

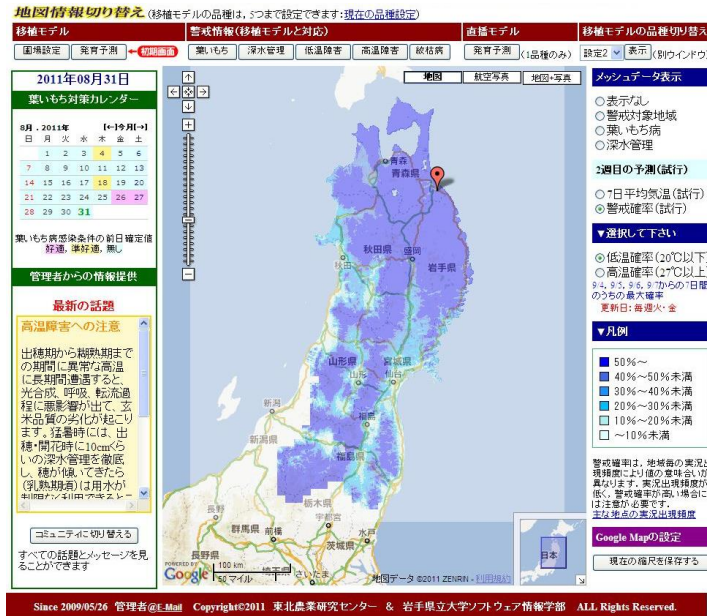
Recent Advances in Agro-Meteorological Services for Climate Change Adaptation

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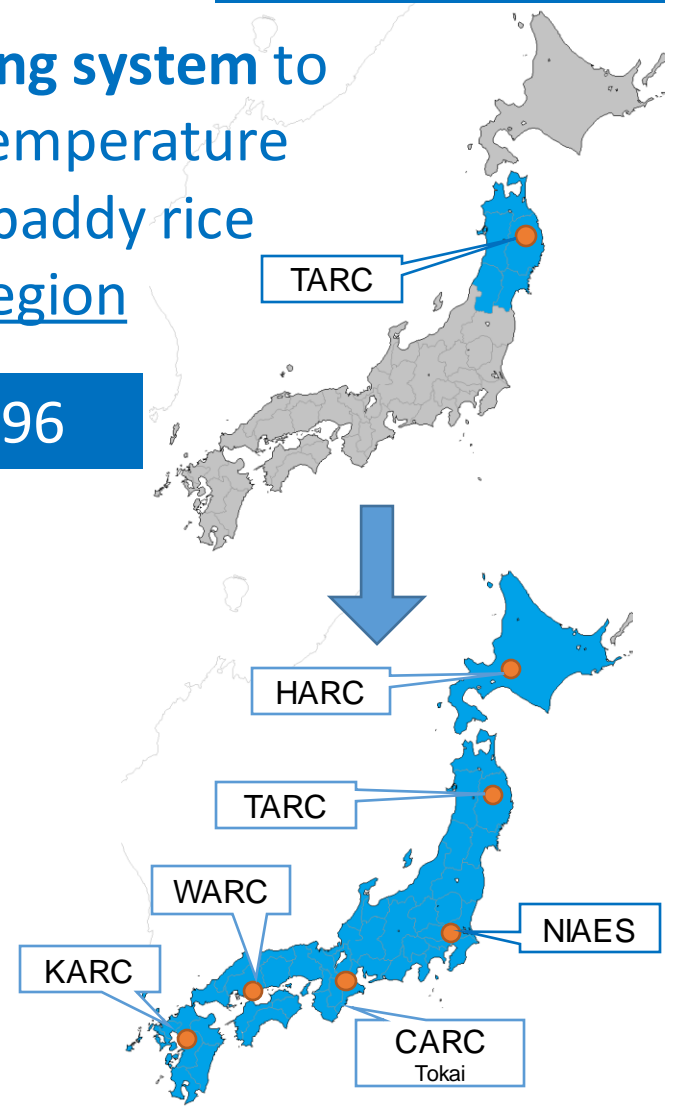
History of AgroMet services in NARO, JAPAN



1993: cold summer

Early warning system to avoid low temperature damage of paddy rice in Tohoku region

Started in 1996



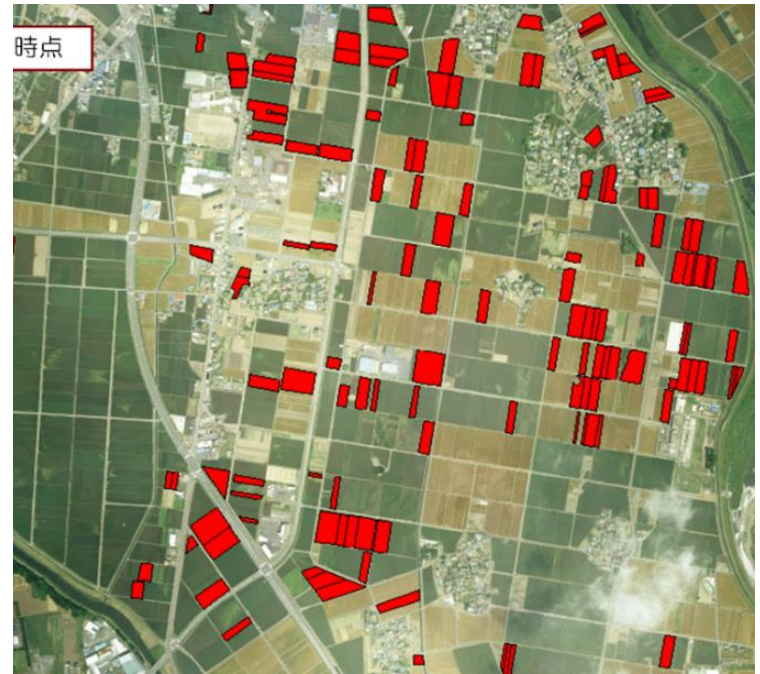
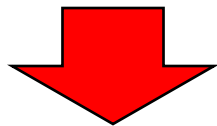
after 2011

Nationwide early warning and **Decision support system** to reduce weather risk in field crop production

Why “decision support” ?

Socio-economic change of agriculture in Japan

- Farm scale growing due to farmer population decreasing and aging
- Different crop species, cultivars, cropping seasons to level the seasonal variation of working hours
- Crop calendar changes every year by climate change



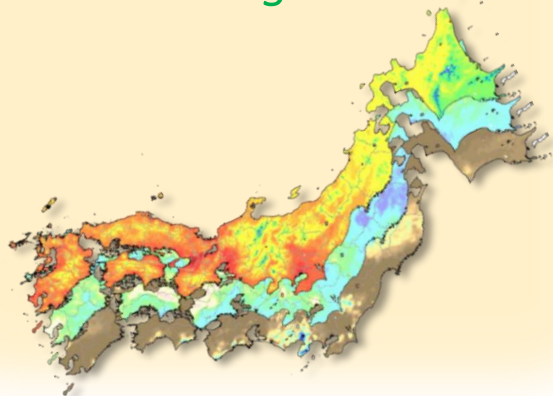
An example of many scattered fields managed by one farmer (total >100 ha)

Decision support by agrometeorological services is useful to solve complex “**puzzles**” in large-scale farming

AgroMet services in NARO (Decision support system)

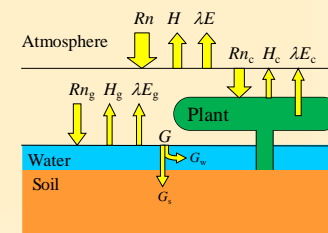
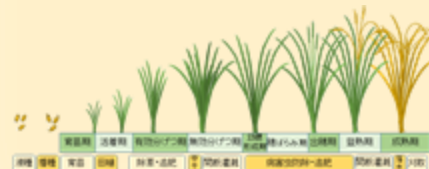
Meteorological Data

- *1km-resolution grid meteorological data*



Simulation models

- *Crop growth model*
- *Disease/pest development model*
- *Microclimate model*

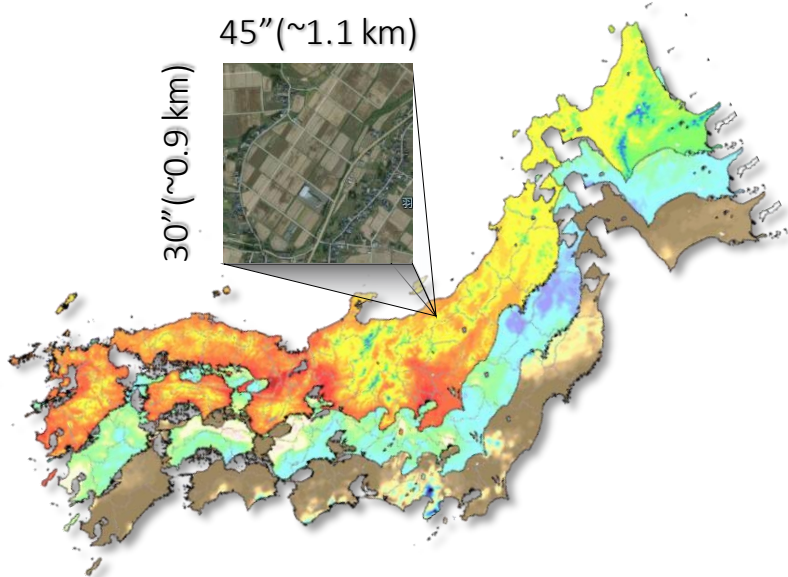


Decision support information / advisories

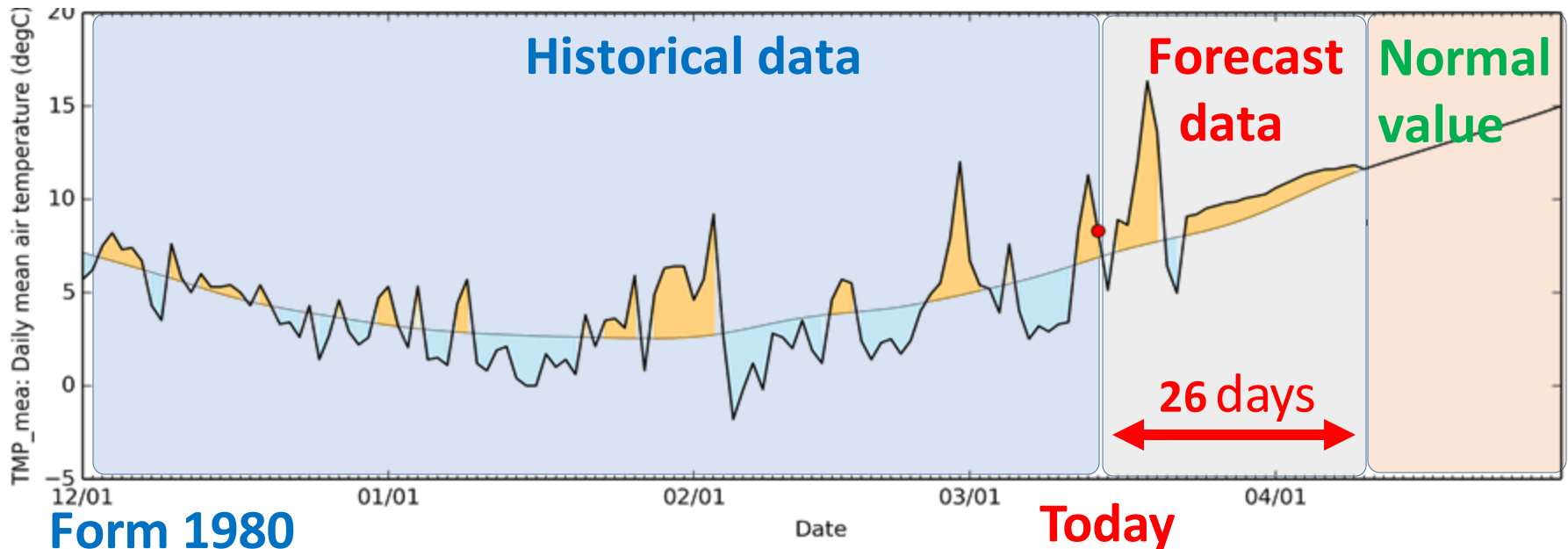
- *Prediction of best harvesting time*
- *Prediction of crop yield*
- *Crop disease forecast*
- *Early warning of high/low temperature damage*
(Web-based)
- *Climate smart irrigation (IoT-based)*



1km-resolution grid meteorological data



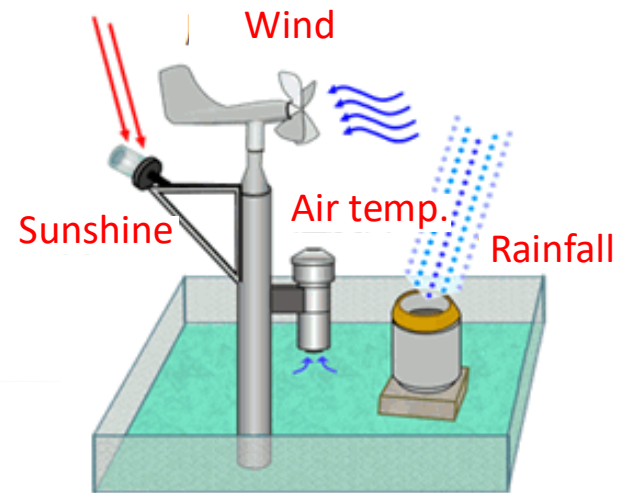
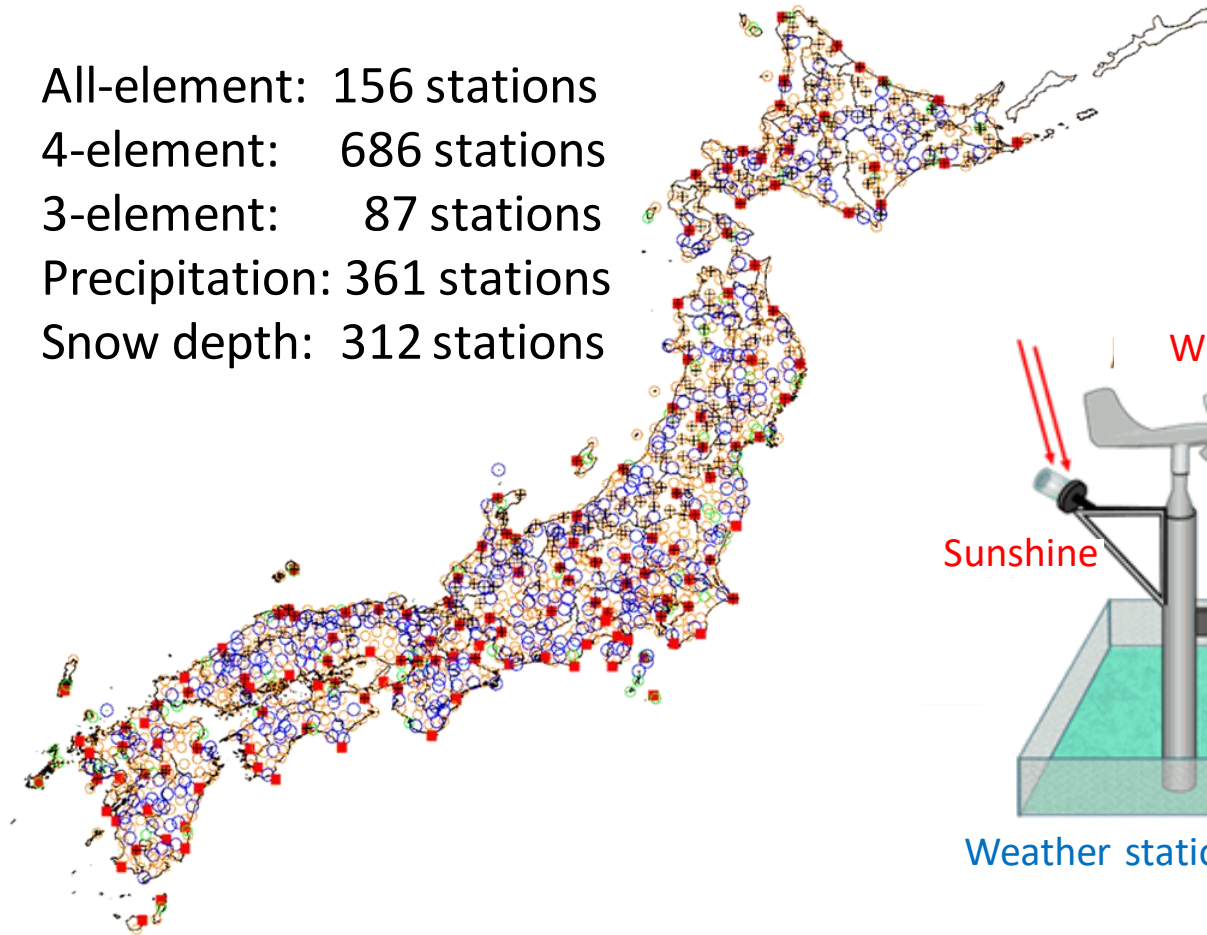
- System provide the daily data with the spatial resolution of about 1km.
- **Historical data**, **forecasted data**, and **climatic normal values** are seamlessly connected.



Data source to create **Historical data (Observation)**

1,300 weather stations by Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)
(1 station / 20 km x 20 km)

- All-element: 156 stations
- 4-element: 686 stations
- 3-element: 87 stations
- Precipitation: 361 stations
- + Snow depth: 312 stations



Weather station of 4-element

Data processing to create Historical data (Interpolation)

Weather stations

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Seino (1993); Ohno et al. (2016)

Observed values

Normal values

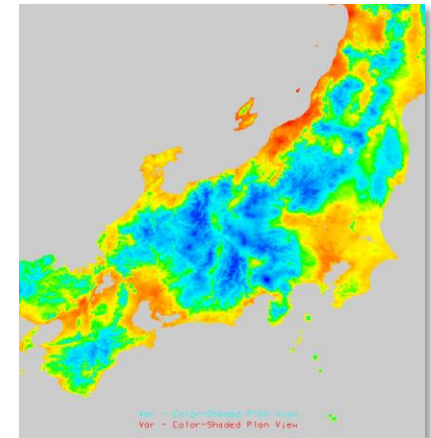
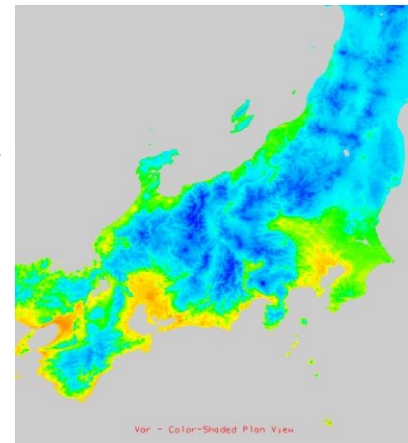
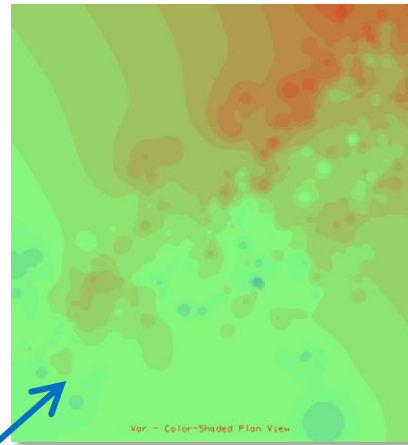
Gridded differences



Interpolated with Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW)

$$y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}$$

$$w_i = \frac{1}{d_i^p}, \quad p = 3$$



Historical data

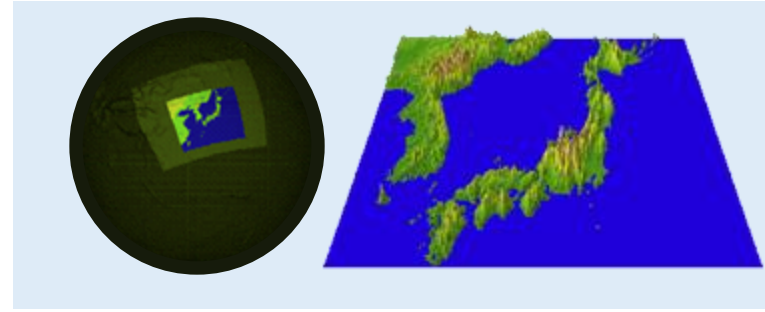
Gridded normal values

Data sources to create **Forecast data**

(source: <http://pfi.kishou.go.jp/material/nwp50th-ann.pdf>)

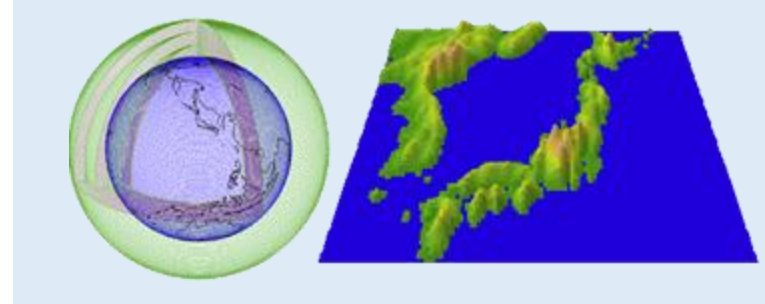
1. JMA's Meso-Scale Model (MSM)

- Regional model
- Approx. 5 km grid
- 1.5-day forecast (for **day 1**: today)



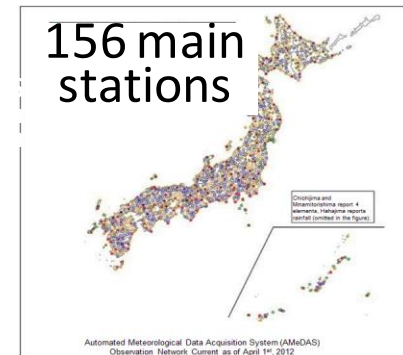
2. JMA's Global Spectral Model (GSM)

- Global model
- Approx. 20 km grid
- 9-day forecast (for **day 2 - 9**)



3. Model Output Statistic (MOS) Guidance for 1-month by JMA

- Empirical forecast using 30 ensemble data
- Forecast for 156 points
- 4-week forecast (for **day 10 - 26**)

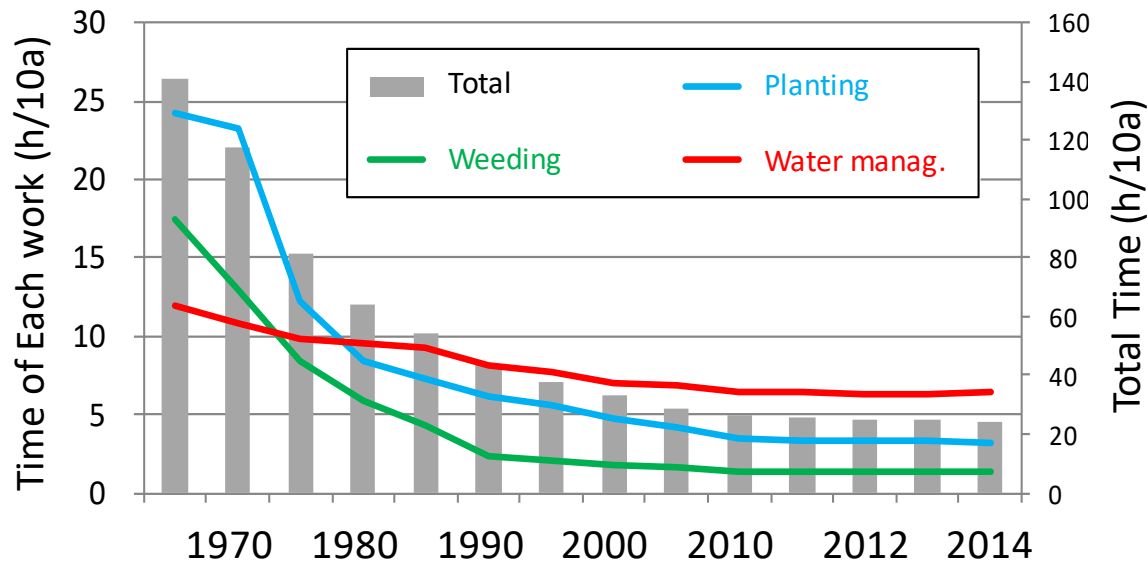


List of data provided by the system

Meteorological factors	Historical	Forecast
Mean air temperature	1980 -	- 26 days in the future
Maximum air temperature	1980 -	- 26 days in the future
Minimum air temperature	1980 -	- 26 days in the future
Precipitation	1980 -	- 26 days in the future
Relative humidity	2008 -	- 9 days in the future
Wind speed	2008 -	- 9 days in the future
Sunshine duration	1980 -	- 9 days in the future
Shortwave radiation	1980 -	- 9 days in the future
Longwave radiation	2008 -	- 9 days in the future
Snow depth	2008 -	- 9 days in the future

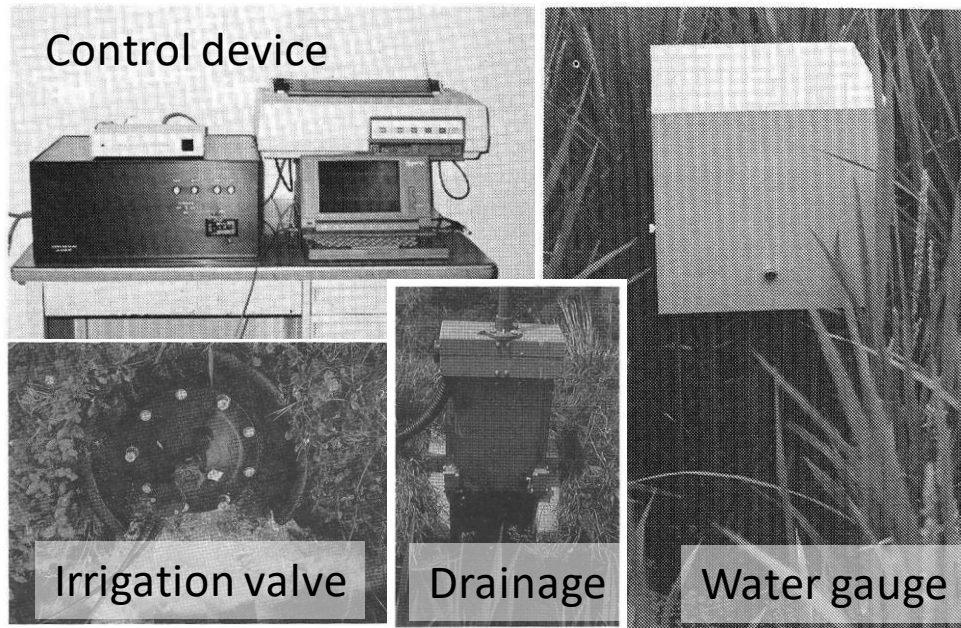
Climate Smart Irrigation

Current issues of field irrigation in Japan



- Field irrigation practices are **not mechanized** unlike other works
- **30%** of working time for rice cultivation is **water management**
- **Farm size is growing** due to decrease in farmer population

Remote control irrigation system



Remote control irrigation devices (MAFF, 1994)

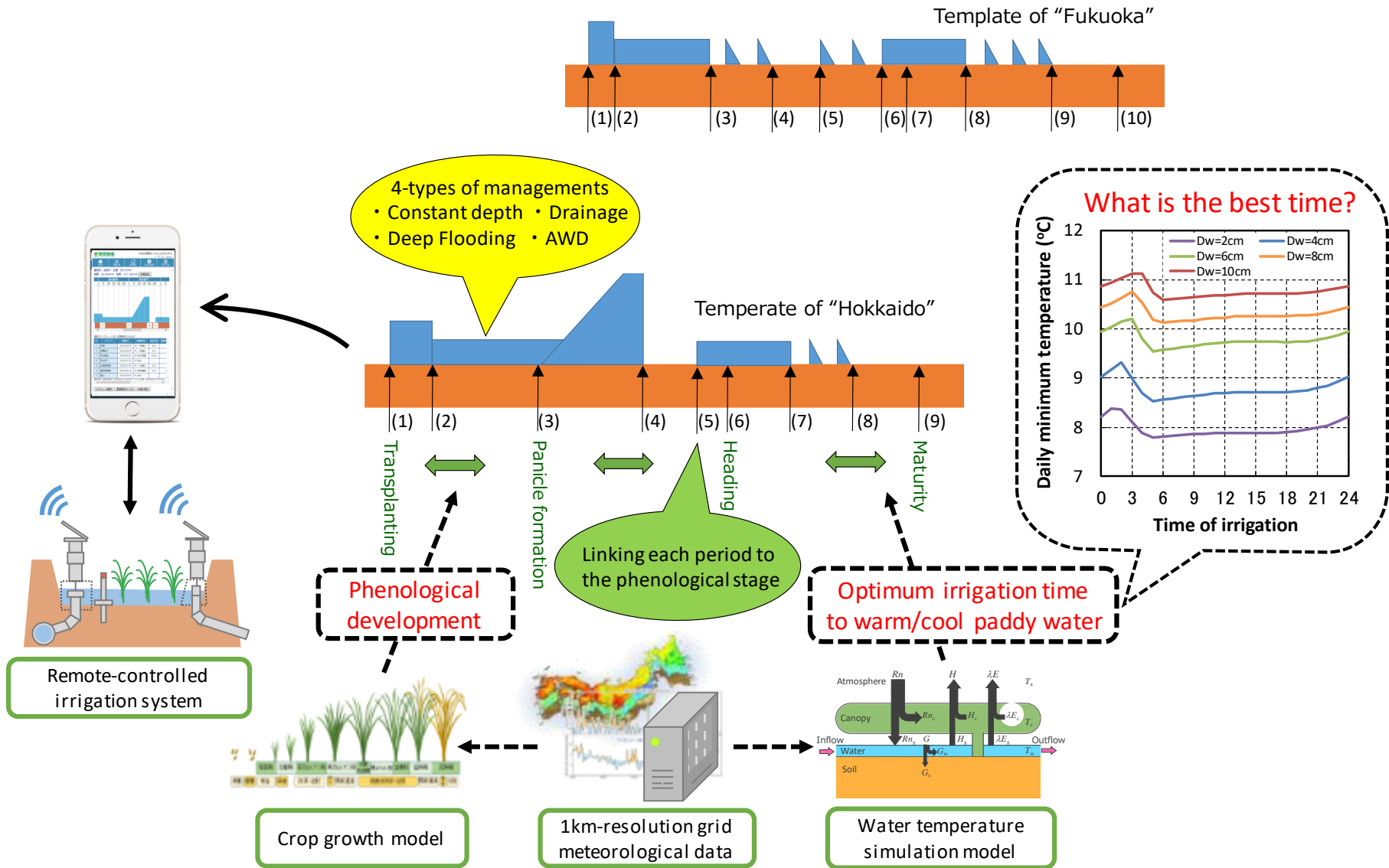


Field irrigation system (NARO, 2017)



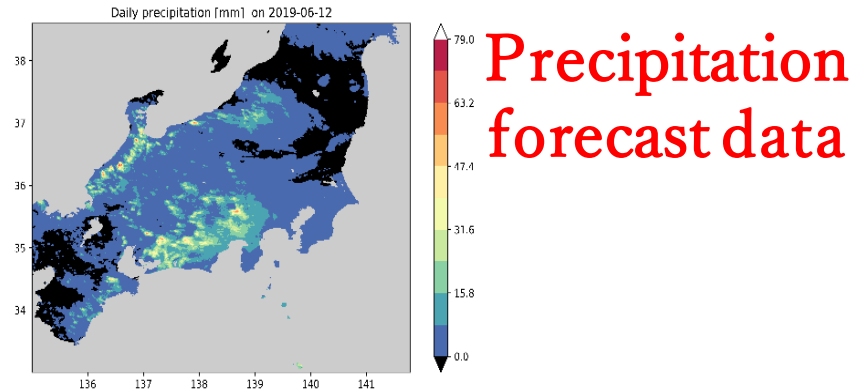
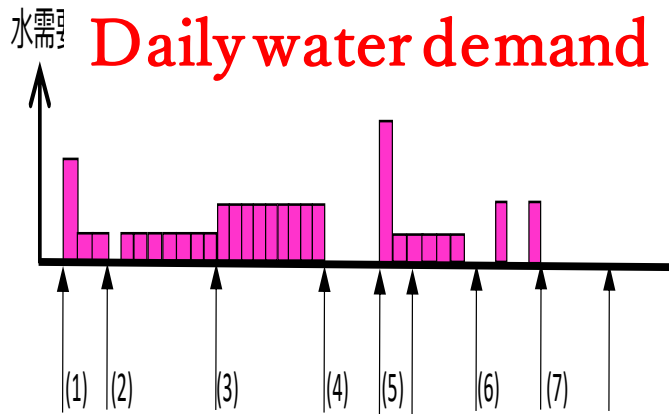
Development of ICT

Climate smart irrigation (Software of the field irrigation system)

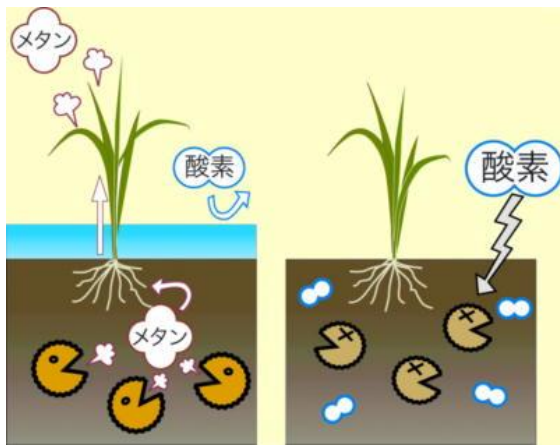


Future challenges

➤ Water saving in rice cultivation

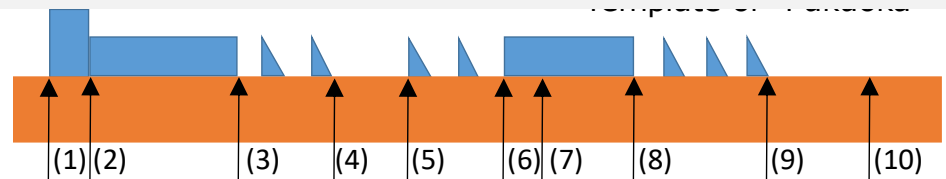


➤ Climate change mitigation by reducing methane (CH₄)



NIAES(2000)

Template for "methane (CH₄) generation control."



3-globe thermometer

A new thermometer

- **Having multiple spherical sensors (thermocouples)**
- **Does not require radiation shield**



How to measure air temperature accurately

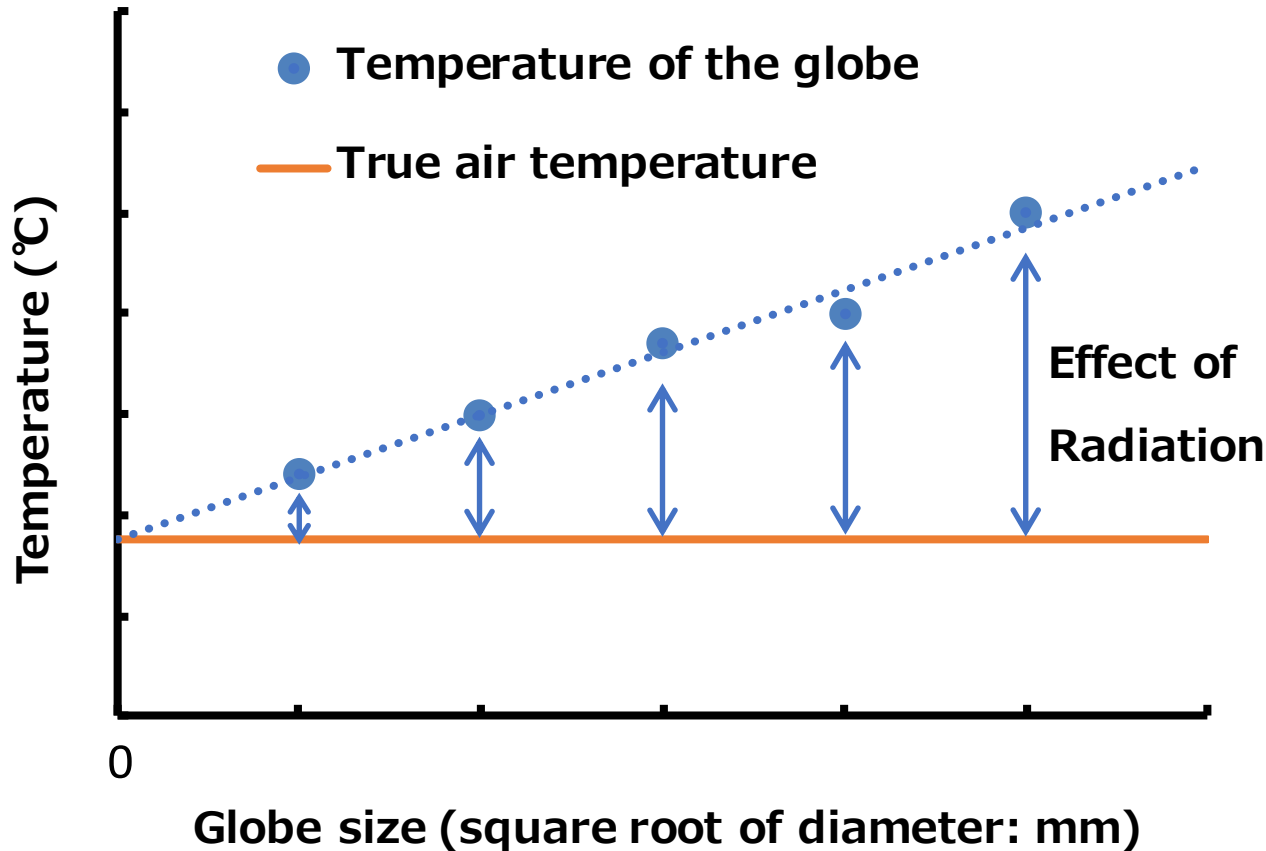
- **Radiation shield**
- **Ventilation**
- **Power supply**



**Difficult to obtain
commercial power
in farmland**

Principle

- Principle is based on the energy balance
- Radiation effects are eliminated using multiple sensors

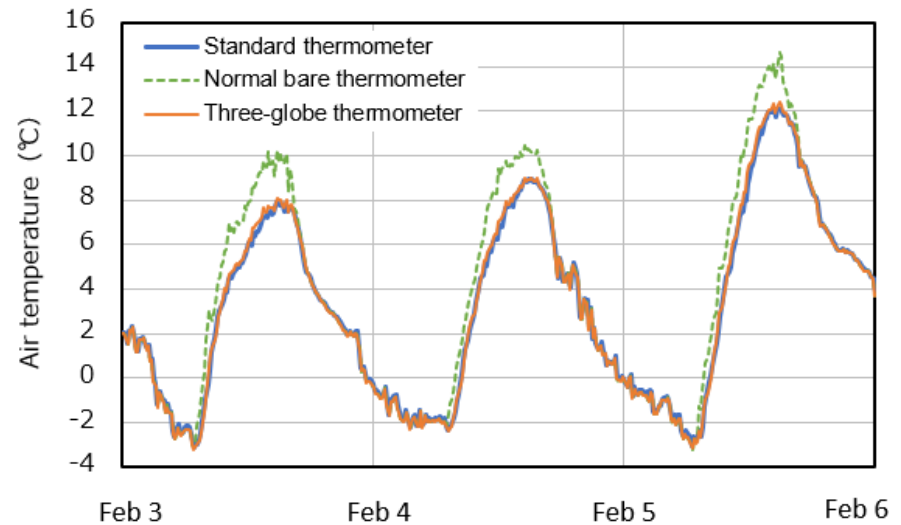
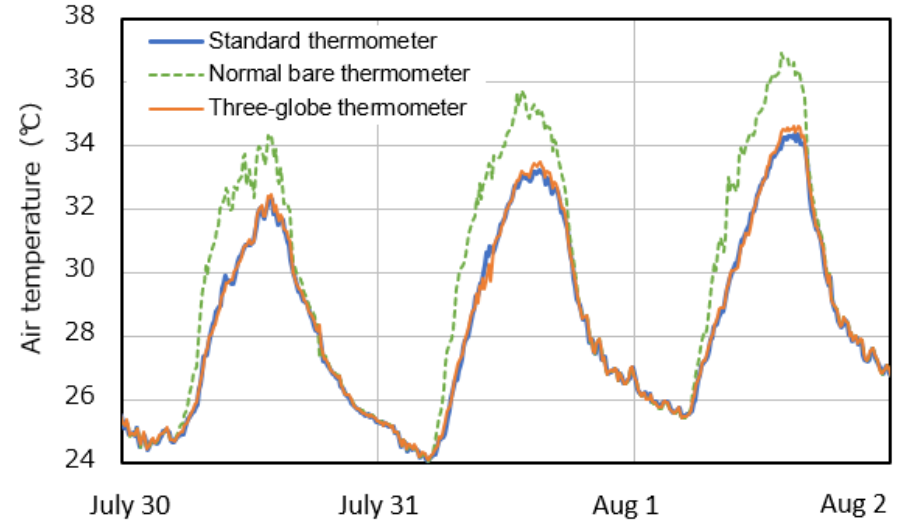


- Optimum combination of diameter was 0.25, 1 and 4 mm

Comparison with a standard instrument



RMSE = 0.13 °C



Formula in 3-globe thermometer

$$T_a = T_1 + \frac{1}{2}(T_2 - T_3)$$

T_a : True air temp.

T_1 : Small globe temp.

T_2 : Medium globe temp.

T_3 : Large globe temp.

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Multiple-globe thermometer for measuring the air temperature without an aspirated radiation shield



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ABSTRACT

A simple formula is proposed to calculate the air temperature from the temperatures of multiple spheres of different size and thus eliminate the effects of radiation on the measurement of air temperature. The formula is derived from energy balance and heat transfer theory for a spherical surface in external flow. Using this formula, we developed an instrument with which to obtain the air temperature from multiple thermocouples with spherical tips (multiple globes) without the need for a radiation shield and ventilation. Field experiments were conducted during summer and winter. Five globes having different diameters ($d = 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4$ mm) were set in the field, and a standard thermometer having a threefold radiation shield and aspiration of 5 m/s was used as a reference. All globe temperatures were higher than the air temperature during the day; the maximum difference was 3.3 °C for $d = 4$ mm. The air temperature calculated using the proposed formula agrees well with measurements made using a standard thermometer. In the formula, the optimum value of the coefficient m relating to the surface geometry that minimizes error in the calculated air temperature was $m = 0.5$. This value is consistent with the results of previous studies on heat transfer theory and experiments on spherical surfaces. The best combination of globe diameters providing the highest accuracy was 0.25, 1, and 4 mm. The root-mean-square error of this combination for all summer and winter data was 0.13 °C. The results demonstrate the sufficient accuracy of the proposed thermometer. The proposed thermometer can be used on farmland and in forests where mains power is unavailable and will thus help clarify the actual temperature and microclimate in rural areas.

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