

Pixel TPC rates and gas



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For example Z run @ CEPC



The occupancy and hit rates running CEPC at the Z.

- Take the numbers from beam-beam background from She Xin LCTPC annual meeting Jan 2024.
- Ions per BX = 18.2 k primary ions/electrons per BX; BX = 1/23 ns
- Assume rate R goes like R_0 / R^2
- Integrated $R_0/R(60) R_0/R(180) = 18.2 \text{ k ions. So } R_0 \ 1.638 \text{ M hits cm. So}$ hits in 1 cm radius from 60 to 61 cm you have 447 k hits /cm. In the full ring 2 π R (60 cm). So hit density 1.19 k hits /cm/cm/ BX
- The mean drift time 30 $\mu s~$ (zMax = 2.9 m so <z> = 1.45m) with a drift velocity of v_d = 50 (75) $\mu m/ns$
- So mean total hits is 1.5 MHits/cm/cm in 30 μ s.



Per single pixel mean number of hits is 28.17 (pixels 55x55 μm and 60% coverage) in 30 μs. This means a single pixel TPC readout rate of 0.94 M
hits/sec. This is high but the readout can handle that.





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- For the occupancy the dead time is relevant. For TPX3 the dead time is: 475 ns. This means that the occupancy is 26%. So the current TPX3 could deal with this HUGE rate.
- For Pads of size 1 mm x 6 mm this means an occupancy >> 1 of 71.4 hits per pad per BX ...
- Small pads/ large pixels of $500 \times 500 \mu m$ will also run into an occupancy problem we have 2.975 hits per pixel per BX....







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Comparison of the background rate with Z rate.

- Beam background Ions per BX = 18.2 k primary ions/electrons per BX
- Assume Z at CEPC high luminosity rate of 50 kHz (BX rate = 1/23 ns)
- With a track multiplicity of 20, 100 hits/cm and a 150 cm long track we get 300 kHits (single electrons/ions) per Z
- The hit rate from Z decays is 15 G hits per sec.
- The Z hit rate is 345 primary ions/electrons per BX.
- So the number of background hits at the CEPC is a factor 52 times higher than the Giga Z hit rate
- Obviously the pixel TPC occupancy is very low and the pad occupancy higher than 1. A readout with 500x500 μm would work for the Zs but not for the beam background



Therefore it is VERY important to design a MDI reduces the background



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Studies for Daniels Jeans show and locate precisely the problem

 Comparing the ILD and the FCC (CEPC) MDI: backgrounds are a factor 50 higher for FCC (CEPC)

			FCC-91	FCC-240	ILC-250
bunch crossing frequency		30 MHz	800 kHz	6.6 kHz	
model	B-field [T]	MDI	thousand ions / bunch crossing		
			mean \pm RMS		
ILD_15_v02	3.5 (uniform)	ILC	6.5 ± 19.9	14 ± 14	960 ± 150
ILD_15_v02_2T	2.0 (uniform)	ILC	6.9 ± 11.1	15 ± 11	4700 ± 300
ILD_15_v03	3.5 (map)	ILC	5.7 ± 7.9	14 ± 11	1100 ± 200
ILD_15_v05	3.5 (map, anti-DID)	ILC	0.6 ± 1.5	3.7 ± 9.7	450 ± 110
ILD_15_v11β	2.0 (uniform)	FCC-ee	390 ± 120	1000 ± 170	110000 ± 2400
ILD_15_v11γ	2.0 (map)	FCC-ee	270 ± 100	800 ± 140	100000 ± 1900
removing BeamCal's graphite layer					
ILD_15_v03	3.5 (map)	ILC			1300 ± 170
ILD_15_v05	3.5 (map, anti-DID)	ILC			590 ± 120







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The large backgrounds come from photon back scattering at |z| 1 cm magnet Lumi Cal -> see plot

For ILD this is moved further out w.r.t. IP and detector centre. Need to shield better these back scatters. Or move more outwards some elements etc. etc.



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Running a Pixel TPC with He

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The idea is use in the TPC not the T2K gas. But another gas mixture that gives less hits. And a gas that is less sensitive to the beam background.

One could think of a He or Ne based gas.

- The advantage would be: the number of electrons /cm is lower by a factor of about 8 (Ne 2.5) w.r.t. the T2K gas. The probability that the photons (from the beam-beam background) interact with Helium is also a factor of 9 (Ne 5) lower.
- I am not absolutely sure but this could bring a factor 80 (12.5) beam background reduction.







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We could e.g. run with the Neon version of T2K gas: Ne:CF4:iCH4H10 95:3:2 and still reach low transverse diffusion: of about $D_T = 70 \ \mu m/\sqrt{cm}$ at 2 T. Drift field 200 V/cm.



PDG clusters/cm primary total Ne:CF4:iCH4 16.04 46 T2K 26 100



T2K Pixel TPC tracking studies

UNIVERSITAT BONN CEPC tracking Performance in xy for a Pixel TPC based on test beam

CEPC TPC T2K gas and dimensions Huirong Xi (talk)

10 cm track σ





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Each 10 cm we have a point with a resolution of < 33 μ m at 2 T on the track Comparable to performance of silicon detector (but TPC gas material).



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Each 10 cm we have a point with a resolution of $< 70 \mu$ m on the track

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CEPC TPC Ne:CF4:iCH4H10 95:3:2 gas with $D_T = 70 \ \mu m/\sqrt{cm}$ at 2 T.

last 10 cm track σ





At the last 10 cm of the track the performance is maximally a factor 1.5 worse for the Neon based "T2K" gas mixture

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Ne Pixel TPC tracking studies



CEPC TPC Ne:CF4:iCH4H10 95:3:2 gas with $D_T = 70 \ \mu m/\sqrt{cm}$ at 2 T

Expected performance

- Clearly the momentum resolution for the standalone TPC track will increase w.r.t. the T2K gas by a factor of 1.5 to 2 (due to lower number of hits and diffusion)
- The impact on the momentum resolution is smaller if one refits including the VTX and SIT detectors (at the start of the track).
- The dEdx/dNdx performance might be quite spectacular, because of the smaller fluctuations (less secondary clusters); cluster counting will be possible.
- The reduction of the beam background due to this gas needs to be checked (back of the envelop gives 12.5).



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- It is possible to get more precise numbers. The comparison is however "unfair" we assume that in the T2K gas the systematics due to beam backgrounds is zero. And clearly that is too optimistic.

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Ar:CF4:iCH4H10 95:3:2 gas with $D_T = 50 \ \mu m/\sqrt{cm}$ at 2 T



Wrote a simulation using the ILD geometry and resolutions. Assumes no multiple scattering Resolution is $\sigma(1/p)$ in GeV⁻¹

Allows to study the $\cos \theta$ dependence TPC resolution improves due to track length up to $\cos \theta = 0.8^*$. Above: with shorter radial length high resolution points (small diffusion at the end of track)

Combining VTX-SIT-TPC-SET BIG gain wrt VTX-SIT-SET only

This is IMO not in ILD simulation.

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Comparing the TPC $\sigma(1/p)$ for Ar and Ne at cos $\theta=0$ one sees a factor of 2 larger momentum resolution.

However in the combination the TPC still brings a lot to the momentum resolution!

Combined $\sigma(1/p)$ at cos $\theta=0$ is 3.9 (Ne 5.7) 10⁻⁵ GeV⁻¹

Running at the Z this means a momentum resolution of 0.25% at 45 GeV/c for Neon.

A Pixel TPC at CEPC or FCC-ee

The most difficult situation for a TPC is running at the Z. At the Z pole with L = 200 10^{34} cm⁻² s⁻¹ Z bosons will be produced at ~60 kHz





Can a pixel TPC reconstruct the events?

- The TPC total drift time is about 30 μs
- This means that there is on average 2 event / TPC readout cycle
- YES: The excellent time resolution: time stamping of tracks < 1.2 ns allows to resolve and reconstruct the events
- Can the current readout deal with the rate?
 - Link speed of Timepix3 (in Quad): 2.6 MHits/s per 1.41 × 1.41 cm² Testbeam up to 1.5 kHz
 - YES: This is largely sufficient to deal with high luminosity Z running
 - NB: Data size is not a show stopper as e.g. LHCb experiment shows using the VeloPix chip