

# A Development of Near-Real Time Drought Monitoring System in Ubon Ratchathani, Northeastern Thailand.

タイ北東部における干ばつの準リアルタイム  
モニタリングシステムの開発



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## Outline

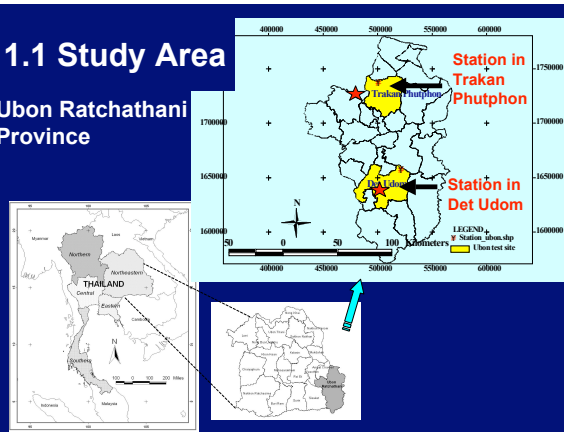
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3. Analysis (解析)
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5. Summary (まとめ)
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## 1. Introduction

- Drought (干ばつ) has hit many regions of Thailand and tends to occur and increases its severity (被害の程度) and duration(期間) .
- Most of the damages(被害) happened to rainfed rice (水稻) in Northeastern Thailand.
- Need : Real Time Monitoring and Early Warning System (警告システム) .
- Ubon Ratchathani was selected as the first target.

## 1.1 Study Area

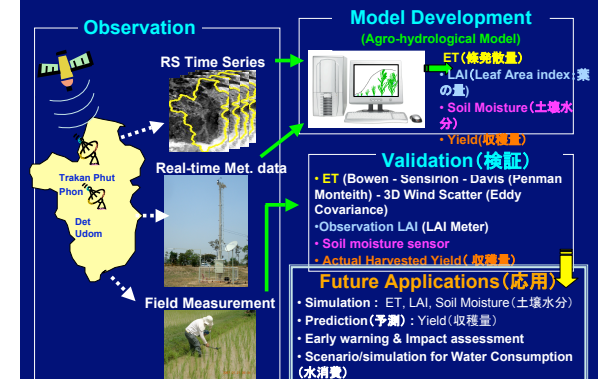
Ubon Ratchathani Province



## 1.2 Objectives (目的)

- To develop (開発) a method (方法) for drought (干ばつ) monitoring and impact assessment (影響評価) on rice crop in Ubon Ratchathani, based on agro-hydrological (農業-水収支) crop simulation (収量シミュレーション) .
  - To create near real time potential / actual(可能/実) evapotranspiration (ETp, ETa) (蒸発散量) , and water stress map (水ストレスマップ) using remote sensing.
  - To calibrate agro-hydrological crop model (SWAP) to simulate the impact of drought(干ばつ) on soil moisture (土壌水分) and on rice crop growth (成長) .
  - To validate(検証) simulation and impact assessment (影響評価) by field observation (地上観測) .

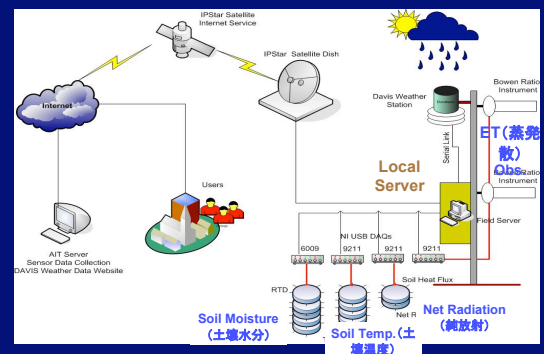
## 1.3 Research Frame Work



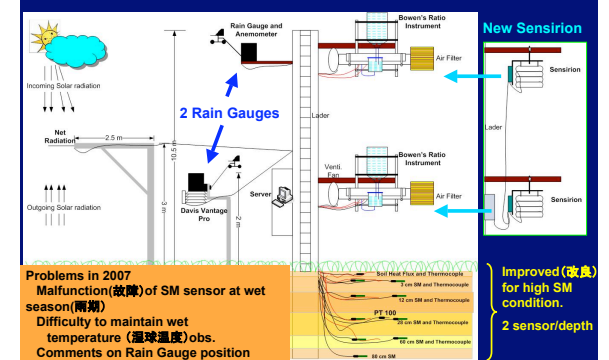
## 1.4 Expected Result(期待される結果)

- Methodology (方法論) to calibrate agro-hydrological model (農業-水収支モデルの校正) using remote sensing
- Product (成果物)
  - Observation (観測) Data Set ( Weather, Flux, SM, LAI.. )
  - ETp, ETa, Water Stress (水ストレス) ( Drought ) Map in Ubon Ratchathani
- Technical (技術的な) knowledge (知識) on Real Time Monitoring and Early Warning (警告) System.
- Base for constructing (構築) Drought (干ばつ) Monitoring System

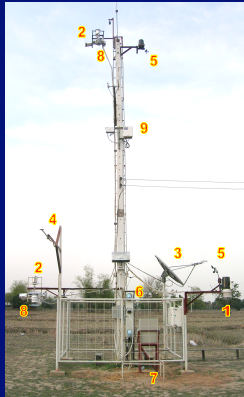
## 2. System and Observation



## 2.1 System Configuration

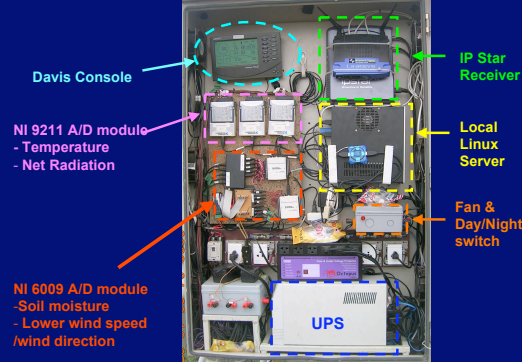


## 2.1 System Configuration (2)

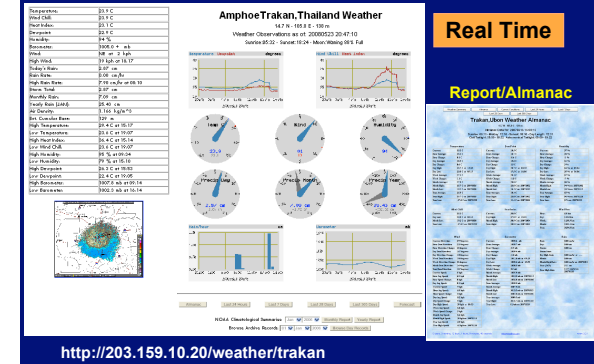


1. Davis Weather Station
2. Bowen Ratio (蒸発率に関する) Instrument (2m, 10m)
3. IP Star (Fix IP)
4. Net Radiometer(純放射) (2.5 m)
5. Wind speed (2 m, 10 m) and Wind direction (2 m) + Rain gauge 2 m and 10m)
6. Control Box
7. Soil moisture sensors (2 sets for each station)
8. Sensirion sensors (2 m, 10 m)

## 2.2 Control Box



## 2.3 Web Base : Basic Weather Data

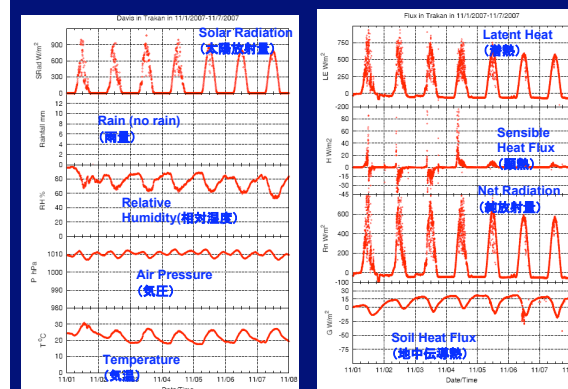


## 2.4 Product - Data Visualization (可視化)

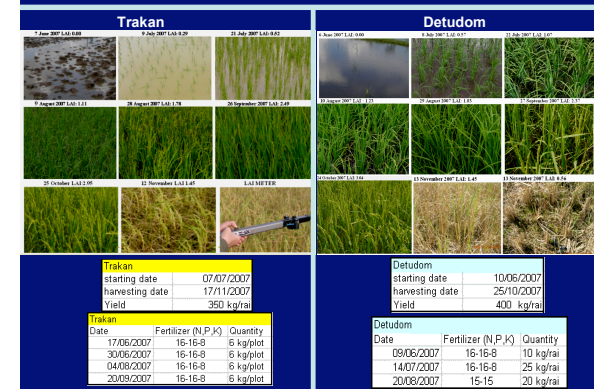
20(Observed観測) +6 (Derived計算結果)

|                            |                        |          |                    |                  |          |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| Basic Weather Data (Davis) | Temperature            | Observed | Soil Moisture      | SM at 3cm        | Observed |
|                            | Pressure               | Observed |                    | SM at 12cm       | Observed |
|                            | RH                     | Observed |                    | SM at 28cm       | Observed |
|                            | Rainfall               | Observed |                    | SM at 60cm       | Observed |
|                            | Wind Speed & Direction | Observed |                    |                  |          |
| Flux                       | Soil Heat Flux         | Observed | Temp. and Humidity | Dry Temp. at 2m  | Observed |
|                            | Net Radiation          | Observed |                    | Dry Temp. at 10m | Observed |
|                            | Sensible Heat          | Derived  |                    | RH at 2m         | Derived  |
|                            | Latent Heat            | Derived  |                    | RH at 10 m       | Derived  |
| Soil Temperature           | Soil temp. at 2 cm     | Observed | Temp. Difference   | Wet temp at 2m   | Derived  |
|                            | Soil temp at 3cm       | Observed |                    | Wet temp at 10m  | Derived  |
|                            | Soil temp at 12 cm     | Observed |                    | Dry-wet at 2m    | Observed |
|                            | Soil temp at 28cm      | Observed |                    | Dry -Wet at 10m  | Observed |
|                            | Soil temp at 60cm      | Observed |                    | Dry2m - Dry 10m  | Observed |

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## 2.5 Rice Cultivation(耕作) Observation



## 3. Analysis (解析)

### 3.1 General Analysis – Climate(気候), Rice observation

- 3.1.1 Climate Observation Overview
- 3.1.2 Field LAI (実測のLAI) vs Satellite LAI (衛星データからのLAI)

LAI:葉の量に関する指標

### 3.2 ET Observation and Analysis

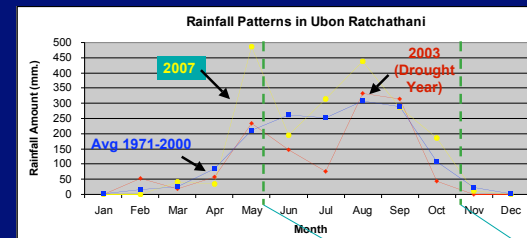
- 3.2.1 Energy Balance
- 3.2.2 ETa from Bowen Ratio (蒸発しやすさに関する値より)
- 3.2.3 ETa from Sensirion and Bowen's Equipment Comparison
- 3.2.4 ET from Penman-Monteith Method (ペンマン法)

### 3.3 Satellite Remote Sensing

### 3.4 Data Assimilation (データ同化)

### 3.5 Validation of Observed ETa

## 3.1.1 Climate Observation Overview



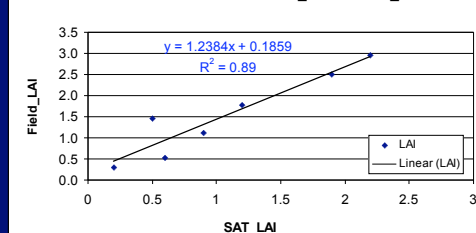
- Onset(発現) of rainfall always at beginning of May
- Peak of rainfall always appear at mid of August

Growing(成長) season  
(Seeding(種まき) - Harvesting(収穫))

## 3.1.2 Field LAI vs Satellite LAI

LAI:葉の量のindex

Correlation between Field\_LAI and Sat\_LAI



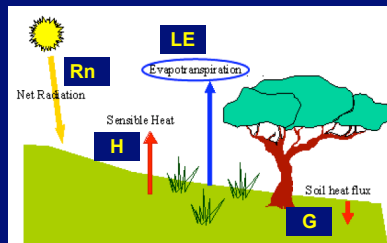
Correlation(相関) between Field LAI and Sat LAI = 0.89 (Strong correlation)

Satellite Data can be used to estimate ground LAI

## 3.2 ET (蒸発散) Observation and Analysis

- 3.2.1 Energy Balance (エネルギー収支)
- 3.2.2 ETa (蒸発散) from Bowen Ratio (ボーエン比)
- 3.2.3 ETa from Sensirion and Bowen's Equipment Comparison
- 3.3.4 ET from Penman-Montieth Method (ペンマン法)

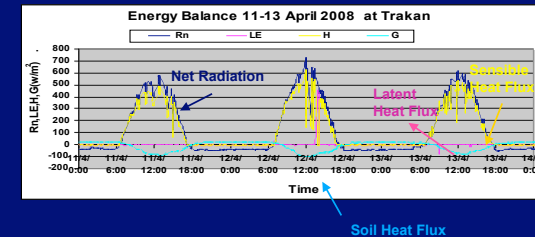
### 3.2.1 Energy Balance



Net radiation (Rn 純放射量) is either absorbed as ground heat flux (G 地中伝導熱) or transferred to the air above in the form of sensible heat flux (H 顕熱: 対流等による) and latent heat flux (LE 潜熱: 水が蒸発する時奪われる熱量).

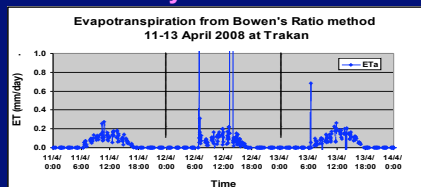
$Rn - G = H + LE$   
Bowen Ratio  $B = H / LE$  (ボーエン比: 顕熱/潜熱)  
 $B = \gamma \cdot \Delta T / \Delta e$  (Vapor Pressure (水蒸気圧))  
Partitioning of Rn-G into H and LE

### Energy Balance from Bowen Ratio Dry condition



- At noon time, Maximum Soil Heat Flux (G) goes down.
- Bowen Ratio is high, meaning almost of energy goes to H (sensible heat 顕熱) and very less energy goes to LE (潜熱)
- In dry condition, ETa is far less than ETp

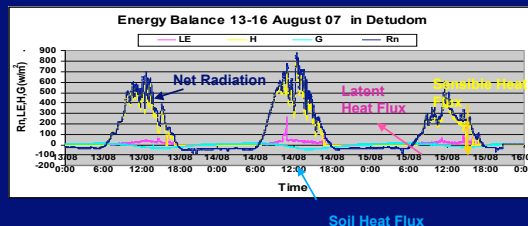
### 3.2.2 ETa from Bowen Ratio Dry Condition



| Date       | SM 3CM | SM12CM | SM28CM | SM 60CM |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 12/05/2008 | 0.030  | 0.165  | 0.139  | 0.244   |
| 13/05/2008 | 0.023  | 0.159  | 0.136  | 0.238   |
| Difference | 0.007  | 0.006  | 0.003  | 0.006   |

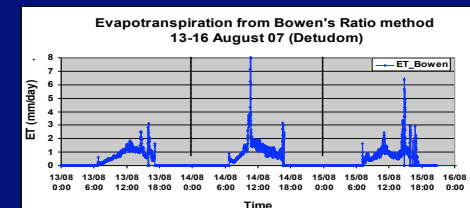
- ETa from Bowen < 0.1mm/day, while SM shows 3mm/day
- Our ETa observation is too less → need to improve/recheck

### Energy Balance from Bowen Ratio Wet condition



- Bowen Ratio is higher than dry condition.
- More energy goes to LE (潜熱).
- ETa (蒸発散) estimated from this LE (潜熱) is lower than PM ETa

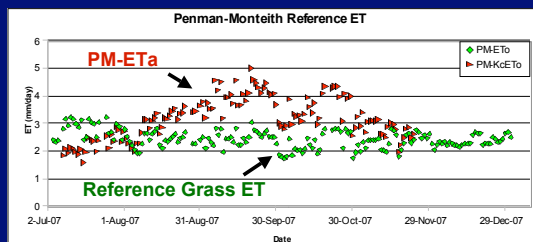
### ETa from Bowen Ratio Wet condition



It showed higher ETa than dry condition

### 3.2.4 ET from Penman-Montieth Method (ペンマン法: 熱収支法の近似解)

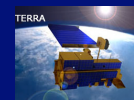
- PM-ETo: Penman-Monteith Reference ET- Wet Grass Condition
- PM-ETa: Penman-Monteith ET x crop coefficient (Kc)



## 3.3 Satellite Remote Sensing Analysis

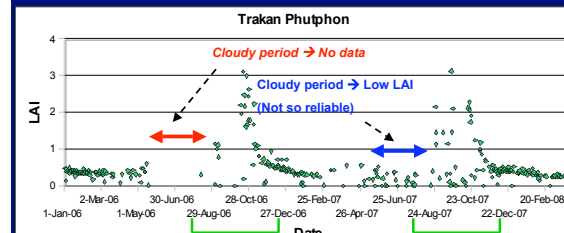
MODIS Overview  
MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) is a sensor aboard the TERRA and AQUA satellites.

Spectral Resolution (波長分解能): 0.405 – 14.385 μm  
Spectral Band (波長帯域): 36 bands  
Spatial Resolution (空間分解能): 250m, 500m & 1 km  
Temporal Resolution (観測頻度分解能): every 1-2 days  
Standard Data Products (標準成果物): 44 products (MOD01 – MOD44)  
Data Archive: 2000 – present



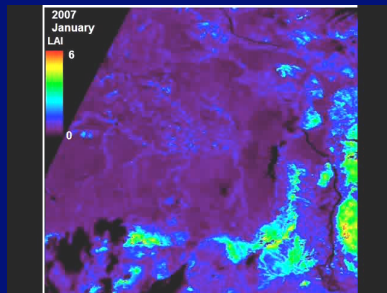
- Data used for estimating (推定) LAI and ET (蒸発散):
- MODIS Daily Surface Reflectance Product (地表面反射率) (MOD09GA) 500 m
  - MODIS Daily Land Surface Temperature (地表面温度) Product (MOD11A1) 1 km
- Band 1 to Band 7 & Solar Zenith Angle (太陽天頂角度)  
Land Surface Temperature & Emissivity (放射率)  
Data Range: 2006 – present

### 3.3.1 LAI Estimation from MODIS



It is observed that Satellite LAI of rice goes up to 3.  
Limitation: No data or less reliable (信頼できる) LAI in rainy/cloudy period.  
Combination with Model Calibration → Reliable Result

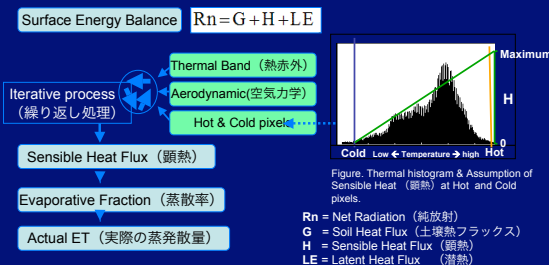
## LAI map from MODIS



Satellite LAI in Animation : for the year 2007 (lai.wmv).

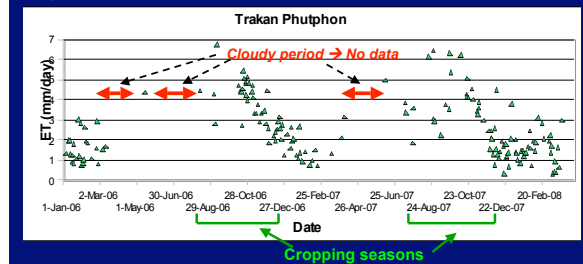
## 3.3.2 ETa Estimation from MODIS

Surface Energy Balance Algorithm for Land (SEBAL) is used to estimate ETa from Satellite images.



## 3.3.2 ETa Estimation from MODIS (2)

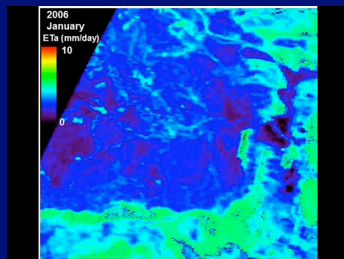
SEBAL calculate ETa assuming the climate condition is clear for the whole day.



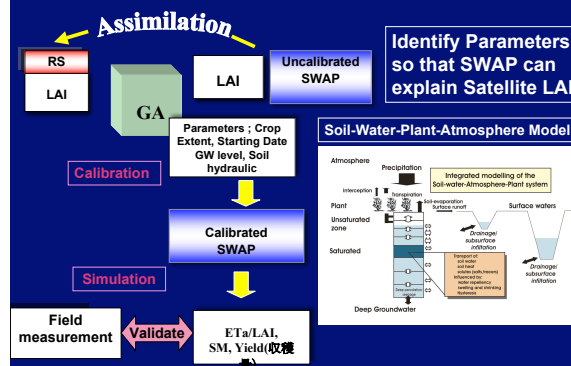
From Satellite, ETa of rice rises up to 6 mm/day in cropping season. Combination with Model Calibration for reliable estimation

## Eta (蒸発散) Map from MODIS

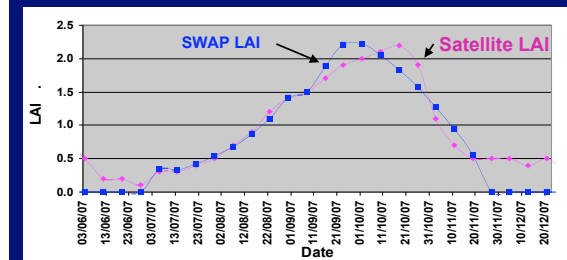
ETa map animation from January 2006 to March 2008 (ETa\_3frame.wmv).



## 3.4 Data Assimilation/Simulation

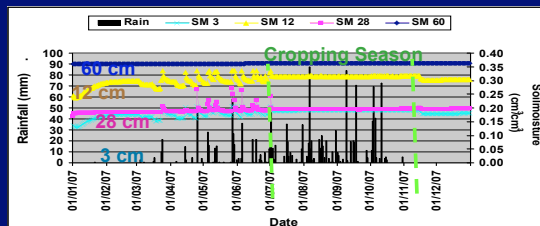


## 3.4.1 Assimilation Result



Simulated LAI shows a good match pattern with Satellite LAI

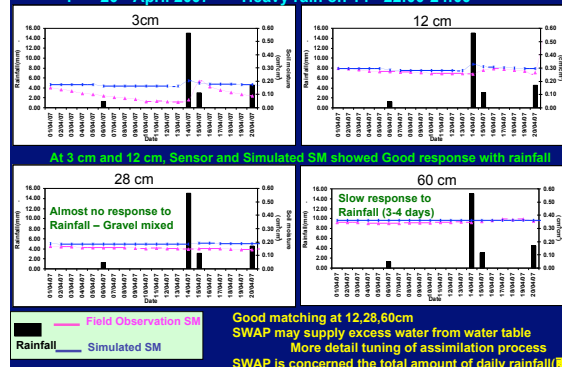
## 3.4.2 SWAP – Soil Moisture Simulation



- Soil was saturated during cropping season.
- Saturated soil moisture is not more than 0.6 (based on the sensor manual)

## 3.4.3 SM simulation and comparison

1st ~ 20th April 2007 - Heavy rain on 14th 22:00-24:00



## 4. Possible Applications (応用可能性)

- 4.1 Decision Support System (意思決定システム) for Drought (干ばつ)
- 4.2 Decision Support System for Rice Disease (病気)
- 4.3 Real Time Sensor Network



## 4.1 Decision Support System for Drought

❖ **Simulation** : ET, LAI, Soil Moisture

❖ **Prediction (予測)** : Yield (収穫量)

➢ Monitor Water Stress in near real time – wide area  
➢ Impact assessment (影響評価) to yield (収穫)

❑ A good basis for undertaking (試み) drought disaster preparedness (干ばつ災害への対策) and mitigation (緩和) activities at provincial level.

➢ For drought concerned agencies : Agriculture Regional office, Local Administrators: CEO, Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Regional office (Land Development Regional offices, and Irrigation Regional office)

## 4.2 Decision Support System for Rice Disease



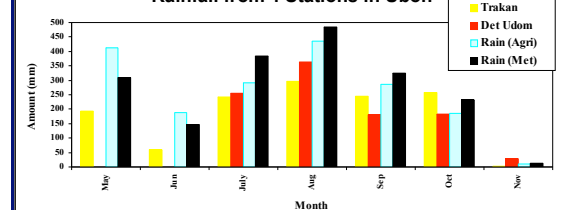
❑ The outbreak (大発生) of some rice diseases (病気) depend very much on weather (temperature, rainfall, moisture/humidity, soil moisture and also the stage of growth (成長) .

❑ In Ubon Ratchathani, Rice Blast Disease is a leading constraint to rice production. It is mostly found in high moisture area at flowering stage (開花時期)

❑ Real-time Met. data from our Agro-Met station could give a good basis for disease prediction (予測) and Early Warning to reduce the losses (production, yield, income).

## 4.3 Real Time Sensor-Network

Rainfall from 4 Stations in Ubon



- High Variability (変動性) of Rainfall (雨)
- Need of High Density Observation Network for DSS
- Need of Low-Cost and Easy to Use Sensor Network System

## 5. Summary

- ❖ Our observation (観測) system → Improved (改良された)
- ❖ New Sensirion sensor has stable observation and shows satisfied (条件を満たした) data → support old Bowen's Ratio equipment
- ❖ Good assimilation (同化) result of SWAP LAI → Achieved (得られた)
- ❖ Good simulated Soil Moisture from SWAP → Achieved
- ❖ Preliminary Validation (検証) using many Eta (蒸発散量) LAI and Soil Moisture → have to do more validation and continue developing.
- ❖ The different patterns of Met. data from various (多くの) stations in Ubon → higher density simple Met. stations

## 6. Future Work

- ❑ Continue observation and maintenance – improve and closely observe SM observation at 3 cm, 60 cm
- ❑ Model developing is going on for better assimilation/simulation of ETa, Soil Moisture, LAI and Yield (収穫量)
- ❑ More Validation – ET and New system (sensirion) and results from model
- ❑ Yield estimation (depends on fluctuation of weather)
- ❑ Complete all dataset
- ❑ Publishing Report / Papers / Distribution under TRF's agreement

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