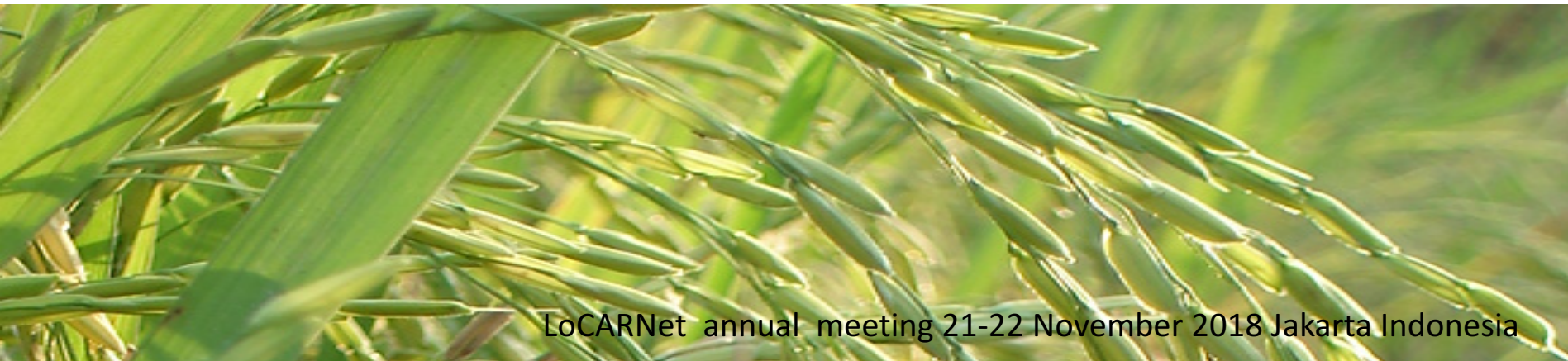


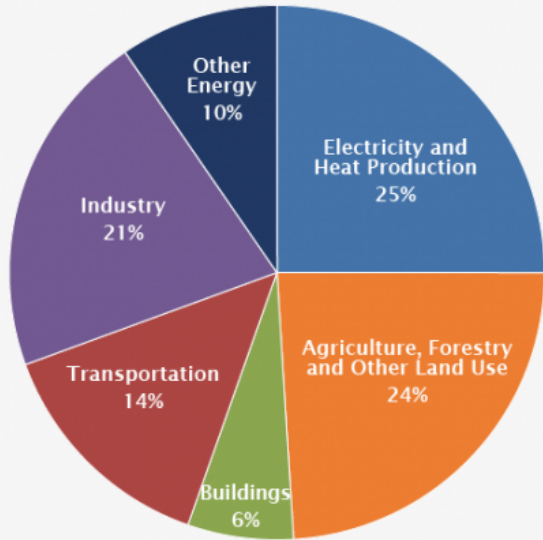
# Low carbon farming technology : rice field

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Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector

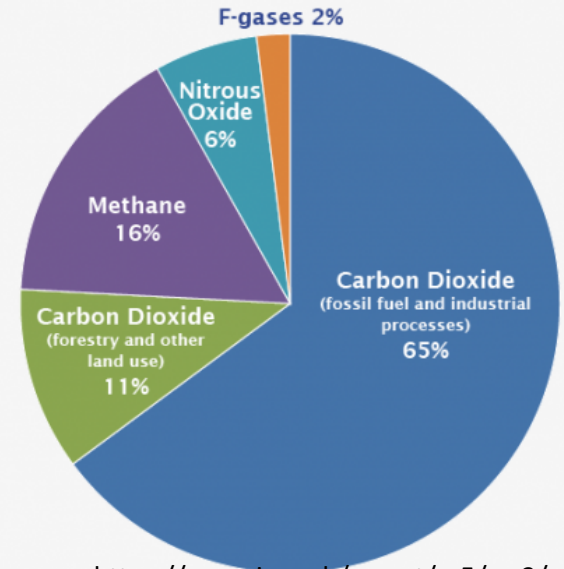


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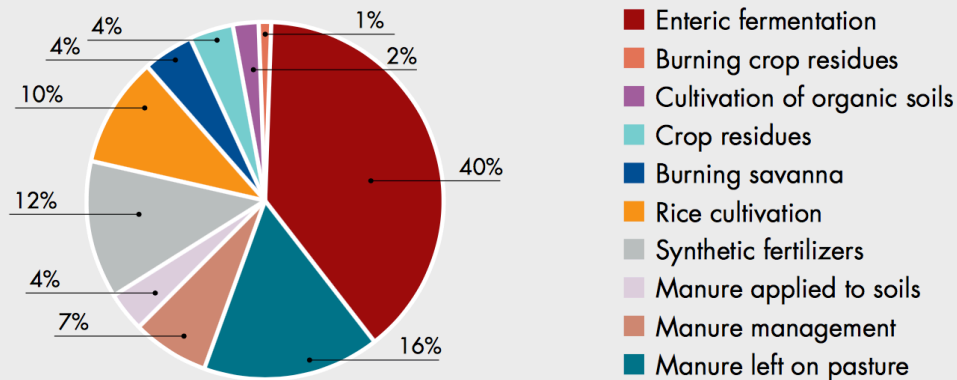
24 % Agriculture  
 16% CH4  
 6% N2O

Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Gas



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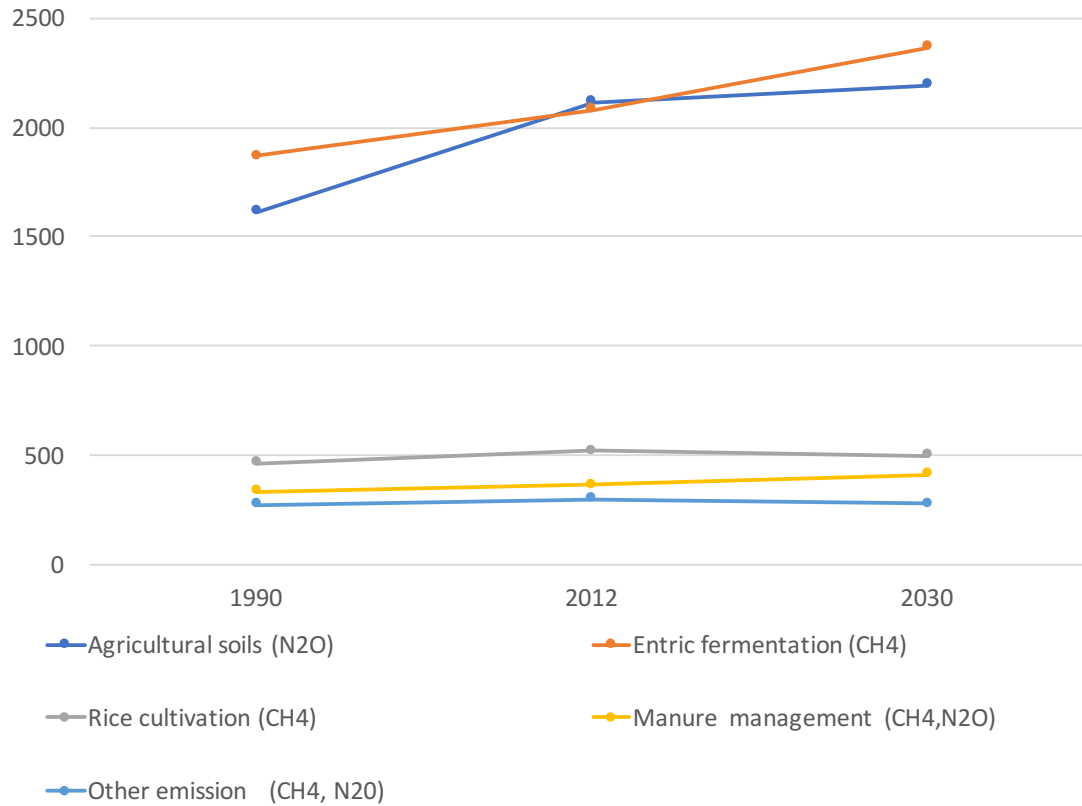
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FAO 2016

# Projection of GHG emission Agricultural Sector

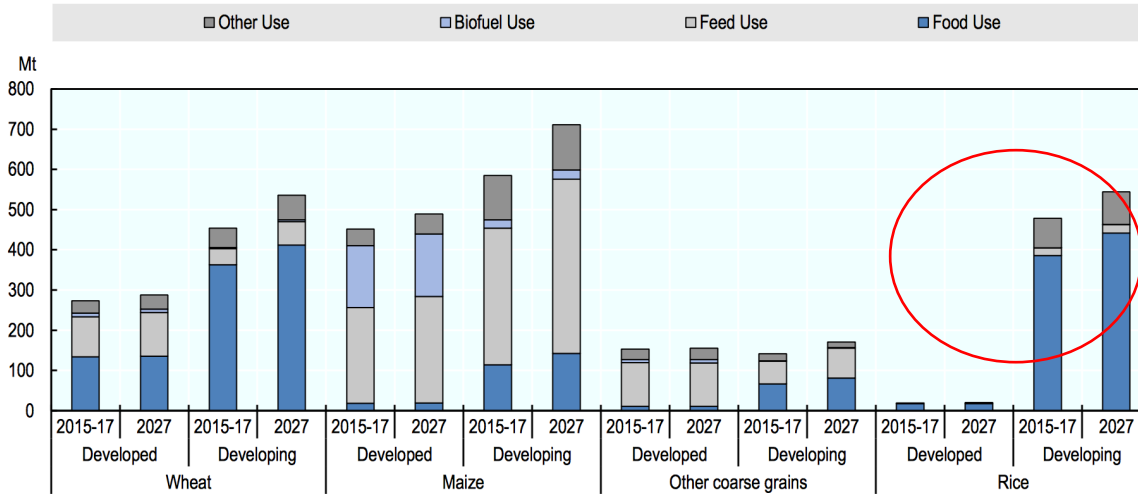
Trend of global total direct emission from agriculture (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e)



- ❖ Emission from agriculture is increasing
- ❖ Nitrous oxide from Soil



# Cereal use in developed and developing countries



- ❖ Rice is used as food in developing countries but trade for consumption in developed country

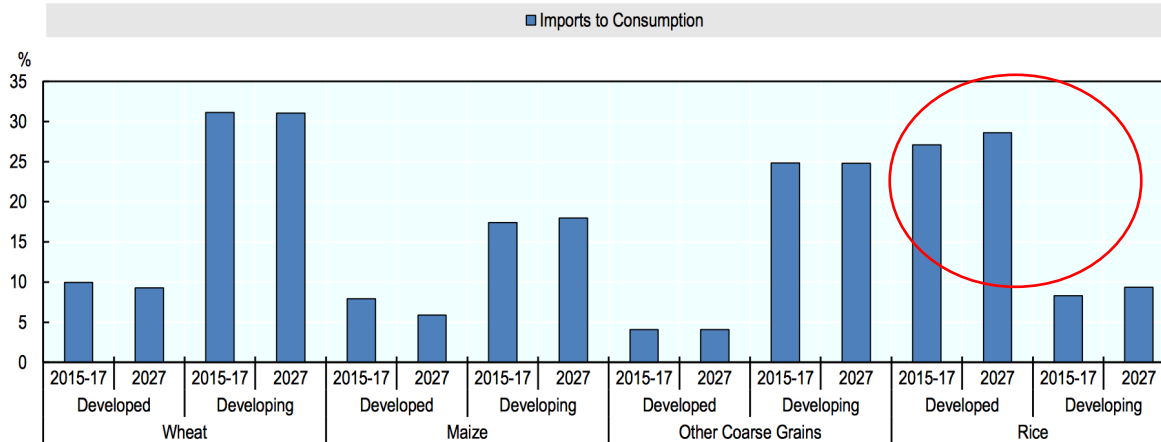
- ❖ High share of rice area in agriculture in most SEAN countries

- ❖ Major source of emission in ASEAN countries

Source: OECD/FAO (2018), "OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook", OECD Agriculture statistics (database), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/agr-outl-data-en>.

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# Trade as percentage of consumption

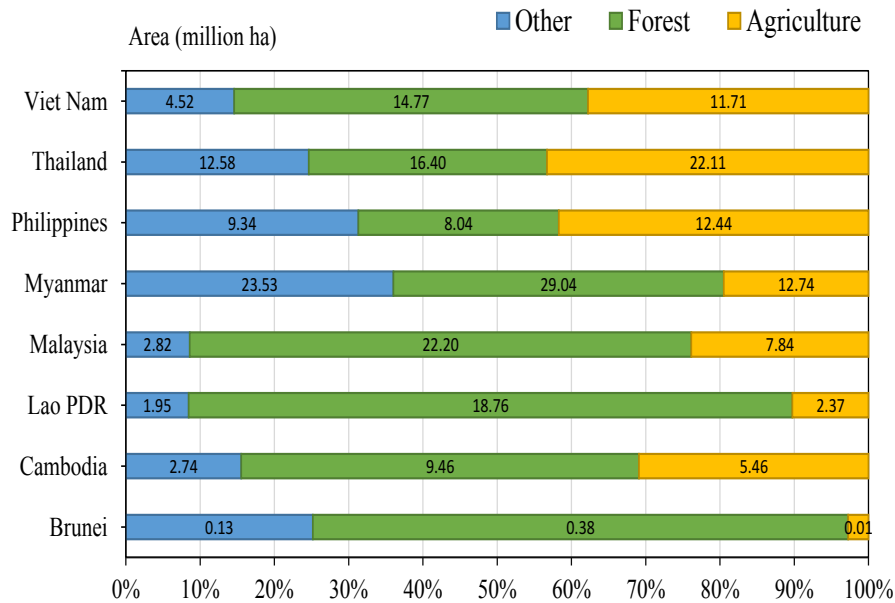


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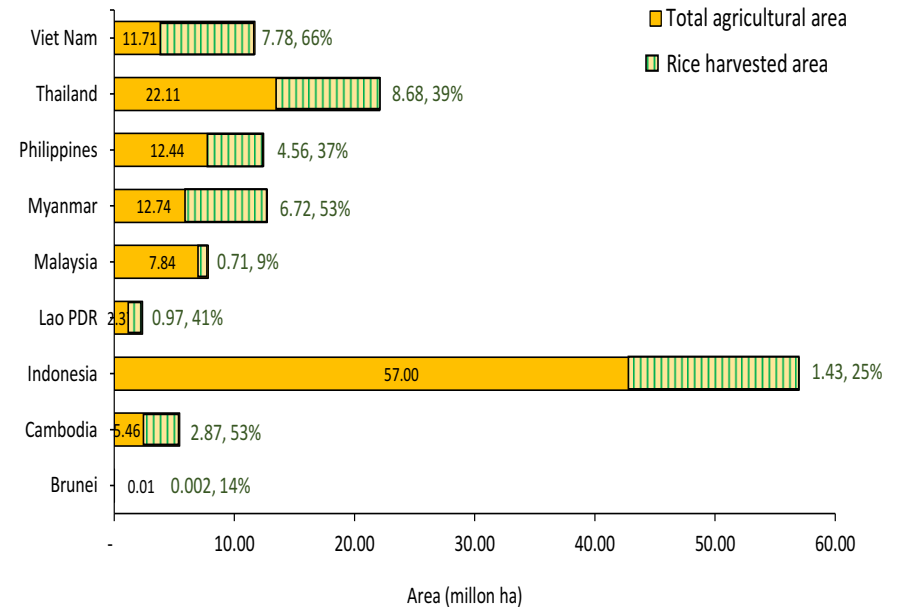
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# Agricultural land and rice area in SEA countries

Share of Land use in ASEAN countries, 2015

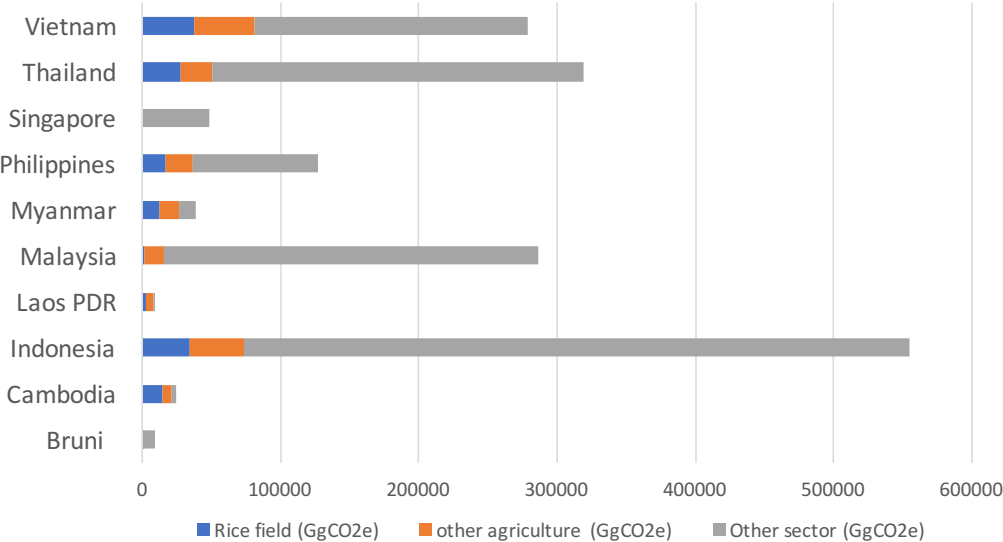


Share of rice area in ASEAN countries, 2015



# Situation of GHG emission in SEA

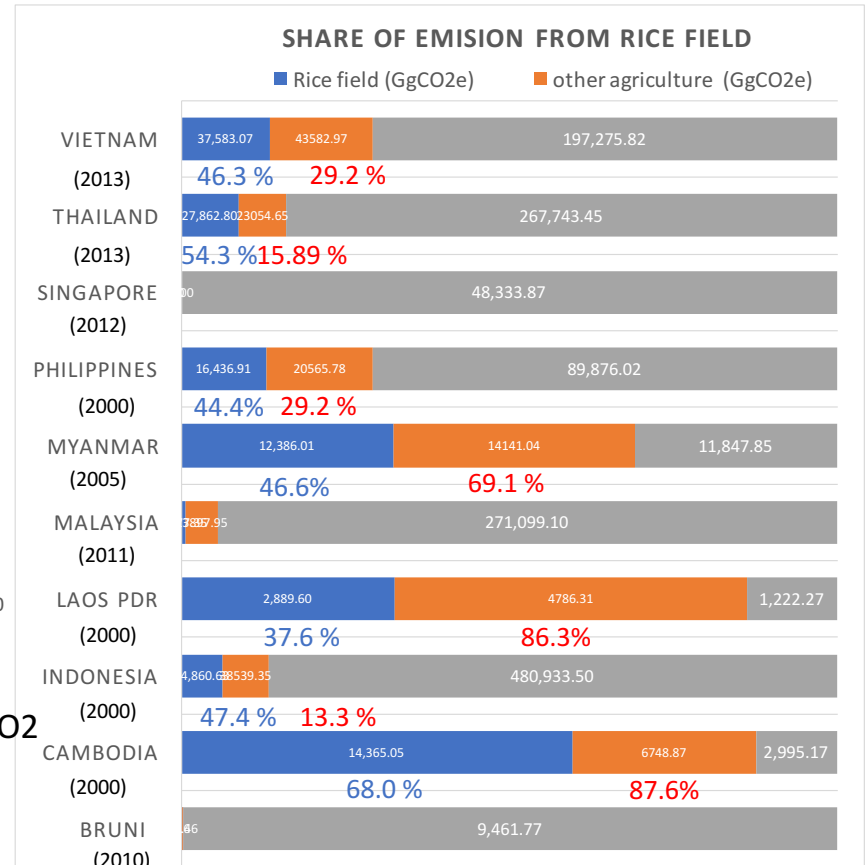
Emission from rice field against national total emission



-Total emission from rice field of SEA country approx. 150,000 GgCO<sub>2</sub>e

-Share of emission from rice field to national total =10.7 %

-Country with high emission from rice field ,Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia cover 78% of emission from rice field in ASEAN country



Data from NC and BUR

# Emission reduction targets of SEA countries (NDC)

Country	Target (%)	Conditions
Indonesia	29-41	Reduction below BAU by 2030
Thailand	20-25	
Vietnam	8-25	
Philippines	67	BAU 2010-2030
Malaysia	35-45	GHG intensity below BAU by 2030
Singapore	30	Reduction below 2005 base year

## Vietnam:

-System of Rice Intensity (SRI) include reducing production input, (seed, fertilizer, pesticides, irrigation water) by 500,000 hectares and reduce 2 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>eq/year

## Indonesia:

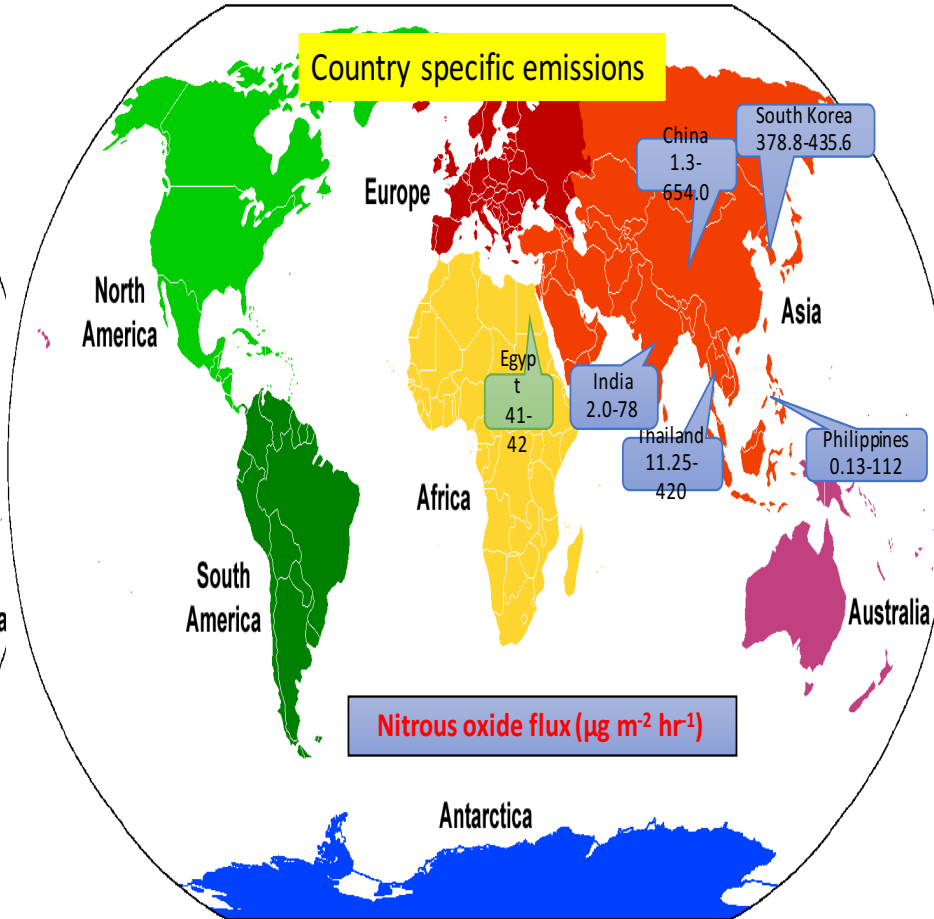
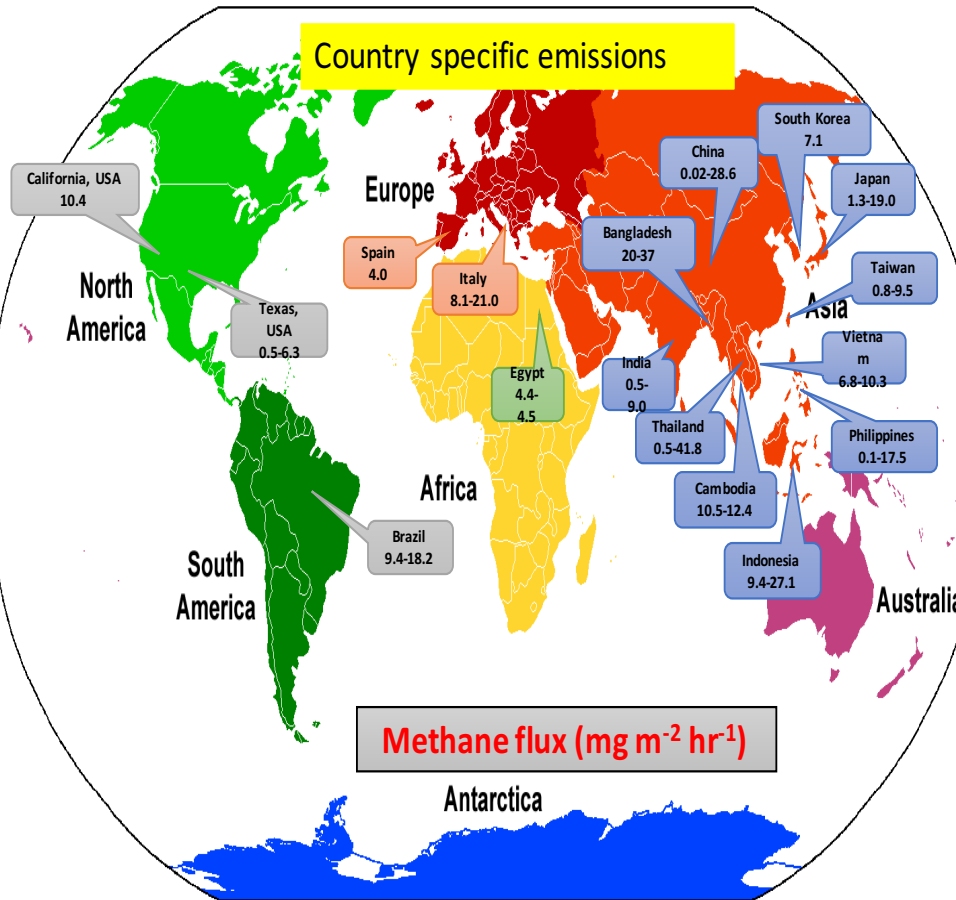
-Low emission crop 926,000 hectares in 2030  
 - Water efficiency concept 820,000 hectares in 2030

# Challenges

## Global emission factor

METHANE

NITROUS OXIDE

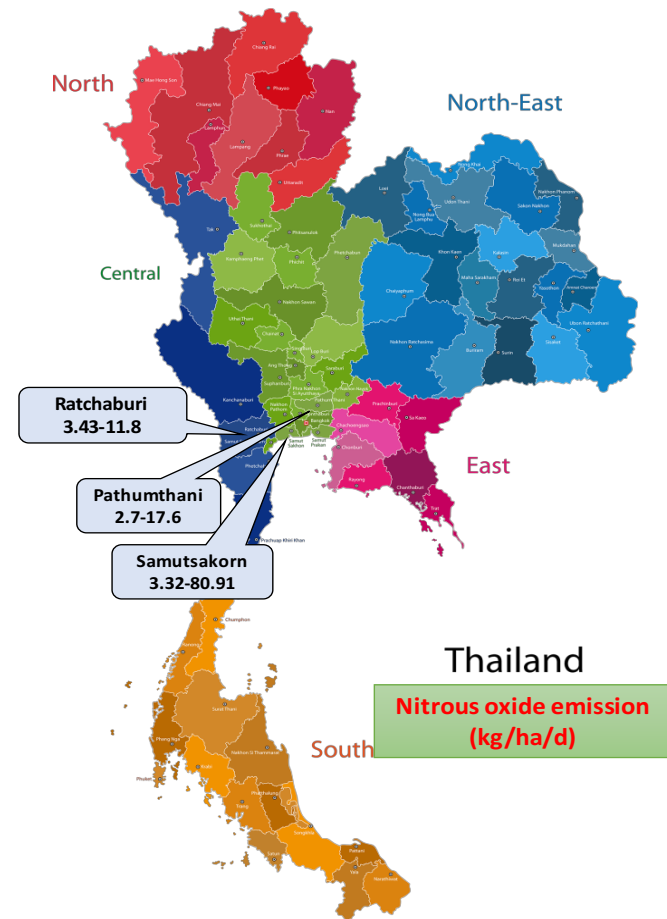
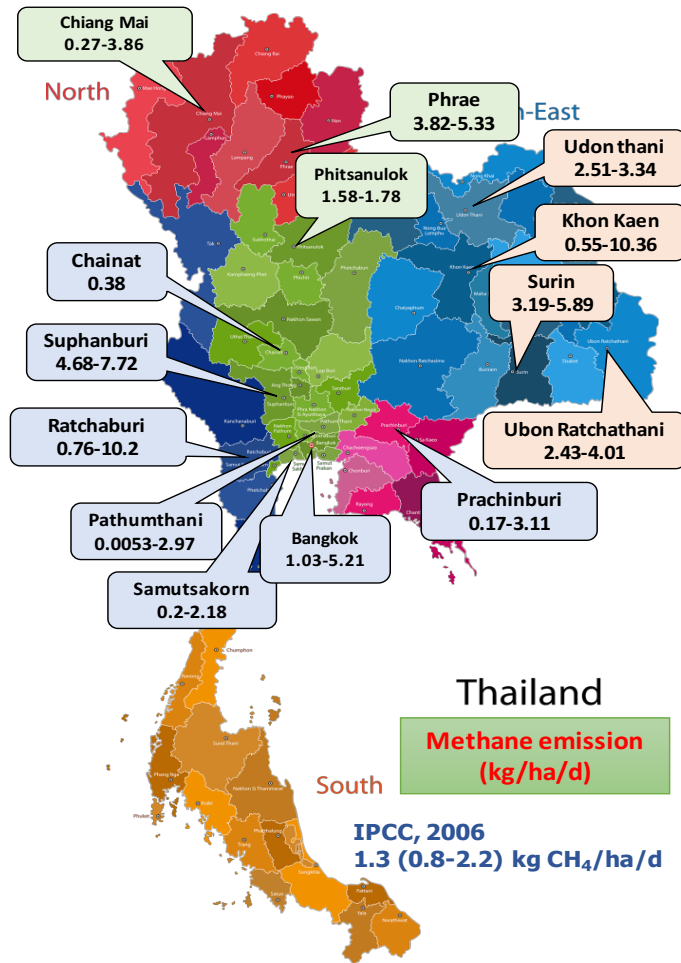


Broad range of emission



# Challenges

## Methane and nitrous oxide emission flux from field measure in Thailand

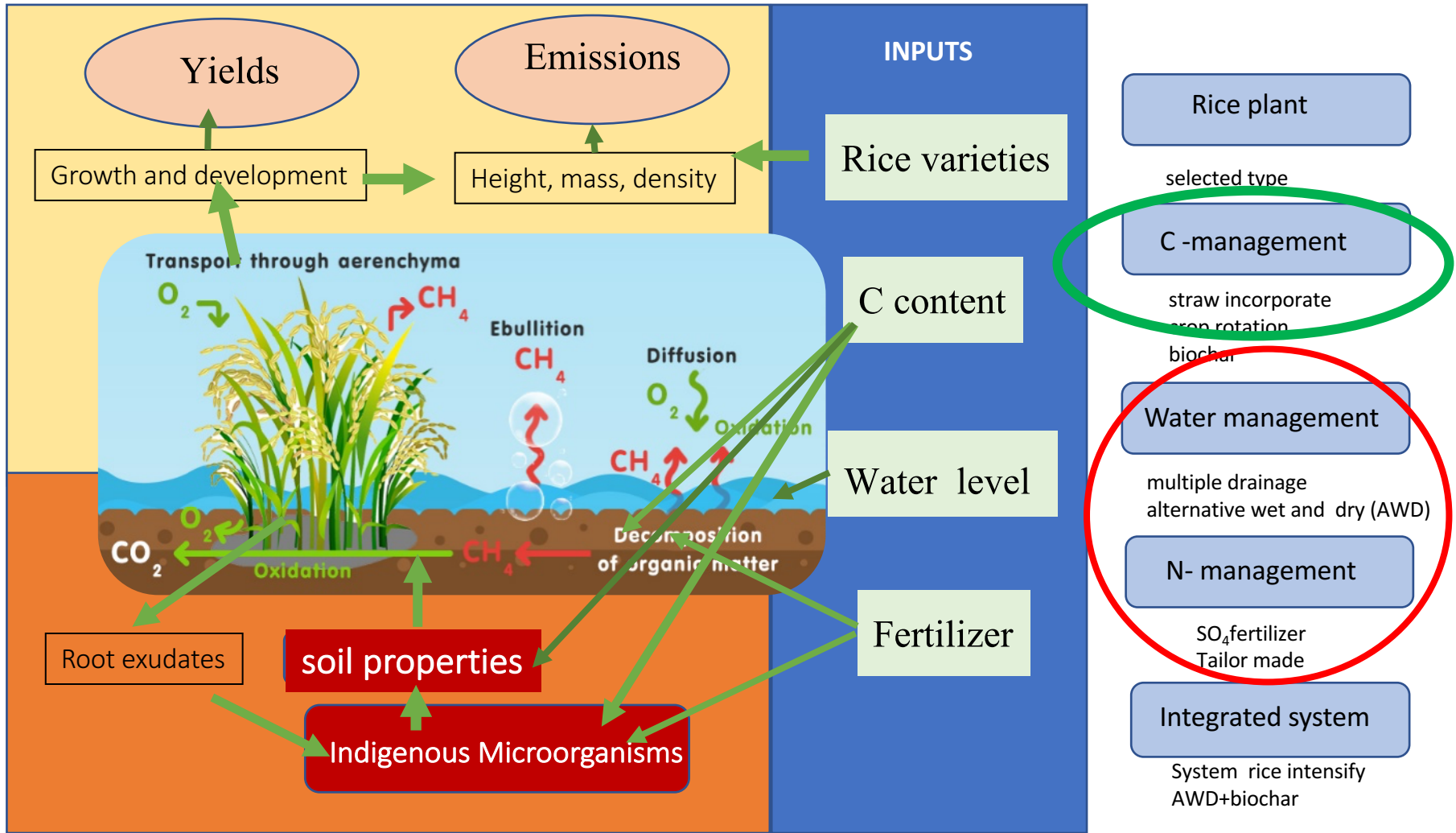


# What is low carbon farming

- Low carbon farming: use of farming **methods or technology** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to capture/ hold carbon in plant and soils.
- Reduce GHG emission : no till cropping , nutrient sufficient application , water management
- Carbon capture in Soil : staw incorporation, biochar application, compost, cover crop

# MECHANISMS

# Low carbon technology



# Low carbon farming technology in rice cultivation

## N-management : Tailor-made fertilizer

### Fertilizer application based on soil testing and “Tailor-made fertilizer”

- Right amounts of the right nutrient at the right time to the right crop at the right place.
- “**Tailor-made**” fertilization was comprised of four steps:
  1. Field identification of soil series
  2. Soil test kit analysis (pH, N, P, K) of field soil
  3. Fertilizer recommendations with computer-based decision-aids
  4. Farmer empowerment – people-centered development, interactive learning, farmer networking



NPK on hand	NPK desired
10	12
10	8
10	10

Label directions for mixing:  
1      1 part water

Calculate

Ratio	Parts Fertilizer	Result
1.20	1.20	12-12-12
0.80	0.80	8-8-8
1.00	1.00	10-10-10

Crop year 2011	Tailor-made fertilizer technology	Farmer's practice
Rice yield (kg/ha)	6,006	4,950
Fertilizer cost (USD/ha)	75.4	124



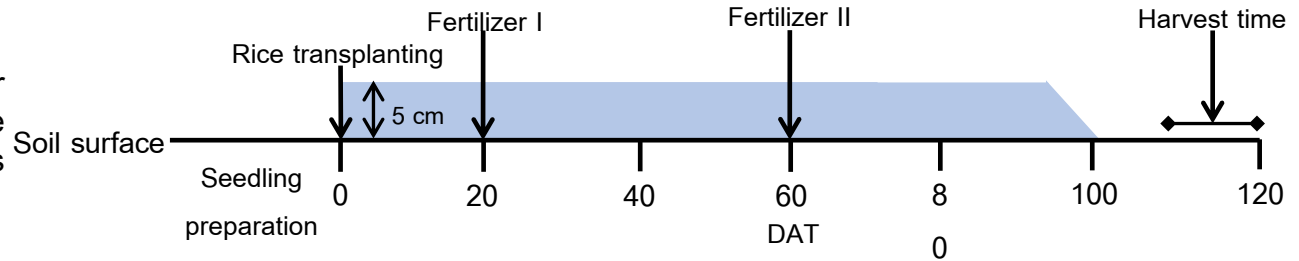
- Application of “Tailor-made fertilizer” can **reduce fertilizer cost by 21%**, and **increase crop yield by 15%** compared with farmer’s practice (Yost et al., 2013).
- Applying tailor-made fertilizer in maize cultivation in Thailand can **reduce GHG emission by 22%** (Khonpikul et al., 2017)

# Low carbon farming technology in rice cultivation

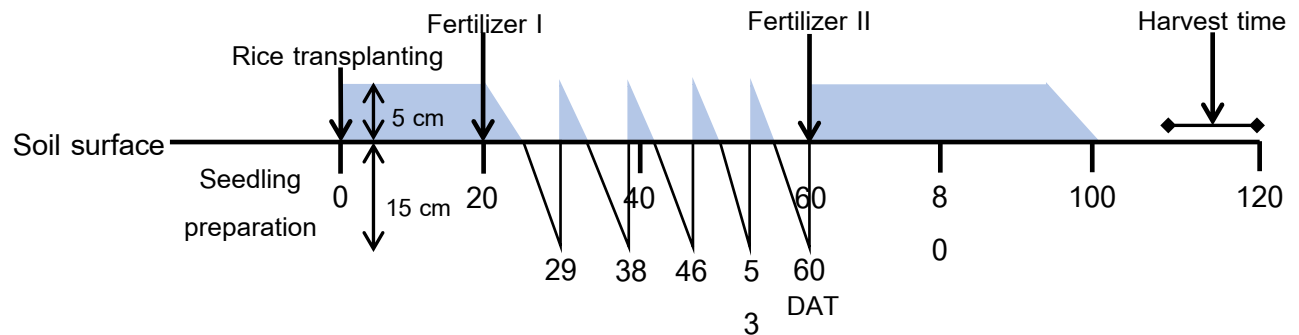
## Water management : alternative wet and dry

- AWD practice is allowing the water table to drop below the soil surface at one or multiple points during cultivation.
- AWD and other single- or multiple- drying practices have been used for several decades as water-saving practices.

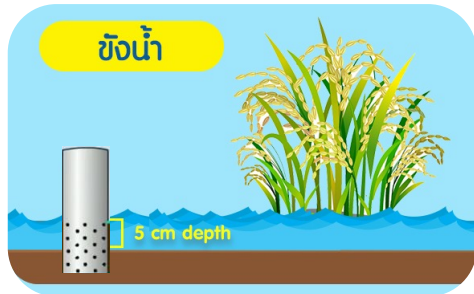
### Continuous Flooding (CF)



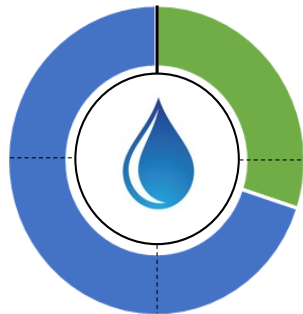
### Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD)



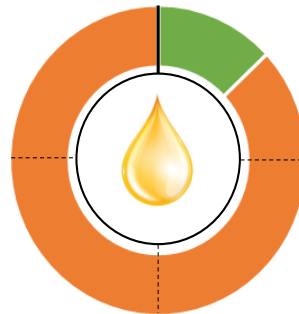
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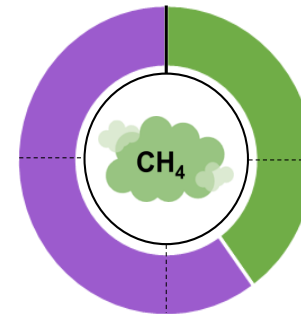
- At present, AWD is widely accepted as the most promising practice for reducing GHG emissions from irrigated rice for its large methane reductions and multiple benefits.



**30% REDUCTION**  
IN WATER USE



**13% REDUCTION**  
IN FUEL USE



**40% REDUCTION**  
IN METHANE EMISSION

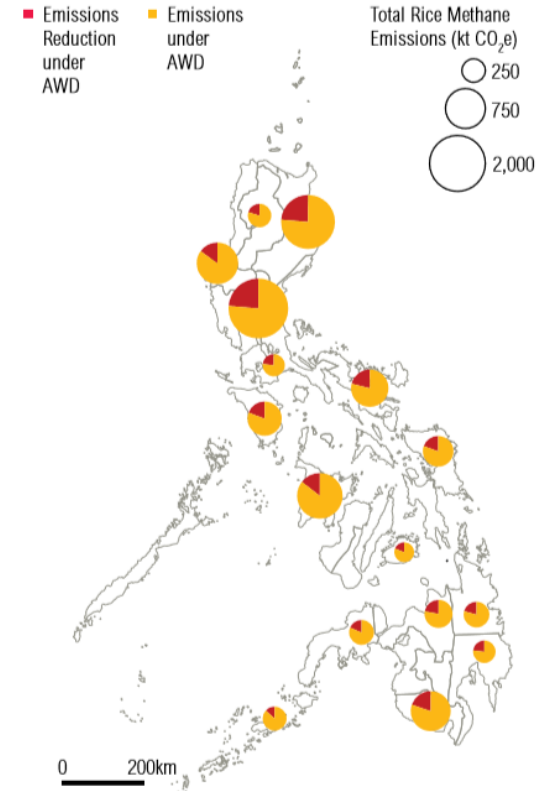
# Low carbon farming technology in rice cultivation

## Water management : alternative wet and dry

### AWD Research in ASEAN

Country	CH <sub>4</sub> emission (%)	N <sub>2</sub> O emission (%)	GWP (%)	Yield (%)	Water use reduction (%)	Ref.
Thailand	- 49.13	+ 24.71	- 25.67	- 6.89	- 41.99	Chidthaisong et al., 2018
	- 35.64	+ 3.58		- 10.80	-34.77%	Towprayoon et al., 2005
	- 10.52 to 26.20	+ 7.37 to 21.84	- 4.91 to 9.12	+ 1.59	- 4.16 to 10.31%	Sriphirom et al., 2017
Vietnam	- 67.14 to 71.30	+120.45 to 148.15	- 62.05 to 67.50	- 2.81 to 11.13		Paddy et al., 2014
	- 26	did not differ	- 26 to 29	+ 9.75 to 10.88	-14 to 15%	Tran et al., 2018

Country	CH <sub>4</sub> emission (%)	N <sub>2</sub> O emission (%)	GWP (%)	Yield (%)	Water use reduction (%)	Ref.
Philippines	- 24.46 to 39.63	+ 64.38 to 118.75	- 9.64 to 13.21	- 0.23	- 42.79 to 51.51	Sibayan et al., 2018
					- 30	Richards and Sander, 2014
					- 42.8 to 53.7	Lampayan et al., 2014
<b>Myanmar</b>						
Cambodia	- 29 to 44					Ly et al., 2015
Indonesia	- 35 to 38	- 12.22 to 14.81	- 36.21 to 36.43	+ 1.56	- 5.50 to 7.37	Setyanto et al., 2018

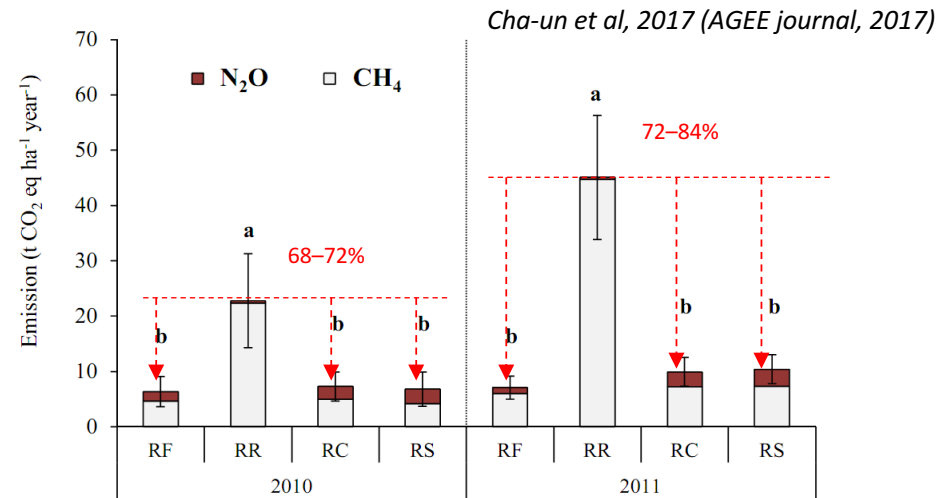
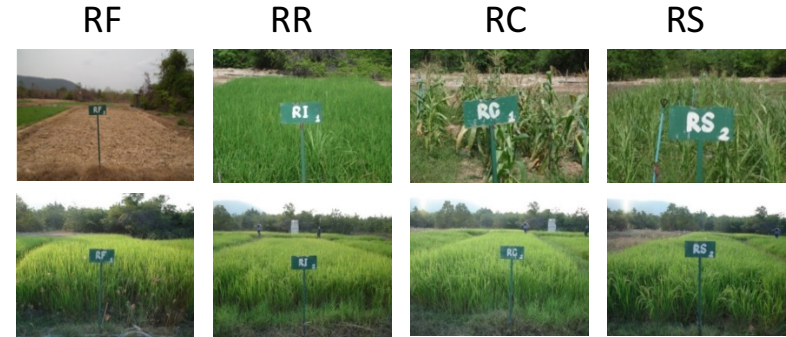
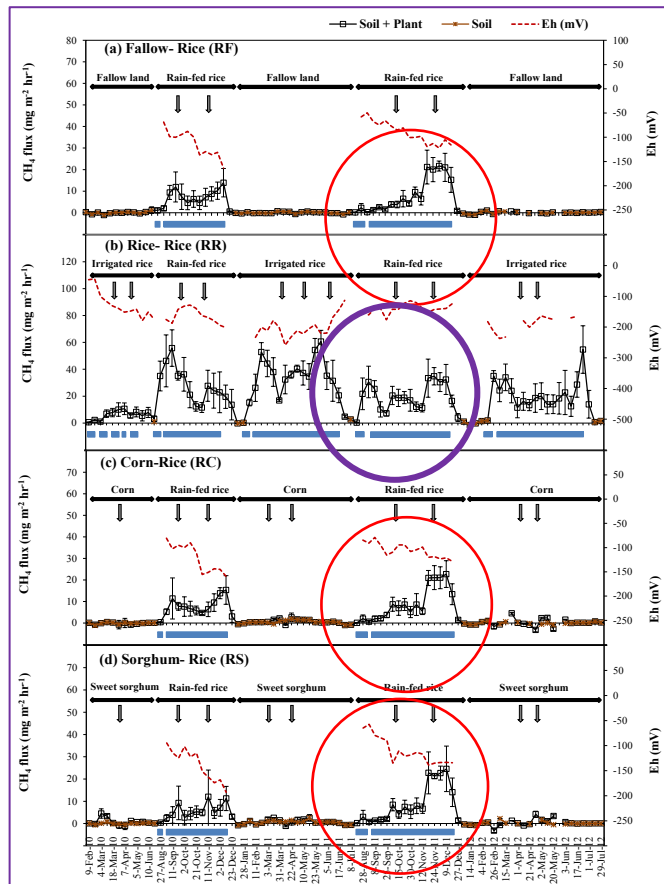


- Broad range of methane reduction by 20-60 %
- N<sub>2</sub>O is increased
- Yield are varied

Application AWD in Philippines could reduce emission by 20 %

# Low carbon farming technology in rice cultivation

## Carbon Management : Crop rotation



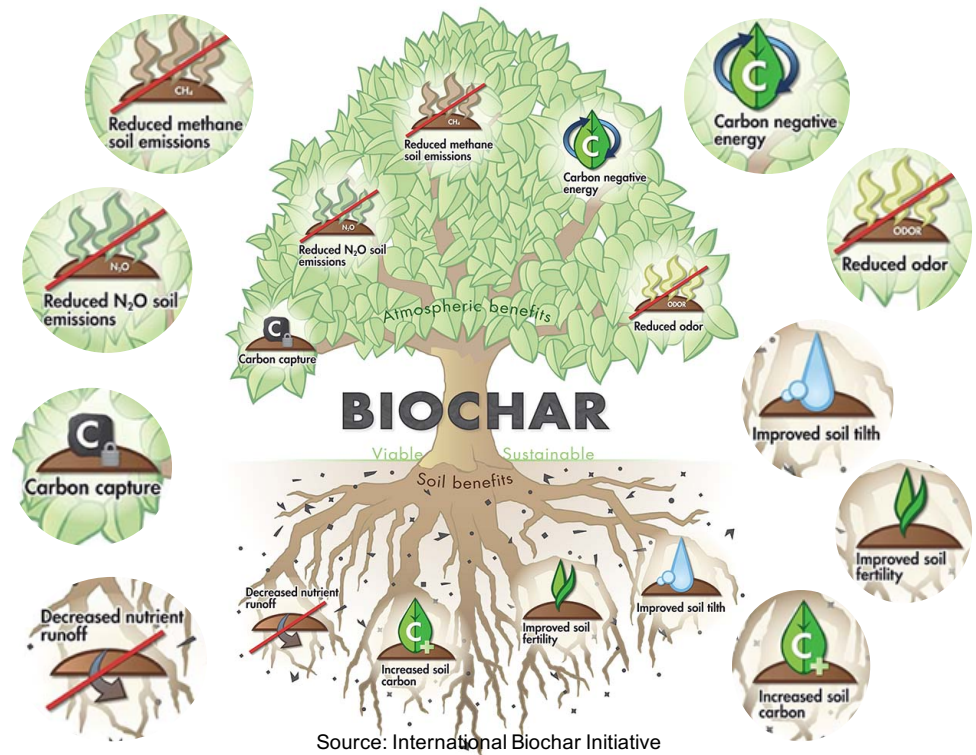
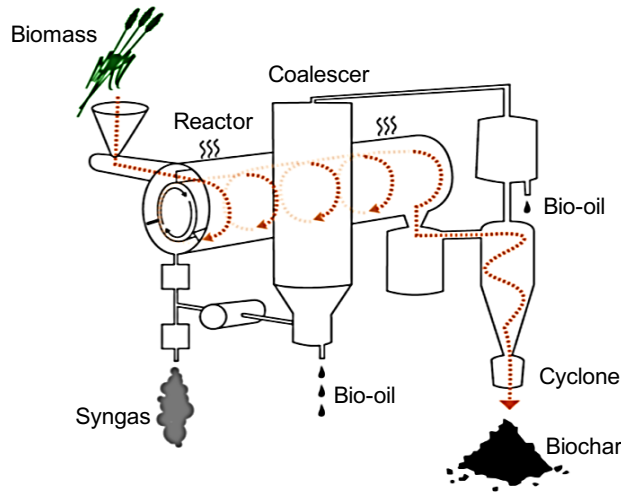
- Crop rotation reduce CH<sub>4</sub> from rice field in the next consecutive season by 40-45 %
- High reduction when compare to yearly double rice cultivation by 78-84 %
- N<sub>2</sub>O emission is high in rotation crop cultivation



# Low carbon farming technology in rice cultivation

## Carbon Management : Biochar application

- A stable solid material rich in carbon content that can effectively capture carbon and lock the carbon into the soil

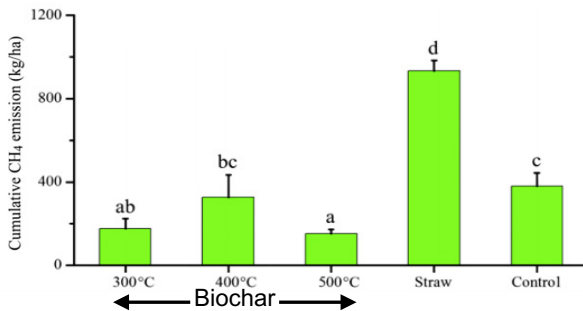


Source: International Biochar Initiative

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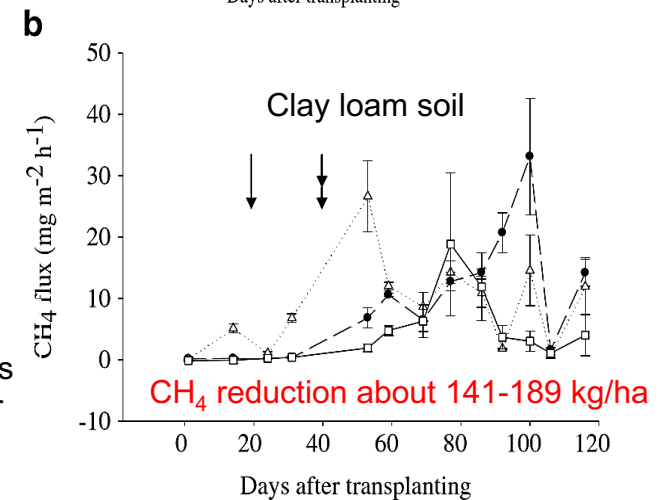
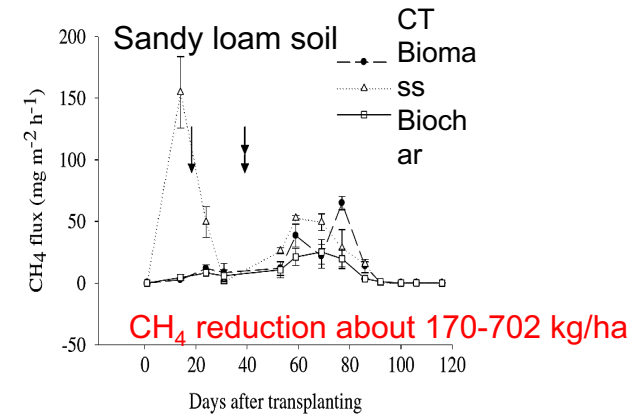
## Carbon Management : Biochar application

Country	CH <sub>4</sub> emission (%)	N <sub>2</sub> O emission (%)	Yield (%)	Ref.
Thailand	- 15.38 to 46.15		+ 41.06 to 145.93	Thammasom et al., 2016
	- 10.30 to 42.48	- 7.89 to 31.79	+ 2.69 to 4.70	Sriphirom et al., 2017
Vietnam	- 41.77 to 56.19	- 14.10 to 30.93		Paddy et al., 2014
Philippines				
Myanmar				
Cambodia	- 56.04 to 62.22	+ 28 to 121		Ly et al., 2015
Indonesia				



Reduced methane **10-60 %**  
 N<sub>2</sub>O both reduce and increase  
**-7.8% to +121 %**

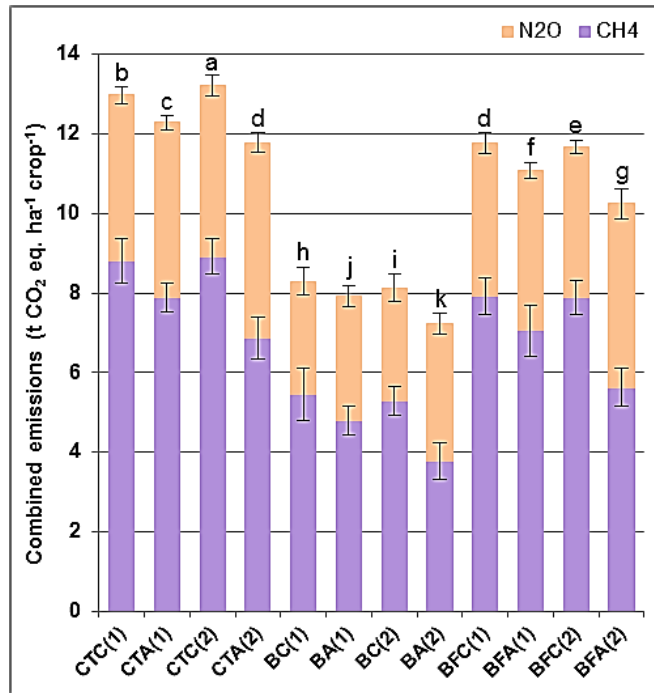
Reduced CH<sub>4</sub> emission from China rice cultivation in several types of soils as compared to biomass and fertilizer application



## Integrated system : AWD + Biochar

### Seasonal Combined Emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O

Fig. 7 Total GWP (100 years) of rice two crops under two systems.



Different letters denote significant differences ( $P < 0.05$ ) between treatments of two crops under two systems.

Total GWP (100 years) of rice two crops under two systems.

Treatment	Total GWP (t CO <sub>2</sub> eq ha <sup>-1</sup> crop <sup>-1</sup> )	% changed from conventional*
<b>First crop/Incomplete AWD (wet season)</b>		
CTC	12.97±0.42 b	
CTA	12.28±0.36 c	- 5.32%
BC	8.29±0.41 h	
BA	7.92±0.38 j	- 4.46%
BFC	11.78±0.34 d	
BFA	11.08±0.46 f	- 5.94%
<b>Second crop/Complete AWD (dry season)</b>		
CTC	13.21± 0.37 a	
CTA	11.78±0.38 d	- 10.83%
BC	8.13±0.34 i	
BA	7.23±0.32 k	- 11.07%
BFC	11.67±0.38 e	
BFA	10.24±0.43 g	- 12.25%

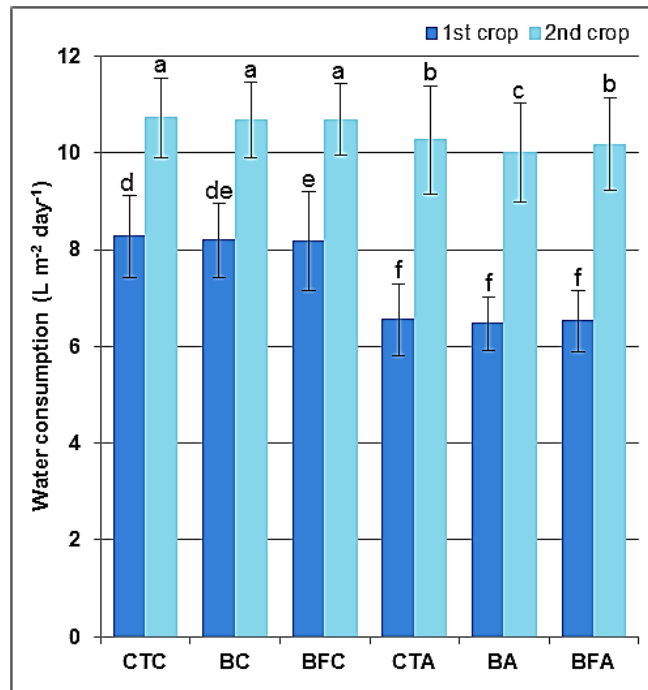
\*Percentage of change as compared with conventional system under the same treatment.

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### Water Consumption

Water consumptions of two crops under two systems.



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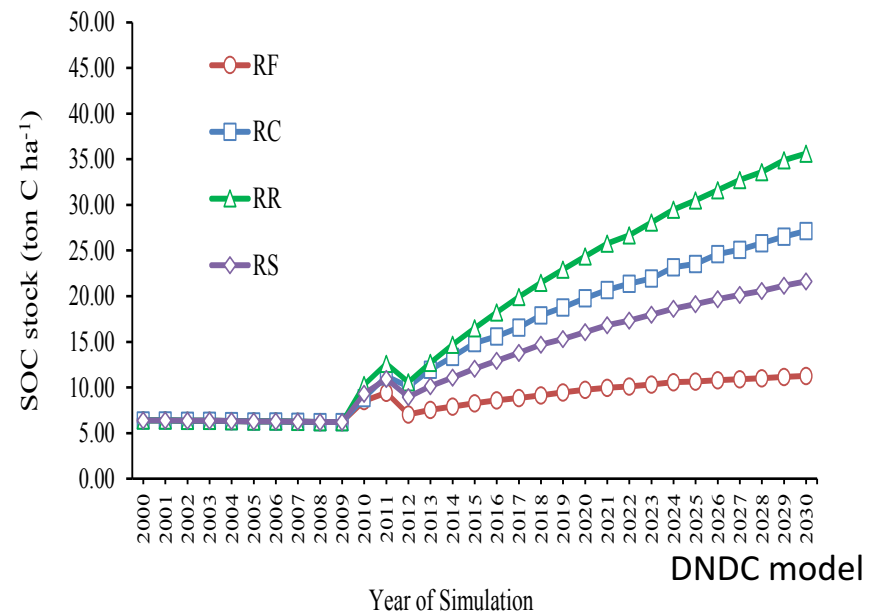
Water consumptions of two crops under two systems.

Treatment	Water consumption (L m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	% changed from conventional*
First crop/Incomplete AWD (wet season)		
CTC	8.27±0.86 d	
CTA	6.55±0.75 f	- 20.80%
BC	8.19±0.76 de	
BA	6.47±0.56 f	- 21.00%
BFC	8.17±1.03 e	
BFA	6.52±0.62 f	- 20.20%
Second crop/Complete AWD (dry season)		
CTC	10.72±0.82 a	
CTA	10.27±1.12 b	- 4.20%
BC	10.68±0.78 a	
BA	10.00±1.03 c	- 6.37%
BFC	10.69±0.75 a	
BFA	10.18±0.96 b	- 4.77%

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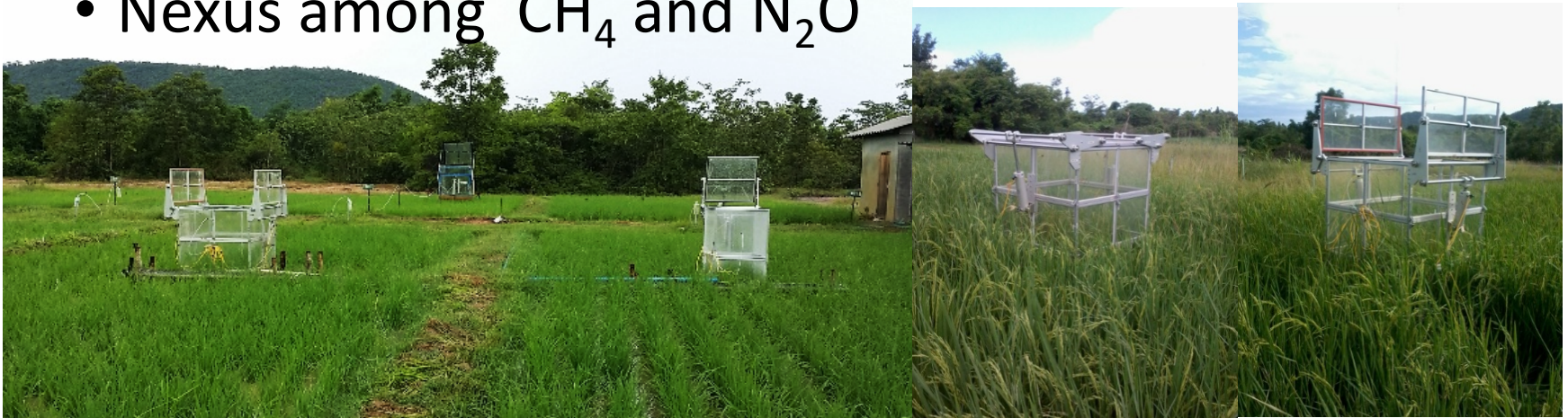
# Multi-benefit and sustainability

- Healthy Soil : **increase soil C in the long run**
- Water security : **reduced by 30-40 percent**
- Quality of life : **low investment, high income**
- Adaptation : **precision farming, integrated farming**



# Remarks

- Rice cultivation play an important role in SEA in term of food security and GHG emission
- Low carbon farming technique can be implemented with long term benefit to environment and socioeconomics
- Technologies are varied by location and specific location
- Nexus among  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$



*Thank you*

