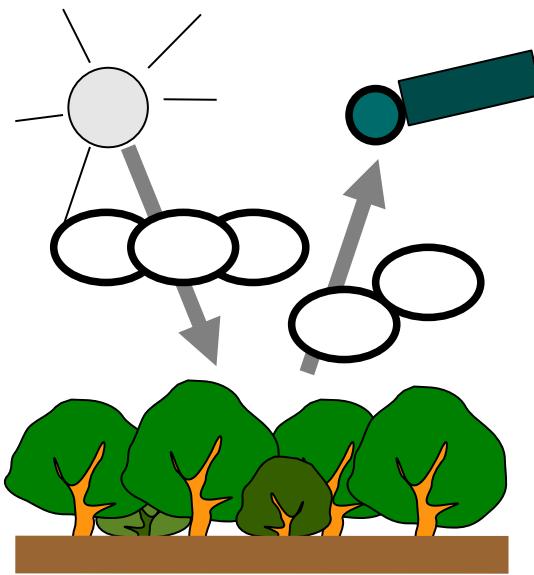
The background of the slide features a wide-angle landscape of mountains. In the foreground, there's a dense forest of green trees. Beyond the forest, several mountain ridges are visible, with the most prominent one in the distance having a rugged, rocky peak. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds.

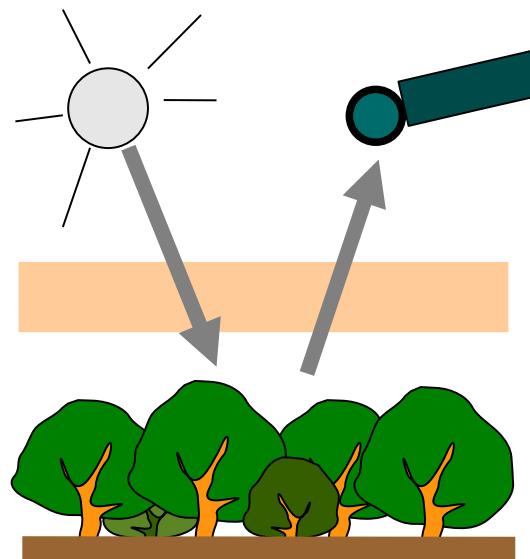
A continuous monitoring system of terrestrial
ecosystem for satellite validation

"Phenological Eyes Network (PEN)"

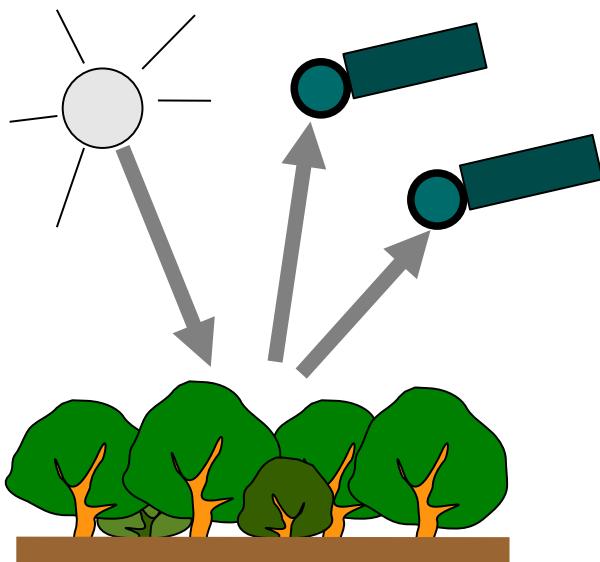
Noise factors for satellite data



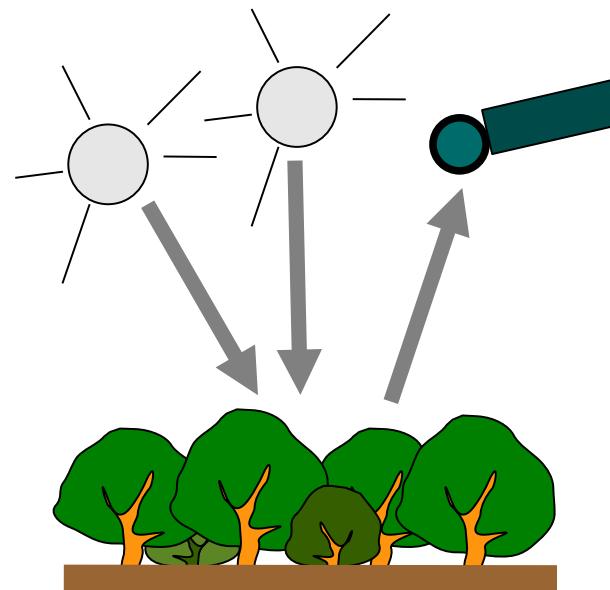
clouds!



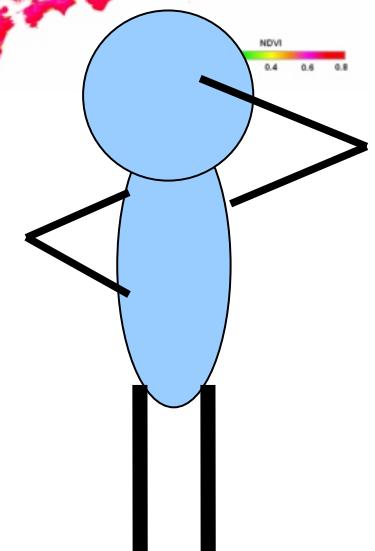
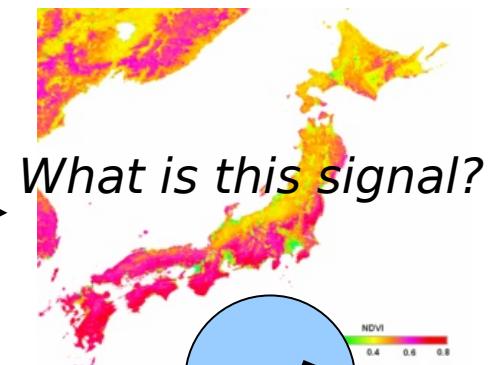
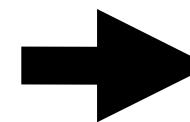
aerosols!



Different view angle!



Different sun angle!



Phenological Eyes Network (PEN)

We need ground data for validation of ecology remote sensing.

Satellite data (band reflectance, VIs)

Systematic error due to cloud, aerosol, sensor angle, sun angle, etc., within a single satellite sensor.

Difference in overpass-time, band setting, etc. among multiple sensor.

Ground optical data

We need stable, long-term, multi-site ground datasets to mitigate these problems.

Ground ecology data
(carbon flux, LAI, phenology etc.)

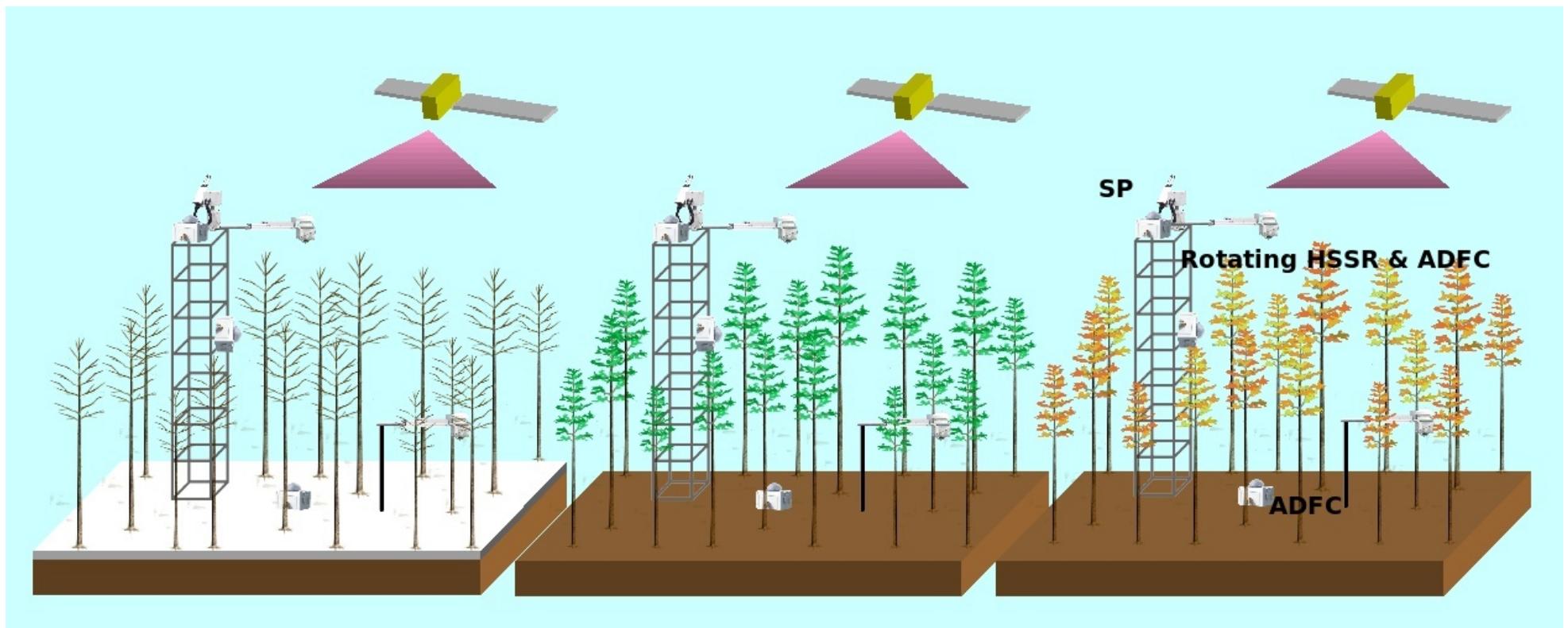
Because ecosystem is always changing!

A network of the ground sites for data collection of these purposes:

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"*Phenological Eyes Network (PEN)*"

We need “Ground truth” for ecology remote sensing.



Long-term ... Because ecosystem is always changing!

Multiple-site ... Because there are many types of ecosystems!

Hyper-spectrum ... Because there are many satellite sensors!

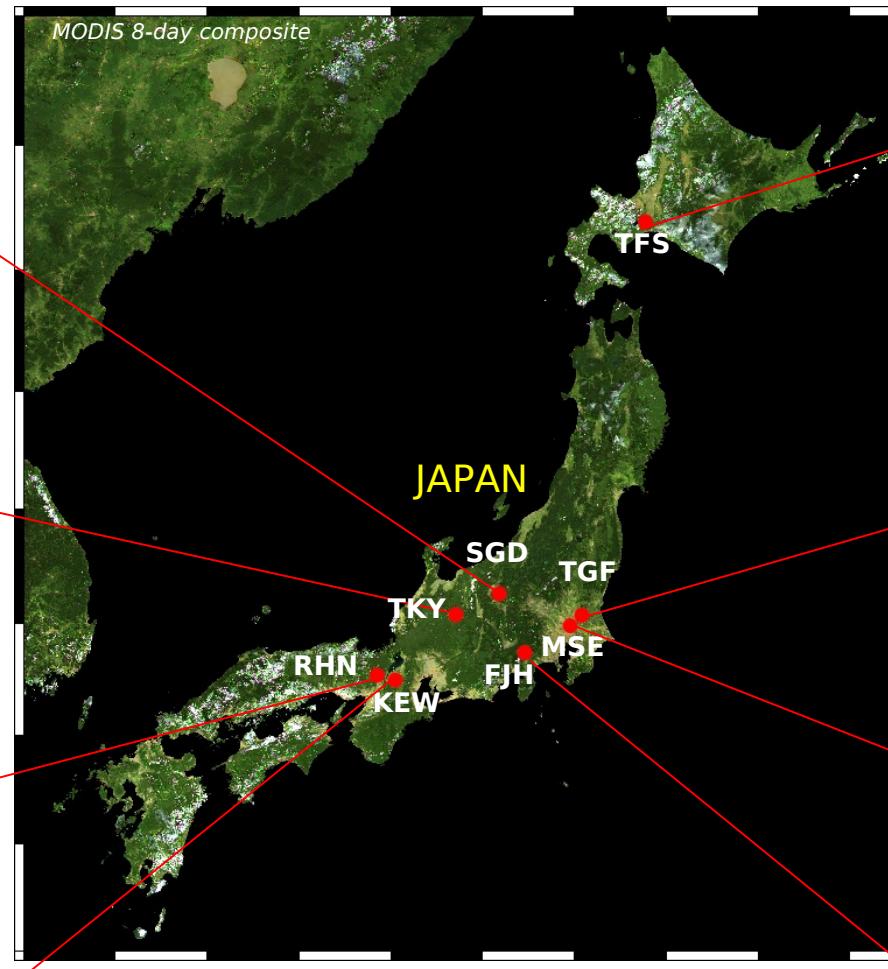
Biophysical ... Because we want to estimate LAI, NPP, GPP, etc.

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Since 2003

PEN Sites



Most of the PEN sites are located at the AsiaFlux sites. AsiaFlux is a monitoring network of carbon, water and energy fluxes between ecosystems and the atmosphere.

* TFS and RHN stopped operation in September, 2004 and February 2006, respectively.

New sites:

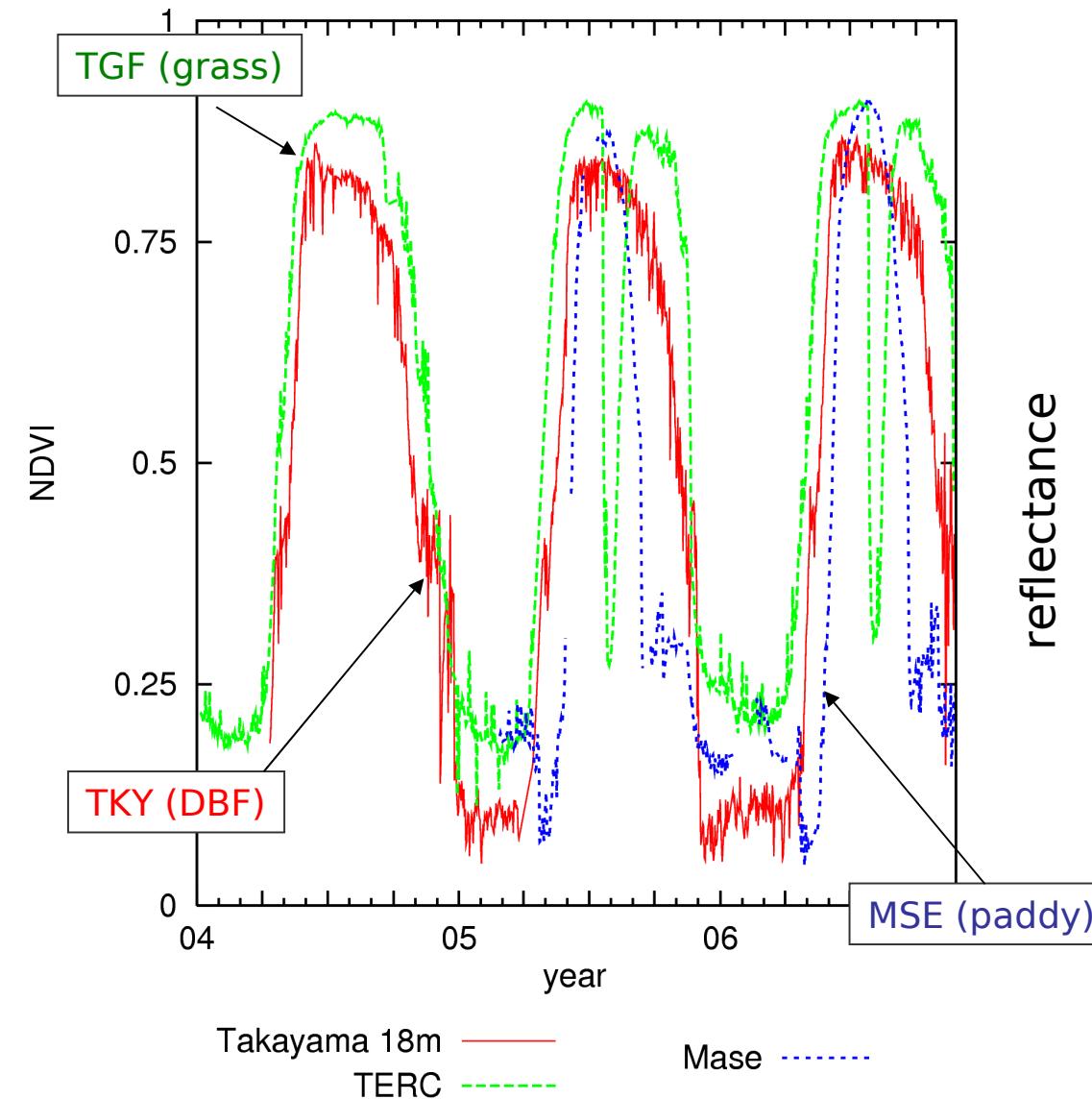
Mt. Tsukuba 筑波山 (DBF; Japan; 2007-)
Gwangneung 光陵 (DBF; Korea; 2009-)
Alice Holt (DBF; England; 2009-)

PEN Device: HSSR

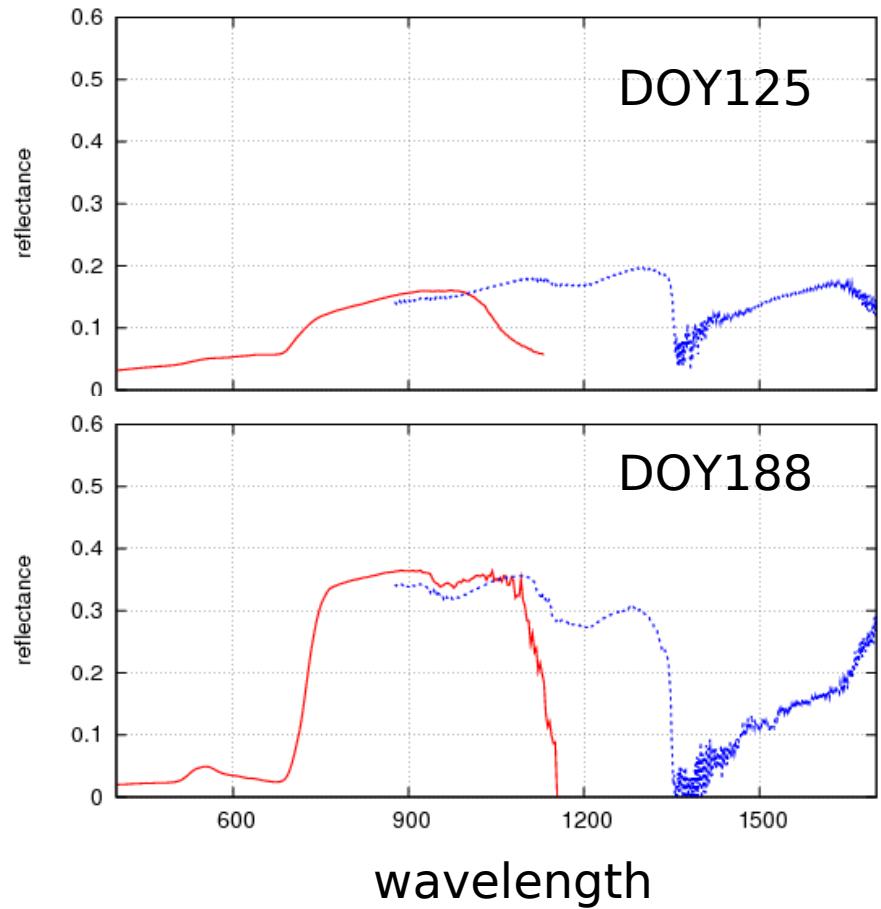
HemiSpherical Spectro-Radiometer



Ground measured NDVI at PEN site



reflectance spectrum (TKY)



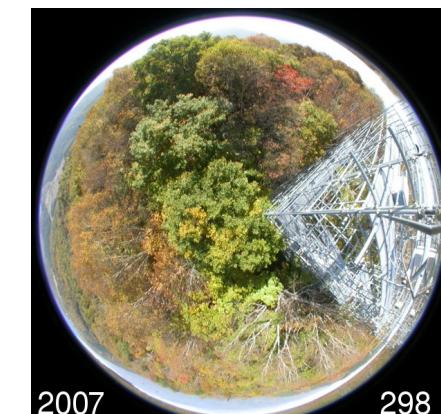
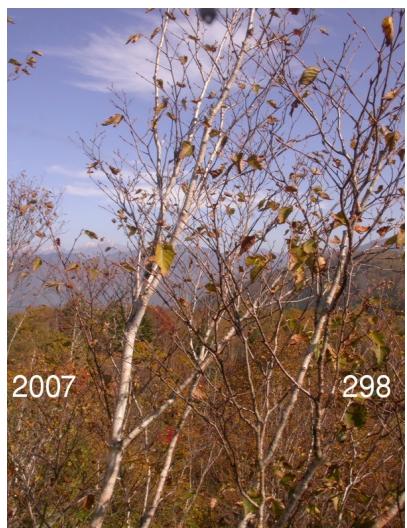
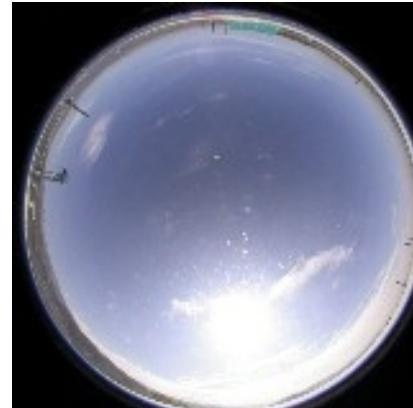
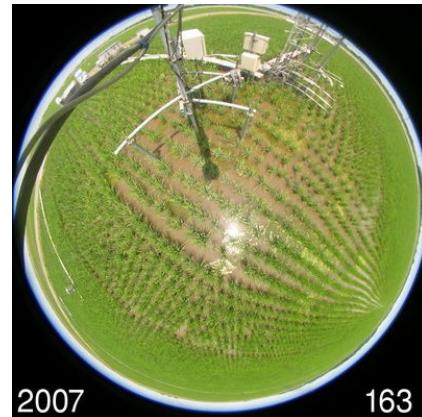
PEN Device: ADFC

Automatic Digital Fish-eye Camera)

Nikon CoolPix4500 + fisheye FC-E8

Phenology, LAI, sky condition (cloud cover), snowpacks.

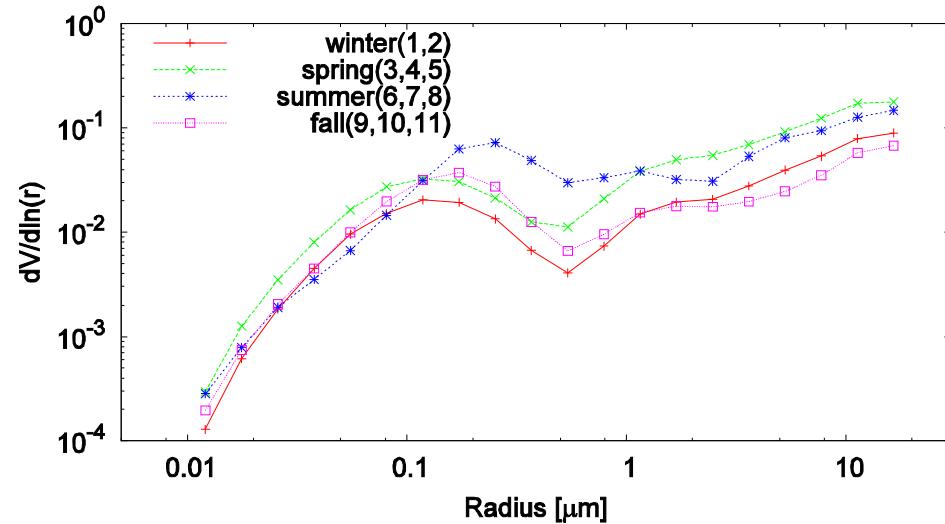
11 sites, 34 cameras, 2.3 million digital pictures so far.



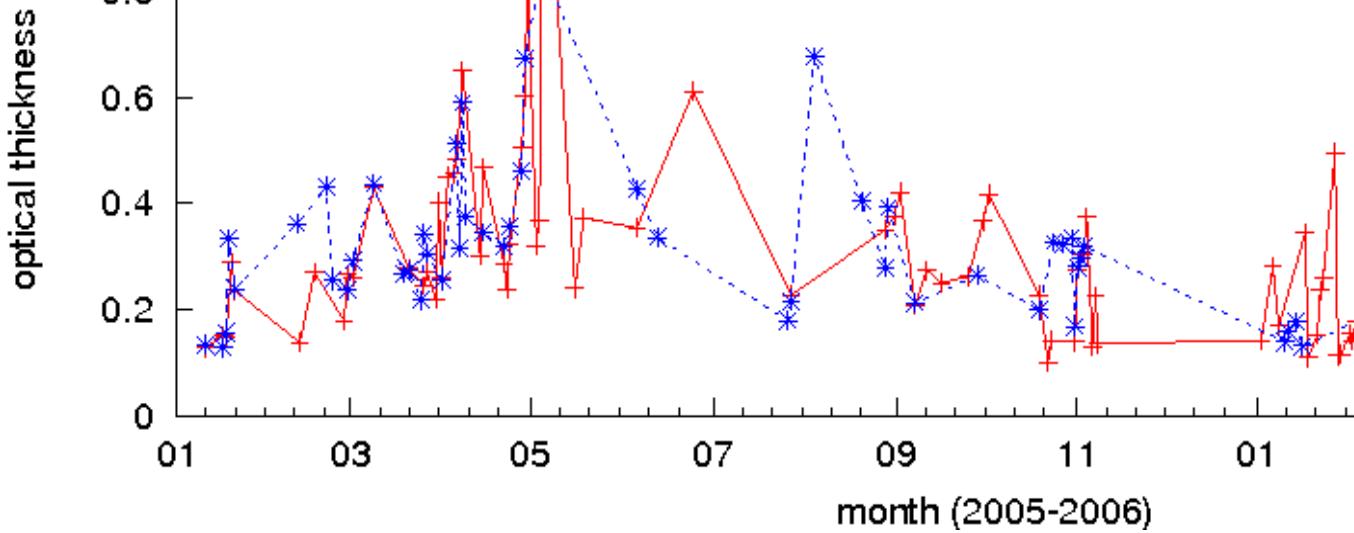
Phenological Eyes Network (PEN)

Skyradiometer (sunphotometer)

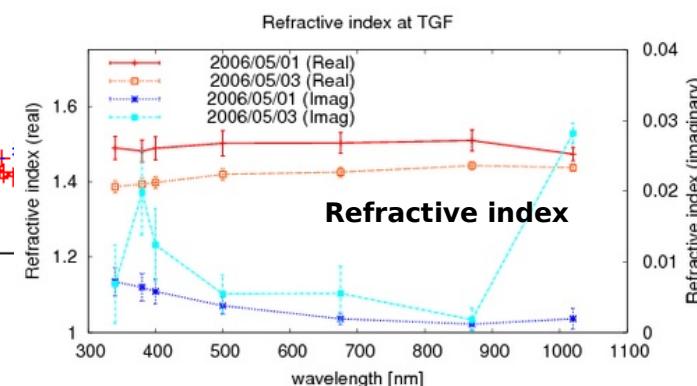
aerosol particle size
at TGF (2005)



Optical thickness of atmosphere at TGF



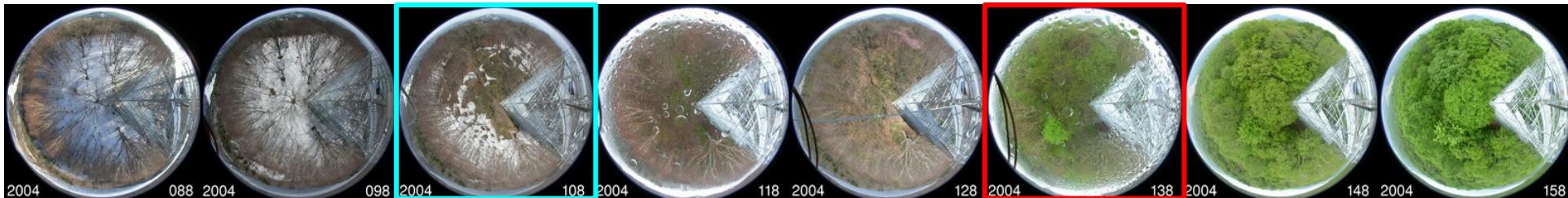
Terra over-pass
Aqua over-pass



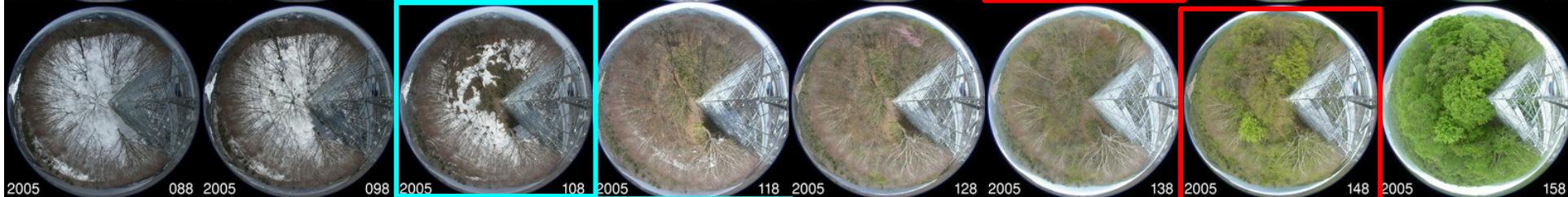
Spring phenology (TKY) ... 10-day summary

03/29 04/08 04/18 04/28 05/08 05/18 05/28 06/07

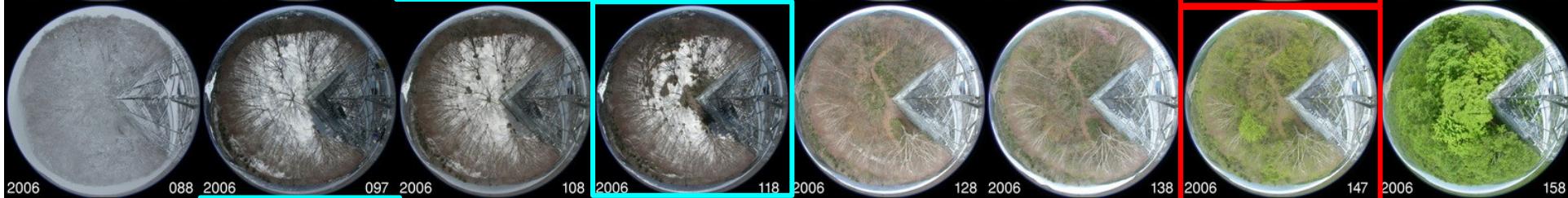
2004



2005



2006



2007



2008



Timing of snow melt and budburst do not correlate.

Autumn phenology (TKY) ... 10-day summary

09/10

09/30

10/10

10/20

10/30

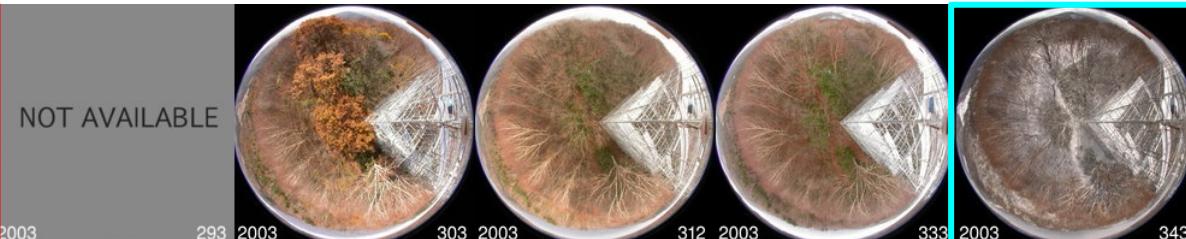
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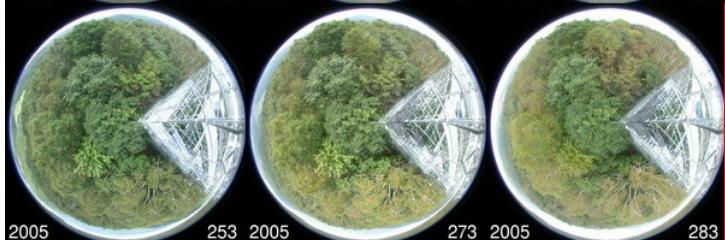
2003年



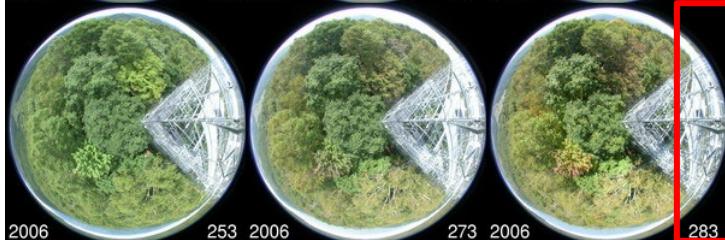
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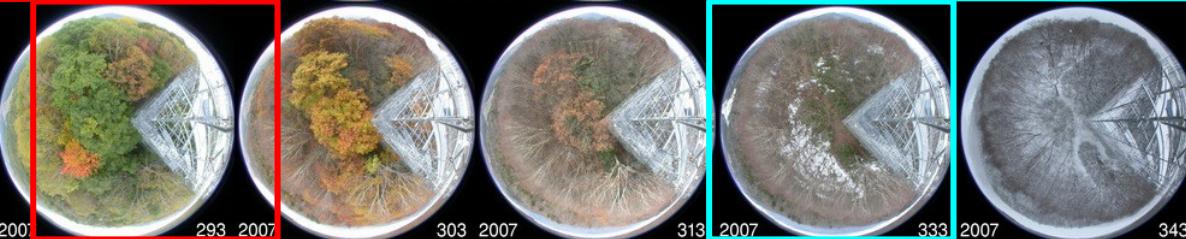
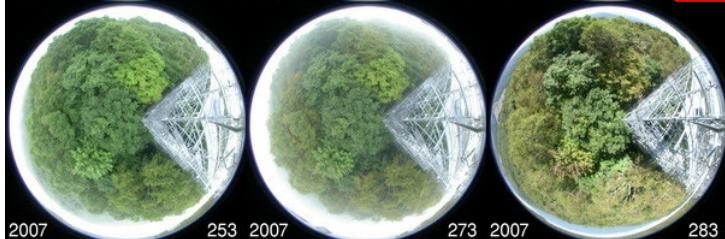
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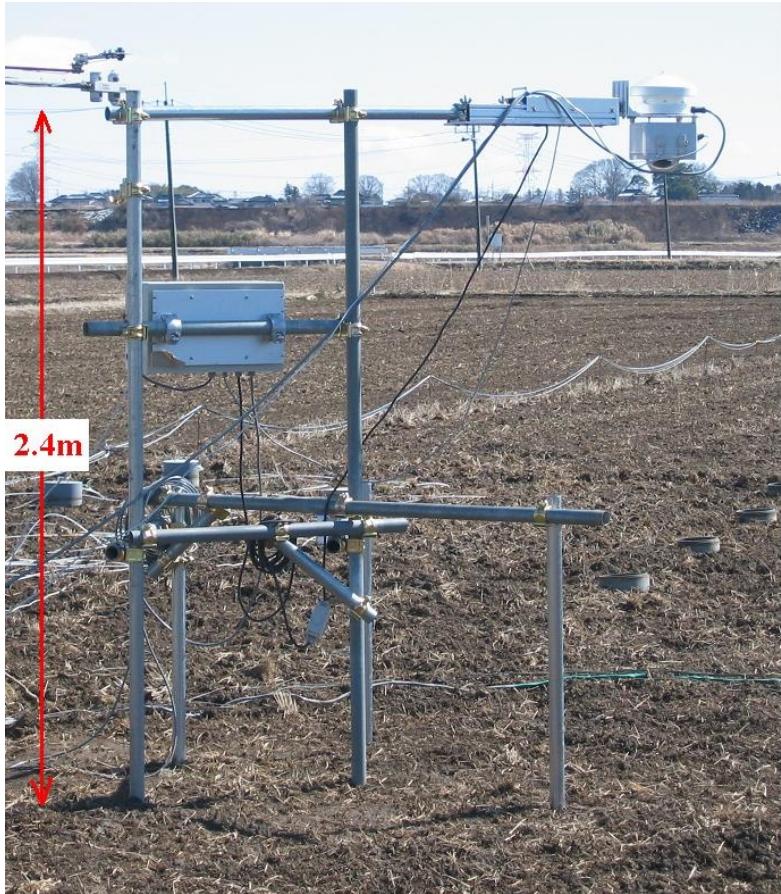


2007年



Phenological Eyes Network (PEN)

Installation in MSE



Automatic-capturing Digital Fish-eye Camera (ADFC)

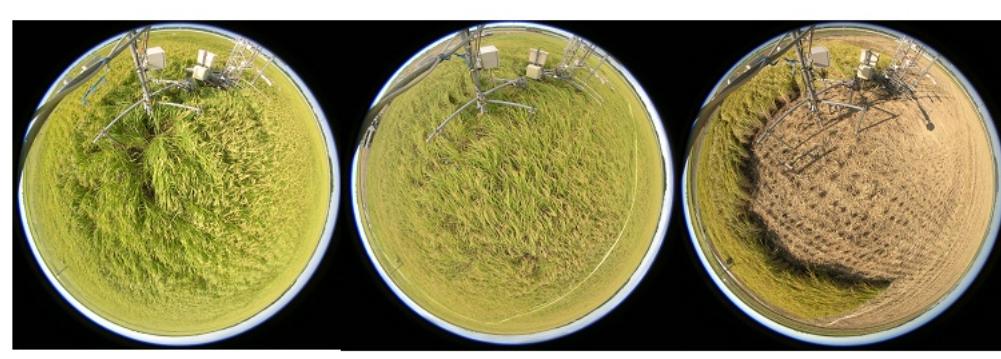
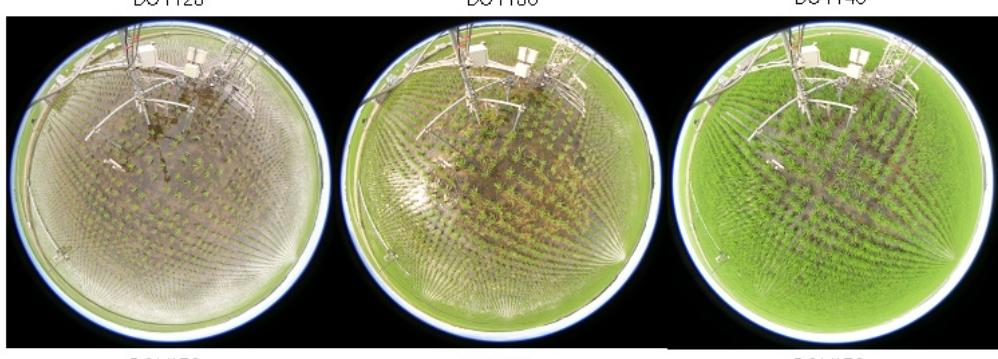
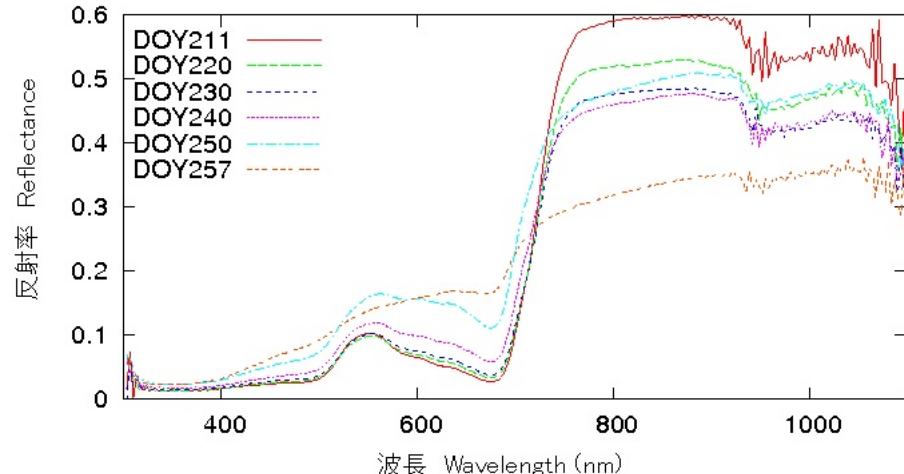
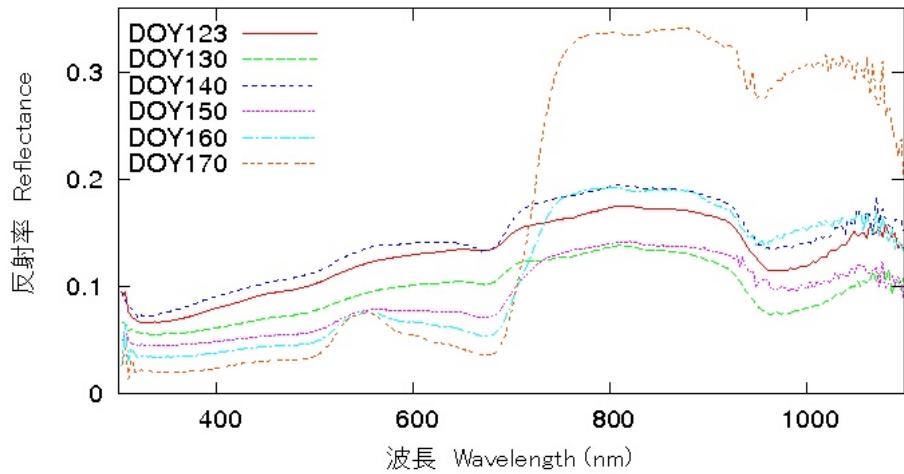
(NIKON Coolpix4300 + FC-8 Fisheye Converter)



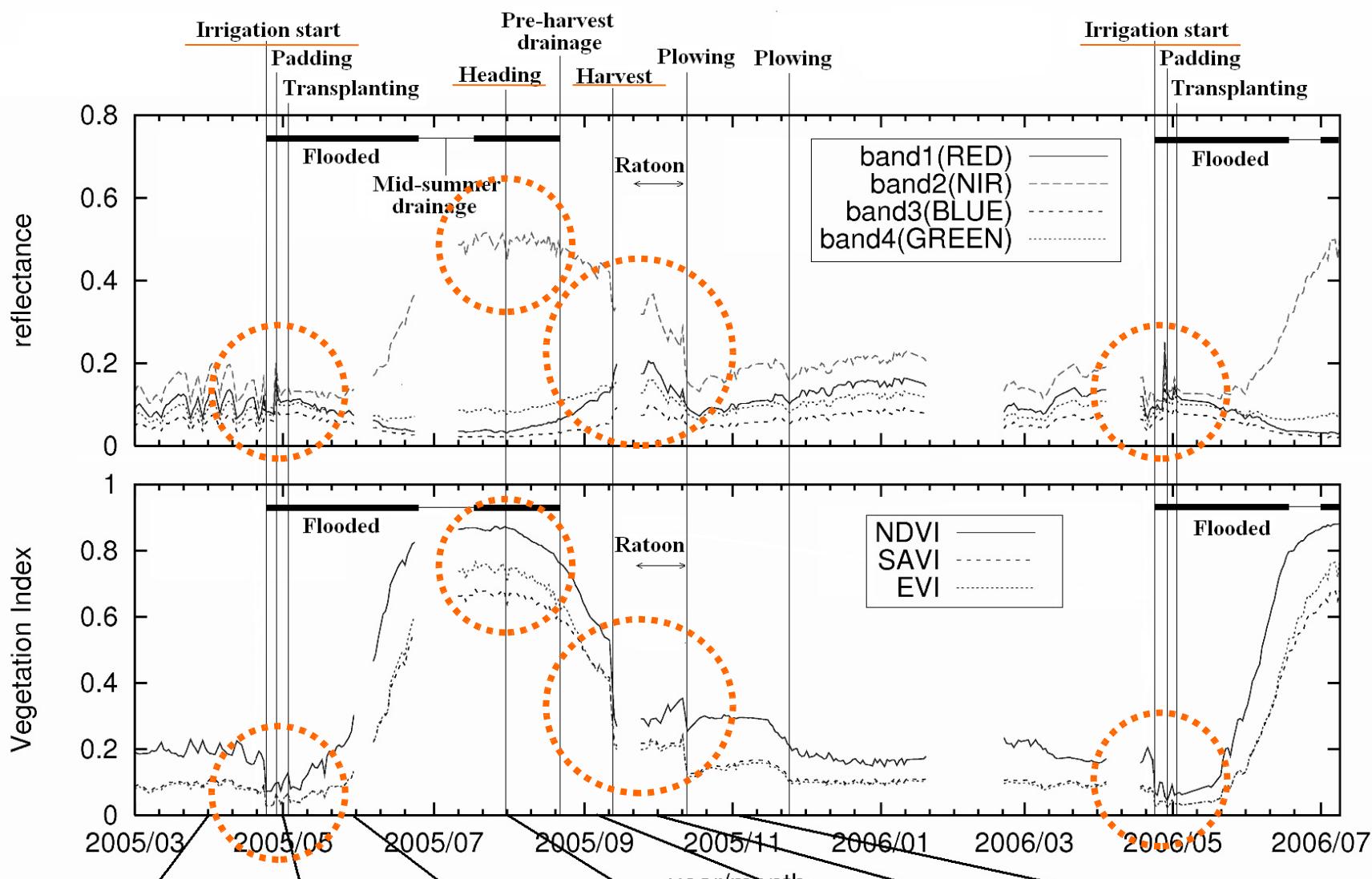
Hemispherical Spectro-radiometer (HSSR)

(Eko MS-700; 350nm-1100nm; 256bands)

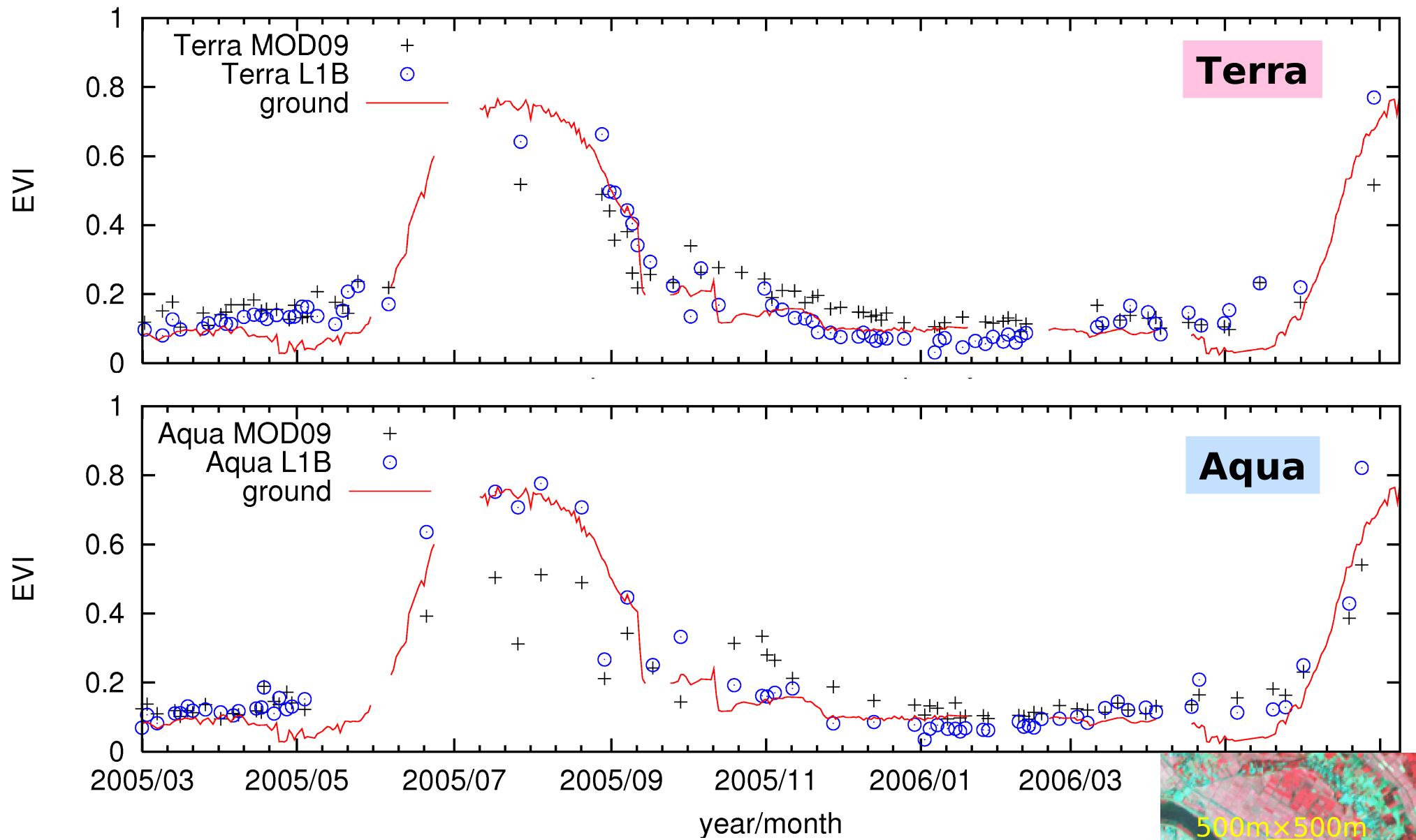
Example: Mase site (paddy), 2005



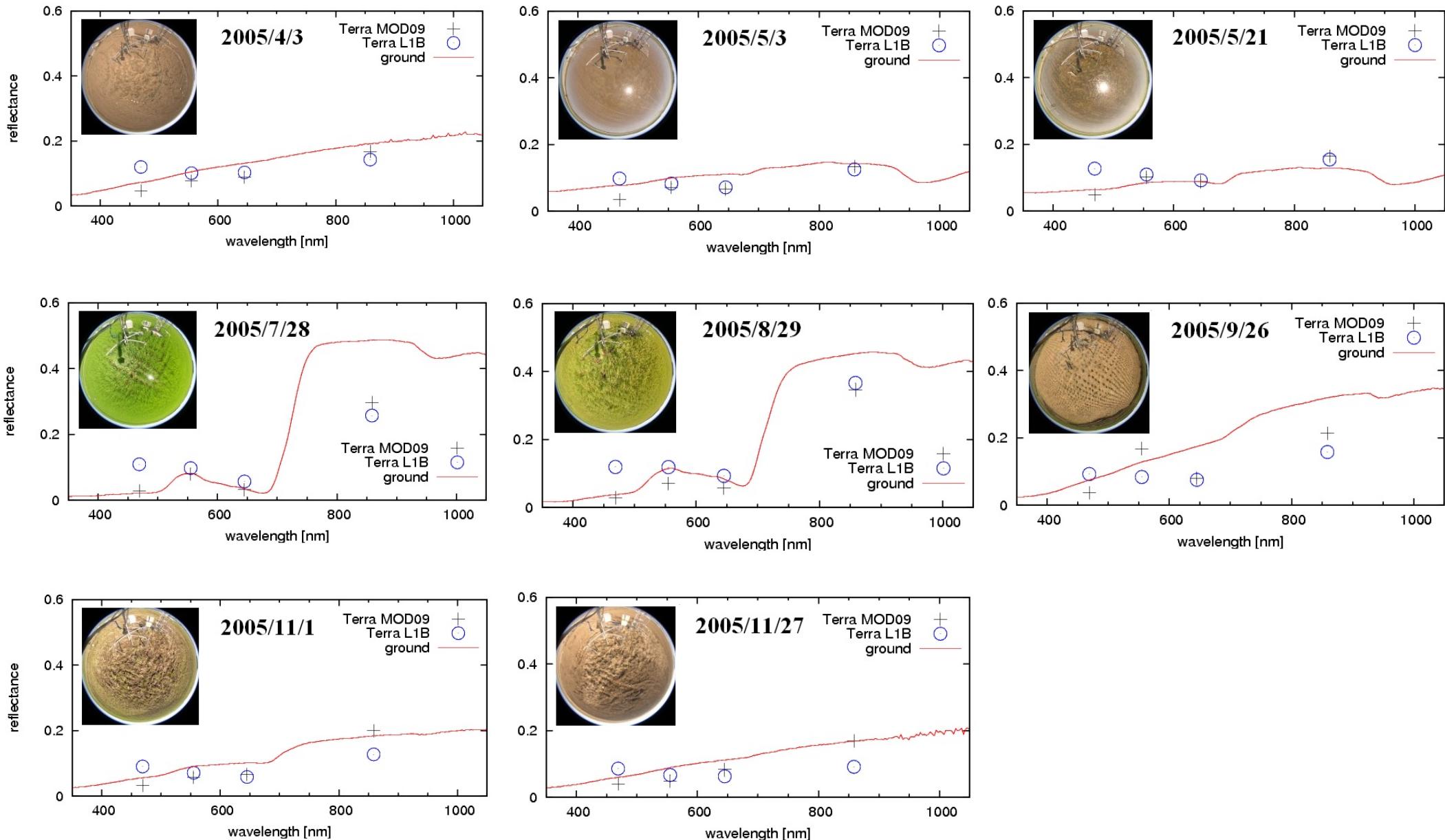
Example: Mase site (paddy), 2005-2006



Example: check of satellite index at Mase site (paddy)



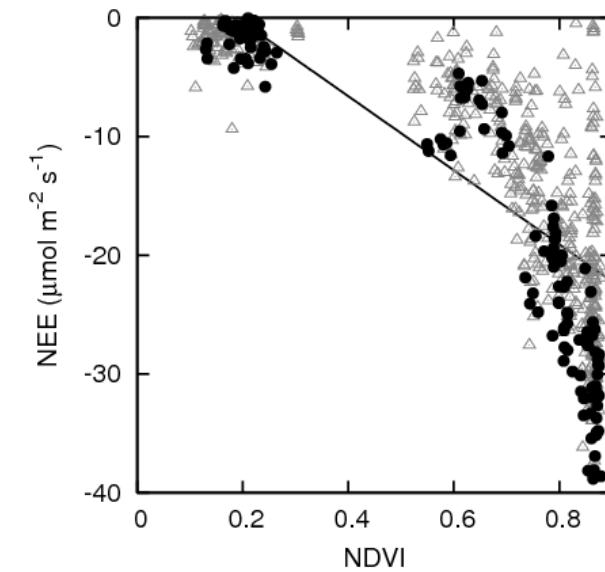
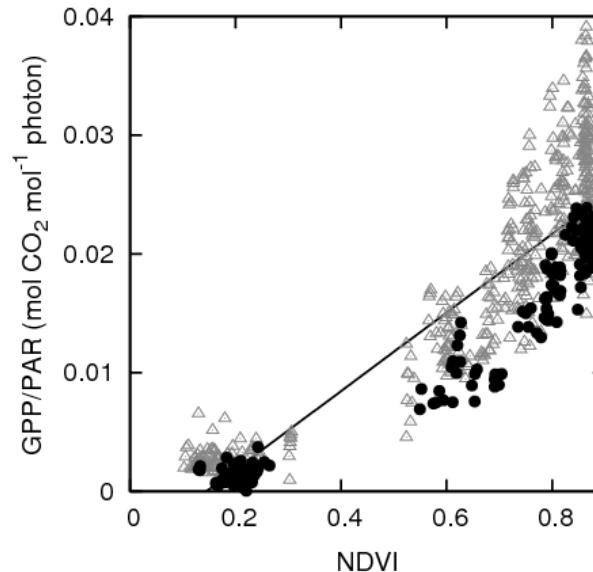
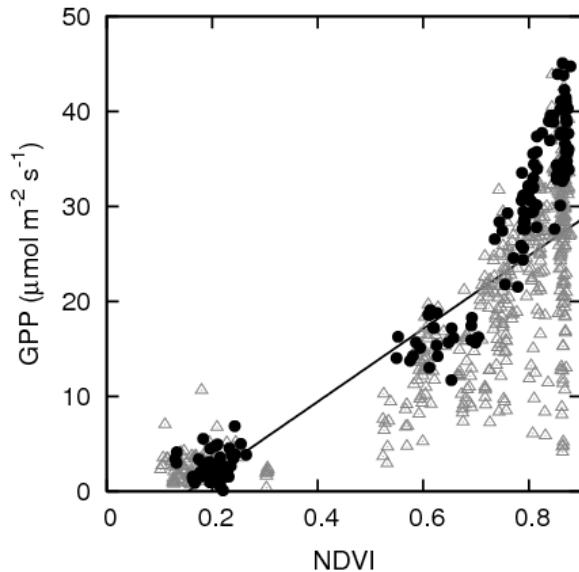
MODIS data vs. ground data: spectrum



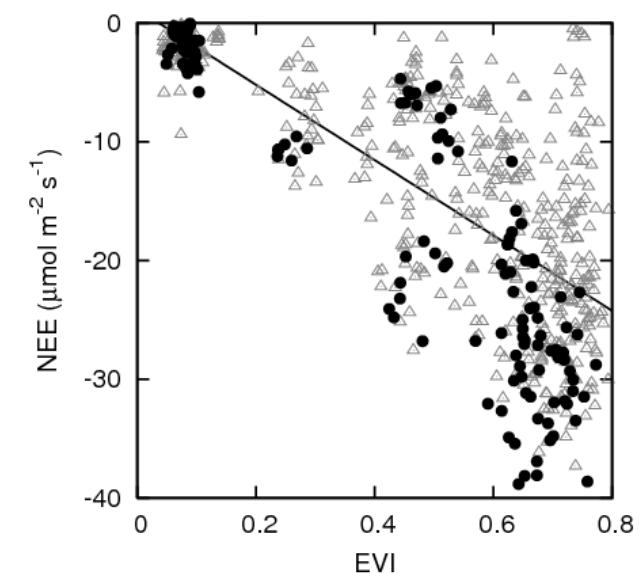
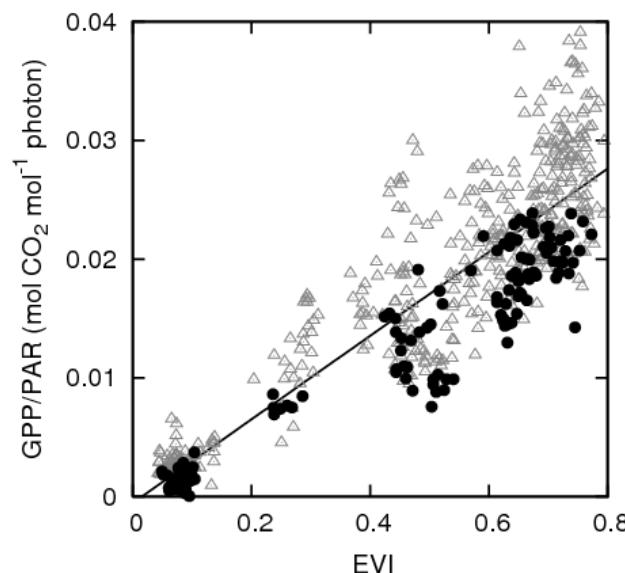
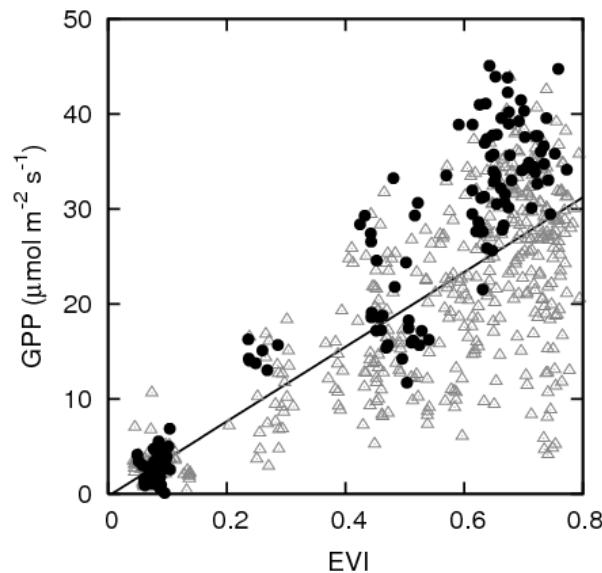
Spectral index vs. Carbon flux

MSE (paddy)

(a) NDVI



(b) EVI

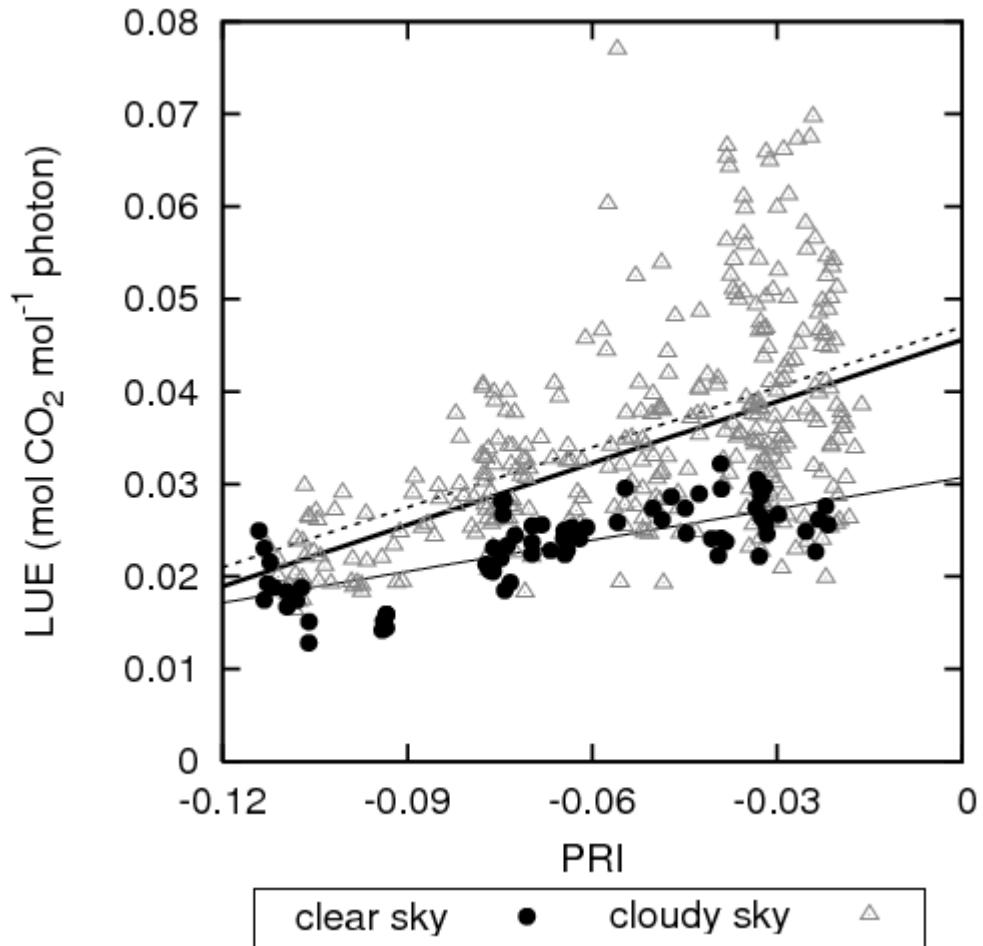


clear sky • cloudy sky ▲

Flux data: courtesy of NIAES group (A. Miyata)

PRI ... photochemical reflectance index

Flux data: courtesy of NIAES group (A. Miyata)



VI	Sky condition	LUE		
		r^2	A	B
PRI	All condition	0.212	0.223	0.0456
	Clear sky	0.517	0.113	0.0307
	Cloudy sky	0.184	0.217	0.0470

Yellow sands captured by PEN

TKY

TGF

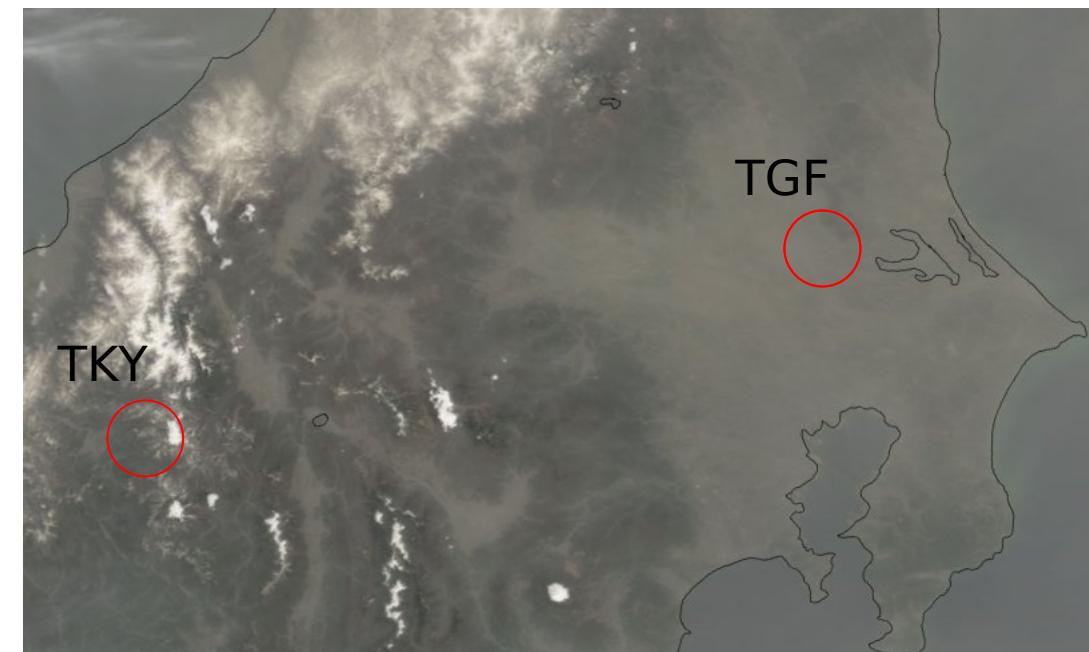
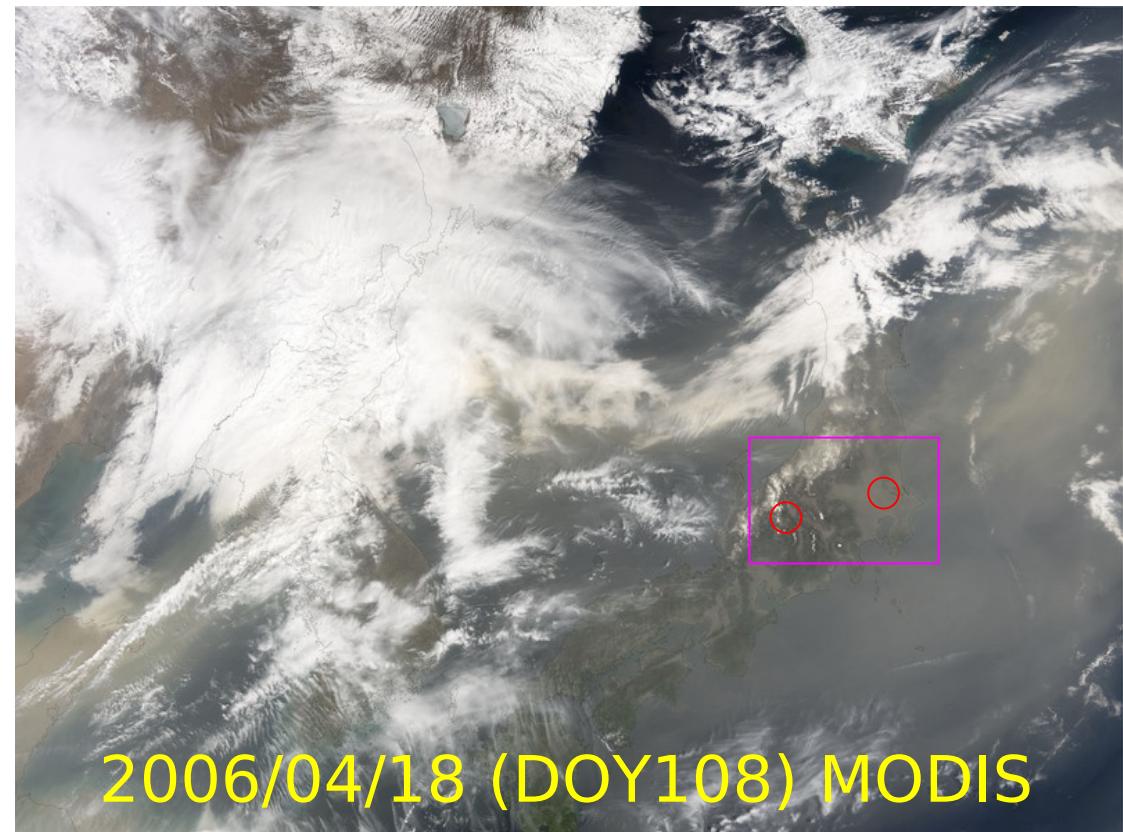
2006/04/17 10:30AM



2006/04/18 10:30AM



From 4/17 to 4/18, visibility decreased suddenly.
Influence was bigger in TKY than TGF, because
TKY is closer to the Chinese continent.



Snow melt (TKY)

02/07



02/17



02/27



03/09



03/19



03/29



04/08



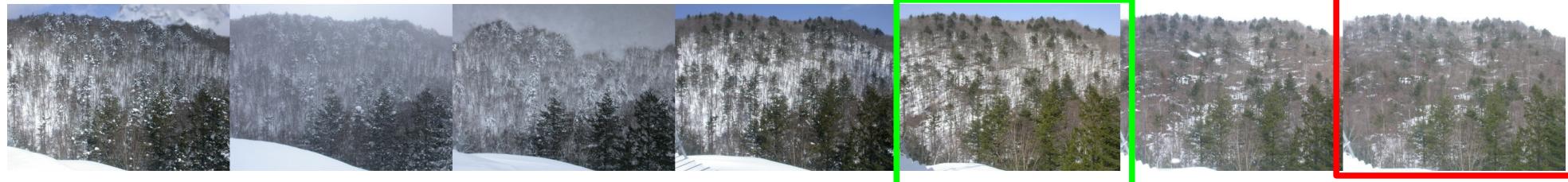
2006



2007



2008



2009



Snowmelt in 2009 is 20-30 days earlier than other years!

Manual observations

Leaf area index (LAI):



litter traps



LAI-2000



TRAC

Monitoring of shoots and leaves



phenology



leaf spectrum



leaf physiology

Conclusion

Phenological Eyes Network (PEN) is accumulating long-term ground data for ground-truth of satellite remote sensing.

Ground truth by PEN:

- Cloud-screening
- Band reflectance, NDVI, EVI.

New algorithms by PEN:

- phenology detection
- LAI estimation
- carbon budget estimation (LUE, GPP)