

Agroécologie et systèmes irrigués

**Innovations et accompagnement des transitions
en périmètres irrigués rizicoles
en Asie du Sud-Est**



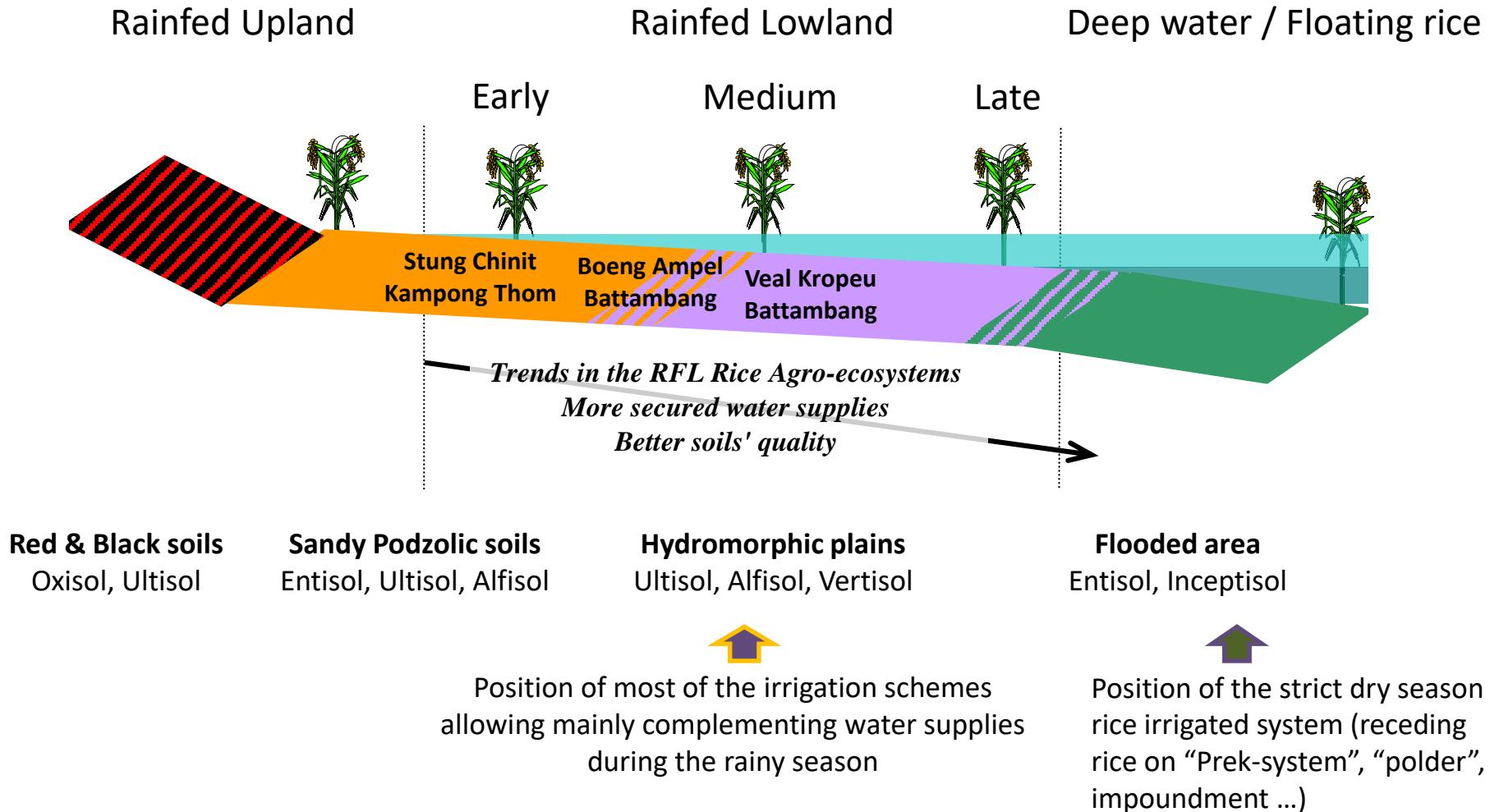
Eléments de contexte



Lowland areas

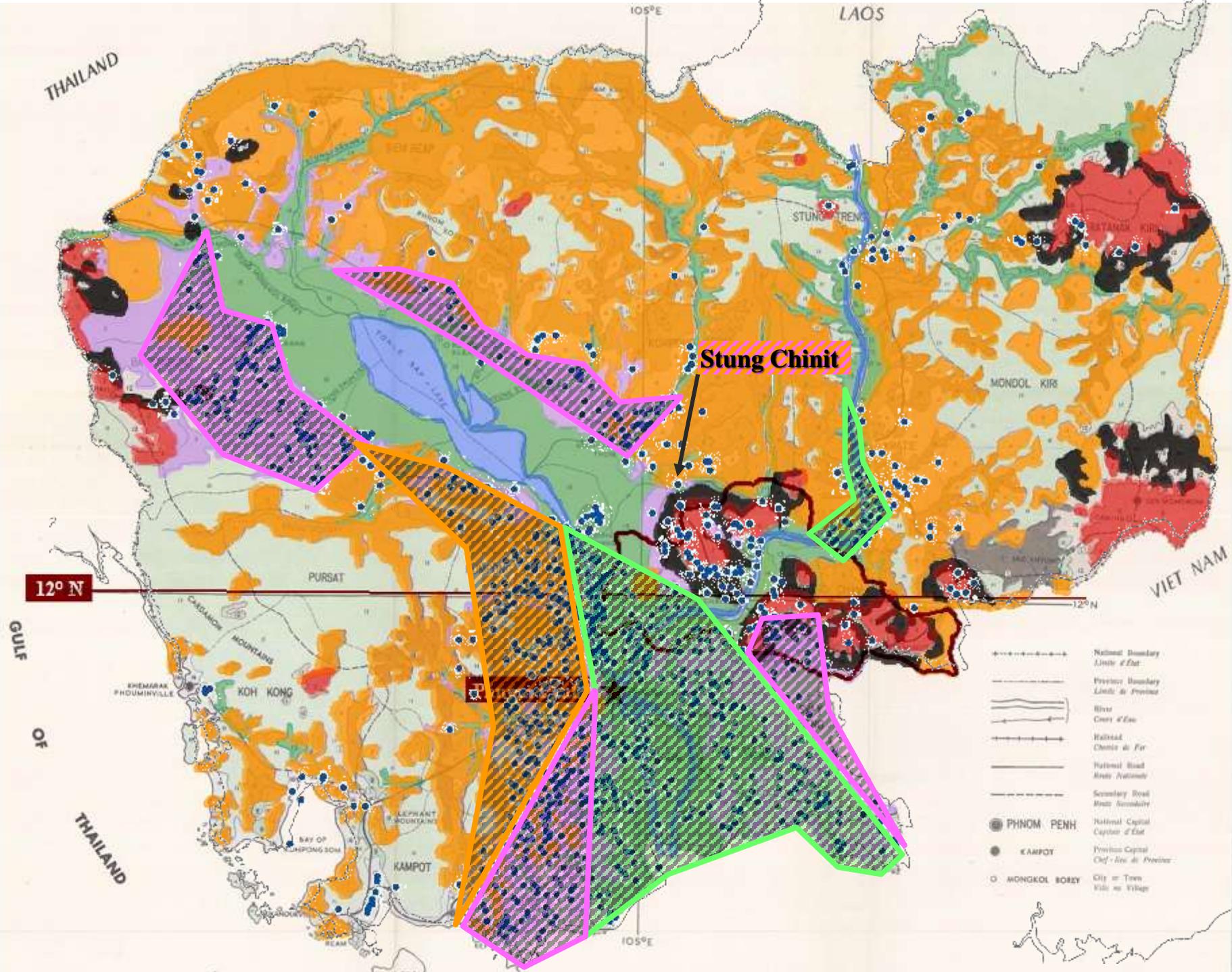
- Rainfed and irrigated
- Rice-based farming systems

Major rice agro-ecosystems

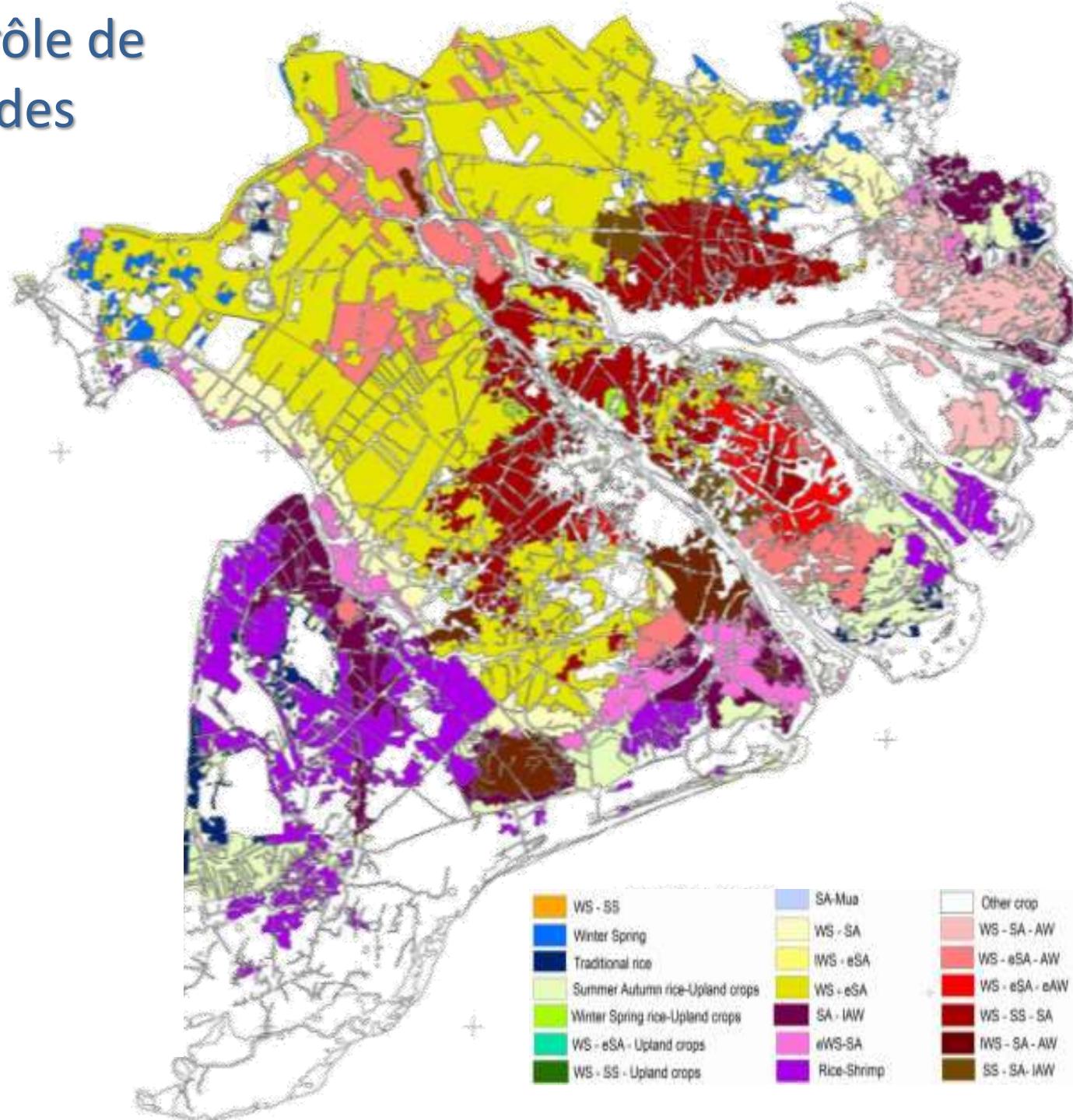


- **Large diversité** de contextes biophysiques au niveau régional
 - Agroécosystèmes (sols, hydrologie)
 - Aménagement et contrôle de l'eau (irriguéS / inondéS)
- → large gamme de modes de gestion (Σ de cult., Σ exploitation)





Hydrologie, contrôle de l'eau et diversité des systèmes



- Intensification des systèmes rizicoles sous condition d'une amélioration du contrôle de l'eau
 - des gains de productivité couplés à un usage intensif de ressources (agrochimie, W du sol mécanisé) "sécurisés" par un contrôle du milieu
 - faible diversification des systèmes vs forte variabilité des milieux
 - Pression croissante de bioagresseurs (adventices, insectes, maladies)
 - Les rizicultures inondés peu concernés par ces modes d'intensification et en "première ligne" face au CC



Innovations et intensification AE des systèmes rizicoles

Agroecology principles

(Altieri, 2012)

- Enhance the recycling of biomass with a view to optimizing organic matter decomposition and nutrient cycling over time,
- Minimize losses of energy, water, nutrients and genetic resources by enhancing conservation and regeneration of soil and water resources and biodiversity,
- Diversify species and genetic resources in the agroecosystems over time and space at the field and landscape level,
- Enhance beneficial biological interactions and synergies among the components of agro biodiversity, thereby promoting key ecological processes and services.

Agroecology relies on five principles: recycling, efficiency, diversity, regulation and synergies.

Agreement on
principles



Climate smart rice cropping systems

	Mitigation			Adaptation	State of art
	CO2	CH4	N2O		
Thematic - Level crops management					
Variety development		var. with limited CH4 emission -?-		selection / CC-induced alteration (resistance to drought, tolerance to salinization ...) -?-	on-going breeding program prospective for application -?-
Potential impact					
Nitrogen management	interdependence N and SOC dynamics		Balance Ammonium / Nitrate, fractionation, dose ...		to validate impact / analyze pathways - high transferability
Potential impact	++		-?-		
AWD		reduction emission +++		reduced water consumption +	operational - high transferability
Potential impact					
Straw management	reduction emission (no burn, positive SOC balance)				operational - high transferability, livestock integration
Potential impact	+++				
Systemic - level cropping / farming systems management					
SRI	to be evaluated	reduction emission via integration of AWD in the system +++	to be evaluated / likely to be significant with increased rely on O.M. based fertilization	reduced water consumption +	operational -transferability function of the context-, based on simple message
Potential impact	-?-		-?-		
CA	strong stimulation of positive SOC balance	water and soil management lead to aerobic condition +++	to be evaluated / likely to be significant with O.M. based fertilization	Context-based design, multi-functionality of cover-c. +++	methodology and technique references for systems design and up-scale (R&D approach)
Potential impact	+++		-?-		



Enhancing ecological processes through Conservation Agriculture systems

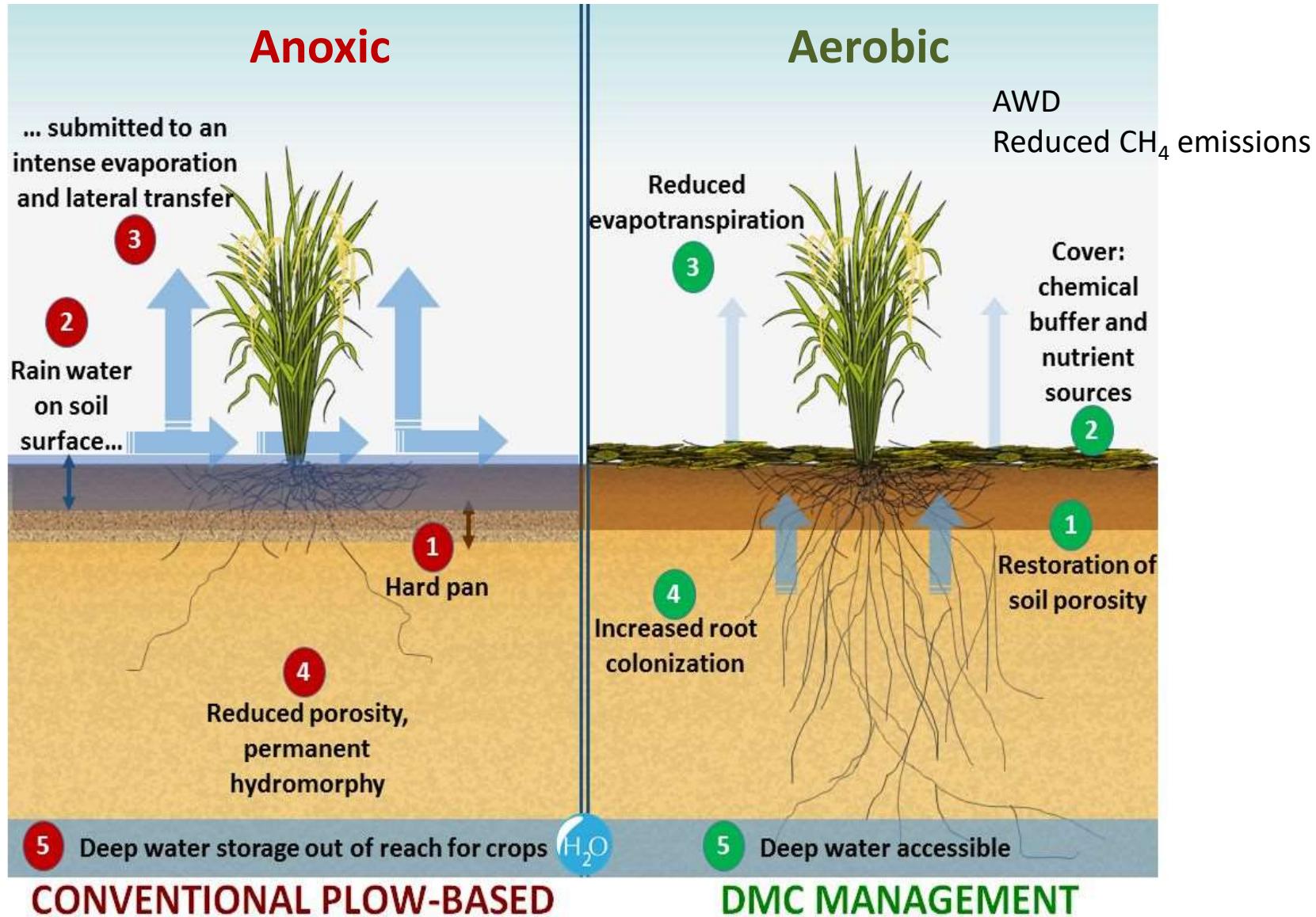
Minimum soil disturbance

Soil cover

Diversity of crops/species

From anoxic to aerobic conditions ... opens ways to

→ adaptation and mitigation to CC
→ Diversification of cropping systems



Example based on topographic position – Flood plains



Feb. 2016 (El Niño event, extremely dry)



Feb. 2016



March 2016



May 2016

Development of fodder legumes on residual soil moisture in the dry season. Banan district, Battambang

Establishment of cover/relay crops after wet season rice (Battambang, Banan, 32 ha, 18hh)



Phka Rumdoul

- 2015: 3.5 t/ha
- 2016: 4.0 t/ha
- 2017: 4.6 t/ha



Sowing rice on living cover crop, increasing efficiency

- Higher flexibility
- Reduction of production cost
- Higher input/production of biomass
- Continuous process of decomposition/mineralization during rice cycle
- Towards 0 herbicide
- Quality of the products



Centrosema pascuorum

Vers un couplage R&D et vulgarization agricole basé sur les OP / associations d'usagers

- Different scales/dimensions:
 - Agricultural engineering platform (technical training, diagnosis, typology, constraints, conception CS/practices, collective learning)
 - Social engineering platform (technical training to support FWUC/FO, production means purchase, integrated mngt of resources, landscape)
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graph TD; A[fields, farms, territory / IS] --> B[Research]; A --> C[Engineering]
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- The diagram illustrates the coupling between research and agricultural engineering. At the center is a green rounded rectangle containing the text "fields, farms, territory / IS". Two red arrows point away from this central box: one arrow points upwards towards a red-bordered box on the right labeled "Research (processes, impacts, academic knowledge)", and another arrow points downwards towards a red-bordered box below labeled "Agricultural engineering platform (technical training, diagnosis, typology, constraints, conception CS/practices, collective learning)".

# Co-conception des systèmes au travers de boucle d'apprentissage



Different objects, différents points de vue, différentes échelles ...

Distinguer  
les processus d'innovations techniques et  
organisationnelles

des méthodologies d'accompagnement des  
transitions AE

## **Accompagnement et qualification des transitions AE en SI**

- Remodeler l'accompagnement agronomique des OPs et Associations d'usagers autour des innovations AE**

# Agricultural extension, innovations, learning process

- Different scales: trials (inventions, 'field of possibilities', prospective and research on biophysical processes), on-farm (performances/efficiency, resources management: fodder/soil fertility...) and extension (from simple tools to integrated system, impacts) as a support for R&D, extension and collective learning.



# Gestion et partage espaces et des ressources

- Diversification et
  - Gestion de l'eau
  - Valorisation des produits
  - Développement de ressources fourragères et gestion du bétail
- Vers une gestion de la diversification à l'échelle des paysages au sein des PI
- Pilotage des systèmes et modélisation de l'offre hydrique



# Mise à disposition d'un germoplasm diversifié

## Laos, Cambodia, Echo Asia - A unique germplasm

- Preserve a large diversity of staple crops and cover/relay crops – **55 species, 335 cultivars**
- Share genetic resources
- Train field practitioners (preservation and storage): Echo Asia, Nov. 2017
- Produce seeds of keys cover/relay crops for public institutions, development operators and private sector
- Organize national event (Aug. 2018)
- Publish a catalogue (Oct. 2018)
- Develop a business plan

Annual production: >1 ton of stylo, >1 ton of Centrosema, 2 tons of sorghum and pearl millet, 3 tons of sunnhemp, 1 ton of *C. ochrolooeuca*...



A large diversity of pulse crops: soybean, mungbean, rice-bean and cowpea



Forages and cover crops



On-farm seed production of sunnhemp

... d'une mécanisation adaptée

NT planter



seed broadcasting



# Mécanisation adaptée



Broadcaster



Rollers



Roller and broadcaster



Versatile no-till planter – Sowing green

Machinery should fit with the principles of ecological intensification, improving resource-use efficiency while preserving the soil capital.

# Accompagnement et qualification des transitions AE en SI

- évaluation des *performances* des systèmes AE
- qualification des *impacts* des innovations AE sur les sols, l'eau et les produits
- caractérisation des *émissions de GES* des systèmes AE et conventionnels

Increase in soil organic matter driving  
nutrient cycling, soil biological activity,  
water retention and adaptation to climate  
change

Stung Chinit, Cambodia



# Conclusion

- Large gamme d'innovations AE adaptée à la diversité des agroécosystèmes rizicoles, irrigués et inondés
- Articuler les ressources (projet de dev., facilité transversales, Recherche) pour
  - Avancer sur l'ingénierie de projet pour engager les agroécosystèmes rizicoles dans des processus de transitions AE (méthodologie, coûts)
  - Renseigner ces innovations (performances, services écosystémiques, indicateurs) → calcul de TRI *complet*
  - Renforcer les plaidoyers, institutionnaliser les approches, évolutions des politiques autour du couple eau agricole / AE