



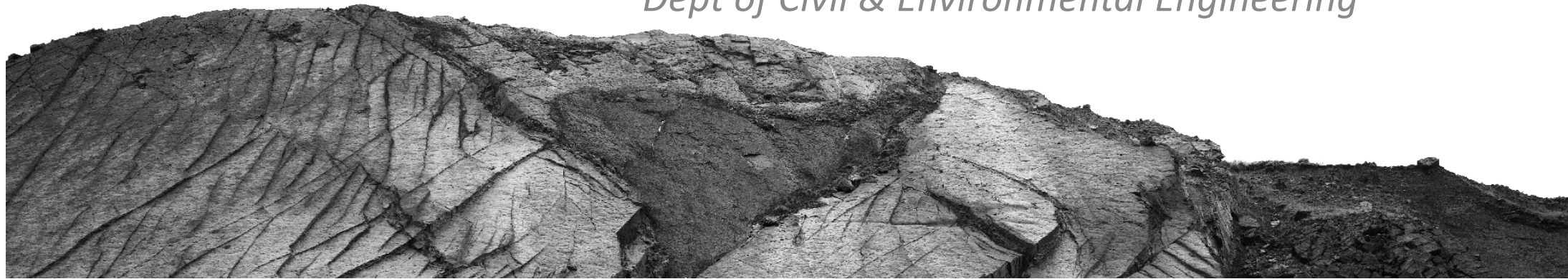
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Translating lessons from onshore analogues to offshore

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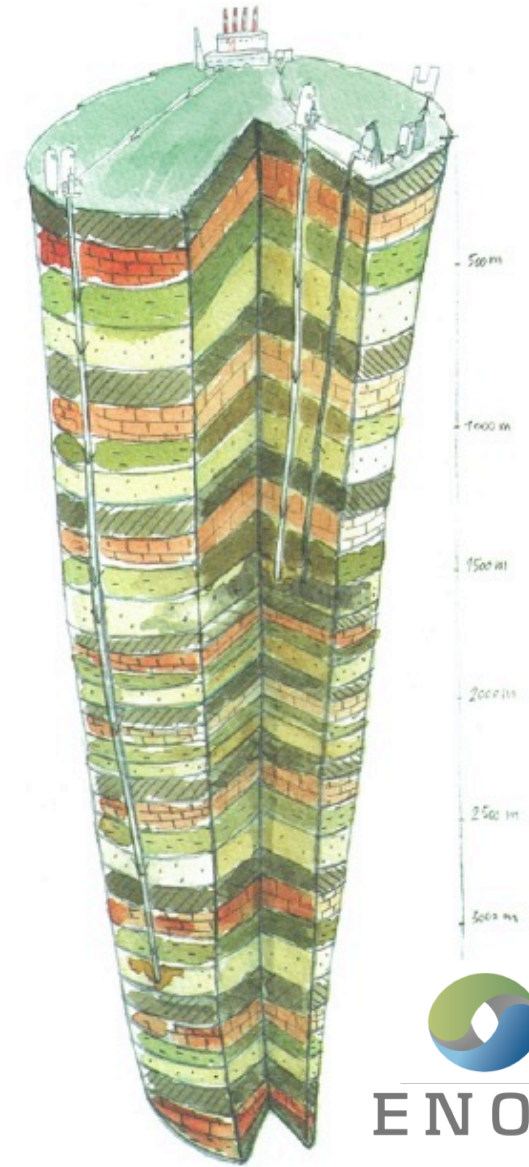
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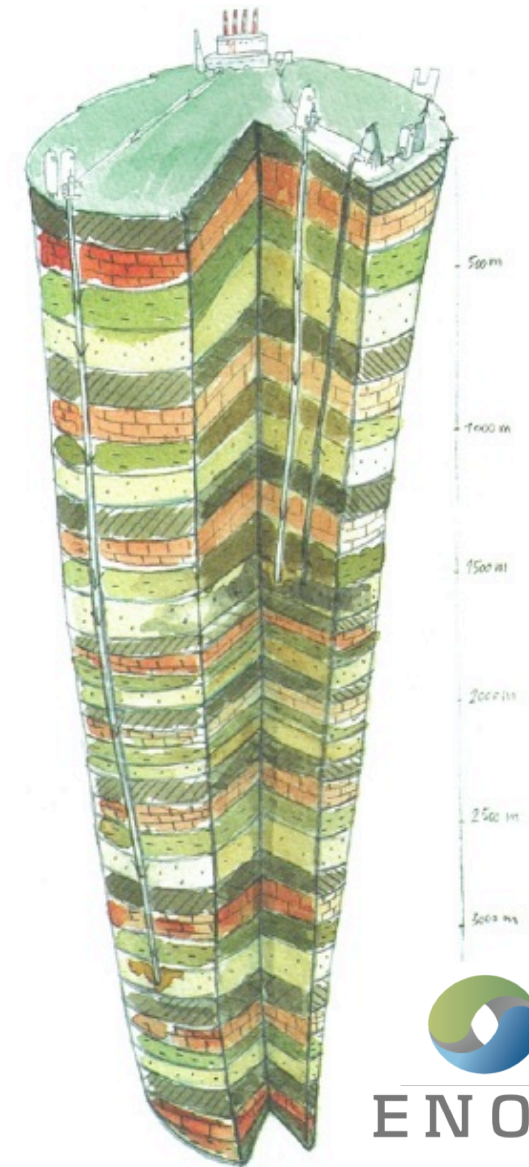
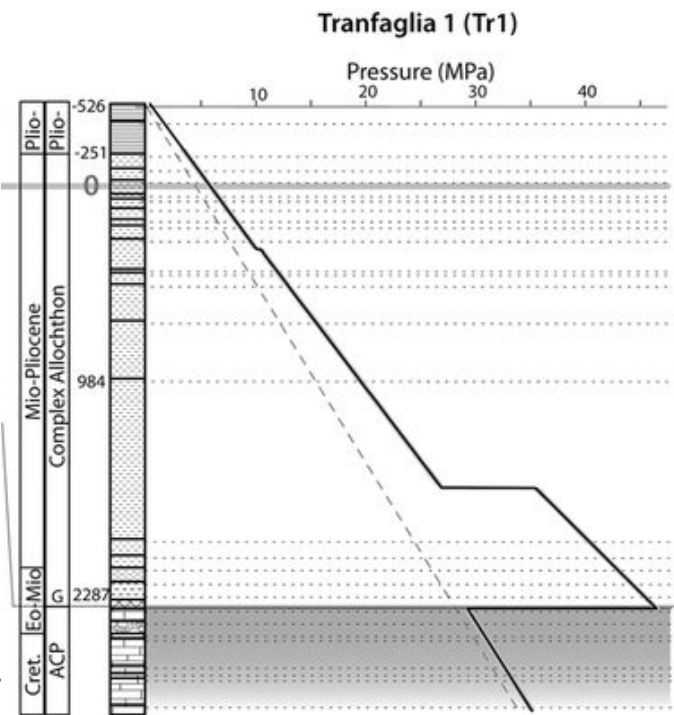
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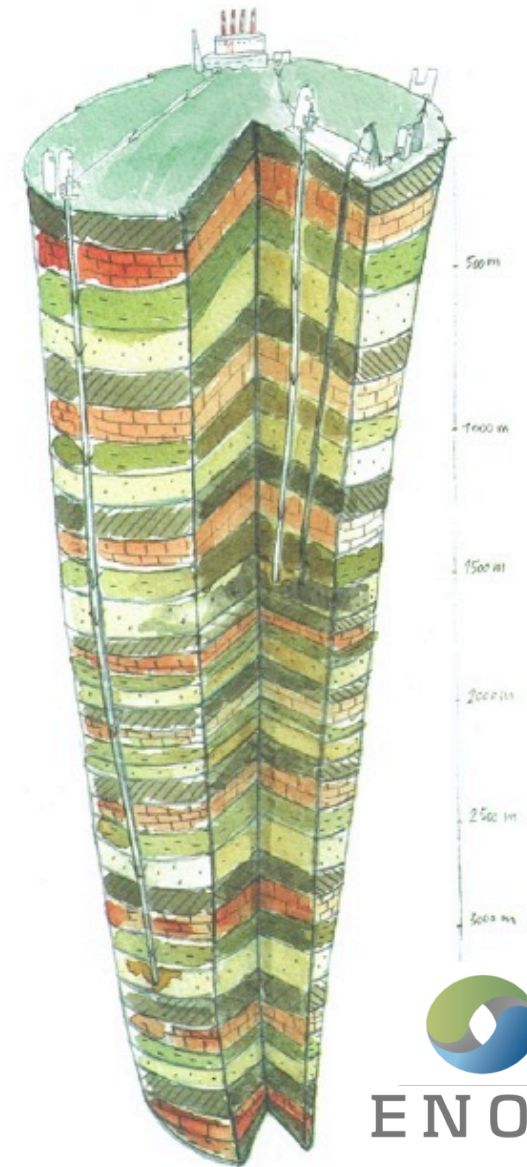
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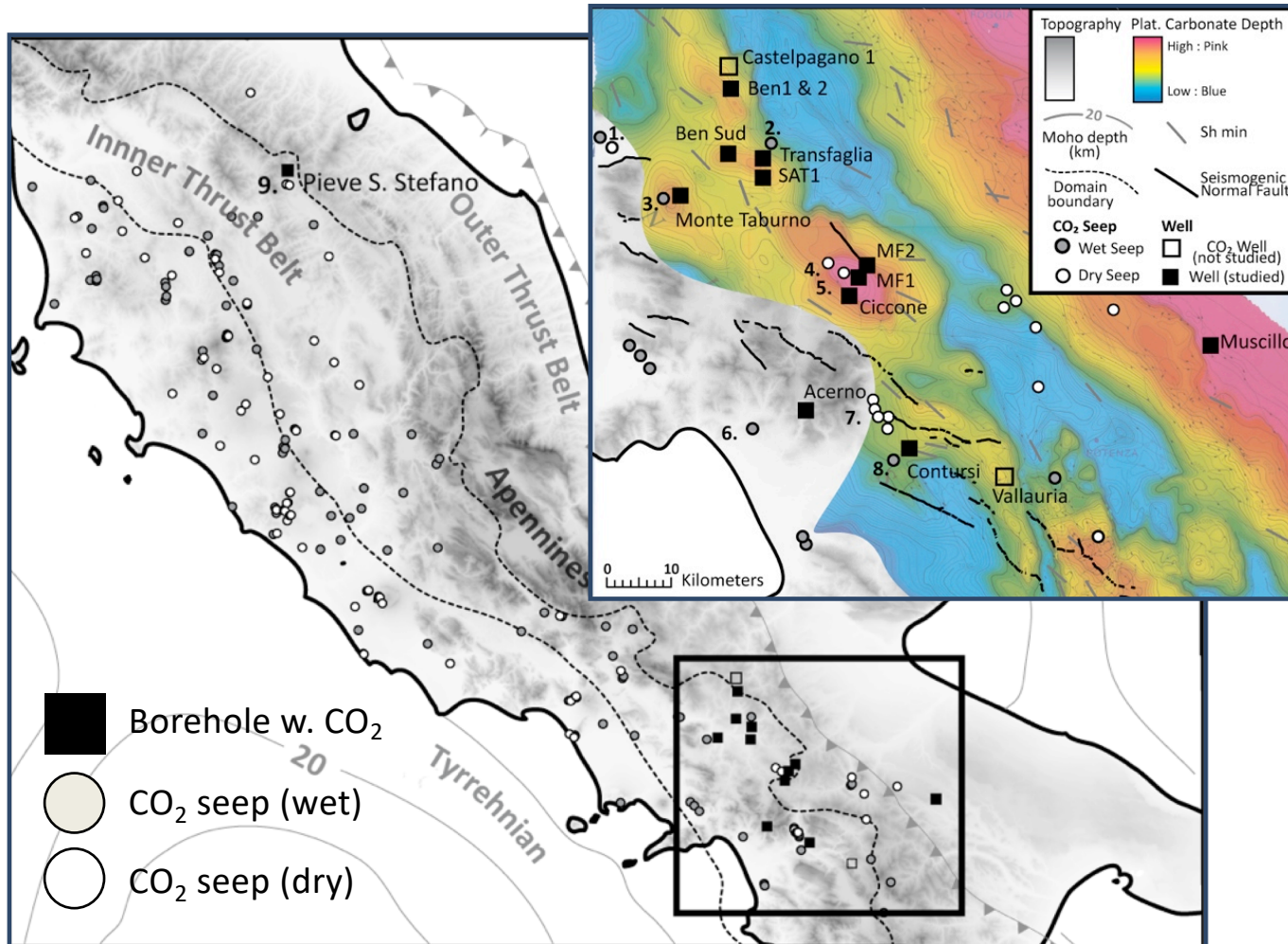


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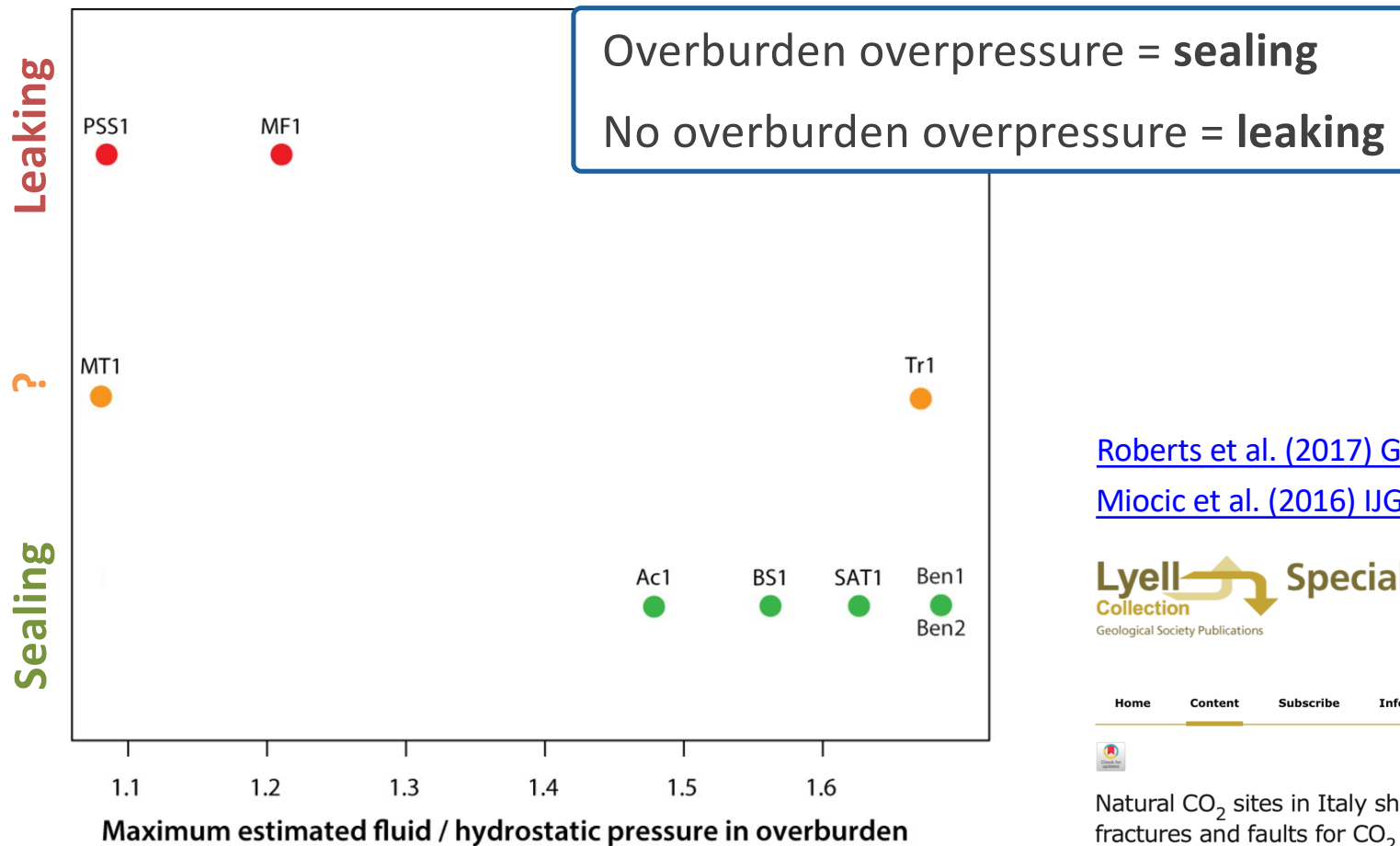
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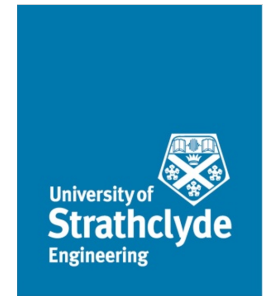


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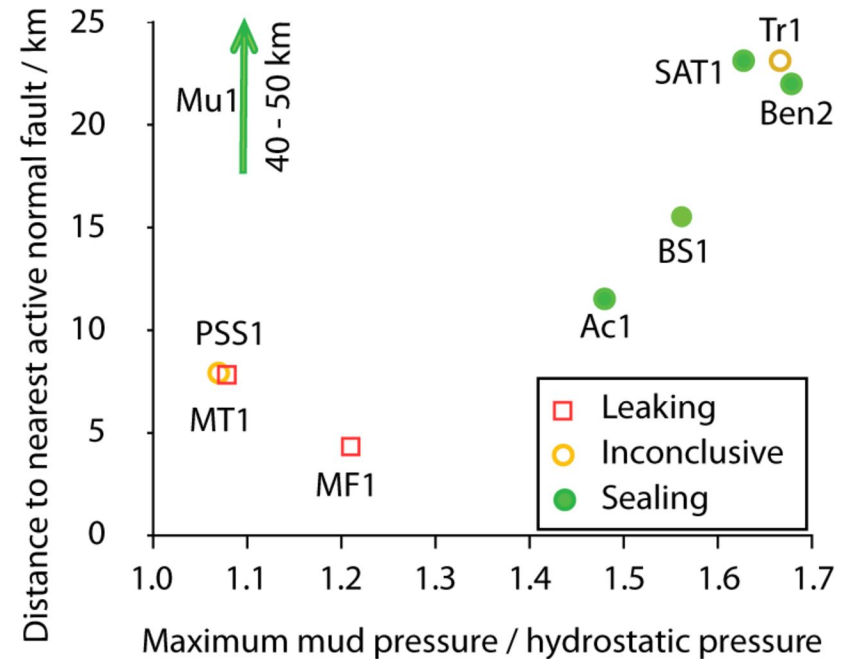
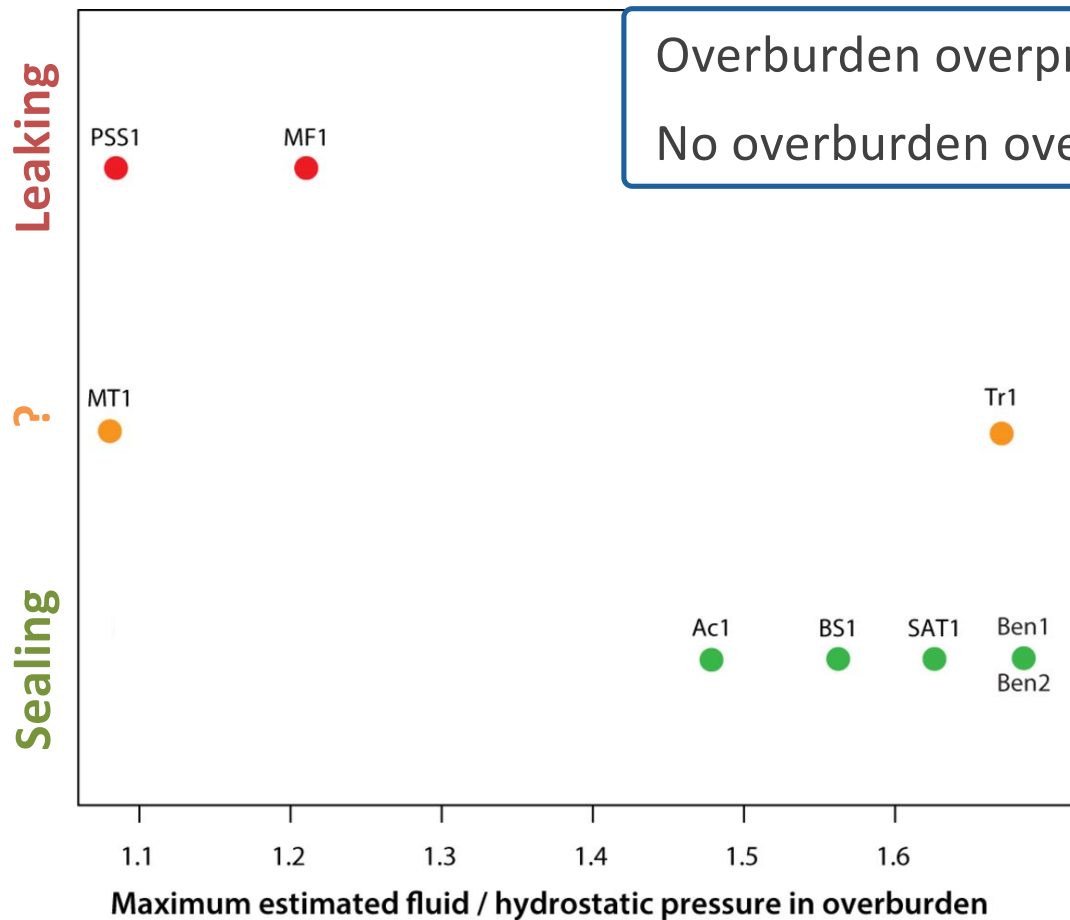
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Overburden overpressure = **sealing**
 No overburden overpressure = **leaking**



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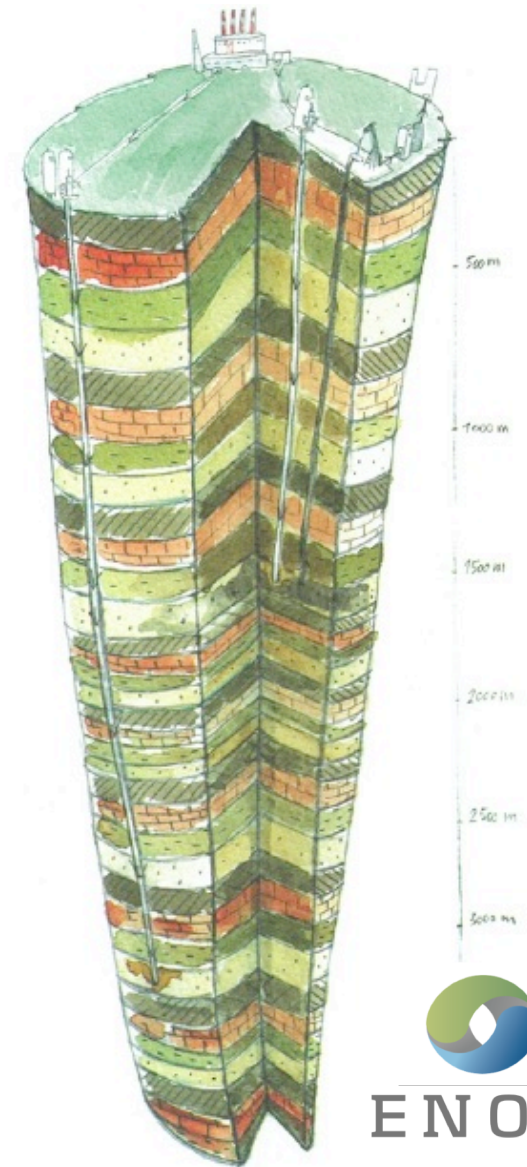
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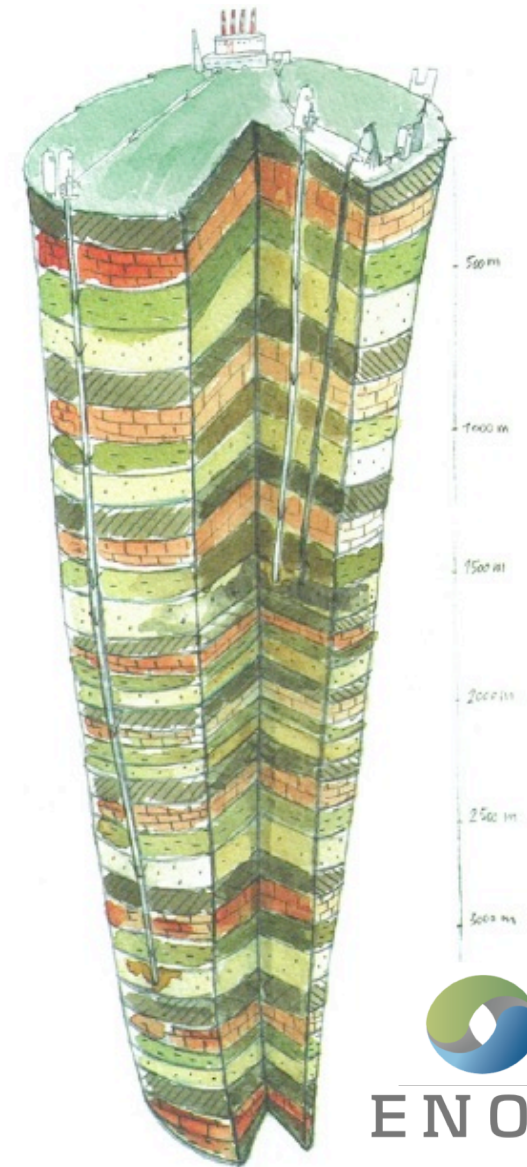


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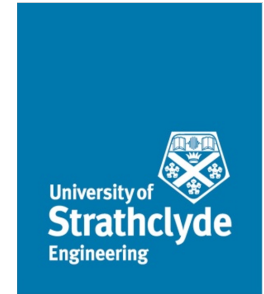
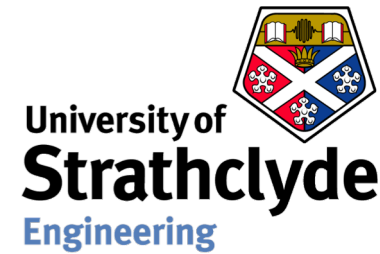
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- ➔ Site selection / screening criteria
- ➔ Reduce monitoring requirements?



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