

Mapping Paddy Rice Agriculture in Monsoon Asia

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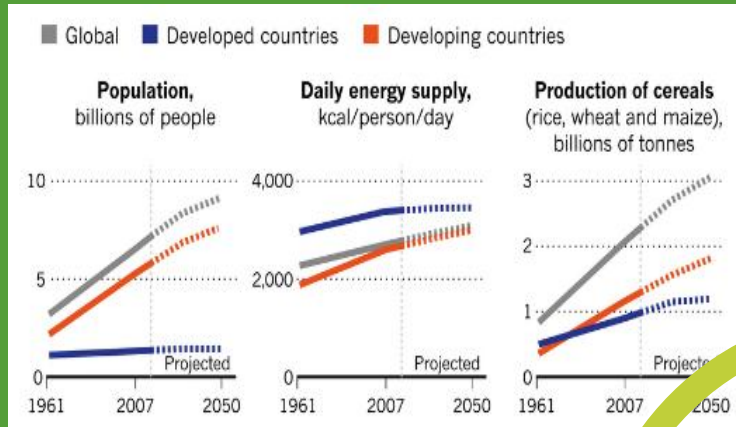
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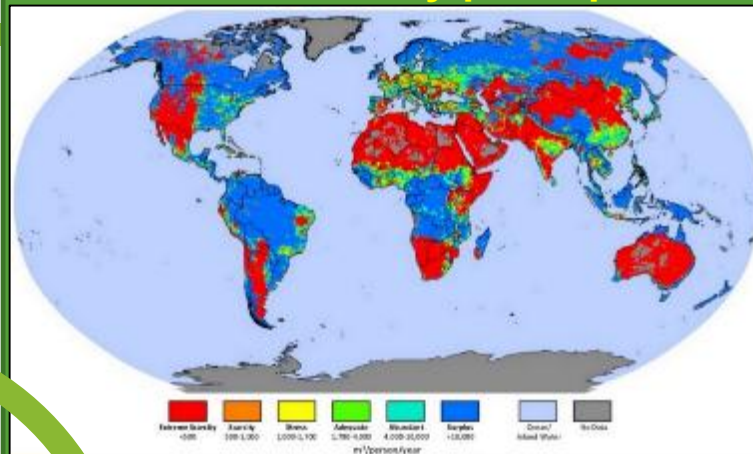
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Paddy rice: staple grain for people



(Elert, 2014 Nature Outlook)

Water availability per capita



(from S. Duttarjanvi)

Food

Water

Paddy rice

Disease

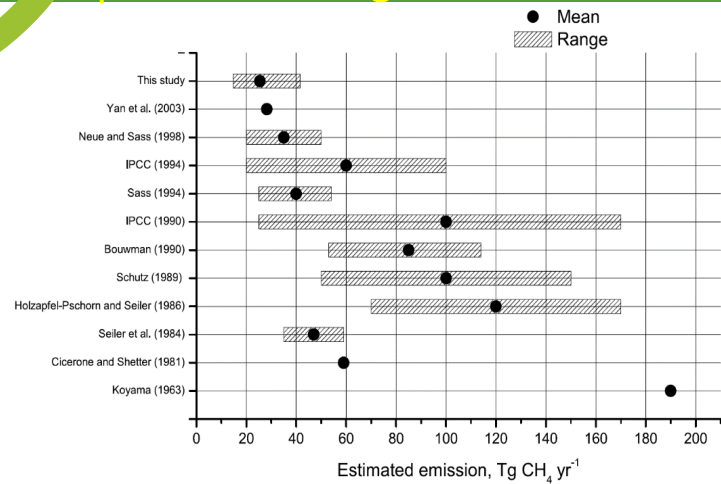
Climate

Paddy rice fields and avian influenza



(Gilbert, Xiao, et al., PNAS, 2008;
Gilbert et al., 2014 Nature Comm.)

CH₄ emission of global rice fields



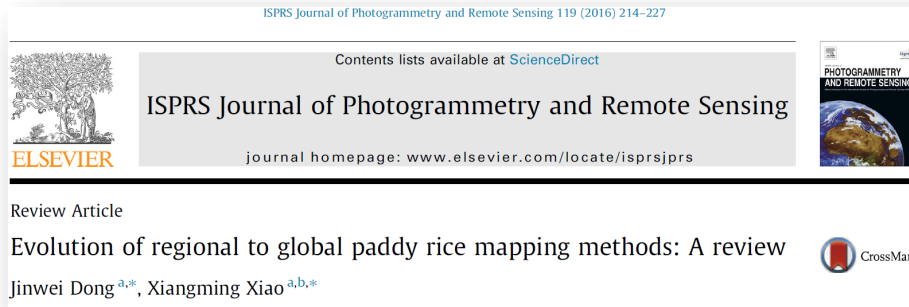
(Yan et al., 2009 GBC)



**What is the best paddy rice
mapping method in monsoon Asia?**



Evolution of paddy rice mapping algorithms



Review Article

Evolution of regional to global paddy rice mapping methods: A review

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(Dong et al., 2016 ISPRS P&RS)

Table 1
A literature summary of existed studies using the reflectance

ID	Refs.	Sensor used	Variable used	Classification	Area	Accuracy	
1	Mecley et al. (1997)	Landsat MSS	Band reflectance	Multi images from Seedling and Ripening stages	MLC	Case region in Thailand	>88%
2	Rao et al. (1987)	Landsat MSS	Band reflectance	All available images, no phase specific	MLC	Hubei, China	91.6%
3	Parthasarathy and Parthasarathy (1992)	Landsat TM	Band reflectance	Single image in early growing season before transplanting	Unsupervised classification	Hubei, China	>81%
4	Tennakoon et al. (1992)	Landsat TM	Band reflectance	Multi images from pre- and first half of flood	Hybrid classification	West Africa	70%
5	Fang et al. (1998)	Landsat TM, NOAA AVHRR	Band reflectance	Multi images from June to September 1992	MLC	Ogata-mura area, Japan	93%
6	Fang (1998)	Landsat TM	Band reflectance	Landsat data in dry season, SPOT XS in wet season	MLC	Indonesia	-
7	Turner and Congalton (1998)	SPOT XS	(G/R/NIR)	-	-	Two sites in Indonesia and Japan	-
8	Kurosu et al. (1997)	ERS-1 C-band	σ^0	-	-	-	-

Band reflectance, Traditional classifiers

Table 2
A literature summary of existed studies using the VI and enhanced image statistic-based paddy rice mapping approaches (Category Two).

ID	Refs.	Sensor used	Variable used	Phases of data used	Methods	Study area	Accuracy
11	Shao et al. (2001)	RADARS	HH pola	Multi images in dry and wet seasons	NN, CD, CD + NN, MLC	Two areas in Philippines	>96%
12	Oguro et al. (2001)	Landsat SPOT4 H	1	-	-	An area in China	>70%
13	Niel and McVicar (2003)	Landsat	σ^0	-	-	An area in Malaysia	95%
14	Chen and McNaim (2006)	RADARSAT-1 (C-band with HH polarization)	σ^0	-	-	An area in Shaoning, China	>61%

Spectral indices, Improved classifiers

Table 3
A literature summary of existed studies using the VI or RADAR backscatter-based temporal analysis approaches (Category Three).

ID	Refs.	Sensor used	Variables used	Phases of data used	Methods	Study area	Accuracy
20	J.S. Chen et al. (2011)	H	HH, HV, VV	Time series images in entire year	PA	Yedang, Korea	-
21	Oguro et al. (2012)	L	HH, HV, VV	Time series images in entire year	PA	Hunan, China	>84%
22	Son et al. (2013)	M	HH, HV, VV	Multiple images in entire year	PA	Sacramento Valley, USA	95%
23	Narasa et al. (2012)	M	HH, HV, VV	Multiple images in entire year	PA	Taiwan	>82%
24	Gumma et al. (2011)	M	HH, HV, VV	Multiple images in entire year	PA	Taiwan	>82%
25	Gumma et al. (2011)	MODIS	NDVI	Time series images in entire year	A suite of methods (SMT, DT, etc.)	Bangladesh	>78%

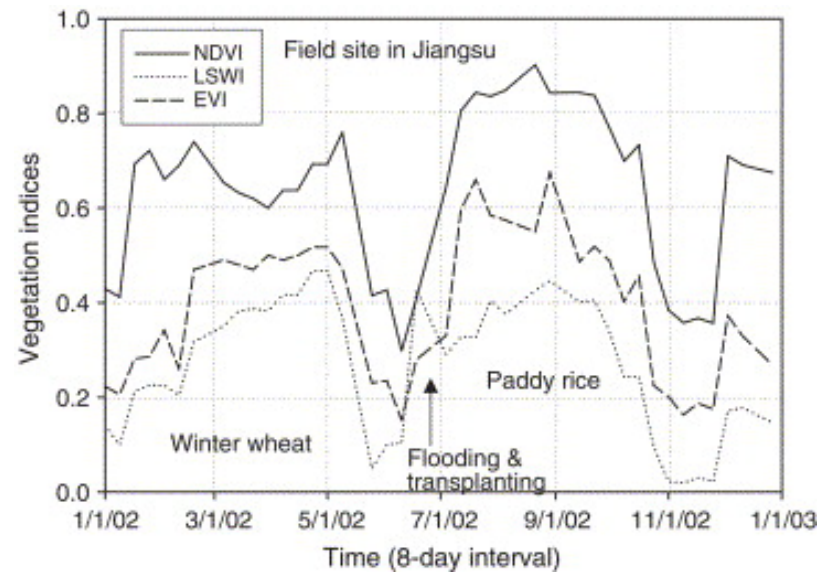
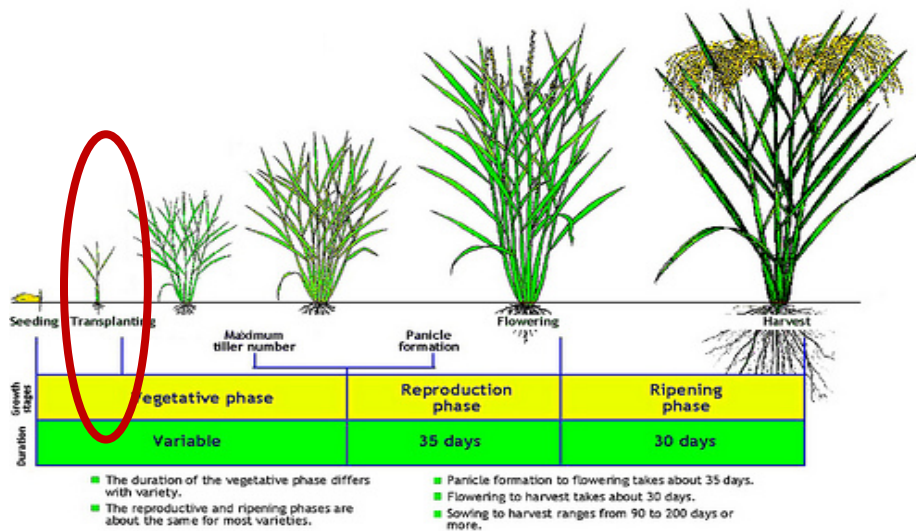
Time series data/VIs, Improved classifiers

Table 4
A literature summary of existed studies using the phenology-based paddy rice mapping approaches, based on remote sensing recognition of key growth phases (Category Four).

ID	Refs.	Sensor used	Variables used	Phases of data used	Methods	Study area	Accuracy
35	Xiao et al. (2005)	MODIS	NDVI, EVI, LSWI, NDSI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Southern Thailand	89%
36	Xiao et al. (2005)	MODIS	NDVI, EVI, LSWI, NDSI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Mekong Basin	>81%
37	Feng et al. (2009)	MODIS	NDVI, EVI, LSWI, NDSI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Guangdong, China	>77%
38	Sakamoto et al. (2009)	MODIS	NDVI, EVI, LSWI, NDSI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Jiangsu, China	81% (OA)
39	Sun et al. (2009)	MODIS	NDVI, EVI, LSWI, NDSI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Guizhou, China	>91%
40	Bridhikitti and Overcamp (2009)	MODIS	NDVI, EVI, LSWI, NDSI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Bangladesh	$R^2 = 0.69 - 0.89$
41	Jeong et al. (2012)	MODIS, SAR	LSWI, EVI	Time series images in entire year	Variable TS	Yedang, Korea	-
42	Peng et al. (2011)	MODIS	LSWI, EVI	Time series images in entire year	PA	Hunan, China	>84%
43	Torbick et al. (2011)	PALSAR, ScanSAR, MODIS	σ^0 , LSWI, EVI, NDVI	Multiple images in entire year	PA	Sacramento Valley, USA	95%
44	Shiu et al. (2012)	FORMOSAT-2	Band reflectance (R/G/B/NIR)	Multi images in transplanting and tillering stages	ISODATA + MLC, Object-based and pixel-based	Taiwan	>82%

Time series data, Phenology-based approaches

Development of a phenology-based paddy rice mapping approach



(Xiao et al., 2005, 2006 RSE)



Seedling



Transplanting



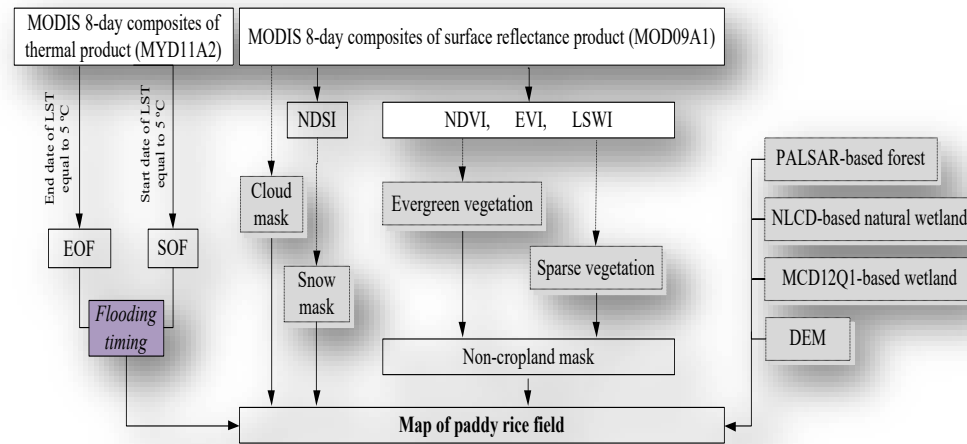
Reproduction



Mature/Harvest

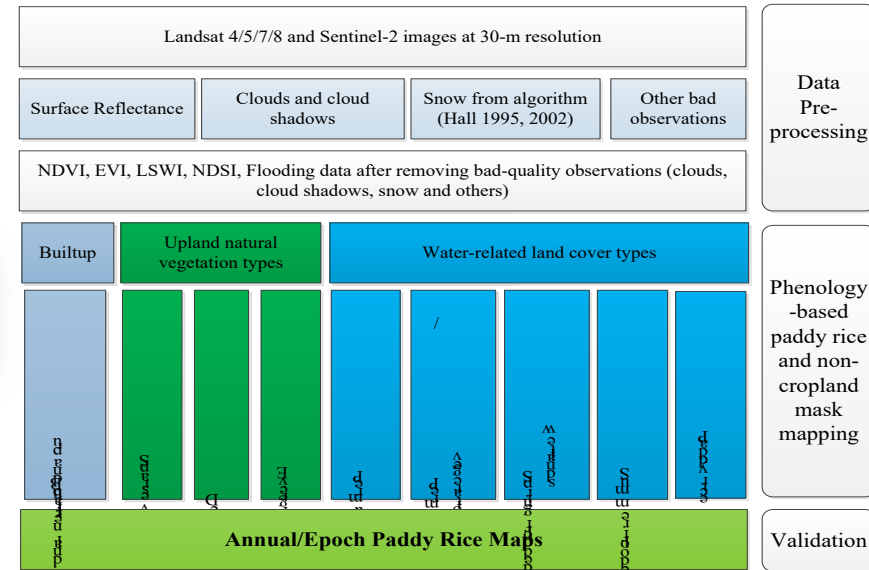
Paddy rice mapping packages: RICE-Landsat and RICE-MODIS

RICE-MODIS



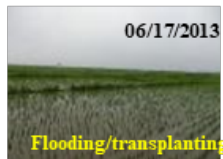
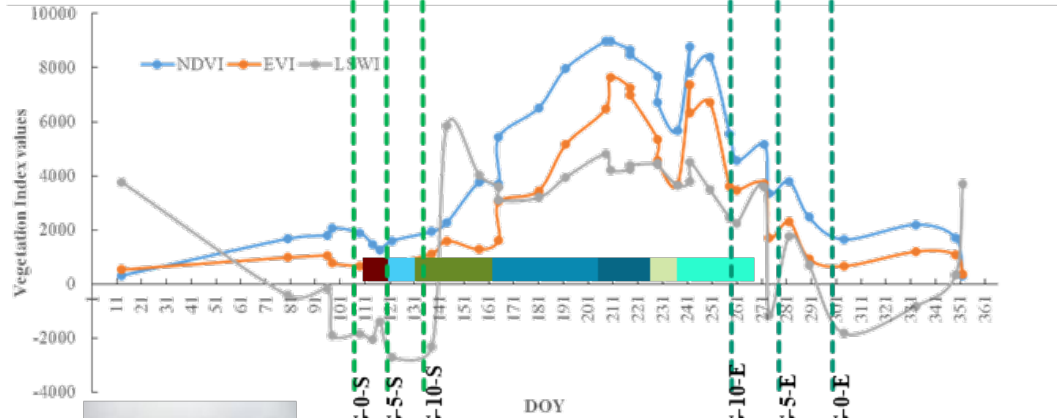
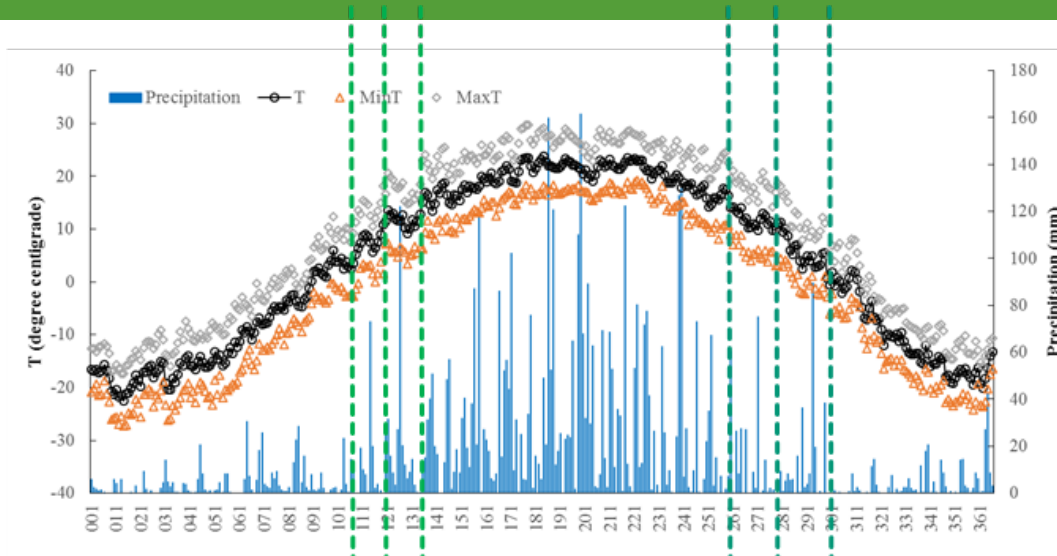
(Zhang et al. 2015, ISPRS P & RS)

RICE-Landsat



(Dong et al., 2015 RSE)

Refining the phenology-based algorithm by setting time window using auxiliary data



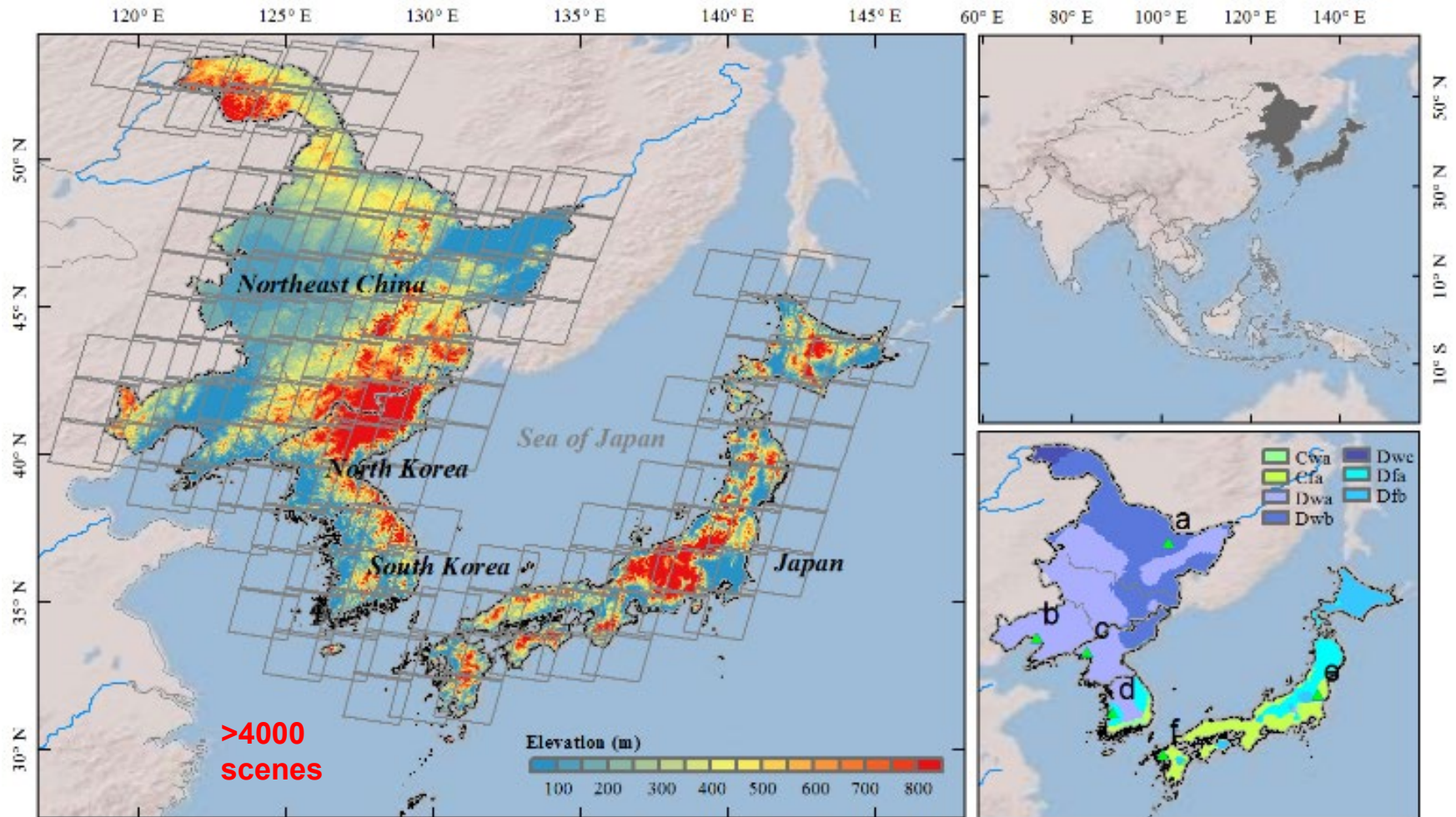
■ Sowing
 ■ Seedling
 ■ Flooding/Transplanting
 ■ Tillering to stem elongation
■ Panicle initiation to heading
 ■ Filling/Milky
 ■ Dough to mature

The start (TGS-10-S) date of thermal growing season above 10 °C of air temperature correspond to the start of paddy rice transplanting in Northeast China.

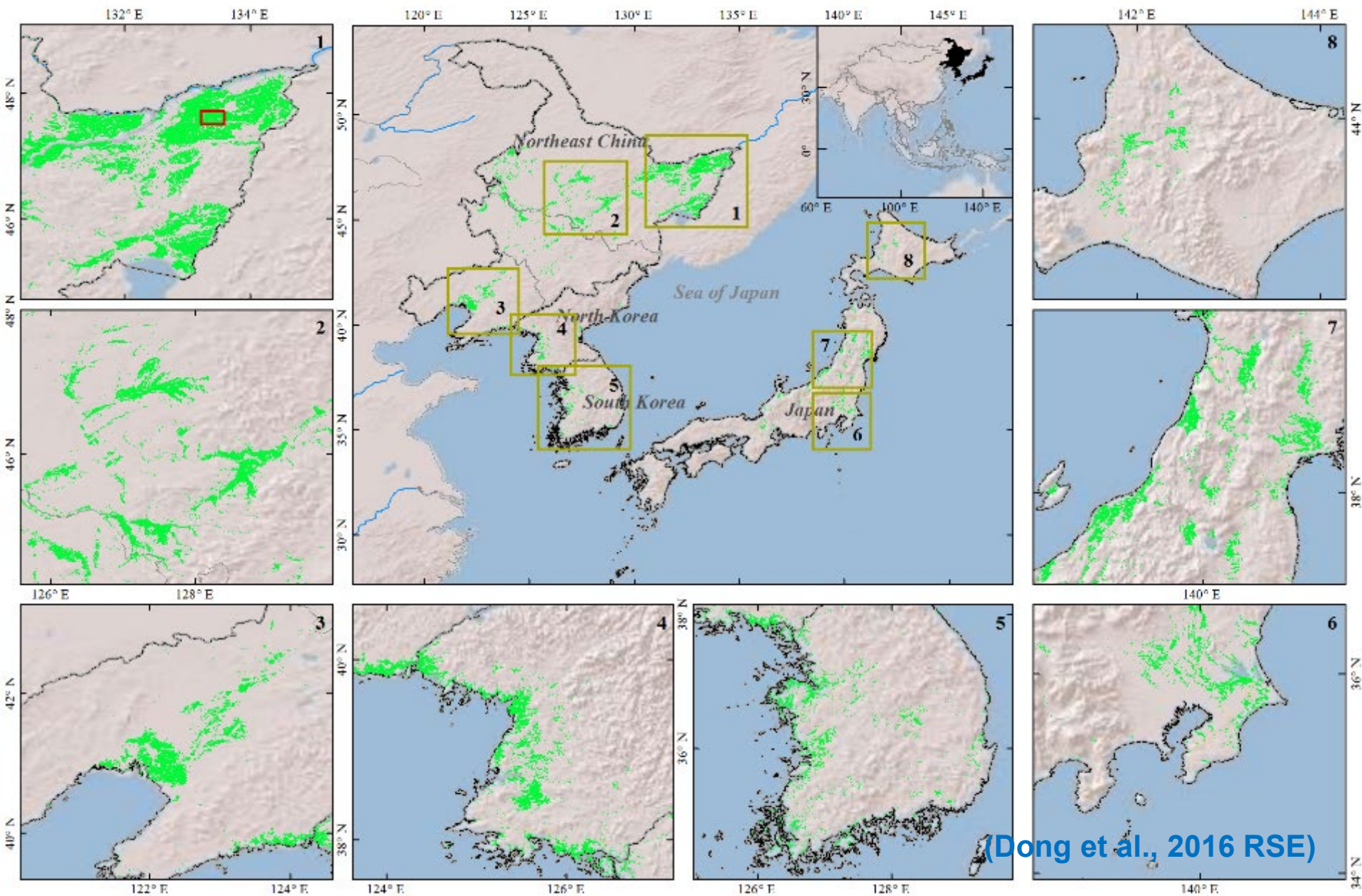
The transplanting time window can also be defined using time series LST or in-situ observed phenology data.

(Dong et al., 2015 RSE)

Mapping paddy rice in typical single-cropping area: **northeastern Asia**



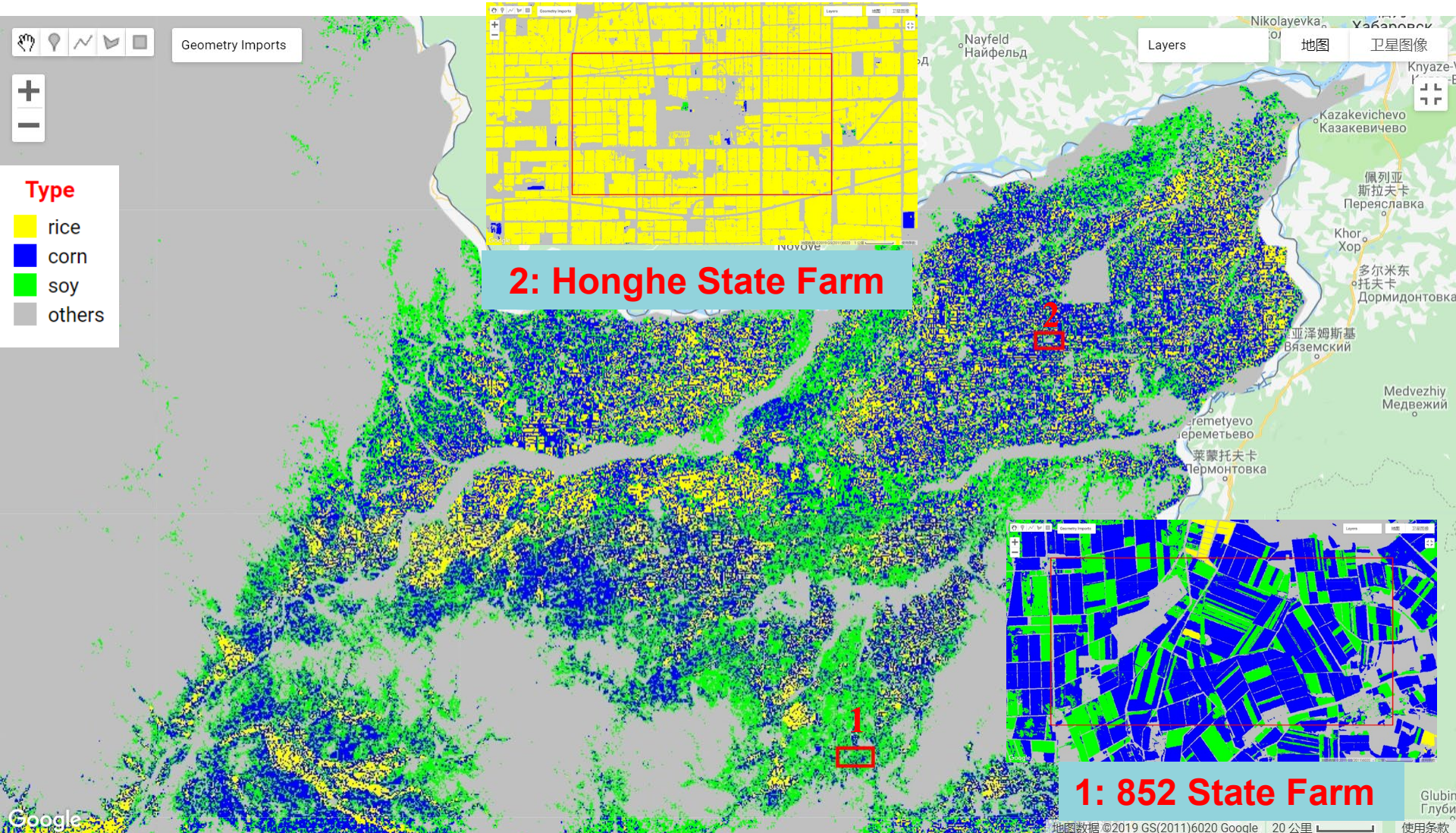
(Dong et al., 2016 RSE)



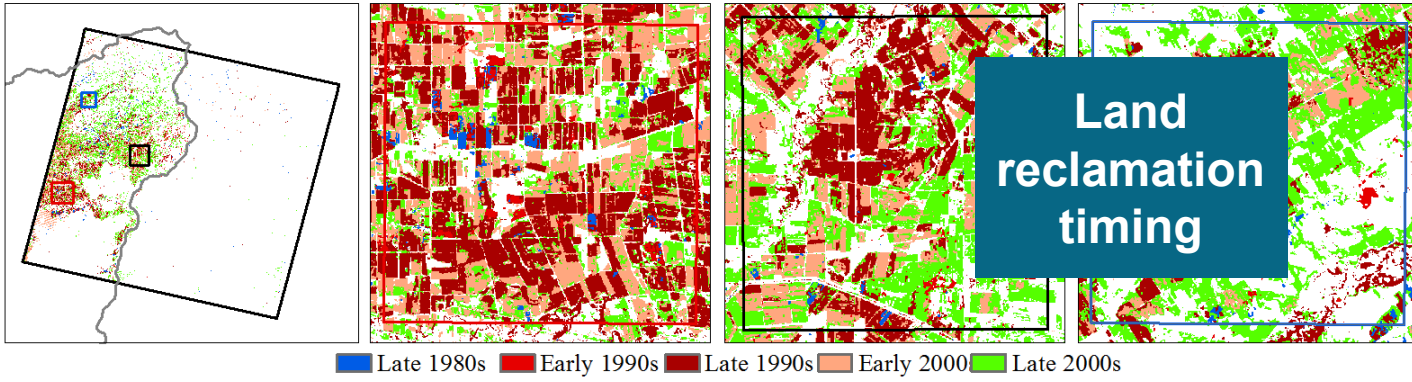
(Dong et al., 2016 RSE)

30m paddy rice map in the northeastern (NE) Asia in 2014 based on the phenology- and pixel-based paddy rice mapping (PPPM) algorithm, Landsat 8 imagery and the Google Earth Engine (GEE) platform.

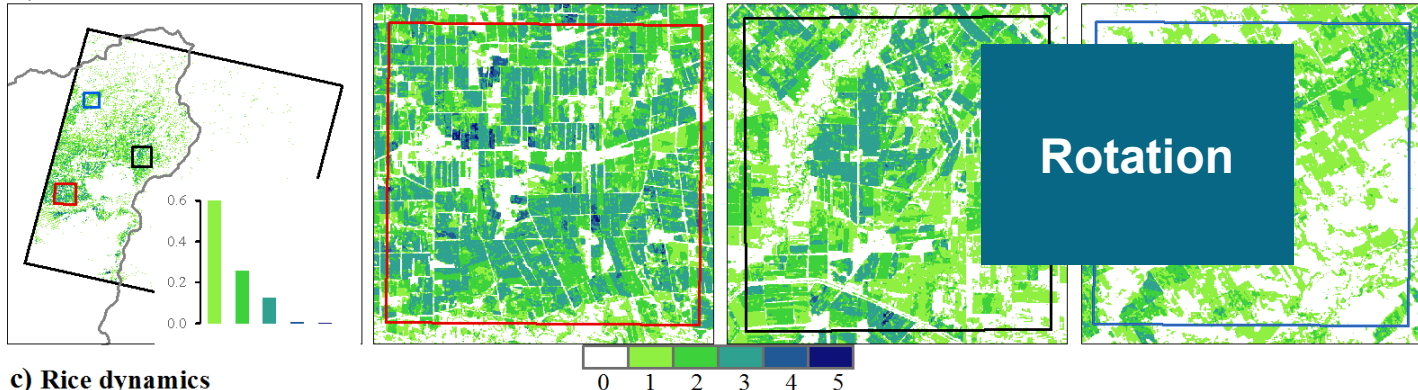
10m crop map in Northeast China in 2018



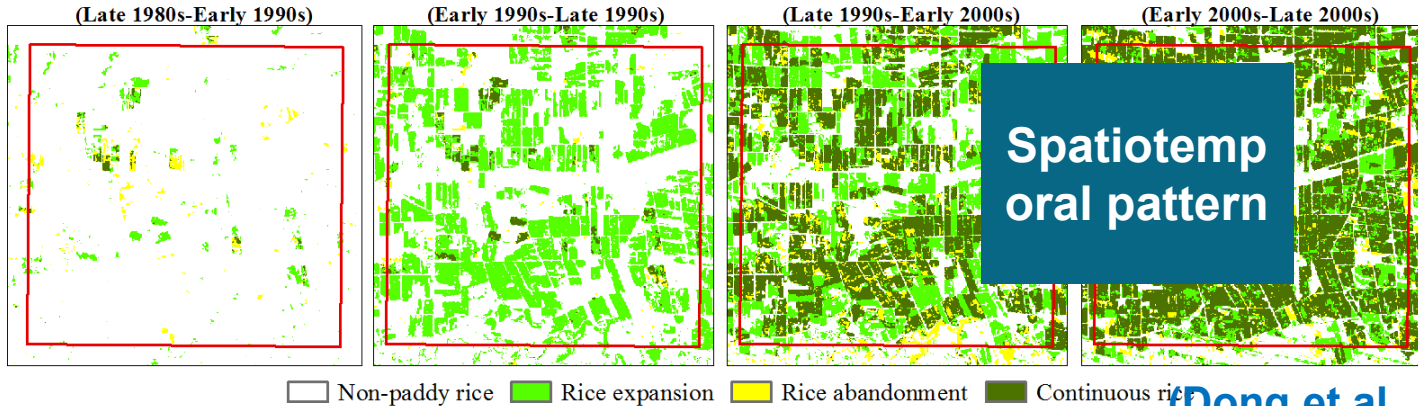
a) First period of rice cultivation



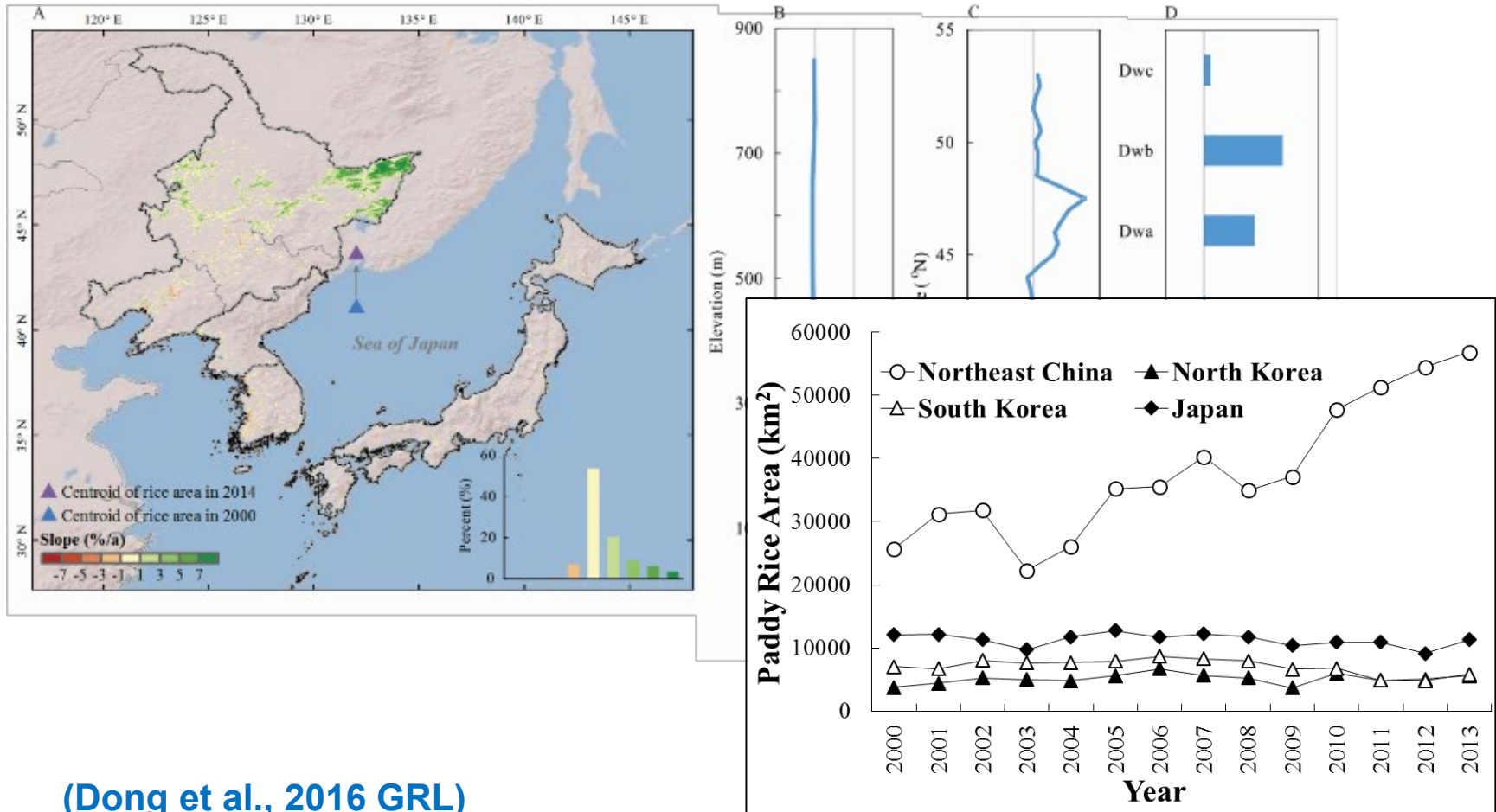
b) Frequency of rice cultivation



c) Rice dynamics

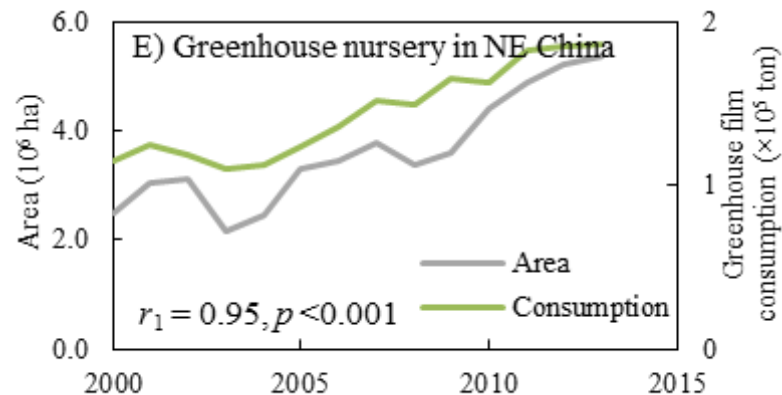


Rice expansion in northeastern Asia



(Dong et al., 2016 GRL)

Policy, market, technology, and climate together drove rice expansion in Northeast China



AgriTech

Cultivars

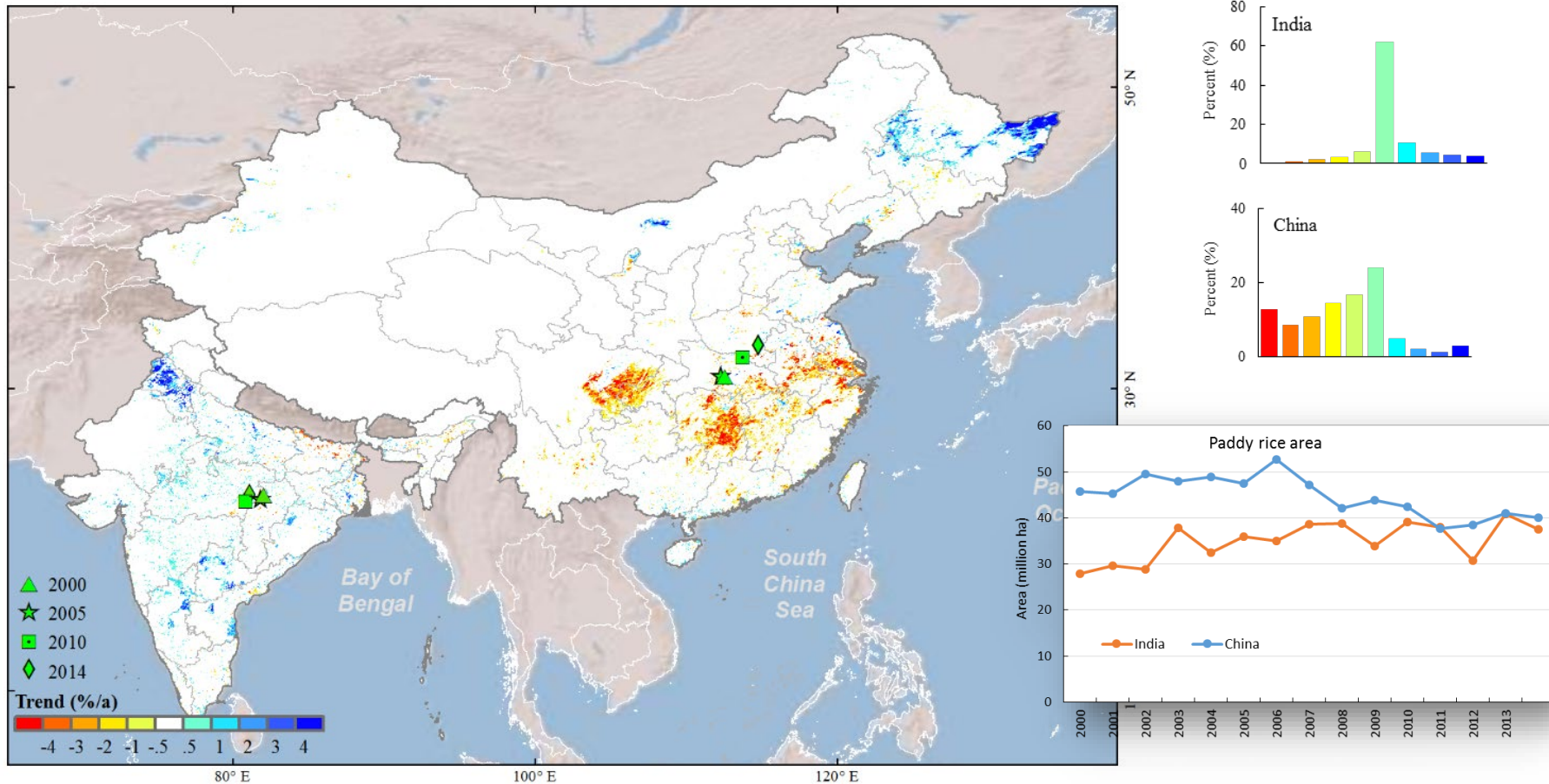
Climate warming

Market

Policy

(Dong et al., 2016 GRL)

Pattern of paddy rice dynamics in China and India



Variations of MODIS-based paddy rice area in China and India from 2000-2014
(Zhang et al., 2017 STE)

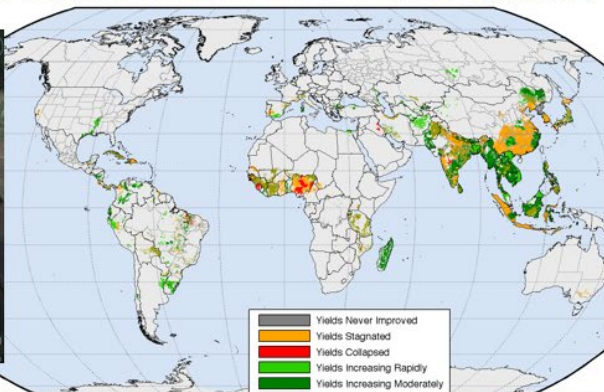


Can we apply the algorithm to the whole monsoon Asia?

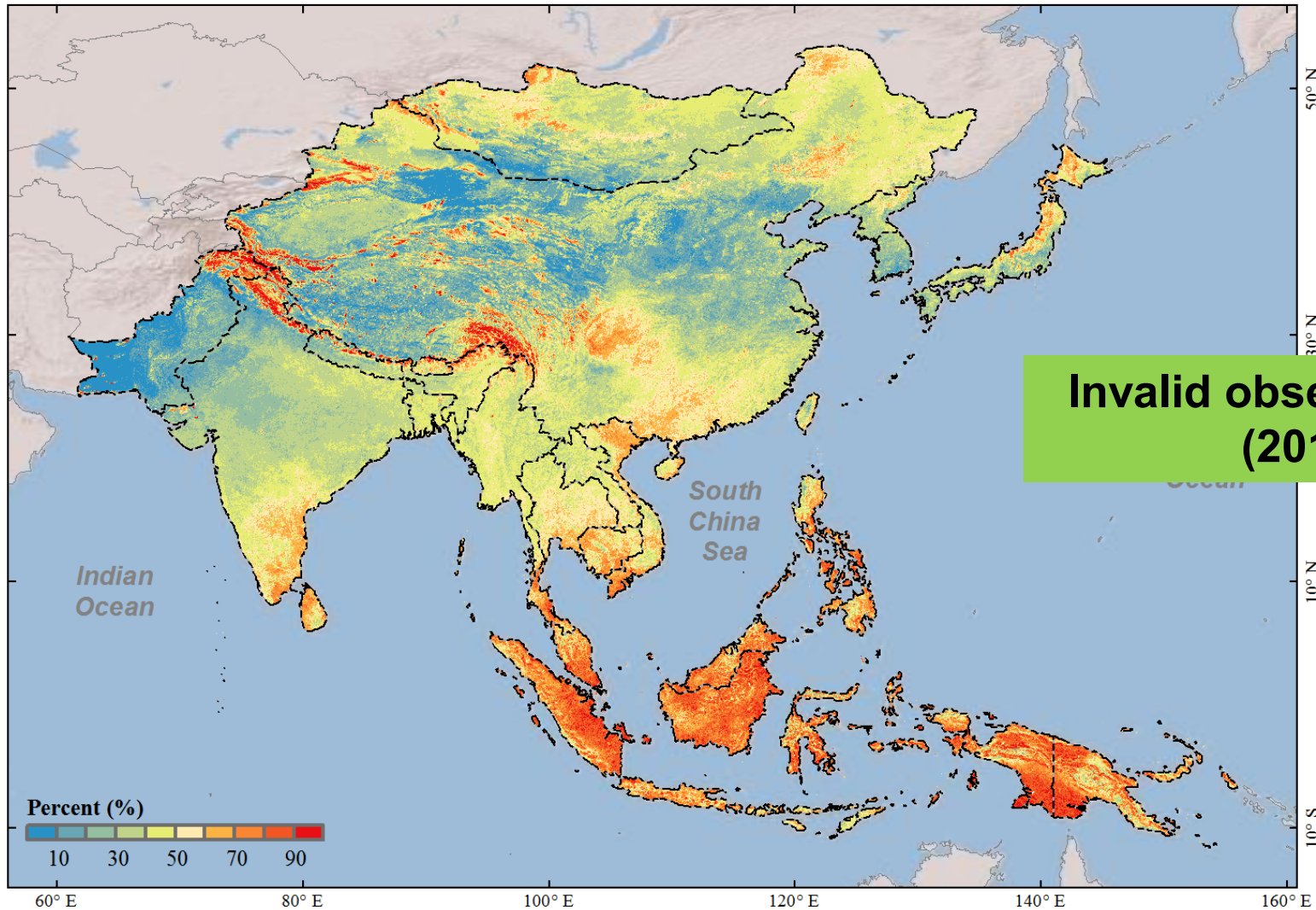


Mapping paddy rice in monsoon Asia is challenging:

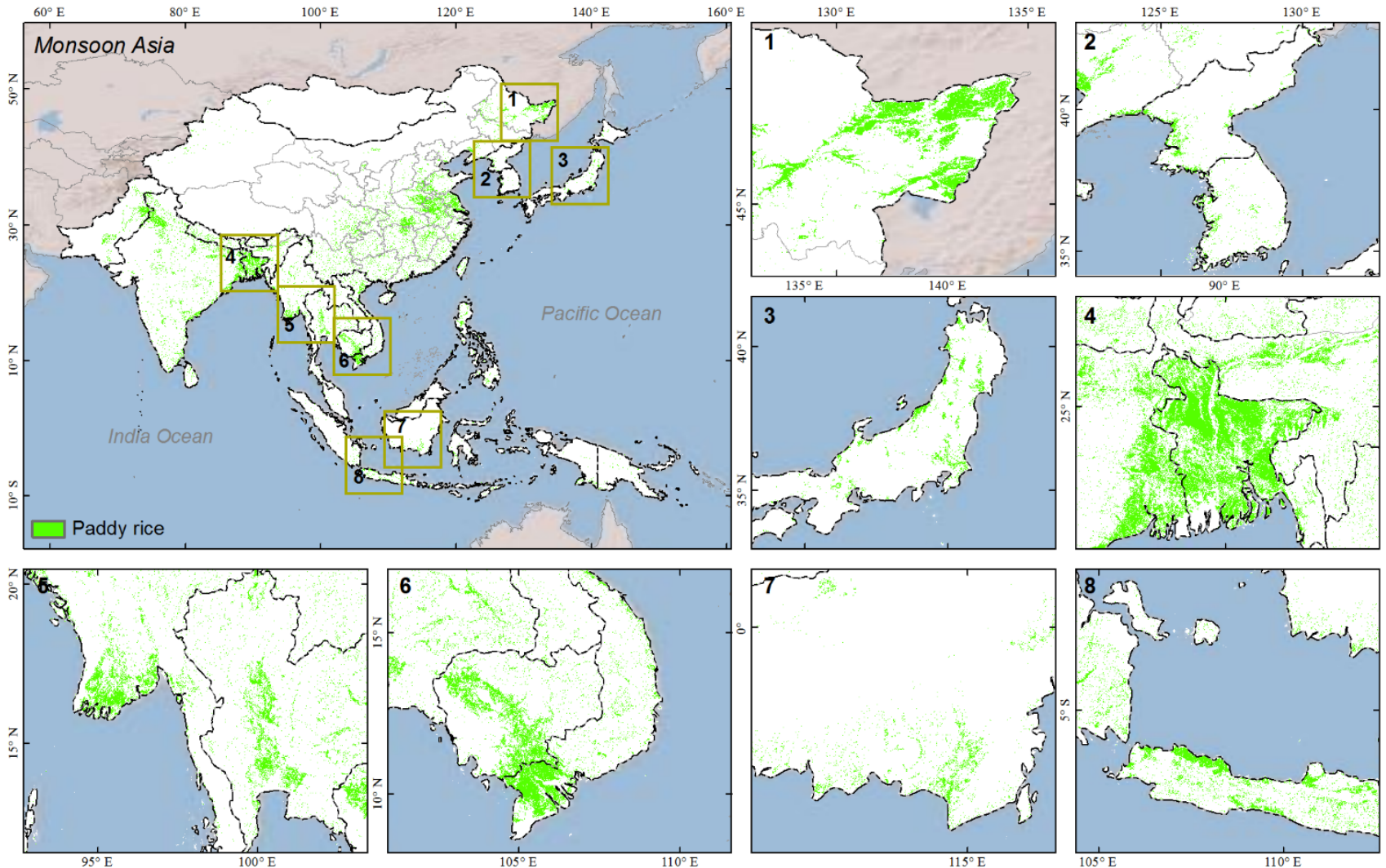
1. Small field sizes in many parts of Asia



2. Persistent cloud coverage in tropical Asia

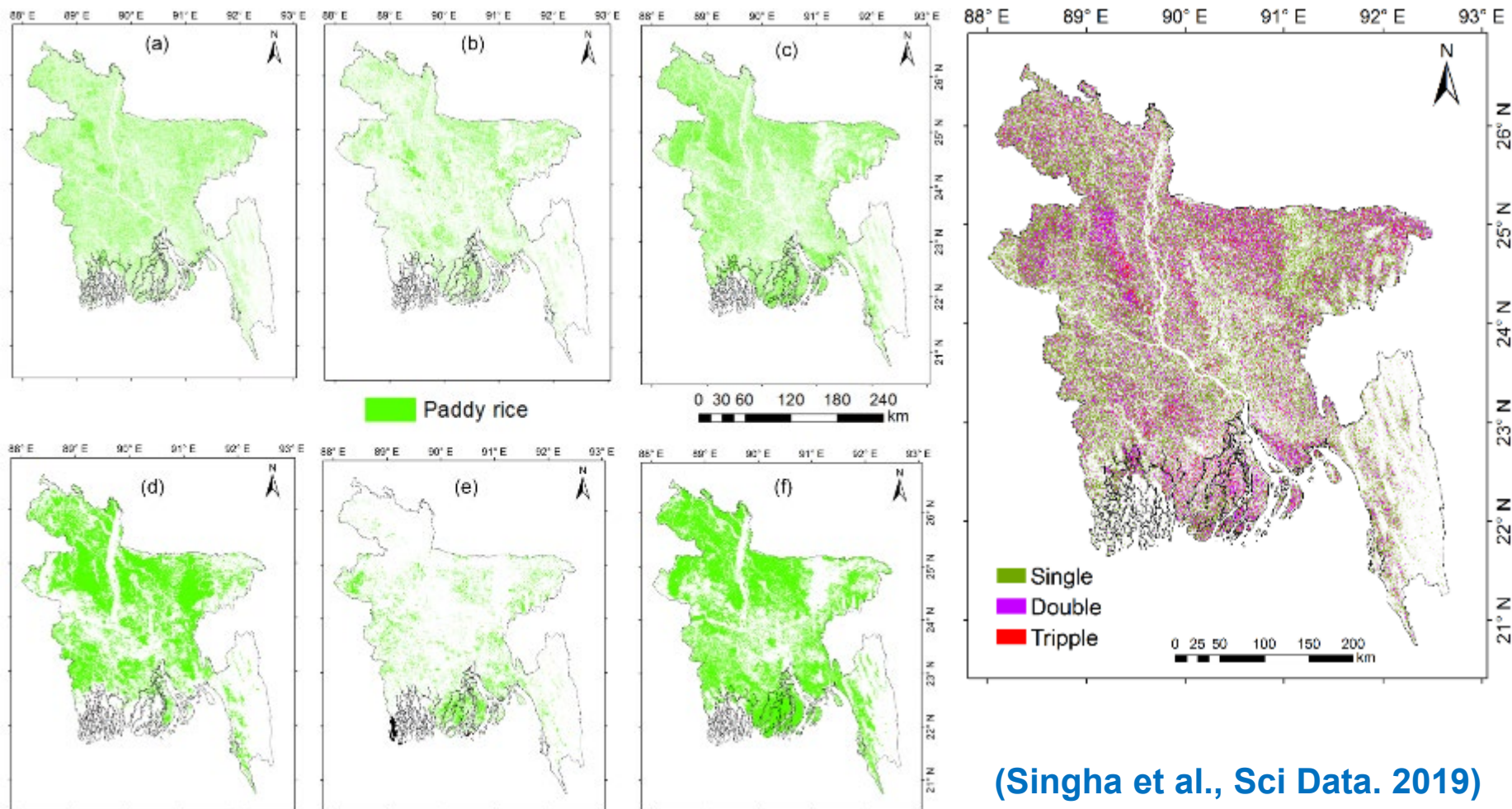


MODIS-based paddy rice monitoring from 2000 to 2018



(Dong et al., In Prep.)

Mapping triple rice cropping system in Bangladesh using Sentinel-1 imagery



(Singha et al., Sci Data. 2019)

Summary

- It is not easy to map paddy rice for monsoon Asia, due to fragmented agricultural landscapes, cloud disturbances in tropical areas, and high cropping intensity, etc.
- Landsat and Sentinel-2 imagery can generally support retrospective paddy rice planting area change analyses for annual (2013-) or epoch (1980s-2013) scales **in single rice cropping regions**.
- Sentinel-1 is promising for mapping paddy rice **in cloud-prone tropical areas in monsoon Asia with double or multiple cropping systems**.
- While Sentinel-1 and 2 work well for regional rice mapping, MODIS and Landsat are the only source for tracking **retrospective paddy rice dynamics** before 2013, despite its uncertainty due to cloud disturbances.

Thanks for your attention!

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