



Study the QED Background with Belle

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- QED might dominate the background in the PXD at SuperKEKB luminosities
- QED Simulations give diverging estimates
- Test runs with specific settings of KEKB, using random triggers, will enable a separation of beam-related and luminosity-related backgrounds.







• SuperB QED simulations (Frascati workshop): 10MHz/cm²

they use the BDK generator (as we do also)

yields 1.5 % occupancy for PXD (inner layer)

this is dangerously close to the "limit" of 2 %!

• Set of MCs studied:

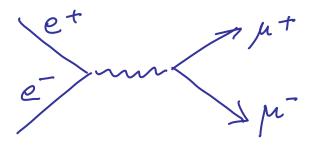
KoralW gives result inconsistent with SuperB simulations (~ order of magnitude smaller! Now: only 4 times bigger)

• Conclusion:

do beam tests to find the correct answer

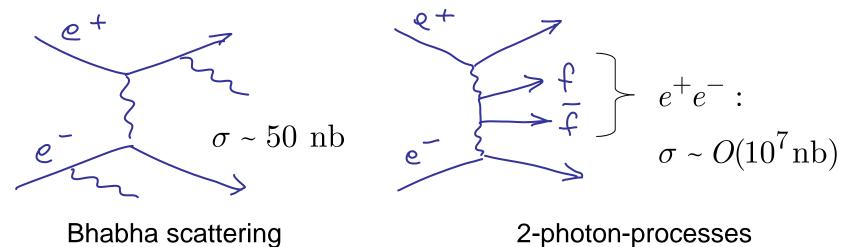


Cross sections for s-channel processes fall like 1/s





Cross sections for t-channel processes are largely independent of s







• 2-photon processes dominate by far

• Several generators:

Diag36 (Berends-Daverfeldt-Kleiss, 1985) called BDK

Grace (J.Fujimoto, et.al. Comp., Phys. Comm. 100 (1997) 128)

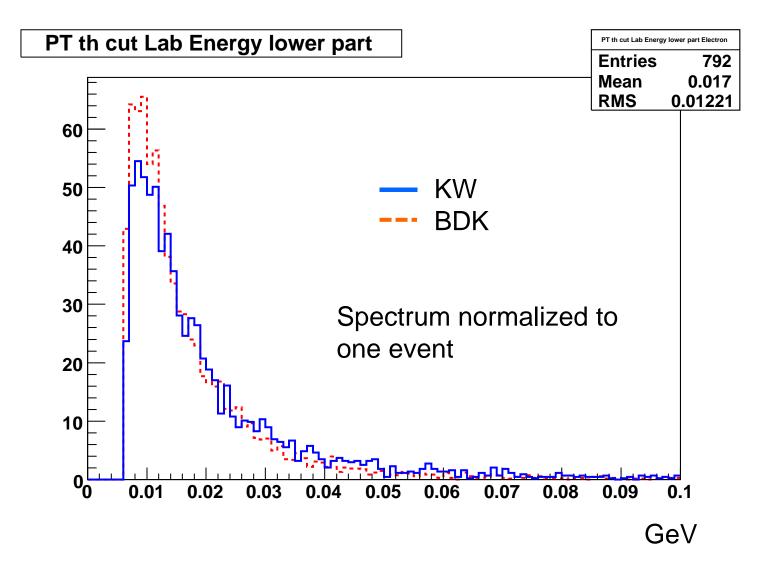
Racoon (A.Denner, S.Dittmaier, M.Roth, D.Wackeroth, Comp. Phys. Comm. 153 (2003) 462)

KoralW (S. Jadach, W. Placzek, M. Skrzypek, B.F.L. Ward, CERN-TH/95-205, Jul 1995, CPC 94 (1996) 216 ...)

● all done for symmetric e+e- machines (PETRA, LEP), all tested there!

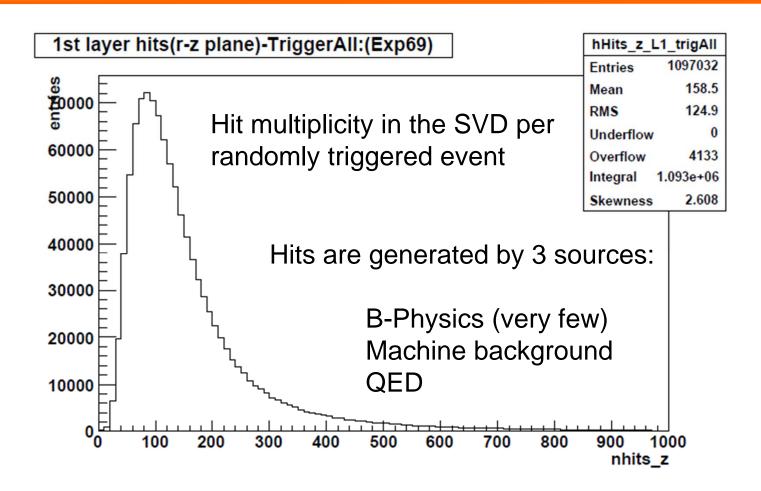












Task: try to separate the three sources by measuring <hit/event> as function of L



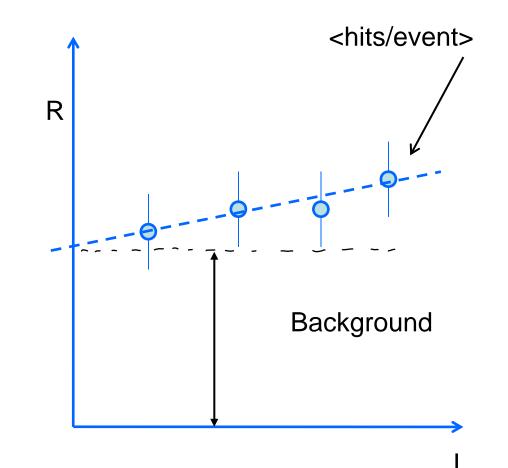


Measure R=<hits/event> as function of luminosity (given by Bhabha events)

Extrapolate to L=0 to get "non-QED" background

Difference = QED rate

Vary the luminosity in different ways to control the systematics.

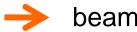






Get rid of ",physics": use random triggers

Assumption: The "non-physics" hits in the SVD are generated by:



beam background (roughly proportional to beam current?)

- QED processes (proportional to luminosity)
- try to separate the two components and thus determine the QED Idea: cross section

"simple" solution: run with colliding and sepatated beams

(Exp. A)

separated: only beam-gas





Cross check of the beam separation method:

colliding beam runs with



changing transverse size of beam spot (Exp. B)



changing beam currents (beam optics unchanged) (Exp. C)

For each of the 3 experiments we propose a set of several runs with a total of 200 k - 400 k random triggers and 50 k Bhabha (lumi) triggers.

The number of events is determined by requiring a <1% accuracy for the average number of hits in each of the four SVD layers

(for Exp. A there are no Bhabha events. Still the Bhabha trigger should be enabled during all time)





Random trigger rate: 400 Hz

Bhabha trigger rate: 50 Hz (adjust prescale at nominal, but moderate luminosity)

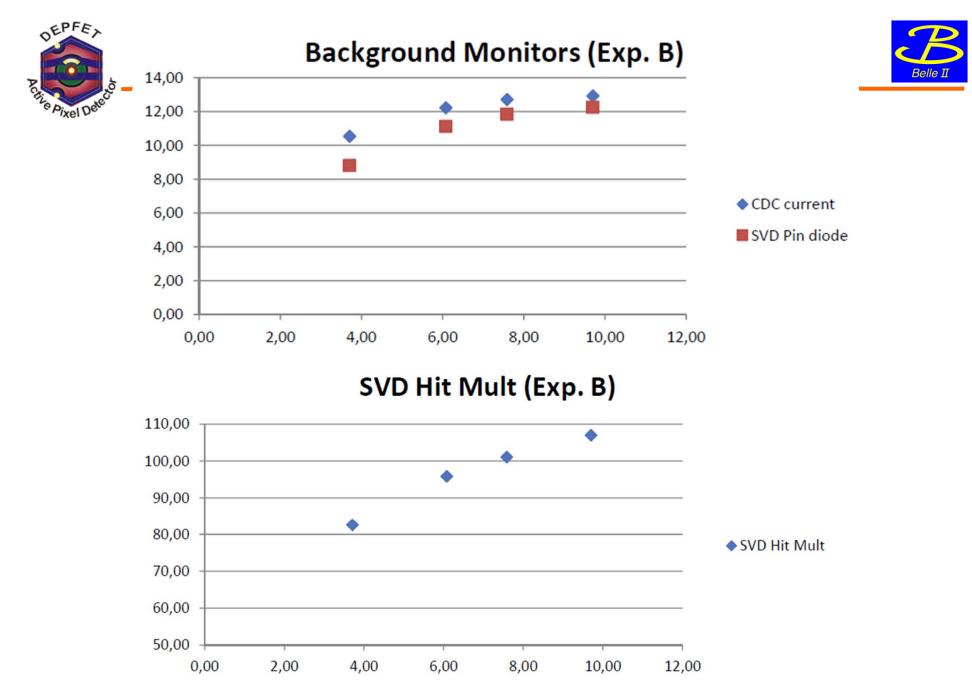
run with <=10 /nb s

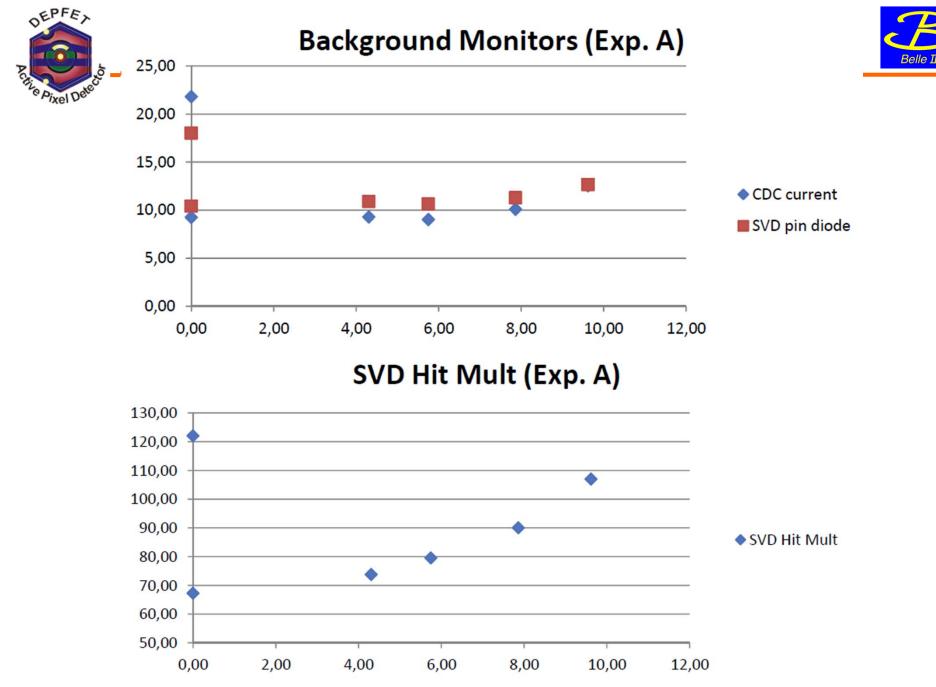
Run unit: 400 k triggers at 400 Hz = 30 min (including beam setup)

vary luminosity in steps of 2/nb s

10, 8, 6, 4 /nb s about 400 k triggers per run

Together with setup for triggers / beams: 17 hours (8:00 – 1:00 (Saturday)





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- Background is NOT independent of luminosity (in all exps.)
- More refined strategies necessary to limit QED (up to now we cannot exclude the new SuperB number 2.5 MHz/cm²)
- Observation: CDC varies with L

This means: there is lumi-related BG other than 2 photon QED

- Variation of lumi.related bg can be added as background
- take slope from CDC current variation to "flatten" the background





- Three experiments proposed (A, B, C), data were taken
- Total of 2 full shifts + were needed (Friday, May 28, starting at (8:00 – Satursay 1:00)
- New setup for random trigger in Belle was OK
- Data taking was mostly smooth (beams lost at small luminosities)
- Background variation much more complicated than anticipated
- Analysis is going on and will hopefully lead to confirmation of KoralW
- Runs were taken recently with machine off (0 lumi) also: Experiments likely to be repeated with a lower field in Belle, e.g. 1T