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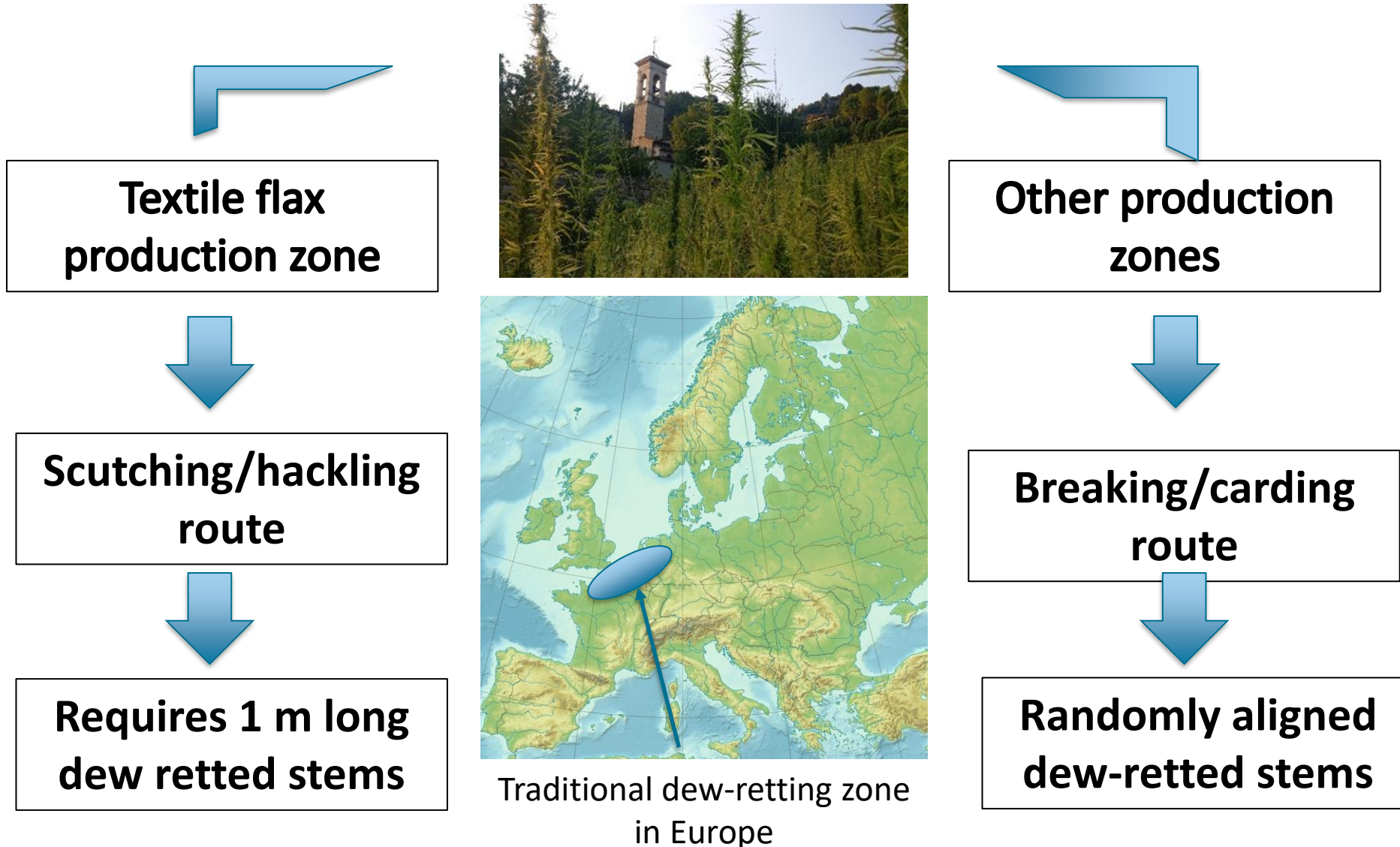
INNOVATIVE HEMP VALUE CHAIN FOR COMPOSITE REINFORCEMENTS

SCIENTIFIC OUTCOMES: FROM THE FIELD TO THE FABRICS

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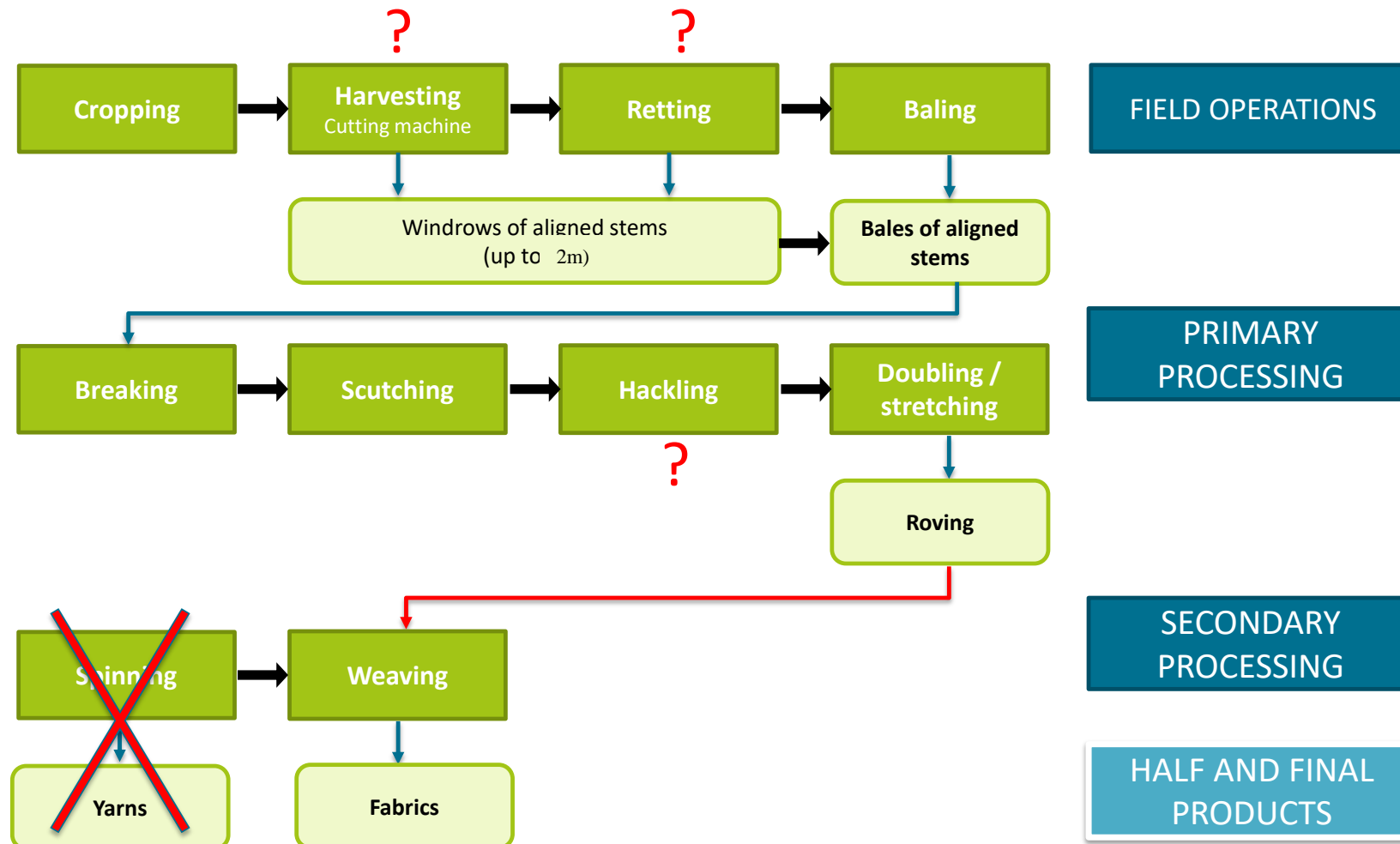
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DIFFERENT TERRITORIES/DIFFERENT PRODUCTION ROUTES



IN TEXTILE FLAX TERRITORIES: USE OF THE FLAX VALUE CHAIN

Adaptation and simplification of the “textile production method”



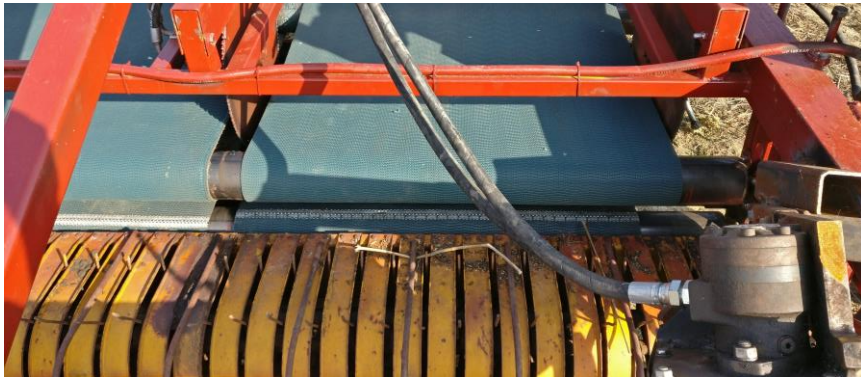
INNOVATIVE HARVESTING OF HEMP STEMS

Industrial mowing using a front reaper



Goal is to obtain aligned stems of 1 m length adapted to flax returning, baling and scutching machineries

Cutting of hemp stems in 1 m pieces



Returning machine



TWO HARVESTING PROTOTYPES DEVELOPPED IN NORMANDY

Separate top and bottom parts, and lay them down parallel on the ground



15 ha harvested in 2021, with more than 80 ha in 2022
and exponential growth for 2023 and 2024

STEM AND FIBRE YIELDS



Variety	Harvested area (m ²)	1 st meter (ton)	2 nd meter (ton)
Futura 75	5000	2.6	1.3
Fibror 79	2400	1.7	1

Stem yields of 7.9 and 11.2 tons/ha for futura 75 and Fibror 79

800 kg and 7.6 tons of dew retted stems produced in 2018 and 2019 by UCSC Piacenza Italy



Fibre yields after scutching:

- **27% at laboratory scale for Futura 75 (18% after hackling)**
- 30% Futura 75 with 12% long line fibres and 18% tows
- 37.5% Fibror 79 with 14% long line fibres and 23.5% tows

500 kg of hackled fibres available for further transformation

FIBRE PREPARATION AND YARN MANUFACTURING



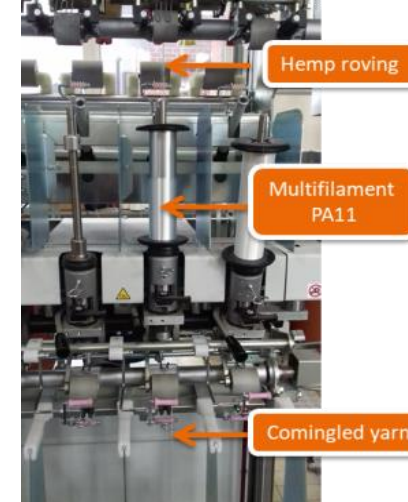
(a) Sliver input into the gill system



(b) Drawn sliver at the output of the second stage

Drawing/doubling

Hemp/PA Co-wrapped yarns



Co-wrapping technology

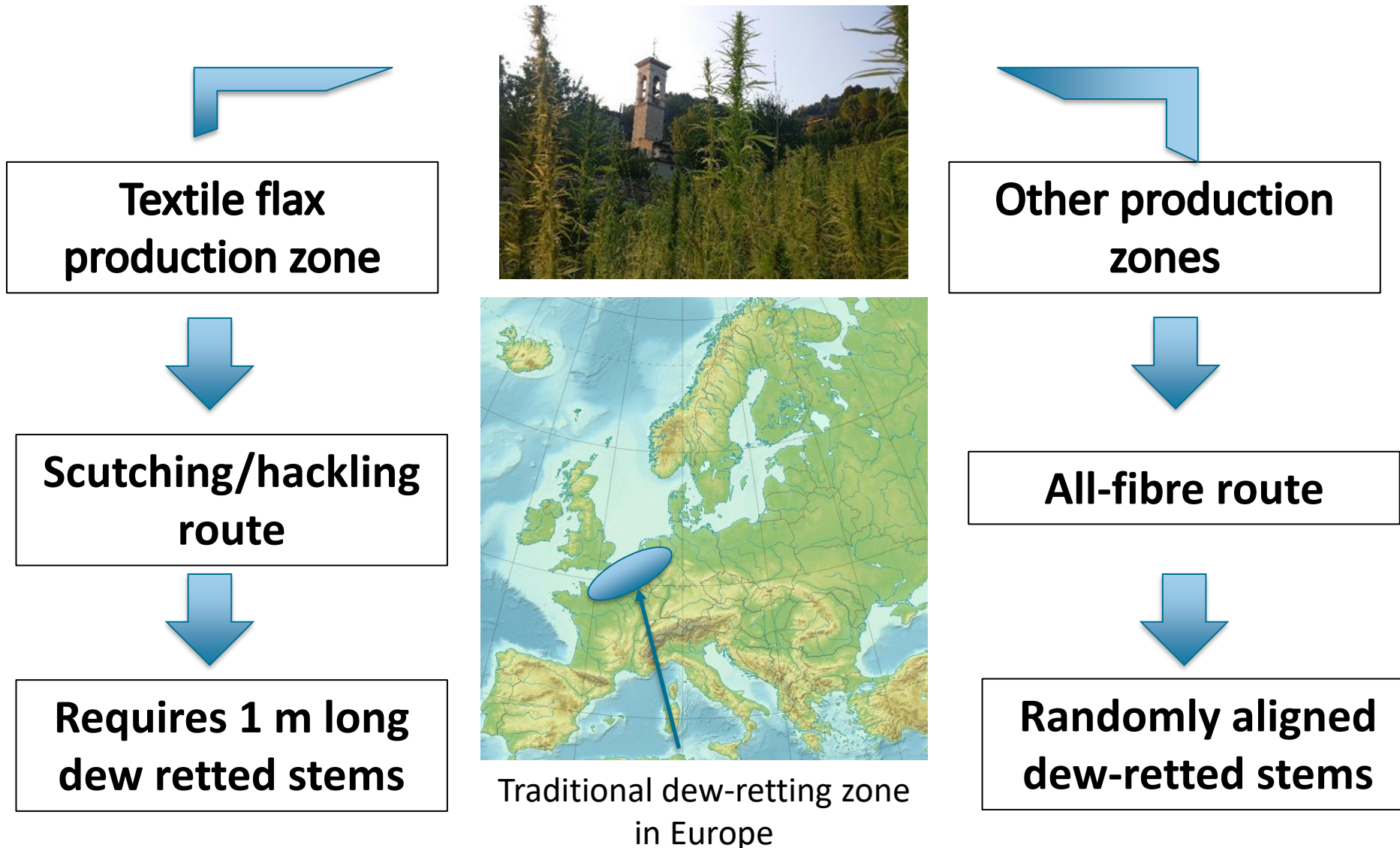


Roving machine



Roving
type yarns
350 kg

DIFFERENT TERRITORIES/DIFFERENT PRODUCTION ROUTES



BREAKING ROLLERS AND BREAKING CARD ROUTE IN NON- FLAX TERRITORIES

USE OF TRADITIONAL FIELD MANAGEMENT DEVICES



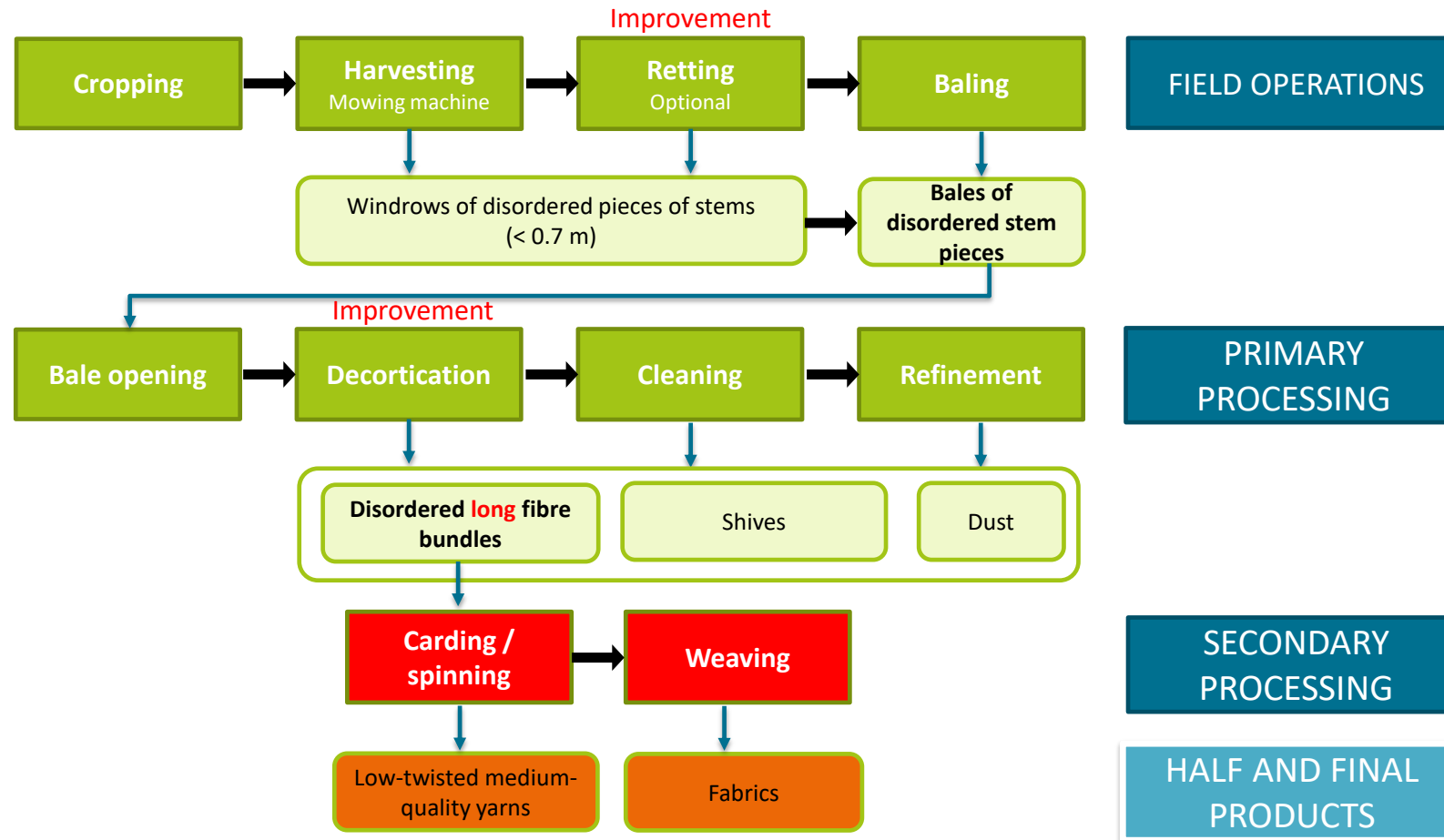
With seed harvesting



Without seed harvesting

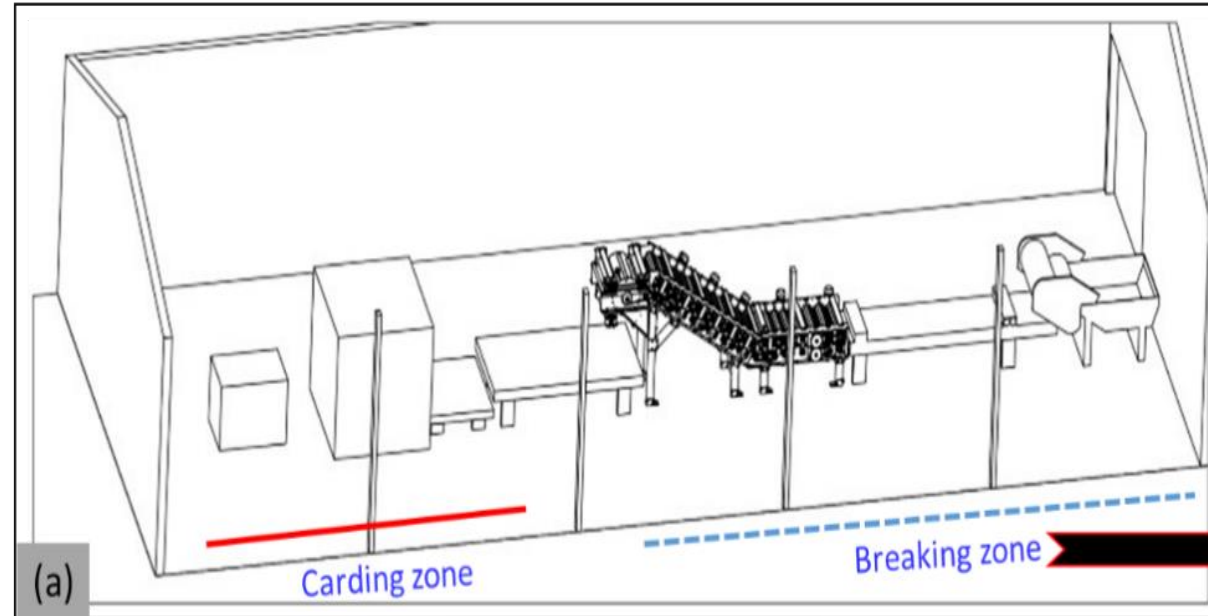
OUT OF FLAX TERRITORIES: USE OF CARDING ROUTE

STRATEGY 2: Adaptation and improvement of the “short-fibre method”



BREAKING ROLLERS/BREAKING CARD ROUTE

(Hemp-Act company)



FIBRE REINFORCEMENT POTENTIAL

Fibre properties: Scutched/hackled

Batch	Strength (MPa)	E modulus (GPa)
Roving elementary fibres	857 ± 367	43 ± 19
Roving IGBT	430±53	55±7

Fibre properties: Carded

Batch	Strength (MPa)	E modulus (GPa)
Roving elementary fibres	621±217	31±15
Roving IGBT	641±73	48±3

- Stiffness is higher with scutched/hackled fibres
- Strength higher with carded fibres
- Properties of fibres extracted from both routes are suitable for composite reinforcement

INDUSTRIAL CHAIN



WEAVABILITY AT LAB AND INDUSTRIAL SCALES



Weaving at lab
scale



Weaving at industrial
scale

- Scutched/hackled rovings are weaveable at the laboratory and industrial scale using classical loom
- Carded rovings can be woven in weft at the industrial scale

REINFORCEMENT MANUFACTURING



Braiding of hemp
roving



Hemp Quasi-UD (95-5%)



Woven fabrics from
comingled yarns




- More than 20 patterns of woven and Quasi-UD were manufactured and transformed in composites from 100% hemp or co-wrapped rovings
- Braids were manufactured from 100% and co-wrapped rovings



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