

Development of integrative information of the terrestrial ecosystem

総合的な陸域生態系情報の開発

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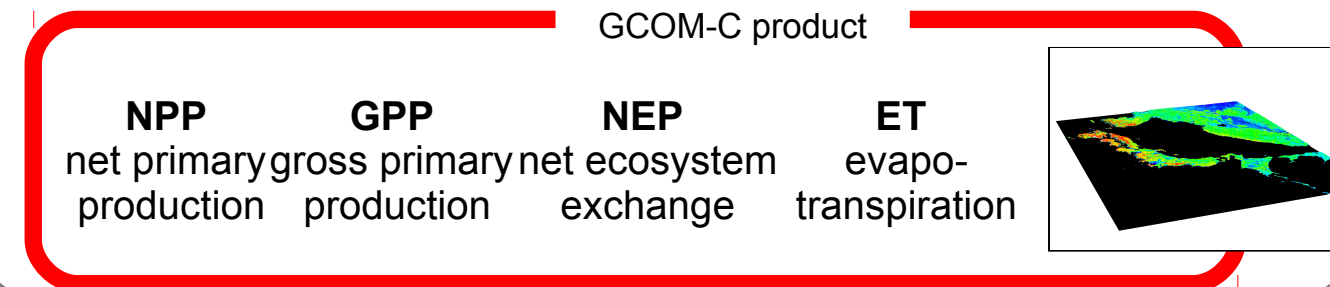
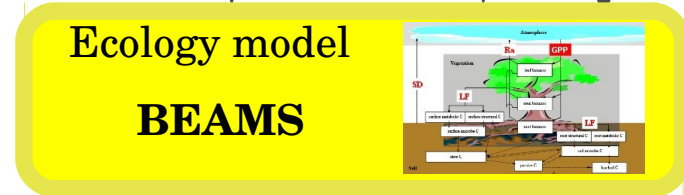
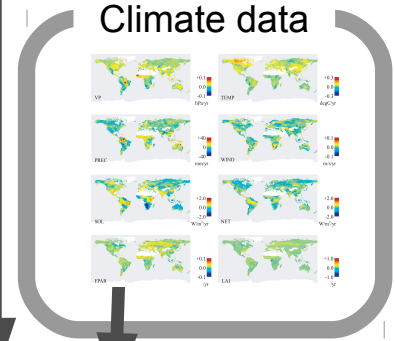
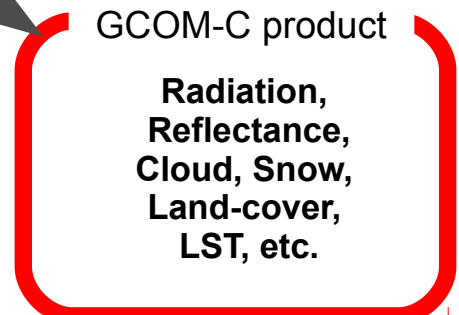
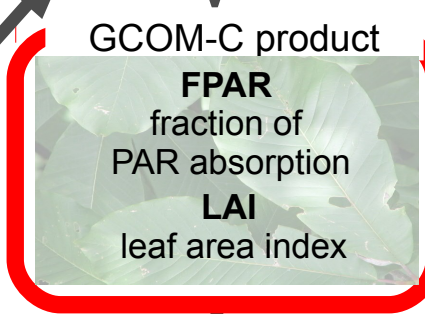
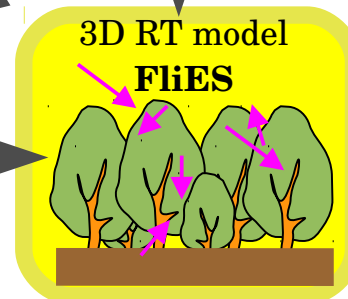
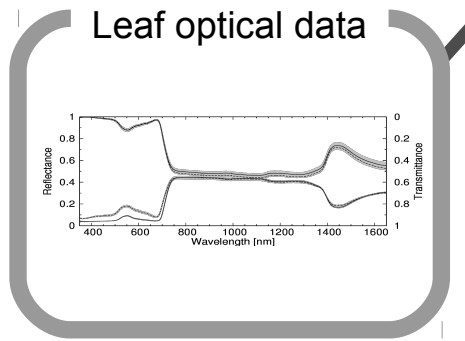
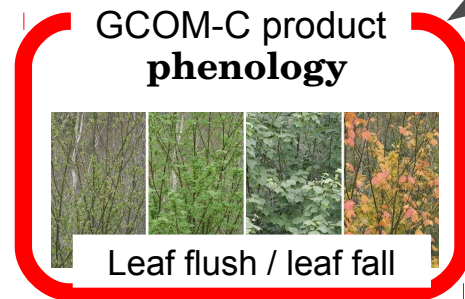
Framework

Ground Study



calibration
validation

GCOM-C

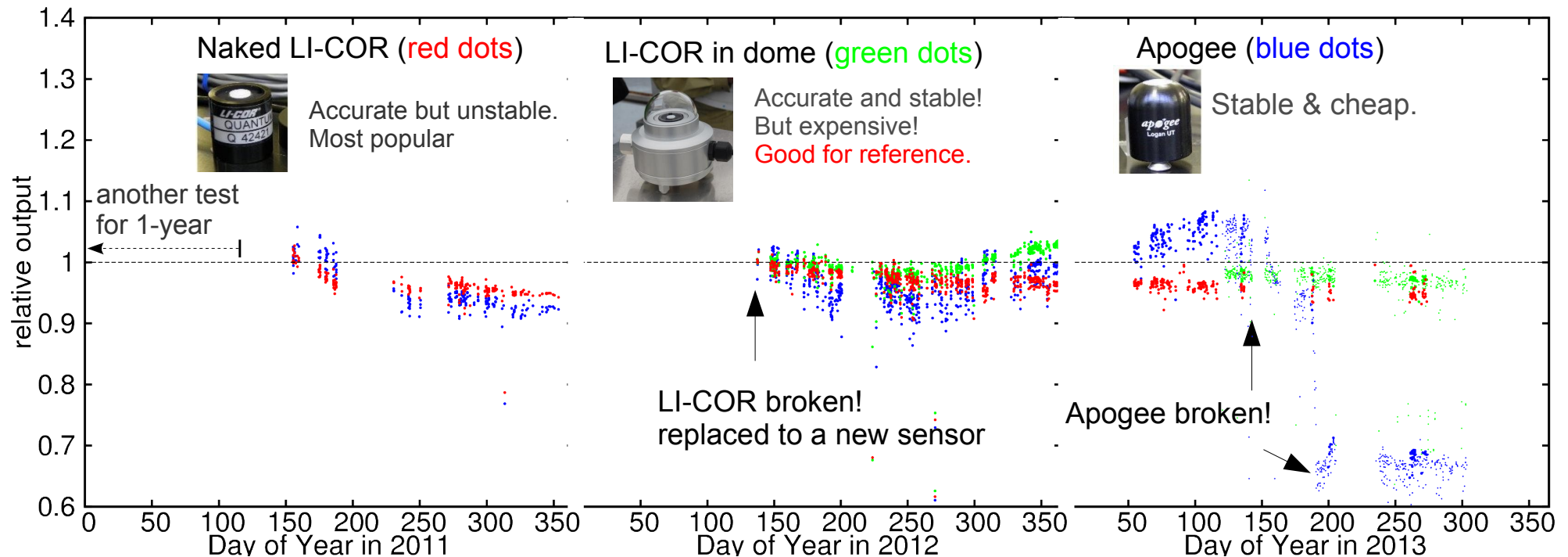
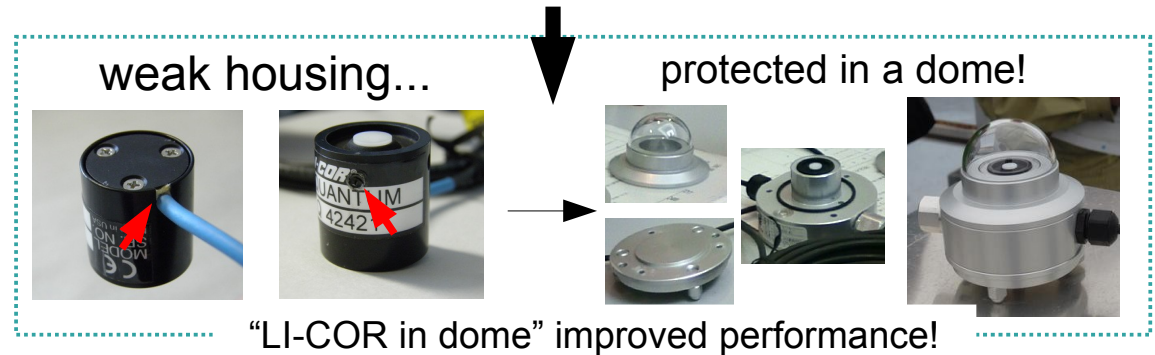




Let's make a standard protocol for PAR measurement!



- Apogee: Stable! but inaccurate spectral band.
 - LI-COR: Accurate! but unstable (sensitivity degrade).
- ... No perfect sensor yet



Recommendation: One "LI-COR in dome" and many Apogee for each site.

Development of the canopy radiative transfer model and LAI/FAPAR retrieval algorithm

Contributors

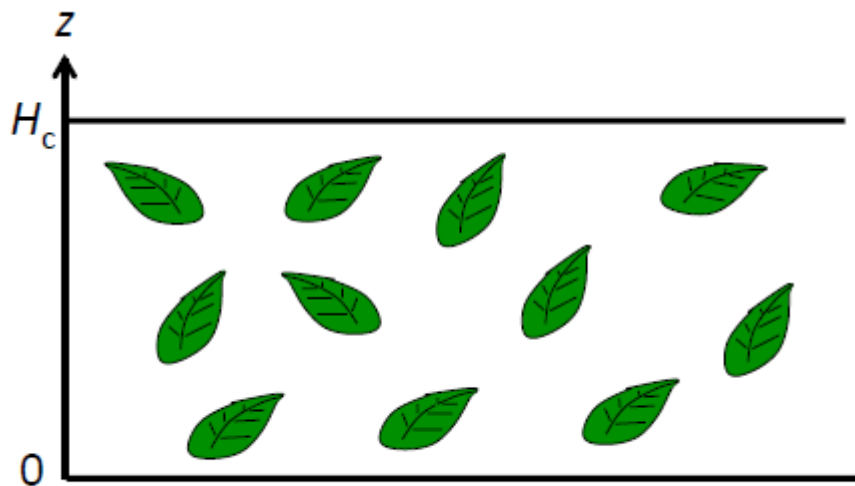
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Development of the canopy radiative transfer model and LAI/FAPAR

- Leaf Area Index (LAI)
 - One side total leaf area in a unit ground ($\text{m}^2 \text{m}^{-2}$)
- Fraction of absorbed photosynthetically active radiation (FAPAR, fAPAR, FPAR)
- Possible users will be ecosystem and earth system modelers
 - Input parameter for BEAMS and other satellite-driven models
 - Validation and assimilation

Leaf Area Index (LAI)

- Leaf area index, L [$\text{m}^2 \text{m}^{-2}$]
 - Total one side leaf area per unit ground
 - For needles, half of total needle area per unit ground is commonly used definition
- leaf area density, $u(z)$ [$\text{m}^2 \text{m}^{-3}$]
 - Total one side leaf area per unit volume



$$L = \int_0^{Hc} u(z) dz$$

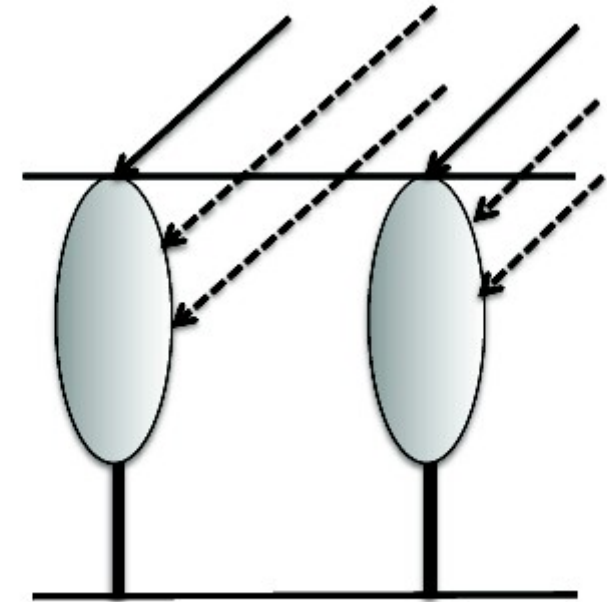
FAPAR definition in GCOM-C1

$$\text{FAPAR}_{1d} = \text{APAR} / \text{PAR}_{1d}$$

PAR_{1d} : Only solid lines

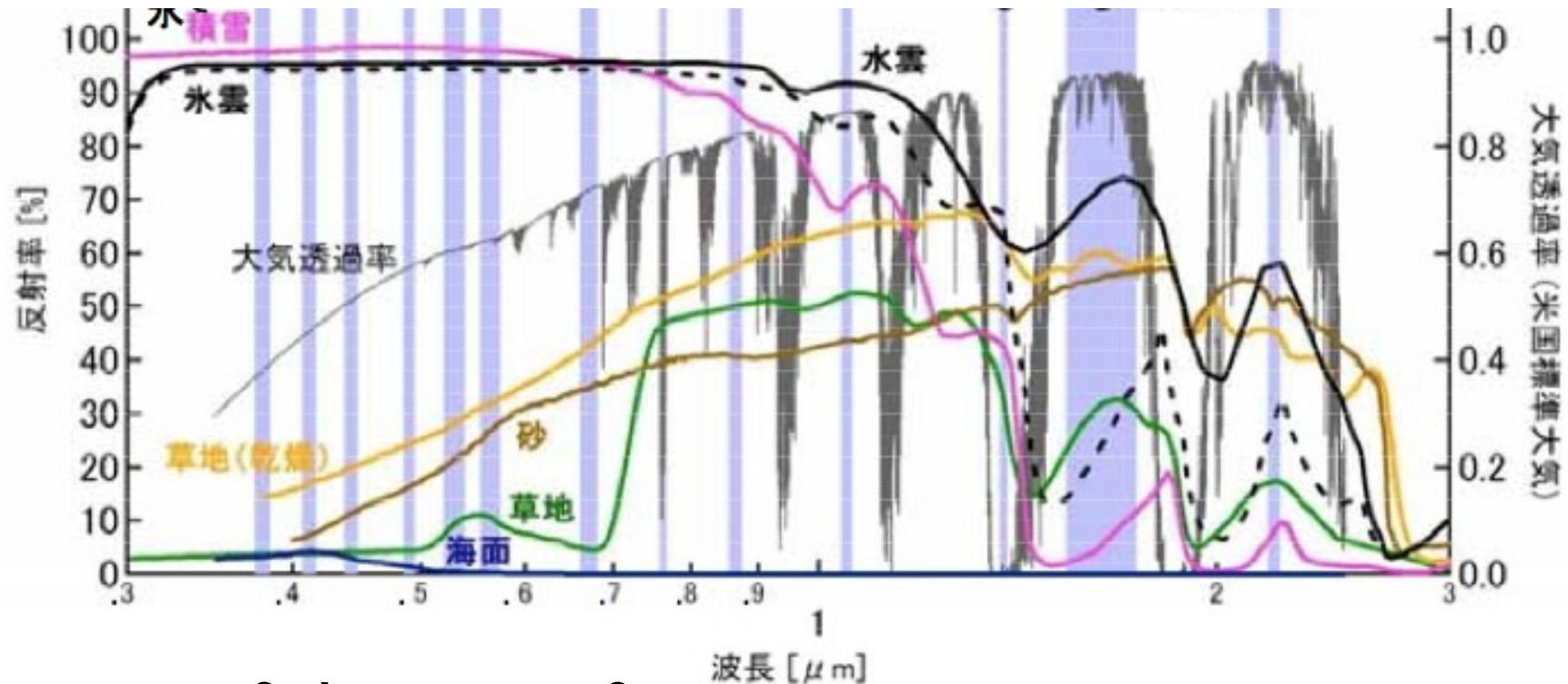
$$\text{FAPAR}_{3d} = \text{APAR} / \text{PAR}_{3d}$$

PAR_{3d} : solid + dotted lines



- FAPAR varies with solar zenith angles (diurnal and seasonal changes)
- In GCOM-C1 algorithm, FAPAR definition will be FAPAR_{1d} and FAPAR at the time of the observation.

General idea of LAI/FAPAR estimation



Inversion of the merit function

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left(R_{i,mes} - R_i(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \right)^2$$

$R_{i,mes}$: GCOM-C1 observation

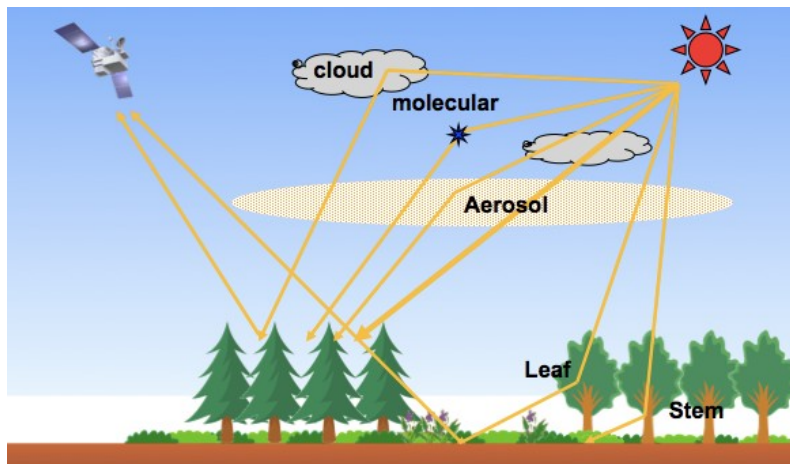
R_i : simulated BRF by the RT model

w_i : weight

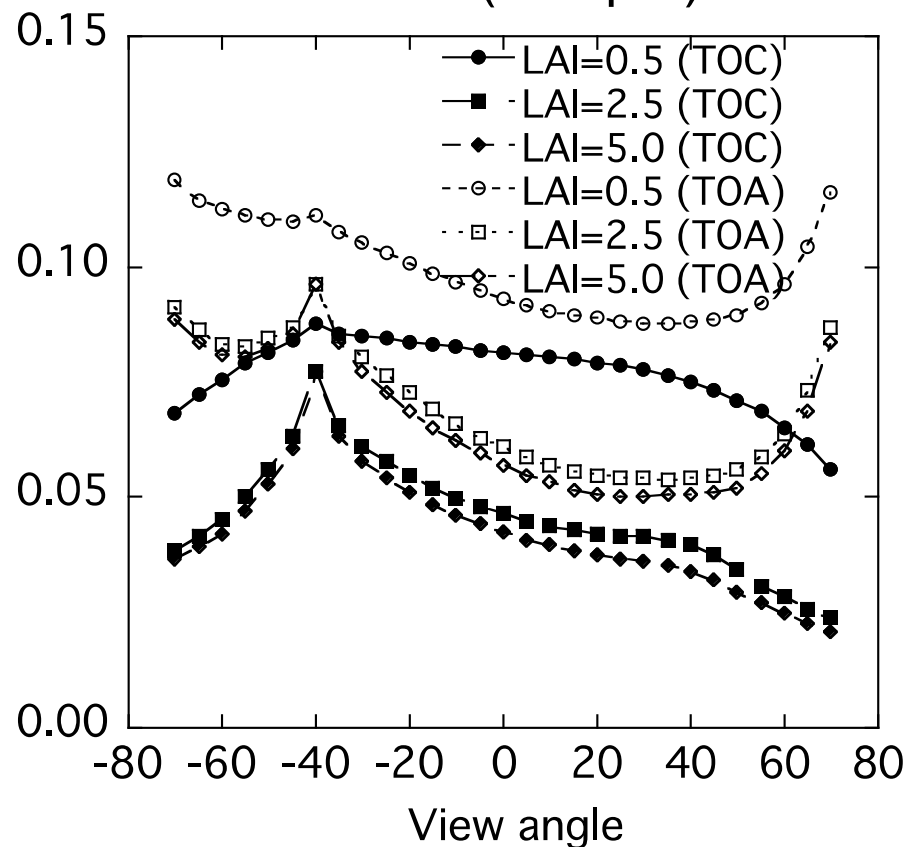
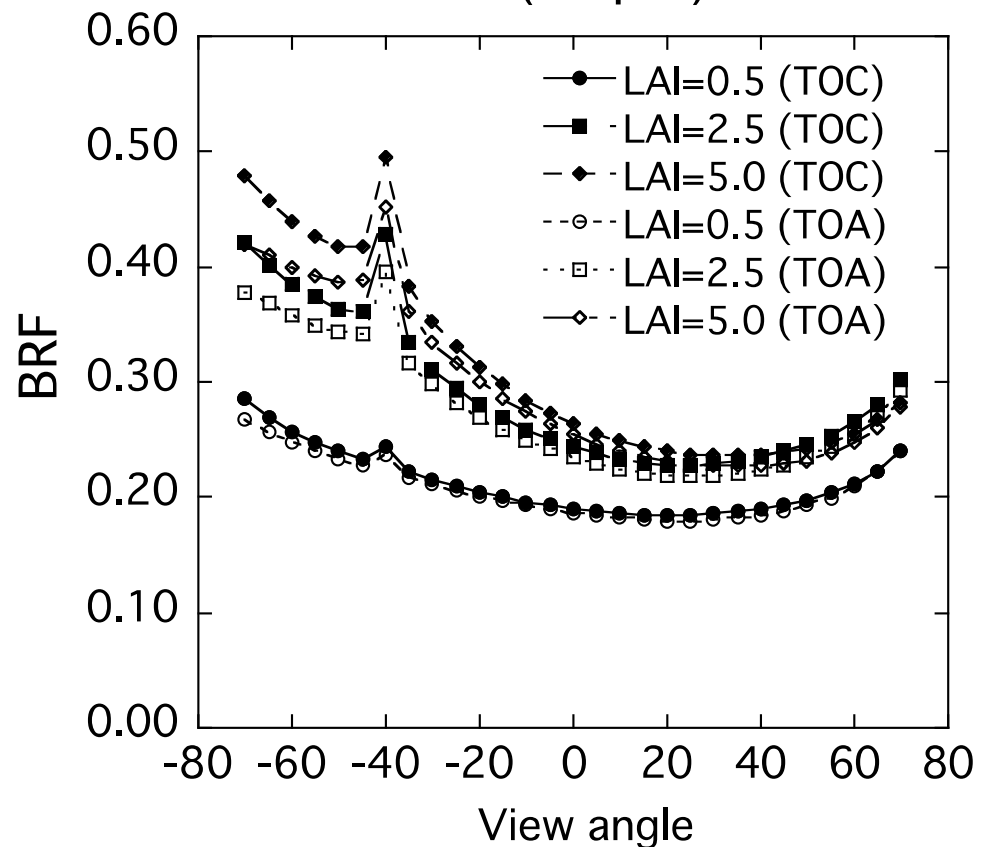
Issues:

1. Improvement and optimization of the canopy RT model including input data sets
2. Optimization method (LUT, neural network, or others etc.)
3. Selection of spectral channels
4. Noise reduction, interpolations

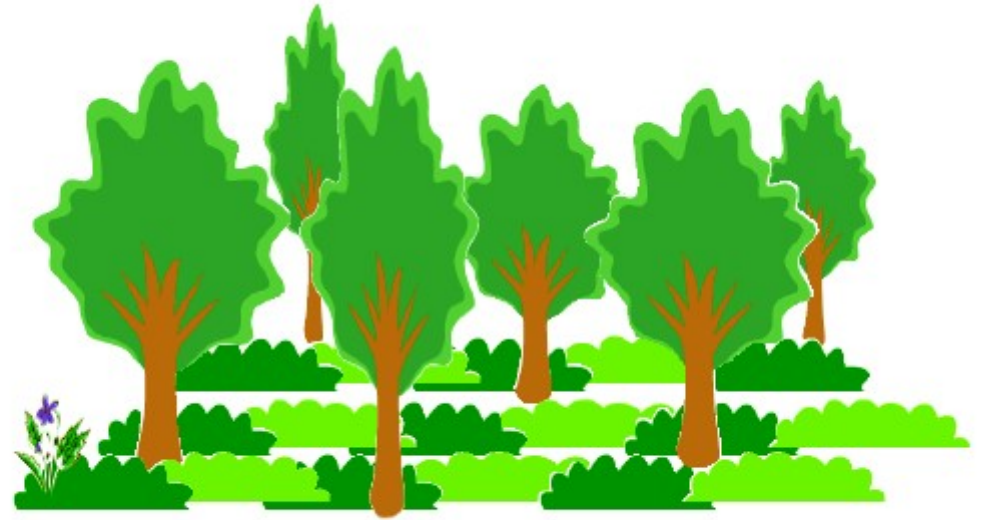
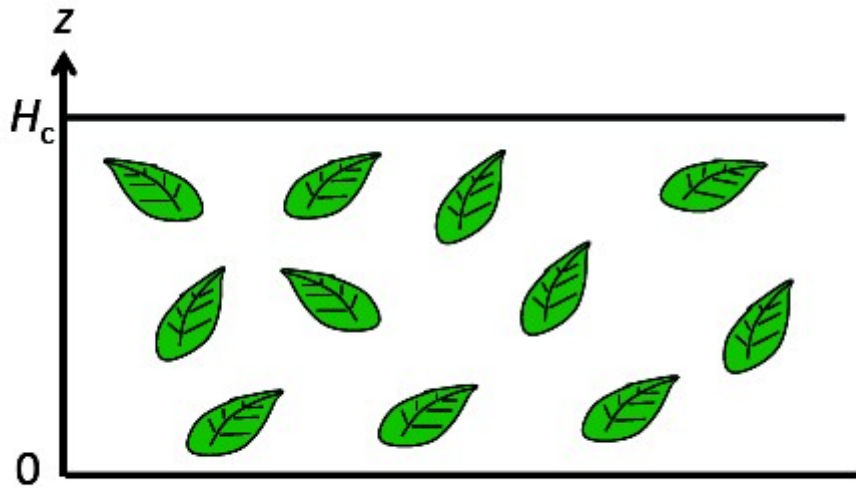
Forest Light Environmental Simulator (FLiES)

**FLiES (Kobayashi and Iwabuchi 2008):**

_three dimensional canopy RT model coupled with
1D version of MCARaTS atmospheric RT model
(Iwabuchi, 2006)

Red ($0.67\mu\text{m}$)NIR ($0.8\mu\text{m}$)

3D Plant canopy



- Plant canopy structure, especially the forest canopy, is very complicated.
- 3D RT modeling is necessary to provide realistic surface BRF for inversion

Existing global LAI/FAPAR products

	ISLSCP II	Boston Univ	
Satellite	NOAA-AVHRR	NOAA-AVHRR	
Periods	1982-1998	??	
Spatial resolution	1 degree	8 km	
Method	NDVI, SR	NDVI	
RT model	1-D (Two-stream, Dickinson, 1983)	3-D (Discrete Ordinate, Myneni et al., 1997)	
References	Sellers et al 1996	Myneni, et al., 1997	
	MOD15	CYCLOPES	GLOBCARBON
Satellite	MODIS and MISR	VEGETATION	VEGETATION, ATSR
Periods	2000-	1998-	1998-2006
Spatial resolution	1 km	1/112 degree	1 km
Method	Inversion	Inversion	Inversion
RT model	3-D (Discrete Ordinate, Myneni et al., 1997)	1-D (SAIL+PROSPECT)	1-D (Roujean et al., 1992)
References	Knyazikhin et al, 1998	Baret et al., 2007	Deng et al., 2006

So far, only three groups have been succeeded to create
“Global Operational and Long-term LAI/FAPAR data sets.”

Summary of FY25

- Catching up phase
 - The first priority is to catch up to the level of existing products (NASA and ESA)
 - Yuhsaku Ono has created a preliminary map of LAI/FPAR in AsiaMIP (PI: Ichii) regions.
- Land cover categories to be used in inversion
- Improvement in temperate deciduous and needleleaf forests (will be explained by Dr. Ono)
- Improvement in Northern sparse needleleaf forest (Dr. Wei Yang)
- LUT preparation in rice field

Land cover categories

Vegetation structure used in the GCOM-C1 LAI/FAPAR algorithm (as of August 6, 2013)

	1. Broadleaf Forest (Deciduous and Evergreen)	2. Needleleaf Forest (Deciduous and Evergreen)	3. Grasses and Crops (except Rice paddy)	4. Rice paddy	5. Shrub	6. Savanna
Land Cover definition by IGBP-DIS	Lands dominated by trees with a percent canopy cover > 60% and height exceeding 2m.	Lands dominated by trees with a percent canopy cover > 60% and height exceeding 2m.	<u>Grasslands</u> : Lands with herbaceous types of cover, Three and Shrub cover is less than 10% <u>Croplands</u> : Lands covered with temporary crops followed by harvest and a bare soil periods. Note that perennial woody crops will be classified as the appropriate forest or shrubs land cover type.	This category is newly added and does not exist the IGBP-DIS category. This category is exclusively for rice paddy, which is one of the major staples in the Asian countries.	<u>Closed shrub</u> : Lands with woody vegetation less than 2m tall and with shrub-canopy cover > 60%. The shrub foliage can be either evergreen or deciduous. <u>Open shrub</u> : Lands with woody vegetation less than 2m tall and with shrub canopy cover between 10-60%. The shrub foliage can be either evergreen or deciduous.	Lands with herbaceous and other understory systems, and with forest canopy between 10-30%. The forest height exceeds 2m.
Optical data	??? (Takayama site)	Use larch (<i>Larix kaempferi</i>) needle reflectance and transmittance, and stem reflectance measured in the Fuji Hokuroku site.	???	Use leaf reflectance and transmittance in the summer measured in Mase, Ibaraki Pref. rice paddy.	???	???
Stem/branches (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
Understory	Currently No	Currently No	Currently No	Currently No	Currently No	Currently No
Leaf angle distribution	Spherical	Spherical	Spherical	Erectophile	Spherical	Spherical
Shoot level clumping	No	Currently No	No	No	No	No
Spatial heterogeneity	Yes (hexagonal configuration)	Yes (hexagonal configuration)	No	No	Yes	Yes
Vertical heterogeneity (Leaf angle and leaf area density vertical profile)	No	No	No	No	No	No

Land cover categories

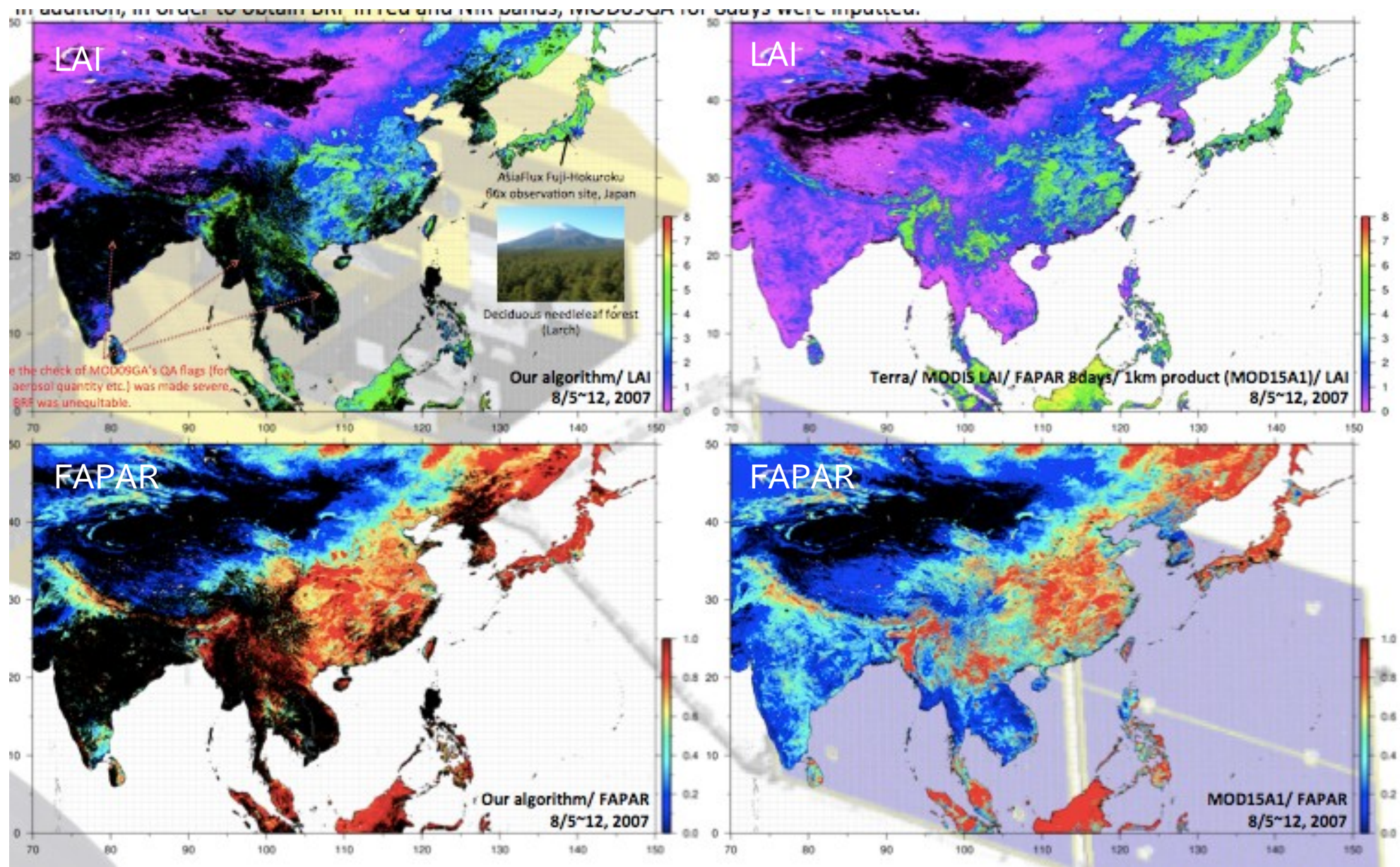
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Preliminary map (Dr. Ono)

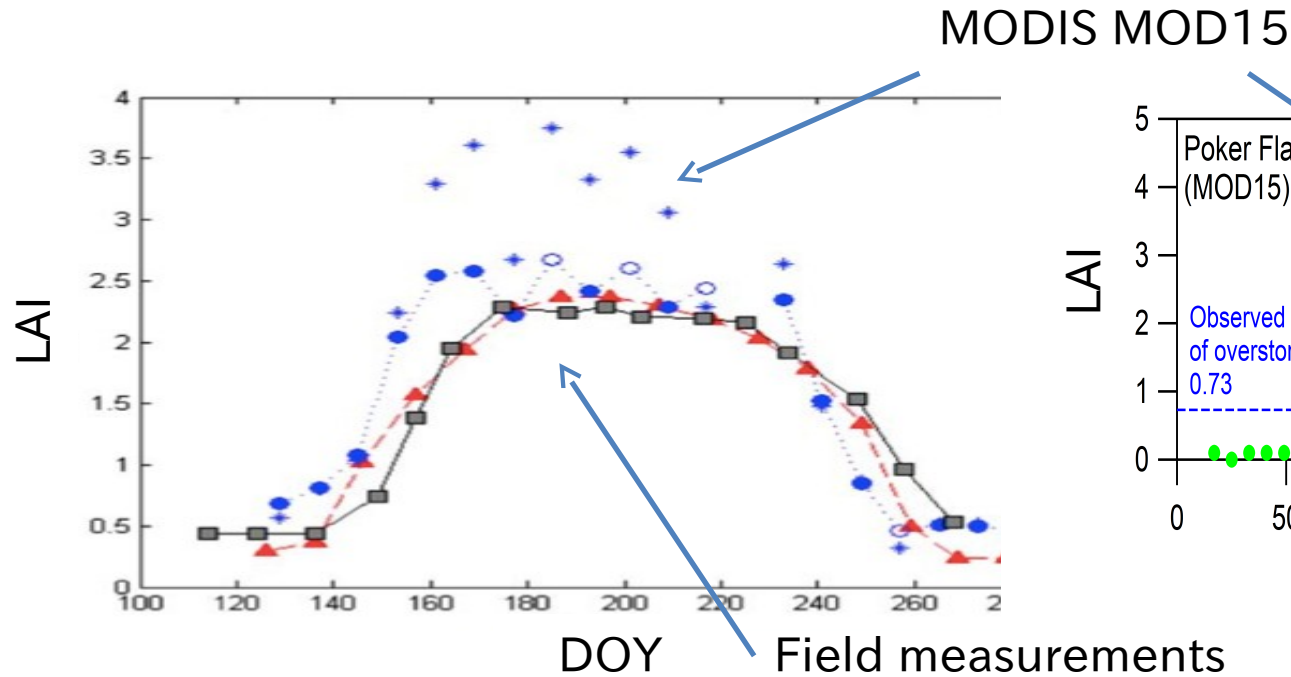
GCOM-C1 algorithm

MODIS (MOD15)

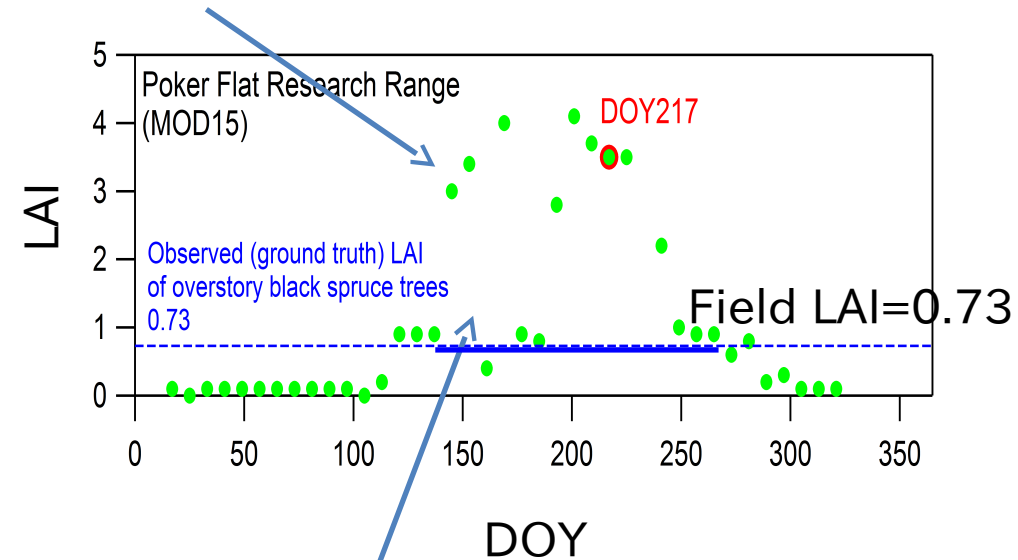


Estimation of LAI in sparse forests in northern forest (Yang)

Siberia larch forest



Black spruce forest
in Interior Alaska



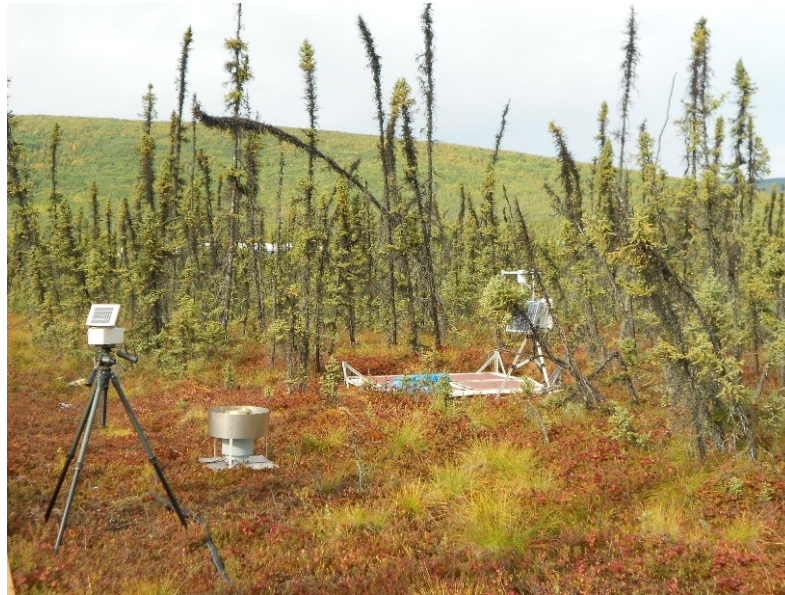
- In northern forests, MODIS (MOD15) LAI is likely to be overestimated

Estimation of LAI in sparse forests in northern forest (Yang)

Difficulty: Sparse crowns with seasonally and spatially variable understory layers



08/Jul/2010



26/Aug/2012



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This work has been done with the group of PI: Rikie Suzuki's group
(Investigation of carbon cycle of vegetation in cold districts through collaboration of SGLI and in-situ observations)

Basis 1: Retrieval of Understory Reflectivity

Geo-optical model-based Algorithm (Pisek and Chen, 2011):

$$R = R_T \cdot k_T + R_G \cdot k_G + R_{ZT} \cdot k_{ZT} + R_{ZG} \cdot k_{ZG}$$

Two directional observations:

$$R_n = R_T \cdot k_{Tn} + R_G \cdot k_{Gn} + R_{ZT} \cdot k_{ZTn} + R_{ZG} \cdot k_{ZGn}$$

$$R_a = R_T \cdot k_{Ta} + R_G \cdot k_{Ga} + R_{ZT} \cdot k_{ZTa} + R_{ZG} \cdot k_{ZGa}$$

$$\text{giving } R_{ZT} = M \cdot R_T \text{ and } R_{ZG} = M \cdot R_G$$

The **understory reflectivity** can be calculated as:

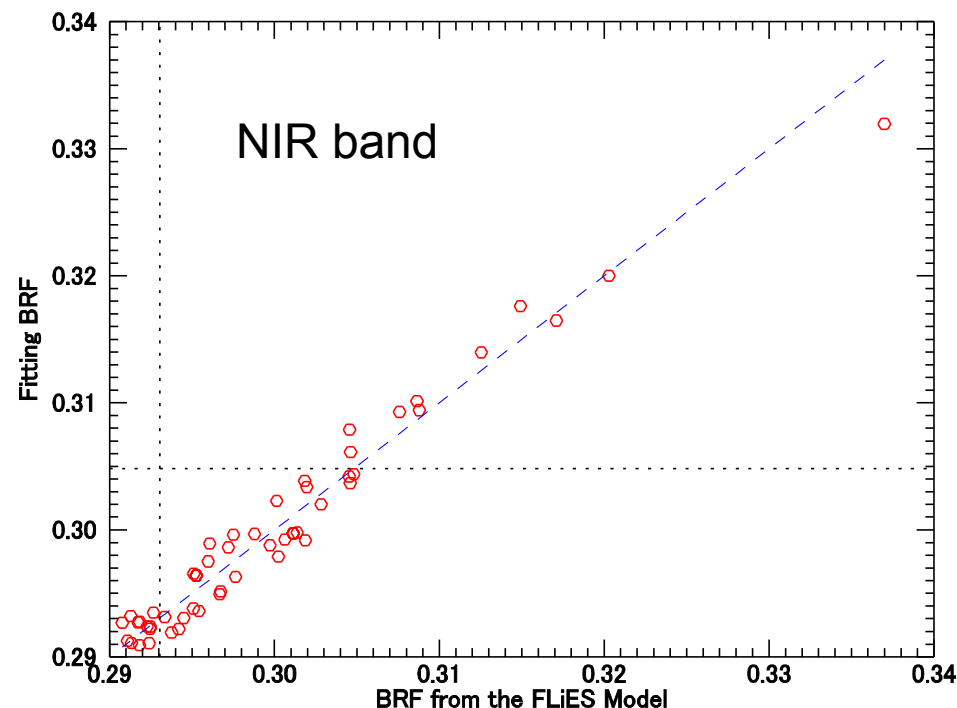
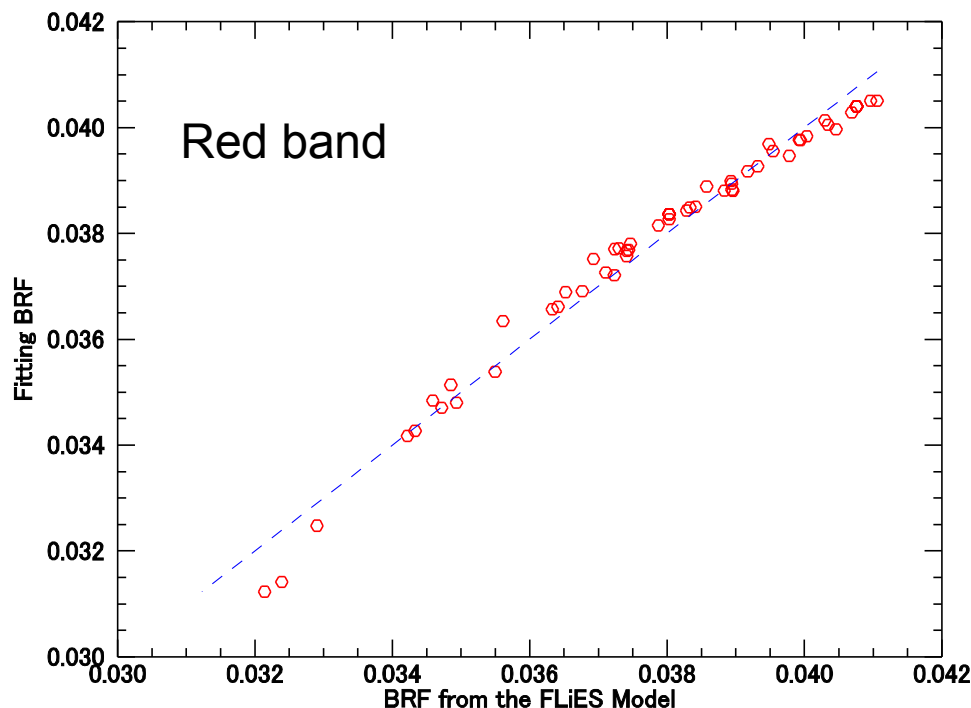
$$R_G = \frac{R_n(k_{Ta} + k_{ZTa} \cdot M) - R_a(k_{ZTn} \cdot M)}{-k_{Tn} \cdot k_{Ga} + k_{Gn} \cdot k_{Ta} + M(-k_{Tn} \cdot k_{ZGa} + k_{Gn} \cdot k_{ZTa} - k_{Ga} \cdot k_{ZTn} + k_{Ta} \cdot k_{ZGn}) + M^2(-k_{ZTn} \cdot k_{ZGa} + k_{ZGn} \cdot k_{ZTa})}$$

Basis 2: Linear Kernel-driven Model

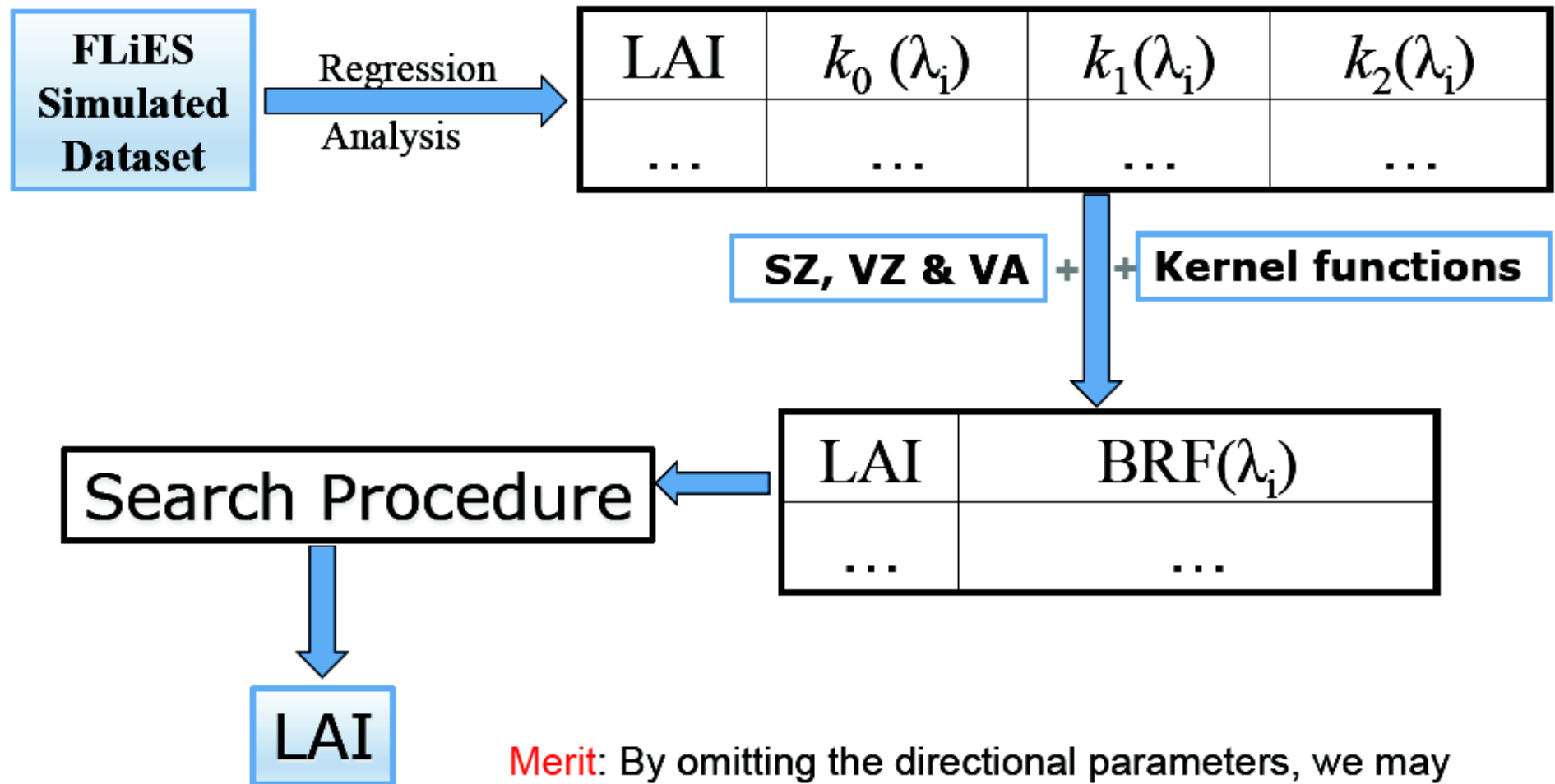
The BRF of a canopy is expressed as:

$$R(\theta_{out}, \theta_{in}, \phi) = k_0 + k_1 f_1(\theta_{out}, \theta_{in}, \phi) + k_2 f_2(\theta_{out}, \theta_{in}, \phi).$$

where the coefficients k_0 , k_1 and k_2 can be derived through regression analysis.



LUT Method based on Kernel-driven Model



Merit: By omitting the directional parameters, we may generate LUTs with finer intervals for LAI values.

Rice paddy

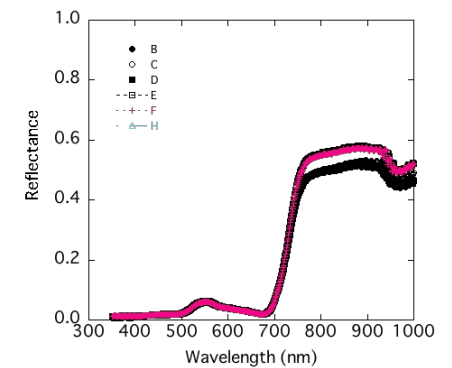
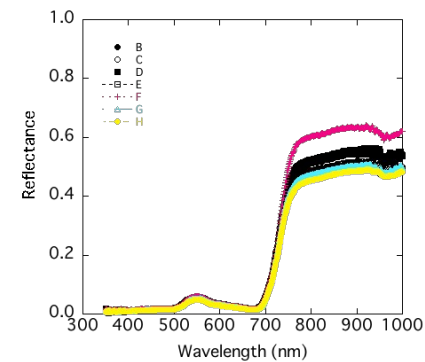
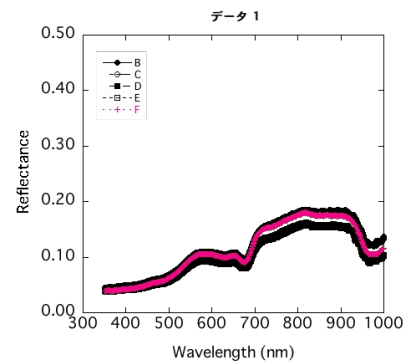
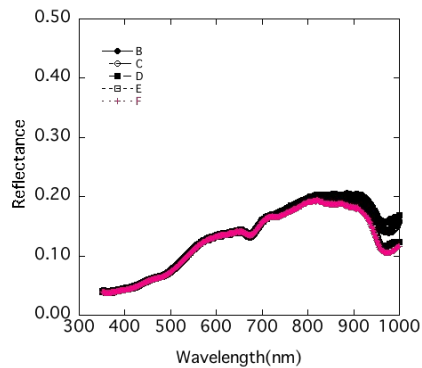
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July to September

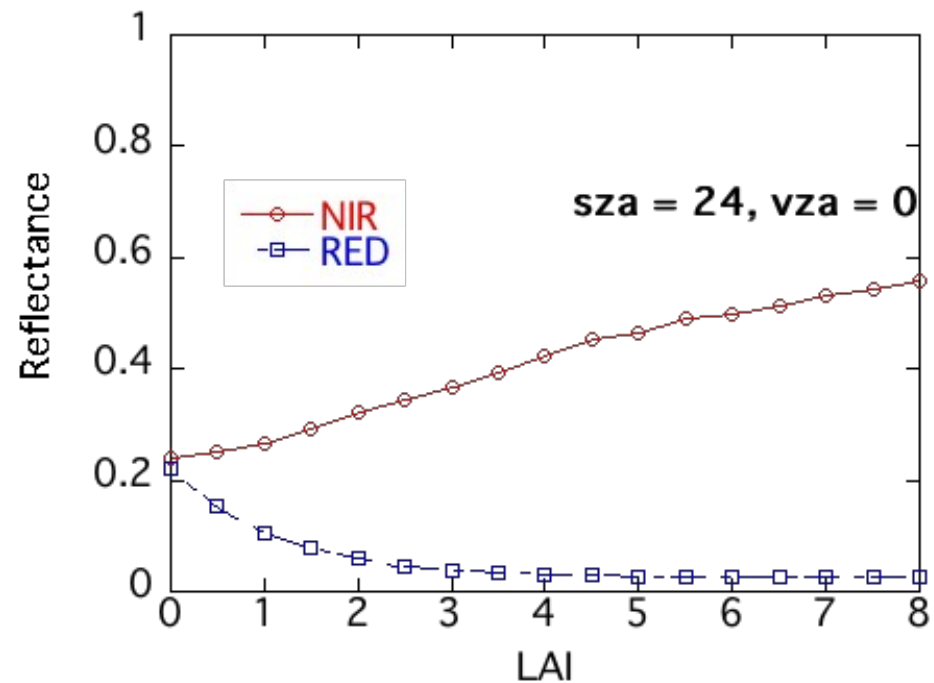
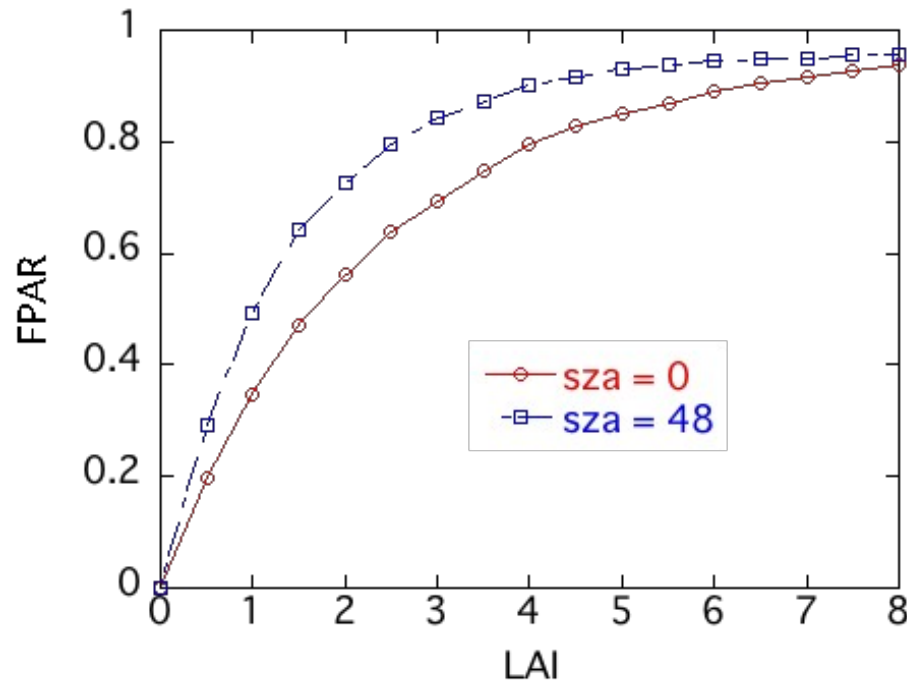


April to September



Development of Look up table for rice field

- Turbid medium
- Erectophile leaf angle distribution
- Optical data
 - Leaf reflectance and transmittance from PRIMULAS
 - Soil reflectance is from the measurements in rice paddy

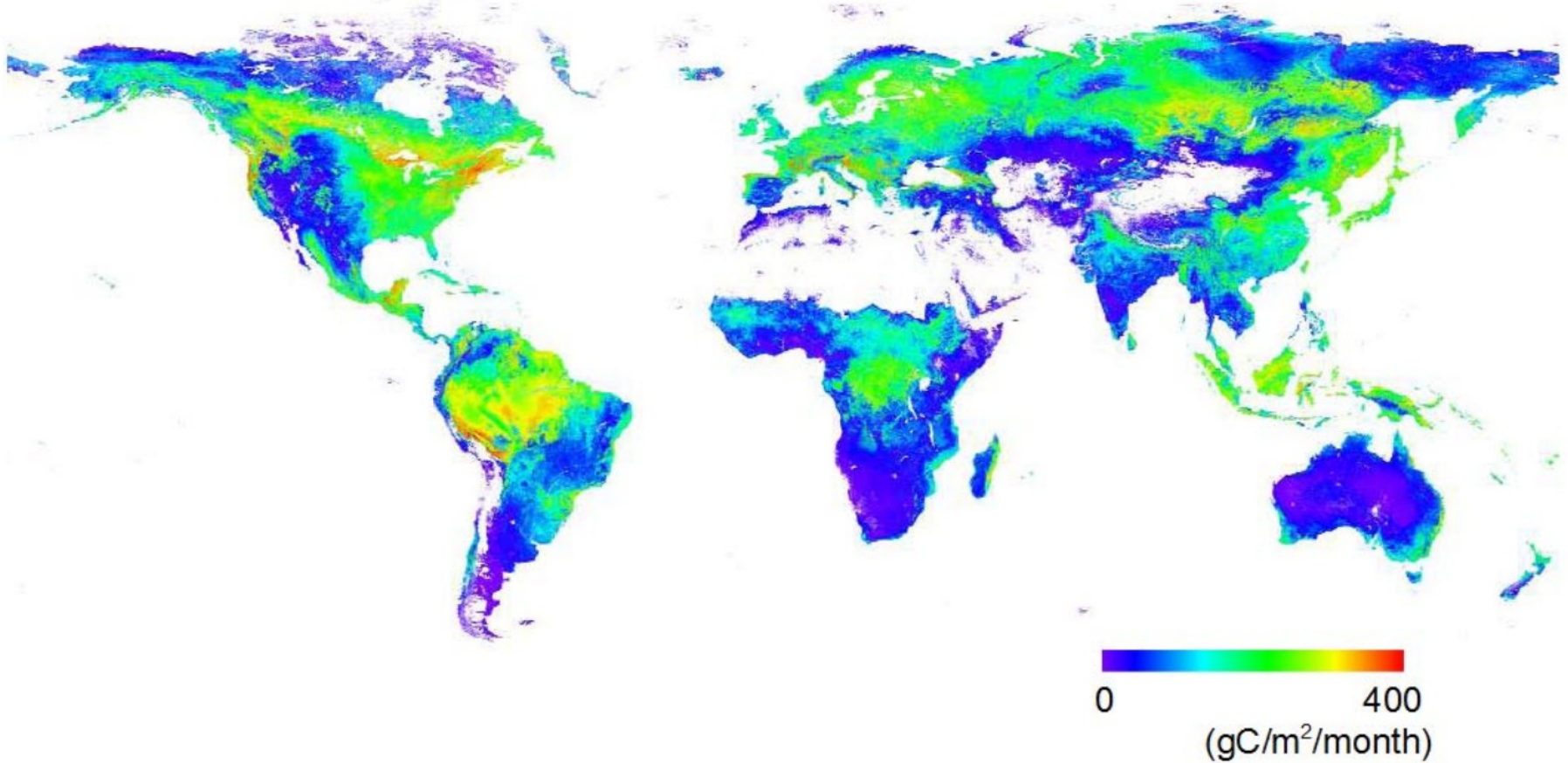


Upcoming issues

- Further improvement of the LAI/FAPAR algorithm
- Definition of LAI
 - True LAI, understory LAI
 - Consideration of understory LAI
 - What's the LAI of moss?
 - Effective LAI (LAI_e)
 - If this is the case, how to standardize LAI_e
- Validation
 - VARELI, TRY (Kattge et al., 2011), lio's data (lio et al., 2013)
 - Intensive field sites (Fuji, Tomakomai, Järvelja Estonia, Fairbanks, USA)

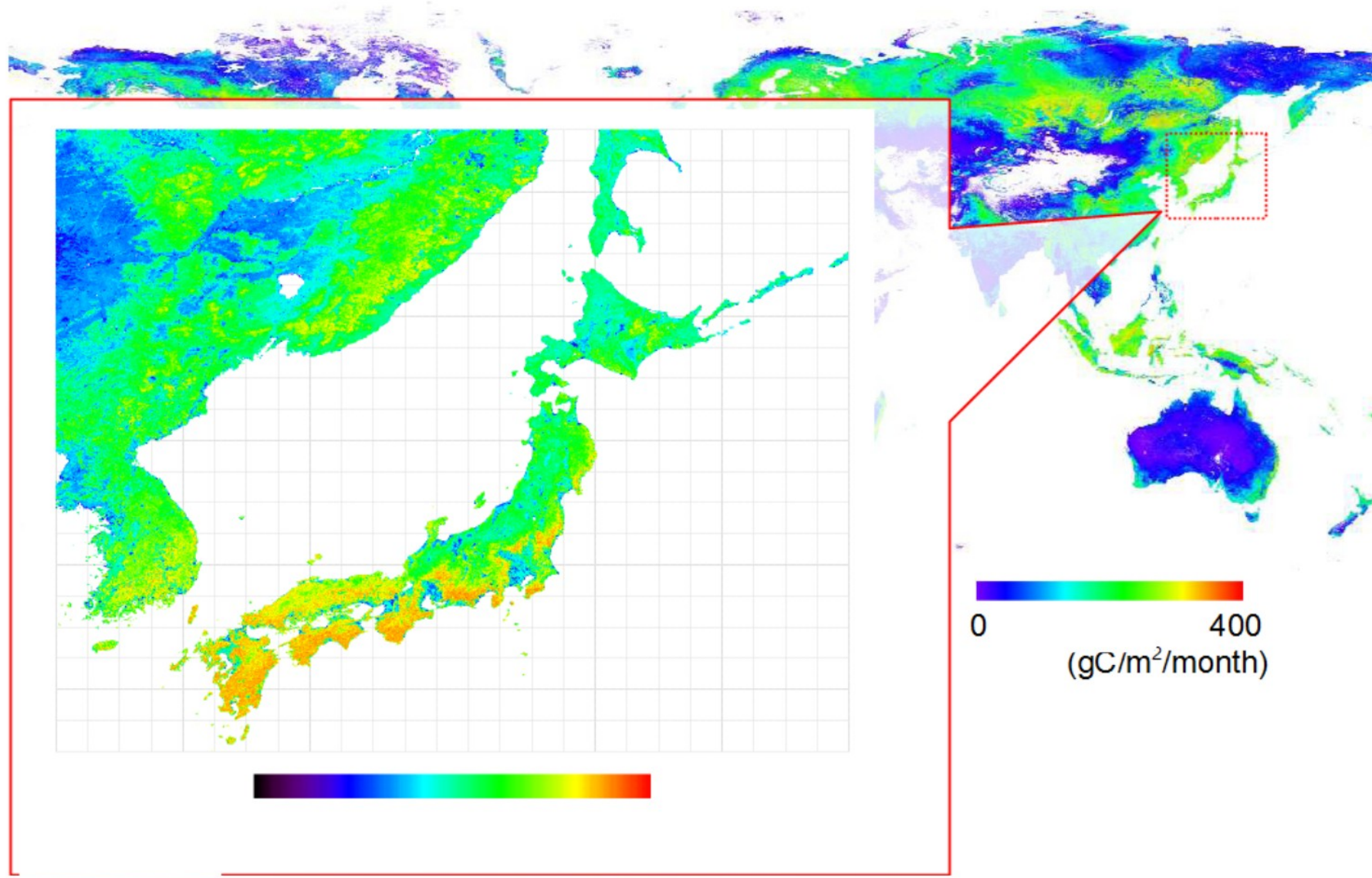
Estimation of carbon flux with 1km grid

Gross Primary Production (GPP) on August 2001



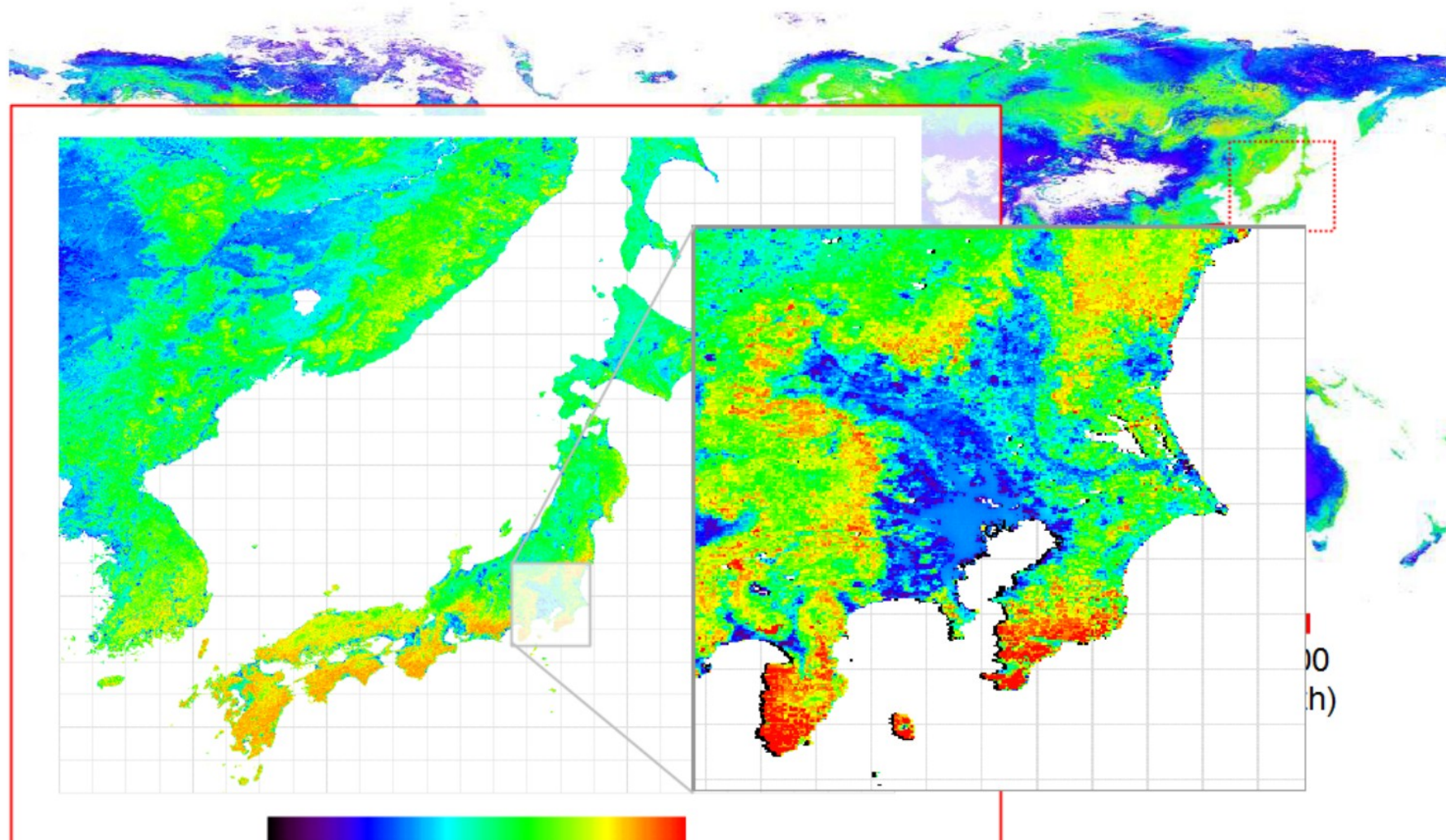
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We can expect to estimate carbon fluxes at “**multi-scale**”.

Current condition and future issue for estimating GPP and NPP

Algorithm for computing GPP and NPP

- Source code (Sasai et al., RSE, 2011)
- Input dataset (Sasai et al., EM, 2012)



We already submitted them to JAXA.

If we compute the carbon fluxes using the algorithm...

Work for computation load reduction ;

Pre-processing 9 time-variable model inputs

→ Data volume: $9 \times 3.7\text{GB} \times 120 \text{ month (10 years)} = 4\text{TB}$ (+1TB for other inputs)

Step1: Extracting land area from all inputs

Step2: Equally-partitioning inputs to fit capacity of memory and multi-thread processing

Computational time

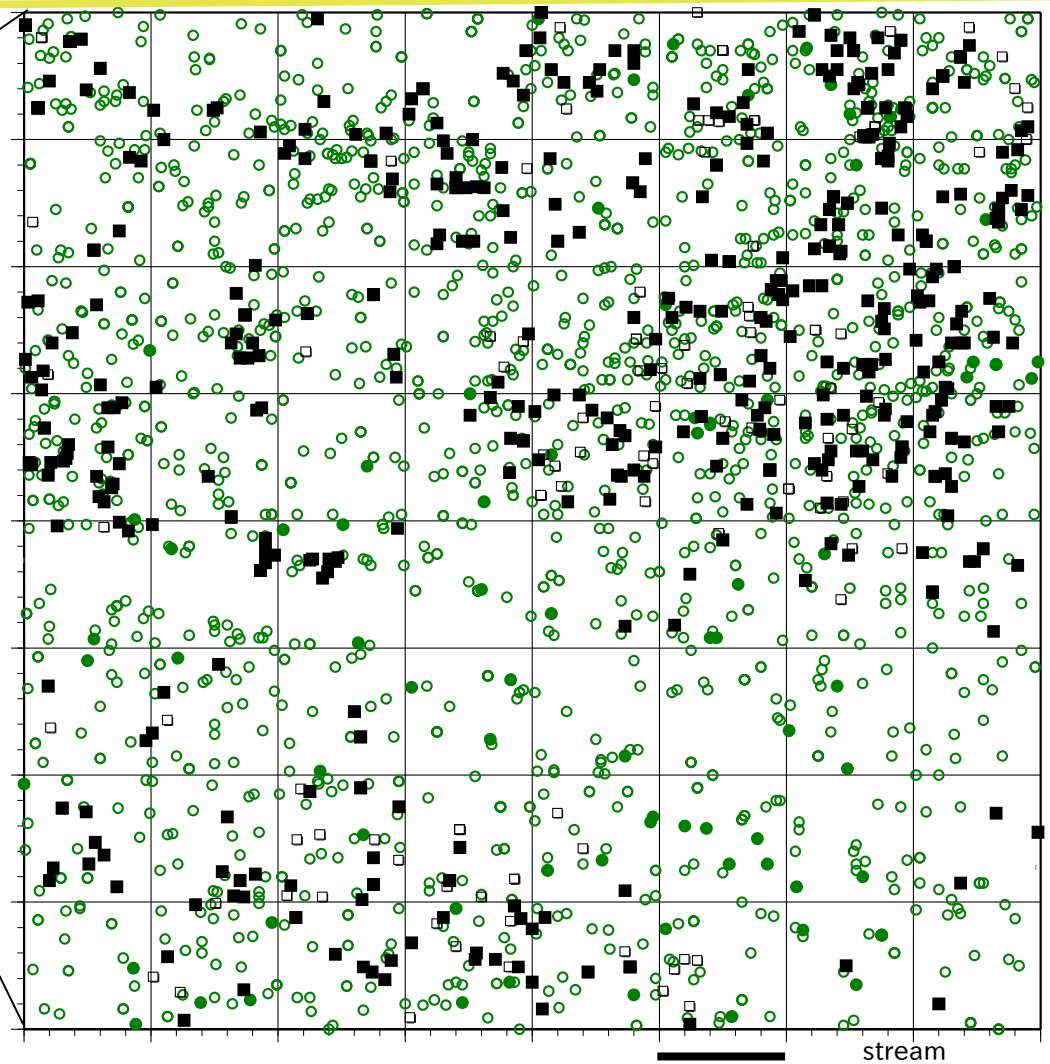
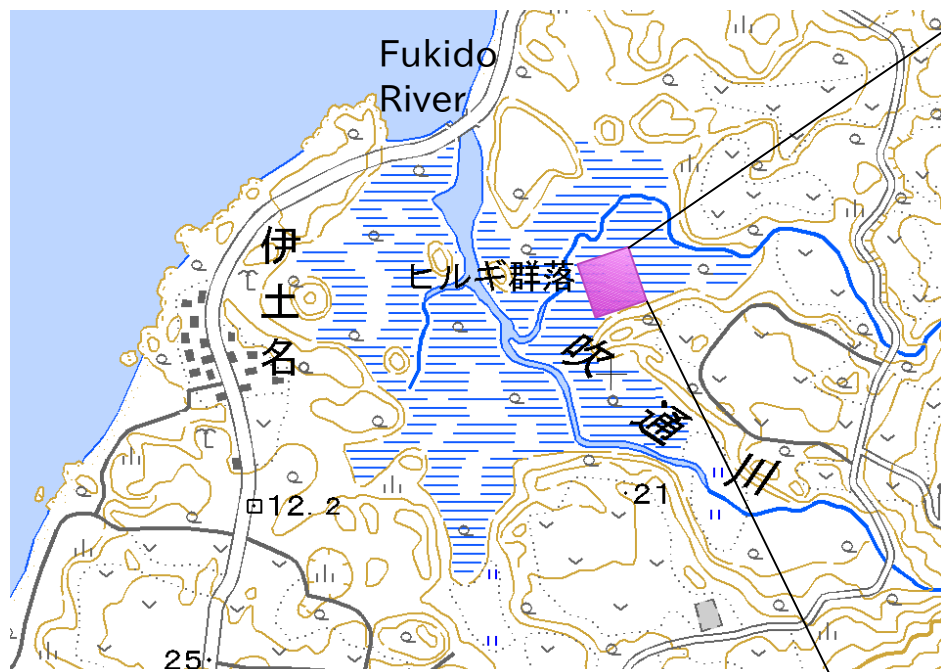
If computed with “single thread”, it takes **28 years** to estimate 1km-grid and global.

One-time renting the NIES supercomputer (128 node \times 8 core = 1024 threads) ...

- Ideal computational time (continuous full-power operation) : 10 days
- Realistic time (including loads from interrupt processing like real-time backup) : **1 month**

Higher resolution products always require more enhanced computational resource!

Forest structure and carbon pool of a Mangrove forest in Ishigaki Island



Living stems

○ *Bruguiera*

□ *Rhizophora*

Dead stems

● *Bruguiera*

■ *Rhizophora*

Tree biomass
(dry weight base)

Aboveground: 231 t ha⁻¹

Belowground: 74 t ha⁻¹

Extensive field campaign to feel cool-temperate old-growth forests for researchers and students

Time & place

June 5 – 8, 2013 (4 days)

Kayanodaira (old-growth beech forest) and Otanomoustaira (sub-alpine coniferous forest) in Shigakogen, Nagano

Participants *more than 30!*

Researchers and their students (from undergraduate to post-doc) who have different background, such as plant ecology, forestry, soil science, microbiology, remote sensing, isotope geochemistry...

Objectives

To feel the old-growth forests

To expand exchange of people and field of study among participants for solving up-scaling issues

To establish new monitoring site (200m x 200m) in native beech forest... *UNDER CONSTRUCTION*



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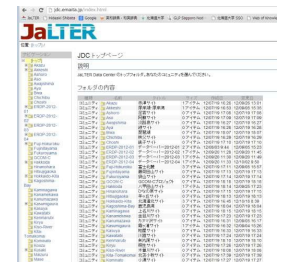
Contributions for GCOM-C project in FY2013

Algorithm & model development

- GPP, NPP, NEP, ET ... BEAMS model (+paddy). **1-km resolution global implementation.**
- GPP ... Nara WU model. Calibration & validation with ground data.
- LAI ... **FLiES model & BRDF LUT approach** with JAXA (Dr. Ono) and Chiba U (Dr Honda).
- leaf optics ... New measurement technique **published**. Data paper **published**.

Ground study

- GPP, ET ... supersites (JapanFlux), continuously measured. AsiaFlux Database.
- LAI ... 13 sites + α . JaLTER database & JAXA database
- biomass ... 10 sites + α . JaLTER database & JAXA database
- PAR protocol ... **“Li-COR in dome” and Apogee.**
- phenology ... 28 sites (PEN). **Takayama 20th anniv. workshop.**
- 3D laser survey ... one new site (**Hokkaido U Tomakomai flux site**) ... with ALOS G.
- Helicopter observation ... **Tomakomai & Uryu** by Chiba U group.
- Landcover reference data (ground truth) ... **SACLAJ** database.



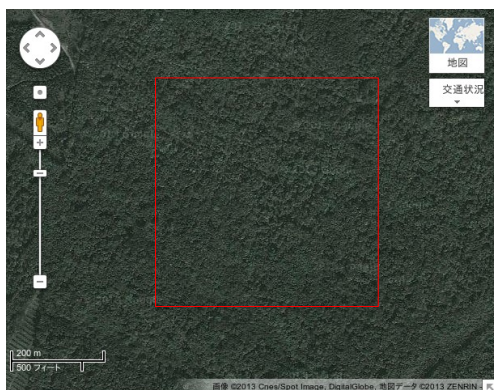
The screenshot shows the JaLTER database interface. It features a sidebar with a tree view of site categories and a main table displaying site details. The table includes columns for site names, coordinates, and various data fields. The interface is in Japanese.

Other

- Annual workshop skipped (sorry!)
- Field site tours for other PI groups (**Fuji-Hokuroku, Fuji-Yoshida**) in August.
- Biomass RS seminar: Tomakomai (Hokkaido U. & Chiba U.)
- Biomass ecologists: seminar in **Nagano** & field work in **Ishigaki-jima**.

Plan in 2014: 500 m-scale validation

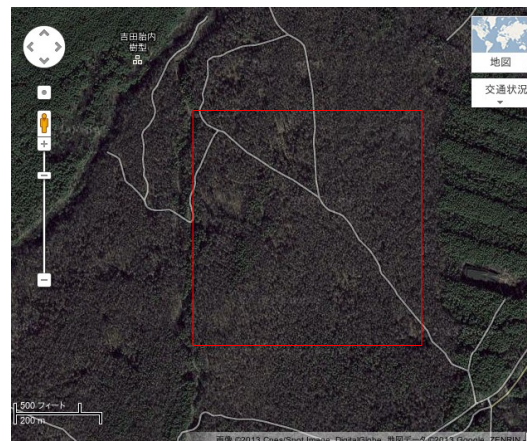
Homogeneous topography & landcover in 500 m-scale (SGLI footprint!)



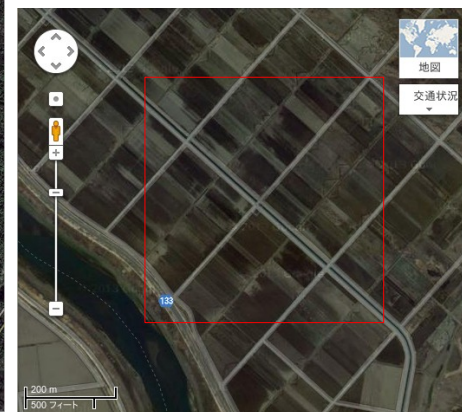
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苫小牧
Deciduous
broad leaf forest



Uryu
雨龍
Evergreen
needle leaf forest



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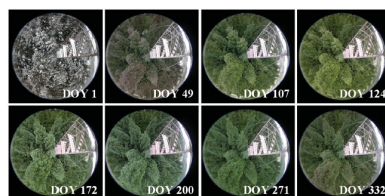
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UAV



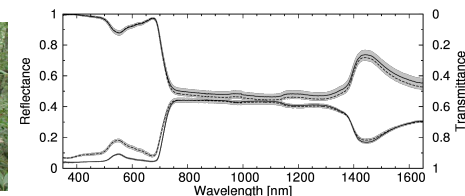
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PEN



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