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Updates on Site Studies @Sardinia



- **Geology studies**
- **News from P2 and P3 Geophysical studies**
- **Seismic measurement updates**
- **Magnetic measurement updates**
- **Future plans**

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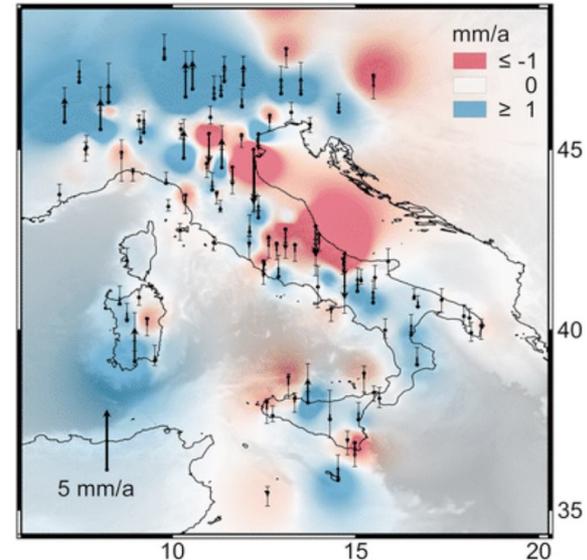
RECAP ON:

- ❖ SARDINIA GEOLOGY AND REASONS WHY THE ET INFRASTRUCTURE SHOULD BE HERE
- ❖ PREVIOUS WORK OF SASSARI UNIVERSITY ON THE PROJECT

OUR NEW RESULTS:

- ❖ STRUCTURAL MAP ADVANCES
- ❖ FAULT CHARACTERIZATION
- ❖ MULTISCALE GEOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF BOREHOLE SURROUNDINGS BY MEANS OF:
 - STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY
 - STRUCTURAL GEOMORPHOLOGY
 - GEOELECTRICS

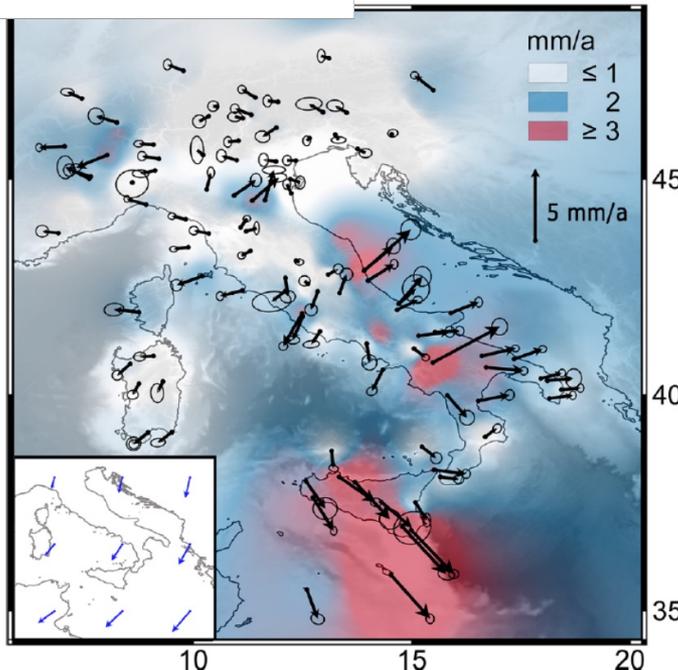
SARDINIA VERTICAL MOVEMENTS ?



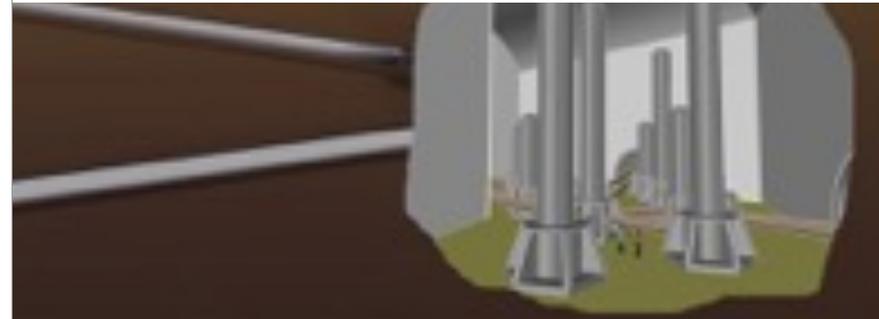
velocities and error bars with 95 % confidence level. The interpolated vertical d is displayed by a graduated color scale. White represents stable area, blue is for uplift ≥ 1.0 mm/a and red subsidence ≤ -1.0 mm/a

In Sardinia, Intra-plate horizontal velocities are very low.

Have a look at the interpolated results of the velocity field in the local reference frame from global navigation satellite system (GNSS).



Farolfi et al. 2016



➤ **PAST SASSARI'S WORK AND COMMON GROUND:**

❖ Physical-mechanical, radiological, Lula-mine structural characterization

➤ **PRESENT WORK (DETAILS FROM PREVIOUS PRESENTATION):**

❖ Geological structural Map

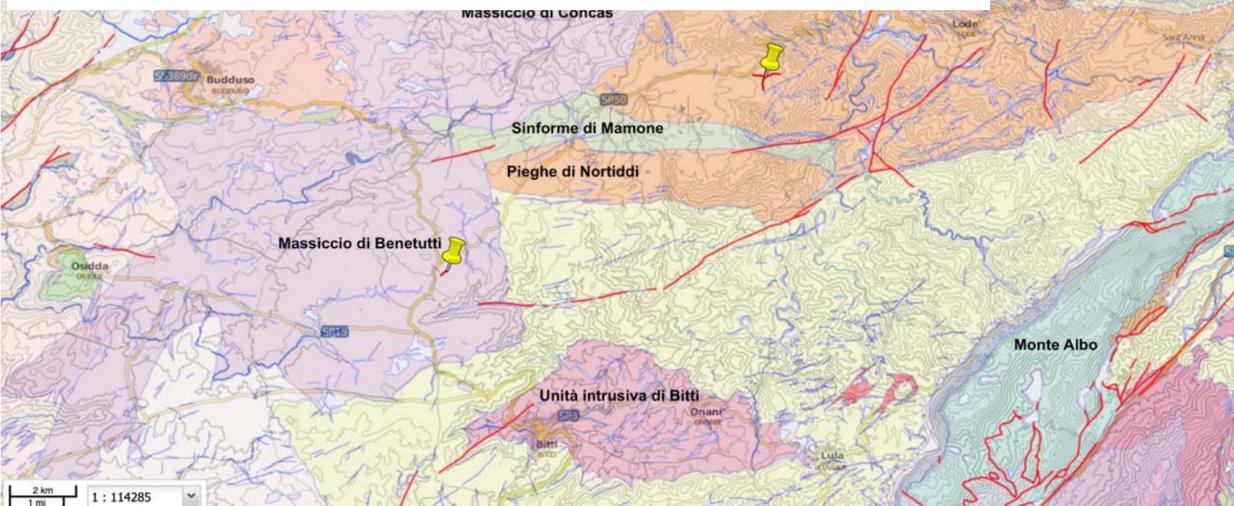
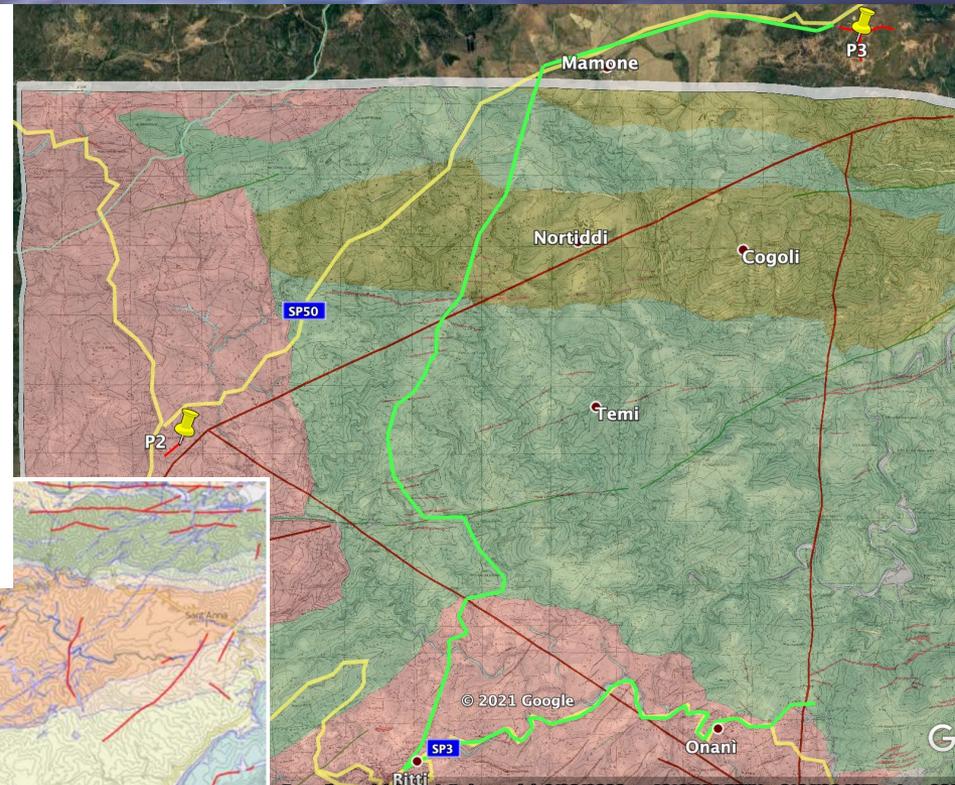
❖ Fault characterization

❖ Multiscale geological characterization of borehole surroundings by means of:

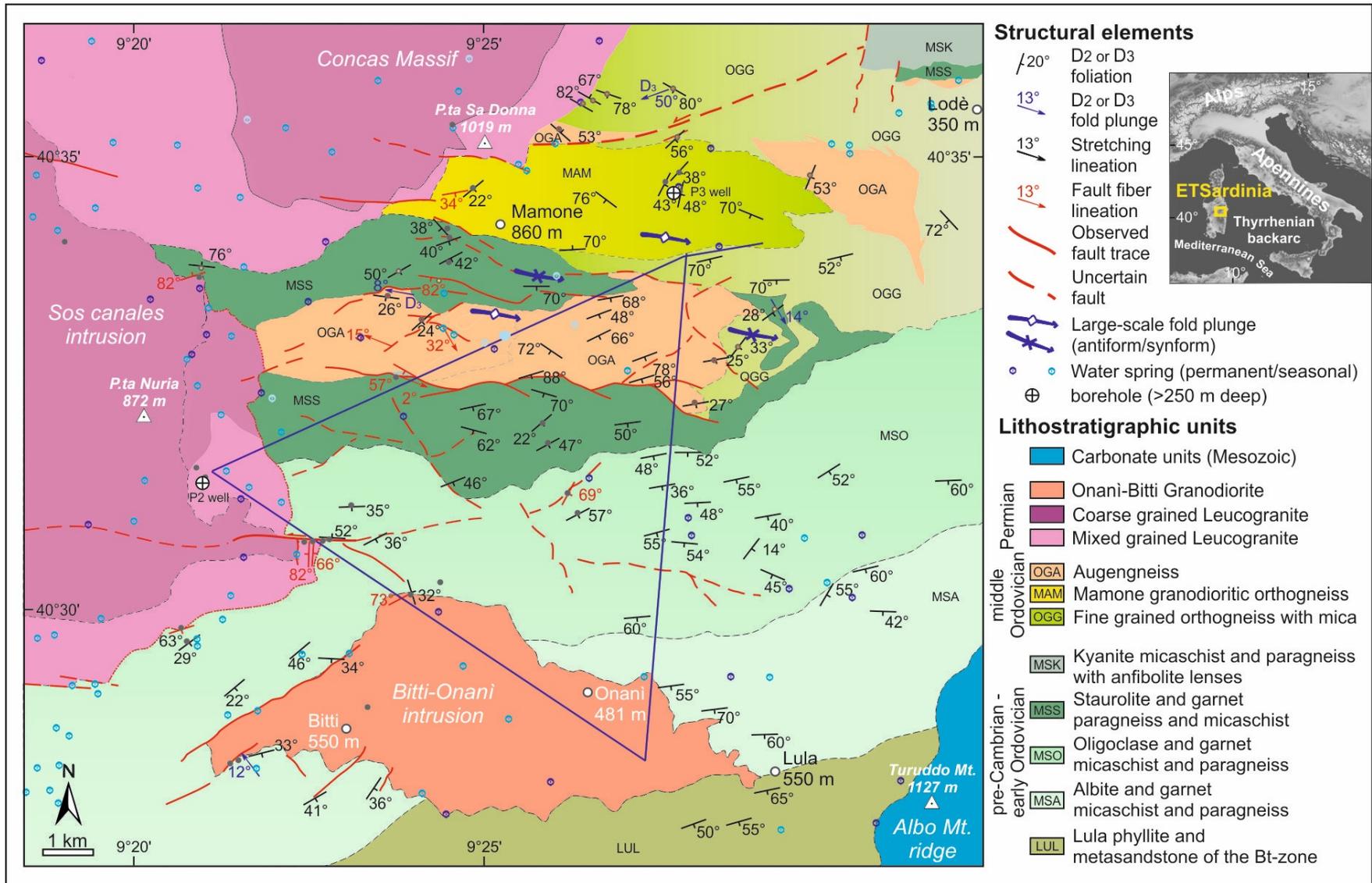
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➤ **FUTURE WORK:**

❖ Outlook on the needs and analysis to perform

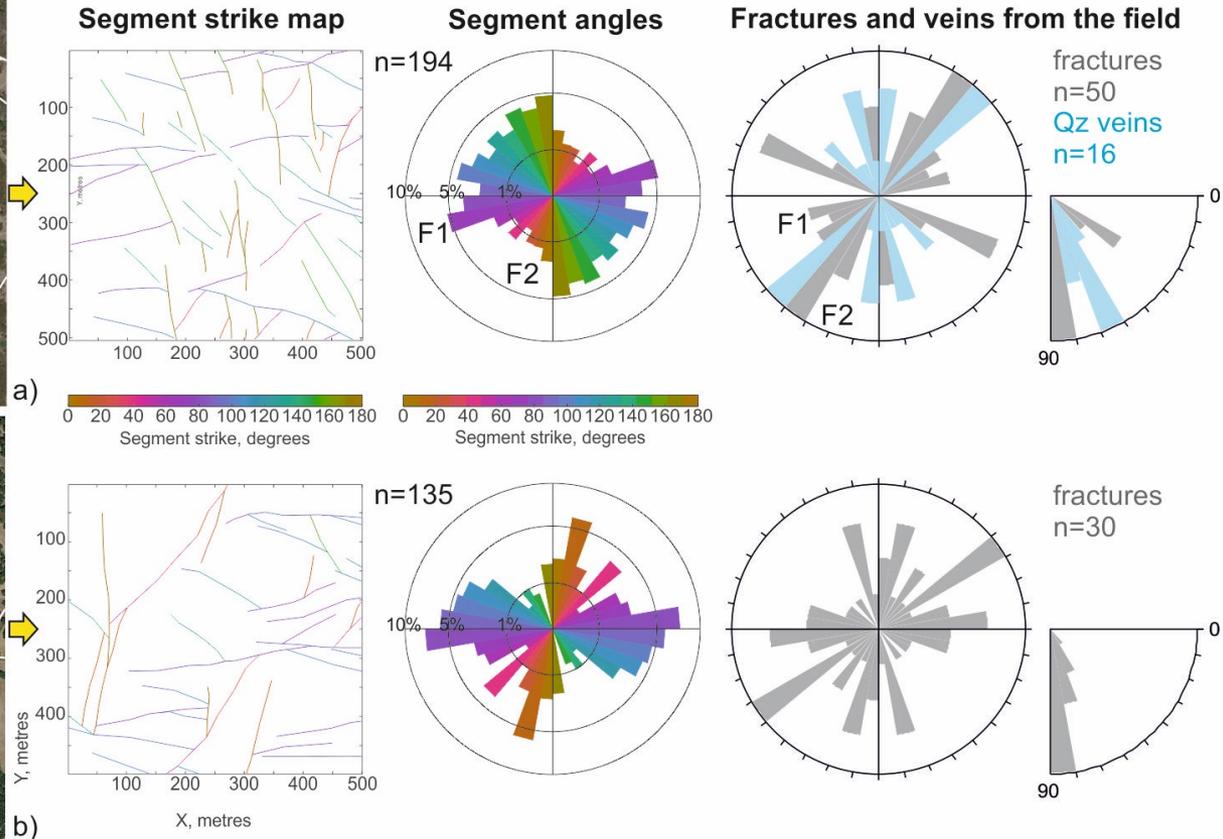
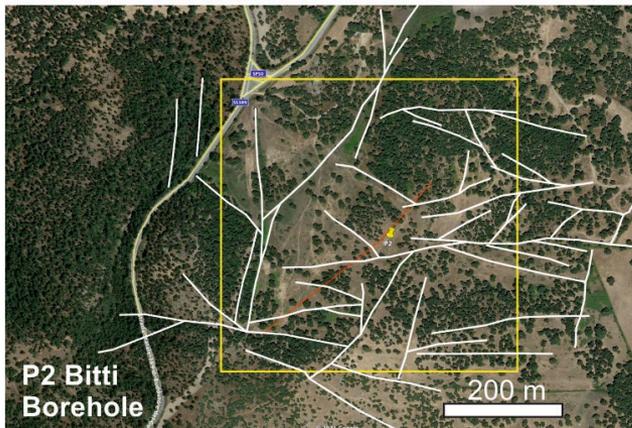
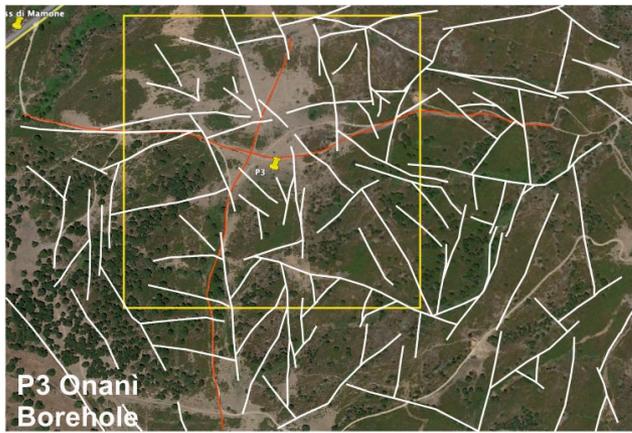


A NEW STRUCTURAL MAP



We have merged the lithologic information from published maps (also by comparing satellite images) and added new data collected in the field.

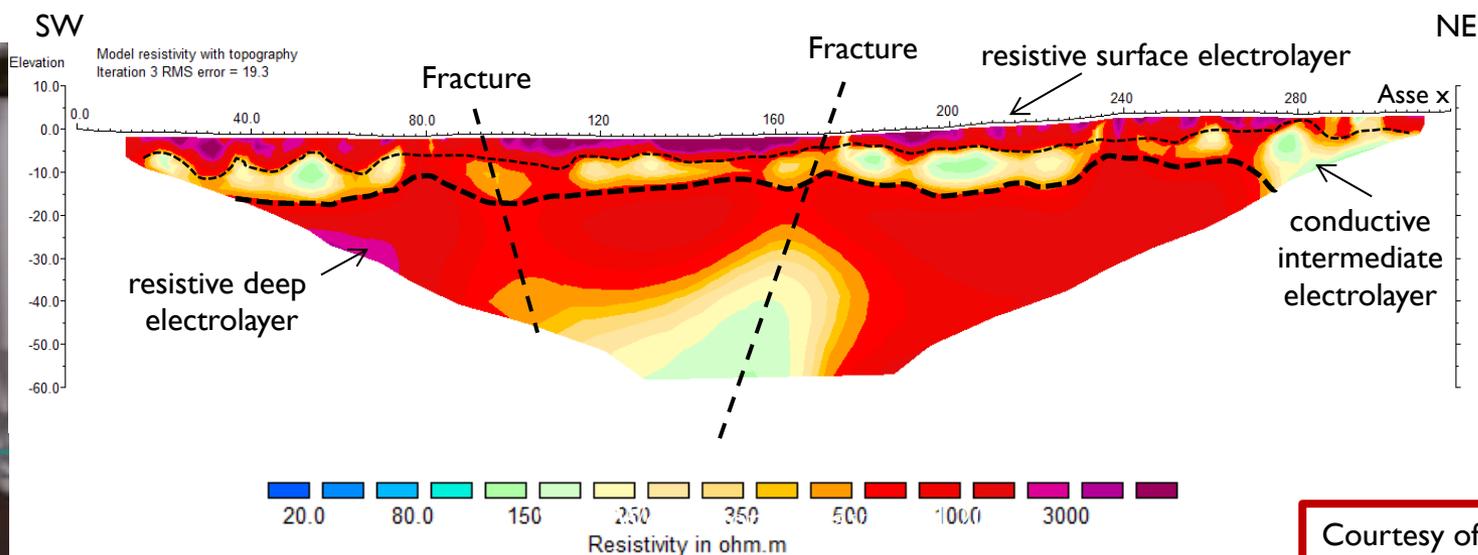
FRACTURES AT BOREHOLE SITES



Morpho-structural segment trace maps at P3 and P2 boreholes, created from the interpretation of satellite images, used to estimate fault segment orientation using FracPaQ (Healy et al., 2016). On the right, comparison of stereographic projects of both interpreted segments and measured fractures in the field.

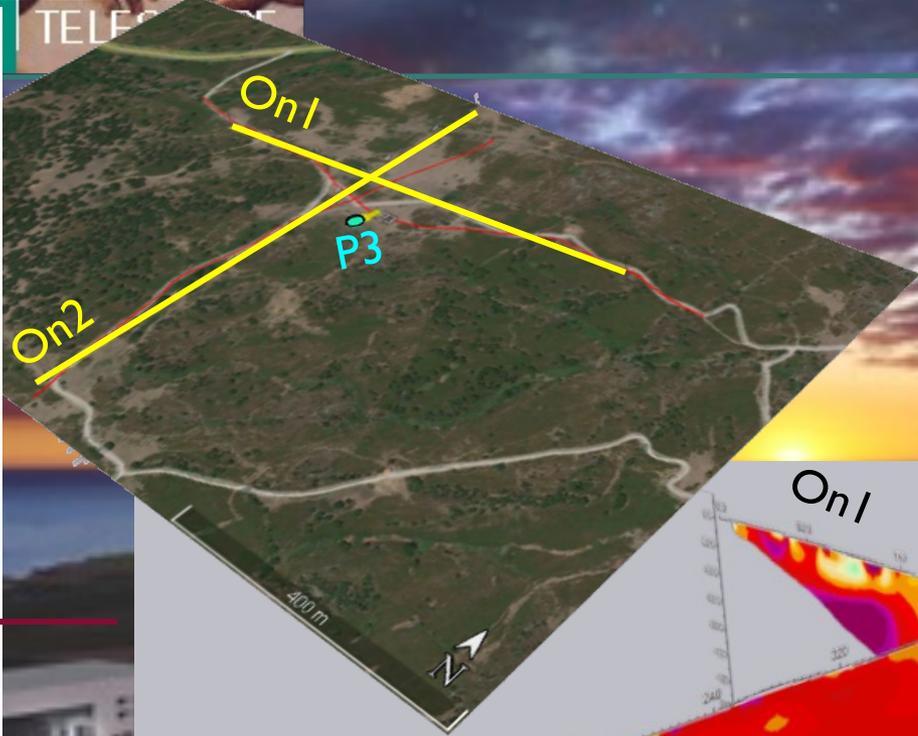
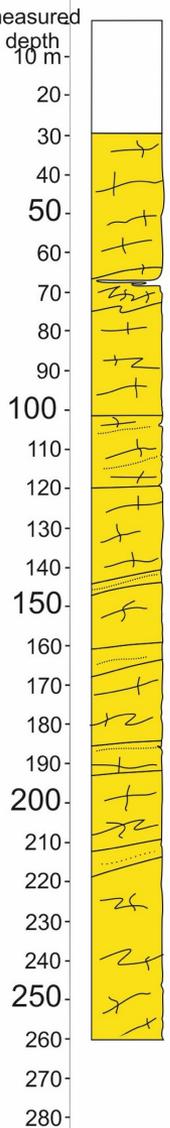
The tomography of the Bitti vertex shows a stratified resistivity array composed of:

- i) a near-surface resistive electrolayer
- ii) an intermediate conductive layer
- iii) a resistive deep electrolayer, which is characterized by a large deep conductive anomaly that is bounded by suddenly graded fault-related resistivity drop



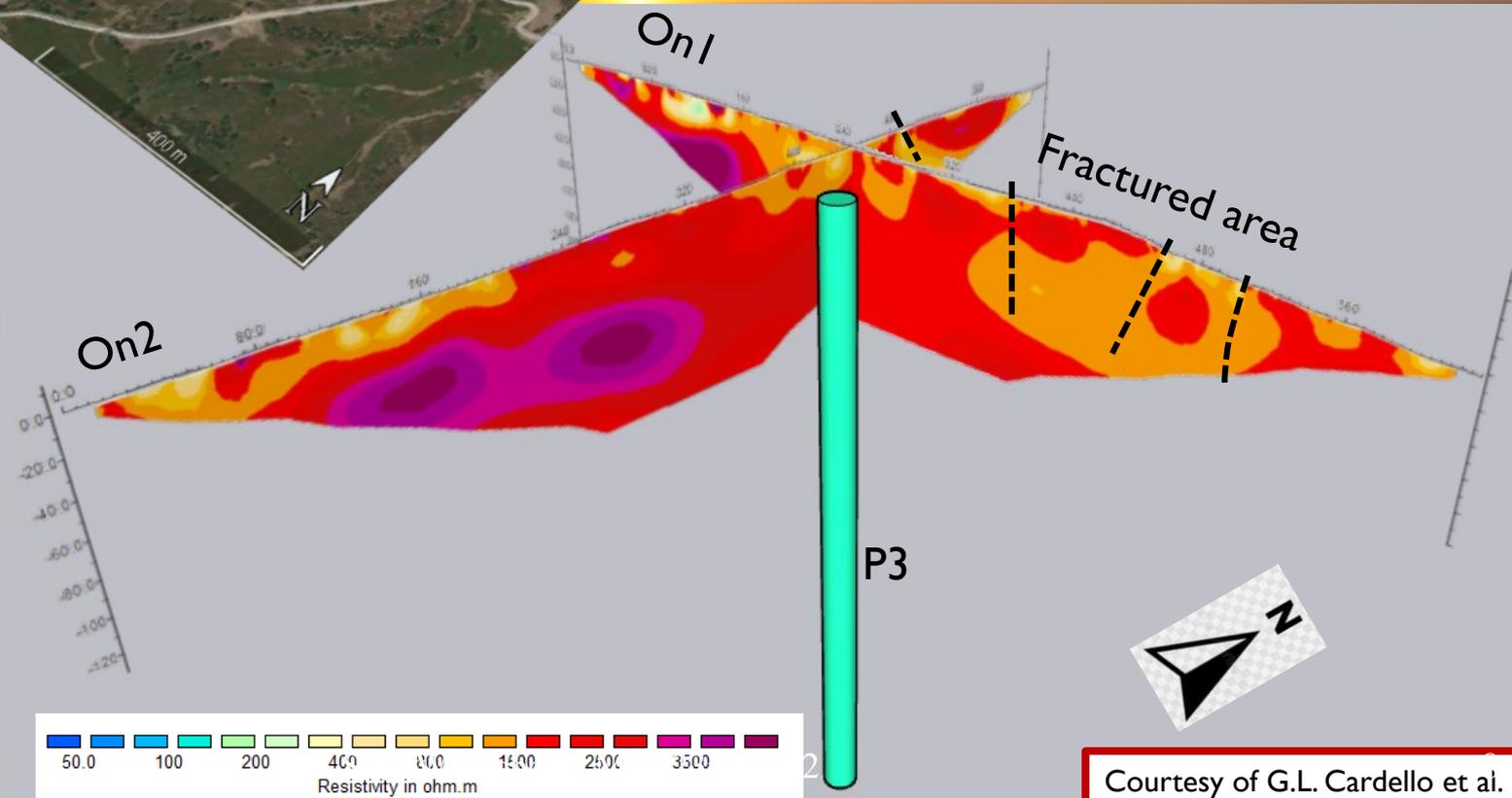
ERT RESULTS AT ONANI' BOREHOLE

SW 3 Onani
263 m



conductive layer occurs either as:

- i) a discontinuous and well-localized layer near the surface (up to 20 m thick), or as
- ii) a broader anomaly zone of values around 1000 Ω m that locally occurs at a depth of 30-90 meters.



General Conclusions

➤ New insights on the lithological distribution and nature of contacts and fault zones, which are relevant for the prediction of mechanic behaviour of the rocks along the tunnel tracks.

➤ **Geological results:**

Preliminary structural map of the ET Sardinia area

Definition of lithologies and structures

Relative chronology of deformation events

➤ **ERT results:**

Recognize the thickness of altered zones above the bedrock

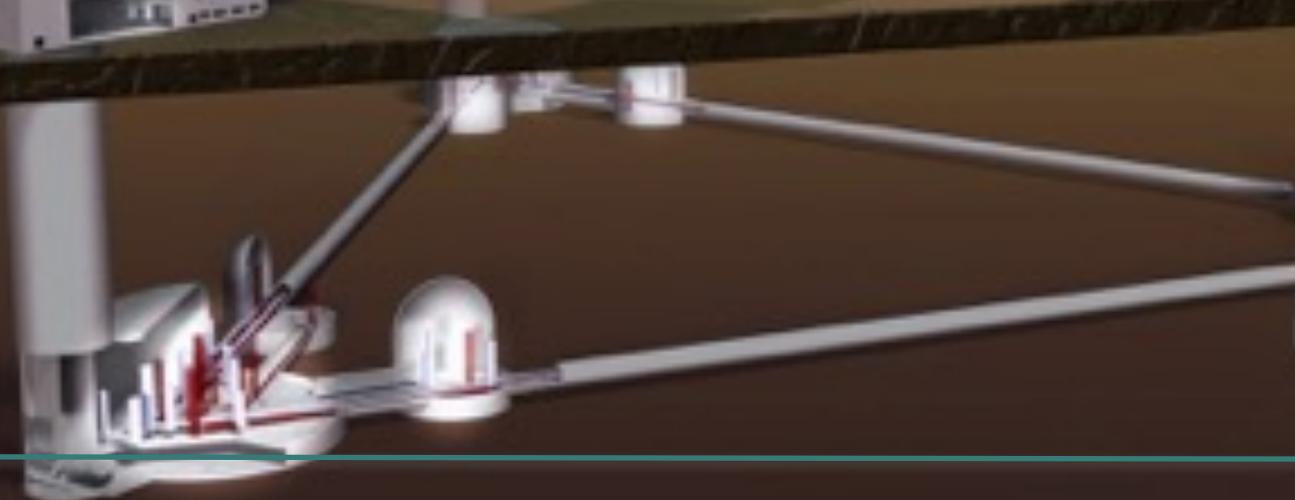
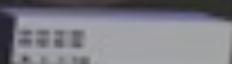
identify superficial or suspended aquifers

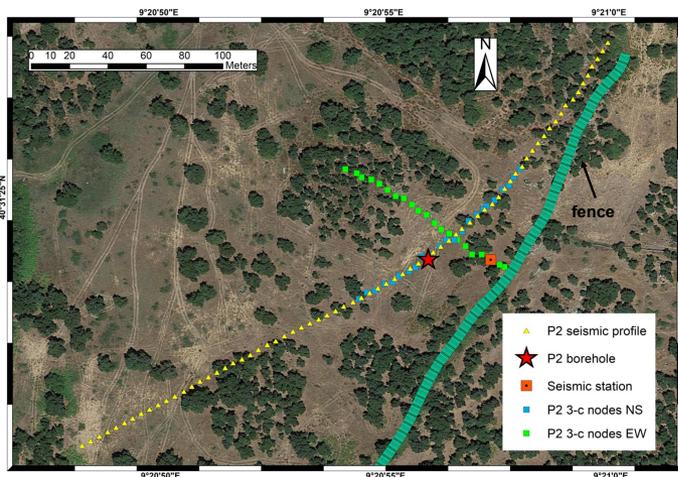
Reconstruct the geometry of fault and fracture systems of limited extension and interconnectivity

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News from Geophysical Characterization





Site P2 location map and seismic surveys

Unfavourable local logi conditions hampered acquisition of two long (> 35 and intersecting seismic profile

Thus, we have collected:

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- 1 vertical seismic pr (downhole)

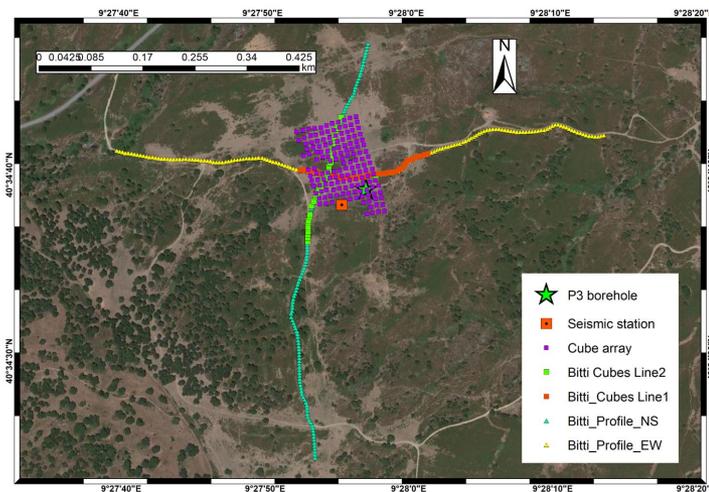
Instruments deployed by other te
2 linear arrays of 3-c nodes (K.I.T)
1 broadband station (INGV-Pisa)

Site P3: surveys 1 vertical seismic profile

2 high-resolution seismic profiles with multi-fold wide-aperture geometry

Deployment by other teams:

- nodal array of 153 3-D component cubes (K.I.T.)
- 2 linear arrays of 3-D component cubes (K.I.T.)
- DAS vertical array (K.I.T.)
- 1 broadband seismic station (INGV-Pisa)



Site P2: active-source seismic data

All the available space in the site was used.
It was not possible to deploy profiles > 360 m long



| Seismic Profile | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Source | Minibang |
| N° Sources | 39 |
| Sources spacing | 10 m |
| N° Geophones | 72 |
| Geophones spacing | 5 m |
| Profile length | 360 m |
| Total travelttime readings | 2,520 |



| Vertical Seismic Profile | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Source | Minibang |
| N° Sources | 100 |
| Maximum depth | 234 m |
| Acquisition interval | 2-4 m |

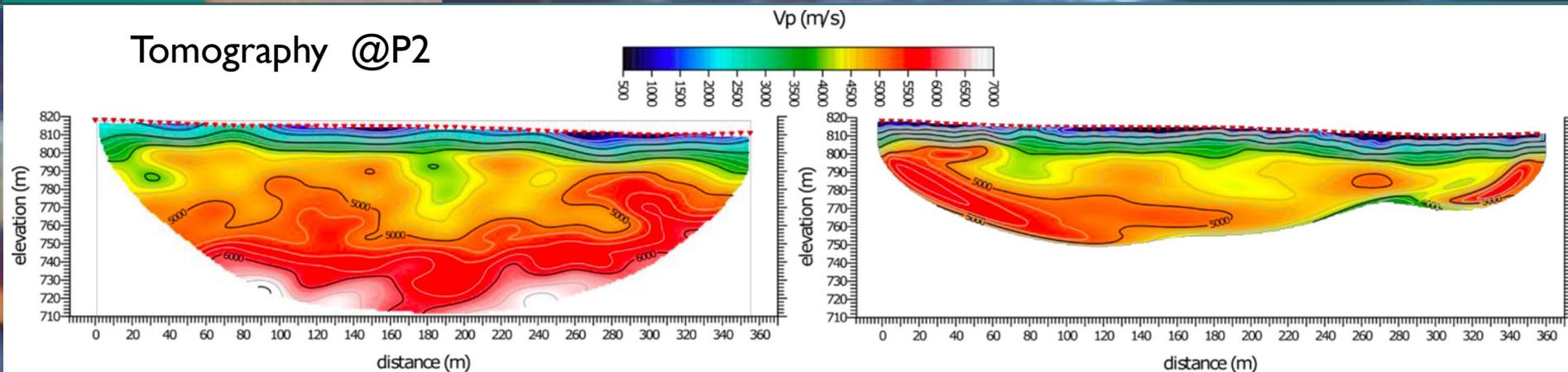


| N-S HR seismic profile | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Source | IVI-Minivib |
| N° Sources | 69 |
| Sources spacing | 10 m |
| N° Geophones | 144 |
| Geophones spacing | 5 m |
| Profile length | 720 m |

Site P3: seismic profile N-S



Tomography @P2



Invdfe code (final rms = 1.29 ms)

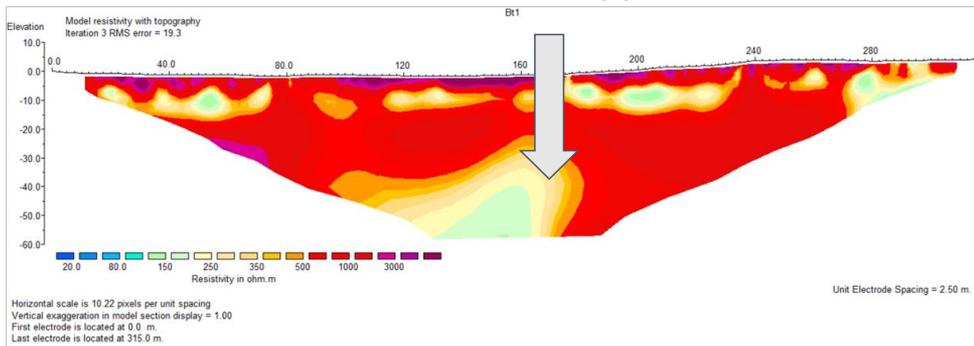
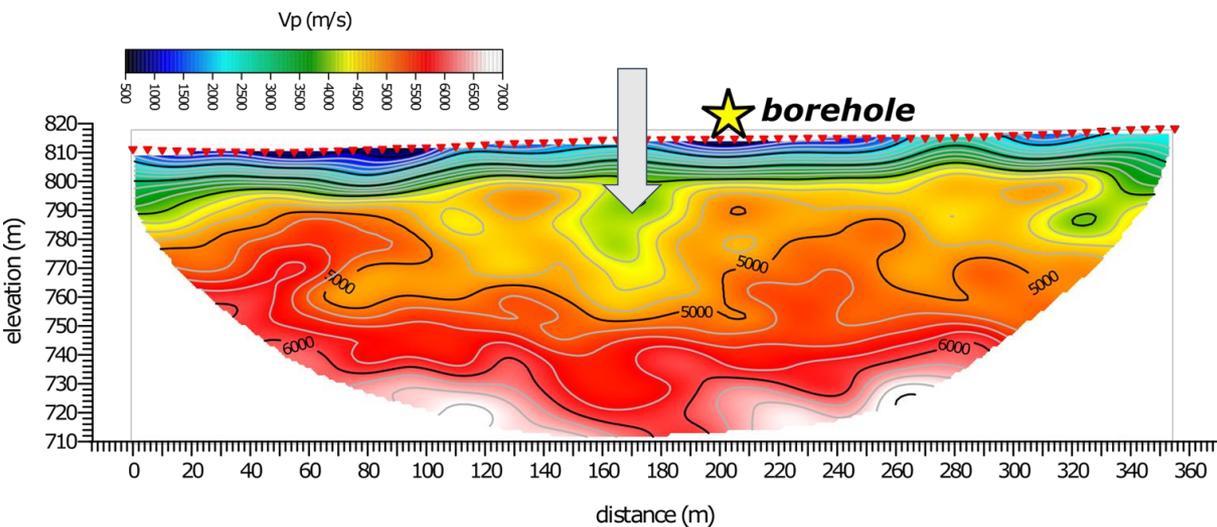
Rayfract© (final rms = 1.89 ms)

The models obtained with the two techniques show similar V_p range.

The multi-scale approach of the Invdfe code enables a deeper investigation depth.

1. Near-surface high- V_p (about 3000m/s) agrees with exposed granites
2. The relatively thin shallow layer with very high vertical gradient defines the granite weathered zone
3. V_p values around 5000 m/s indicate a low degree of fracturing of the granitoids
4. Higher V_p on the southern side suggest poorly fractured or stiffer granitoids
5. A narrow vertical anomaly with relatively low V_p (4000-4500 m/s) indicates a fractured zone to the south of the borehole
6. We estimate a thickness of the presumed fractured zone < 10 m (resolution test)

Seismic profile Site P2: comparison of 2-D Vp with ERT model

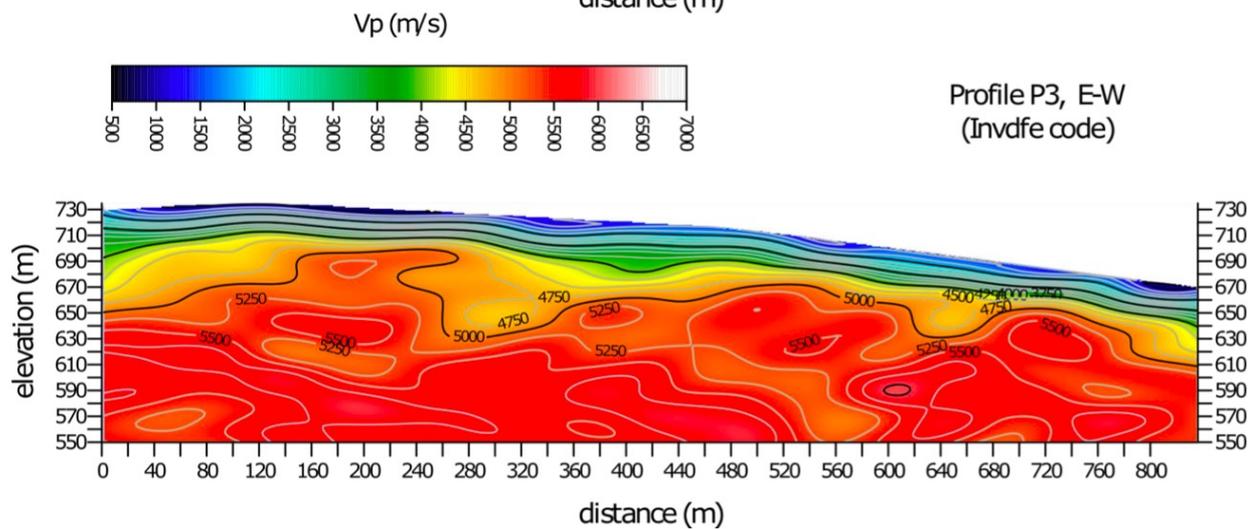
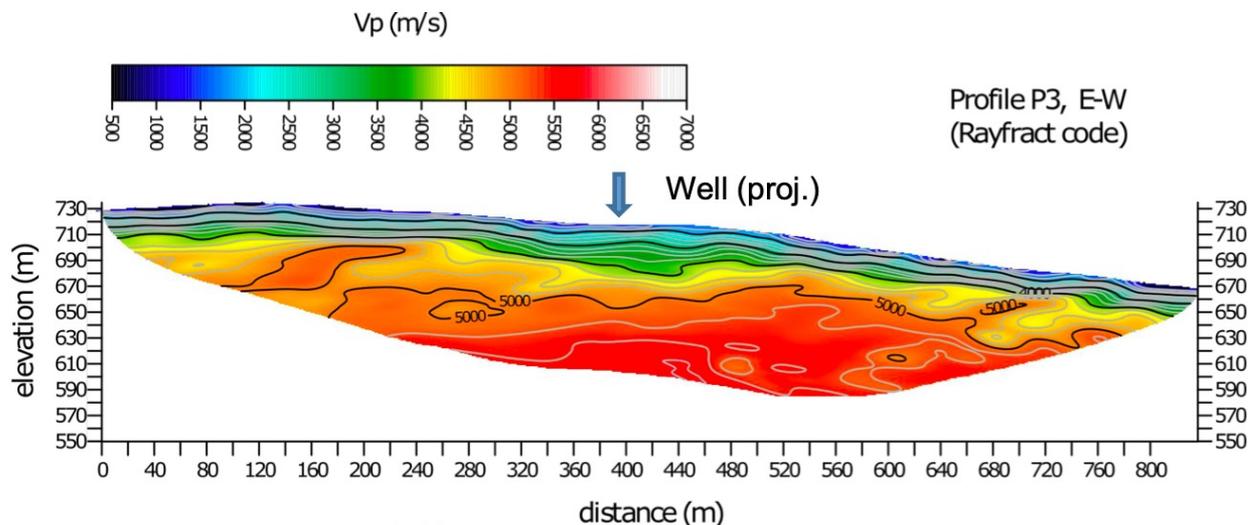


- 1) Seismic tomography and ERT agree in the thickness of the near-surface low-Vp/conductive layer (weathered granitoides)
- 2) Very high Vp and resistivity point to a weakly fractured bedrock
- 3) The vertical low-Vp zone agrees with a low resistivity region, confirming the presence of a steeply dipping fractured zone to the south of the borehole

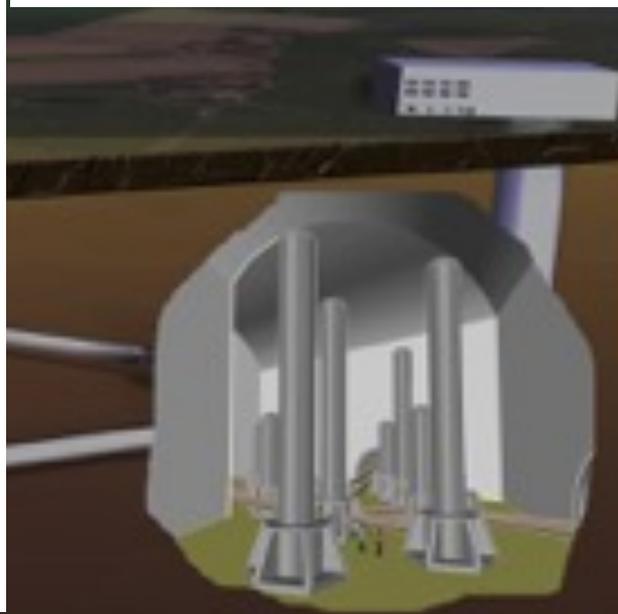


ERT model and fracture map courtesy of:
V. Longo, G. Cardello, G. Oggiano, D. D'Urso (University of Sassari)

P3 E-W: Invdfe and Rayfract codes



The velocity structure obtained with the two inversion codes is very similar but the multi-scale inversion strategy of **Invdfe** code allows to retrieve a slightly deeper model



Conclusions

- The geological environment in the survey sites is not suitable for seismic reflection techniques due to the absence of important seismic impedance contrasts
- From 2-D tomographic models presence of very stiff crystalline bedrock (V_p 5000- 5500 m/s), in agreement with a shallow propagation of seismic waves (50-90 m), despite the use of 720 and 835 m long arrays (with maximum offset of first arrival traveltimes readings of 715-725 m).
- The results of seismic surveys pointed out the absence of deep important fault zones with significant changes in the elastic properties in site P3.
- In site P2, there is hint for a fractured zone close to the drill site, in agreement with ERT models.

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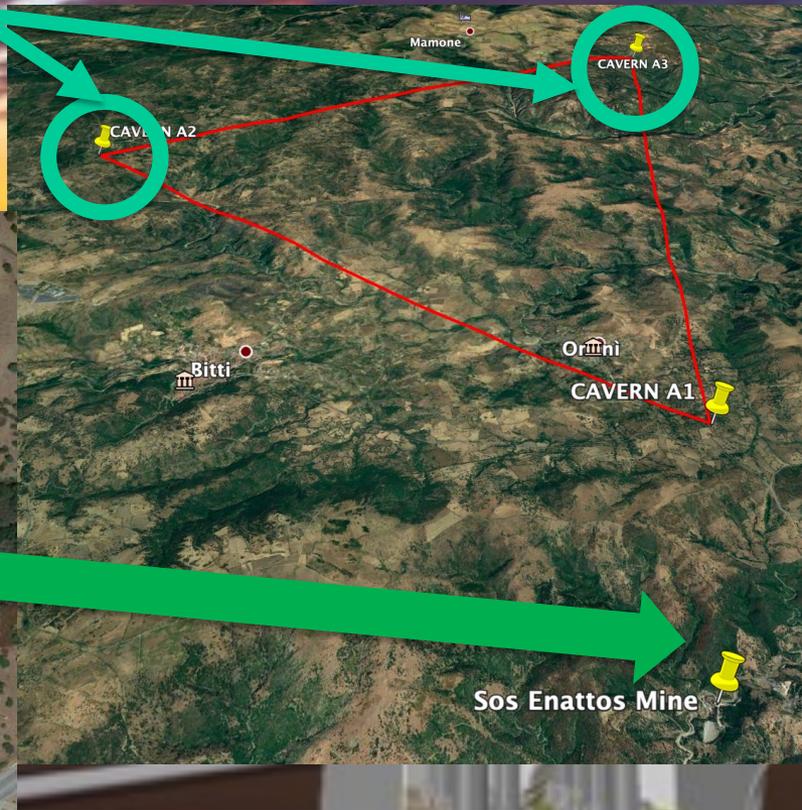
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News from Seismic measurements

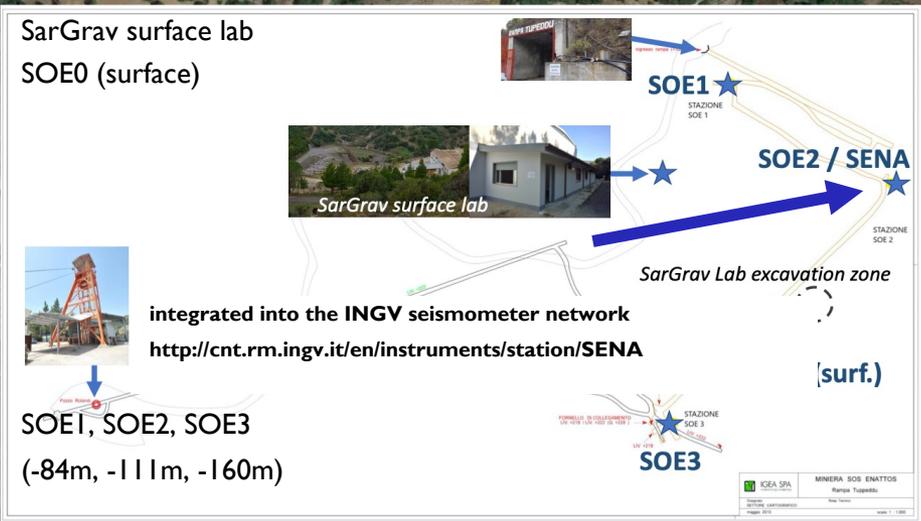


Measurement in Sardinia

Characterization of the Bitti and Onani corners:
Surface and underground seismic and environmental measurements

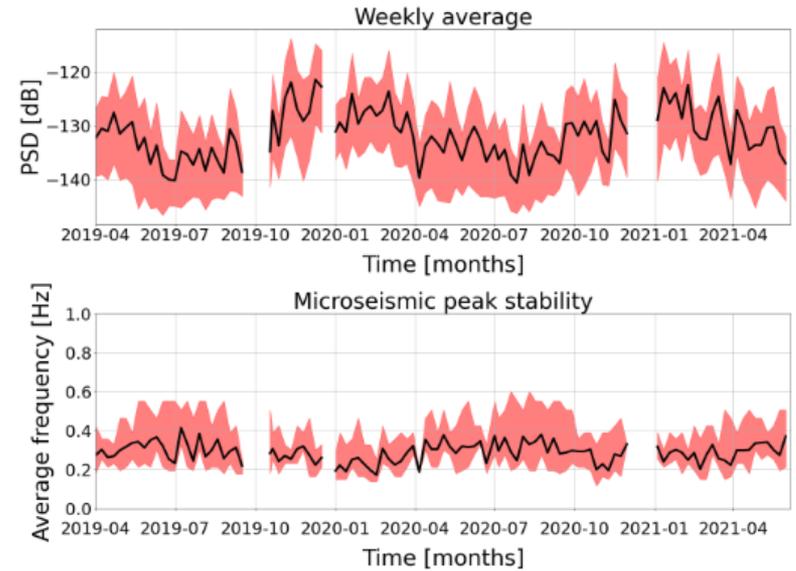


Sos Enattos measurement stations (since Aug. 2020)



4 broadband seismometers, 3 short-period seismometers, 2 magnetometers, 1 tiltmeter distributed over underground and surface stations

Updates from Sos Enattos (PI)



- A new T360 seismometer was added to the network at SOEI (April 22nd 2022);
- Study of seasonal natural and anthropogenic noise:
 - **M. Di Giovanni's talk** (paper ready for submission, internal review)

Seismic Station SENA Sos Enattos Mine

Network: **MN**

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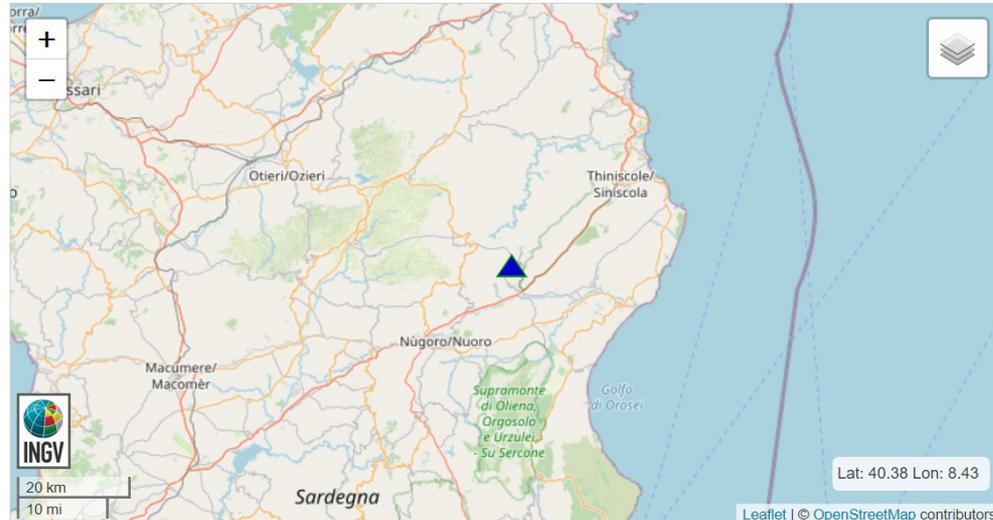
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Longitude: 9.4566

Elevation: 338

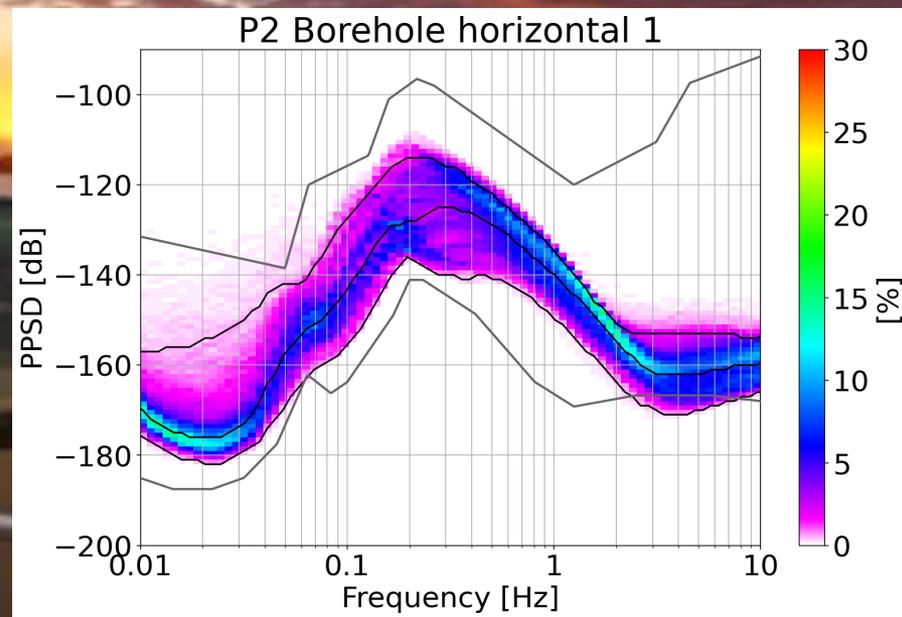
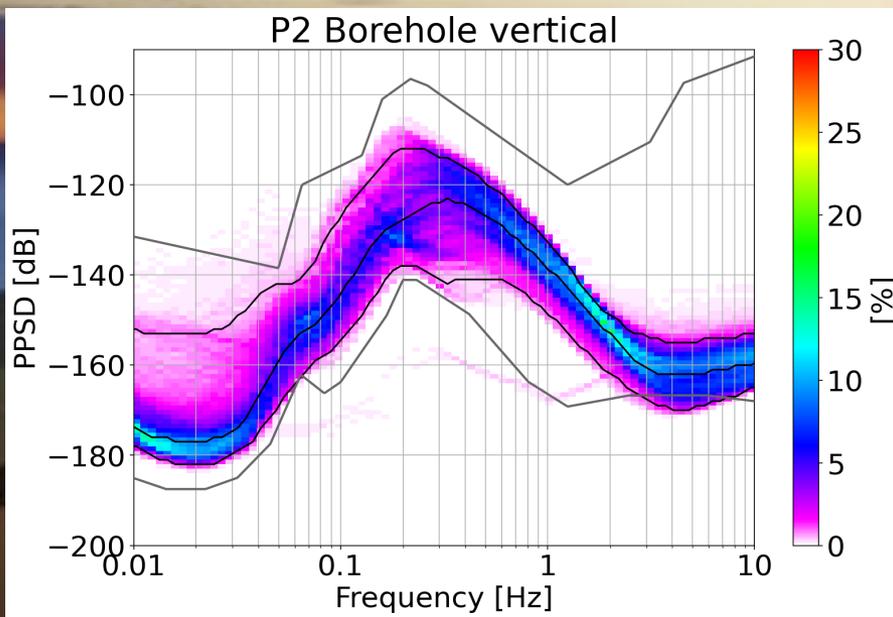
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- SOE2 (SENA) station at -III m was moved from the IV (*Italian Seismic Network*) to MN (*Mediterranean Very Broadband Seismic Network*) on February 1st 2022. To access the public data after that date the network must be changed accordingly.
- More info at: <http://terremoti.ingv.it/en/instruments/station/SENA>

Updates from P2 and P3

About half-year of continuous underground seismic measurements from the P2 and P3 boreholes, e.g.:



P2 (-264m) : 01 October 2021 – 20 March 2022

➤ **P2 and P3 borehole stations operative since mid Sept. 2021, but:**

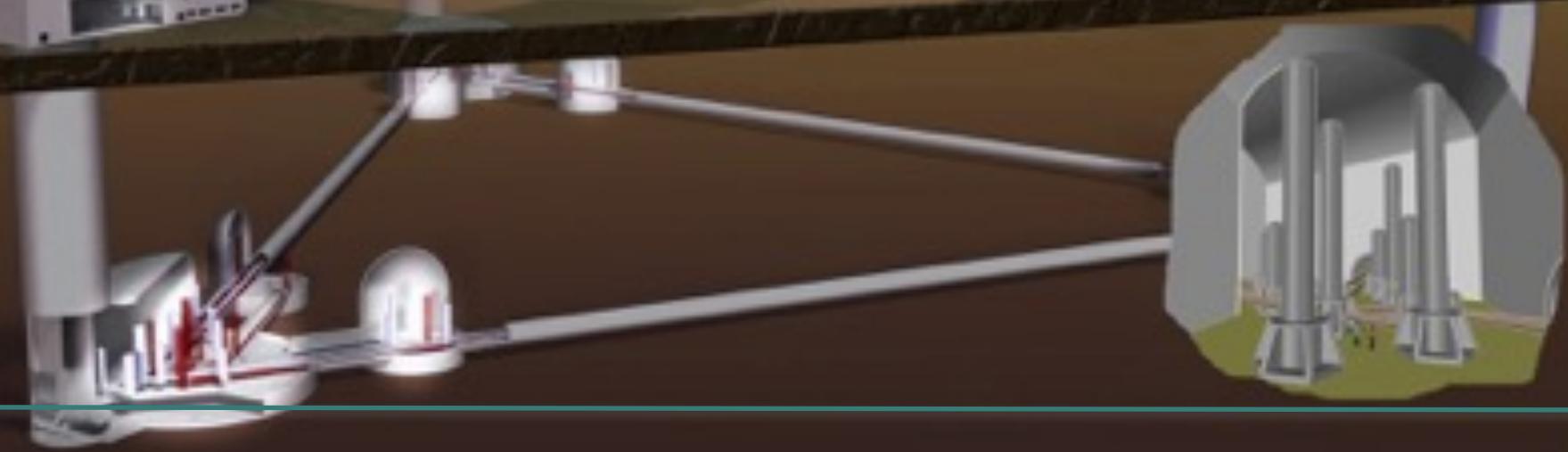
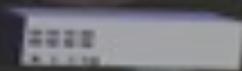
- ❑ Final configuration of the DAQ input ranges fixed in October 2021;
- ❑ During winter months we realized the need for an installation improvement (mainly to allow rainwater drainage from the pits);
- ❑ Surface sensors offline from 15th March to 21st-22nd April to allow excavation works;
- ❑ Improvement works completed in March 2022;
- ❑ We are setting flags to exclude data taken during noisy excavation works (e.g. 25th and 29th March).



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Magnetic measurements



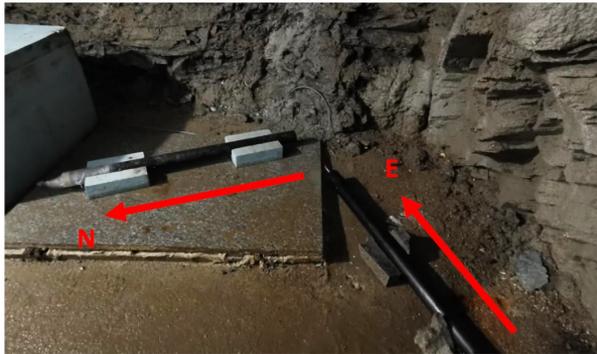
Magnetic Noise Measurements

Motivation

- The noise from natural or anthropogenic electromagnetic fields can affect the sensitivity of a gravitational wave interferometer in different ways:
 - Direct coupling with actuators of the mirror and suspension systems;
 - Coupling with electronic devices managing the interferometer;
- A special role, among the possible noise sources, is played by the Schumann resonances: a world-wide electromagnetic field sustained by the lightning discharges between the Earth surface and the ionosphere.
- Due to their global character, the Schumann resonances could set a strong limit in the detection capability of selected class of sources (e.g GW stochastic noise);

Magnetic Probes

- A new magnetometer was installed in SOE2 (-111 m);
- Perpendicular to the old one;
- Data available from 2021 December 11;
- All probes are Metronix MFS-06/06e, band: 0.25 mHz – 500 Hz;



Probes at Bitti (P2)

- Last September 17 a couple of magnetometers were installed in P2 (Bitti – NU), N-S and E-W orientation;
- The probes are the same used for Sossano, with a different data logger (Metronix ADU 08) sampling at 512 Hz;



- The surface magnetometer (SOE0: N-S orientation) is also active.
- Several steps during the last years.
- Data taking periods:
 - 1 - 2020 August 6 to November 9;
 - 2 - 2021 March 13 to April 30;
 - 3 - 2021 July 27 to September 14;
 - 4 - 2021 October 16 ongoing



Few weeks ago, by taking advantage of the works for the water drainage in P2 and P3, the installation of the vertical magnetometers was prepared;

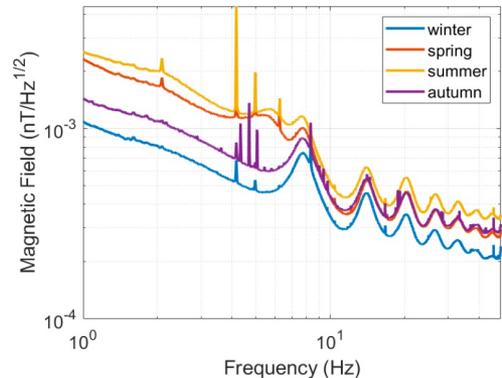
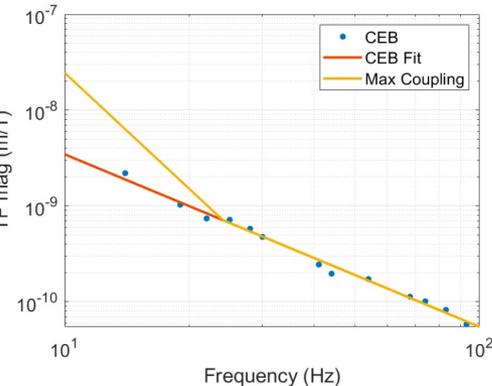
The sensor for P2 is already available, while the sensors for P3 should arrive in a couple of months;



Magnetic Noise Projection

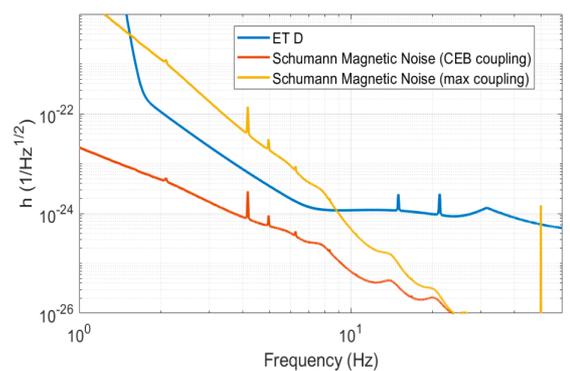
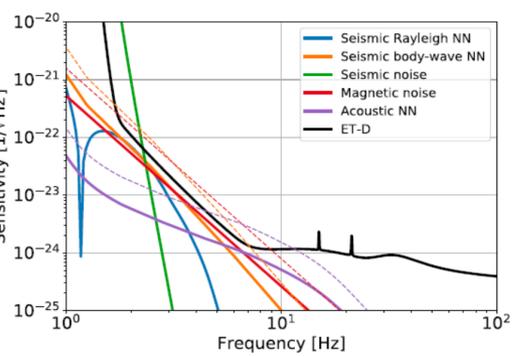


- The Magnetic field measured at SOE2 was used to estimate the effect of this noise on the ET floor;
- The coupling function was estimated by the result of the magnetic noise injections performed in Virgo during O3 (VIR-0291A-20). Warning: no direct measurement under 10 Hz;



- Projection in a very quiet environment;
- Coupling below 10 Hz just extrapolated by the fit;
- We expect a significant background noise increase in the final ET environment;
- More inputs are needed to estimate the magnetic coupling, both at low as at high frequencies

- With this assumption the magnetic noise (measured at SOE2), depending on the coupling model, the magnetic noise can limit the sensitivity;
- Warning: difference in the magnetic noise background



- **Geology:**
 - Geophysical campaign (geoelectrics and seismic lines along roads)
 - Complete the structural review of the area => **Field survey**
 - Hydrogeological model
 - Characterize fracture system => **from LIDAR images**
 - Perform microstructural studies => **thin sections**
 - Collect new samples for dating and chemical characterization
 - 3D geological modelling
- **Site Measurements**
 - Complete the long-term measurements
 - two additional magnetometer stations: SOE3 and P3
 - Interaction with windmills
- **PNRR projects supporting ET in Sardinia:**
 - INFN: a Reference System Network for geodetic survey (in coll. with ASI), strainmeter, Environmental Impact Assessment, Feasibility Design for surface works, Feasibility Design for technological systems, Feasibility Design of the Underground works
 - INGV: realization of a geophysical lab in the Sos Enattos area with additional 6 boreholes

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Natural Radioactivity

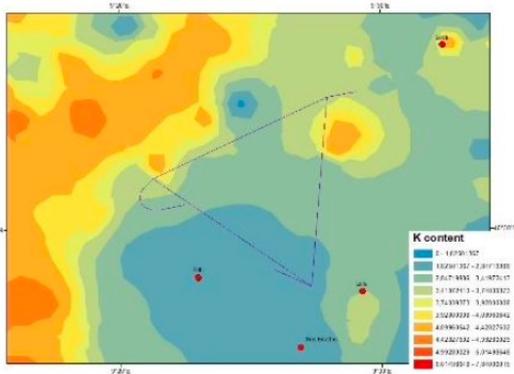


Fig. 9: Contour map dell'abbondanza naturale del ^{40}K .

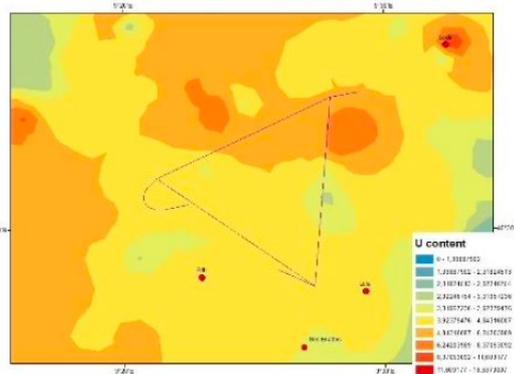


Fig. 10: Contour map dell'abbondanza naturale del ^{238}U .

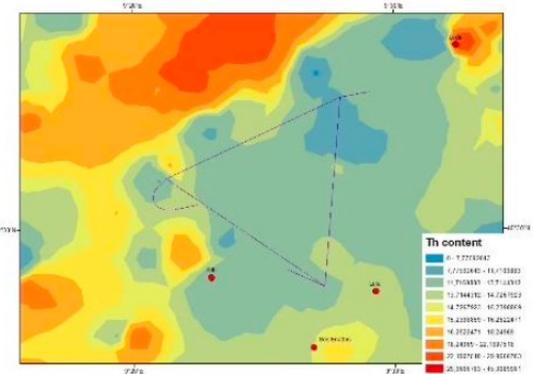


Fig. 11: Contour map dell'abbondanza naturale del ^{232}Th .



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