

# Trigger update

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# Run Group A trigger

- ***Inclusive electron scattering trigger***

Scattered electron detected in the **Forward Detectors (FD)**: High Threshold Cherenkov Counter (HTCC), Drift Chambers (DC), Preshower Calorimeter (PCAL) and electromagnetic calorimeter (EC).

- ***Photoproduction trigger (FT trigger)***

Scattered electron detected in **Forward Tagger (FT)** in coincidence with charge particles in the Forward and Central Detectors.

- ***“Muon” trigger***

Select events with two muons detected in the Forward Detectors **ONLY**. This trigger does not require to detect scattered electron at all.

- ***Technical riggers (prescaled)***

- Electron trigger without DC segments
- PCALxECAL trigger with low threshold
- Forward tagger trigger with low threshold

# Electron Trigger

- **Trigger detectors**

- High Threshold Cherenkov Counter (HTCC)
- Preshower calorimeter (PCAL)
- EC calorimeter (ECAL)
- DC track segments

- **Trigger parameters**

- HTCC – minimum number of photoelectrons  $> 2$
- PCAL – minimum cluster energy  $> 60$  MeV
- ECAL – minimum cluster energy  $> 10$  MeV
- PCAL+ECAL – sum of the energy deposition  $> 350$  MeV
- DC – number of reconstructed segments in the sector in R2 and R3  $> 3$

# Forward Tagger Triggers

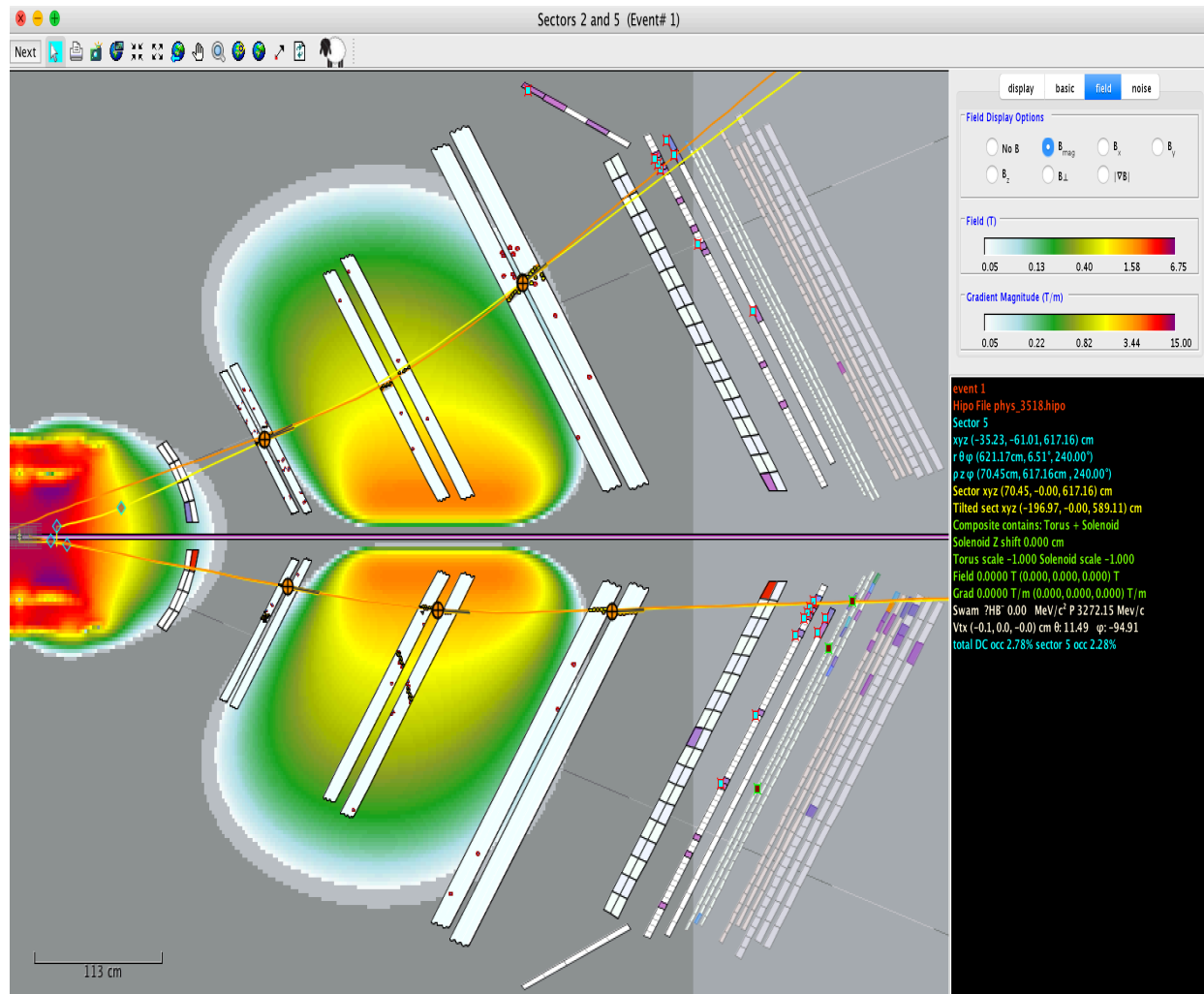
- **Trigger detectors**
  - Forward tagger calorimeter (FTCal)
  - Forward tagger hodoscope (FTHodo)
  - Forward time of flight (FTOF)
  - Preshower calorimeter (PCAL)
  - EC calorimeter (ECAL)
  - Central time of flight (CTOF)
  - DC track segments
- **Trigger parameters**
  - Cluster energy in forward calorimeter [0.3-4.0] GeV
  - Hits in two layers of FTHodo matching the FTCal cluster position
  - PCAL cluster energy > 15 MeV
  - Hits in FTOF matching PCAL U-strips
  - Hits in CTOF detector
- **Trigger configurations**
  - FTCalxFTHodo coincidence with FTOFxPCALxUstrips in two CLAS sectors
  - FTCal(0.3-8.5] GeV xFThodo coincidence with FTOFxPCALxUstrips and CTOF (prescaled)

# “Muon” Trigger

$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  decay

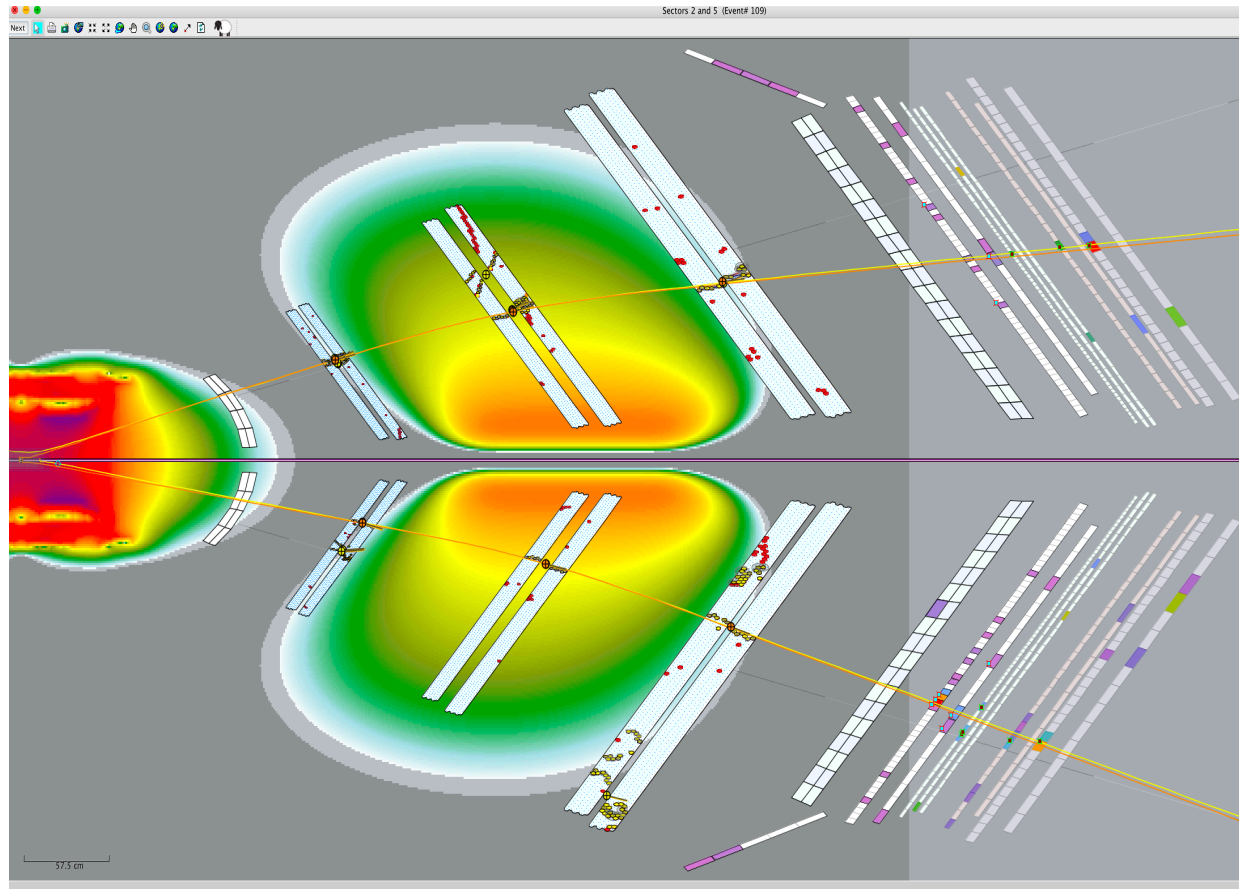
- **Trigger detectors**
  - Preshower calorimeter (PCAL)
  - EC calorimeter (ECAL)
  - DC track segments
- **Trigger parameters**
  - PCAL cluster energy [15-60] MeV
  - ECAL cluster energy [40-120] MeV
  - Hits in FTOF matching PCAL U-strips
  - DC segments in R2 and R3
- **Trigger configuration**
  - FTOFxPCALxUstrips in two CLAS opposite sectors

# Electron inbending

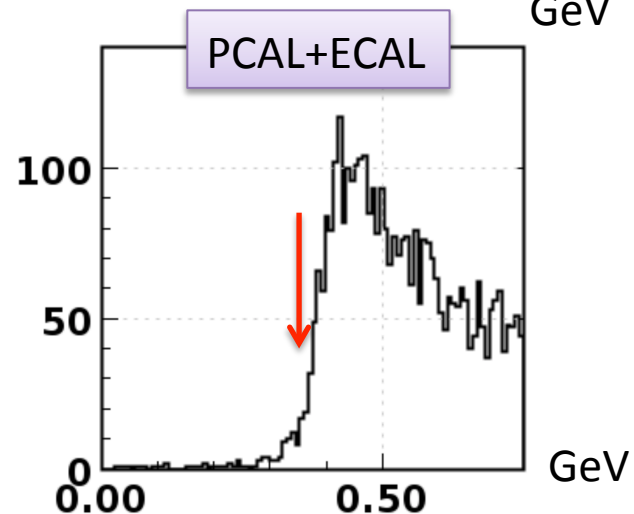
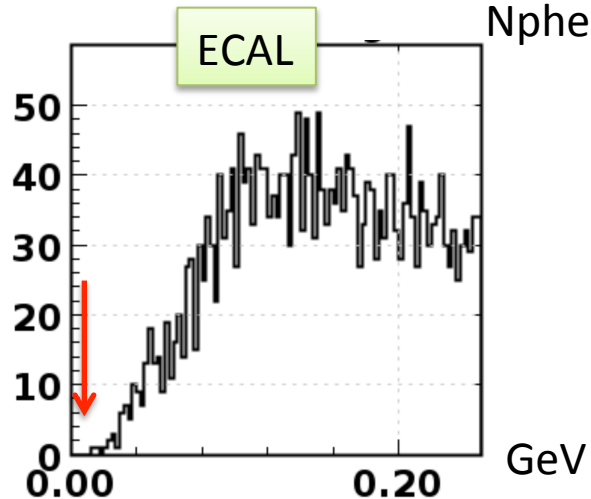
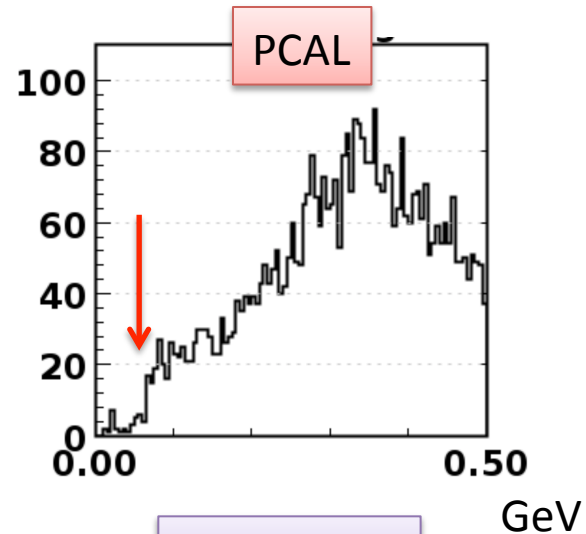
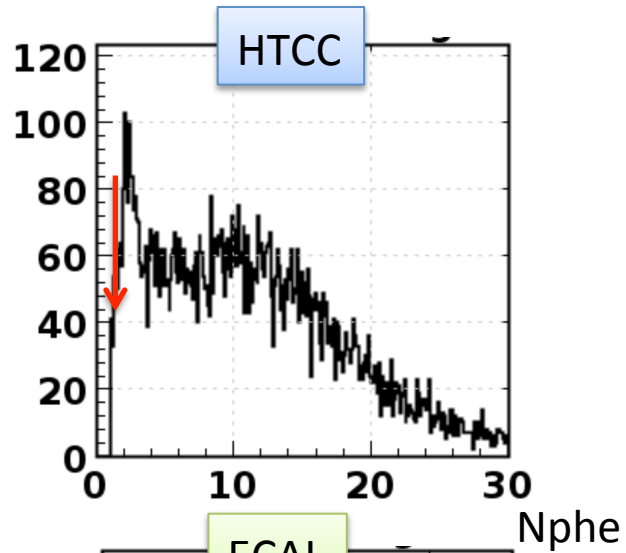


# “Muon” Trigger

## two tracks in opposite sectors



# Electron Trigger

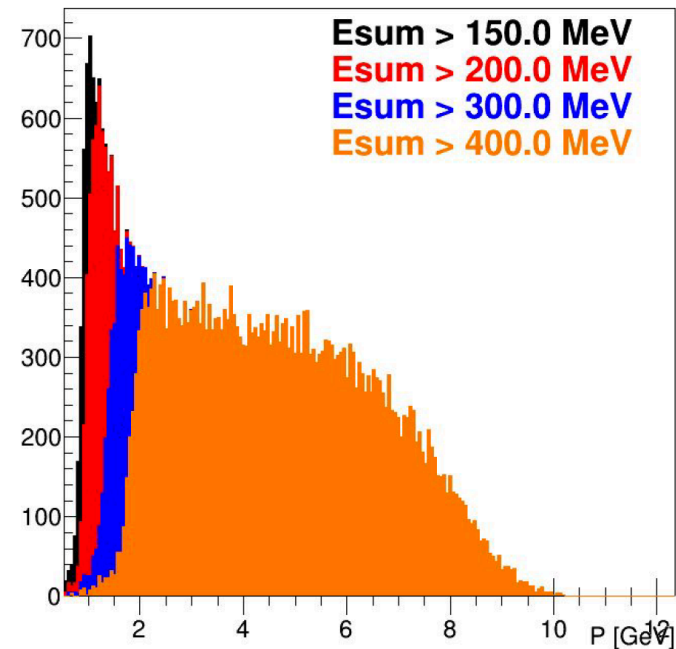
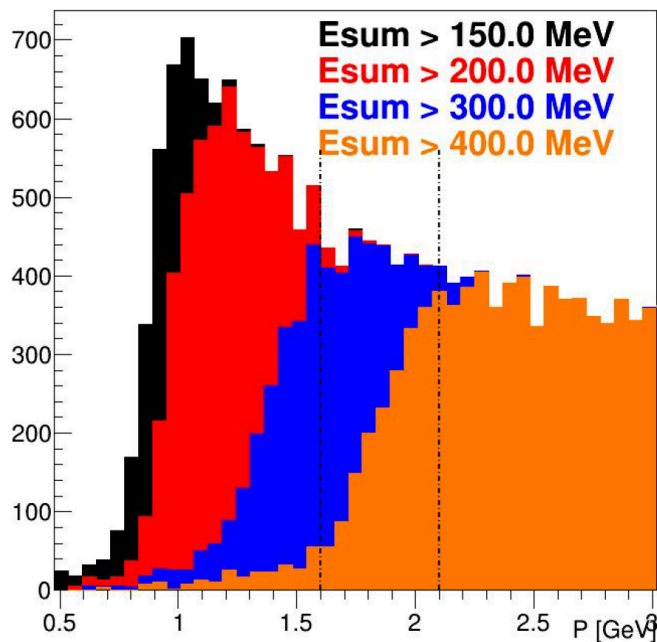




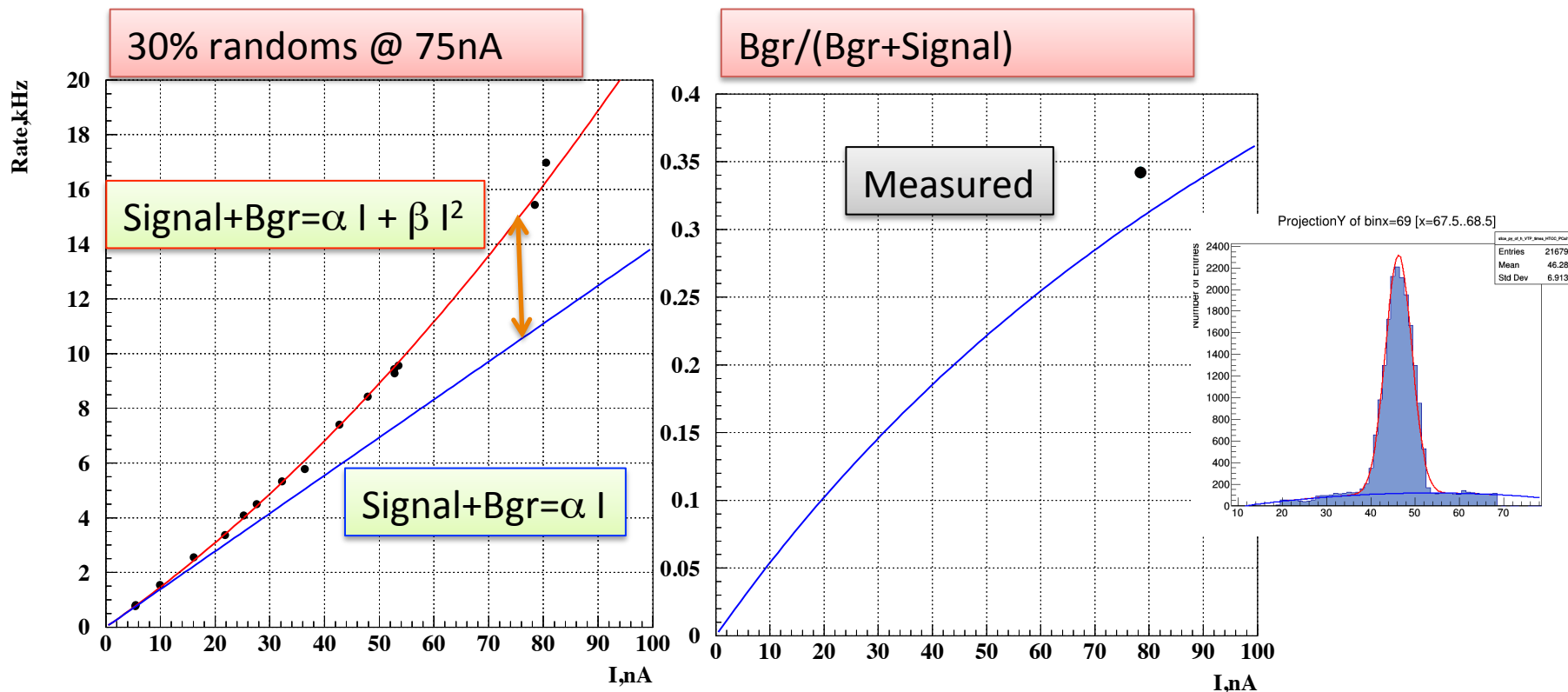
# Electron Momentum with different ESUM=PCAL+ECAL cuts

Run 2667: Esum > 150 MeV, E\_EC > 10 MeV, E\_PCal > 60 MeV || E\_PCal > 150 MeV  
Select “Good” electron, then apply different trigger condition cuts on clusters from trigger banks

NOTE: in this particular run sec4 (PCal) and sec5 (EC) VTP banks are corrupt, so this data represents only sectors 1, 2, 3, and 6

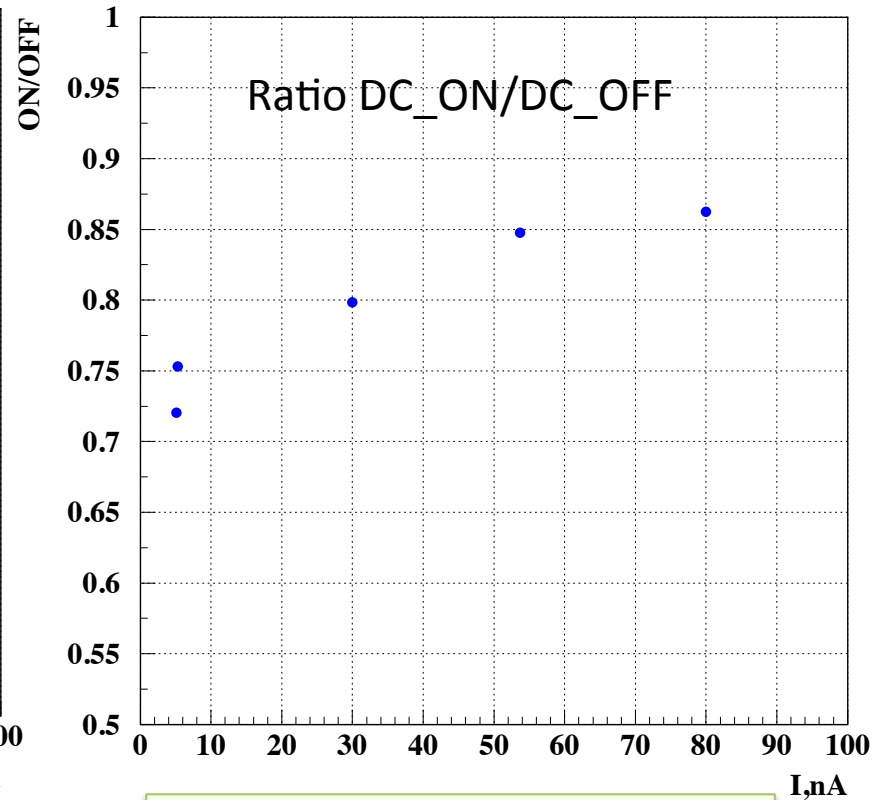
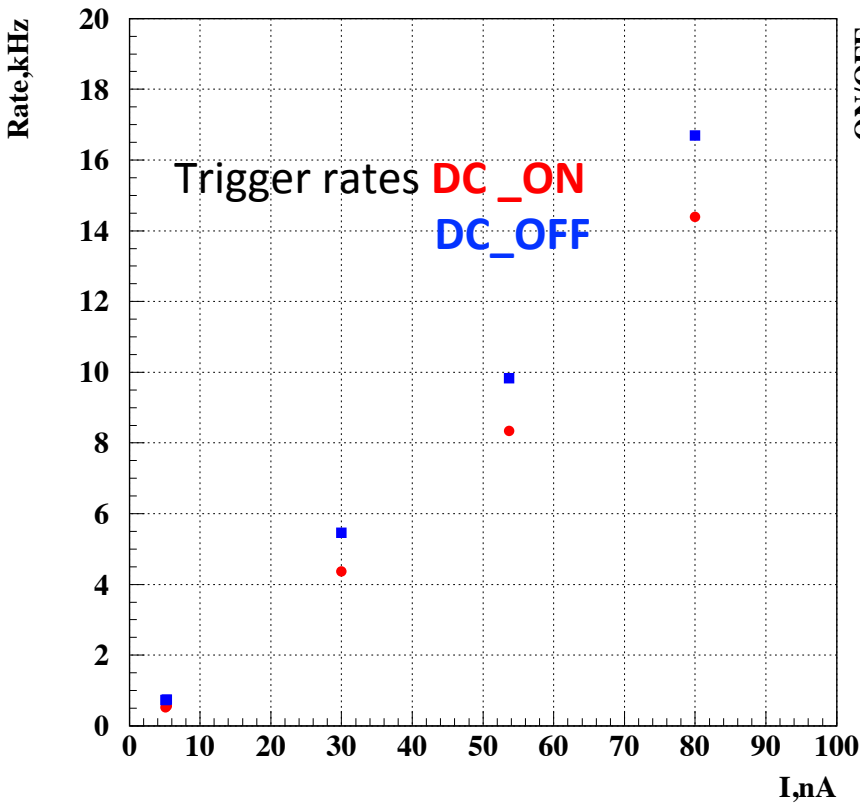


# Electron Trigger Rate vs Beam Current



- Trigger rate @75nA is 15 kHz
- 30% random coincidence @75 nA
- 15% random coincidence @30 nA

# Trigger rates vs Current



DC trigger gives

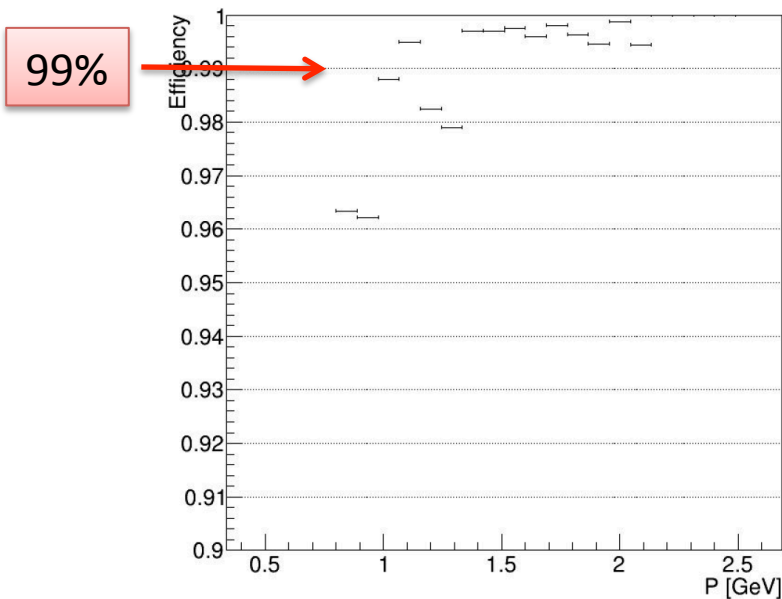
- 1% improvement @ 75 nA
- 20% improvement @ 30 nA
- DC trigger is 100% efficient

# Electron Trigger Validation

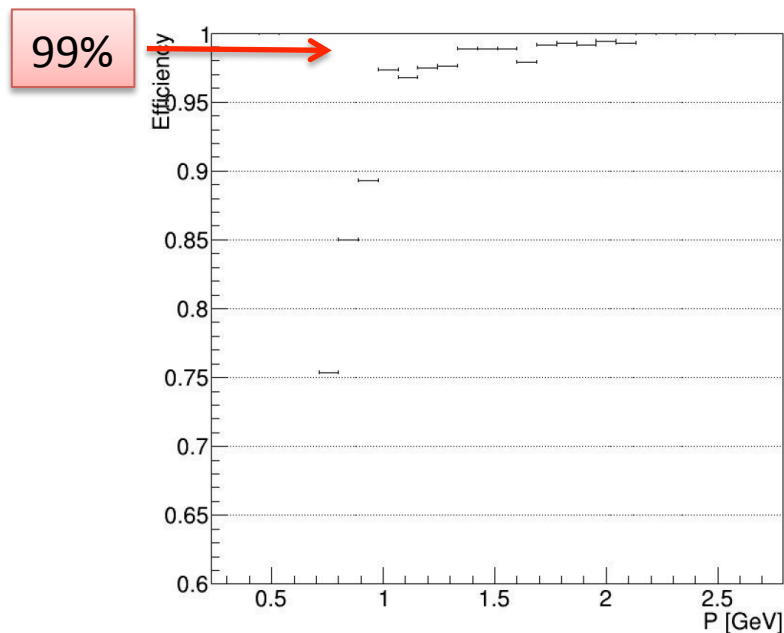
Runs from Jan 25

Efficiency

EC has cluster



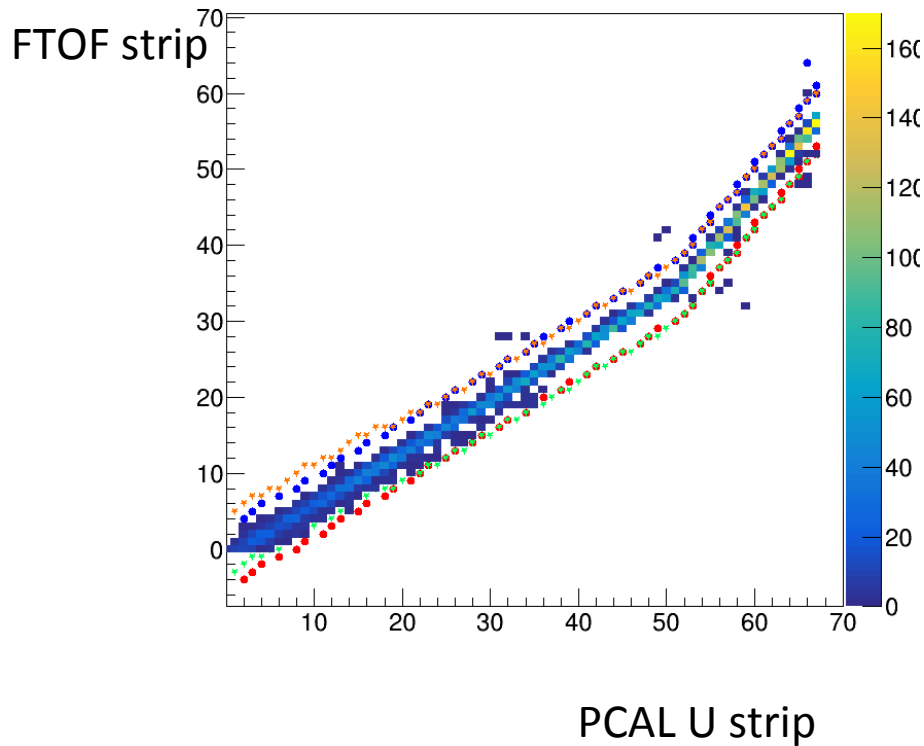
Combined (both categories)



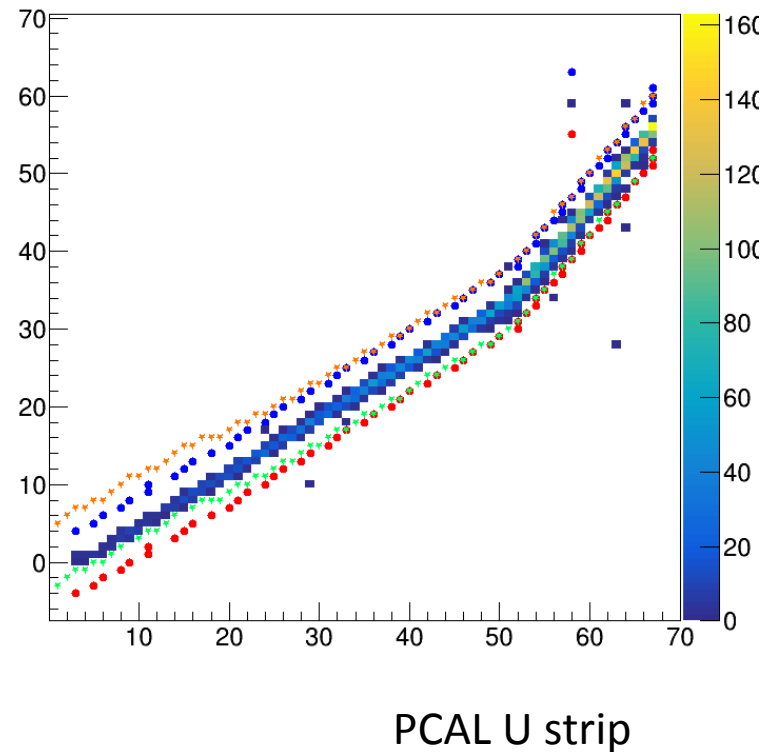
See Rafo's presentation for more details

# FTOF-PCAL Ustrips matching

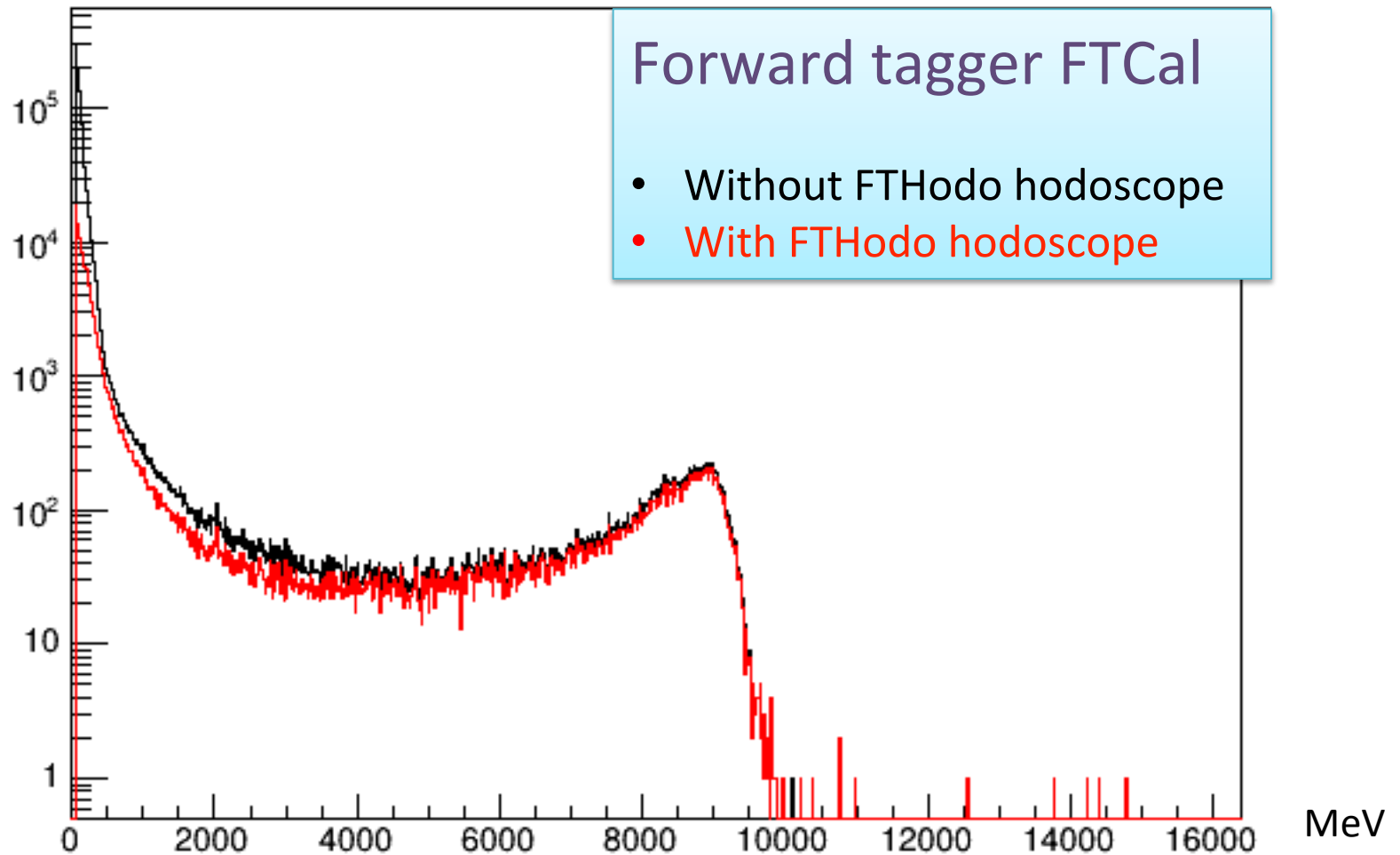
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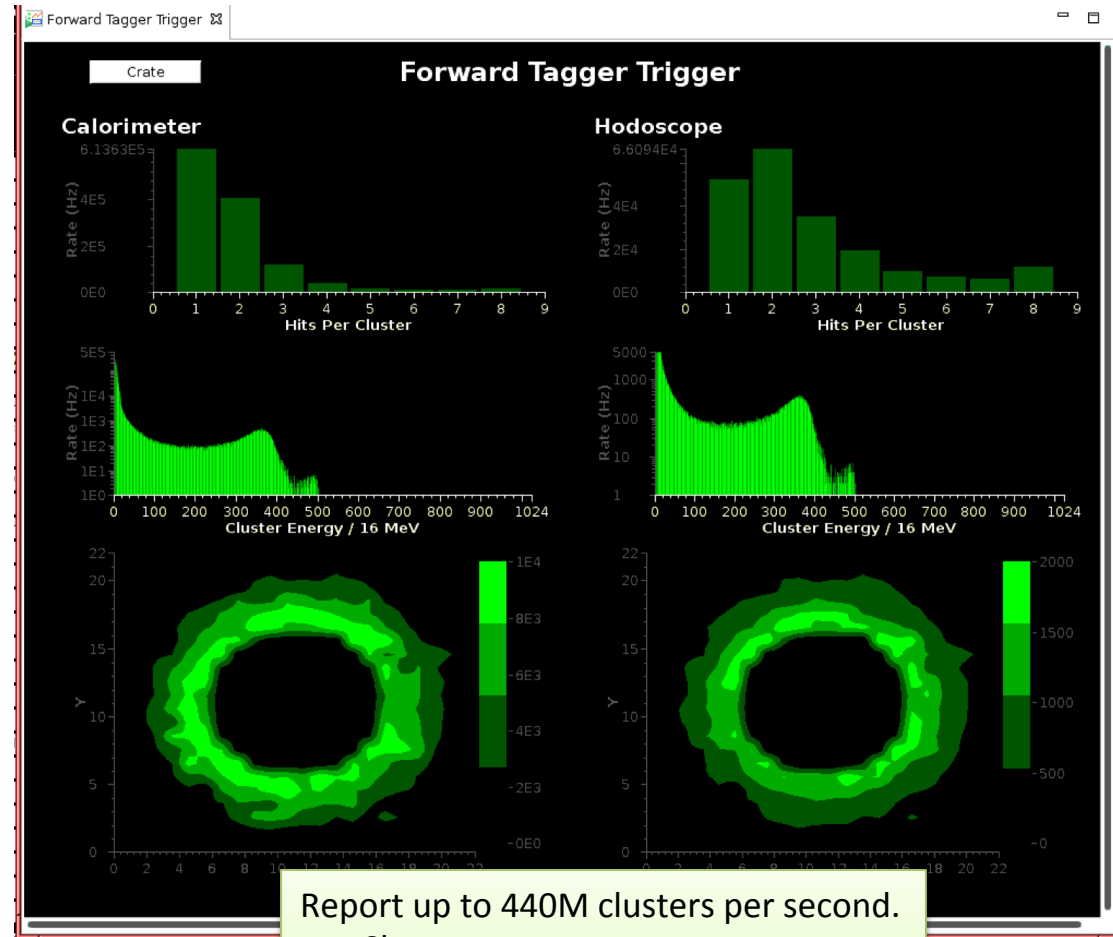
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# FTCal Cluster Energy Distribution



# Forward Tagger Trigger Scalers



# Trigger Rates and Live Time

$I = 50 \text{ nA}$

Electron trigger  
5 kHz

Muon trigger  
2.7 kHz

FT trigger  
4.5 kHz

CLAS12 Trigger Bits

### CLAS12 VTP Trigger

03/01/2018 13:24:26

Beam Current: 53.4 nA

Electron Alarms: 1-6: NO\_ALARM 1-6 Tolerance: 0.60

Livetime: 91.3 %  
Heartbeat: ●

Totals (Hz): 2401371 13373

Bit	Description	Raw (Hz)	Prescaled (Hz)	Fraction (%)	Prescale	In Totals
0	Electron - OR of 1-6	5183	5183	38.8	0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
1	Sector 1	733	733		0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
2	Sector 2	754	754		0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
3	Sector 3	902	902		0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
4	Sector 4	1081	1081		0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
5	Sector 5	956	956		0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
6	Sector 6	791	791		0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
7	ElectronOR noDC >300MeV	7509	442	3.3	5	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
8	PCALxECAL >10MeV	321348	157	1.2	12	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
19	FTOFxPCALxECAL 1-4	904	904	6.8	0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
20	FTOFxPCALxECAL 2-5	917	917	6.9	0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
21	FTOFxPCALxECAL 3-6	966	966	7.2	0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
24	FTxHDxFTOFxPCALxCTOF	9342	550	4.1	5	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
25	FTxHDx(FTOFxPCAL)^2	3989	3989	29.8	0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
26	FTxHD > 100MeV	338971	165	1.2	12	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
27	FT > 100MeV	1713031	105	0.8	15	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
31	Pulser	100	100	0.7	0	<span style="color: green;">■</span>

Accept 12 kHz events @ 91% live time

LT=91%



# Conclusion

- The CLAS12 trigger system is fully operational.
- CLAS12 *is taking data* with three physical trigger:
  - Electron trigger
  - Forward tagger trigger
  - Muon trigger
- Electron trigger is operating since December 2017.
- 2018 upgraded trigger firmware includes
  - Geometrical matching between FTOF and PCAL U-strips
  - DC track segments in region 1 and 2
  - Maximum energy deposition in PCAL and ECAL (used in the muon trigger)
  - Central detectors CTOF and CND were added to the forward tagger trigger logic
- The electron trigger was validated and found to be at least 99% efficient
- **DC** trigger tested and found to be 100% efficient. Gives 15-25% improvement in the trigger rates depending on the beam current. Used in all Run Group A triggers.