



UNRAVELING GEOLOGICAL CONTROL ON GEOCHEMICAL PROCESSES IN TWO CONTRASTING SITES UNDER AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES

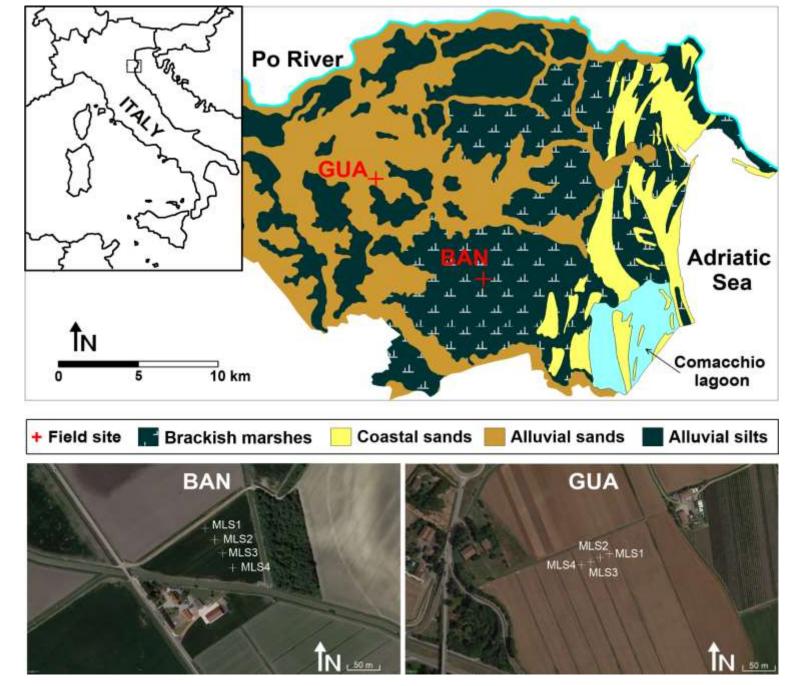
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Study Site Location



Objective of the Study

- The aim of the project is to quantify the reactive N and C processes occurring in 2 contrasting agricultural sites: one SOM rich and saline (Bando site), the other SOM poor and with freshwater (Gualdo site).
- Synthetic urea fertilization and tillage practices (P1) and compost and no tillage (P2) were applied.
- Each site has dataloggers for soil water content and nested multilevel wells to monitor groundwater level and quality at 3 different depths in both P1 and P2 parcels.





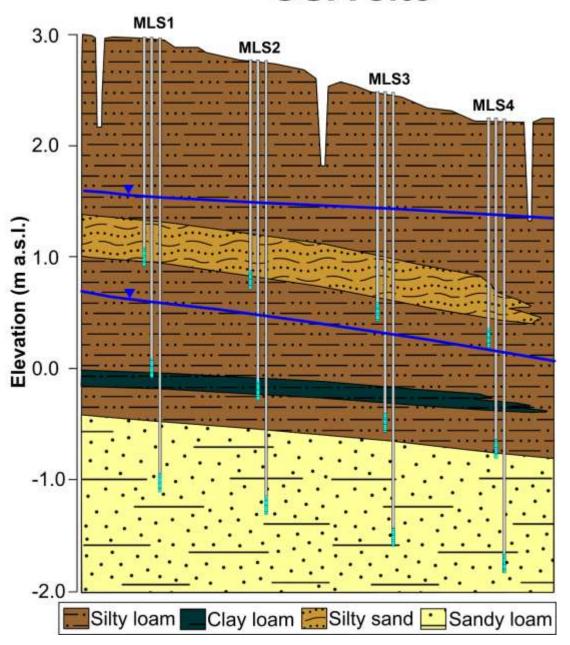


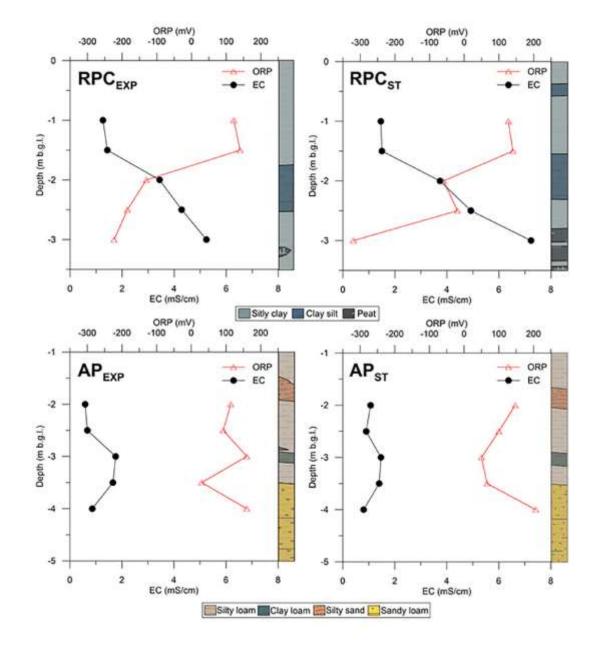
BAN site

MLS4 -1.57 MLS2 MLS3 MLS1 -2.5 Elevation (m a.s.l.) -3.5 -4.5--5.5 Sitly clay Clay silt Peat

Site Instrumentation

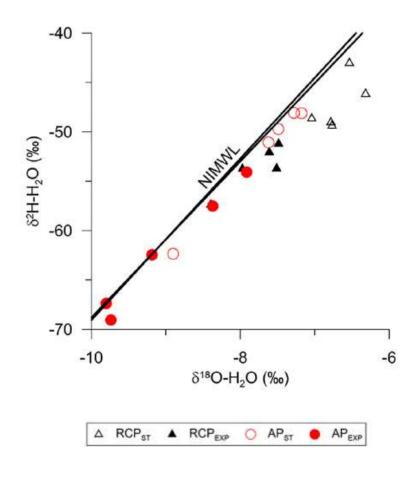
GUA site



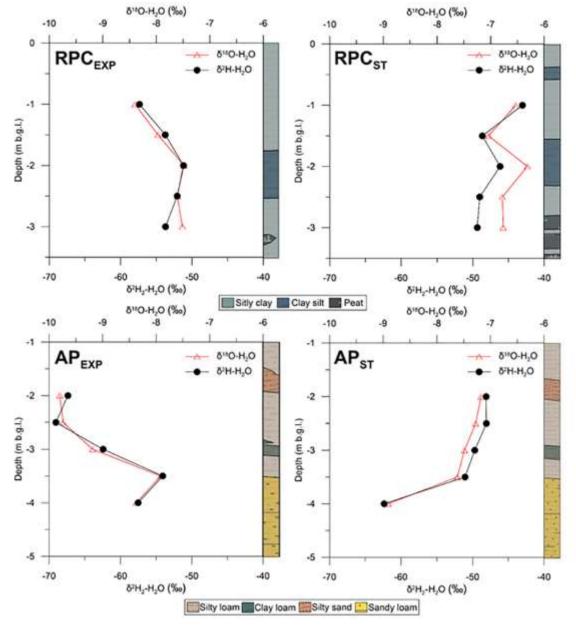


Colombali et al., 2019, Stoten 691: 1282-1296

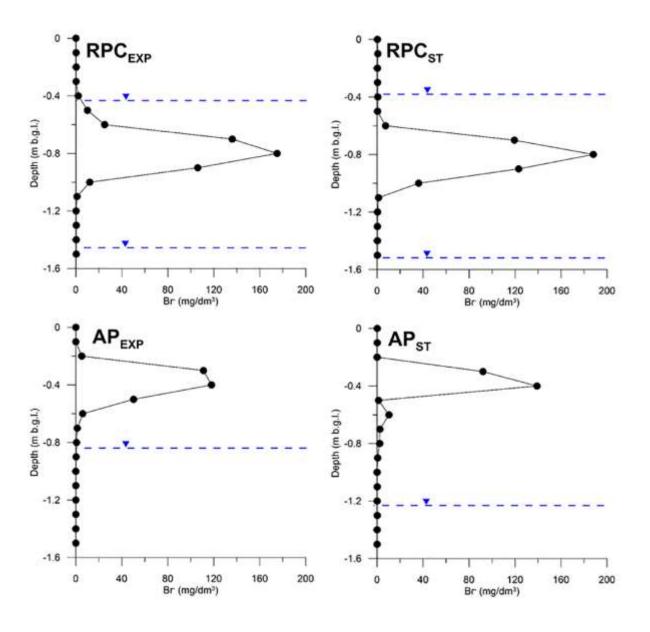
EC and ORP DATA



 $\delta^2 H$ and $\delta^{18} O$ Data

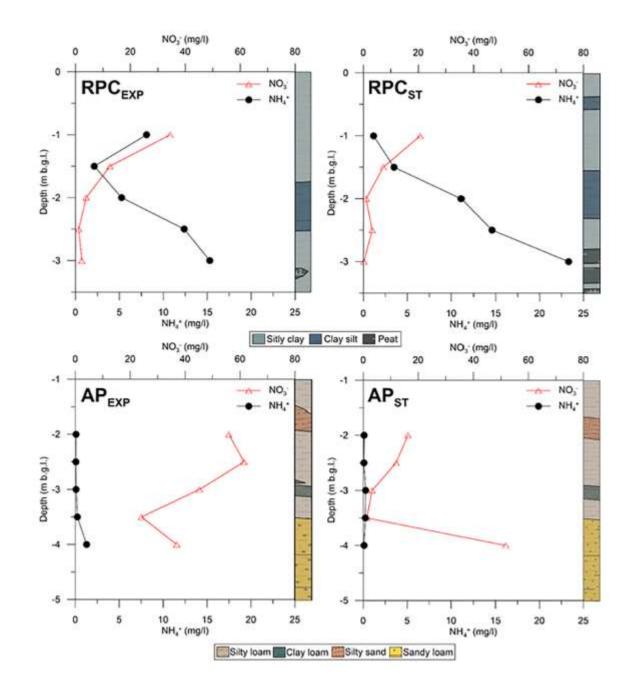


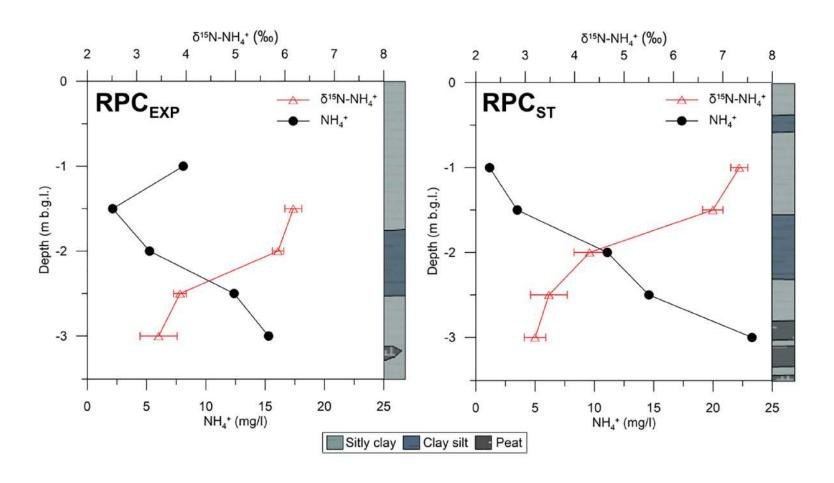
δ¹⁸O Depth Profiles



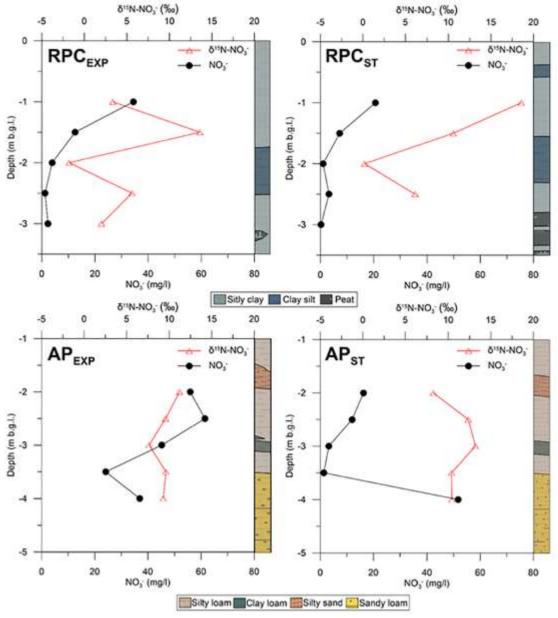
Bromide Tracer Study

NO₃ and NH₄ Data

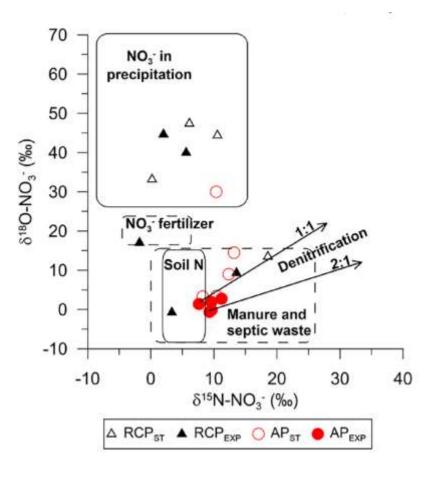




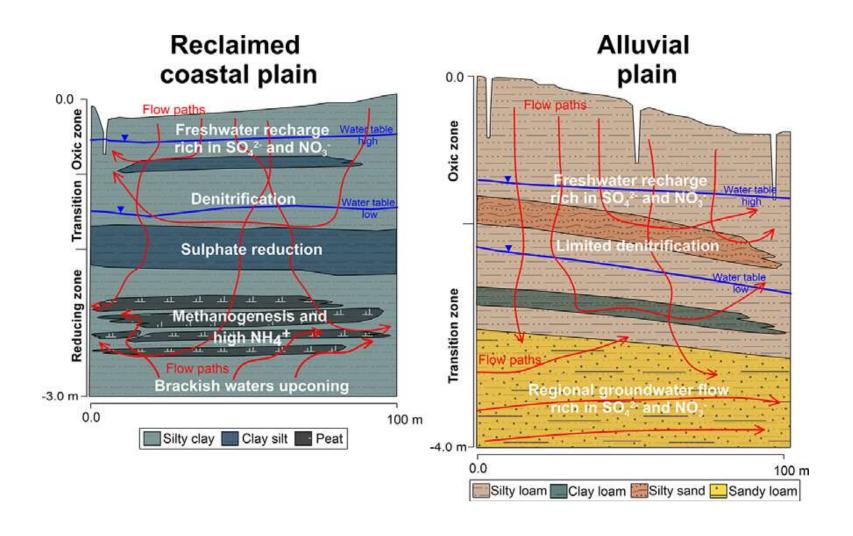
δ¹⁵N and NH₄⁺ Depth Profiles



δ¹⁵N and Nitrate Depth Profiles



 δ^{18} O and δ^{15} N Data



Geochemical Conceptual Model