

プログラム - 3

衛星リモートセンシングによる植物フェノロジーのモニタリング

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What is vegetation phenology?

・季節の移り変わりに伴う植物の発芽、開葉、開花、紅葉、落葉など状態の変化を研究する学問のこと。 (Lieth, 1974)

【植物フェノロジー】
or 「植物季節」

Why study vegetation phenology?

➢ Biological response and feedback of vegetation to the climate system (Piao et al., 2019-GCB)

- ✓ e.g., Climate warming → earlier green-up & later senescence
- ✓ Longer growing season → increasing carbon uptake

CO₂ Uptake

Earlier Green-up Later Senescence

Jan. Jul. - Aug. Dec.

Methods for phenology observation at multi-scales

Human Observation	Phenology Camera	Flux Tower	Drone Remote Sensing	Satellite Remote Sensing
Scale Increasing →				
Individual		Community		Landscape

Advantage of satellite remote sensing:
Long-term observations at large scale

(referenced from Piao et al., 2019)

Remote sensing-based definition of Phenological Metrics

(1) **Greenup onset (SOS)**: the date of onset of VI increase;

(2) **Maturity onset**: the date of onset of VI maximum;

(3) **Senescence onset**: the date of onset of VI decrease;

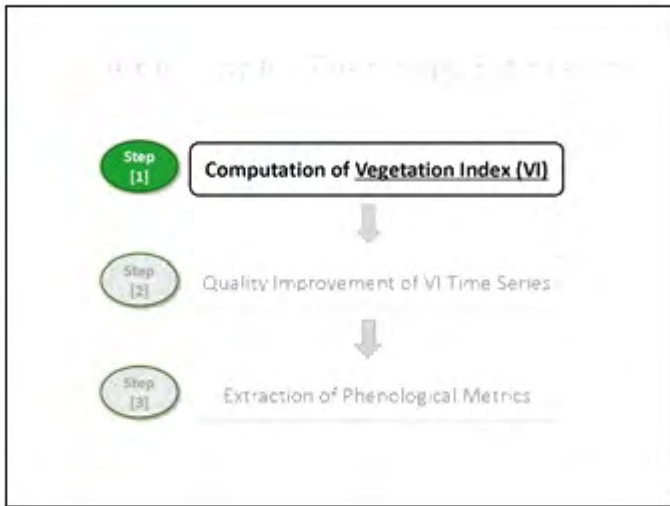
(4) **Dormancy onset (EOS)**: the date of onset of VI minimum.

➢ Namely **Land Surface Phenology (LSP)**

(referenced from Zhang et al., 2016)

General Flow for Phenology Estimation

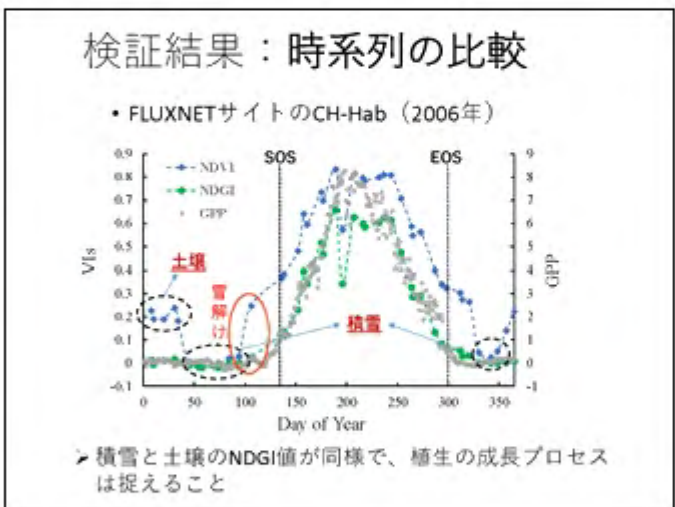
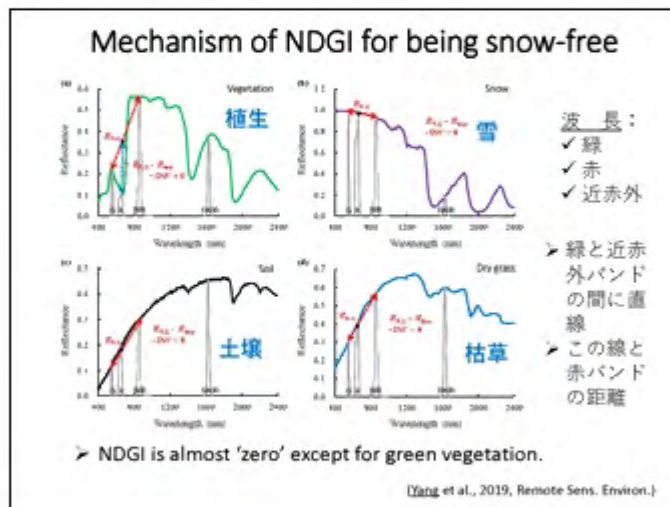
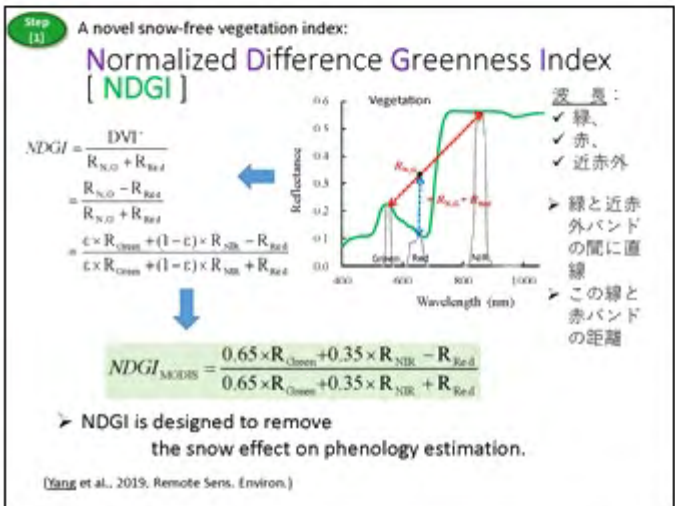
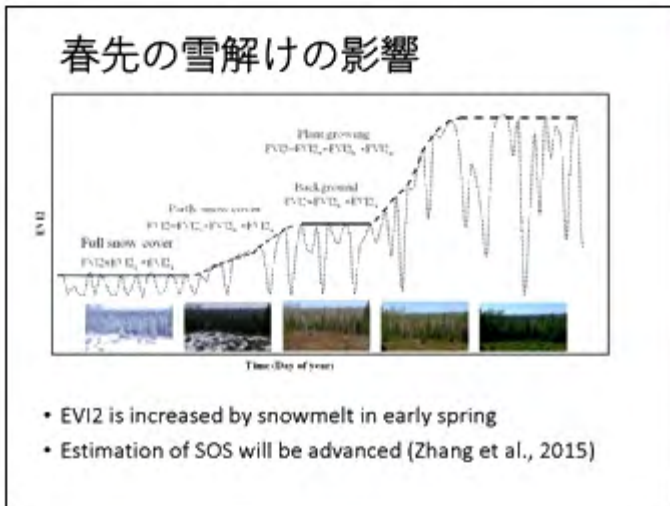
- Step [1] Computation of Vegetation Index (VI)
- Step [2] Quality Improvement of VI Time Series
- Step [3] Extraction of Phenological Metrics



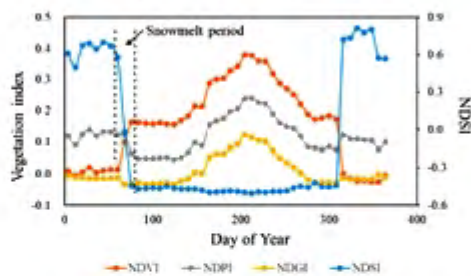
Conventional Vegetation Indices (VIs)

- NDVI (normalized difference vegetation index)
- EVI (enhanced vegetation index)
- EVI2 (two-band enhanced vegetation index)
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➢ However, these indexes are sensitive to the influence of **snow effect** on phenology estimation.

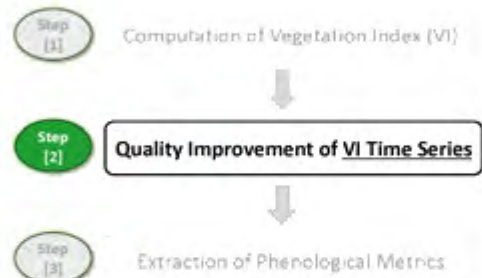


Validation @Grassland of Inner Mongolia (from third party)



- NDGI-based SOS estimations are more reliable than NDVI and NDPI-based SOS (Cao et al., 2020)

Workflow of the STSG Filter

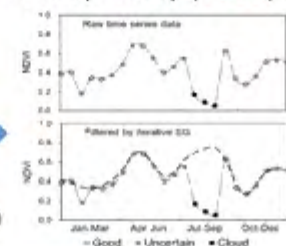


Limitation of existing filtering methods

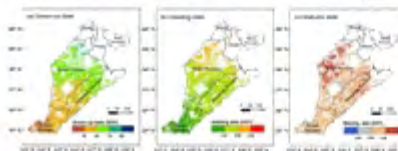
- Savitaky-Golay (SG) filter
 - Fourier transform
 - Wavelet transform
 - Whittaker filter
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- Limitation: cannot deal with continuous gaps (caused by snow, cloud or shadow) within the VI time-series

A new filtering algorithm: Spatial-Temporal Savitzky-Golay (STSG) filter

- Integrates spatiotemporal information with the Savitzky-Golay method
- Can address continuous missing data in the VI time series

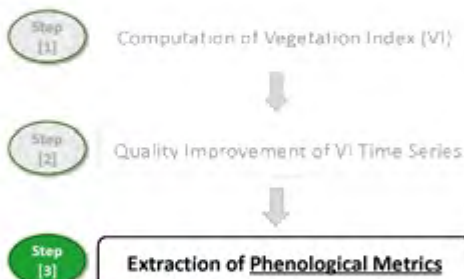


(Cao, ..., Yang, 2018, Remote Sens. Environ.)



- Applied to estimate winter wheat phenology in North China plain (Wu, Yang*, et al., 2019, Remote Sens.)

Workflow of the DLF-based method



A widely-used phenology extraction method:

Double Logistic Function-based method

- Double Logistic Function (DLF):

$$NDGI(DOY) = NDGI_{min} + (NDGI_{max} - NDGI_{min}) \times \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\alpha(DOY - \beta)}} + \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha(DOY - \gamma)}} - 1 \right)$$



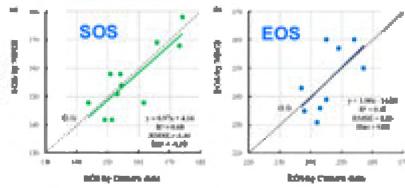
- Extracted Phenological Metrics

Spring metrics (S-metrics)	Autumn metrics (A-metrics)
$\alpha = \frac{1}{\sigma} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 - \gamma} \right)$	$\beta = \frac{1}{\sigma} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 - \gamma} \right) + \beta$
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Phenology based on NDGI + DLF

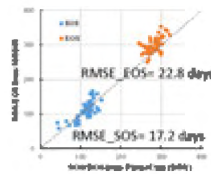
- Time-lapse camera

(ツンドラ, 6 サイト)



- PhenoCam sites

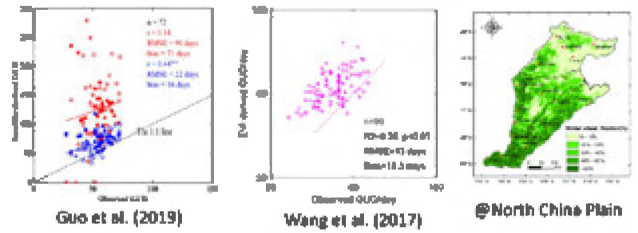
(森林, 9 サイト)



> Satisfactory accuracies have been obtained.

Poor performances for croplands

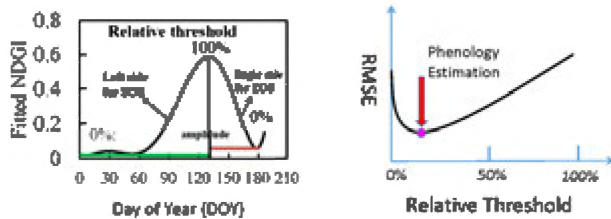
> E.g., for winter wheat phenology estimation



- Large discrepancies between field measurements and satellite estimations (by logistic function) of winter wheat SOS

Relative Threshold method

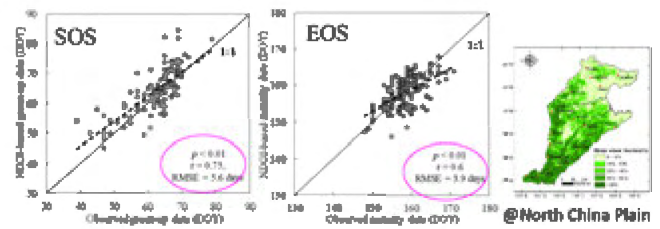
recalibrated for winter wheat



- A data-driven empirical method may not be globally applicable

(Wu, Yang, et al., 2019, Remote Sens.)

Improved performances for winter wheat

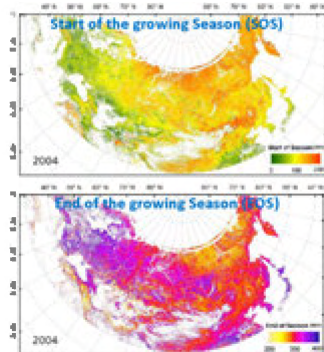


- Good agreements between field measurements and satellite estimation of winter wheat SOS and EOS

(Wu, Yang, et al., 2019, Remote Sens.)

LSP衛星プロダクトの試作

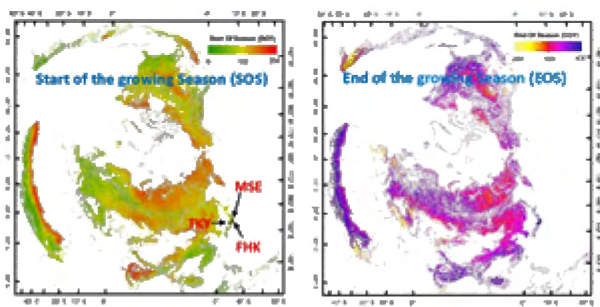
MODIS data-based Estimation



- > Input data: MOD09A1 (8-day, 500-m reflectance)
- > Period: 2001-2018
- > Areas: >30°N, Asia & Europe

- ✓ Reasonable spatial and temporal patterns were observed for SOS and EOS.

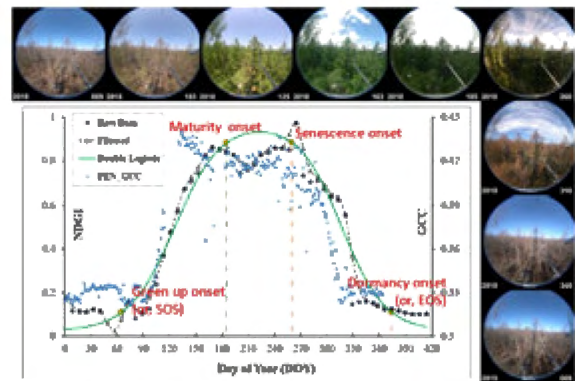
GCOM-C data-based Estimation



- Input data: GCOM-C G4C (8-day, 250-m BRF)
- Period: 2018
- Areas: parts of the North-Hemisphere

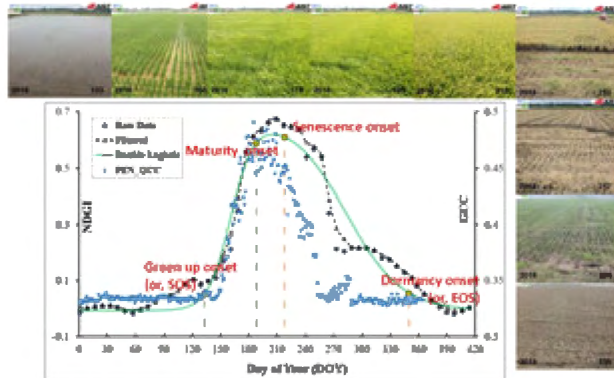


Validation by PEN data: **FHK site** (富士北麓) (Deciduous Needleleaf Forest)



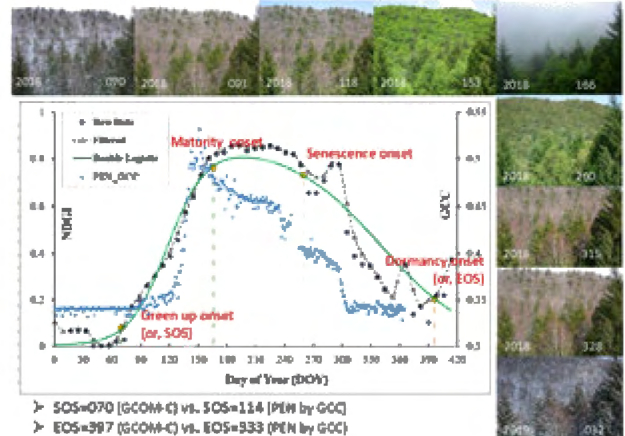
- SOS= 089 (GCOM-C) vs. SOS= 094 (PEN by GCC)
- EOS= 374 (GCOM-C) vs. EOS= 358 (PEN by GCC) ✓ Spring is better than Autumn

Validation by PEN data: **MSE site** (真淵水田) (Paddy Rice)



- SOS= 133 (GCOM-C) vs. SOS= 143 (PEN by GCC) ✓ Spring is better than Autumn
- EOS= 350 (GCOM-C) vs. EOS= 270 (PEN by GCC)

Validation by PEN data: **TKY site** (高山広葉樹林) (Deciduous Broadleaf Forest)



- SOS=070 (GCOM-C) vs. SOS=134 (PEN by GCC)
- EOS=397 (GCOM-C) vs. EOS=333 (PEN by GCC)

LSP衛星プロダクトの開発の現状

- Developed a new vegetation index (NDGI) and a new filtering method (STSG) for LSP estimation
- Collected phenology field observation datasets (PhenoCam and PEN)
- Generated preliminary LSP products based on MODIS and GCOM-C data

今後の取り組み

- Development of global **phenology extraction method** (combined ones for different ecosystems?)
- Generation of LSP products based on **different satellite data** (e.g., Sentinel-2 @10m, GCOM-C @250m, MODIS @500m, Himawari-8/9 @1000m)
- Integration with **Earth System Models** (e.g., JAMSTEC teams)
- Application to **Biodiversity studies** as one of the Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBVs)

➢ 共同研究は大歓迎！

Thank you for your attention

