

Smart Farming? Data Science?

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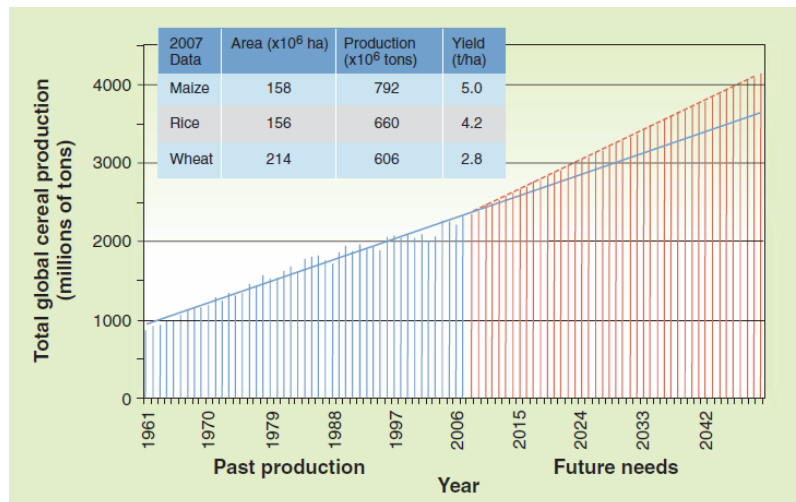


Q.1

What is your first impression on
Smart Farming?

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Food demand increases



"Breeding Technologies to Increase Crop Production in a Changing World"
Tester and Langridge, Science(2010), **327** (5967): 818-822

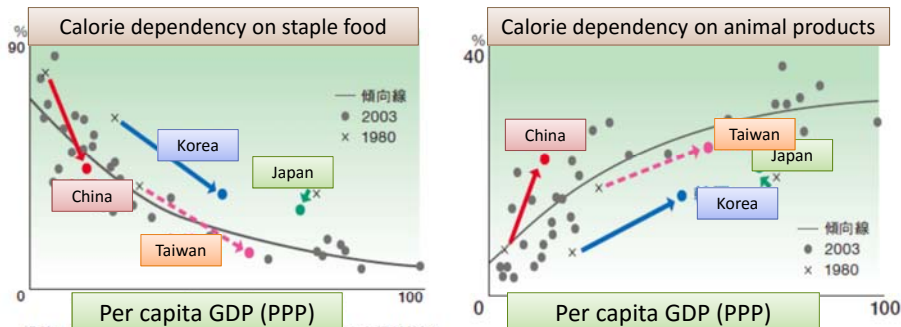
Q.2

What does sufficient food mean?

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Economic growth accompanies diet transition

Production efficiency of animal product is much lower than staple food



横軸は世界各国の一人当たりGDP (アメリカを100とした相対値)を、縦軸は主食(穀類+いも類)の熱量供給比率を示す。●と傾向線は2003年の値、xは1980年の値。データは、FAOSTAT、行政院農業委員会、およびPenn World Table Version 6.2/the University of Pennsylvaniaより。

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Prof. Kazuhiko Kobayashi 「循環型社会に向けた食遷移への挑戦」
小林和彦, 東京大学農学生命科学研究科「弥生」春号(2009)
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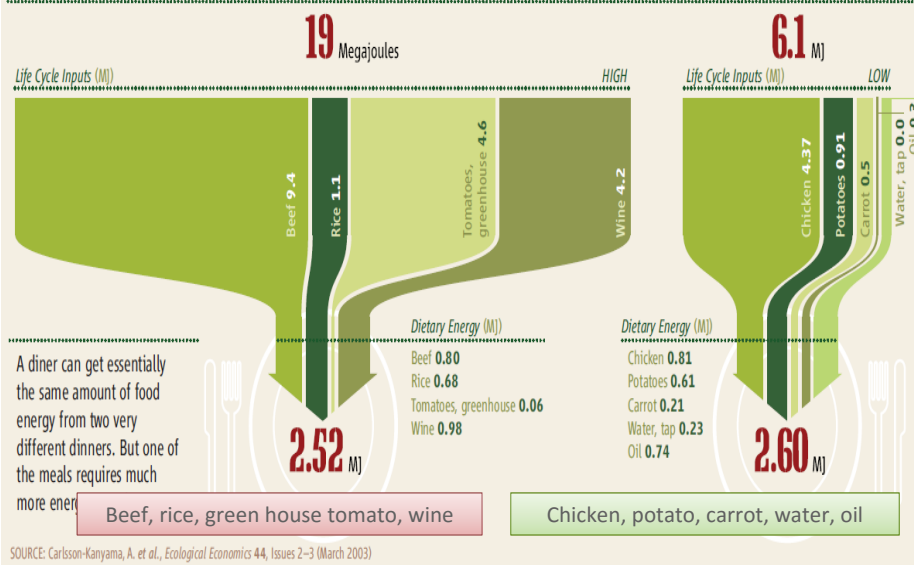
Water consumption for food production

- Water needed to produce 1 kg of agricultural product

Products	Water (t)	Products	Water (t)
Rice	3.6	Beef	20.6
Barley	2.6	Pork	5.9
Wheat	2.0	Chicken	4.5
Corn	1.9	Egg	3.2
Soybean	2.5		

T. Oki, M. Sato, A. Kawamura, M. Miyake, S. Kanae, and K. Musiake, Virtual water trade to Japan and in the world, *Virtual Water Trade*, Edited by A.Y. Hoekstra, Proceedings of the International Expert Meeting on Virtual Water Trade, Delft, The Netherlands, 12-13 December 2002, Value of Water Research Report Series No.12, 221-235, February 2003.

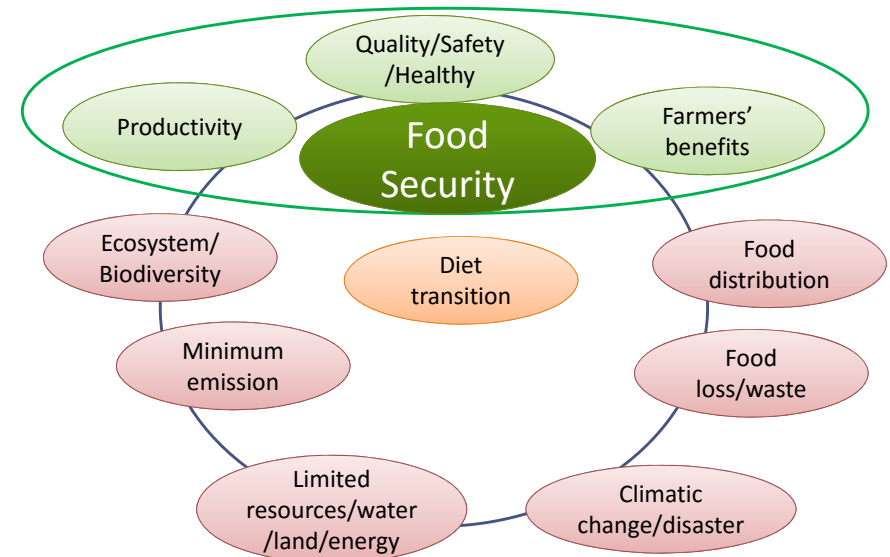
TABLE FOR ONE: Which Is the Greener Plate?



SOURCE: Carlsson-Kanyama, A. et al., *Ecological Economics* 44, Issues 2-3 (March 2003)

"What it takes to make that meal" Science. 2010 Feb 12;327(5967):809

Toward sustainable and sufficient rich food production



Very complex optimization problem for real smart farming

Q.3

An example of optimization for sustainable food production?

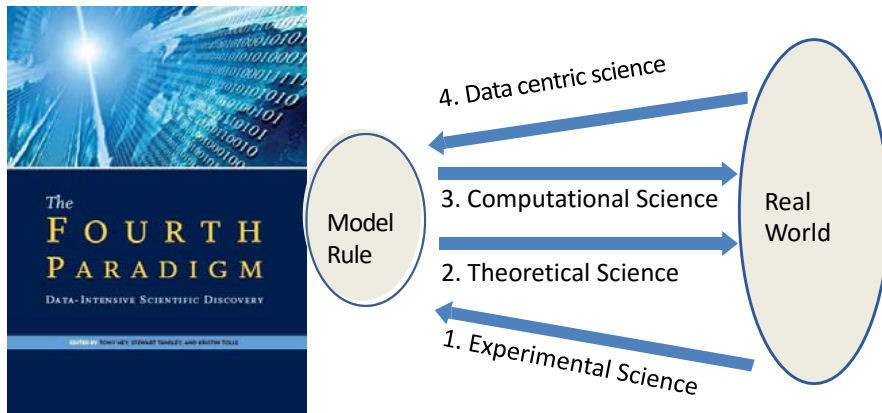
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How to solve very complex problems

Can ordinal way of sciences and technologies provide us timely solutions?

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4th Paradigm Shift of Science to Data Centric Science



<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/fourthparadigm/contents.asp>

Two contrasts for optimization

- Method
 - Bioscience/physics based on reductionism
 - VS
 - Data centric science based on big data
- Direction
 - Local optimization: bottom-up
 - VS
 - global optimization: top-down

Data-centric science to solve complex problem

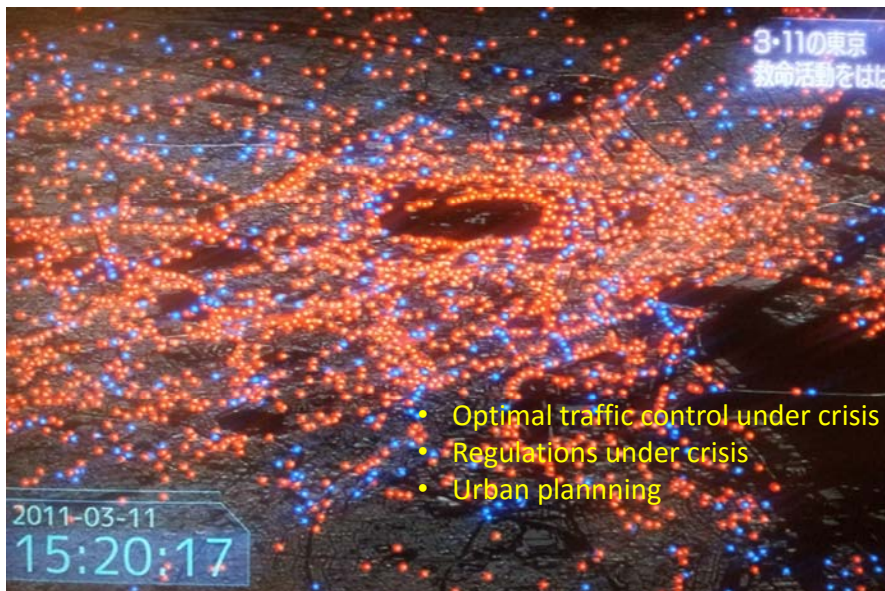
- *Data-centric science tries to lean latent rules and knowledge through data observed in real world*
- For a very complex problem, it is very difficult to discover common theories to drive it
- Data-centric approach can (may) be only the solution for such a problem
 - Data show us something which has happened in the past and is happening now.
 - Data-centric approach tells us what is going to happen in the future for our decisions based on rules found in data
- Black box
- Artificial intelligence

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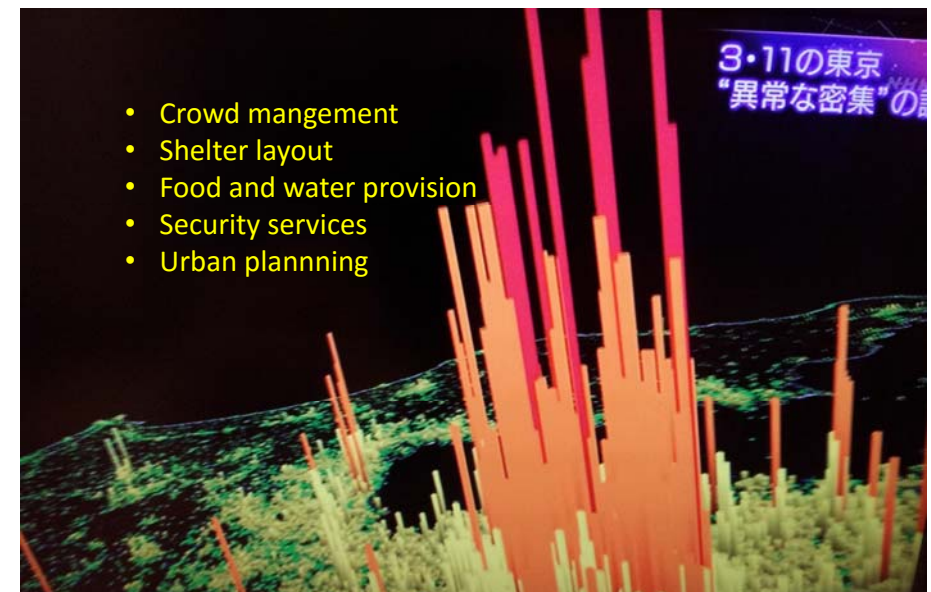
Big data?

- Big data
 - Large scale data from a single resource accessible at once
 - SNS, Mobile phone GPS, Car navigation system,.....
 - Holistically integrated data of distributed comparatively small scale data of the same kind seamlessly accessible
 - Not necessarily to be centralized
 - Holistically integrated data of distributed comparatively small scale data of the different kinds seamlessly accessible
 - Including unstructured data
- Big data studies in Japan started receiving attentions after March 11, 2011

Car locations monitored by car navigation systems in Tokyo



Unusual crowds in Tokyo monitored by mobile phones



People's concerns in Tokyo monitored by Twitter



- Mental care under crisis
- Psychological analysis of crowd mind under crisis

What we need for data-centric science in agriculture

- Utilization of legacy data
 - Yield data, variety data, quality data, soil data, market data,
 - Need to rescue such data
- Sensor innovation IOT
 - To efficiently monitor the farm processing,.....
 - To collect knowledge of farmers, local knowledge
- Data integration and efficient usage
 - Common platform for seamless data exchange with standard
 - Agricultural cloud and database
- Tools to analyze and to support decisions/ Models
 - Statistics, data-mining , knowledge extraction, risk managements
 - Big data-based optimization
 - Enrichment of commonly usable APIs
- Communication innovation/ Service science
 - Efficient Knowledge transfer to farmers

Big data cs,

In other words,
to achieve sustainable and sufficient rich food
production, we need

- To monitor what is happening
 - IoT on multiple platforms
 - Legacy data
- To understand the present status
 - Analytics/models
- To predict what is going to happen
 - Models
- To design most optimal food production
 - Models/policy

Some examples of sensor innovations

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Types of information in farming

- Environmental information
- Farm management information
 - Tacit knowledge
- Biological information (crop information)
 - Phenomics data
 - Genomics data
- Efficient and low cost acquisition of crop condition data is still quite challenging outdoor

Low cost sensor networks are now available

Cell phone with GPS and camera

Fieldserver

- Air temp., humidity, solar radiation, soil moisture, CO2, etc.
- Camera (0.3 to 10 M pixels)
- WIFI hot spots

Glove type NIR analyzer for intact fruits

Collected Data while JUN - AUG 2008

MEMS-FTR

FTR Engine

By Mr. Aoki of DUNAMIST, Hamamatsu Photonics Co. Ltd.

High-end robotic Field Server

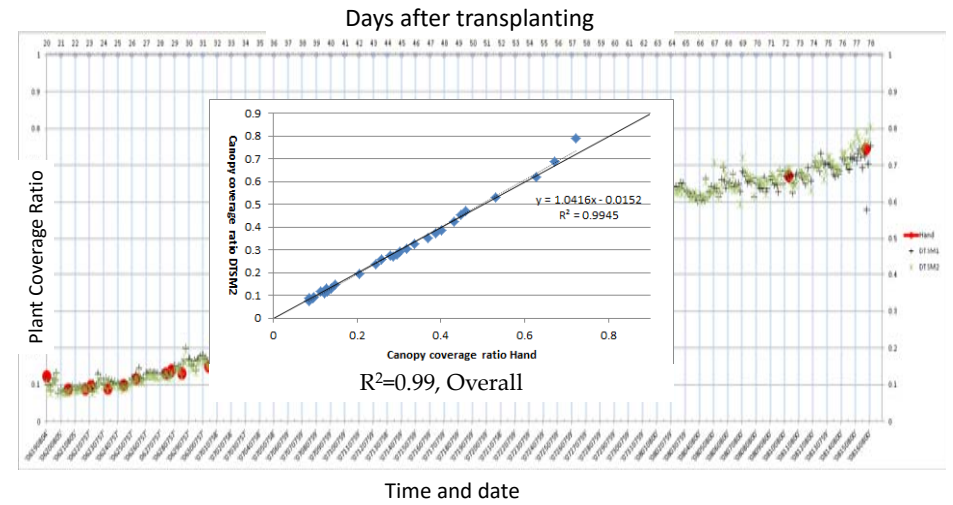
Move targets with legs and arms & monitor spectrum data of target fruits

Grape cluster identification



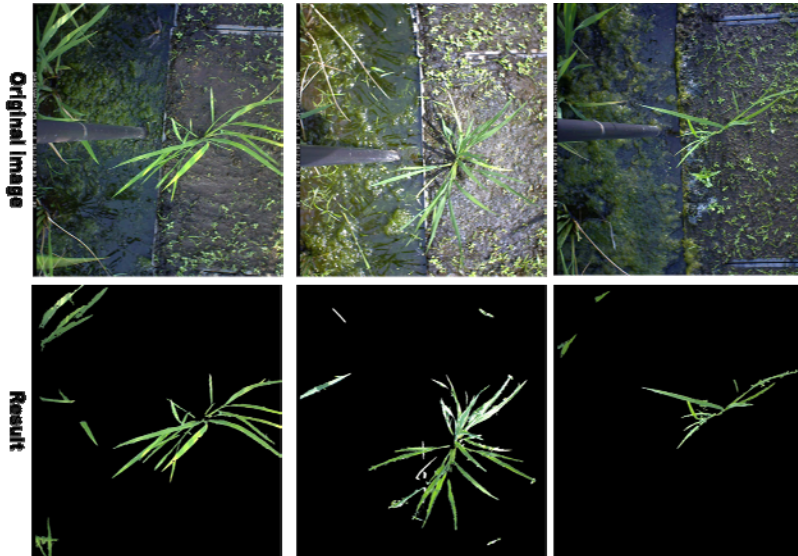
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Estimation of canopy coverage of paddy rice



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Separation of crops from weeds



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Field monitoring using drones

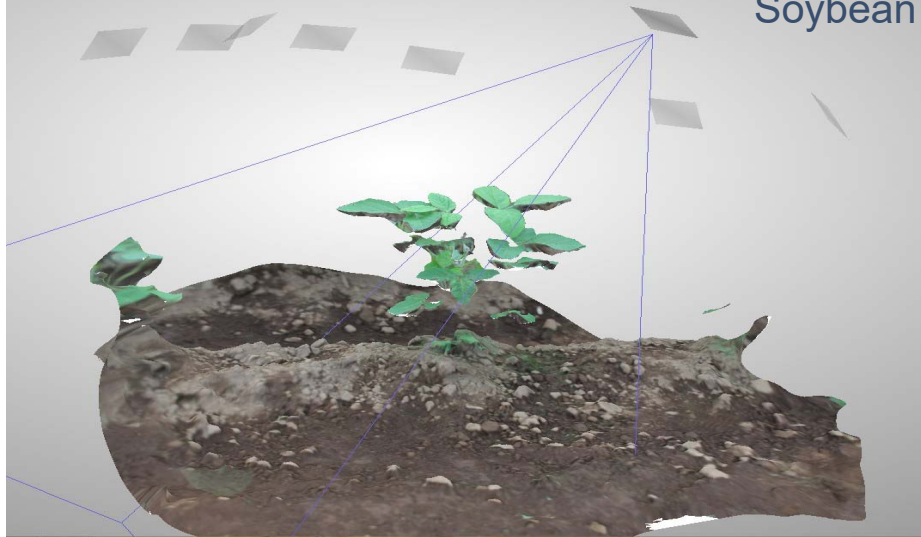
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3D reconstruction from multiple images

SfM: Structure from Motion

MVS: Multi View Stereo

Soybean



Heading of sorghum for biomass

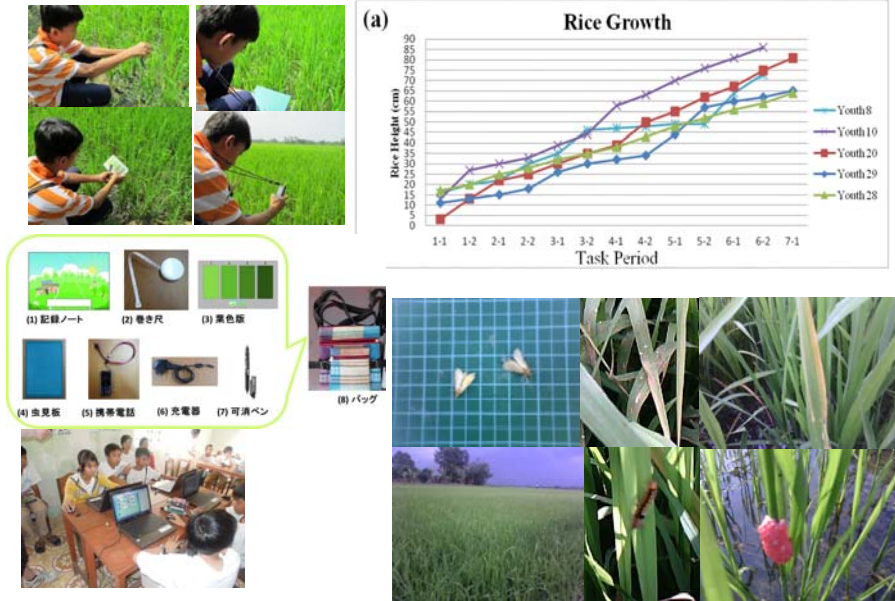


Utilization of legacy data

表 8-8 生産力検定本試験成績 (晩播)

類別	試験番号	品種名 または 系統名	開花期 (月・日)	成熟期 (月・日)	結実日数	生育中の障害				主茎長 (cm)	主節数	分枝数	最着莢 下高 (cm)	莖太 (mm)	草型	全重
						倒伏	茎折	SM	立枯							
早生	1.	東山164号	8.10	10.12	63	無	無	無	無	48	13.3	4.3	15	5.1	中間	56.6
	2.	東山165号	8.12	10.14	63	微	無	無	無	48	13.5	3.6	14	5.2	半閉	52.8
	3.	東山167号	8.11	10.13	63	無	無	無	無	52	12.8	2.8	13	5.4	半閉	52.2
	4.	東山168号	8.13	10.16	64	無	無	無	無	51	13.2	3.4	15	5.3	半閉	58.5
	5.	ワセシロゲ	8.9	10.10	62	微	無	無	無	53	12.9	4.3	11	5.5	半閉	51.3
	6.	ホウレイ	8.11	10.10	60	微	無	無	無	45	12.8	3.8	11	5.1	中間	53.3
	7.	シロセンナリ	8.12	10.15	64	無	微	無	少	43	13.1	3.2	9	5.7	半閉	51.6
	8.	アヤヒカリ	8.11	10.14	64	微	少	無	無	55	12.9	5.3	14	4.7	中間	52.3
	9.	スズユタカ	8.12	10.15	64	無	微	無	無	49	13.2	4.3	10	5.8	半閉	58.4
	10.	エンレイ	8.11	10.13	63	微	無	無	無	57	13.1	3.8	16	5.0	半閉	52.7
LSD (0.05)			1	2	3					6	0.5	1.4	3			9.6
中生	1.	東山94号(変)	8.13	10.23	71	無	微	無	無	57	13.0	3.9	15	5.7	半閉	61.4
	2.	東山155号	8.13	10.18	66	中	少	無	無	70	13.6	2.6	21	5.3	中間	54.3
	3.	東山158号	8.16	10.22	68	無	微	無	無	50	13.6	3.4	15	5.6	半閉	56.3
	4.	東山161号	8.16	10.16	61	無	無	無	無	47	13.4	3.7	12	6.1	中間	55.0
	5.	東山177号	8.13	10.17	65	無	無	無	無	51	12.8	4.1	16	5.1	中間	53.5
	6.	東山178号	8.14	10.17	64	無	少	無	無	63	13.6	3.3	14	5.8	閉鎖	56.4

Crowd sourcing: Kids' sensors in Vietnam



Q.4

What kind of sensors do you like to develop for farming?

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Open data/Open science

- Restoration and utilization of legacy data
 - Data possessed by agricultural experimental stations and scientist
 - Digitization and metadata development
- Data management & data interoperability
 - Standardization & common APIs
- Citizen science & open science
 - Data collection and phenology observations by citizens
- Software library sharing
 - Data-centric methods
 - Trans-disciplinary collaboration

Q.5

How do you think open science/citizen science contributes to sustainable food production?

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Summary

- Data-centric approach with big data will help us to achieve **smart agriculture** which provides us sustainable and sufficient food production for quality life of all the humans
 - Sensor innovation and IOT
 - Restoration and utilization of legacy data
 - Model innovation
 - Model and data integration platform
 - Open data, open science
- Innovations in agricultural sciences
 - Breeding, cultivation methods, integrated managements,..
 - Field robotics, machinery, irrigation system
- Innovations in communication and education
 - Efficient Knowledge transfer
- Service science

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Homework

- To sketch a system to support sustainable farming
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Present availability of the methods is not necessary
 - Sensor technologies
 - Prediction models etc.

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