

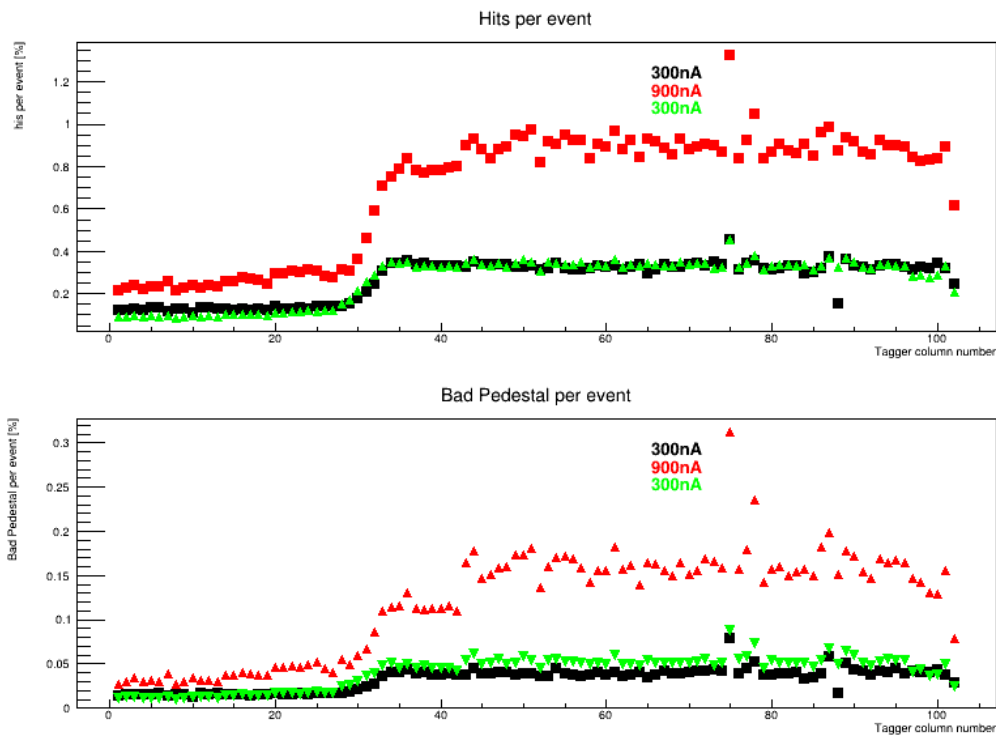
## TAGGER HIGH RATE STUDIES

### TAGGER microscope:

tagger microscope performance is studied by comparing the results from run 121039 with an electron beam current of 900nA to runs 121163 and 120847 with both an electron beam current of 300nA. in all 3 case the 3rd file \*\_003.root is used in the analysis.

Hits in each column are counted separately for each event and filled into a histogram. A discrimination was applied if the pedestal determination failed. As a result one can determine the mean number of hits per event for each tagger microscope column given that the pedestal determination was successful. This is equivalent to stating that the start of the readout window is "flat" and no signal is present in that area.

At the same time one can determine the percentage of events where for a given column the online pedestal is not available and a "mean" pedestal would need to be used.



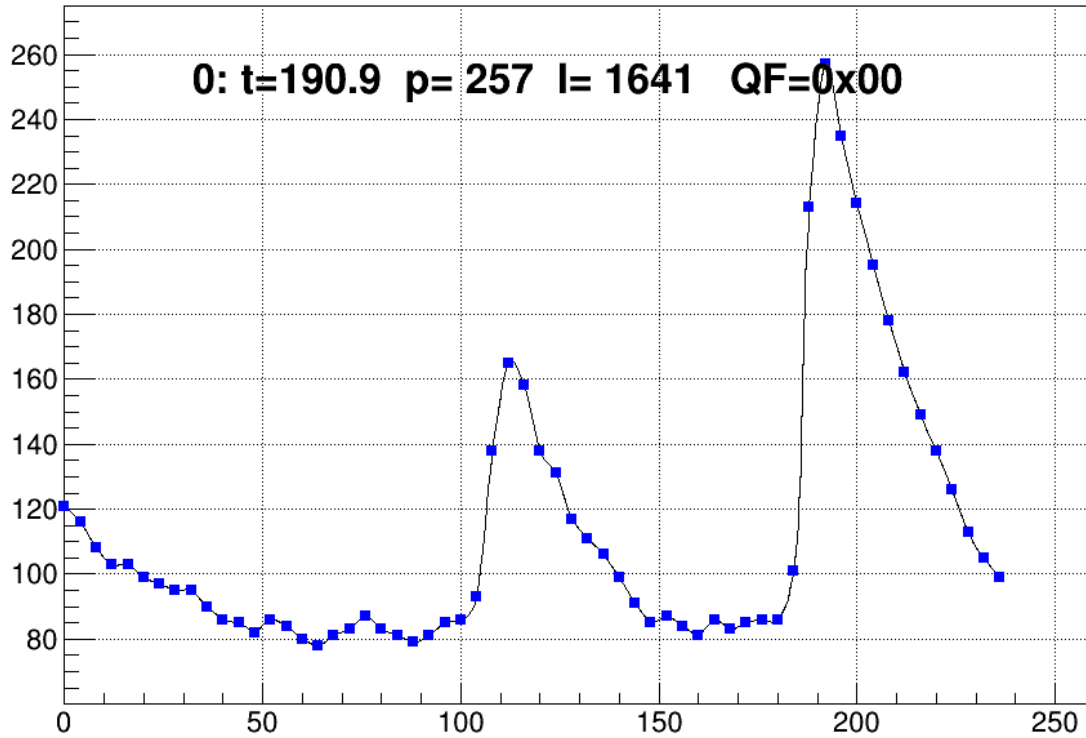
the "upper" graph shows the mean number of hits per tagger microscope column per event. The red color is for 900nA beam current while black and green are for 300nA.

Since this follows a "poisson" distribuion means that for the columns in the coherent peak reagon with a mean close to unity or more the expected number of hits is more than one for a significant fraction of events.

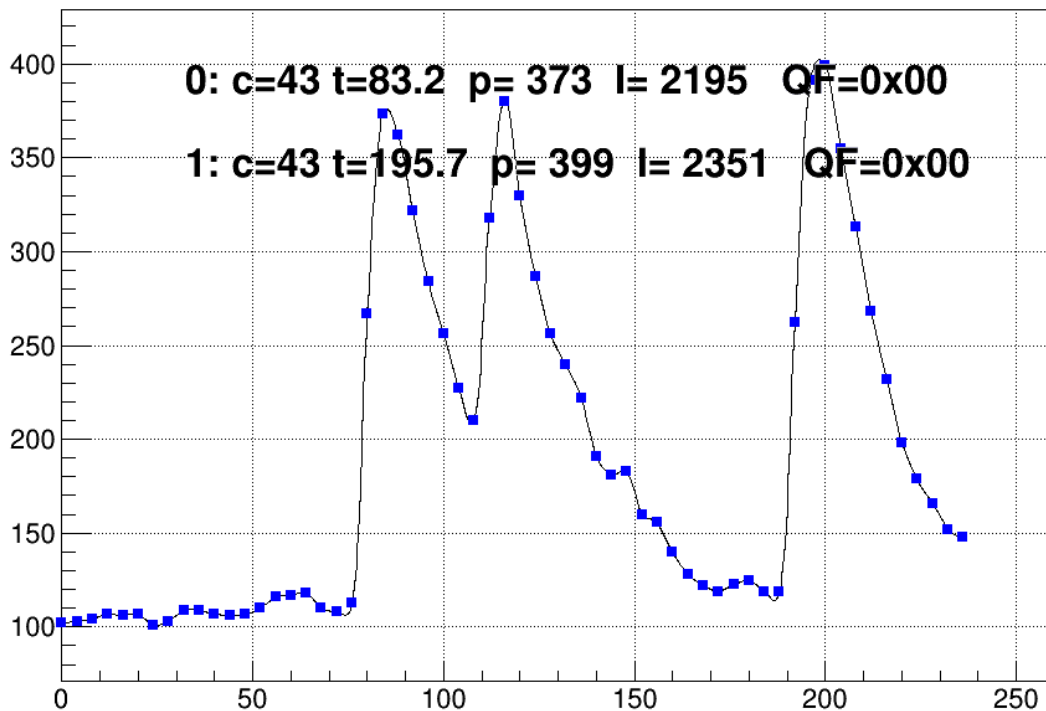
Similarly the percentage of events where an online pedestal for a column is not valid and needs to be taken from the database is quite significant at current of 900nA in the coherent peak region.

To illustrate the issue in more detail we show several wave forms of the tagger microscope counters (column) all from the same event with an electron beam current of 900nA (Run 121039 file 003). Note that "from the same event" means the hit multiplicity within the tagger microscope as a whole for any even is already quite large. The horizontal scale is in units is in ns with a point each 4ns given by the fADC frequency of 250MHz, resulting in a total of 60 samples for each wave form.

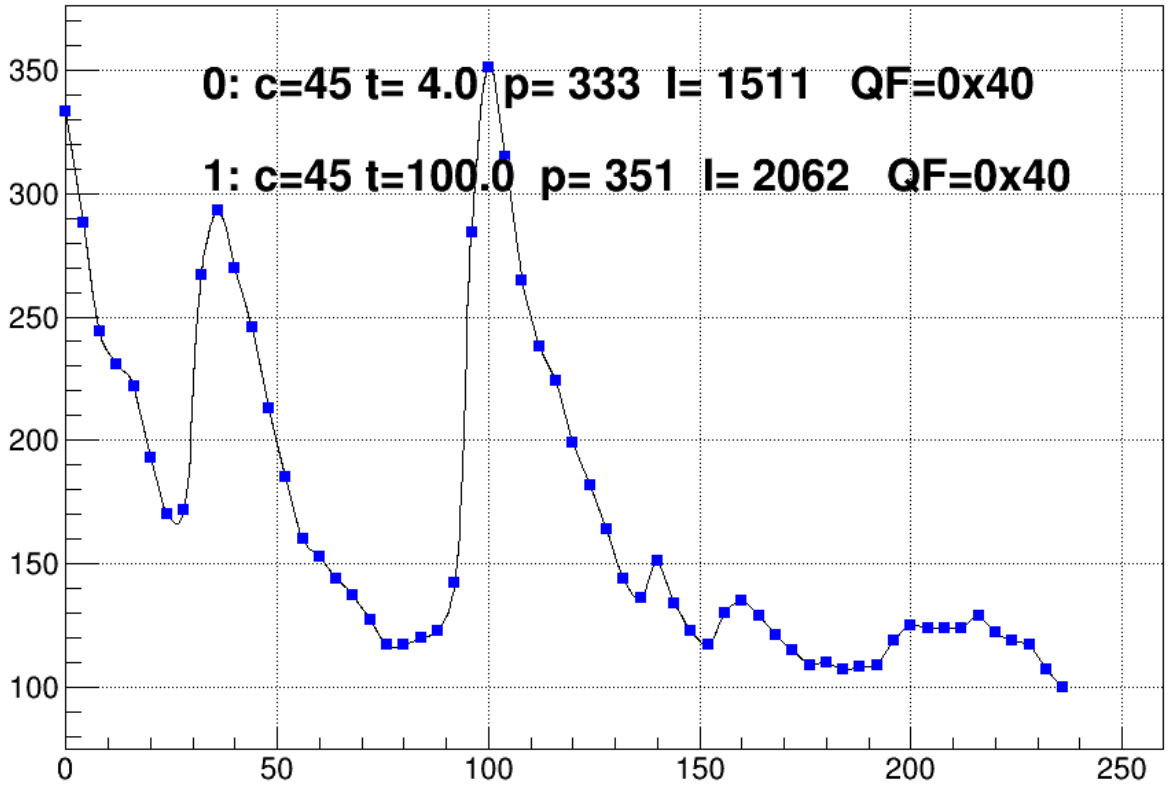
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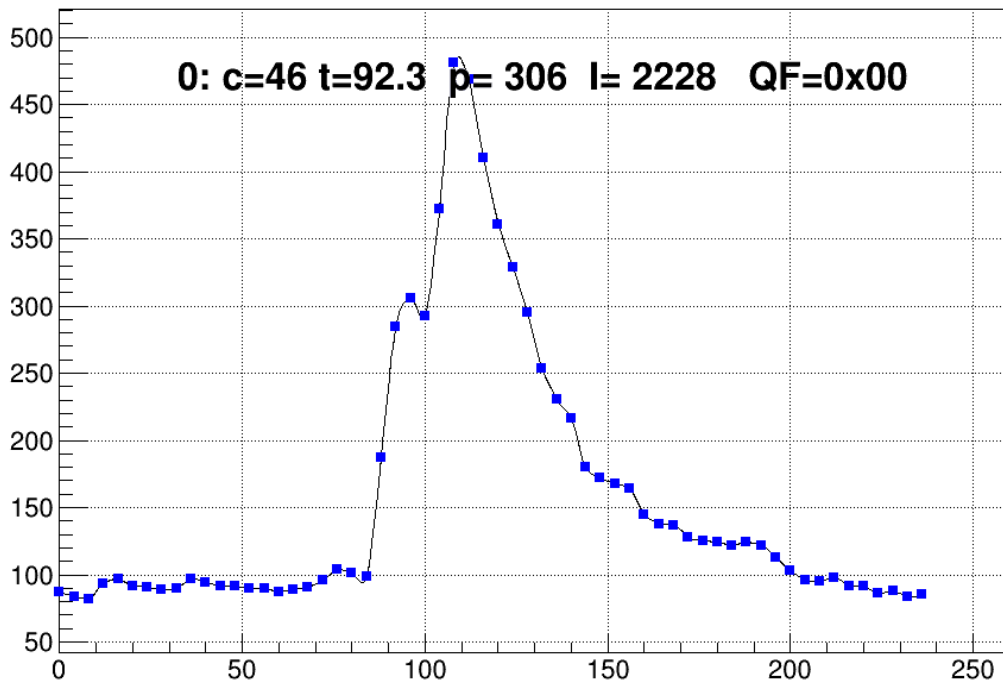
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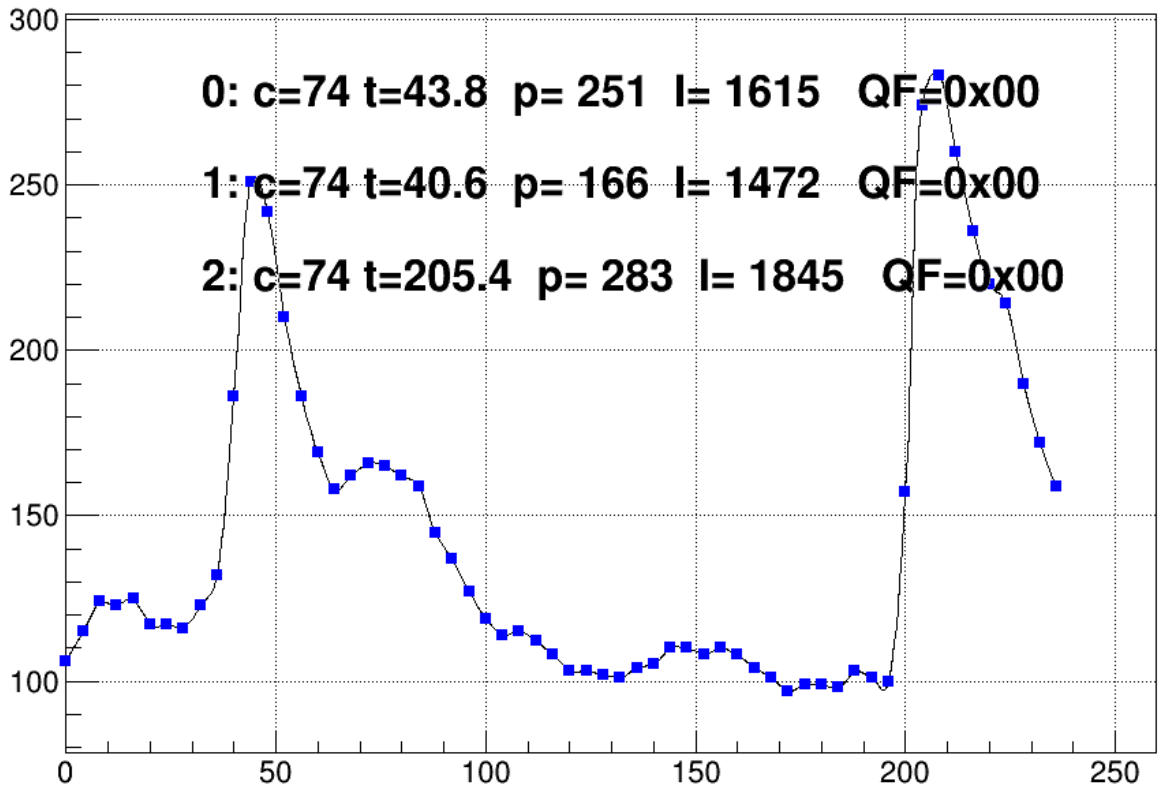
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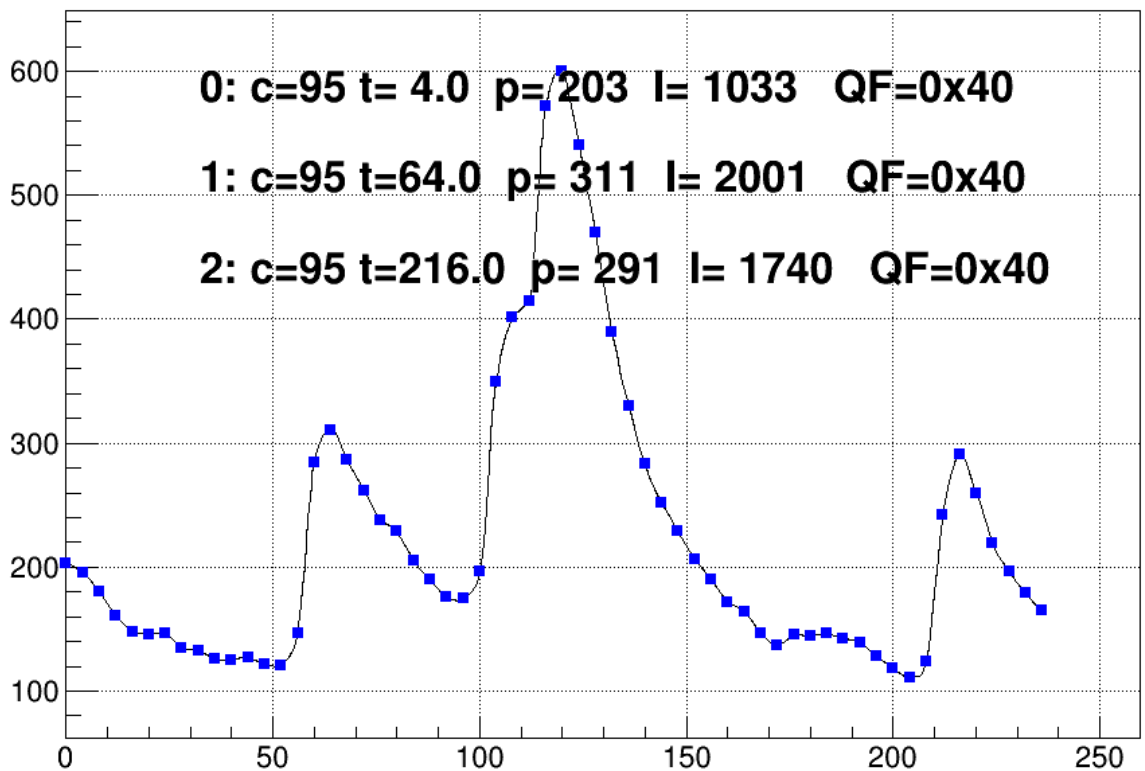
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Event\_187354\_TAGM\_column\_95



Firstly, the rise time and decay time of the signal from the counters matter. In particular a long decay time with a large tail will manifest itself at high rates when a second signal occurs in the tail of the first signal. This is referred to as "pile-up" and may result in the second signal not to be detected. This behavior also depends on the algorithm on the FPGA that is designed to detect individual signals.

Secondly, at high rates the probability of a hit occurring just before the start of the readout window causing the start of the readout window to lay in the "decay/tail" of a signal becomes much larger. Such a situation causes the pedestal determination part of the algorithm on the FPGA to fail and the algorithm will report  $QF = QF \& 0x40$  to indicate that the online pedestal can not be trusted.

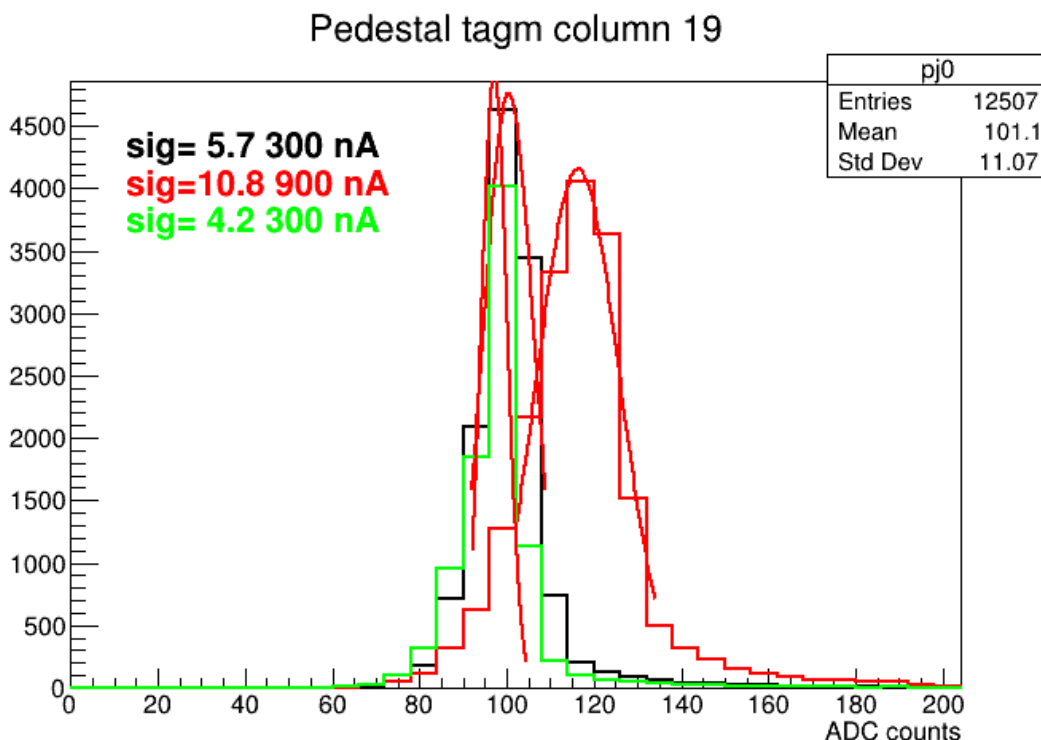
The fADC for this run 121039 for the readout of the tagger microscope are as follows:

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FADC250_NSB      3
FADC250_NSA      6
FADC250_NPEAK    3
FADC250_NSAT     2
FADC250_READ_THR 150 # 1/14/18 by AEB/RTJ
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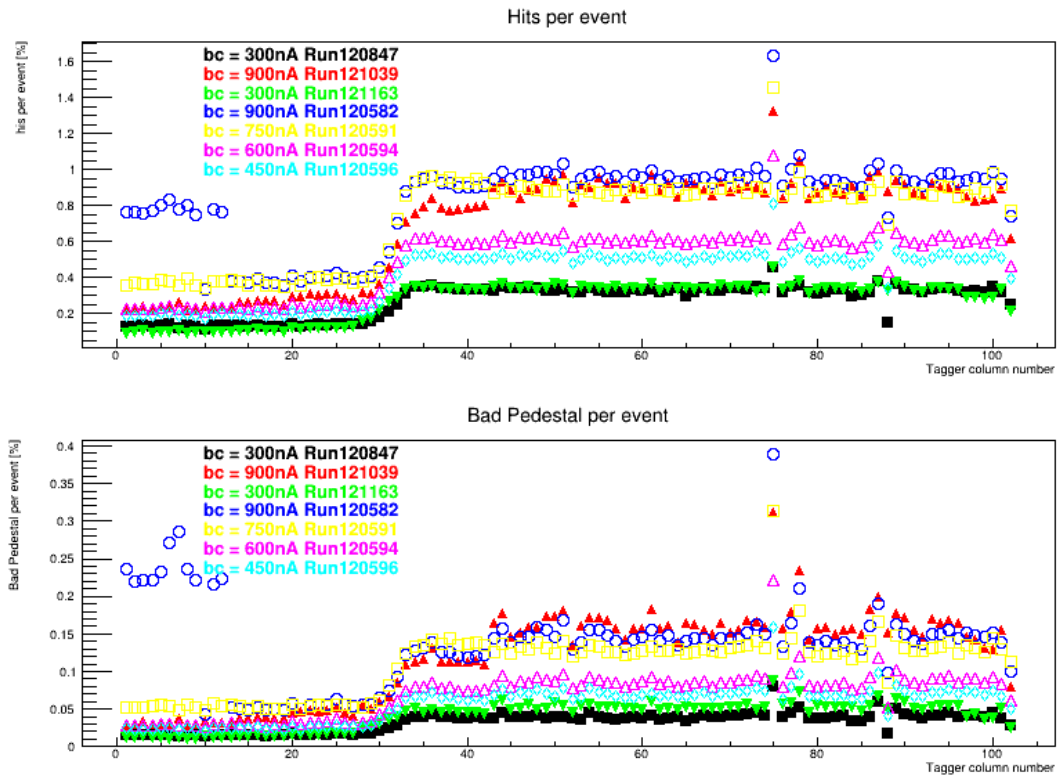
This means that a) only a maximum of 3 signal peaks are searched for, b) the minimum signal height has to be 150 ADC counts (this INCLUDES the pedestal)

Waveform 1: the first signal peak is missed  
 Waveform 2: the second signal peak is missed

Regarding the base line, it turns out that the width of the pedestal significantly increases with beam current. To illustrate this point the pedestal peak of each tagger hodoscope is fit with gaussian in the peak region only to determine the approximate width ignoring the tails. It turns out that for run 121039 with beam current 900nA all pedestals have a width that is a factor of 2 or even larger than for runs 121163 or 120847 where the beam current was the standard 300nA. There may also be a base line shift happening but this can not be confirmed at this point.



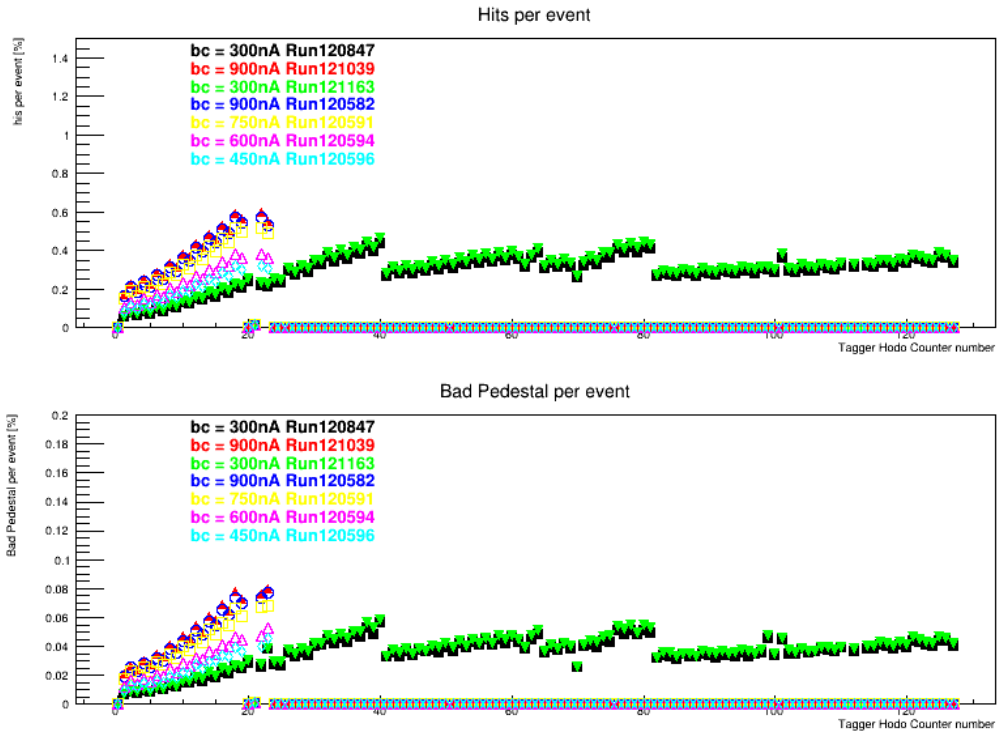
looking at other runs that expand on the e-beam current from 450nA to 900nA shows that while there is an increase of hit multiplicity with beam current there are additional effects that may change the expected linear dependance. There seems to be not much difference between 750nA beam current and 900nA beam current when looking at the number of hits found. This may be a result of saturation as the algorithm only looks for a maximum of 3 hits. the fraction of events where the pedestal determination fails shows a linear increase up to 600nA but then does a jump when increasing to 750nA, also indicative of some non linear effect.



**TAGGER hodoscope:**

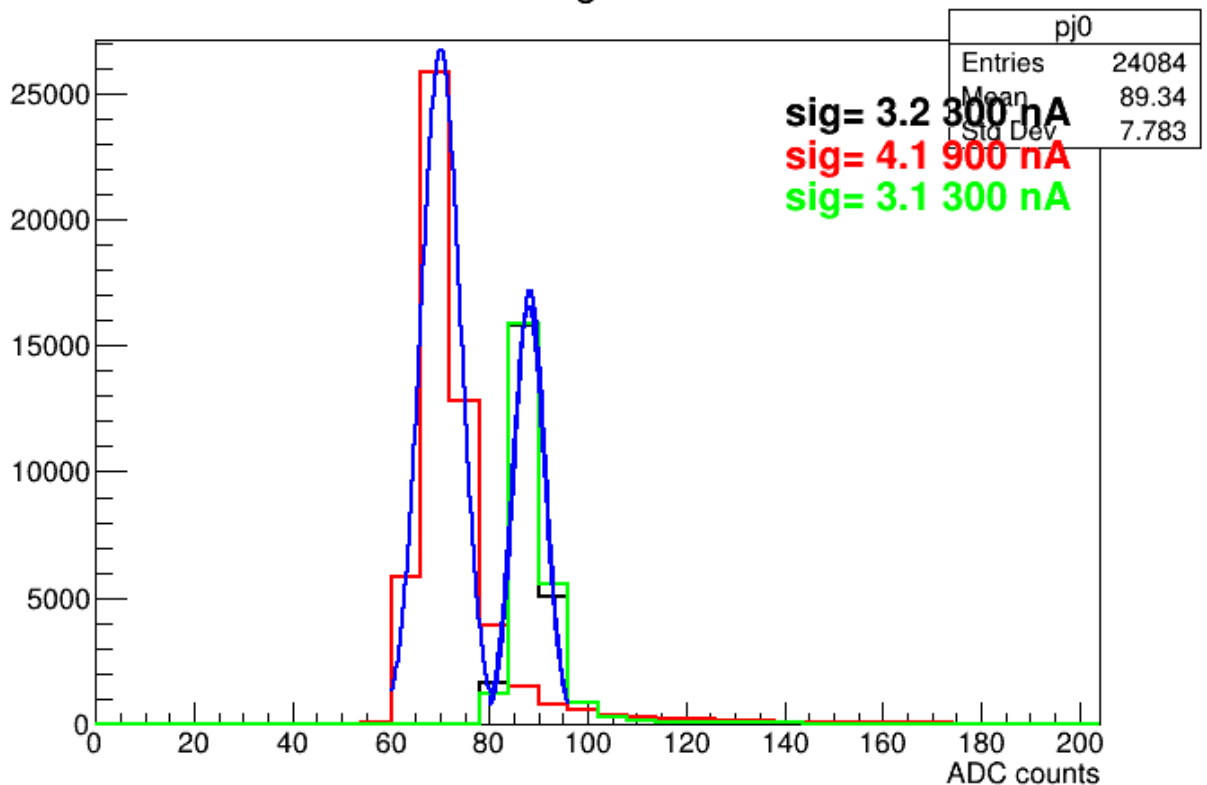
In case of the tagger hodoscope the situation regarding high rate studies is somewhat limited because for all high current runs all tagger hodoscope counters larger than 21 were switched off. So only a limited range of counters can be studied.

Because the rise time and in particular the decay time of the signals from these counters are faster the effects of pile-up are less severe but still noticeable as can be seen in the picture below:



as can be seen the counters above #21 are turned off for beam currents larger than 300nA however one can still understand the effect of higher currents. Similarly to the microscope there seems to be some non-linear effect that are at play since the increase in hits/event and also bad pedestal rates seem to be not fully linear. In particular the increase from 600nA to 750nA is much larger than from 450nA to 600nA.

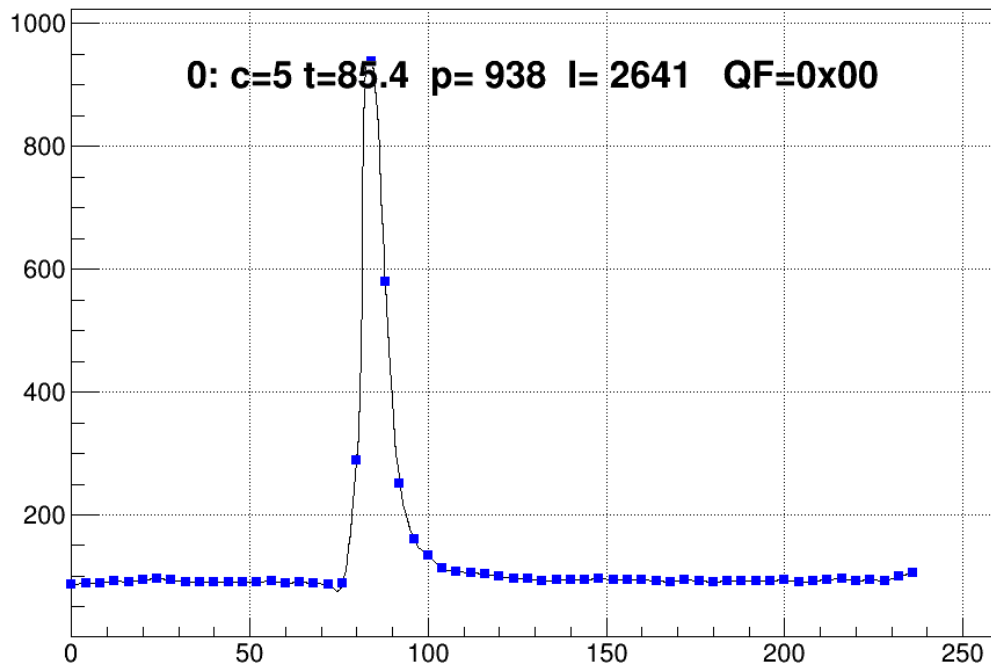
**Pedestal tagh counter 19**



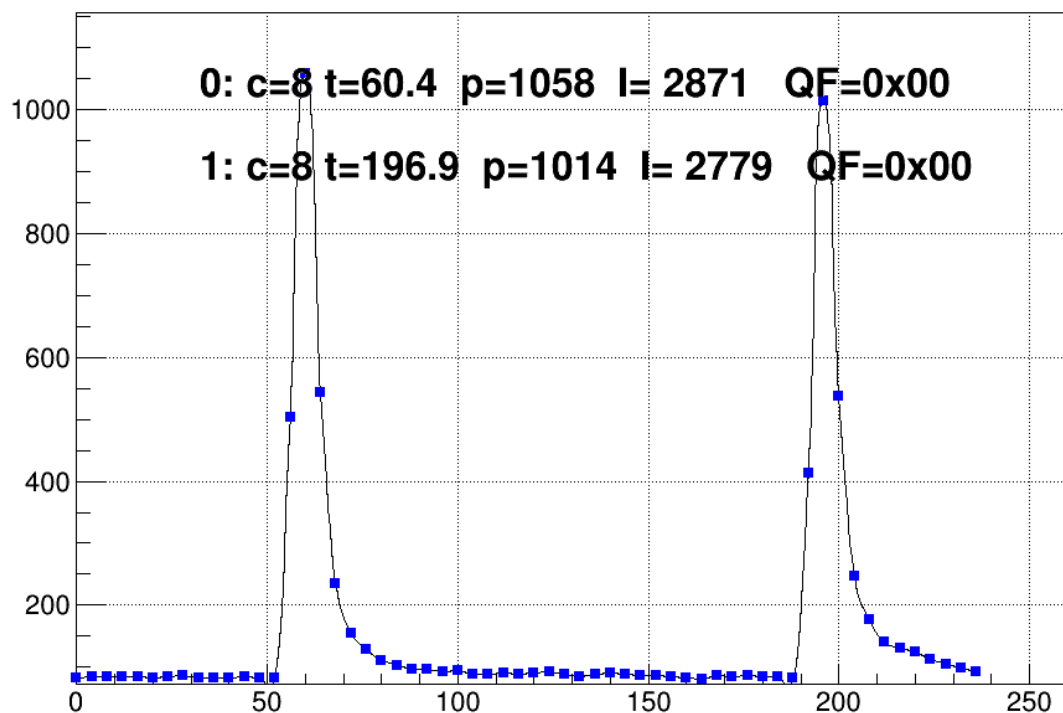
in contrast to the microscope there is a clear pedestal sag noticeable with increased rate. This is expected due to effect of the preamplifier on the PMT base that uses the same HV supply as the divider itself. It is also evident that the base line itself becomes wider as the width of the pedestal becomes larger by about 30% between 300nA and 900nA beam current.

Below are a few examples of wave forms from run 121039 where the beam current was 900nA. The decay of the signals is of order 4 samples or 16ns which is rather fast and very helpful regarding pile-up. The rise time of the signals is rather fast with only one sample in the slope of the signal rise at best which makes it very difficult to determine good timing by the flash ADC.

RUN121039\_Event\_187354\_TAGH\_counter\_id\_5



RUN121039\_Event\_187354\_TAGH\_counter\_id\_8





RUN121039\_Event\_187356\_TAGH\_counter\_id\_11

