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Seismic studies at Sos Enattos, the Sardinian site for the Einstein Telescope

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The Sos Enattos site in Sardinia









The Sos Enattos site in Sardinia









Sos Enattos former mine

- Maintained (by IGEA SpA) underground access via tunnels and shaft;
- Site studied in 2010-2014. Long-term sensors deployment since March 2019;
- Hosts the SarGrav Laboratory (→ talk by D. D'Urso, R&D facilities and plans session).





The Sos Enattos site in Sardinia



Ongoing site characterisation:

□ Seismic noise study at the triangle corners (Sos Enattos, Bitti and Onani);

□ Other environmental noises in the area (magnetic, acoustic...);

Local geology (rocks, groundwater...);

□ Seismic field and Newtonian noise modelling at the site.



ET requirements check;

Site qualification;

Possible site-dependent choices for the detector final design.







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Measurement stations at the Sos Enattos corner:

- SarGrav surface Lab + Control Room; -
- **SOE0** (surface);
- Instrumented stations **SOE1**, **SOE2**, **SOE3** (86m, 111m, 160m underground).

Sensors currently installed:

- 4 broadband triaxial seismometers (*Nanometrics Trillium 240 & 120 Horizon*);
- 2 magnetometers (*MF6-06*);
- 5(+3) short-period triaxial seismometers (*Nanometrics Trillium 20PH*, first seed of a transportable array);
- High Precision Tiltmeter (part of the Archimedes experiment @ SarGrav) -
- Weather station (@ SarGrav Lab). -

Work in progress: new sensors (seismometers and geophones, magnetometers, microphones) will be added to the network in the next months



Sos Enattos measurement stations (2019-2020)

Rampa Tupeddu entrance





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SarGrav Control Room (340 m asl)

SOE0 (400m asl)

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Control Room + Surface Lab

SOE1 (-84m)

SOE2 (-111m)

SarGrav Con rol Room (340 m asl)

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SOE0 (400m asl)





Sos Enattos measurement stations (since Aug. 2020)

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SARGRAV surface lab & control room







DAQs, Network connections, weather stations, *Archimedes* tiltmeter, T20 seismometers





SARGRAV surface lab & control room



→ talk by **D. D'Urso**, R&D facilities and plans session







SOE0 station (*since December 2019*)



TRILLIUM 240s + Taurus DAQ

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SOE1 station (84m underground, Mar. 2019 – June 2020)



TRILLIUM 240s + Taurus DAQ





SOE1 station (84m underground, *since June 2020*)



TRILLIUM 120 Horizon + Centaur6 DAQ

DAQ input range reduced to 4Vpp (WRT 40Vpp standard settings);

 \rightarrow Effective reduction of DAQ self noise in the few Hz band;

 \rightarrow Measured noise floor hits the Earth Person's Low Noise Model.







Double wall + insulation box + pasta-pot insulation







TRILLIUM 240s + Centaur6 DAQ





Double wall + insulation box + pasta-pot insulation



Magnetometer MFS-06





SOE2 station (111m underground, *since March 2019*)



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Seismic Station SENA Sos Enattos Mine

Network: IV Start Date: 2019-10-18T00:00:00 End Date: --Latitude: 40.4444 Longitude: 9.4566 Elevation: 338 Download StationXML



Number of channels: 3

Channel	List
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Code	Location Code	Start Date	End Date	Data Restriction
HHE		18-10-2019		open
	Latitude: 40.4444		Azimuth: 90	
	Longitude: 9.4566		Sample Rate: 100	
	Elevation: 338		Storage Format: Ste	im2
	Depth: 111		Sensitivity Value: 478760000	

SOE2 station is integrated into the Italian national seismometer network of INGV (<u>SENA station</u>)



http://cnt.rm.ingv.it/en/instruments/station/SENA
Public data access
NB: standard DAQ input range in this network is 40Vpp





SOE3 station (160m underground, since Aug. 2020)







Surface Seismometers Array Local noise sources and Noise modelization

A surface array made of tens of seismometers (12 Trillium120 + 3 Trillium20 provided by INGV & INFN) have been installed at Sos Enattos in January-February 2021









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The results of the first 2-years of seismic characterisation at the Sos Enattos corner have been published in:

- L. Naticchioni et al., *Characterization of the Sos Enattos site for the Einstein Telescope*, JPCS 1468, 2020
- M. Di Giovanni et al., A seismological study of the Sos Enattos Area the Sardinia Candidate Site for the Einstein Telescope, SRL, 2020 https://doi.org/10.1785/0220200186
- A. Allocca et al., *Seismic glitchness at Sos Enattos site: impact on intermediate black hole binaries detection efficiency*, EPJP, 2021 https://doi.org/10.1140/epjp/s13360-021-01450-8

A Seismological Study of the Sos Enattos Area—the Sardinia Candidate Site for the Einstein Telescope

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Seismic glitchness at Sos Enattos site: impact on intermediate black hole binaries detection efficiency

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... another publication about the features of the seismic noise at the site is in preparation











Amplitude decay with depth significant only for f>2Hz, consistent with Rayleigh-wave propagation in local rocks







Reduced input range \rightarrow reduced DAQ self noise \rightarrow environmental seismic noise floor below the standard seismometer settings in few Hz band, **close to NLNM** (here SOE1, 84m depth)



















Seismometer array results









Vehicle Tracking close to the site







Time evolution of azimuth compatible with a vehicle traveling at 60 km/h southward along road SP73.

Largest signal amplitude is NOT associated when the vehicle is closest to the array, but when it traverses bridge B2



First results at Sos Enattos Seismometer array results





Probability density of particle motion Azimuth, Incidence Angle and Degree of Polarization as a function of frequency.

Polarization angle [0°- 180°]: the ellipsoid dips to East. Polarization angle [180°- 360°]: the ellipsoid dips to West.





First results at Sos Enattos Seismometer array results



Polarization analysis

At low frequencies, the polarization directions are rather uniform; they are oriented toward NW (see marine microseismic source).





First results at Sos Enattos Seismometer array results



Polarization analysis

At higher frequencies, the variability of polarization directions throughout the array deployment indicates a strong influence of topography.







Very low electromagnetic noise observed at the site!



SOE2 (underground) magnetometer.

Image credit: R. Romero







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Surface and underground seismic and environmental measurements will start soon at the other two corners (named *Bitti* and *Onani*).













290m-deep boreholes at the two corners (P2,P3):

- Excavation started at the Onani corner. Boreholes will be completed by this summer;
- Borehole sensor: Nanometrics Trillium 120 BH Slim;
- Surface sensor: *Nanometrics Trillium 120 Horizon*;

Surface measurements at P2, P3:

- Active seismic: vibroseis truck + seismometer array + opt fiber strainmeter;
- Passive seismic: 2-weeks long surface seismometer array (10x T20, 40x geophones + opt fiber strainmeter);
- Environmental: magnetometer and microphones;
- **Georesistivimetric** (groundwater) survey of the surrounding area.







First borehole excavation started in P3 (Onani corner) on April 27th





Conclusions



- Long-term site characterisation is ongoing at the Sardinia site: seismic and environmental monitoring at Sos Enattos, almost ready to start at the two corners (surface and boreholes);
- Sinergy with SarGrav Lab activities;
- > Public data (SOE2/SENA) + ET Repository (full data + analysis routines);
- First results: the seismic noise is very low (close to NLNM), even at surface, due to no involvement in active tectonics (\rightarrow low crustal velocity and crustal deformation) and to low population density (\rightarrow low anthropic noise for f > 1Hz, at few Hz one of the quietest sites in the world);
- > Low environmental noise: EM noise in underground stations is extremely low;
- Good geomechanical properties of rocks, few groundwater, easy access from existing airports/highway....

The Sos Enattos area is an optimal site for the Einstein Telescope!

Thank you for your attention!

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...few km from the site!







Site Characterisation in Sardinia



BACKUP SLIDES





SOE3 station (-160m) vs SOE1 station (-84m)







SOE3 station (-160m) vs SOE1 station (-84m)







Credit: G. Saccorotti



SPatial AutoCorrelation - I

Under the hypothesis that the noise wavefield is **stochastic** and **stationary in time and space**, the relationship between spatial autocorrelation and phase velocity is:

$$C(f,r) = J_0 (2 \pi r f / c(f))$$

SPAC is derived at all the independent station pairs over the DC-25Hz frequency band.

Form the 1st zero-crossing, we derive c(f)



SPatial AutoCorrelation - II

Sos Enattos site characterisation



Credit: G. Saccorotti



Dispersion curves for individual CCs.

Red lines are the Bessel fits assuming dispersion follows a power law in the form:

c(f)=A f -b





Polarization Analysis - I

Recap: Seismometers record the 3 components (EW,NS,Up-Down) of ground motion.

Polarization Attributes are derived from the eigen-structure of the 3x3 covariance matrix evaluated over a given time frame.



The eigenstructure of the covariance matrix defines the axes of the polarization ellipsoid best fitting the 3C particle motion.

The amplitude of the **main eigenvalue** relative to the secondary ones defines the Degree of Polarization (or *rectilinearity*).

The eigenvector associated with the main eigenvalue defines the *polarization azimuth* (° from N) and *incidence angle* (° from the normal to the Earth's surface).





Polarization Analysis - II

Polarization Analysis is conducted over subsequent time frames sliding along the 3C recordings, with 50% overlap.

The analysis is repeated over 20, log-spaced frequencies spanning the 1-10 Hz frequency interval. For each frequency, the signal is band-pass filtered using a 2-poles Butterworth filter with a bandwidth of 0.5 Hz.

The length of the time window for covariance estimates is set equal to 4 times the period associated with the lower frequency corner of the filter (e.g., if fmin=2 Hz, wlen=2s).

Polarization results are then filtered according to an amplitude threshold T, given by:

 $T = mean(log_{10}(L))+std(log_{10}(L))$

where L is the largest eigenvalue of the covariance matrix.