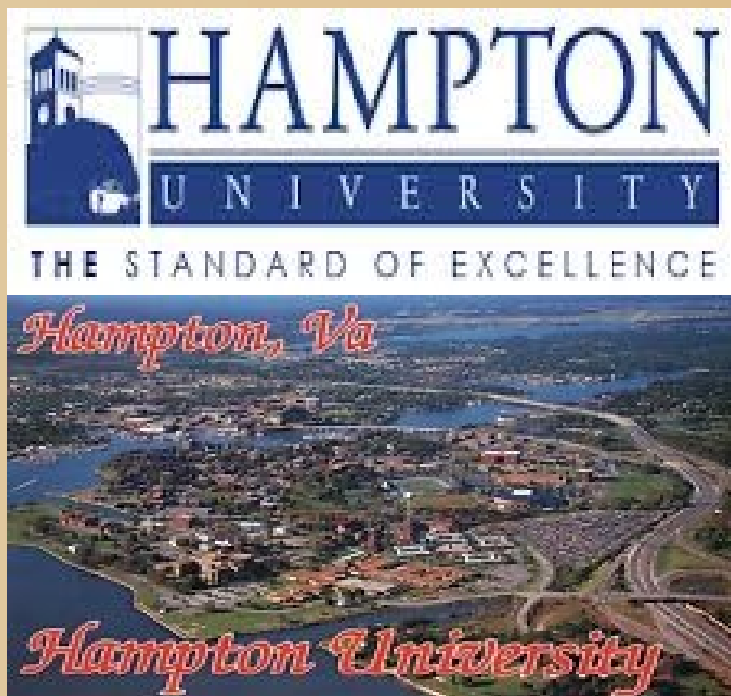


# Improved Cluster Finding in 2D GEMs



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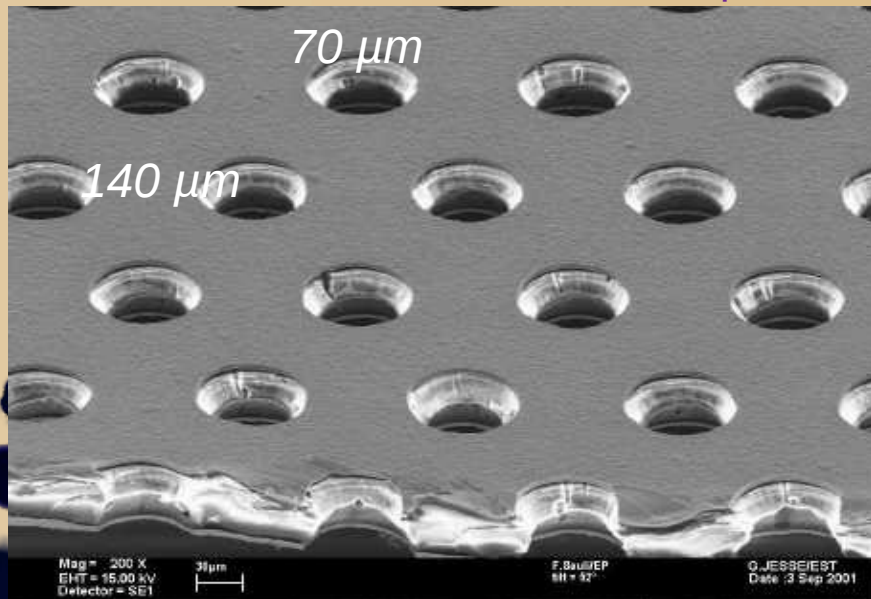
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# Gas Electron Multipliers (GEMs)

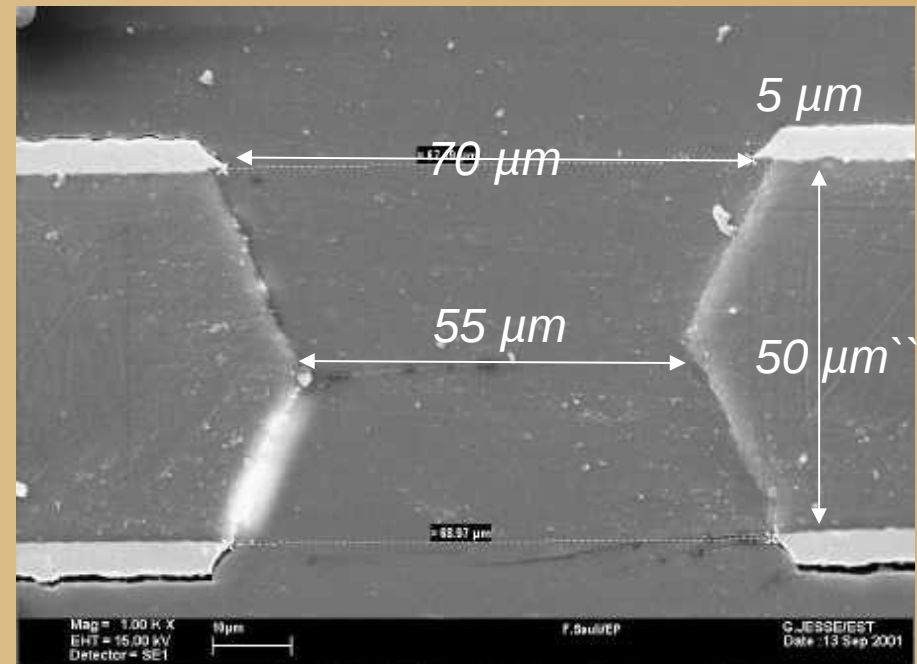
introduced by F. Sauli in mid 90's, [F. Sauli et al., NIMA 386 \(1997\) 531](#)

- GEM is a charge amplification device.
- GEM foil is a 50  $\mu\text{m}$  Kapton sheet with 5  $\mu\text{m}$  Cu layer on it.
- $\sim 10^4$  holes/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Use Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> (70/30) gas mixture.
- Possibility to cascade several GEM stages to reach high gains in multi-GEM detectors.

GEM foil from electron microscope



GEM hole from electron microscope

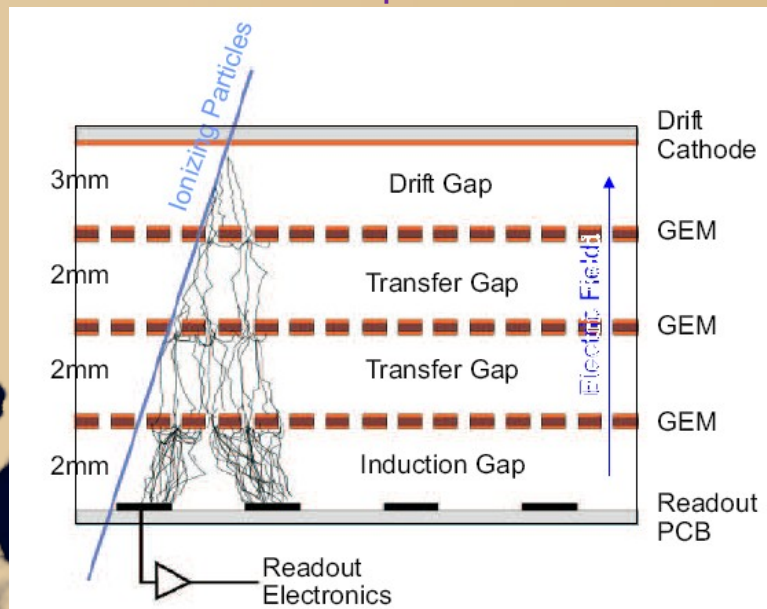


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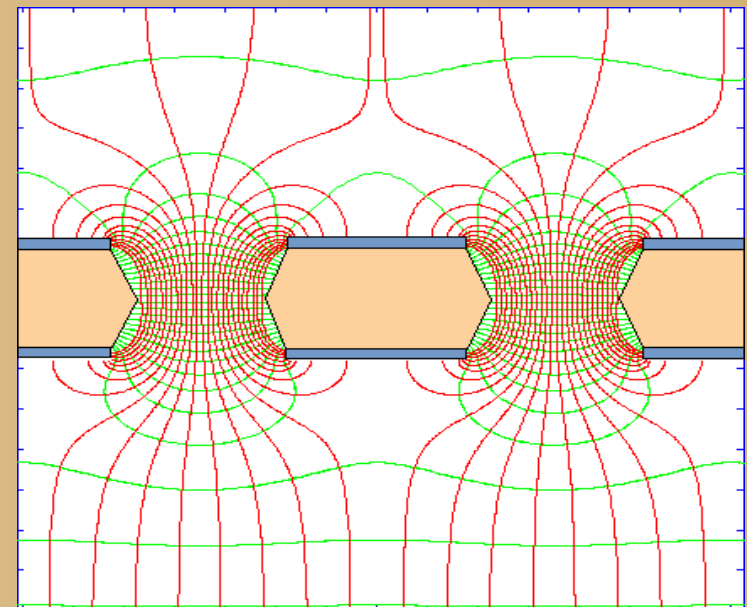
# How GEM Works

- Coulomb interaction of the fast charge particles with the electrons in the atomic shells of the detector medium (Ar:CO<sub>2</sub> gas) creates an electron-hole pair.
- Created electrons drift towards the 1<sup>st</sup> GEM foil through the applied external electric field (Drift Field).
- Excited and ionized atoms are produced by the avalanche multiplication in the hole region due to the strong electric field.
- The created electron cloud drifts toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> GEM and repeat the multiplication process.
- The electron cloud drifts toward the readout plane (Induction gap).
- The charge is collected on a 2D readout plane, consisting of a copper strips at pitch of 400 μm and read out with electronics.

Schematics of triple-GEM detector

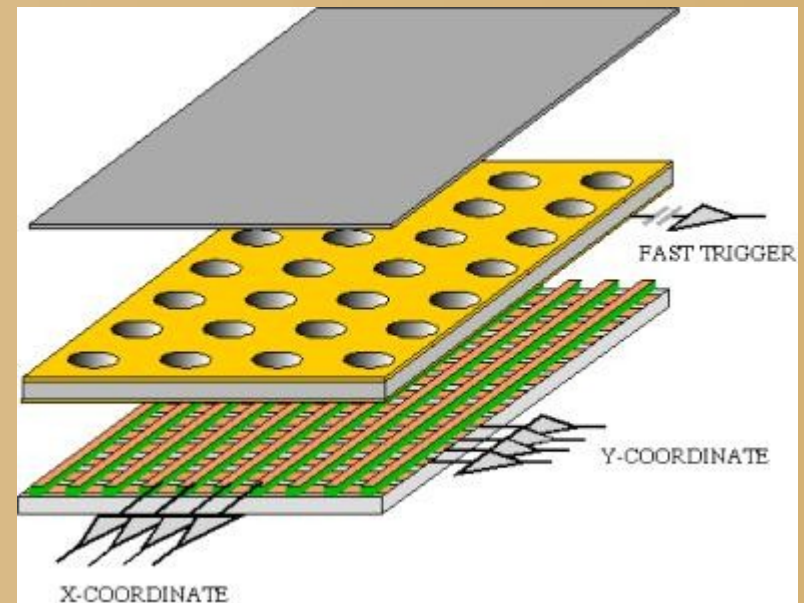


Electric field lines in a GEM hole.



# What actually ADC records...?

- ADC actually records The integration of the analog pulse over time for the total charge registered by a strip and digitizes it.
- Timing (or latency) relative to the external trigger needs to be configured in order to "catch" the pulse for integration.



# Motivation

- The noise present in the raw ADC affect how precise the original signal is.
- This includes random disturbances or variations which even change the original signal.
- As the signal transmitted over a long distances, these random variations become more significant.
- The raw ADC generated by the noise can be misidentified as those generated by the true cluster charges on GEMs which can produce ghost tracks.

(1) Baseline subtraction.

(2) Bin-to-bin pedestal subtraction.

The raw ADC has a pedestal and is prone to noise. The individual pedestal can be determined by averaging each channel over many events.

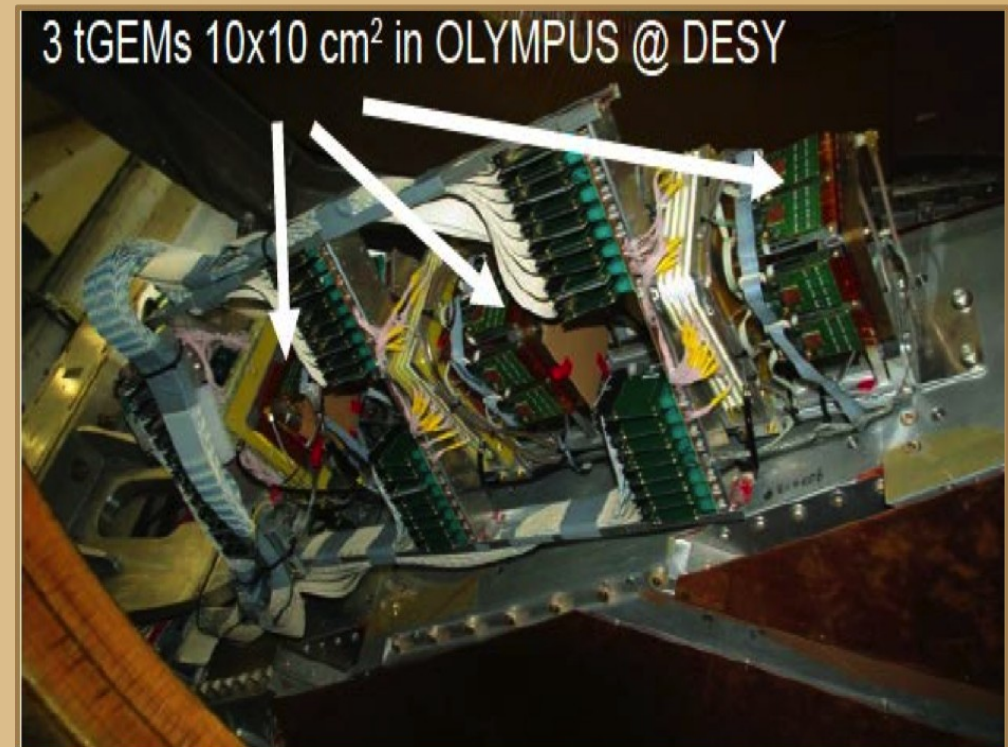
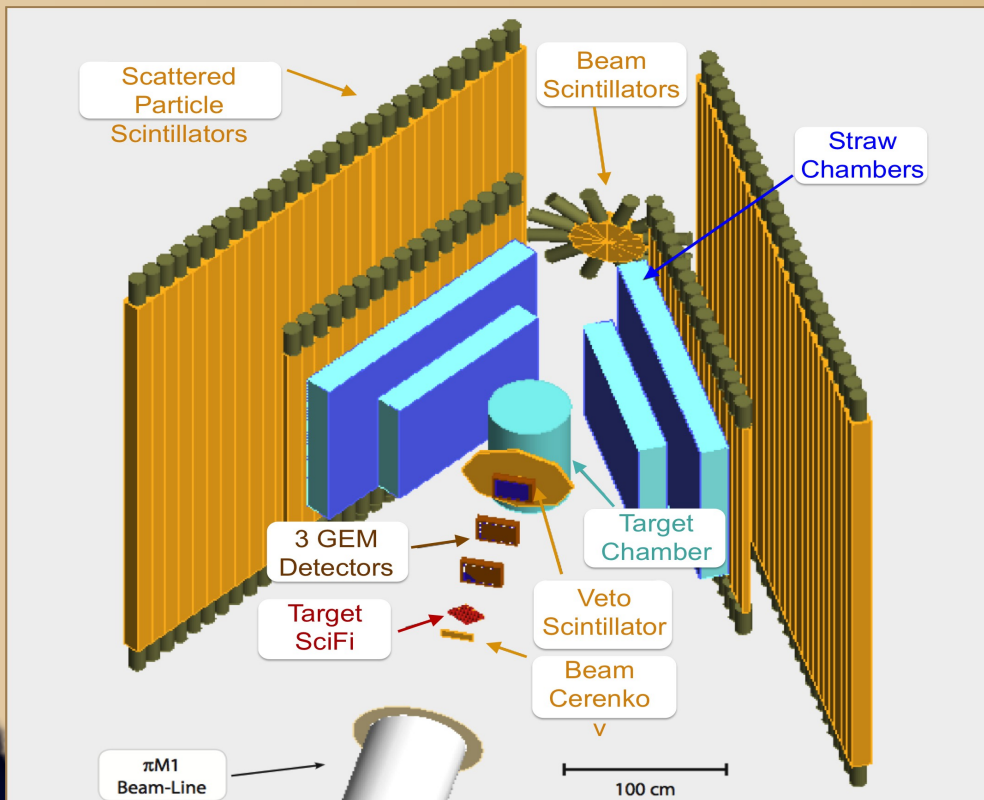
(3) Common-mode noise subtraction.

The various noise types, the so-called common-mode noise can be determined per event, a correlated up and down per event for all channels together.

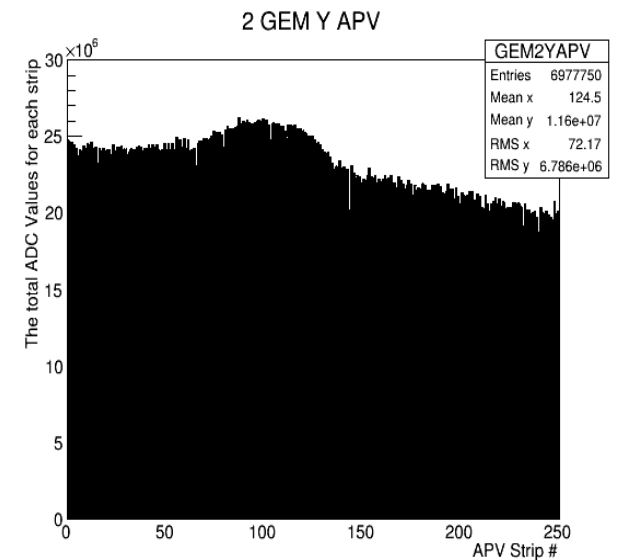
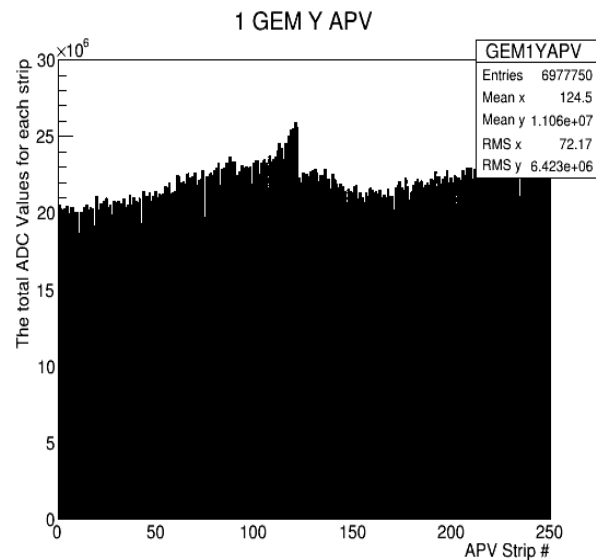
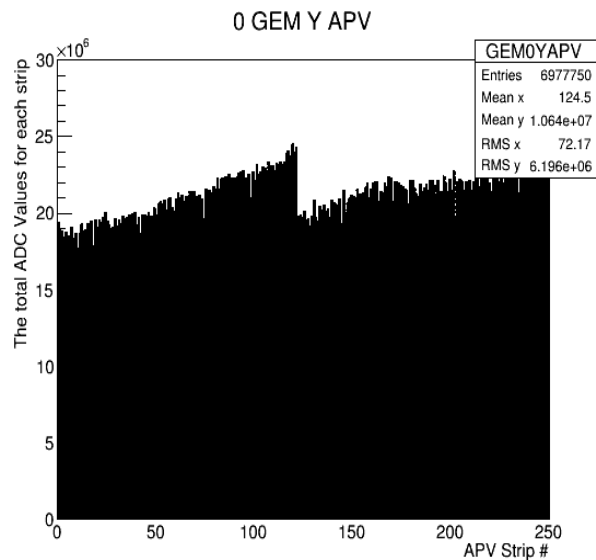
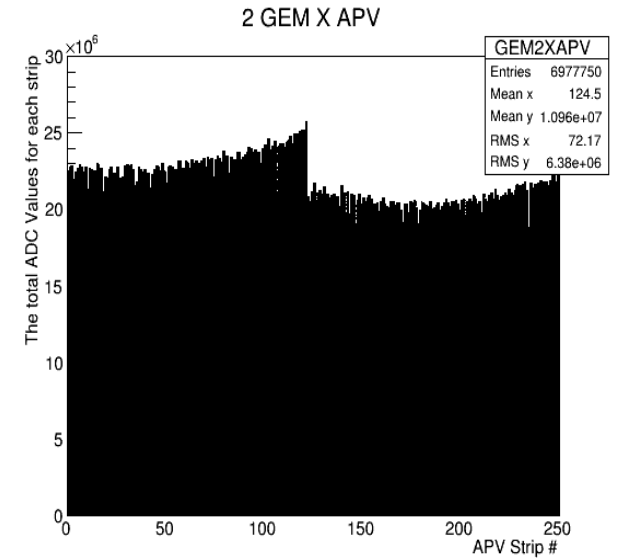
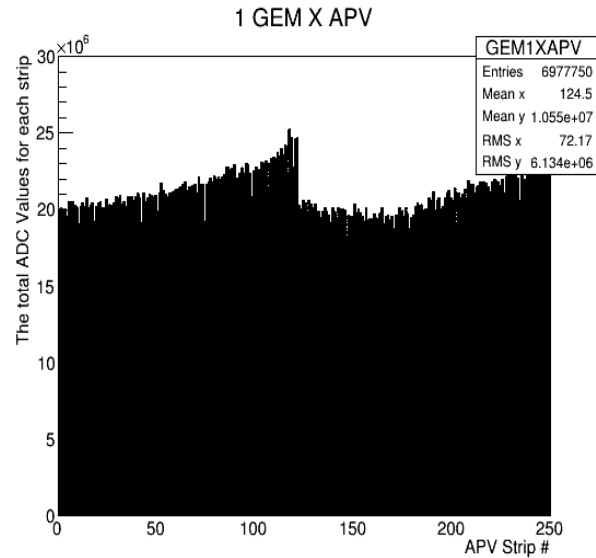
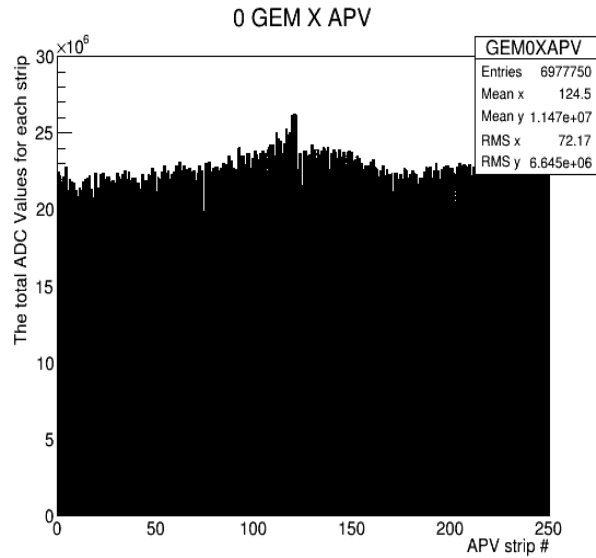
(4) Measurement of the noise variation.

# GEMs at PSI

- PSI  $\pi$ M1 beam line provides a beam with  $\sim 2$  cm radius at the scattering target.
- Use GEM detectors to determine the precise particle scattering angles.
- 3 GEMs ( $10 \times 10$  cm<sup>2</sup> each) along the beam line.
- Use SiPM ( $73 \text{ V} \pm 10 \text{ mV}$ ) for trigger.
- Use GEM high voltage 3800 V.



# The total raw ADC vs the strip #

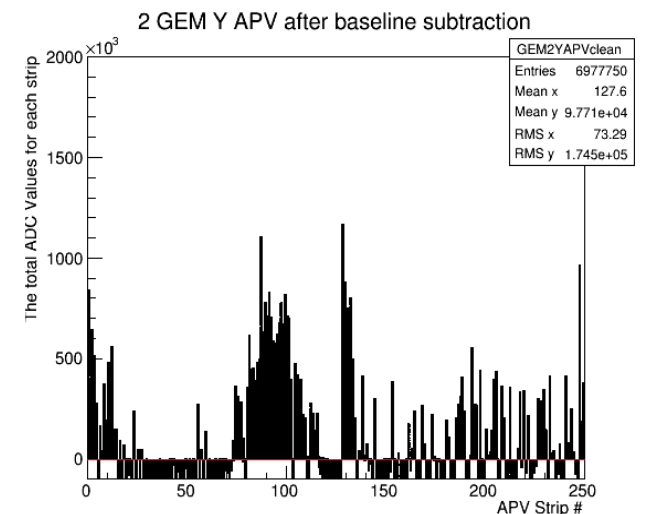
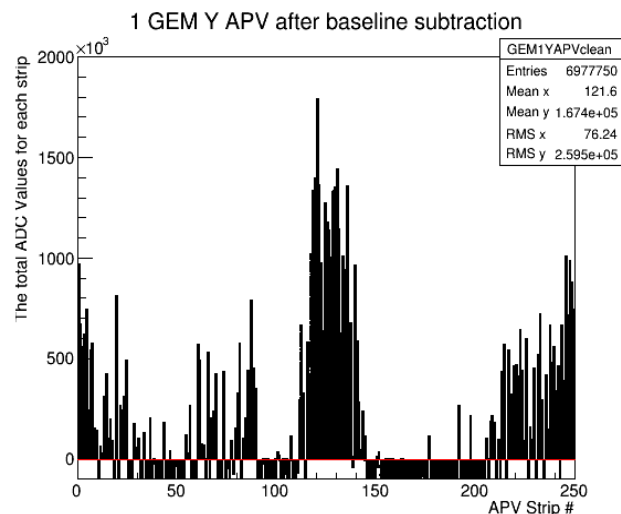
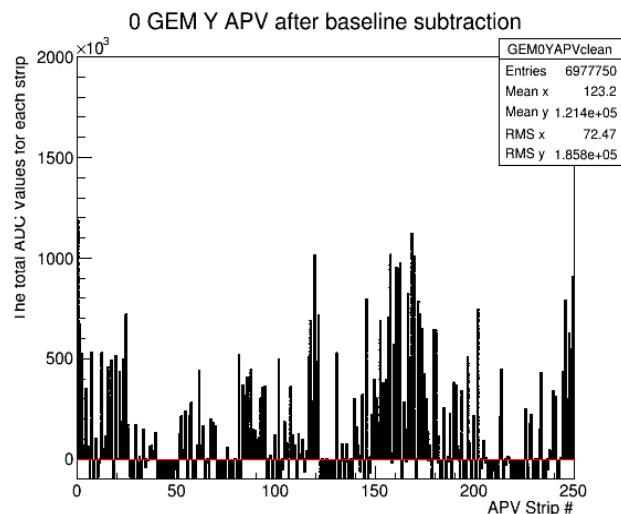
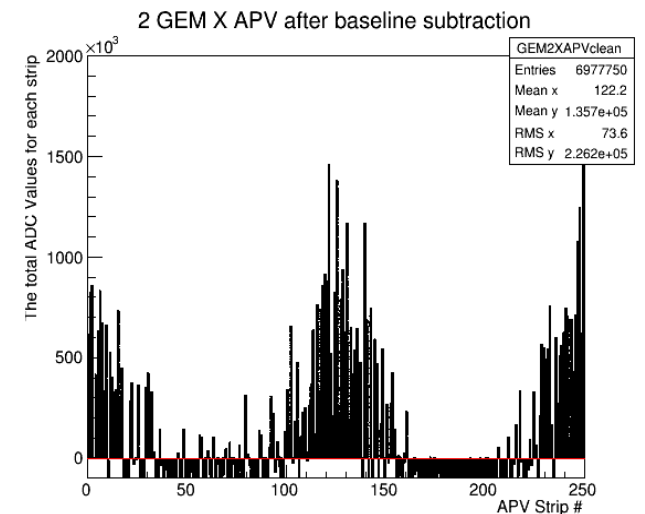
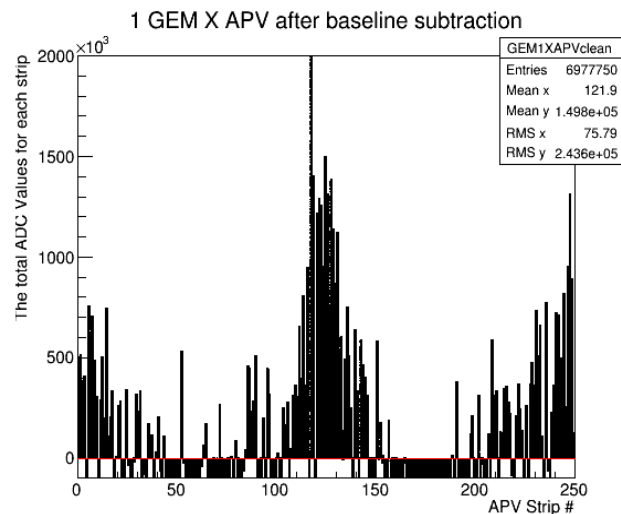
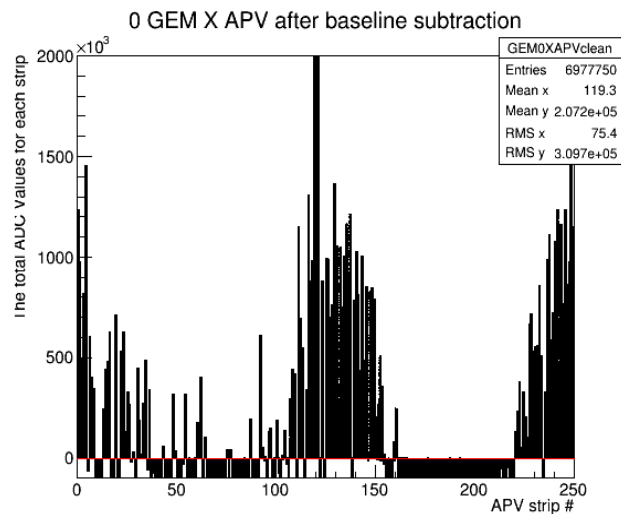




# (1) Baseline subtraction (Older Method)

- Fit the ADC values vs strip # using the 1<sup>st</sup> order polynomial.
- Subtract the baseline determined from the fit function on each strip.
- Process in event by event.

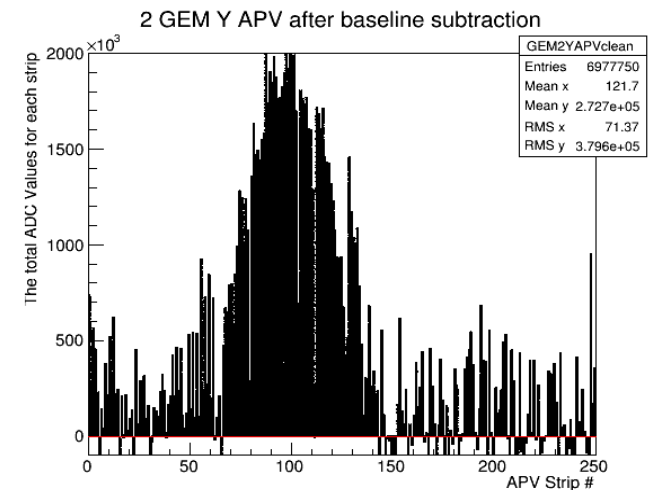
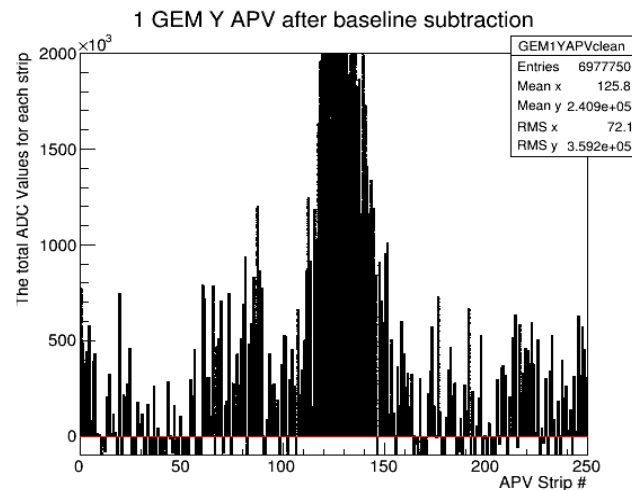
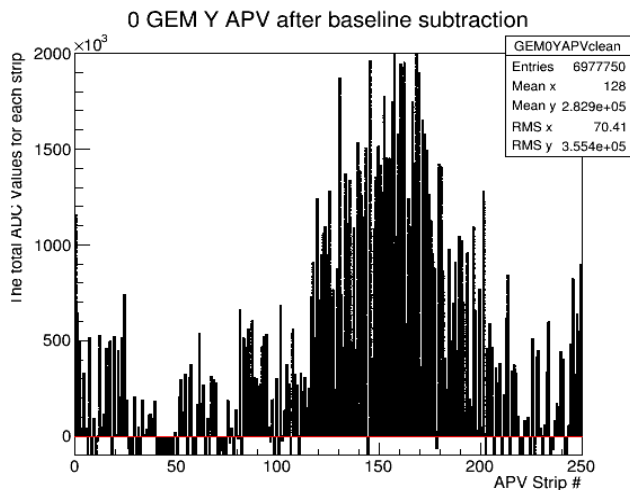
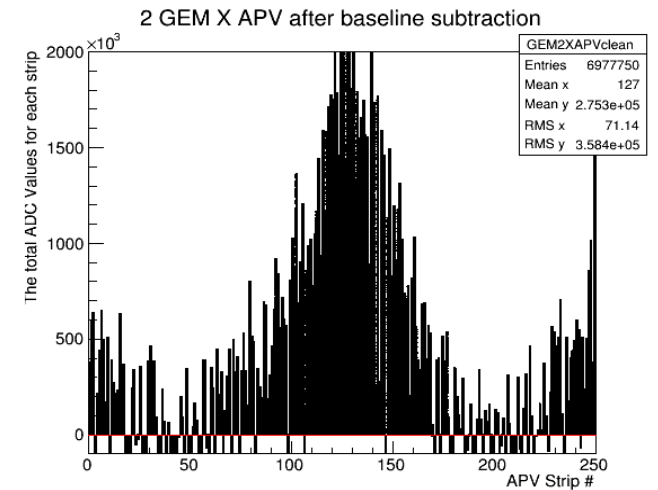
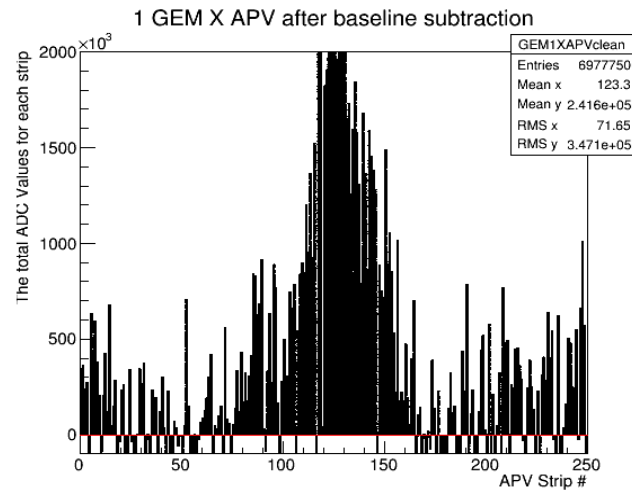
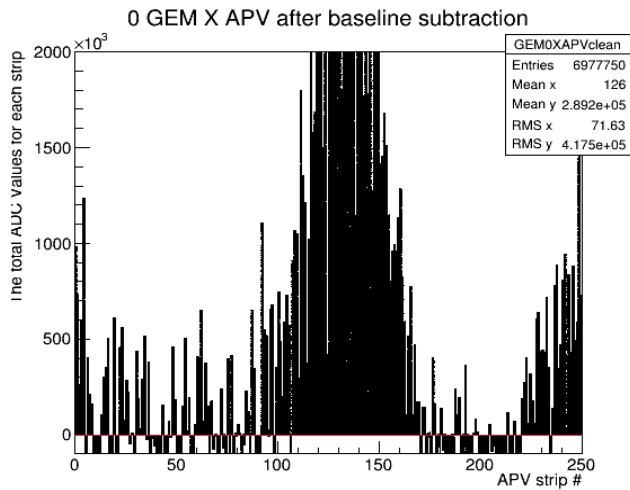
The total ADC on each strip after subtracting the baseline



# (1) Baseline subtraction (New Method)

- Determined the strip,  $S_{max}$  which has the maximum ADC value.
- Fit the ADC values vs strip # “excluding the strips =  $S_{max} \pm 2$ ” using the 1<sup>st</sup> order polynomial.
- Subtract the baseline determined from the fit function on each strip.
- Process in event by event.

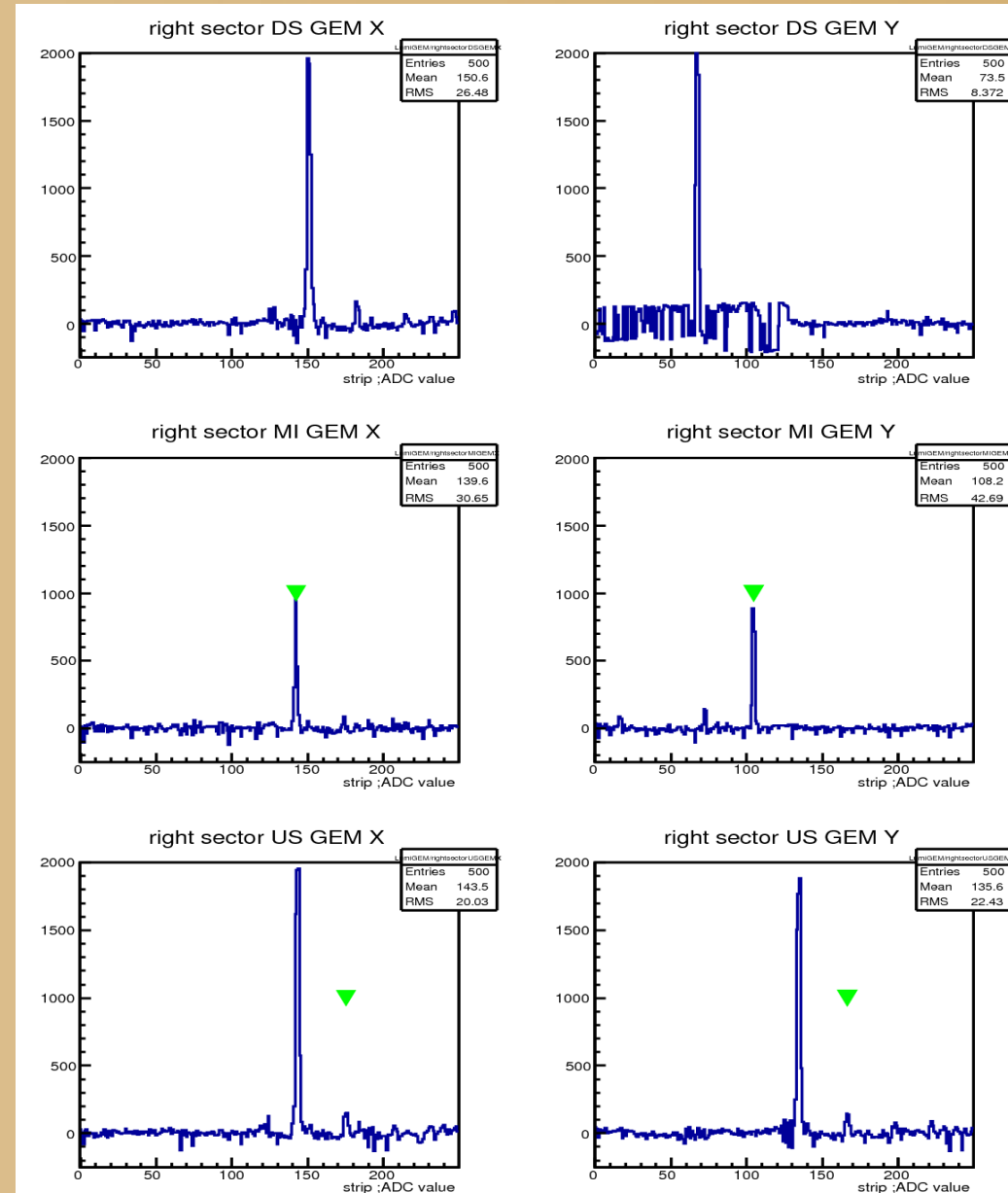
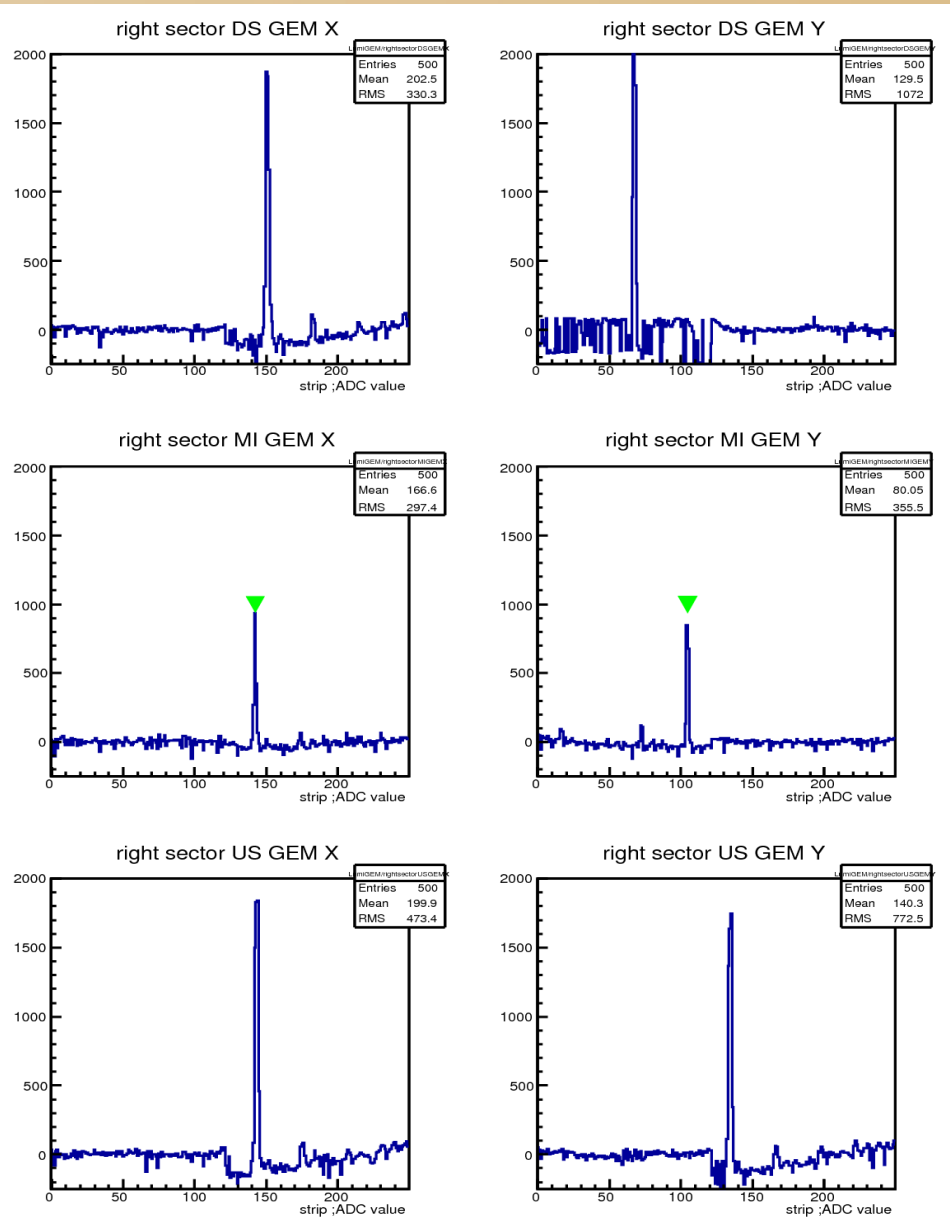
The total ADC on each strip after subtracting the **new** baseline



# The comparison on the event display between the older method and the new method.

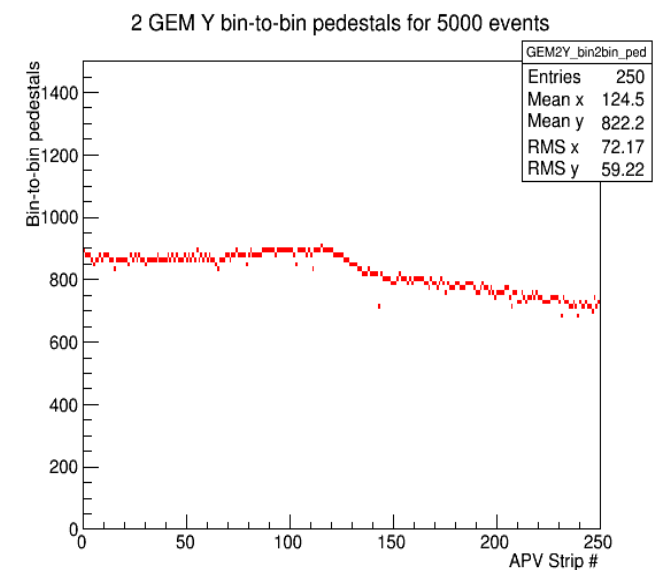
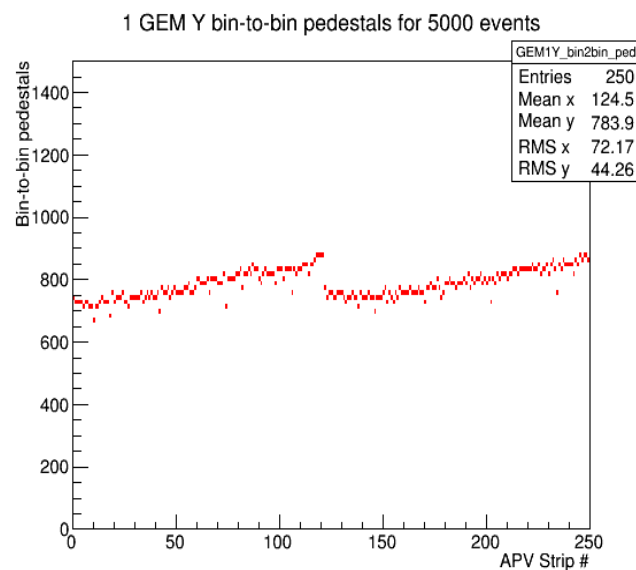
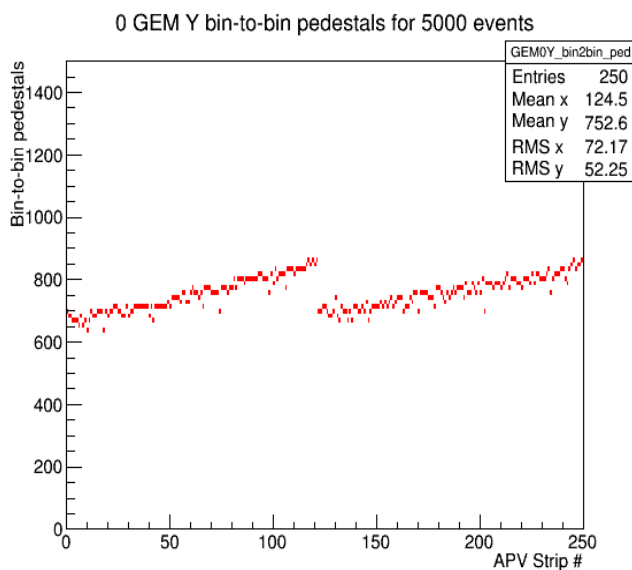
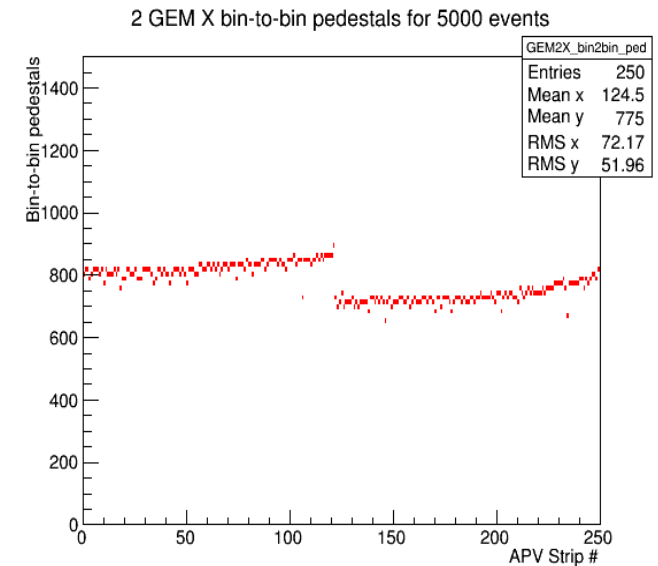
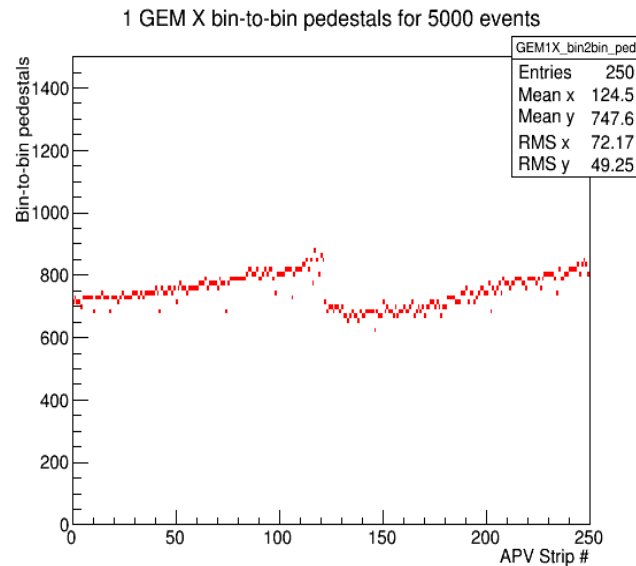
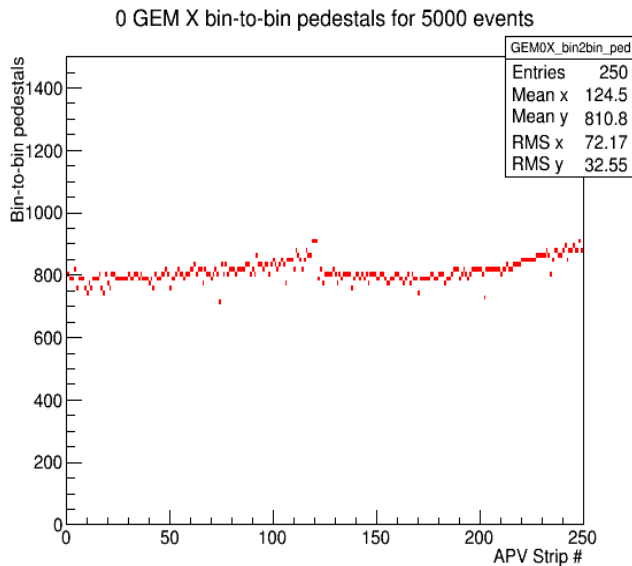
(Older Method)

(New Method)



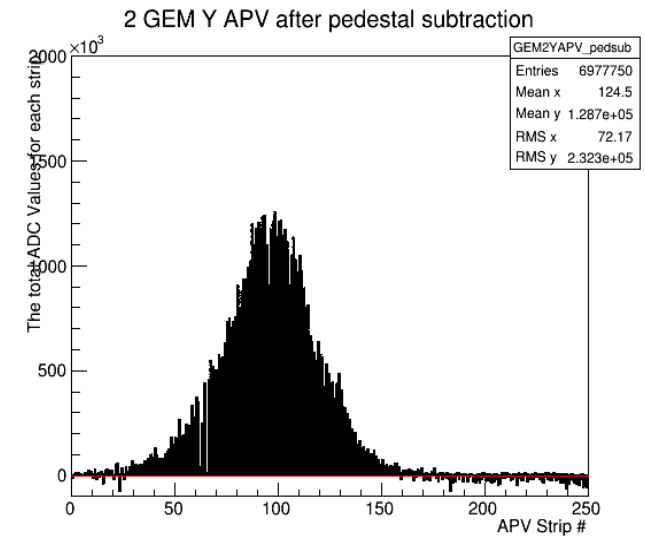
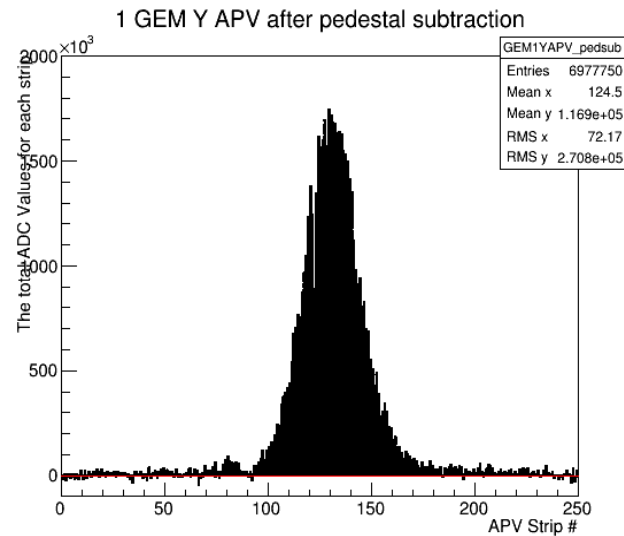
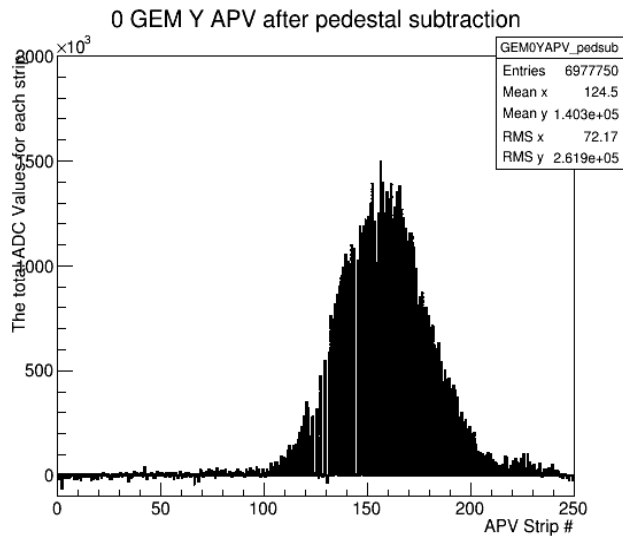
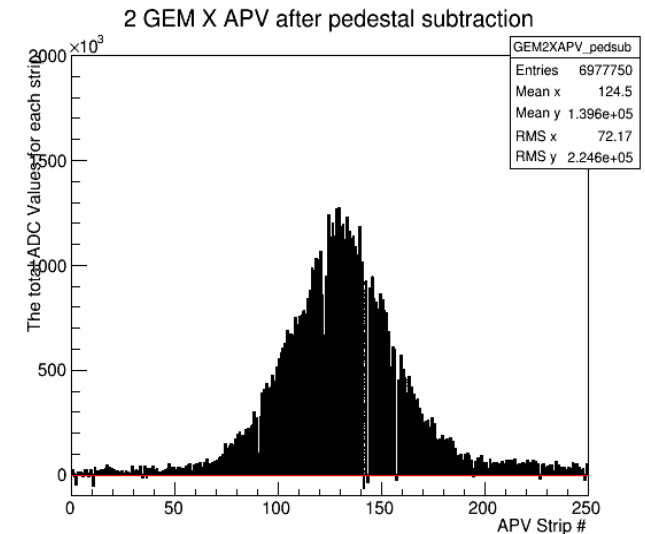
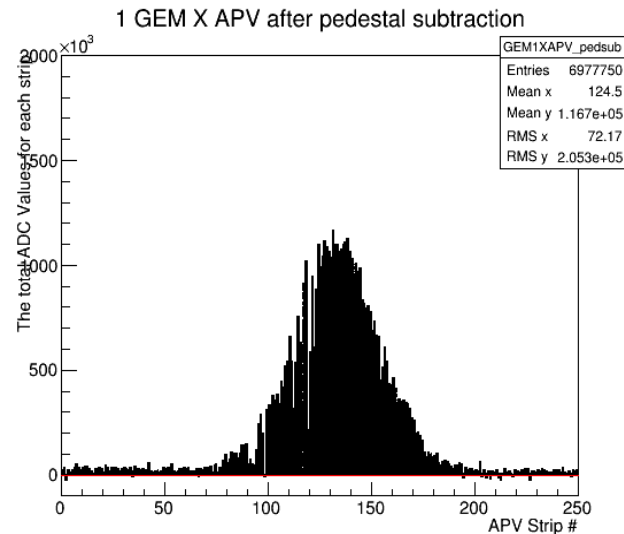
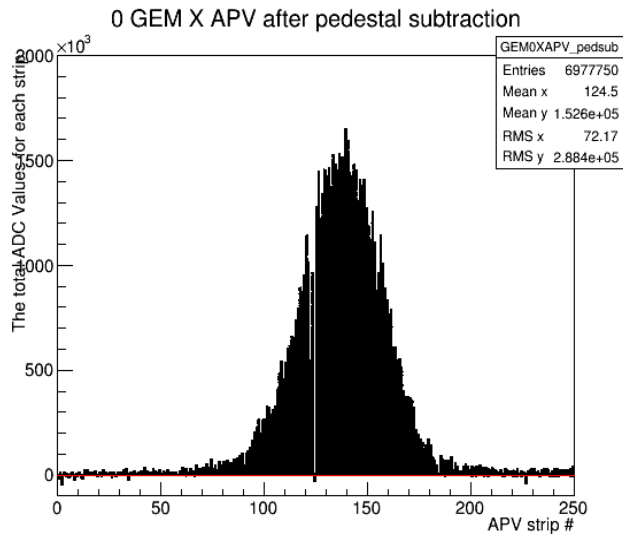
## (2) Bin-to-bin pedestal subtraction.

- The average ADC of 5000 events histogrammed for all channels.



- The average ADC of 5000 events obtained for all channels. ->bin-2-bin pedestals
- Subtract these pedestals from ADCs on each strip.
- Process in event by event.

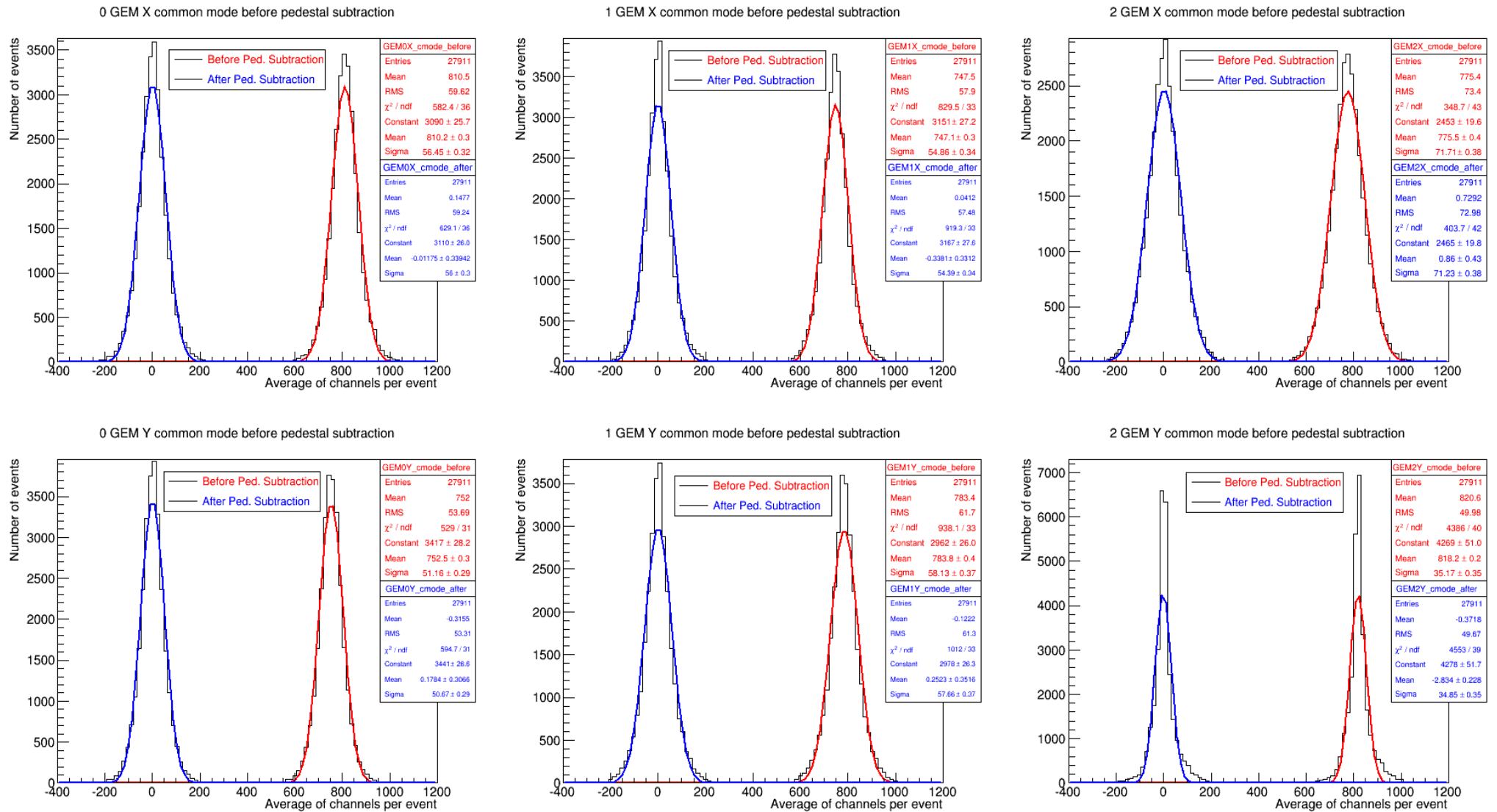
The total ADC on each strip after subtracting the bin-2-bin pedestals.



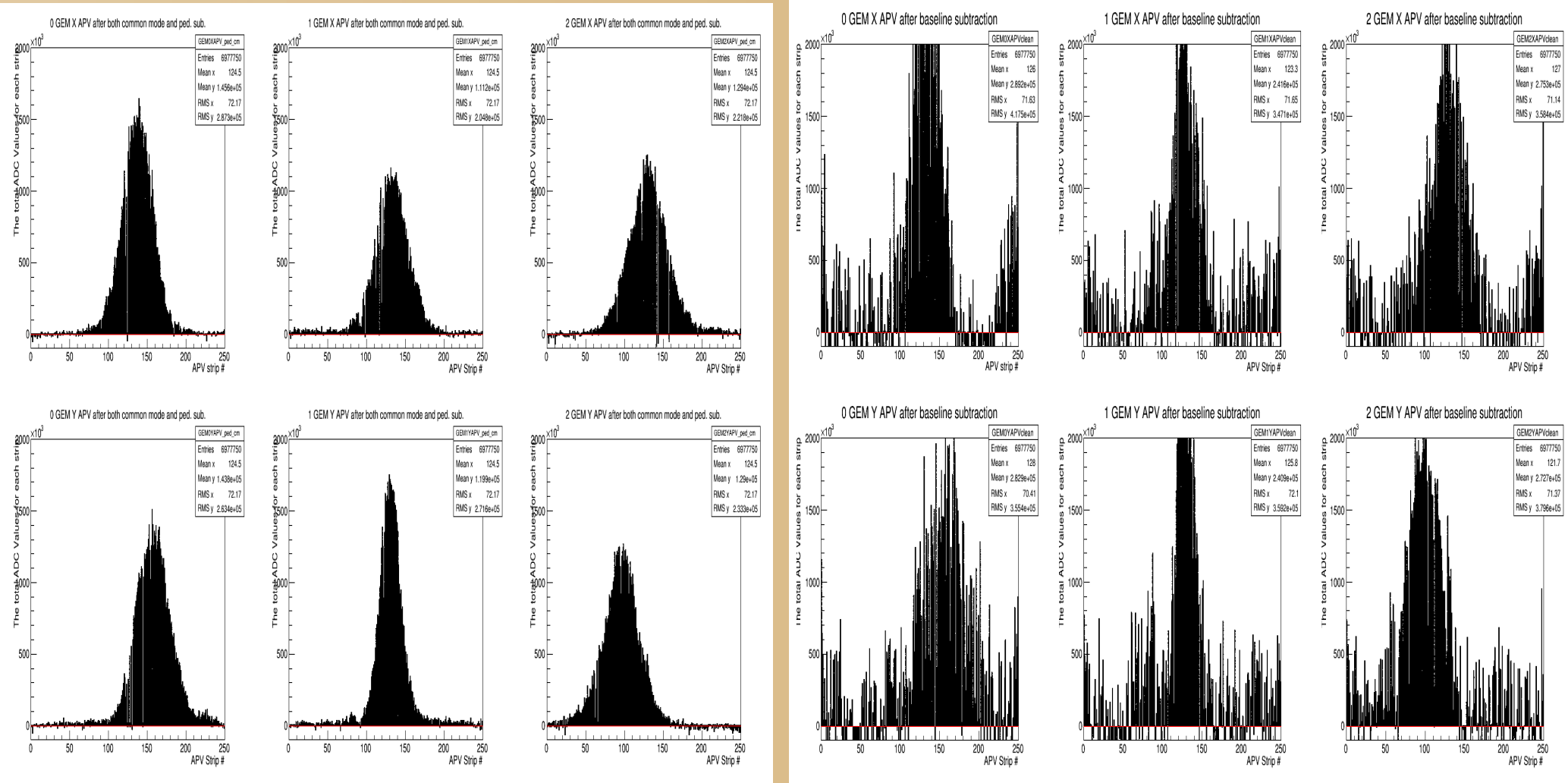
# (3) Common-mode noise subtraction.

- Determined the strip,  $S_{max}$  which has the maximum ADC value.
- The average ADC of all the strips “excluding the strips =  $S_{max} \pm 2$ ” histogrammed for
- many events.

The common-mode noise before/after subtracting the bin-2-bin pedestals



# The total ADC on each strip after subtracting both the bin-2-bin pedestals and the common-mode noise (left) and after subtracting the baseline (right)



The bin-2-bin pedestal and common-mode subtraction works better than the baseline subtraction !

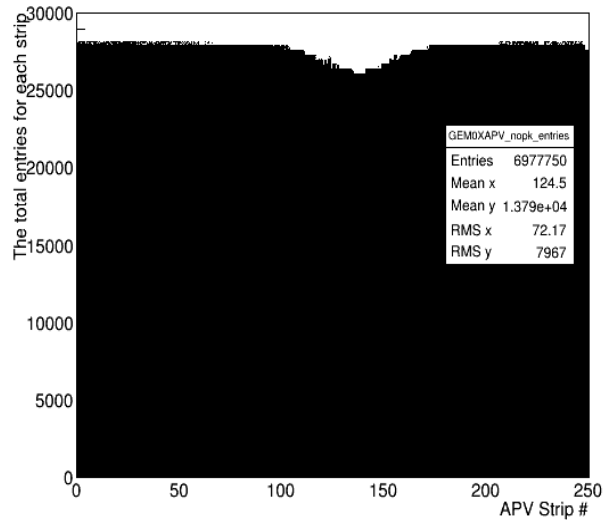
## (4) Measurement of the noise.

- Determined the strip,  $S_{max}$  which has the maximum ADC value.
- The average ADC for all the strips “excluding the strips =  $S_{max} \pm 2$ ” histogrammed for many events.
- The Y projection (= the projection of the “grass” left and right of the peak) is obtained for,
  - No background subtraction.
  - Only baseline subtraction.
  - Only common-mode subtraction.
  - Only bin-2-bin pedestal subtraction.
  - Both bin-2-bin pedestal and common-mode subtraction.

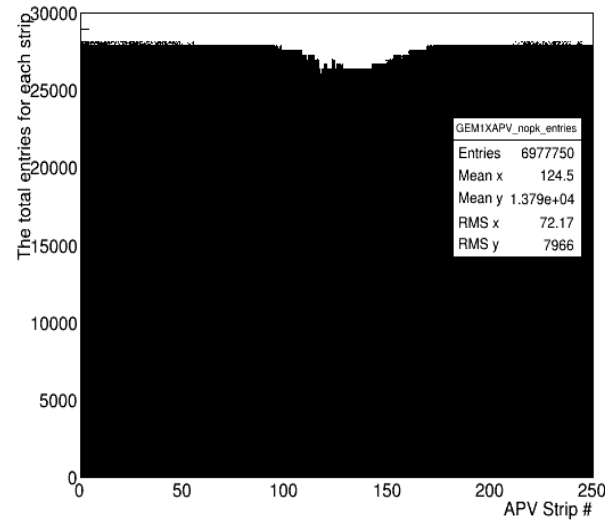


# The number of total entries on each bin (excluded the cluster strips)

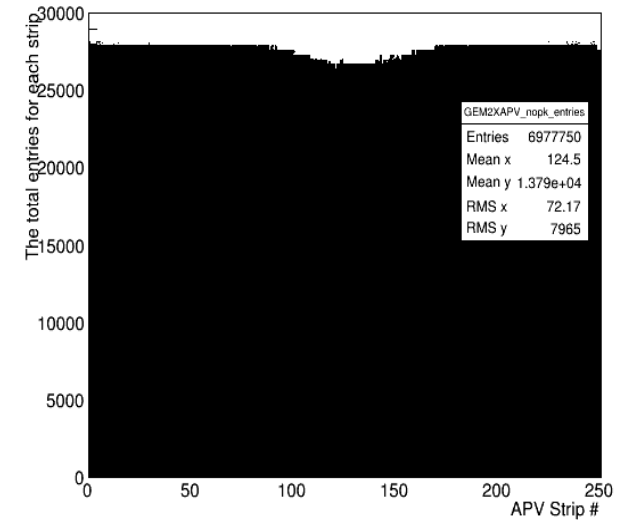
0 GEM X APV total entries on each strip (excluding the peak)



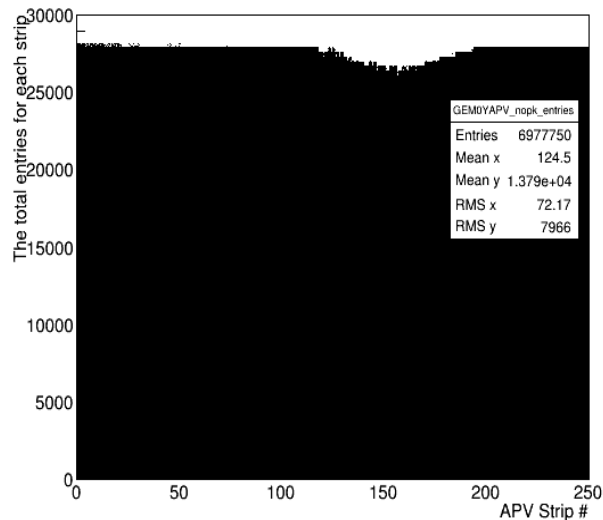
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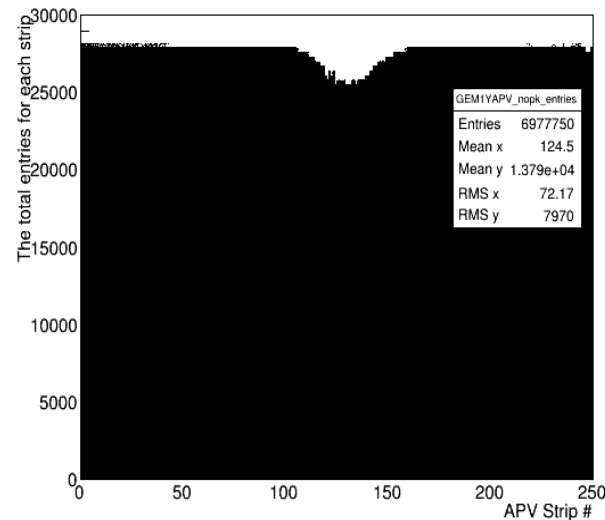
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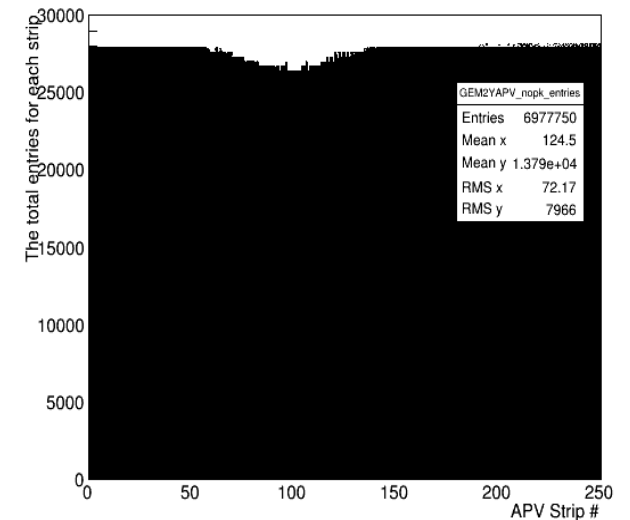
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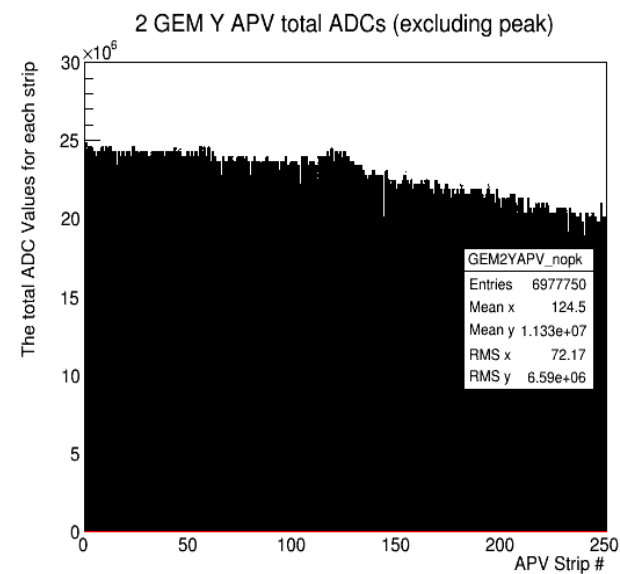
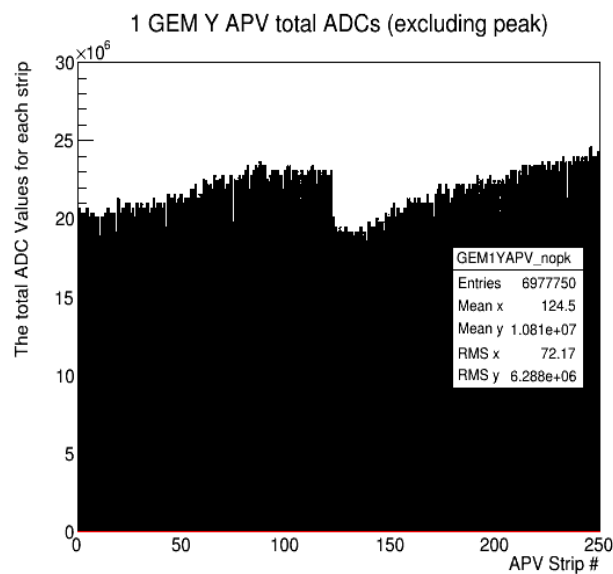
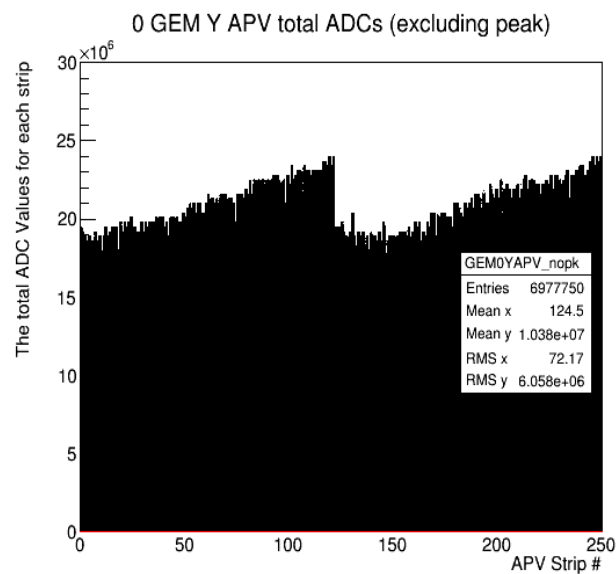
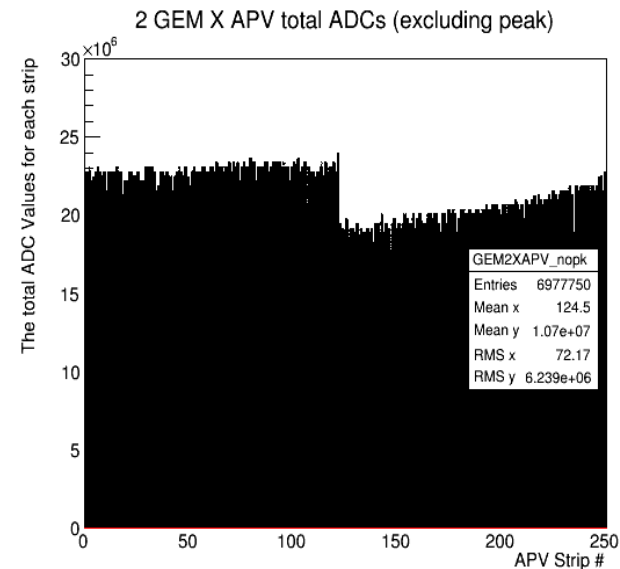
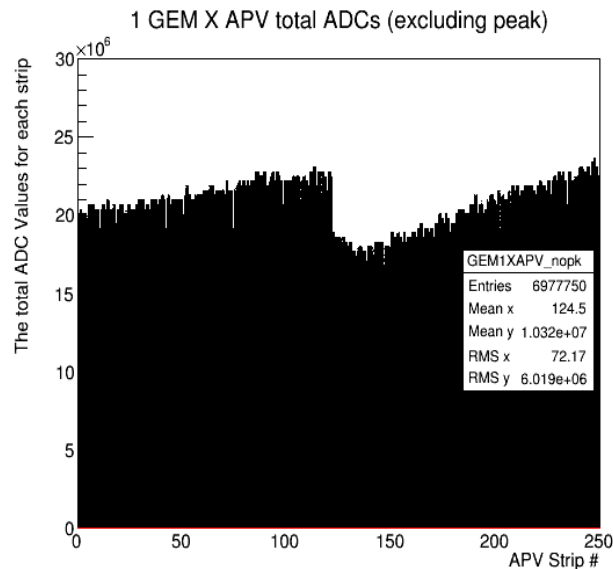
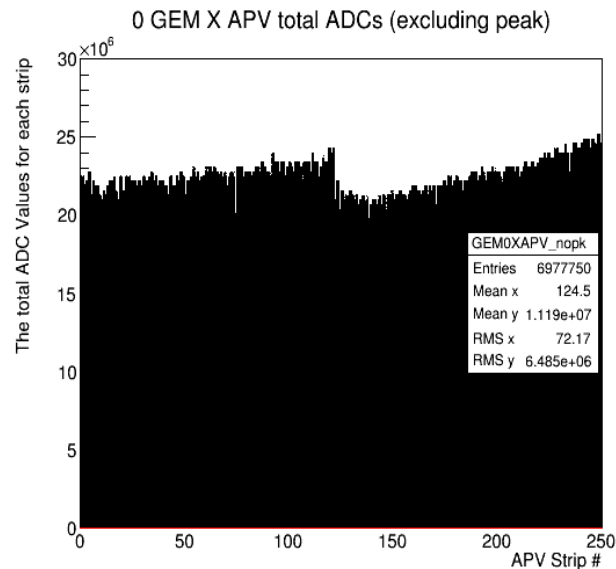


2 GEM Y APV total entries on each strip (excluding the peak)

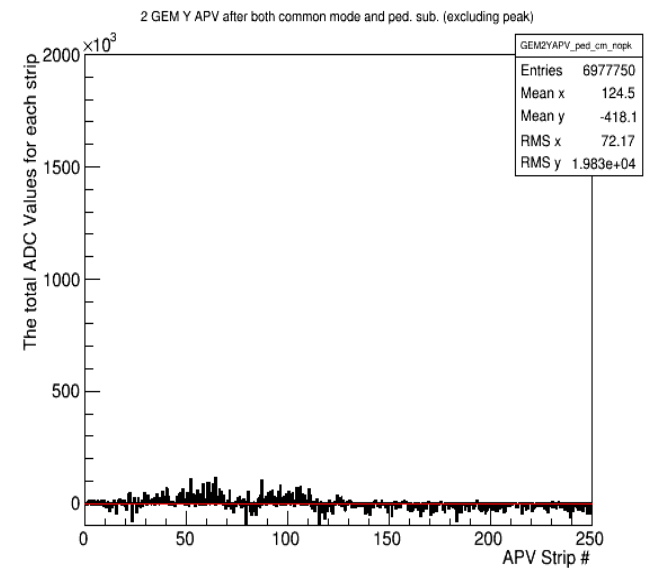
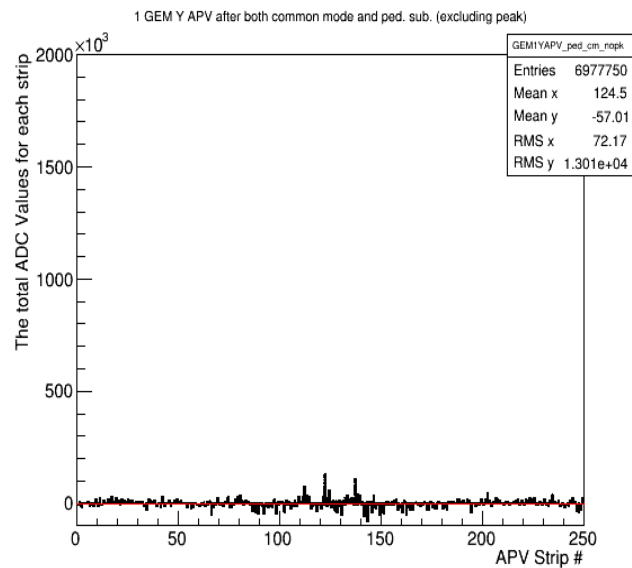
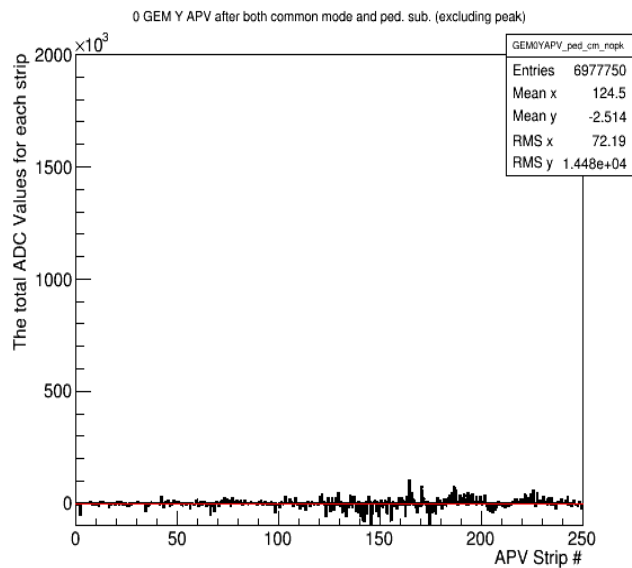
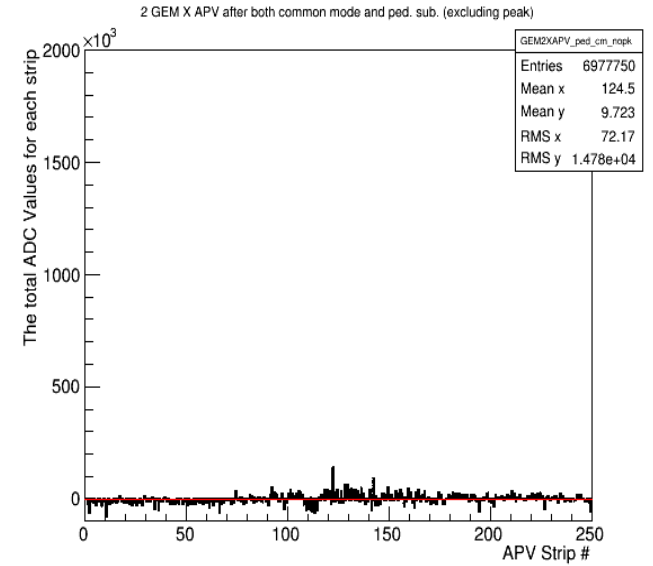
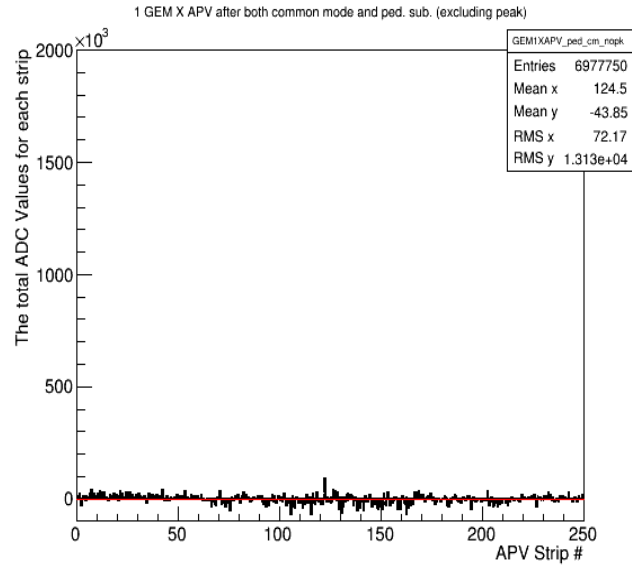
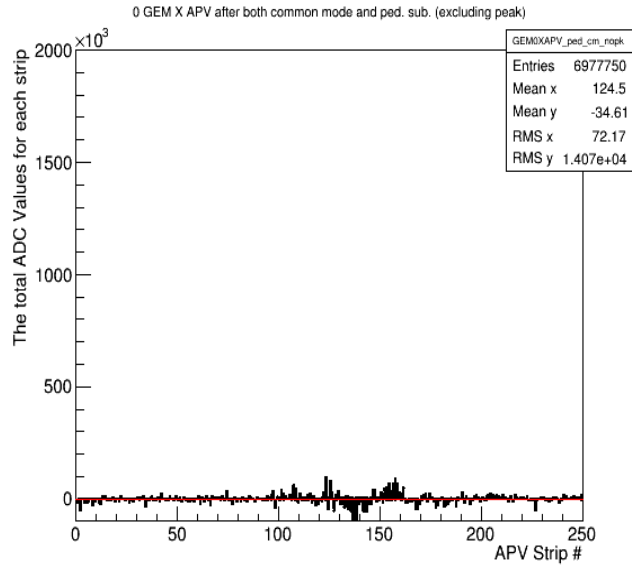


# The sum of all ADCs on each bin (excluded the cluster strips)

→ No background subtraction.

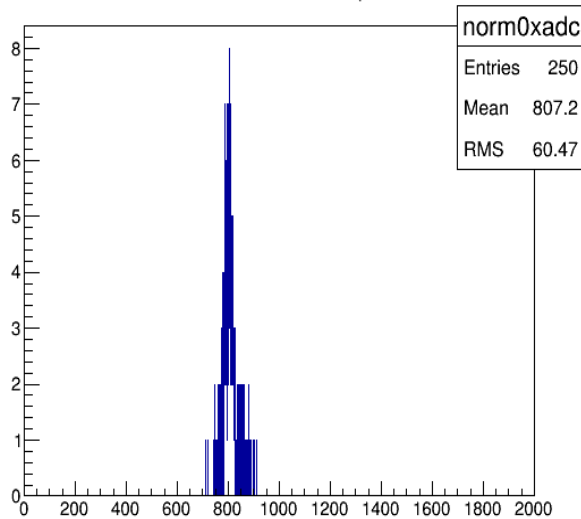


# → Both bin-2-bin pedestal and common-mode subtraction.

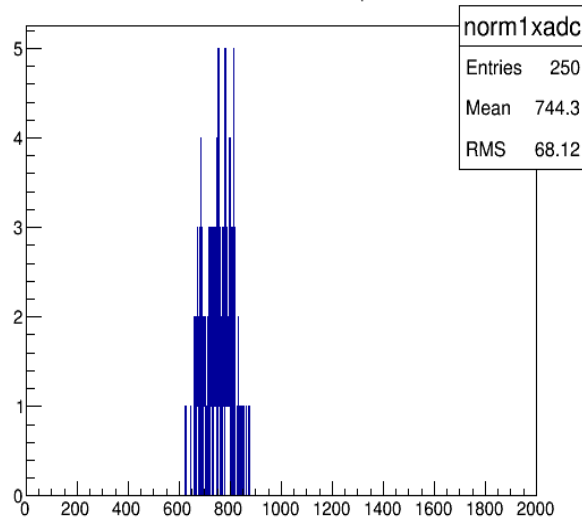


# The variance of noise for raw ADCs (No background subtraction) (in units of ADC channels)

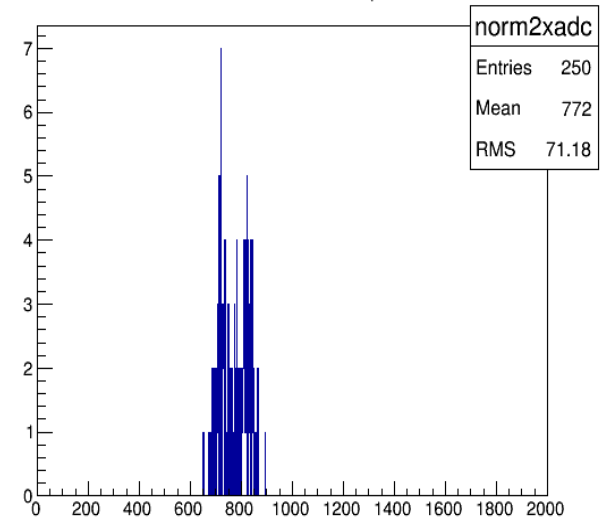
0 X APV-Normalized ADC per channel



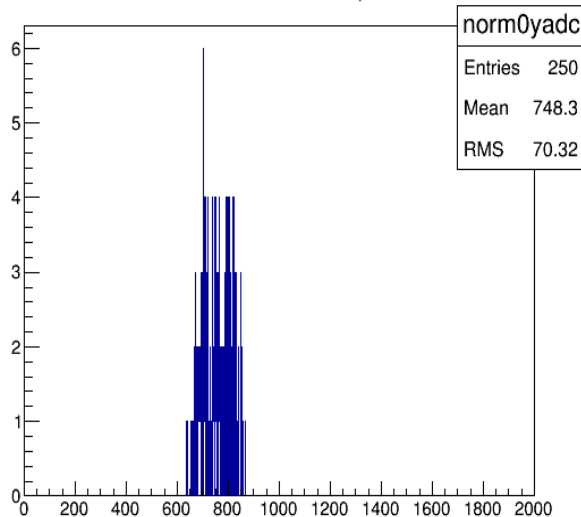
1 X APV-Normalized ADC per channel



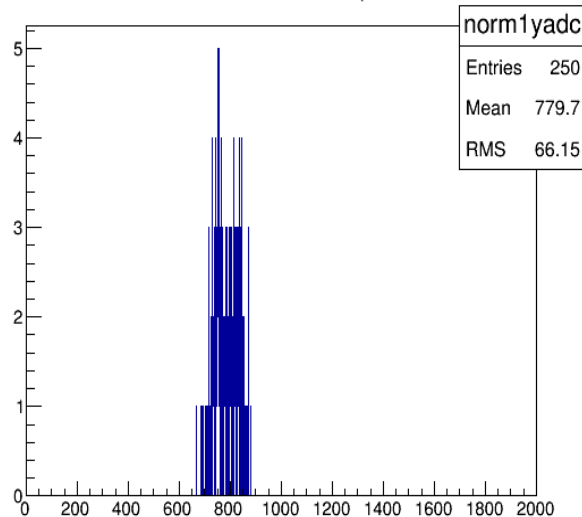
2 X APV-Normalized ADC per channel



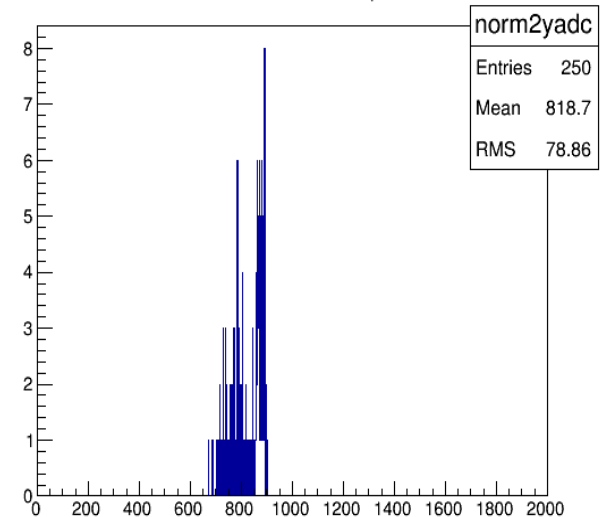
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1 Y APV-Normalized ADC per channel



2 Y APV-Normalized ADC per channel

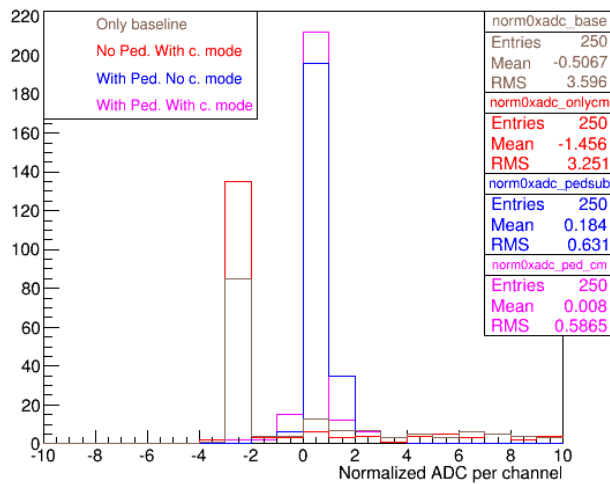


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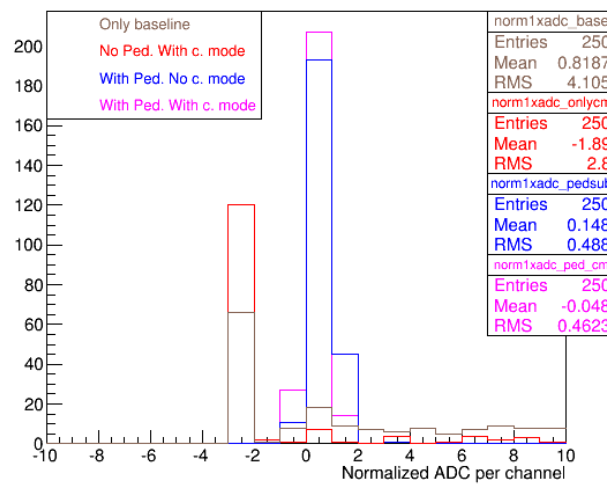
- Only baseline subtraction.
- B** → Only common-mode subtraction.
- Only bin-2-bin pedestal subtraction.
- Both bin-2-bin pedestal and common-mode subtraction

A (in units of ADC channels)

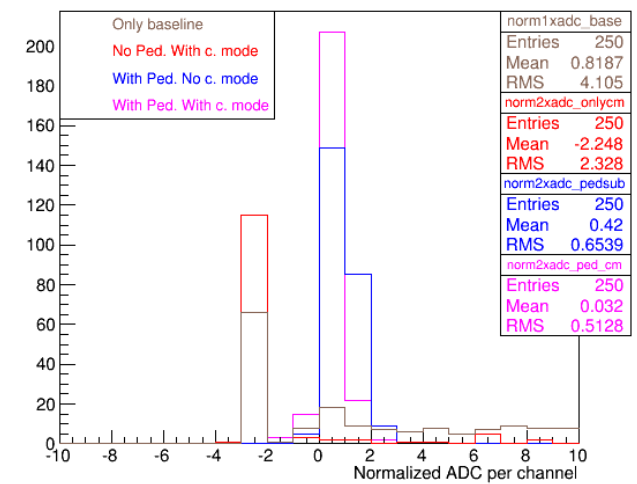
0 GEM X APV - Background (excluding the peak)



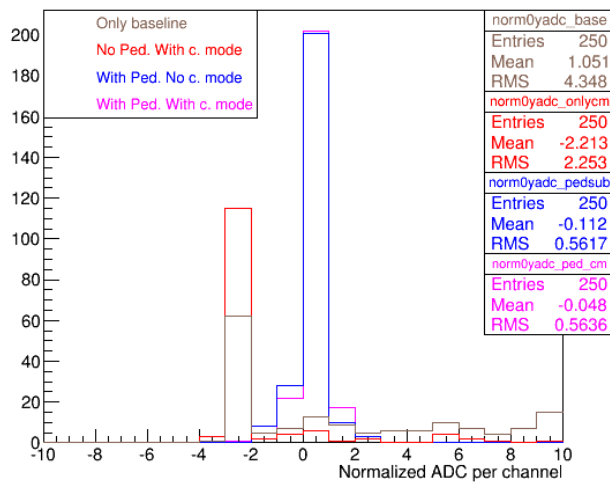
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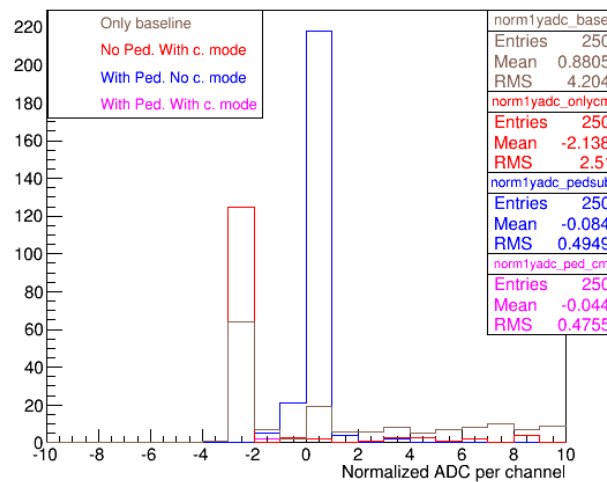
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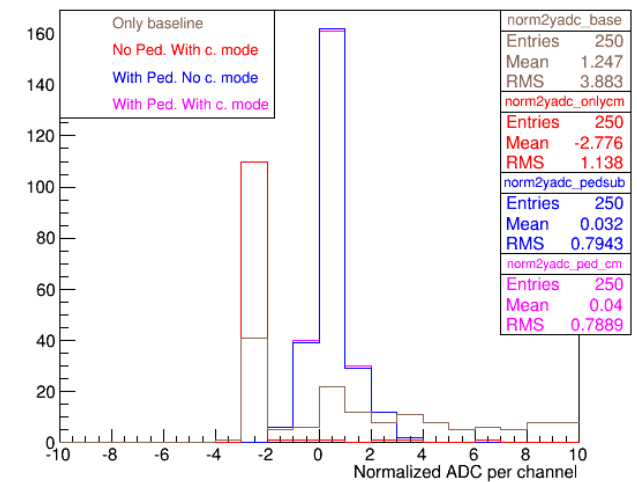
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1 GEM Y APV - Background (excluding the peak)



2 GEM Y APV - Background (excluding the peak)



# Conclusion

- Both common-mode and bin-2-bin pedestals subtracted, the 'grass' shows the smallest noise fluctuations.
- The bin-2-bin pedestal and common-mode subtraction work effectively than the baseline subtraction.

## Will focus on ..

- **Gain matching:** After background subtraction, the distribution of average maximum bin values, fitted amplitudes, average subtracted ADC in every bin (normalized to entries) etc....