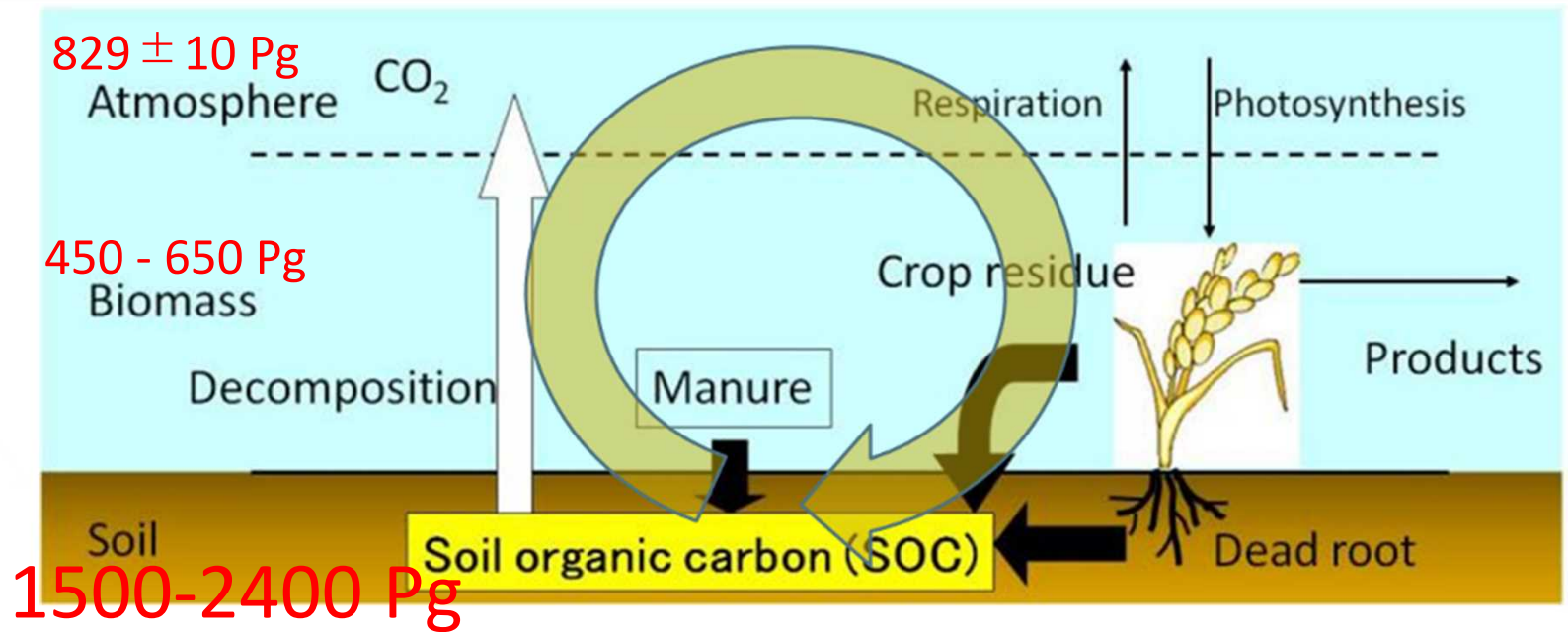


Modelling soil carbon for domestic GHG inventory, NDCs, and decision-support tool

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- “Carbon” accumulated as dark-colored “soil organic matter”: Important index of **productivity**
- **Size of soil C pool is huge.**

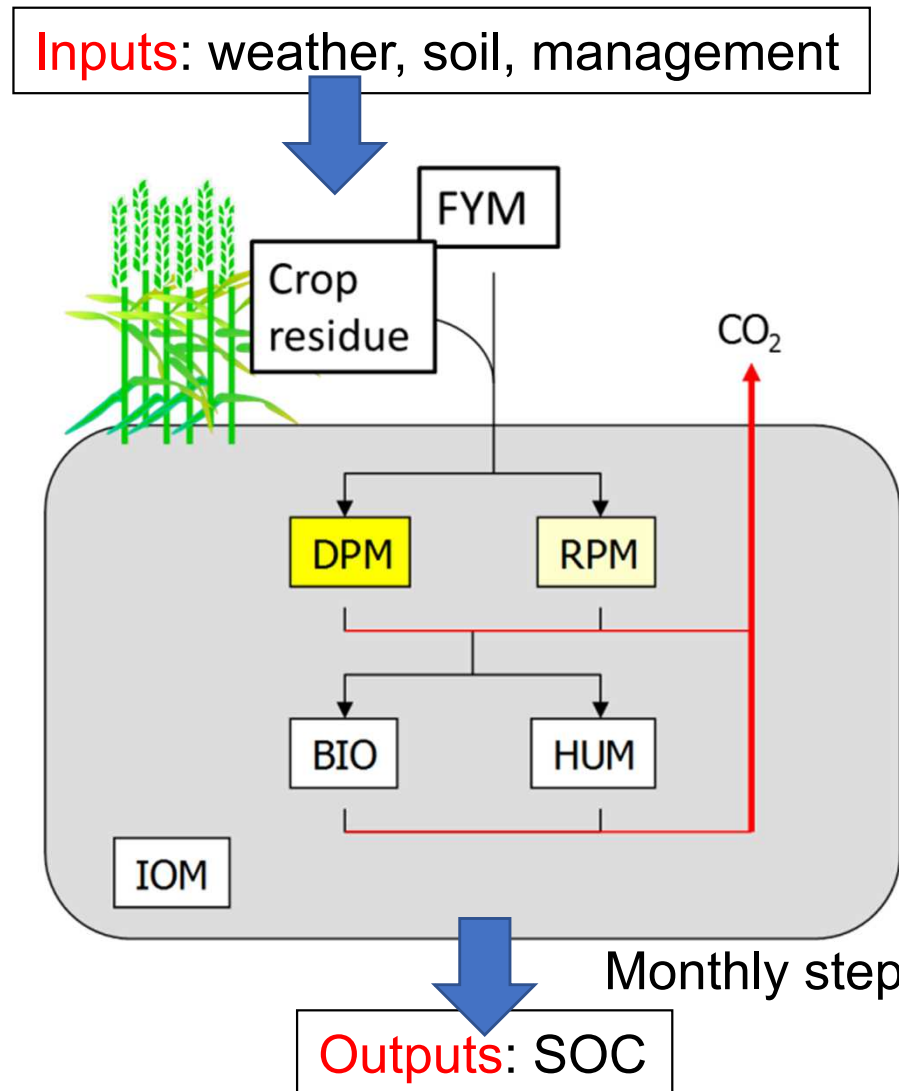
“The 4 per 1000 initiative” for soil C sequestration

Storing C in soils has huge potential to **mitigate** increase in atmospheric CO₂ and contribute to **sustainable food production**



Soil C model: useful tool for future prediction and spatial evaluation

Rothamsted Carbon (RothC) model



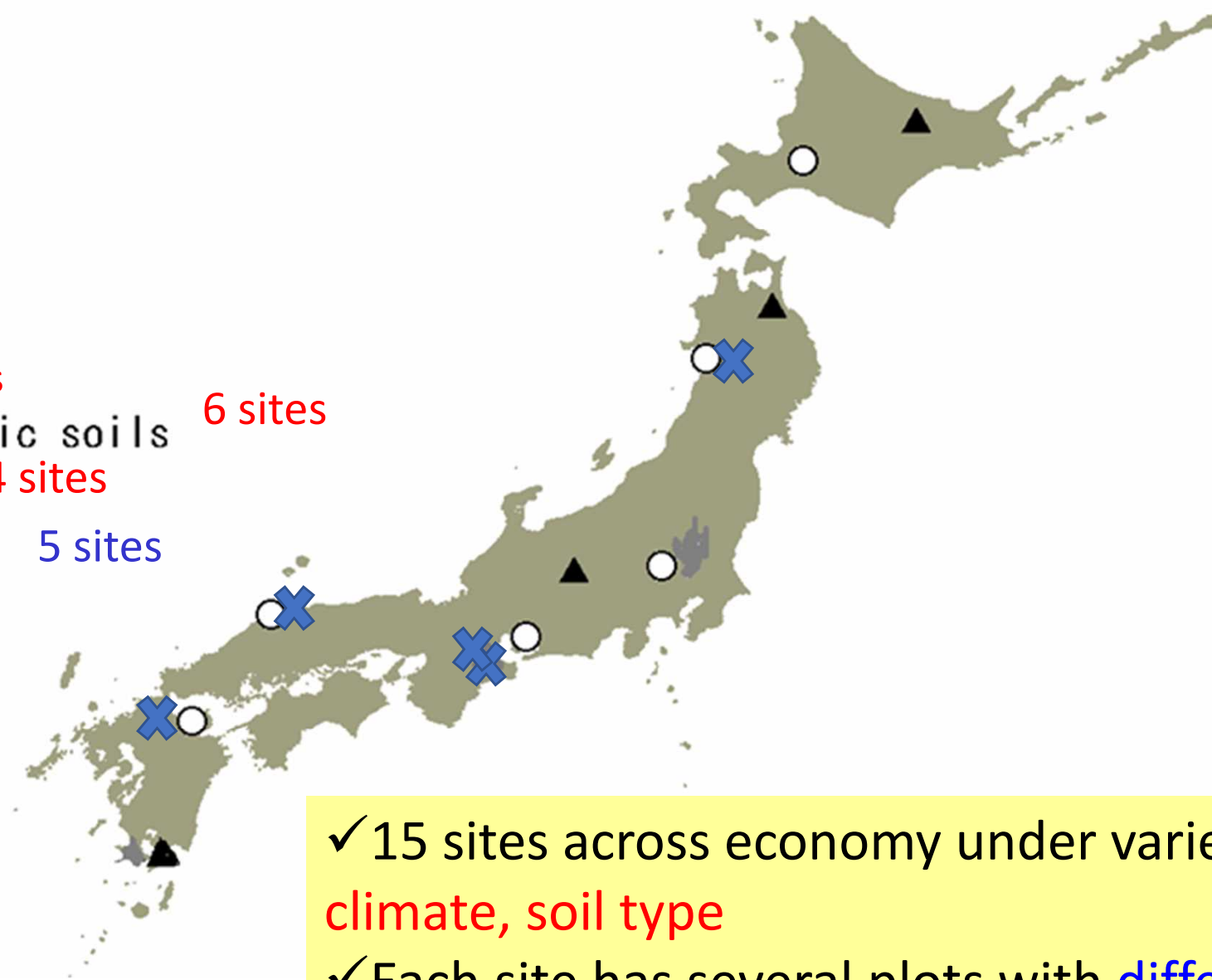
- One of widely used soil C models developed in UK.
- Simpler structure has advantage for model modification
- Not validated in Japan

Long-term experiments for model validation



Upland crop fields

- Non-volcanic soils 6 sites
- ▲ Andisols 4 sites
- ✕ Paddy soils 5 sites



- ✓ 15 sites across economy under variety of **climate, soil type**
- ✓ Each site has several plots with **different management (NPK, manure, straw, etc.)**

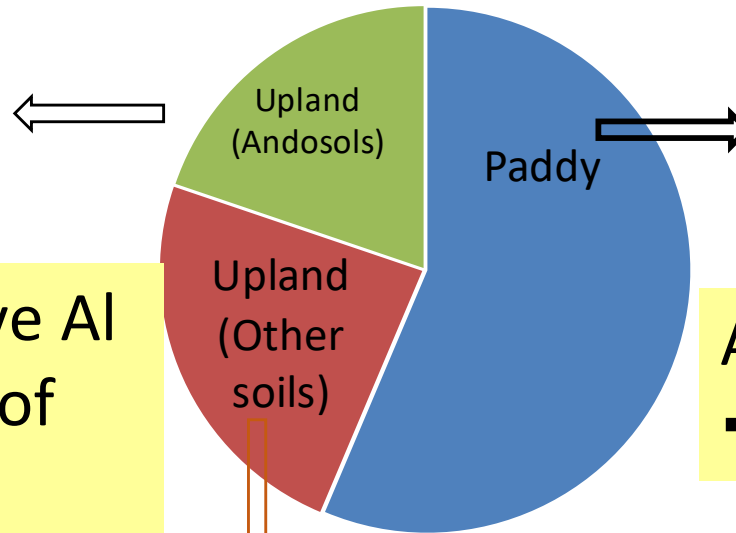
Validation and **modification** of the RothC: Japanese version



Andosols



Arable soils: ~500 million ha



Paddy soils



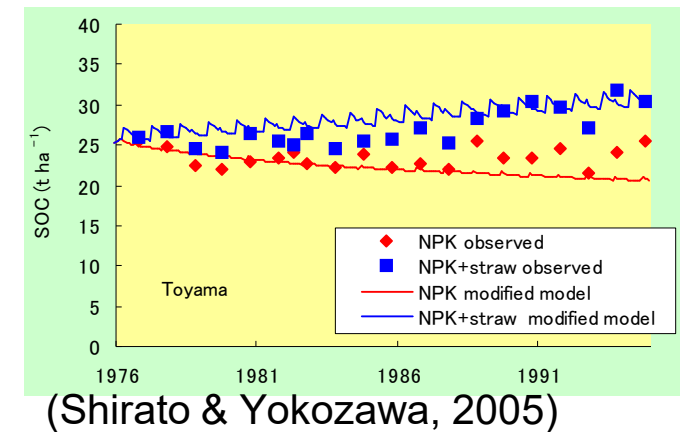
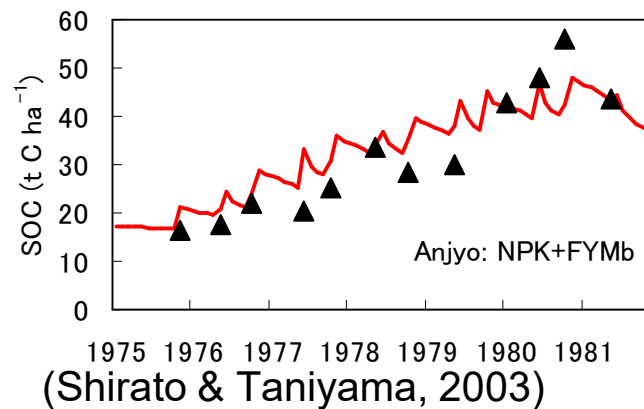
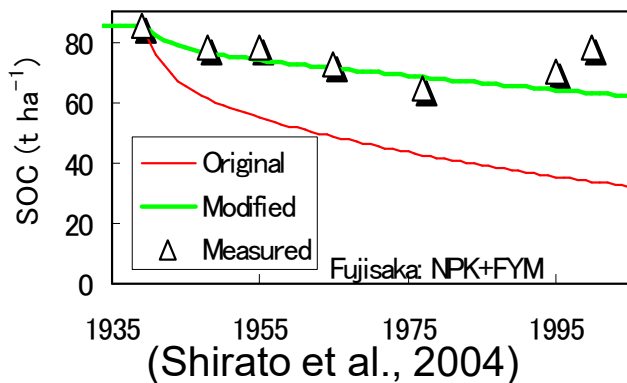
Stable humus with active Al
 → Slow decomposition of
 “HUM” pool

Anaerobic condition
 → Slow decomposition

Modified model

Original RothC: successful

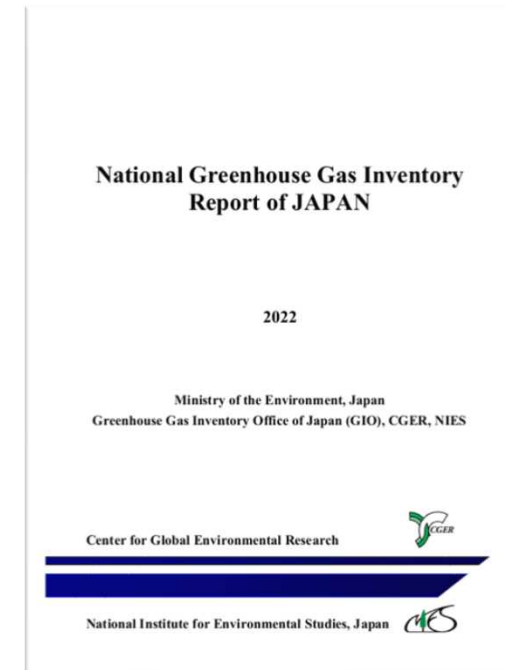
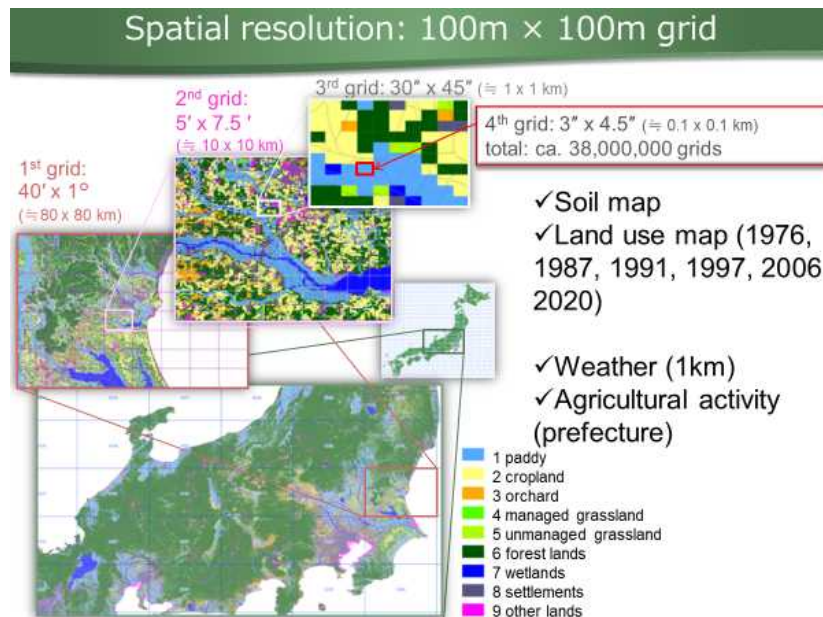
Modified model



→ Economy-level soil C calculation system by using 3 versions

Japan uses soil C model for GHG inventory and NDC

- IPCC tier 3 method (modelling): Effective for taking more detailed environmental conditions into account
- Used for developing NDC (future projection)

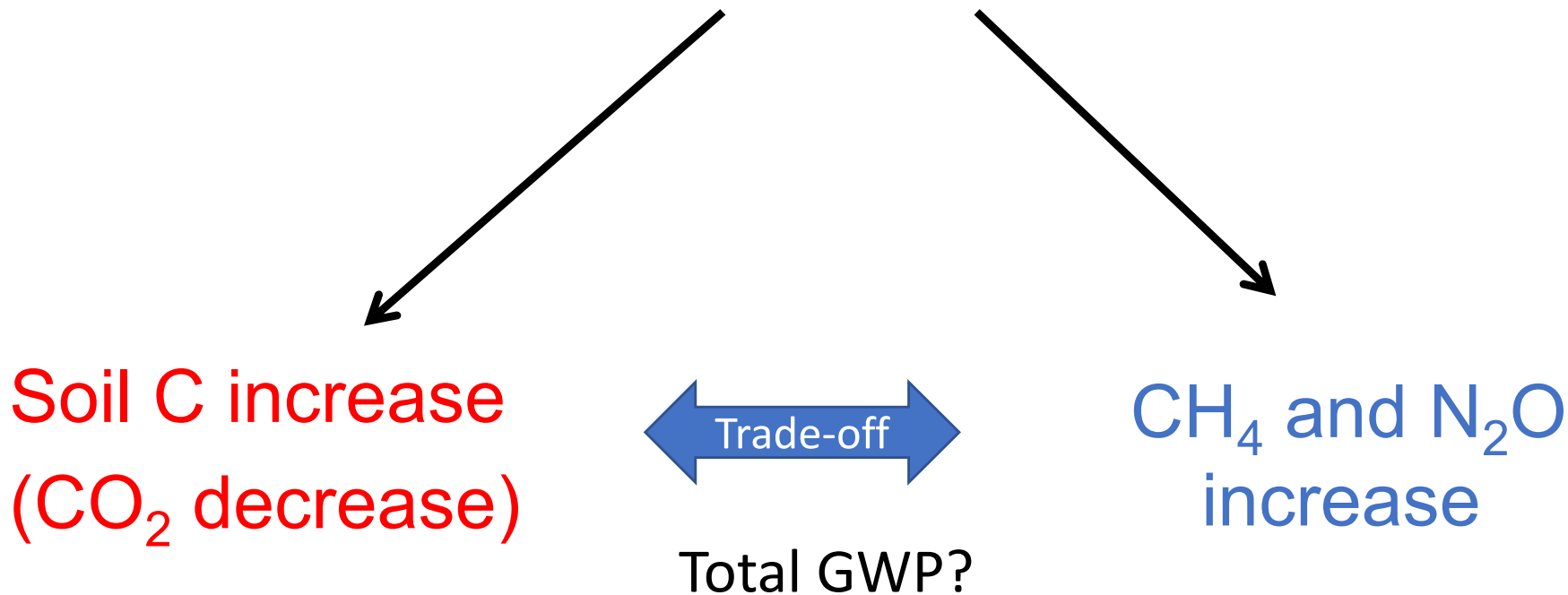


- Models are effective also to consider trade-off

Trade-off: need to evaluate total Global Warming Potential (GWP)

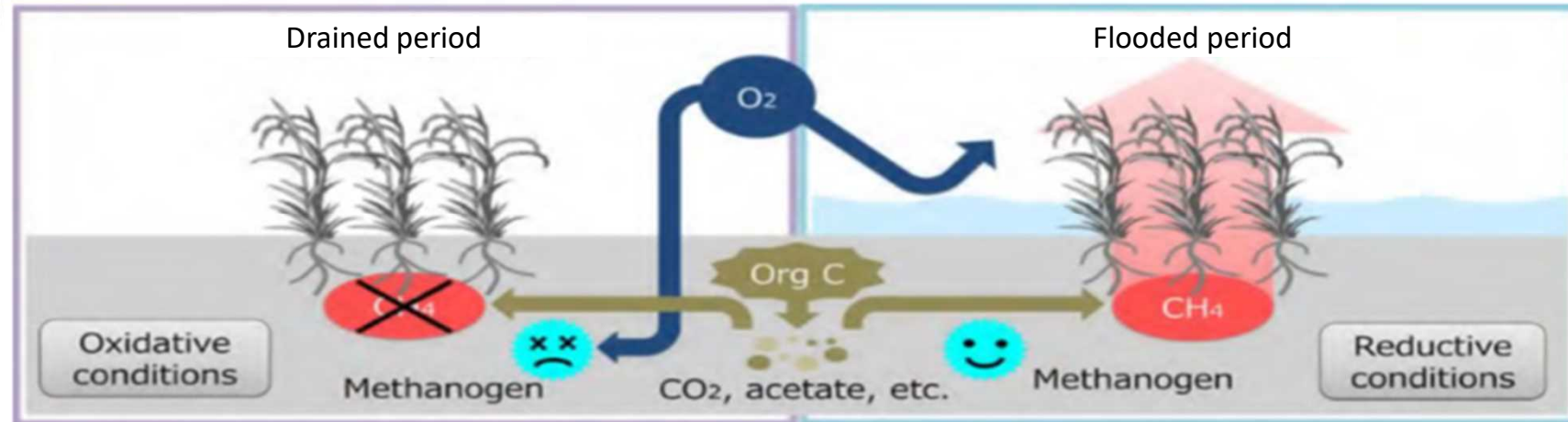


e.g. Increase C inputs to soils



- Evaluating total GHGs (GWP) considering “Trade- off”.
- GWP (CO₂=1, CH₄=25, N₂O=298)

GHG mitigation from paddy field by **water management**

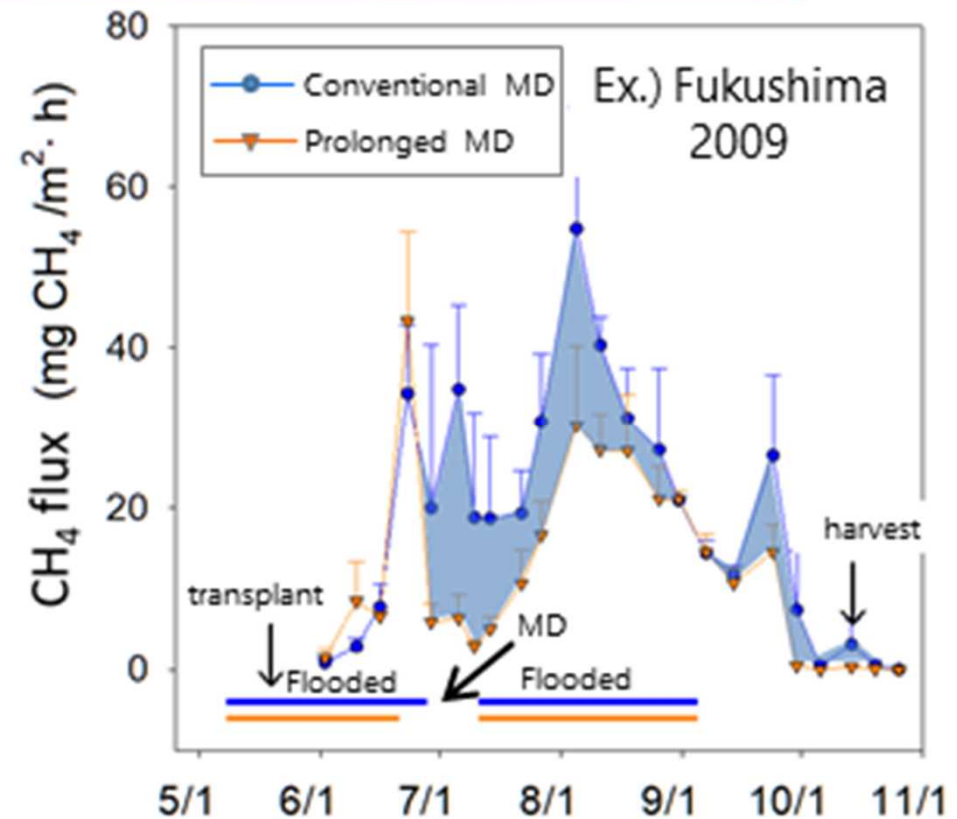


Mid-Season drainage (MD) in Japan

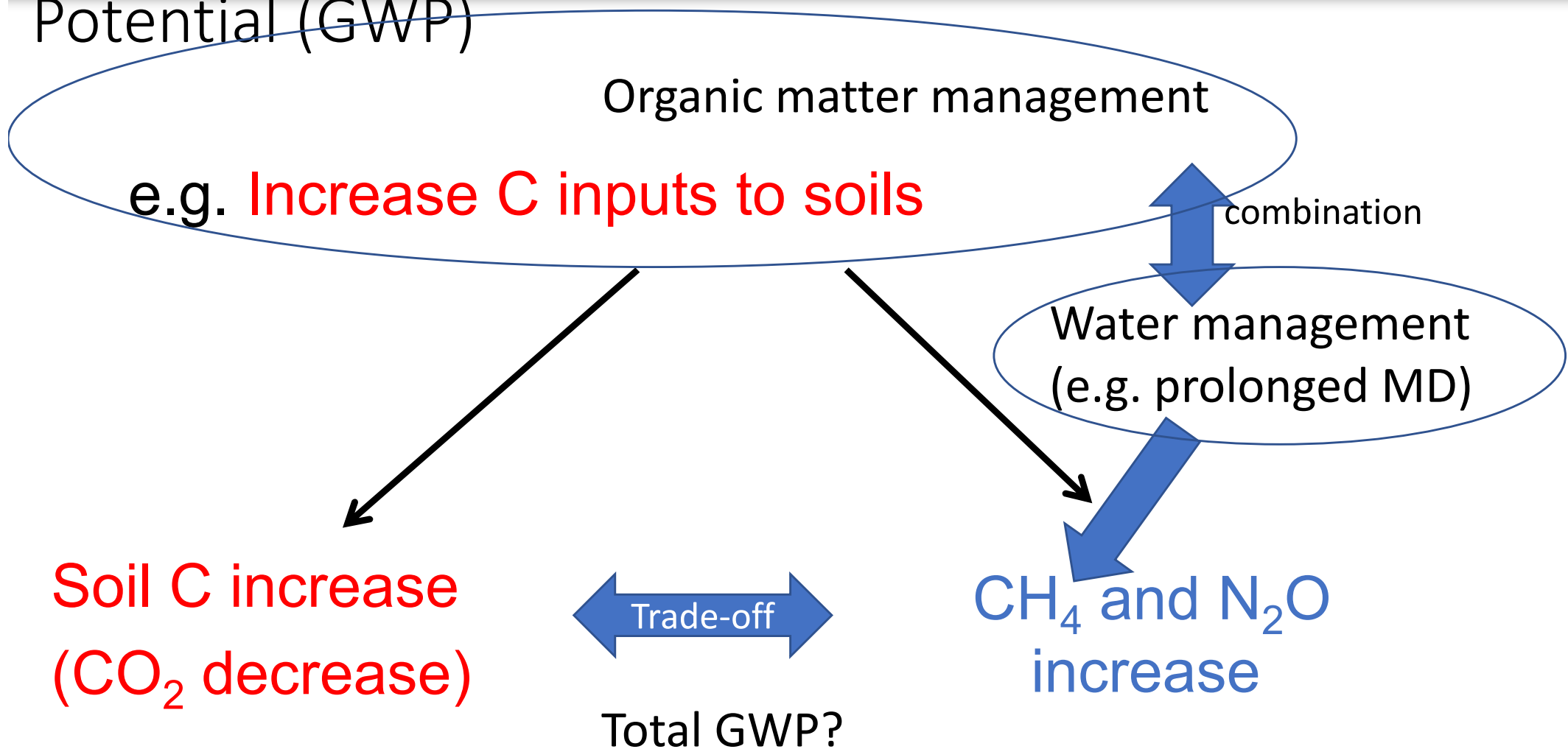
Drain water for 1~2 weeks



Prolonged MD (1 week longer than conventional) can reduce 30% of CH_4 emission without negative effect on yield.



Trade-off: need to evaluate total Global Warming Potential (GWP)



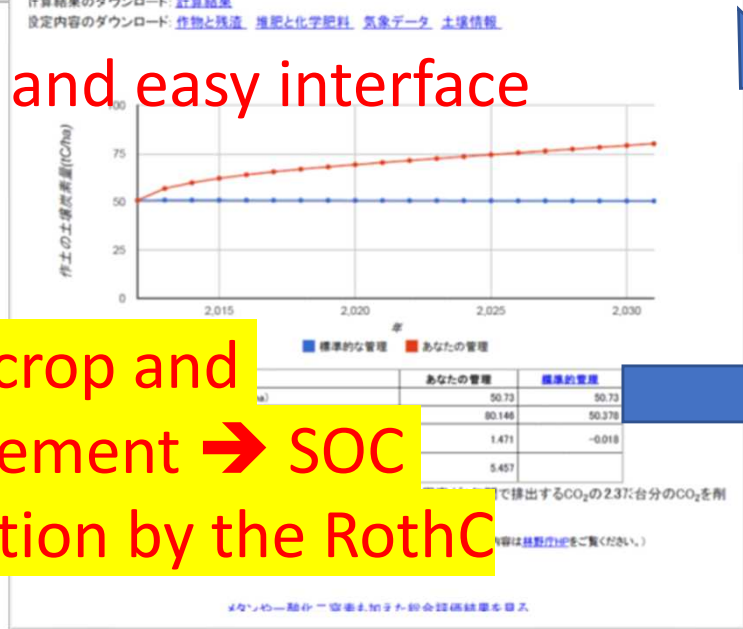
- Evaluating total GHGs (GWP) considering “Trade- off”.
- GWP (CO₂=1, CH₄=25, N₂O=298)

Web-based decision-support tool visualizing soil C and GHGs emission




Simple and easy interface

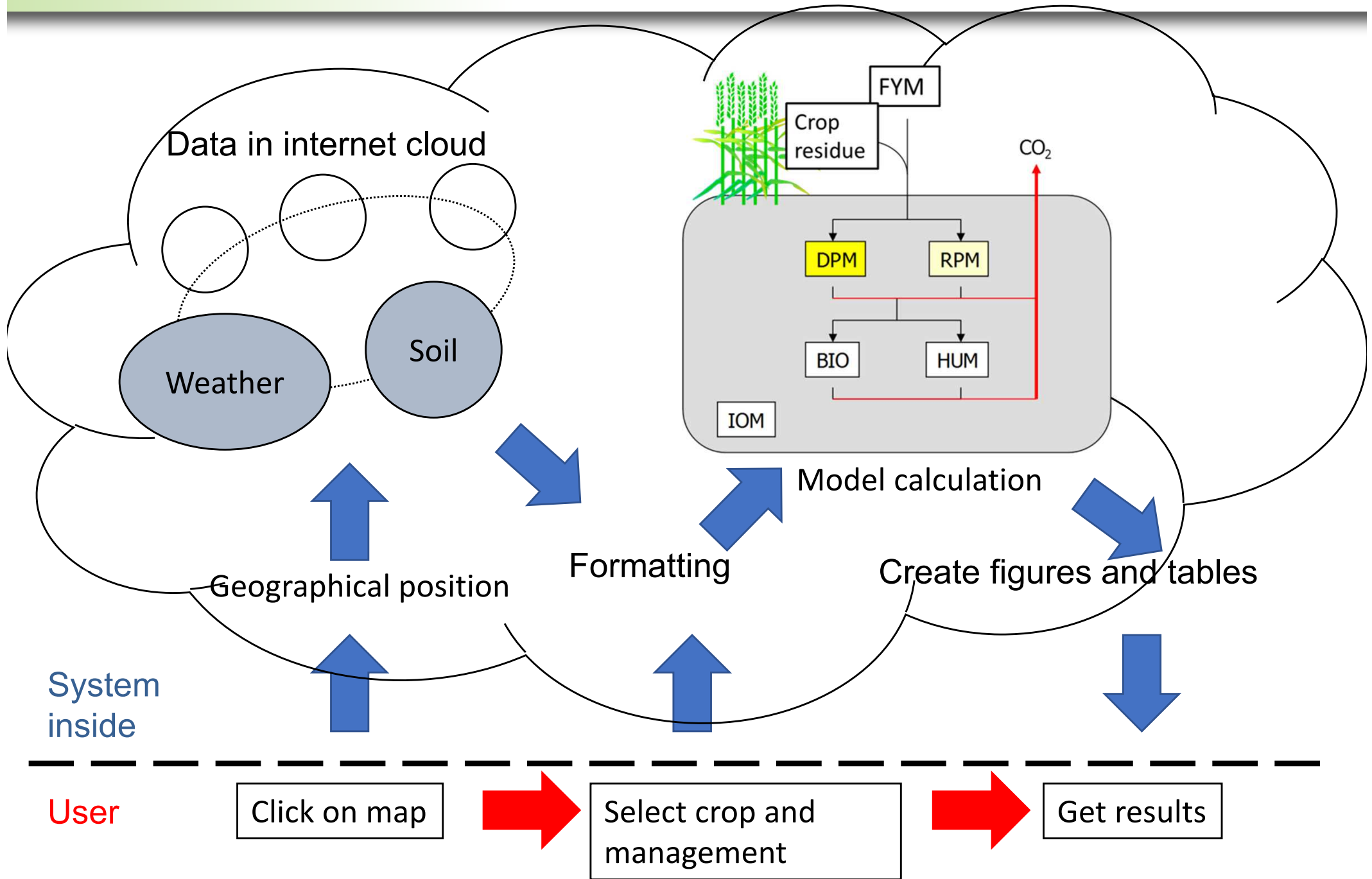
Select crop and management → SOC calculation by the RothC



	あなたの管理	標準的管理
土壌炭素の増減によるCO ₂ (tCO ₂ /ha/年) (プラスが排出。マイナスが吸収)	-3.34	0.5
メタン (g-CH ₄ /m ² /年)	10.00	10.00
CO ₂ 換算 (tCO ₂ /ha/年)	3.40	3.40
N ₂ O (kg-N/10a)	0.05	0.07
CO ₂ 換算 (tCO ₂ /ha/年)	0.20	0.20
うち化学肥料由来 (kg-N ₂ O/10a)	0.05	0.05
CO ₂ 換算 (tCO ₂ /ha/年)	0.05	0.05
うち堆肥由来 (kg-N ₂ O/10a)	0.08	0.01
CO ₂ 換算 (tCO ₂ /ha/年)	0.23	0.03
うち作物残渣由来 (kg-N ₂ O/10a)	0.04	0.04
CO ₂ 換算 (tCO ₂ /ha/年)	0.11	0.11
化石燃料由来のCO ₂ (tCO ₂ /ha/年)	2.02	2.02
合計 (tCO ₂ /ha/yr) (プラスが排出。マイナスが吸収)	2.47	6.12

Total GWP calculation, too

How it works



Asian Network of long-term experiments

Highlight the importance of long-term field monitoring



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- 3:30 Akihiko ITO**
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Soil carbon modeling and climate change: knowledge gaps
- 4:00 Mayumi YOSHIMOTO**
NIAES, JAPAN
MINCERnet
International research network to support the fight against heat stress of rice
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- Most of studies published on long-term field experiments are from Europe and north America.
- Not many from Asia. Networking long-term experiments in Asian economies can add new value.
- Enormous variation in climate, soil type, and cultural practices.



Summary

- Soil C model is useful: plot scale validation and modification → spatial evaluation and future prediction → NIR and NDC
- Important to consider Trade off (e.g. soil C vs. CH₄)
- Visualization of soil C and GHGs: web-based decision support tool by using models.
- Primary data (e.g. long-term field experiments) are basis for all above.



Soils can save the earth!