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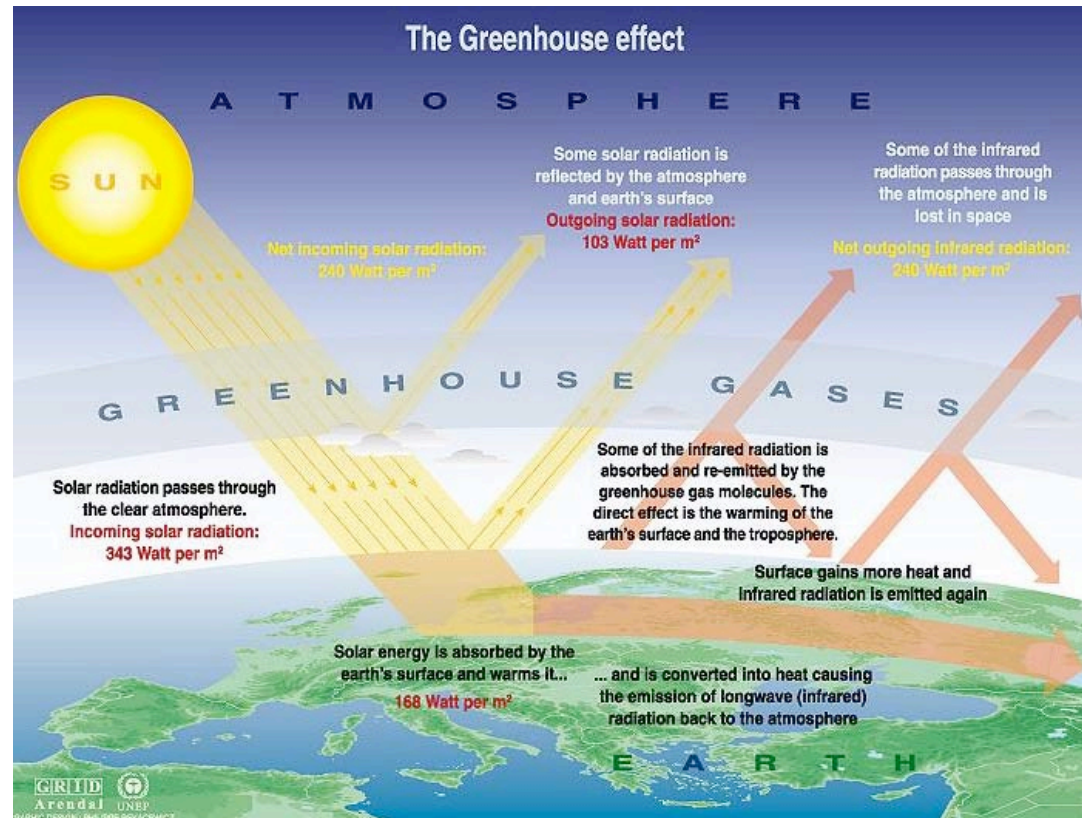
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Global warming and **climate change** are terms for the observed century-scale rise in the average temperature of the Earth's **climate system** and its related effects.

GREENHOUSE GASES

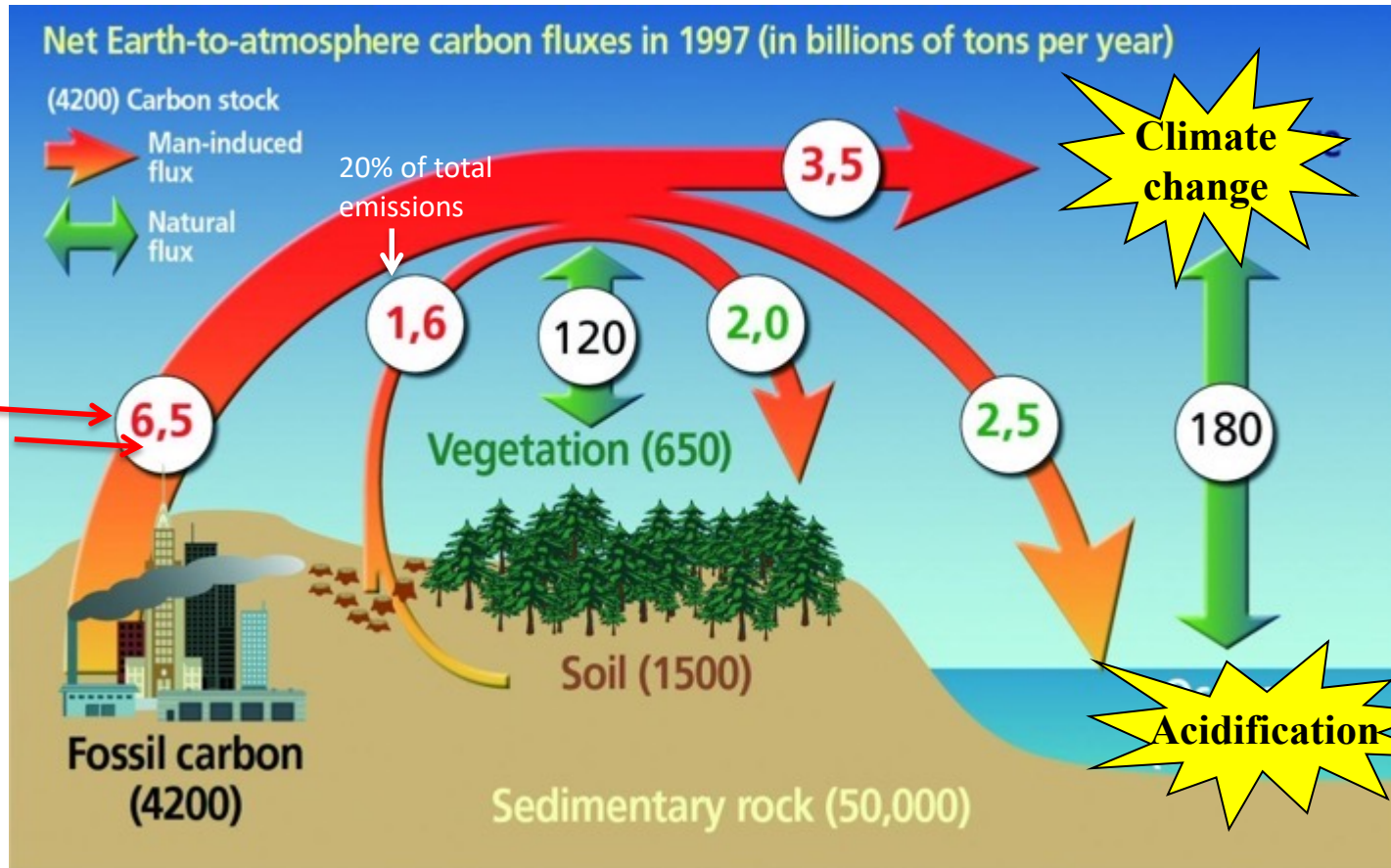
This process consists of the global warming due to the emission of gas (CO_2 , water steam, methane...) in the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases allow sunlight to pass through the atmosphere while obstructing the passage to the space of the infrared radiation from the Earth's surface and lower atmosphere (the heat re-issued); in practice they behave like the glass of a greenhouse and help to regulate and maintain the temperature of the earth with today.



This is a natural process and allows that the temperature of the Earth be 33°C higher than what it would be without the presence of the gases.

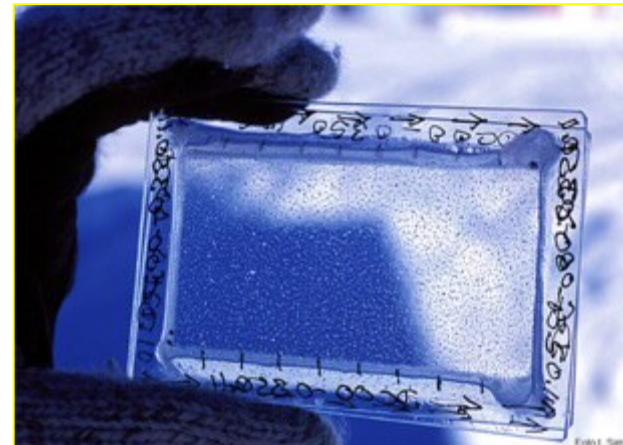
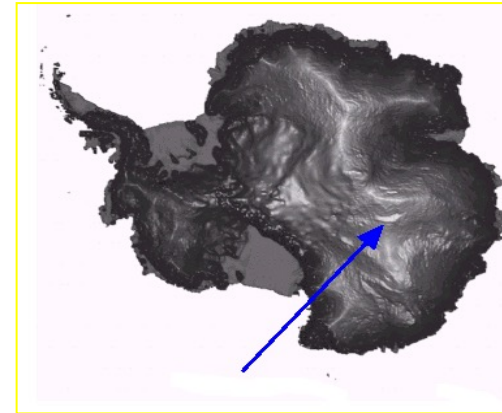
CO₂ exchange between Earth and Atmosphere (Billiontons/years of Carbon)

Total amount of emitted CO₂ : 30 billion tons /year or 8.1 billiontons/years of carbon



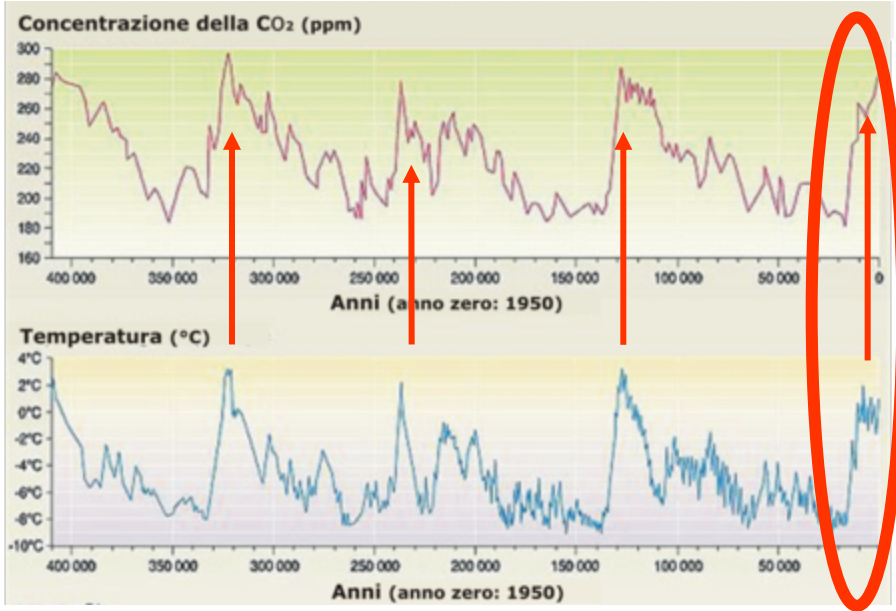
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World emissions of CO₂ from the usage of fossil fuels:
6.5 Gt C/y (o 24 Gt CO₂/a)

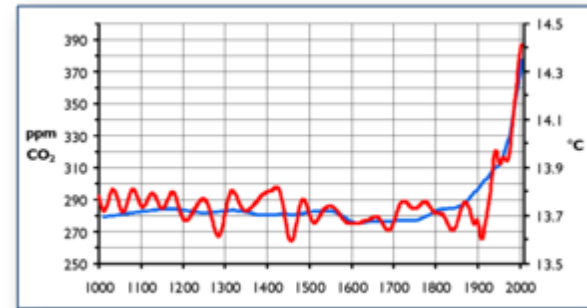


Ice cores from Antarctica have allowed to reconstruct the temperature trend and the CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere for the the last 400.000

GLOBAL WARMING



CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere is increased by circa ~40% from 1750 (Rivoluzione Industriale; IPCC, 2014)



Global variation of the temperature (red) and the CO₂ present in the atmosphere (blu) in the last 1000 years.

Correlation between temperature increase and concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere over the last 400,000 years (drilling of ice in Antarctica)

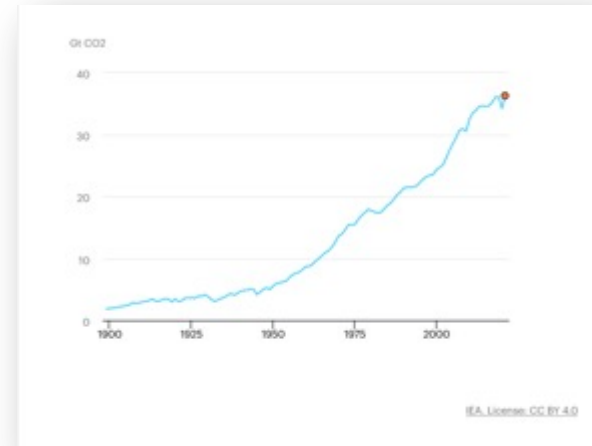
Concentration of CO₂ in 2020

31.5 Gt - 412.5 ppm (50% higher than when the industrial revolution began)

IN 2021 : 36 Gt

IEA (2021), Global Energy Review 2021, IEA, Paris

<https://www.iea.org/reports/global-energy-review-2021>



CO₂ emissions from energy combustion and industrial processes, 1900-2021

CO₂ GEOLOGICAL STORAGE CARBON CAPTURE (USE) AND STORAGE

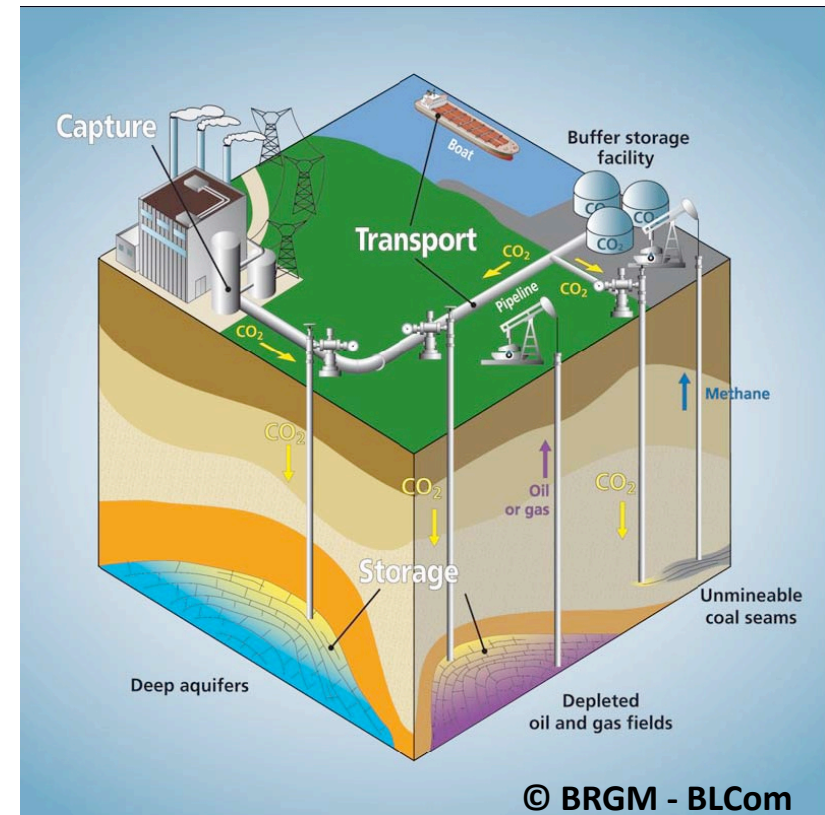
Three main phases:

Capture: the CO₂ produced by the combustion processes of large industrial plants is separated from the other gases

Transport: Once captured, the CO₂ is compressed and transported through pipelines or by ship to storage sites

Use: in the food industry, urea production, water treatment, fire retardant production, refrigerant

Storage: CO₂ is injected underground in suitable rock formations



MAIN CO₂ EMITTOURS

The main sources of CO₂ emissions consist of the **BIG STATIONARY SOURCES**:

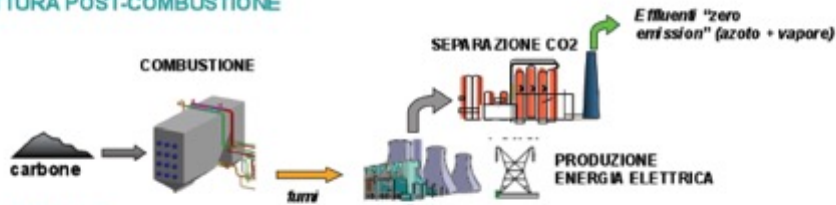
- FOSSIL FUEL POWER PLANTS
- INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF IRON, STEEL, CEMENT
- CHEMICALS REFINERIES

CAPTURE PROCESSES

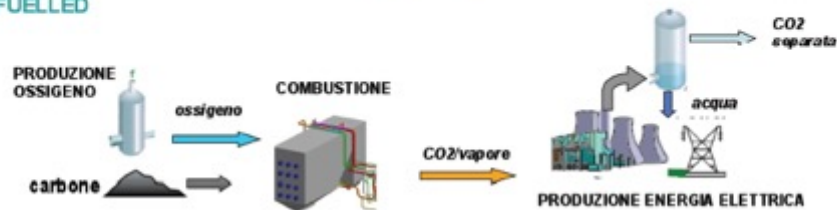
CATTURA PRE-COMBUSTIONE



CATTURA POST-COMBUSTIONE



OXY-FUELLED



- **PRE-COMBUSTION:** the fuel (coal, gas) is first treated by transforming it into syngas (gas di sintesi) and subsequently separating it in two gas flows: one with a high concentration of hydrogen for the combustion (or other uses) and CO₂.
- **POST-COMBUSTION:** separation of CO₂ from flue gases at the end of the cycle; it does not need substantial modification to the power plant.
- **OXYGEN COMBUSTION:** The primary fuel is combusted in oxygen instead of air, which produces a flue gas containing mainly water vapor and a high concentration of CO₂ (80%). The flue gas is then cooled to condense the water vapor, which leaves an almost pure stream of CO₂.

TRANSPORT OF CO₂

La CO₂ can be transported, both onland and offshore, in three phases:

GAS

LIQUID

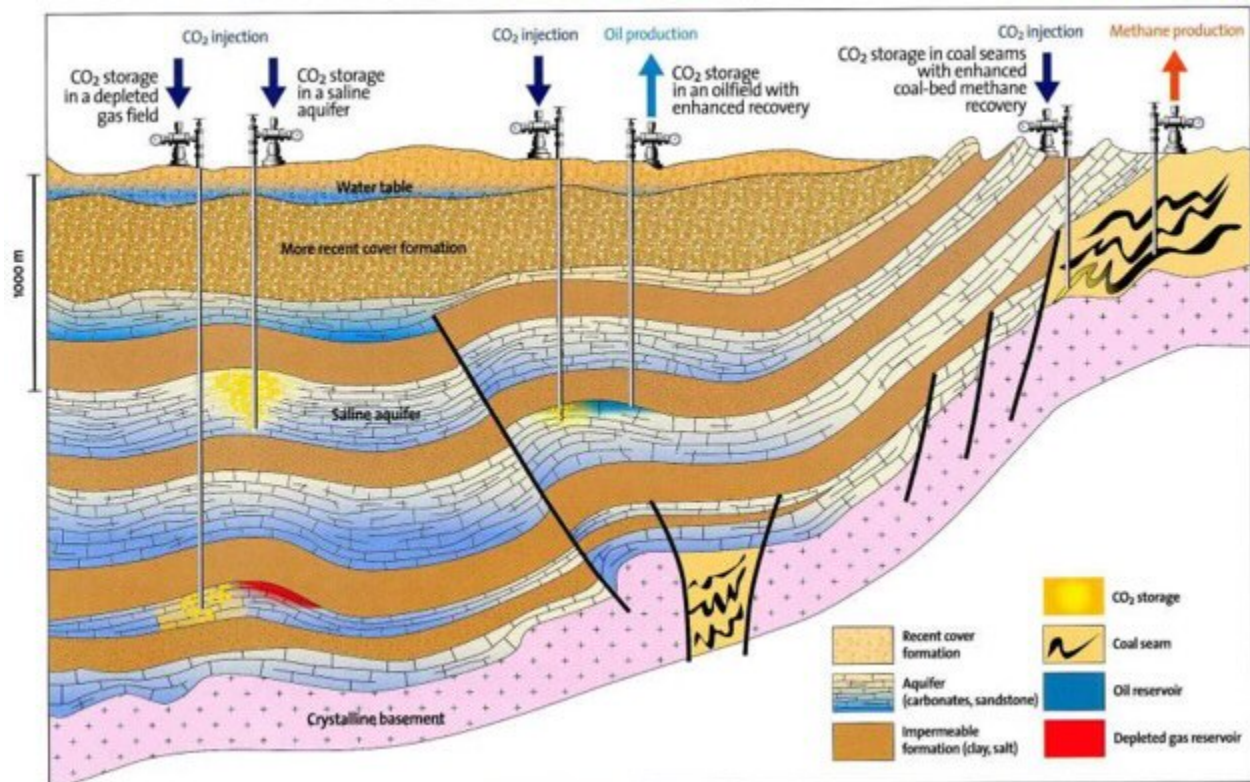
SOLID

Tanks, pipelines and ships

Not economically convenient



STORAGE OPTIONS



Existing Reservoir

- Saline aquifers
- Oil and gas filed depleted
- Coal seams

CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE SITES FOR CO₂ STORAGE

Depth : between 800 (to allow the CO₂ supercritical stage) and 2000-3000 m

Characteristics of the reservoir: good porosity e permeability

Caprock: presence of a sealing geological formation

Distance: within a radius of 200 km from the source of emission of CO₂

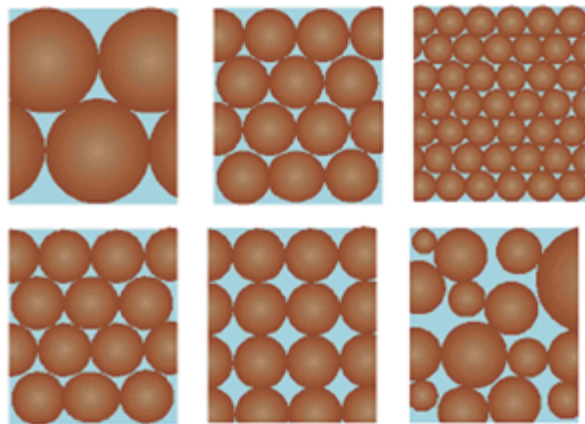
Heat flow: the heat flow does not have to be high, in order not to alter the conditions of stability of CO₂

Tectonic setting/seismicity: the area must be stable to ensure the structural conditions for storage

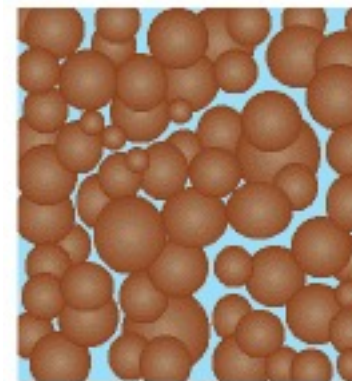
CO₂ STORAGE

For the purposes of CO₂ storage, the rock that serves as a reservoir must meet the following requirements :

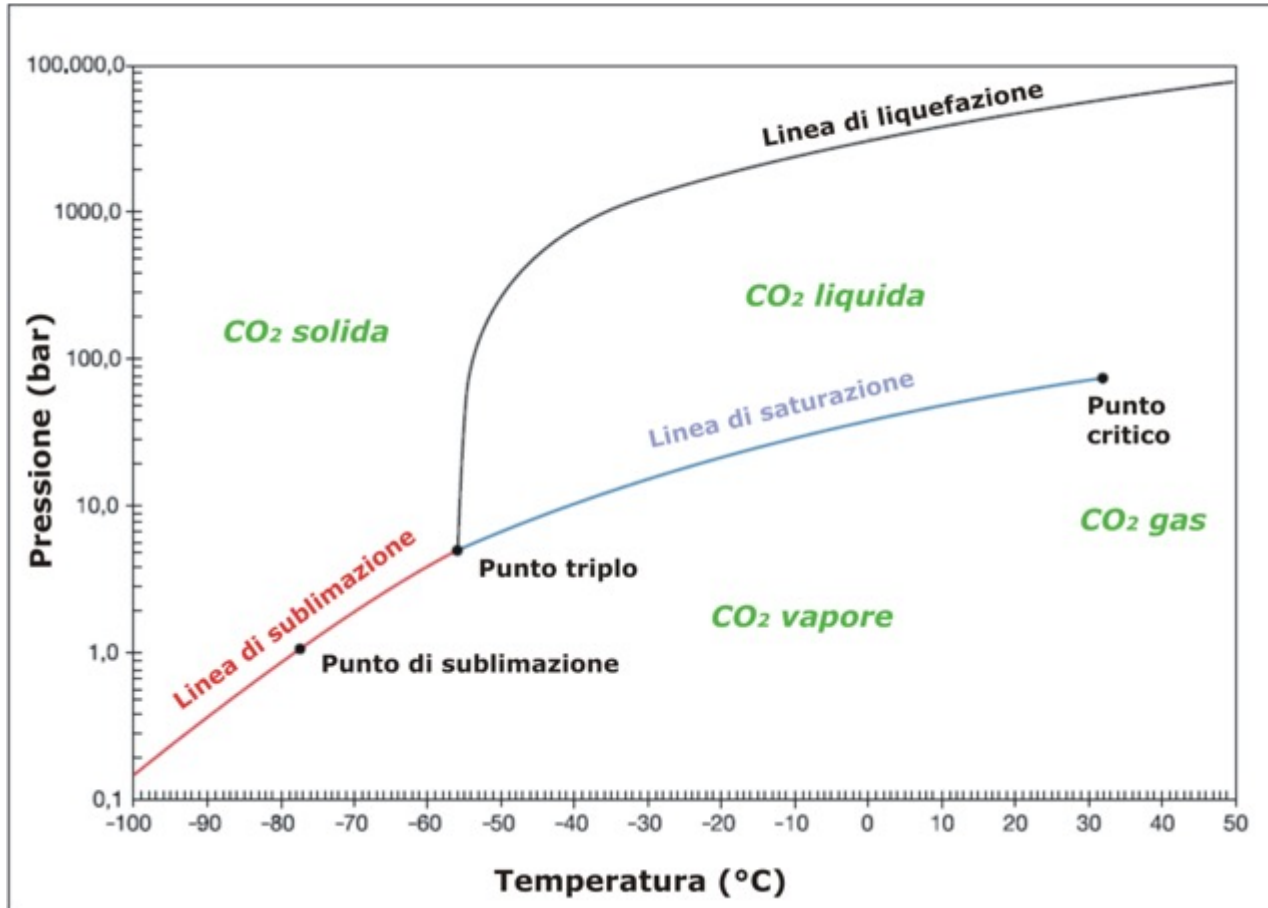
- they must be at a **DEPTH** between 800 (so that the CO₂ remains in conditions of supercritical state) and 1500 m;
- they must have a certain porosity and permeability;



■ Porosità ● Grani



CO₂ PHASE: “supercritical state”



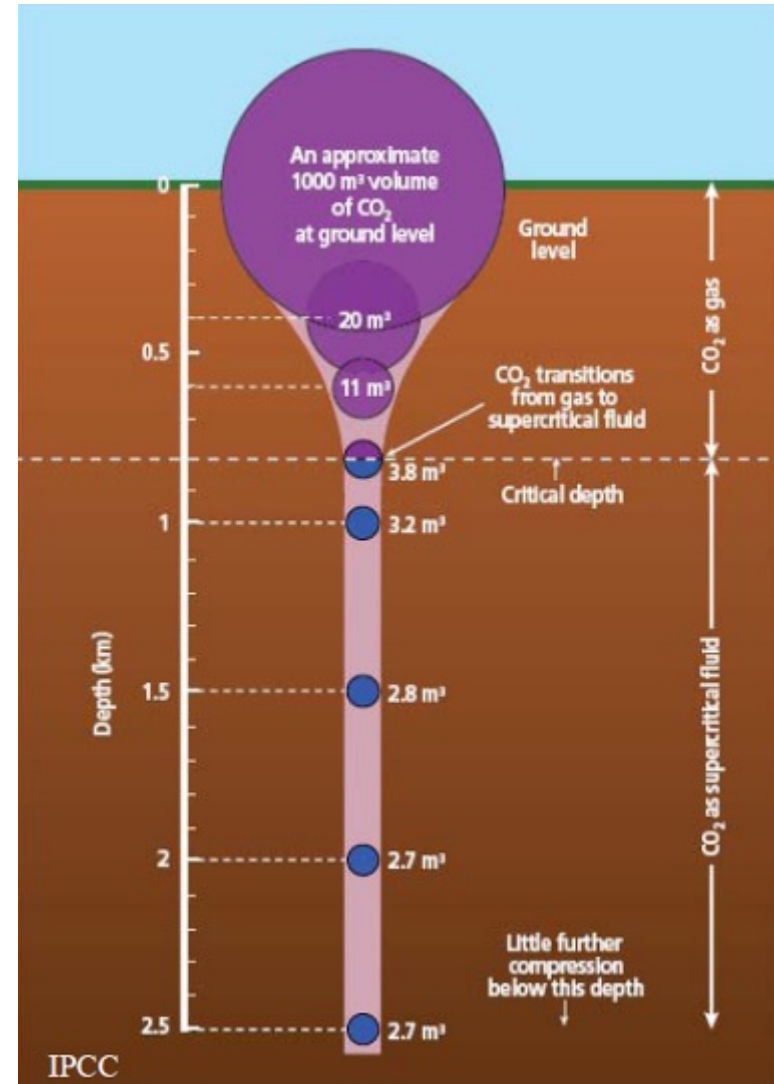
- $T > 31.1^{\circ} \text{C}$
- $P > 73.9 \text{ bar}$

...CO₂ in supercritical state is liquid or gas?

ANSWER:

- density similar to liquid
- viscosity similar to gas

T=100°C, P=280bar (2800m)	density (kg/m³)	Viscosity (cP)
CO₂ supercritic	615	0.05
water	804	0.16
gas (methan)	150	0.02

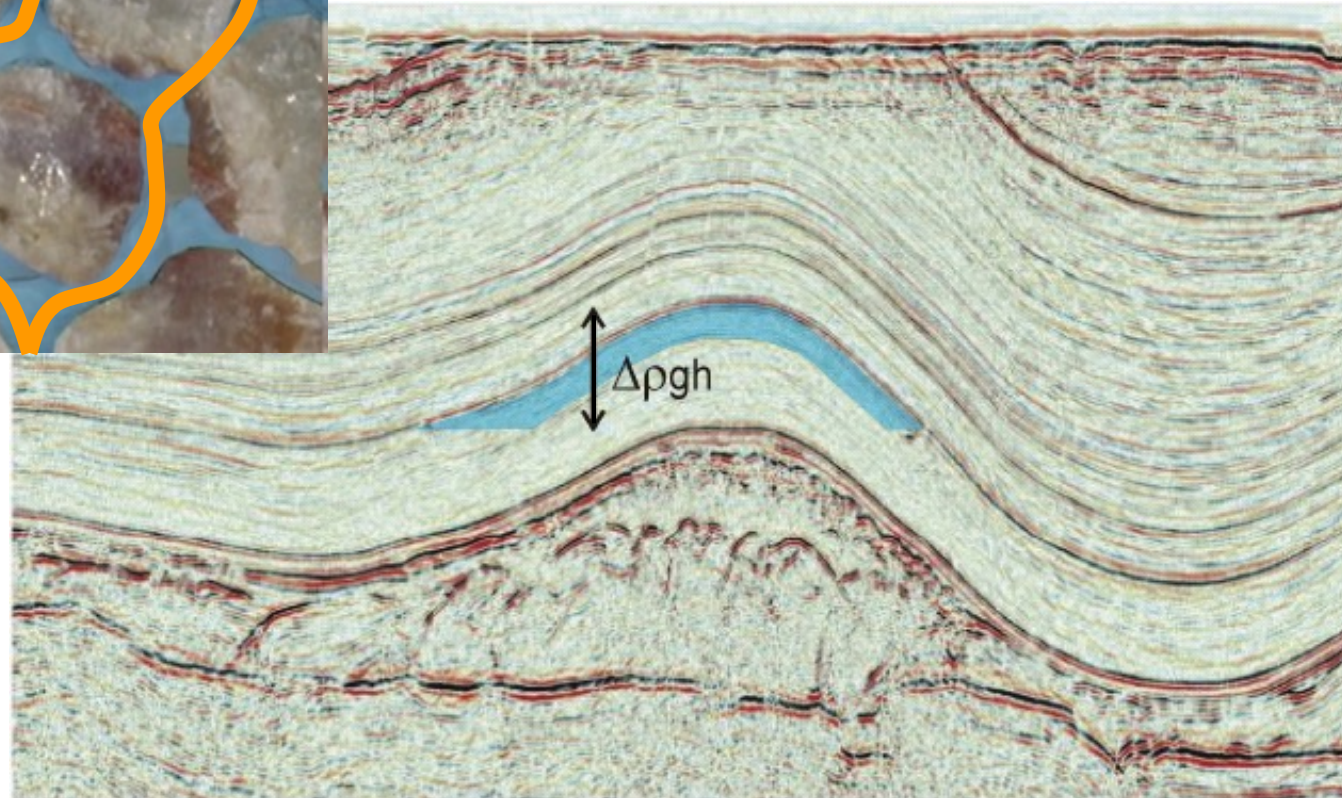


The CO₂ at supercritical conditions tends to rise ...

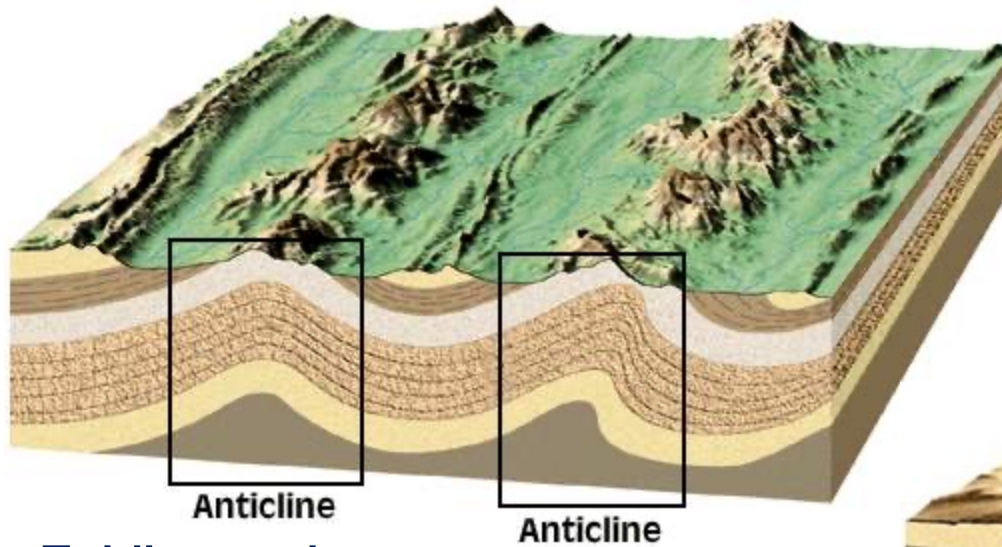
CAP ROCK



**ESSENTIAL PRESENCE OF SEALING
ROCK FORMATIONS (CAPROCK)**



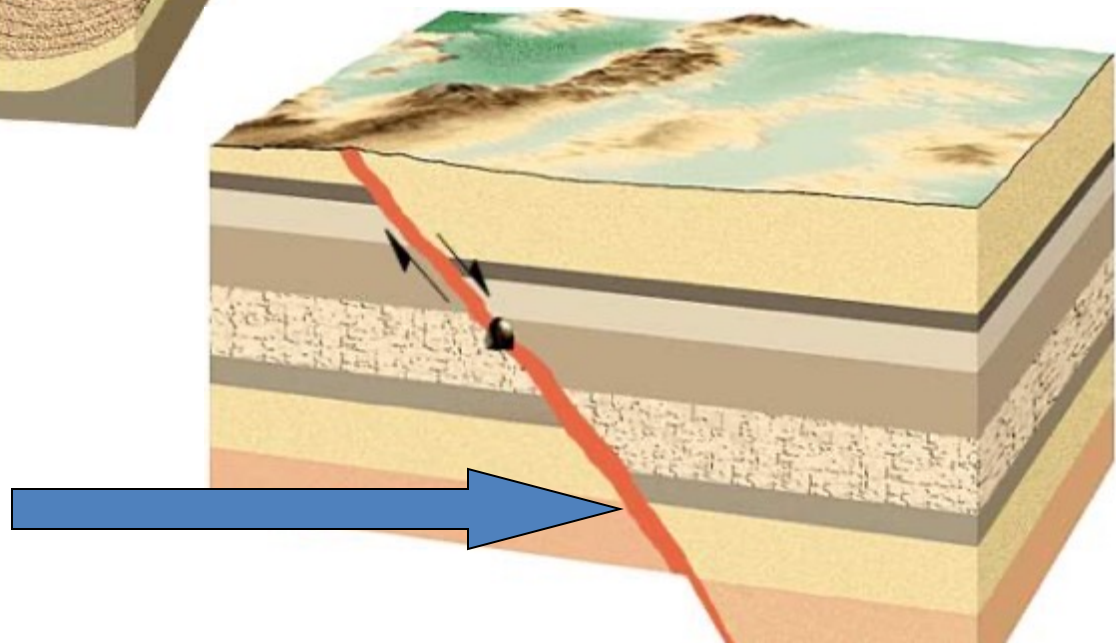
STRUCTURAL TRAPS



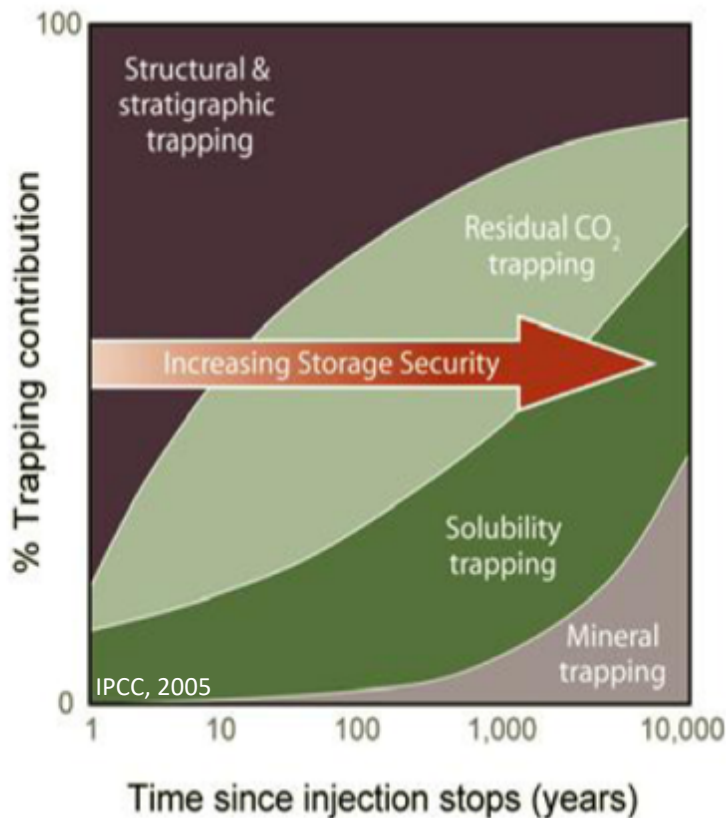
Folding and
anticlines

Fault consists of
different material

Faults and
unconformities



Trapping mechanisms



- **Structural trapping:** the CO₂ is lighter than the salt water present in the interstices of the rock and it tends to rise upward and trapped by the impermeable rocks (caprock)
- **Hydrodynamic trapping,** where CO₂ is injected into supercritical conditions at depths > 800 m and it moves the present salt water
- **Dissolution trapping:** once injected CO₂ starts to dissolve in salt water. The water now becomes heavier and tends to drop. This mechanisms put in contact water with dissolved CO₂ with fresh water, promoting additional dissolution. After 10 years: 15% of injected CO₂ is dissolved; after 10.000 years 95% of CO₂ is dissolved.
- **Mineral trapping** where CO₂ reacts with some minerals in the aquifer to form crystalline carbonates

KEY DATA FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF A RESERVOIR-CAPROCK SYSTEM

Wellbore data

- Logs (Sonic, Gamma Ray)
- Porosity e permeability of reservoir e caprock rock formations
- Temperature and pressure at reservoir depth

Multichannel seismic data

2D - regional scale

3D - site scale

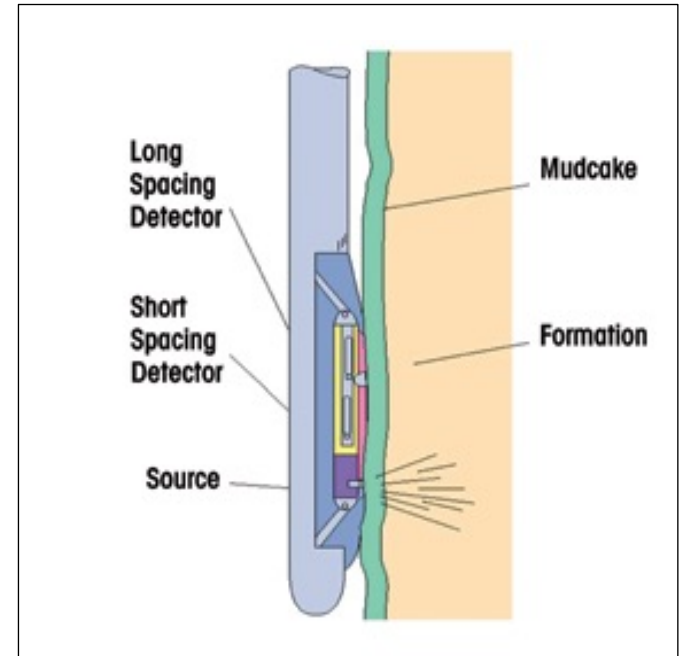
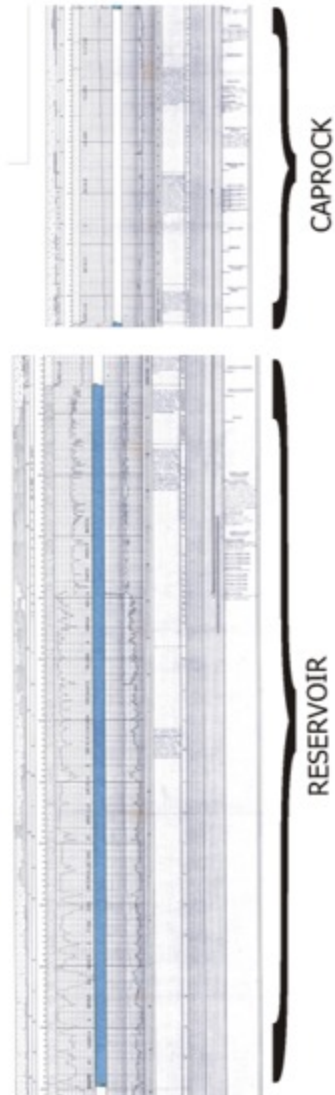


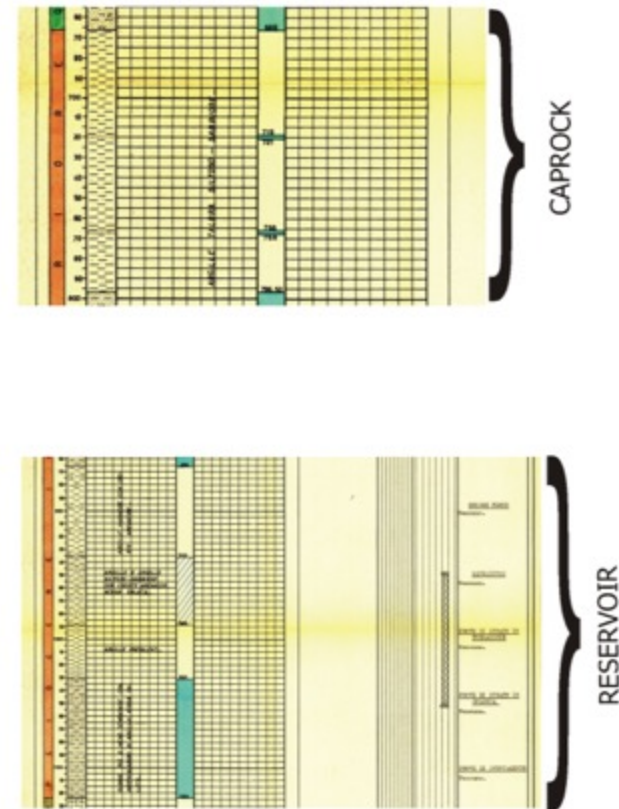
Image of a logging tool in a hole

CHARACTERIZATION RESERVOIR-CAPROCK: WELL DATA analysis

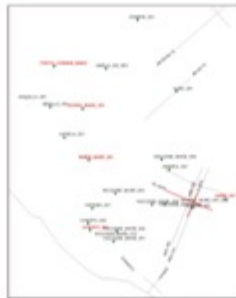
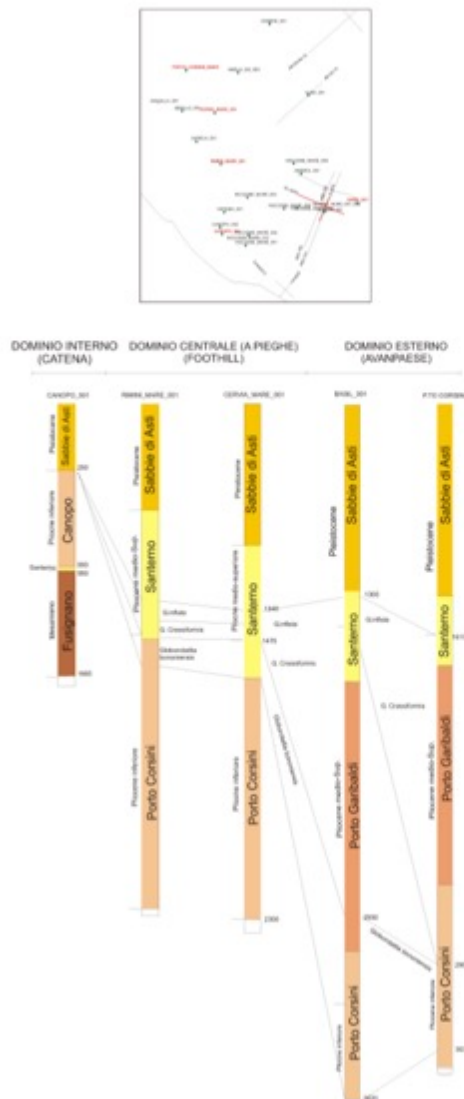
ANTINEA 1



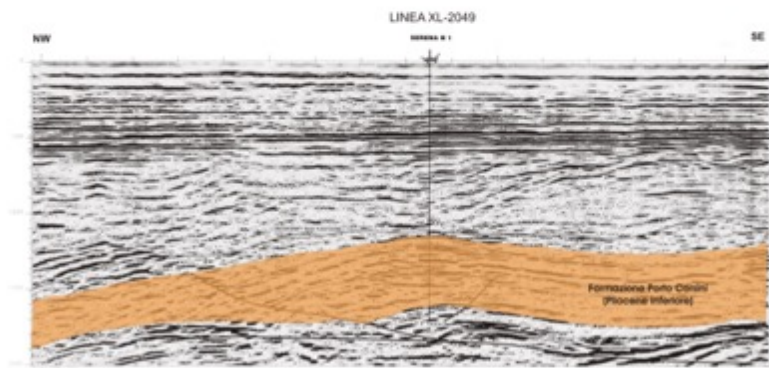
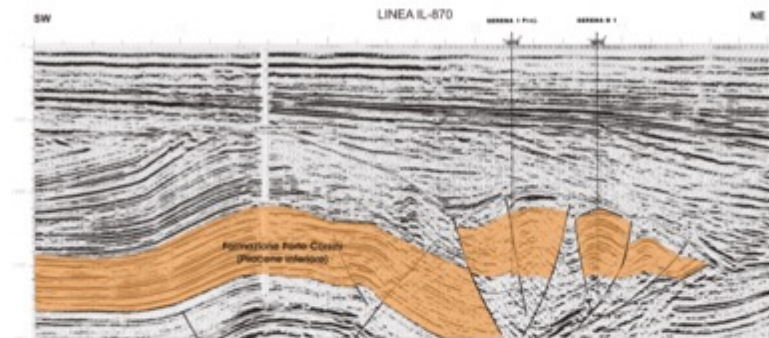
RICCIONE MARE 2



CHARACTERIZATION RESERVOIR-CAPROCK: SEISMIC DATA ANALYSIS



Strutturazione nel dominio centrale



Main characteristics of a potential site for CO₂ storage

- *Capacity*, to contain the amount of CO₂ to be stored; key parameter: **porosity**
- *Injectivity*, to inject the CO₂ a certain rate of injection; key parameter: **permeability of reservoir**
- *Containment*, to avoid CO₂ leakage; key parameter: **permeability of caprock**

CCS Project

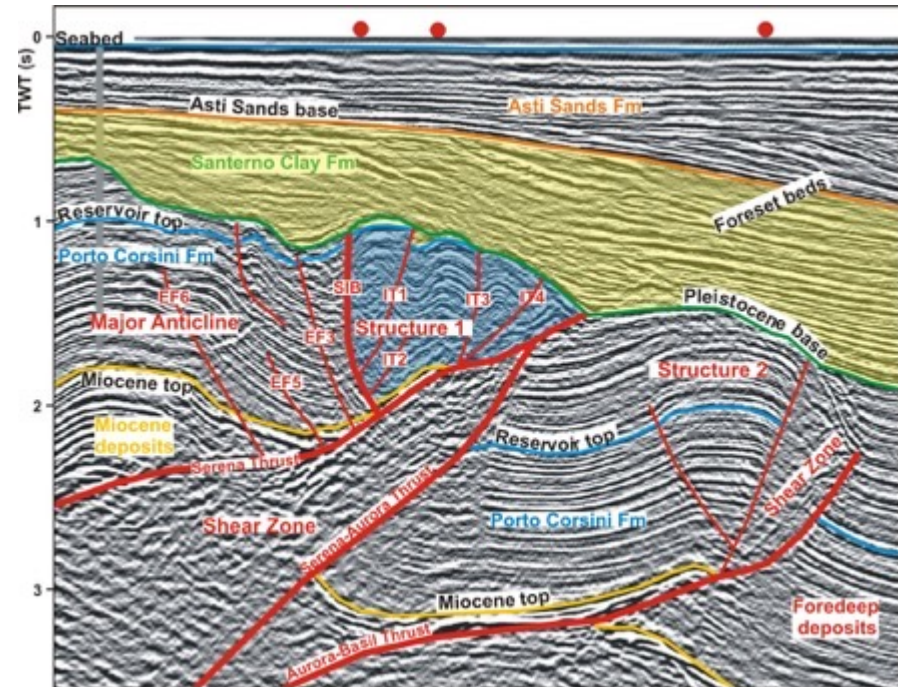
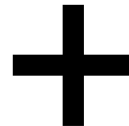
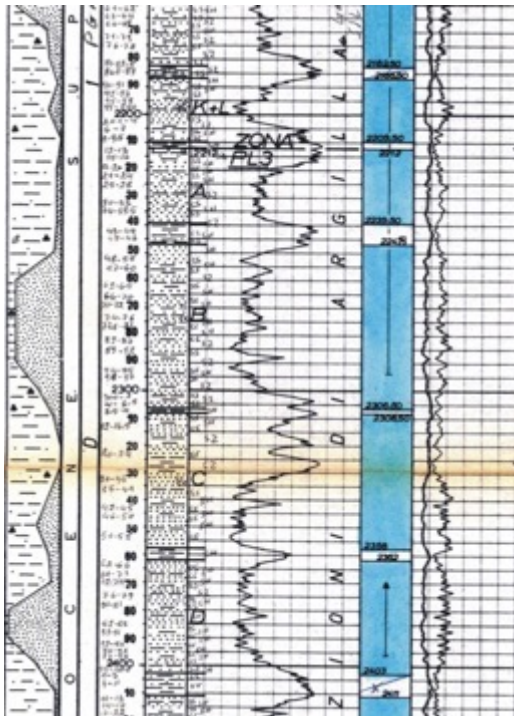
Main steps

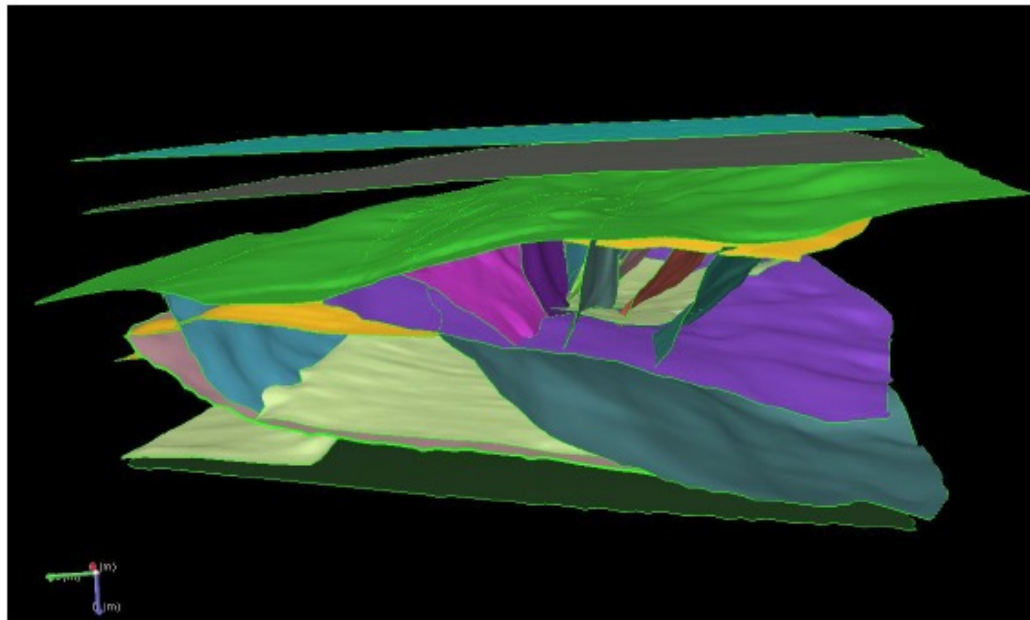
1. Identification of the potential storage site
2. Modelling of CO₂ injection
3. Monitoring (pre-, during and post-injection)
4. Risk evaluation and remediation plan

Data analysis

Geophysical log analysis

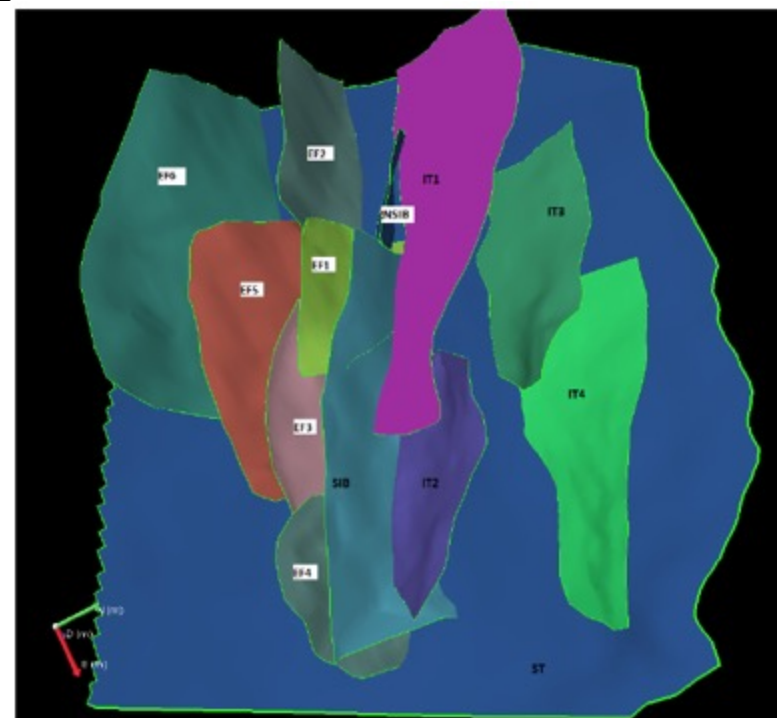
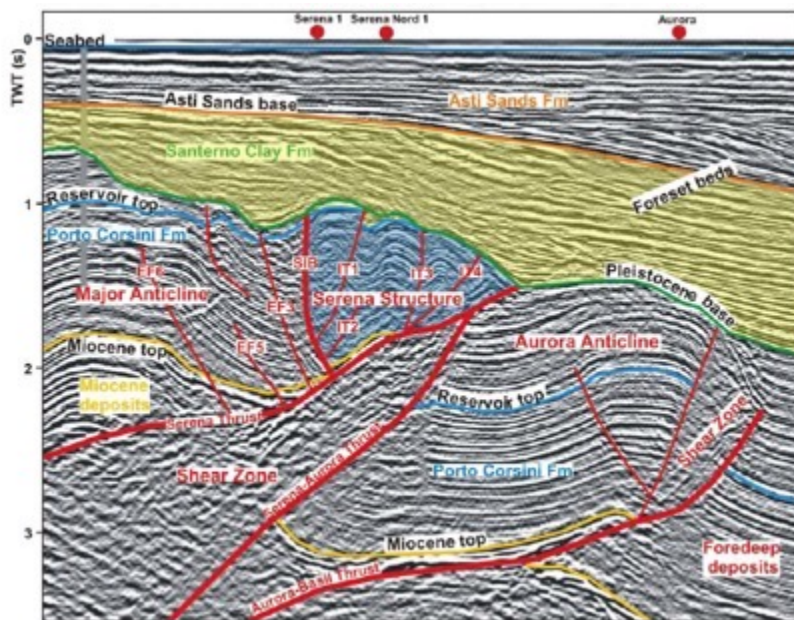
Seismostratigraphic and structural interpretation
of multichannel seismic profiles

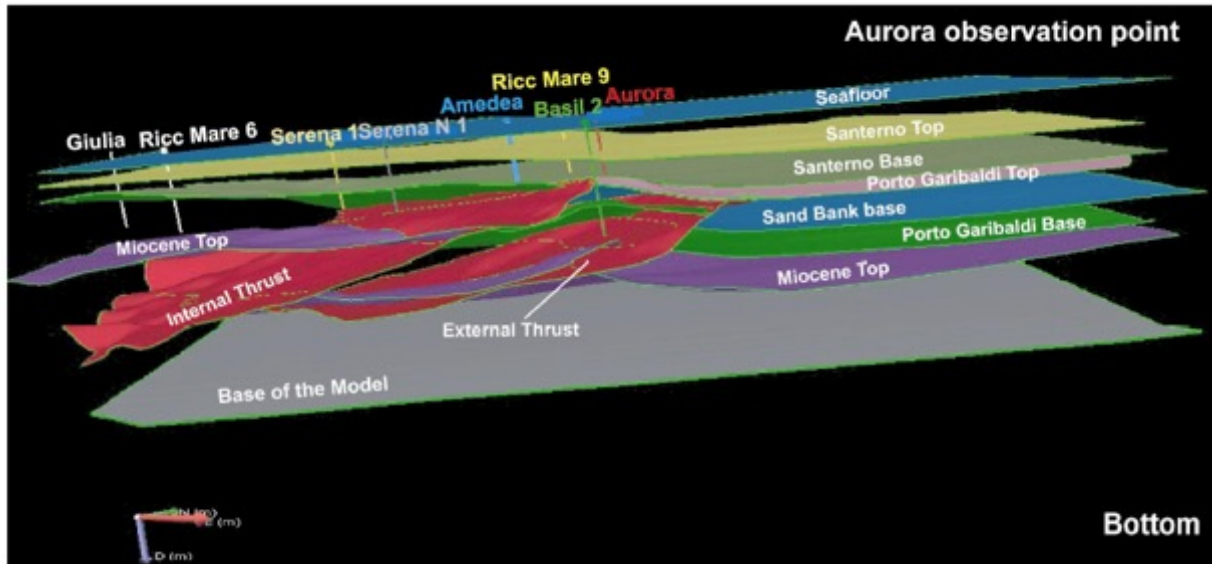




Geological modeling

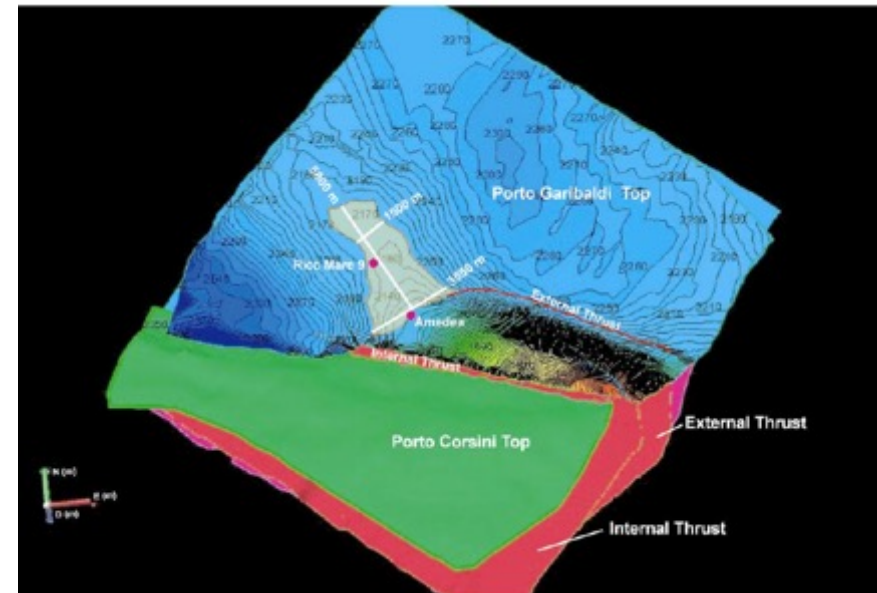
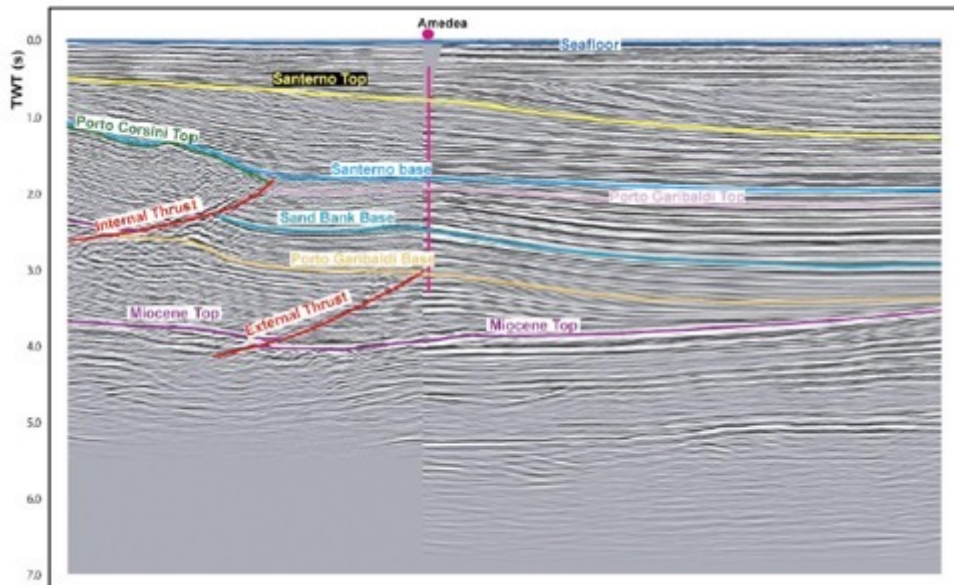
Example of 3D geological model



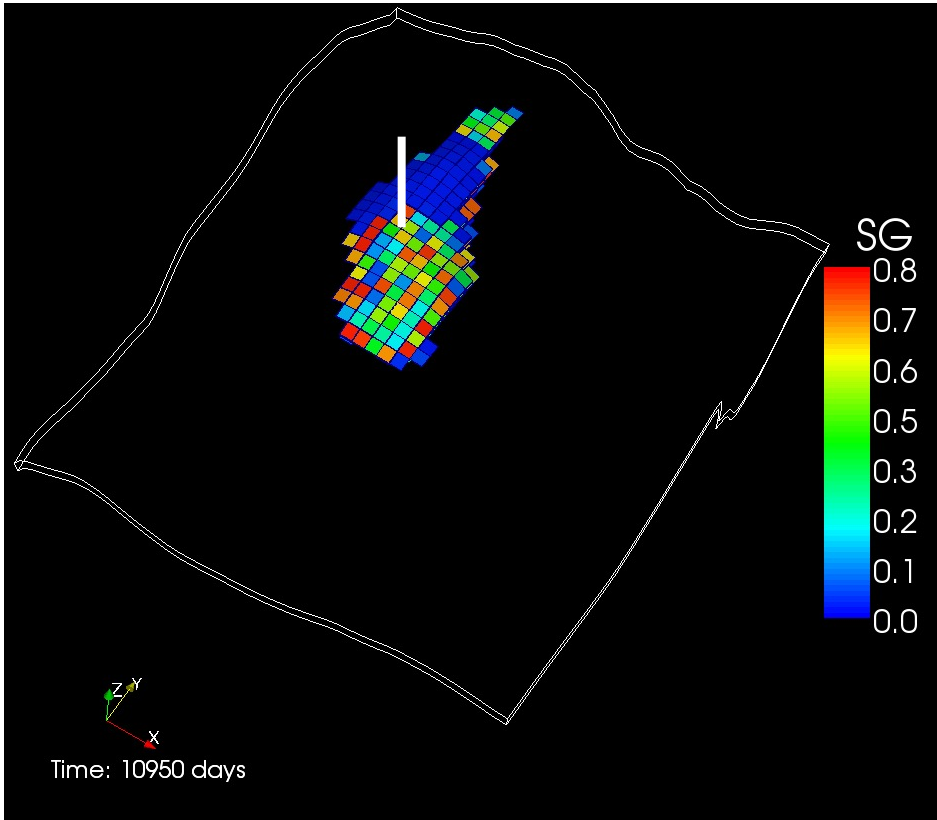


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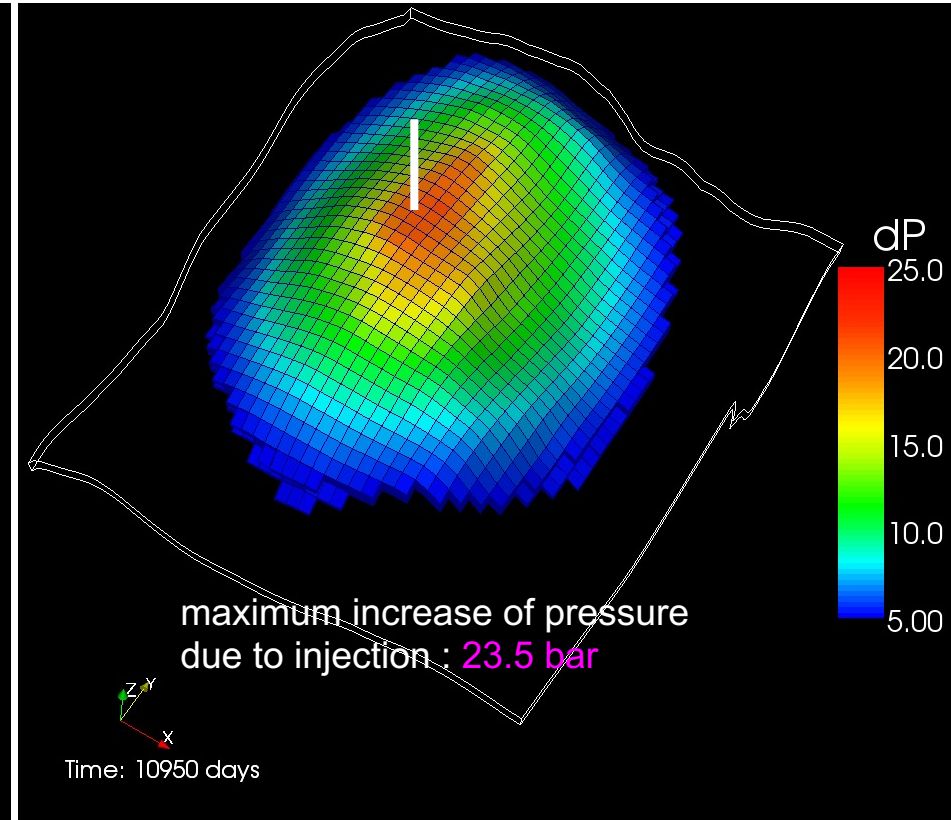
Example of 3D geological model



Modeling of CO₂ Injection ONE WELL located on top of the anticline



Free CO₂ saturation



Pressure increase (>5bar) from static conditions



Potential areas suitable for CO₂ geological storage in siliciclastic formations

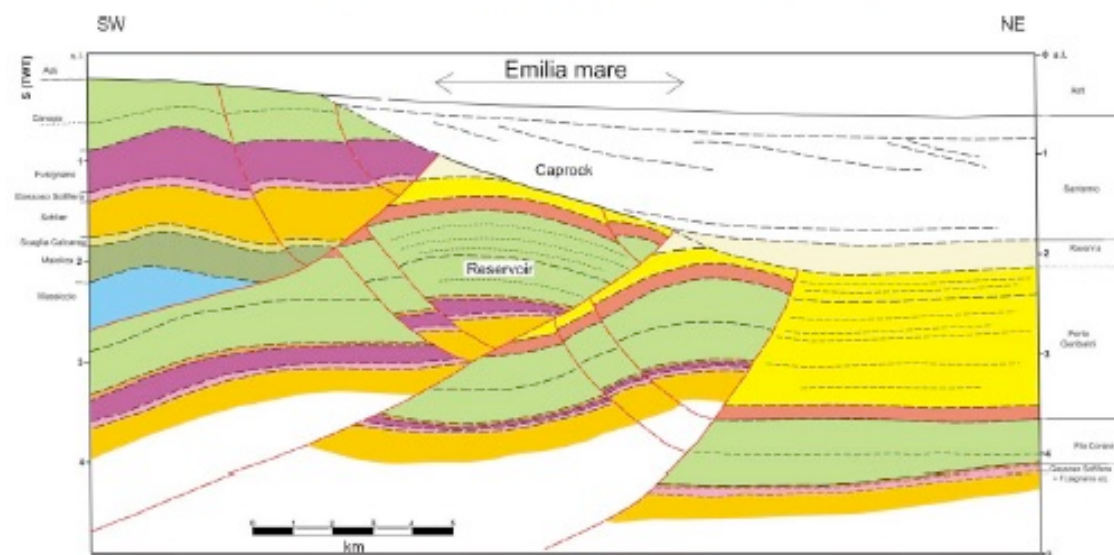
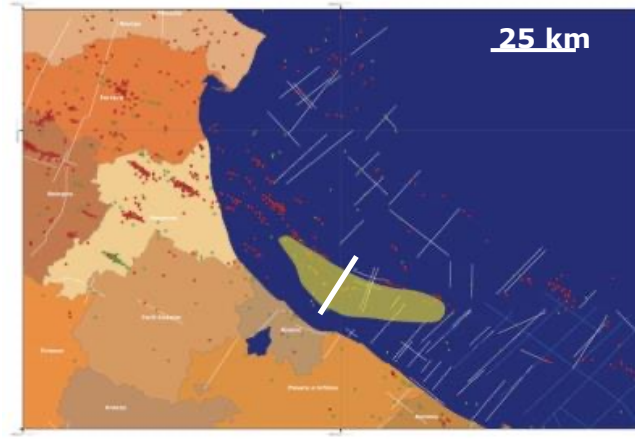
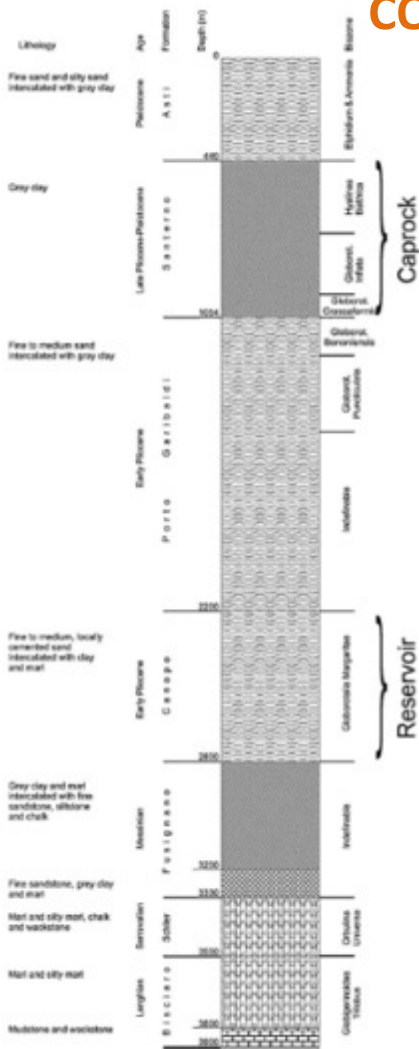
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF THE STORAGE CAPACITY: ~ 12 Gt

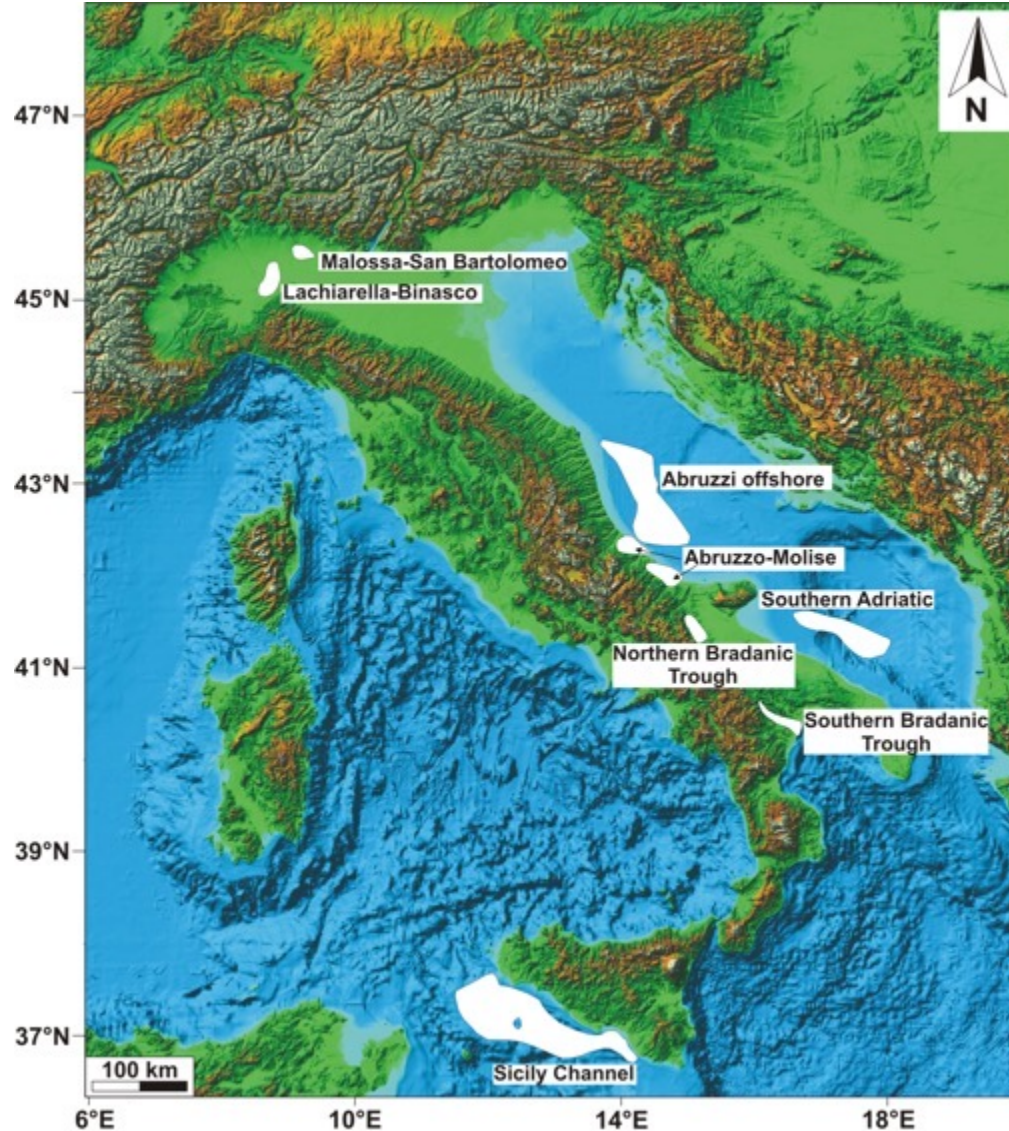


Storage of Italy's annual CO₂ emissions for the next 50 years

Example of a potential area suitable for CO₂ geological storage in a terrigenous formation

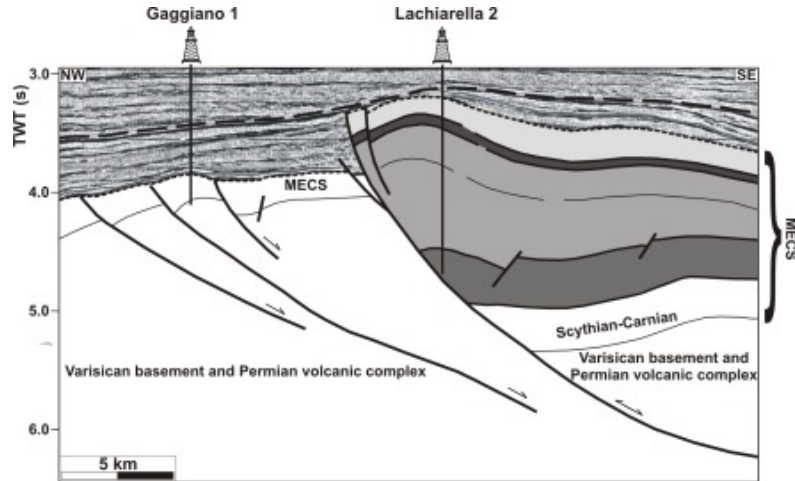
“EMILIA MARE”





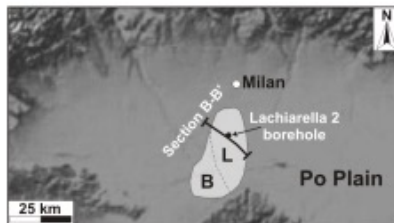
Potential areas suitable for CO₂ geological storage in carbonate formations

Example of a potential area suitable for CO₂ geological storage in a carbonate formation

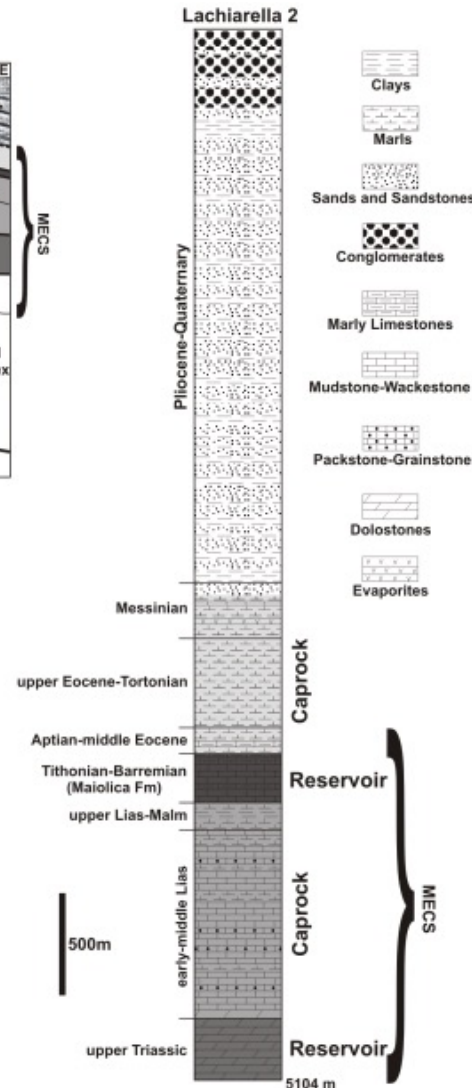


- Caprock**
 - upper Eocene-Messinian siliciclastic succession
 - Cretaceous-middle Eocene pelagic carbonate succession
 - Jurassic pelagic carbonate succession
- Reservoir**
 - Tithonian-Barremian pelagic succession (*Maiolica Fm*)
 - upper Triassic platform carbonate succession

- Tortonian unconformity
- Top carbonate succession
- MECS: Mesozoic-middle Eocene carbonate succession
- Fault



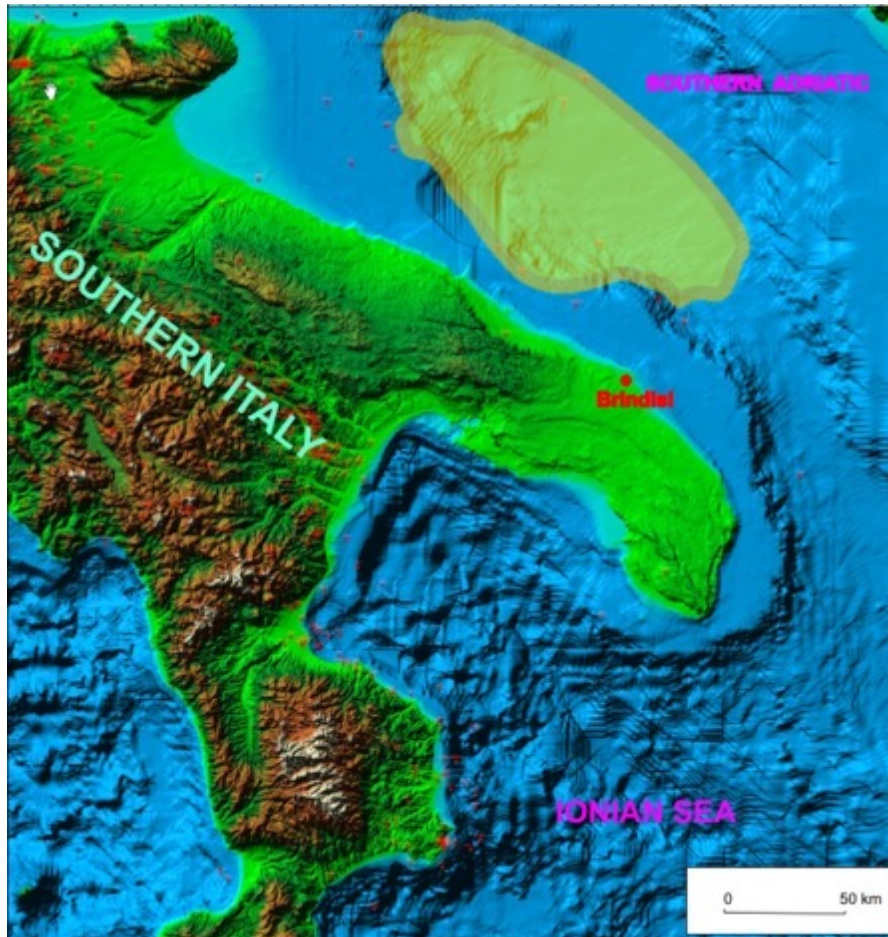
B: Binasco subzone
L: Lachiarella subzone



“Lachiarella–
Binasco”

Civile et al., 2013

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SOUTHERN ADRIATIC SITE OPTIONS



Storage options

- Saline aquifer/structural trap

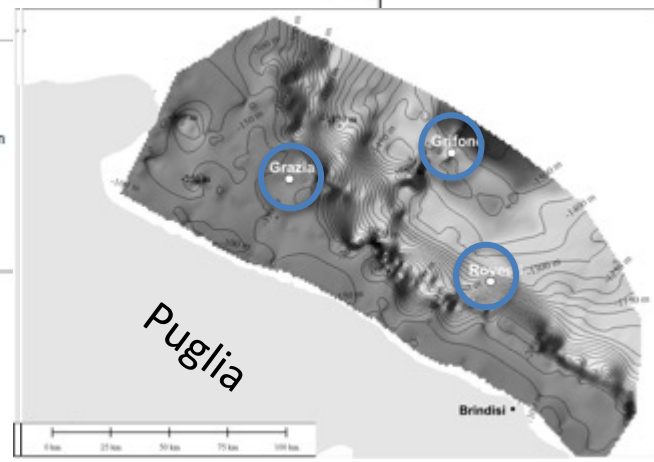
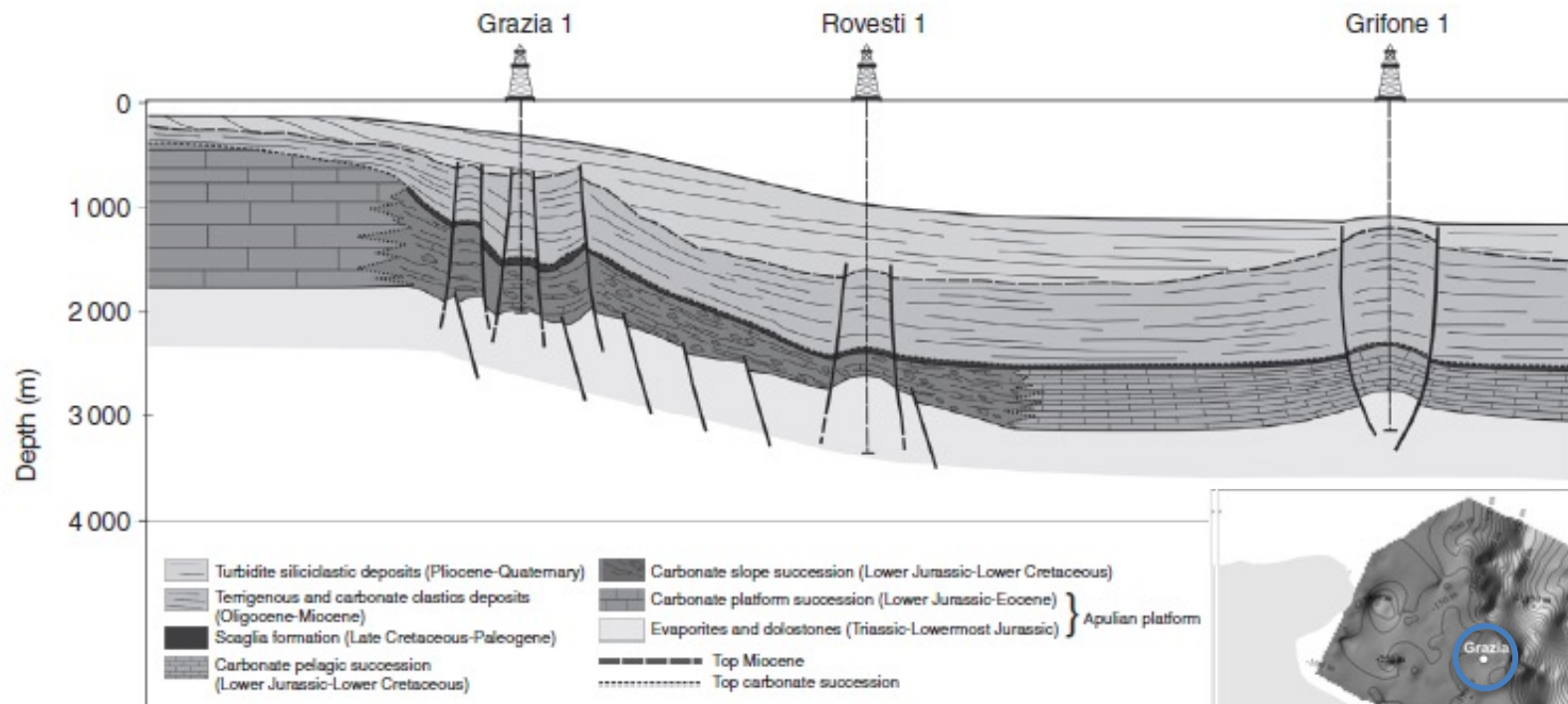
Location

- Off shore

Lithology

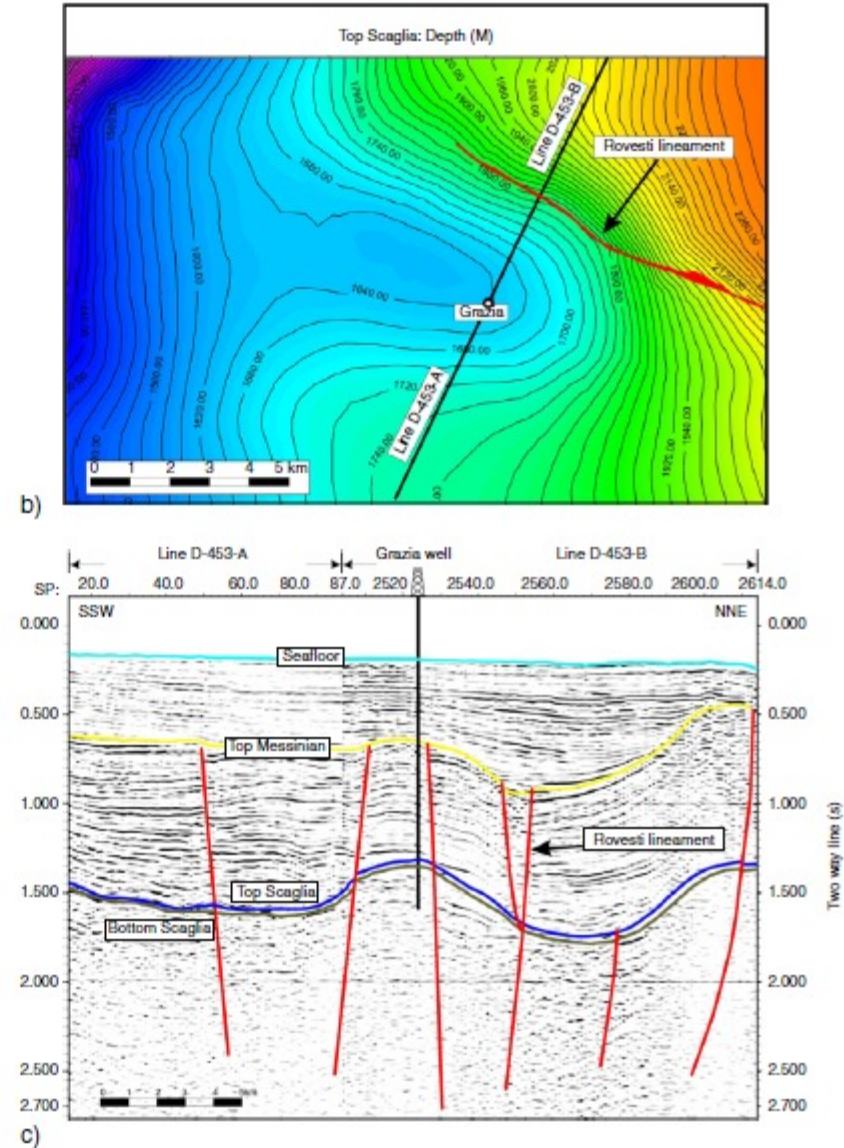
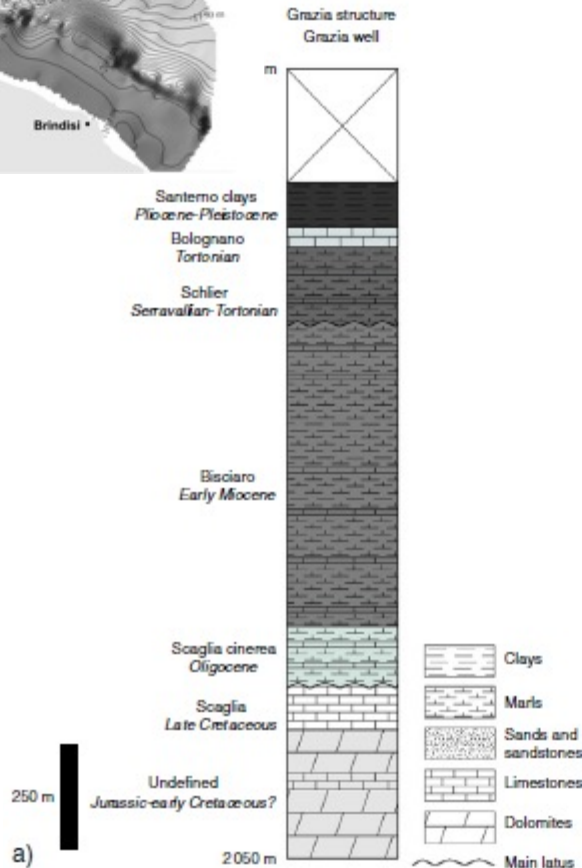
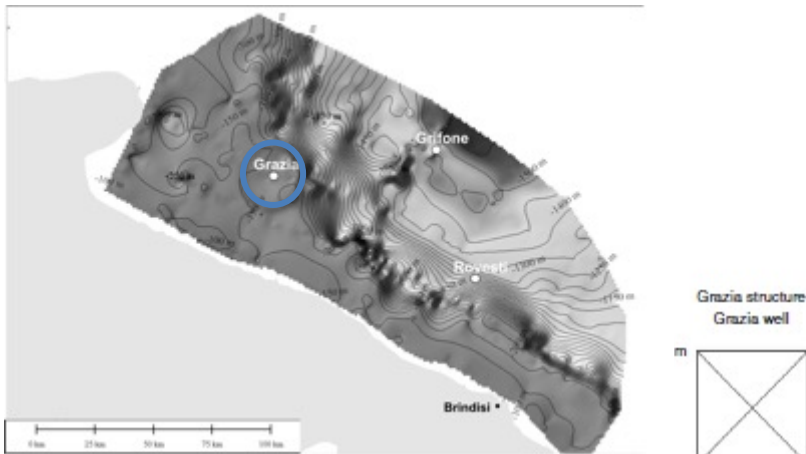
- Carbonate reservoir

STORAGE SITE IN THE SOUTH ADRIATIC OFFSHORE

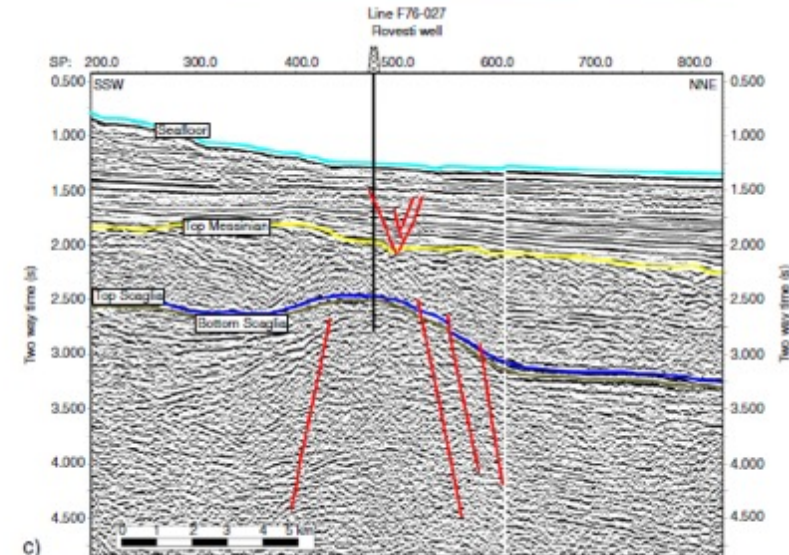
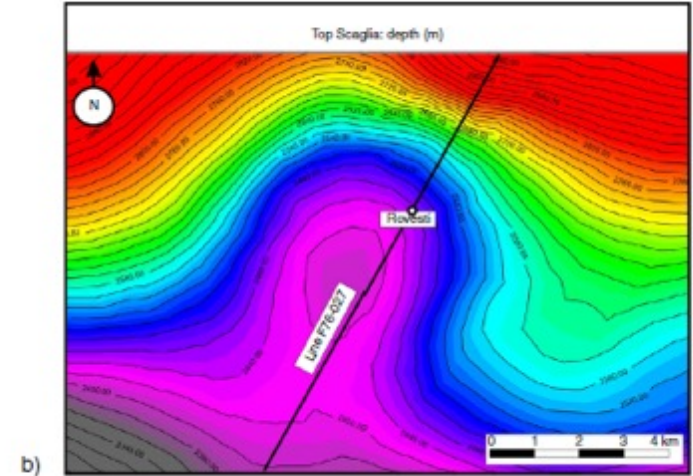
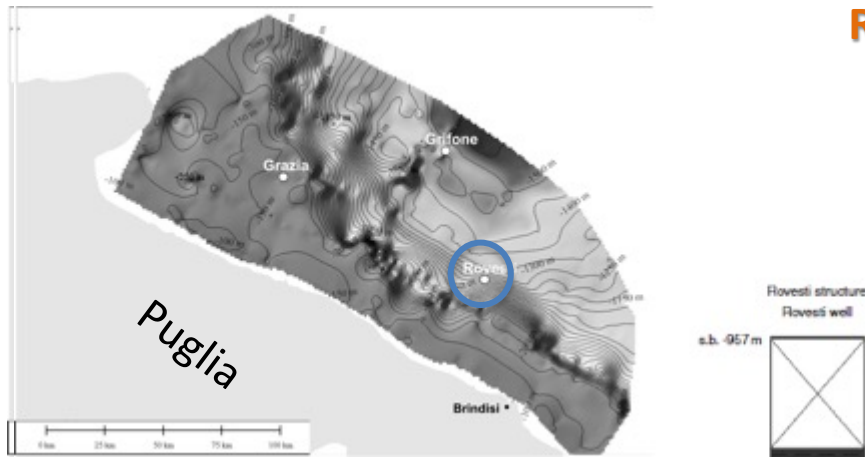


Name	Storage type	Area E+6 (M ⁶)	Bulk Volume E+6 (M ⁶)	Porosity (Scaglia)
Rovesti	Oil and Gas reservoir	1.7	195	13 -15 %
Grifone	Saline aquifer	1.0	191	10 – 20%
Grazia	Saline aquifer	1.3	241	2 - 13 %

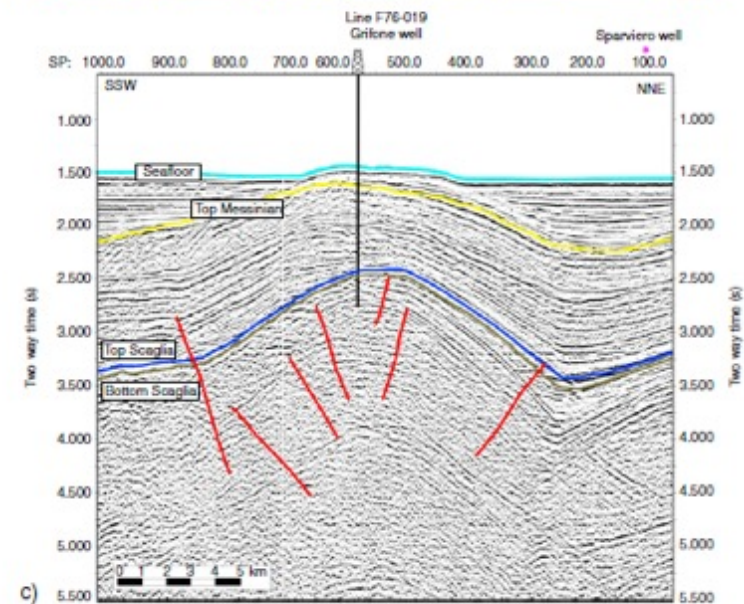
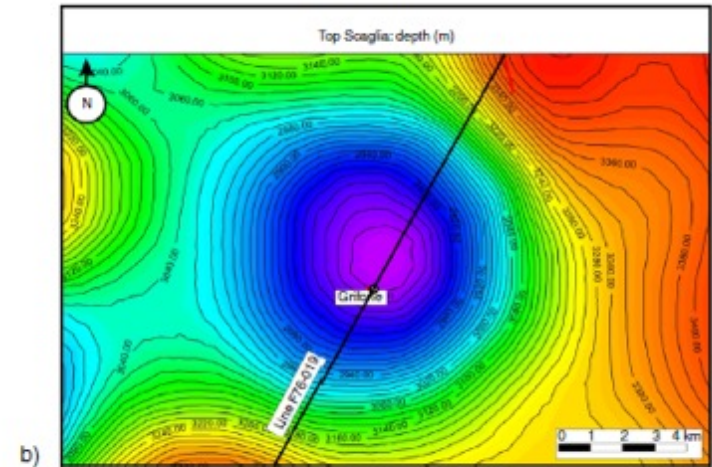
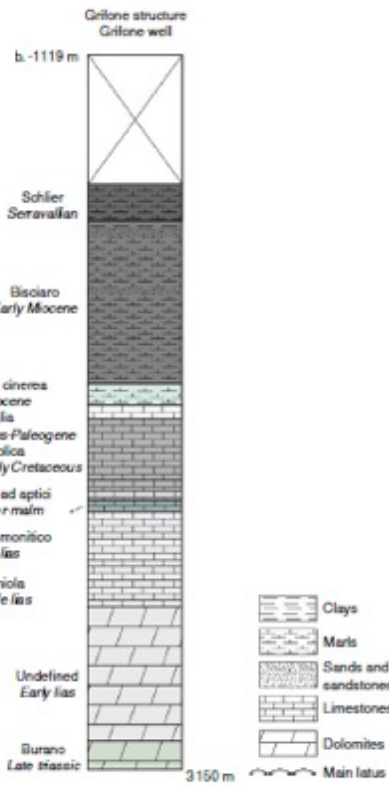
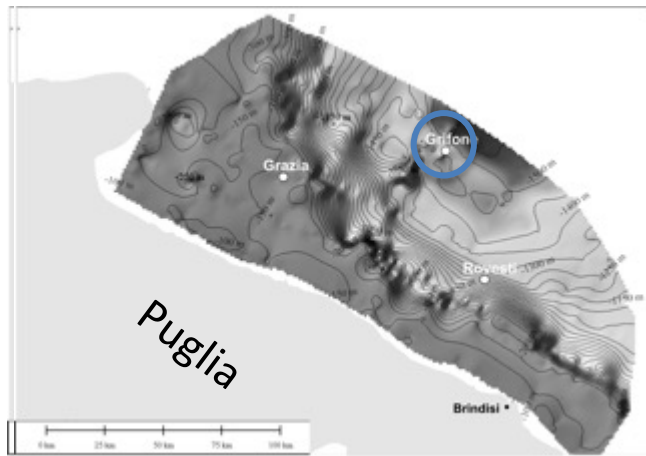
GRAZIA STRUCTURE



ROVESTI STRUCTURE



GRIFONE STRUCTURE

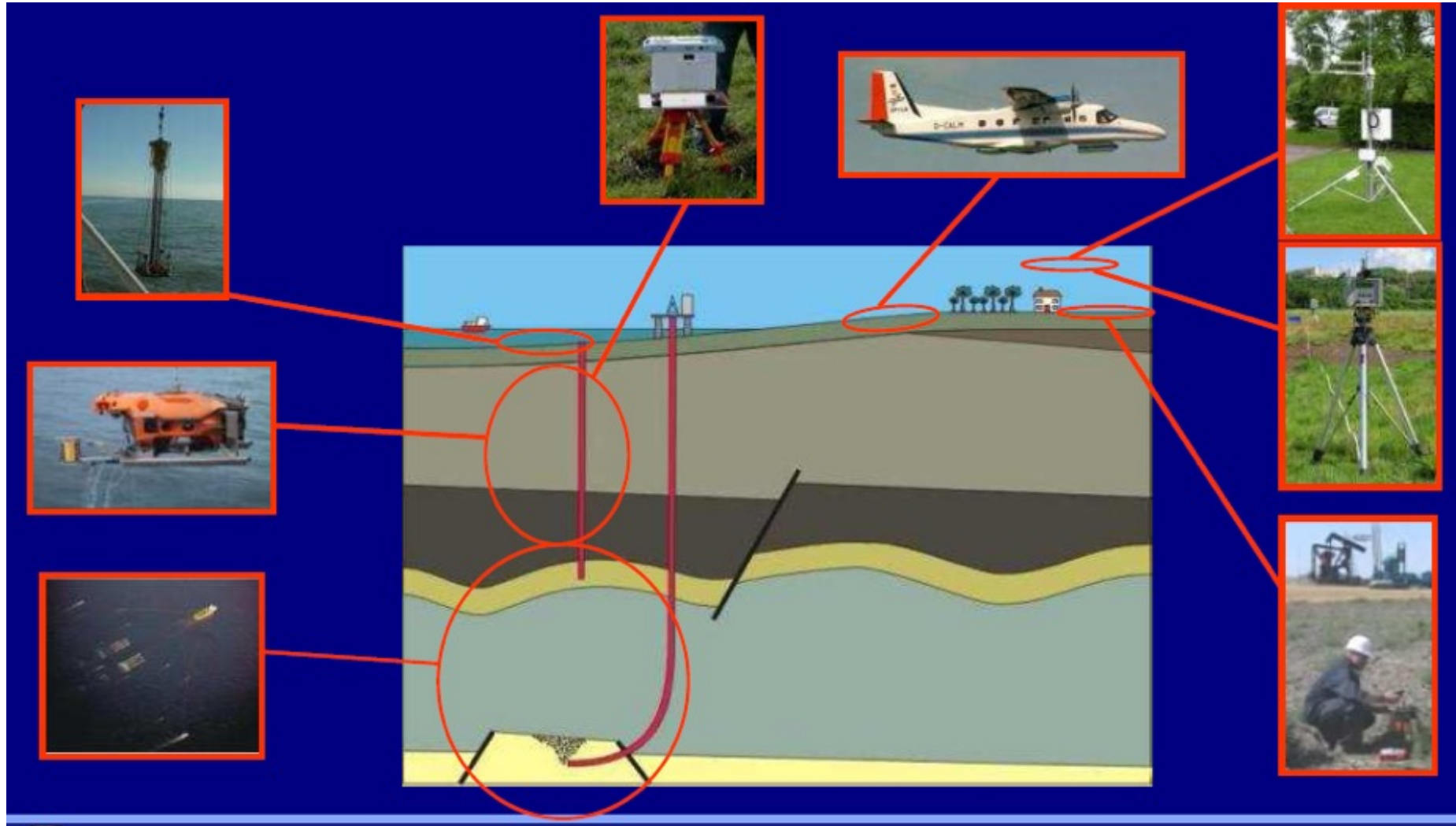


Monitoring of the selected sites

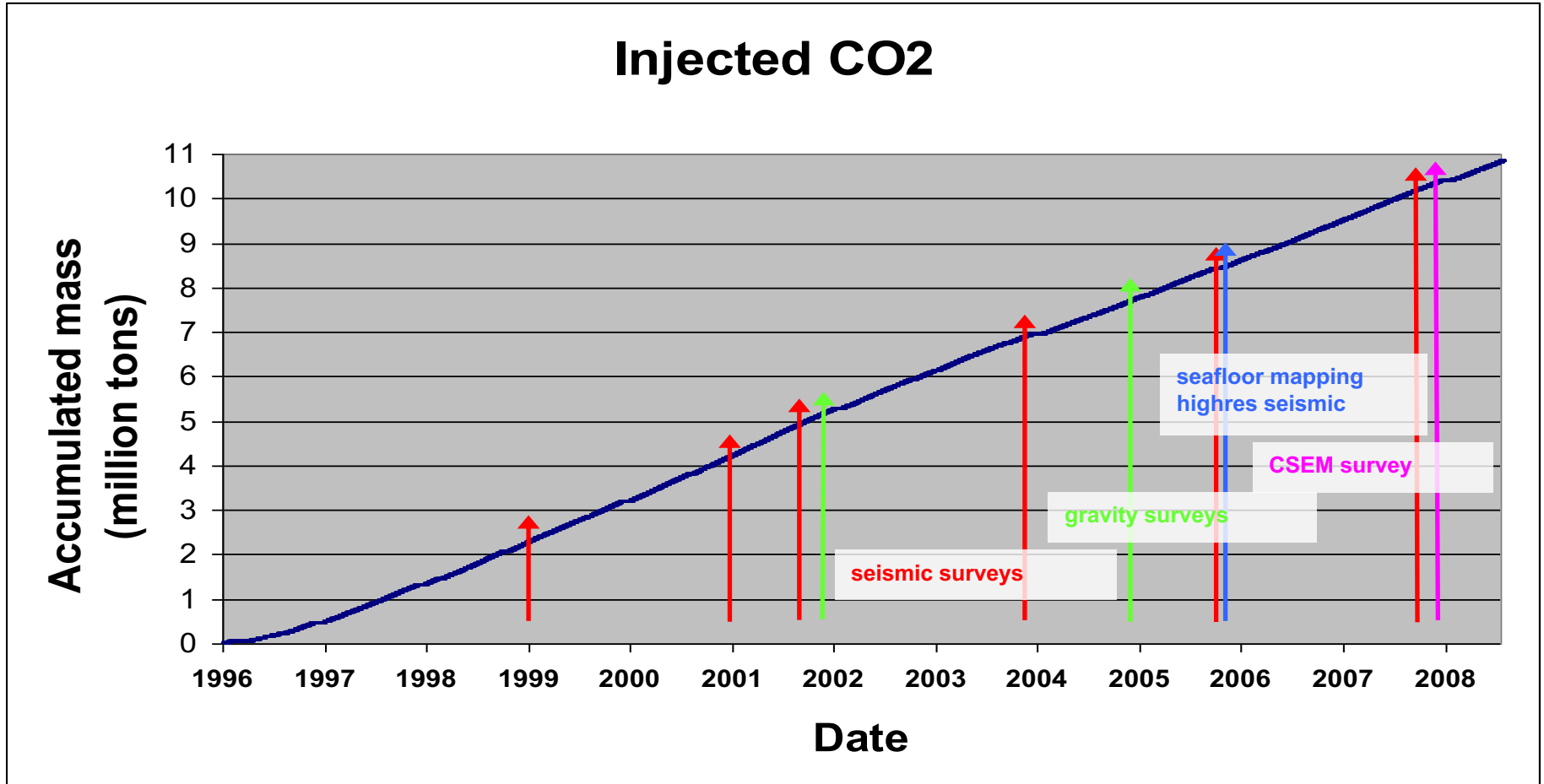
Monitoring is required in order to see whether:

- stored CO₂ behaves as expected
- migration or leakage occurs
- identified leakage damages environment or human health

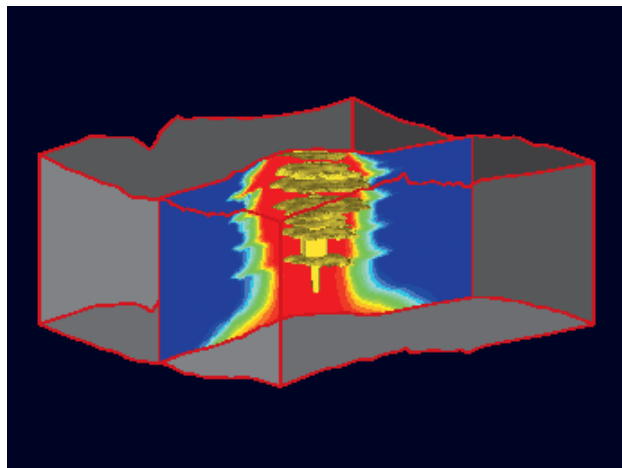
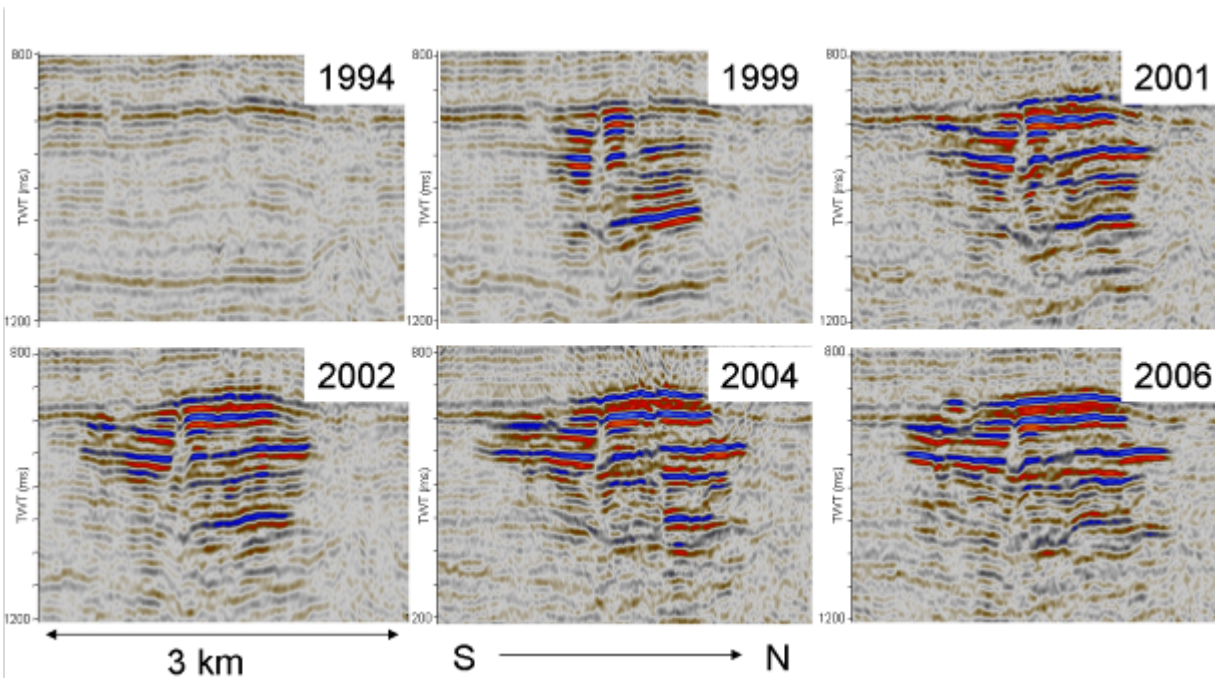
Monitoring of storage site



SELECTION OF MONITORING TECHNIQUES DURING INJECTION OF CO₂



IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING OF CO₂ BEHAVIOUR AFTER INJECTION

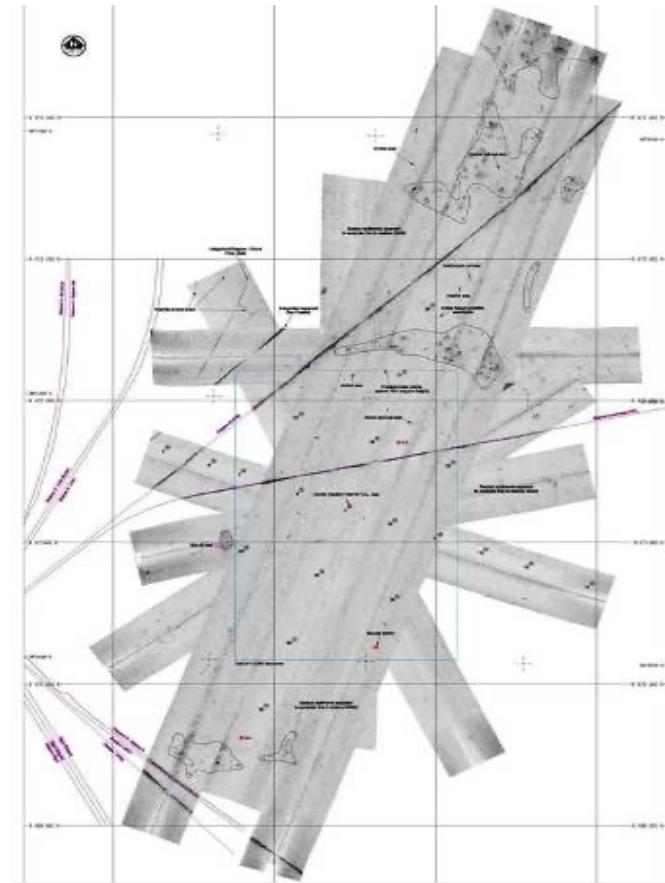


Courtesy Statoil/CO₂STORE project

HIGH RESOLUTION SEAFLOOR CHARACTERIZATION FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF GAS SEEPAGE RELATED FEATURES

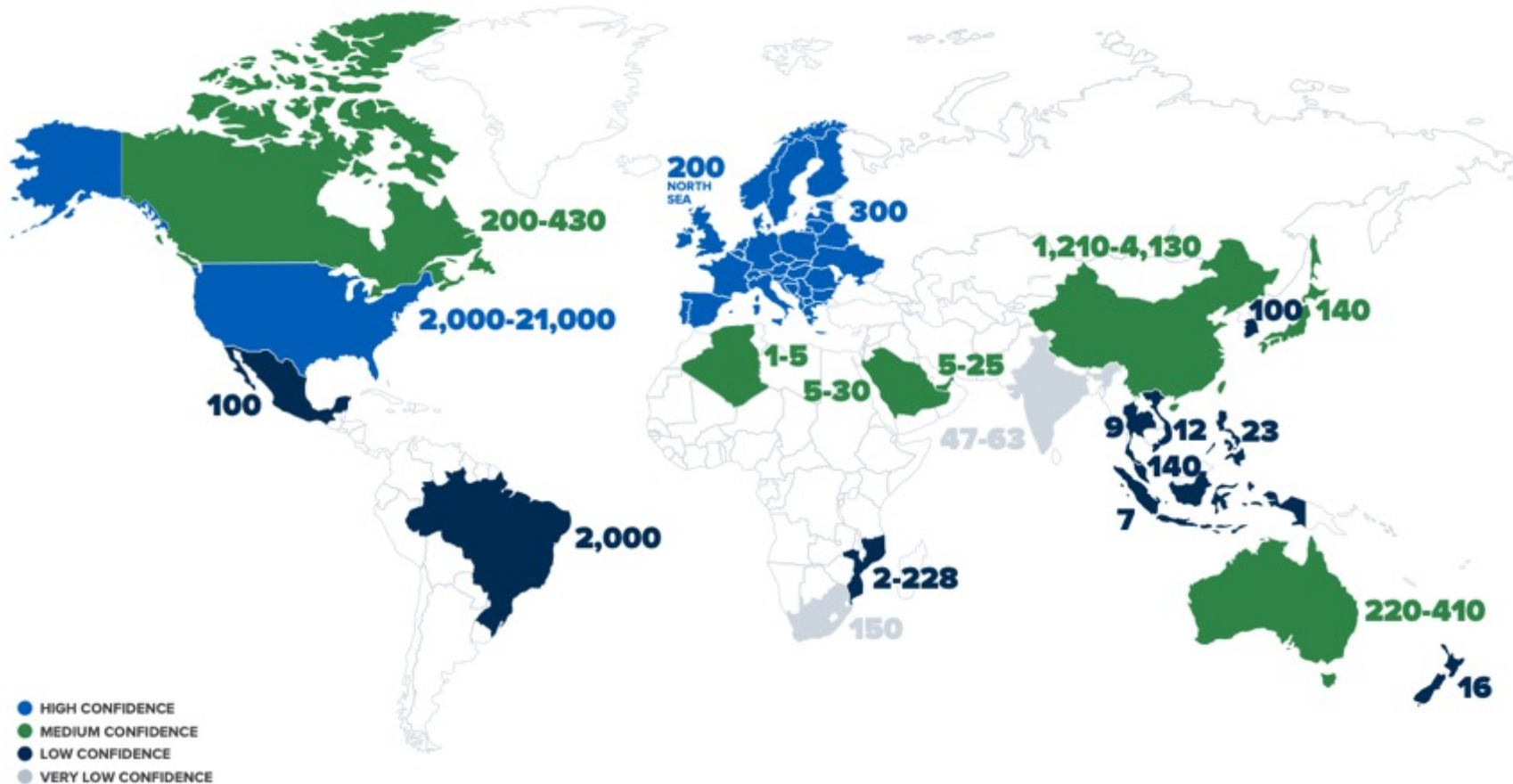


Seafloor morphology, from multibeam echo sounding



Mosaic of side scan sonar data

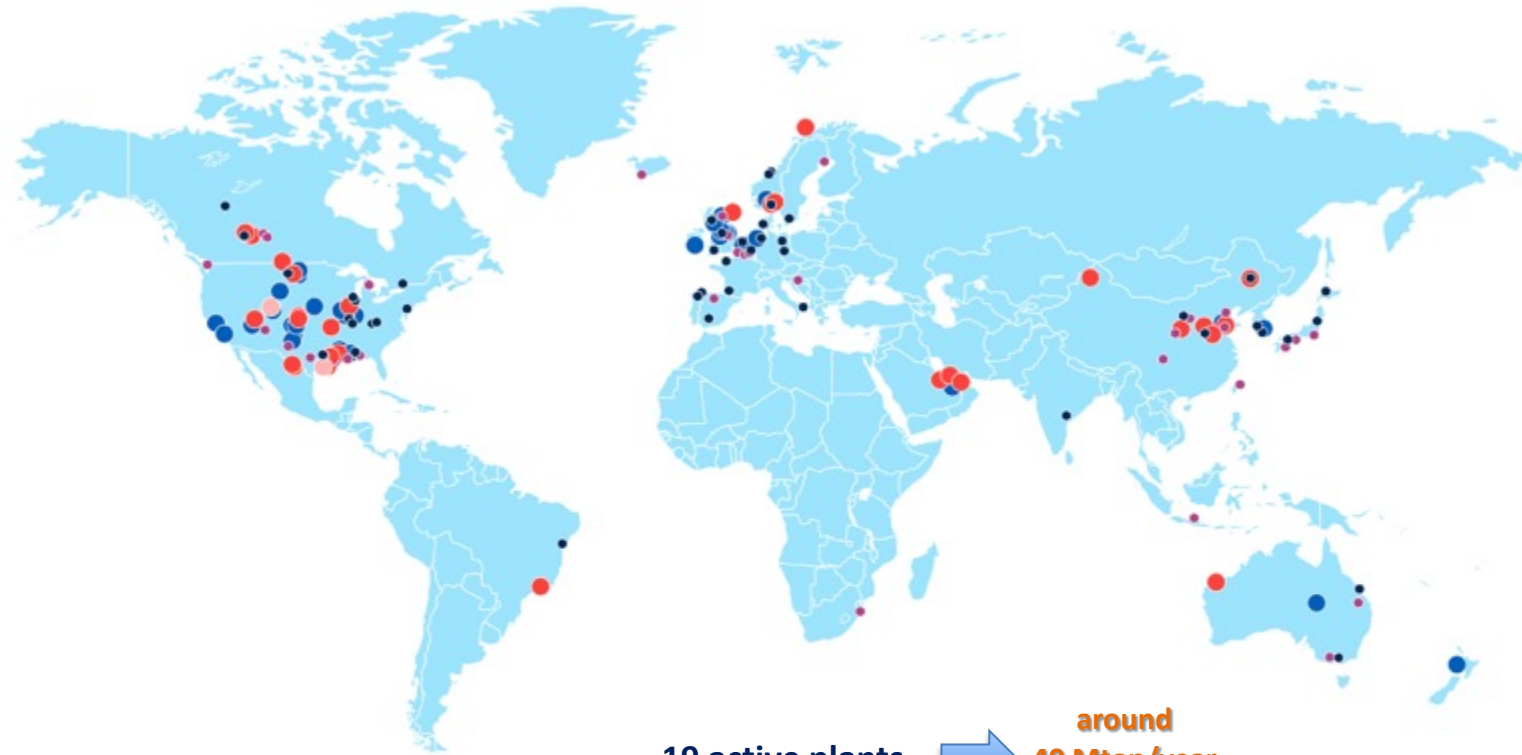
GLOBAL ESTIMATE OF CO₂ STORAGE AVAILABILITY IN THE WORLD (GIGATONS)



Map from: Global CCS Institute, 2019. *The Global Status of CCS: 2019*. Australia

<https://www.globalccsinstitute.com/resources/global-status-report/previous-reports/>

WORLD MAP OF CCS FACILITIES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE 2020



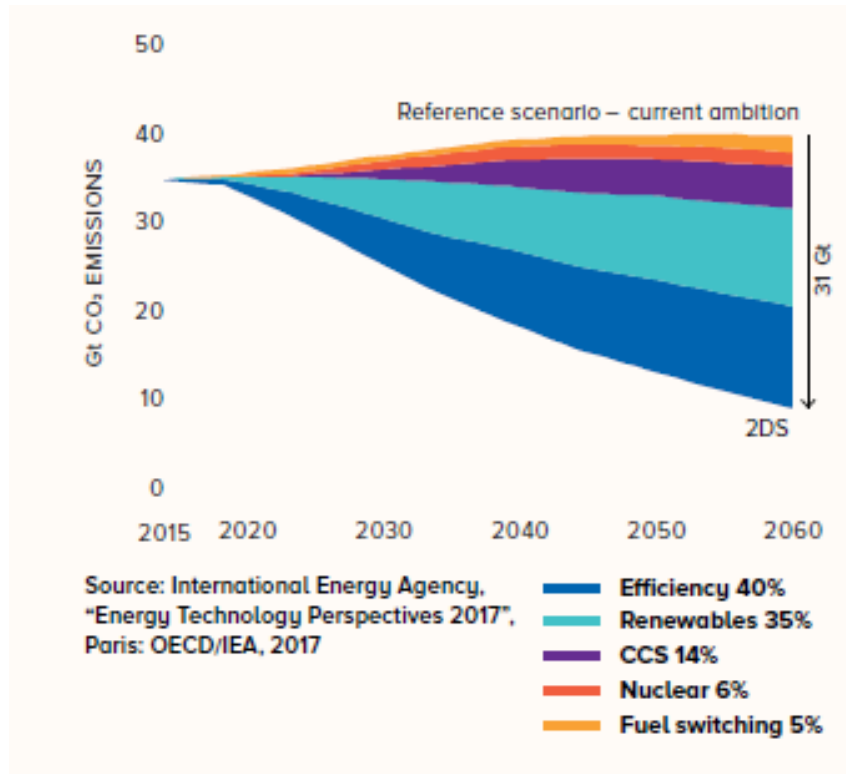
19 active plants



around
40 Mton/year
of CO₂ are
stored today

- COMMERCIAL CCS FACILITIES IN OPERATION & CONSTRUCTION
- COMMERCIAL CCS FACILITIES IN DEVELOPMENT
- OPERATION SUSPENDED
- PILOT & DEMONSTRATION FACILITIES IN OPERATION & DEVELOPMENT
- PILOT & DEMONSTRATION FACILITIES COMPLETED

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CCS IS CRITICAL to achieve the limit average global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial times, with the aspiration of limiting warming to 1.5°C (Paris Agreement, December 2015)



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OUTLINE

- Main concepts on energy storage
- Underground hydrogen storage
 - the EU Hystories project
 - the case study of the Veneto-Friuli Plain
- The role of the geological-structural setting in the identification of storage sites
 - triggered and induced seismicity
- Underground gas storage
 - OGS gas storage monitoring

ENERGY STORAGE

Energy storage is the capture of energy produced at one time for use at a later time to reduce imbalances between energy demand and energy production



UNDERGROUND ENERGY STORAGE

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- **Pumped Hydro Energy Storage:** a type of hydroelectric energy storage; it is a configuration of two water reservoirs at different elevations that can generate power as water moves down from one to the other (discharge), passing through a turbine
 - **Underground Thermal Energy Storage:** heat pump schemes applied to single boreholes or arrays of boreholes suitably drilled in the subsurface, in which heated or chilled fluid is injected and extracted
 - **Compressed Air Energy Storage:** is a way to store energy for later use using compressed air
- **Underground Hydrogen Storage**
 - **Underground Gas Storage**

IDROGENO

Tra i tanti elementi che compongono la materia, l'idrogeno è **il più leggero e il più abbondante**. Costituisce quasi il 90% della massa visibile dell'universo, per la maggior parte nella sua forma gassosa, costituita da una semplice molecola a due atomi (H₂).

L'idrogeno è il carburante delle stelle, cioè il propellente di cui si alimentano le reazioni di fusione nucleare con cui bruciano le stelle.

Tra i combustibili convenzionali è quello con il **massimo contenuto di energia per unità di peso**, tre volte superiore a quello della benzina.

Può giocare un ruolo decisivo per la **decarbonizzazione** delle industrie ad alta intensità energetica, come quella dei trasporti aerei e marittimi, della siderurgia o della chimica, e quindi viene considerato uno dei pilastri del futuro sistema energetico

I «COLORI» DELL'IDROGENO

Nero. L'idrogeno viene estratto dall'acqua usando la corrente prodotta da una centrale elettrica a carbone o a petrolio.

Grigio. È “grigio” più del 90% dell'idrogeno oggi prodotto. Questo elemento ha usi industriali, per esempio nella chimica; può essere lo scarto produttivo di una reazione chimica, oppure può essere estratto dal metano (che è formato da idrogeno e carbonio) o da altri idrocarburi.

Blu. Viene definito “blu” l'idrogeno estratto da idrocarburi fossili dove — a differenza del “grigio” — l'anidride carbonica che risulta dal processo non viene liberata nell'aria bensì viene catturata e immagazzinata.

↳ **CCS**

Viola. L'idrogeno “viola” viene estratto dall'acqua usando la corrente prodotta da una centrale nucleare, cioè a zero emissione di CO₂.

Verde. L'idrogeno “verde” viene estratto dall'acqua usando la corrente prodotta da una centrale alimentata da energie rinnovabili, come idroelettrica, solare o fotovoltaica.

Soltanto il cosiddetto “idrogeno verde”, ottenuto separandolo dall'acqua con un processo di elettrolisi alimentato da energia rinnovabile, è davvero a impatto zero

STOCCAGGIO DI IDROGENO

Lo **stoccaggio di energia** ha acquisito un'importanza fondamentale per la sicurezza energetica, nell'ottica di una **progressiva transizione energetica** dai combustibili fossili a fonti rinnovabili quali energia solare ed eolico.

Lo stoccaggio di idrogeno per approvvigionamento energetico può essere fatto anche attraverso **l'iniezione e l'immagazzinamento in formazioni geologiche profonde**, come avviene per il gas naturale e l'anidride carbonica (CCS), e da esse può successivamente **venire estratto** per essere utilizzato nei picchi di richiesta energetica.

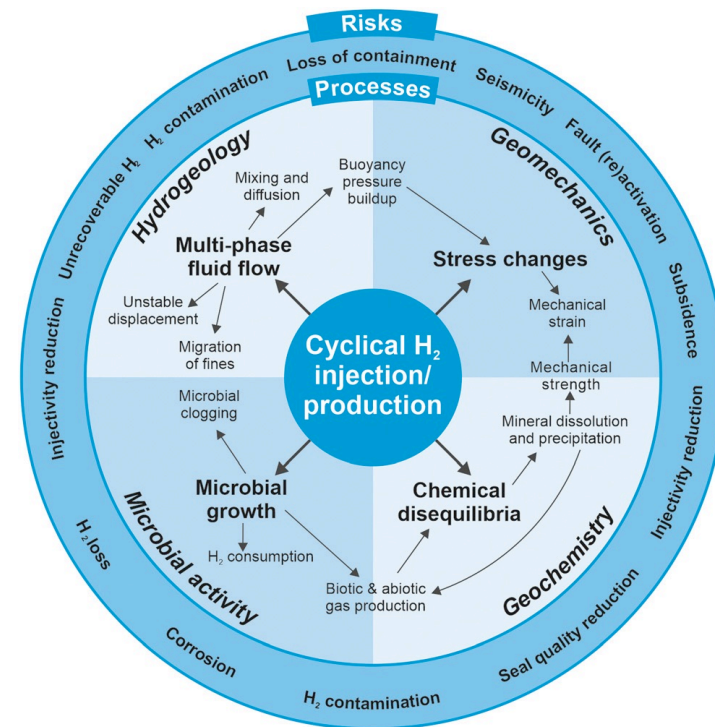
UNDERGROUND HYDROGEN STORAGE

- Salt caverns (since the 70's in Europe)

- **Deep saline aquifers**
- **Depleted hydrocarbon (gas) reservoirs**



New frontiers and challenging!



HyStorIES

HYDROGEN STORAGE IN EUROPEAN SUBSURFACE

- Call: H2020 FCH-02-5-2020 “Underground storage of renewable hydrogen in depleted gas fields and other geological stores”
- Duration: 24 months (2021-2023)
- Budget: 2,5 M€

Coordinator: GeoStock SAS (France)

OGS: CO2GeoNet third party

CONCEPT

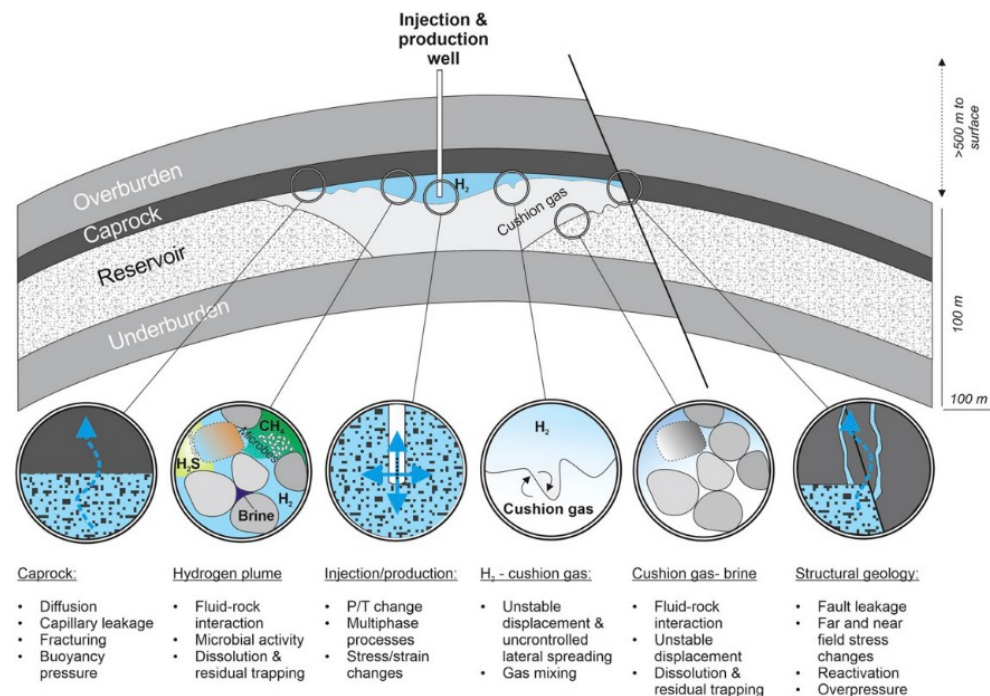
- **Renewable hydrogen**, when combined with large scale underground storage, balances out the impacts of **variable energy production** from renewable energy sources;
- While storing pure hydrogen in salt caverns has been practiced since the '70s in Europe, **hydrogen storage has not yet been carried out anywhere in depleted fields or aquifers**;
- Technical developments are still needed to validate this solution, i.e. **bio- and geo-chemical impacts** on the subsurface and **quality of hydrogen** extracted from the store.



HyStorIES proposes to address the main technical feasibility questions and to assess the techno-economical potential of underground large-scale storage of renewable hydrogen by 2050

CRITERI

- Presenza di **reservoir** (formazioni geologiche porose e permeabili-es. sabbie) e **caprock** (formazioni geologiche impermeabili-argille)
- Profondità del reservoir: almeno 500 m
- Distanza da sorgenti sismogenetiche (Database of Individual Seismogenic Sources (DISS) $M > 5.5$ - INGV)



da Heinemann et al., 2021

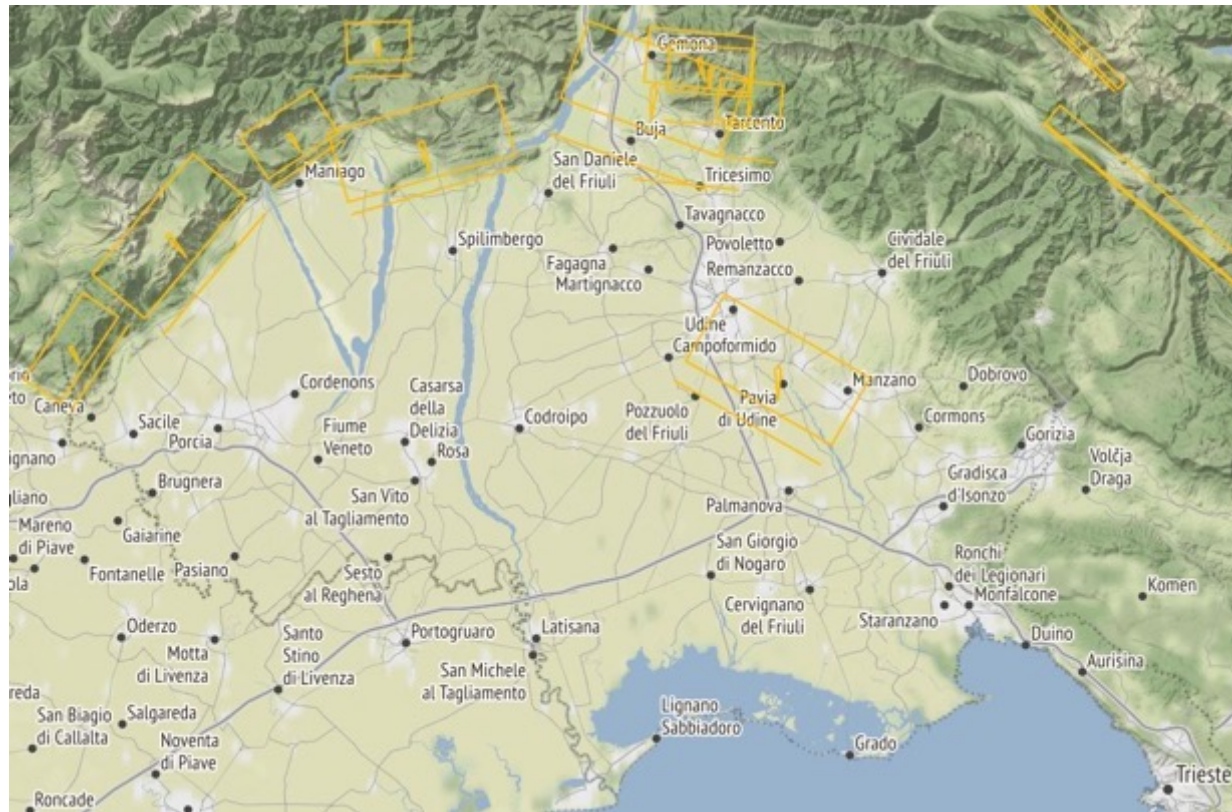
OGS NEL PROGETTO HYSTORIES

Analisi dei logs di pozzo e revisione dei precedenti studi sugli acquiferi

- Acquiferi profondi carbonatici e terrigeni già identificati come possibili siti di stoccaggio della CO₂ (Civile et al., 2013; Donda et al., 2011)
- Acquiferi superficiali individuati dai logs di pozzo (database ViDEPI)
- Campi depleti ad idrocarburi, inclusi quelli attualmente usati come stoccaggio di gas naturale
(<https://unmig.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/dati/stoccaggio-del-gas-naturale>)



SITES POTENTIALLY SUITABLE FOR HYDROGEN STORAGE IN THE VENETO-FRIULI PLAIN REGION



Mattera et al., under review

SITES POTENTIALLY SUITABLE FOR HYDROGEN STORAGE IN THE VENETO-FRIULI PLAIN REGION

The study area has been chosen in light of some key initiatives that have been undertaken in the northern Adriatic region concerning hydrogen-related technologies: on April 2022, the “**North Adriatic Hydrogen Valley**” initiative was officially launched with the aim of building the **first cross-border hydrogen valley**. This initiative brings together Friuli Venezia Giulia district, Slovenia and Croatia through a cooperation agreement that has been finalized to pursue the **Hydrogen Strategy** for a climate-neutral Europe which was launched in 2020 by the European Commission.

SITES POTENTIALLY SUITABLE FOR HYDROGEN STORAGE IN THE VENETO-FRIULI PLAIN REGION



17 boreholes available from the «Visibility of petroleum exploration data in Italy (Videpi)» database

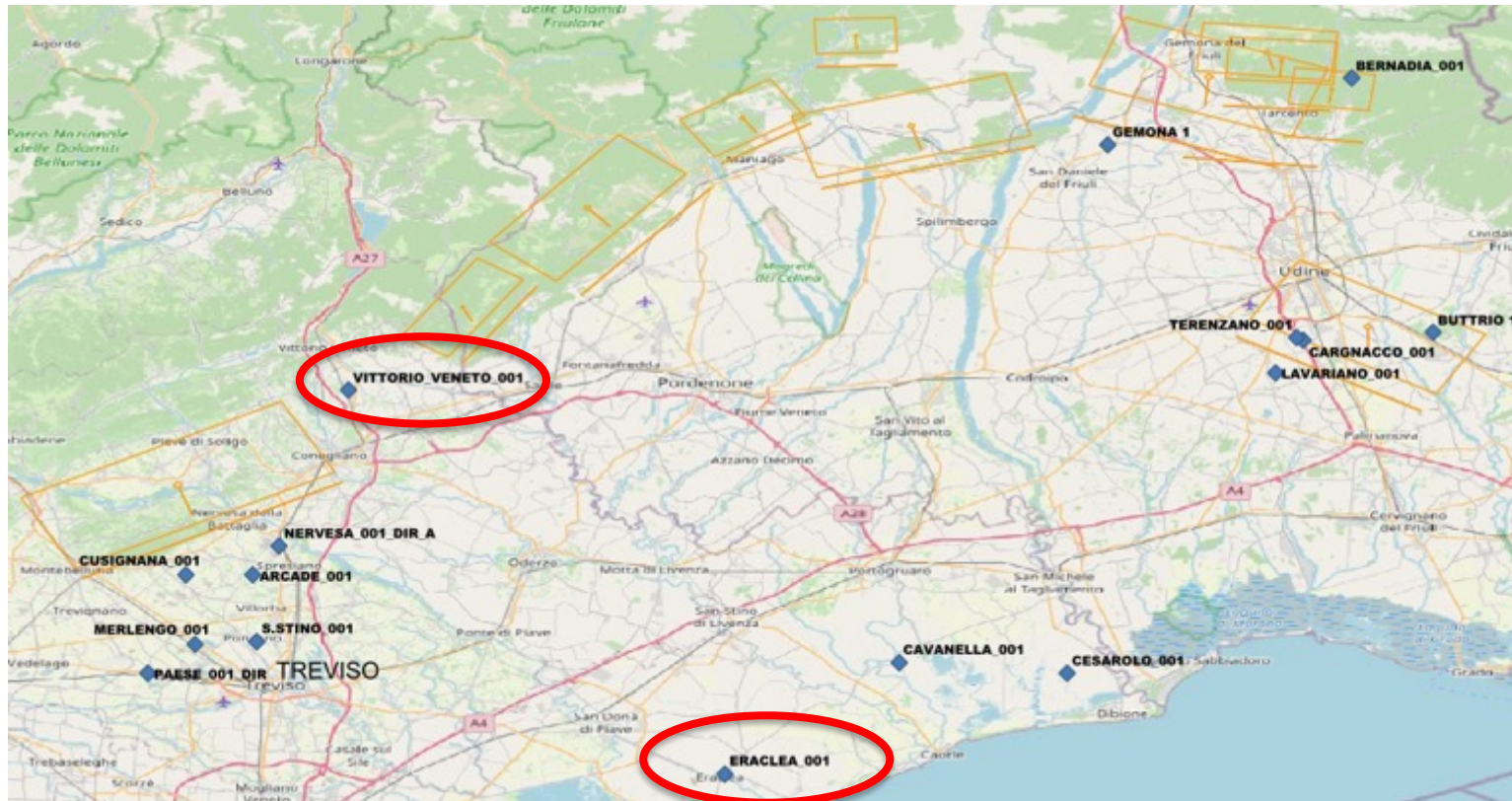
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NOT SUITABLE AREAS

- Per mancanza di potenziale complesso di stoccaggio (Cesarolo 1, Cavanella 1 e Cusignana 1)
- Per prossimità a faglie sismogeniche (Bernadia 1, Buttrio 1, Cargnacco 1, Gemona 1, Lavariano 1, Terenzano 1)



INDIVIDUAL SUITABLE WELLS



Reservoir: Late Cretaceous/Eocene limestones
thickness: ca. 180 m
Caprock: Eocene marls
thickness: ca. 860 m

Mattera et al., under review

THE «TREVISO SITE»

- 7 boreholes
- 5 suitable boreholes

Reservoir: early Miocene sandstones
(Glauconie di Cavanella)

Thickness: min 115 m, max 290 m

Caprock: Tortonian Marls (Marne di
San Donà)

Thickness: min 160 m, max 950 m

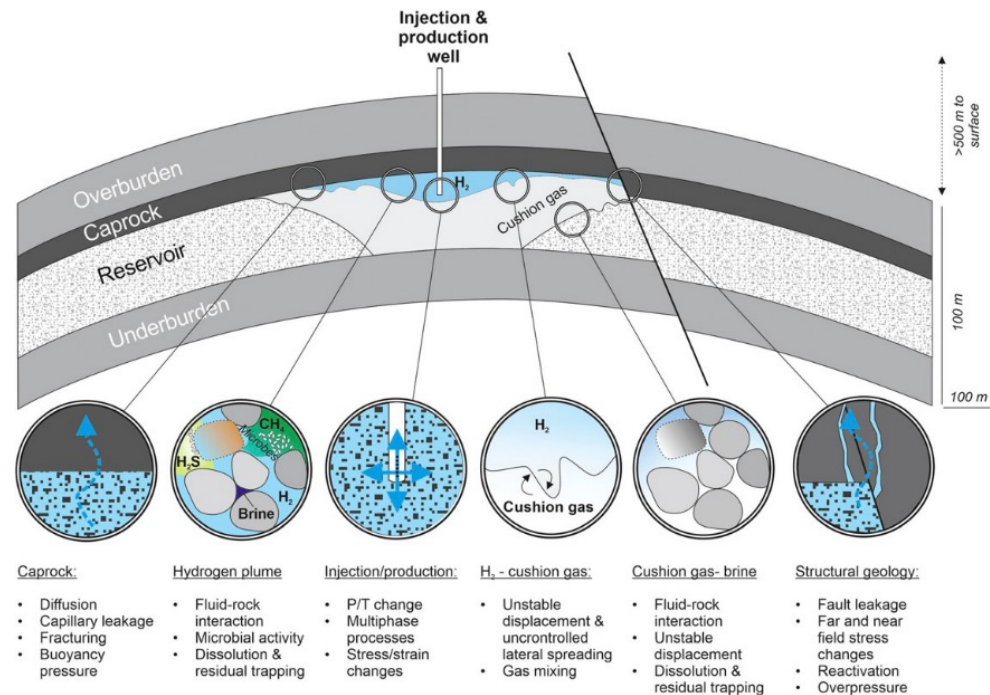
Porosity evaluation from geophysical
logs: 10-28%



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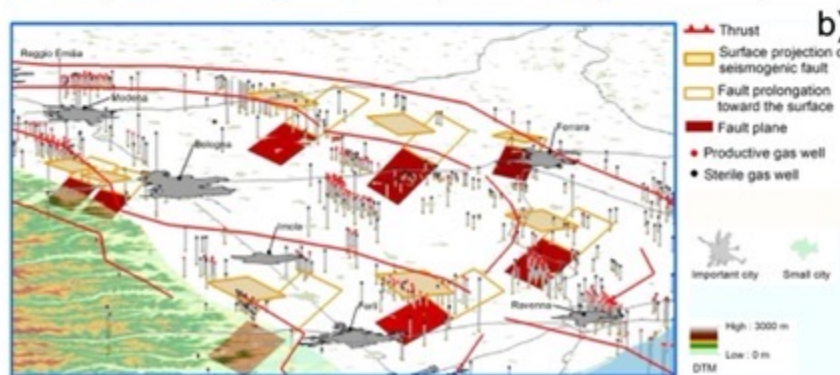
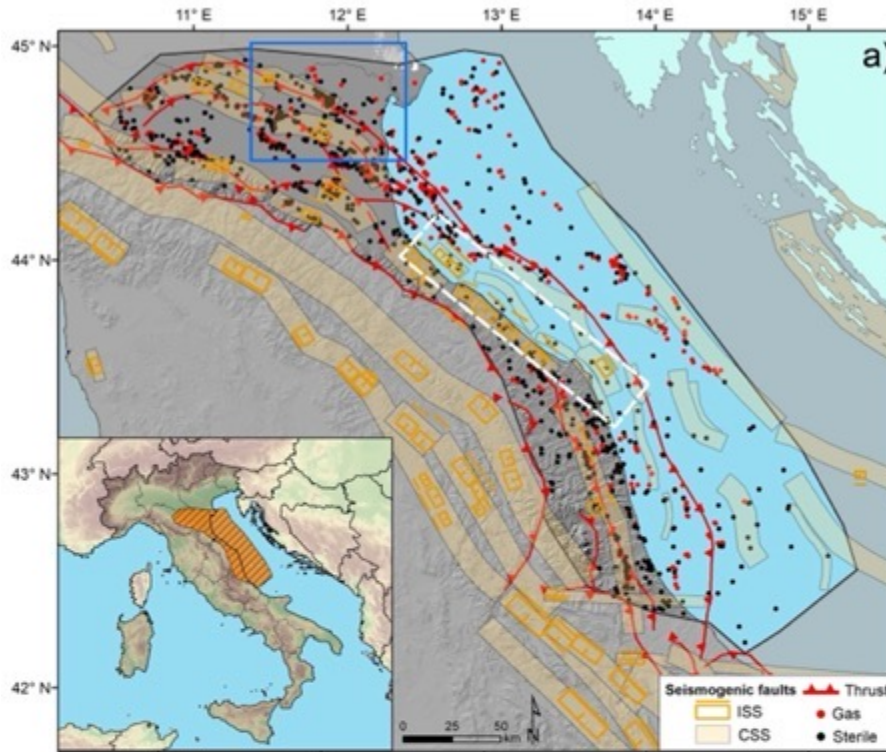


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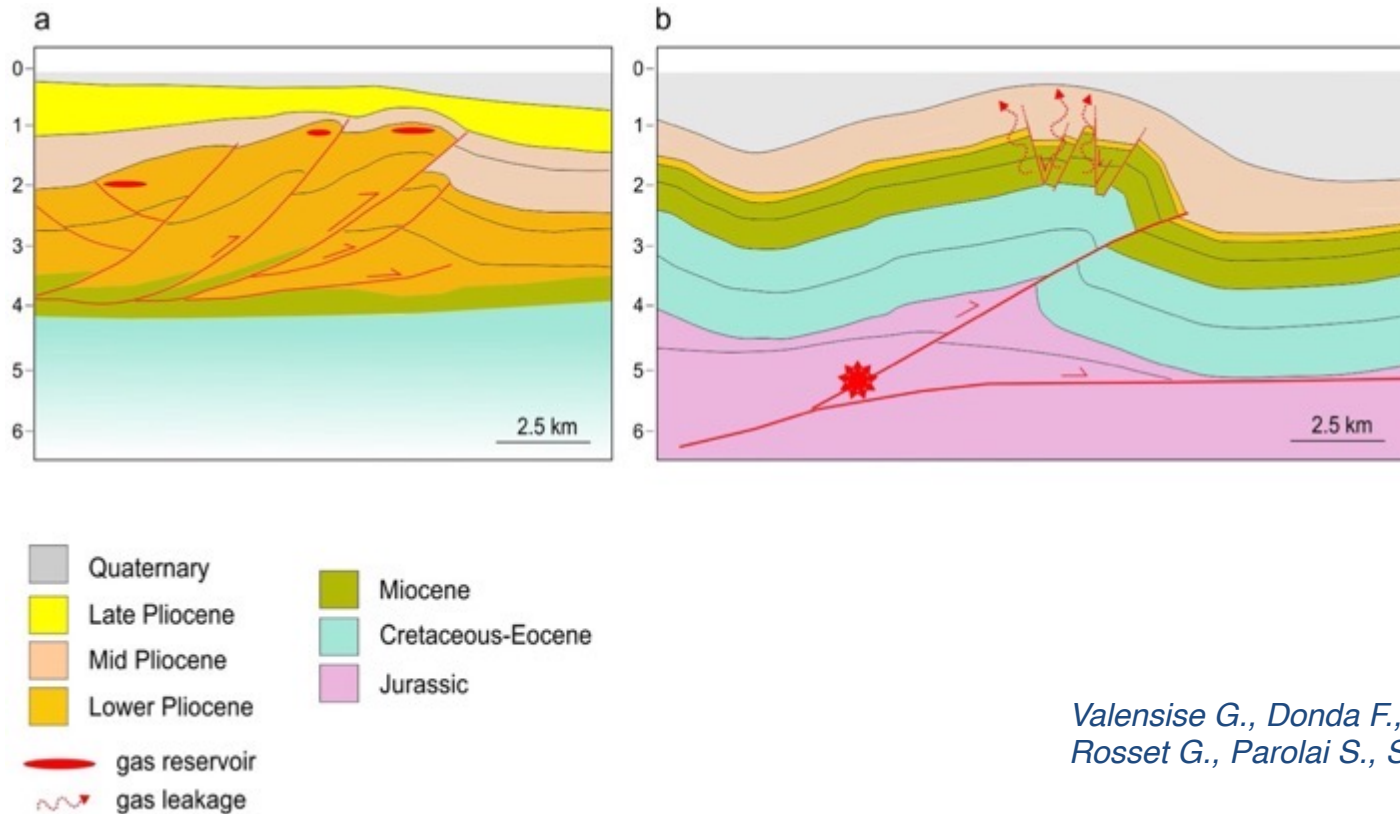
THE ROLE OF THE GEOLOGICAL-STRUCTURAL SETTING

“Gas fields and large shallow seismogenic reverse faults are anticorrelated”

Valensise G., Donda F., Tamaro A., Rosset G., Parolai S.
Sci. Rep., 2022



THE ROLE OF THE GEOLOGICAL-STRUCTURAL SETTING



*Valensise G., Donda F., Tamaro A.,
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The most **productive reservoirs** are hosted in **small-scale anticlines** (Figure a-left), generated by faults that are shorter and narrower with respect to the **deep and large faults** driving long-wavelength folds that may generate significant **earthquakes** and where **gas is generally not found** (Figure b-right)

THE ROLE OF THE GEOLOGICAL-STRUCTURAL SETTING

- In a fold and thrust hydrocarbon province the lack of productive gas reservoirs is likely to be controlled by seismogenic faulting
- Conversely, the presence of significant reservoirs is in itself an indication of a predominantly aseismic behavior of the underlying faults



Our findings indicate that the best option for planning such facilities is to **stay away from large seismogenic faults** and opt for a depleted gas reservoir

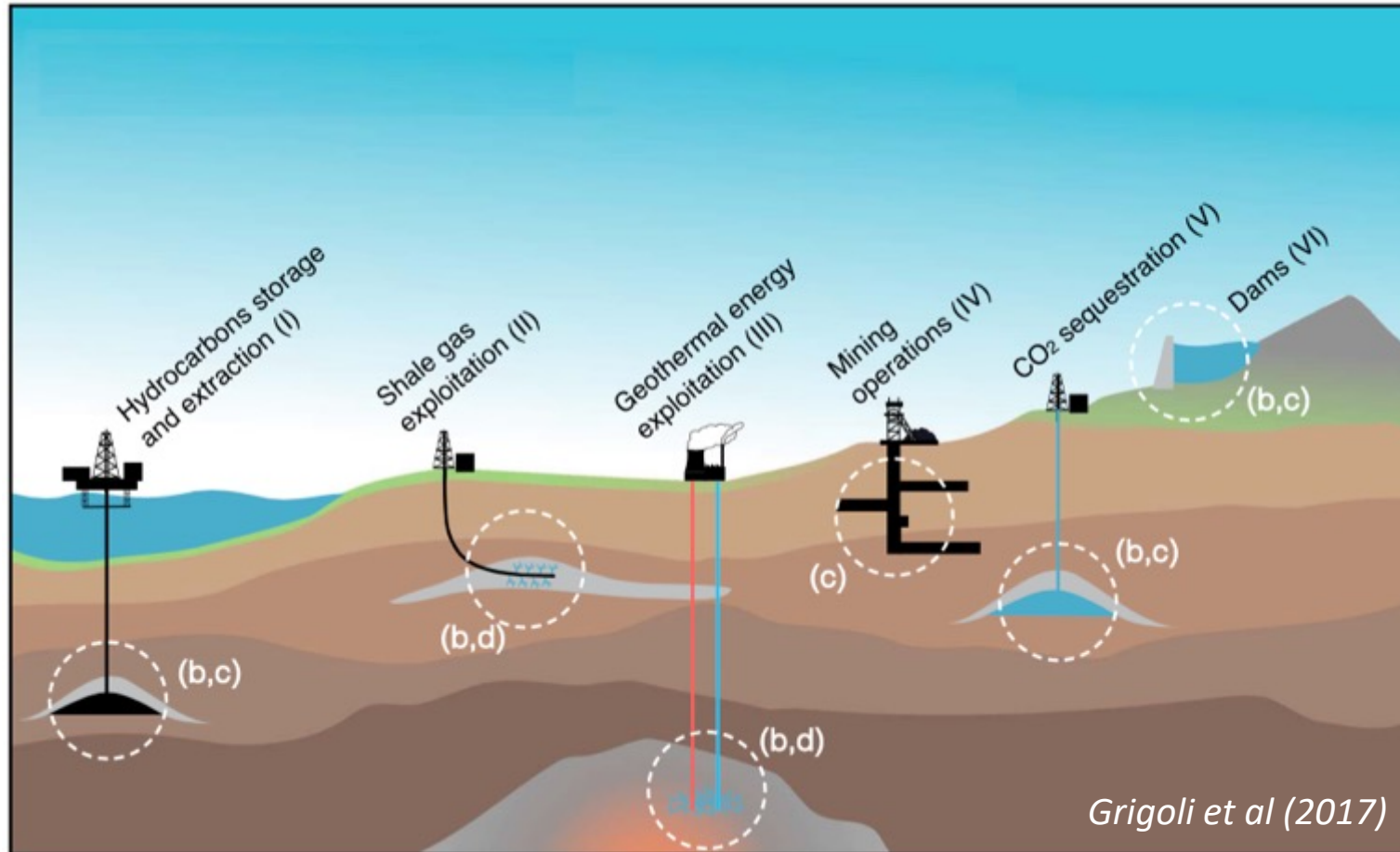
INDUCED AND TRIGGERED SEISMICITY

In the case of **induced earthquakes**, the nucleation, growth, and rupture process are determined by human-related stress perturbations.

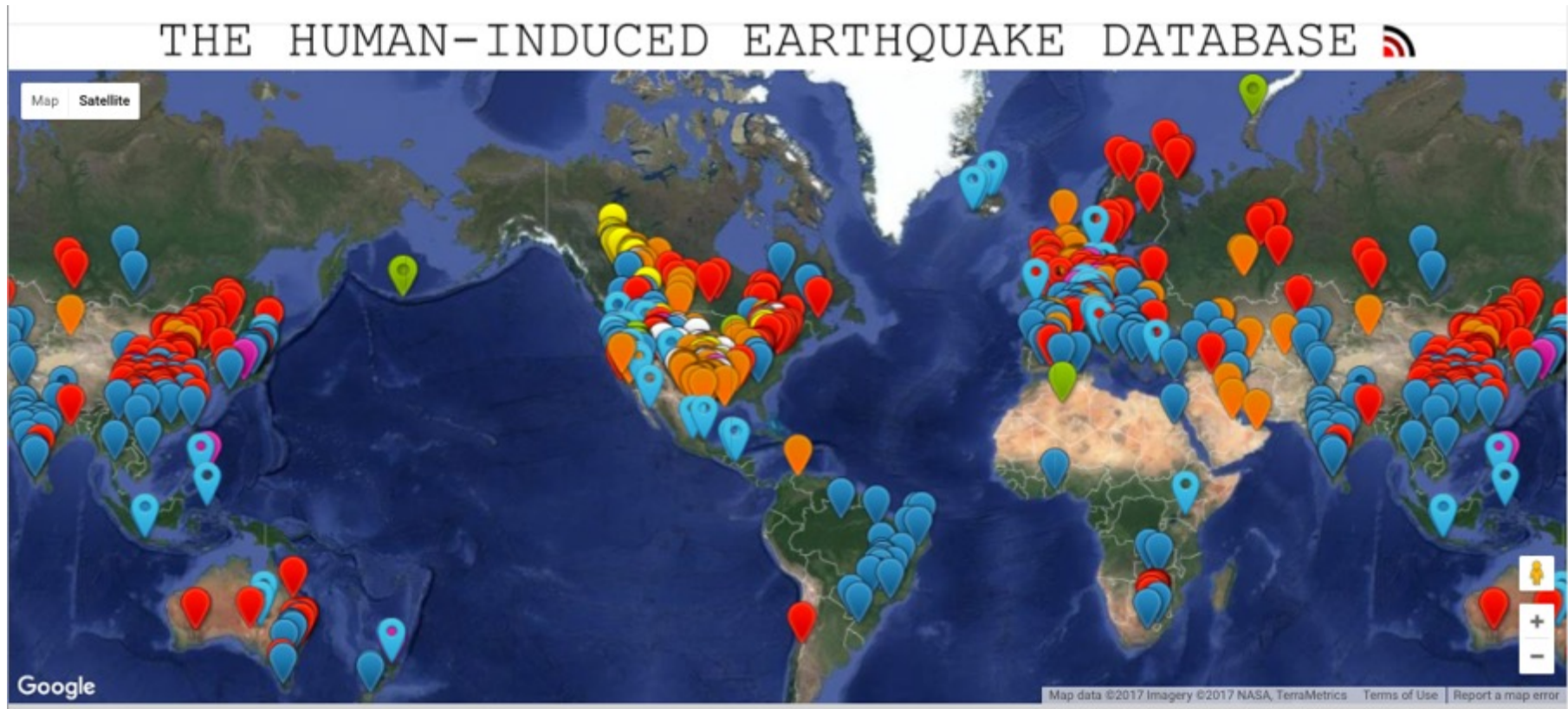
In the case of **triggered seismicity**, the background stress field plays a more important role, and human activities are only responsible for the earthquake nucleation, while the rupture evolution is controlled by the background stresses (Dahm et al., 2013)

Strictly speaking, human activities CANNOT “induce” huge and devastating events, whereas they can trigger them.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES INDUCING EARTHQUAKES



HUMAN-INDUCED EARTHQUAKES IN THE WORLD



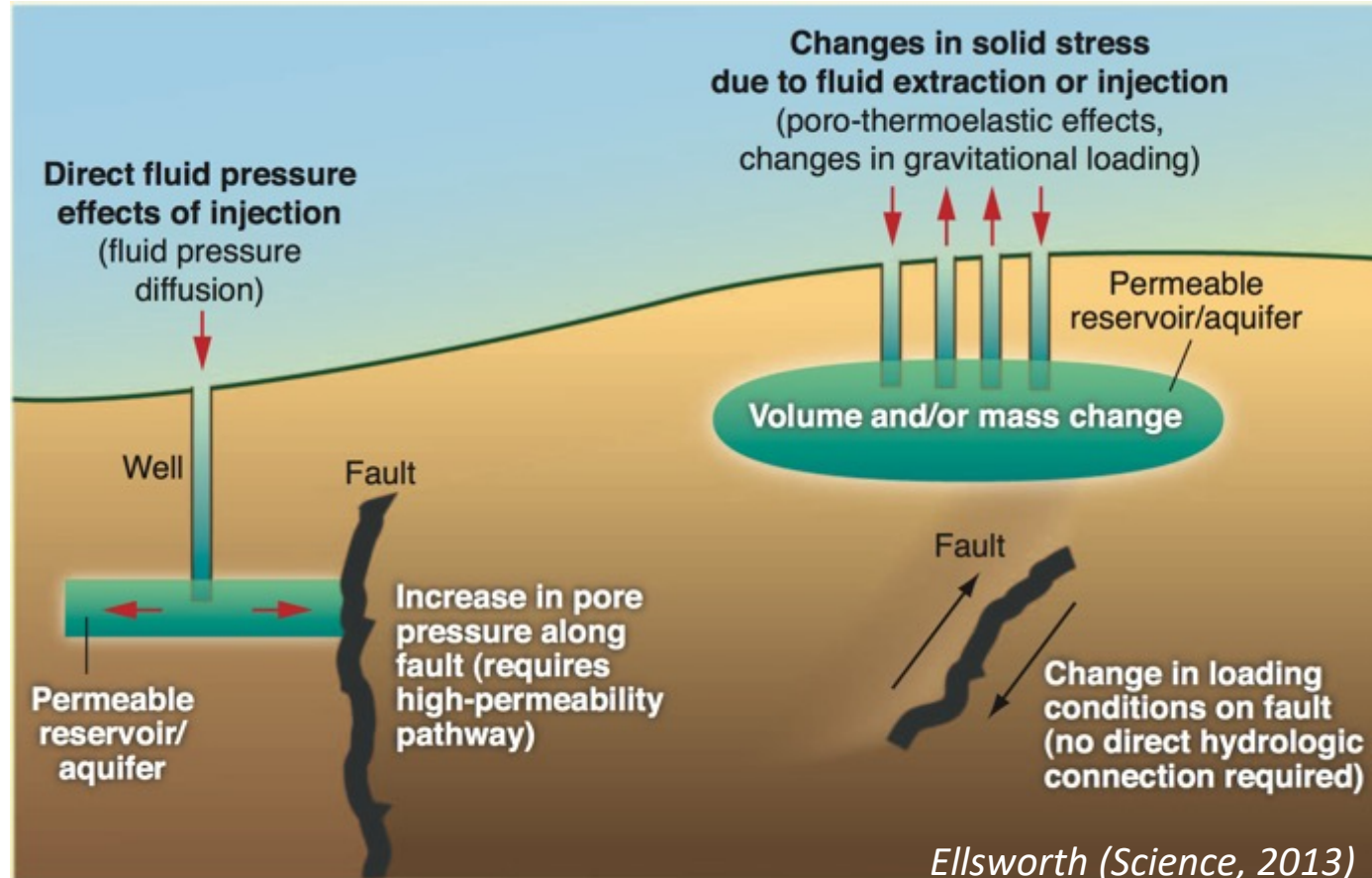
To date, about 1200 entries of induced seismicity

<http://inducedearthquakes.org/>
(Wilson et al, 2017; Foulger et al, 2018)

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MAIN MECHANISMS FOR INDUCING EARTHQUAKES

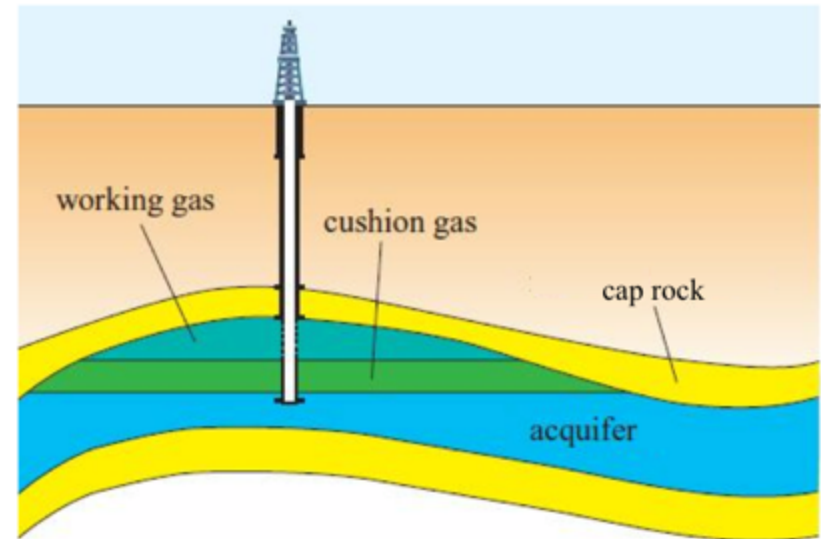
- increasing the pore pressure acting on a fault
- changing the shear and normal stress acting on the fault



UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE

Depleted gas-reservoirs are one of the safest types of underground gas storage. As gas has been trapped inside at the confining pressure for millions of years.

The reservoir is a geological trap with porous and permeable rock layers, tens to hundreds of meters thick, sealed by impermeable formations.



EXAMPLES

Italy has 15 active underground gas storage, all in depleted gas reservoirs. No evidence of induced seismicity, ever.

Hutubi (China) is one of the biggest underground gas storage ($WGV \approx 10$ billion Sm^3). First case of weak earthquake ($M \approx 2.8-3$) hypothesized to have been induced by UGS, by poro-elastic stress diffusion (Qiao et al, 2018; Zhou et al, 2019).

Underground gas storage in **depleted oil-reservoirs** is much **less safe**; e.g., the Castor Project (Spain)

UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE

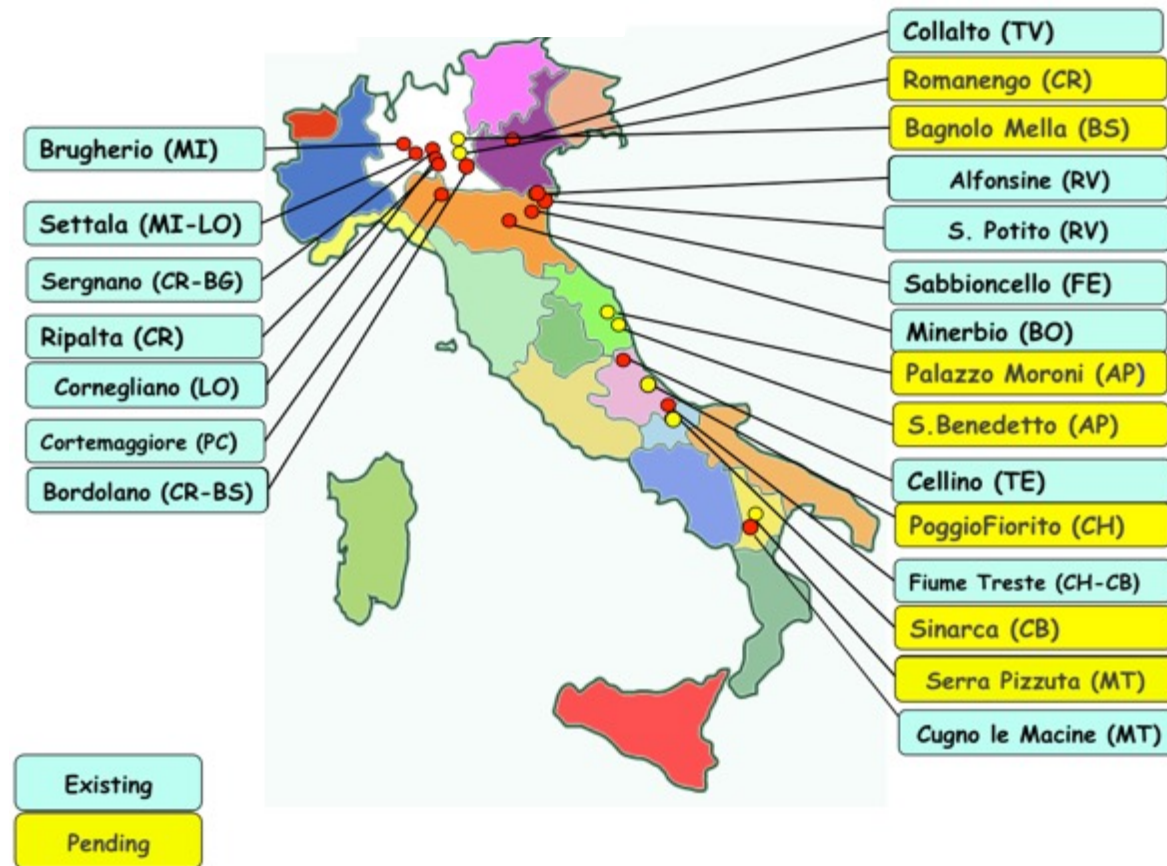
- 15 campi attivi
- 7 richieste pendenti

Capacità totale di stoccaggio:
16.5 Miliardi Sm^3 , di cui
4.6 di riserva strategica

Pressione max di esercizio:
130-230 bar

($Sm^3 = metro\ cubo\ standard$)

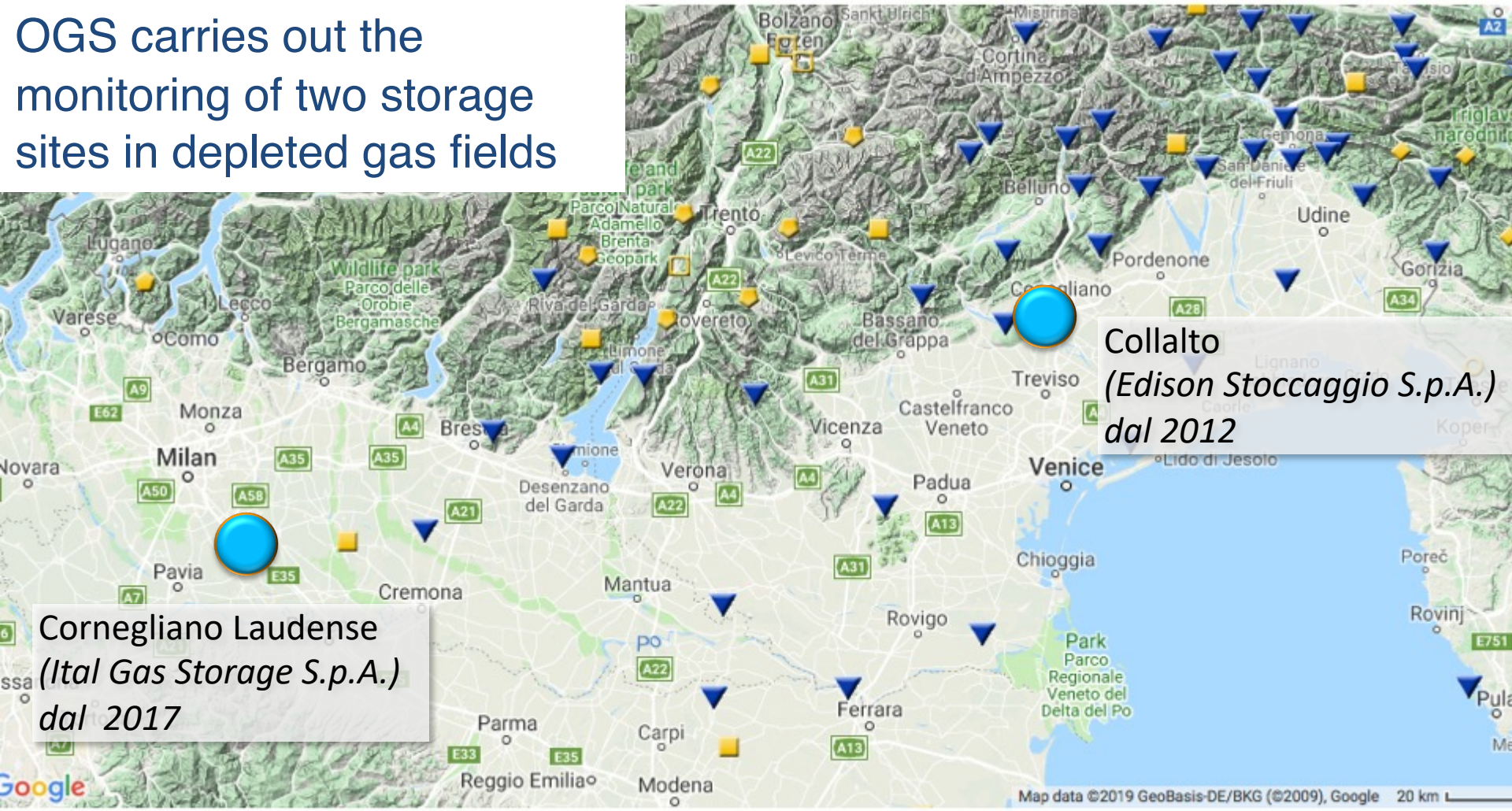
In Italia sono utilizzati esclusivamente depositi depleti; per nessun caso si ha notizia di sismicità indotta o innescata.



Dati del Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico (MiSE)
Ultimo aggiornamento: febbraio 2021

OGS GAS STORAGE MONITORING

OGS carries out the monitoring of two storage sites in depleted gas fields



Collalto
(Edison Stoccaggio S.p.A.)
dal 2012

Cornegliano Laudense
(Ital Gas Storage S.p.A.)
dal 2017

OGS GAS STORAGE MONITORING

Stazione sismica + GPS



75 m deep wells

Strumentazione

Guralp:

- Minimus
- Radian
- Fortis



Bocca pozzo +
accelerometro
(Fortis)

Sismometro da pozzo (Radian)



Italian monitoring guidelines

Nel 2014 il MiSE-DGRME istituisce il Gruppo di Lavoro per la redazione di **Indirizzi e Linee Guida** (ILG) per i monitoraggi delle attività di coltivazione di idrocarburi, stoccaggio sotterraneo di gas naturale e reiniezione di fluidi nel sottosuolo svolte on-shore.

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