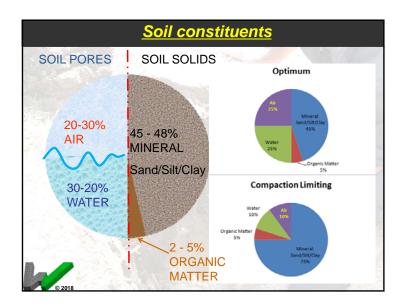


Soil structure, Cultivations and Establishment.

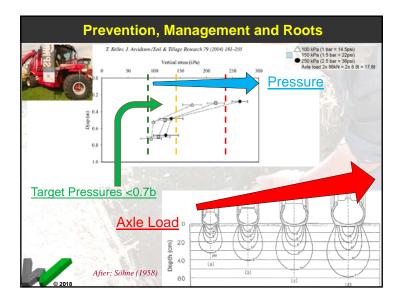
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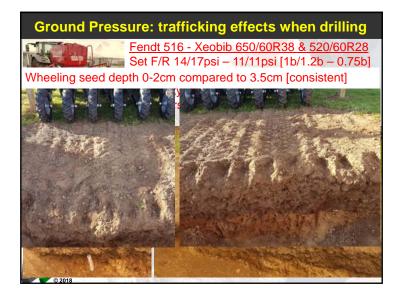
Soil structure: damage prevention & cure Cultivations, or direct drilling, or ???? Farming systems –flexibility & resilience provided by organic matter Roots and Metal – the optimum combination?

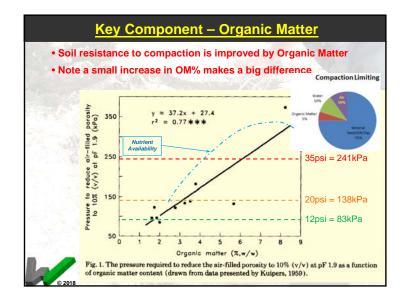
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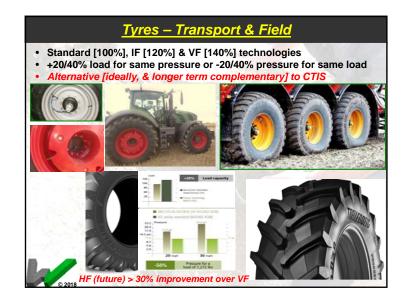


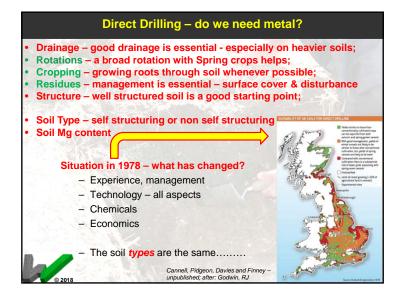


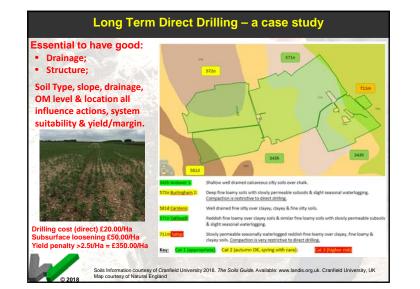


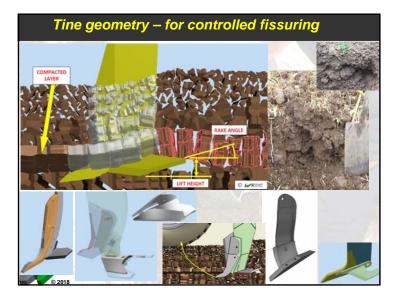








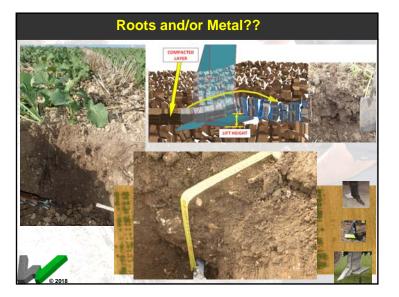




Grass weed control strategies. The plough can be a "reset button" alongside reduced tillage & managed soil disturbance. Consider a broad rotation with Catch/Cover Crops when delaying drilling Catch/Cover Crops when delaying drilling Solid disturbance must be managed (also any CC canopy); • Use the opportunity to establish the cover crop with greater, but controlled disturbance – & where needed, restructuring; - Increased mineralisation, residue & slug management,







Final Reflections

"To be a successful farmer one must first know the nature of the soil" *Xenophon, Oceonomicus, 400 B.C.*

"A cloak of loose, soft material, held to the earth's hard surface by gravity, is all that lies between life and lifelessness" *Wallace H. Fuller*

"The nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself" Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Man, despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistications and many accomplishments, owes his existence to a six inch layer of top soil and the fact that it rains" *Chinese Proverb*

"Treat the earth well - it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children" Indian Proverb

"Upon this handful of soil our survival depends. Husband it, and it will grow our food, our fuel, and our shelter, surrounding us with beauty. Abuse it, and the soil will collapse and die, taking humanity with it" *Vedas, Sanskrit scripture, 1500BC*



"To forget our soils is to forget ourselves" Ghandi