# 2023.11.28 加速器・ビーム物理の機械学習ワークショップ2023 Analysis of nuclear emulsion images for hypernuclear physics using machine learning

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# Photographic emulsion sheet for visualizing charged particle tracks





Developed emulsion sheet

Optical microscope



Micrograph







| Datasize of emulsion sheet: |           |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 sheet                     | = ~100 TB |  |
| 10 <sup>3</sup> sheets      | = ~100 PB |  |



# My research experience

2006-2008 Graduate student at Nagoya-U Imaging the interior of volcanoes using cosmic ray muons

2008-2013Ph. D. student at Nagoya-U**OPERA experiment aiming to detect neutrino oscillations** 

- 2013-2017 Postdoc researcher at Gifu-U
- 2017-2020 Postdoctoral Fellow at Advanced Science Research Center, JAEA
- 2020-2022 Tohoku-U, RIKEN High energy nuclear physics lab.

# Hypernuclear physics

2020-2022 RIKEN High energy nuclear physics lab.

Machine learning for hypernuclear physics, neutron imaging

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#### Phys. Lett. B 691 (2010) 138.







Double  $\Lambda$  hypernucleus



 $\Xi$  hypernucleus

# Hypernucleus, normal nucleus + hyperon



- Important for understanding generalized nuclear forces
- Strange quark: unstable on the earth (lifetime:  $\sim 10^{-10}$  sec)
- Hyperons are generated by accelerator experiments



- Information on the interaction from its binding energy with normal nucleus
- Emulsion sheet is a suitable detector to detect their production and decay at rest

# J-PARC E07, a hybrid emulsion experiment to investigate double hypernuclei







# Automated Track Following https://youtu.be/3fiWI5tDx2U

In the 1998 experiment: ~5k tracks for ~7 years. J-PARC E07: **~40k tracks** for **~2 years**.

x 118 modules

# **Detected double strangeness events**

14 events in the former experiments 33 events in J-PARC E07



# **Overall scanning method**

Detectable events by the hybrid method are estimated to be ~10% of all.





Twice the probability of (K<sup>-</sup>,K<sup>+</sup>) reaction

- Single  $\Lambda$  hypernuclear events ( ~10<sup>6</sup> / sheet)
- Even if they are not triggered, they are certainly recorded in the emulsion sheets
- Exhaustive search using image recognition
- Development began around 2010.





The first observation of the  $\Xi$  hypernucleus

# Vertex Picker, Image processing for vertex-like shape detection





- Line segment detection
- Vertexes where line segment endpoints are concentrated.
- Image processing parameters were set to detect found double hypernuclear events.

- Used to detect alpha decay events as the 1<sup>st</sup> step
  - U, Th in gelatin
  - Calibration source for the correspondence between track length and kinetic energy



# Performance of alpha decay selection using line information.



 $\rightarrow$  Development of a CNN-based image classifier.

# Image classification using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

J. Yoshida, et al. Nucl. Inst. and Meth, A 989 (2021) 164930



## Comparison

|                           | Precision (Purity) | Recall (Efficiency) | Number of Selected images   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Conventional method       | $0.081 \pm 0.006$  | $0.788 \pm 0.056$   | 2489                        |
| CNN (Average of 4 trials) | $0.547 \pm 0.025$  | 0.788               | $366 \pm 18$                |
|                           |                    |                     |                             |
|                           |                    |                     | 6.8 $\pm$ 0.6 times smaller |

# **Object detection using Region based CNN**

#### Mask R-CNN https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.06870



https://github.com/multimodallearning/pytorch-mask-rcnn

## Displaying frames and region where detected objects are located

• One can train dedicated models using  $10^3 \sim 10^4$  pairs of images and masks.





A Pedestrian dataset by Pennsylvania and Fudan Univ.

# Our strategy



#### Object detection



# How to collect training data for rare events?

→ Using

- Machine learning (Style Transfer)
- Physics simulation (GEANT4)

to generate training data without any actual example.

# Synthesized images: from line to simulated images using Image Translation as an optical simulator.

## Pix2Pix https://arxiv.org/abs/1611.07004



#### https://affinelayer.com/pixsrv/index.html



- Inverse transformation of Edge detection
- Recover the colors of the original image from the line drawing

Training using our data



# Synthesized images: from line to simulated images using Image Translation as an optical simulator.

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Transform

Line drawings of tracks using GEANT4

RGB channels for focused and adjacent depth layers

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# Application for alpha decay search



- Training a modified Mask R-CNN
  - 30k pairs of simulated image and mask are used.
  - Masks are created without manual annotation works.
- Mask R-CNN
  - Implemented by PyTorch
  - Backbone: ResNet50
  - Modified for our purposes

### Performance

Efficiency = 
$$\frac{(\text{Number of detected } \alpha_{\text{decay event}})}{(\text{Number of } \alpha_{\text{decay events in test dataset})}}$$
  
Purity = 
$$\frac{(\text{Number of detected } \alpha_{\text{decay event}})}{(\text{Number of detected candidates})}$$
 Using eye search

|                  | Efficiency [%]                        | Purity [%]       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| VertexPicker+CNN | 40.8 <sup>+ 5.6</sup> <sub>-5.5</sub> | 8.9 + 1.1 - 1.2  |
| Mask R-CNN       | 80.3 + 4.2 - 4.8                      | 17.3 + 0.9 _ 1.0 |

# In operation for physics research; hypertriton search







 $0.13 \pm 0.05$  MeV, measured in the 1970s

Remeasuring using modern techniques E. Liu, ..., J. Yoshida et al., Eur. Phys. J. A (2021) 57:327









The 1<sup>st</sup> hypertriton event detected in an emulsion sheet of J-PARC E07 using ML

"New direction of hypernuclear physics" T.R Saito et.al., Nature Reviews Physics https://doi.org/10.1038/s42254-021-00371-w

# **Personal impression**

## Why does it work?

- Effective usage
  - Event search Alpha decay and decay event of hypertriton Image processing for micrograph of emulsion sheet
- Collaboration with experts of machine learning RIKEN, Rikkyo-U
- Timing and public understanding of machine learning Google bought Deepmind for \$650m (Jan. 2014) AlexNet on Caffe Chainer (Jul. 2015), TensorFlow (Nov. 2015), PyTorch (Oct. 2016) AlphaGo vs Lee Sedol (Mar. 2016)

### **Development issues**

- Reduction of increased eye-check work
- Other decay modes of hypertriton
- Searching for double strangeness hypernuclei





# My current work: construction of a new synchrotron radiation facility, NanoTerasu

This facility is being set up for operation in April 2024.



# My recent interest

X-ray Optics



**Accelerator Science** 



- Stabilization and tuning
- Nano-focusing
- Advanced measurement system

• Beam stabilization and tuning



- New material search
- Scintillator, tracking detector

A. Muneem, J. Yoshida, et al., Radiation Meas. 158 (2022) 106863

# Summary

- Implemented deep learning-based image processing for event detection in nuclear emulsion sheets.
- Trained an object detector using training data generated through simulations and Image translation.
- Currently applied in physics analysis for:
  - Searching for alpha decay events used in calibration.
  - Measuring the binding energy of a Lambda particle in Hypertriton.
  - Searching for double-strangeness hypernuclear events.
- The author is currently involved in the launch of a synchrotron radiation facility while learning optical system control, accelerator science, and material science.
- Exploring applications of machine learning.
- Intending to develop measurement systems that support data-driven science.
- I would like to collaborate with you accelerator scientists.

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