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The Italian view on OneGeology Europe and INSPIRE

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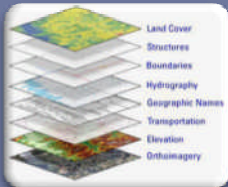
Geological data harmonization



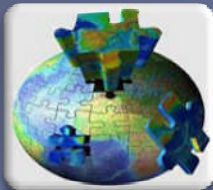
Who's worked on it?



1:1M pan-European Scientific Data Specification, Identification and Sourcing working group (WP 3)



Specification for geological spatial data



Realization of an interoperable 1:1M scale dataset



Make progress in scientifically harmonising the dataset, including conflict resolution across political boundaries



Why harmonise?



The INSPIRE directive starts from the consideration that:

- Many initiatives are taken at national and Community level to collect, harmonise or organise the dissemination or use of spatial information.



Art. 7, Chapt. 3: Interoperability of Spatial Data Sets and Services

- Implementing rules laying down technical arrangements for the interoperability and, where practicable, **harmonisation of spatial data sets** and services **shall be adopted**



Relevant user requirements, **existing initiatives and international standards for the harmonisation of spatial data sets** **shall be taken into account** in the development of the implementing rules



Where organisations established under international law have adopted relevant **standards to ensure interoperability or harmonisation of spatial data sets** and services, these standards **shall be integrated**



Which procedure?



Analysis of individual datasets



Realization of a common vocabulary



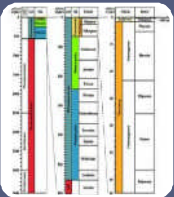
Comparison and adaptation to the GeoSciML vocabulary



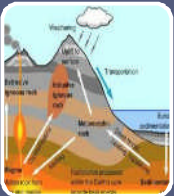
Vocabulary topics, themes,



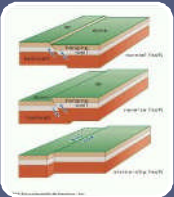
Lithology



Geochronology (age)



Genesis (necessary for Quaternary)



Structures and faults



Yellow=mandatory
White=optional

- Lithology
- Age
- EventEnvironment
- EventProcess
- OrogenicEvent
- MetamorphicFacies
- MetamorphicGrade
- GeologicUnitType
- GeologicUnitMorphology
- GeologicUnitPartRole
- ProportionTerms
- ContactType
- FaultType
- FeatureObservationMethod
- MappedFeatureObservationMethod



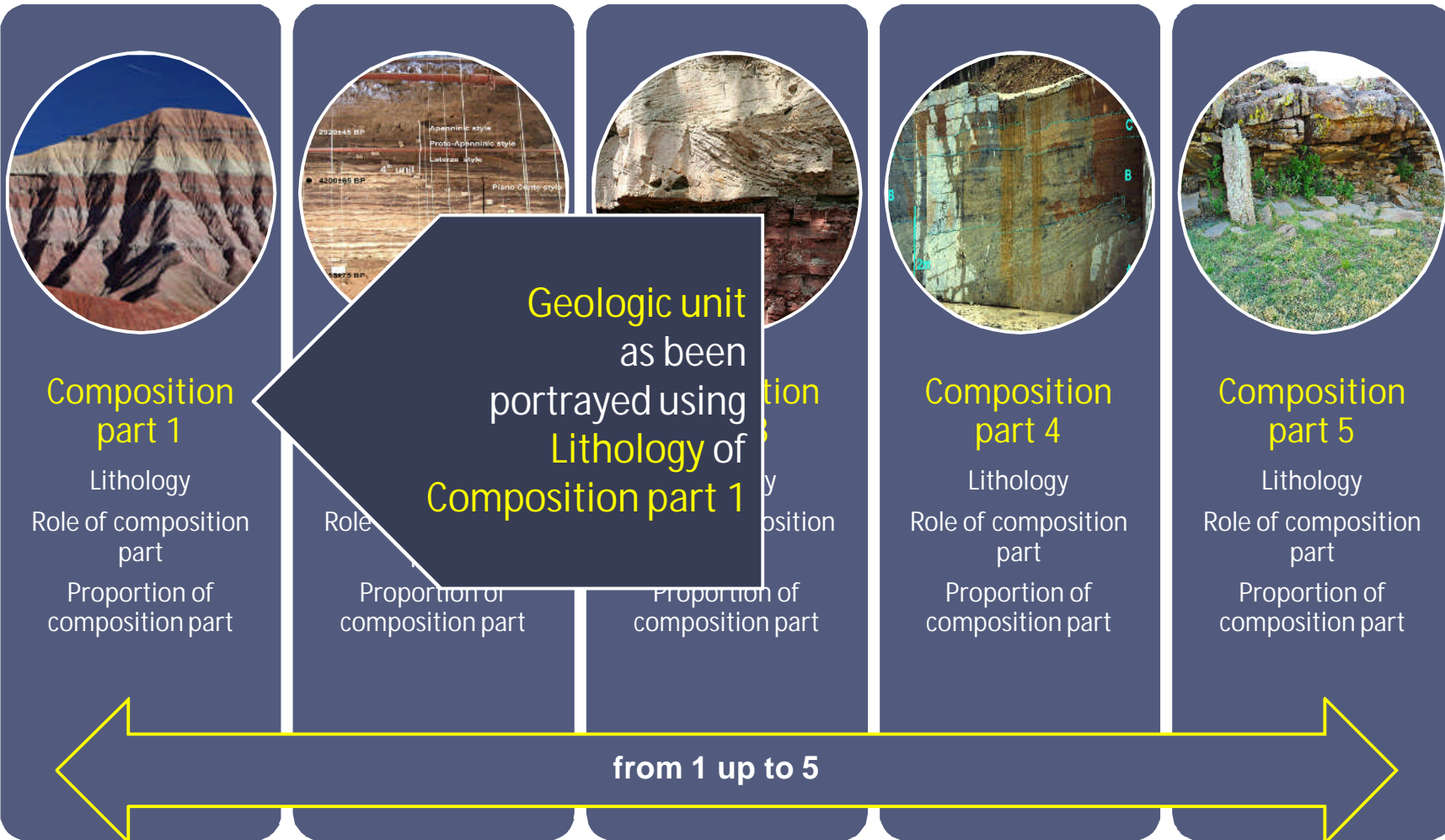
...., terms and definitions

Table 4-6: The 1G-E vocabulary for Sedimentary material (continued).

| 1G-EID | 1G-E Term | 1G-E Broader Concept | Definition | Source | CGI_URN | Complete URN |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1.2.2.3.1.1.1 | Dolomite | dolomitic_or_magnesian_sedimentary_rock | Pure carbonate sedimentary rock with a ratio of magnesium carbonate to calcite (plus aragonite) greater than 1. Synonym: dolostone. | CGI SimpleLithology, 2010. | dolostone | urn:cgi:classifier:CGI:SimpleLithology:201001:dolostone |
| 1.2.2.3.1.2 | Limestone | pure_carbonate_sedimentary_rock | Pure carbonate sedimentary rock with a calcite (plus aragonite) to dolomite ratio greater than 1 to 1. Includes limestone and dolomitic limestone. SeeAlso: dolomitic limestone. | CGI SimpleLithology, 2010. | limestone | urn:cgi:classifier:CGI:SimpleLithology:201001:limestone |
| 1.2.2.3.1.2.1 | Chalk | limestone | A generally soft, white, very fine-grained, extremely pure, porous limestone. It forms under marine conditions from the gradual accumulation of skeletal elements from minute planktonic green algae (coccoliths), associated with varying proportions of larger microscopic fragments of bivalves, foraminifera and ostracods. It is common to find flint and chert nodules embedded in chalk. | Harris, 2009. | chalk | urn:cgi:classifier:CGI:SimpleLithology:201001:chalk |
| 1.2.2.3.1.2.2 | Travertine | limestone | Biologically or abiotically precipitated calcium carbonate, from spring-fed, heated, or ambient-temperature water. May be white and spongy, various shades of orange, tan or gray, and ranges to dense, banded or laminated rock. Macrophytes, bryophytes, algae, cyanobacteria and other organisms often colonize the surface of travertine and may be preserved, to produce the porous varieties. SeeAlso: calcareous sinter, onyx marble, tufa. | Neuendorf et al., 2005; Chafetz & Folk, 1984. | travertine | urn:cgi:classifier:CGI:SimpleLithology:201001:travertine |
| 1.2.2.3.2 | Impure carbonate sedimentary rock | carbonate_sedimentary_rock | Sedimentary rock in which between 50 and 90 % of the primary and/or recrystallized constituents are composed of carbonate minerals. Synonym: marlstone. SeeAlso: marlstone. | CGI SimpleLithology, 2010. | impure_carbonate_sedimentary_rock | urn:cgi:classifier:CGI:SimpleLithology:201001:impure_carbonate_sedimentary_rock |
| 1.2.2.3.2.1 | Impure limestone | impure_carbonate_sedimentary_rock | Impure carbonate sedimentary rock with a calcite (plus aragonite) to dolomite ratio greater than 1. Synonym: calcareous marlstone. SeeAlso: marlstone. | CGI SimpleLithology, 2010. | impure_limestone | urn:cgi:classifier:CGI:SimpleLithology:201001:impure_limestone |



Geologic unit: composition part



Geologic unit: geologic event

Age can be recorded as **numeric value** or **geochronologic term**, as single value or as a range.

Geologic unit has been portrayed using the **lower age**

The **age of deposition** of a sedimentary rock.

The **age of intrusion** of a igneous rock.

The **protolith age** or the final phase of metamorphism of a metamorphic rock.



Italian dataset features

1:1M scale geological map

Realized in 2008,
printed in 2011

Bedrock and Quaternary
deposits

Legend in Italian and English



Examples of critical units description

| SEDIMENTARY ROCKS | criticity |
|--|---|
| 1 Deltaic, alluvial and coastal plain deposits; aeolian deposits | description based on depositional environment |
| 2 Terraced alluvial deposits; aeolian deposits; travertines | mixed description: depositional environment & lithology |
| 3 Marls, pelites, sands and conglomerates, with gypsum | many lithologies, different grain size, plus subordinate lithology |
| 4 Limestones, marls, pelites, sandstones and conglomerates | very different lithologies (ranging from limestone to conglomerate) |
| 5 Ophiolites: peridotites, gabbros, basalts, serpentinites and ophiolitic breccias | ophiolites: as it is or something else? |
| VOLCANIC ROCKS | |
| 6 Rhyolites, rhyodacites, pantellerites with subordinate quartz latites and trachytes: pyroclastic rocks and lavas | no problem: we can use petrology or volcanic facies |
| PLUTONIC ROCKS | |
| 7 Tonalites, quartz monzonites, monzonites, monzogabbros and monzodiorites | different petrology |
| METAMORPHIC ROCKS | |
| 8 Phyllites, micaschists with subordinate quartzites, gneisses and marbles | very different lithologies (ranging from phyllite to gneiss and marble) |

Lithology

Interpretative problems

ROCCE SEDIMENTARIE SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

DEPOSITI MARINI E CONTINENTALI TARDO E POST-OROGENESI ALPINA E CONTINENTALI PLIO-QUATERNARI *LATE AND POST-ALPINE OROGENY MARINE AND CONTINENTAL DEPOSITS, PLIO-QUATERNARY CONTINENTAL DEPOSITS*

Depositi continentali e paralici *Continental and paralic deposits*

1

Depositi deltizi, delle piane alluvionali e costiere; depositi eolici
Olocene
*Deltaic, alluvial and coastal plain deposits; aeolian deposits
Holocene*

2

Alluvioni terrazzate; depositi eolici; travertini
Pleistocene, localmente fino all'Olocene
*Terraced alluvial deposits; aeolian deposits; travertines
Pleistocene, locally up to Holocene*

} #1 description based on depositional environment

} #2 mixed description: depositional environment & lithology

Lithology

Problems in definition of "main" lithology

7
Marne, peliti, sabbie e conglomerati, con gessi
Messiniano
*Marls, pelites, sands, conglomerates, with gypsum
Messinian*

8
Calcari, marne, arenarie e conglomerati
Burdigaliano medio-Tortoniano
*Limestones, marls, sandstones and conglomerates
Middle Burdigalian-Tortonian*

} #7 many lithologies, different grain size, plus subordinate lithology

} #8 very different lithologies (ranging from limestone to conglomerate)



Lithology

Problems in interpretation and in definition of "main" lithology

15

Torbiditi arenacee e pelitico-arenacee; calcari marnosi, marne e peliti
Pliocene inferiore
*Arenaceous and pelitic-arenaceous turbidites; marly limestones, marls and pelites
Lower Pliocene*

16

Torbiditi arenacee e arenaceo-pelitiche, talvolta marne bituminose, gessi e gessareniti torbiditiche; a luoghi nella parte inferiore intercalazioni di calcari marnosi, marne e brecce carbonatiche
Alla base marne calcaree, marne e peliti emipelagiche del Serravalliano superiore-Messiniano inferiore
Messiniano
*Arenaceous and arenaceous-pelitic turbidites, sometimes bituminous marls, gypsum and turbiditic gypsarenites; locally interbedded marly limestones, marls and carbonate breccias in the lower part
Upper Serravallian-Lower Messinian emipelagic calcareous marls, marls and pelites at the base
Messinian*

} #15 depositional environment
+ different lithologies

} #16 depositional environment
+ very different lithologies

Lithology

Problems in definition of
"main" lithology

CICLO ERCINICO *HERCYNIAN CYCLE*



Basso grado *Low-grade*

Filladi, micascisti e, subordinatamente, quarziti, gneiss e marmi a luoghi con sovrimposto metamorfismo alpino

Phyllites, micaschists with subordinate quartzites, gneiss and marbles locally with alpine metamorphic imprinting

} #98 very different lithologies
(ranging from phyllite to
gneiss and marble)



Age

Problems in different age level of detail

| Sin-orogenesi ercinica <i>Syn-Hercynian Orogeny</i> | |
|--|--|
| 25 | Conglomerati, arenarie e peliti, con diaspri e brecce diabasiche Carbonifero <i>Conglomerates, sandstones and pelites, with jaspers and diabasic breccias</i> <i>Carboniferous</i> |
| 26 | Torbiditi arenaceo-pelitiche, con intercalazioni di conglomerati e brecce (26) idem, con metamorfismo di grado da basso a molto basso (27) Carbonifero inferiore <i>Arenaceous-pelitic turbidites with interbedded conglomerates and breccias (26)</i> <i>idem, with low- to very low-grade metamorphism (27)</i> <i>Lower Carboniferous</i> |
| 27 | |

} #25 defined at level of period (Carboniferous)

} #26 defined at level of epoch (Lower Carboniferous)

Age

Problems in different age level of detail

DEPOSITI DI WEDGE TOP E WEDGE TOP/AVANFOSSA INTERNA NON DIFFERENZIATI WEDGE TOP AND UNDIFFERENTIATED WEDGE TOP / INTERNAL FOREDEEP DEPOSITS

Sin-orogenesi alpina *Syn-Alpine Orogeny*

9

Calcarei detritici ed organogeni, calcari marnosi, marne, peliti, sabbie e conglomerati, localmente con olistostromi di 28
Pliocene-Pleistocene

Detrital and organogenic limestones, marly limestones, marls, pelites, sands and conglomerates, locally with olistostromes of 28 Pliocene-Pleistocene

10

Calcarei marnosi, marne, peliti, arenarie, conglomerati, gessareniti ed evaporiti, localmente con olistostromi di 28
Messiniano-Pliocene inferiore

Marly limestones, marls, pelites, sandstones, conglomerates, gypsarenites and evaporites, locally with olistostromes of 28 Messinian-Lower Pliocene

11

Marne, peliti, arenarie e conglomerati, anche in facies torbidityca
Langhiano-Messiniano inferiore

Marls, pelites, sandstones and conglomerates, also in turbiditic facies Langhian-Lower Messinian

12

Marne calcaree, marne, peliti, arenarie e conglomerati, anche in facies torbidityca
Aquitano-Serravalliano, localmente dall'Oligocene superiore, localmente fino al Tortoniano p.p.

Calcareous marls, marls, pelites, sandstones and conglomerates, also in turbiditic facies Aquitanian-Serravallian, locally since Upper Oligocene, locally up to Tortonian p.p.


} #9 detailed at level of epoch

} #10 detailed at level of age

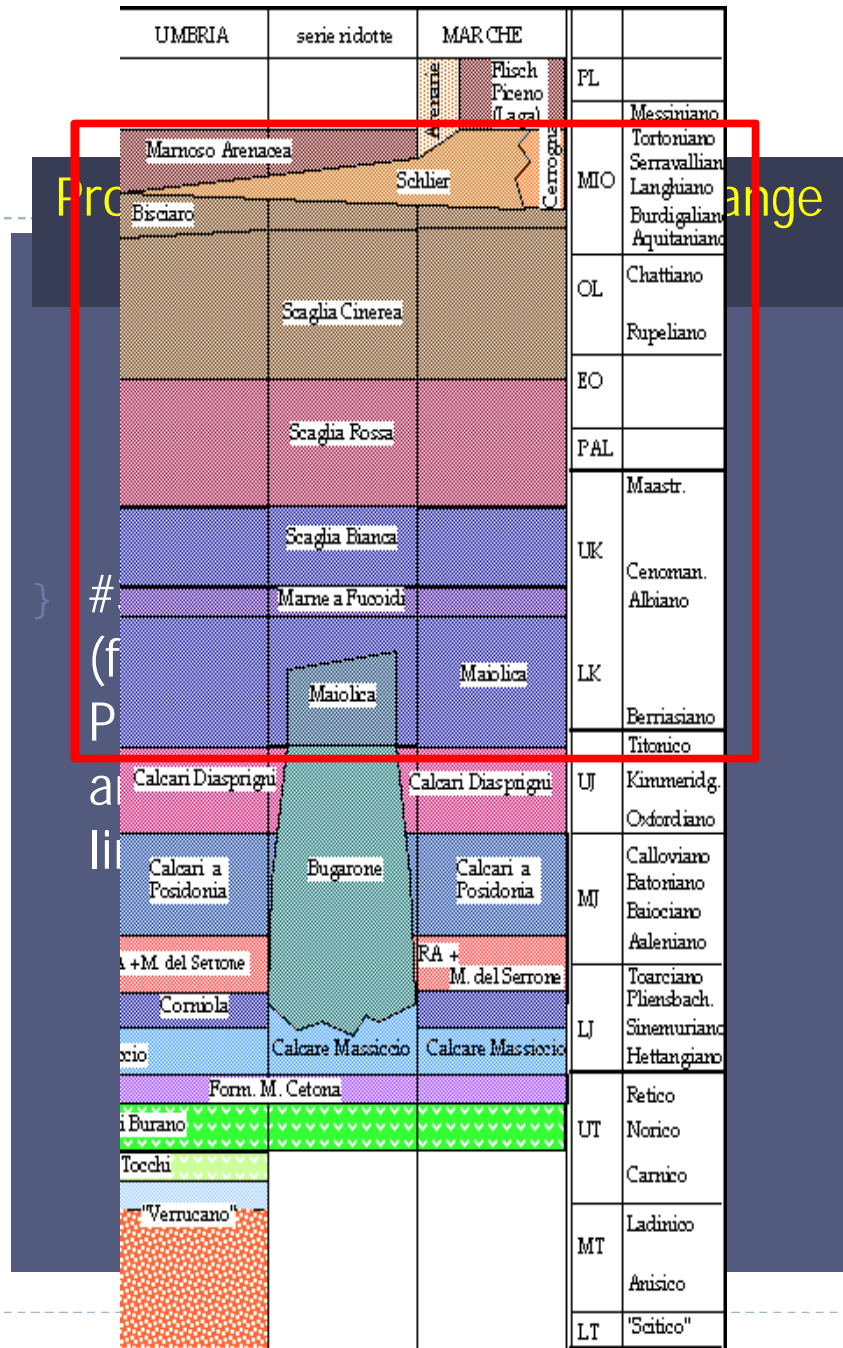
} #11 detailed at level of age/sub-age



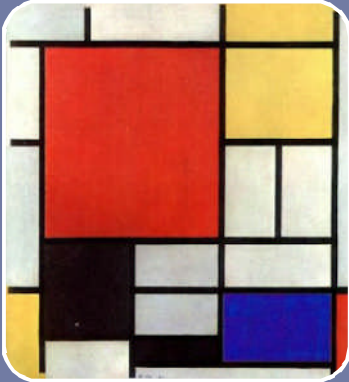
Lithology and Age



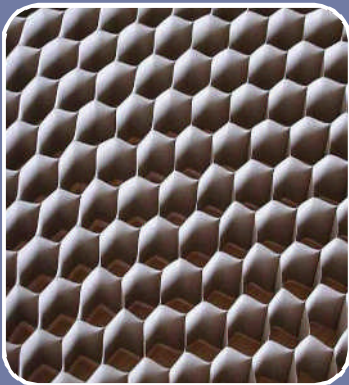
34
 Calcarei e calcari marnosi con selce, radiolariti, marne calcaree, marne e peliti localmente con intercalazioni di calcareniti torbiditiche (34)
 idem, con prevalenti intercalazioni di torbiditi calcarenitiche e arenacee, localmente calcari e marne condensati (35)
 Cretacico-Tortoniano, localmente fino al Pliocene
Limestones and marly limestones with chert, radiolarites, calcareous marls, marls and pelites, locally interbedded turbiditic calcarenites (34)
idem, frequently interbedded with calcarenitic and arenaceous turbidites, locally condensed limestones and marls (35)
Cretaceous-Tortonian, locally up to Pliocene



Geometric harmonisation

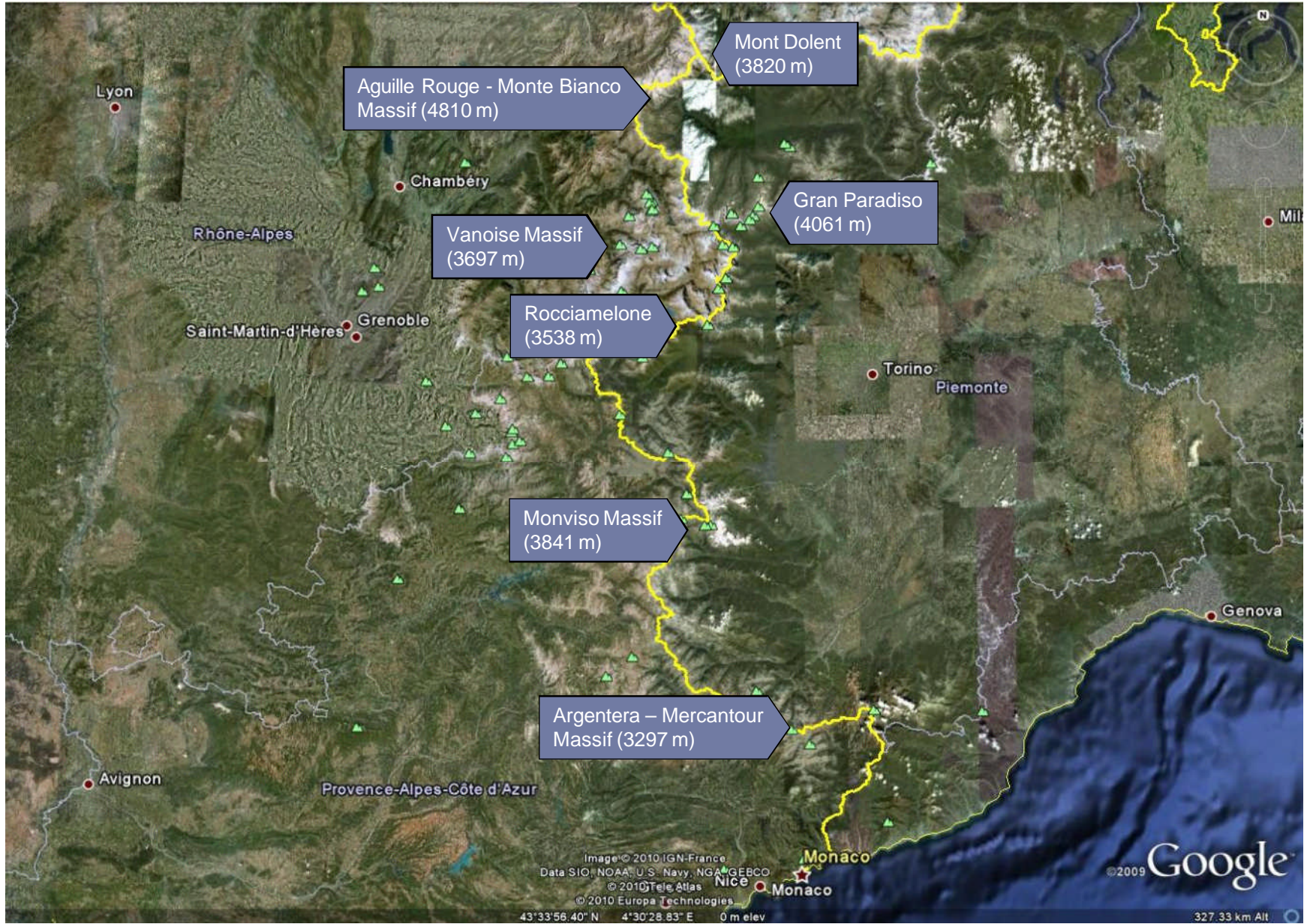


Geometric consistency along the state border



- Geologic unit (lithology) polygons
- Geologic unit (age) polygons
- Structures



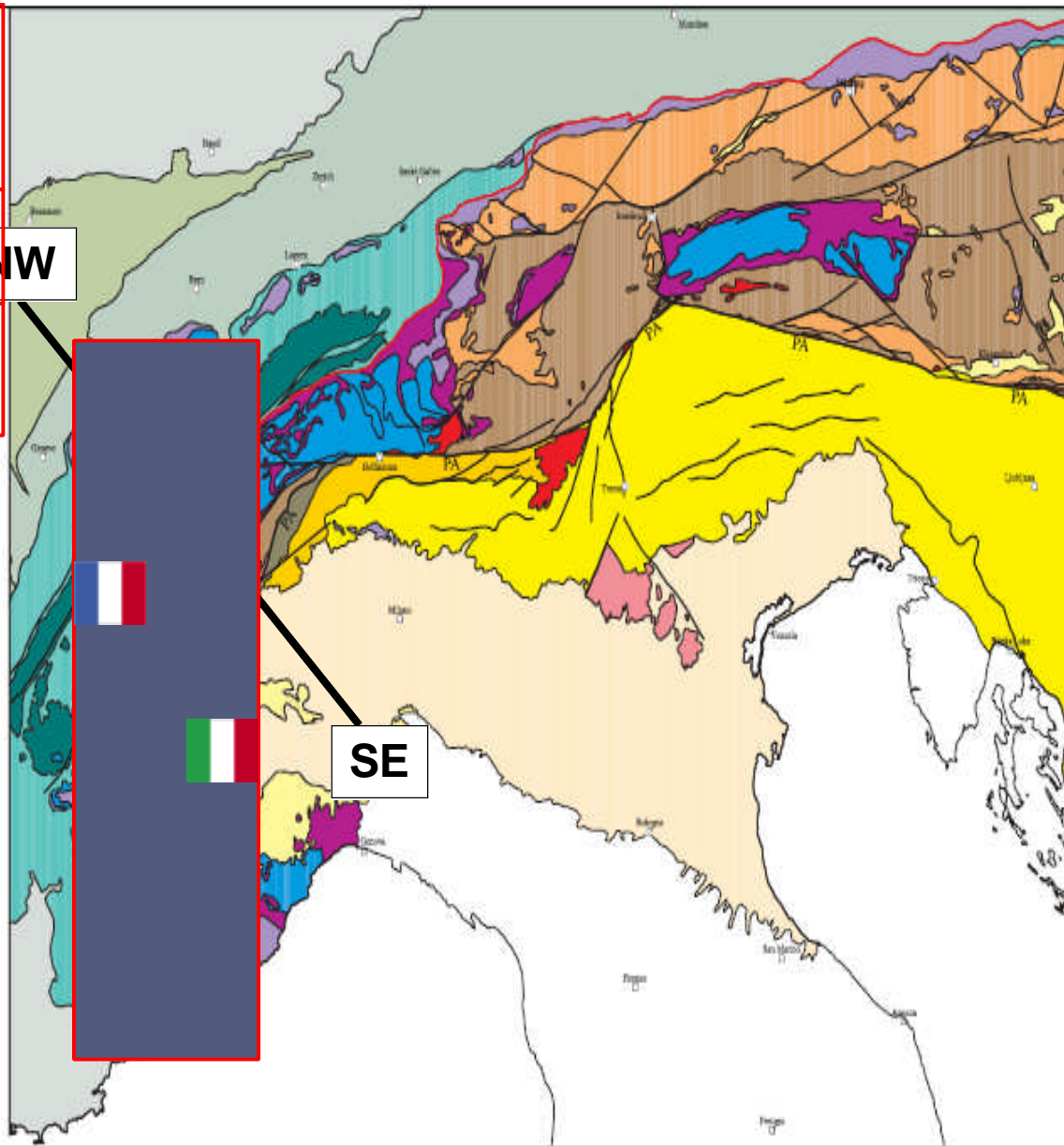
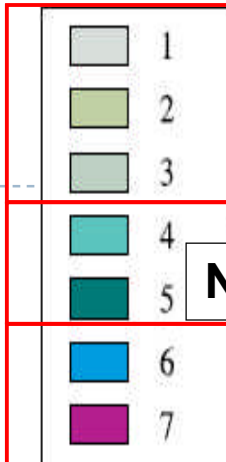


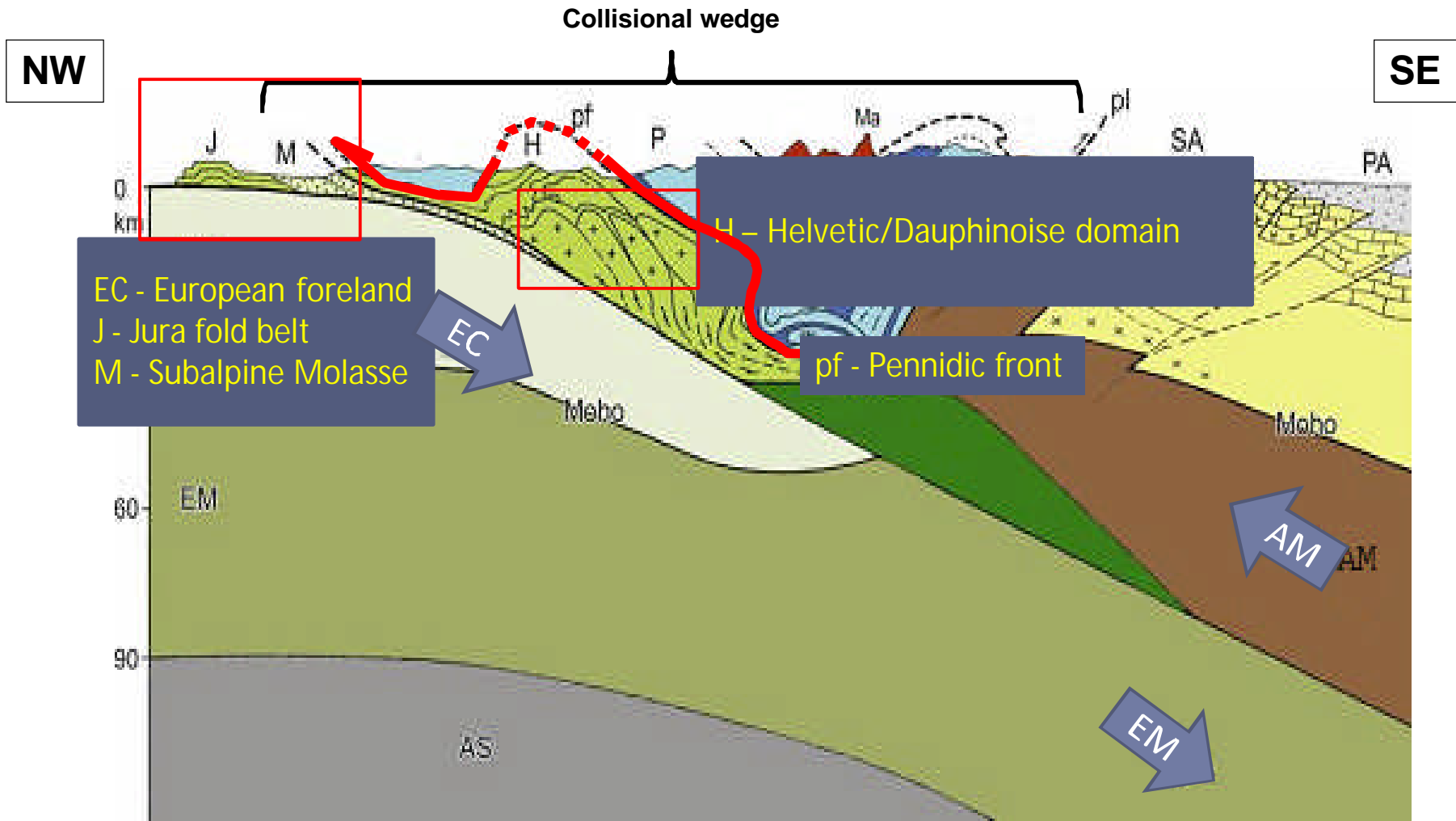


- 1 - European foreland
- 2 - Jura fold belt
- 3 - Subalpine Molasse

- 4 - Helvetic cover
- 5 - Helvetic basement

- 6 - Penninic nappe
- 7 - Penninic ophiolite-bearing nappes





EC - European foreland
 J - Jura fold belt
 M - Subalpine Molasse

H - Helvetic/Dauphinoise domain

pf - Penninic front

Europe vergent collisional belt

- Western Austroalpine (WA)
- Penninic domain: continental and ophiolitic (o) nappes in western Alpine arc (P)
- Penninic front (pf)
- Helvetic-Dauphinois domain (H-D)
- Molasse foredeep (M)
- Jura belt (J)

- Ma: Cervino-Matterhorn
- EC: European crust
- EM: European mantle
- AS: Asthenosphere
- AM: Adriatic mantle



Strati

- Country Outlines/Political boundaries
- 1GE - 1M:M Harmonized Geological Map

Superficie

Sposta su | sposta giù

Modifica la trasparenza

Litologia

Rimuovi il layer

Visualizza metadato

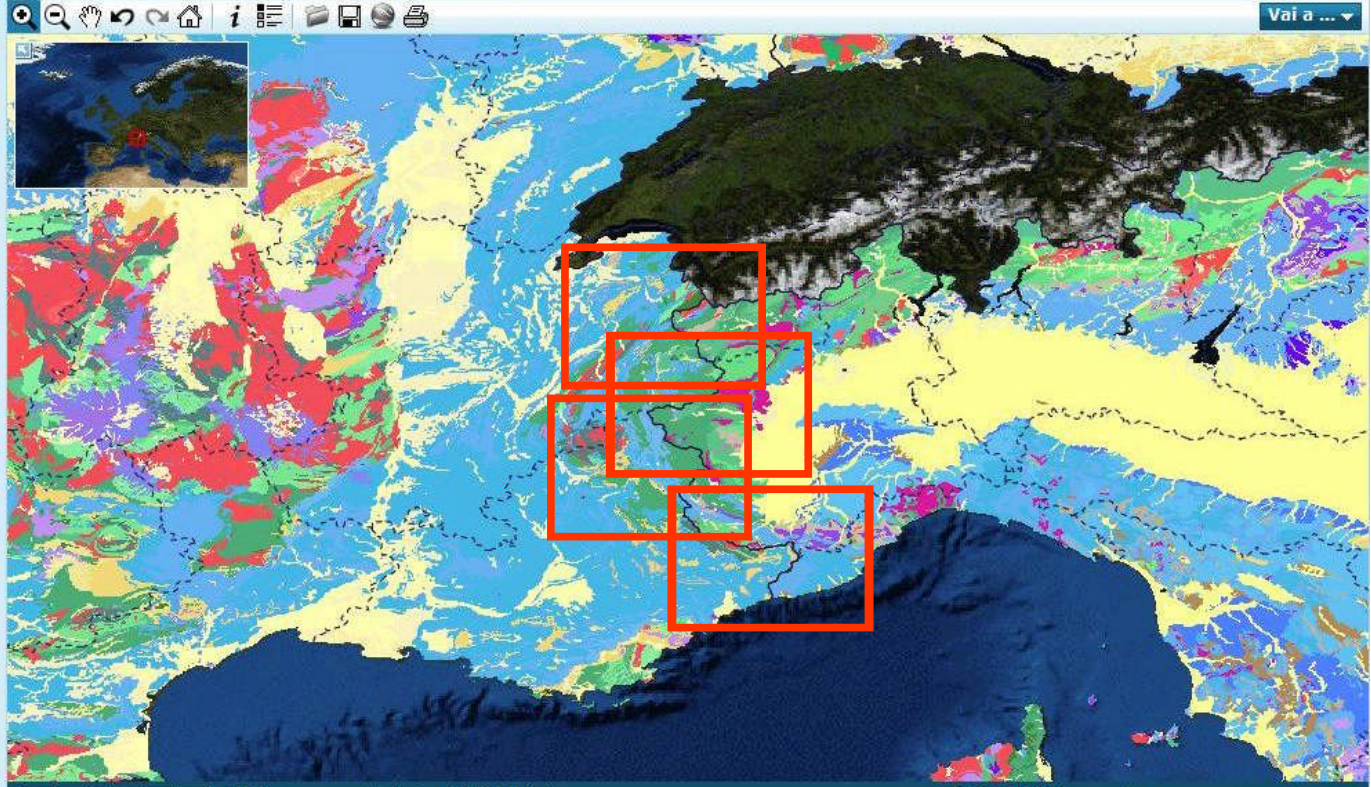
Visualizza la legenda

Scarica il dato

Analisi del tematismo

Area di visualizzazione

- Seleziona le informazioni dell'area
- Legenda e statistiche
- Scarica il dato



In attesa di risposta da ogc2.bgs.ac.uk/... 150 km Scala: 1 : 3 125 000 SRS: WGS 84 X : 11.80 Y : 42.50

Limone Piemonte



Maritim Alps

- **Sandstone**
- Conglomerate
- Schist

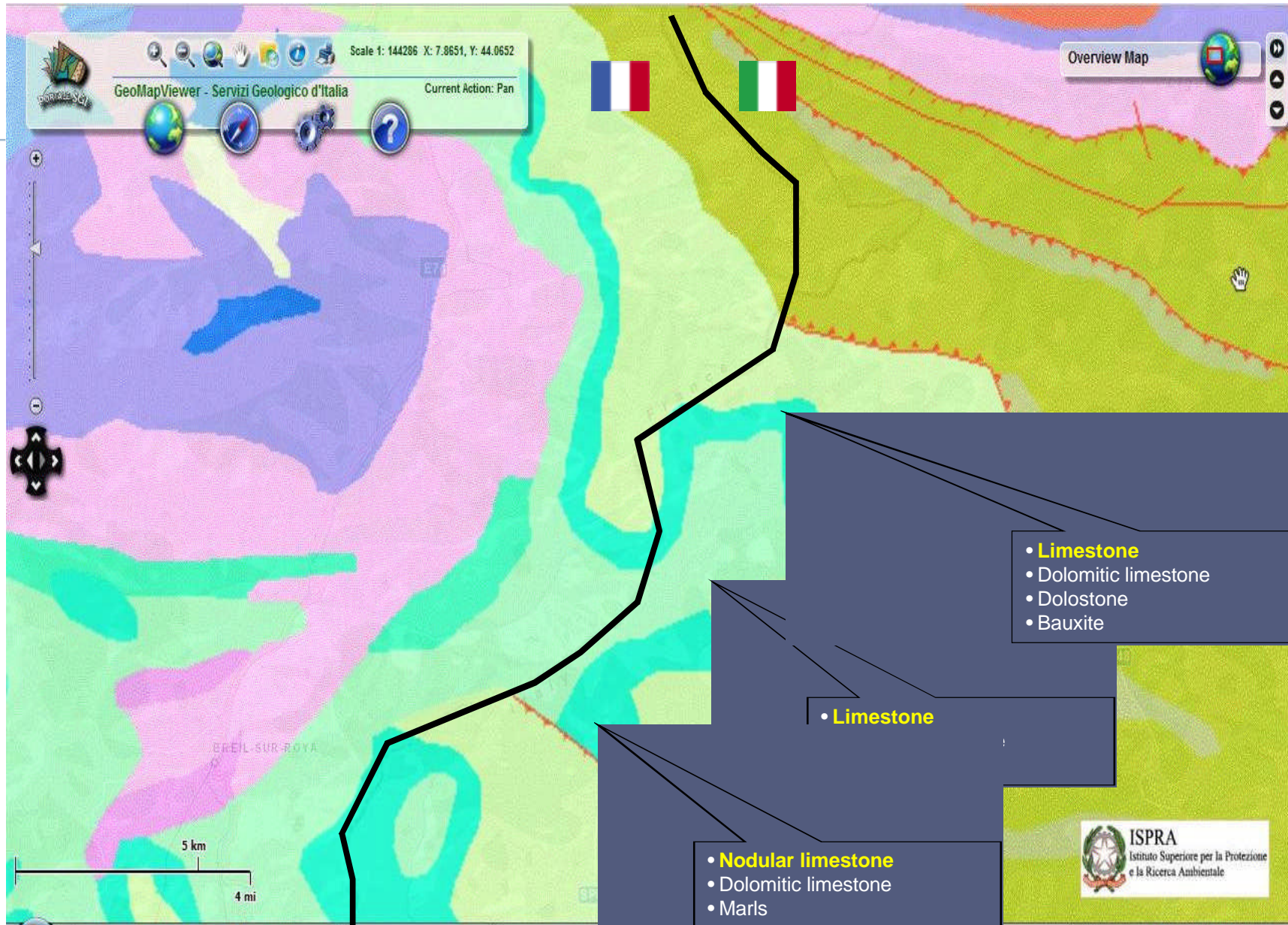
- **Conglomerate**
- Impure carbonate sed.rock
- Claystone
- Sandstone

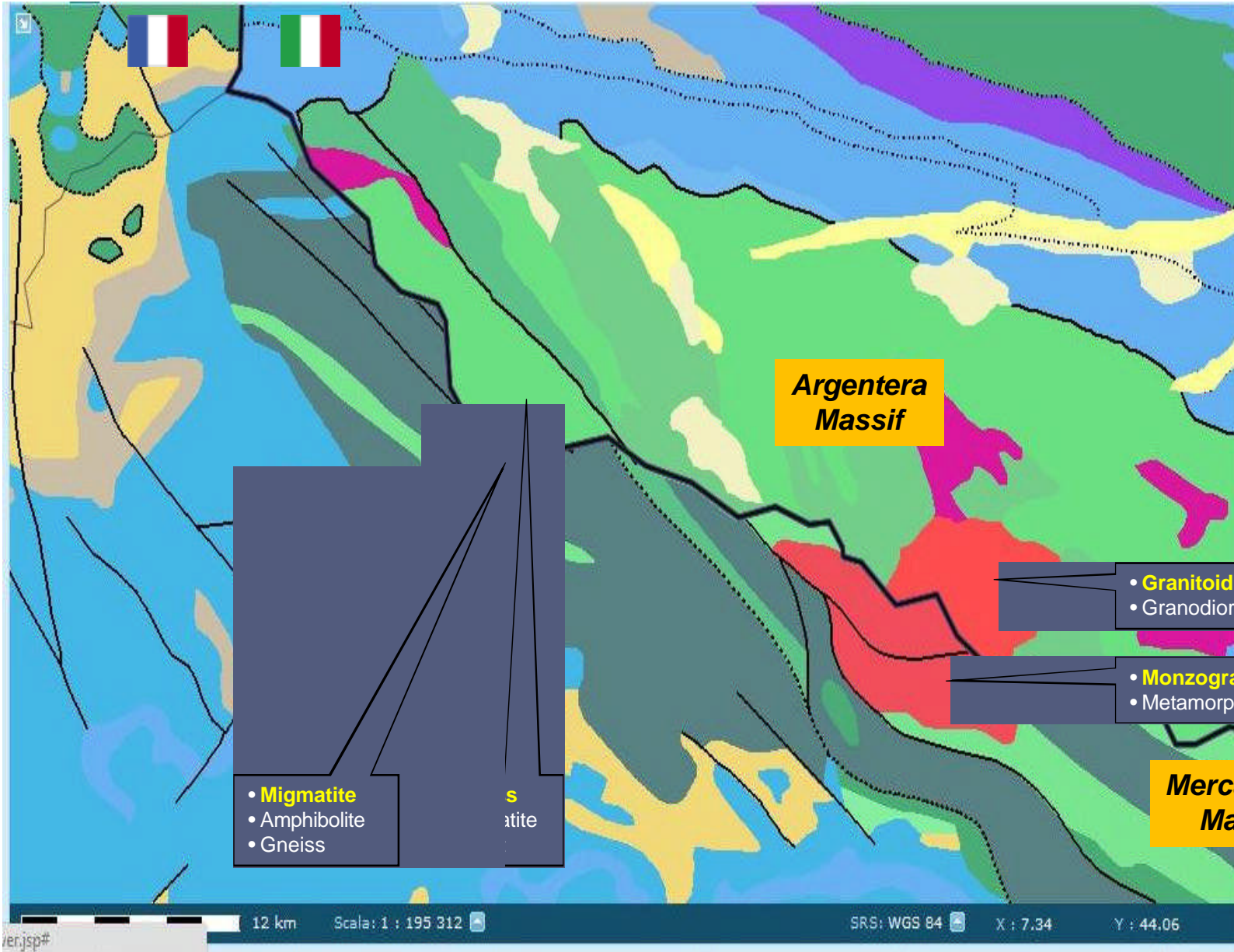
- **Impure carbonate sed.rock**
- Sandstone
- Conglomerate
- Limestone

- **Limestone**
- Dolostone
- (impure limestone)
- (bauxite)

Ventimiglia







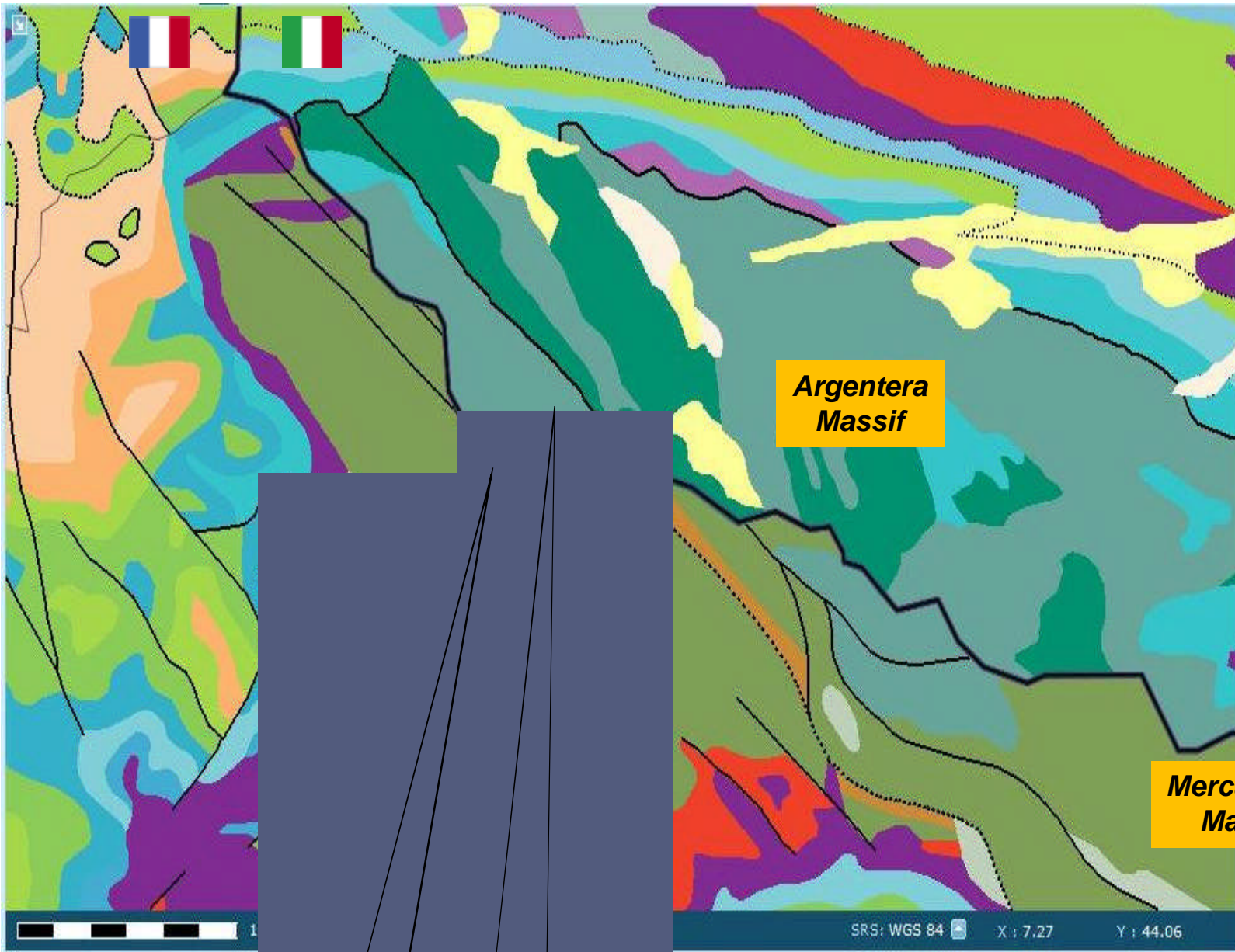
- **Migmatite**
- Amphibolite
- Gneiss

- **Granitoid**
- Granodiorite

- **Monzogranite**
- Metamorphic rock

Mercantour Massif



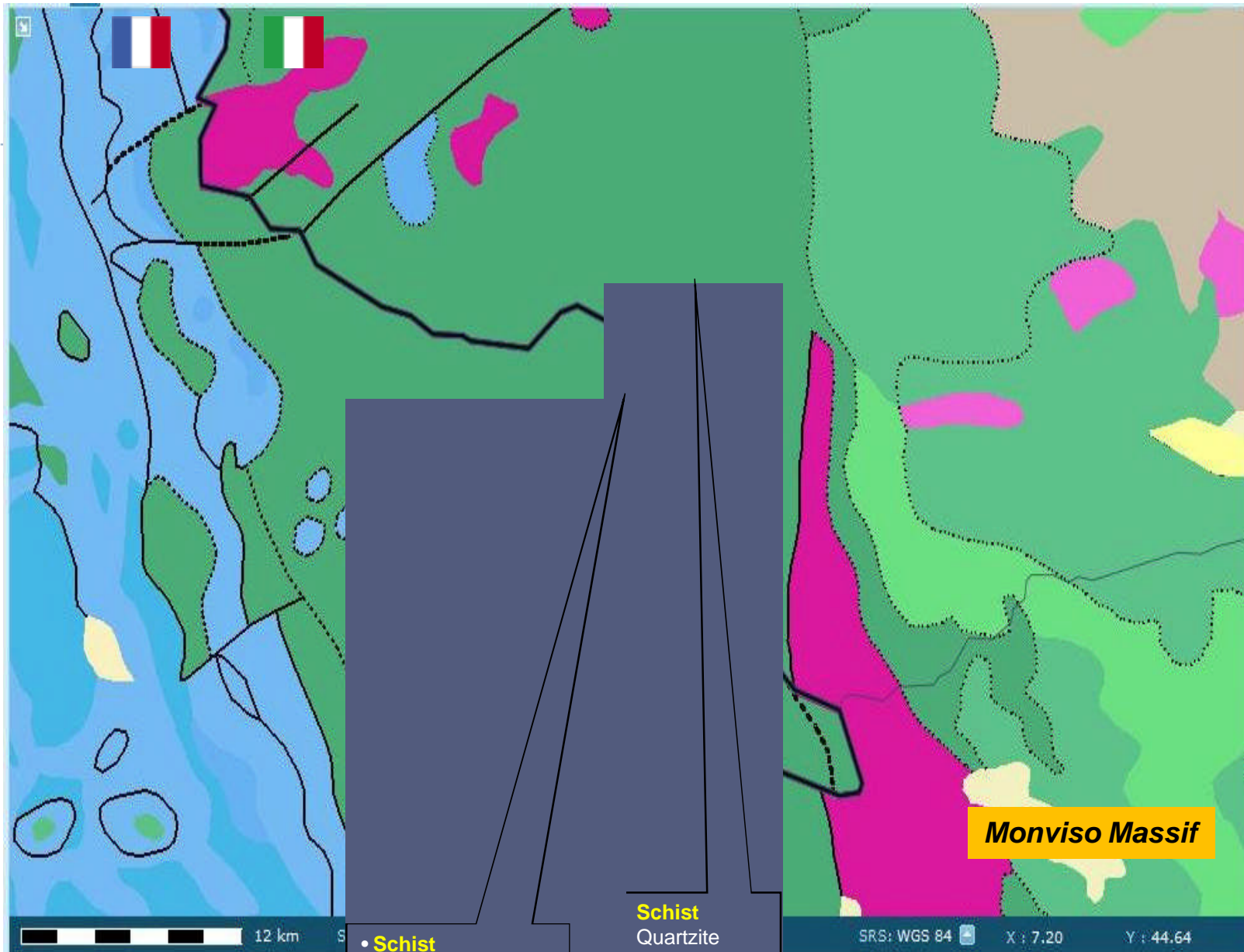


**Argentera
Massif**

**Mercantour
Massif**

• Cambrian

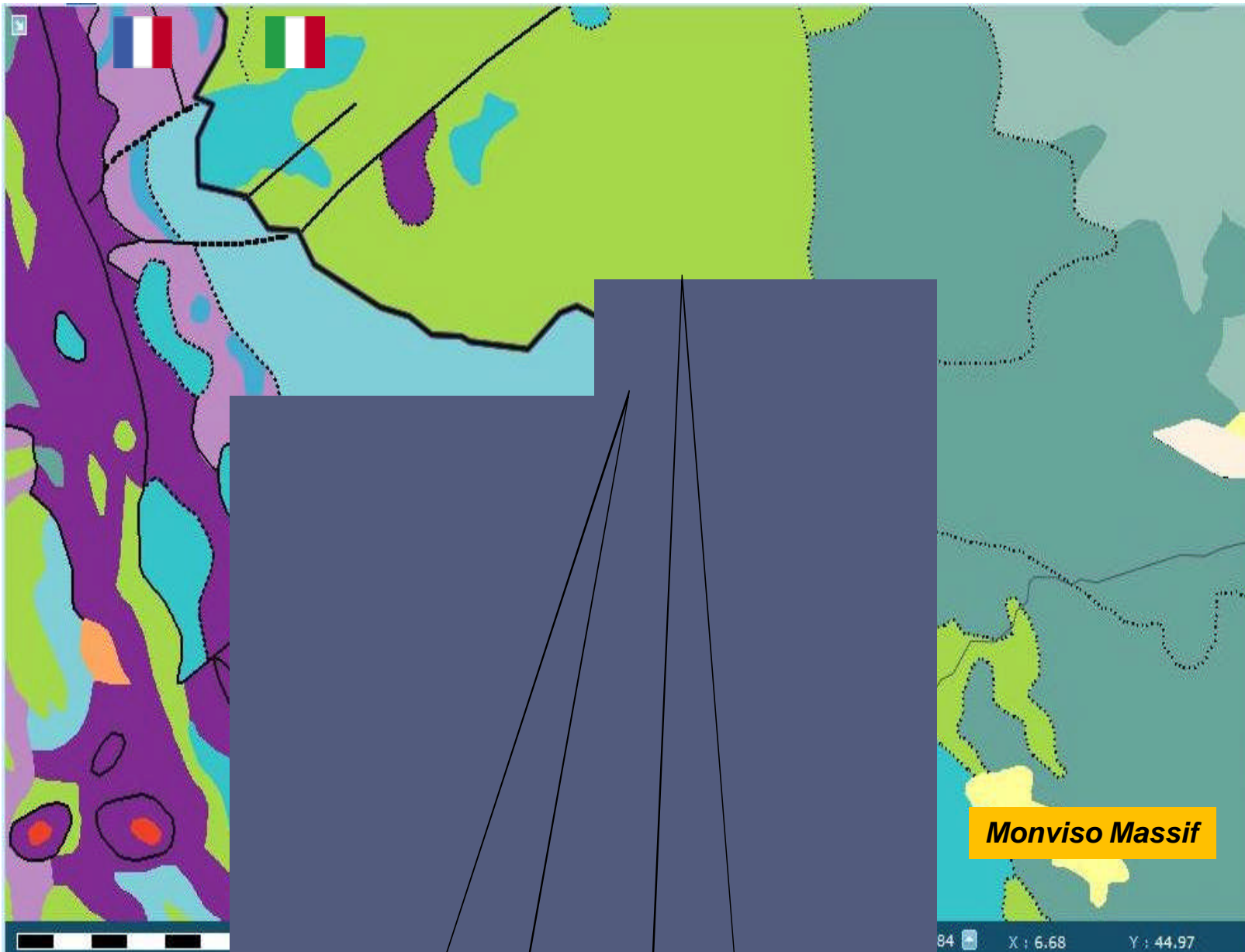
Carboniferous



- **Schist**
- Limestone
- Metamorphic rock

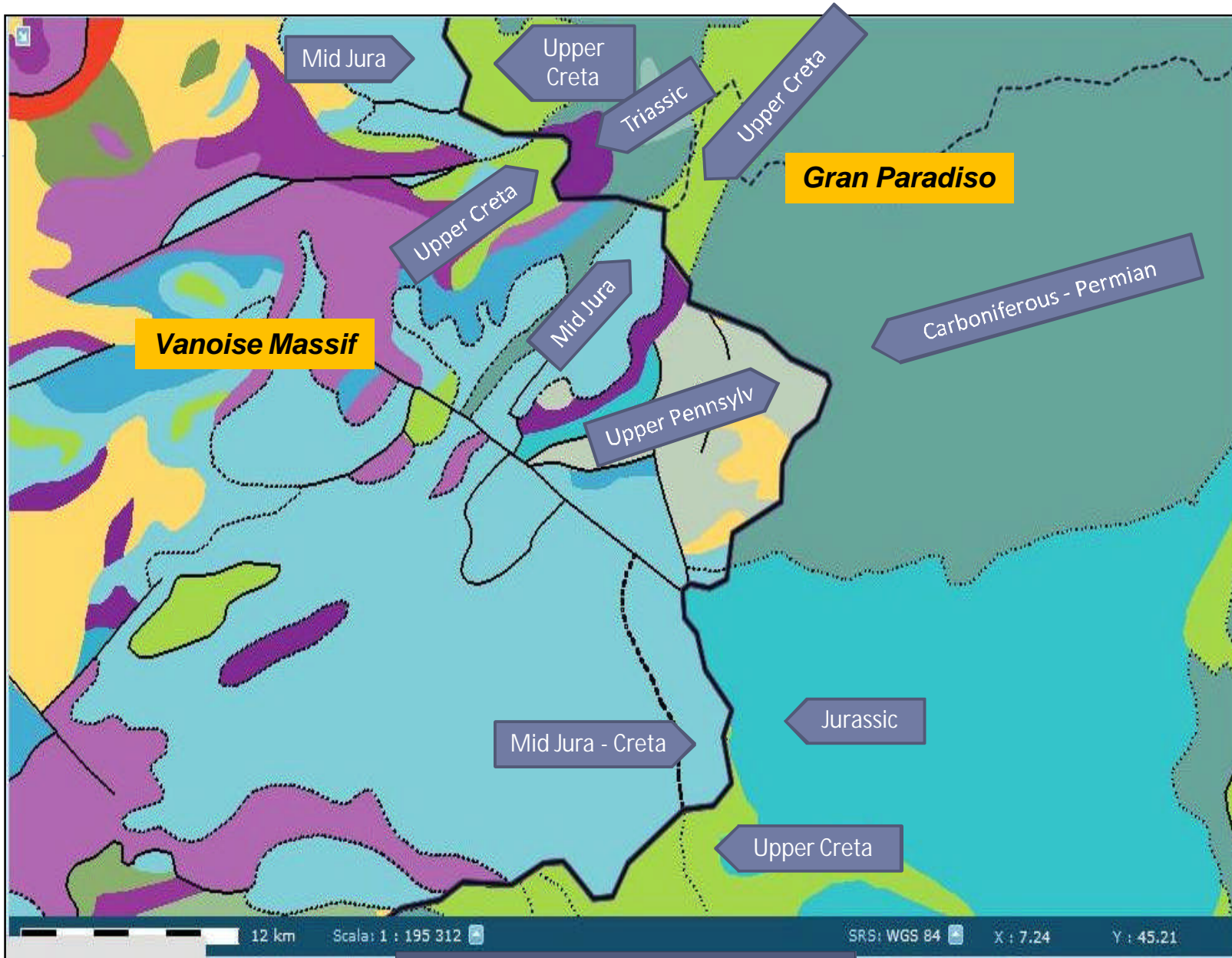
Schist
Quartzite
Marble
Phillite

Monviso Massif



• Middle Jurassic - Cretaceous

Upper Cretaceous - Miocene



No match in age





•Metamorphic rock

- Granite

•Paragneiss

- Amphibolite
- Gneiss

•Migmatite

- Amphibolite
- Gneiss

Mont Dolent



•Granite

- Granodiorite

•Micaschist

- Gneiss
- Phyllite
- Quartzite
- Marble

•Conglomerate

- Sandstone
- Mudstone
- Breccia

•Schist

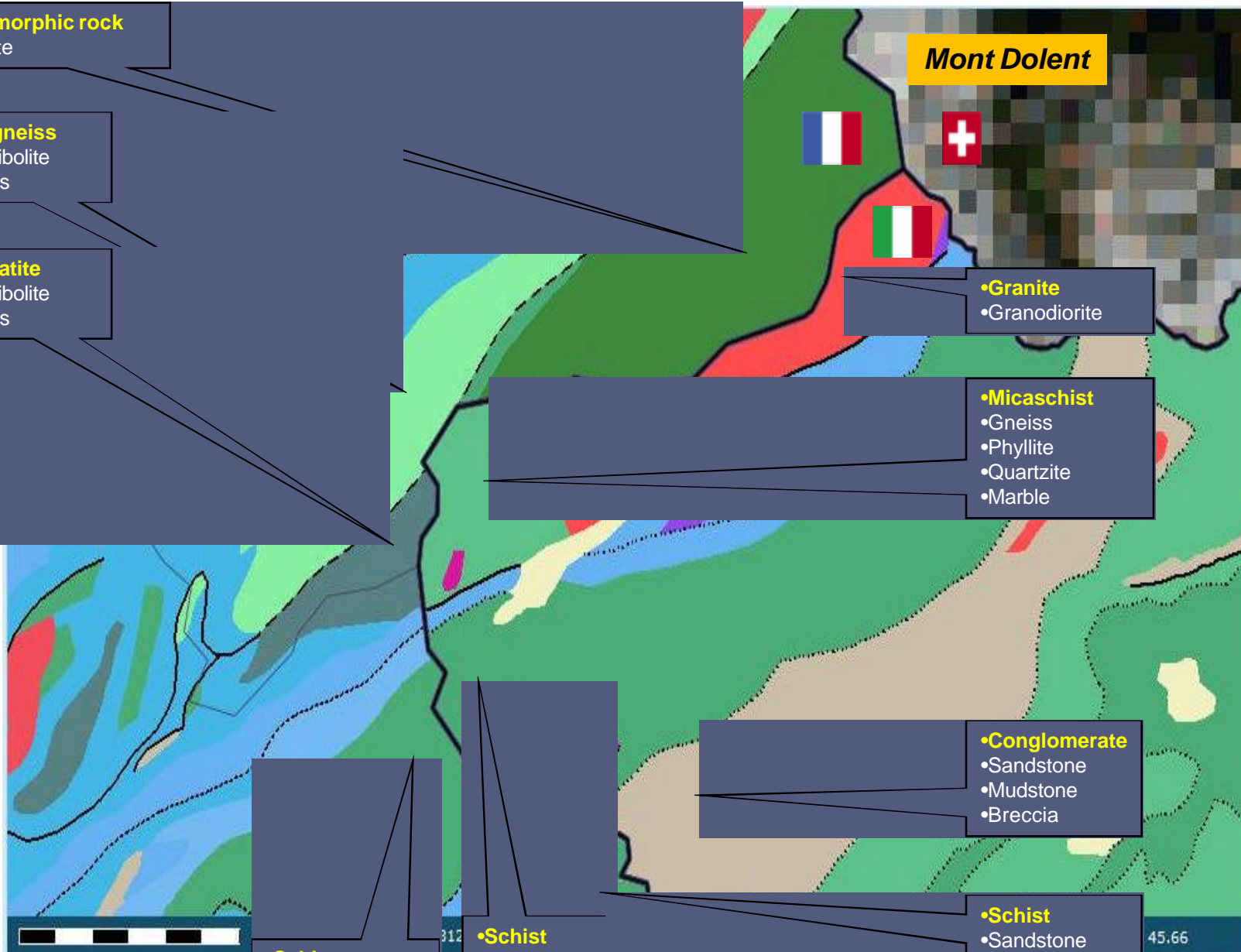
- Sandstone
- Coal
- Conglomerate

•Schist

- Limestone
- Conglomerate

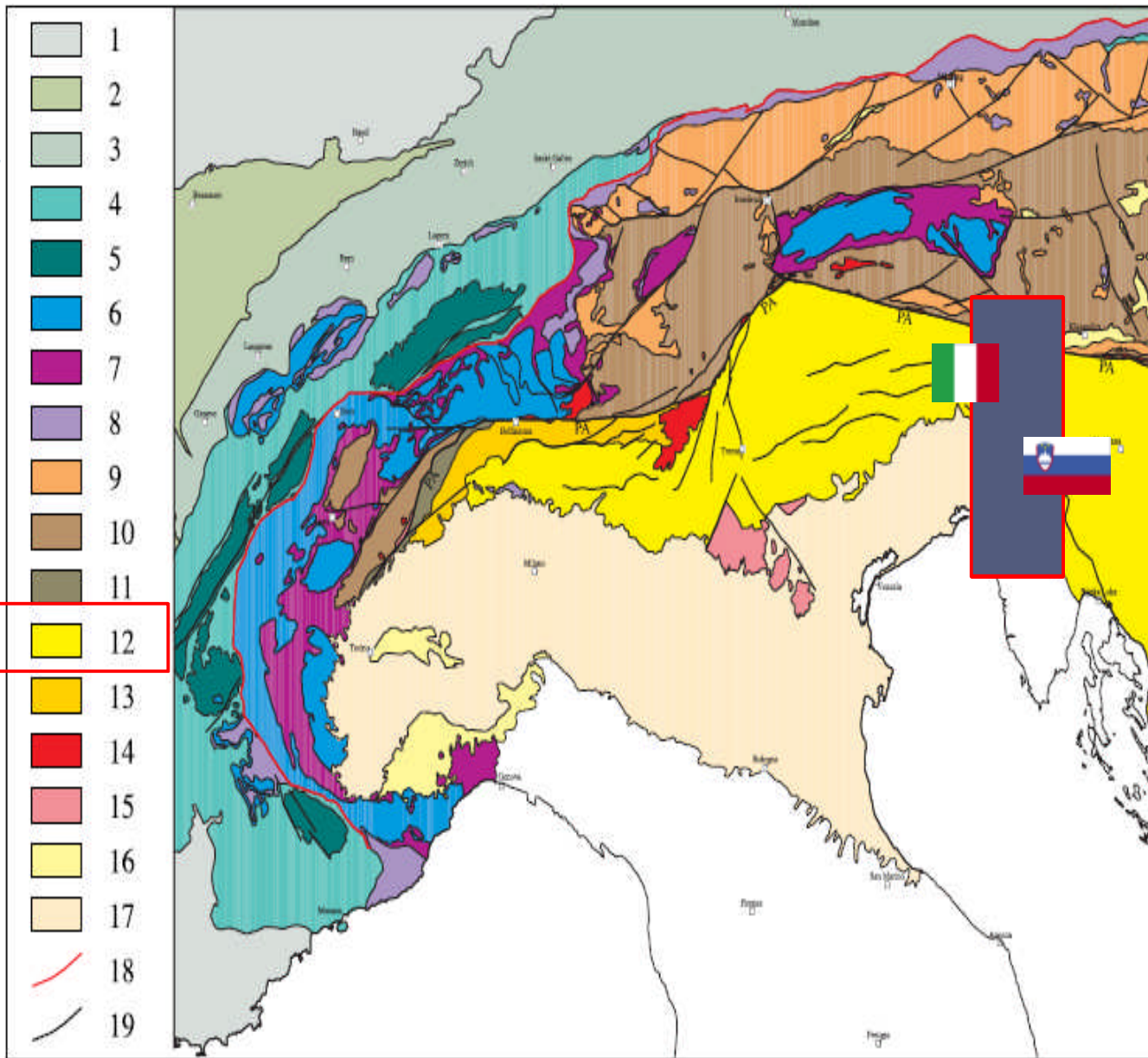
•Schist

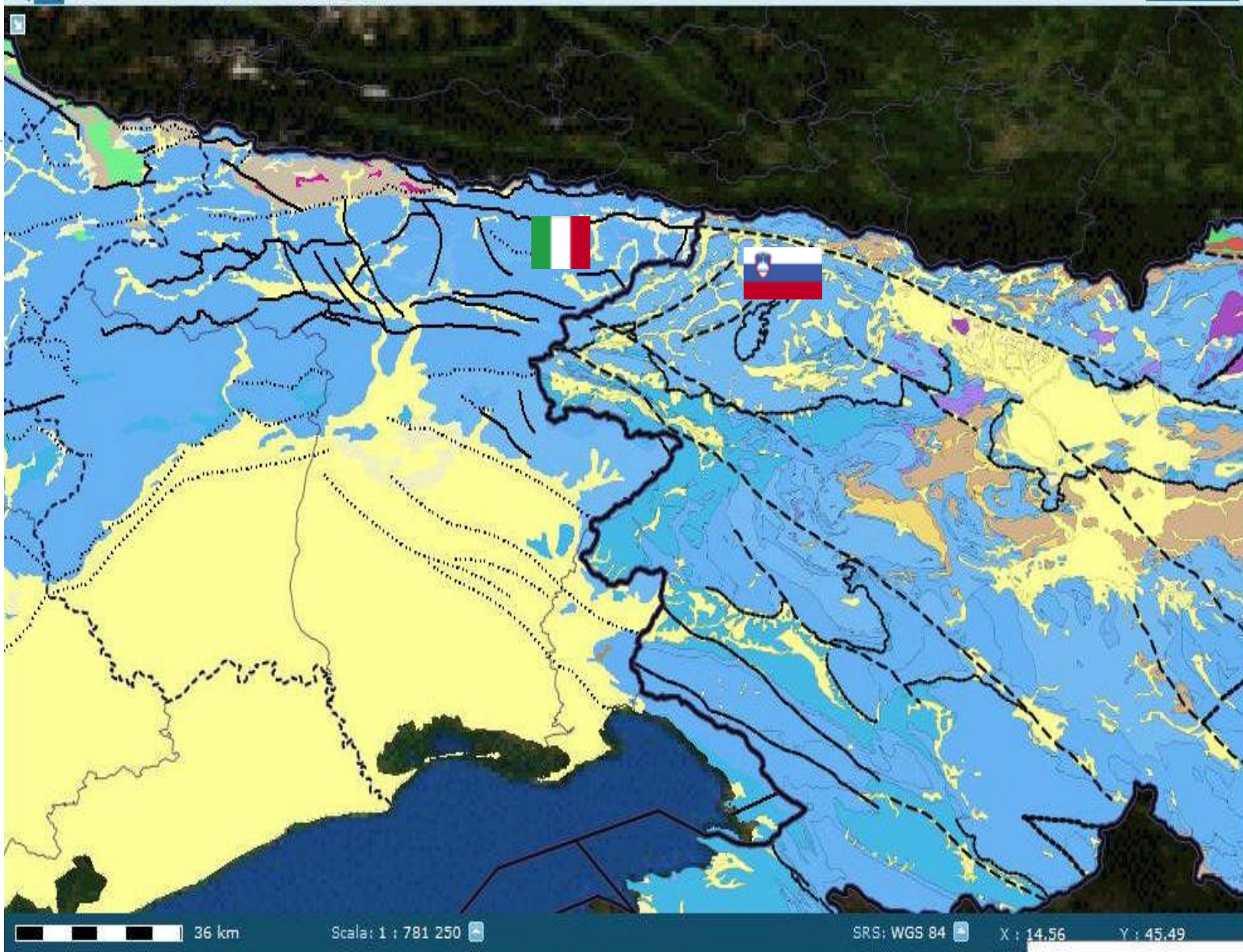
- Quartzite
- Marble
- Phyllite

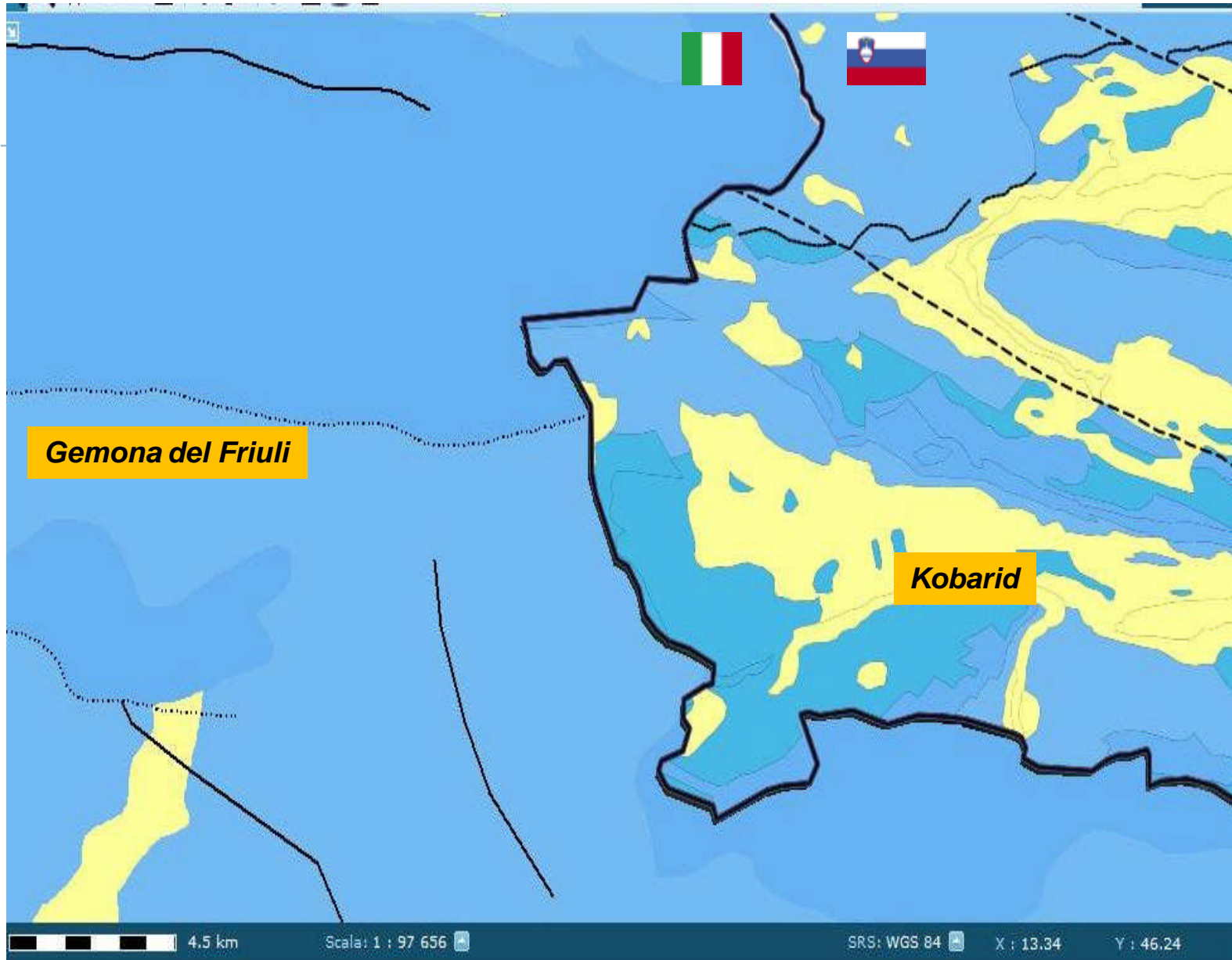


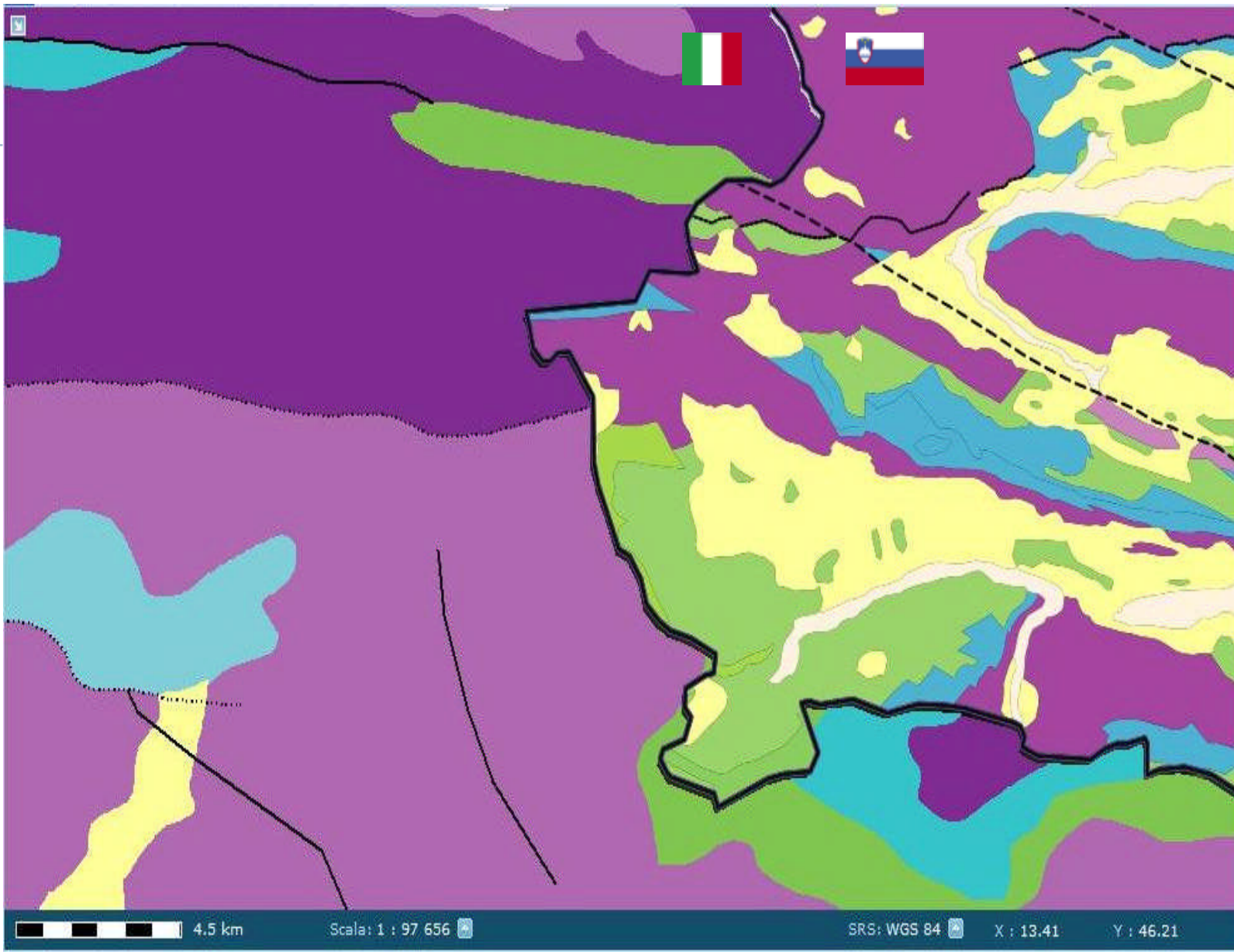


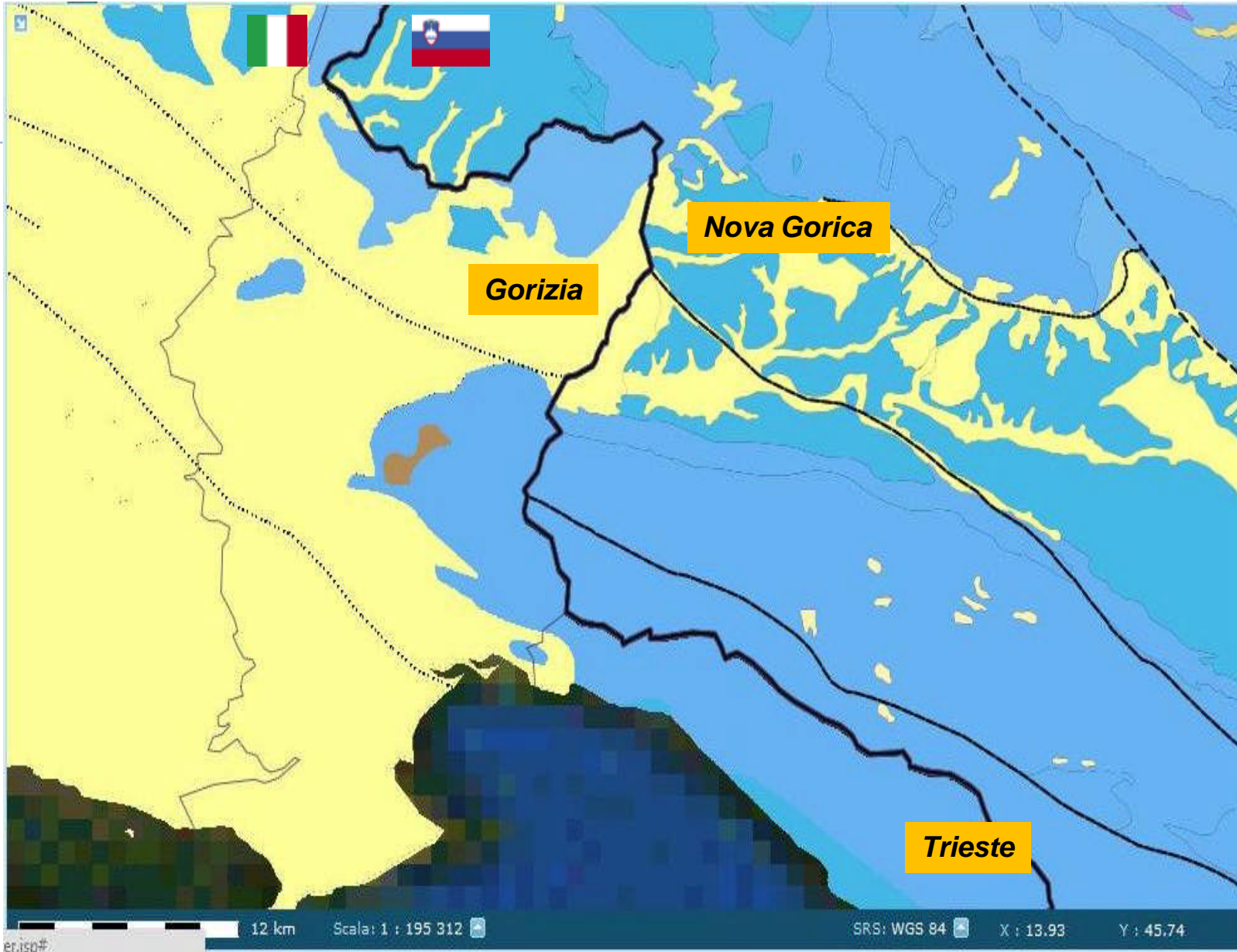
12 – South alpine cover











Conclusions

- § The **harmonisation of geodatasets is a fundamental issue**, because:
 - § The **European Commission (and INSPIRE directive) require consistent data about geology**; they do not change its attribute or portrayal crossing political boundaries.
 - § **Geology does not recognise political boundaries** (contrary to what geologists do).
- § **OneGeo-Europe has approached but not solved all the harmonisation issues.**
- § The use of the same semantic base and data model is a **necessary but not sufficient condition**.
- § It is important to start from **similar level of geo-database detail**.
- § The **geologic unit description based on 1 up to 5 different composition part is fundamental for small scale geodataset to avoid loss of information, but its use introduces high level of non-harmonisation**:
 - § To assure a useful harmonisation, at geodataset scale level increase will be necessary the reduction of the number of composition part.
- § In most cases a **review of the geologic unit description is necessary**.
- § **Inter-State boundary conciliation process is necessary**, and becomes mandatory for boundaries along complex geological situations (Pyrenees, Alps, Dinaric Alps, Bohemian Massif, Carpathians, etc.).



What we expect from a harmonisation procedure?



A harmonised pear?



Or a quasi-harmonised pear?

