# *Matt's wish list for* <del>Moving forward with</del> physics analysis

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### A very important milestone...

- A quick turnaround between data taking and publication is very important:
  - The DOE likes this very much; they have impressed upon us that it's important to them
  - The graduate students like this too, for some reason
  - This is a hot topic in the community and *a*) there will be a lot of attention given to us (negative, if we wait a long time to go public with results) and *b*) there is competition for some of the phase space we're chasing
- I have said, in a few talks, that having a paper out ~ 1 year after data taking is a good goal (some people have laughed)

### \*\*\*\* I expect the first publication will be the 2.2 GeV bump-hunt search

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### The first published HPS A' search?

Here's what we need (at a minimum), this is just my opinion...please protest & comment:

- well defined dataset = X days of data at a single energy (e.g. 7 days @ 2.2 GeV)... there will likely be a natural cutoff;
- a decently aligned SVT
- reasonable estimates (i.e. verified, if not measured, in data) of:
  - momentum resolution
  - angular resolution (or mass resolution)
    - ideally these are over a range of momenta
  - trigger efficiency (vs mass?)
  - tracking efficiency
  - detector acceptance
  - electrons-on-target (eot)
  - a loose verification of the MadGraph calculated radiative & full trident cross-section
- Note, these are not specific to the "analysis"...these are tasks/numbers/distributions we need in order to do a search and set limits





### What "analysis" tasks & choices do we have?

- A few improvements to reconstruction:
  - use GBL-ed tracks & covariance in vertexing
  - incorporate ECal cluster into reconstructed particle
  - adding recoil-electron tracking (and include in vertex)
- Track selection
- Event selection
- Signal extraction & limit setting methods
- As Sho said, we have significant samples of MC data coming in for the MDC in order to develop analysis tools

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free!

### Track reconstruction improvements: GBL

(d) 90.00

0.07

0.06

0.05

0.04

0.03

0.02

Entries

RMS

o=0.144

Underflow

Verflow

0.00505

0.1956

- We don't treat MS correctly in our track fitting; MS errors just added in quadrature downstream
- Pelle talked about GBL, mostly in terms of alignment—equivalent to Kalman filter—more correct treatment of MS
- Using GBL, track parameters measured more precisely→improve mass & vertex resolution
- BUT, need to get this in hps-java first... sign up!

impact

<sup>™</sup> parameter

™ in non-bend

160

20



P. Hansson



20-30%

improvement

Initial fit

GBL refit

### **Track reconstruction improvements: Recoil Tracks**



Takashi has shown that reconstructing the recoil electron can help us differentiate radiative background from BH...

recoil typically low momentum $\rightarrow$ doesn't go through  $\geq$  5 layers required for main tracking

some development needed to implement this in our reconstruction chain correctly



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### **Vertex reconstruction improvements**

- Use track parameters & covariance from GBL
  - should improve mass & vertex position resolutions
  - free!
- Add recoil electron (when found) in the vertex
  - should improve mass resolution in some region of phase space...probably not much help in vertex resolution
  - free!
- Track extrapolation/vertexing in varying B-field
  - N. Graf is working on this

### **Track selection optimization**



Some track handles: chi<sup>2</sup>, timing, ECAL matching, hit residuals, "kinks" etc... bump-hunt & vertexing selection will be different I think we should try to standardize these cuts...make separate lists in recon Icio

## **Event/vertex selection optimization; kinematics**

Similar to track selection, there are lots of possible hooks in the event; much of them not explored much:

- most important set of hooks: kinematics...E(e<sup>-</sup>) vs E(e<sup>+</sup>) for sure; angular information; recoil energy & angle etc;
  - I think there is room here to improve on what was done...figuring out how to use this info in an optimal way could be lots of fun!



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After event selection, a bunch of choices to make ... e.g. for the bump hunt:

*fit* or cut-& count? *binned* or unbinned? bin size? fit window size? fit window step-size? signal PDF? background PDF? What to float/fix?



APEX did this recently (I helped!)...

profile likelihood  
$$\lambda(S) = \frac{L(S, \hat{\hat{B}}, \hat{\hat{a}_i})}{L(\hat{S}, \hat{B}, \hat{a_i})}$$

integrate likelihood→confidence levels

For discovery conditions, take into account trials factor; I think best plan is to generate many toy datasets and run analysis...





- Not as much progress as I'd hoped
  - too much time building detector and making reconstruction work
- Not too late! No time like the present...mock data is becoming available. Want lots of eyes looking at it to get familiar and spot weird stuff.
  - the stuff listed on slide 3 are really important; each one of those is an analysis task unto itself

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