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Marine geohazards and hydrocarbon exploration & exploitation: from risk assessment to resource potential

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Operational units

Bologna & Napoli

Marine Geology – marine **geo-hazards** including active tectonic structures, submarine landslides, volcanoes and hydrothermal processes, plus interaction between sea-floor shaping processes and marine ecosystems. The role of longshore drift, cascading and contour currents, storms, turbidity currents and sediment failure, in shaping the architecture of continental margins.

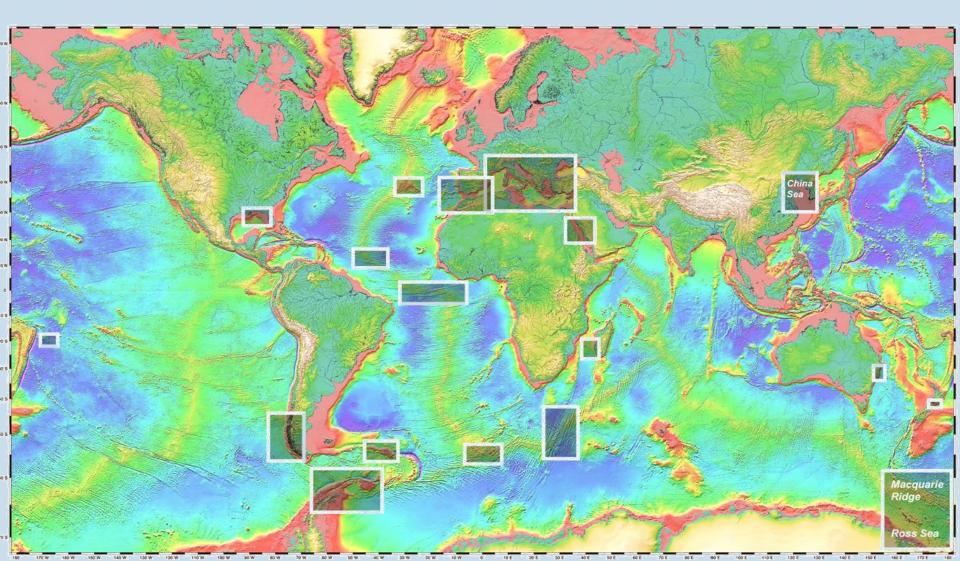
The influence of climate change on oceanic circulation, acidification, bio-geochemical cycles and marine productivity. Natural and anthropogenic factors producing economic and social impacts on coastal systems from pre-history to the industrial epoch.

Trieste & Pozzuolo di Lerici (SP) Physical Oceanography

Roma Operational Oceanography

WHERE WE WORK

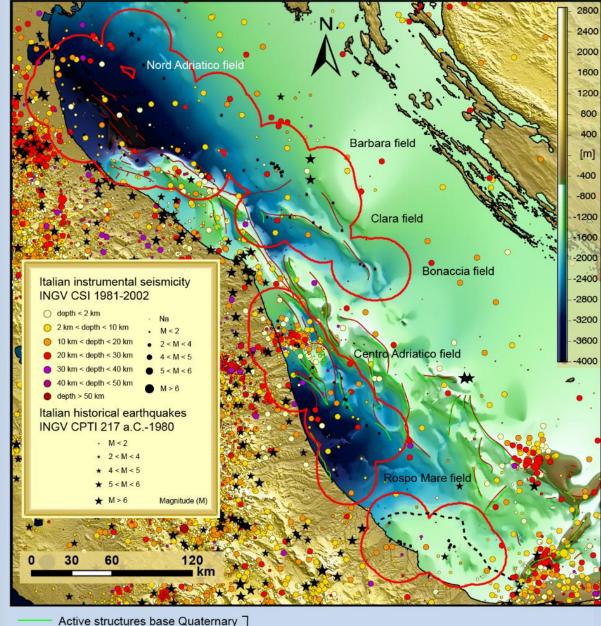
ISMAR conducts research in polar and oceanic settings with main focus on Mediterranean regions



Gruppo di lavoro SPOT ISMAR + DIFA



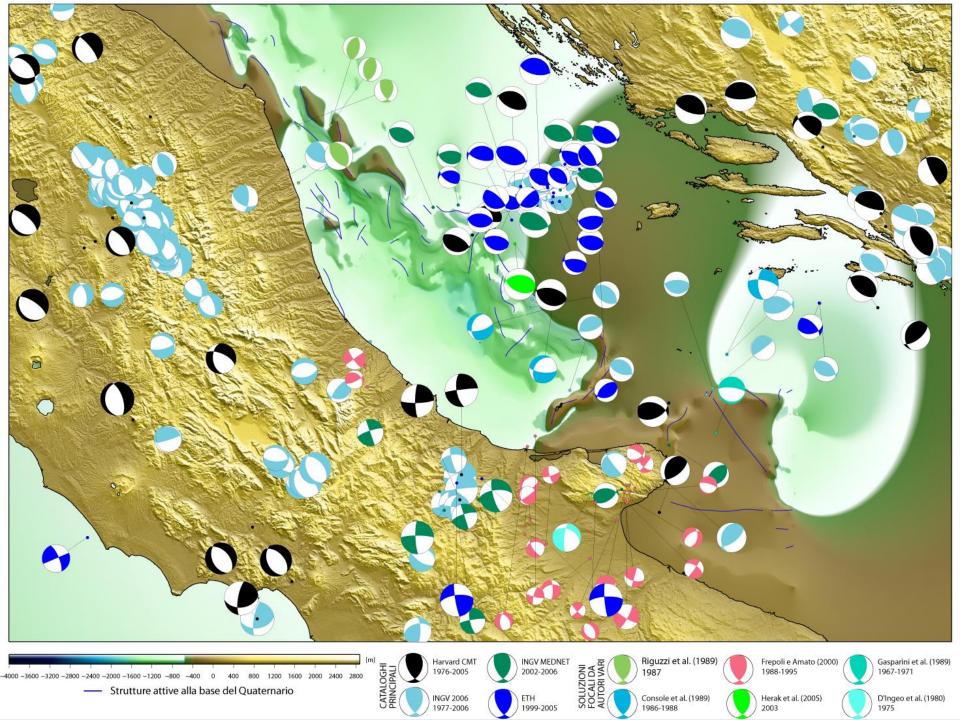
Tectonic structures and offshore oil&gas exploitation

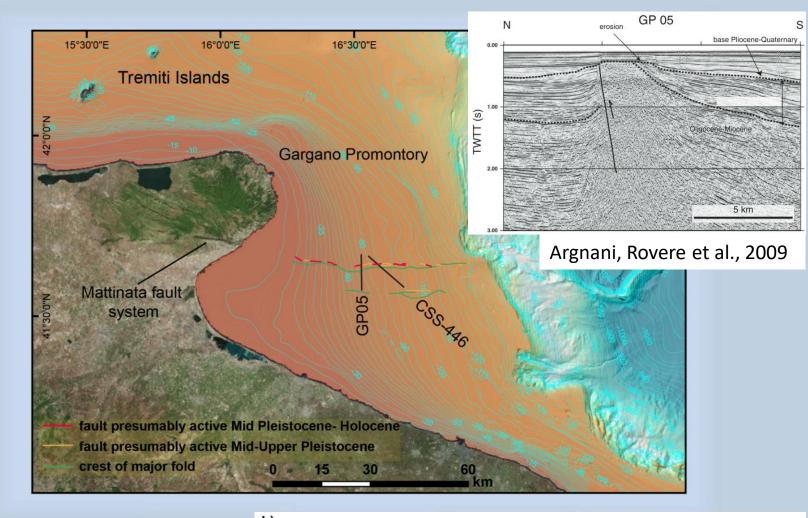


Active structures base Quaternary Active structures base Pliocene - - - - Apulian Platform margin

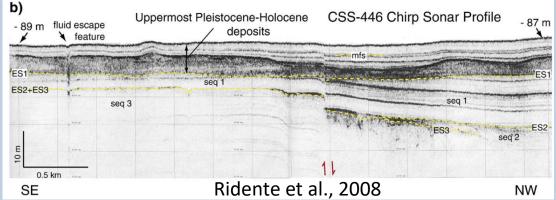
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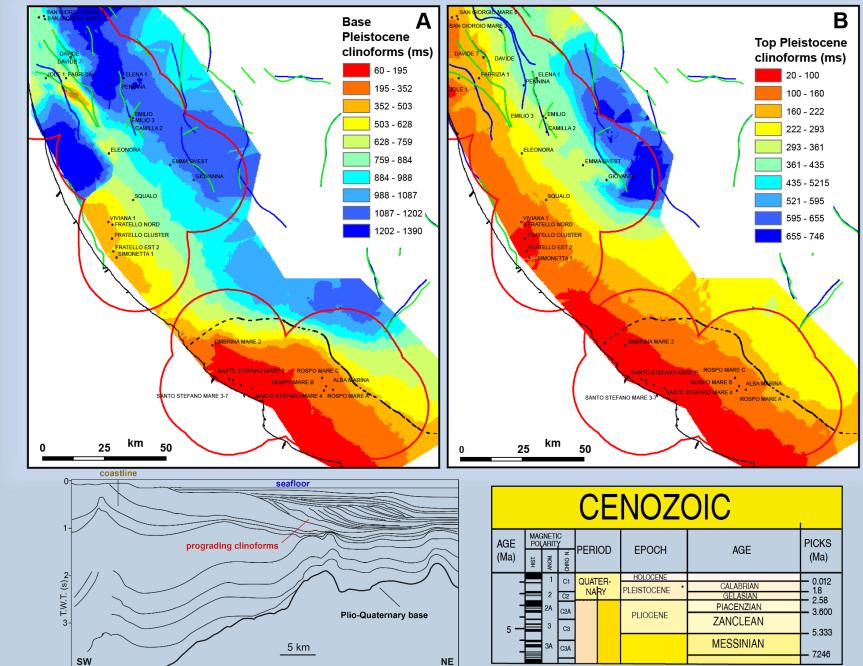




Potentially active faults onshore-offshore: Gondola-Mattinata fault Different scales of observation

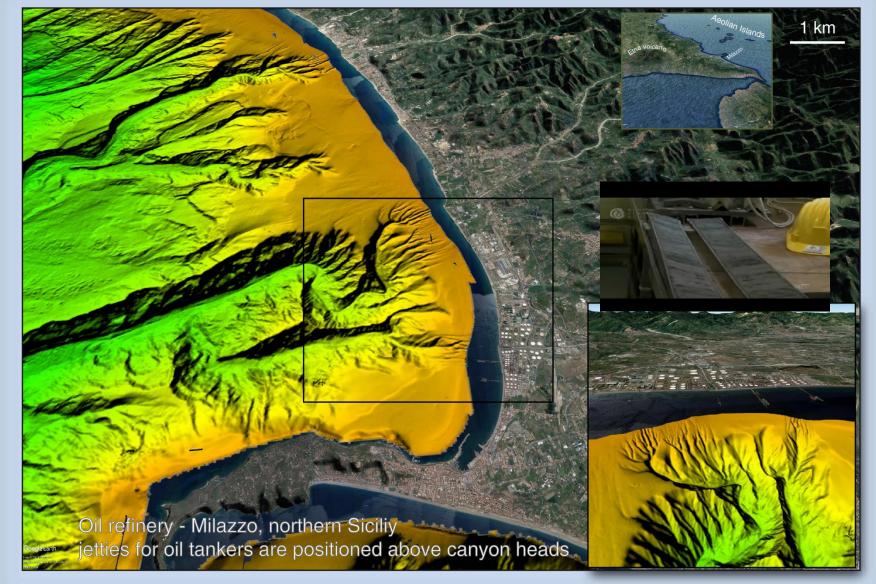


Using depositional units to assess the activity of tectonic structures





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NE Sicily, Milazzo. An oil refinery was built close to the sea and the piers used by oil tankers are built above canyon heads. This area is subject to catastrophic flooding events, when heavy rains swell ephemeral rivers which carry huge volumes of water, sediment and human waste from land down to deep waters through the very well developed system of slope channels and canyons.

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Submarine landslides in slope areas nearby production installations

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DFL2

downslope pockmarks

pockmarks

fault/slab slide headwall

SS

DFL3

reverse fault

Tarantona slope channel

fault/debris flow lobes headwall

DL

Villafranca channel

normal fault/Villafranca slide headwall

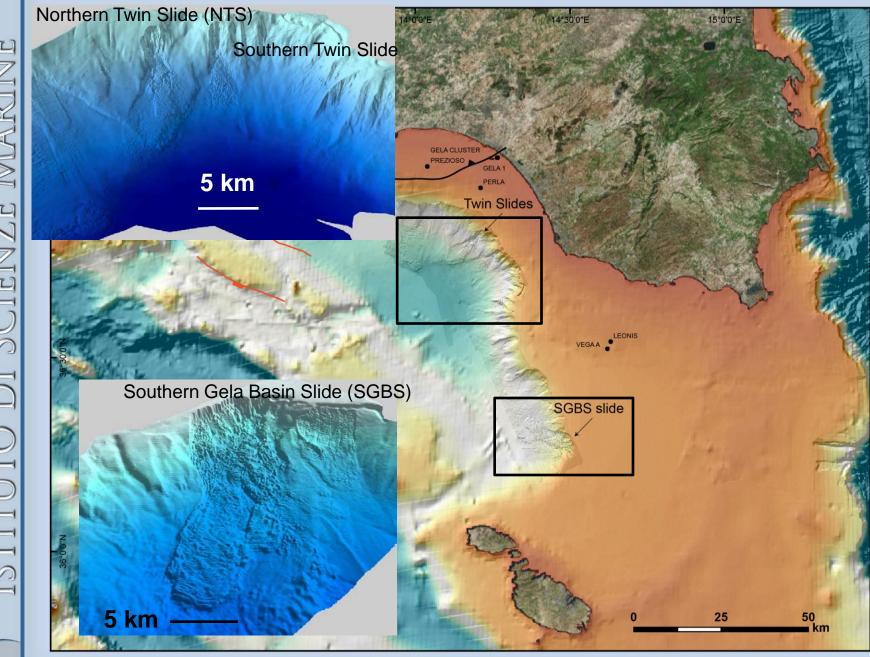
current shelf edge

5 km

-18 [m] -1825

DFL1

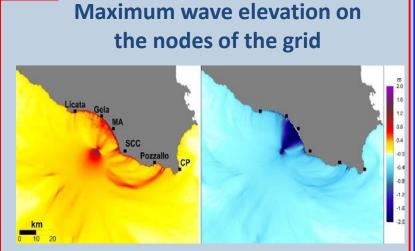
Villafranca slide transpressive margin







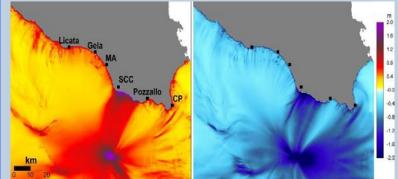
NTS



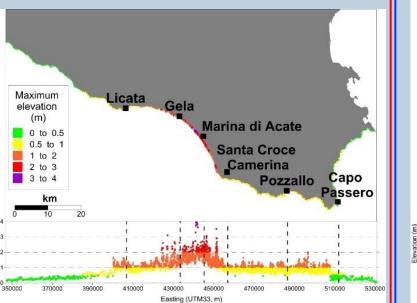
Maximum wave height at coast

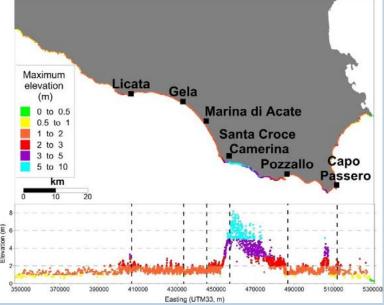
SGBS

Maximum wave elevation on the nodes of the grid



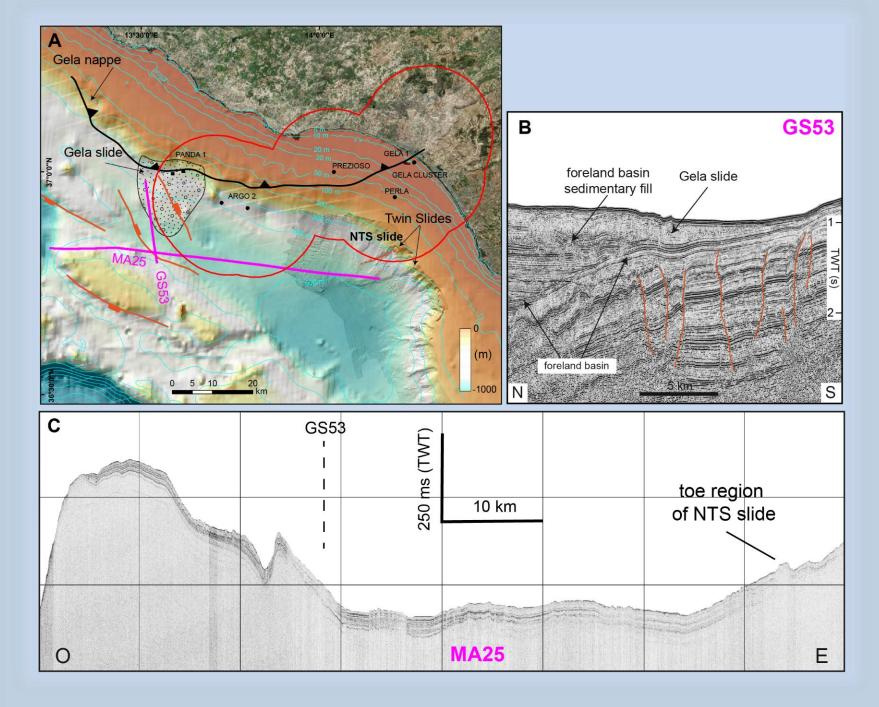
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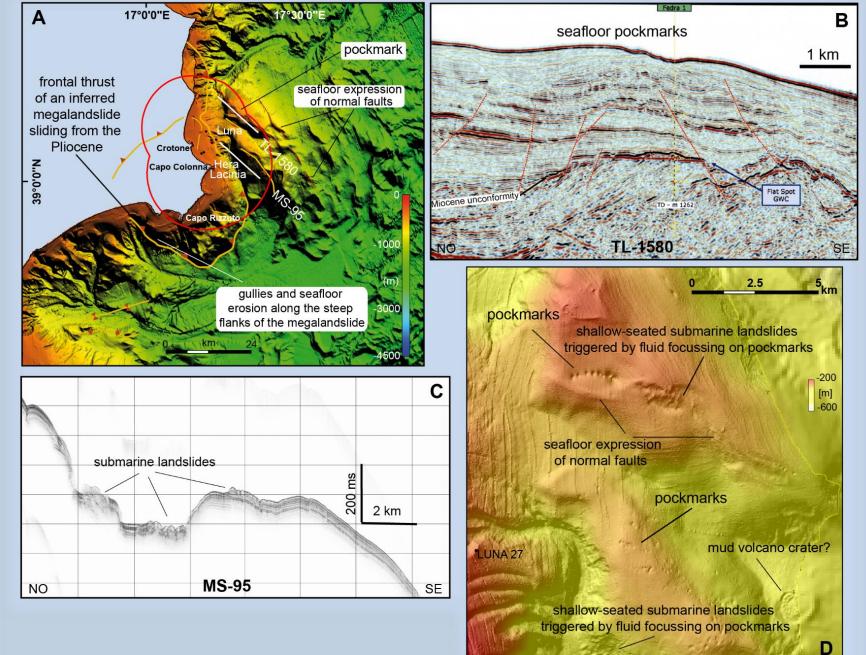








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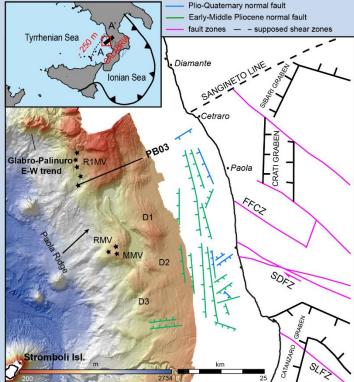
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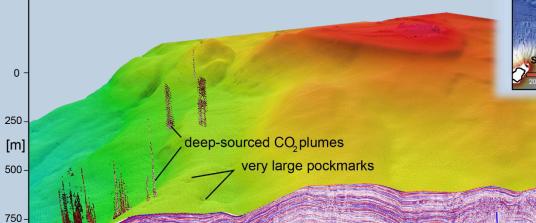
Hydrocarbon and gas plumes in the water colum: from risk assessment to resource potential

Sampling station	CO2(%)	N ₂ (%)	O ₂ (%)	Ar (%)	CH4 (%)	δ ¹³ C _{CO2} (‰)
MB14 BC05	98.73	1.08	0.11	0.026	0.056	-1.1
MB14 BC09	98.61	1.26	0.053	0.031	0.051	-1.8







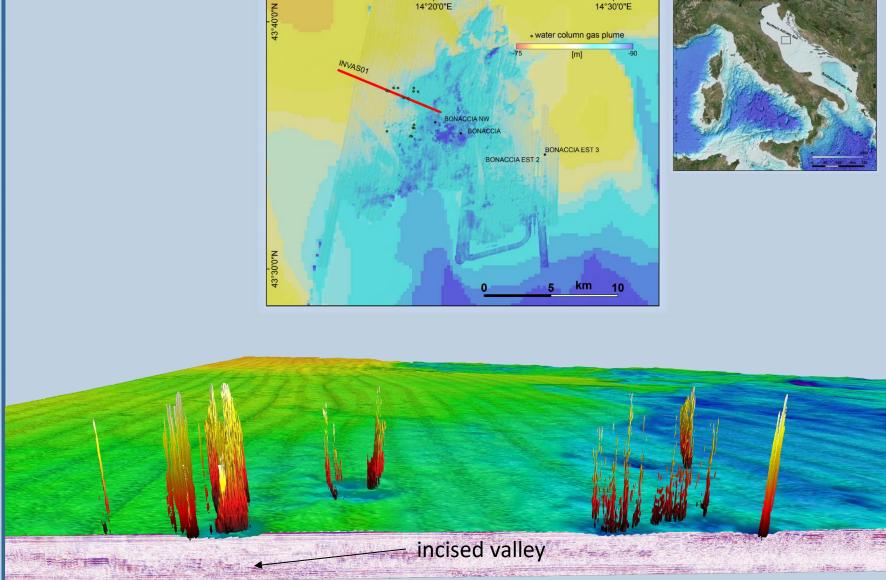


Miocene unconformity

5 km

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14°20'0"E

14°30'0"E

