Correlation QDC vs. FlashADC

Runs 219, 228 "up" calorimeter

The problem

- We routinely measured cosmics and electrons with a 12-bit QDC (4096 channels) and all data make sense w.r.t. what is expected
- At BESIII we will sooner or later use an 8-bit Flash ADC; Giulietto's electronics converts integrated charge to a V-signal with a given conversion factor.
- What is this conversion factor? Will we saturate the FADC scale?

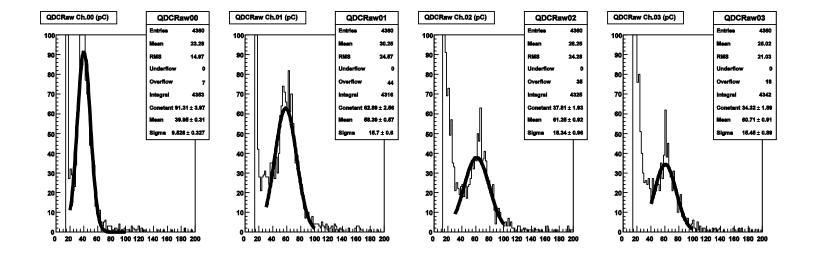
Run 219, cosmics at LNF

- "up" minicalorimeter
- Symmetric external trigger on left and right sides
- HV: "Hamamatsu" 1.4 kV points, gain ≈ 1.2·10⁶, Happy Box present
- Chs. 0,1,2,3 to QDC ch.s 0,1,2,3 (gate 200 ns)
- Chs. 4,5,6,7 sent to FADC, analogic sum to ch.3 of FADC

Scanning waveforms

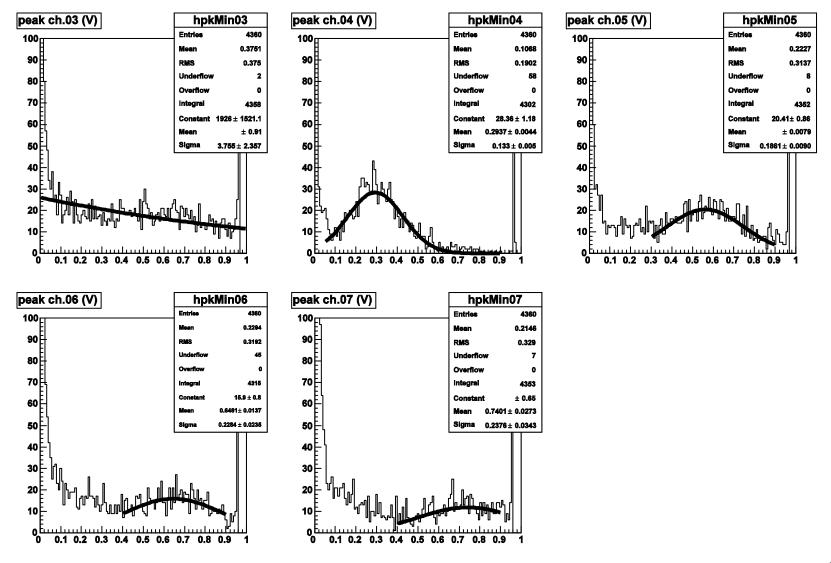
- First 30 ns data (15 samples) used to find the baseline on a per-event basis
- Samples 20 to 50 (40 to 100 ns) used to find the signal peak
- Plot the peak, subtracted from the baseline
- Do the same for channel 3 (analogic sum) and correlate with the sum (0,1,2,3)

Run 219, cosmics, QDC data

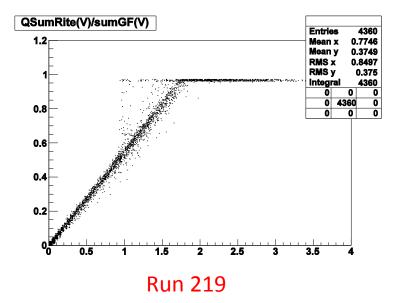


Ch. 0 in the QDC sees 40 pC, with a sigma of 9.5, over a pedestal of 15.9→ 24 pC. Other channels see 43,47,45 pC after pedestal subtraction; in fact they have twice the track length of ch.0.

Run 219, FADC, all triggers

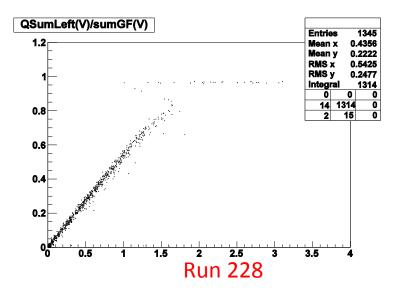


The summing amplifier

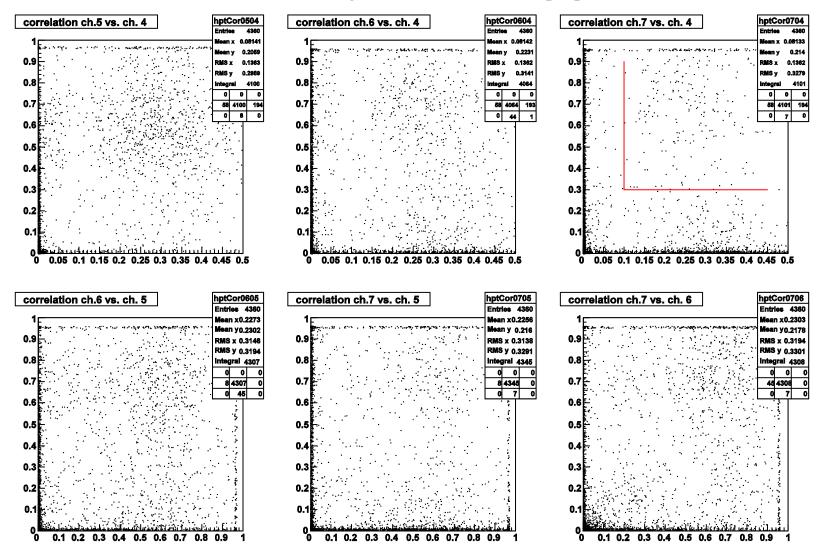


There is only a slight effect of bending, or saturation, close to the end of the scale. The summing amplifier works fine, irrespective of resolution loss.

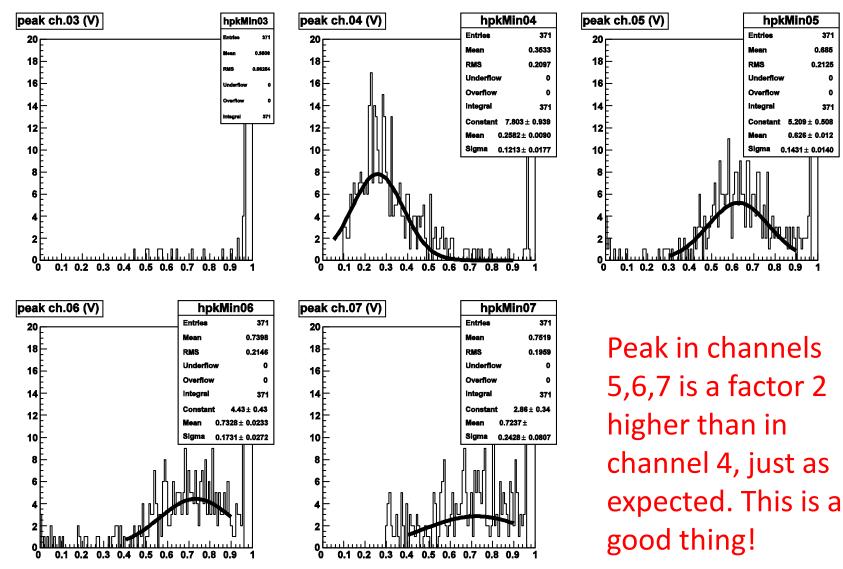
The FADC exits have an extra factor 2 w.r.t. the MON exits, used for the SUM



Clean up the trigger!



Run 219, FADC, trigger cleanup



371

0.685

0.2125

371

 5.209 ± 0.508

 0.626 ± 0.012

 0.1431 ± 0.0140

0.9

Summary of facts

- Ch. 3 is the SUM out of "far" NIM modules
- Ch. 4 is, by construction, identical to ch. 0 and, by trigger configuration, should see exactly the same charge as ch. 0 (in QDC and FADC)
- Fitting the FADC ch. 4 peak we see an average of 0.26 V with a sigma of 0.12 V (pedestal subtracted)
- Conversion factor is (260/24 ≈ 11) mV/pC

Is this OK?

- In cosmics, we see 16 MeV, divided
 2.29:4.57:4.57:4.57 in the 4 channels
 0(4),1(5),2(6),3(7)
- FADC ch. 4 (4 mV/count, 256 counts) sees 300 mV/2.29 MeV, that is 33 cts/MeV: ch.4 will saturate at 7 MeV of deposited energy. Even before, considering peak widths.
-it's really not OK! The gain is way too high

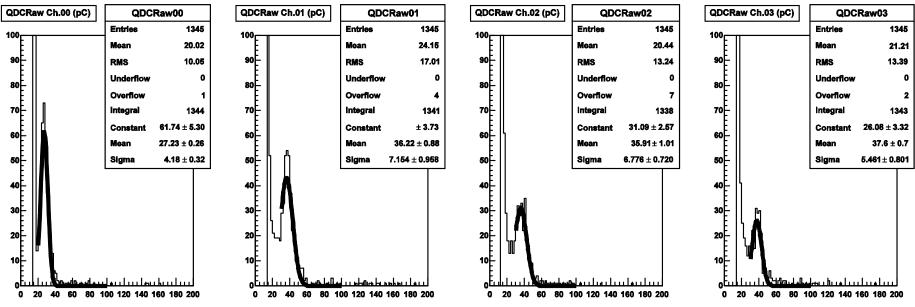
What about 450 MeV electrons?

- We see in the scintillating fibers 12% of the electron energy, that is 50 MeV
- Shower profile ratioes are, from BTF data, 0.1:0.5:0.3:0.1: 5, 25, 15, 5 MeV in chs. 4 to 7
- All channels would saturate, ch. 5 first
- This is more than an order of magnitude too much
- We must reduce gain by at least one order of magnitude, reducing HV and using the "MON" exit of the yellow NIM modules (factor 2 less than "FADC" exits).

Run 228, cosmics at LNF

- "up" minicalorimeter
- HV: "corrected" 1.4 kV points, gain ≈ 1.2·10⁶, Happy Box not present
- Ch. 0,1,2,3 sent to QDC (gate 200 ns)
- Ch. 4,5,6,7 sent to FADC chs. 0,1,2,3, analogic sum to ch. 4 of FADC

Run 228, cosmics, QDC data



Ch	Ped (pC)	Peak (pC)	Gain (pC)	თ (pC)	σ /E(%)
0	16.1	(27.2±0.3)	11.1	(4.2±0.3)	38%
1	15.7	(36.2±0.9)	20.5	(7.2±1.0)	35%
2	14.1	(35.9±1.0)	21.9	(6.8±0.7)	31%
3	15.6	(37.6±0.7)	22.0	(5.5±0.8)	25%

Run 228, FADC, trigger cleanup

Entries

Underflow

Overflow

Constant

Integral

Mean

Sigma

Mean

RMS

hpkMin01

104

0.4348

0.233

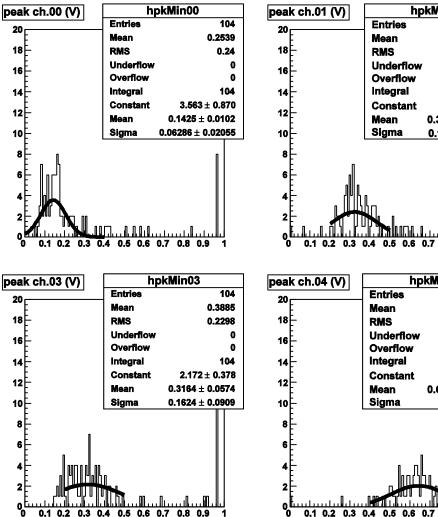
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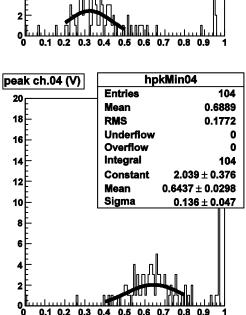
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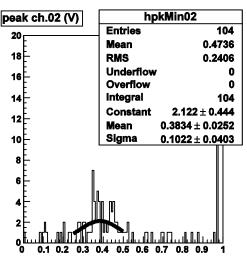
 2.423 ± 0.454

 0.3235 ± 0.0229

 0.1088 ± 0.0341







Peak in channels 1,2,3 is a factor 2 higher than in channel 0, just as expected. This is a good thing!

Run 228, FADC, trigger cleanup

Ch	Peak (mV)	σ (mV)	σ/E (%)
0	(142±10)	(63±20)	44
1	(323±23)	(109±34)	38
2	(383±25)	(102±40)	27
3	(316±57)	(162±91)	51
SUM	(644±30)	(136±47)	21

- Unfortunately, a small sample (1 day only)
- σ/E seems bigger in the FADC chain than in the QDC one, but need more stat
- Channel values now in range (cfr. slide 7) at least for cosmics

Summary

- The maximum gain for cosmics running is about 6.10⁵
- This can be achieved running without Happy Box, and/or using the "MON" exit of the yellow SELF modules
- Maximum gain for BESIII running hard to predict, probably ≈ 10⁵ or less
- This is required also because of high rates