

# Greenhouse gas emission reduction technology with the combination of biogas effluent application and multiple drainage in a rice paddy

Production

Demonstration

Item: Paddy rice

GHG emission reduction

## Outline

This technology, which combines biogas effluent application and multiple drainage, can reduce the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) including methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ), and the usage of synthetic fertilizer in rice paddy fields without yield loss when compared with the local conventional practice in which the effluent is unutilized and discharged into rivers.

## Background/effect/note

This technology, which combines cattle biogas effluent (used as a fertilizer) and multiple drainage practices, can reduce 1) GHG emission and synthetic fertilizer usage in rice paddy fields and 2) environmental pollution associated with the discharge of untreated biogas effluent into rivers. In a triple-rice cropping system in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam, this technology using the multiple drainage practices, i.e., alternate wetting and drying (AWD; a water-depth-dependent irrigation) or midseason drainage followed by intermittent irrigation (MiDi; a day-number-dependent irrigation) (Fig. 1) reduced  $\text{CH}_4$  emission by 11%–13% and nitrous oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ) emission by 35%–54% without yield loss (Fig. 2). The proposed technology can be applied to the rice-producing areas using livestock biogas effluent as fertilizer.

AWD and MiDi are water management practices that save water by repeatedly flooding and draining water in paddy fields and reduce  $\text{CH}_4$  emission by increasing oxygen concentration in the soil.

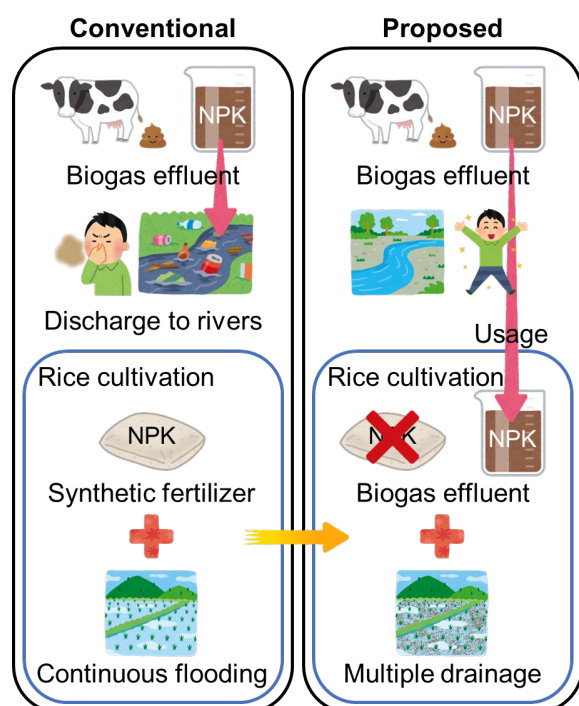


Fig. 1. The technology proposes to reduce greenhouse gas emission from rice paddy fields without yield loss

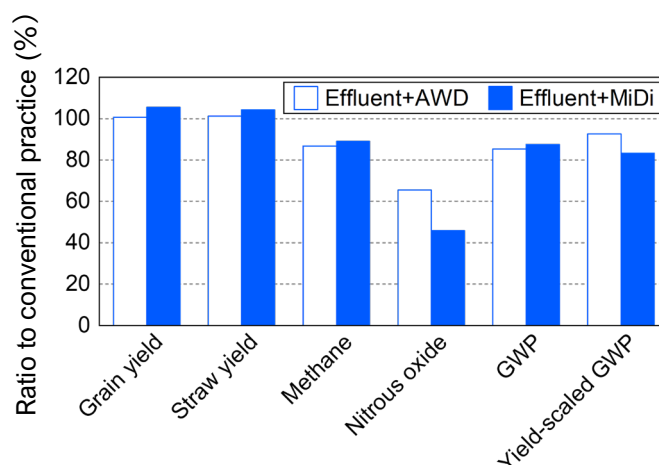


Fig. 2. Comparative analysis of the performance of the proposed combination technology and the conventional practice  
GWP:  $\text{CO}_2$ -equivalent of combined  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions



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