#### **ILD and Background**

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# • What was done for the Lol

### **Background: TPC**

- **★** Simulated 2000 bunch crossings (BXs) of beam background
- **★** For TPC, conservatively take drift velocity to be 4 cm  $\mu$ s<sup>-1</sup>
- **★** Therefore fill TPC with 150 BXs of background shifted in z
- **★** First order attempt to merge unresolvable hits
- **★** Superimpose on fully-hadronic top-pair events at 500 GeV



- Large fraction of hits from low energy electrons/positrons from photon conversions
- **★** Form tight helices, "micro-curlers", along length of TPC
- Background concentrated on relatively few TPC readout pads
- **★** Developed PatRec software to identify and remove "micro-curlers"



#### **★** Effective removal of large fraction of background hits

	Top (p <sub>T</sub> >1 GeV)	Background
Raw hits	~8,600	~265,000
After	~8,500	~3,000

#### **★** By eye – clear that this should be no problem for PatRec



- ★ Superimpose 150 BXs TPC background on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow 6$  jets ★ For 100 events, NO loss in track-finding efficiency observed
- ★ Similar story for 3x nominal background, although some software issues....
- ★ Claimed a clear demonstration of the robustness of a TPC operating in nominal RDR ILC beam conditions





### **Background: VTX**

- ★ Background in VTX detector complicated by assumptions for Si pixel readout rate
- ★ IF one assumes single BX tagging capability then background is not an issue
- ★ For ILD studies "conservatively" assumed 30 µs / 125 µs integration times for VTX layers (0,1) and (2,3,4,5) respectively
- ★ Therefore VTX integrates over 83/333 BXs
- **★** Superimposed backg. on fully-hadronic top-pair events at 500 GeV

⇒ 200,000 background hits per event !

 Also consider finite cluster size of background hits (~10 pixels)

★ Significantly increases occupancy \_\_\_\_

	layer	Occ.
	0	3.3 %
-	1	1.9 %
	2	0.4 %
	3	0.3 %
	4	0.08 %
	5	0.06 %

### Background: VTX - fake tracks

- Combinatorics produce fake "ghost" tracks
- **\*** In addition there are some real electron/positron background tracks
- ★ Large combinatoric background challenges pattern recognition
- ★ Reconfigured current algorithm (not ideal)
- **★** From 83/333 BXs overlayed on  $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow 6$  jets :
  - reconstruct ~34 "ghost" tracks/event (~1/3 are genuine)
- **★** Rejected by requiring at least 1 SIT hit or >10 TPC associated hits



Left with ~0.5 GeV per event (mixture of real tracks/combinatorics)

### **Background: VTX – tracking efficiency**

**★**Two effects potentially reduce tracking efficiency:

- VTX pattern recognition
- Occupancy assume physics hits next to background clusters lost —



- + superimpose 83/333 BXs VTX background
- + apply SIT/TPC BX-tagging requirements

#### NOTE:

- **★** Care needed in interpreting efficiency results
- Will get different results depending on denominator e.g. if calculate efficiency for tracks with >100 TPC hits, the efficiency will be 100 %
- Produced results for:
  - all charged particles with p<sub>T</sub> >1 GeV and N<sub>VTX</sub>+N<sub>SIT</sub> > 4
  - as above, but for charged particles which reach the TPC (i.e. in MC leave at least 1 TPC hit)



★ Background mainly affects reconstruction of low p<sub>T</sub> tracks

• p<sub>T</sub> > 1 GeV: efficiency reduced by 0.1 %

**★** For charged particles which reach TPC (i.e. don't decay/interact)

p<sub>T</sub> > 1 GeV: efficiency = 99.9 % in presence of background

Nominal ILC background not a major problem for ILD concept

# Impact in a physics analysis

- Given limited time it was not possible to superimpose full 83/333 BX in VTX, 150 BX in TPC and 1 BX in SIT on physics events
  - CPU resources too large with current pattern recognition code
- **★** TPC track finding shown not to be an issue
- **★** Ghost tracks unlikely to be important for  $ZH \rightarrow \mu\mu X$
- Only considered possible loss of hits due to occupancy in VTX
  - could degrade momentum resolution fast to simulate...



### Background: flavour tagging efficiency

#### **\*** Simulated effect of VTX occupancy on flavour tag

expected to be main contribution due to LCFIVertex track quality cuts



# Essentially same performance But again, only killing hits... may not be the full story

# What are the issues?

Quite a few ...

#### **Issue #1: Background assumptions**

- **★** Used nominal RDR 500 GeV background levels
  - Need to design for 1 TeV
- ★ For a TDR (although we're not there yet), also need to build in safety factor ~ x10 ?
- ★ Not clear that ILD could withstand this
- ★ Software certainly can't

# Issue #2: Two photon background

# ★ Did not include "two photon" background $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-q\overline{q}$

 may not be a problem, but needs study, e.g. see CLIC experience...

#### Two-photon → hadrons background at CLIC



★ NOTE: integrated lumi in 1 CLIC BX ~ integrated lumi in 1 ILC BX
 ★ For ILC, cross-sections smaller and p<sub>T</sub> of particles lower
 ★ BUT in ILD must consider VTX/TPC integration times

#### **Issue #3: Software**

- ★ Background studies stressed our software to breaking point and beyond:
  - Heritage F77 TPC PatRec software struggled with 3x nominal
  - Silicon tracking (VTX/SiT) ground to a halt
    - got around this by ignoring inner layers for track seeding
    - but still very slow
  - Ignored background in FTD is efficient PatRec possible in the current design with background ?
- **★** Also used simplistic description of SiT/FTD strips
  - stereo strips not simulated
  - hits just treated as Gaussian 2D space points
  - clearly neglects potential reconstruction effects, ghosts etc.
- **★** No pixel pattern recognition in VTX (although realistic parameterisation)

#### Reconstruction software development is <u>essential</u> But, do not underestimate, this is a major effort !

### **Issue #4: BX tagging**

- **★** Bunch-crossing ID in background studies rather simplistic
  - Use associated SIT hit (assume single BX time stamp)
     In practice, may not be so simple, strip reco?
  - Or if have associated TPC hits, assume this gives unique time-stamp
    - reasonable? TPC drift distance ~1-2 cm/BX
  - Nothing done for FTD tracks
  - Nothing for Calorimeters for two photon background time-stamping likely to be important for neutrals
- **★** To progress, needs software development
  - timing currently not fully integrated into sim./reco.

#### Issue #5: "System Test"

**★** For Lol studies, factorised several effects:

- VTX inefficiency due to background clusters
- Ghost tracks
- TPC background
- ★ Reasonable approach (particularly given time), but difficult to convincingly assess potential physics impact, e.g. flavour-tagging
- ★ Would like a full simulation of all effects

Maybe other issues, suggestions/comments?....

### **B** What Now?

#### Significant holes in our understanding of impact of background in ILD



**★** Need to decide what to do and how to move forward...

Comments?