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- Sardinia Radio Telescope
- Cryostat
- Optics
- Detectors and Read-out
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COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND



PLANCK











Galaxy clusters (SZ effect)

Radio/sub-mm sources

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30x22 deg² CMB map as seen from Planck+ACT-DR4 (150GHz)



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 $X_{br} \propto ne^2 \cdot \sqrt{T_e} \cdot l$





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SARDINIA RADIO TELESCOPE

- 64m radio telescope located in Sardinia, at 600m a.s.l. at 50km from Cagliari in a radio quiet zone
- Suited for observations up to 116GHz: current surface rms $\sim 200 \mu$ m (to be further improved)
- Estimation of sky opacity based on recorded dedicated radiometer data:
 - τ<0.15Np (50th percentile) at 93GHz during winter nights;
 - the PWV in the same conditions is mainly 8mm







SRT: ANTENNA



Bolli at al. Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation, Vol. 4, Nos. 3 & 4 (2015)

- Fully steerable antenna of (M1) 64m in diameter
- f/2.34 Gregorian room focus
- Active M1 composed of 1008 electromechanically controlled aluminum elements by actuators
- M2 is composed of 49 aluminum elements
- Alidade (compressor) room 120m apart
- Timeline:
 - 2016: early science;
 - 2018- : normal operations;
 - 2020- : PON to upgrade the receiver fleet and the SRT

performance









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Combination of: Metal mesh filters, thin IR filters, sub-mm low pass filters (LPE), a final 77-103GHz Band pass filter



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- Cold stop at 4K to avoid extra-load on KIDs
- Rogers R30003 ARC silicon lenses: a biconvex and a meniscus ones (0.91<SR<0.97)
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- •Pulse Tube operations (120m
- apart) and cryogenic performance
- Mechanical and optical alignment
- •Pixel recognition
- •Pixel performance
- •Mitigation of PT and mount noise;
- Mitigation of the KIDs sensitivity
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MISTRAL: FACILITY INSTRUMENT





Observing with the Italian radio telescopes

Welcome to the Italian radio telescopes users' page

Here you can access all of the resources needed to achieve successful single-dish and extra-EVN interferometric observations

Contact us

Regular call is closed. Next call will be in March 2025. Proposals for ToOs and DDT can be submitted anytime. The offered instrumentation is listed here.



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