



Automated analysis of nuclear emulsions using new tracking technique

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History of automated analysis of nuclear emulsion in Japan

- Modern applications of nuclear emulsions in the field of high energy physics has been progressed with development of automated track recognition technology.
- In 1970's, K. Niwa designed an automated tracking algorithm, then S. Aoki and T. Nakano developed practical and high speed systems (Track Selector : TS).
- These systems were applied for Fermi lab-E653, CHORUS, DONuT and OPERA in success.



Introduction for new tracking technique

- Nowadays the technique of high speed emulsion scanning has made a major progress.
- On the other hand, new development which is qualitatively different from conventional strategy is also important to open up new possibility for the future.
- We have been developing the automatic track recognition technique of nuclear emulsion on basis of new concept, i.e. "Large angle tracking" and "High discriminated tracking".
- I will introduce pioneer works of developing such new tracking technique and its application for scientific analysis.



Fine Track Selector (FTS) at Toho univ.

• system overview





Large angle tracking



Conventional Tracking algorithm



Large angle track scanning



Physics motivation with large angle scan

- Hadron interaction analysis is very important for verification of MC to estimate τ → hadron decay channel background in the OPERA experiment. We also want to reduce this background.
- Nuclear fragment from vertex is very strong proof of Hadron interaction.
- Nuclear fragments are produced in the nuclear evaporation process caused by an excitation of the nucleus and they are emitted almost isotropically.
- Therefore the scanning system with wide-angle acceptance is required for the systematic nuclear fragment search in hadron interaction analysis.



Systematic hadron int. analysis in OPERA type ECC

We have been studied hadron int. in the OPERA ECC.



Search for Black Track



- Scanned area : 3.5 x 2.5 mm², upstream and downstream films of the vertex
- Angular acceptance : $|\tan \theta| \le 3.0$
- Impact parameter < 100(50) mm + 0.01 x depth
 (@ 2, 4 (10)
 GeV/c)
- Estimated number of background tracks : 0.035
 tracks/event
- Eye check confirmation after selecting candidates.

PH distribution of Black Track on each angle



Analysis result for Nuclear fragments in hadron int.

Nuclear fragments associated probability Associated probability of nuclear fragments Beam momentum [GeV/c] 4 10 50% 32 Events 31 66 Fragment associated events 10 18 42 $31.3^{+9.1}_{-6.9}$ $58.1^{+8.1}_{-9.1}$ $63.6^{+5.0}_{-5.7}$ Fragment associated probability [%] Data: MC : **Topological aspects** 10 2 Incident beam momentum (GeV/c) of Nuclear fragments 2GeV/c 4GeV/c 10GeV/c Black multiplicity Data and MC is good agreement. mber of nuclear f This result allowed to Slope distribution reduce 30% hadorn backward forward BG in OPERA. 東邦大学 Polar angle ($\cos \theta$) Polar angle $(\cos \theta)$ Polar angle (cos θ)

Large angle scan for minimum ionizing particles

- We found the tracking efficiency of large angle MIPs is kept sufficiently high in large angle Black Track analysis.
- PH distribution of large angle MIPs also make mountain as PH distribution of small angle MIPs.

PH sum on both side tracks





MIP at OPERA film G.D. ~ 34



Large angle tracking

Beam exposure at CERN to make sample for evaluation of large angle scan



Large angle tracking

Analysis and results of automatic scanning for large angle MIP



Short summary

- We developed an technique for automatic large angle tracking.
- This technique was applied for hadron analysis and also BG reduction for OPERA.
- The HIGH automatic recognized efficiency for large angle MIPs is found in our work.
- Currently, there is many other trial and update for large angle tracking. (see Ariga's talk and Valeri's poster)



High discriminated tracking



Current emulsion analysis in OPERA film



- After reconstructing tracks in normal scan, there is many chance coincidence of Noise track. so we must judge signal/noise by eye for OPERA film.
- We want to reduce eye check process because it's heavy work. This is the motivation for development of high discriminated (S/N) tracking.

Past progress for high S/N tracking

- We developed a high discriminated method on basis of log-likelihood for CS analysis in OPERA. [Track Ranking method: T.Fukuda et al., 2010 *JINST* 5 P04009]
- Selection parameter is linearity and blackness of track data.



Selection parameter from normal scan is finish up. So tracking algorithm itself should be improved for furthermore S/N improvement.



Tracking in FTS

High S/N tracking



Evaluation of noise reduction rate

- Sample films were exposed beam.
- Films were scanned by normal scan at first.



The sample for evaluation



Sample ($|\tan\theta| < 0.2$) were checked by eye ($-5 \le R < 5$).

- Signal track \rightarrow 95 base tracks
- Noise track \rightarrow 441 base tracks



Effect of 32 layer scan

All micro tracks were re-measured by FTS.



Re-recongized rate in FTS

• Scanning condition : The brightness filter for binarization and the expansion filter is changed.



• The selection parameter [99% re-recongized rate for True tracks] is chose.

 If we reject tracks which are not re-recognized on both side, 58% Noise track is reduced.



one track

<u>Track Ranking using new selection parameters</u>

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Current noise reduction rate by FTS



	FTS:32layer scan	FIS: new prm	for OPERA film	doublet
Signal	$95 \rightarrow 94$	$94 \rightarrow 94$	94/95 = 0.99	0.98
Noise	441 → 186	186 → 94	94/441 = 0.21	0.05
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Summary

- We have been developing High discriminated tracking method.
- This will allow an automation of emulsion analysis.
- We also developed an technique for automatic large angle tracking.
- This technique was applied for hadron analysis and also BG reduction for OPERA.
- The HIGH automatic recognized efficiency for large angle MIPs is found in our work.
- In this talk, I introduced pioneer works which is qualitatively different from conventional development strategy [speed up].
 I hope many kind of improvement for scanning is done.

