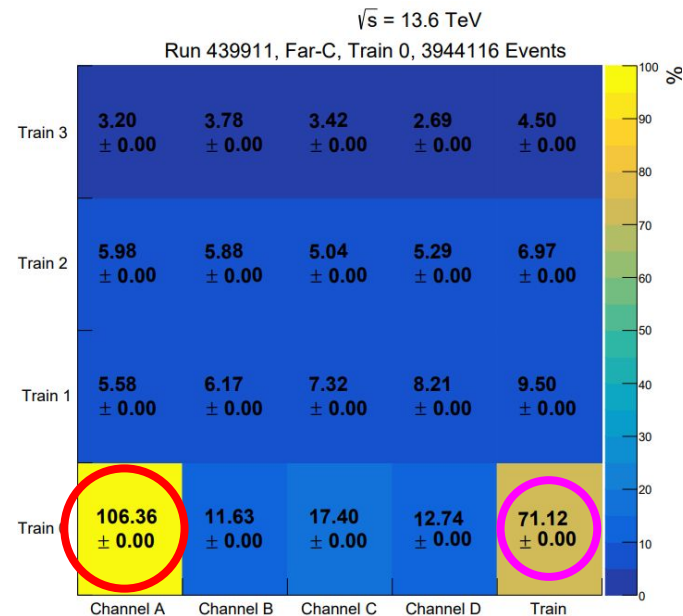
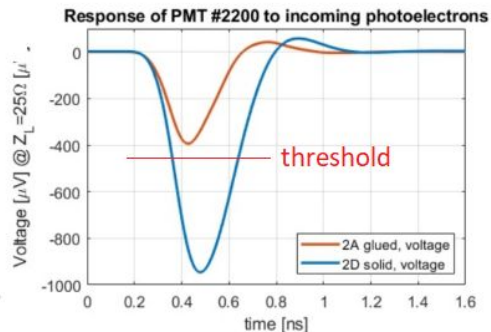
	Number of Runs	Integrated Luminosity
2022	156	36.1 fb^{-1}
2023	42	11.7 fb^{-1}

2022 runs correspond to around 220 Gb of data
2023 runs correspond to around 90 Gb of data

2022 results : anomalies detected

- Anomalies have been detected in <10 runs / 150
→ Mainly during the latest runs of 2022
- The only possibility for this to happen according to the code is **multi-hits** in a single channel during the **same** event !

- Problem coming from the CDF of PMT ?

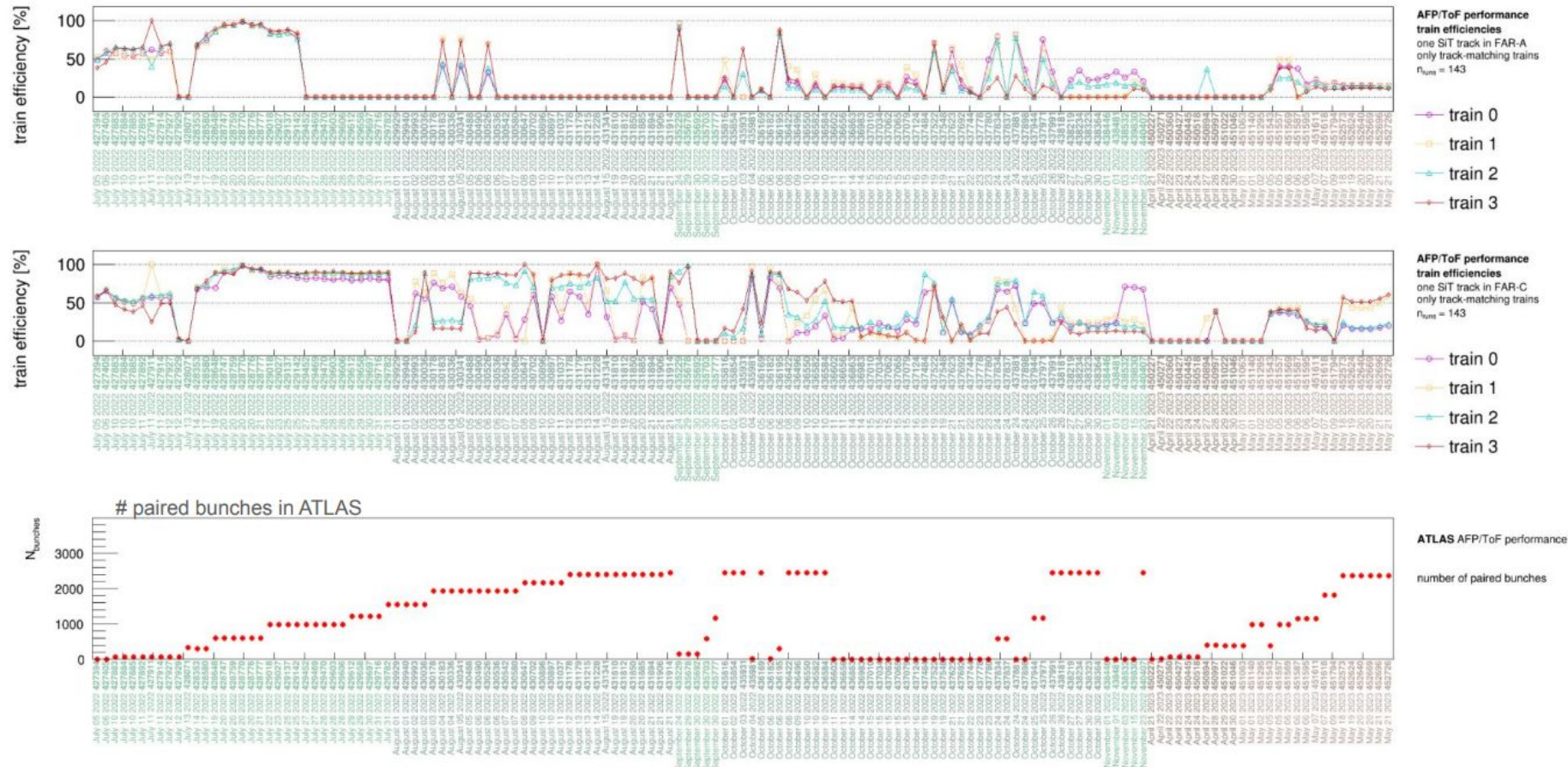


Graph updated compared to report

Silicon tracker Region of Interest

- Silicon tracker do not possess physical trains like the ToF detectors do.
- To determine the SiT trains ROI, they look at the x-coordinate of tracks when a signal was detected in the concerned ToF train. (With the condition : an unique track in the silicon tracker)
- They then look at the distribution of the track x-coordinate and make bounds between the x-coordinates where there are the most events.
- A side and C side have different region of interest !

Back-up



Theoretical basics

Standard Model of particle physics

- Describes **3 out the 4** fundamental interactions of our universe
- Interactions carried by integer spin particles called «**bosons**»
- Matter described by half-integer spin particles called «**fermions**»
- Is fallible and is **NOT** the final picture !

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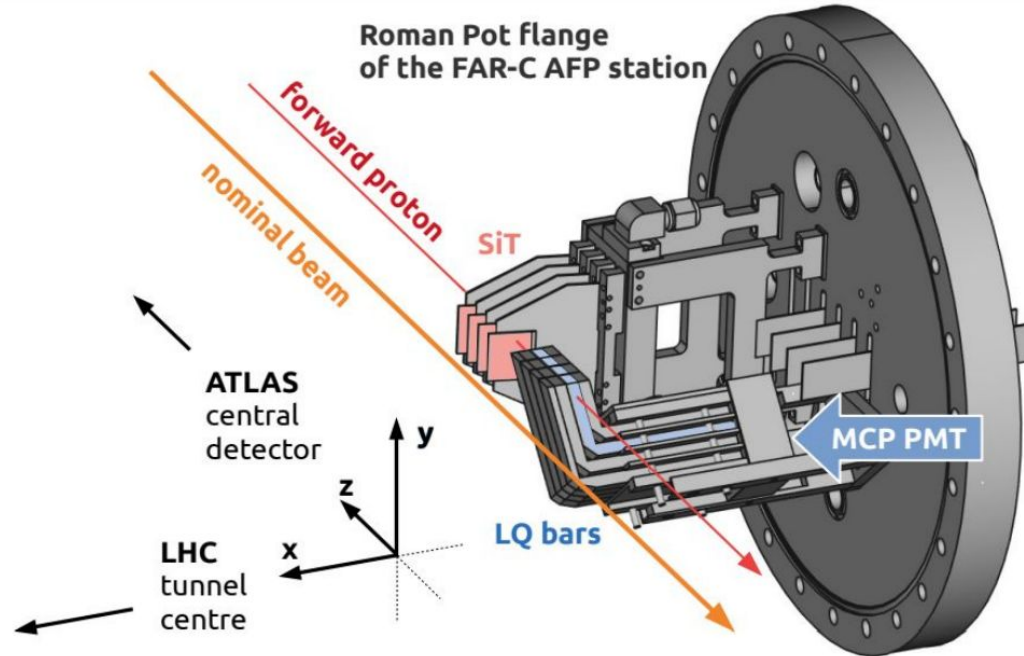


Figure 2: Schematic view of a leading proton detection in the SiT and ToF detector of the FAR-C station. The LQ bars traversed by the leading proton are highlighted by blue colour.

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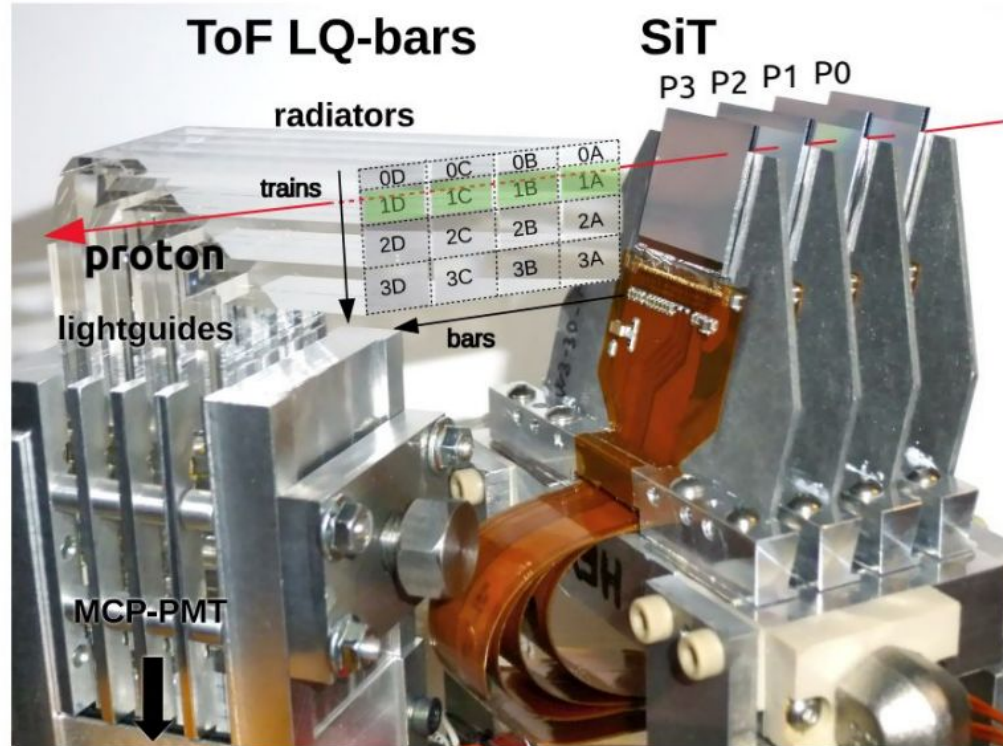


Figure 3: Photo of the assembled AFP detector composed of the Silicon tracker (SiT) and the Time-of-flight detector (ToF) with leading proton trajectory indicated with an oriented red line. The segmentation of the ToF to trains and

Results

2022 results : efficiency over time

Update results

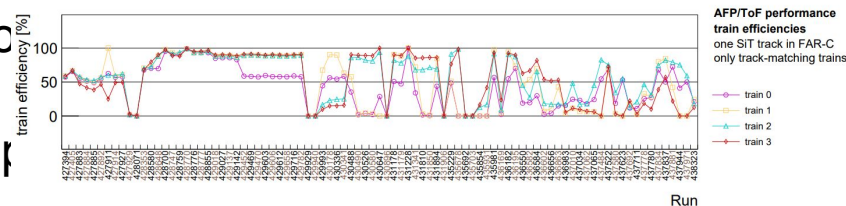
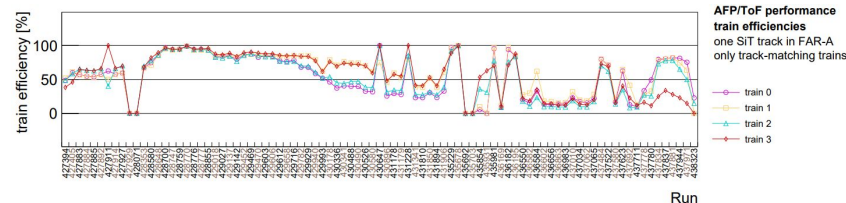
ARP General Meeting last week

-> we got to talk about the results, we are not

With experts

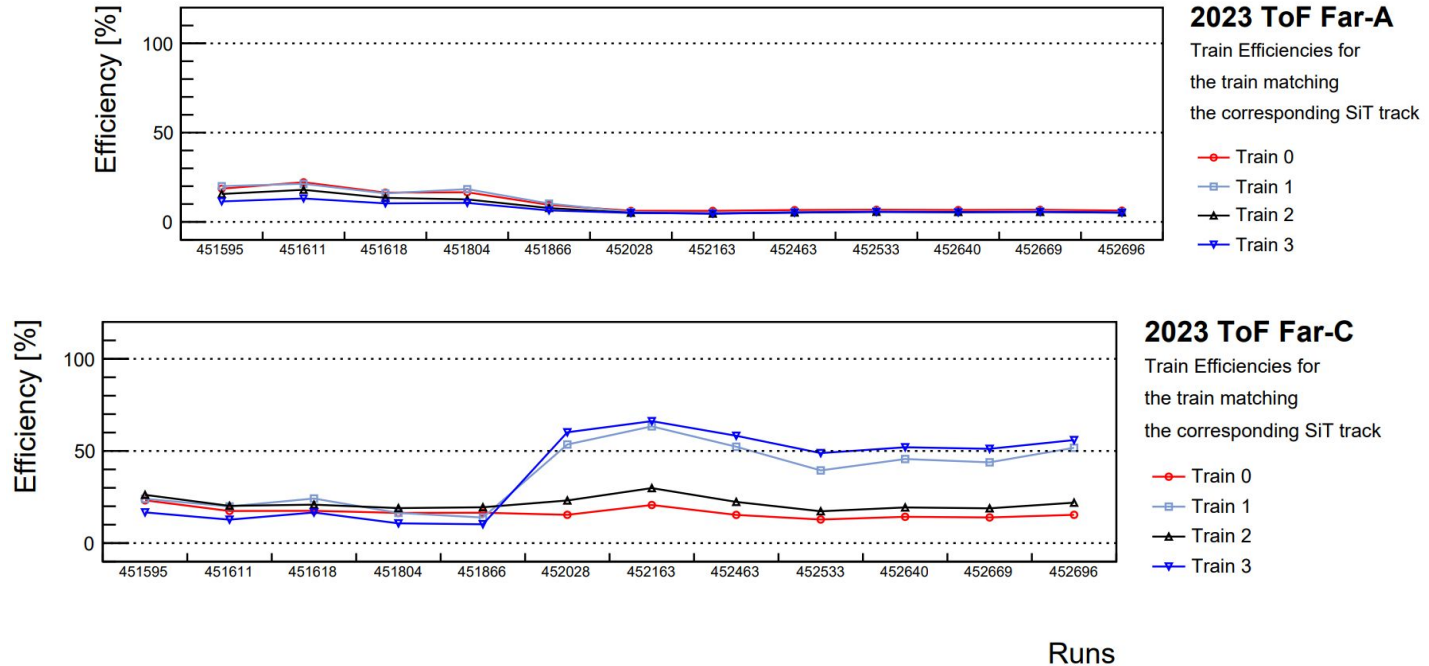
-> a special low mu run in two weeks will happen
it will be an opportunity to probe the issues

Point to the moment when TDC starting having problem!!!



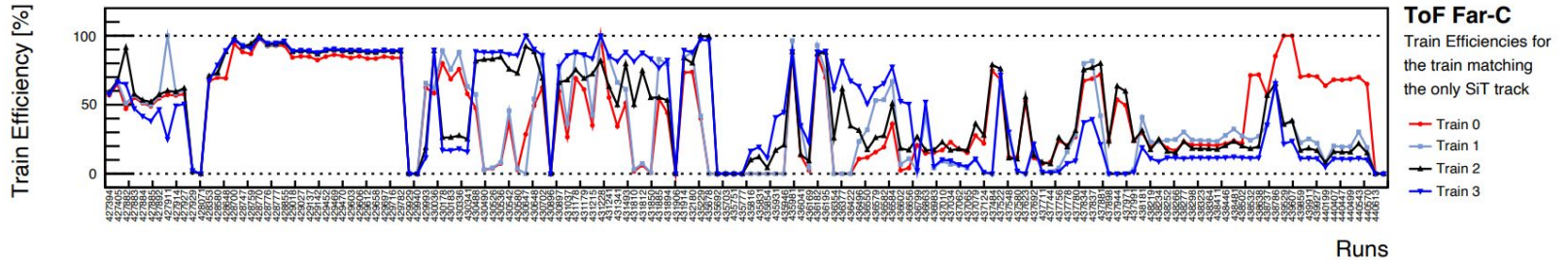
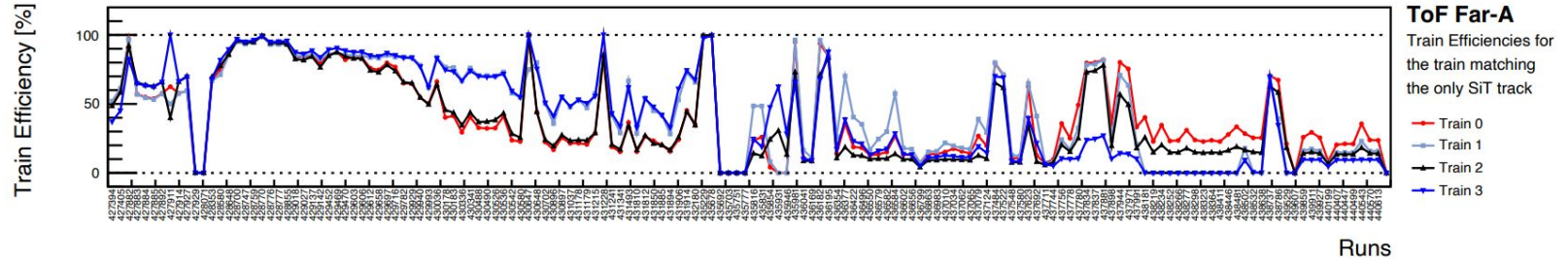
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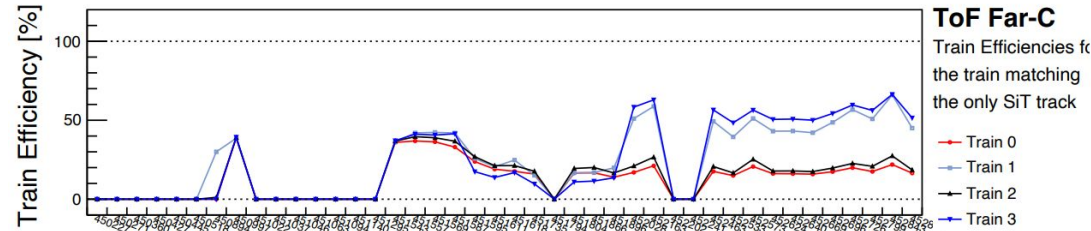
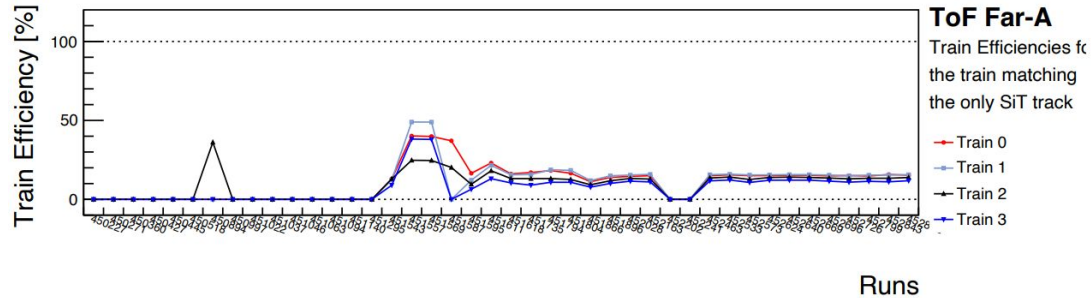


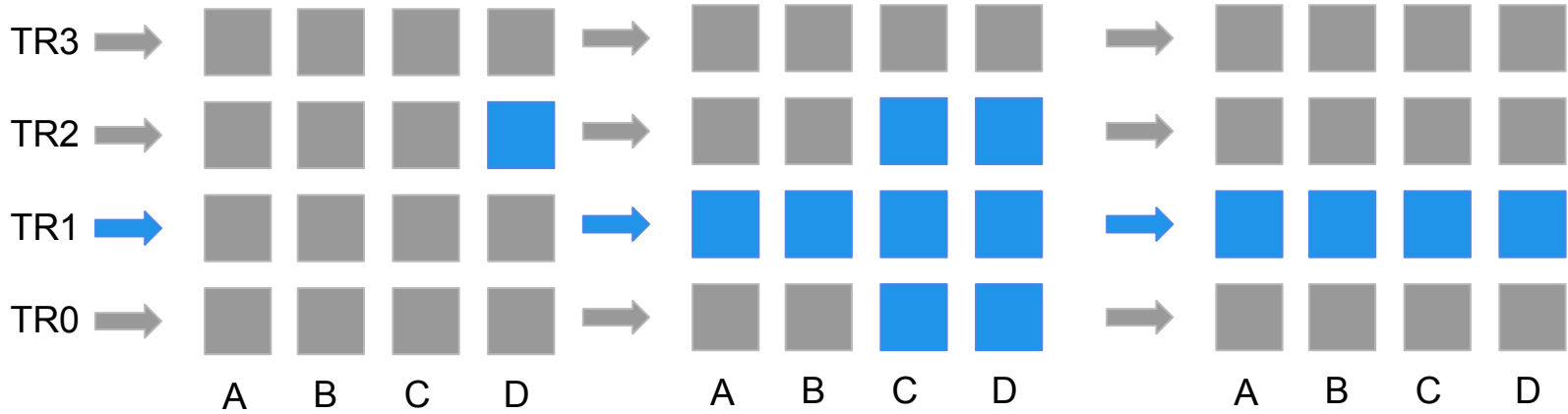
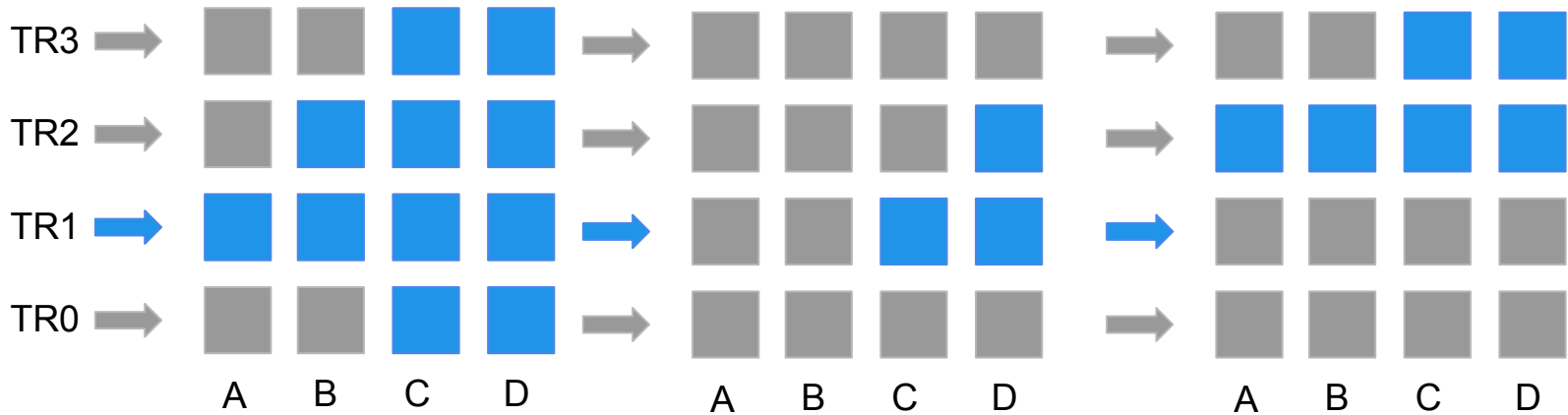
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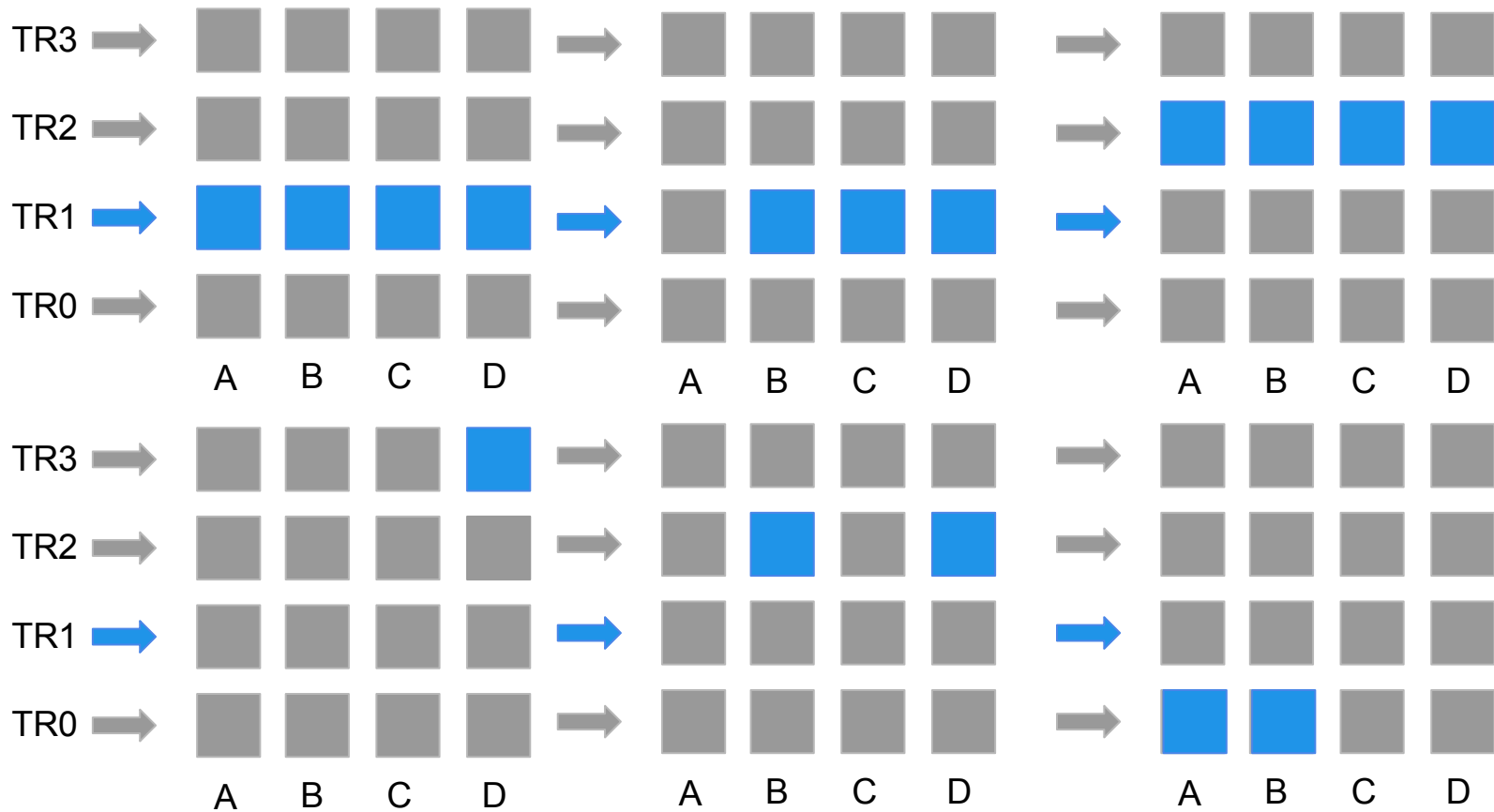
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