

**“The role of woody crops in
climate change mitigation and progress in
monitoring technologies”**



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Global greenhouse gas emissions and warming scenarios

- Each pathway comes with uncertainty, marked by the shading from low to high emissions under each scenario.
- Warming refers to the expected global temperature rise by 2100, relative to pre-industrial temperatures.

Annual global greenhouse gas emissions
in gigatonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalents

150 Gt

100 Gt

50 Gt

Greenhouse gas emissions
up to the present

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1990 2000 2010 2020 2030 2040 2050 2060 2070 2080 2090 2100

No climate policies

4.1 – 4.8 °C

→ expected emissions in a baseline scenario if countries had not implemented climate reduction policies.

Current policies

2.5 – 2.9 °C

→ emissions with current climate policies in place result in warming of 2.5 to 2.9°C by 2100.

Pledges & targets (2.1 °C)

→ emissions if all countries delivered on reduction pledges result in warming of 2.1°C by 2100.

2°C pathways

1.5°C pathways

Clean Air

Habitat for Wildlife

Water Filtration

Pollination

Soil Stability

Carbon Storage

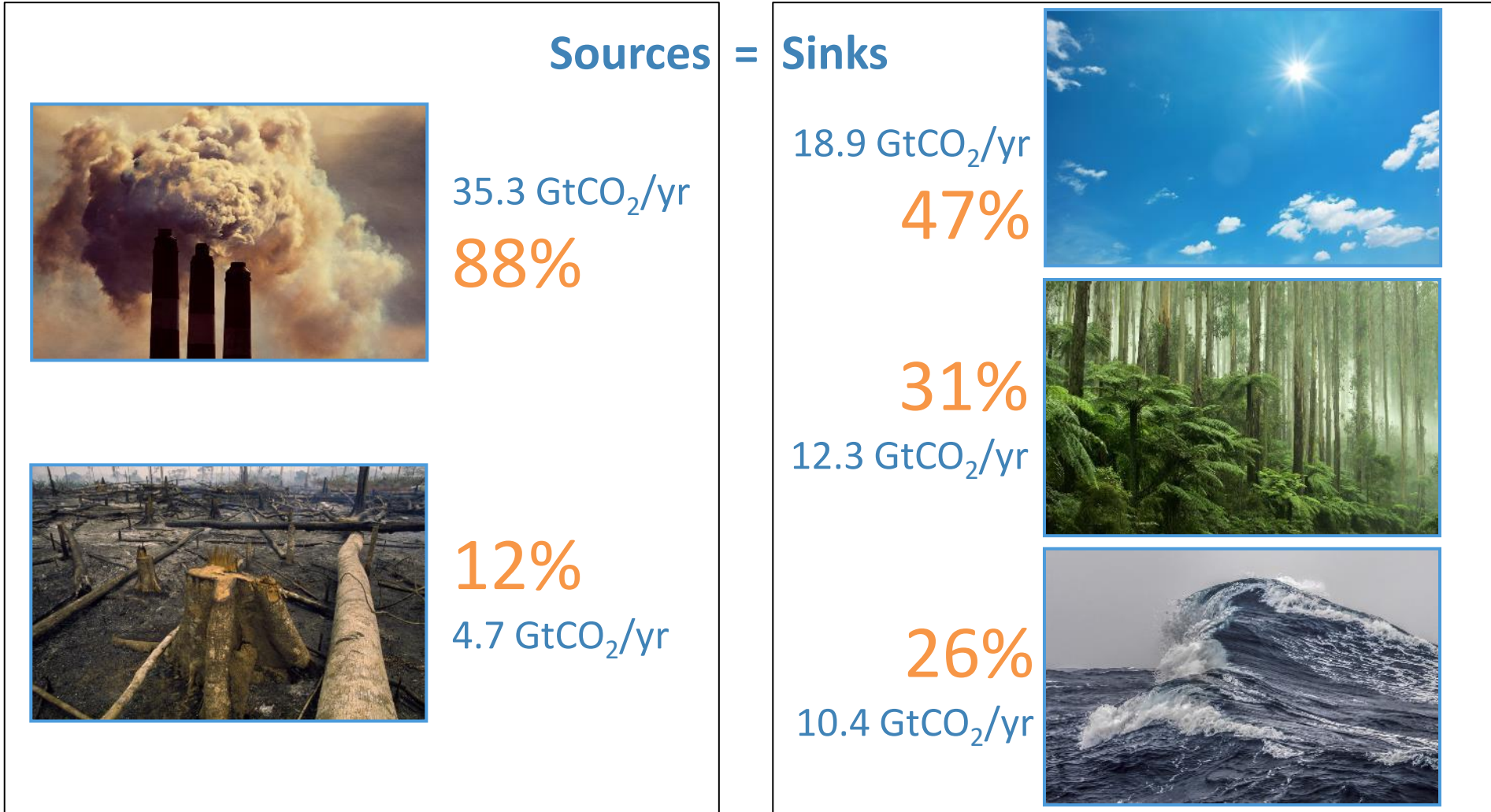
ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



A world map where the landmasses are colored in shades of green and yellow, representing photosynthesis activity. The colors are most intense in the tropical regions, particularly in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. The oceans are shown in dark blue, and the polar regions are in white. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean.

The breath of trees (photosynthesis)

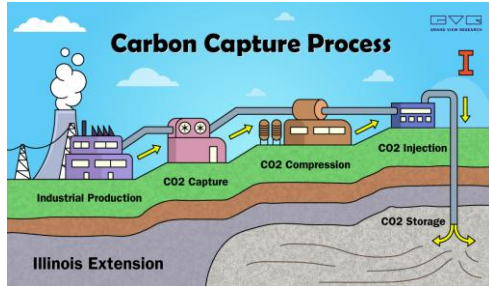
Fate of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions (2013–2022)



Budget Imbalance:
 (the difference between estimated sources & sinks) **4%**
 -1.6 GtCO₂/yr

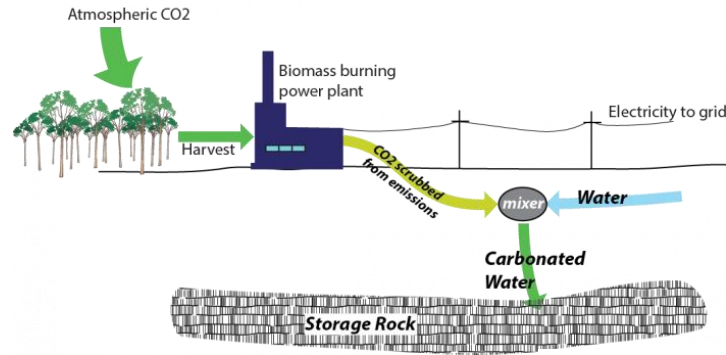
How to capture CO2 in atmosphere ?

CCS – Carbon capture storage at point



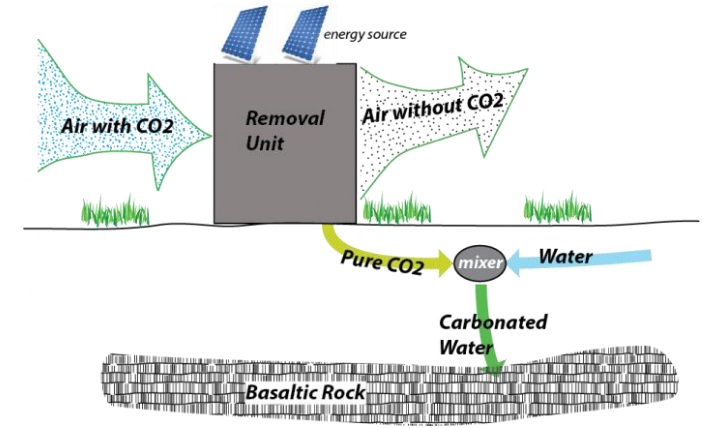
Cost 500-1000 \$t CO2

BECCS— Bio-Energy with Capture and Carbon Sequention



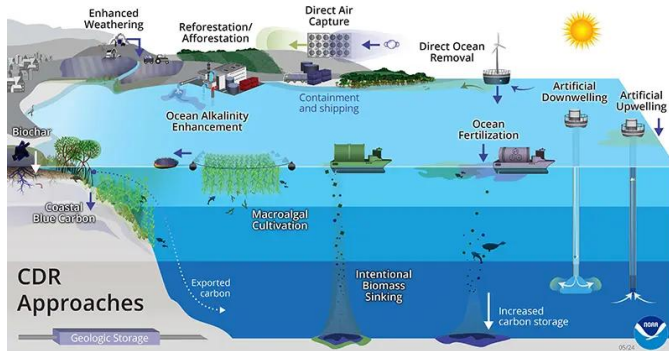
Cost 80-200 \$t CO2

DACCS — Direct Air Capture and Carbon Sequention



Cost 500-1000 \$t CO2

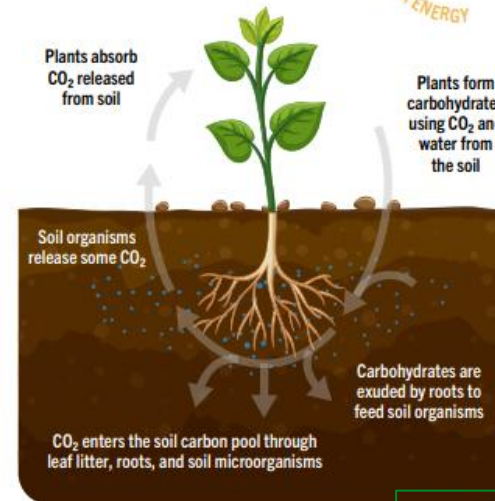
OCEAN CDR— Ocean carbon capture storage



Cost 100-300 + \$t CO2



NBS - Nature based solution Carbon Farming

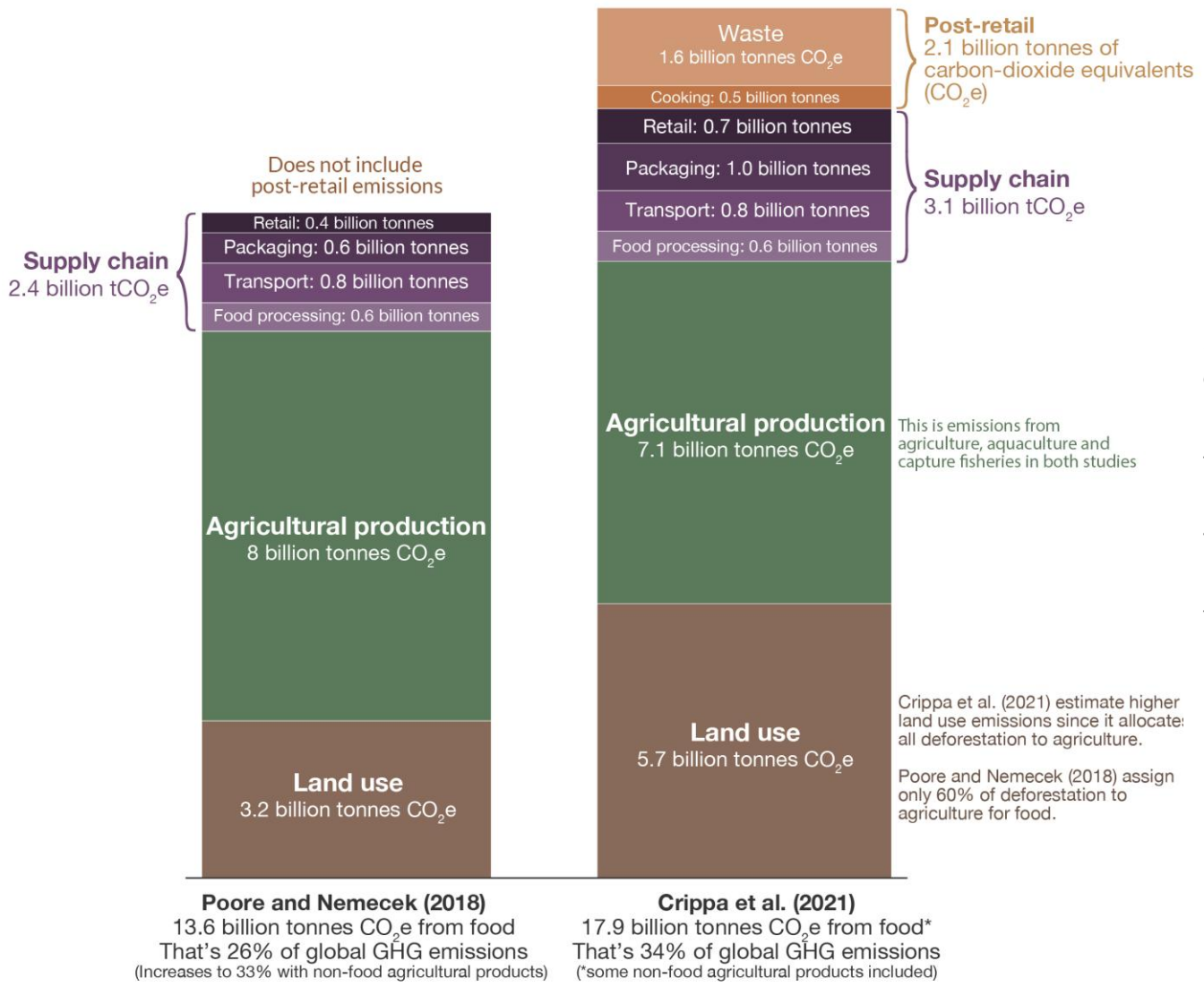


Costo 15-50 \$t CO2 -----> Value on market 200-300 \$t CO2

How much of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the food system?



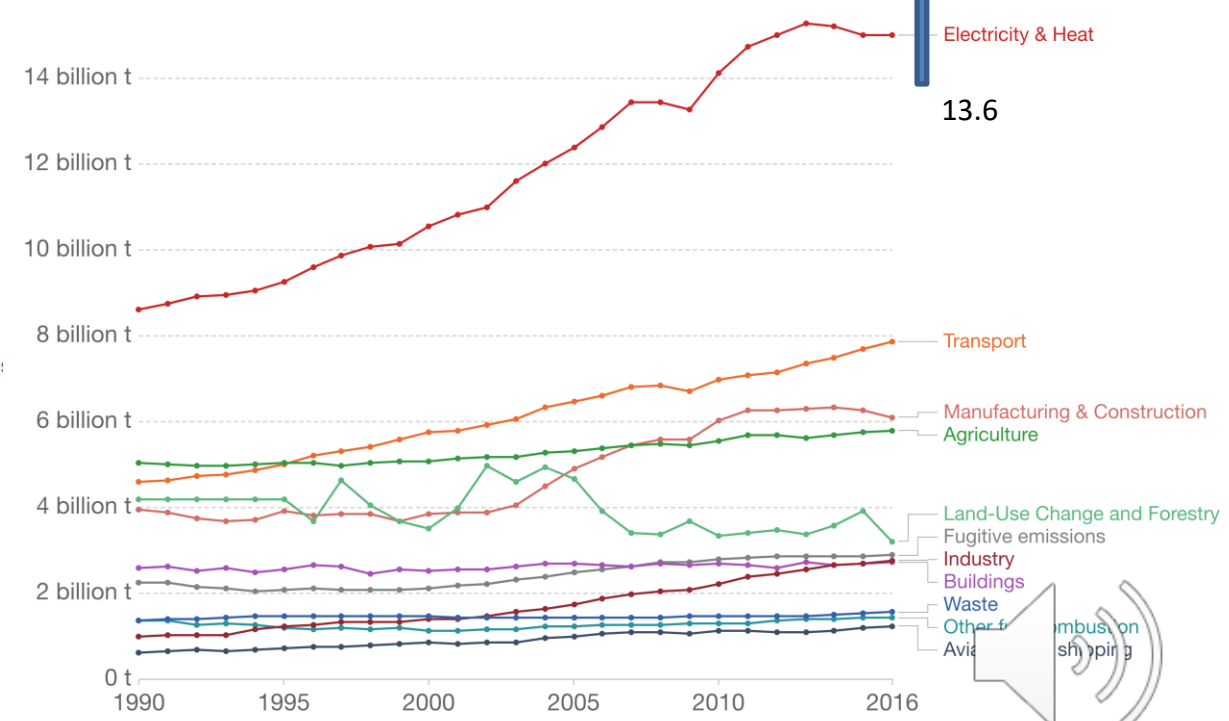
Shown is the comparison of two leading estimates of global greenhouse gas emissions from the food system. Most studies estimate that food and agriculture is responsible for 25% to 35% of global greenhouse gas emissions.



Total 55.3 billions tons CO₂eq

Greenhouse gas emissions by sector, World

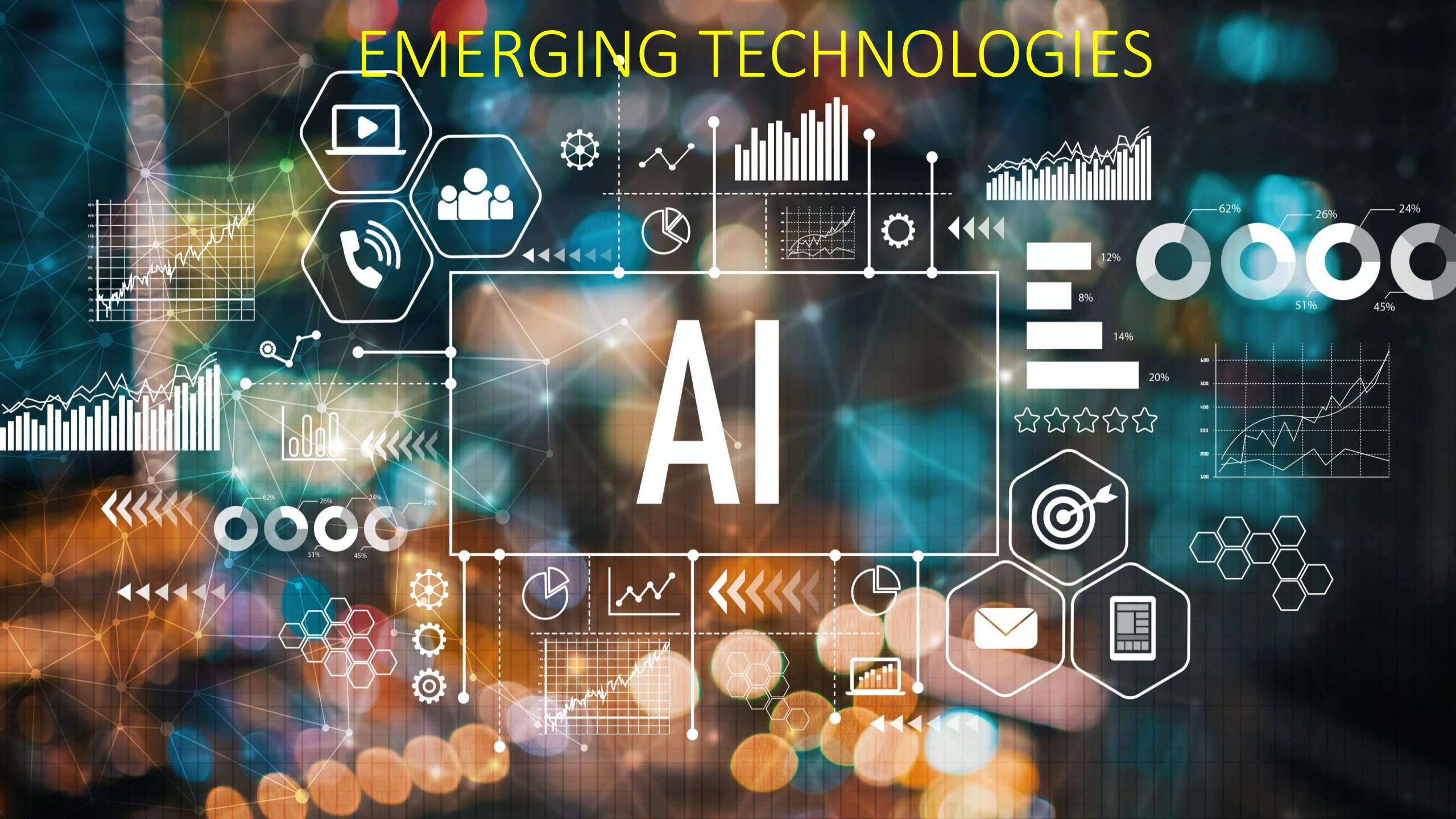
Greenhouse gas emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalents (CO₂e).



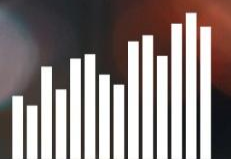
*Crippa et al. (2021) include emissions from a number of non-food agricultural products, including wool, leather, rubber, textiles and some biofuels. Poore and Nemecek (2018) do not include non-food products in their estimate of 13.6 billion tonnes CO₂e. This may explain some of the difference.

Data sources: Joseph Poore & Thomas Nemecek (2018). Reducing food's environmental impacts through producers and consumers. *Science*. Crippa, M., et al. (2021) Food systems are responsible for a third of global anthropogenic GHG emissions. *Nature Food*.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

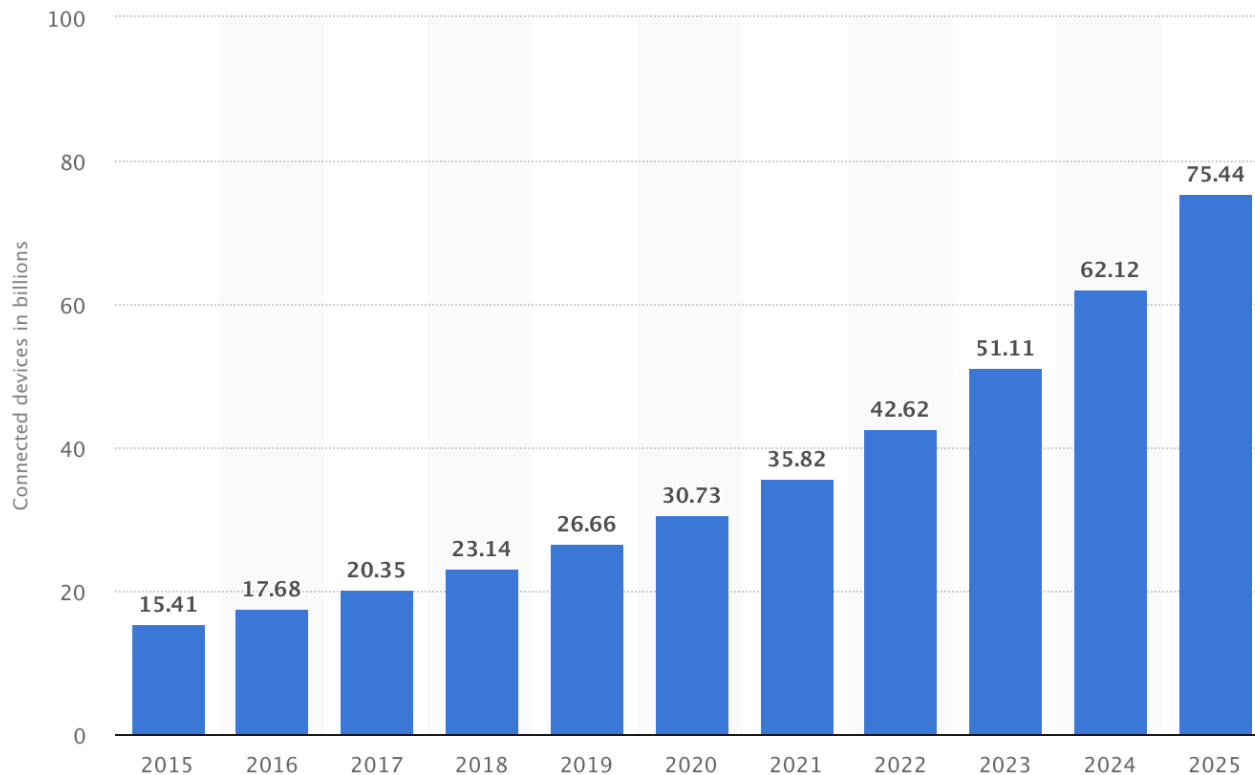


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Technology & Telecommunications > Consumer Electronics > Internet of Things - number of connected devices worldwide 2015-2025

Internet of Things (IoT) connected devices installed base worldwide from 2015 to 2025 (in billions)



DOWNLOAD SETTINGS SHARE

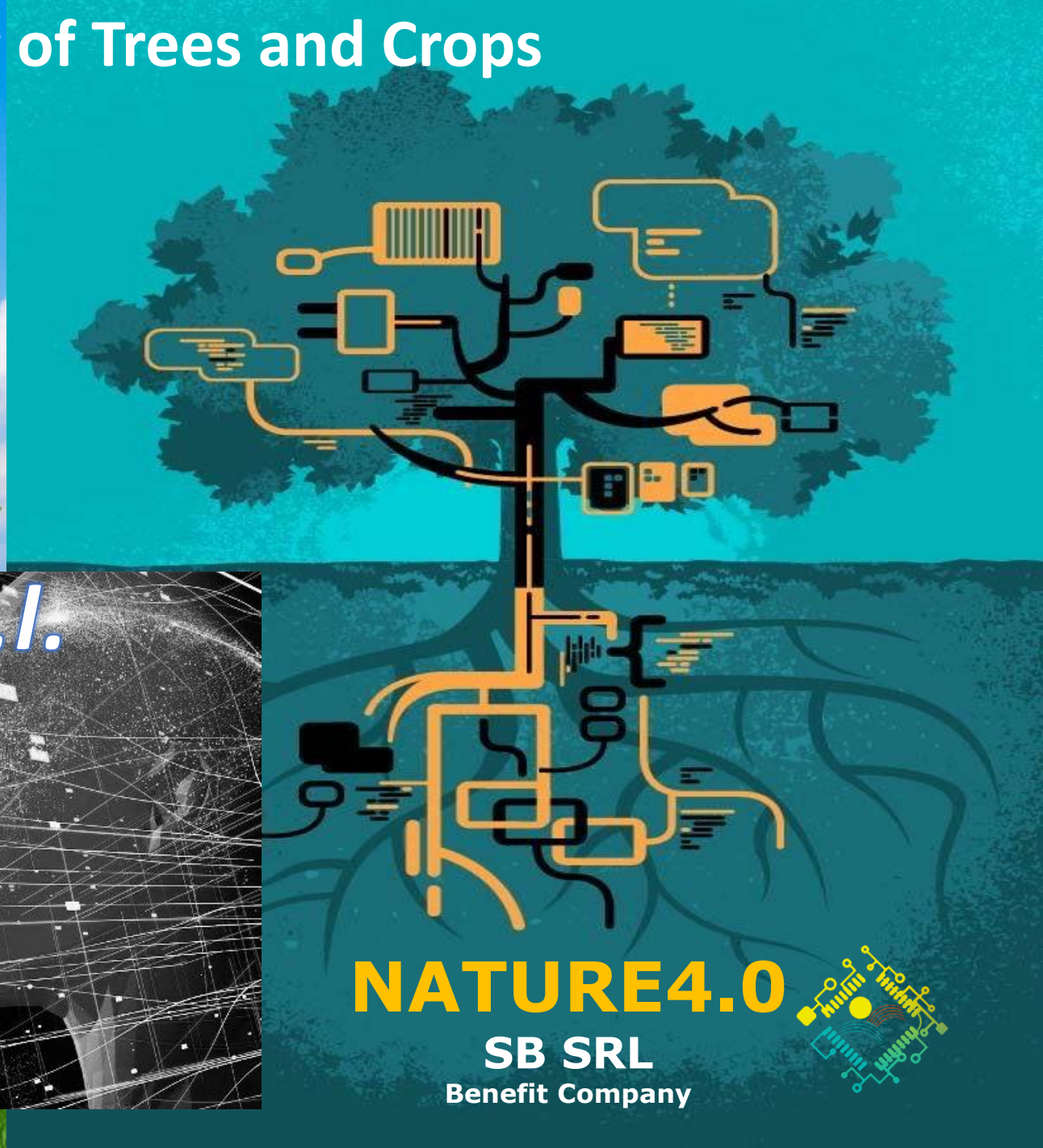
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DESCRIPTION SOURCE MORE INFORMATION

This statistic shows the number of connected devices (Internet of Things; IoT) worldwide from 2015 to 2025. For 2020, the installed base of Internet of Things devices is forecast to grow to almost 31 billion worldwide. The [overall Internet of Things market](#) is projected to be worth more than one billion U.S. dollars annually from 2017 onwards.

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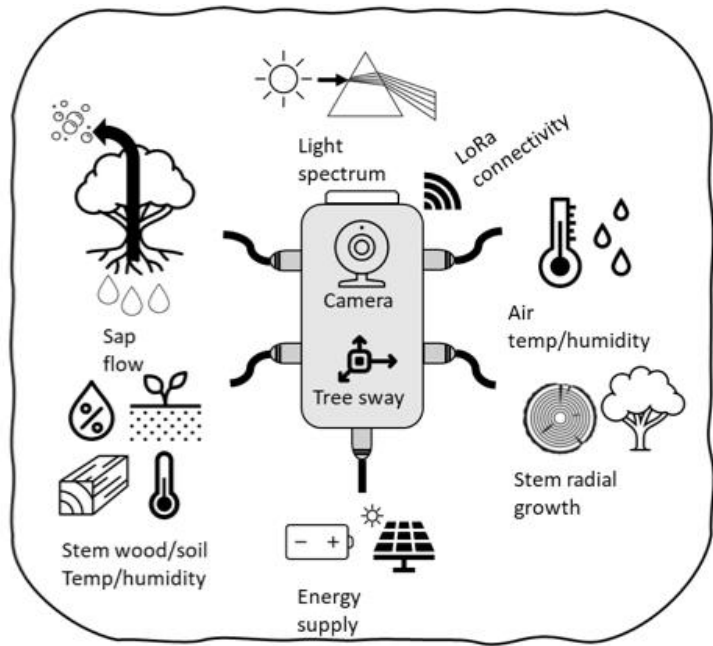
Digital Twinning of Trees and Crops



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Benefit Company

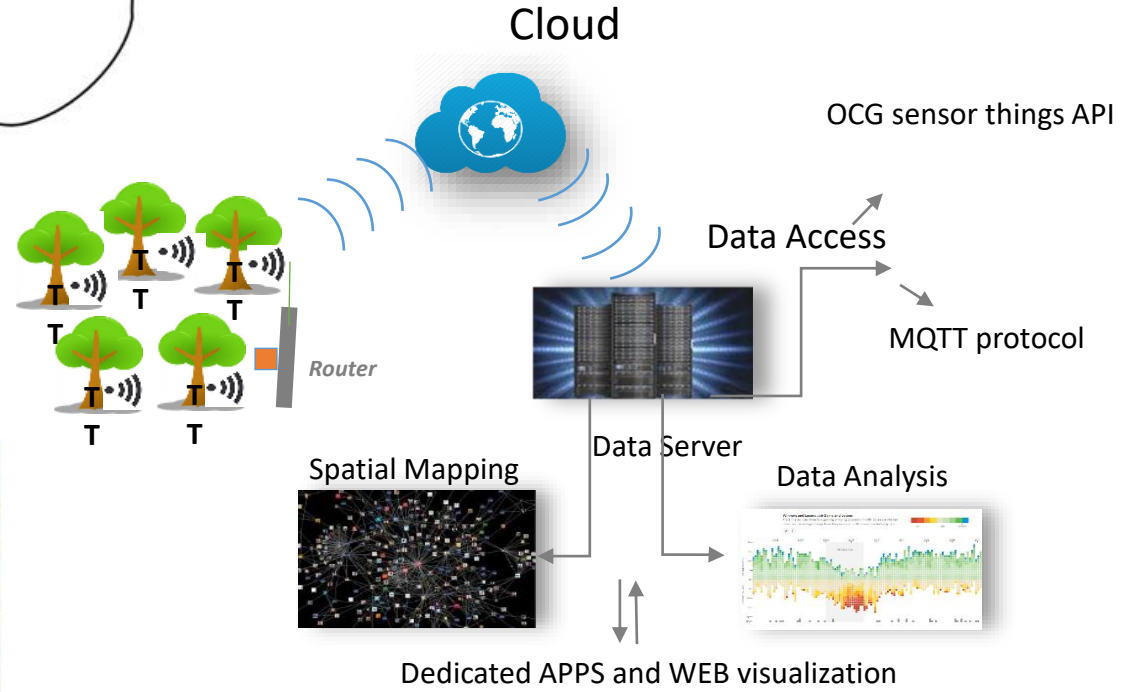


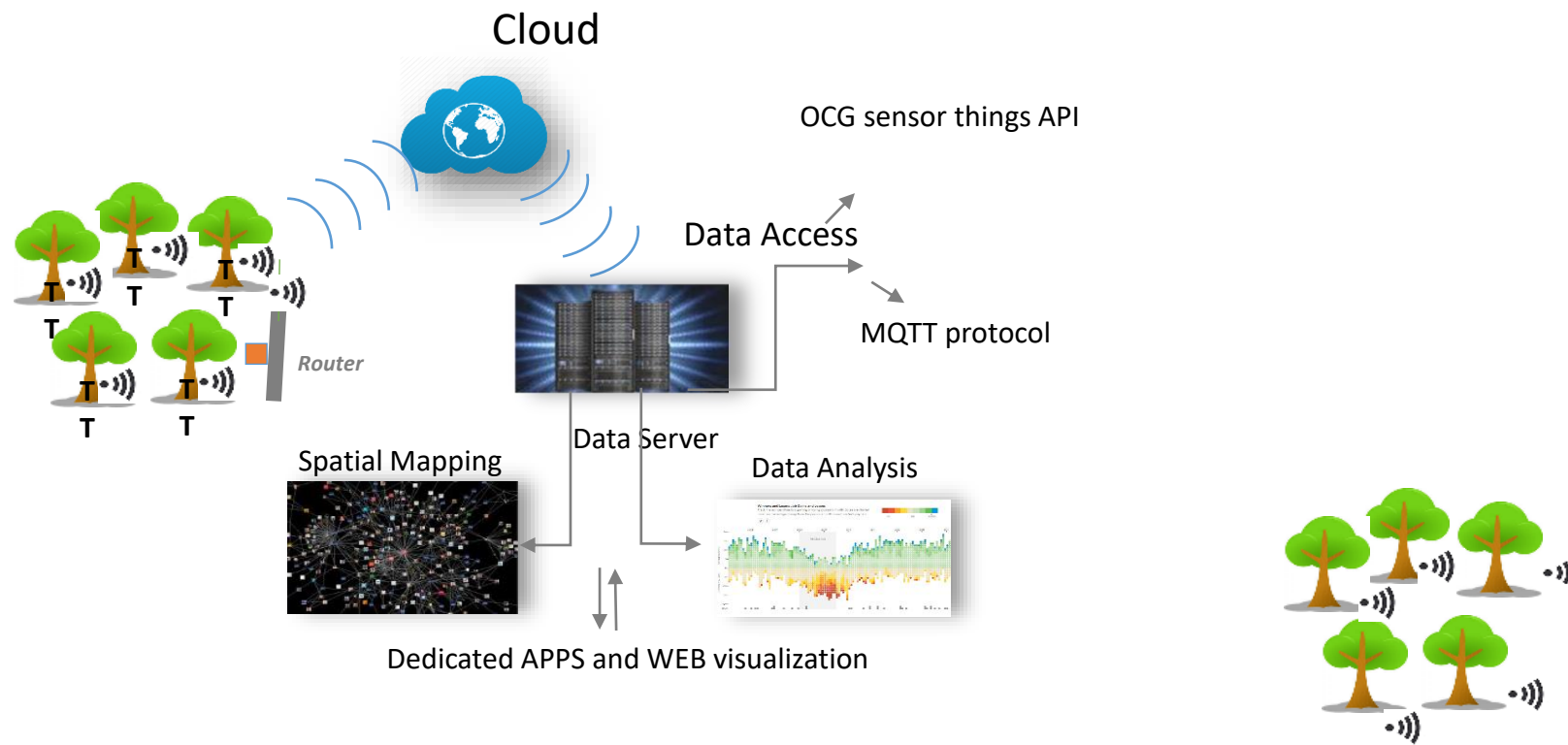


- Water consumption
- **CO2 absorption**
- Leaf color
- Tree stability


TreeTalker

(www.nature4.org)





Opportunità e sfide poste da adattamento e gestione sostenibile del territorio nei paesi mediterranei a rischio di desertificazione

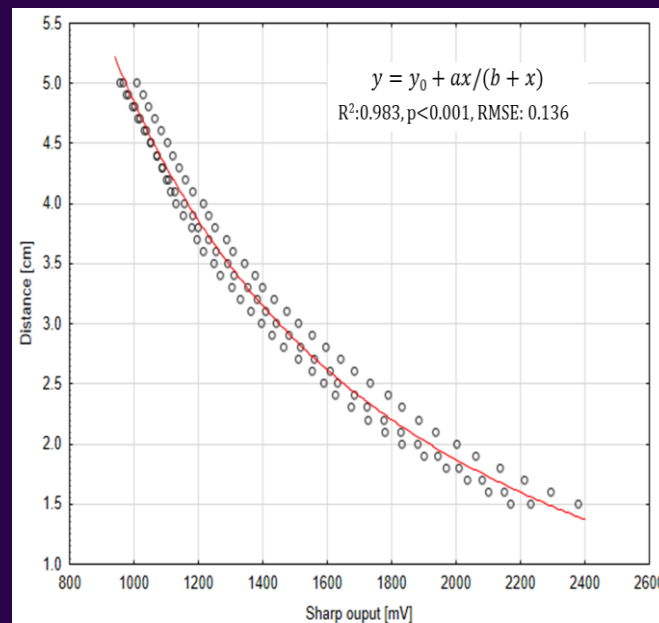
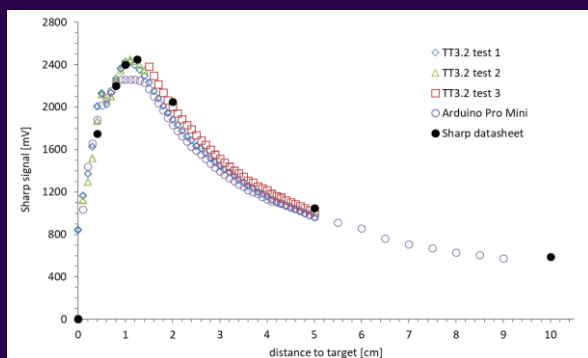
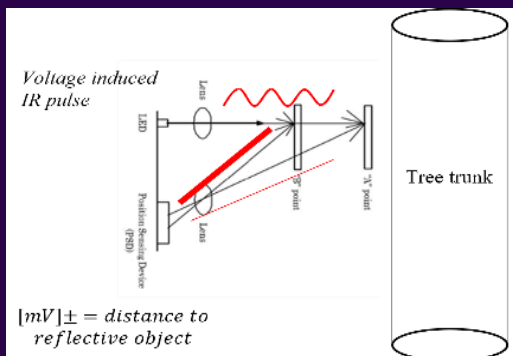


The case study of Plums in Italy

Lead by : Cooperative Montere'

Farms: Modena, Montalcino, Metaponto

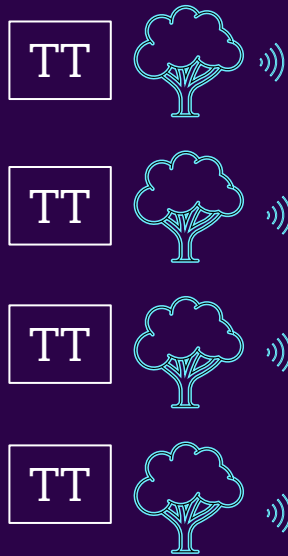
APPROCCIO METODOLOGICO- LA MISURA



- Il sensore utilizzato nei nostri sistemi
- Sensore di prossimità a infrarossi calibrato per estrarre un valore di distanza tra un ancoraggio fisso interno al fusto e la sua superficie - Questa distanza cambia in base alla crescita radiale del fusto
- Relazione inversa tra numero digitale e distanza.
- Utilizzando questo sensore, possiamo estrarre la variazione annuale dell'incremento radiale dello stelo.

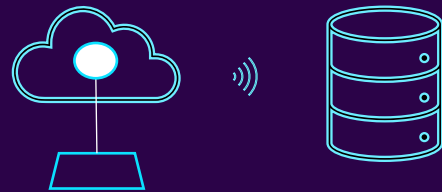
APPROCCIO METODOLOGICO - LA RETE

Trasmissione LoRa
dal dispositivo al
cloud



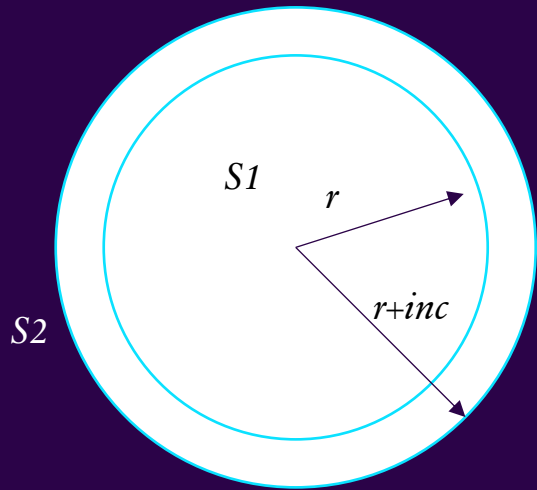
1. Trasmissione
4G al server dati
2. Gateway

Recupero dati
server per
l'elaborazione



- I dispositivi TT registrano una misura per ogni sistema ogni ora.
- Il sensore IR emette un impulso verso la superficie del bersaglio e registra la distanza dal target
- Il dispositivo registra il numero internamente al dispositivo.
- Invia un pacchetto al gateway che viene ulteriormente memorizzato.
- Invia poi il pacchetto a un server per la successiva elaborazione.

APPROCCIO METODOLOGICO - CONVERSIONE IN ASSIMILAZIONE DELLA CO2 E PRINCIPI DI SCALABILITA' ALLA PIANTAGIONE)



Annual anular increment

$$S1 = \pi r^2$$

$$S2 = \pi(inc + r)^2$$

Anular Basal Area (BA) = $\pi(inc + r)^2 - \pi inc^2$
 inc è l'incremento misurato dal sensore

Huber's stem volume approach

$$V = a \times BA \times (H)$$

$a = 0.5$

H = altezza albero in m

$$Tree\ Total\ CO2 = (Stem\ Volume \times \rho \times (BEF)) \times C$$

BEF =

BEF(Biomass expansion factor) = $1.5(1+R)$

R (shoot-root ratio - espansione radicale) = 0.3

ρ (wood density) = $500\ kg\ m^3$

C(CO2 Kg conversion)= $3.67*0.5*biomass\ (Kg)$

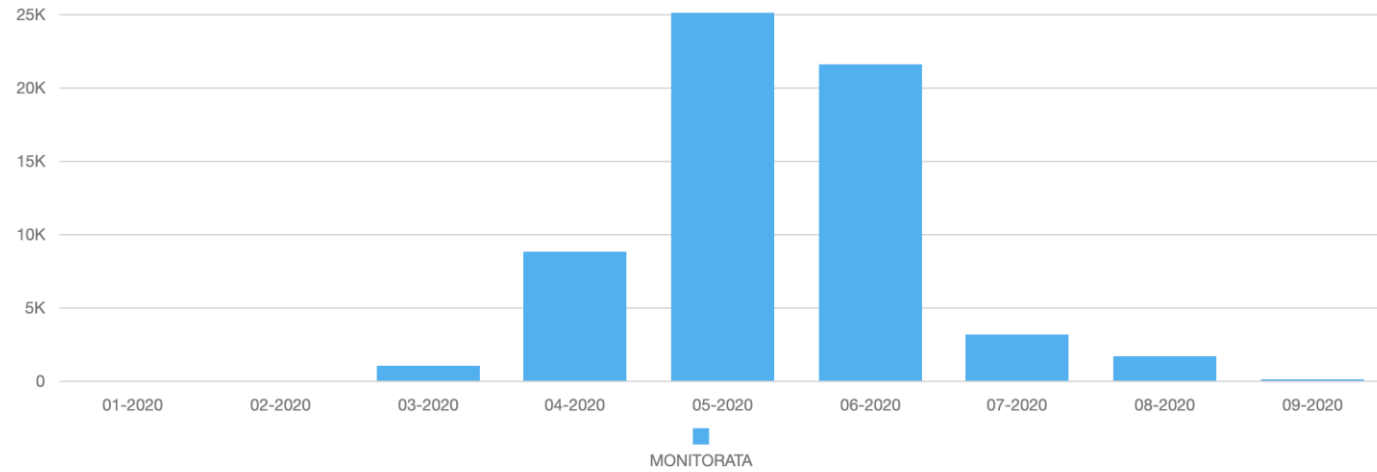
IPCC Good Practice Guidance for LULUCF chapter 3.2

Data inizio: novembre 2...

Data fine: novembre 2...

Excel

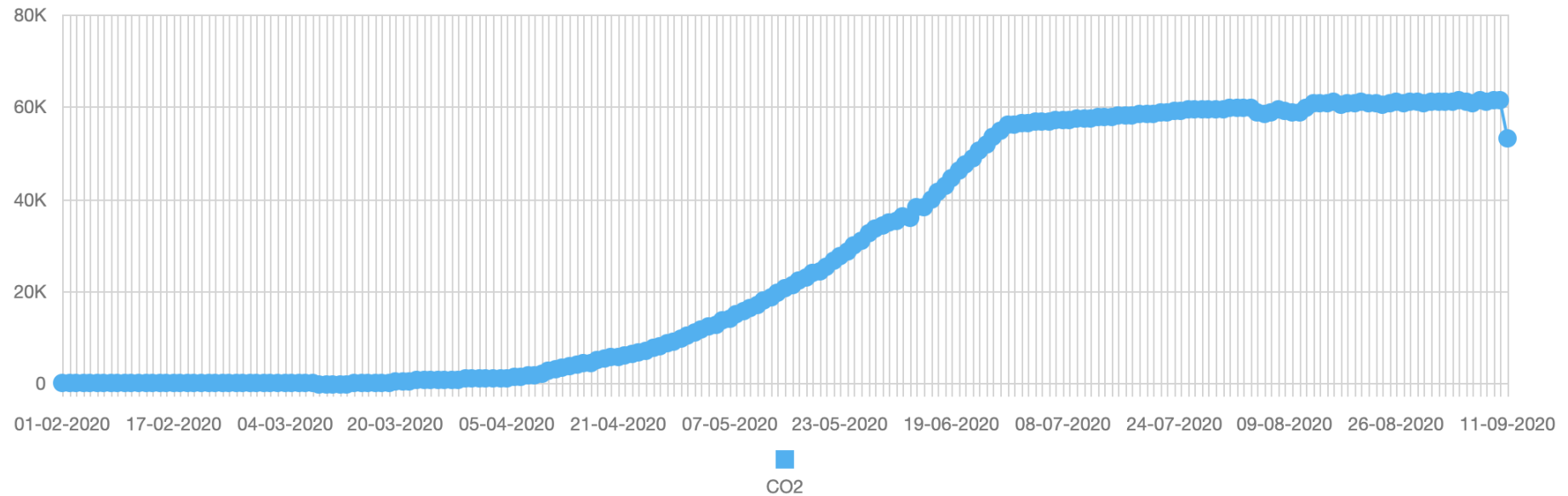
CO2 mensile (Kg)



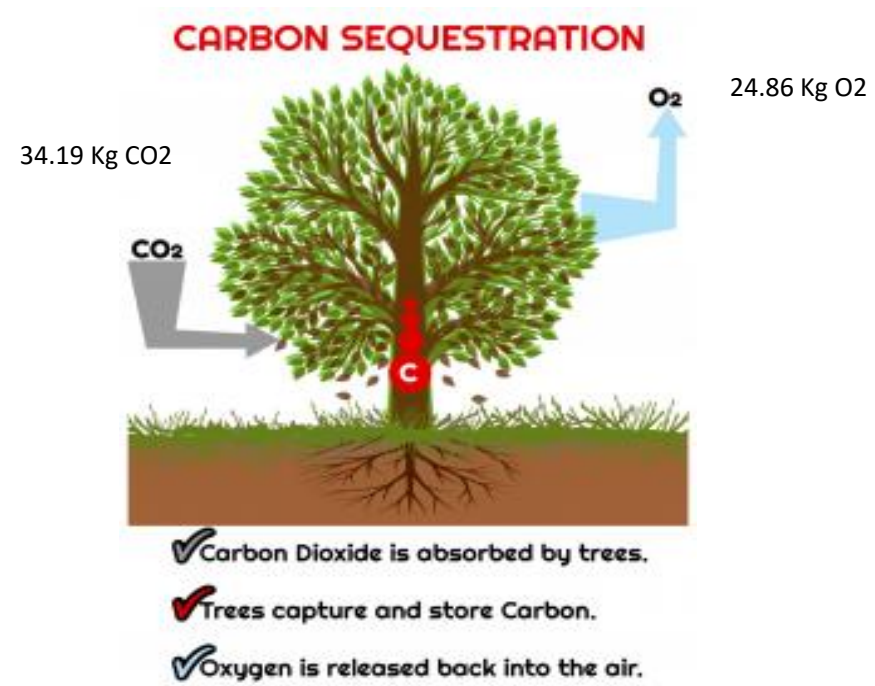
Data inizio: 1/2/2020

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Totale CO2 immagazzinata (Kg)



The MonteRe Plum Tree



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION BY REGION

Range per ha : 7.2-10.8 t CO2

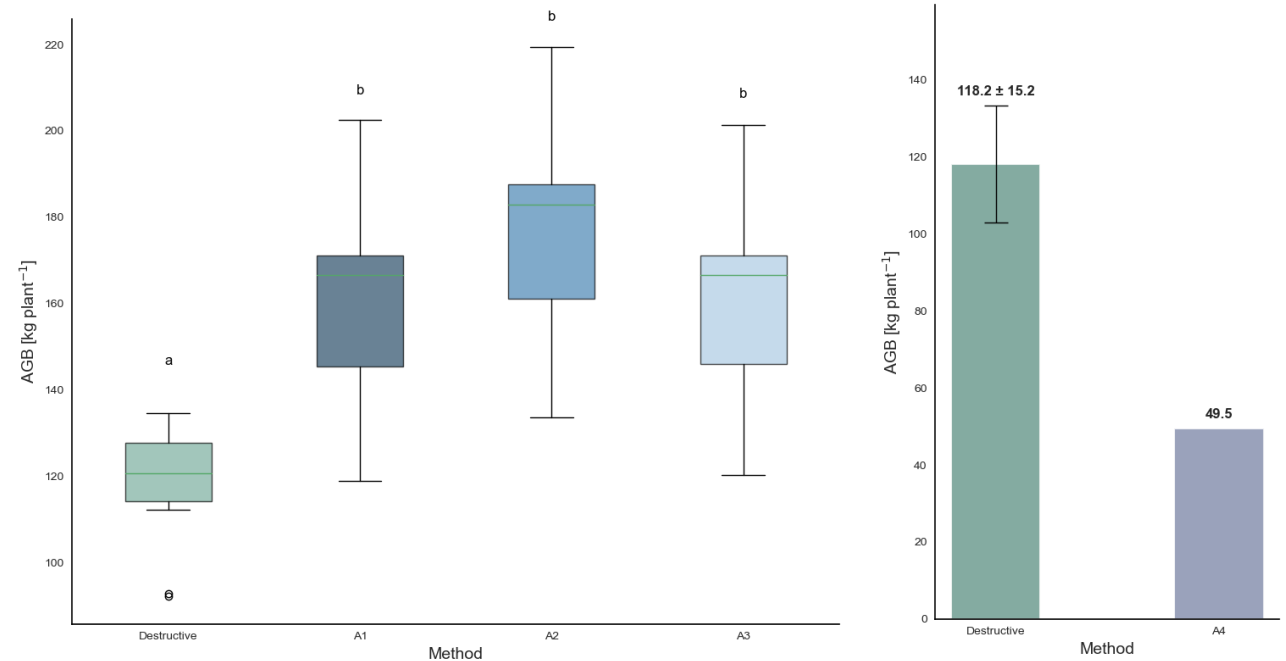
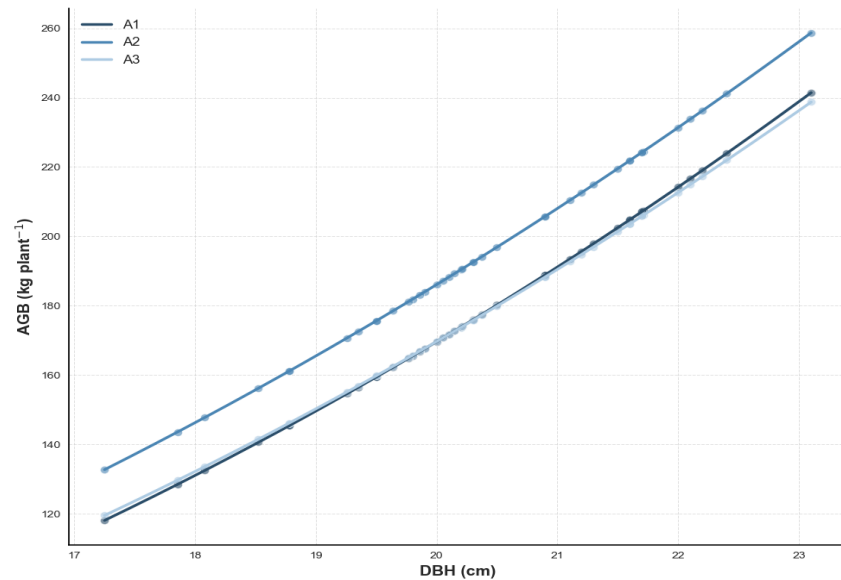
Younger trees seems to capture more carbon



Farm	Year of establishment	Trees per ha	Total hectares	Mean per tree(Kg CO2)	Standard Error (Kg CO2)	Mean per ha (Kg CO2)	Total per farm (Kg CO2)
Mugnano	2010	308	5.298	28.13	2.4	8662.70	45894.96
Mugnano	2017	342	4.3276	31.55	4.7	10791.38	46700.79
Banfi	2012	404	9.14	19.58	2.71	7909.52	72293.00
Banfi	2017	404	9.3	23.41	2.86	9458.33	87962.42
Troiqli	2015	417	7.8	20.53	3.4	8560.10	64200.77
Troiqli	2013	417	7.5	17.36	2.34	7238.41	56459.60

Uncertainty on scaling from Tree Diameter to total Biomass

- Compare the 4 allometric models :



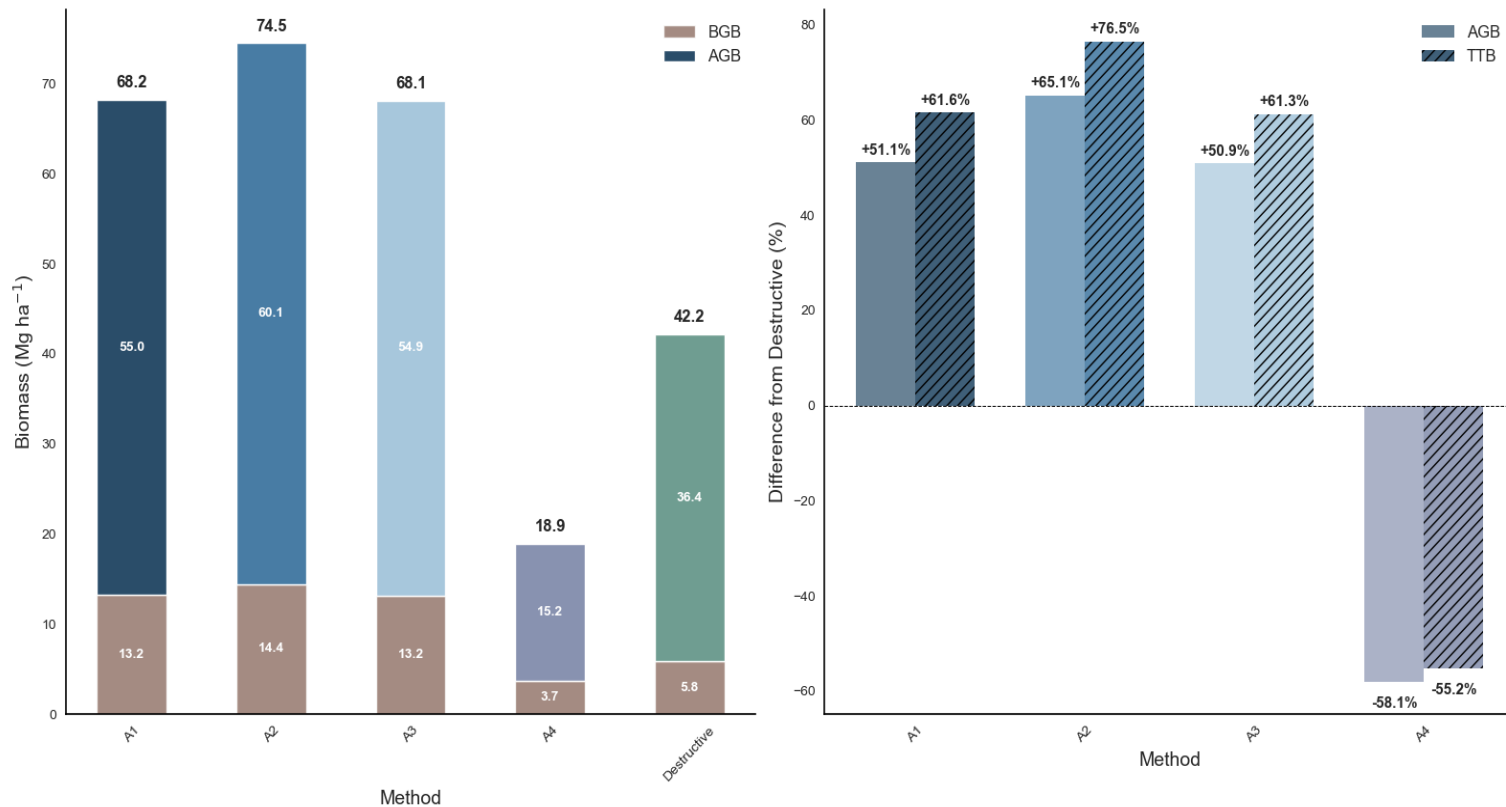
Preliminary analysis:
Fitting the 3 dbh-based allometric models to 41 field DBH data to observe trend patterns.

Comparison on the 10 destructively sampled trees: All models produce results significantly different from the destructive method.

Models A1–A3 predict higher AGB than model A4 → C stock estimates are highly model-dependent, prone to over- or underestimation.

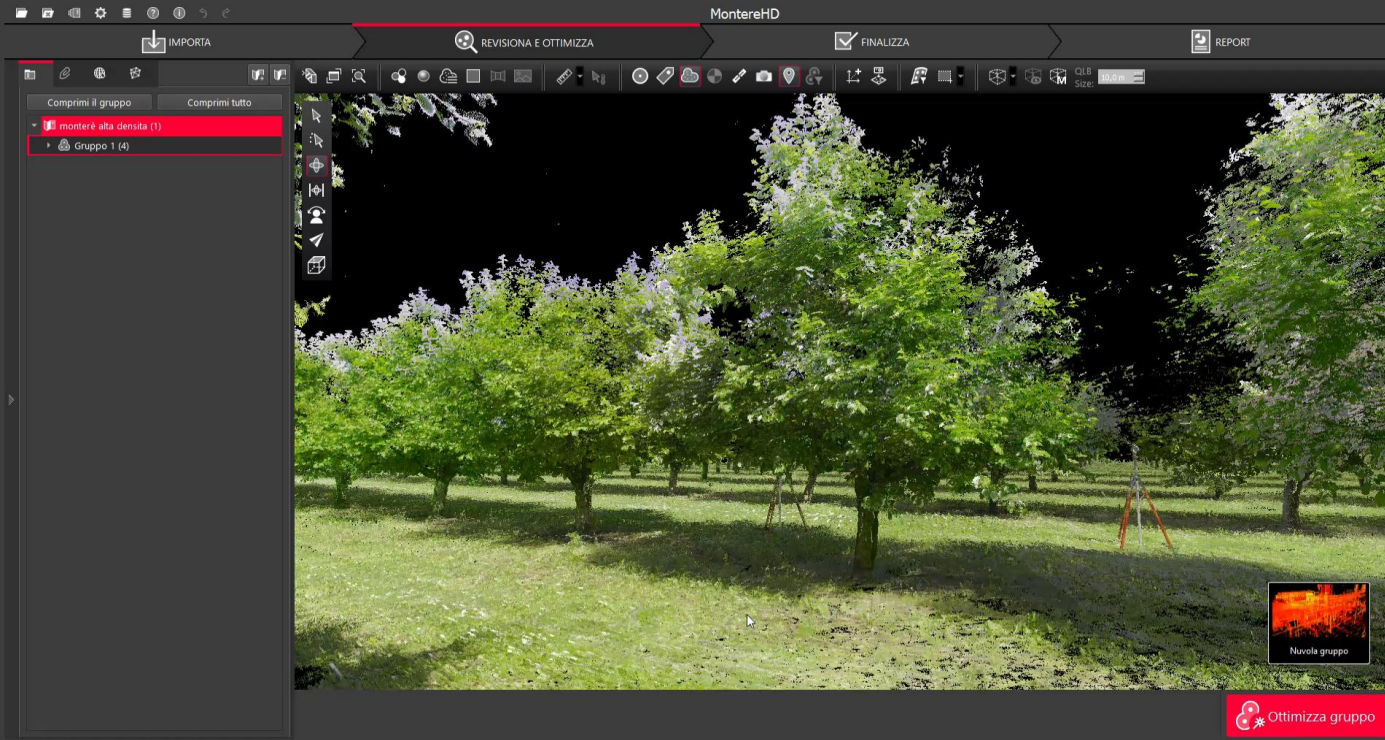
Assessing above- and below-ground biomass in a mature plum orchard in Italy

Compare models with observed values from destructive harvesting.

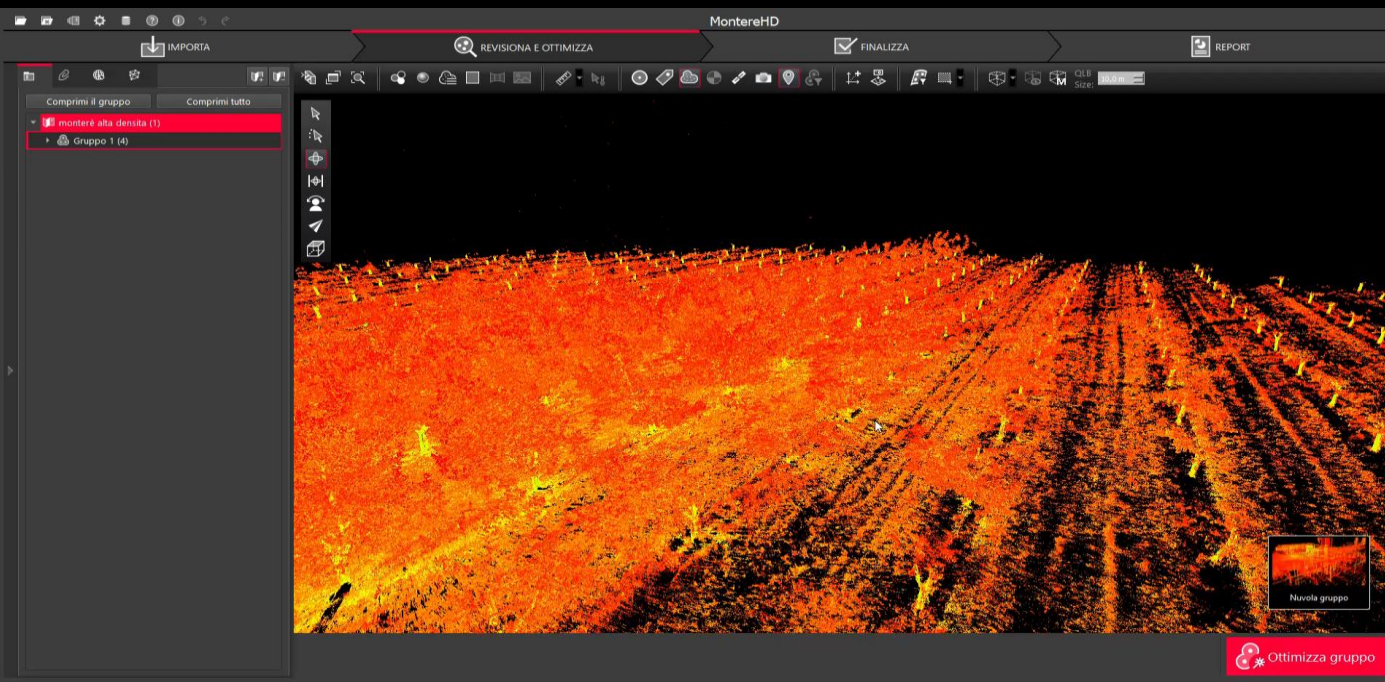


Models A1–A3 overestimate total CO₂ sequestration in biomass by 61% to 76% while model A4 underestimates it by 55%.



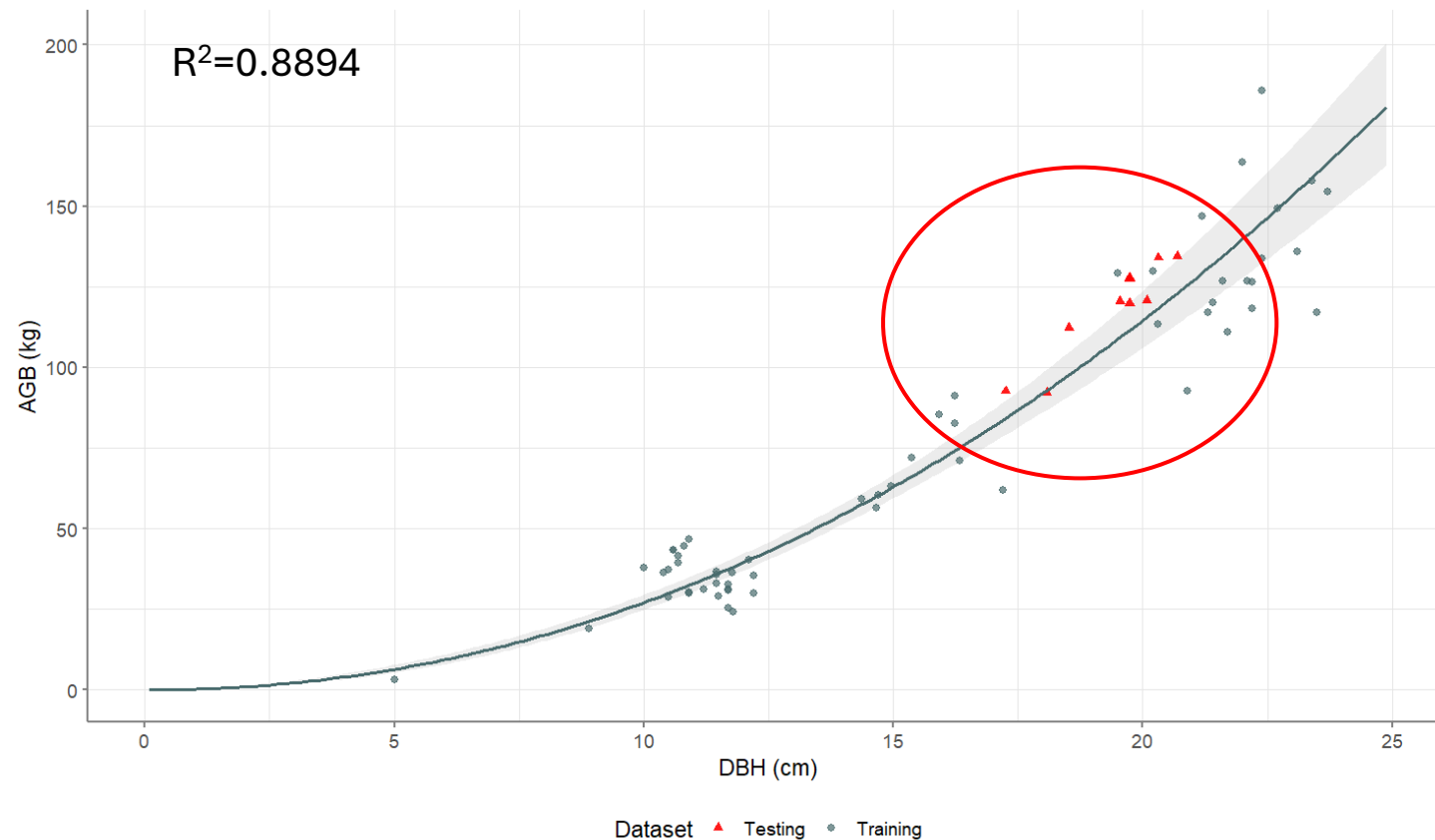


3D Analysis of Biomass and carbon accumulated in the farm



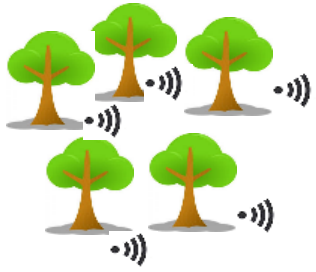
Thanks to Martina Leoni

Chapter 3: Development of non-destructive allometric models for plum trees

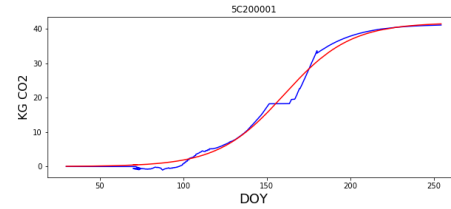


The allometric model was evaluated against destructively measured AGB, showing strong agreement.

Scheme of carbon monitoring for certification



IoT sensor network
(diameter
monitoring)



Model fusion
Extraction biomass
growth

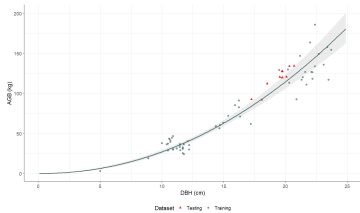
CO2 conversion
coefficient

Upload carbon
farming certification
scheme

Terrestrial Laser
Scanner
(Biomass Expansion
Factors)

$$V = BEF \times BA \times (H)$$

$$Tree\ Total\ CO2 = (V \times \rho \times Ccoeff)$$



Thanks !

