

università degli studi FIRENZE



# Muon Radiographic

Andrea Paccagnela

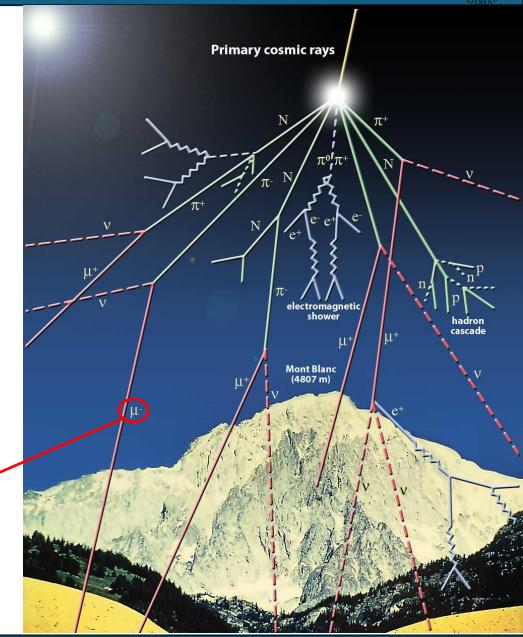




### **Cosmic Rays**



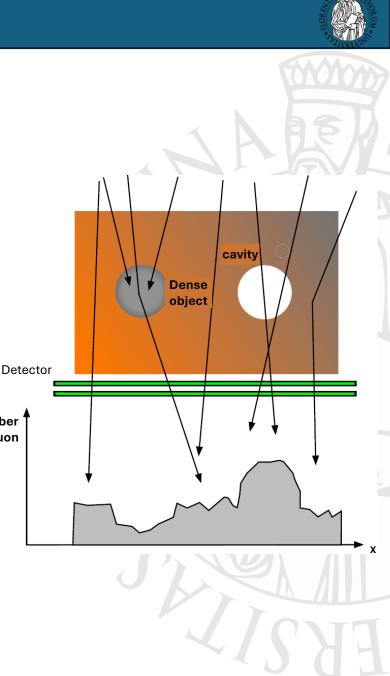
- Cosmic rays are divided into primary and secondary:
  - The primaries impact the atmosphere from space and originate mainly from outside the solar system:
    - 98% nuclei:
      - 87% p
      - 12% He
      - 1% other nuclei
    - 2%  $e^+$  and  $e^-$
  - Secondaries are produced by the interaction of primaries with nuclei in the atmosphere:
    - X-ray, neutrons, mesons (such as pions and kaons), electrons and muons.
      - $m_{\mu} \sim 105 \text{MeV}/c^2 \sim 200 m_e$
      - High penetrating power in the matter
      - Most abundant particles on the ground





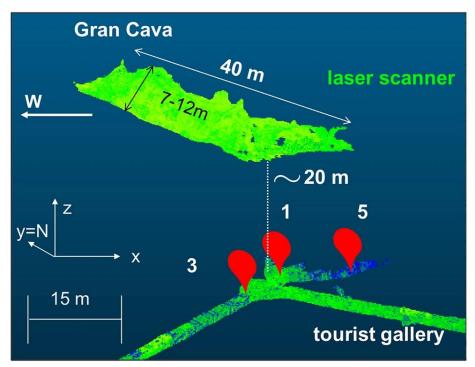
# Muon Radiography

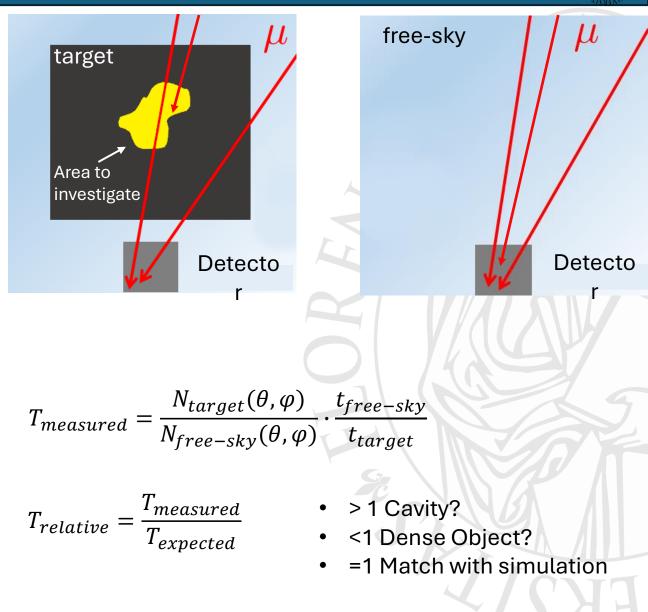
- The muon radiography technique exploits the penetration capacity of muons present in cosmic rays to make radiography of very large targets.
- This technique bases its operation on the energy loss of muons when they pass through a dense body.
- Since muons are less likely to interact, stop and decay in low density matter than in high density matter, a larger number of muons will travel through the low density Number of muon regions of target objects in comparison to higher density regions.
- Muography is a non-invasive technique and exploits natural radiation present on the entire surface of the earth.



## **Muon Transmission technique**

- 1. Observing the number of counts in the presence of the target  $(N_{target}(\theta, \varphi))$ .
- 2. Observing the number of counts without the target ( $N_{target}(\theta, \varphi)$ ), also called Free-Sky configuration.
- 3. Compare the measured transmission with that expected at a fixed density.





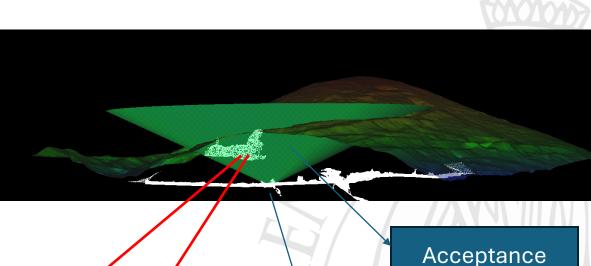


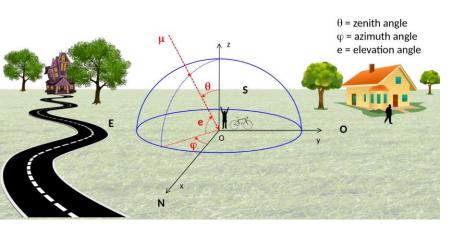
#### Temperino



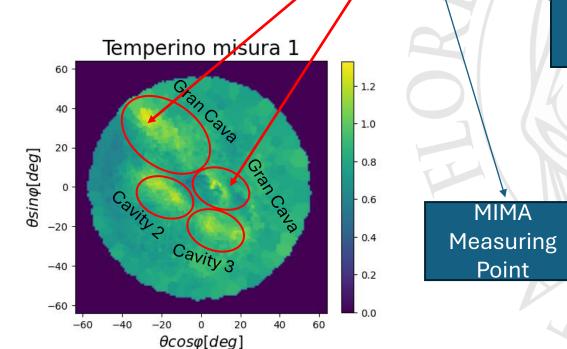
Cone

- MIMA detector was positioned inside the mine with a vertical orientation, namely at  $\theta = 0^{\circ}$
- Brighter areas = Higher relative transmission: region with a lower density than expected.
- Darker areas = Lower relative transmission: regions with a higher density than expected.





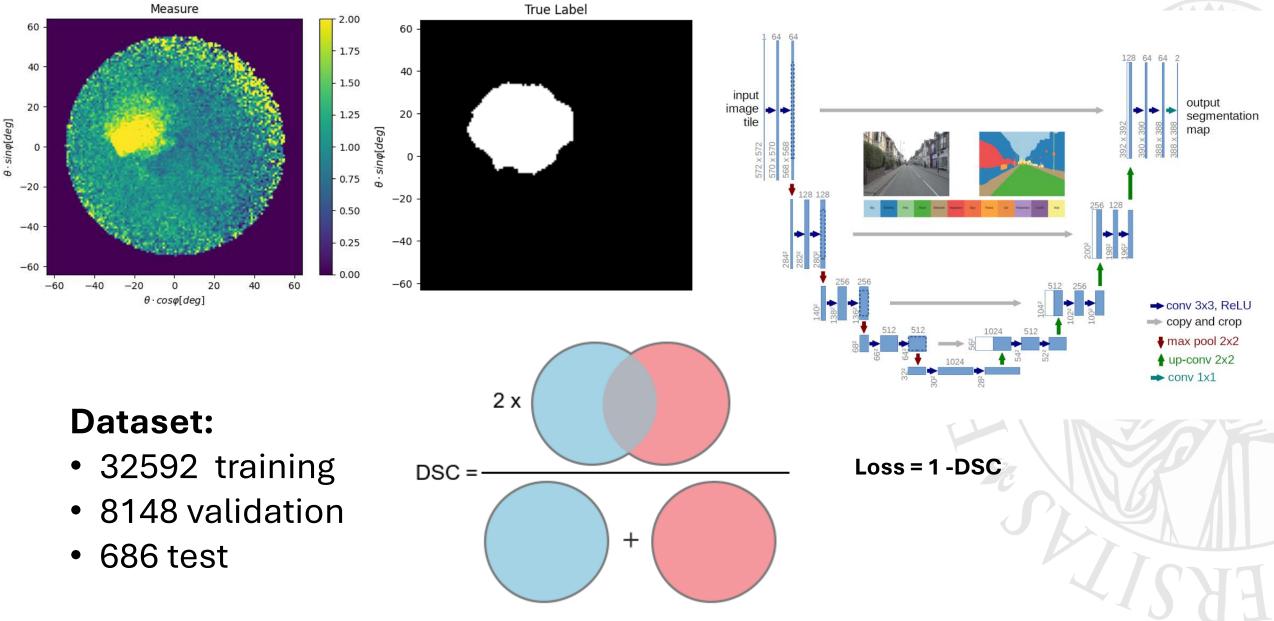
Our aim is to create a neural network that can predict and segment these cavities.













#### **UNet Results**



