Pattern Recognition Techniques for LAr TPC Particle ID---Voronoi Tessellation and Trees

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Last Meeting

Are These Problems Really Different?





Approach was to completely forget about physics---just make (say) π_0/e separation a technical problem.

Machine-readable Data

Make 1D distributions by calculating moments in time slices:

$$\bar{x}(t) = M_1(t) = \frac{\sum_x p(x, t)x}{\sum_x p(x, t)}$$
$$M_k(t) = \sqrt[k]{\frac{\sum_x p(x, t)(x - \bar{x}(t))^k}{\sum_x p(x, t)}}$$

Where p(x,t) is the charge on wire x at time t.

Moments Plots

Figure 2: Plots of the first four moment signals



Frequency Domain

Ratio of transformed moments is related to event mean path vs. shower shape



Figure 3: $\mathcal{F}[M_2]/\mathcal{F}[M_1]$ vs frequency

Peaks here can be used by your favorite learning algorithm ID efficiency so far is ~60%?

New (More Modest?) Goal: Feature Recognition



Gimp's "Intelligent Scissors"

Voronoi Tessellation



Divides space into zones such that all points within a zone are closer to that zone's "seed" than any other "seed."

Same as a Wigner-Seitz cell

Used in everything from robotic navigation to commerce to epidemiology.

Voronoi Tessellation

Can use arbitrary metrics to define cells:



"Manhattan" metric

Voronoi Trees



To find features, Dan starts with a single seed and creates a Voronoi cell for it (which is just the whole event).

Then he scans outward until he finds a new "seed" which is determined by some threshold of charge above the surrounding empty space.

Voronoi Trees



Each time a new seed is discovered, he re-tessellates the space.

Then he scans outward again from each seed.

He keeps a set of known seeds, a Voronoi tessellation of the TPC vs wire plane corresponding to those seeds, and a set of edges of the tessellation.

Voronoi Trees



A "tree" is created by discovering new seeds within each Voronoi cell---the new seeds have their own (new) Voronoi cells but have been derived from the original seed (they are members of that tree).

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Fragment	Weight
Red	489
Green	114.7
Blue	113.9
Brown	107
Purple	96.8
Cyan	89.9

Figure 2: A clear e^-

Extracting Features



Further Work

- Would like to associate features between views
- Can we associate physical momentum vectors to tracks?
- Maybe use a "physical" metric to define Voronoi cells?
- Need to see how often found tracks are corresponding to real tracks