## Pair Production and Hadron Photoproduction Backgrounds at the Cool Copper Collider

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# The Cool Copper Collider (C<sup>3</sup>)



C<sup>3</sup> - 8 km Footprint for 250/550 GeV



- **1** Newly proposed e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Higgs factory
- 2  $E_{CM}$ : 250 GeV  $\rightarrow$  550 GeV  $\rightarrow$  TeV-Scale
- ${f 8}$  Cold Copper Tech + Distributed RF Coupling ightarrow high acceleration gradient



# From ILC to C<sup>3</sup> Parameters





Key Differences in  $C^3$  design against other linear colliders (ILC):

- **1** Accelerating Technology: Higher gradients more compact design.
- **2** Bunch Structure: 2 orders closer  $+ \sim 3$  times smaller particle density.
- **3** Train Structure: higher train rep. freq., one order fewer bunches/train.

#### Beam and Machine Backgrounds





Various backgrounds originate in the BDS or the IR of  $C^3$ 

Can deteriorate detector performance:

- **1** Beam-induced Backgrounds: secondary  $e^+e^-$  pairs,  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  hadrons
- **2** Machine-induced Backgrounds: halo muon, neutron production

This presentation will focus on the Beam-Induced Backgrounds

#### e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> Pair Background and Simulation



**1** Beamstrahlung photons produce forward-boosted incoherent  $e^+e^-$  pairs

- Around  $10^5$  pairs / bunch crossing expected with  $C^3$
- Most are deflected, but a small fraction reach detector
- 2 Simulation of background using GUINEA-PIG
  - Interaction w/ detector simulated by Geant4 thru DD4hep

## Pair Background Occupancy





- Above: Visualization of occupancy within 5 tracker layers (hits/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- Background clearly impacts the entire first layer

## Pair Background Occupancy





- Above: Fraction of cells unable to accumulate more data
- For comparison:
  - 1 ILC plot includes all backgrounds, C3 only incoherent pairs
  - **2** ILC bunch train is 10x longer than C3

#### Hadron Photoproduction Background and Simulation



- Beamstrahlung photons can also produce a hadronic background
  - $oldsymbol{1}$  rate  $\sim 10^5$  smaller than the  $e^+e^-$  pair background
  - 2 More central than incoherent pairs, may still impact reconstruction
- PYTHIA used for simulation of processes above  $\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}} > 2 \text{ GeV}$ 
  - 1 Interfaced w/ detector through Geant4/DD4hep 2  $\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}} < 2$  GeV: use WHIZARD/CIRCE (Slide 11)

#### Hadron Photoproduction Occupancy





- Above: Visualization of occupancy within 5 tracker layers (hits/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- Significantly more central than Pair Production background

## Hadron Photoproduction Occupancy



- Above: Fraction of cells unable to accumulate more data + rescaling
- For comparison:
  - **1** Only  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  hadrons occupancy (Not overlaid with incoherent pairs) **2** Summed with incoherent pair occupancy: tail seen in ILC plot appears



- **()**  $\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}} < 2 \,\, {\rm GeV}$ : Pythia does not simulate this part of the spectrum
- **2** Alternate workflow: GUINEA-PIG  $\rightarrow$  CIRCE  $\rightarrow$  WHIZARD
- **3** Previous simulation from GUINEA-PIG utilized
- 4 CIRCE: Output successfully tailored for C3 after some consideration
  - CIRCE had a bug when processing low-event GPig data
  - This was fixed in a later release
- **9** : WHIZARD: Successful simulation with C3 but further modifications needed

## Key Takeaways



- $\mathbf{0}$  C<sup>3</sup> is a compact, upgradable, and sustainable Higgs Factory proposal
- ② Contribution from  $e^+e^-$  pairs and  $\gamma\gamma
  ightarrow\,$  hadron backgrounds is manageable
- **3** The ILC is a valid reference for C<sup>3</sup> studies, with C<sup>3</sup>  $\sim$  ILC /10.
- **4** Generation of full hadron background processes is slow but steady
- 6 Future Steps:
  - Finish hadron background generation
  - Expand data production and investigate further backgrounds
  - Utilize further ILC studies for reexamination within the context of C3

