Measurement of Cosmic-rays with Nuclear Emulsion inside Egyptian Pyramids

K. Morishima Nagoya University

ScanPyramids

international scientific collaborations

Organization : Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities, Cairo University and HIP institute Participating countries : Egypt, France, Canada and Japan

Non-destcutive Imaging Technologies
Muography : Nagoya University, KEK, CEA
Infrared imaging : Laval University
Laser 3D reconstruction : Iconem

宇宙線ラジオグラフィの原理(火山を例に)



ミューオンの飛来方向を 検出する測定器

First Experiment by Alvarez

- Chephren pyramid
 - L.W.Alvarez, A. J.Anderson, F. El Bedwei et al., "Search for hidden chambers in the pyramids," Science, vol. 167, no. 3919, pp.832–839, 1970.
- Detector : spark chamber
- 1967, Alvarez







Result (Alvarez et al, 1967)



result : not observed new chamber

No new discovery

Nuclear emulsion

Visualization of trajectories of charged particles in three dimension



Candidates of the Pyramids in ScanPyramids



Nuclear emulsion Detector : Unit and structure



Muography of Bent Pyramid



Muography of Bent Pyramid



Muography of Bent Pyramid



Installation in Bent Pyramid





Development at Cairo and scanning at Nagoya









Validation of Emulsion Technology for Muography

Bent pyramid



This is first validation of muography of the chamber inside the pyramid !!





Descending Corridor





Queen Chamber

3 emulsion plates in each aluminum honeycomb plate

Do not tore

Detection Area : 4.5m² !





Current Status of other groups

KEK in Queen Chamber



Current Status of other group

KEK in Queen Chamber



Current Status of other group

KEK in Queen Chamber



Latest result of muography of descending corridor



Descending Corridor

- Installation : 1, Jun, 2016
- Collection : 7, Aug, 2016
- Observation period: 67 days
- Detection Area : 0.075m²/plate

Width $\sim 1m$ Height $\sim 1m$







Simulation results









Simulation results







Muography results







Superimposed image by using 3 positions

Muography result

Simulation



We found anomaly behind north face of Khufu's Pyramid

Image of voids behind north face from ScanPyramids Press Release



The precise size, shape and exact position of this space is now under future investigation

Image of voids behind north face from ScanPyramids Press Release



The precise size, shape and exact position of this space is now under future investigation



Additional measurement in Descending Corridor

Performance of Emulsion Production



Next step ...

ScanPyramids

Volcanoes : Mt. Fuji



100 - 1000m²

1000 - m²

Development of automated emulsion production system



Coating part (1min) Setting part (2min) Drying part (7min)

 $20m^2$ /week ~ $1000m^2$ /year

Thickness uniformity $< \pm 5 \mu m$

Conclusions

- Scan Pyramids are international scientific collaborations
 - Egypt, France, Canada and Japan
 - Muography plays an important role in the project
- Muography of bent pyramid was successfully conducted by using nuclear emulsion
 - Upper chamber was clearly imaged
 - New unknown big chamber was not found
- Muography of Khufu pyramid is ongoing.
 - Anomaly was found behind north face
 - Additional measurement of north face is ongoing
 - Large area emulsion detector and KEK scintillator detector in Queen Chamber are on going
- Development of automated emulsion coating system
- Analysis of Cosmic-ray events