

Supporting Information for

**Delineation and Fine-Scale Structure of Active Fault Zones during
the 2014-2023 unrest at the Campi Flegrei Caldera (Southern Italy)
from High-Precision Earthquake Locations**

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Introduction

In the Supplementary information, we present the estimation of the source parameters for the main event (M_d 4.2) from spectral modelling (Text S1), the details of the location technique, that has been applied to the 2014-2023 Campi Flegrei arrival times and waveforms (Text S2) and the estimation of the focal mechanisms for the main events ($M_d > 3.0$) in the catalogue (Text S3).

Text S1: Source parameters for the main event

For the main event in the dataset (M_d 4.2) occurred on the 2023/09/27 01:35:34 we analyzed source parameters from frequency domain inversion of S-wave amplitude spectra. The inversion follows the approach proposed by Supino et al. (2019), where a generalized Brune's model (Brune, 1970) is used to evaluate source parameters and their associated uncertainties based on integration of the a posteriori Probability Density Function (PDF) (Tarantola, 2004).

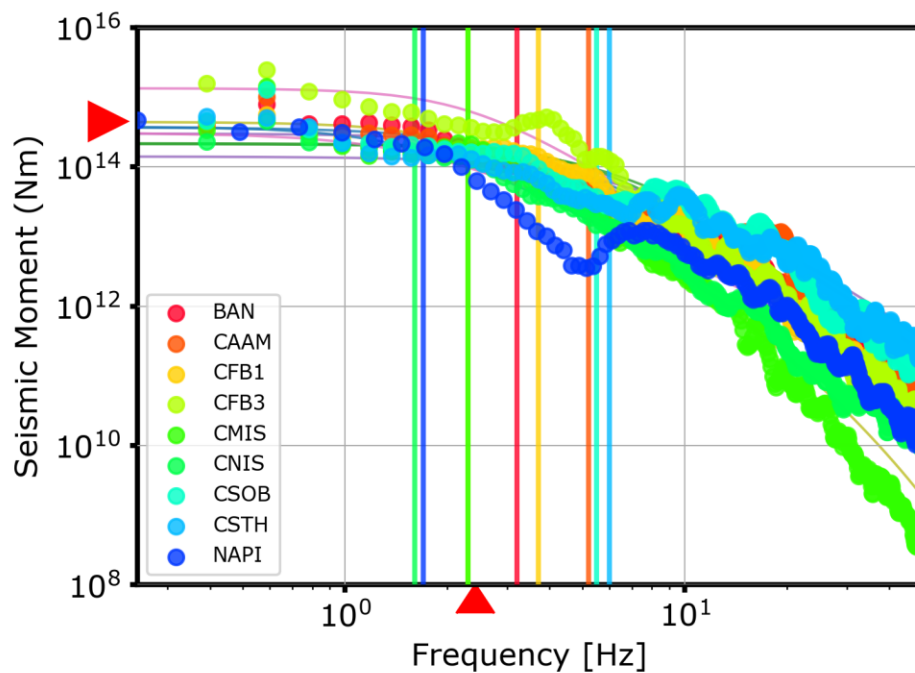


Figure S1: Spectral amplitudes (circles) and of spectral amplitudes fits (lines) with color code representing the different stations. Vertical lines mark corner frequency estimations at single stations, while red arrows indicate the final estimation of Seismic moment M_0 and corner frequency f_c for the event.

For the analysis the displacement amplitude spectra recorded at available nearby stations (red triangles in Figure 1) were used after removal of the instrumental response. Manual picking of the event allowed to select 3s time windows around the S wave (0.2s before and 2.8 after the pick) to

be used for the inversion. Anelastic attenuation was taken into account by considering a constant quality factor $Q = 150$, while the wave propagation velocity was fixed to $v_s = 3000\text{m/s}$ with density $\rho = 2.5\text{g/cm}^3$ (Judenherc and Zollo, 2004). Spectral fit is shown in Figure S1.

The moment magnitude was estimated to be $M_w = 3.68 \pm 0.02$ with corner frequency $f_c = 2.4 \pm 0.1\text{ Hz}$. The stress drop from Kelis-Borok (1959) relation results $\Delta\sigma = 2.3 \pm 0.5\text{ MPa}$. Finally, the retrieved source radius $a = 460 \pm 20\text{ m}$ suggests that the rupture process involved a fault with a length of about 1 km . The average slip was estimated to be of the order of 3-5 cm.

Text S2: High-precision earthquake relocation procedures

General framework

We obtain multi-scale high-precision earthquake relocations with NLL-SSST-coherence, which combines of source-specific, station traveltimes corrections (SSST) and stacking of probabilistic locations for nearby event based on inter-event waveform coherence (Lomax and Savvaidis, 2022; Lomax and Henry, 2023). These procedures are extensions of the NonLinLoc location algorithm (Lomax et al., 2000, Lomax et al. 2014; NLL hereafter), which performs efficient, global sampling to generate a posterior probability density function (PDF) in 3D space for hypocenter location. This PDF provides a comprehensive description of likely hypocentral locations and their uncertainty, and enables application of the waveform coherence relocation. Within NLL, we used the equal differential-timing (EDT) likelihood function (Zhou, 1994; Lomax et al., 2014), which is highly robust in the presence of outlier data caused by large error in phase identification, measured arrival-times or predicted traveltimes. We use a finite-differences, eikonal-equation algorithm (Podvin and Lecomte, 1991) to calculate gridded P and S traveltimes for initial NLL locations using a smoothed version (Figure S2) of the velocity model used by the seismic laboratory from INGV-Osservatorio Vesuviano (Tramelli et al., 2021).

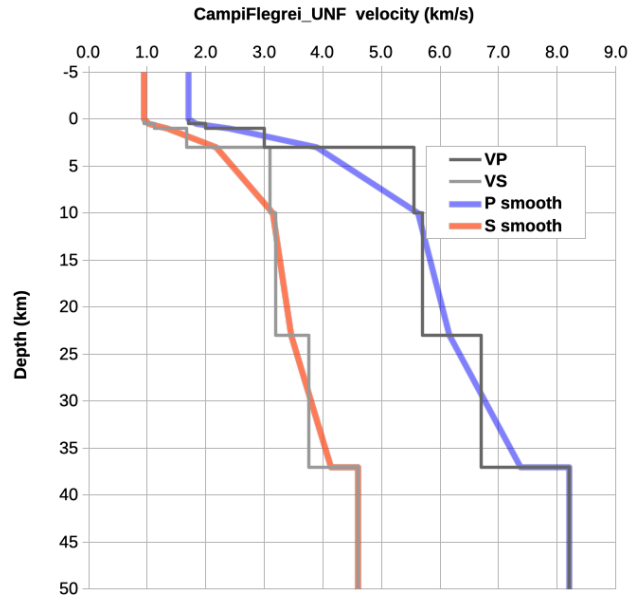


Figure S2: Smoothed P and S velocity model, drawn from the velocity model used by the seismic laboratory at INGV-Osservatorio Vesuviano (Tramelli et al., 2021).

Source-specific station term corrections

In a first relocation stage, NLL-SSST-coherence iteratively develops SSST corrections on collapsing length scales (Richards-Dinger and Shearer, 2000; Lomax and Savvaidis, 2022), which can greatly improve, multi-scale, relative location accuracy and clustering of events. In contrast to station static corrections, which give a unique time correction for each station and phase type, SSST corrections vary smoothly throughout a 3D volume to specify a source-position dependent correction for each station and phase type. These corrections account for 3D variations in velocity structure and corresponding distortion in source-receiver ray paths. Spatial-varying, SSST corrections are most effective for improving relative locations on all scales when the ray paths between stations and events differ greatly across the studied seismicity. SSST corrections can improve multi-scale precision when epistemic error in the velocity model is large, such as when a 1D, laterally homogeneous model or a large-wavelength, smooth model is used in an area with sharp, lateral velocity contrasts or smaller scale, 3D heterogeneities.

Waveform coherency relocation

In a second relocation stage, NLL-SSST-coherence reduces aleatoric location error by consolidating information across event locations based on waveform coherency between the events (Lomax and Savvaidis, 2022). This coherency relocation, NLL-coherence, is based on the concept that if the waveforms at a station for two events are very similar (e.g. have high coherency) up to a given dominant frequency, then the distance separating these events is small relative to the seismic wavelength at that frequency (e.g., Geller and Mueller, 1980; Poupinet et al., 1984).

For detailed seismicity analysis, precise, differential times between like-phases (e.g., P and S) for similar events can be measured using waveform correlation methods. Differential times from a sufficient number of stations for pairs of similar events allows high-precision, relative location between the events, usually maintaining the initial centroid of the event positions (Waldhauser and Ellsworth, 2000; Matoza et al., 2013; Trugman and Shearer, 2017).

NLL-coherence uses waveform similarity directly to improve relative location accuracy without the need for differential time measurements or many stations with waveform data. The method assumes that high coherency between waveforms for two events implies the events are nearly co-located, and also that all of the information in the event locations, when corrected for true origin-time shifts, should be nearly identical in the absence of noise. Then, stacking over probabilistic locations for nearby events can be used to reduce the noise in this information and improve the location precision for individual, target events. We measured coherency as the maximum, normalized cross-correlation between waveforms from one or more stations for pairs of events within a specified distance after NLL-SSST relocation (2 km in this study). We take the maximum station coherence between the target event and each other event as a proxy for true inter-event distances and thus as stacking weights to combine NLL-SSST location probability density functions (PDF's) over the events. In effect, this stack directly improves the hypocenter location for each target event by combining and completing arrival-time data over nearby events and reducing aleatoric error in this data such as noise, outliers and missing arrivals.

See Lomax and Savvaidis (2022) and Lomax and Henry (2023) for more discussion and details, while NLL-SSST-coherence processing parameters used in this study are available on Zenodo at the link <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10260849> (Lomax, 2023).

Text S3: Focal mechanism determination

To determine in detail the fault geometry highlighted by the larger magnitude events from the mid of August until the beginning of October 2023, we computed the focal mechanisms with the code FPFIT (Reasenber, 1985) for 7 onshore events with duration magnitude larger than 3.6, and the two larger magnitude events occurring offshore (See Figure 4). We estimated the polarity of the first P-arrival as measured on velocity sensors of the INGV network by considering only stations at a maximum epicentral distance of 8 km. An average of 11 P-polarities are available for each of the analyzed events. We used the locations, for computing azimuth and take-off angles as the ones obtained by the SSST-waveform coherence method assuming the same 1D velocity model used for earthquake locations. The best fault-plane strike, dip and rake angles for each event can be found in Table S1 together with the plot of the polarities on the focal sphere in Figure S3.

Event	Date	Time	Lat (°)	Long (°)	Depth (km)	Md	Strike F1 / F2 (°)	Dip F1 / F2 (°)	Rake F1 / F2 (°)	Nb polarity
1	18/08/2023	04:09:59.42	40.8292	14.1487	2.4	3.2	30 / 210 ± 10	75 / 15 ± 3	-90 / -90 ± 5	14
2	18/08/2023	04:18:05.68	40.8300	14.1395	2.4	3.6	35 / 270 ± 0	68 / 35 ± 15	-118 / -40 ± 20	13
3	18/08/2023	04:22:49.91	40.8280	14.1388	2.1	3.1	95 / 318 ± 3	25 / 71 ± 8	-130 / -73 ± 15	13
4	07/09/2023	17:45:28.84	40.8295	14.1480	2.5	3.8	75 / 255 ± 3	60 / 30 ± 5	-90 / -90 ± 5	12
5	22/09/2023	09:02:00.02	40.8285	14.1415	1.8	3.0	48 / 270 ± 5	75 / 20 ± 13	-103 / -50 ± 15	13
6	26/09/2023	07:10:29.59	40.8063	14.1117	3.4	3.3	270 / 180 ± 3	60 / 90 ± 15	-180 / -30 ± 10	10
7	27/09/2023	01:35:34.39	40.8173	14.1553	2.9	4.2	30 / 274 ± 23	80 / 22 ± 8	-110 / -27 ± 25	8
8	02/10/2023	20:08:26.74	40.8297	14.1482	2.5	4.0	232 / 350 ± 10	78 / 25 ± 8	-68 / -150 ± 5	12
9	16/10/2023	10:36:21.14	40.8253	14.1420	1.8	3.6	18 / 220 ± 13	67 / 25 ± 5	-99 / -70 ± 40	9

Table S1: Location information of the larger magnitude events and description of the two planes in terms of strike, dip and rake from focal mechanisms together with the uncertainties. Events are numbered according to figure 4. Number of used polarities are reported for each event.

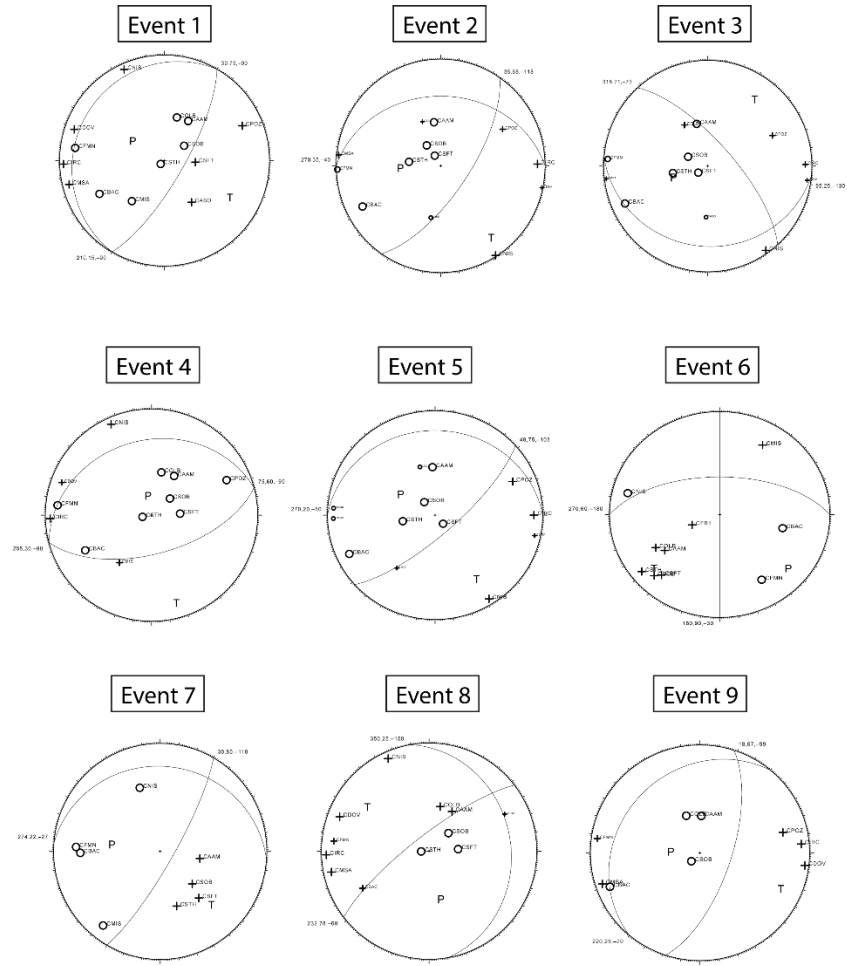


Figure S3: Focal mechanism solutions of the larger magnitude events with the polarity measurements projected on the focal sphere. Events are numbered according to figure 4.

142 **Caption for Movie S1.**

143 The video provides a 3D view of the 2014-2023 seismicity at the Campi Flegrei caldera, rotating
144 the view along a E-W oriented horizontal axis.

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146 **Caption for Movie S2.**

147 The video provides a 3D view of the 2014-2023 seismicity at the Campi Flegrei caldera, rotating
148 the view along the azimuth.

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150 **Caption for Movie S3.**

151 The video provides a 2D view of the yearly seismicity at the Campi Flegrei caldera, using the
152 same representation of Figure 2.

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