

**RISING-2**

*Tohoku University & Hokkaido University*



## **Great Possibility of Micro-satellite**

*high-quality, cost effective imaging  
with advances in sensor technology*

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*Creative Research Institution (CRIS)*

*Hokkaido University*

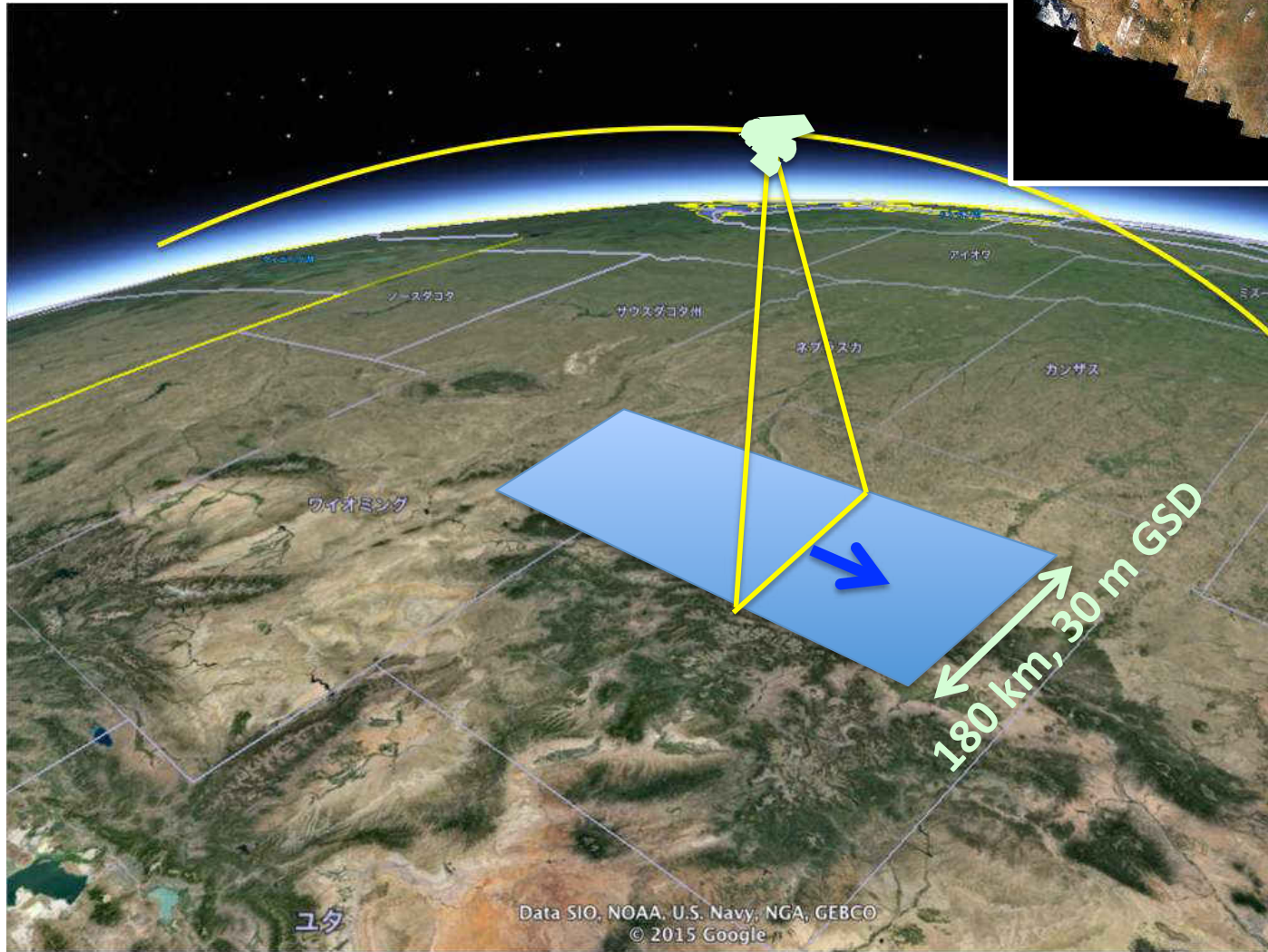
# Problem of remote sensing with satellite

- Long re-visiting interval (ex. 16 days for LANDSAT-8)
- Low reliability of obtained information with limited filters



- daily visiting by target pointing and constellation
- improvement of reliability by detail spectral measurement

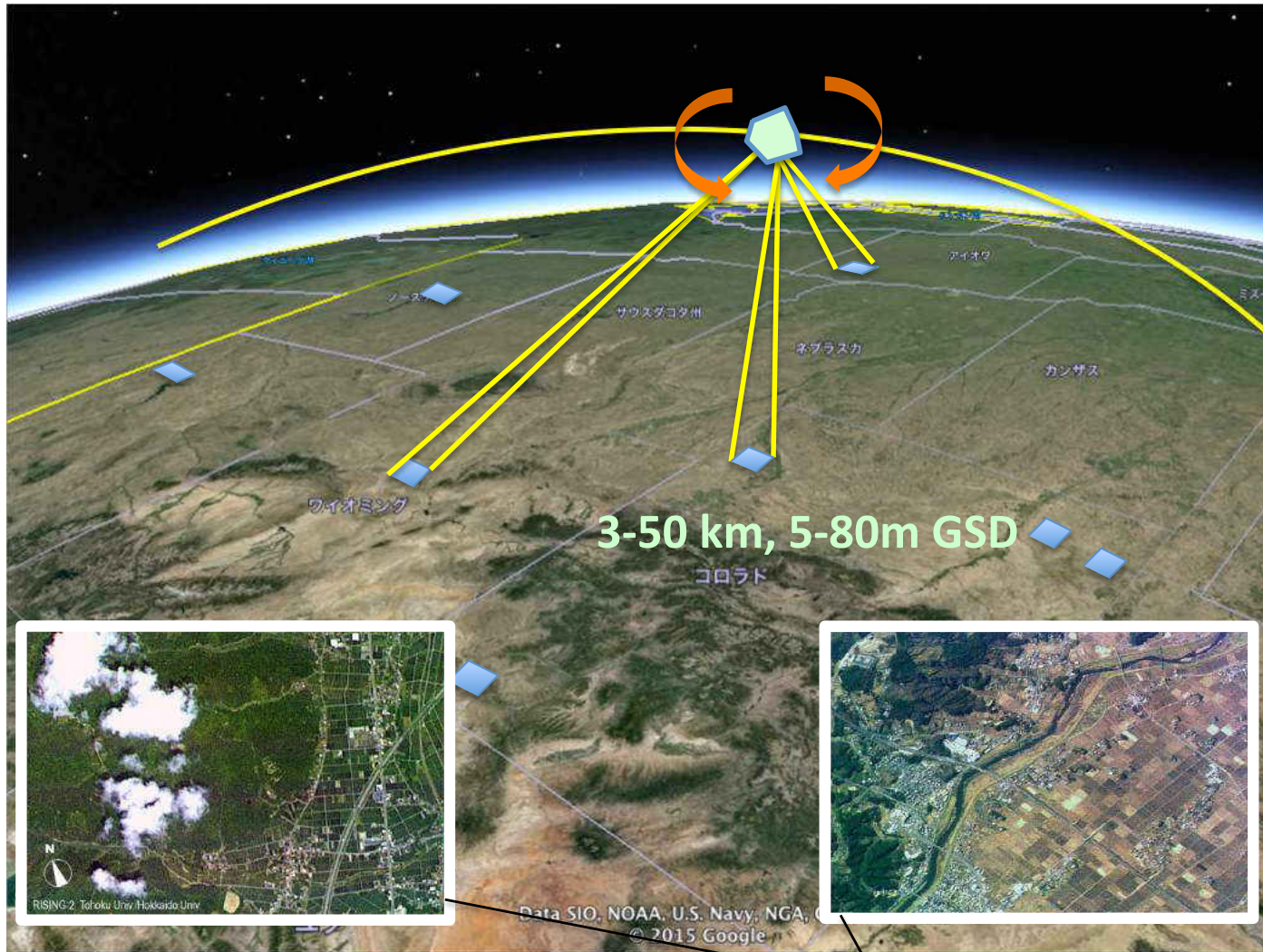
# LANDSAT-8: pushbroom imaging



revisiting period: 16 days



# Multi-point imaging by rapid target pointing (actual coverage is 10-20 times larger than LANDSAT-8)



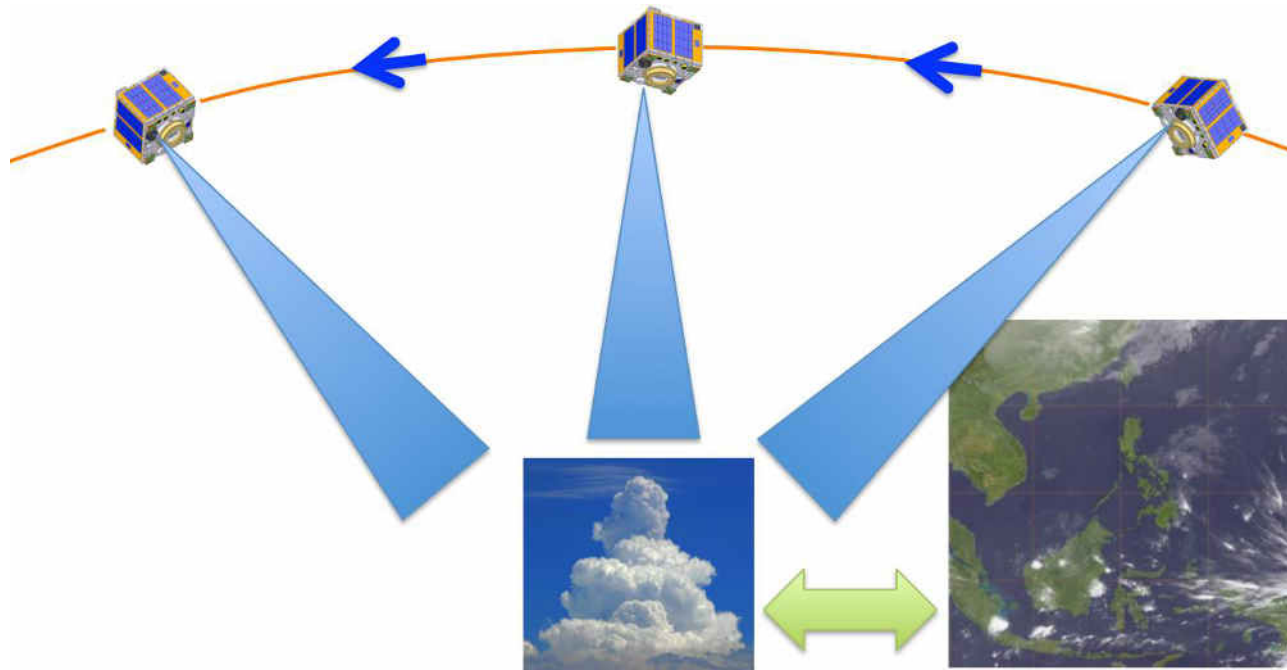
Images taken by RISING 2

daily visiting

# Target Pointing by precise attitude control

... most of big satellites make pushbroom scan  
by orbital motion...**1 time / 16 days**

- Flexible on-demand operation  
covering from nadir to horizon (>5000 km in diameter)  
enables **frequent visiting (2 times / day in daytime)**
- Multi-band imaging and long exposure time



10m resolution by micro-sat.

0.5-1km res. by meteorological sat.



Personal computer  
**Micro-satellite**



Super computer  
**Larger-satellite**



50kg



300kg - 6000kg

**3-5M USD**

> A few 100M USD

Quick fabrication (One year)

Long period (>10years)

On-demand operation  
based on User's purposes

To carry heavy equipments

**GiFT**



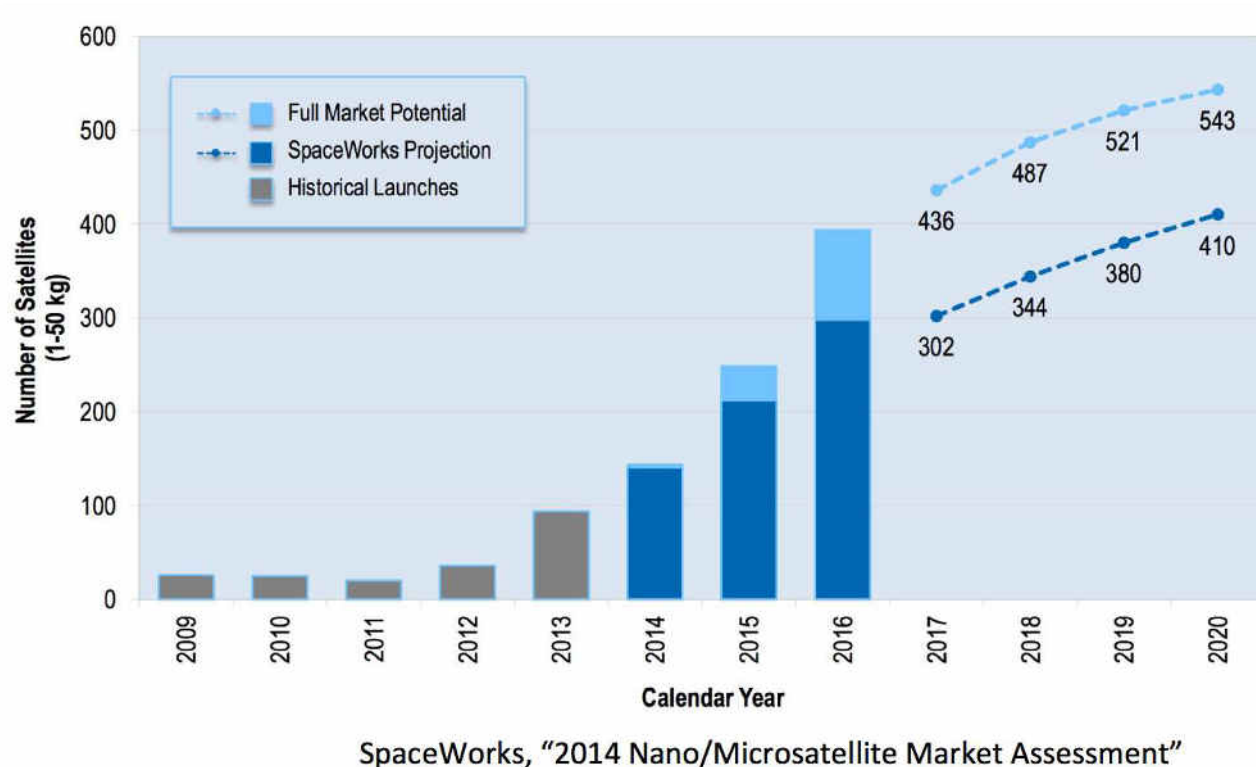
# Micro-satellite is becoming operational tool

Nano-/Micro-satellite is the world trend in space development...

It's not only educational/experimental tool, but operational device.



HP of SCIENCE



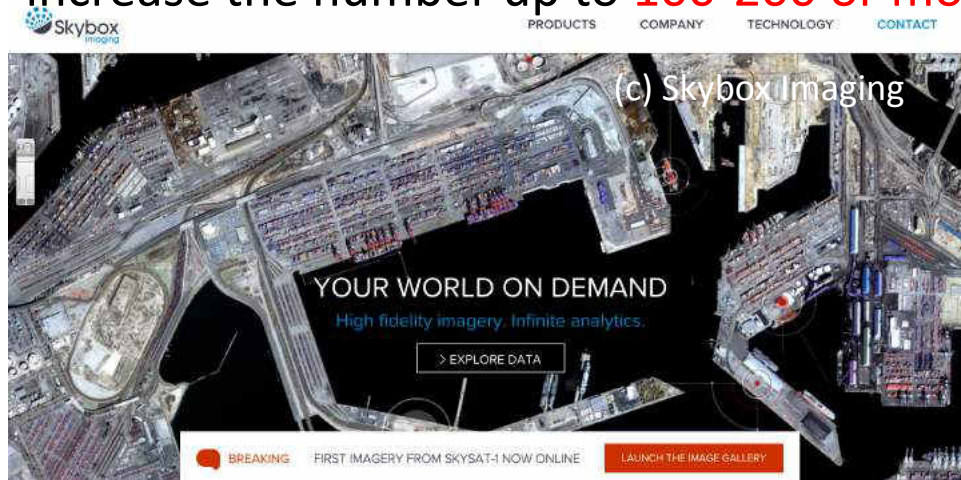


# Drastic increase of operational micro-/nano- satellite will come in a couple of years

spectral imaging with several bands

## Skybox Imaging

- constellation: 100kg x 20 satellites
- Google bought Skybox Imaging with 500 M USD and suggest to increase the number up to **100-200 or more??**

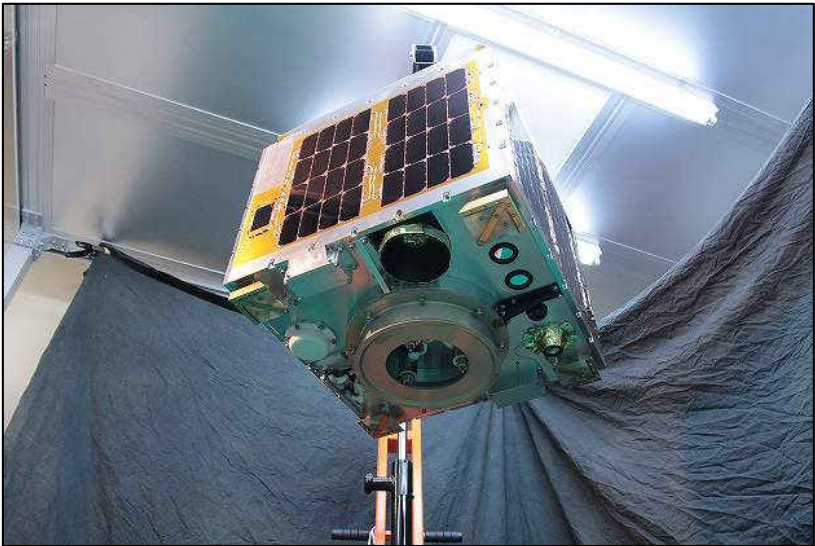


## Planetlabs

- 3U Cubesat constellation consisting of **100s of satellites**
- multi-spectral camera dedicated to agriculture, etc.

and more...

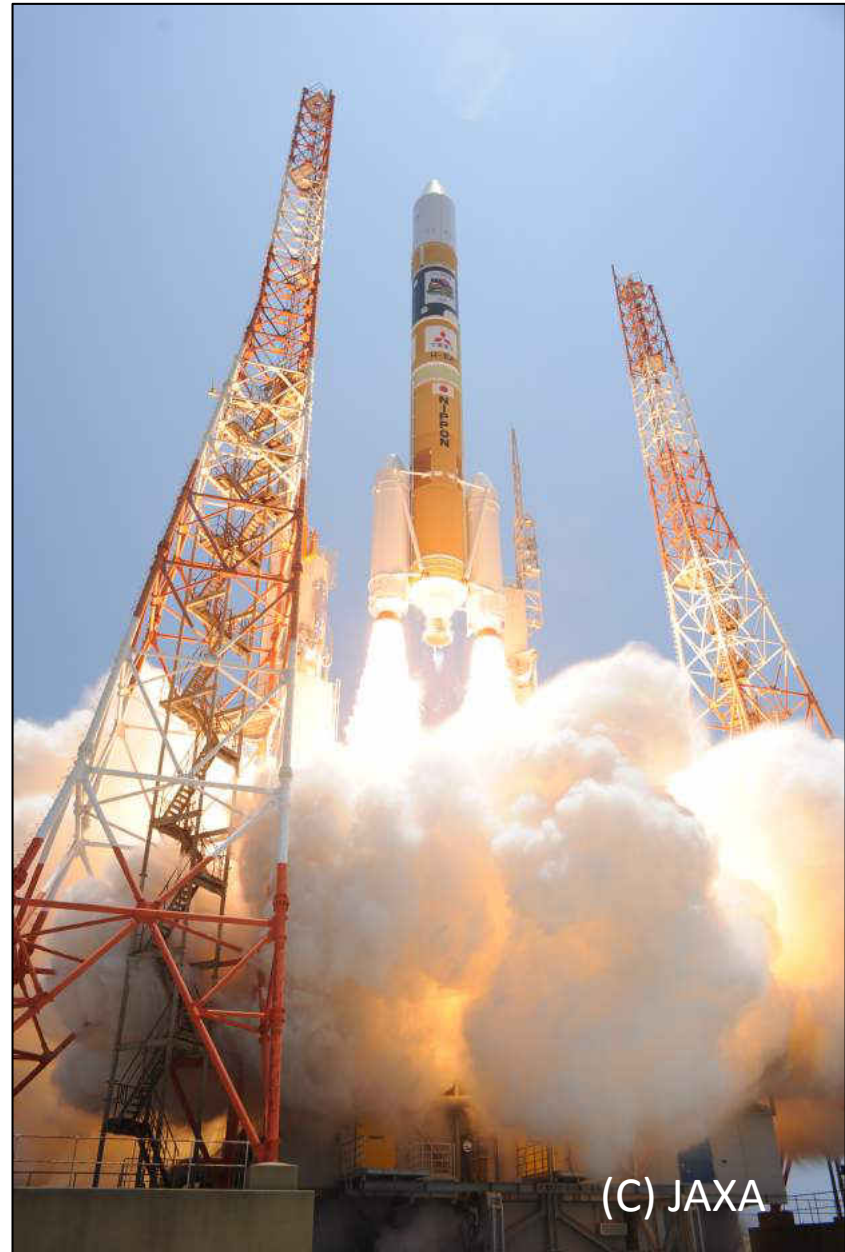
# RISING-2 satellite (launched in 2014)





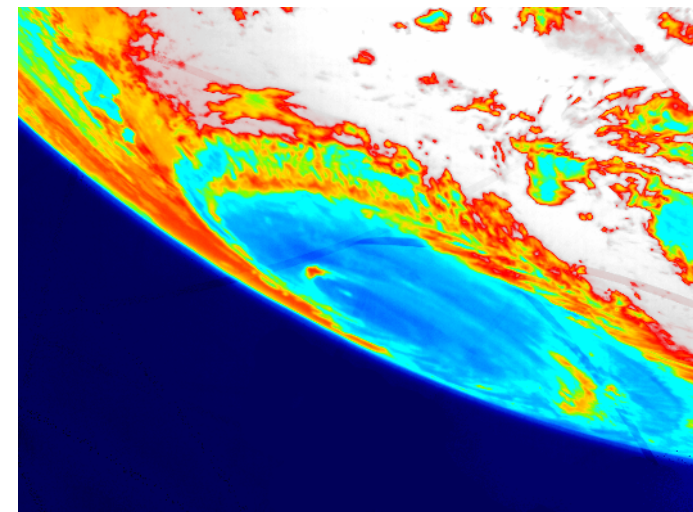
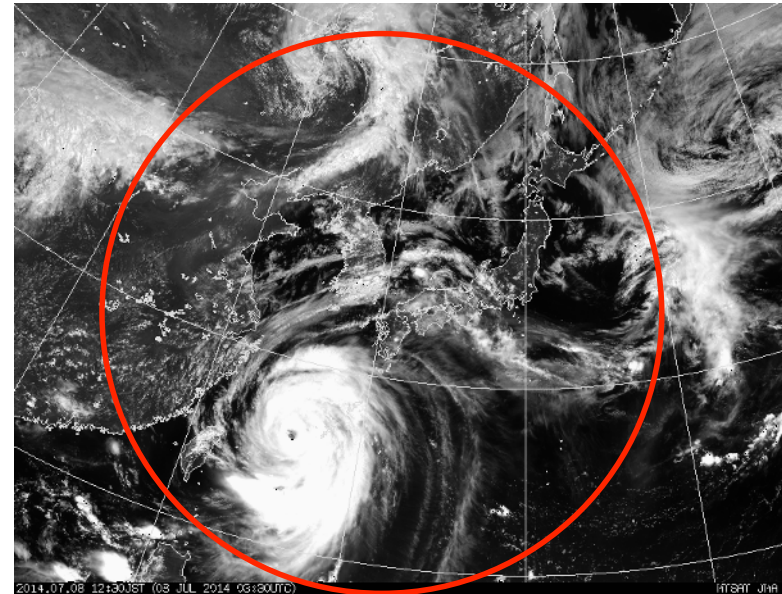
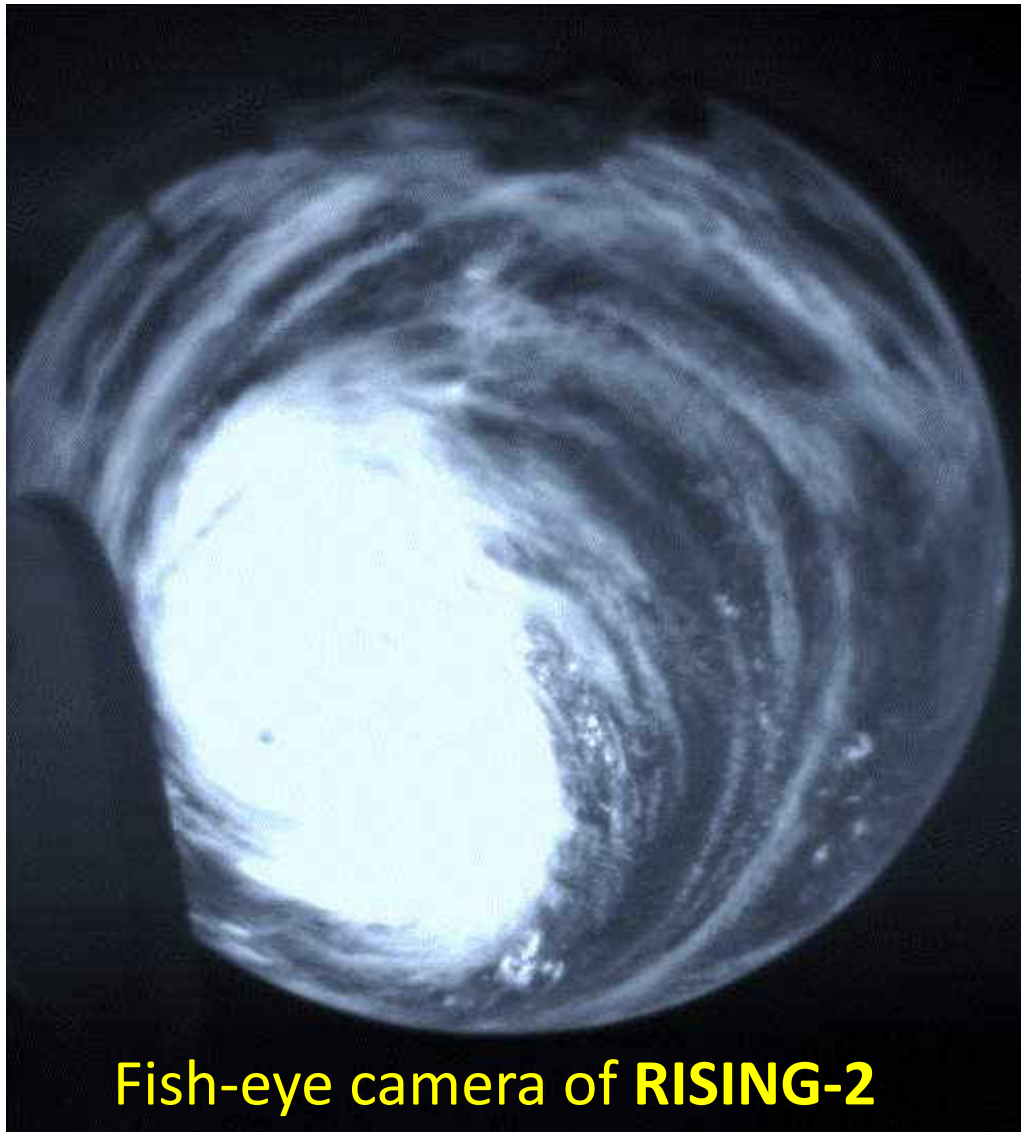


Launched as piggyback



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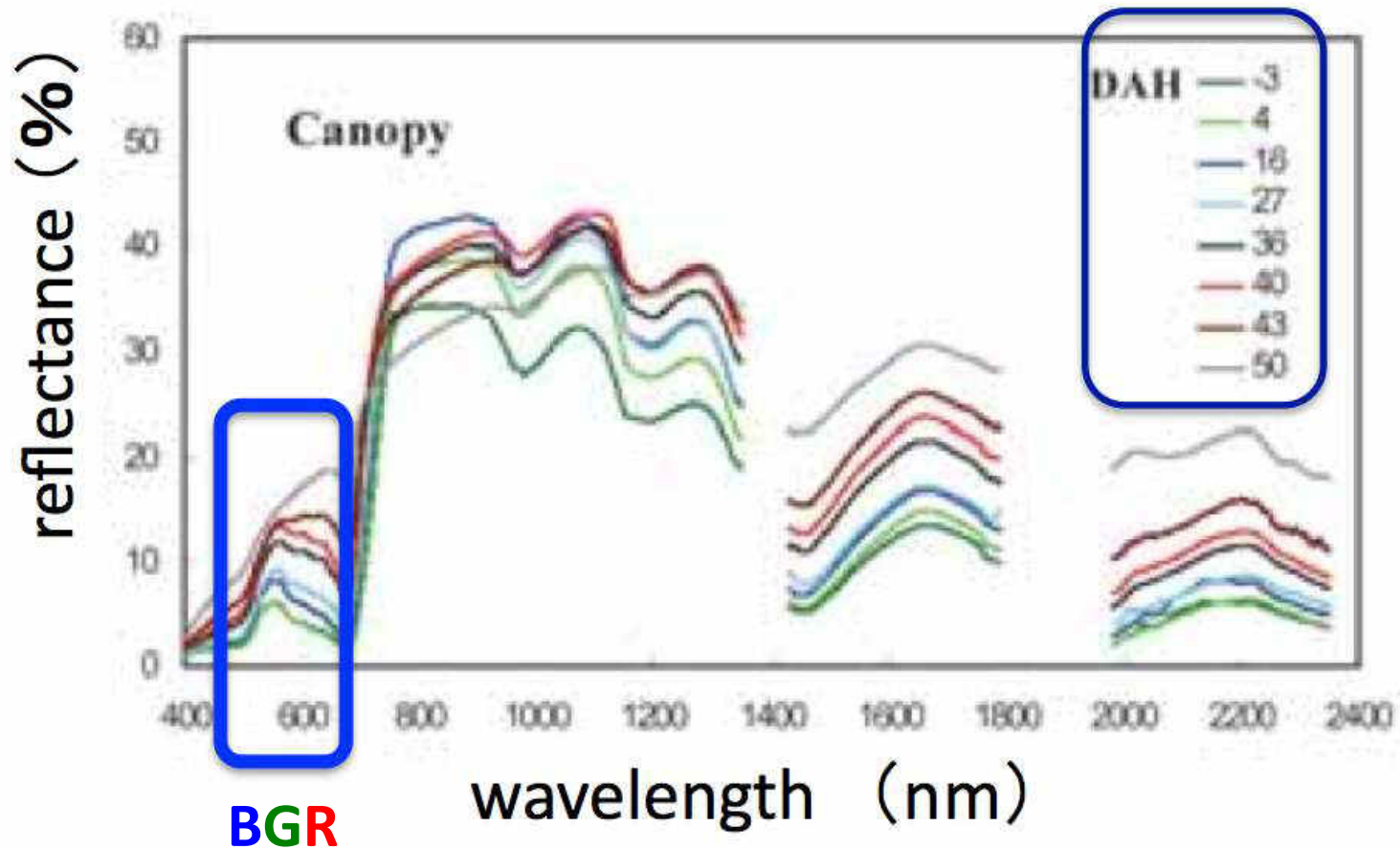
# Typhoon 2014-#8 Nogree





# **Spectral measurements**

## Rice spectrum



Seasonal change in reflectance of rice canopy during ripening period (DAH: days after heading) [Inoue et al., 2008]

# Application of spectral imaging

## Identification of tree species

Airplane

by Japan Space Systems

多摩森林科学園 02



多摩森林科学園における樹種分類結果：樹冠・樹幹位置データ(2009年撮影CASI画像で分類)

1:800  
0 10 20 40 m  
N  
図 3.1 樹冠形状および樹幹位置  
(2009年9月CASI画像) その2

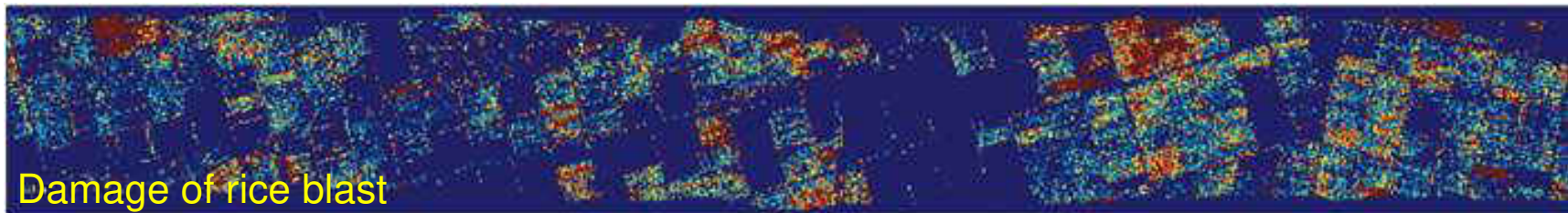
150 species with 70% accuracy



# Application of spectral imaging

## Disease detection

by **hyper-spectral sensor** (not LCTF) on board **airplane**



AISA (400~2500nm, 195 bands, 1.5×1.5 m), 2009/8/26, Yamagata, Japan

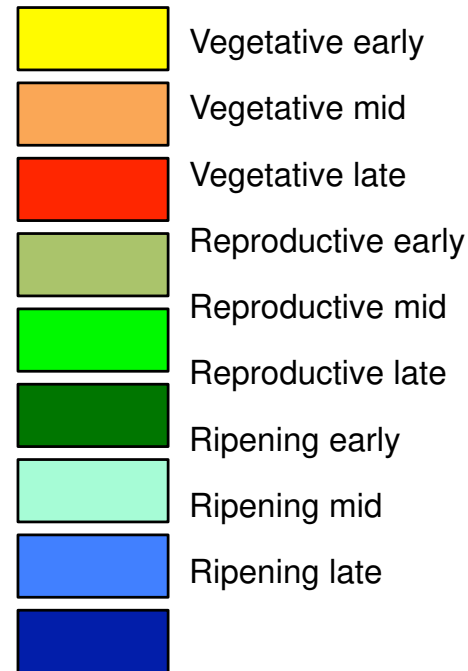
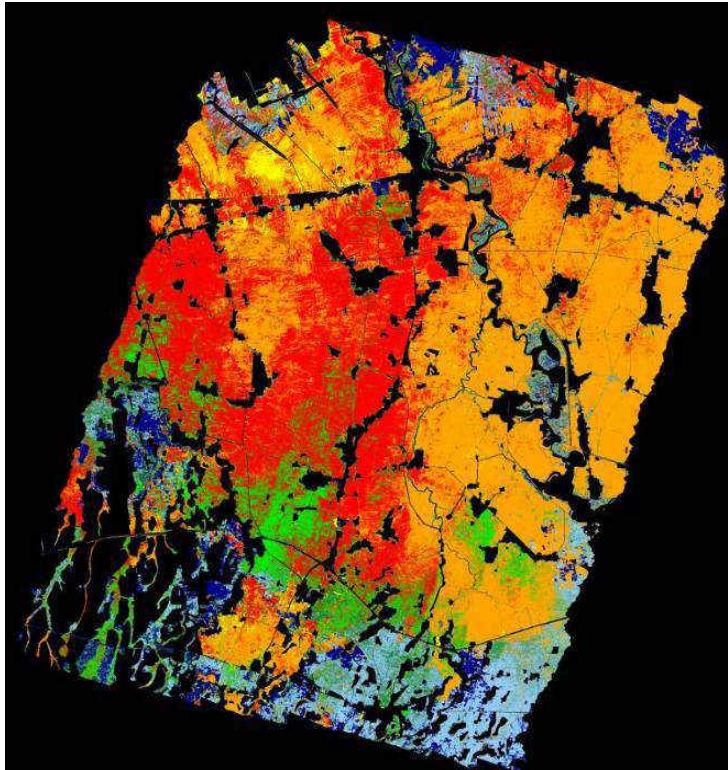
could detect disease before detection on the ground



# Application of spectral imaging: growth stage

by hyper-spectral sensor (not LCTF) on board airplane

Rice growth stage (Indonesia)



HyMAP (440~2480nm, 126 bands, 5.0×5.0 m), 2008/7/1, Subang, Indonesia  
by airplane



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But these works are carried out with **large and heavy hyper-spectral sensor** onboard manned airplane

example



図 CASI-3 の外観

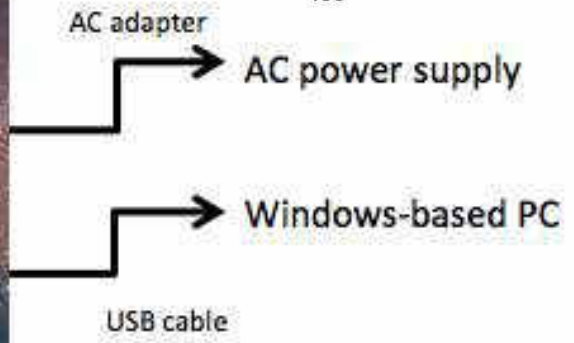
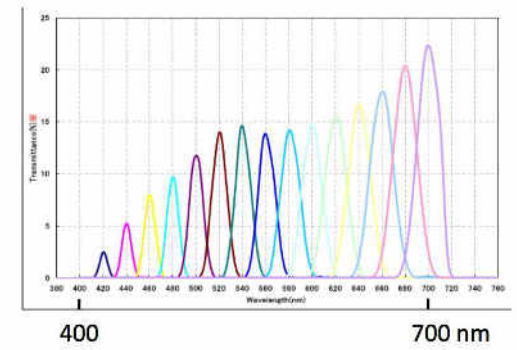
表 CASI-3 機器諸元

装置名	CASI-3 (Compact Airborne Spectrographic Imager)
製造元	Itres Inc. (CANADA)
空間方向ピクセル数	1456 (Spatial Mode)/1301 (Spectral Mode)
波長方向ピクセル数	288
走査角	39.09° (Spatial Mode)/35.13° (Spectral Mode)
光学分解能	約 0.47mrad
量子化ビット数	14bit
データ収録媒体	HDD
輝度補正	別途キャリブレーションテーブルによる
幾何補正	GPS/IMU (Applanix 社製 POS/AV) による

# Liquid Crystal Tunable Filter camera

## Airborne Multicolor Imager (AMI)

Transmittance (VIS-type LCTF)

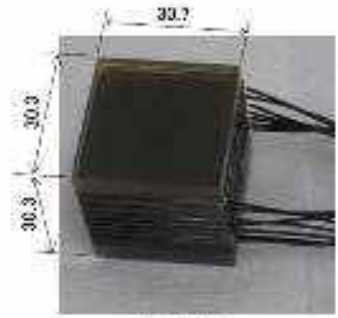


### Multispectral Camera

- Wide FOV lens
- High-sensitive CCD
- Liquid Crystal Tunable Filter (LCTF) for Visible
- 190 x 100 x 100 mm
- 1.3 kg

### Camera controller

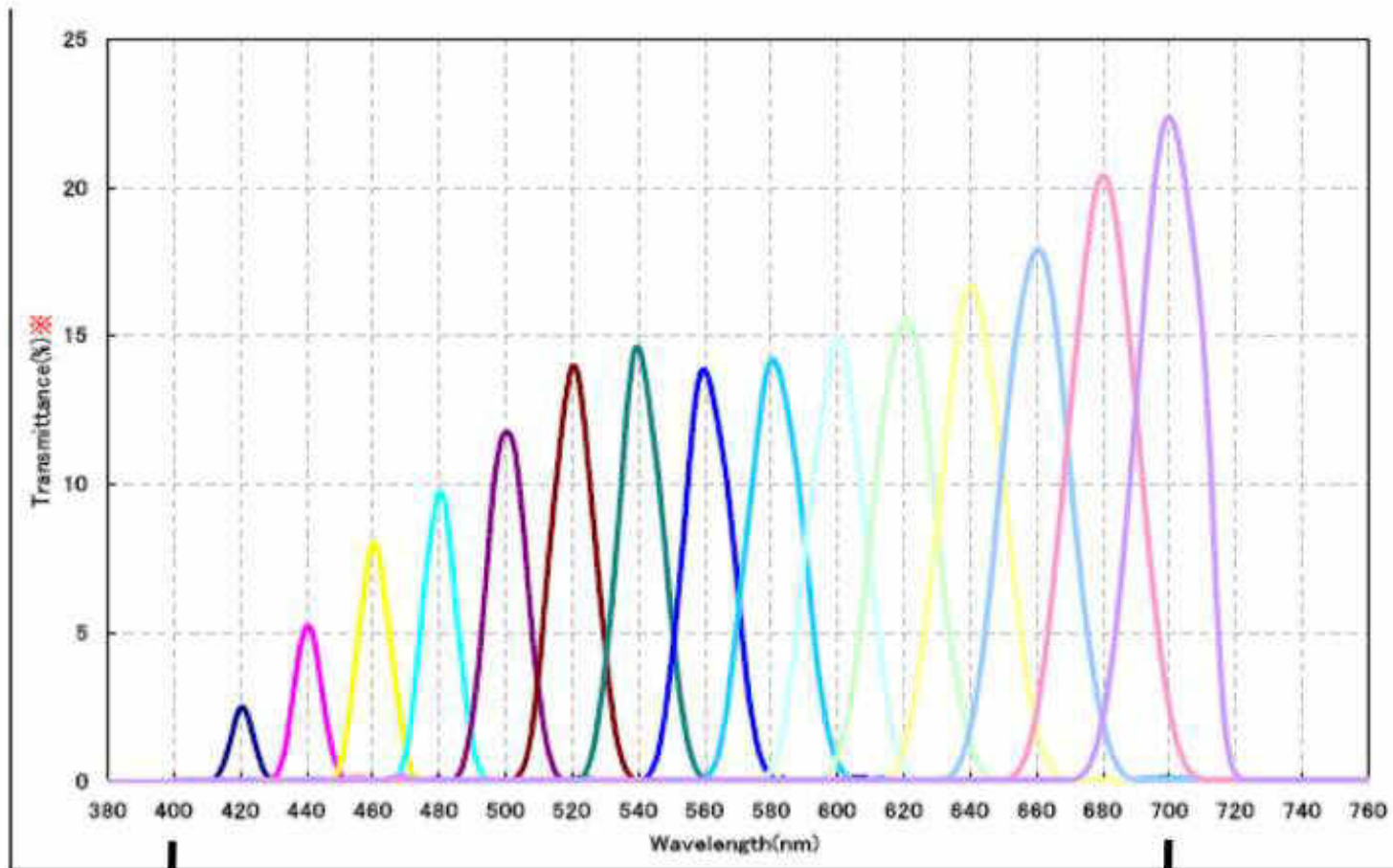
- 100-240 V AC input
- USB 2.0 interface
- 300 x 200 x 60 mm
- 2.0 kg



LCTF

Specifications	
Wavelength range	420 - 700 nm
Band width (FWHM)	8 - 25 nm
Response time	< 0.3 sec
Frame rate	> 1 frame /sec
Number of pixels	659 x 494
Field of view	92 degree

# Transmittance (VIS-type LCTF)



400

700 nm

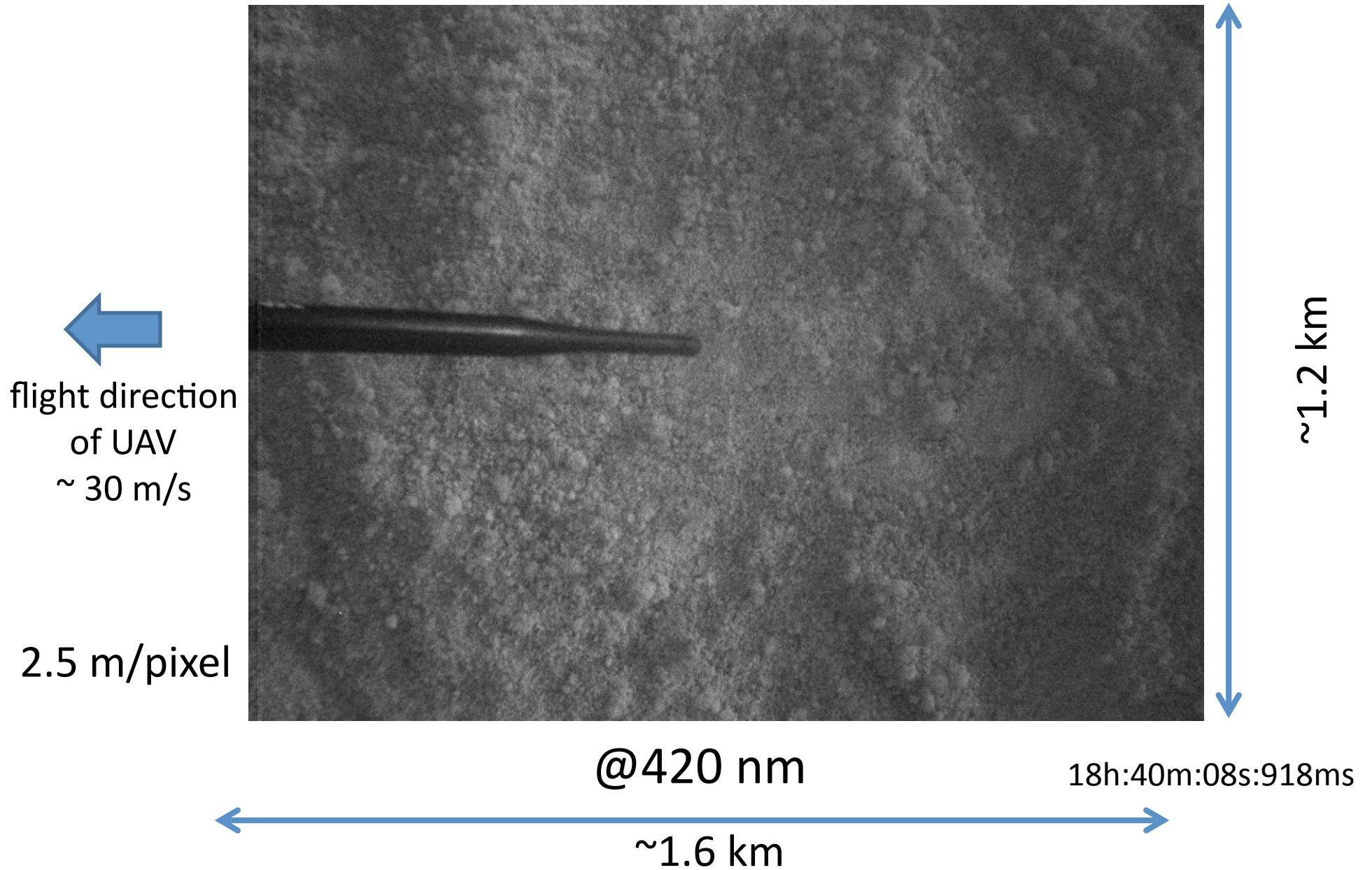


# Aircraft (UAV) campaign with AMI in Java (2012/10/29-31)

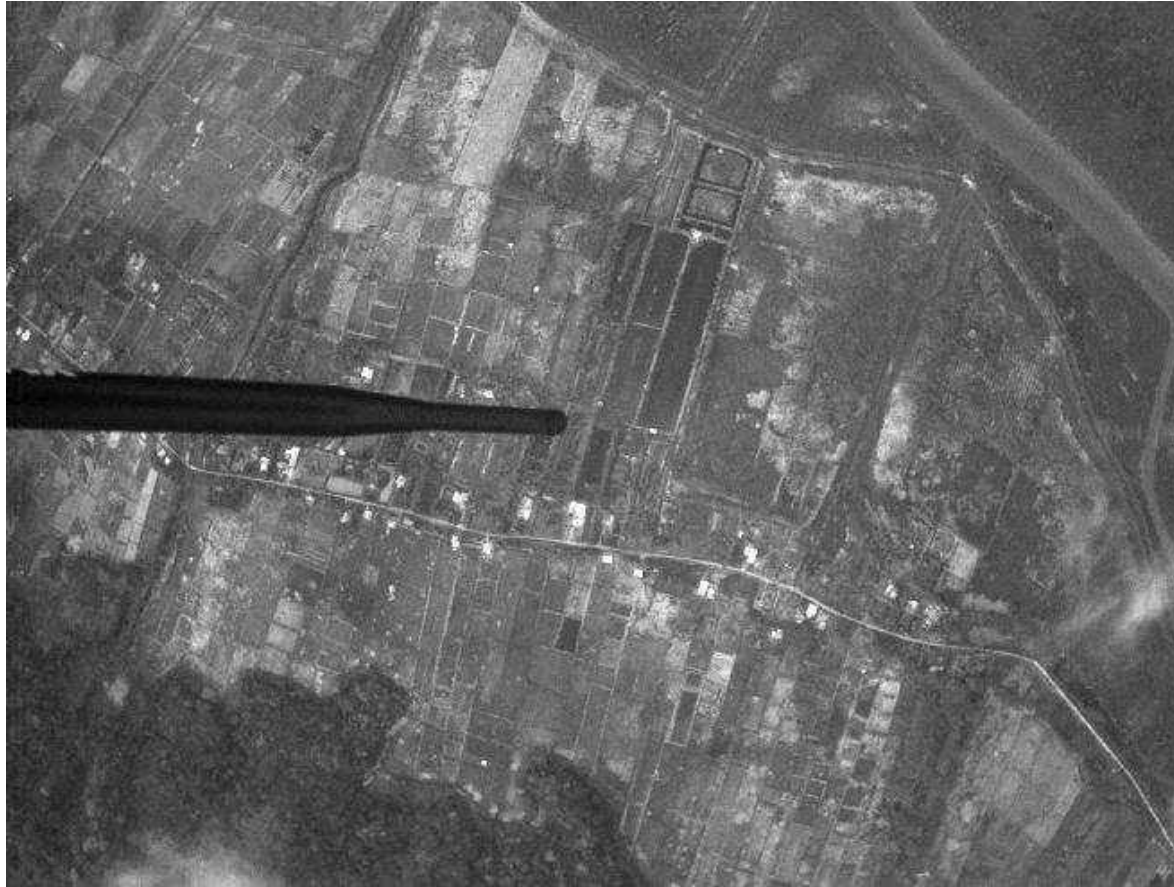


UAV developed and owned by **BPPT**

10/31 ~18:40  
forest in the target area



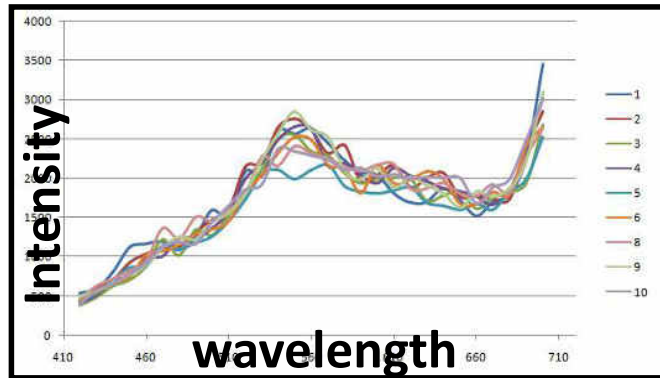
changing colors in 420-700 nm  
at 10 nm step (29 bands)



effects of vibration and unstable attitude are very small

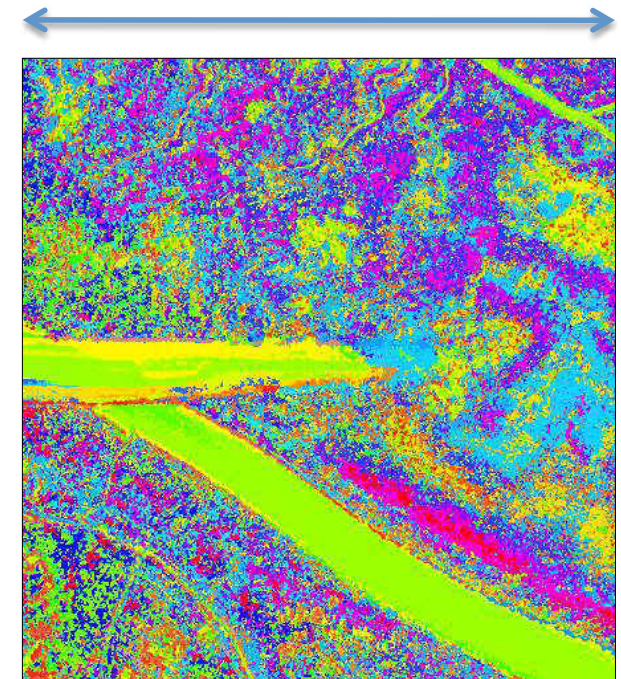
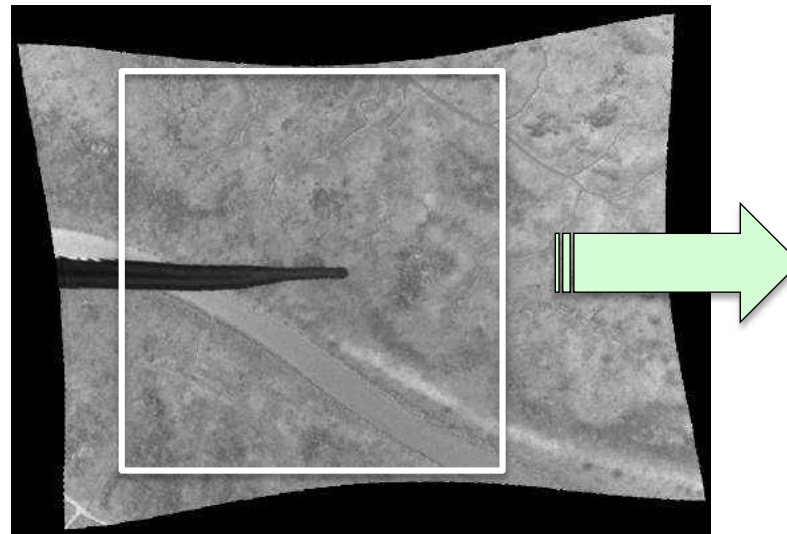
LCTF camera is the only way to realize both high spatial resolution  
and detail spectral measurement with micro-satellite or UAV.





from 30 wavelengths

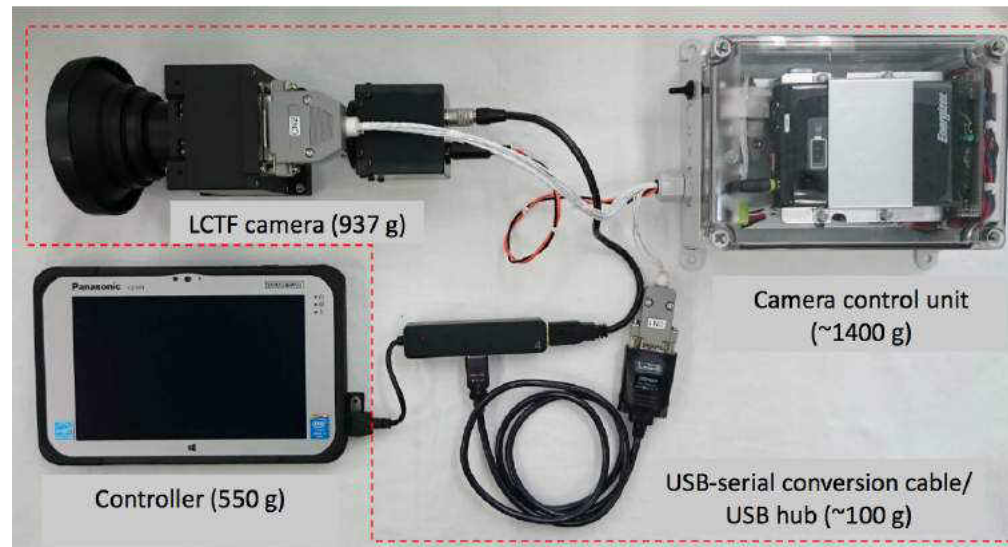
900 m



classification of species or monitoring condition for each tree...

**Only our liquid crystal technology** satisfies both high spatial resolution and super spectral measurement

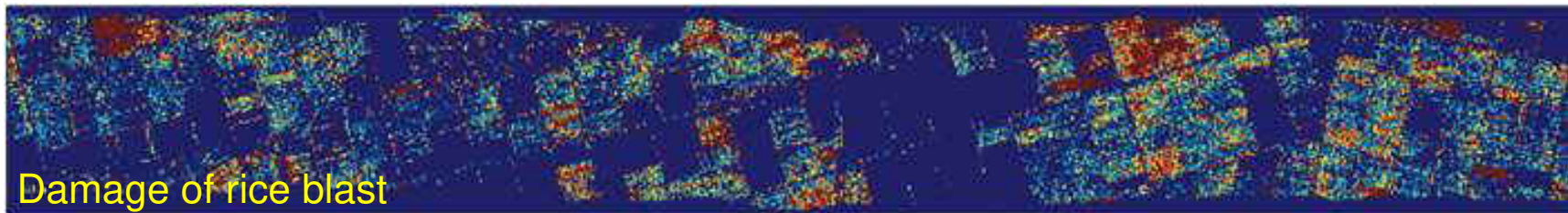
**3-kg (now 1.5kg) super-multicolor imager with liquid crystal tunable filter (LCTF)**



**the world's first and still only LCTF camera for drone/satellite use.**

# Problem of hyper spectral sensor --- unstable attitude

undulation caused by attitude turbulence



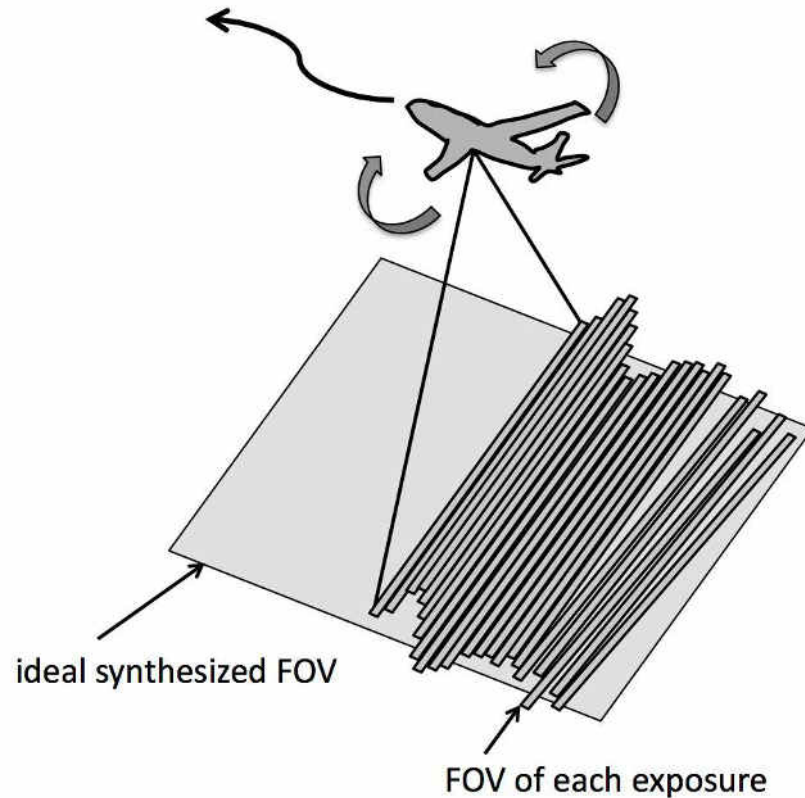
Damage of rice blast

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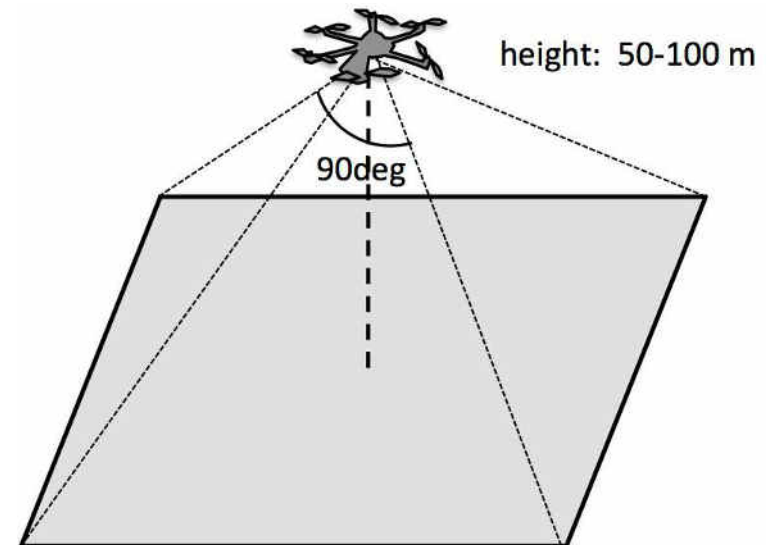
# Combination with Drone and ground measurements

## conventional sensor



Conventional hyper-spectral imaging using fixed wing aircraft and pushbroom type sensor

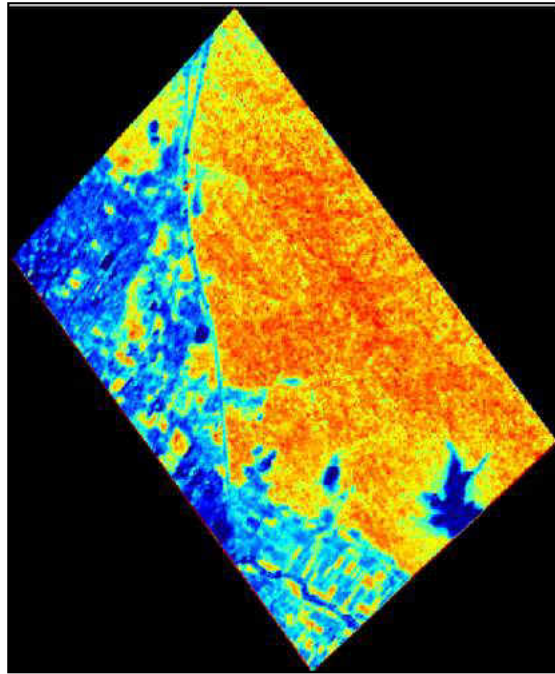
## new LCTF camera



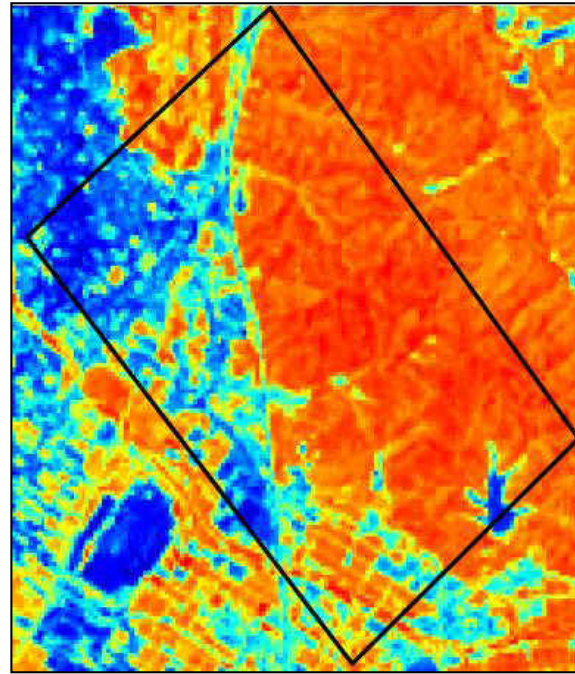
Our super multicolor imaging with LCTF camera and multicopter  
**resolution: 10cm order**

# **Spectral measurement with satellite**

# Vegetation Index: indicator of species or activity



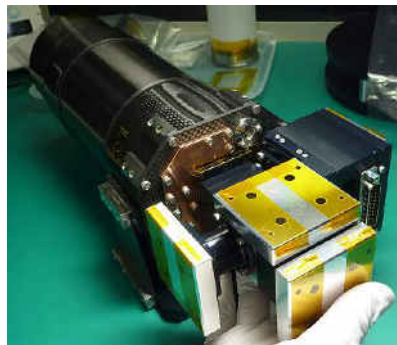
**RISING-2** (2014/9/14)



**LANDSAT-8** (2013/8/14)



**Hikone city**

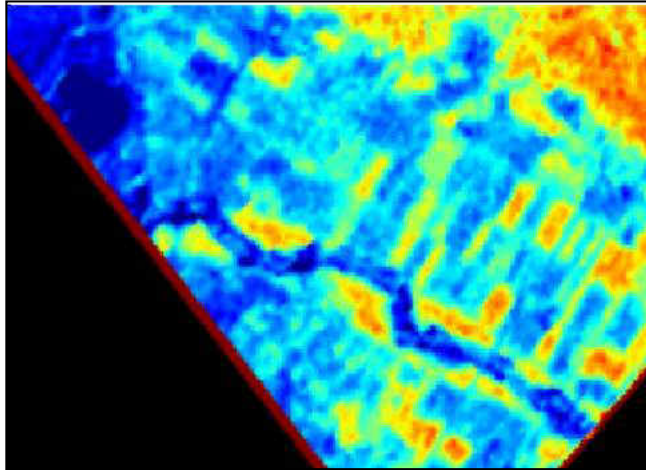


## Liquid Crystal Tunable Filter (LCTF) telescope

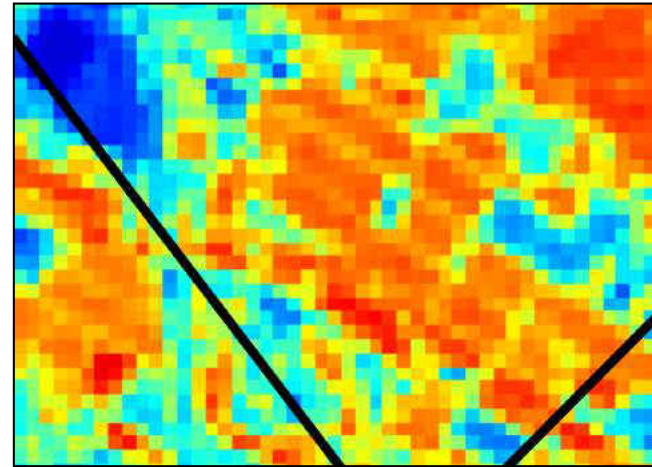
- range: 650 - 1050nm
- 1-nm step selection (400 bands)
- switching time: order of 10s-msec



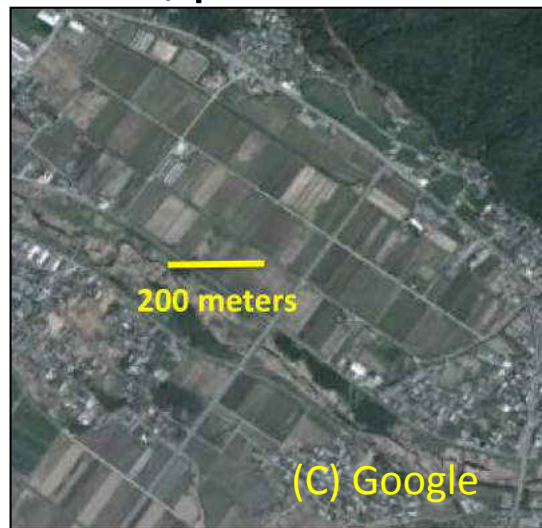
# RISING-2: the world's best resolution with > 100 bands



**RISING-2**  
5 m/pixel



**LANDSAT-8**  
30 m/pixel



HISUI (Japan), enMAP (Germany)

# Hyperspectral sensor

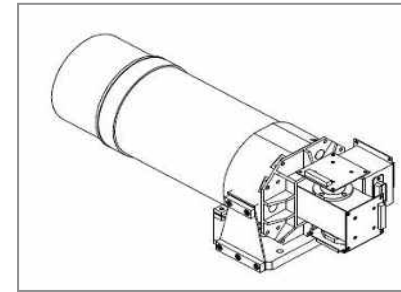
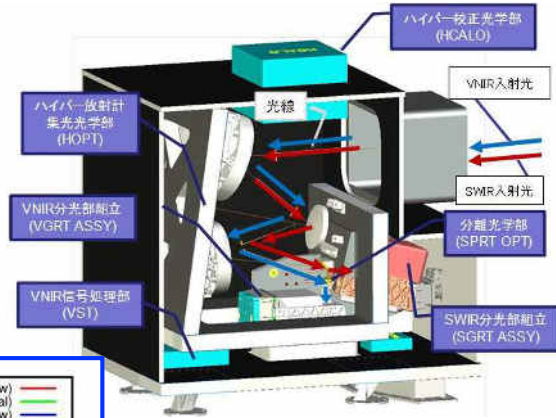


# LCTF camera

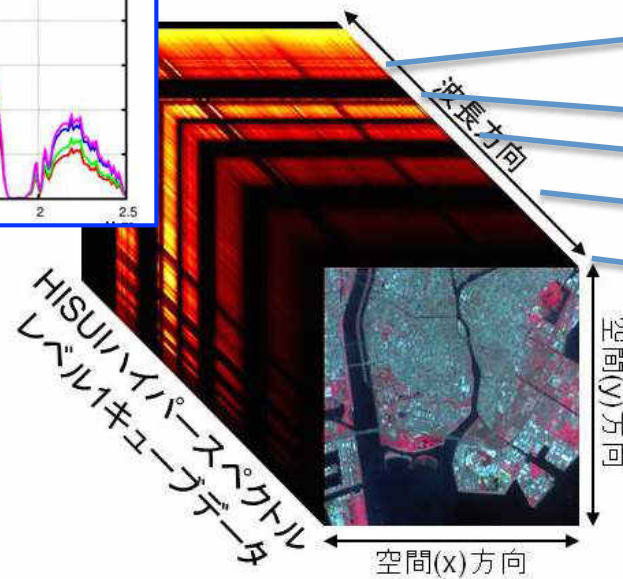
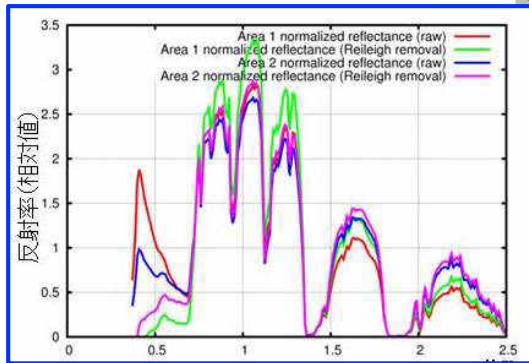
Simultaneous spectrum, 30 m GSD, 1/ 140-day

Selectable bands, 5m GSD, high freq.

**HISUI on ISS**

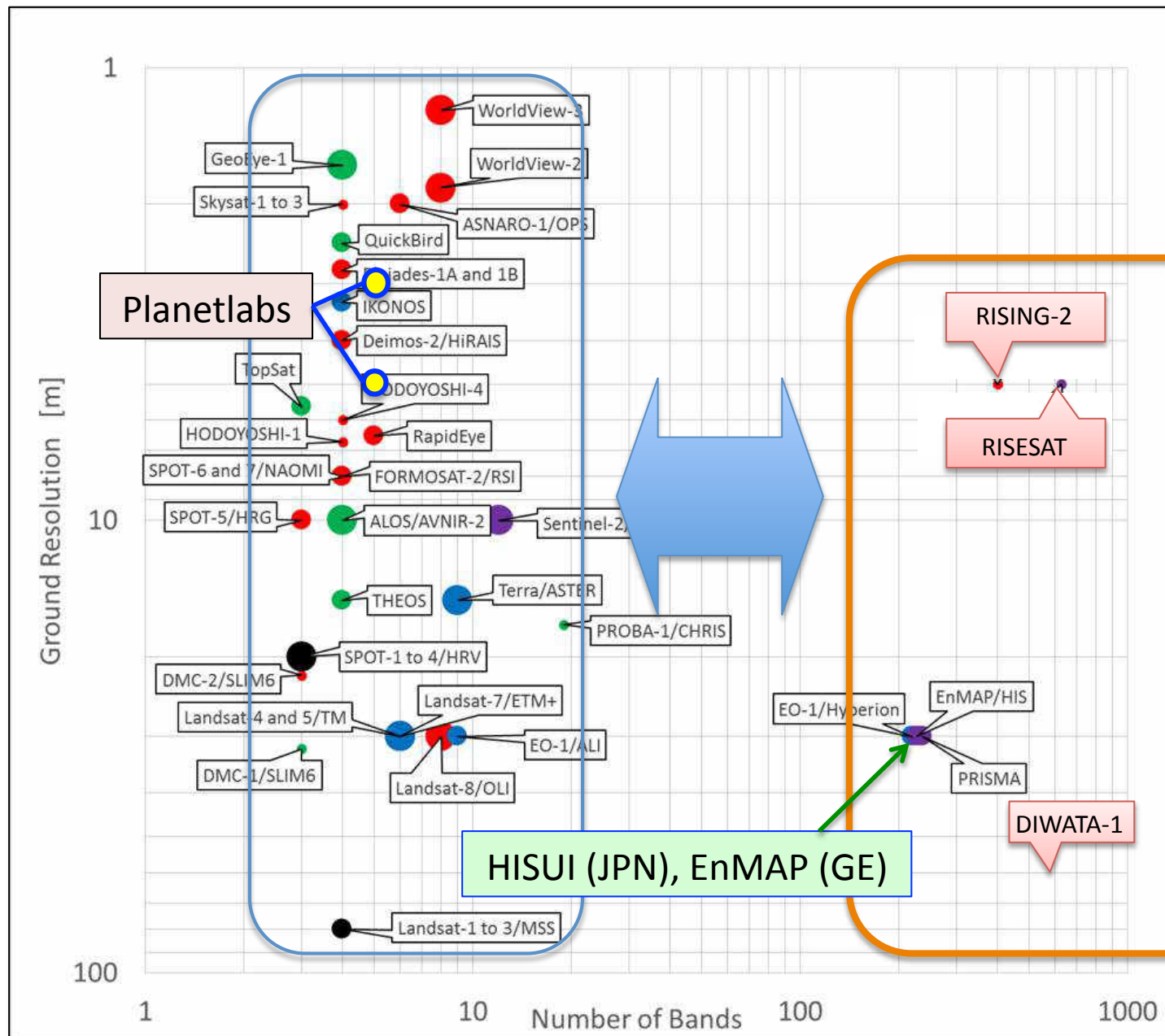


**Micro-satellite**



**< 10 wavelengths, 5m/pixel**

**185 wavelengths, 30 m/pixel**

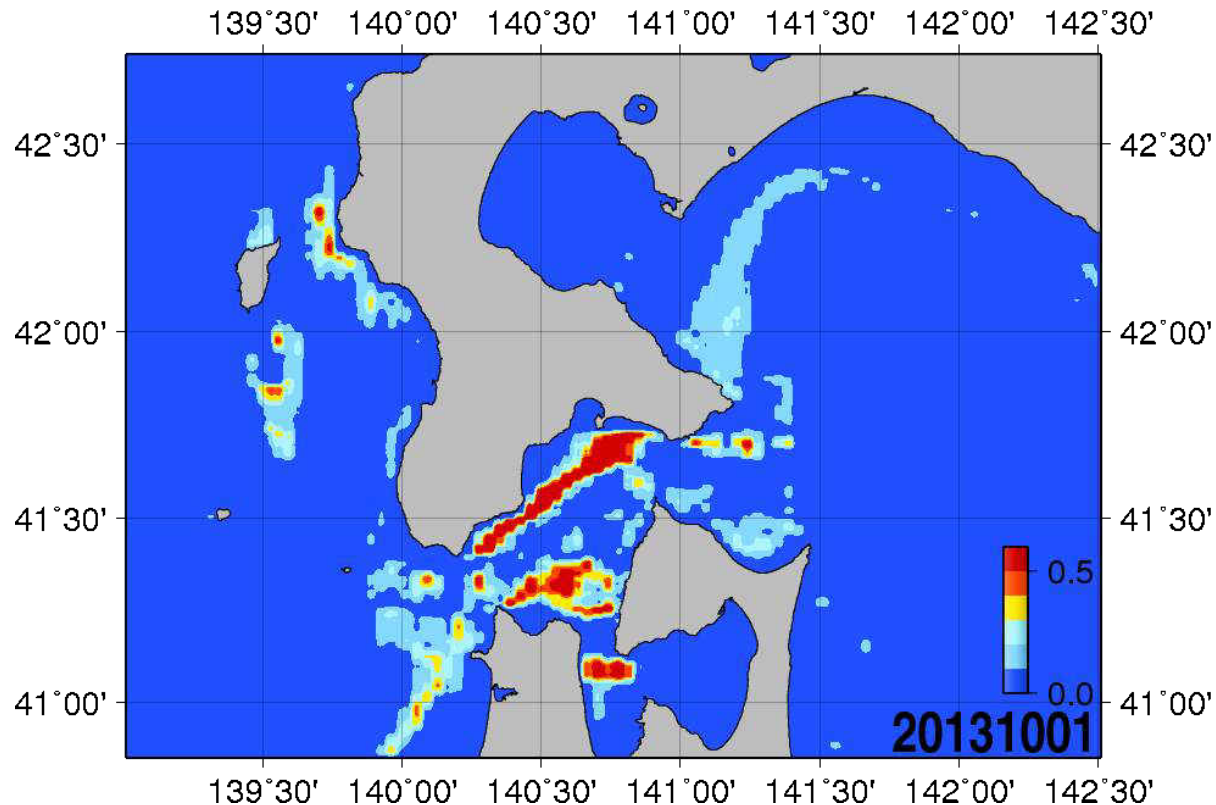




# Application of spectral imaging

## Prediction of fishing area based on existing satellite data

Based on satellite data, such as, distribution of chlorophyll, sea surface temperature, the best fishing place are estimated for each species.



Prof. Saito @ Hokkaido University

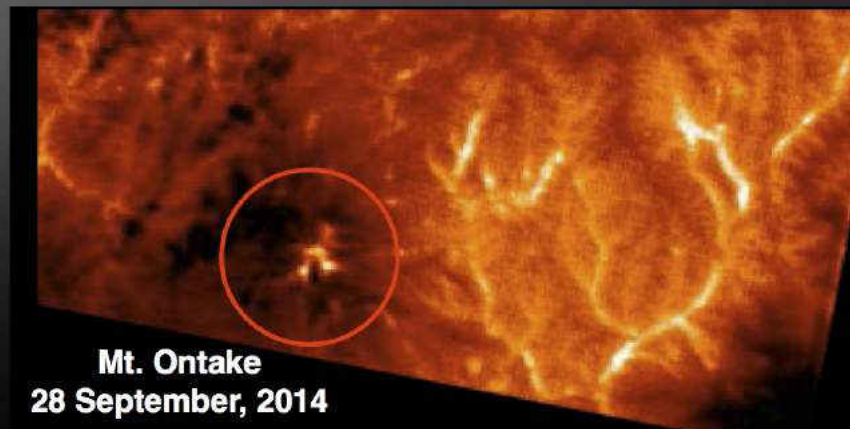
**70% accuracy, saving fuel by 20-30%**

**UNIFORM-1 satellite** developed and operated  
by University Union in Japan  
Launched in May, 2014



**dedicated to forest fire detection (+ monitoring of volcano)**

## Thermal Infrared Image by UNIFORM-1



Mt. Ontake  
28 September, 2014



# Background of our team

## Tohoku University (satellite bus)

top level experiences and heritages in making satellite bus  
taking over space company's experiences for > 10 satellites

## Hokkaido University (payload and applications)

the world's best optical sensor technology for micro-satellite  
one of the largest user communities in Japan

## Representative heritages

micro-satellites

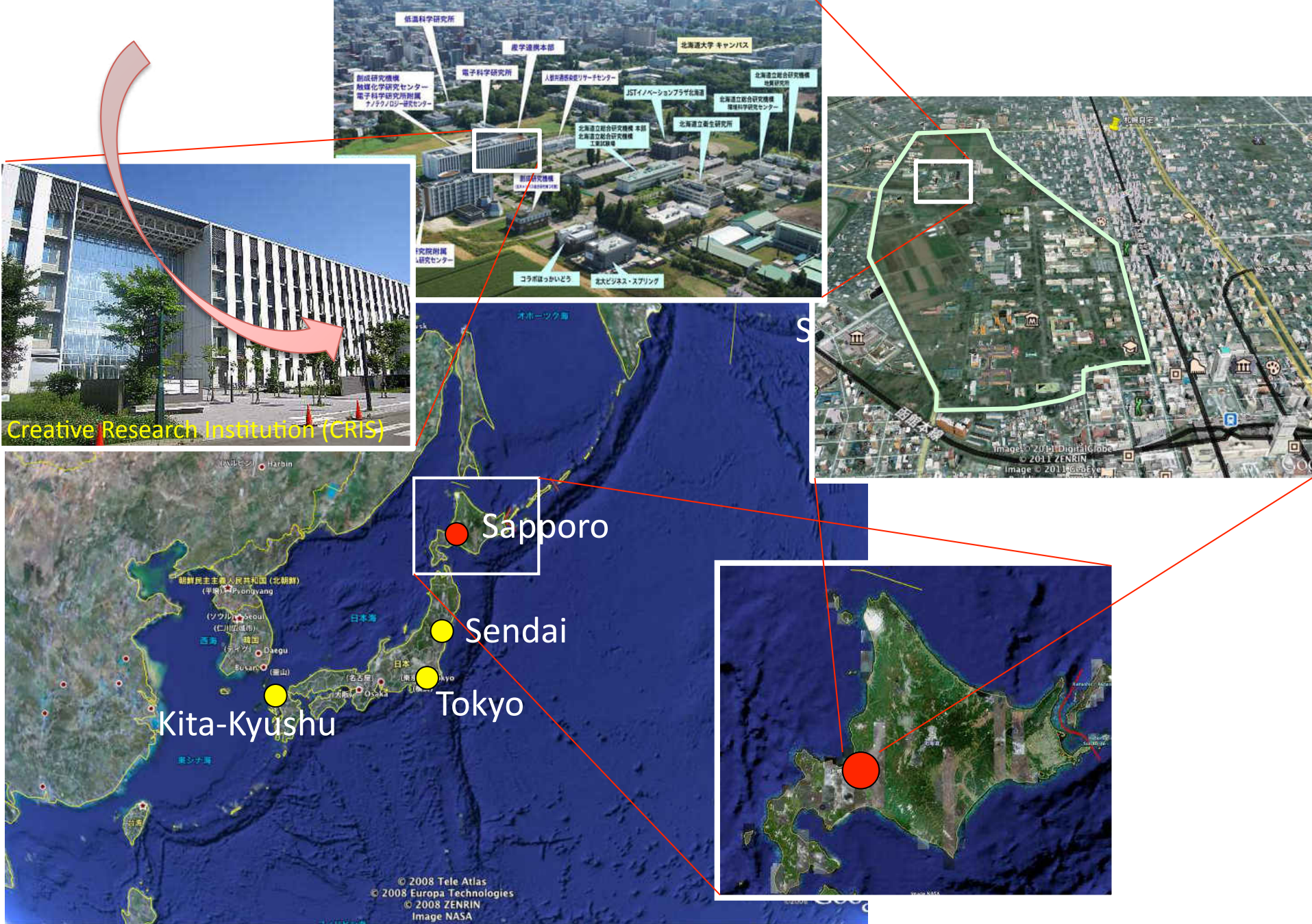
SPRITES-SAT (2009), RISING-2(2014), UNIFORM-1 (2014),  
DIWATA-1 (2016), RISESAT (2018), MicroDragon (2018)

nano-satellite and international space station

RAIKO (2U CubeSat), JEM/GLIMS (sensor onboard ISS)



# Space Mission Center (SMC) of H.U.



# Facilities for development and testing in microsatellite development lab.

One stop site for micro-satellite development



■ Thermal chamber



■ Thermal vacuum chamber

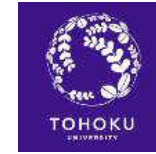


■ Class 100 clean booth and darkroom

- Vibration test facility,
- Shock test facility,
- Radio wave darkroom

are available at Hokkaido Research Organization





**Program Title: *Development of Philippine Scientific Earth Observation Micro-Satellite (PHL-MICROSAT)***





# Philippine project: DIWATA-1 and -2



meeting with secretary of DOST(2013)



Philippine delegates led by undersecretary (2014)

- meeting with secretary and undersecretary of DOST (2013 Jan) in Manila
- Half year later DOST official contacted Hokkaido University  
selected Hokkaido/Tohoku **instead of NASA**
- **3 year** project started in 2016 Jan, launching **2 micro-satellites**, developed by Philippine students
- the first satellite will be released from ISS and was handed over to JAXA
- **7 master course students** (+2) are studying in Hokkaido/Tohoku Universities
- **10 M USD** for two satellite and capacity-building are covered by DOST, Philippines.

# cameras on board DIWATA-1



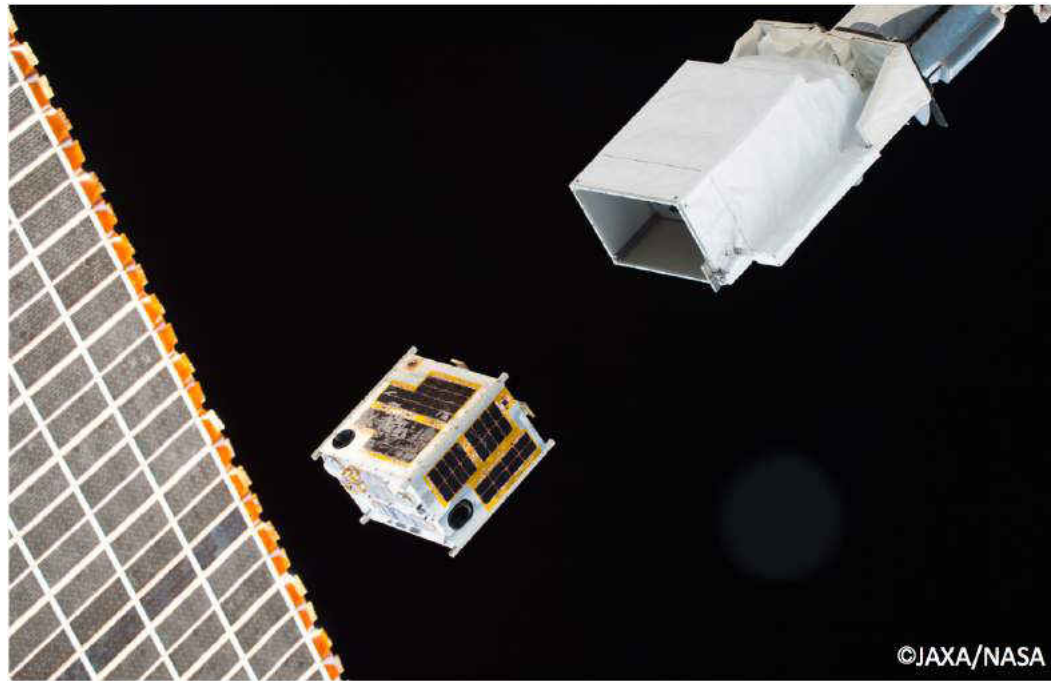
	HPT	SMI with LCTF	MFC	WFC
Field of View	1.9 x 1.4 km	52 x 39 km	121.9 x 91.4 km	180° x 134°
Spatial Resolution	3 m	60 m	185 m	7 km
Spectral Range	NIR/R/G/B	2 LCTF: 433 - 740 nm 730 - 1020 nm	Colored	Panchromatic
Spectral Resolution		FWHM: 10 - 30 nm 1 nm step		







## Deployment of DIWATA-1 from International Space Station



## *Asian Micro-satellite Consortium*

to maximize the efficiency of space use, sharing data,  
toward the **super-constellation** realizing real-time monitoring

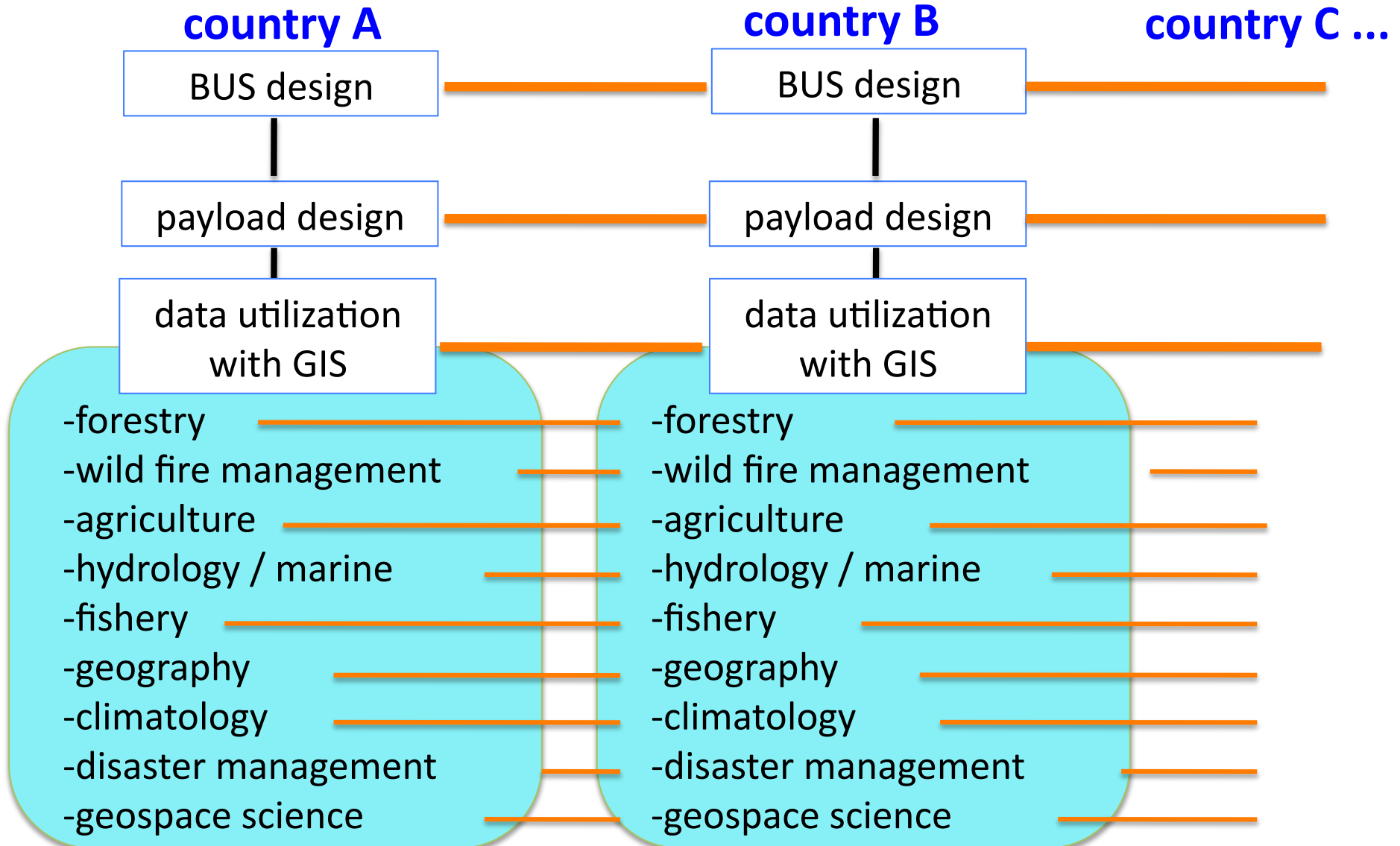
- sharing data, technology, and application
- standardizing sensor and operation system
- establishing ground validation



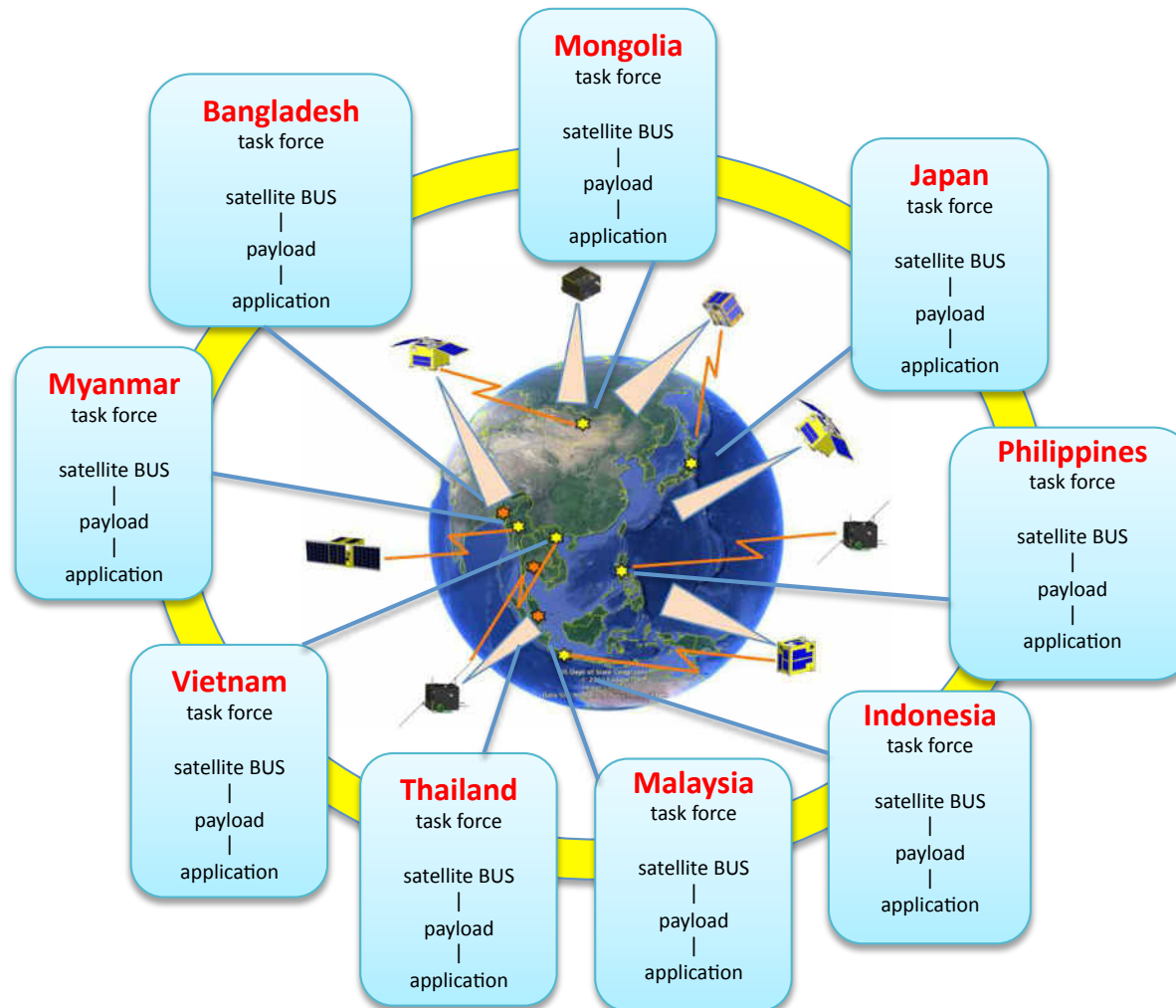
- involving 9 countries in Asia
- under signing by representatives of 11 institutes



# Asian Micro-satellite Consortium



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Philippines

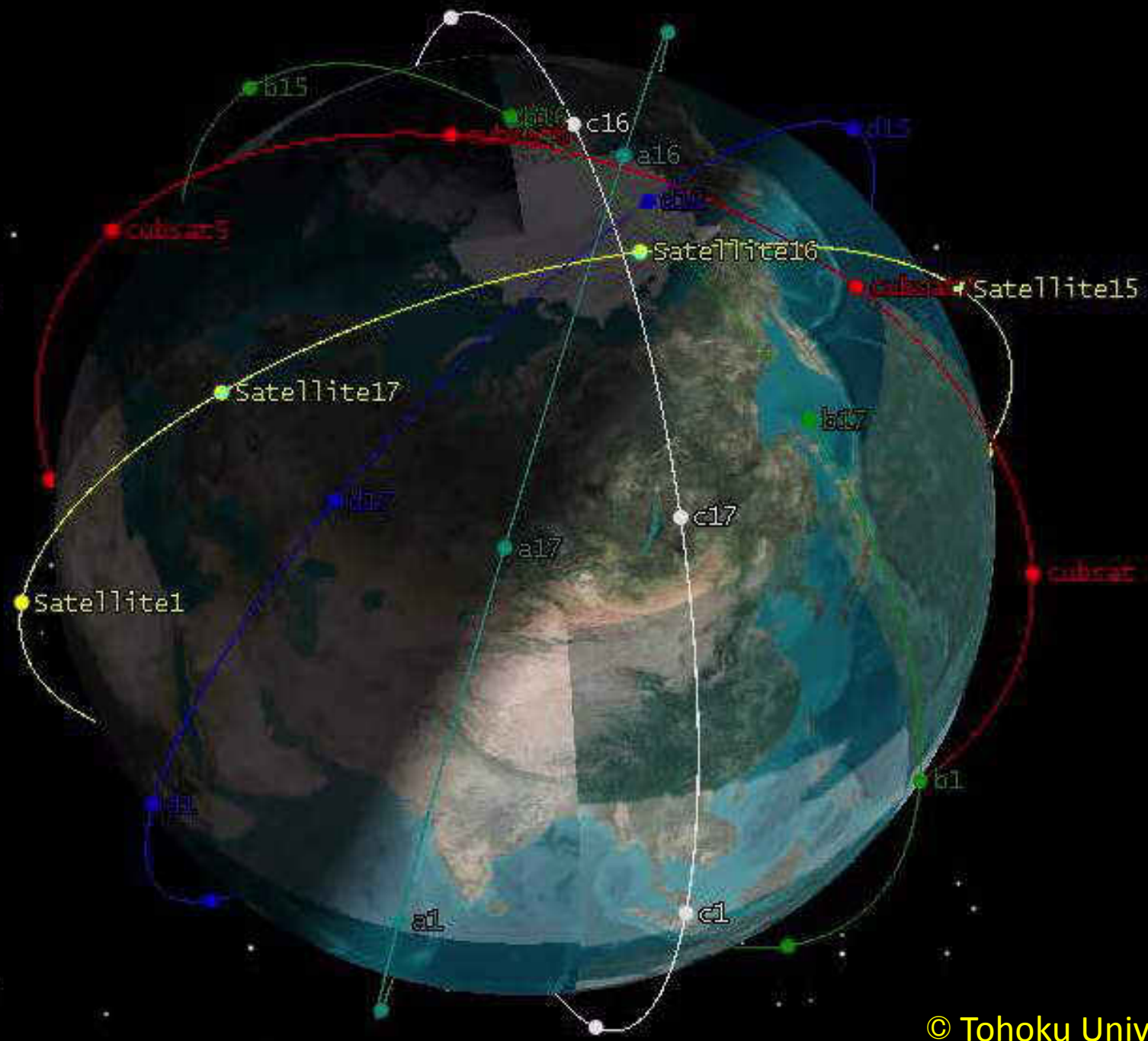


workshop with 6 countries



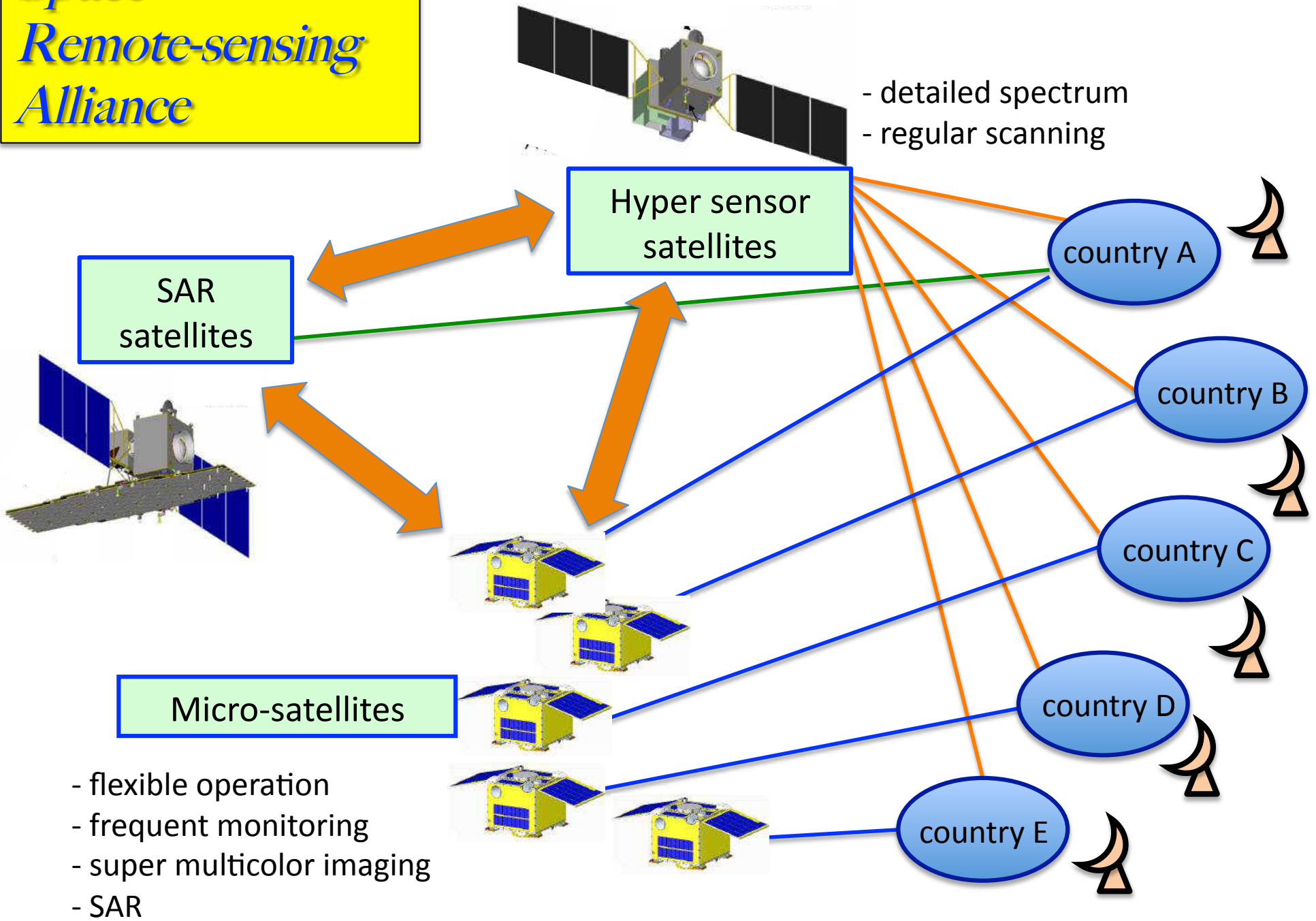
Myanmar



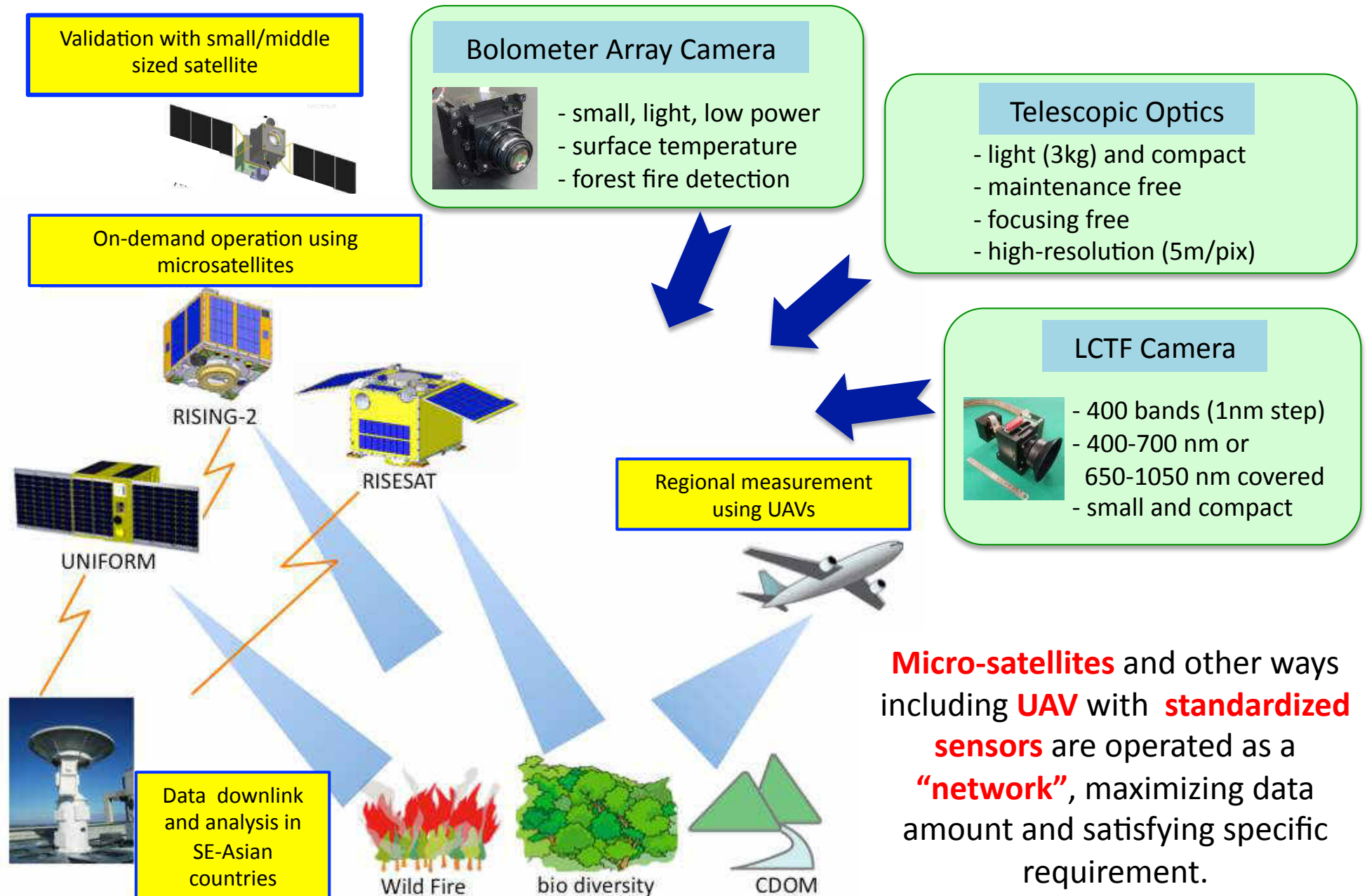




# Space Remote-sensing Alliance



# Start-up of “the world first” *Smart Remote Sensing*



# *Toward next-generation remote-sensing with micro-satellite*

## **Problems to overcome**

- space debris
- risk management >>> constellation
- launch opportunity: both by government and private company
- selectivity of orbit: polar orbit + low inclination

## **Key to successful development**

- ☑ International collaboration: concept is “sharing” and “standard instrument/method”
- ☑ Collaboration between space agency/governmental institutes and universities
- ☑ Understanding the roles of micro and larger satellites