

Hit and channel rates in MPGD detectors with backgrounds

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MPGD rates

- Sept 15: Elke's email reminded that there were new updates on the background estimates.
- Sept 11: Shujie and Barak presented some work on tracking with 2µs background added to signal events.

This study:

- Use the same simulation file produced by Shujie to check the rates on MPGDs
- Compare with no-backgorund simulation

What is simulated:

- One DIS event Q²>1GeV² per event in the 18x275 beam configuration
- 2µs equivalent of background hits merged to every DIS event
- For the no-background, use one of the 18x275 Q²>1GeV² assuming 500kHz collision rate

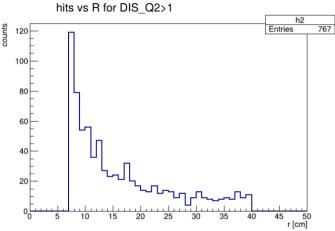
Remarks:

- Why 2µs? Because this is the expected time-frame window in the streaming r/o DAQ
- Which background sources? AFAIK, all are included: e and p beam gas, synchrotron radiation, ...
- The physics event chosen (Q²>1GeV²) is only a fraction of the total cross section, but IMHO sufficiently representative in term of hit distribution
- No cluster size considered all channel rates must be multiplied by a factor 2 or 3



Backward ECT

DIS events, No bkg



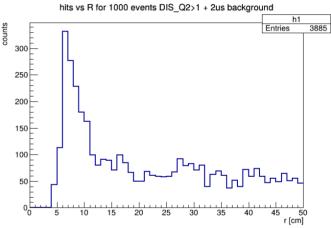
Disk at z~-111cm

Max hit rate: ~1.8kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~4.5kHz

Disk at z~-121cm

Max hit rate: ~2.5kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~6.2kHz

DIS events, 2µs bkg



Disk at z~-111cm

Max hit rate: ~3.5kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~8.7kHz

Disk at z~-121cm

Max hit rate: ~2.8kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~6.9kHz

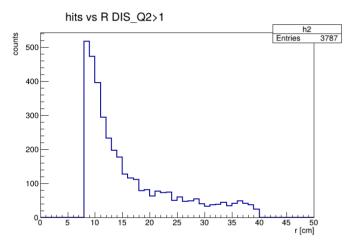
Strip area: 40cm x 615μm

Background impacts mostly the disk closer to the IP



Forward ECT

DIS events, No bkg



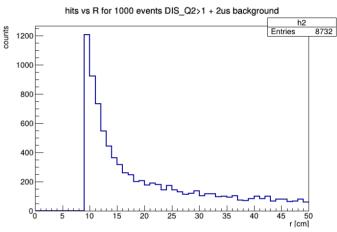
Disk at z~ 150cm

Max hit rate: ~9 kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~22 kHz

Disk at z~ 163cm

Max hit rate: ~9.9 kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~24 kHz

DIS events, 2µs bkg



Disk at z~ 148cm

Max hit rate: ~7.7 kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~19 kHz

Disk at z~ 161cm

Max hit rate: ~9.1 kHz/cm2 Max channel rate: ~22 kHz

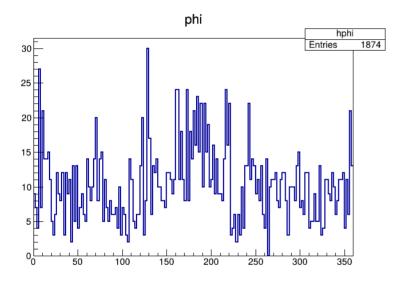
Strip area: 40cm x 615µm

- Hit rates in the forward direction dominated by physics
- Small difference w/o and w/ bkg probably due to the non-exact identical implementations of ECT

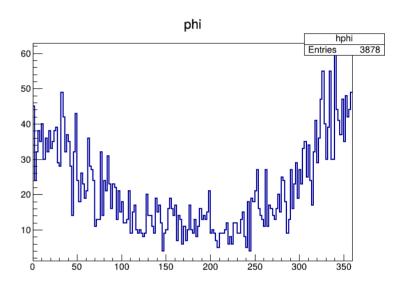


ECT phi distributions

Backward



Forward



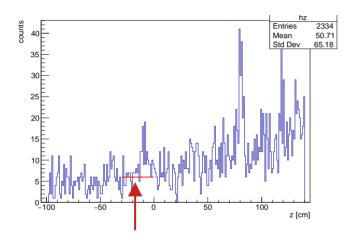
Hit distribution in phi associated to the maximum rate:

- Backward: uniform distribution
- Forward: visible effect of the crossing angle



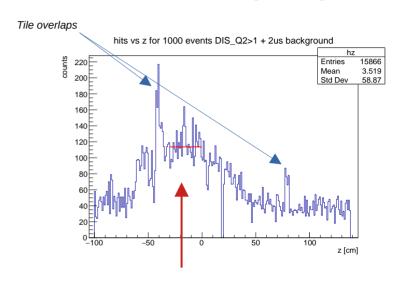
CyMBaL rates

DIS events, No bkg



Max rate ~ 20 Hits/cm2 Max channel rate : ~0.12 kHz

DIS events, 2µs bkg



Max rate ~ 165 Hits/cm2 Max channel rate : ~1 kHz

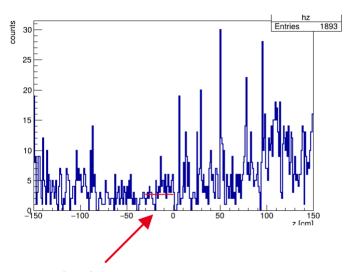
Strip area: 58cm x 1mm

Hit rates dominated by background hits, that have a significantly different longitudinal distributions



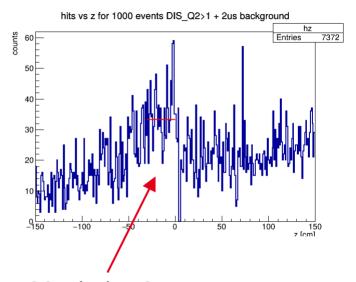
BOT rates

DIS events, No bkg



Rate ~ 6 Hits/cm2 Channel rate : ~25 Hz

DIS events, 2µs bkg



Rate ~ 36 Hits/cm2 Channel rate : ~140 Hz

Strip area: 33cm x 1.13mm



Summary



- Simulations with embedded 2µs background really useful to estimate the MPGD rates
- Even with backgrounds, hit rates are within standard MPGD capabilities.
- The maximum rates are expected in the forward region, mostly due to DIS interactions
- CAVEAT. The values for channel rates reported here do not include estimates for cluster size. Therefore a factor 2-3 should be considered.