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### Introduction to Agricultural Meteorology

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#### Radiation at various wave length



Adapted from Jones (2014)

#### Radiation is split between short wave and long wave radiations at around 3 $\mu$ m.



Note: Scale of the left y-axis for short wave radiation is 10<sup>6</sup> times that of the right y-axis for long wave radiation.

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### Climate and Agriculture in Hokkaido

Hokkaido Branch of the Society of Agricultural Meteorology of Japan (2012). Hokkaido Shinbun-sha.



#### 2.1. Snow plowing to accelerate soil freezing



### An aerial view over Tokachi, Hokkaido in winter...



#### Soil-freezing depth has become shallower, why?



Hirota T et al. (2006). Jour. Meteorol. Soc. Jpn. 84, 821-833



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### Left-over potato tubers now overwinter to become a weed



### The farmers started plowing snow in the middle of winter...





Hirota T et al. (2011). Mitig Adapt Strateg Glob Change. DOI 10.1007/s11027-011-9296-8

### My question for you: why the snow layer prevents the soil from freezing?



Now, the practice is diffusing to another region of Hokkaido along with a *reinvention: snow pressing.* 



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Hirota (2016)

#### Your home work:

• Why does the snow pressing help the soil freezing? Explain in plain words in English.

### Fig.2. Historical records of rice yield in Hokkaido and that in the whole country



# Fig. 3. Protecting rice from cooling damage by deep water



# Fig. 4. Protecting rice from cooling damage by deep water

Flowering 前歷期間 Sensitivity Young flowers differentiated Water 2 0 cm ..... depth 1 0 cm 5 cm 走り水 **谷**熟 -15日 0日 -10日 幼穂 出穂 形成

Development of a young flowers in rice and the deep-water treatment for protecting them from cooling damages. Hamasaki (2012)

# My question for you: why water layer is warmer than air?

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Water

Land

#### Fig. 5. Greenhouse is warmer than the field



### Fig. 5. Greenhouse is warmer than the field NOT because of the greenhouse effects.



# Fig. 6. The greenhouse effect may have to be renamed as the atmospheric effect.



#### Energy balance of the earth.