



# Natural Hydrogen

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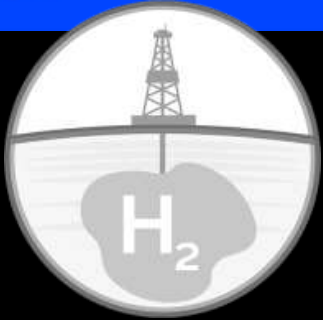
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# Natural hydrogen Progress, challenges and cases studies

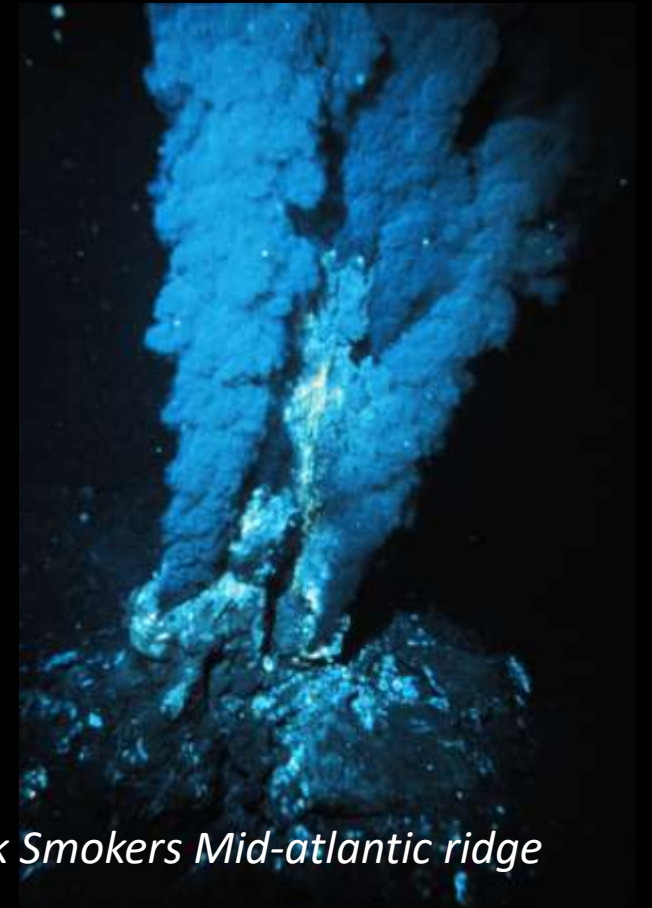
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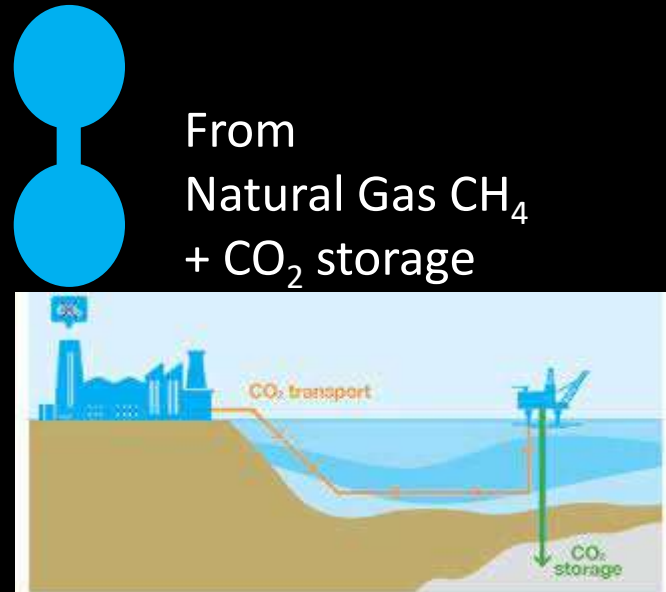
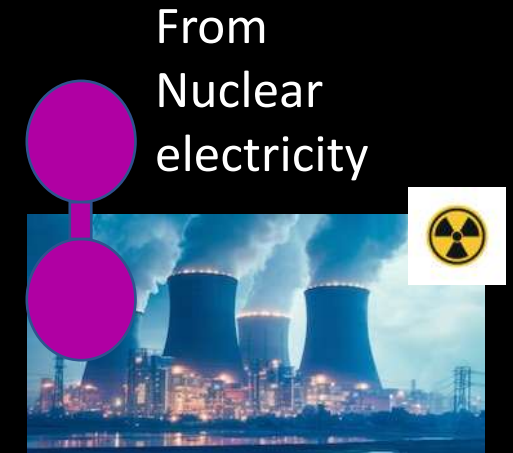
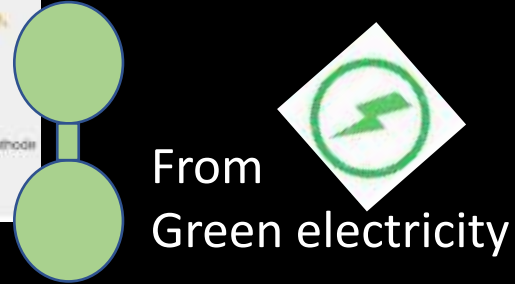
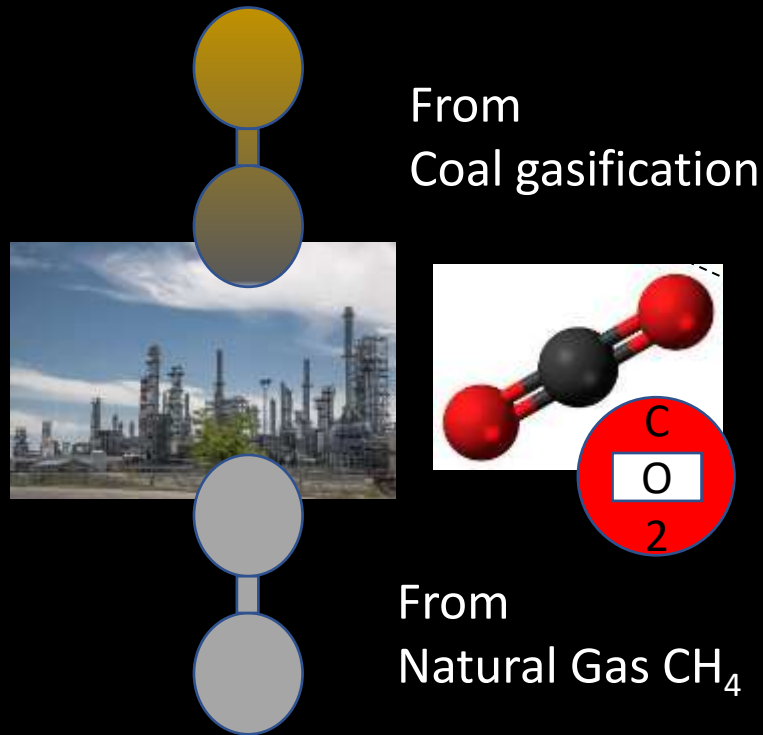


# H<sub>2</sub>

## HYDROGEN

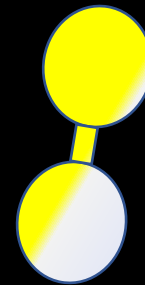
Our future: The Hydrogen Age ?  
(Holland and Provenzano 2007)

# The Colors of Hydrogen – Brown, Grey, Blue, Green... And White/Gold

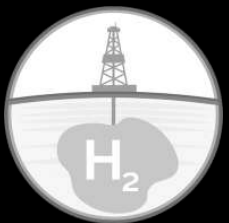




And the newcomer:  
White/Gold/  
Native/Natural/  
Geologic/Geogenic



Produced by the Earth



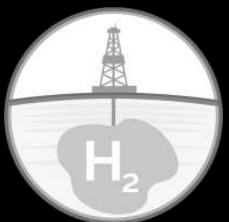
# Natural Hydrogen From Scientific Press to Main Stream Press



Osselin, F., ..., Gaucher, E.C., et al. (2022)  
Orange hydrogen is the new green.  
*Nature Geoscience* 15, 765-769.

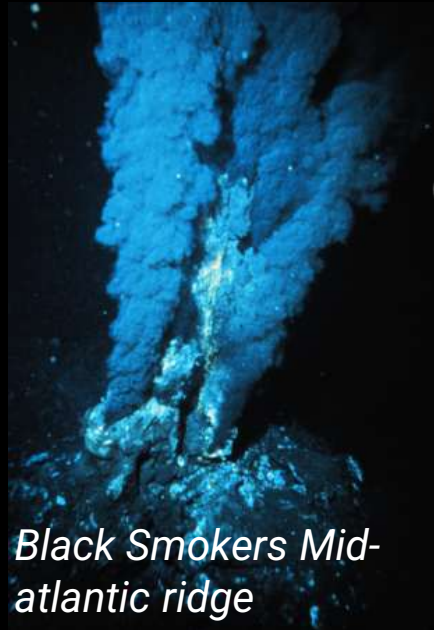


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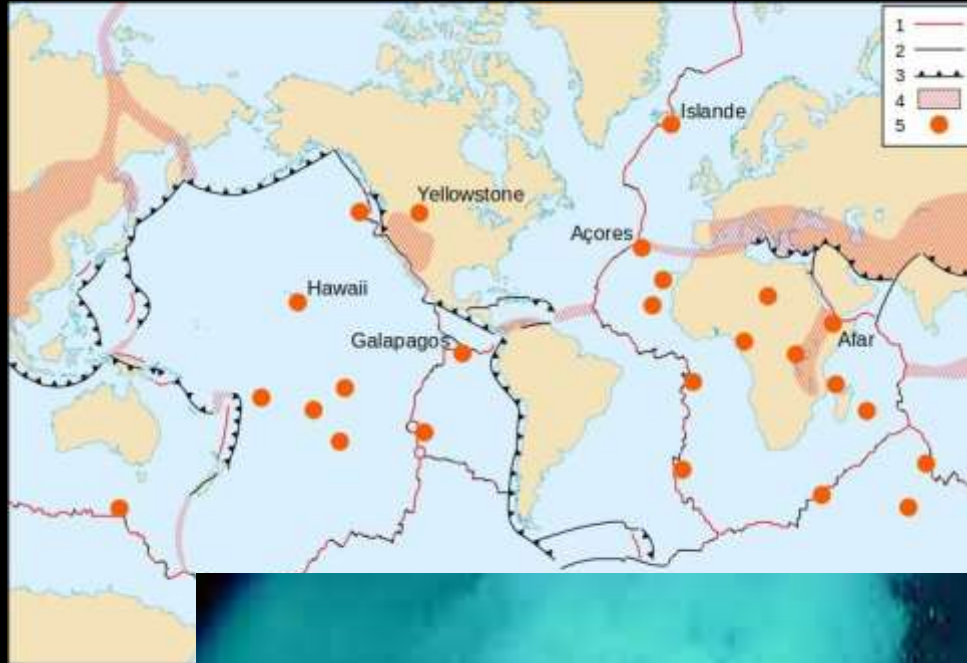




# First discoveries



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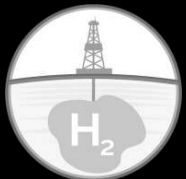
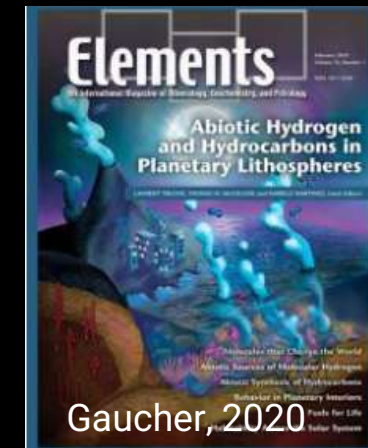
**Serpentinized  
rock chimney  
(in the 1990s)**



**Galapagos**  
Welhan & Craig (1979) Methane  
and hydrogen in East Pacific Rise  
hydrothermal fluids.



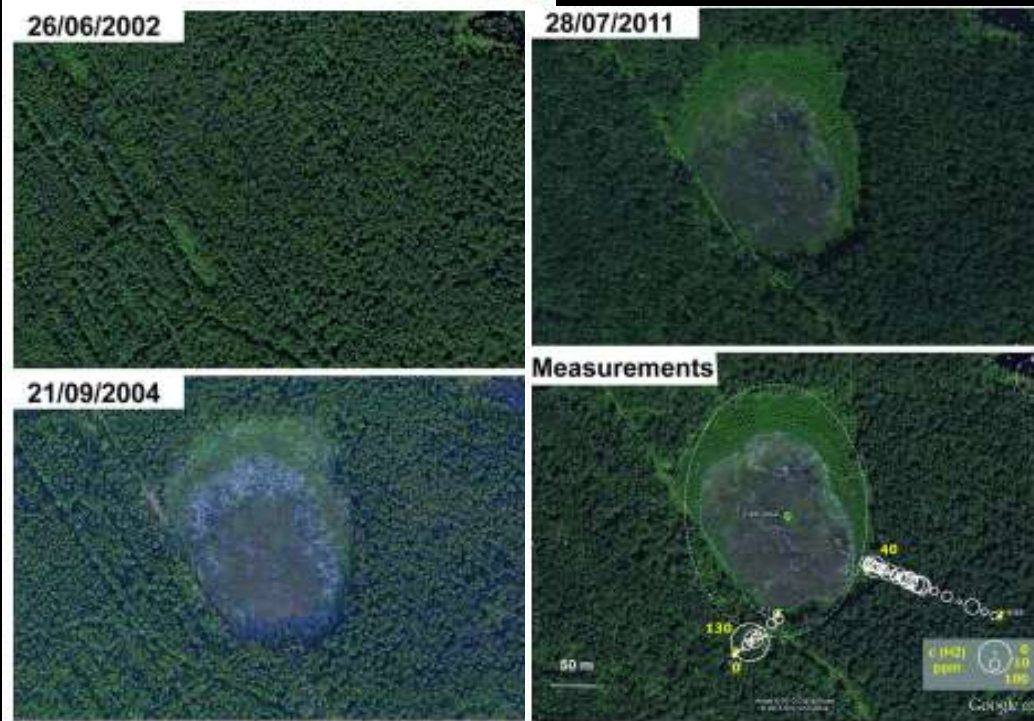
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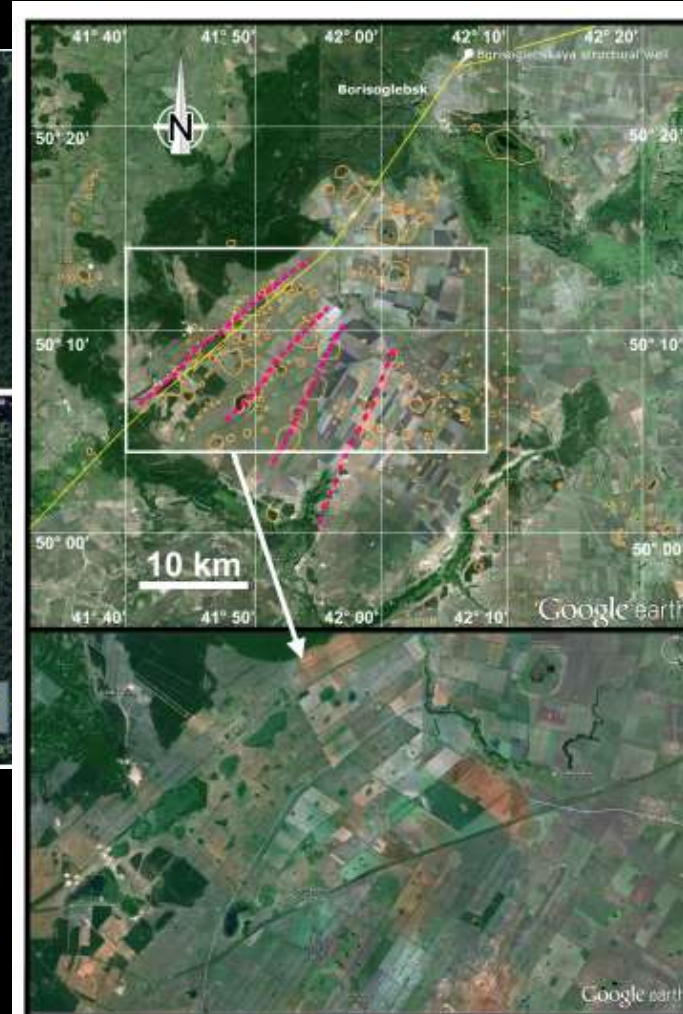


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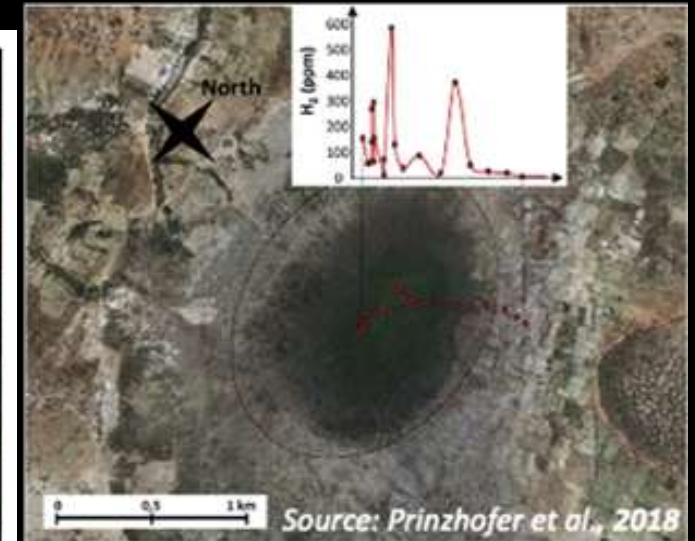
## Russia – Larin NV (2014)



◀ **Figure 7.** Progressive development of the Elektrostal structure. Moscow region and map of subsoil hydrogen concentrations (date of measurements 22/05/2012). Maxima correspond to the limit of the structure. *Dashed line in blue* shows the limit of the area, which is invaded by water and where measurements were not possible.



**Figure 2.** Distribution of depression sizes in a selected area in Central Russia (Borisoglebsk-Novokhopersk). Structures are outlined in orange polygons, and alignments of structures are shown as pink dashed lines. Yellow line shows the approximate position of one part of the cross-section (Fig. 3).

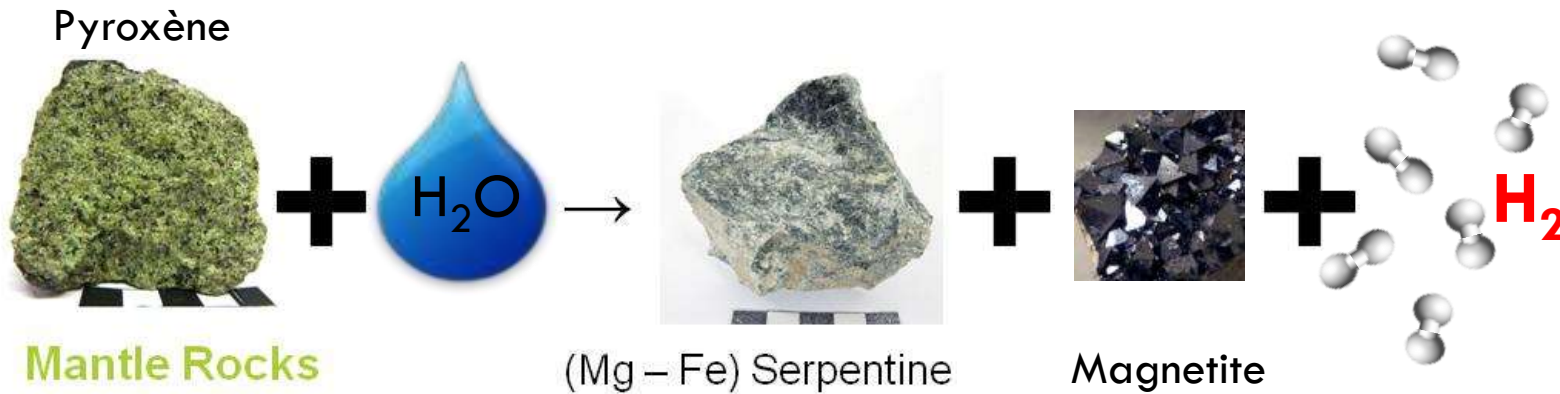


*Fairy Circles, Brazil*



# Natural H<sub>2</sub> Produced by Rock/Water interactions

## Serpentinization



## Production of abiotic CH<sub>4</sub>



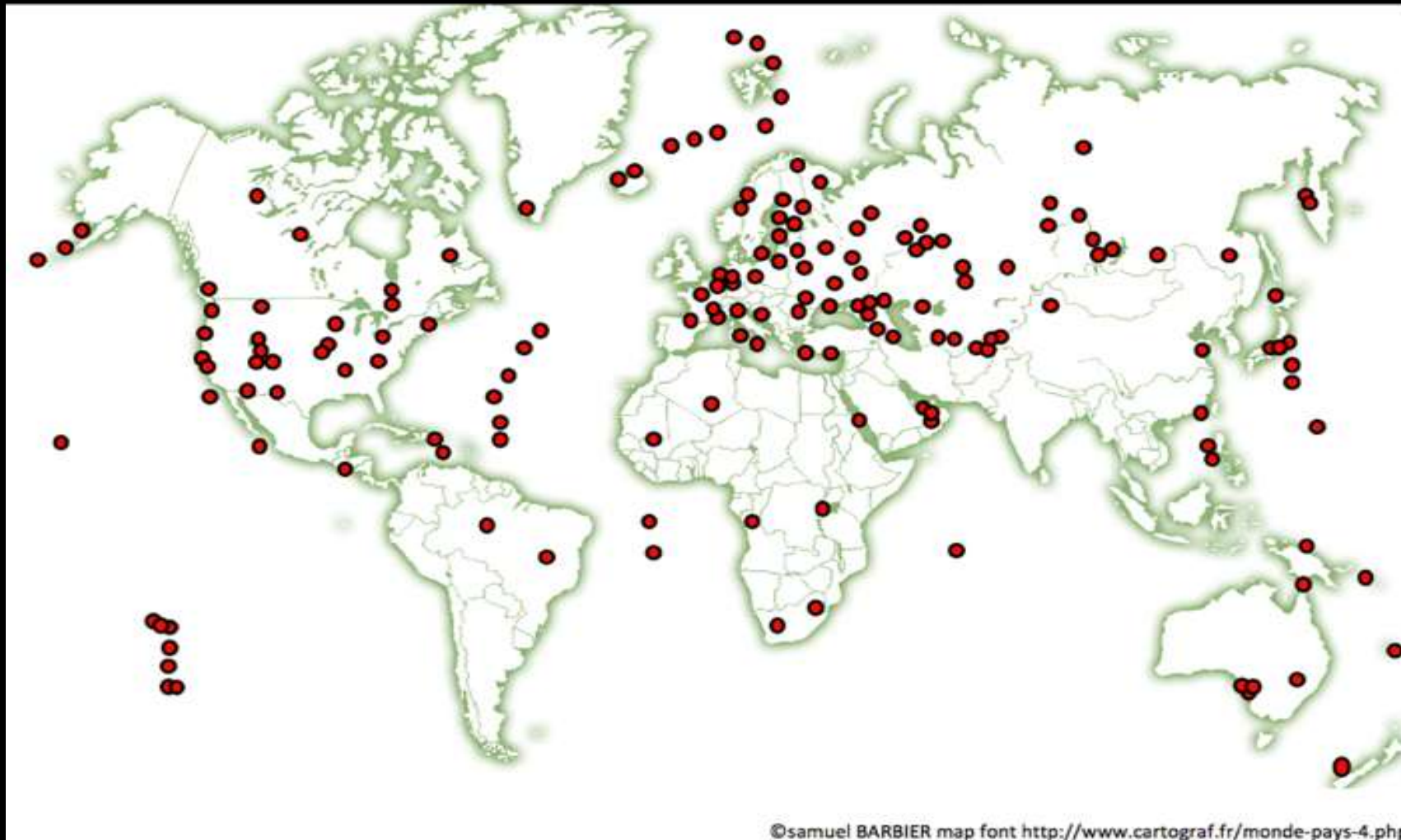
## Iron Oxidation



## Natural Radiolysis

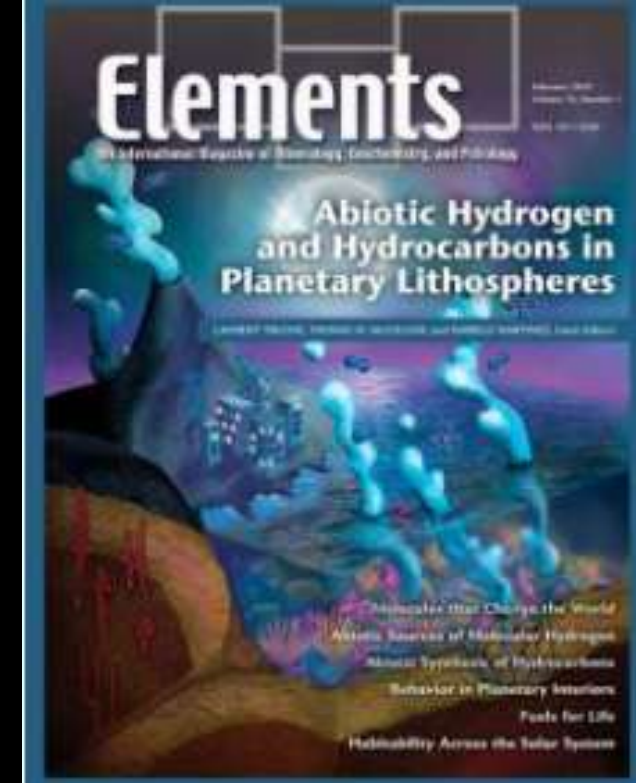
The water molecule is broken by radioactive radiations with a production of H<sub>2</sub>





Barbier 2022 - Synthetic, non-exhaustive map of the main natural H<sub>2</sub> emanation sites on earth, based on a generic synthesis of literature data. e.g. Zgonnik (2020), et Truche (2020).

EC Gaucher (2020) *New Perspectives in the Industrial Exploration for Native Hydrogen.*  
*Elements* 16, n°1; 8-9

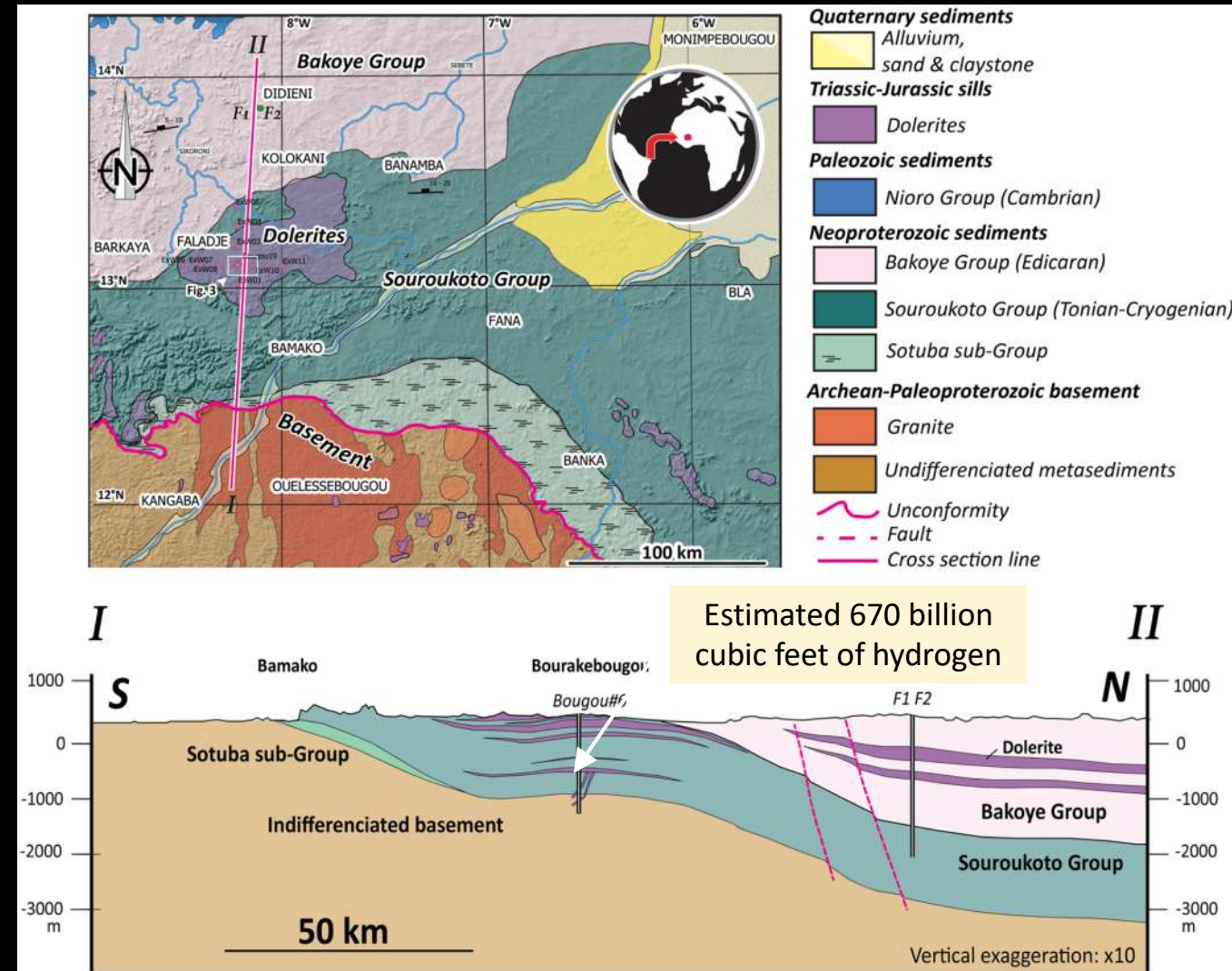


Mount Chimaera  
 (Turkey)  
 abiotic CH<sub>4</sub> (87vol%) H<sub>2</sub>  
 (10 vol%)



# First natural hydrogen accumulation discovery

- 1987: Accidental discovery of flammable gas while drilling for water in Bourakébougou, Mali
- 2012: Petroleum company completes wells for gas production
- Gas is >97% hydrogen

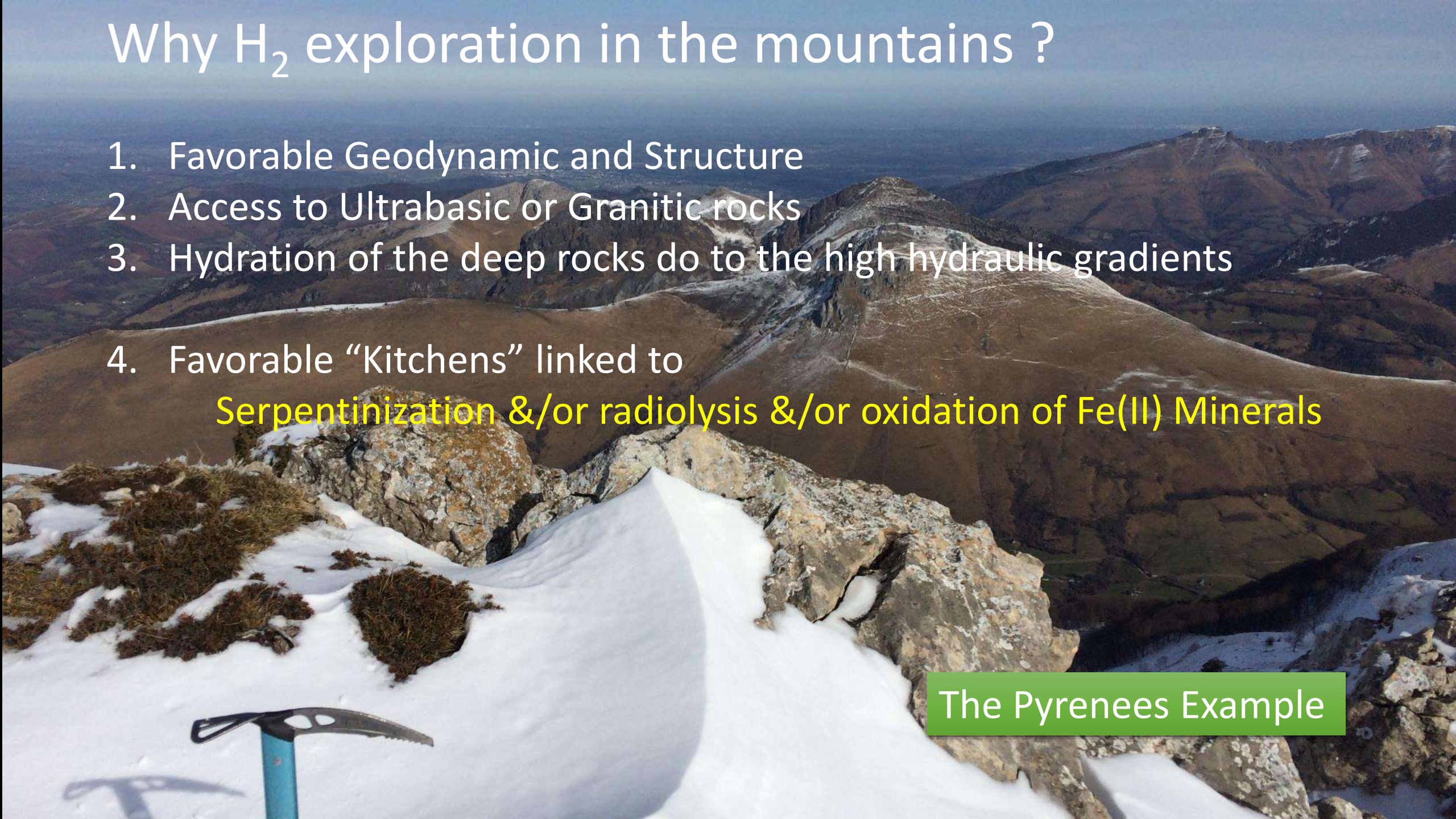




# Why H<sub>2</sub> exploration in the mountains ?

1. Favorable Geodynamic and Structure
2. Access to Ultrabasic or Granitic rocks
3. Hydration of the deep rocks do to the high hydraulic gradients
4. Favorable “Kitchens” linked to  
Serpentinization &/or radiolysis &/or oxidation of Fe(II) Minerals

The Pyrenees Example





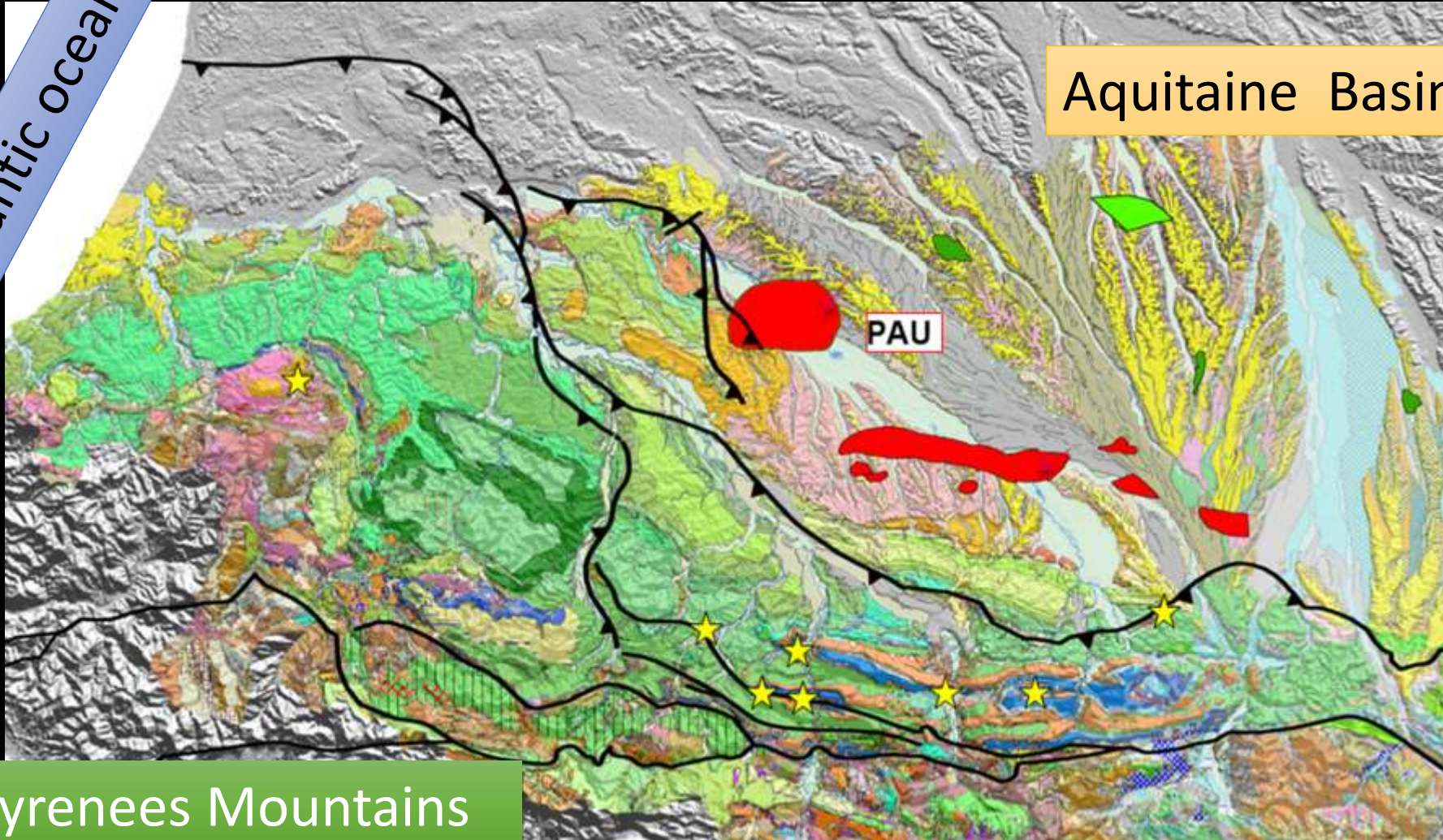
# An Natural H<sub>2</sub> potential



Outcrops  
Ultrabasic rocks

Atlantic ocean

Aquitaine Basin

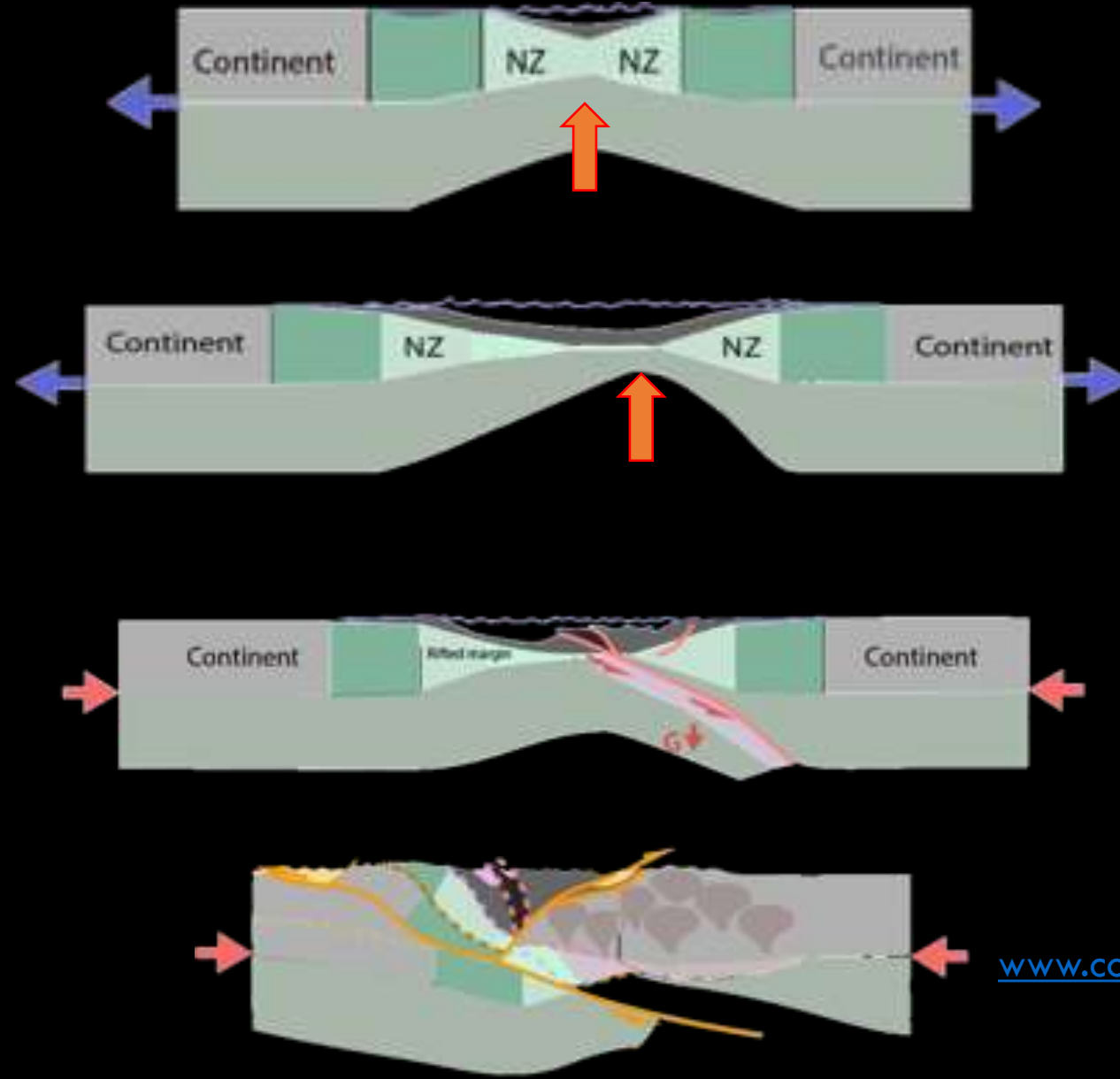


Pyrenees Mountains

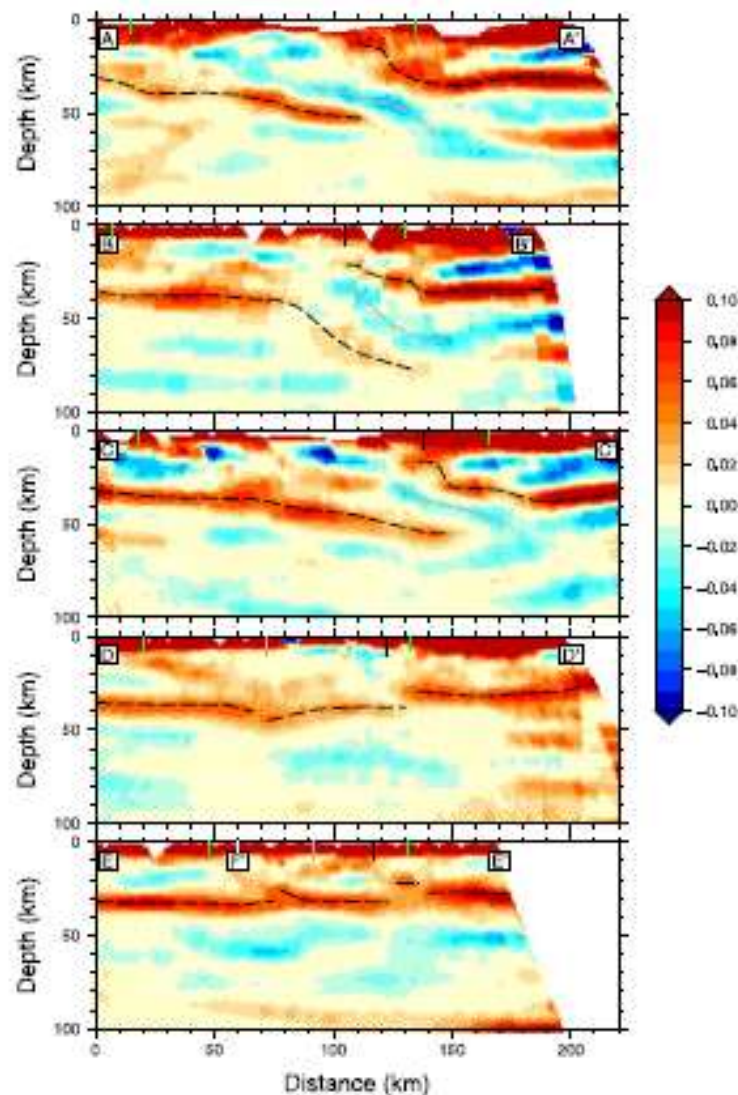
# Tectonic Context

## Orogenic context: Creation of Mountains

With a trapping of  
**Mantle rocks** in an  
abnormal high  
position in the crust







**Figure 3.** Common Conversion Point sections for (from top to bottom) transects (A-A'), (B-B'), (C-C'), (D-D') and (E-E') (see Fig. 1 for the localization of these transects). The Iberian and European Moho are represented with black dashed lines and the top of the subducting Iberian crust with a grey dashed line. The vertical lines show the positions of the SPFT and NPFT (green), the NPF (black), and of the Têt Fault (grey). The position of the crossing of transect (E-E') with transect (F-F') is also indicated.

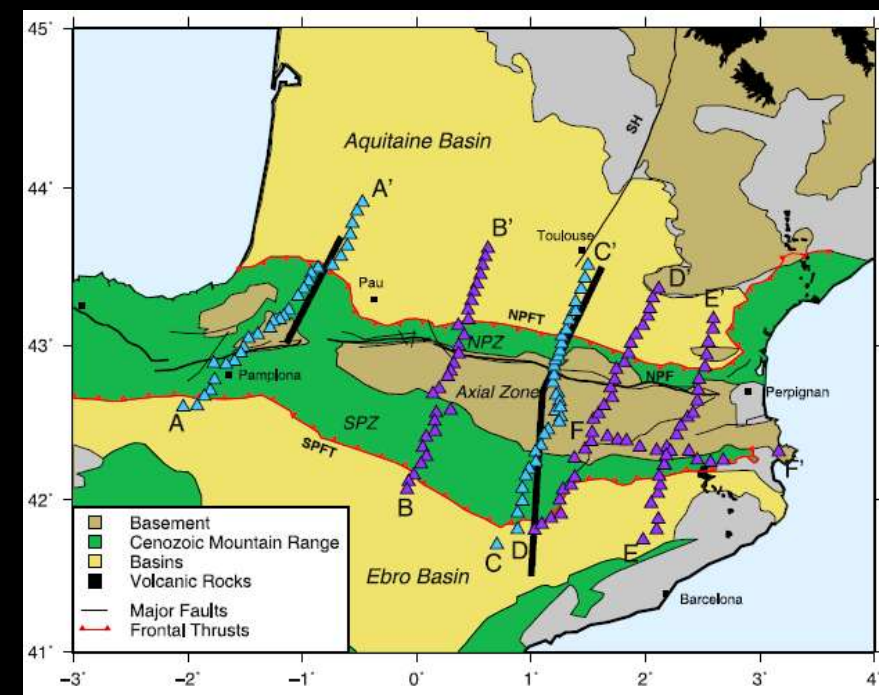
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## The non-cylindrical crustal architecture of the Pyrenees

Sébastien Chevrot<sup>1</sup>, Matthieu Sylvander<sup>2</sup>, Jordi Diaz<sup>3</sup>, Roland Martin<sup>1</sup>, Frédéric Mouthereau<sup>1</sup>, Gianreto Manatschal<sup>4</sup>, Emmanuel Masini<sup>5</sup>, Sylvain Calassou<sup>5</sup>, Frank Grimaud<sup>2</sup>, Hélène Pauchet<sup>2</sup> & Mario Ruiz<sup>3</sup>

26 March 2018

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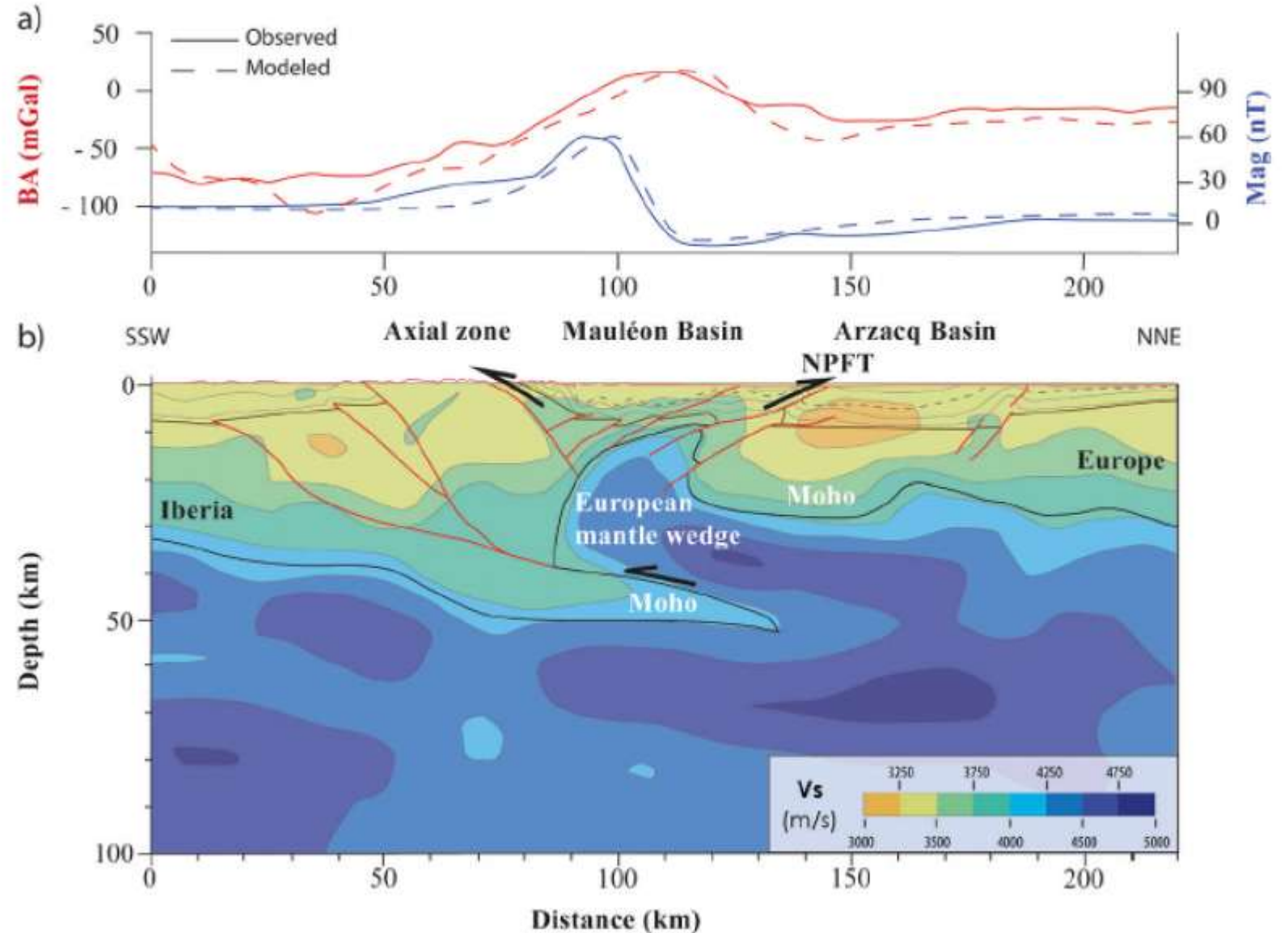


# The example of the Pyrenees

Presence of dense, magnetic body associated with high velocities

## GEOPHYSICS

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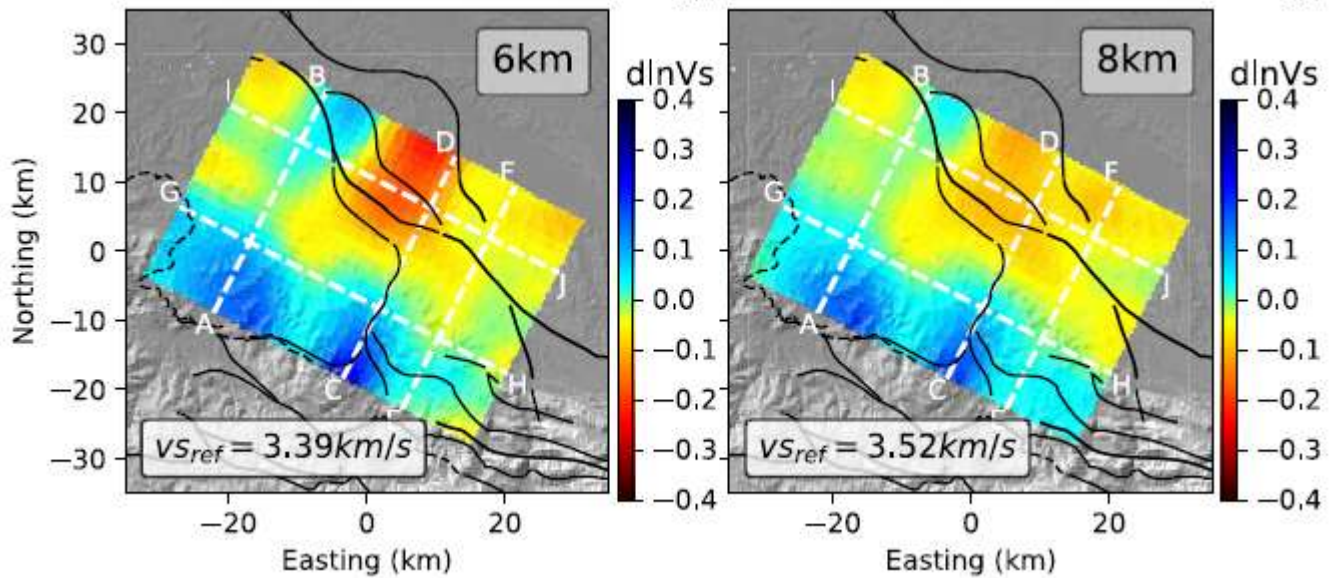
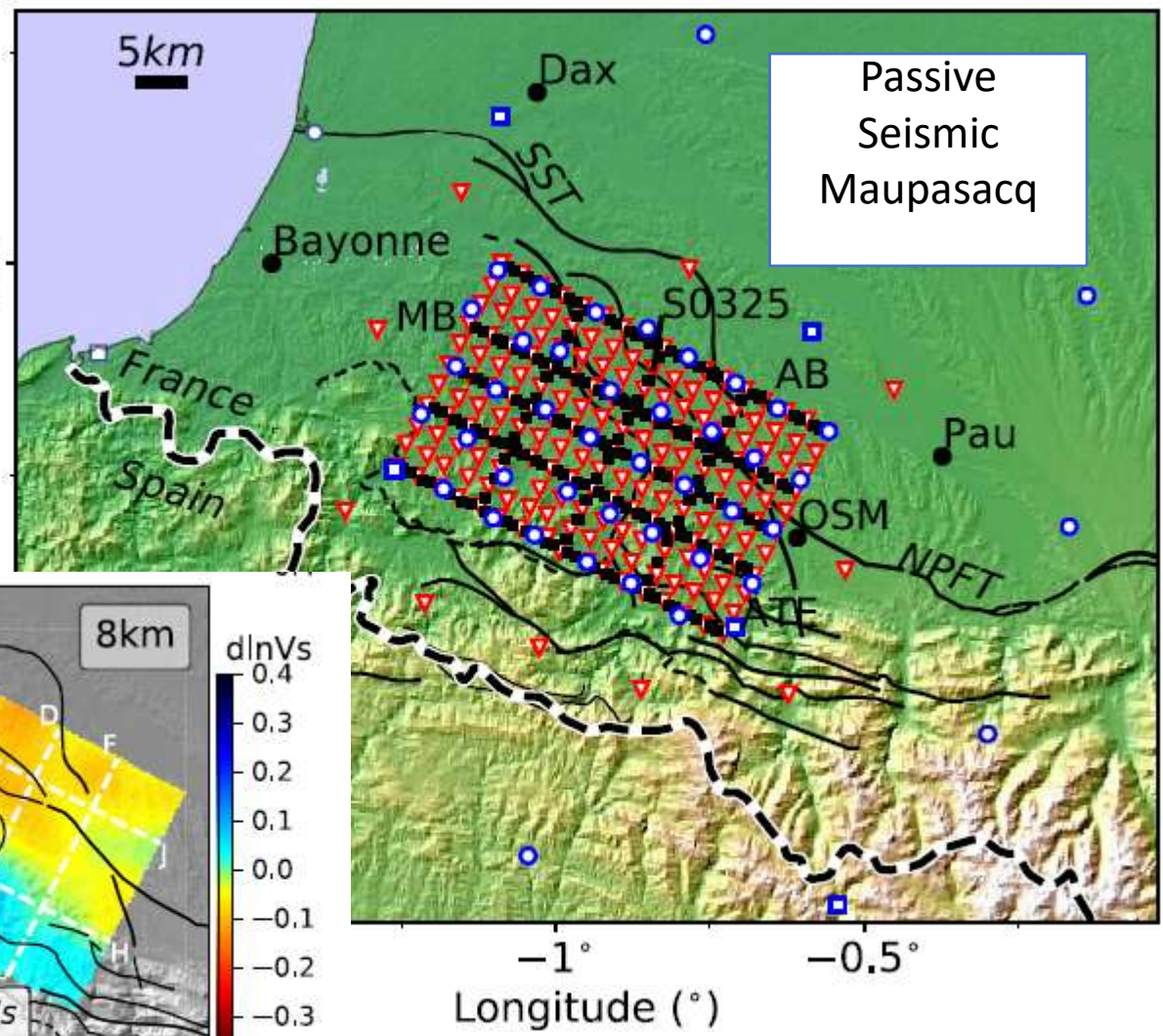




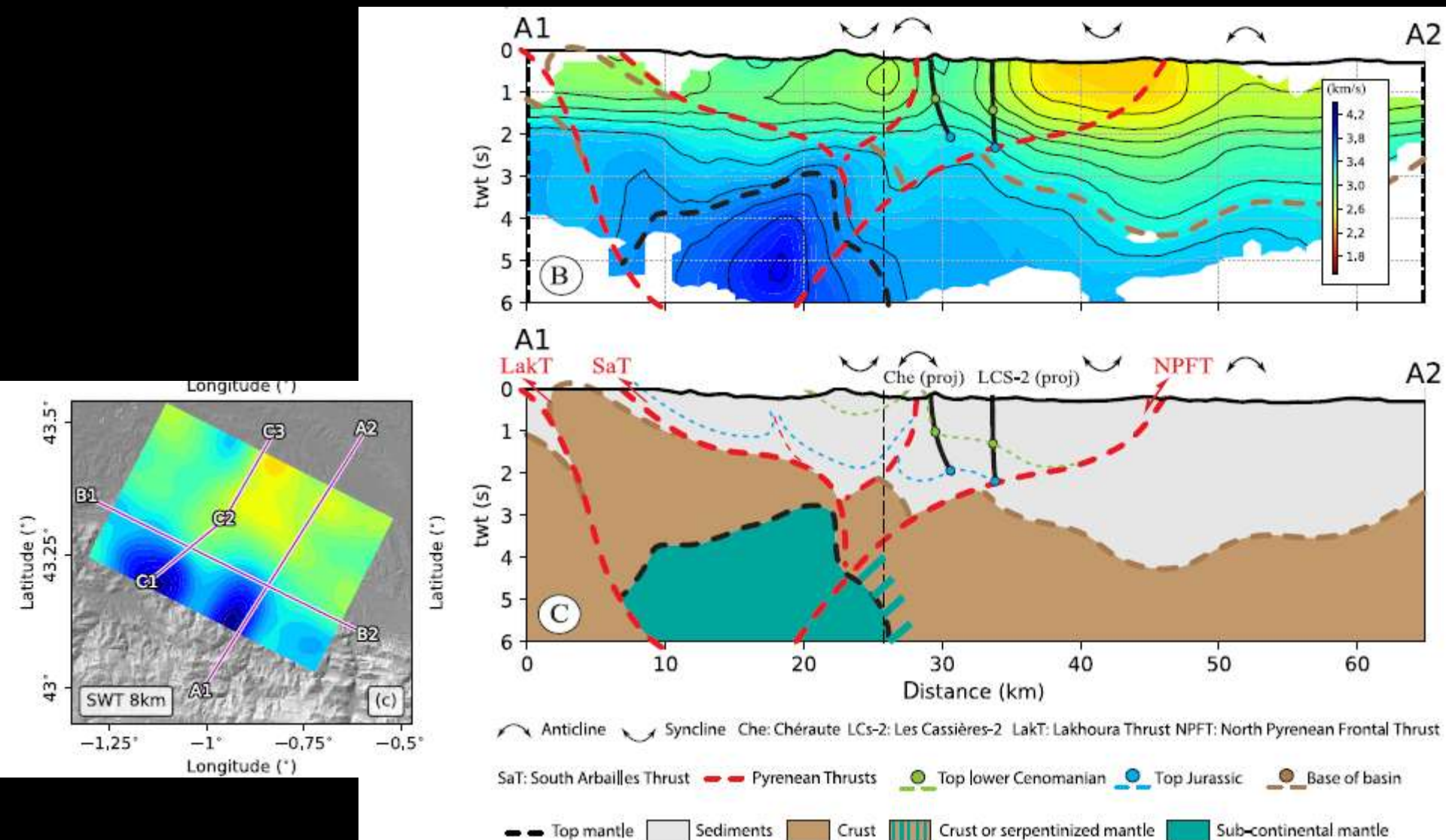
**Three-dimensional shear velocity structure of the Mauléon and Arzacq Basins (Western Pyrenees)**

Maximilien Lehajeur<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Sébastien Chevrot<sup>1</sup>, Antonio Villaseñor<sup>3</sup>, Emmanuel Masini<sup>4,5</sup>,  
Nicolas Saspiturry<sup>6</sup>, Rodolphe Lescoutre<sup>7</sup>, Matthieu Sylvander<sup>8</sup> and The Maupasacq Working Group\*

Latitude (°)  
43.5°







**Fig. 14.** SW-NE profile in the eastern Mauléon Basin showing the interpretation of the SWT (A) and LET (B) models. The final geological interpretation (C) is based on these models, the surface geology and boreholes. Location of axial traces of major anticlines and synclines are based on the geological map. The surface wave model successfully images the first-order basin architecture at shallow depth (syncline/anticline, faults) whereas the local earthquake tomography model provides information about the basement-sediment interface and the geometry of the high velocity body at depth.

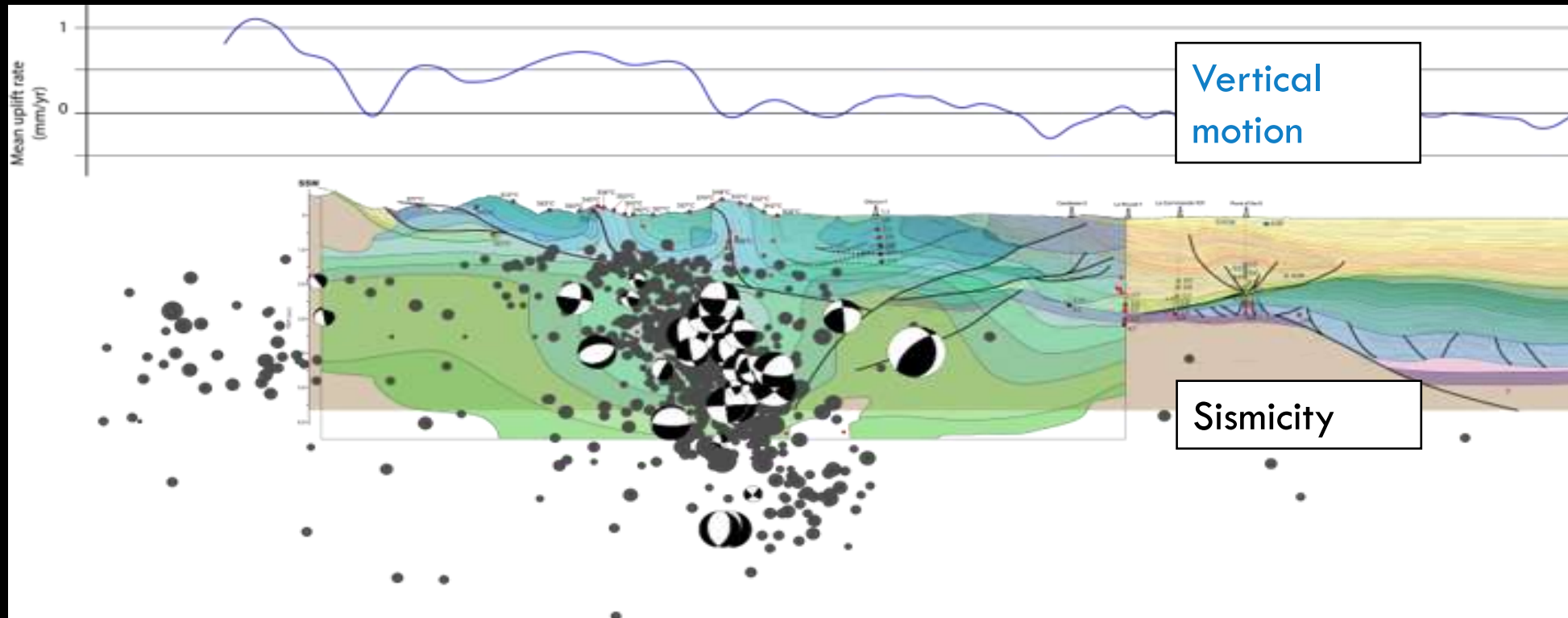


# The example of the Pyrenees

Presence of dense, magnetic body associated with an active sismicity :

Strong hypothesis of an **active Serpentinization**

*After Maupazascq Data*



## GEOFYSICS

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# Exploration of H<sub>2</sub> Seeps in soils

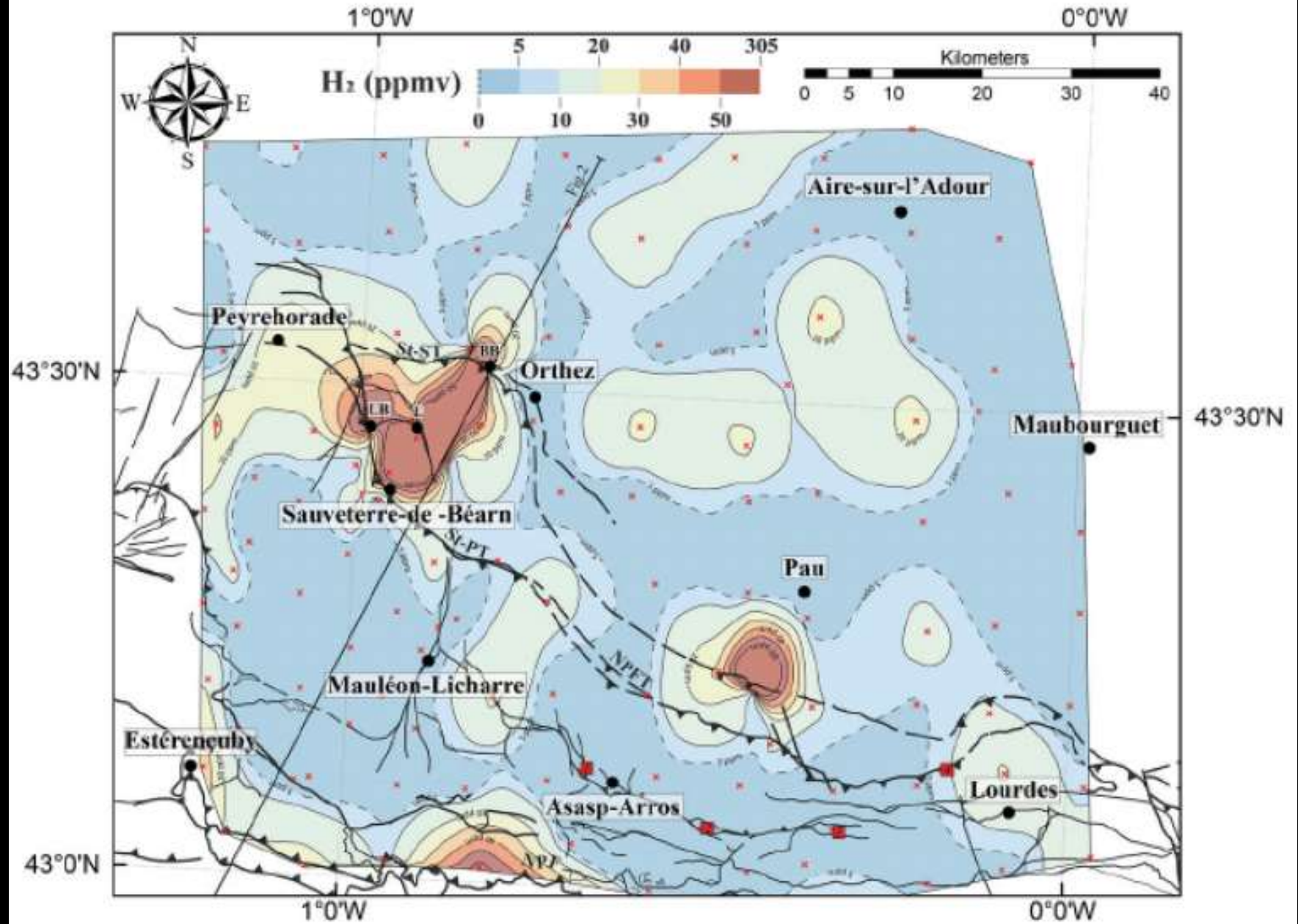




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## SOIL GAS ANALYSES

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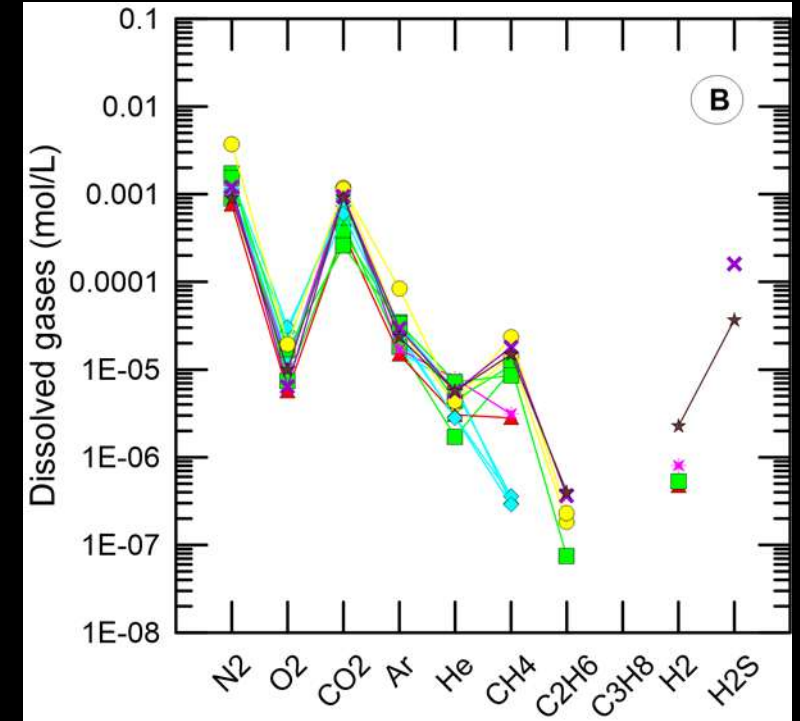
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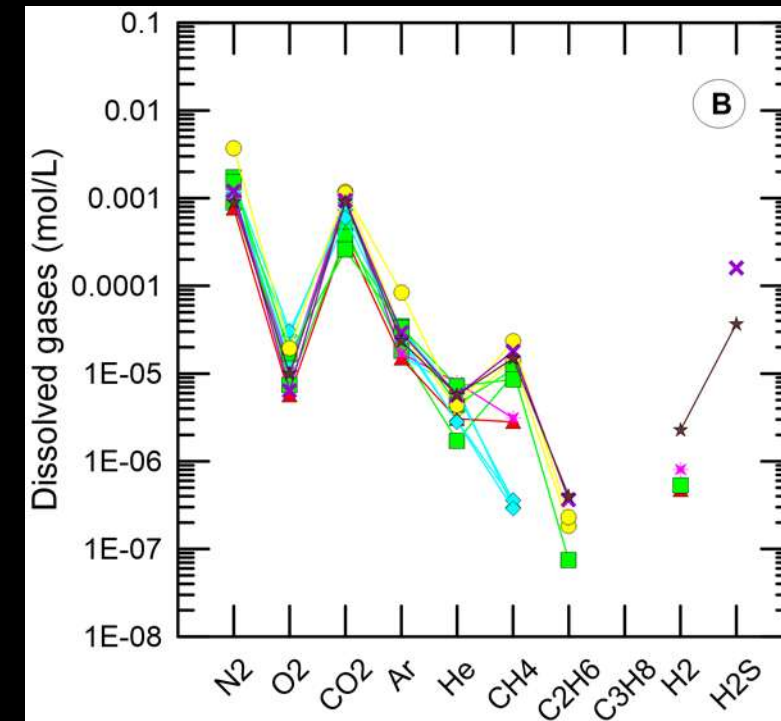
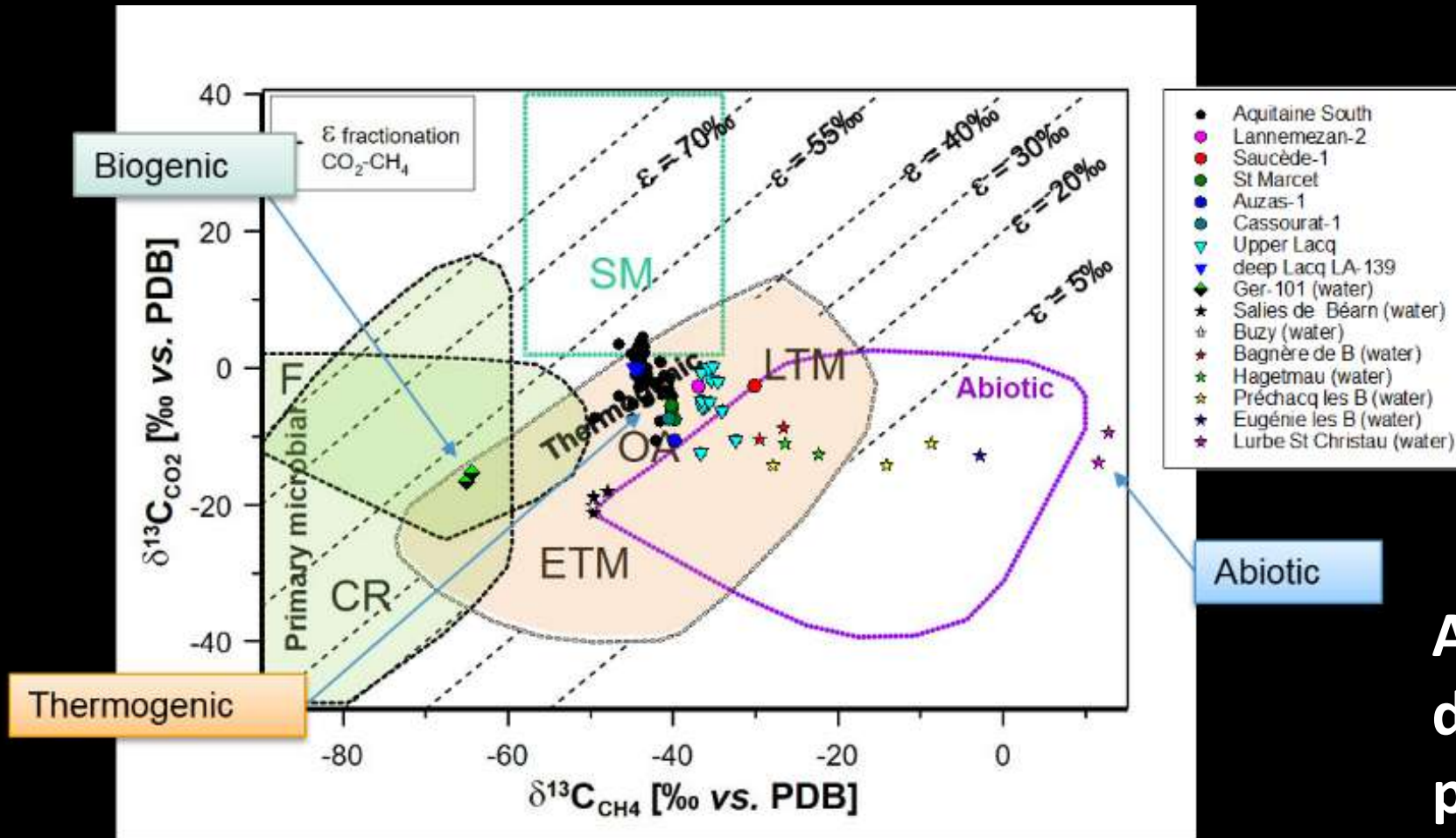
## DEGASSING OF HYDROTHERMAL WATERS

## DEEP AQUIFERS

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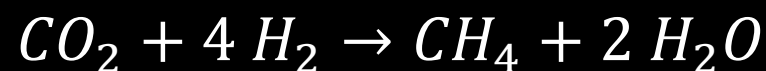






**Abiotic methane demonstrates the presence of H<sub>2</sub> in the Pyrenean example**

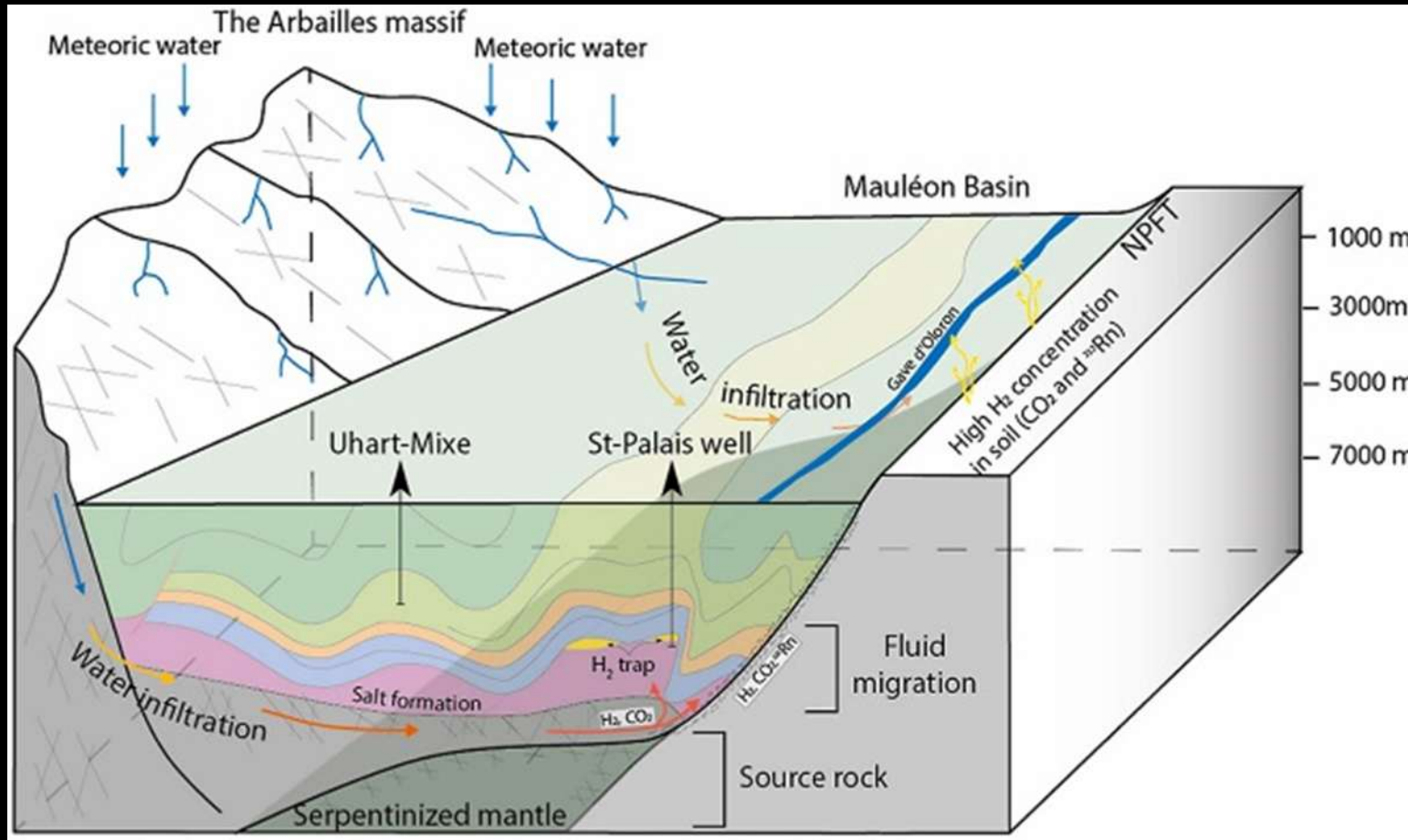
Presence of H<sub>2</sub> and abiotic CH<sub>4</sub>



*Tremosa et al, 2024*

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# The Pyrenean Model of H<sub>2</sub> Production



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Ultrabasic rocks at 8 km

Water infiltration

Hydrothermal loop

Temperature window for  
serpentinization  
200/300°C

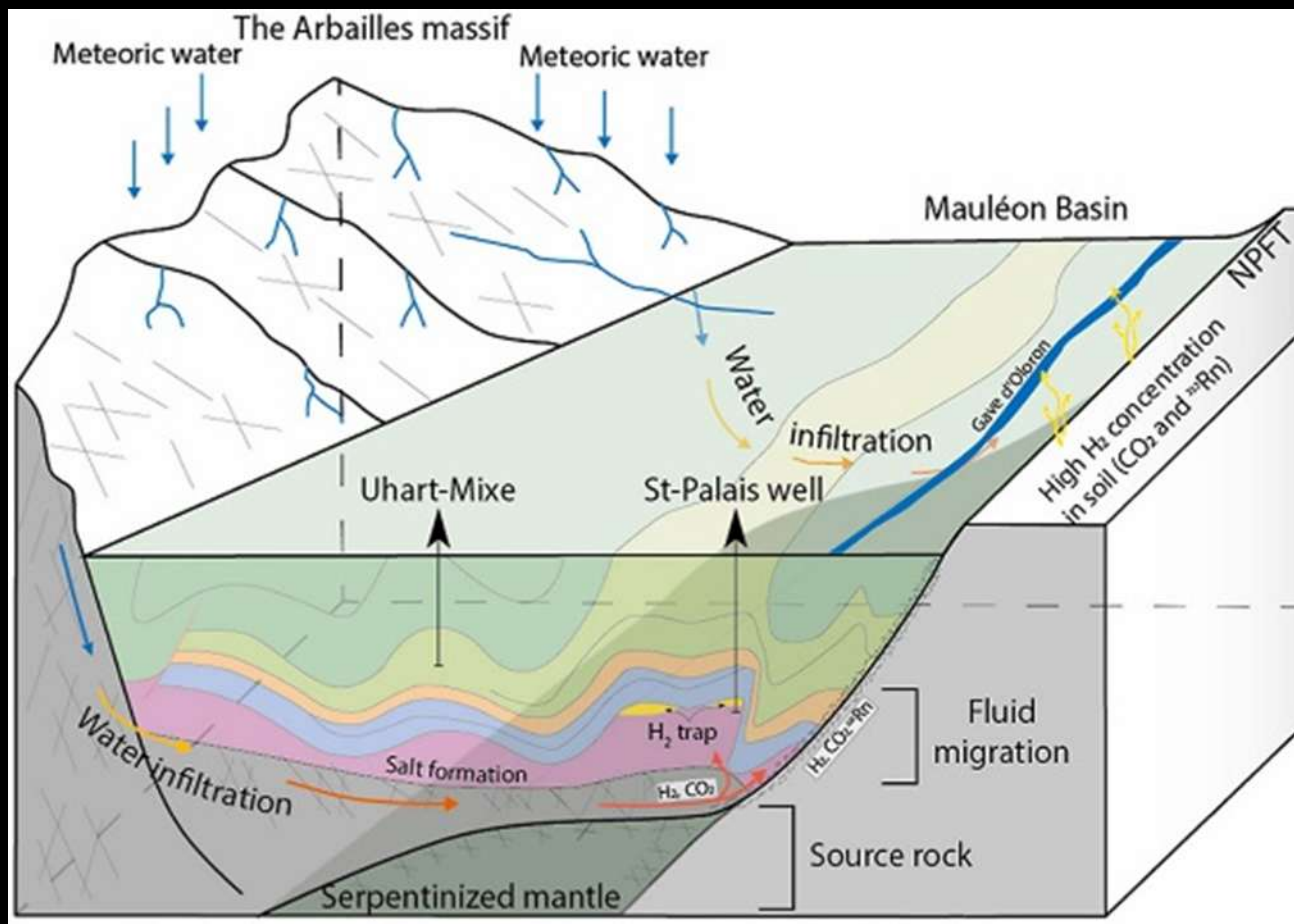
H<sub>2</sub> seepages along major  
faults

H<sub>2</sub> and abiotic methane  
in thermal waters

Two licences of  
exploration for natural H<sub>2</sub>



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Avis de mise en concurrence

**Demande de permis exclusif de recherches d'hydrogène natif et substances connexes  
dit « Permis de Grand Rieu » (Pyrénées-Atlantiques)**

Par demande en date du 28 février 2023, les sociétés 45-8 Grand Rieu SAS (2, rue Myron Kinley, 64000 Pau) et Storengy SAS (12, rue Raoul Nordling, 92277 Bois-Colombes CEDEX) ont sollicité, conjointement et solidairement, un permis exclusif de recherches d'hydrogène natif et d'éventuelles substances connexes, dit « Permis de Grand Rieu », pour une durée de cinq années et portant sur une partie du département des Pyrénées-Atlantiques. Il est situé sur le territoire des communes d'Ainharp, Angous, Aren, Aroue-Ithorots-Olhaiby, Arrast-Larrebieu, Barcus, Berrogain-Laruns, Charre, Charritte-de-Bas, Chéraute, Dognen, Domezain-Berraute, Espès-Undurein, Esquiule, Gèronce, Geüs-d'Oloron, Gurs, Jasses, Lay-Lamidou, Ledeuix, L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise, Lohitzun-Oyhercq, Lucq-de-Béarn, Moncayolle-Larroy-Mendibieu, Moumour, Oloron-Sainte-Marie, Orin, Poey-

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# The Iceland example

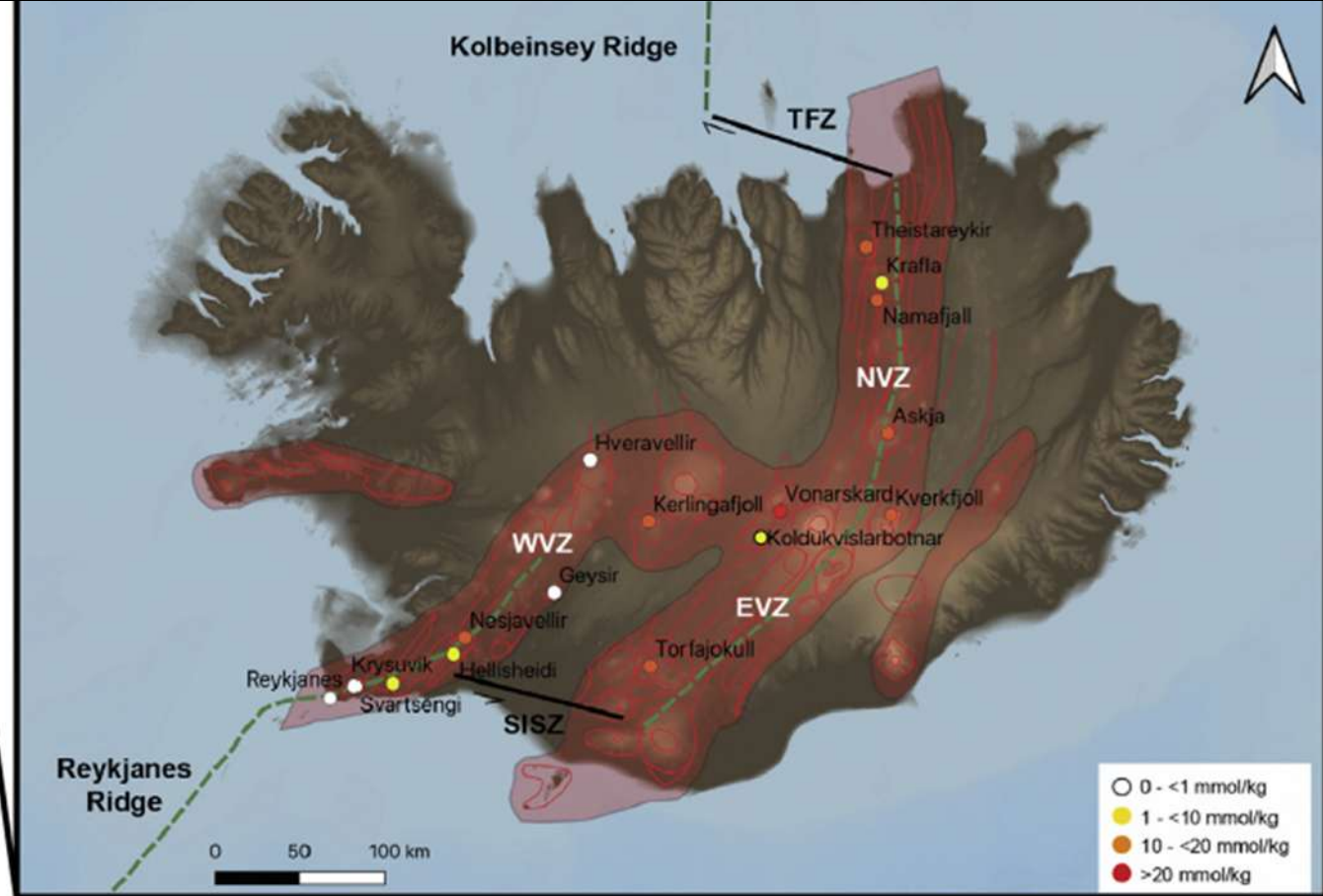


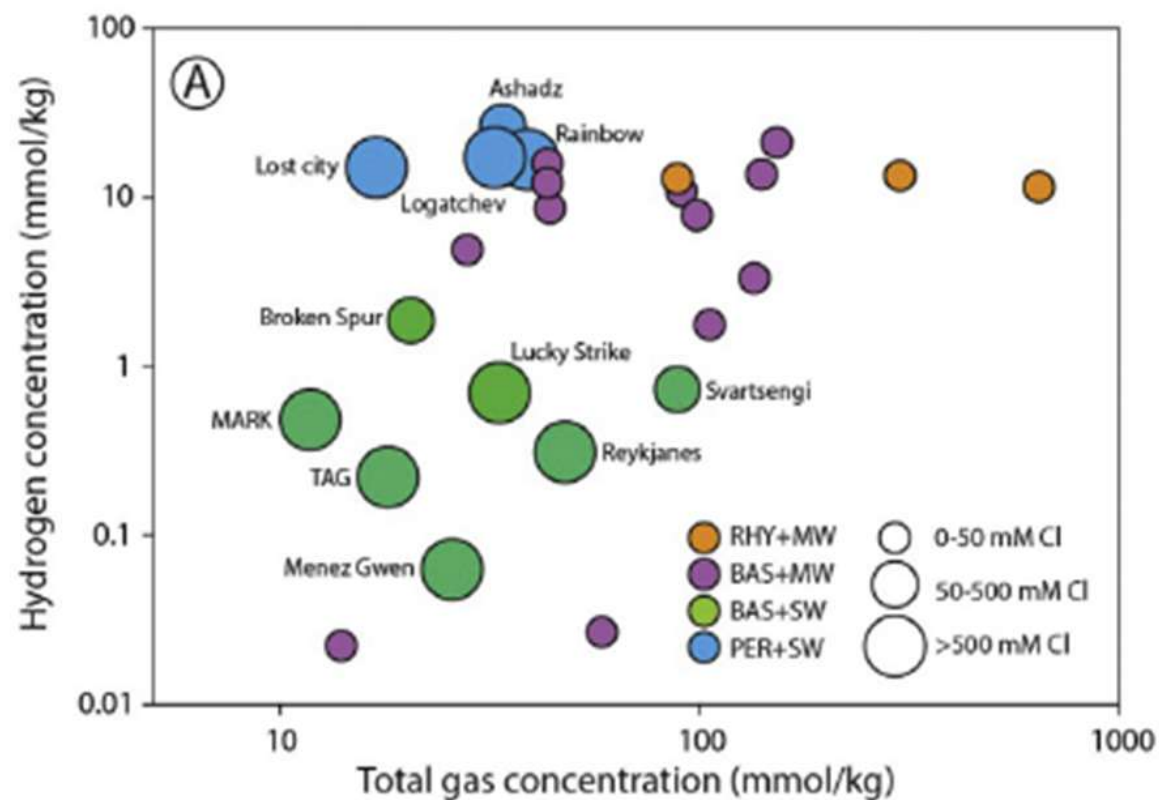
Fig. 1 – Geothermal systems along the mid-Atlantic Ridge (MAR) and in Iceland. WVZ, EVZ and NVZ are for West, East and North Volcanic Zone; SISZ is for South Icelandic Seismic Zone; TFZ is for Tjörnes Fractured Zone.



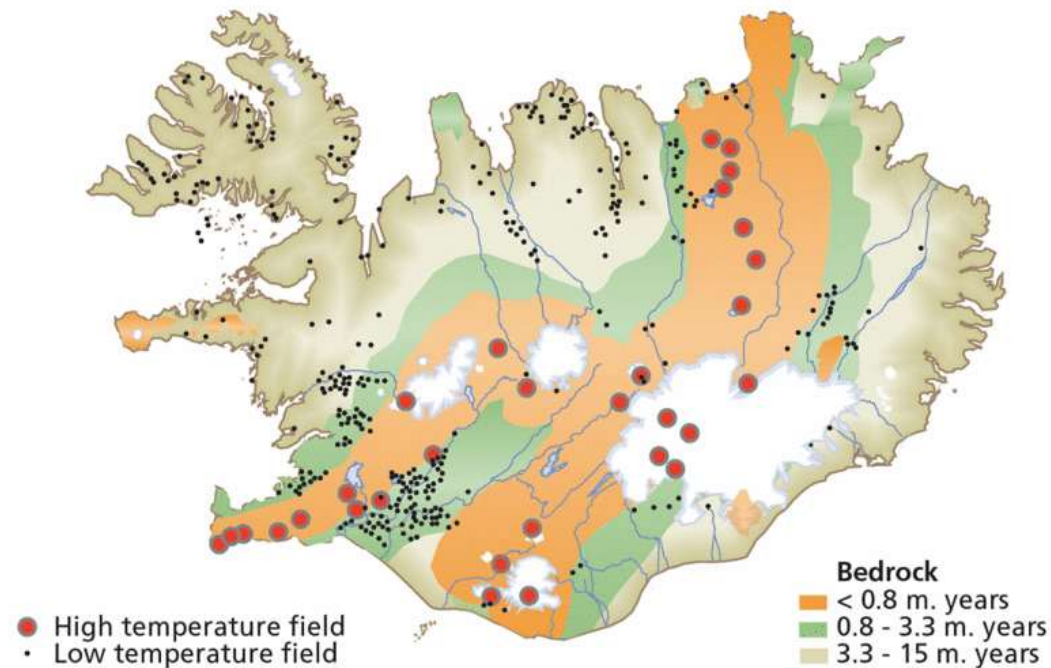
## Hydrogen emissions from hydrothermal fields in Iceland and comparison with the Mid-Atlantic Ridge

Valentine Combaudon<sup>a</sup>, Isabelle Moretti<sup>a,\*</sup>, Barbara I. Kleine<sup>b</sup>,  
Andri Stefánsson<sup>b</sup>

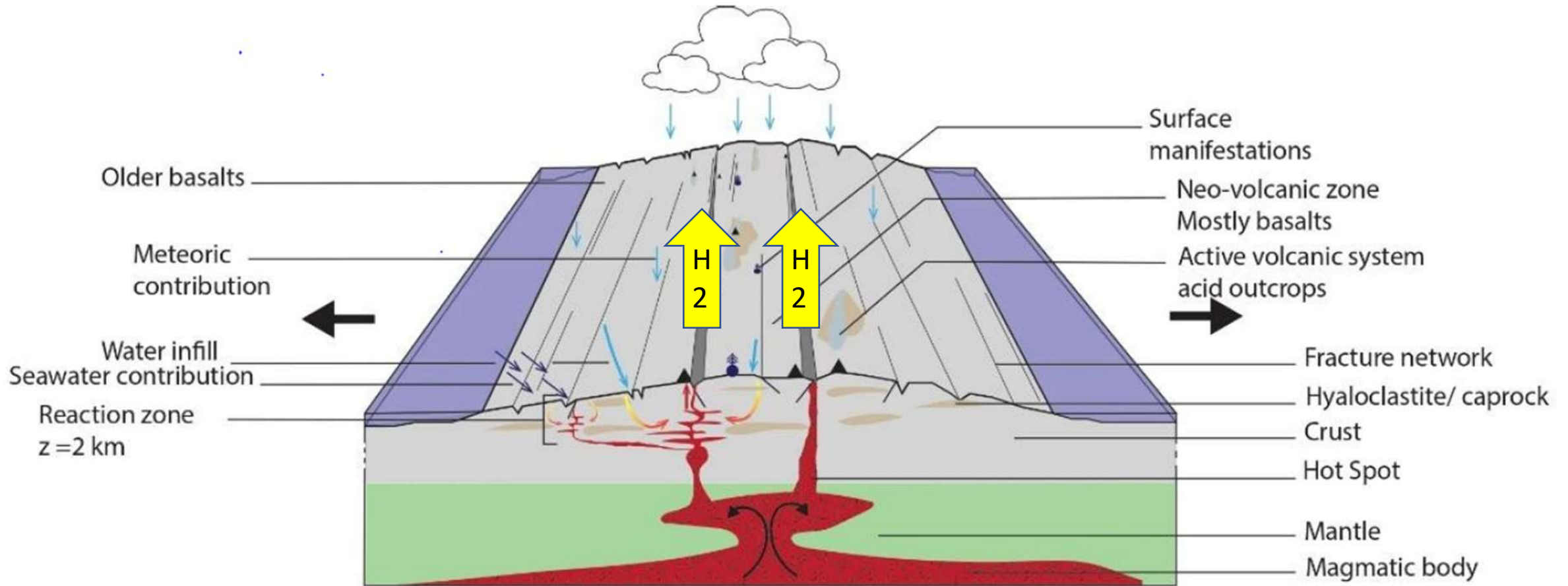
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## Geothermal fields



# Geological Model of H<sub>2</sub> Production





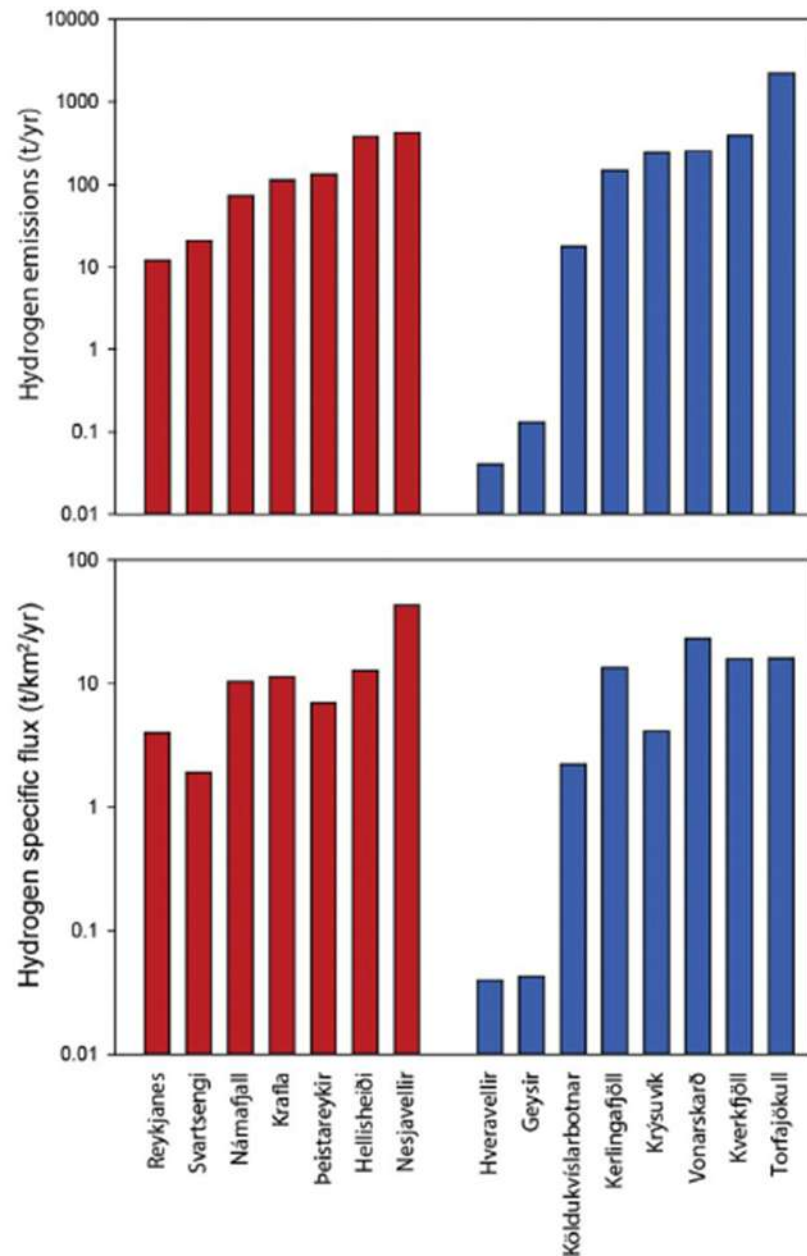


Fig. 6 – The H<sub>2</sub> emissions and specific flux for Icelandic geothermal fields.

Annual production of H<sub>2</sub> :  
 1.16 Kt in Geothermal Power Plants  
 3.40 Kt in others known Geothermal fields

Assuming an H<sub>2</sub> price of \$2 per kg, 1.16 kt of native hydrogen could represent a profit of \$2.3 million per year.

Given that investment is very limited thanks to the Hellisheidi plants already installed, investment would be limited to a gas separator and a storage and distribution system.

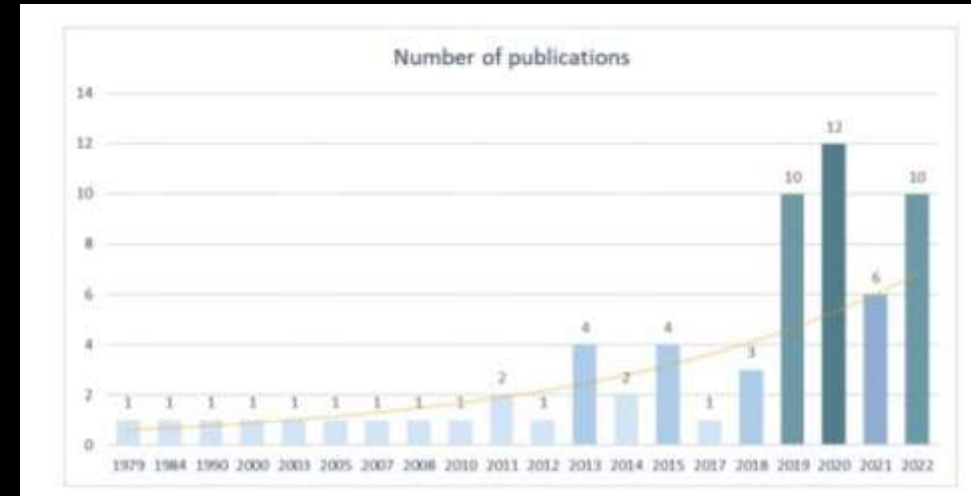
It should be noted that H<sub>2</sub> recovery is not optimized by this system.

# Identify scientific clusters on natural hydrogen - Publications in the world

Repartition of H<sub>2</sub> publications by countries.

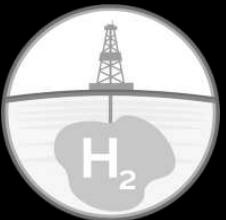


Figure 2: (a) Progress of the number of publications related to natural H<sub>2</sub> and (b) repartition of natural H<sub>2</sub> publications by country.



Scientific articles published that explicitly reference natural hydrogen

Gaucher and al, European Geologist Journal, 2023





# Exploration phases / Costs



2024

1M US\$

Data Mining, Soil Gas sampling  
Geological Model

2025

2M US\$

Geochemical Monitoring  
Gravi/Mag/Seismic Acquisition

2026

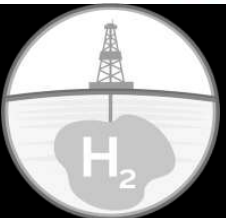
10M-20M US\$

On-shore borehole  
Demonstrating, Developing

2027

Research

Development



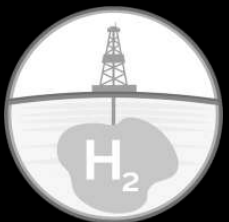
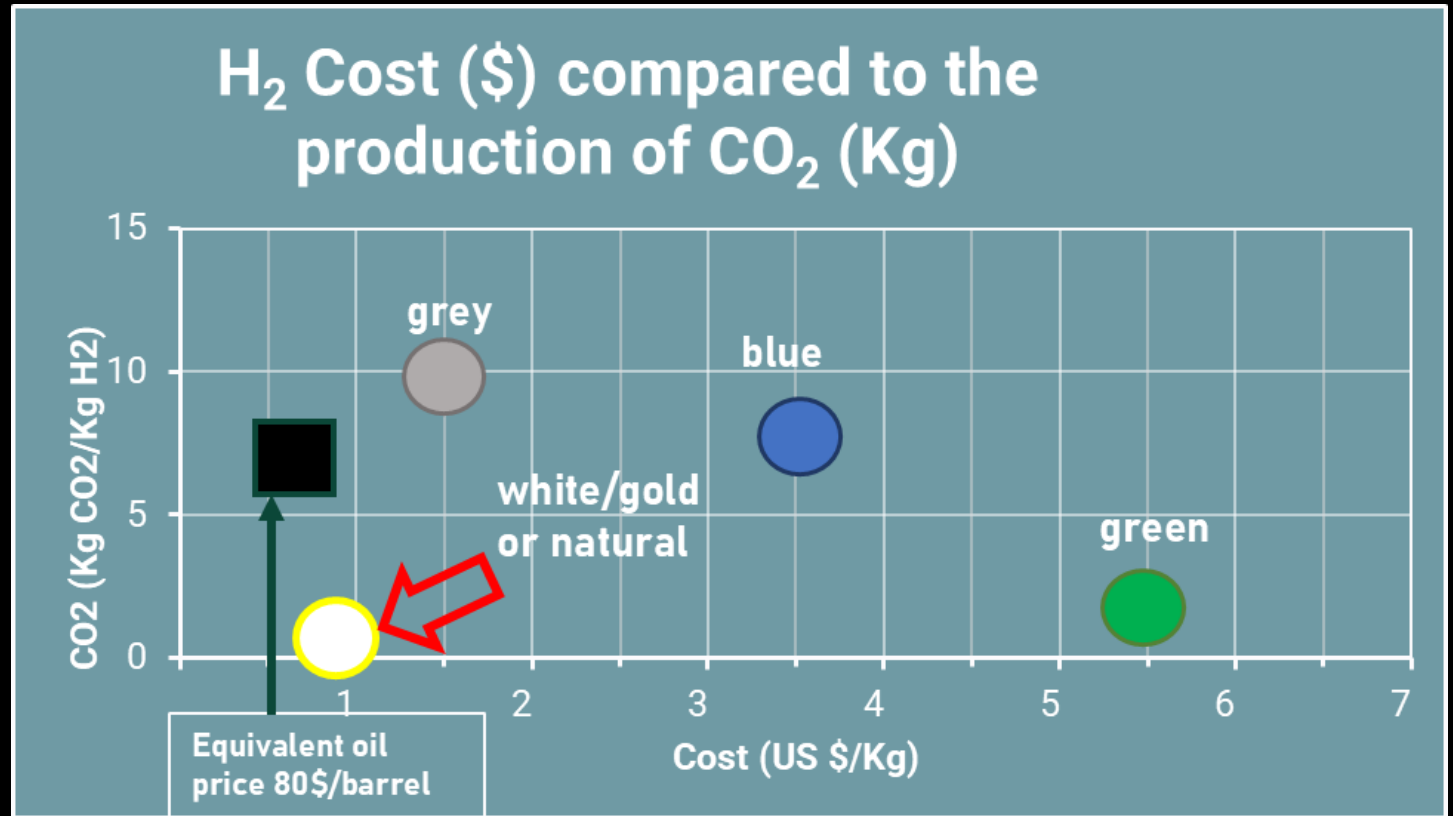
# Cost versus CO<sub>2</sub> /Kg H<sub>2</sub>

Manufactured hydrogen (black, grey, blue, green, etc.) vs. natural hydrogen: a major cost difference!

~ 1 USD / kg\_H2



~ 0,3 USD / kWh



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TRL Natural H <sub>2</sub> Exploration/Production	in the literature	Where?
0 Discovery of H <sub>2</sub> at the Earth surface	Done	Turkey, Oman, France Mali, New Caledonia, USA, Australia...
1 Systematic research of H <sub>2</sub> seepages in various environments	Done	On the 5 continents
2 Short time monitoring of sites	Done for 5 - 6 sites	Mali – France – Australia –Switzerland – USA – Brasil...
3 Understanding of the origin of H <sub>2</sub>	Done for 2-3 site	France – Mali – Australia - USA
4 Small Scale prototype of permanent H <sub>2</sub> fluxes / Numerical modelling of the H <sub>2</sub> permanent seepages / Global understanding of the Hydrogen system	In progress	In progress in Academia – France – USA - Australia
5 Median Scale prototype (1200 m) Perennial production of a demonstrator over several years	Done for 1 site - In progress	Mali – Hydroma – Australia Gold Hydrogen
6 First deep borehole (3000 – 5000 m)	In progress	USA - Natural Hydrogen LCC / Desert Mountain Energy
7 First Exploration plan at regional scale Several boreholes	In progress	Australia Santos – GoldH2 / USA KOLOMA
8 Prototype of Production of the first discovery	No	
9 Scaling-up / Commercial exploitation	No	

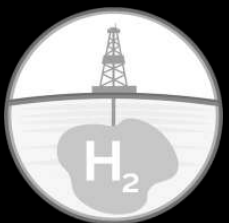


# Mining Law

## Exploration licenses = bottleneck

### Present time situation

- Africa - Mali (Licenses are open) – Morocco (Mining law in prep.)
- Australia (South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia are open)
- USA (Application of Oil&Gas laws) - *for instance, in the US, the Inflation Reduction Act offers 3 USD per kg premium on low-carbon hydrogen production.*
- France: Additions of H<sub>2</sub> et He in mining law (04/2022)
  - 9 licenses requested, two of which have been awarded (TBH2 12/2023 and 45-8 Energy 05/08/2022 He, they add H<sub>2</sub>)
- Some Eastern European countries (Kosovo, Poland - Sept 2023)
- Spain (Aragon) : under discussion
- Colombia (A. Camacho, Minister of Mines and Energy says the law is ready, H-NAT Summit).
- Philippines (Bid Round for H<sub>2</sub> Nat)
- Canada: Quebec the administration works to fill the legal vacuum. Saskatchewan, the Oil&Gas and Helium regulation is used.
- Brazil: Process on-going for federal law





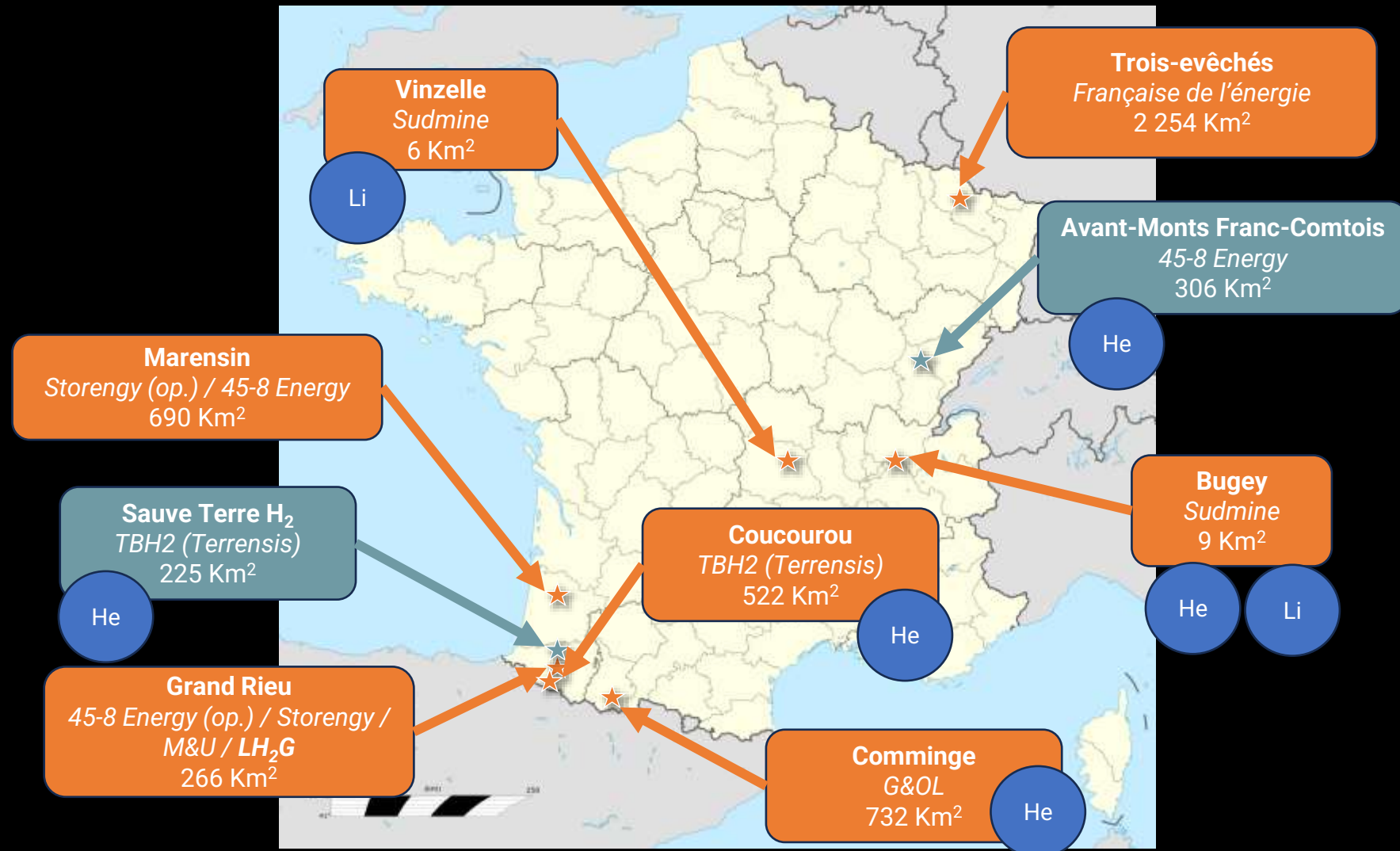
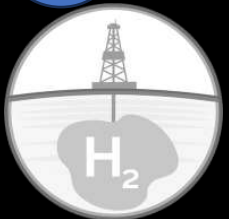
# Regulation / permitting: France

★ H<sub>2</sub> License award  
★ H<sub>2</sub>

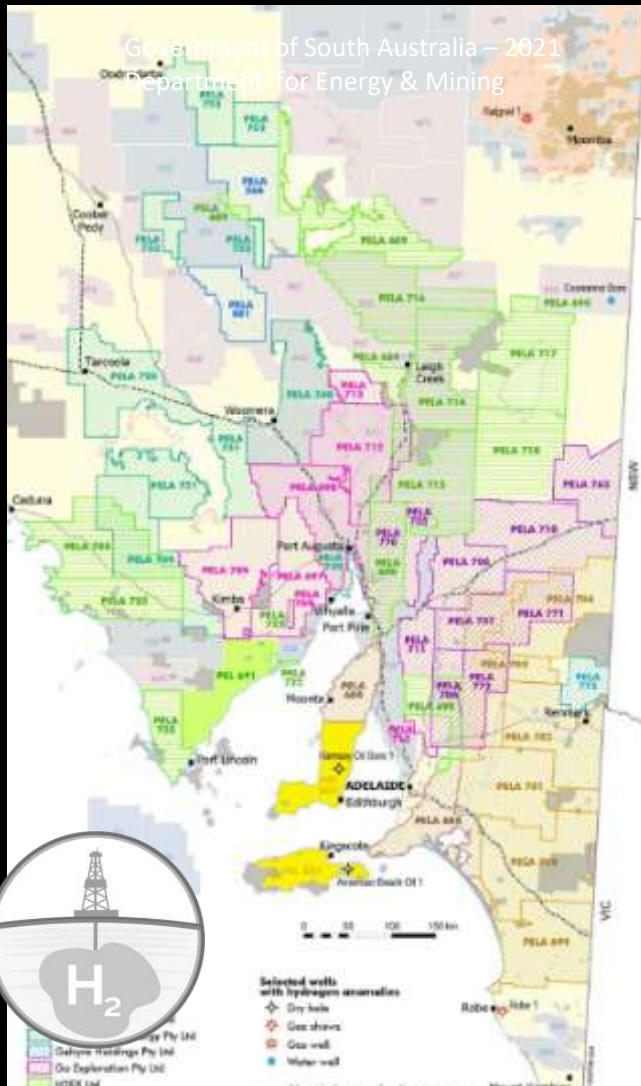
9 Licenses

6 Operators

He Coproduction



# Regulation / permitting: the remarkable case of South Australia



## An incentive law

- **Over 40 PEL / H Nat applications since 02/2021**
- One-stop shop (DEM-ERD) for assessing applications:  
Proposed licenses
- Native title agreement required before granting a License
- Efficient negotiation process in South Australia



## A success story : Gold Hydrogen

1920s - 1930s: hydrogen discovered while drilling for oil

## 2020 : creation of Gold Hydrogen

2020-2022 : studies, modelling, project preparation, lobbying for changes to permitting regulations South Australia

October 2023: "Ramsay-1" well drilled => H<sub>2</sub> & He !

November 2023: drilling of the "Ramsay-2" well => H<sub>2</sub> & He!



# Regulation in Tasmania and Western Australia

Western Australia vote a Bill to enable exploration for naturally-occurring hydrogen through the concept of a regulated substance, which is an element that occurs naturally within a natural geological formation (May 2024).

## MINERAL CATEGORIES

1. Metallic minerals and atomic substances.
2. Coal, peat, lignite and oil shale.
3. Rock, stone, gravel, sand and clay used in construction, bricks and ceramics.
4. Petroleum products including natural hydrogen but excluding oil shale.
5. Industrial minerals, prescribed precious stones and prescribed semi-precious stones.
6. Geothermal substances

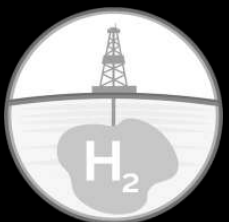
## MAXIMUM SIZE OF LICENCES

The maximum size of an exploration licence is:

- 250 km<sup>2</sup> for category 1, 2, 3 or 5 minerals.
- 500 km<sup>2</sup> for category 6 minerals.
- 5,000 km<sup>2</sup> for category 4 minerals.



Boreham et al. 2021



# Regulation in Philippines

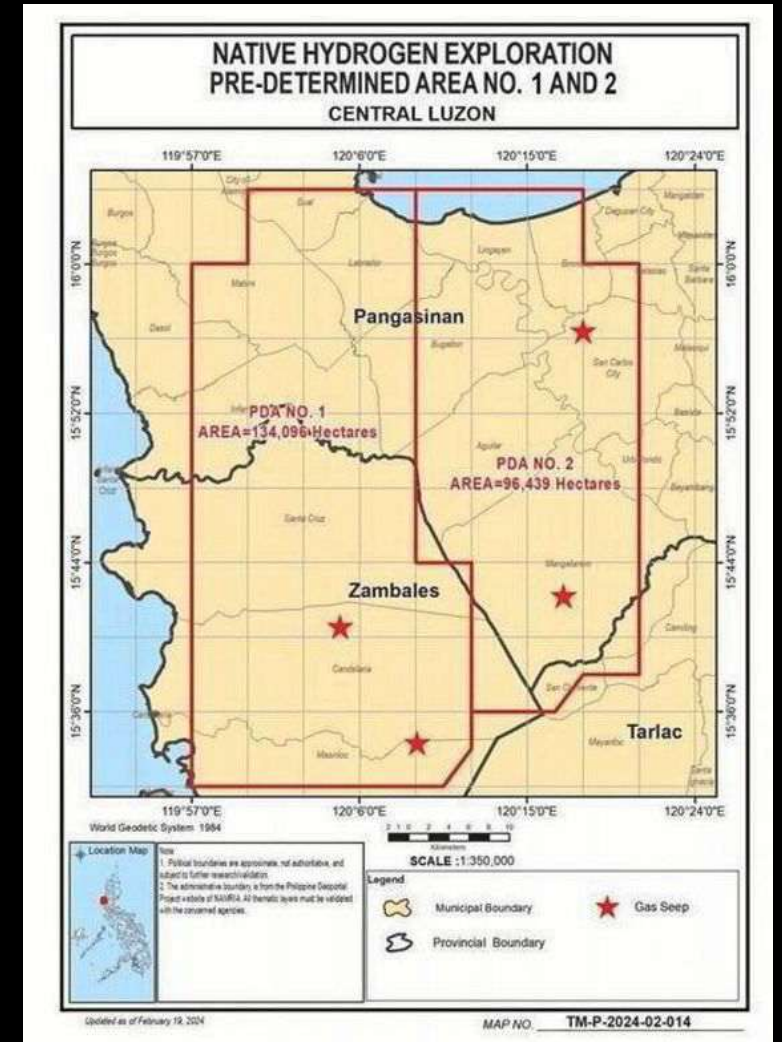
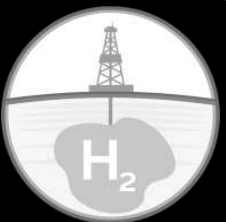
The Philippines has auctioned the rights to explore for natural hydrogen in two areas located around 200 km from the capital, Manila, on the island of Luzon.

PDA n° 1 - 134,096 hectares

PDA n° 2 - 96,439 hectares

The Philippines' 2024 tender is accepting bids from developers until August 27, with exploration rights to be awarded as early as November this year.

According to the government press agency, the launch of the PDA has already “attracted” Helios Aragón and other companies.

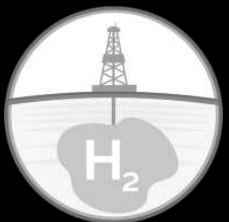


Philippines Government 2024



# Conclusion

- Natural H<sub>2</sub> exists / The Earth produces massive quantities of it.
- This subject is currently in a pre-industrial phase with pioneering companies. France, USA, Australia...
- Exploration methods need to be reinvented on the basis of oil and gas technologies.
- Assessing reserves requires a major research effort.



*The place of natural hydrogen in the energy transition: A position paper*  
*E Gaucher, I Moretti, N Pélissier, G Burridge, N Gonthier*  
*Eur. Geol., 5-9*

# Task 49



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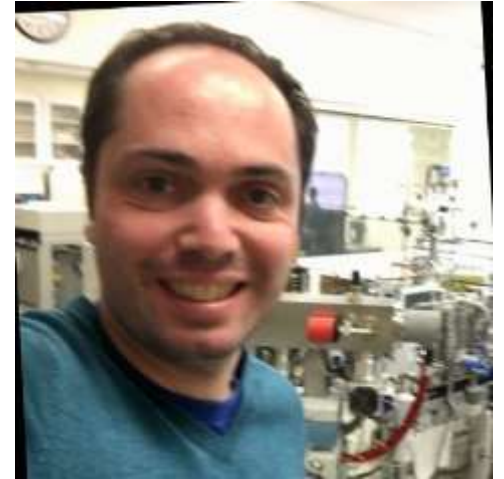


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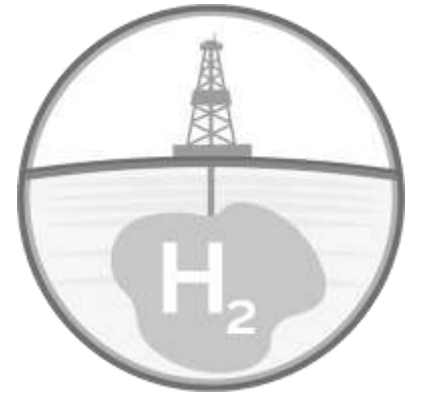
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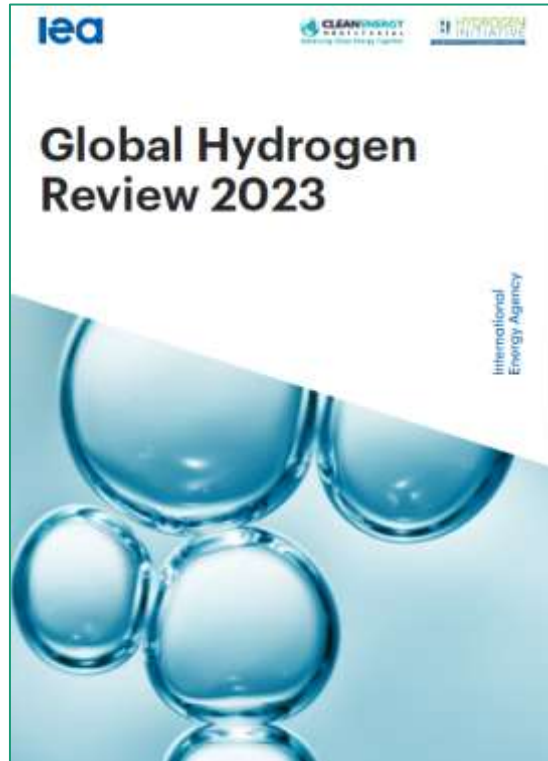


## General Secretary


**Dr Omid H. Ardakani**  
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# Past Contributions



First contribution

TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL (TRL) - 2023		 Hydrogen TCP
Expert name: Eric C. Gaucher	Expert affiliation: Institut für Geologie - Universität Bern	
<b>TECHNOLOGY DETAILS</b> Technology: <b>Natural hydrogen extraction</b>		Value chain: Production Sub-sector or technology: Hydrogen Sector: Energy transformation Demand/Supply/Infrastructure: Supply
<b>TRL 2023:</b> <input type="text" value="3"/>		
<p>According to IEA criteria, the TRL of this technology in 2022 was: <b>3</b> If your answer for 2023 has changed from last year, justify why.</p> <p>TRL 5: In the position paper Gaucher et al., (2023), we consider that, at least, the TRL 5 has been reached: "The TRLs 5 and 6 and 6 correspond to investments that will enable to access depths where active H2 production processes are taking place. A TRL 5 or 6 can be assigned to the Bourakébougou site in Mali [10, 17], where perennial H2 production has been demonstrated with 12 wells showing its presence. However, the local company HYDROMA has not reported a reserve estimate at the production site."</p> <p>Reference: Eric C. Gaucher, Isabelle Moretti, Nicolas Pélissier, Glen Burrridge and Nicolas Gonthier. 2023 (in press) Review paper, The place of natural hydrogen in the energy transition: A position paper. European Geologist.</p>		

Second contribution





# Workplan report Approved by the 97<sup>th</sup> EXCO April 2024



Technology Collaboration Programme  
by H2G

## Natural Hydrogen

Task Managers: Dr Eric C. Gaucher  
Dr Olivier Sissmann

General Secretary: Dr Omid Haeri Ardakani

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# Last Contributions



Third contribution

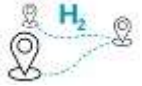


# STRUCTURE OF THE TASK 49

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A. Bibliographic synthesis/state of the art (Science/web/journals)



B. Writing a road map for Scientific research



C. Observation of Exploration/Production economic sector



D. Development of Reserves Economic Evaluation



E. Policy recommendation



F. Public Acculturation / Risk Assessment



G. Environmental impacts of Natural  $H_2$



H. Organization of Events





# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TASK 49



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# Participants

Confirmed / active participants: **34 experts**

Universities

Research centers

Major Oil/Gas companies

Start-ups

Consultants



Organization	Country
Lavoisier H2 Geoconsult	FR
IFPEN	FR
Instituto Andaluz de Ciencias de la Tierra (CSIC-IACT)	ES
Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV)	IT
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA)	FR
US Geological Survey	US
Glen Burrridge & Associates	UK
H2Au	UK
Helios Aragon	ES
Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)	CA
St. Francis Xavier University	CA
Geological Survey of Canada	CA
Geoscience Australia	AU
CSIRO	AU
OMV	AT
HR Consulting Energy and Geosciences Ltda	BR
Enki GeoSolutions ; Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)	CA
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Ecopetrol	CO
Geological Survey of Finland (GTK)	FI
Stealth	FR
Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR)	DE
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Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC)	JP
Dhow Energy	NL
NORCE	NW
Korea University	KO
Repsol	ES
Repsol	ES
Shell	UK
The University of Edinburgh	UK
University of Colorado at Boulder	USA
Texas Tech University	USA
Koloma	USA



# Participants

Interested parties:  
**16 countries**



Country	Participants
Australia (AU)	2
Austria (AT)	1
Brazil (BR)	1
Canada (CA)	5
Columbia (CO)	1
United States (US)	4
Finland (FI)	1
France (FR)	5
Germany (DE)	2
Netherland (NL)	1
Italy (IT)	1
Japan (JP)	1
Norway (NO)	1
South Korea (KR)	1
Spain(ES)	4
United Kingdom (UK)	4





# ON GOING PRODUCTION OF DELIVRABLES



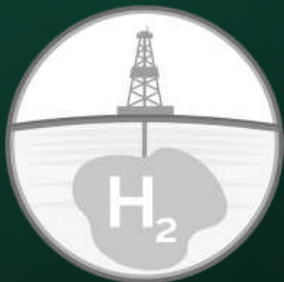
- Brief - Update of the natural hydrogen position paper
- Road map for Scientific research
- Technology Insights to defined operation models of natural hydrogen licenses
- Technology Insights to define reservoir models of economic natural hydrogen licenses.
- Brief - Analysis of the regulatory scope adopted and best practices in countries that have included natural hydrogen in the Mining Code.
- Brief - Review and mapping of Natural H<sub>2</sub> Funding.
- Brief for the best practice in the social acceptance of natural H<sub>2</sub>.
- Roadmap for the evaluation of natural H<sub>2</sub> environmental impacts.

## Related topics

- Our group is exchanging views with the other hydrogen Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP) groups:
  1. Underground hydrogen storage (Task 42)
  2. Safety and RCS of Large Scale Hydrogen Energy Applications (Task 43)
  3. Hydrogen Certification (Task 47)
- TCP on Greenhouse Gas R&D/IEAGHG are on-going.



# Timeline 2024-2026



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2023

- Task organization
- Expert recruitment
- New co-leader **Olivier Sissmann**



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January - March 2024

- Writing of the workplan
- Finish Task organization
- Ask for approval



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- Kick-off meeting March 2024
  - In person meeting / Nov2024

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2025-2026

- Production of documents
- Final Report End of Task.







# IEA Hydrogen Coordination Group

*IEA Hydrogen TCP*

# IEA Hydrogen Coordination Group

The **Hydrogen Coordination Group** was established under the IEA CERT (Committee on Energy Research and Technology) in 2024

## Objective:

- ⚙ To **map and align all the hydrogen activities** within the TCPs on the IEA.
- ⚙ **Identify overlaps or synergies** between the different programmes.
- ⚙ **Organize joint activities** across the TCP network but also together with Mission Innovation's Hydrogen Mission.

### Mapping exercise

Identify all hydrogen related activities in the different TCP action plans

3 months

### Analysis of results

Mid 2024

### Proposal of Joint Activities and Deliverables

12 months

### Preparation of deliverables.

2025

### Final report

Dec 2025



# IEA Hydrogen Coordination Group

For 2025, three key outputs are proposed:

1. **Global Report:** An integrated view of hydrogen-related activities within the TCP network, organized by technical categories and cross-cutting issues. Topics in the Global Report will include key areas as transport, industry, energy systems, buildings, and cross-cutting issues.
2. **Synergies and Gap Analysis:** Identification of cross-cutting topics, collaboration opportunities, and an assessment of gaps and overlaps in ongoing activities, with actionable recommendations for future work.
3. **Expert Database:** Creation of a database of experts linked to the Global Report and the development of a taxonomy to classify expertise by scientific field, technology, and application/market, supporting the IEA, TCP network, and hydrogen sectors





# Thank you!

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