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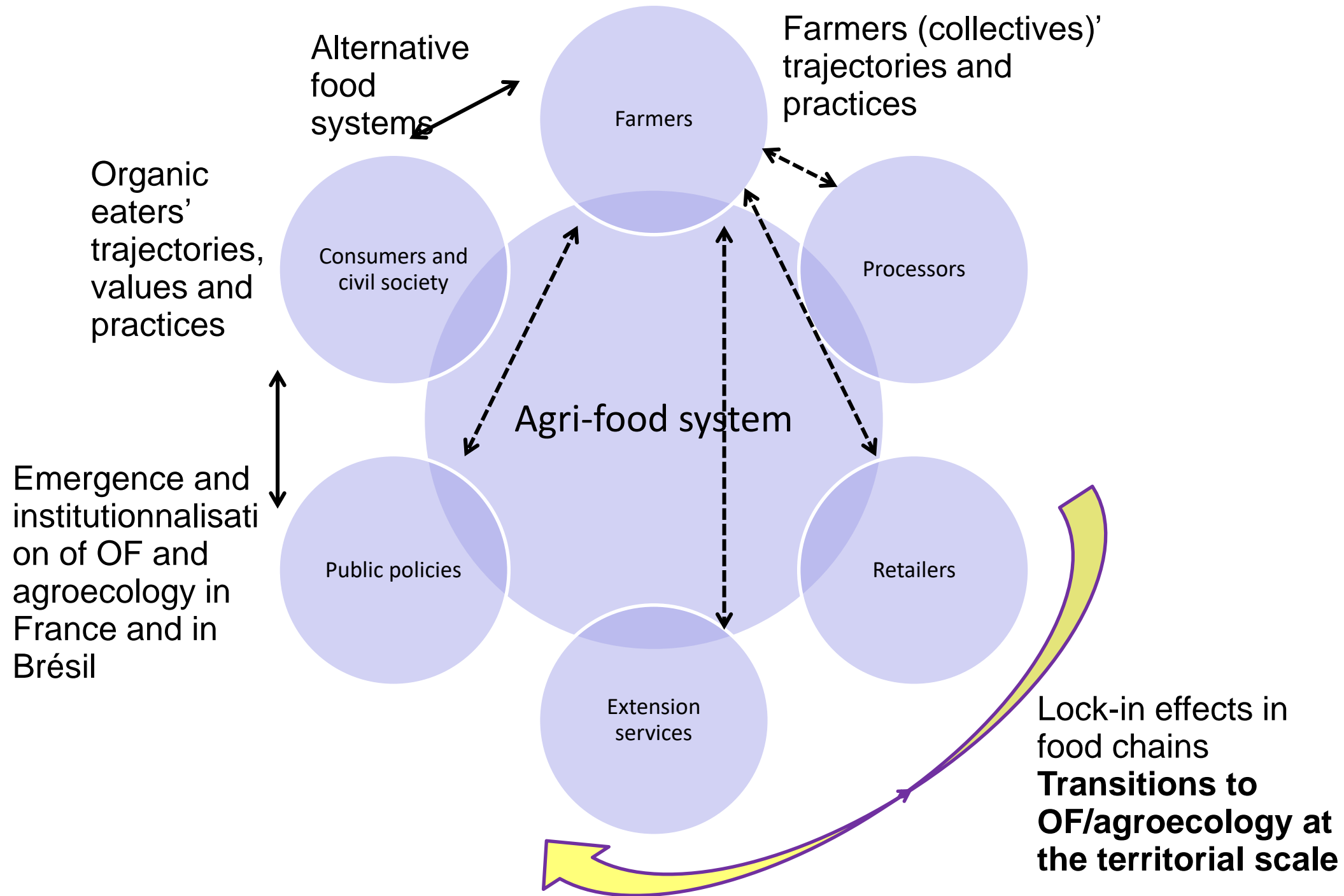
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Research trajectory

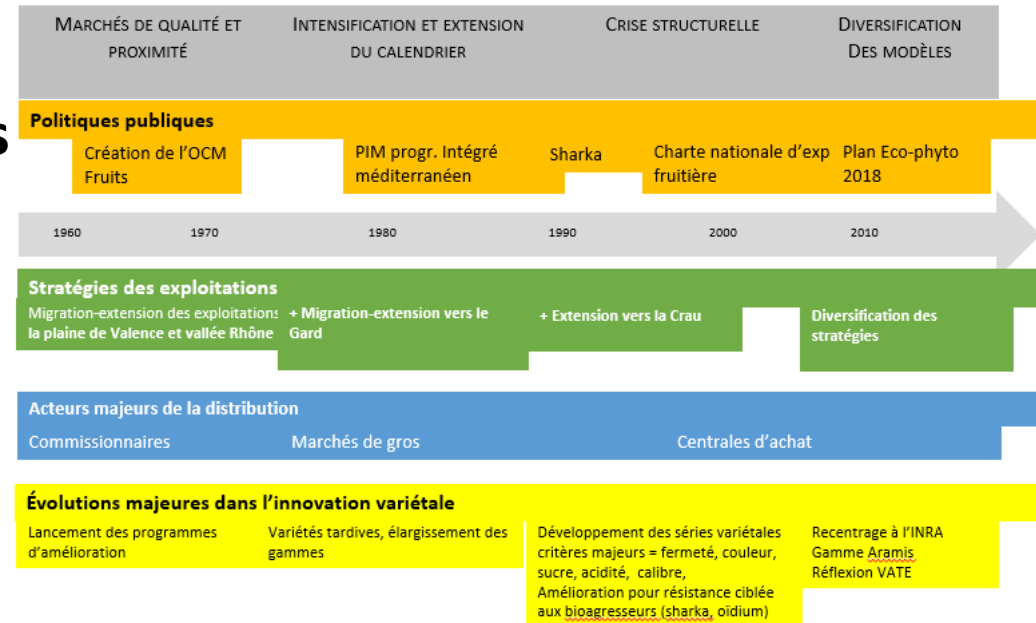
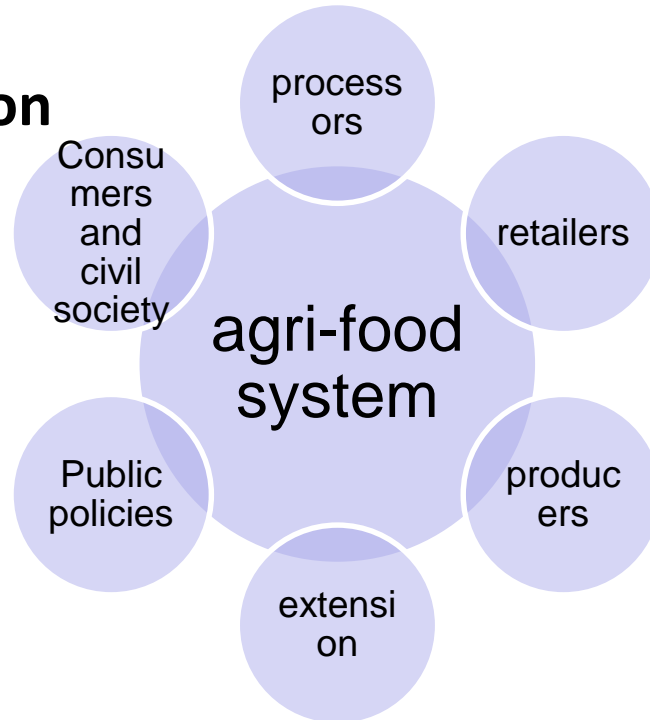


Usually sociologists are asked what are farmers' motivations for (transition) adoption of new techniques or models?

... from the scale of agricultural practices to that of the wider agrifood system

Lock-ins and path-dependency effects

Intensification trajectories



Fruit industry in France (Lamine et al. 2015)

-> need to combine a socio-historical analysis of lock-in mechanisms and a comprehensive analysis of **change mechanisms** at both scales of farmers and agrifood system

A territorial approach to agrifood systems agroecological transitions

The territorial scale ...

- ✓ Allows to consider food systems' initiatives, components and actors in their diversity



- ✓ Scale of direct interactions between ecological and social processes, and at which these could be articulated in order to support the reconnection of agriculture, food, environment, and health
- ✓ Scale of shared responsibility and mutual commitments towards a common future/community of fate

A case study: Southern Ardèche, France



More focused study

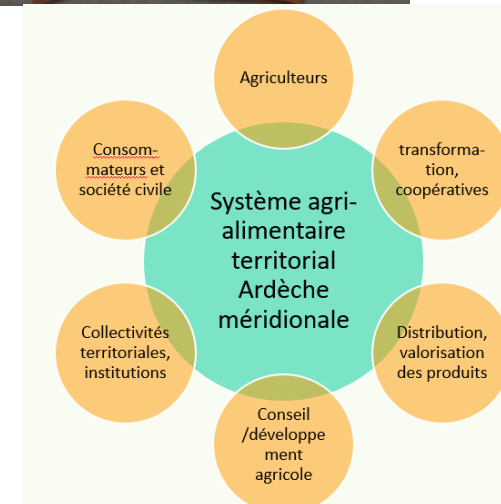


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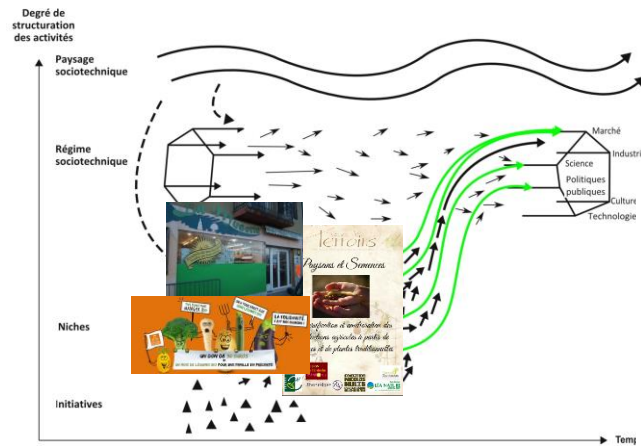
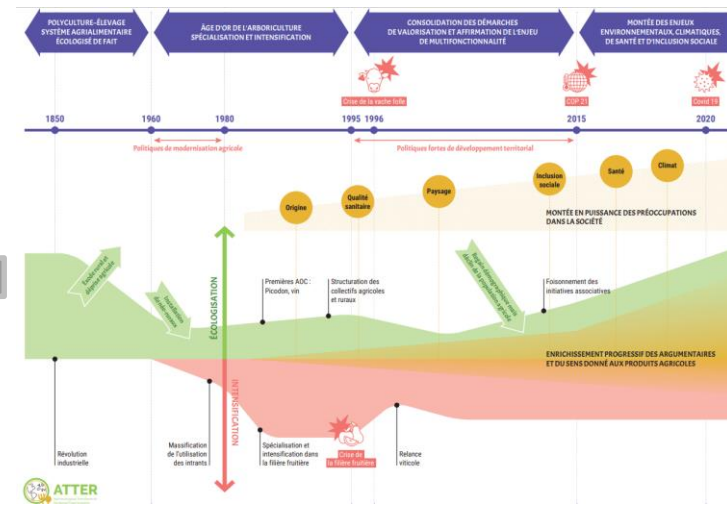
- montaneous region
- a diversified agriculture with some niche productions (chestnut, wine)
- the decline of a formerly successful sector (fruit production) for “lack of competitiveness”



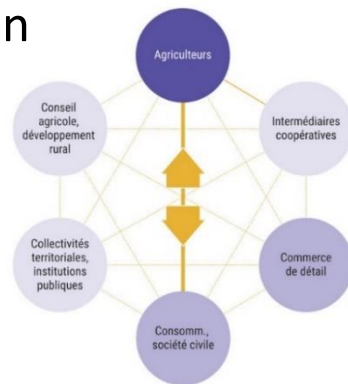
A multi-actors action-research in order to build a collective understanding of transition mechanisms



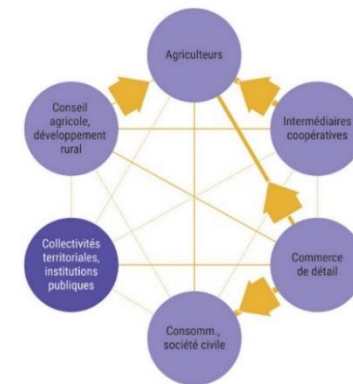
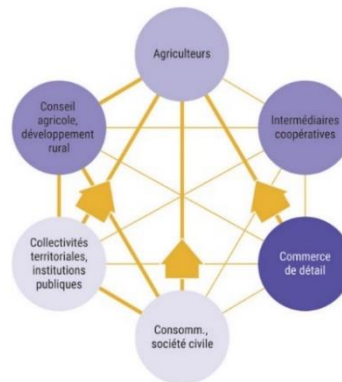
Transitions rely on power reconfigurations in the agrifood system



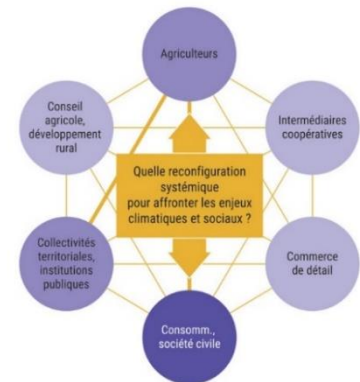
Alternative initiatives and networks can influence the « system » when they simultaneously act on its different components



1960-1995
Un système agri-alimentaire de plus en plus « tiré » par la grande distribution, avec l'émergence des démarches de qualité.



Depuis 2015
Un système agri-alimentaire enjoint à se reconfigurer pour affronter les enjeux climatiques et sociaux.



Conclusion

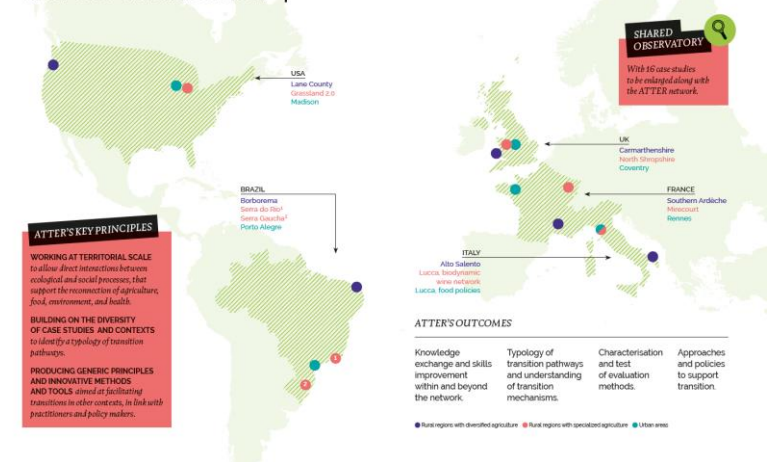
- ✓ To address transitions, need for a systemic but also a critical perspective, looking at power reconfigurations
- ✓ In an action-research perspective, need to include not only representative but also concerned actors
- ✓ Combine localised approaches and larger translocal exchange networks (bringing together academic and practitioners)

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<https://www.assiette-territoire.com/manifeste>

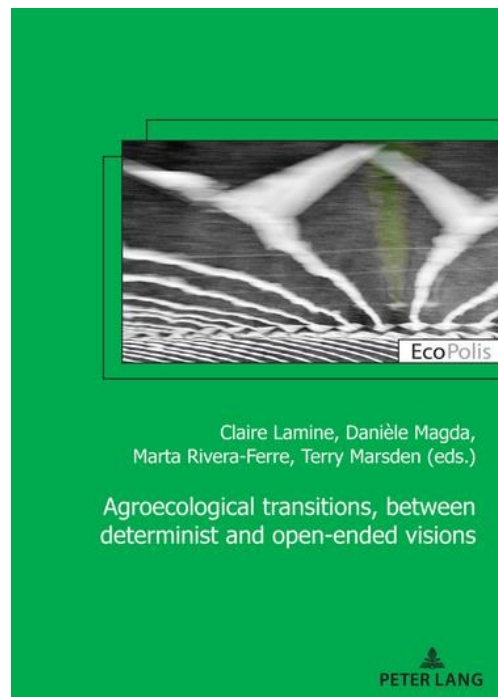
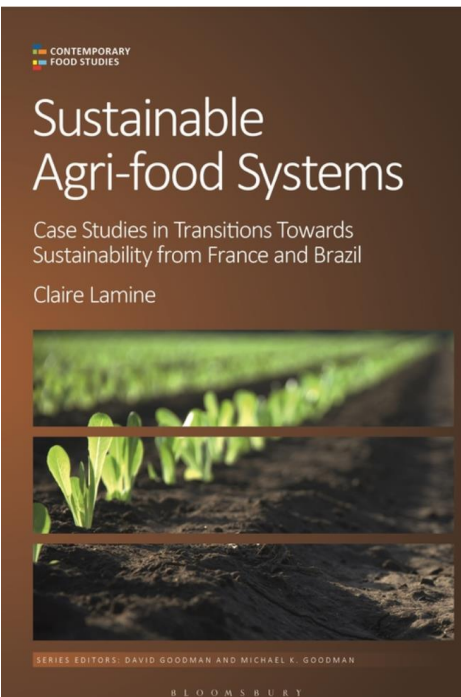
Collective learning & cross-fertilisation

Around a portfolio of case studies and a shared observatory of territorial agrifood systems transitions



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