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# Outline:

- CCUS, technology to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage
- CO<sub>2</sub> storage potential in Italy

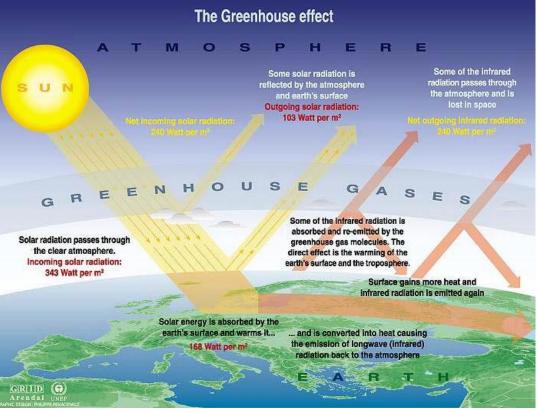




**Global warming** and **climate change** are terms for the observed century-scale rise in the average temperature of the Earth's **climate system** and its related effects.

## **GREENHOUSE GASES**

This process consists of the global warming due to the emission of gas (CO<sub>2</sub>, 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 reissued); in practice they behave like the glass of a greenhouse and help to regulate and maintain the temperature of the earth with today.



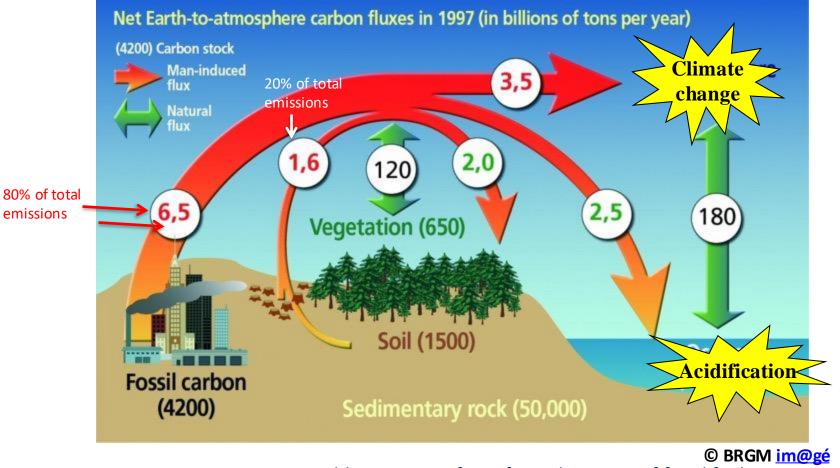
This is a natural process and allows that the temperature of the Earth be 33°C higher than what it would be without the presence of the gases.





## CO<sub>2</sub> exchange between Earth and Atmosphere (Billiontons/years of Carbon)

#### Total amount of emitted CO<sub>2</sub> : 30 billion tons /year or 8.1 billiontons/years of carbon

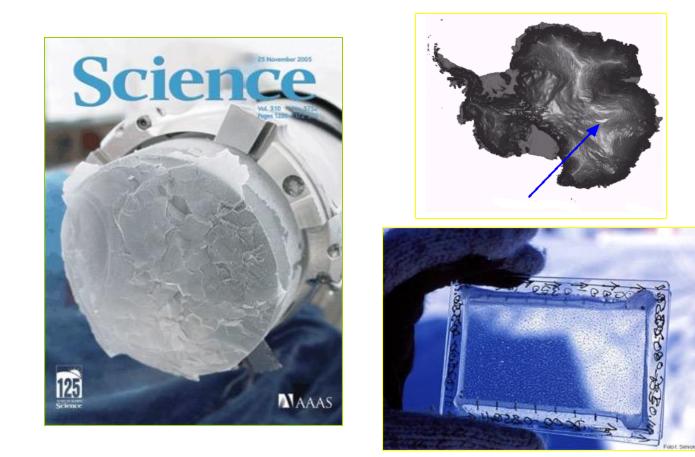


World emissions of  $CO_2$  from the usage of fossil fuels:

6.5 Gt C/y (o 24 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/a)





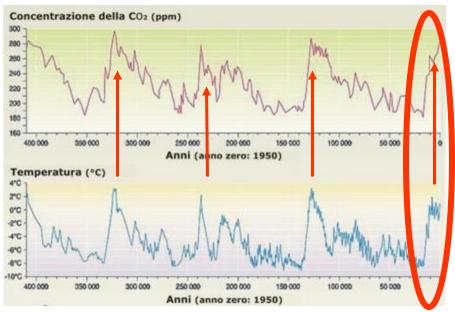


**Ice cores from Antarctica** have allowed to reconstruct the temperature trend and the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere for the the last 400.000



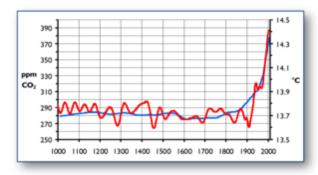


## **GLOBAL WARMING**

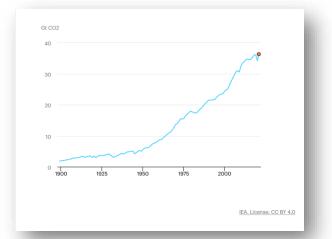


Correlation between temperature increase and concentration of  $CO_2$  in the atmosphere over the last 400,000 years (drilling of ice in Antarctica)

Concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>concentration in the atmosphere is increased by circa ~**40%** from 1750 (Rivoluzione Industriale; IPCC, 2014)



Global variation of the temperature (red) and the  $\rm CO_2$  present in the atmosphere ( blu) in the last 1000 years.



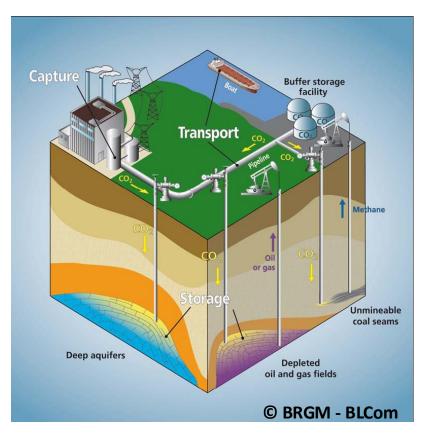
 $\ensuremath{\text{CO}_2}\xspace$  emissions from energy combustion and industrial processes, 1900-2021





# CO<sub>2</sub> GEOLOGICAL STORAGE CARBON CAPTURE (USE) AND STORAGE

- **Capture**: the CO<sub>2</sub> produced by the combustion processes of large industrial plants is separated from the other gases
- **Transport**: Once captured, the CO<sub>2</sub> 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**: CO<sub>2</sub> is injected underground in suitable rock formations







# **MAIN CO<sub>2</sub> EMITTORS**

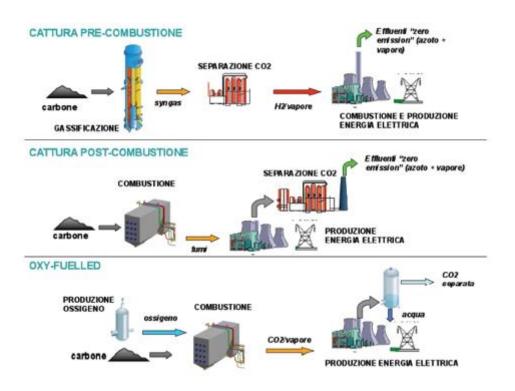
The main sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions consist of the **BIG STATIONARY SOURCES**:

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





# **CAPTURE PROCESSES**



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 CO<sub>2</sub>.

POST- COMBUSTION: separation of CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> (80%). The flue gas is then cooled to condense the water vapor, which leaves an almost pure stream of CO<sub>2</sub>.

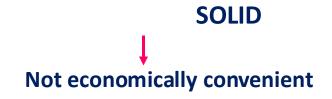




### **TRANSPORT OF CO<sub>2</sub>**

La CO<sub>2</sub> can be transported, both onland and offshore, in three phases:





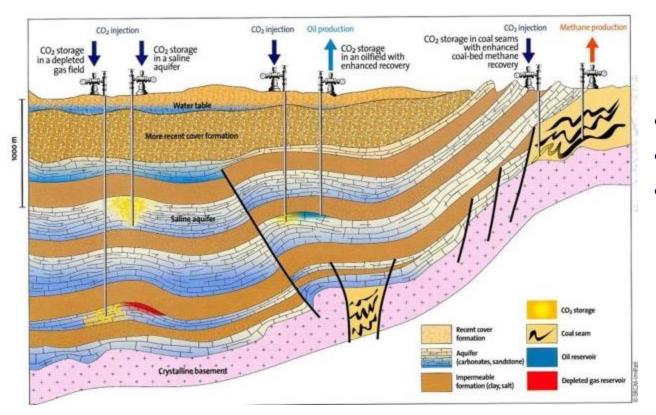








## **STORAGE OPTIONS**



#### **Existing Reservoir**

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





## CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE SITES FOR CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE

**Depth** : between 800 (to allow the CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>

**Heat flow**: the heat flow does not have to be high, in order not to alter the conditions of stability of  $CO_2$ 

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

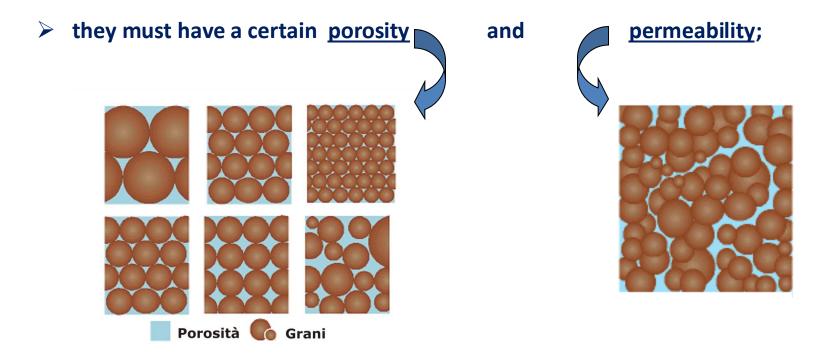




## **CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE**

For the purposes of CO<sub>2</sub> storage, the rock that serves as a reservoir must meet the following requirements :

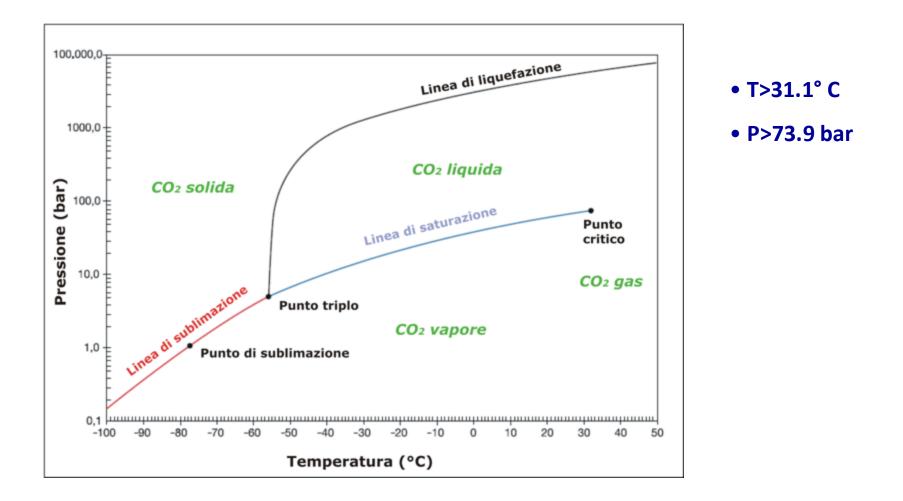
they must be at a DEPTH between 800 (so that the CO<sub>2</sub> remains in conditions of supercritical state) and 1500 m;







## CO<sub>2</sub> PHASE: "supercritical state"





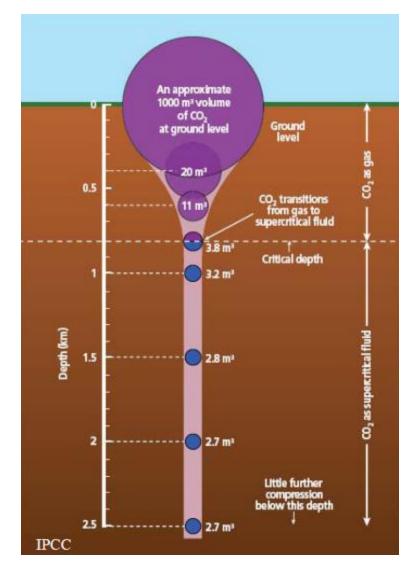


## ...CO<sub>2</sub> in supercritical state is liquid or gas?

### ANSWER:

- density similar to liquid
- viscosity similar to gas

T=100°C, P=280bar (2800m)	density (kg/m3)	Viscosity (cP)
CO <sub>2</sub> supercritic	615	0.05
water	804	0.16
gas (methan)	150	0.02

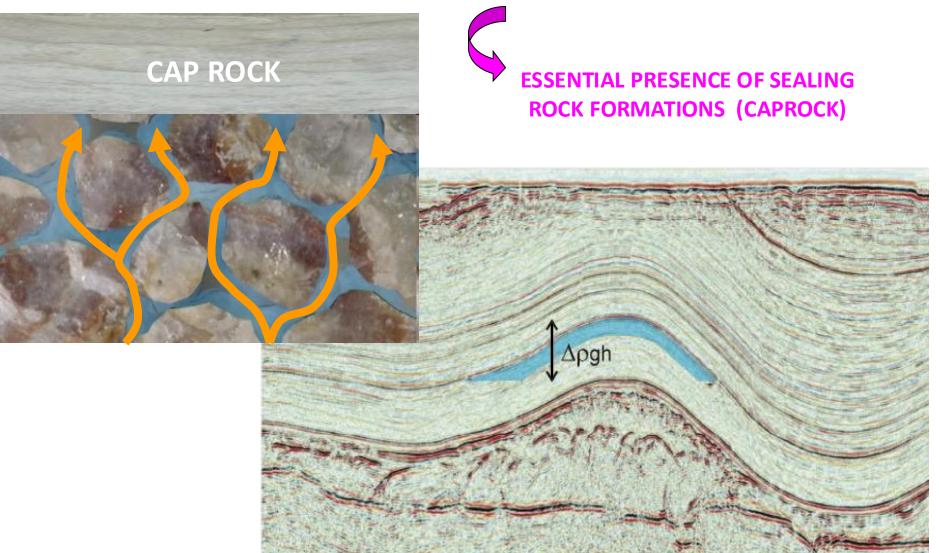






# The CO<sub>2</sub> at supercritical conditions

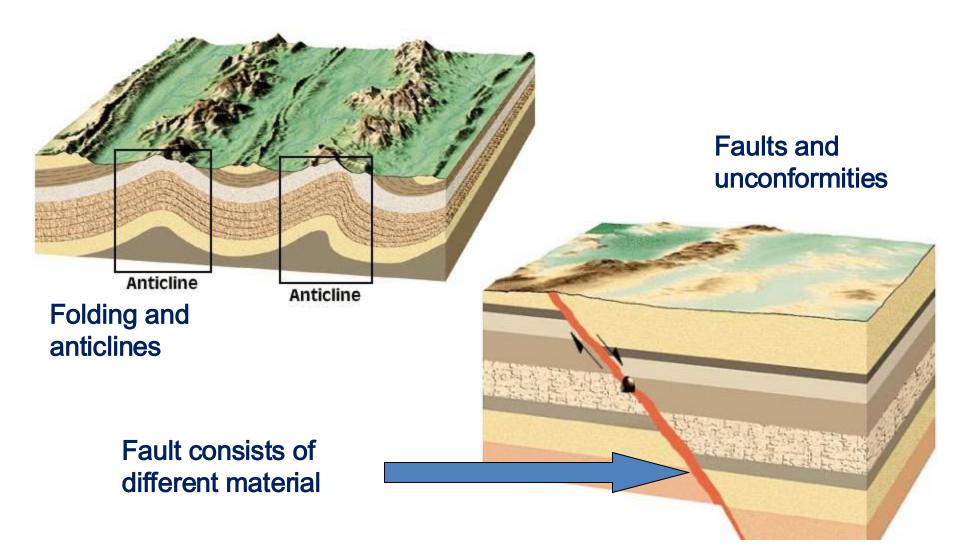
## tends to rise ...







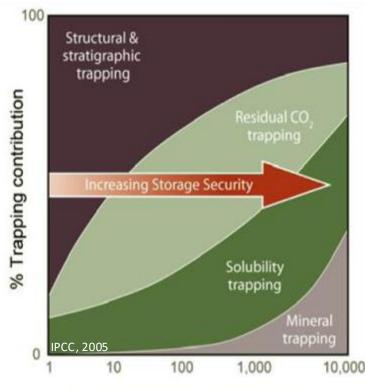
### **STRUCTURAL TRAPS**







#### **Trapping mechanisms**



Time since injection stops (years)

•Structural trapping: the CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> is injected into supercritical conditions at depths> 800 m and it moves the present salt water

• **Dissolution trapping:** once injected CO<sub>2</sub> starts to dissolve in salt water. The water now becomes heavier and tends to drop. This mechanisms put in contact water with dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> with fresh water, promoting additional dissolution. After 10 years: 15% of injected CO<sub>2</sub> is dissolved; after 10.000 years 95% of CO<sub>2</sub> is dissolved.

•Mineral trapping where CO<sub>2</sub> 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

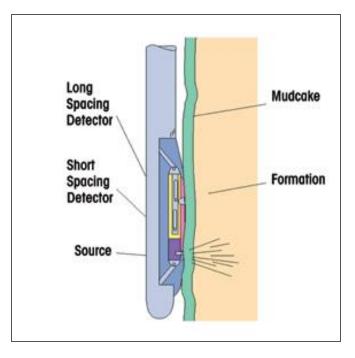
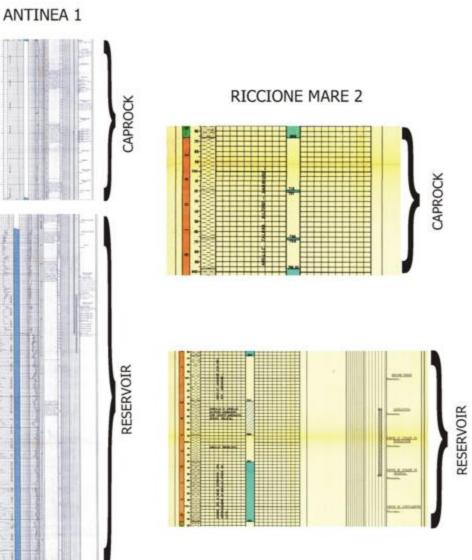


Image of a logging tool in a hole





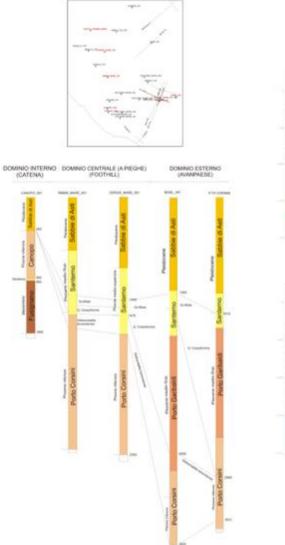
## **CHARACTERIZATION RESERVOIR-CAPROCK: WELL DATA analysis**



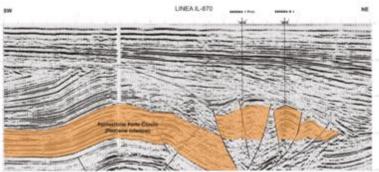


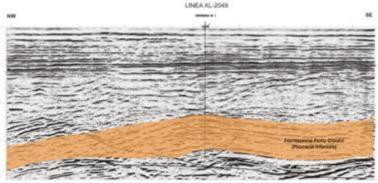


### **CHARACTERIZATION RESERVOIR-CAPROCK: SEISMIC DATA ANALYSIS**



Strutturazione nel dominio centrale









# Main characteristics of a potential site for CO<sub>2</sub> storage

- Capacity, to contain the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> to be stored; key parameter: porosity
- Injectivity, to inject the CO<sub>2</sub> a certain rate of injection; key parameter: permeability of reservoir
- Containment, to avoid CO<sub>2</sub> leakage; key parameter: permeability of caprock





# CCS Project Main steps

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

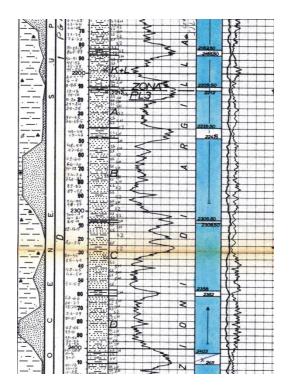


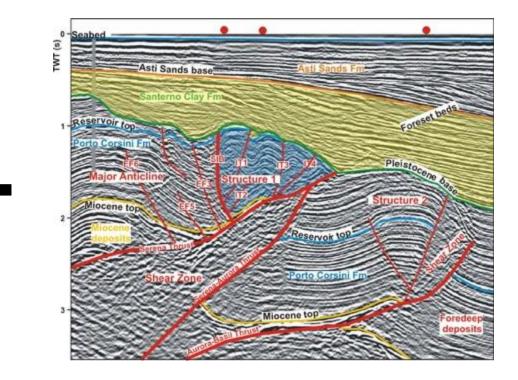


# **Data analysis**

#### Geophysical log analysis

# Seismostratigraphic and structural interpretation of multichannel seismic profiles

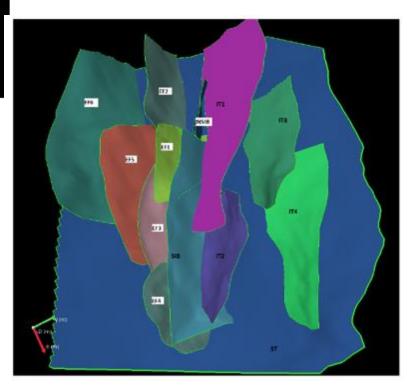


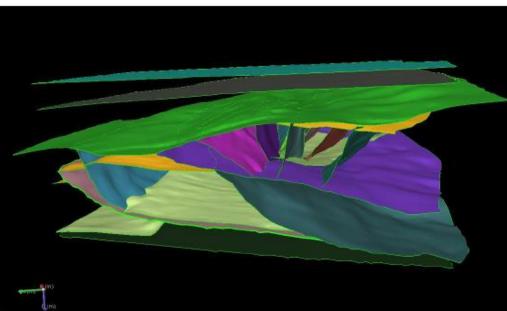


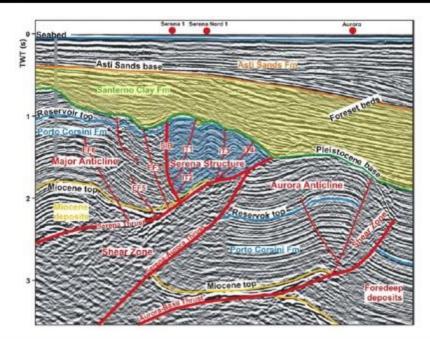




Example of 3D geological model









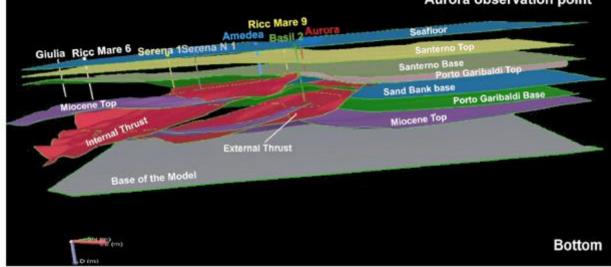


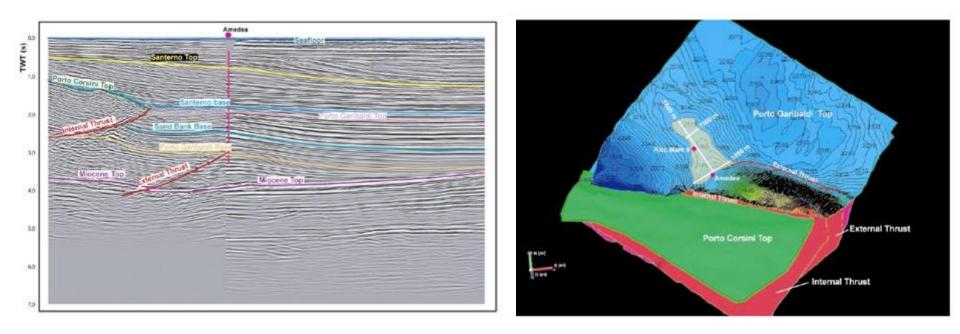


## **Geological modeling**

#### Example of 3D geological model



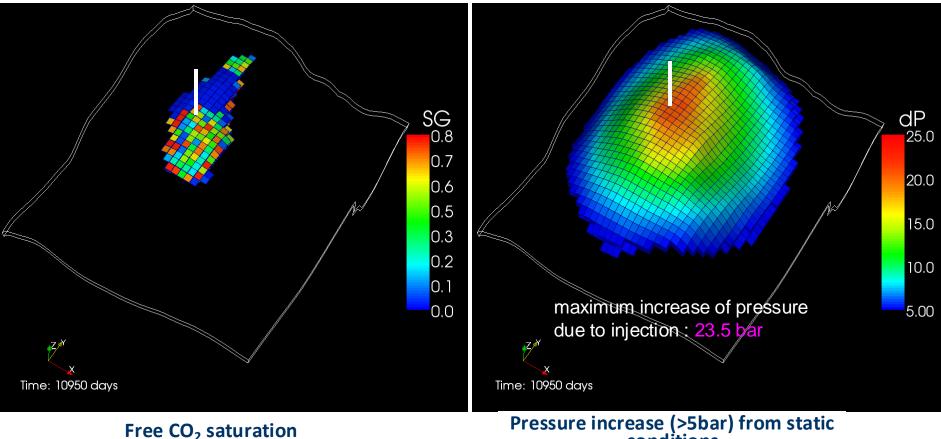








### **Modeling of CO<sub>2</sub> Injection ONE WELL located on top of the anticline**

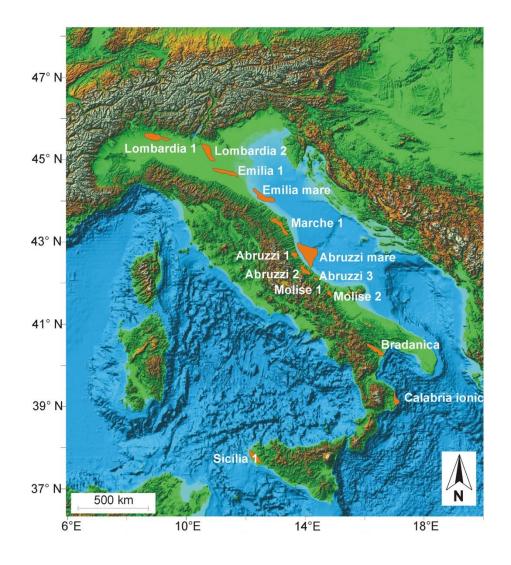


Pressure increase (>5bar) from static conditions









Potential areas suitable for CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage in siliciclastic formations

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF THE STORAGE CAPACITY: ~ 12 Gt

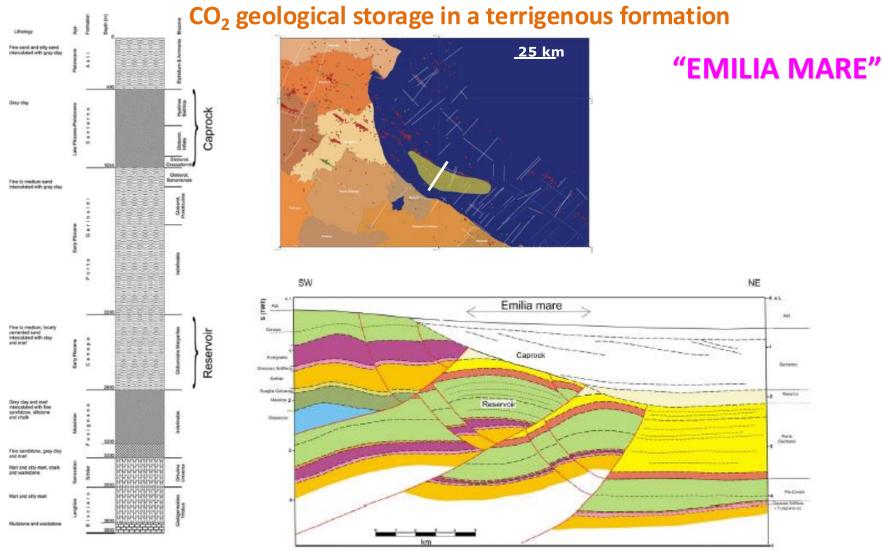
> Storage of Italy's annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for the next 50 years

> > Donda et al., 2011





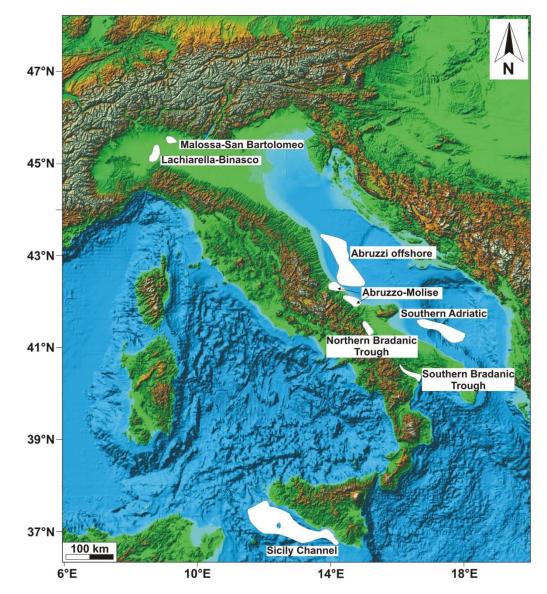
#### Example of a potential area suitable for



Donda et al., 2011







Potential areas suitable for CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage in carbonate formations

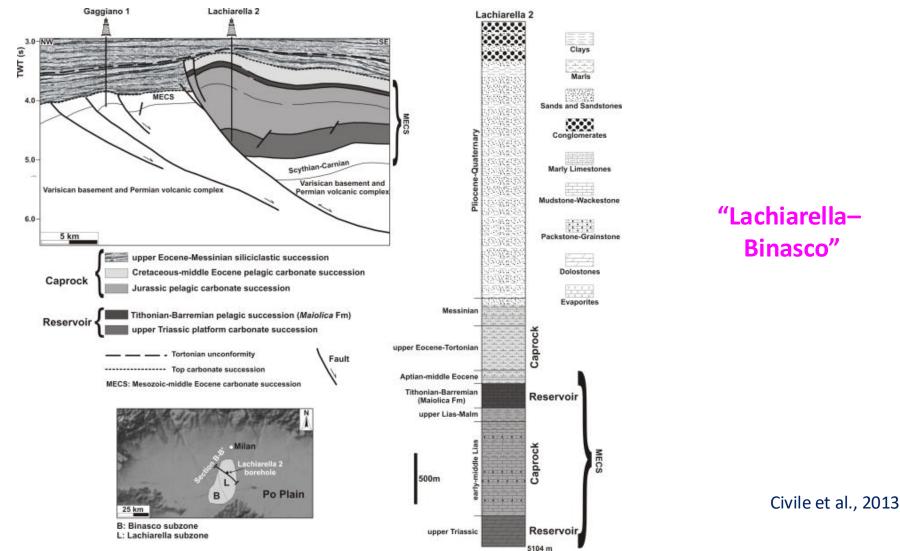
Civile et al., 2013





#### Example of a potential area suitable for CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage

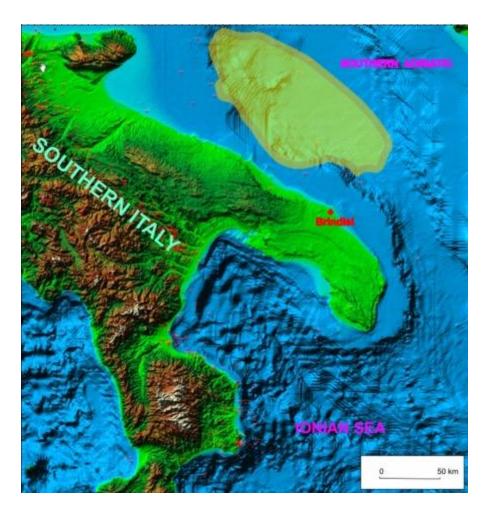
#### in a carbonate formation







#### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SOUTHERN ADRIATIC SITE OPTIONS**



Storage options
 ➢ Saline aquifer/structural trap

Location

➤Off shore

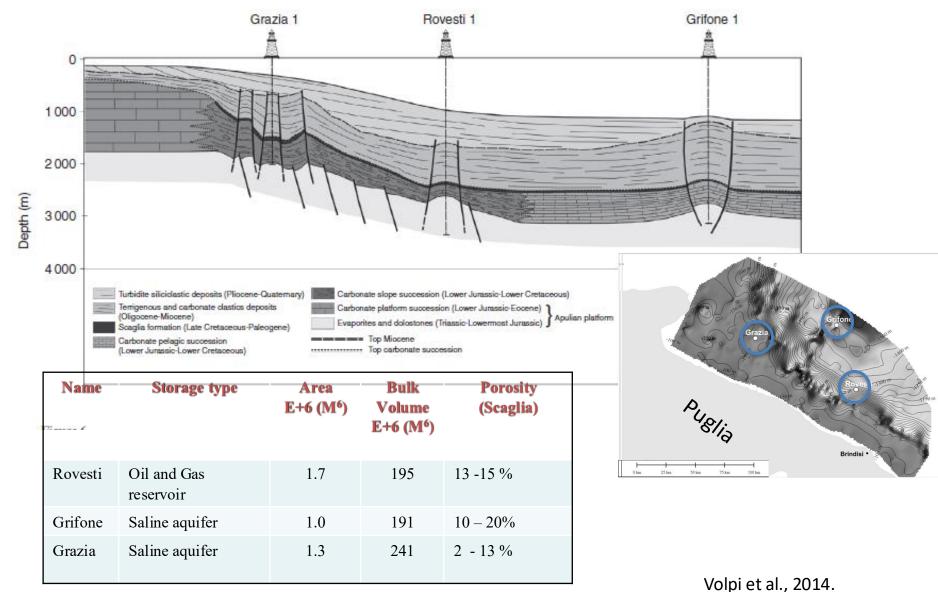
Lithology

➤Carbonate reservoir





#### **STORAGE SITE IN THE SOUTH ADRIATIC OFFSHORE**

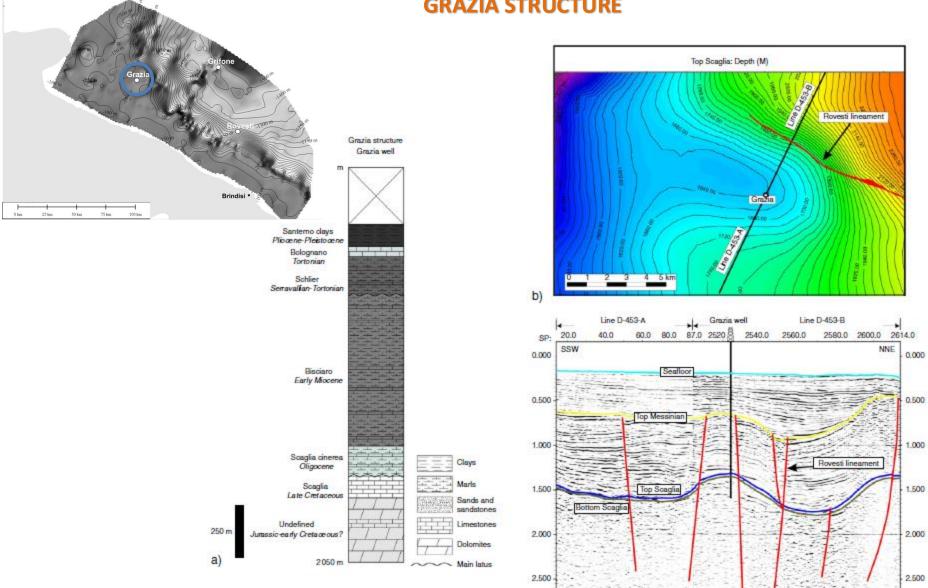






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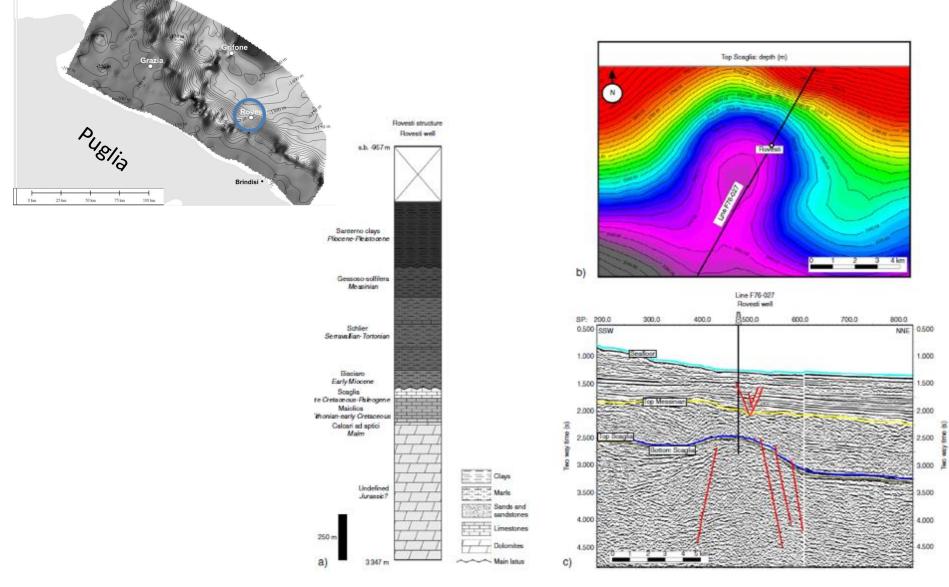
#### **GRAZIA STRUCTURE**

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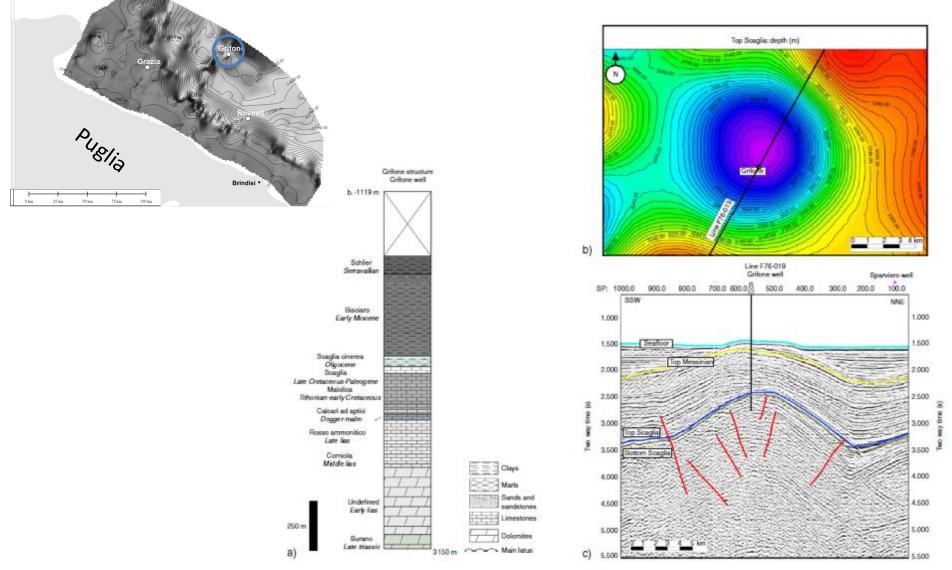
**ROVESTI STRUCTURE** 







#### **GRIFONE STRUCTURE**







# Monitoring of the selected sites

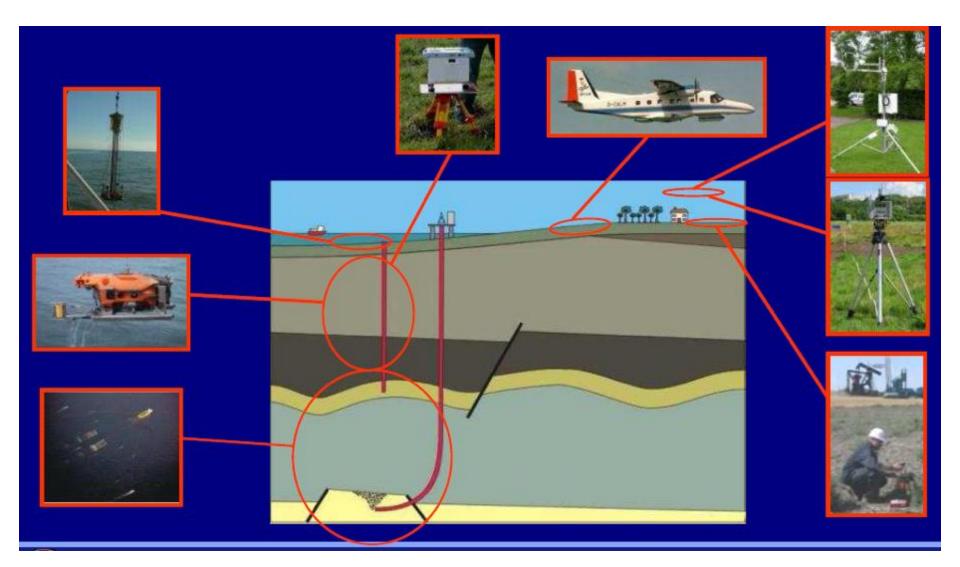
Monitoring is required in order to see whether:

- stored CO<sub>2</sub> behaves as expected
- migration or leakage occurs
- identified leakage damages environment or human health





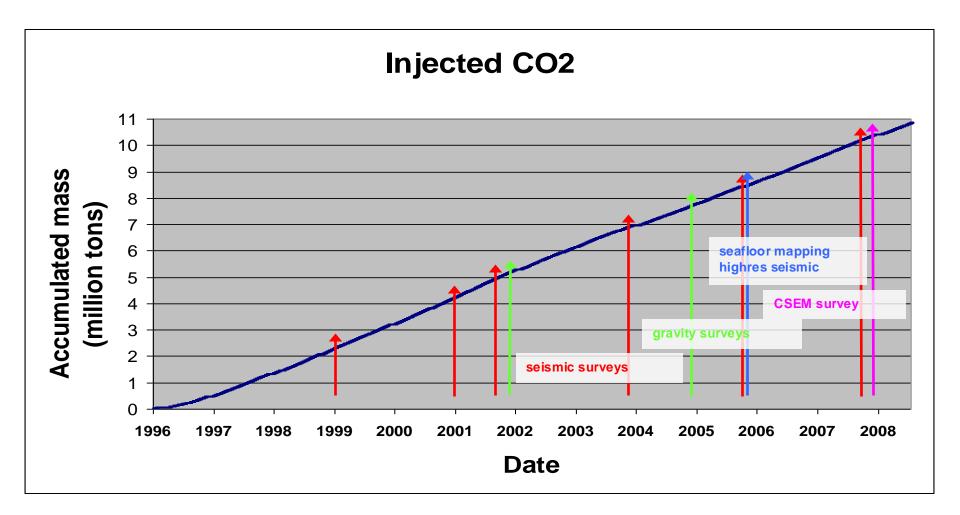
## **Monitoring of storage site**



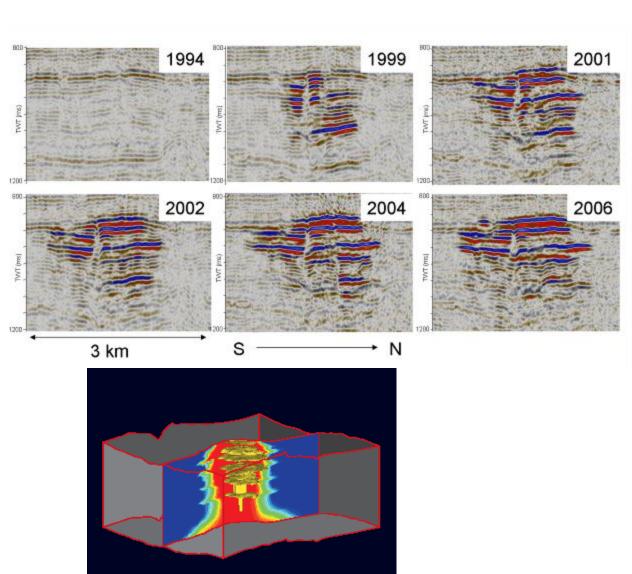




#### SELECTION OF MONITORING TECHNIQUES DURING INJECTION OF CO2



**DENTIFICATION AND MONITORING OF CO<sub>2</sub> BEHAVIO GRAFES** Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica Sperimentale INJECTION



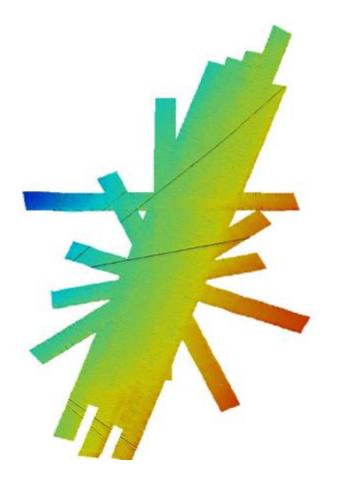


Courtesy Statoil/CO2STORE project

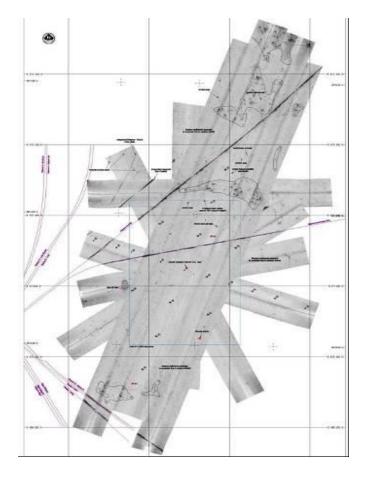




#### HIGH RESOLUTION SEAFLOOR CHARACTERIZATION FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF GAS SEEPAGE RELATED FEATURES



Seafloor morphology, from multibeam echo sounding



Mosaic of side scan sonar data



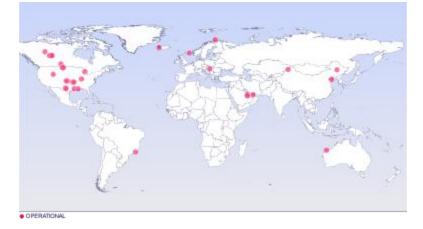


# WORLD MAP OF CCS FACILITIES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT UPDATE 2022





	OPERATI ONAL	IN CONSTRUCT ION	ADVANCED DEVELOPM ENT	EARLY DEVELOP MENT	OPERATIO N SUSPEND ED	TOTAL
NUMBER OF FACILITIES	30	11	78	75	2	196
CAPTURE	42.58	9.63	97.6	91.86	2.3	243.97

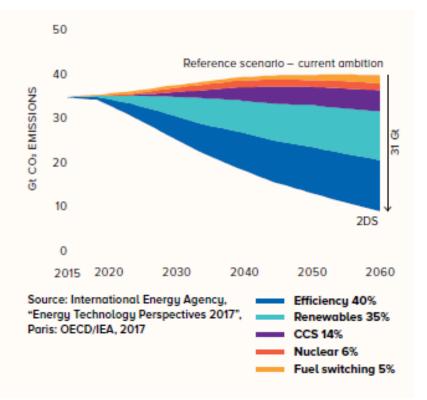




Global CCS Institute, 2022. The Global Status of CCS: 2022. https://status22.globalccsinstitute.com/







**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)





# Unit 1.5b – Energy storage Docente: Erika Barison

# Outline:

- Main concepts on energy storage
- Underground hydrogen and gas storage
  - geological-structural setting
  - 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





# UNDERGROUND ENERGY STORAGE

 Pumped Hydro Energy Storage: a type storage; it is a configuration of two wate elevations that can generate power as to the other (discharge), passing throu



- 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





# HYDROGEN

Among the many elements that make up matter, <u>hydrogen</u> is the lightest and most abundant. It makes up almost 90% of the visible mass of the universe, mostly in its gaseous form, made up of a simple two-atom molecule ( $H_2$ ).

<u>Hydrogen</u> is the fuel of the stars, that is, the propellant that fuels the nuclear fusion reactions with which the stars burn.

Among conventional fuels, it is the one with the <u>highest energy</u> <u>content per unit of weight</u>, three times higher than that of petrol.

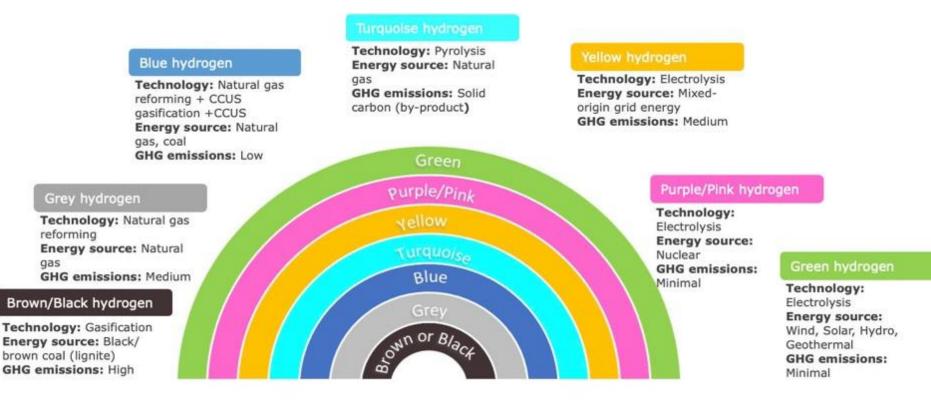
It can play a decisive role in the <u>decarbonisation</u> of energy-intensive industries, such as air and maritime transport, steel or chemicals, and is therefore considered one of the pillars of the future energy system





## SOMETHING ABOUT HYDROGEN

H<sub>2</sub> could play a significant role as a fuel substitute to limit global warming and contributing to the transformation to a low carbon economy by 2050.



https://www.tecnicasreunidas.es/articulo/hydr ogen-present-and-future-part-2/





# GREEN HYDROGEN

• **Green hydrogen** is produced by splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen by electrolysis, <u>powered by renewable energy sources</u>, such as wind or solar. We can vent the oxygen to the atmosphere with no negative impact.

It is still a very expensive process, which need huge amount of energy, but the development of renewable energy and the increase in production of electrolyzers could change this scenario, making hydrogen-based energy competitive by 2030-2050.





# UNDER GROUND HYDROGEN STORAGE

Energy storage has acquired fundamental importance for energy security, with a view to a progressive energy transition from fossil fuels to renewable sources such as solar and wind energy.

The storage of hydrogen for energy supply can also be done through the injection and storage in deep geological formations, as happens for natural gas and carbon dioxide (CCS), and from them it can subsequently be extracted for use in peaks in energy demand.

To alleviate the main drawbacks of renewable energy generation:

- intermittency
- seasonal constraints
- geographical constraints.

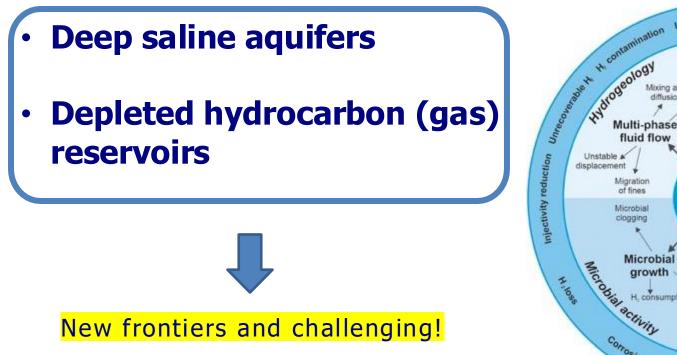
Bigger stored volumes

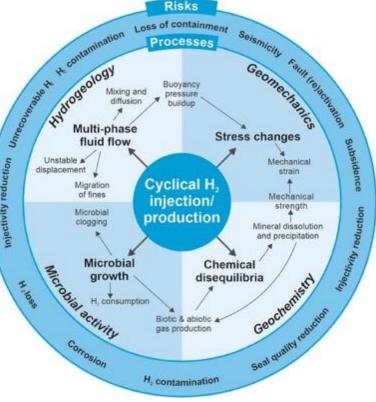




# UNDERGROUND HYDROGEN STORAGE

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





#### from Heinemann et al., 2021







Horizon 2020 European Union funding for Research & Innovation



# HyStorIES HYDROGEN STORAGE IN EUROPEAN SUBSURFACE

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

Coordinator: GeoStock SAS (France)

OGS: CO2GeoNet third party





HyStorIES Hydrogen Storage In European Subsurface



Istituto Nazionale

di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale

Horizon 2020 European Union funding for Research & Innovation



- 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



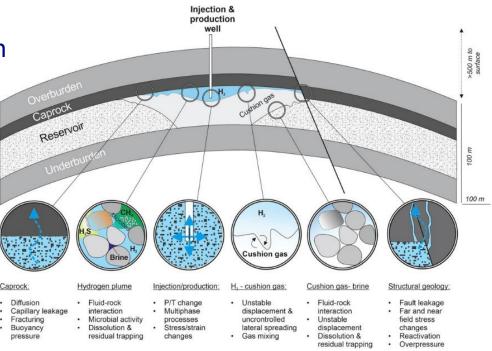


#### Main target:

to identify suitable UHS sites in depleted hydrocarbon fields and saline aquifers both onshore and offshore

#### Criteria

- Idoneous caprock/reservoir systems
- > Top reservoir depth 500 2500 m
- Net reservoir thickness of 30 100 m
- Reservoir extent 0.3 60 km<sup>2</sup>
- Not overlay with seismogenic sources
   (for Italy: Database of Individual Seismogenic Sources - DISS M > 5.5 - INGV)



da Heinemann et al., 2021

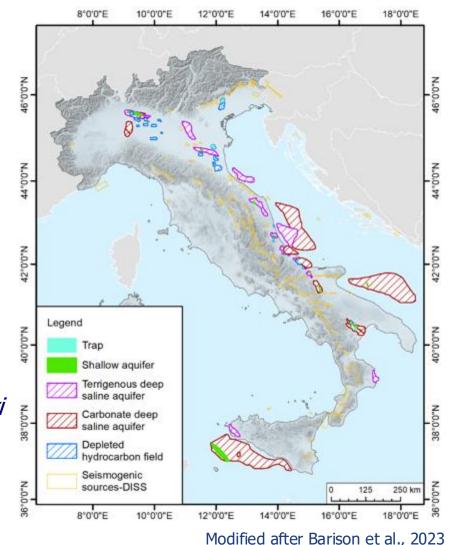
All the data and information used for the characterization of the  $H_2$  storage sites are public and freely available





## OGS in HYSTORIES PROJECT

- 1. Deep carbonate and terrigenous saline aquifers already identified as possible CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites (Civile et al., 2013; Donda et al., 2011)
- 2. <u>Well logs analysis</u>: shallower aquifers identified from well logs available at the ViDEPI (Visibility of Petroleum Exploration Data in Italy) database (https://www.videpi.com/)
- 3. Hydrocarbon depleted fields (some of these sites are currently used for CH4 temporary storage, but could be considered for UHS in future9 (*https://unmig.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/dati /stoccaggio-del-gas-naturale*)





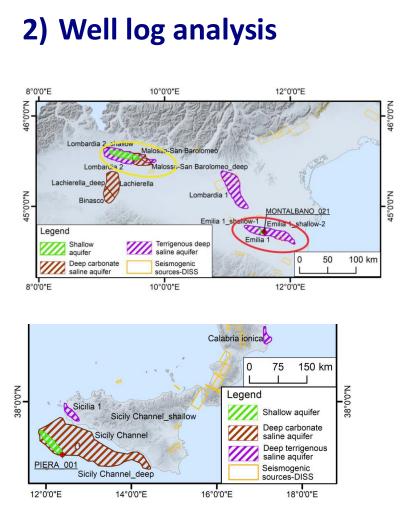


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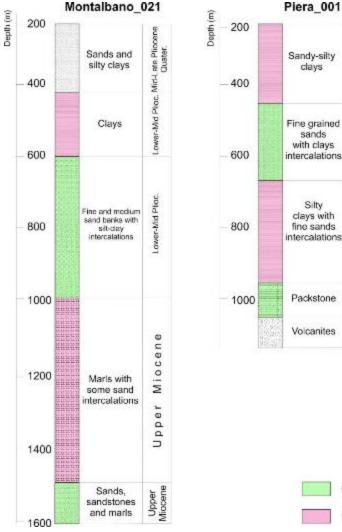
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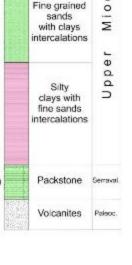
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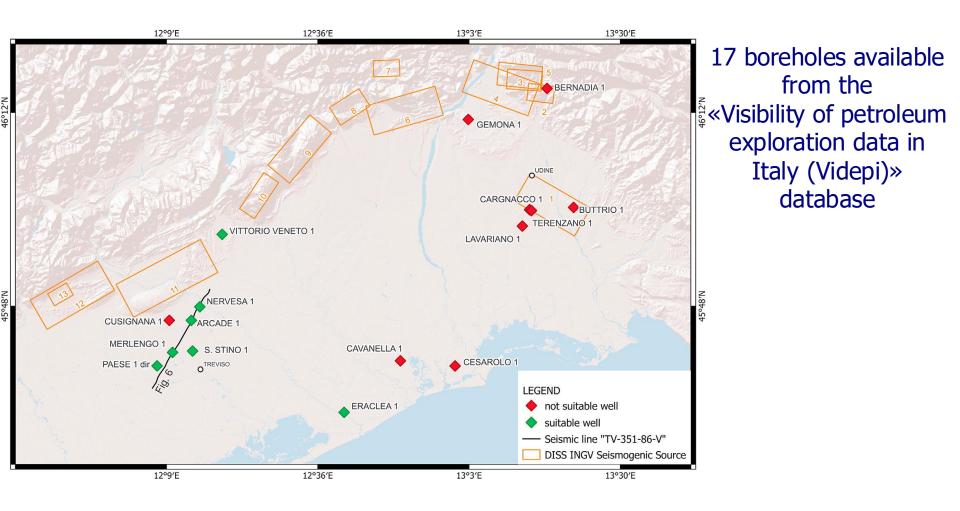
The study area has been chosen in light of some key initiatives that have been undertaken in the northern Adriatic region concerning hydrogen-related technologies: on April 2022, the **North Adriatic** 

**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







## NOT SUITABLE AREAS

- None or non adeguate caprock/reservoir system (Cesarolo 1, Cavanella 1 e Cusignana 1)
- Seismogenetic sources (Bernadia 1, Buttrio 1, Cargnacco 1, Gemona 1, Lavariano 1, Terenzano 1)

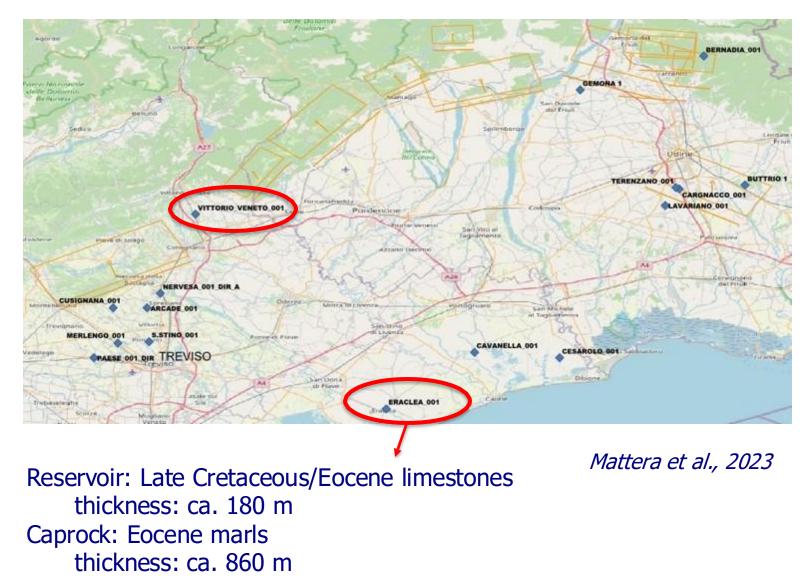


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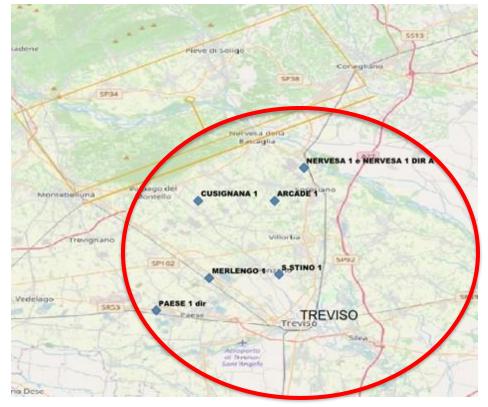






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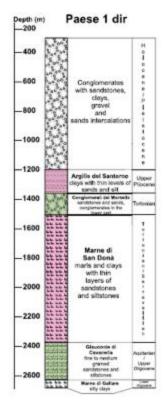


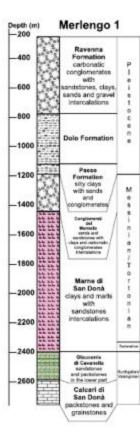
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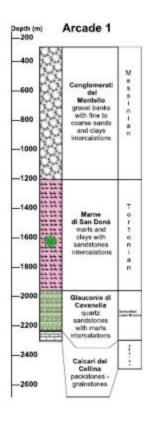




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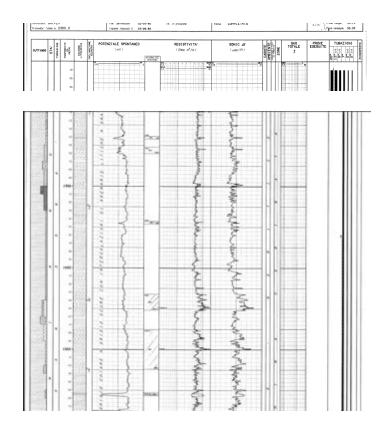


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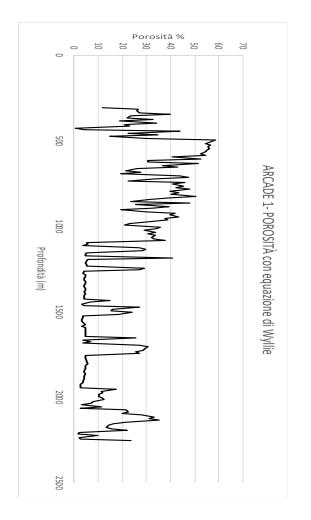
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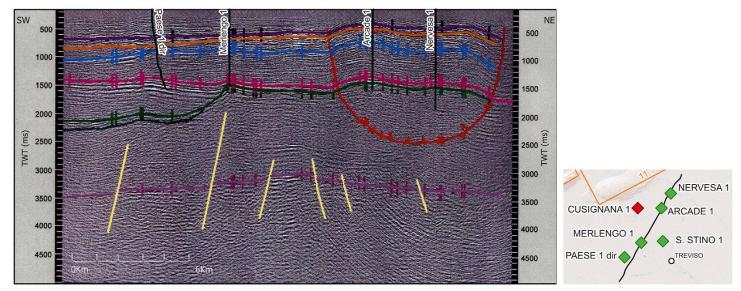
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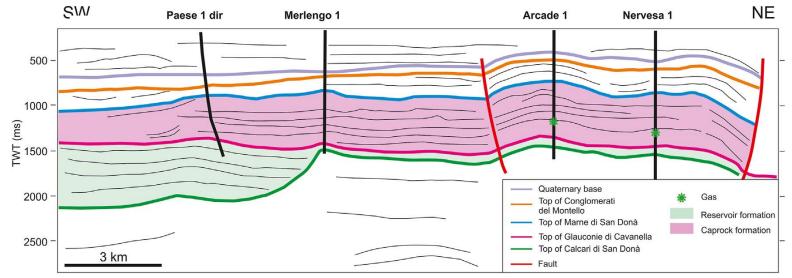
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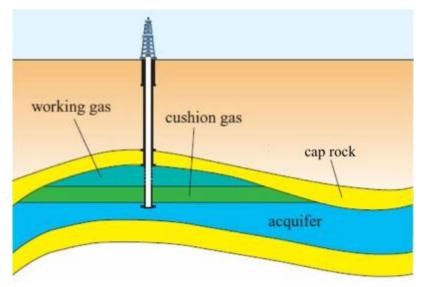




### UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE

**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<sup>3</sup>). 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 stroage in **depleted oil-reservoirs** is much **less safe**; e.g., the Castor Project (S pain)





## UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE

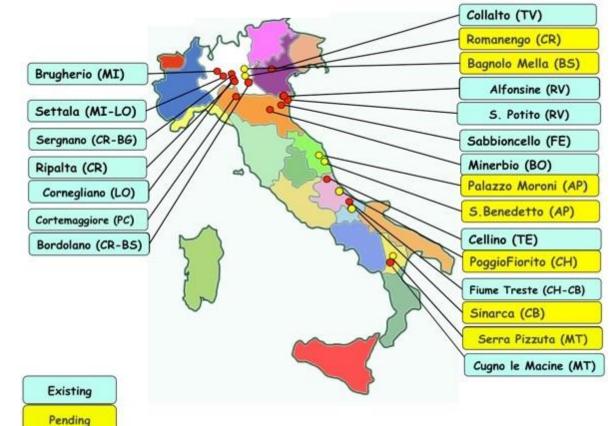
- 15 campi attivi
- 7 richieste pendenti

Capacità totale di stoccaggio: 16.5 Miliardi Sm<sup>3</sup>, di cui 4.6 di riserva strategica

Pressione max di esercizio: 130-230 bar

(Sm<sup>3</sup> = metro cubo standard)

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

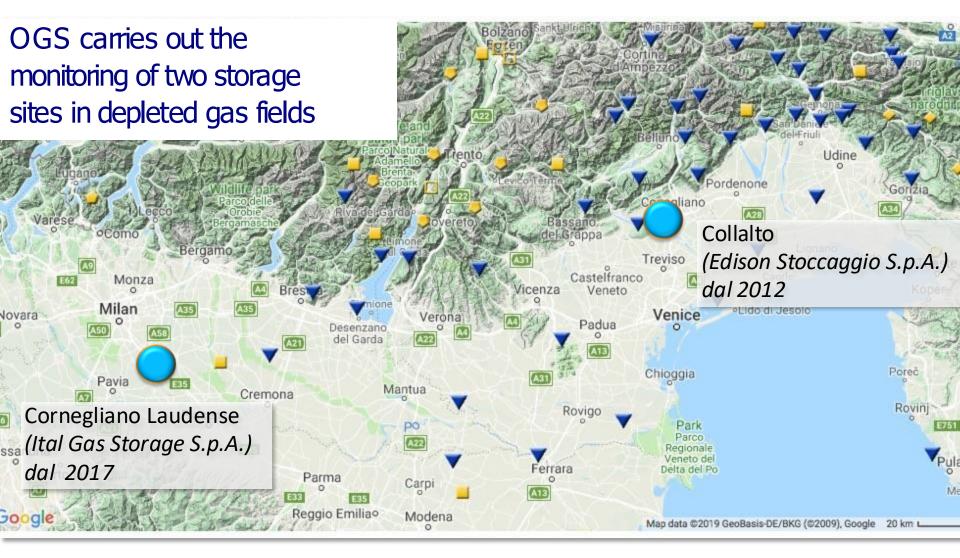


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### OGS GAS STORAGE MONITORING







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#### Stazione sismica + GPS



### Strumentazione

- Guralp:
- Minimus
- Radian
- Fortis



Bocca pozzo + accelerometro (Fortis)

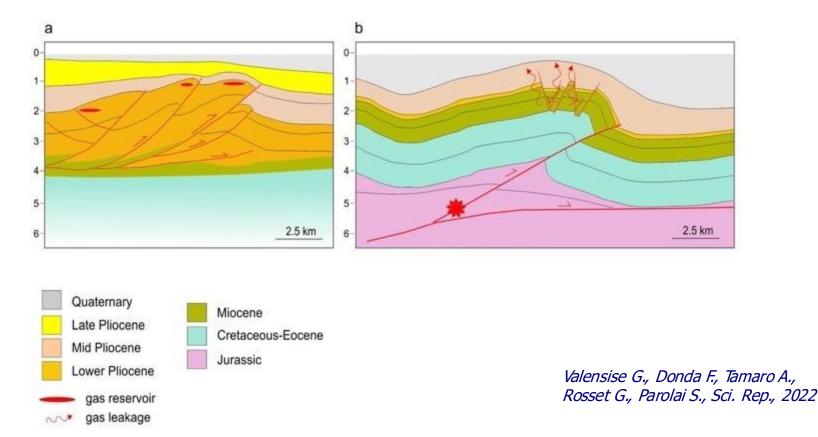
#### Sismometro da pozzo







### THE ROLE OF THE GEOLOGICAL-STRUCTURAL SETTING



The most **productive reservoirs** are hosted in **small-scale anticlines** (Figure aleft), 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

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





## INDUCED AND TRIGGERED SEISMICITY

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

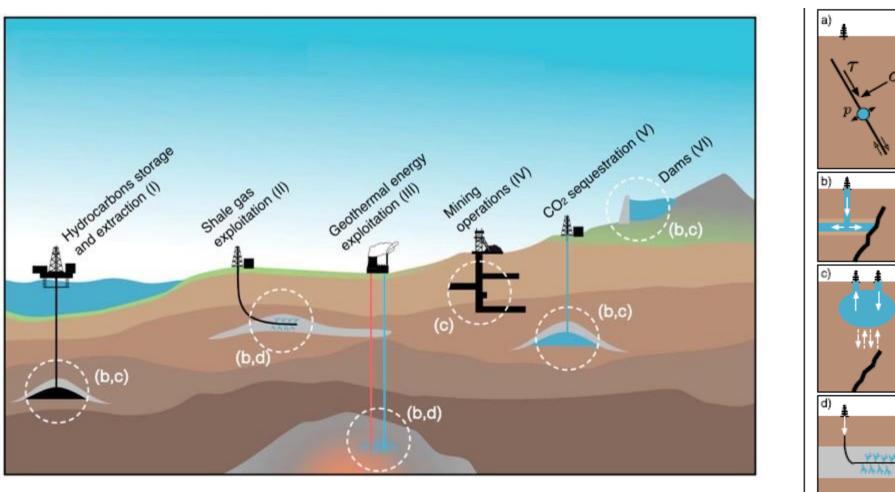
In the case of **triggered seismicity**, the background stress field plays a more important role, and human activities are only responsible for the earthquake nucleation, while the rupture evolution is controlled by the background stresses (Dahm et al., 2013)

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





### INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES INDUCING EARTHQUAKES



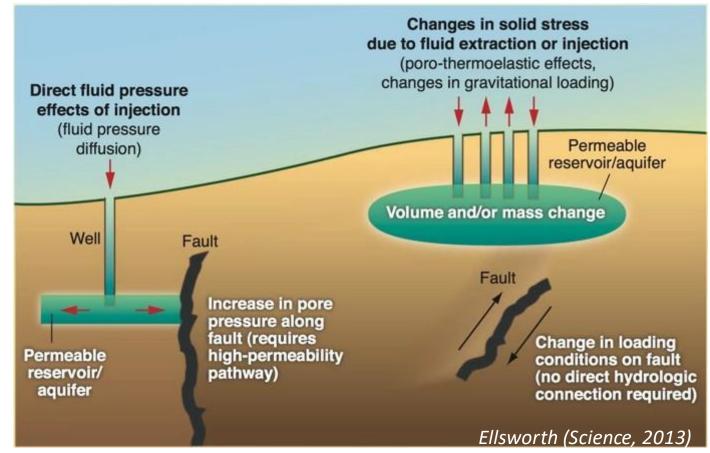
Grigoli et al (2017)





### MAIN MECHANISMS FOR INDUCING EARTHQUAKES

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







## HUMAN-INDUCED EARTHQUAKES IN THE WORLD

#### THE HUMAN-INDUCED EARTHQUAKE DATABASE A



To date, about 1200 entries of induced seismicity

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





# 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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