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Castle of Monreale

Patrimonio culturale
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■ *Gamma* room

The *gamma* space (figs. 1-2) is a square shaped room with a stretched edge leaning against the East wall of the keep. It could not be accessed directly from the ground floor, but from the first floor of the delta room, probably via a ladder. The hole that housed the wooden beam used to close the entrance door can still be seen in the wall. This room has been interpreted as a defence tower, a building that stands out compared to the other perimeter structures of the keep, and which was added at a later date, to reinforce the fortified complex (figs. 3-4). An embrasure, the only opening apart from the door, was built into the wall on the ground floor, looking outwards. It was later blocked up and cemented.

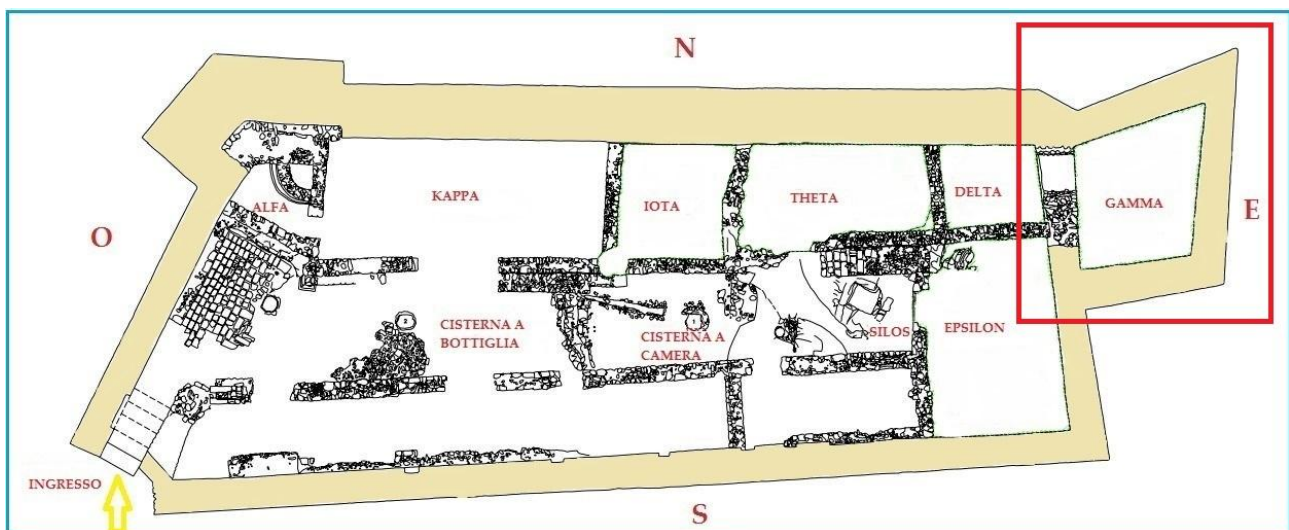


Fig. 1 - The *gamma* room (reconstruction by M. G. Arru, from Spanu 2003, p. 58).



Fig. 2 - Aerial view of the keep with an indication of the room (Reconstruction by M. G. Arru, photo by R. Bordicchia).

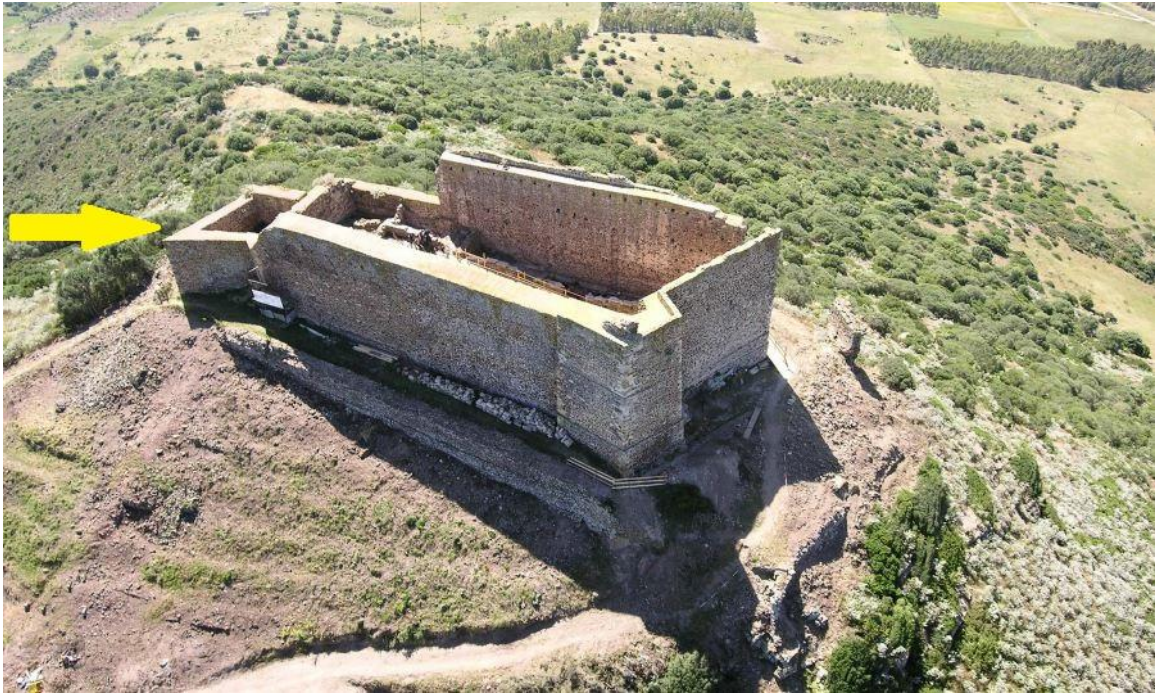


Fig. 3 - The keep and the *gamma* room seen from the NW (reconstruction by M. G. Arru, photo by R. Bordicchia).



Fig. 4 - Interior of the *gamma* room (reconstruction by M. G. Arru, photo by R. Bordicchia).

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