



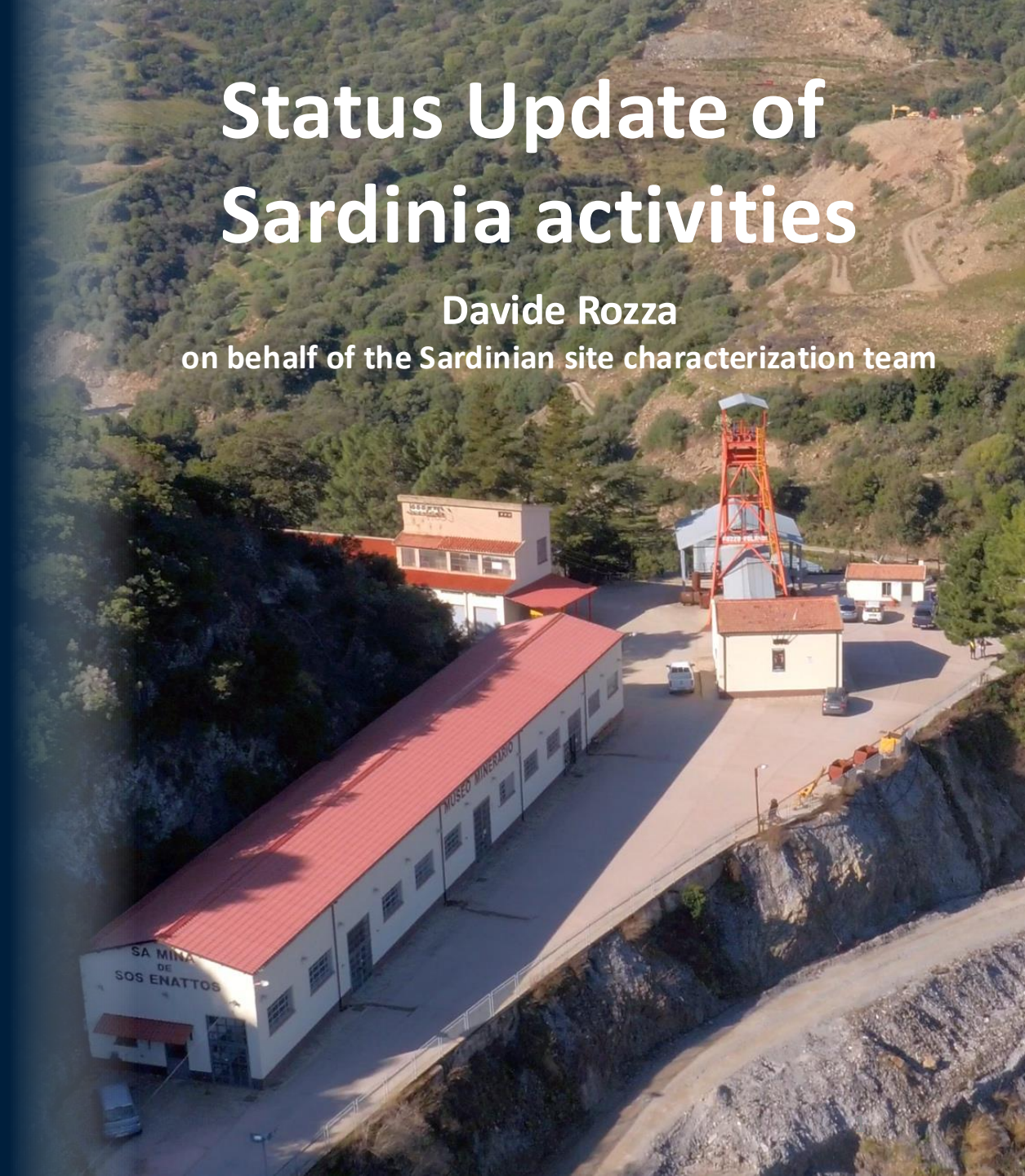
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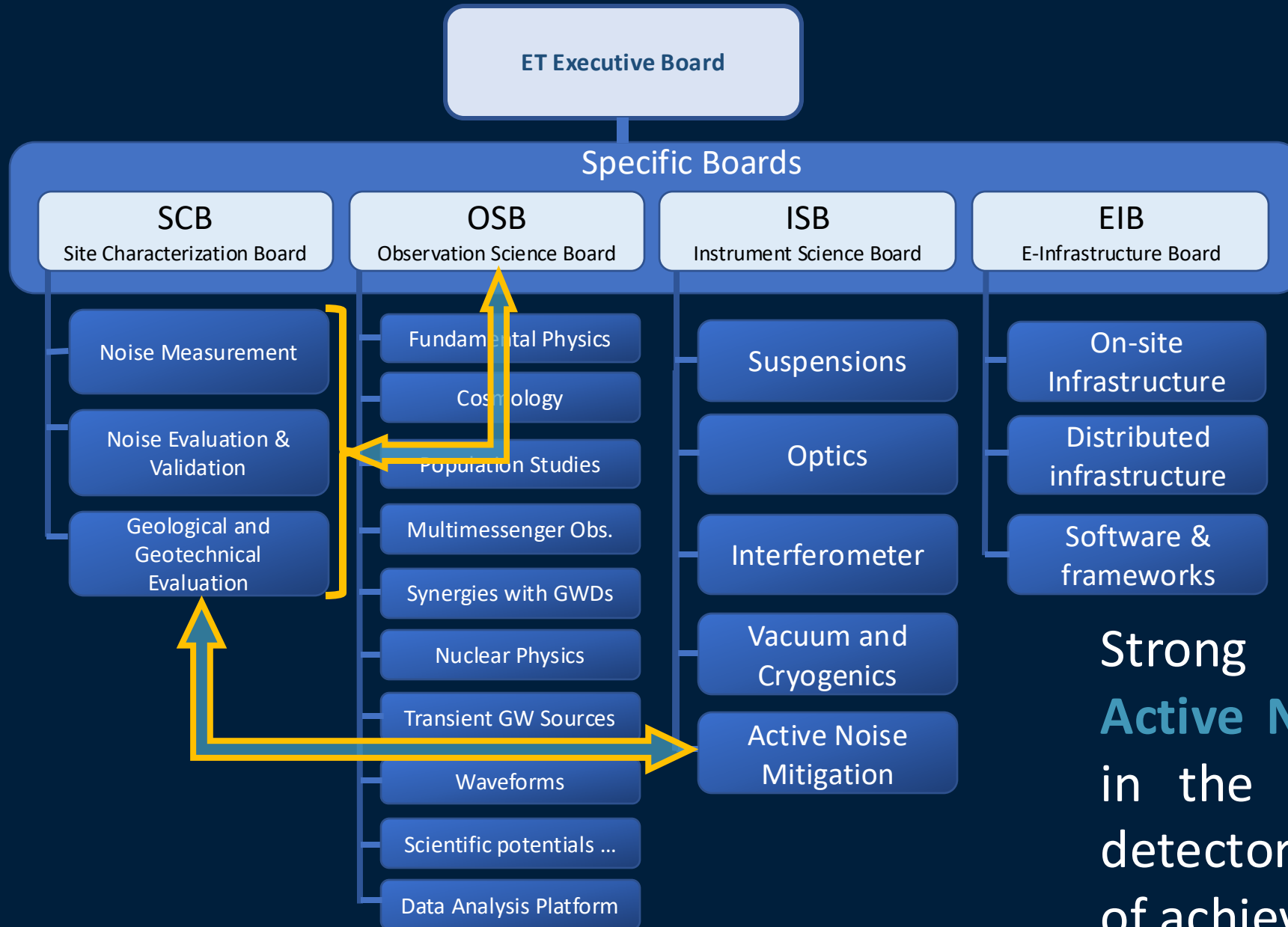


Status Update of Sardinia activities

Davide Rozza

on behalf of the Sardinian site characterization team





Strong interaction with the **Active Noise Mitigation** division in the **ISB** and with **OSB** for detector performance in terms of achievable physics goals ²

Olbia

Bitti

Onanì

Lula

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Bitti

Lula

Nuoro

100/300 m

10 km

We are in the **SOS ENATTOS** former mine area, where the **SARGRAV laboratory** can host:

UNDERGROUND
EXPERIMENTS

CRYOGENIC
PAYLOADS

LOW FREQUENCY AND CRYOGENIC
SENSOR DEVELOPMENT

that need **LOW SEISMIC** and **ANTHROPOGENIC NOISE**

Action lines

Two Geometrical Options: Δ vs 2L

Legal Framework and authorization

Socio-economic impact

Geological studies

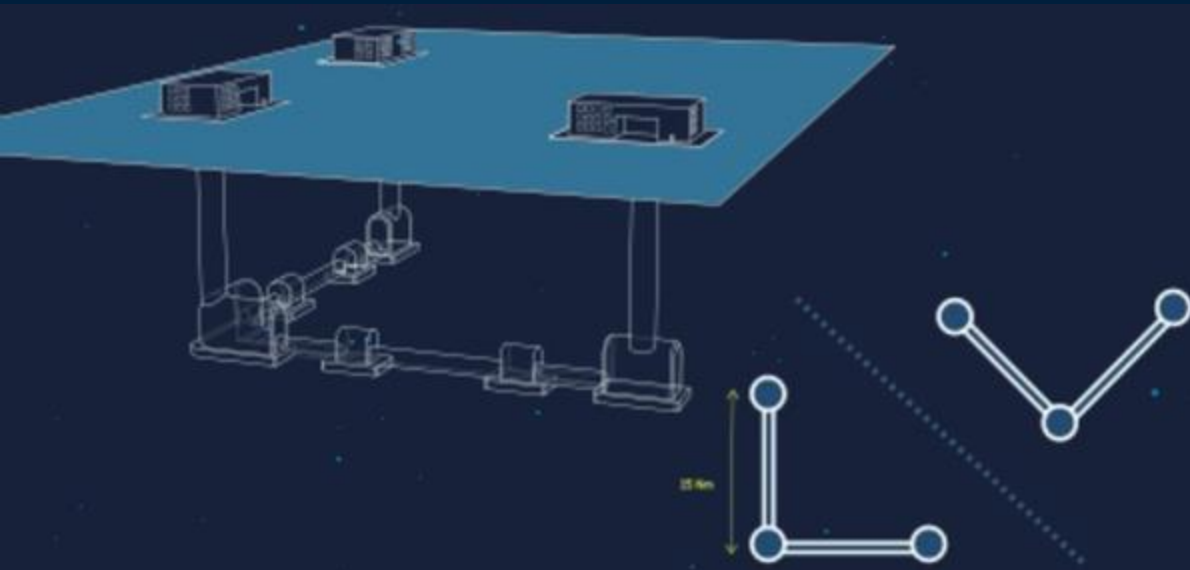
Site monitoring

Noise impact Evaluation

Engineering studies

cost and time estimation





Optimised Science Return

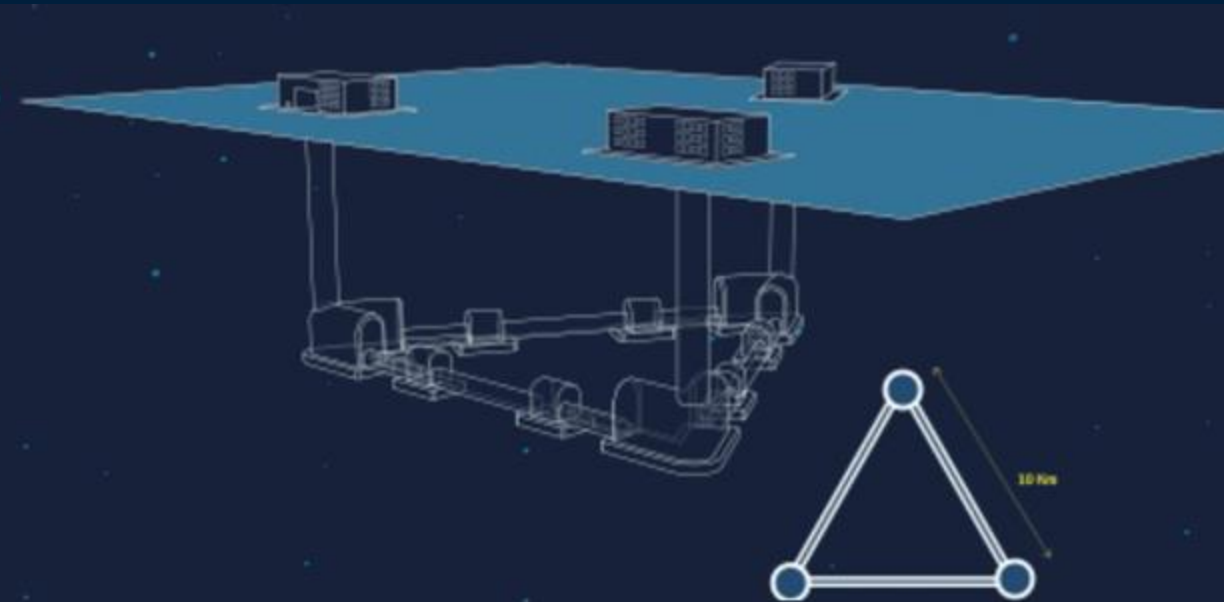
Journal of **C**osmology and **A**stroparticle **P**hysics
An IOP and SISSA journal

Science with the Einstein Telescope: a comparison of different designs

Marica Branchesi,^{1,2,*} Michele Maggiore,^{3,4,*} David Alonso,⁵
Charles Badger,⁶ Biswajit Banerjee,^{1,2} Freija Beirnaert,⁷

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The 2L 15 km geometry shows, wrt 10km Δ shape, an improved science return in the majority of science targets



Differential Risk Evaluation

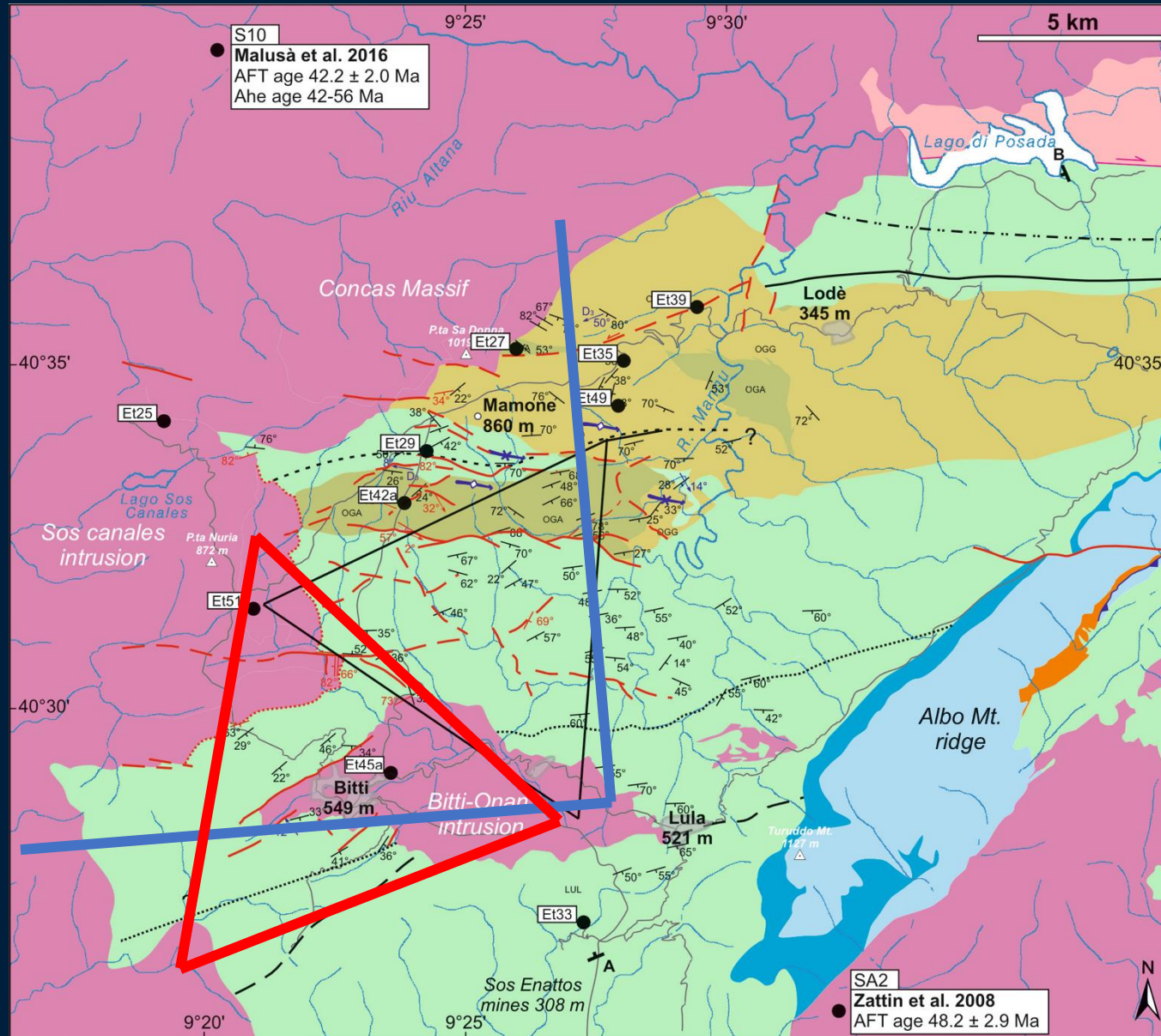
ET-Differential-Risk-Evaluation-And-Mitigation-Strategy-(ET-DREAMS)[¶]

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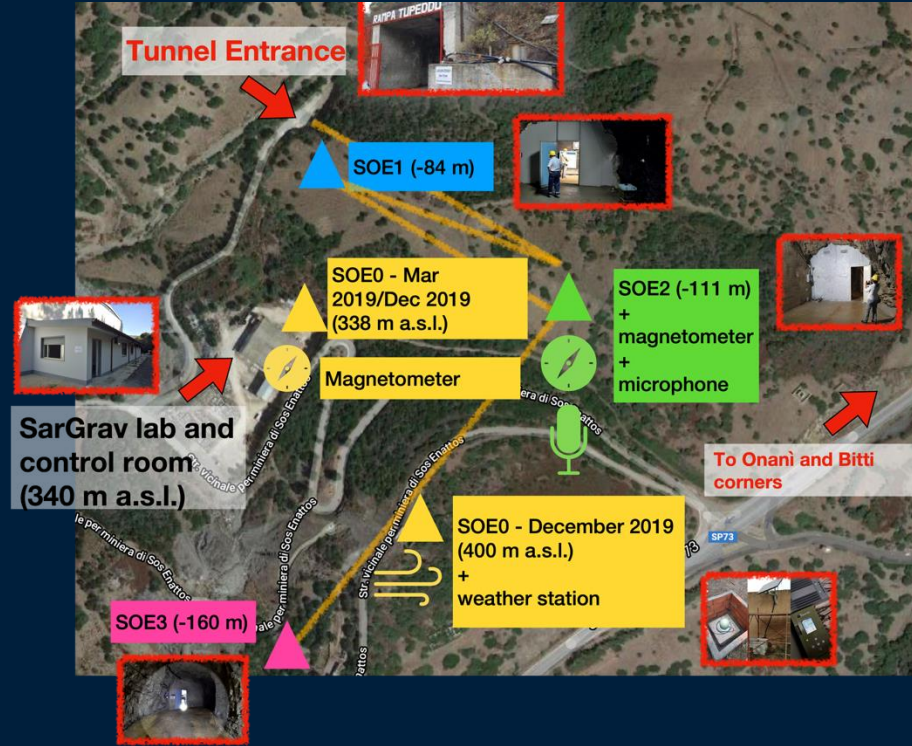
Geology updates



Geological exploration and new configuration selection for the candidate Einstein Telescope site in Sardinia (Italy)

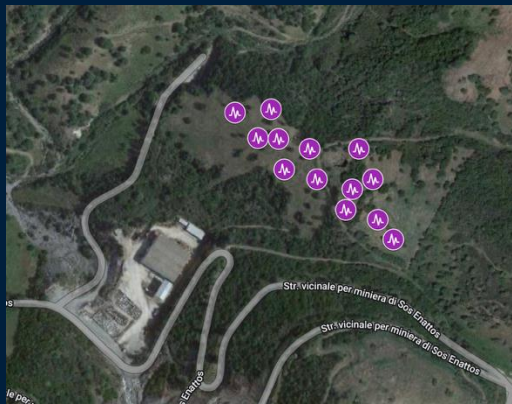
See G.L. Cardello talk

Site Monitoring



Permanent and temporary ARRAY for characterization and Newtonian noise purposes

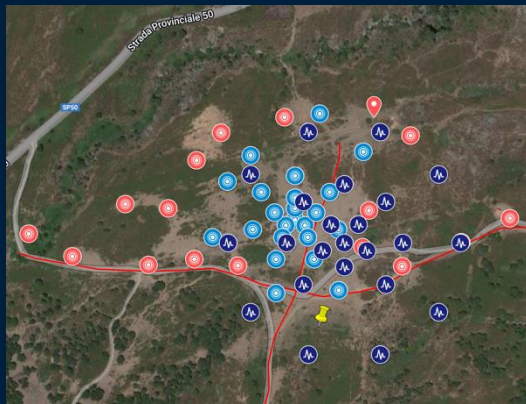
Sos Enattos broadband array
(January 2021)



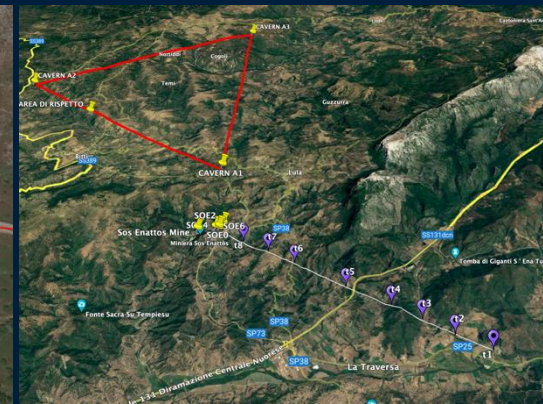
P2 broadband array +
geophones (September 2021)



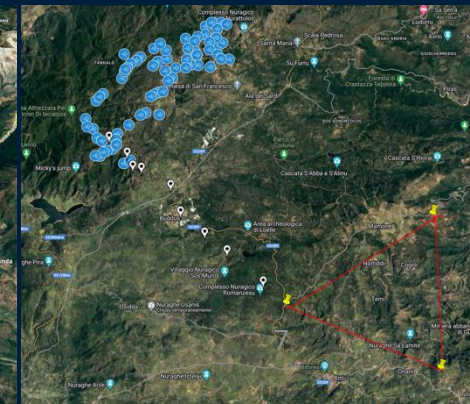
P3 broadband array +
geophones (July & Oct 2021)



Explosion broadband array
(early 2022)



Wind Park broadband array
(early 2023)



Site Monitoring

Permanent array since 2019 at **Sos Enattos**

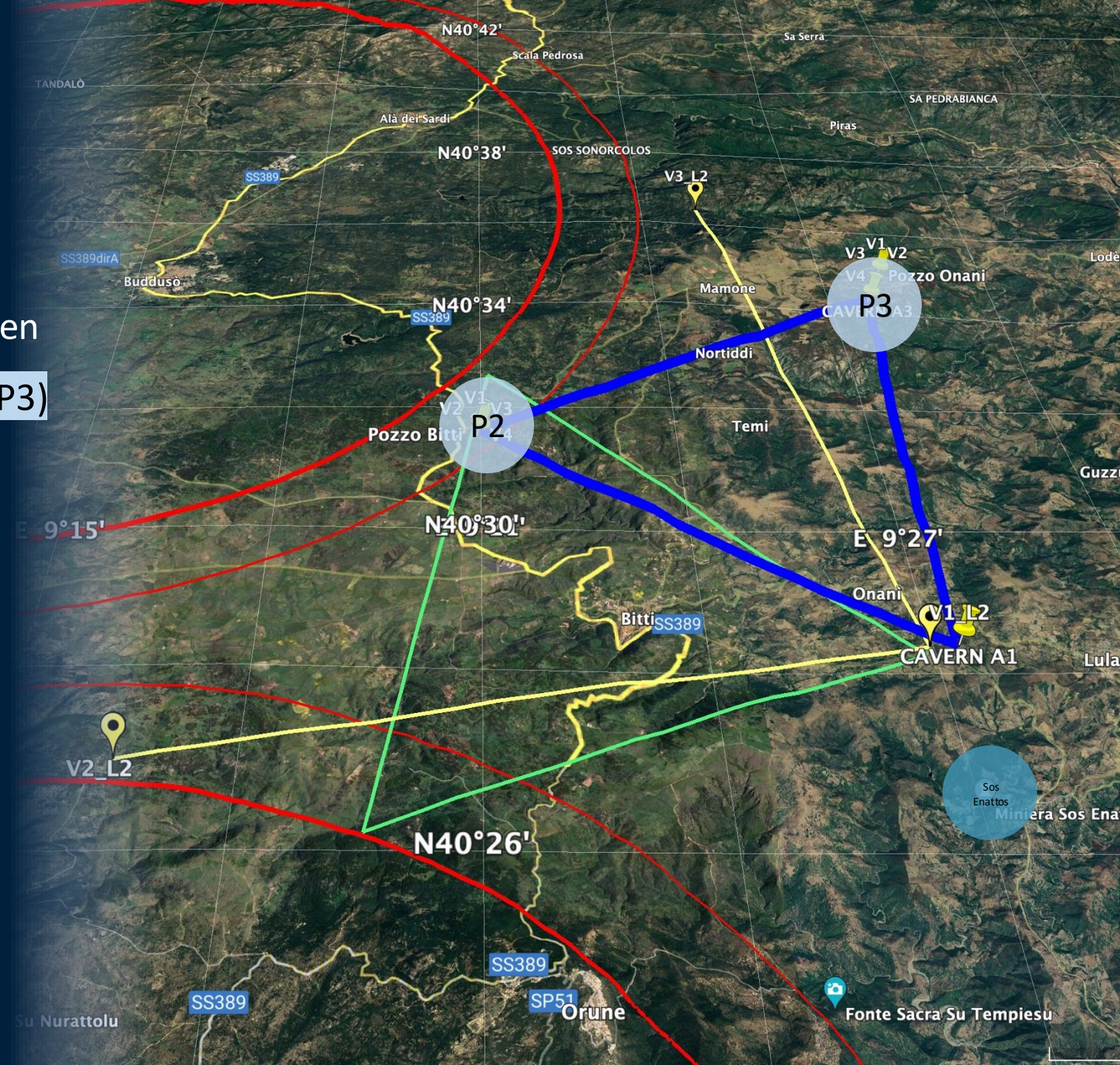
Since 2021, more permanent sensors have been installed at two of the proposed vertices (**P2, P3**)

2 broadband seismometers on surface;
2 broadband seismometers in boreholes;
2 magnetometers at P2;

Acoustic measurement campaign at P2 & P3

Gravimetric campaign will start soon

Sos Enattos area will be reached at 1 TB/s



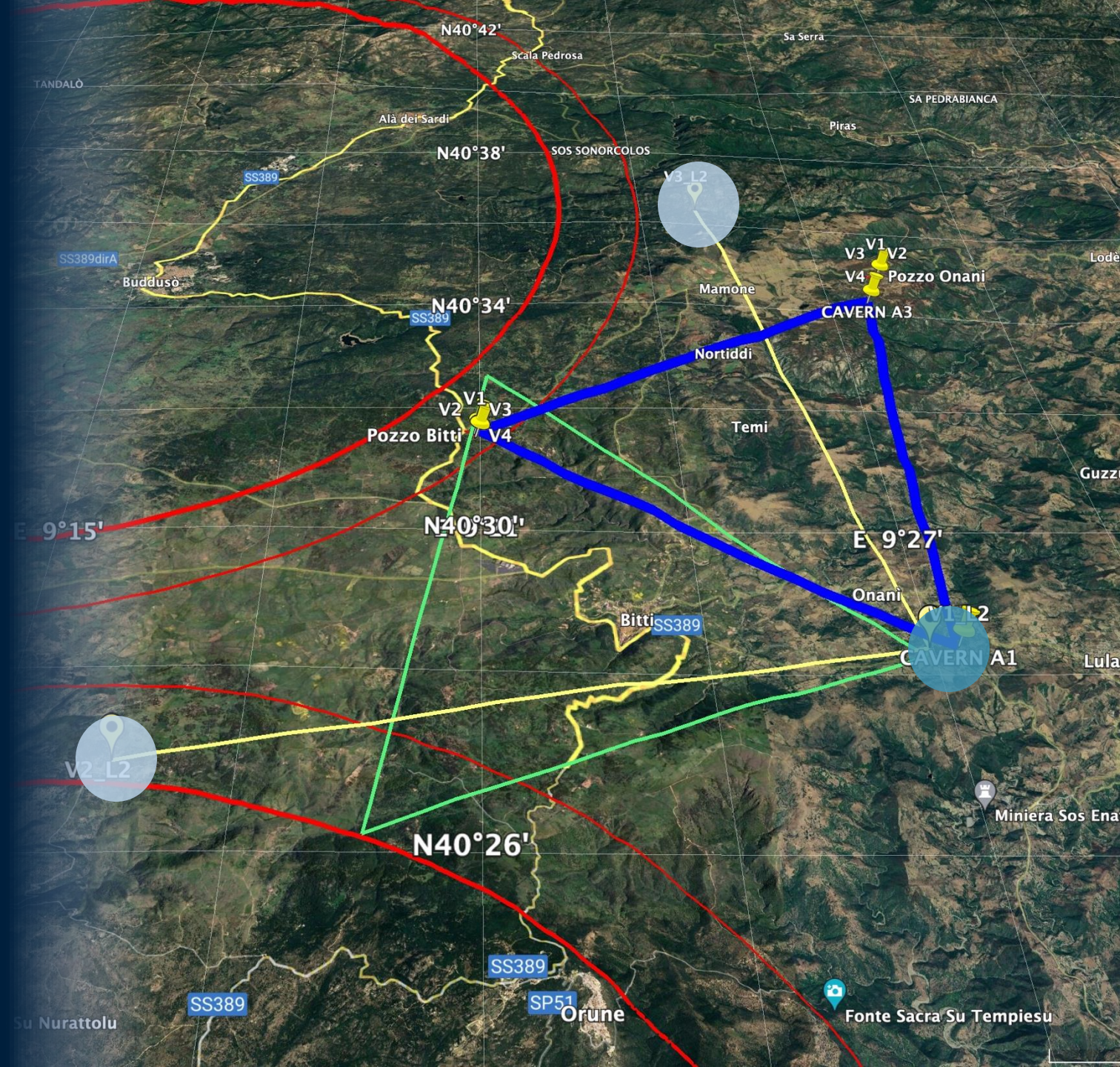
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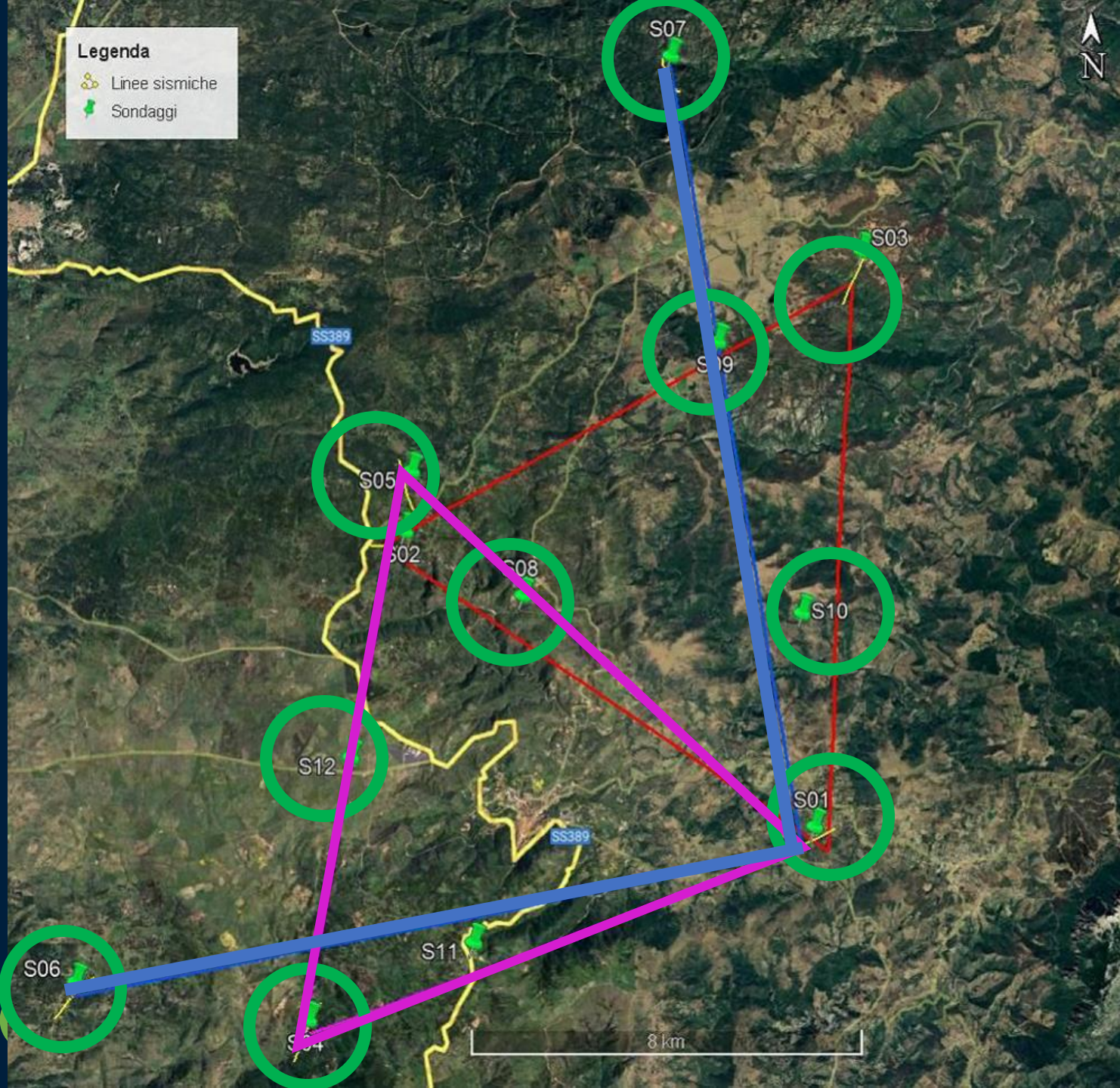
New stations at the other candidate vertices

new surface stations

(10 m underground)

new borehole station





New Drilling Campaign started in July '24

- 12 boreholes completed
- **Best Triangle and L identified**

Electromagnetic noise measurements

Magnetometers installed in the Sos Enattos area:

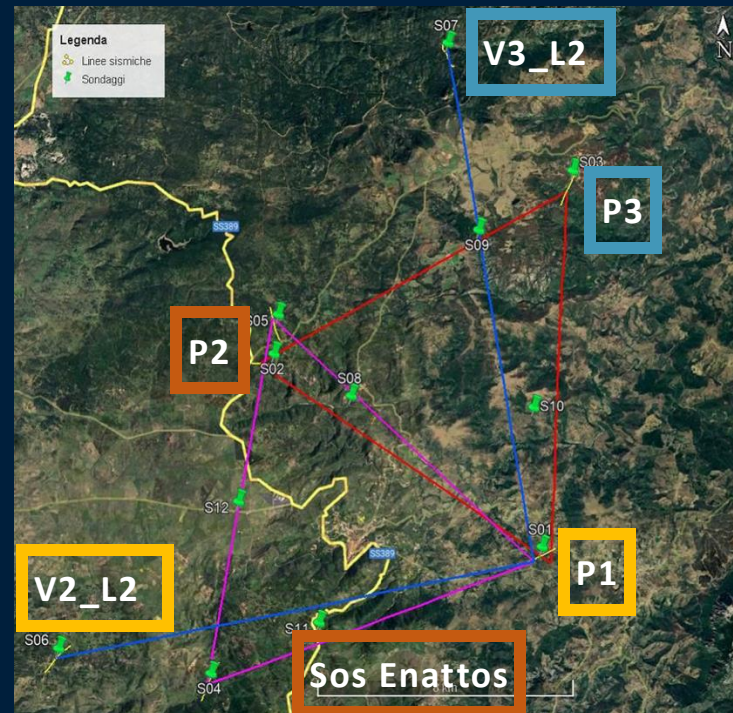
- 1 mag probe (N-S dir.) in surface at Sos Enattos (SOE0)
- 2 mag probes (N-S and E-W dir.) at -111 m underground at Sos Enattos (SOE2)
- 3 mag probes (N-S, E-W, Z dir.) in surface at Bitti (P2)

Ready to be installed:

- 3 mag probes at P3
- 3 mag probes at V3_L2

To be purchased and installed:

- 3 mag probes for V2_L2
- 3 mag probes for P1



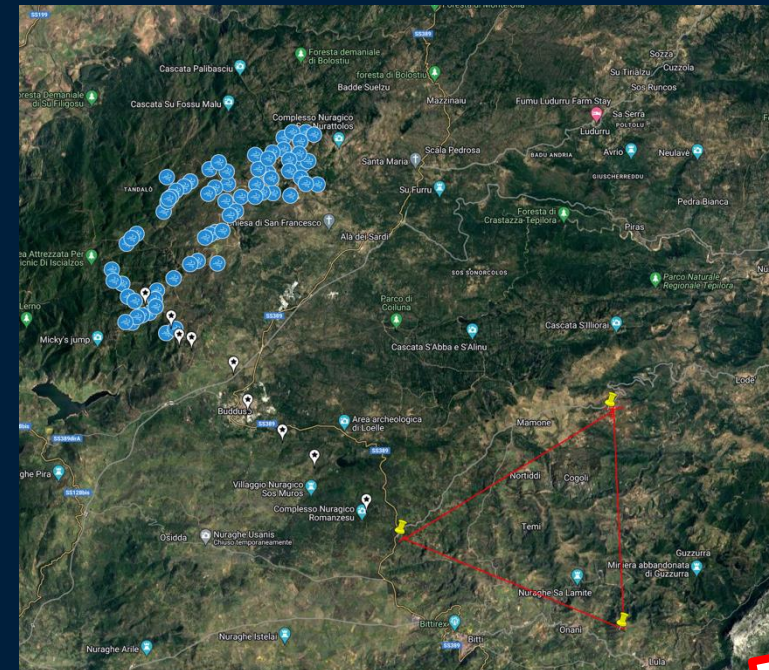
Activities and Timing

Engineering feasibility study (12 M€), company deadline Q3 2025

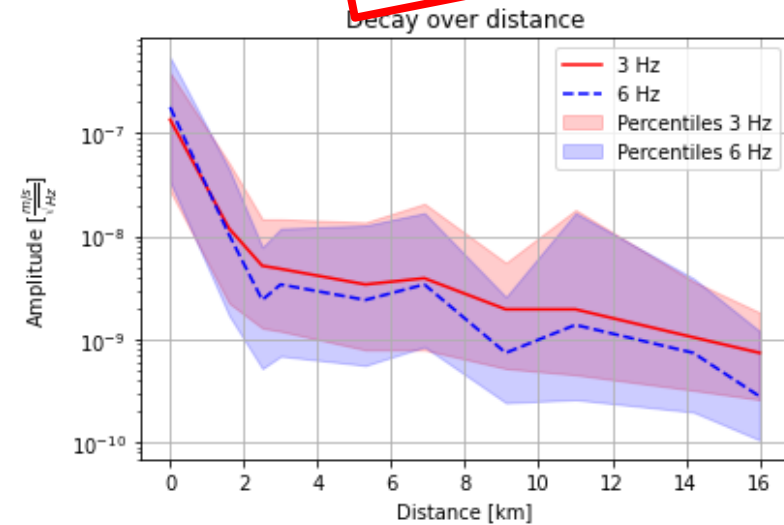
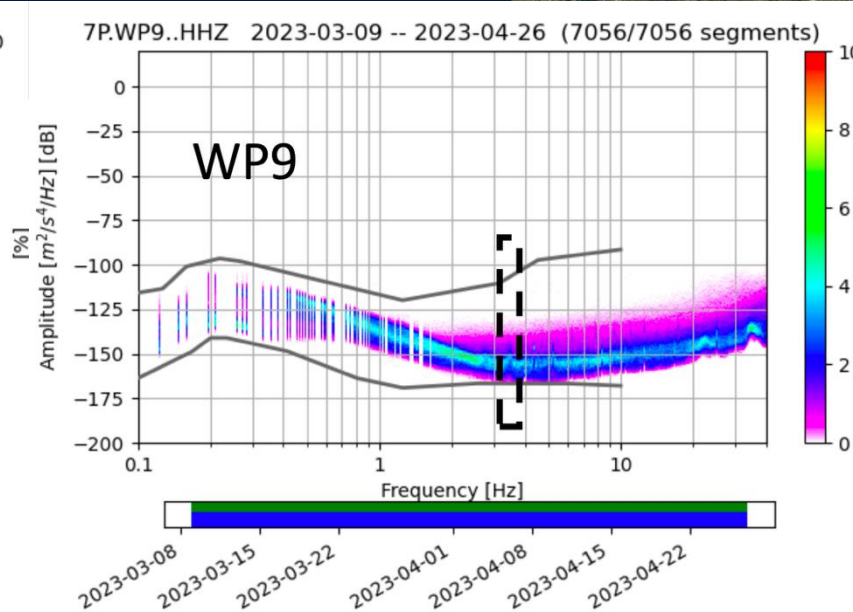
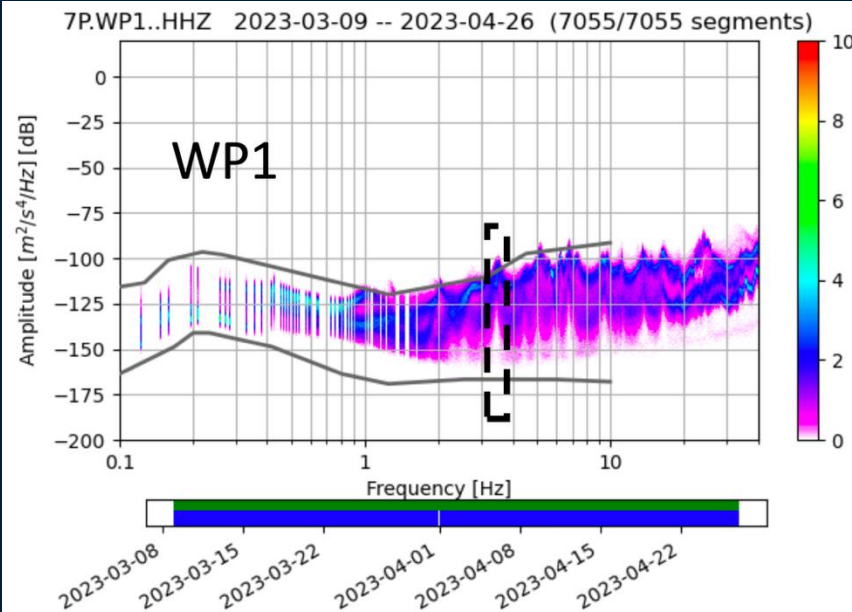
- Technical Studies for Subsurface Assessment and Risk Analysis
- Design and Construction Feasibility Assessment
- Cost and Time Estimation
- Environmental Impact Assessment, Permits, and Noise Mitigation Measures
- Safety and Security Plan
- Technical Infrastructure (Underground and Surface)

Hunting the noise source

Seismic noise characterisation for the Buddusò – Ala dei Sardi wind park (Sardinia, Italy) and its impact on the Einstein Telescope candidate site



See Diaferia paper

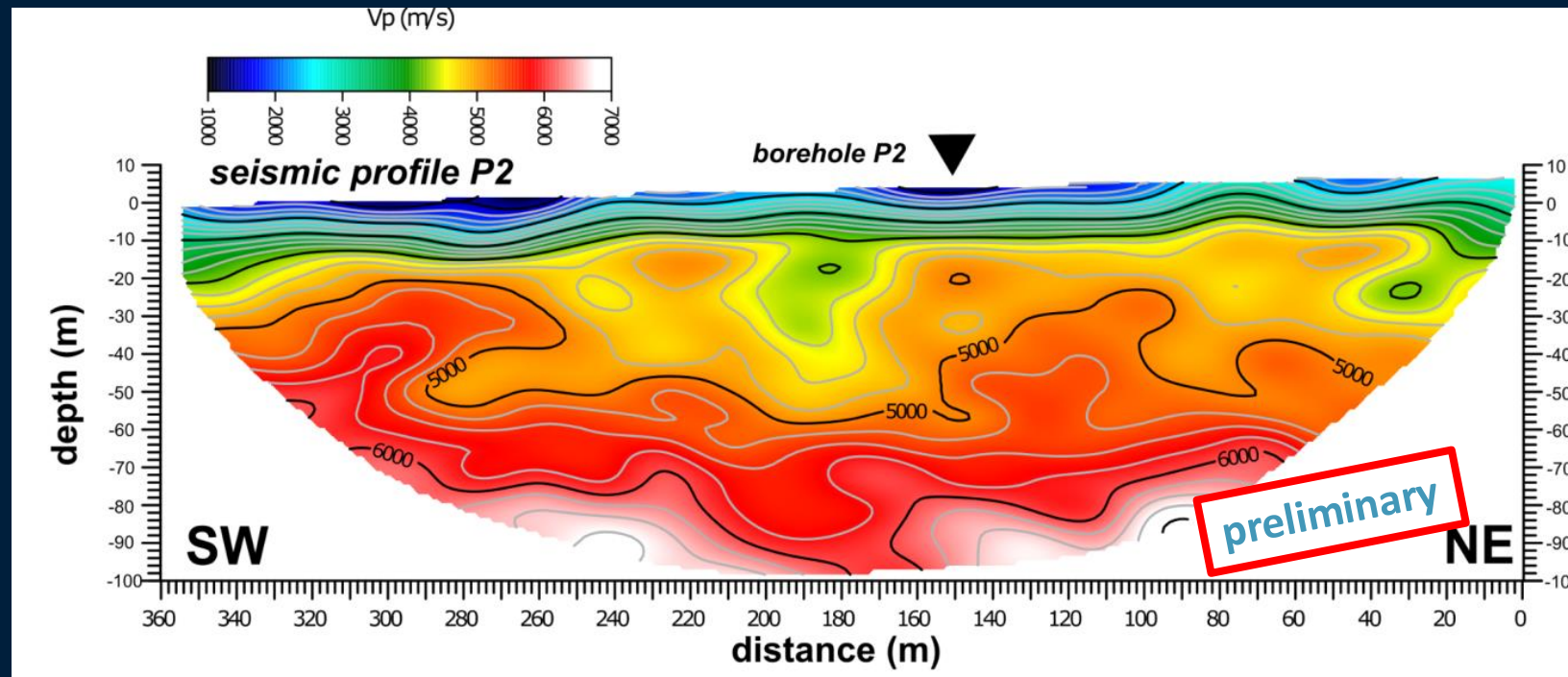


Active noise campaign

Subsurface characterization of crystalline rocks at the Einstein Telescope candidate site (Italy):
Insights from seismic tomography, geoelectrical and morphostructural surveys



See Villani paper



Impact of the Newtonian Noise on Einstein Telescope science

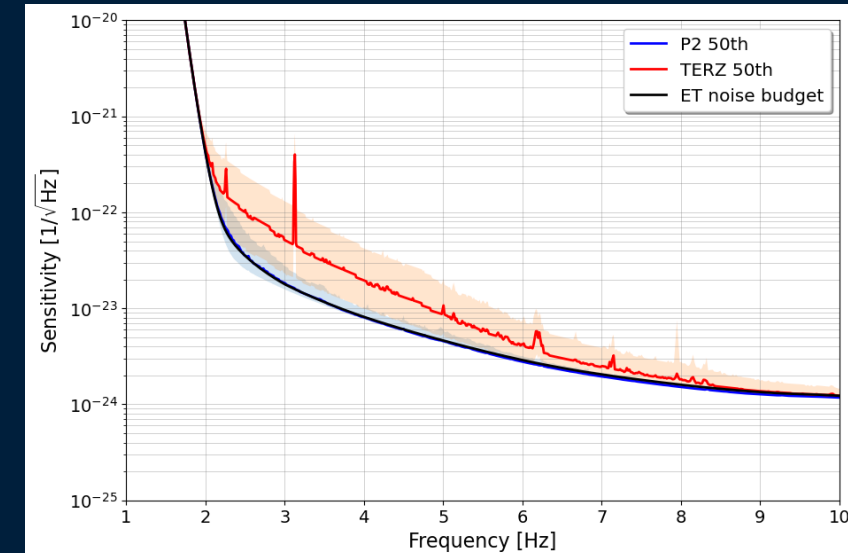
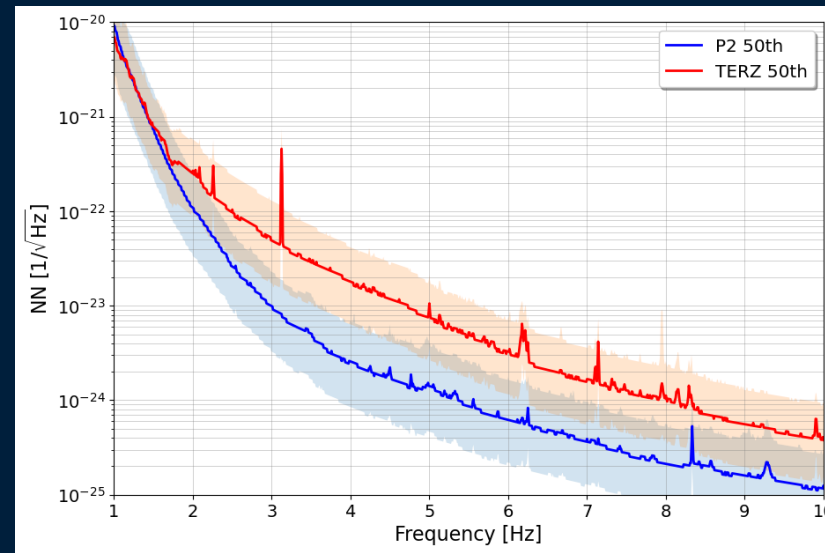
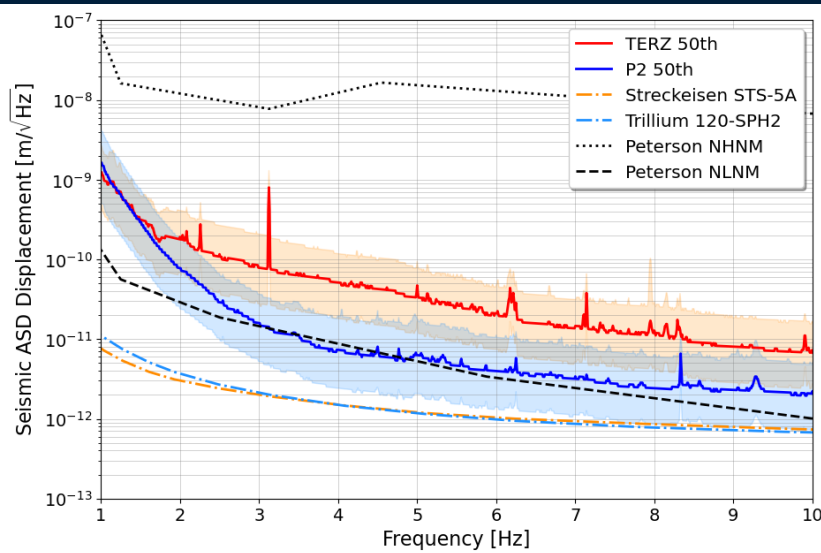


See M.D. Giovanni talk & paper

Seismic ASD Displ.

NN ASD

ET sensitivity



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+ several internal notes, reports and talks

FABER
(INGV)

ET – SUNLab
(INFN + INGV + INAF)

Adria Array
(INGV)

Collateral Activities

**Cosmic ray
measurement**
(INFN)

**Seismic noise
contribution from wind**
(INFN)



ET – SUNLab (INFN + INGV + INAF)



SarGrav will be replaced with the new **SUNLab** Research center building.

Next year, daily data at the mine will be affected by **working activities**, only data outside working time will be used.



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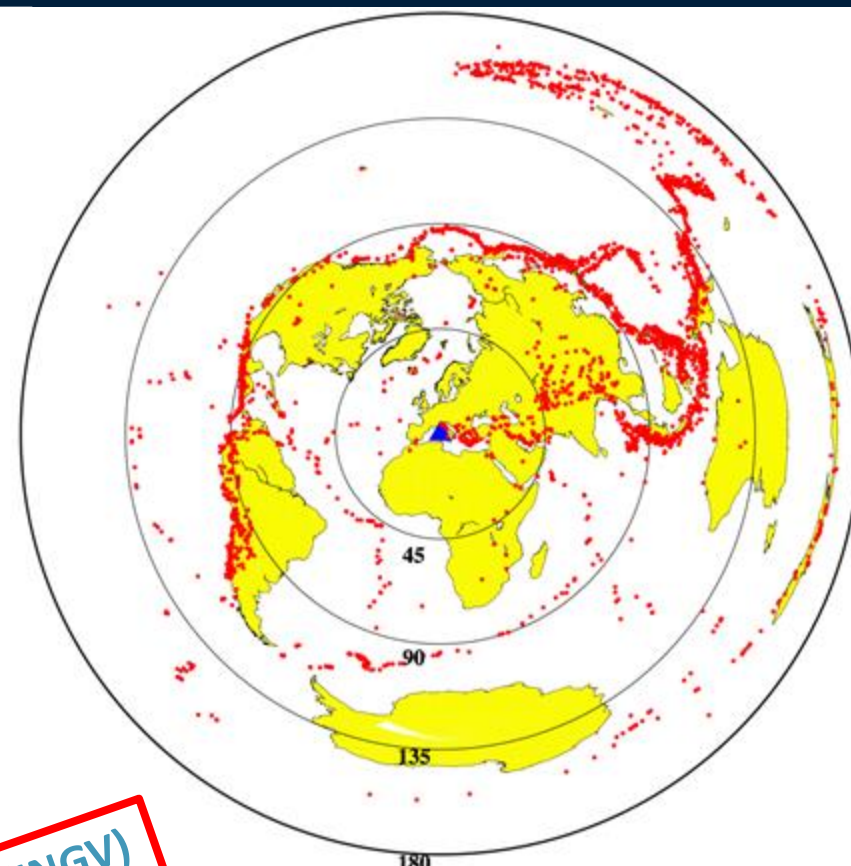
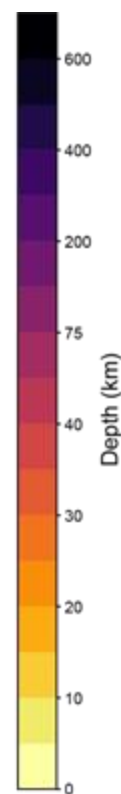
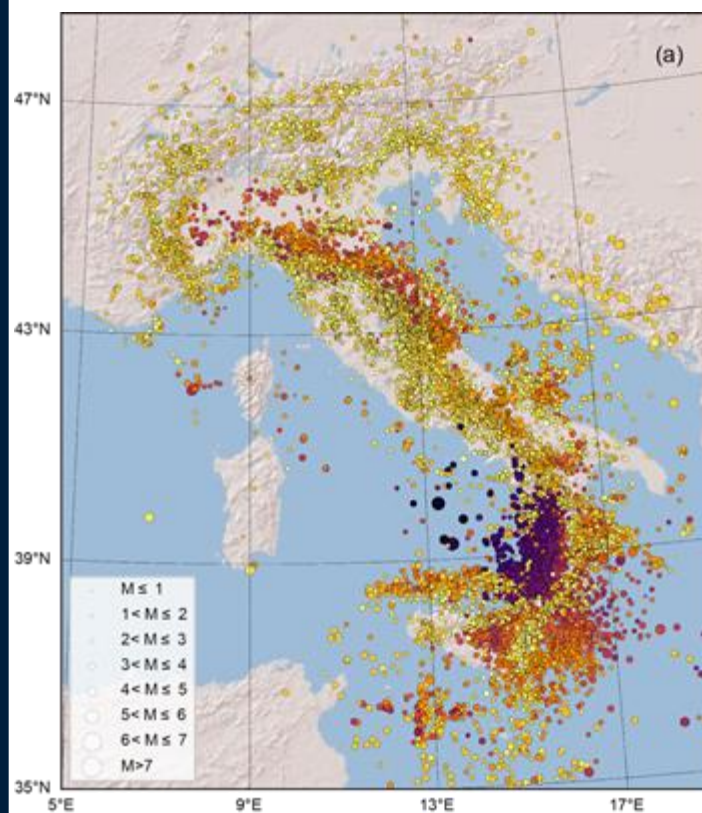
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FAR FAULT OBSERVATORY

=> Earth Telescope

Seismic events 1985-2022



Credits C. Giunchi (INGV)

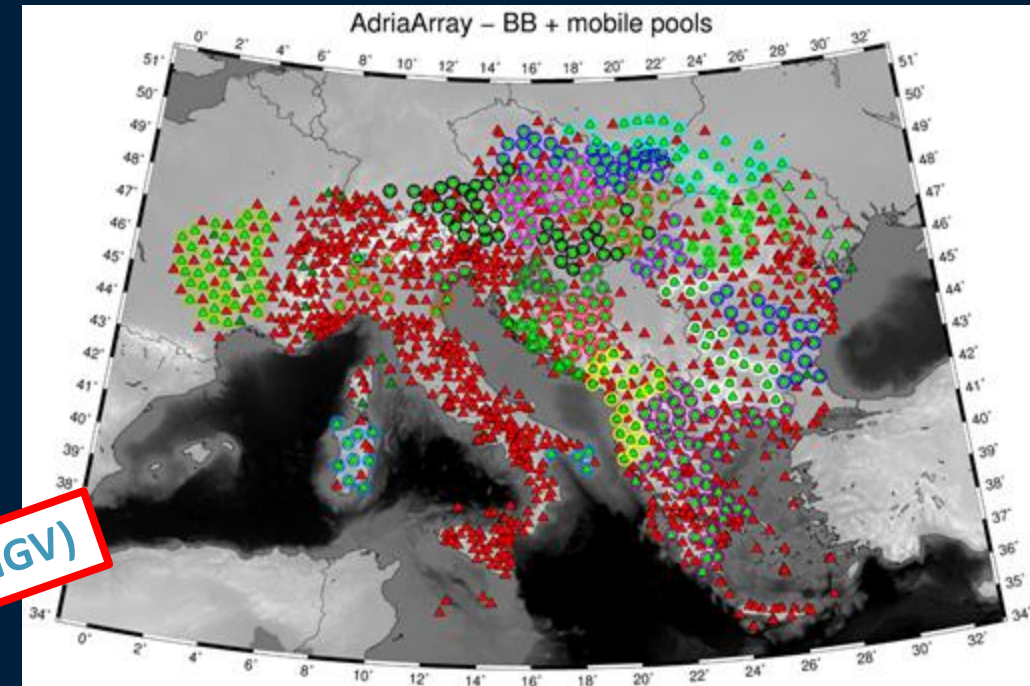
Adria Array (INGV)

- 8 broadband seismic stations
- 2 years



GOALS

- Improve capability to record earthquakes and quarry explosions in Sardinia
- Improving the crustal velocity model
- Contribute to the AdriaArray project to better understand the Adria plate



Conclusions

Sardinia is **geologically very quiet**, far from active fault lines, and characterized by low anthropic noise.

Since 2019 (and before in 2010-2014), we installed **permanent and temporary arrays** of sensors and **two instrumented boreholes** (operative since 2021).

12 more boreholes are excavated in the other vertices of both Δ and L configuration.

New sensors for seismic, magnetic and acoustic noise analysis will be installed in the next months.

New NN estimation with detailed geological model is ongoing

From the geological and physical point of view, Sardinia is an optimal candidate to host the Einstein Telescope, either in Δ or in L ($\rightarrow$ 2 sites) configuration!

These results is achieved thanks to the great **collaboration** between Italian and International Research Institutes that have brought together **different and complementary skills and expertise**.

