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Subject: Re: TpcRiemannTrackingTask - ideal PID now working - please rerun reconstruction

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Hello Stefano, Lia

To study the problem a bit closer I took a look at the output of the fits in the TPC+MVD+GEM before the conversion to PndTracks.

In this plot one can see the start-position of all tracks in the XY-plane, and one can clearly see some starting points which are way off. This is of course ALL tracks, also the tracks where the fits went wrong.

Looking at only the tracks with `track.getCardinalRep().getStatusFlag()==0`, where the fit converged I get something like this, where all start values are within a reasonable range.

The rough binning is to make the outliers a bit more visible.

This led me to investigate if this flag is checked at any time later in the analysis chain and as far as I can see this information is lost when converting the GFTrack to a PndTrack, where the PndTrack gets a new flag which is:

- 1 if NDF=0 or Genfit threw an exception when calculated the momentum at the first and last detector plane
- 1 otherwise

I did the same plot for all GFTracks where NDF!=0 resulting in:

Where clearly can see that the worst outliers are gone.

Since only this flag is available at the PndPidTrackInfo level I implemented this check before the extrapolation:

```
Bool_t rc=false;
if(track->GetFlag()==1){
    rc = fPro0->Propagate(helix, fRes, fPidHyp*charge);
}
```

This was then tested on 1000 events, with no crash in the PID-macr. This is probably the quickest fix as one only needs to rerun the PID-Macro.

Best regards  
Sverre

Ps:

Looking at the statistics in the 3 plots:

All GFTracks:5113

statusflag 0:4132

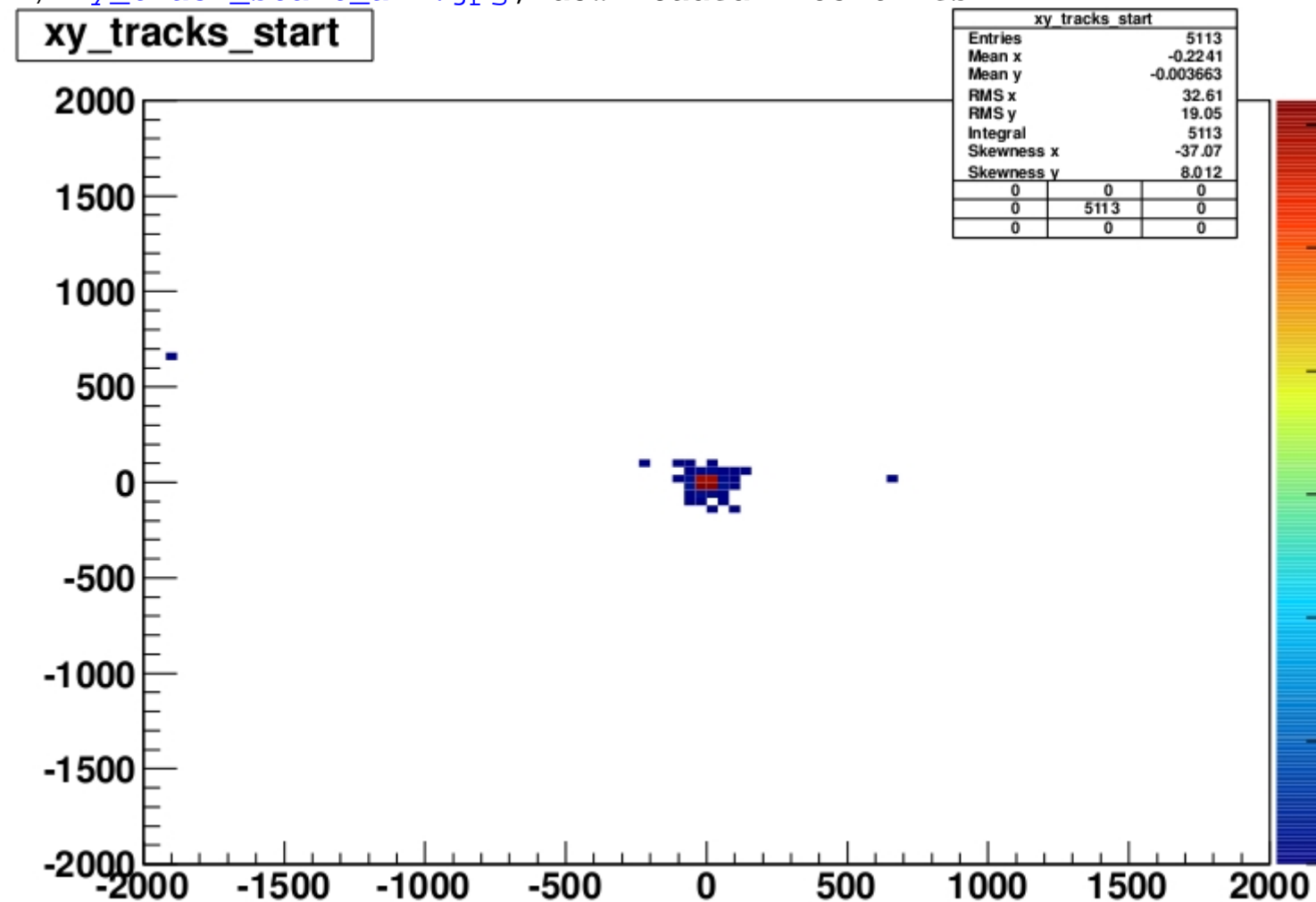
ndf!=0 :4912

A lot more tracks get lost when cutting away events with statusflag!=0 (ie something went wrong) than just cutting away events with ndf!=0.

The effect of this should also be tested.

## File Attachments

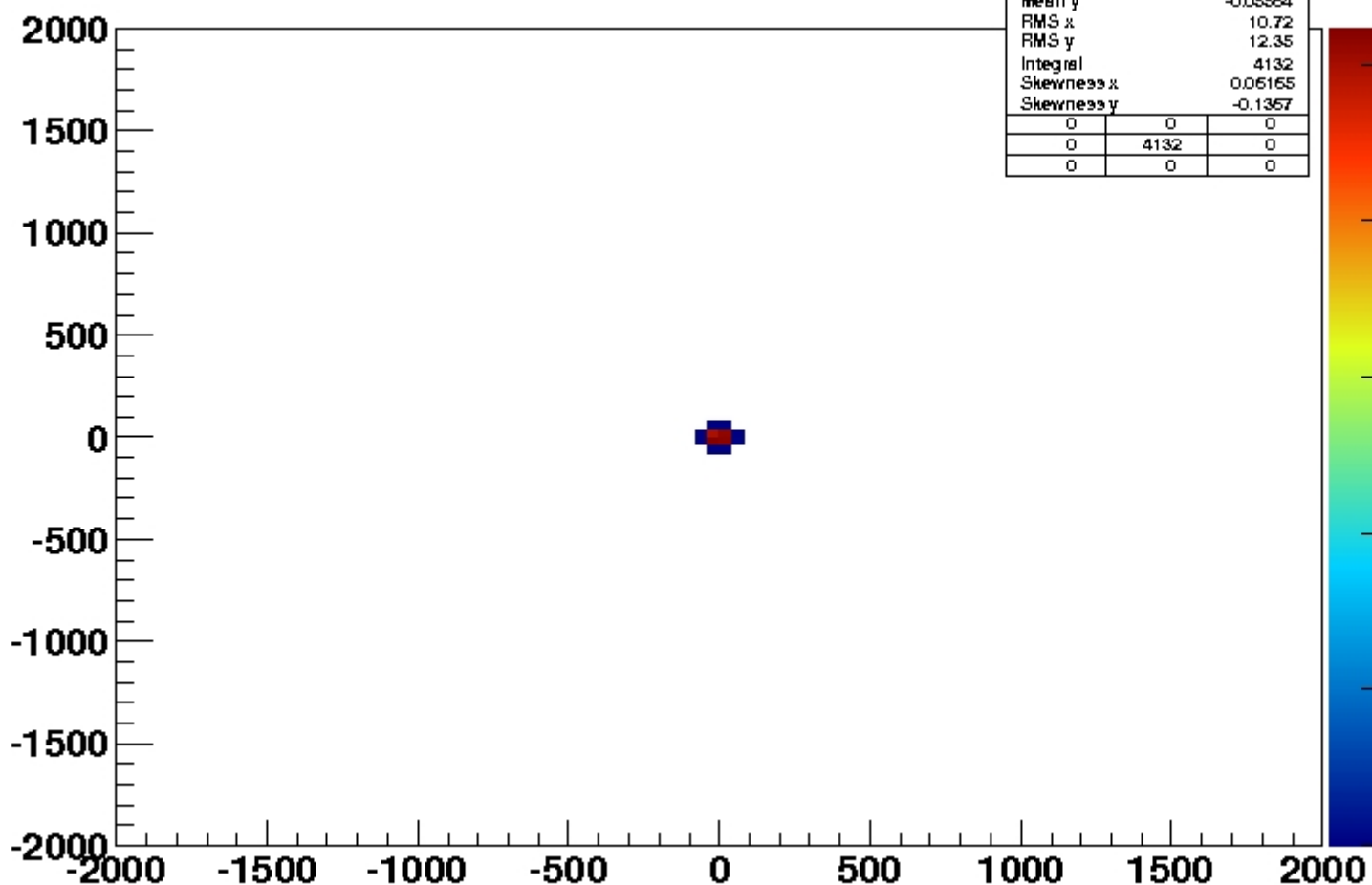
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2) [xy\\_track\\_start\\_good.jpg](#), downloaded 1206 times

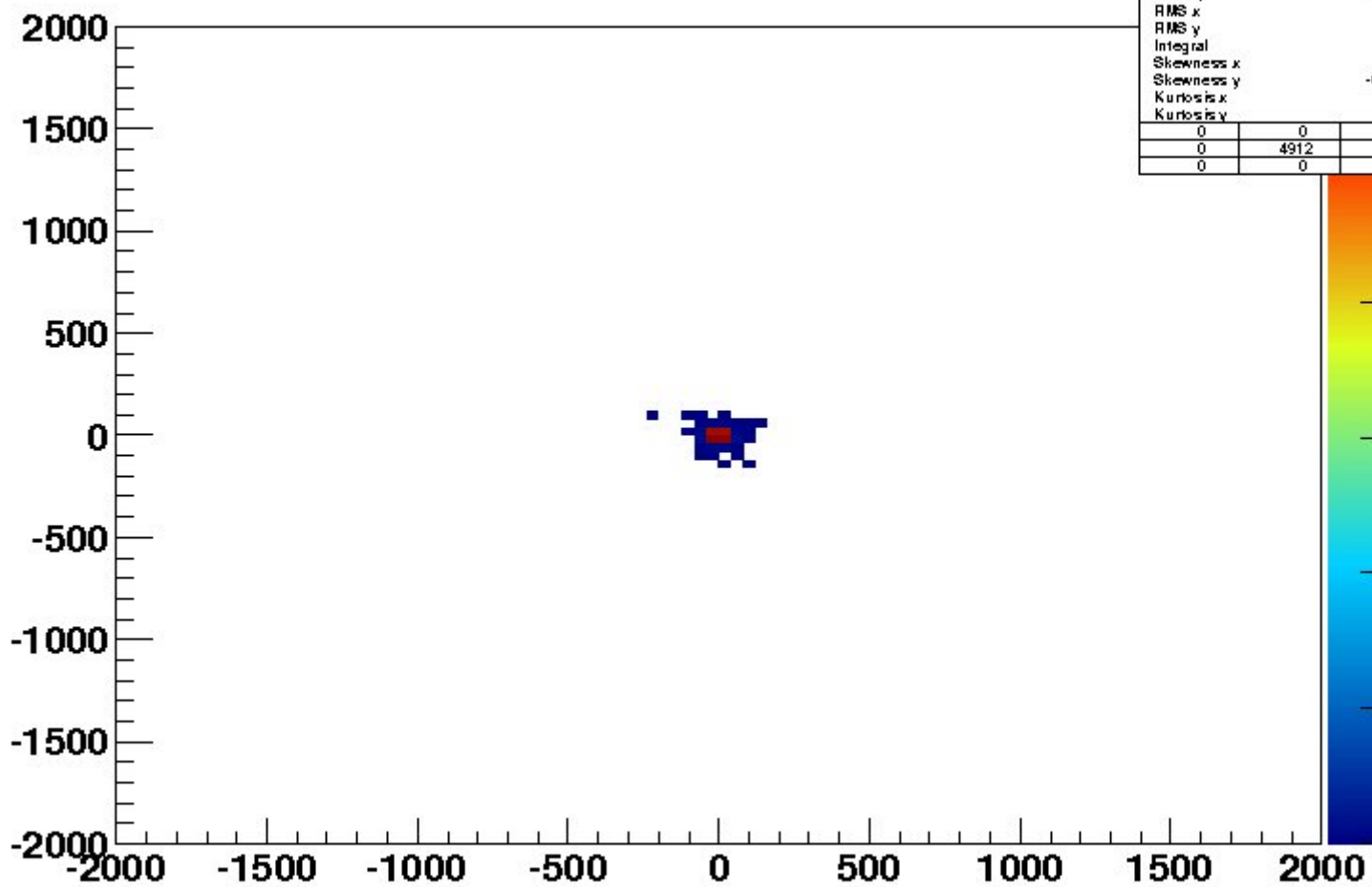
xy\_tracks\_start\_good

xy_tracks_start_good		
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Mean x	0.154	
Mean y	-0.05564	
RMS x	10.72	
RMS y	12.35	
Integral	4132	
Skewness x	0.06165	
Skewness y	-0.1367	
0	0	0
0	4132	0
0	0	0



3) [xy\\_track\\_start\\_ndf\\_not0.jpg](#), downloaded 1195 times

xy\_tracks\_start\_ndf\_not0



xy_tracks_start		
Entries		
Mean x		0
Mean y		-0
RMS x		
RMS y		
Integral		
Skewness x		
Skewness y		-0
Kurtosis x		
Kurtosis y		
0	0	
0	4912	
0	0	