# A Nuclear Emulsion Analysis Tool

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# Emulsion analysis flow-chart

Location of the event
 Usually with electronic detectors aid (prediction)
 Scanback or general scanning

 $\rightarrow$  very fast

 On-line and off-line automatic topology check Vertex or kink alarm during scanning Netscan

 $\rightarrow$  fast

Manual check
 Interesting events MUST be checked manually

 $\rightarrow$  slow

During data taking detailed 3D information is acquired for each view (a set of CCD pictures at different depths is called VideoImage)

These pictures are discarded soon after tracks have been found but their information content is not always completely exploited

Saving all of them is unpractical since huge disk space would be required

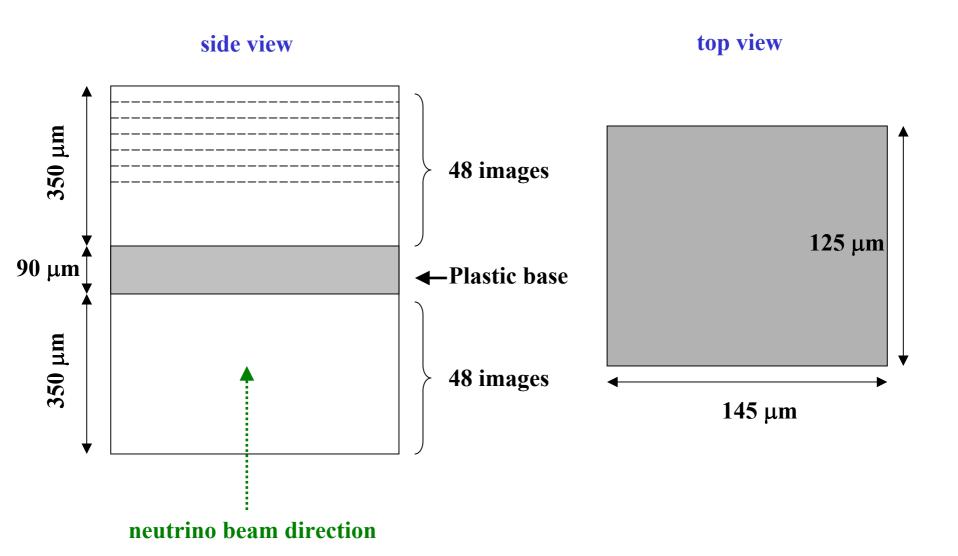
Nevertheless, in many cases a VideoImage could save an enormous amount of time

# The NEAT program

#### Complete use of VideoImages information:

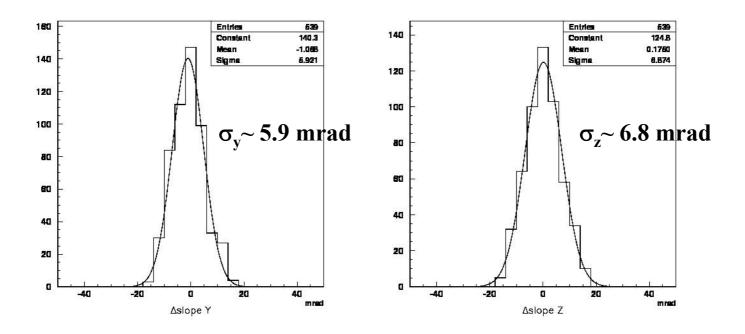
- Microscope simulation
- Image analysis (filtering and clustering)
- Track finding
- Vertex finding
- 3D analysis

# **CHORUS VideoImages**



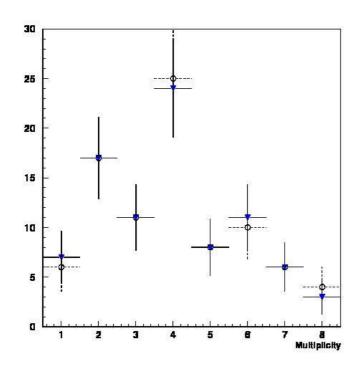
### **Performances**

Angular resolution achieved by the NEAT program



angle difference is evaluated wrt emulsion tracker (SS)

### **Performances**



1.8
1.2
1
0.8
0.8
0.4
0.2
0.1
0.2
0.1
0.2
0.3
0.4
0.5
0.8
0.7
0.8
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Charged track multiplicity in neutrino interactions

Track finding efficiency

### Implementation

- C++ Object Oriented under UNIX
- X11R6 raw libraries with shared memory extensions 30 ÷ 50 fps with 3000 pixel/picture
- ROOT interface available

### **Conclusions**

- An interactive analysis tool to display and analyze nuclear emulsion data recorded during automatic scanning procedure was developed
- Successfully used in order to: reduce manual scanning load (CHORUS) check automatic system performances (OPERA)
- Forthcoming applications:
   large-scale neutrino interaction topology studies
   rare event search