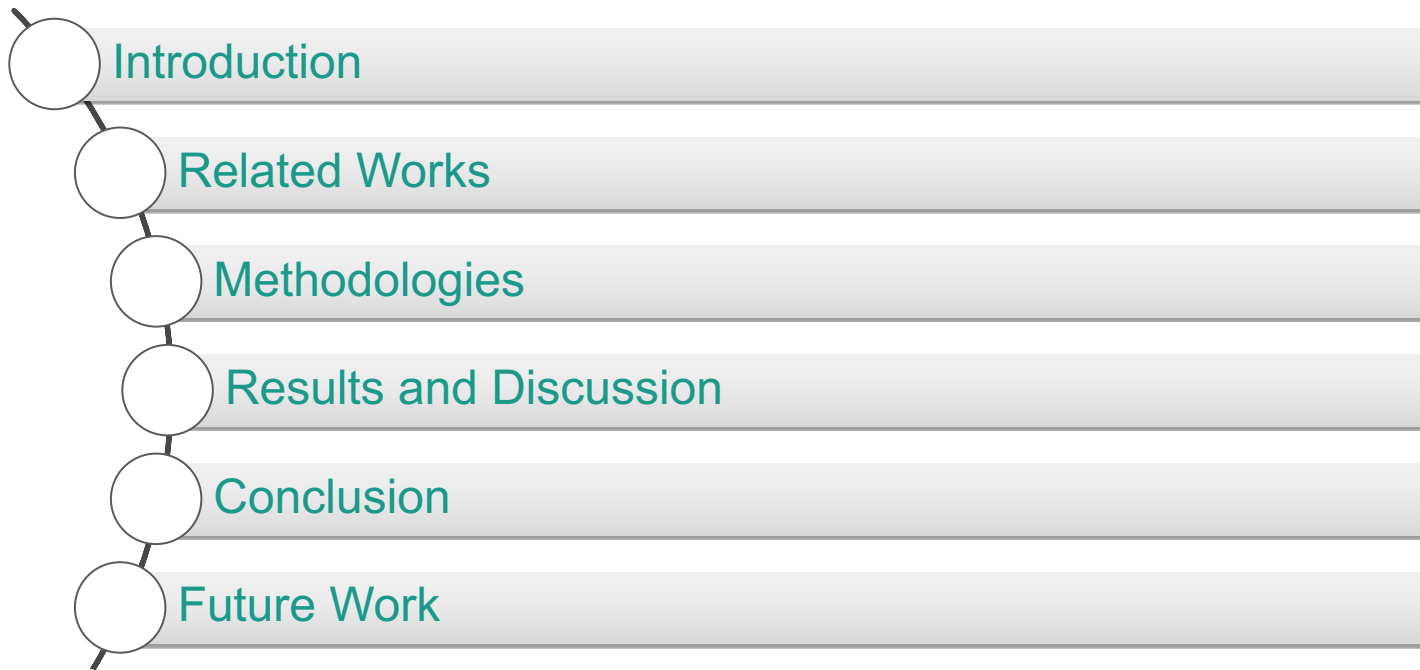


# Application of Deep Learning Technique to Rice Lodging Identification

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# Outline



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# Introduction

# Background

In Taiwan, storms and typhoons usually cause crops damage.



# Disaster Relief



# Background



## Fields

Account for  $\frac{1}{4}$   
Taiwan's land area

78% size  $< 1\text{ha}$

small & irregular

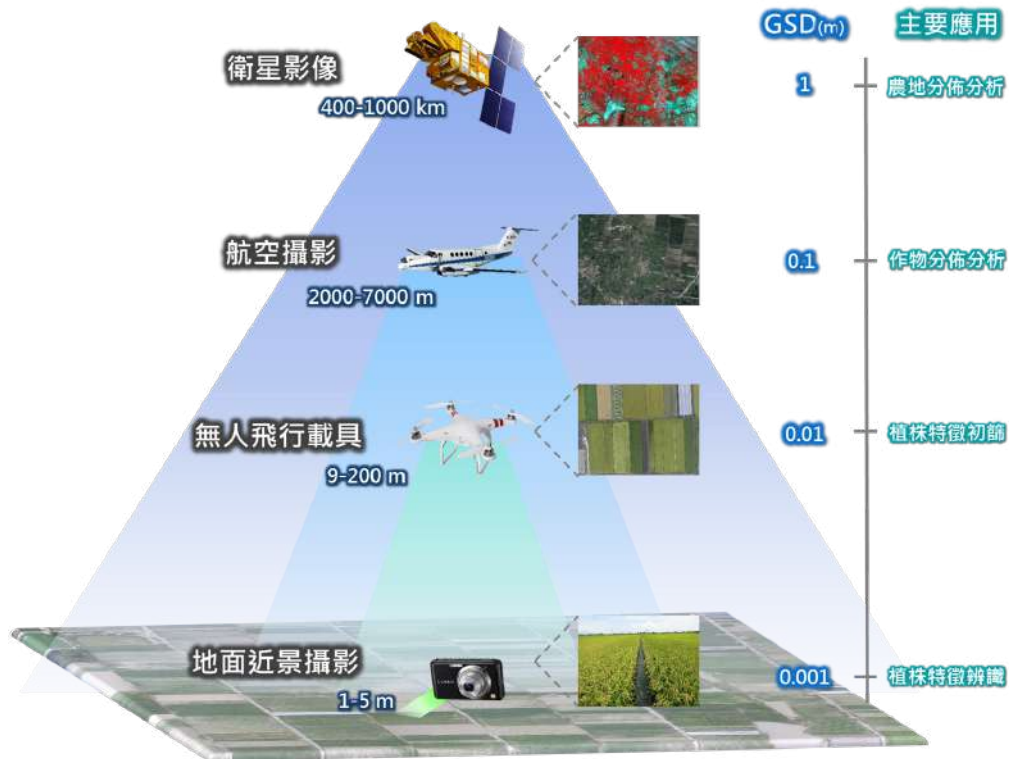
multiple cropping  
&  
crop rotation



# Disaster damage assessment/Crop monitoring



# Background



## Why UAV ?

High resolution

High mobility

Low price



Object



**Large-area  
Investigation**

**Visible Band  
Camera**

**Process  
Fast**

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## Related Works

## Related Works



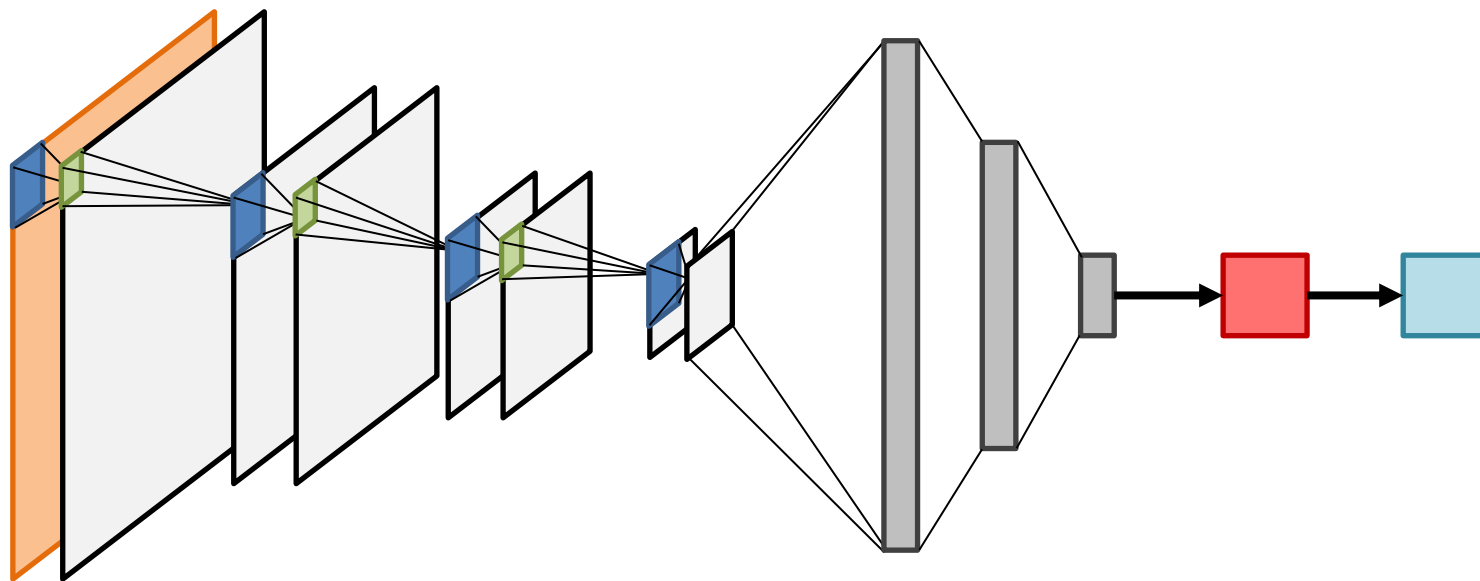
**Convolutional Neural Network**

**Semantic Segmentation Architecture**

**Application on Precision Agriculture**

# Convolutional Neural Network

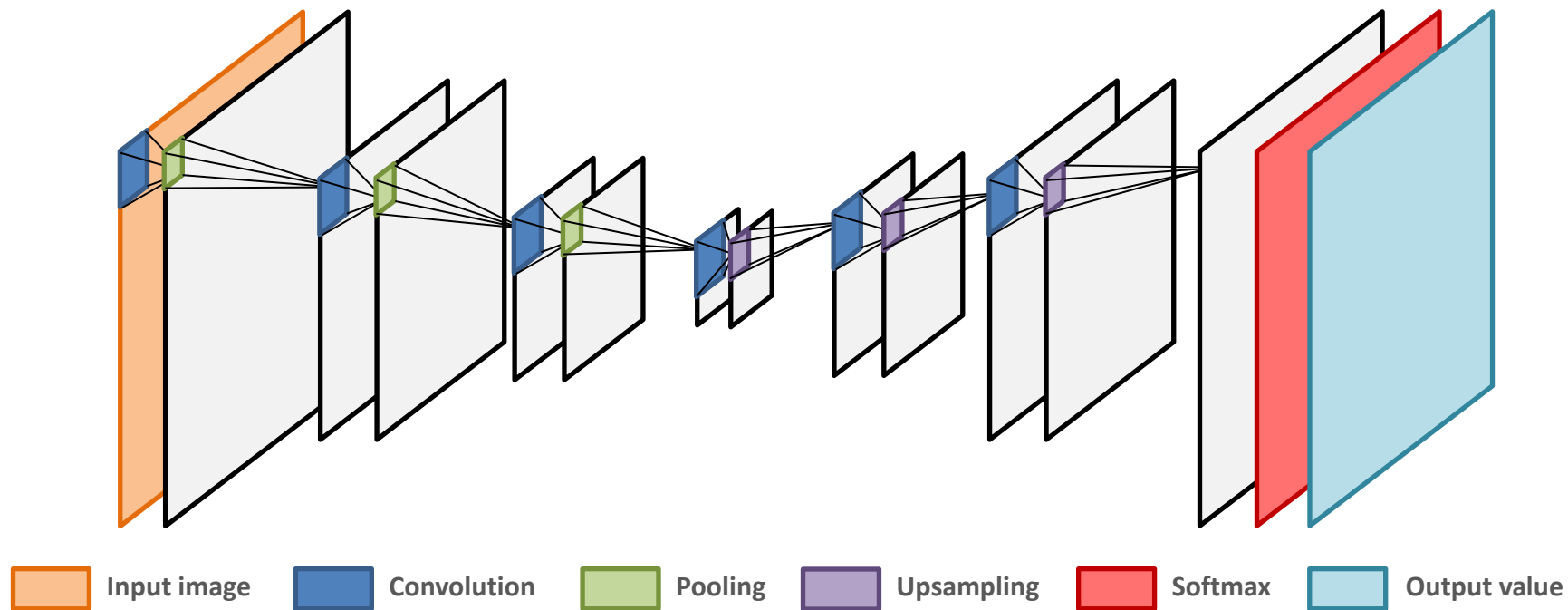
## Composition of CNN



Input image   Convolution   Pooling   Fully Connected   Softmax   Output value

# Semantic Segmentation Architecture

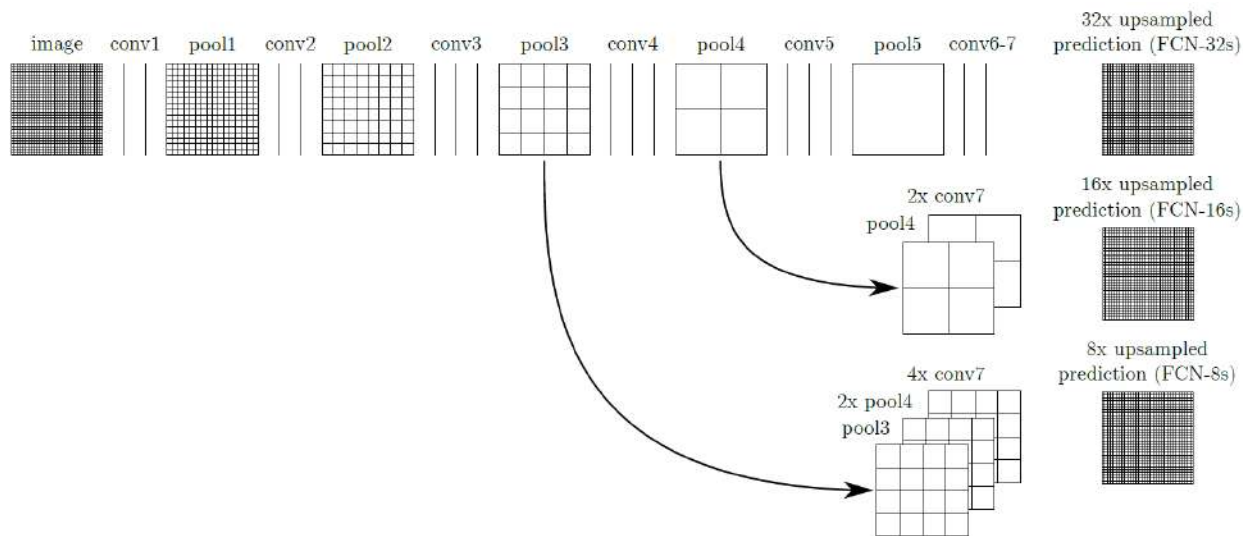
Modification from CNN to become FCN



# Semantic Segmentation Architecture

Long, Shelhamer and Darrell(2015)

- Proposed FCN
- Pixel-wise classification with no image size limitation
- The skip architecture is robust for detecting multiscale features

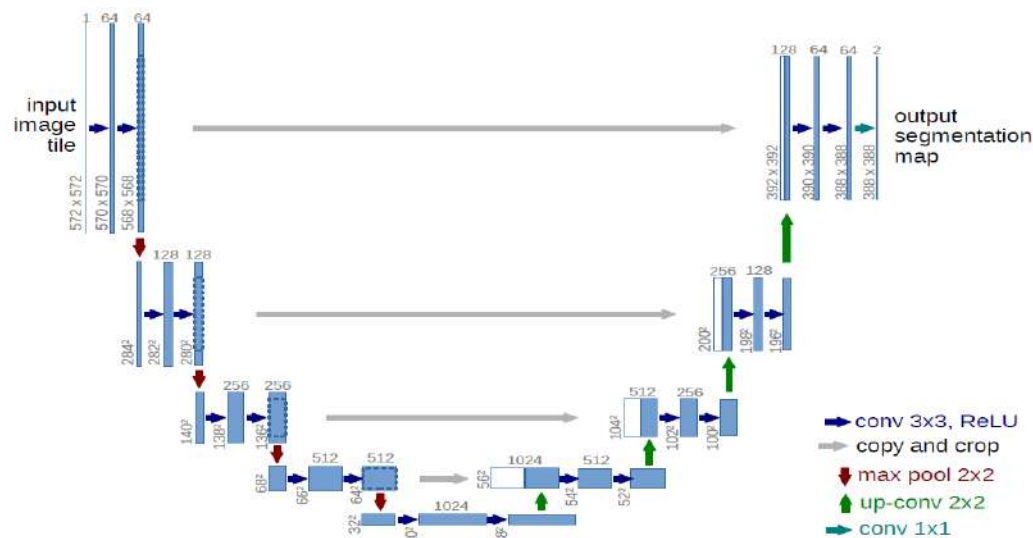




# Semantic Segmentation Architecture

## Ronneberger, Fischer and Brox (2015)

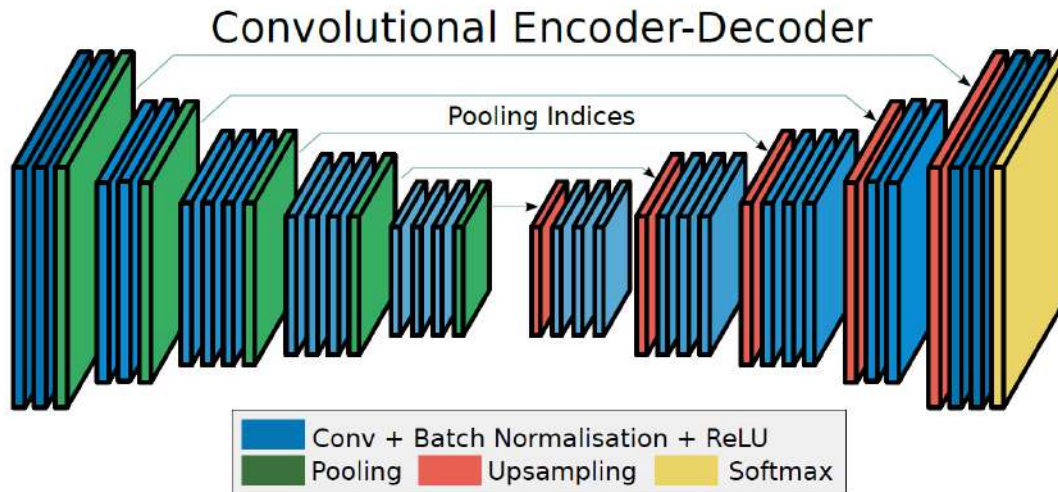
- Proposed U-Net
- Encoder-Decoder architecture
- Biomedical image binary segmentation



# Semantic Segmentation Architecture

**Badrinarayanan, Kendall and Copula (2015)**

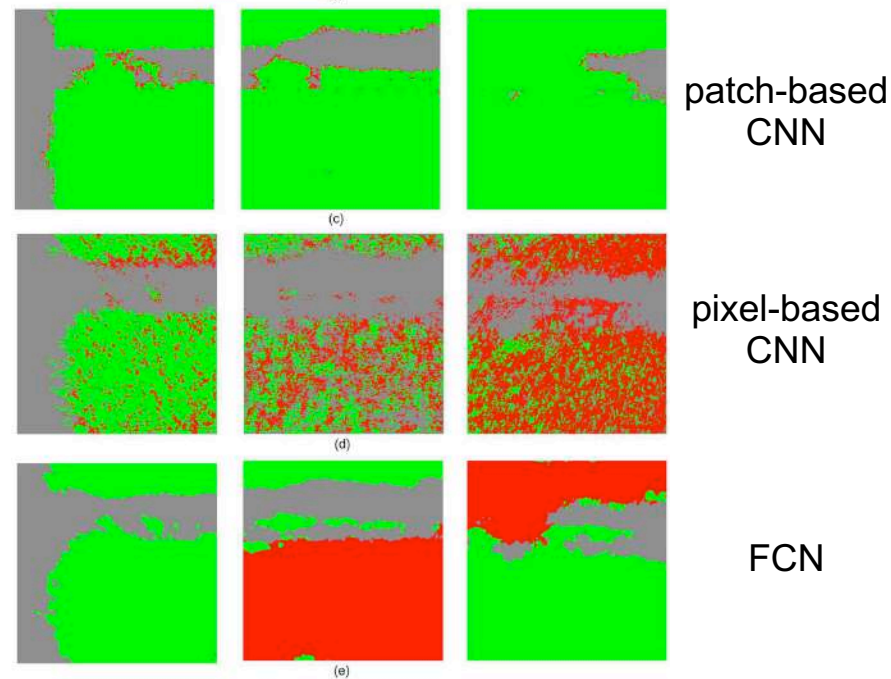
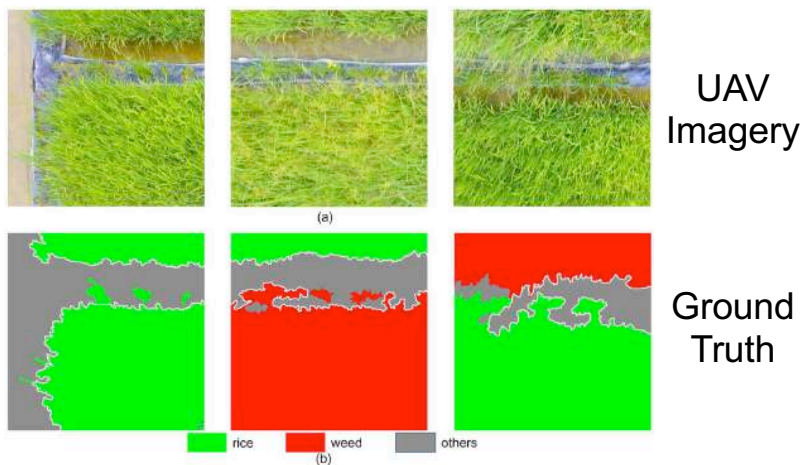
- Proposed SegNet
- Encoder-Decoder architecture based on VGG-16
- Pooling indices eliminates the learning for upsample



# Application on Precision Agriculture

Huang et al. (2018)

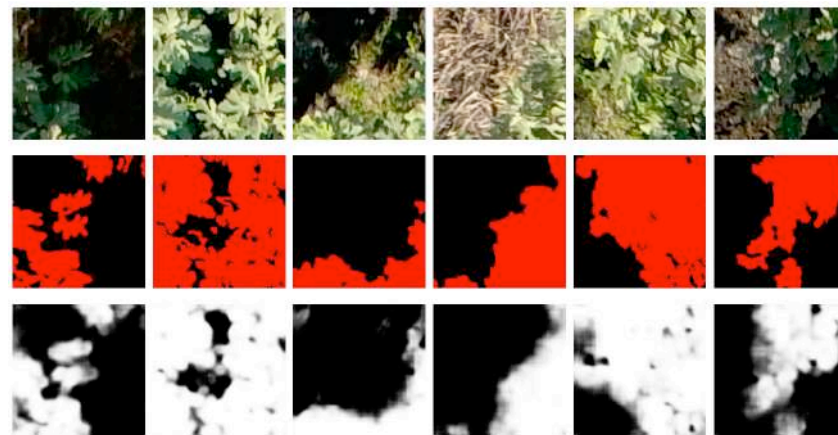
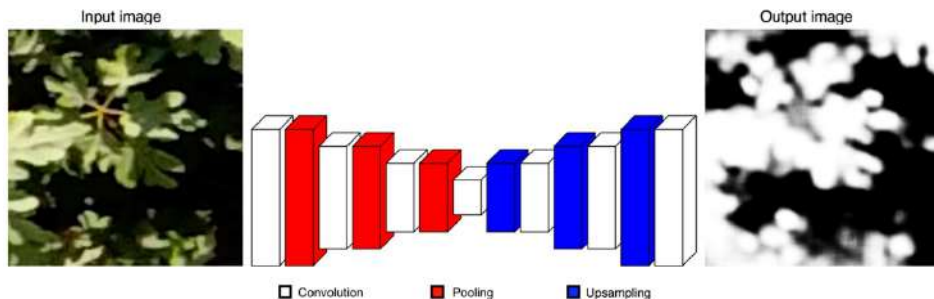
- FCN outperforms than patch-based CNN and pixel-based CNN in UAV imagery



# Application on Precision Agriculture

Fuentes-Pacheco et al. (2019)

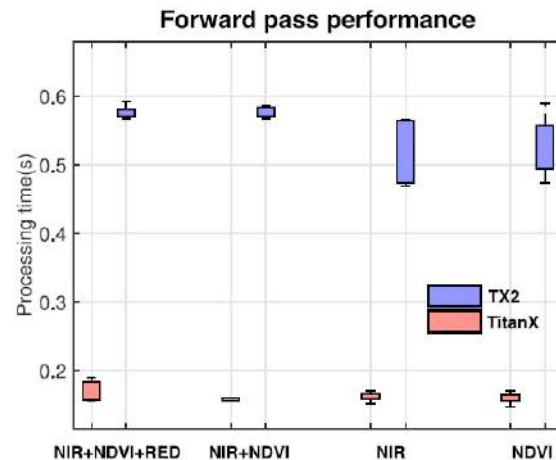
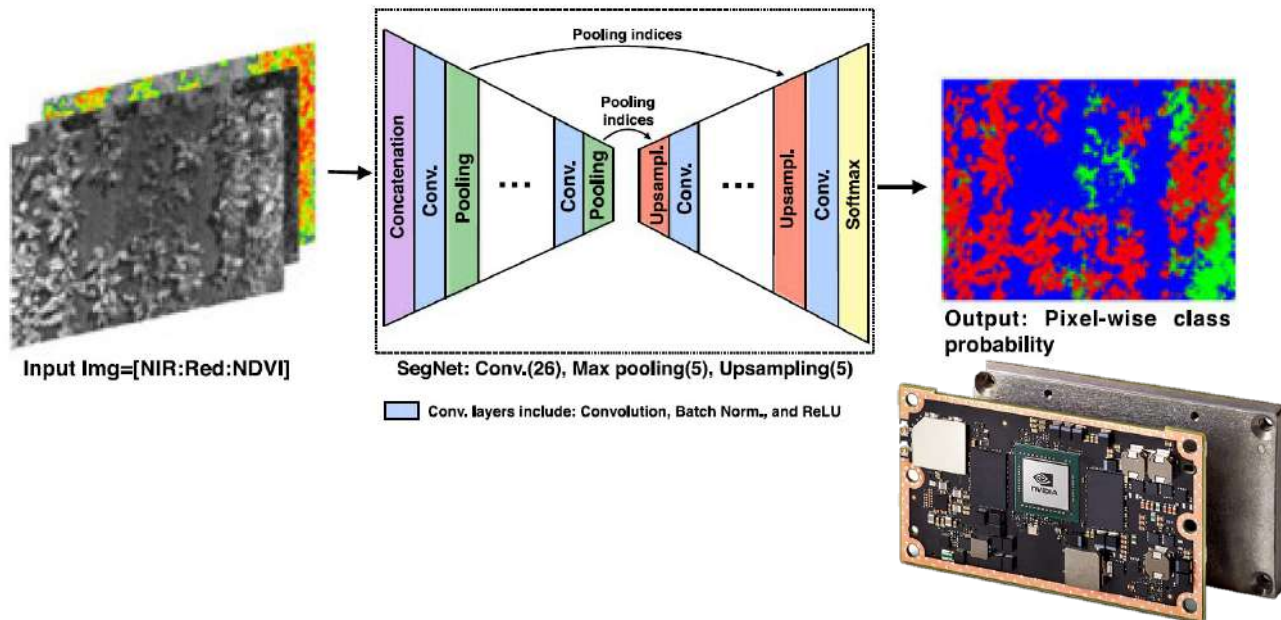
- Successfully simplified SegNet for binary vegetation identification



# Application on Precision Agriculture

Sa et al. (2018)

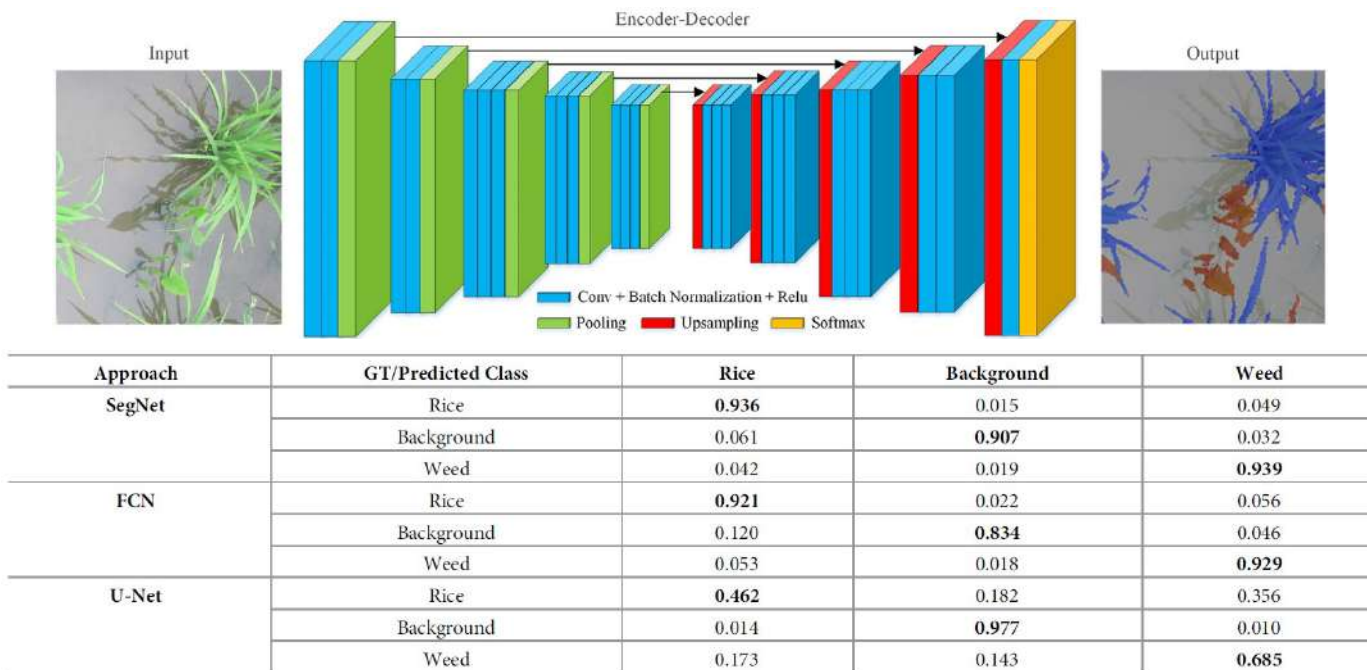
- GPU embedded system performs well on SegNet inference (1.8 fps)



# Application on Precision Agriculture

Ma et al. (2019)

- SegNet was well-suited for pixel-classification on tiny and abnormally shaped object

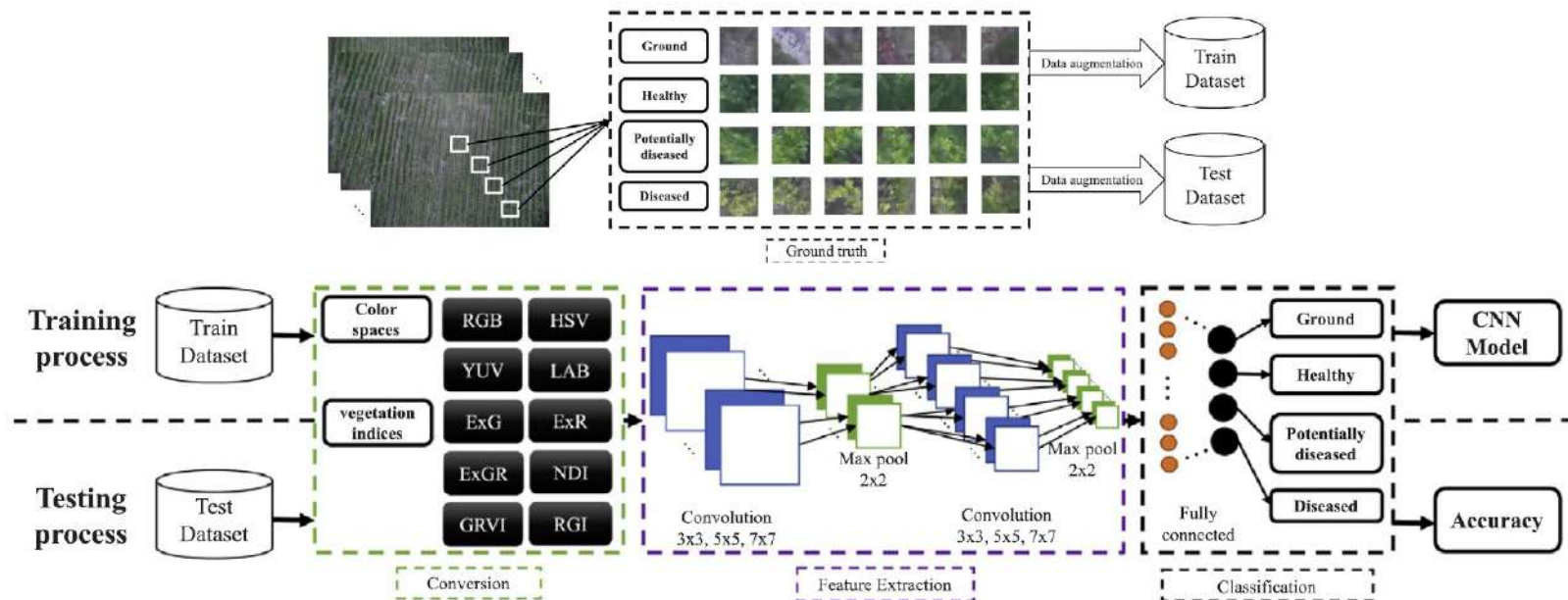




# Application on Precision Agriculture

Kerkech, Hafiane and Canals (2018)

- Combination of Vegetation index outperforms RGB-only



## Summary



CNN does well in visual recognition

SegNet

A stack of convolution layers with small filter performs better

FCN outputs pixel-wise classification

FCN-AlexNet

FCNs are feasible for real-time classification

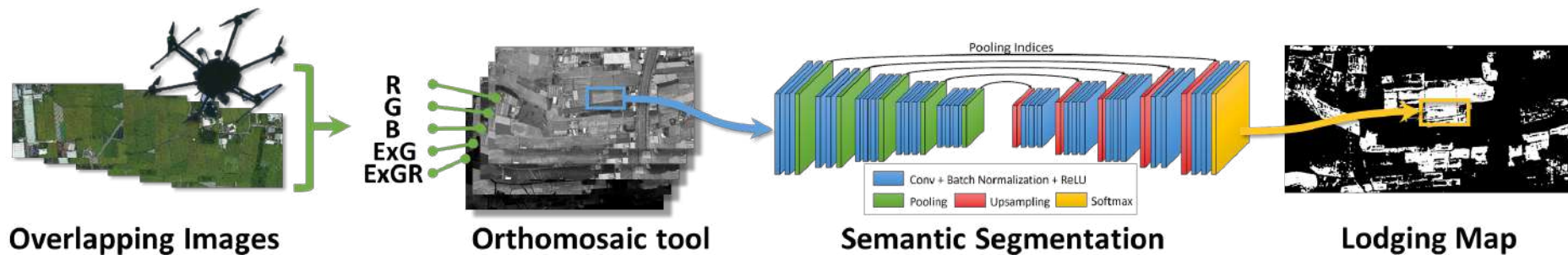
Combination of vegetation index outperforms RGB-only

Multi-source

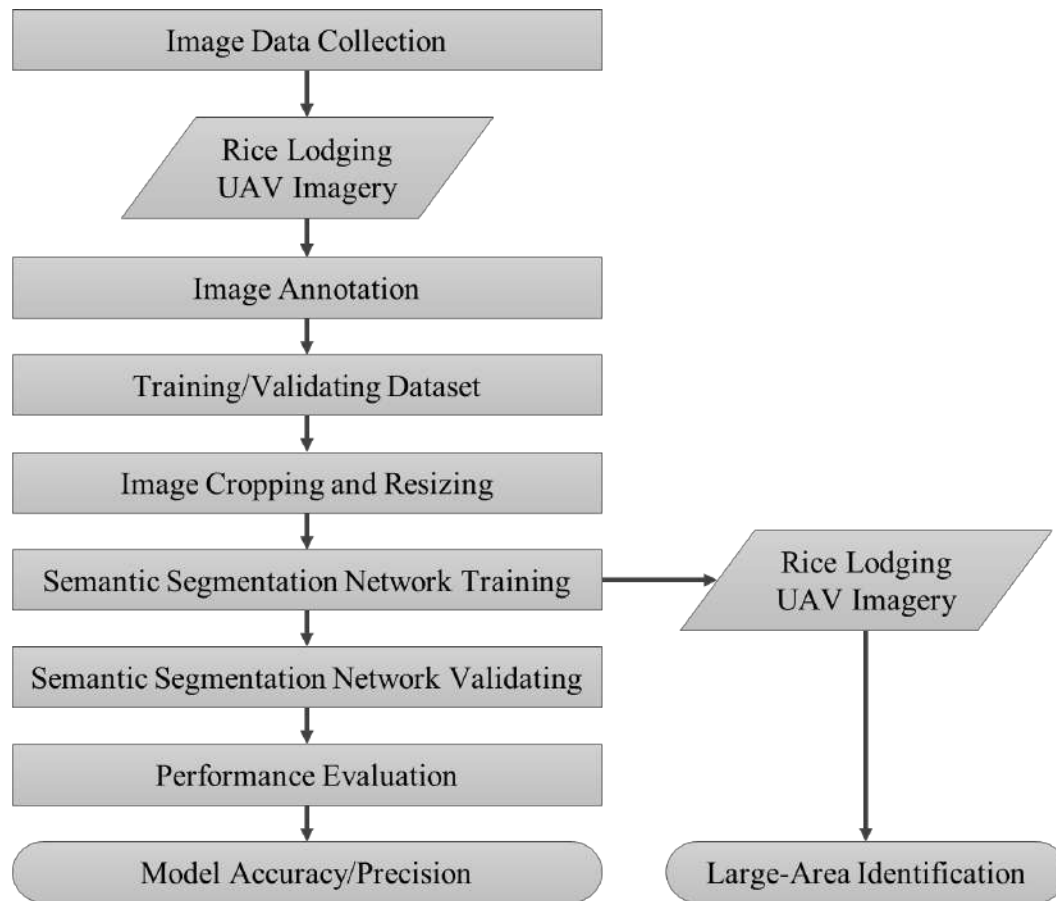
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# Methodologies

# Research Pipeline



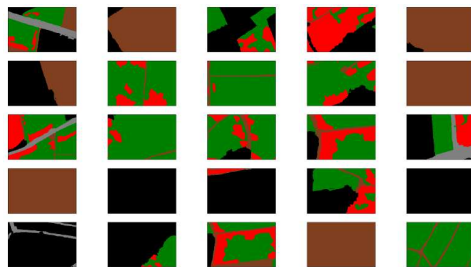
# Research Flow



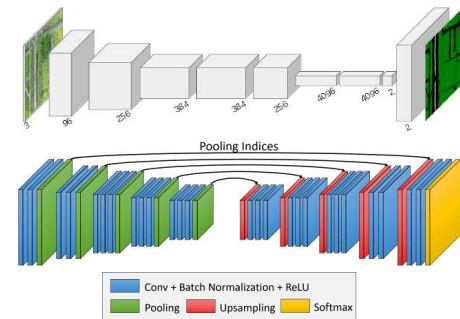
# 3 phases of Methodologies



Data Collection



Training and  
Validating Dataset



Semantic  
Segmentation  
Network



# Data Collection (for Training)



Camera Spec.

Model	SONY QX-100
Resolution	5472 x 3648
HFOV	64.8°



Flight Task

Height (m)	GSD (cm/pix)	Front-overlap (%)
230	5.27	85

A satellite map of a rural area in Taichung, Taiwan. A large, irregularly shaped area is highlighted in a semi-transparent green color, indicating the site of the Rice Lodging event. This area contains a mix of green rice fields and small clusters of buildings. The surrounding landscape includes a river (labeled '大里溪' in Chinese), roads, and more densely built-up areas. In the bottom right corner, there are standard map interface icons: a person icon, a compass, and a '3D' button.

**Mozihdunyuan,  
Taichung**  
**Rice Lodging event**  
Date : Jun.8th, 2017  
Area : 430 ha  
Height : 230m  
GSD : 5.27 cm/pix  
Image # : 522

# Data Collection (for Testing)



**Camera Spec.**

Model	SONY A7R MK2
Resolution	7952 x 5304
HFOV	100.4°



**Flight Task**

Height (m)	GSD (cm/pix)	Front-overlap (%)
180	4.68	85





**Wu Feng, Taichung**  
**Rice Lodging event**  
Date : May.26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Area : 2600 ha  
Height : 180m  
GSD : 4.68 cm/pix  
Image # : 2500

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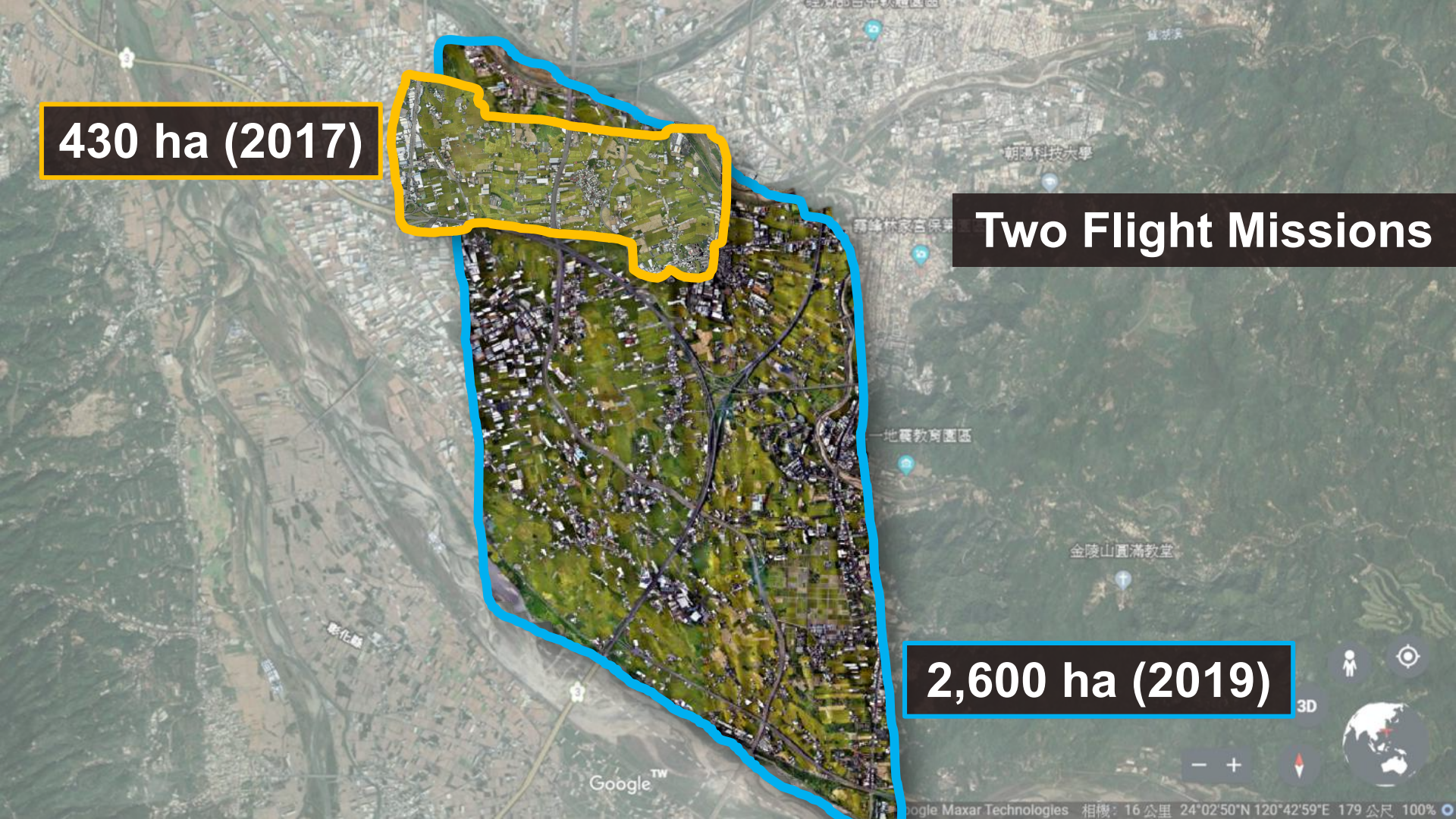
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**430 ha (2017)**

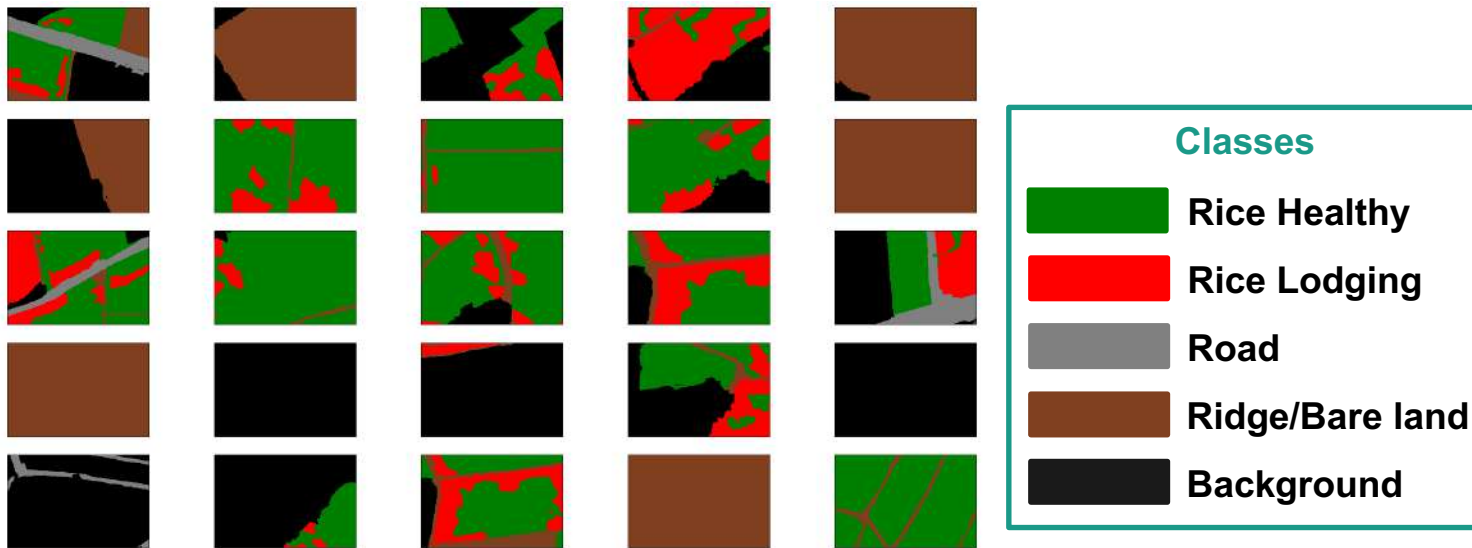
**Two Flight Missions**

**2,600 ha (2019)**



# Training and Validating Dataset

- Total 522 Hi-Res images, 179 annotated image of quarter part (179/2088)
- Ratio invariant (3:2)
- Images are spitted to 480x320
- Training samples : Training 1764 / Validating 742 (70/30 split)





# Image Stitching

- Commercial software: **Agisoft Metashape**
- Image based modeling
- Networking process (distributed computing)
- 2 physical machines, 5 computing nodes (4+1)
- 3 GPU nodes, 2 CPU nodes
- 10Gbps network between physical machines
- 40TB Hybrid storage (SSD cache)



# Training and Validating Dataset

- Combination of visible band and vegetation index
- Excess Green index (ExG)
- Excess Green minus Excess Red index (ExGR)

$$ExG = 2 * G - R - B$$

$$ExGR = ExG - ExR = 3 * G - 2.4 * R - B$$



RGB



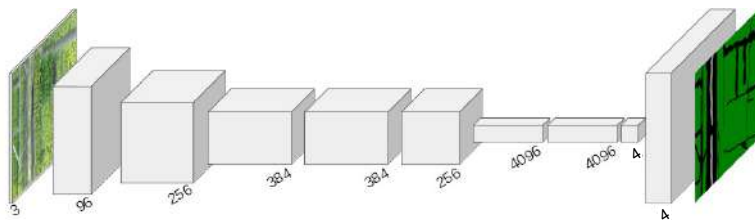
ExG



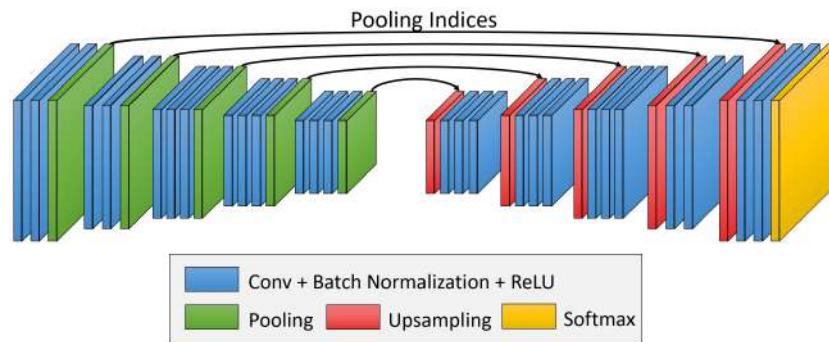
ExGR

# Semantic Segmentation Architecture

## 2 Fully Convolutional Network

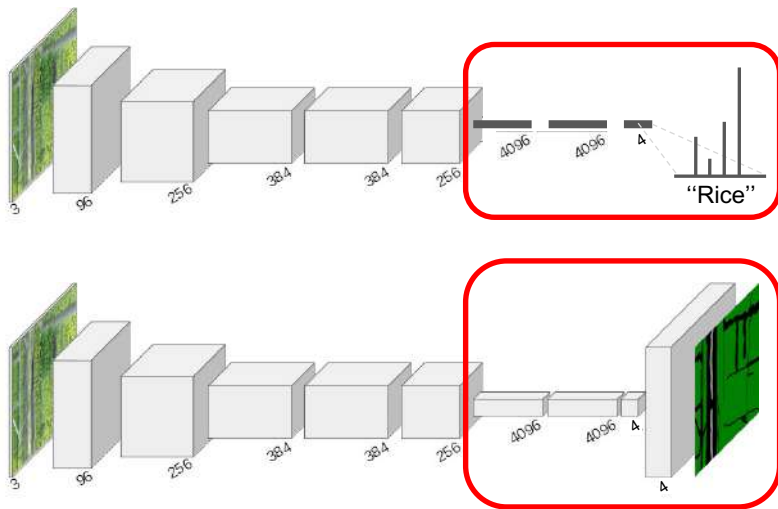


FCN-AlexNet



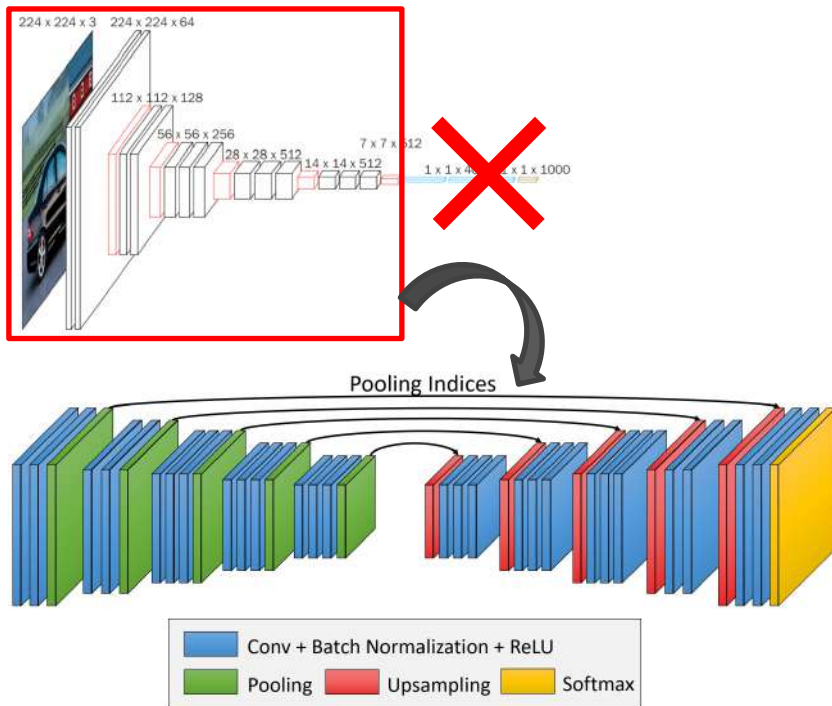
SegNet

# FCN-AlexNet



- Based on AlexNet
- Adjustment :
  - Three 1x1 convolution layer
  - One 32x deconvolution layer
  - One softmax activation layer

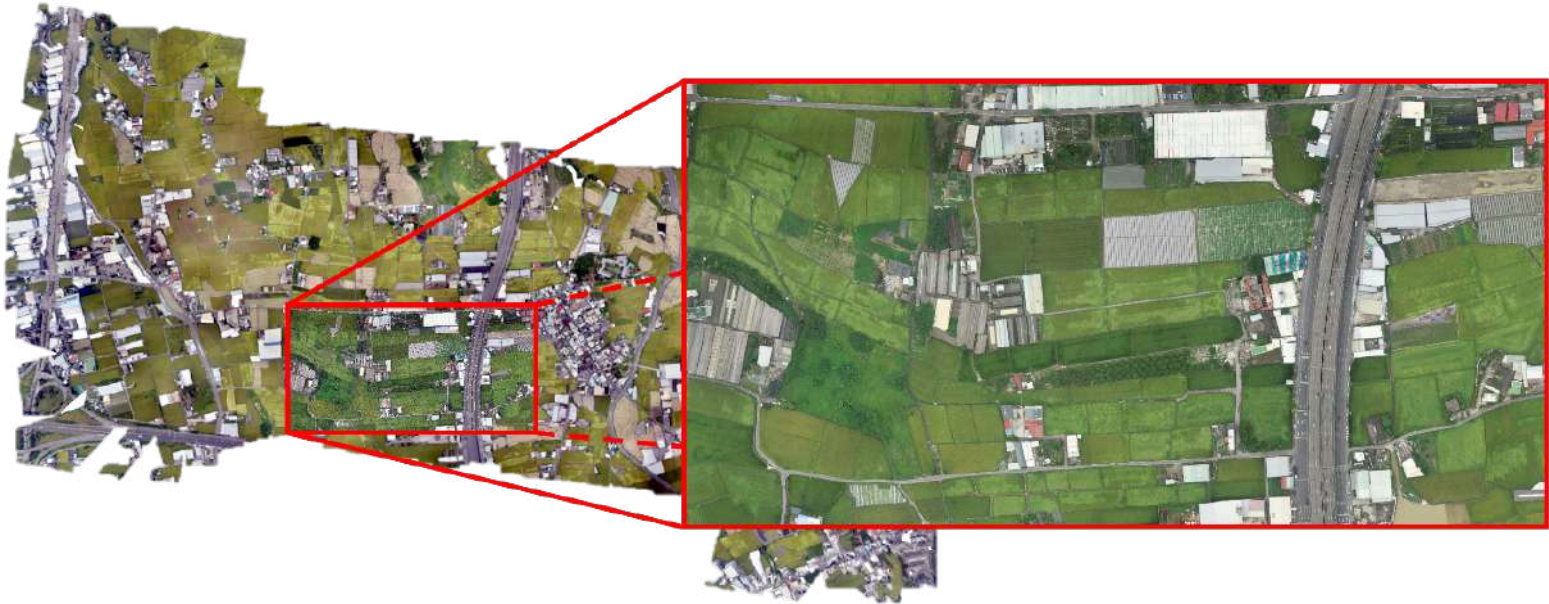
# SegNet



- Based on VGG-16
- Adjustment :
  - A mirrored convolution structure
  - Encoder-Decoder FCN
  - Pooling indices

# Rice Lodging Identification

- Area for experiments (40ha)





# Rice Lodging Identification

- Histogram matching for color similarity



2019 Before Histogram  
matching



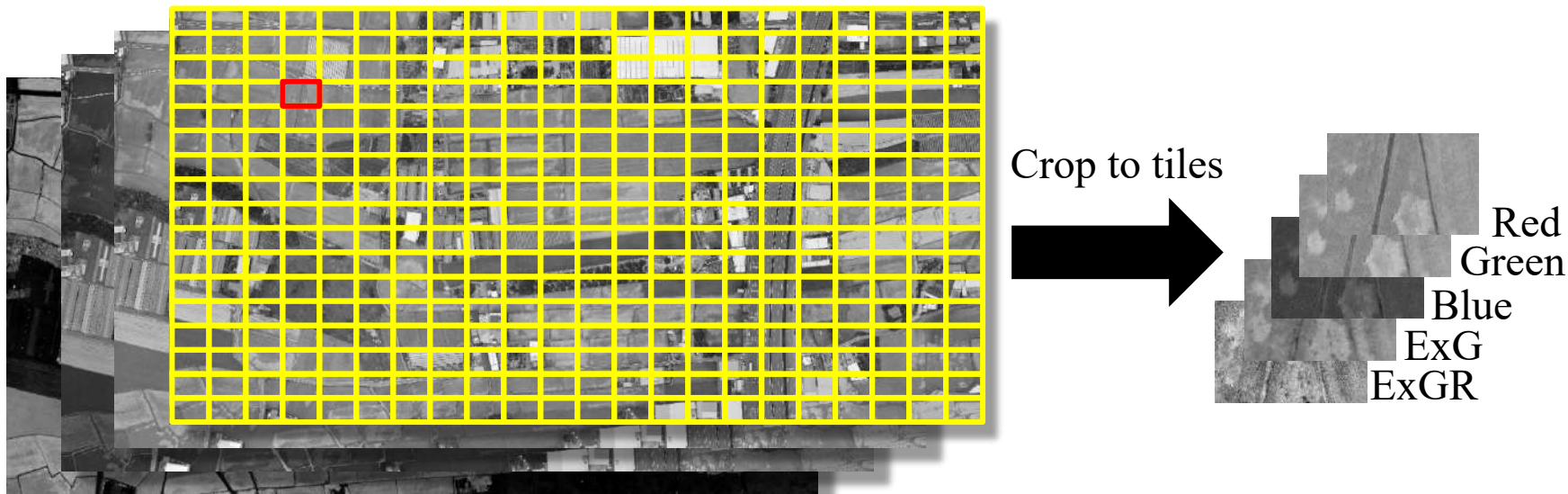
2019 After Histogram  
matching



2017 (same as training)

# Rice Lodging Identification

- Crop image to tiles because the limitation of GPU memory
- Each tile is 320x480

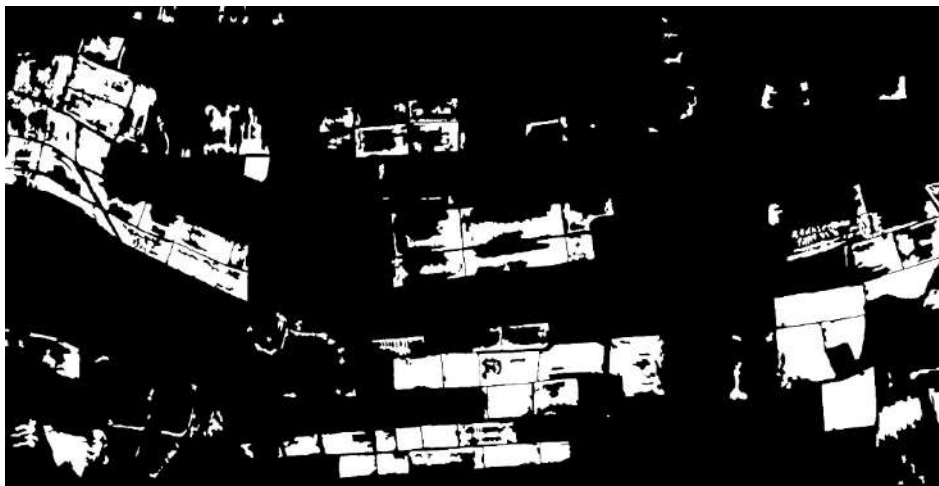




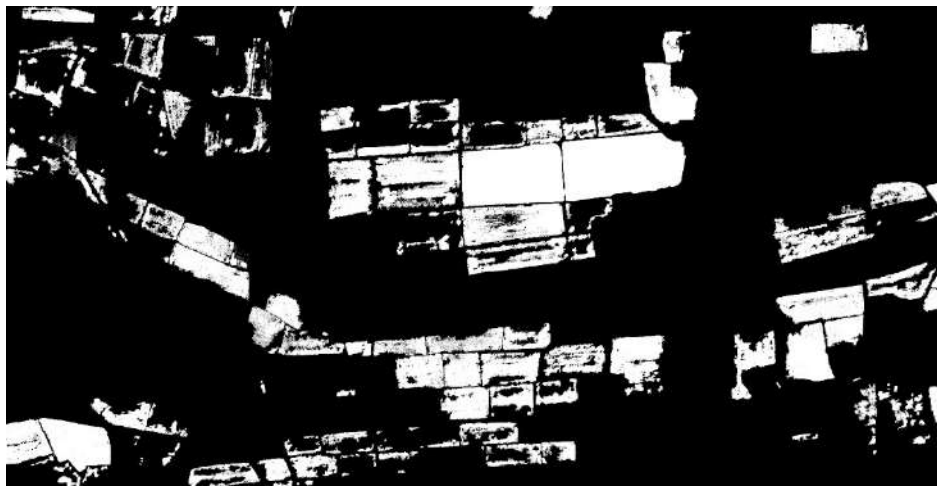
# Rice Lodging Identification

- Well annotated ground truth for model evaluation
- Compared with Maximum Likelihood Classification (MLC)

2017



2019



# Training Environment (TWGC service)

Compute Hardware	
CPU	Intel Xeon Gold 6154 @3.00GHz (8 cores/GPU node)
Memory	60 GB/GPU node
Accelerator	NVIDIA Tesla V100 16GB /GPU node

Software Environment	
OS	Ubuntu 16.04
Container Soft.	Docker EE
Containerized Image	nchc-tensorflow-18.07-py3
Libraries	Python 3.5.2 TensorFlow 1.10.1 Keras 2.2.2 Numpy 1.15 Scikit-image 0.15.0 Jupyter Notebook CUDA 9.0

# Training Parameter

Source: Kingma, Diederik P., and Jimmy Ba. "Adam: A method for stochastic optimization." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1412.6980*(2014).

Training Parameter	
Optimizer	Adam (Adaptive Moment Estimation)
Learning rate	10E-3
B1	0.9
B2	0.999
Epsilon	10E-8
Decay	0.05
Epoch	50
Batch size	24

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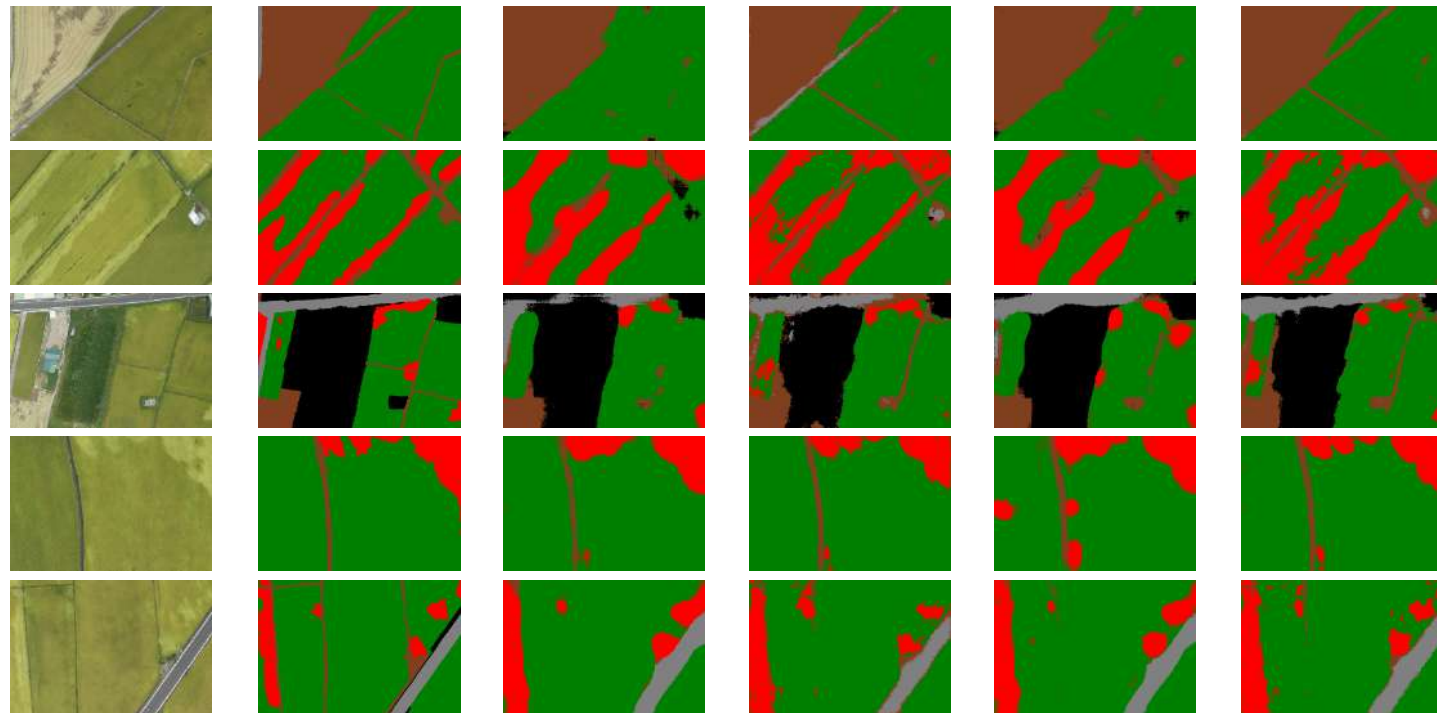
# Results and Discussion

# Evaluation and Discussion

Precision and OA of Rice Lodging Identification (%)

Model	Information	Rice Paddy	Rice Lodging	Road	Ridge	Unmarked	OA
FCN-AlexNet	RGB	<b>92.97</b>	68.12	<b>68.49</b>	74.37	91.05	85.25
	RGB+ExG	89.09	84.51	40.25	75.00	95.11	84.78
	RGB+ExGR	87.75	<b>84.58</b>	37.84	76.87	<b>96.19</b>	85.00
	RGB+ExG+ExGR	92.11	81.63	40.69	<b>79.41</b>	95.46	<b>86.68</b>
SegNet	RGB	94.90	61.74	50.90	61.74	<b>92.59</b>	<b>87.67</b>
	RGB+ExG	<b>95.77</b>	57.38	63.99	<b>87.96</b>	88.96	87.07
	RGB+ExGR	92.04	76.71	41.86	86.55	92.04	87.17
	RGB+ExG+ExGR	85.57	<b>80.82</b>	<b>67.12</b>	87.59	88.89	85.74

# Results (Rice Lodging Identification)



UAV Imagery

Ground Truth

FCN-AlexNet  
(RGB)

SegNet  
(RGB)

FCN-AlexNet  
(RGB+ExG)

SegNet  
(RGB+ExG)

# Evaluation and Discussion

- Precision

$$precision_c = \frac{TP_c}{TP_c + FP_c}$$

- Recall

$$recall_c = \frac{TP_c}{TP_c + FN_c}$$

- Overall Accuracy

$$OA = \sum_{c=1}^n \frac{TP_c}{TP_c + TN_c + FP_c + FN_c}$$

- F1-score

$$F_1 = \frac{2 \cdot precision \cdot recall}{precision + recall}$$

# Rice Lodging Identification

Performance Comparison on 2017 Rice Lodging Mosaic Image

Classifier	Information	Precision(%)	Recall(%)	F1-score(%)	Time(s)
SegNet	RGB+ExG+ExGR	61.63	95.49	74.91	126
	RGB+ExGR	71.35	91.44	80.16	119
	RGB+ExG	73.55	86.27	79.40	134
	RGB	<b>80.42</b>	77.85	79.11	121
FCN-AlexNet	RGB+ExG+ExGR	68.64	90.46	78.05	<b>96</b>
	RGB+ExGR	71.29	91.65	<b>80.20</b>	135
	RGB+ExG	72.01	86.98	78.79	141
	RGB	73.30	86.72	79.45	101
MLC	RGB+ExG+ExGR	56.47	<b>96.64</b>	71.29	1526
	RGB+ExGR	63.42	91.76	75.00	1492
	RGB+ExG	61.75	93.23	74.29	1511
	RGB	57.43	96.16	71.91	1342

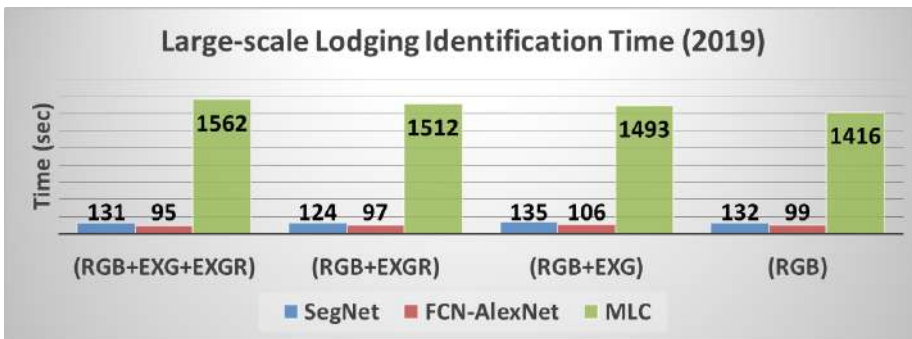
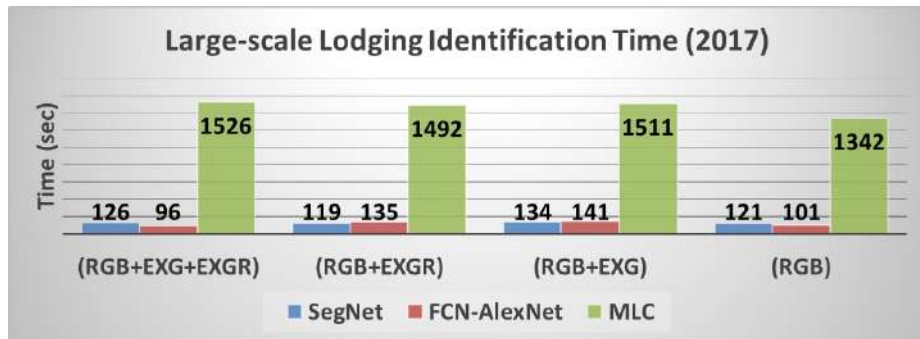
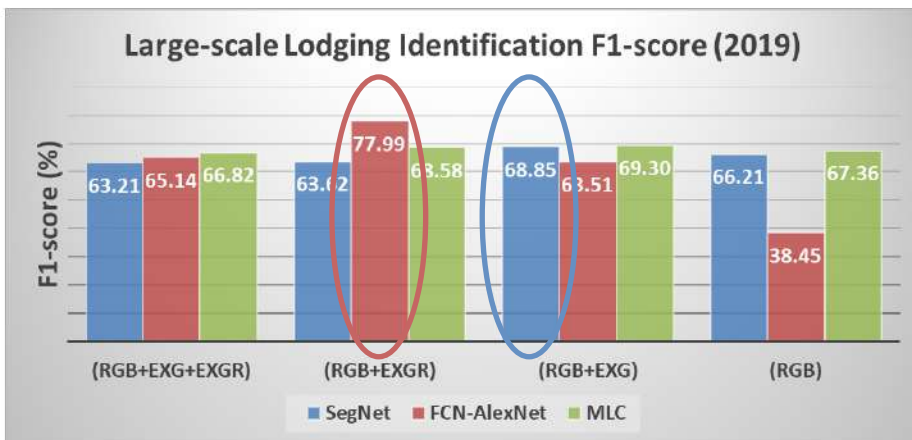
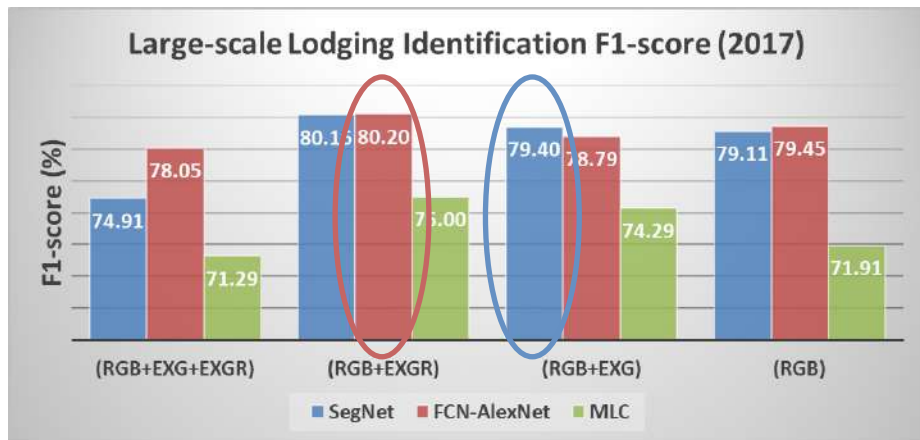


# Rice Lodging Identification

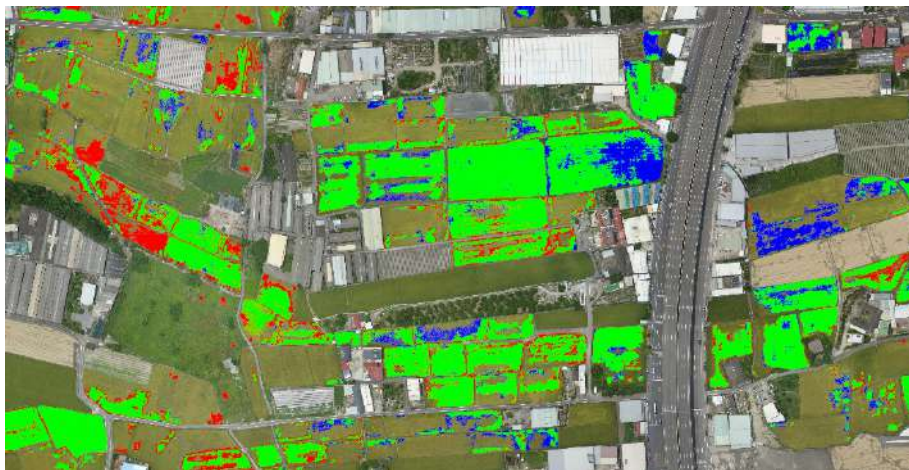
Performance Comparison on 2019 Rice Lodging Mosaic Image

Classifier	Information	Precision(%)	Recall(%)	F1-score(%)	Time(s)
SegNet	RGB+ExG+ExGR	50.62	84.14	63.21	131
	RGB+ExGR	55.93	73.77	63.62	124
	RGB+ExG	68.55	69.15	68.85	135
	RGB	79.07	47.66	66.21	132
FCN-AlexNet	RGB+ExG+ExGR	57.40	75.29	65.14	<b>95</b>
	RGB+ExGR	73.31	83.30	<b>77.99</b>	97
	RGB+ExG	81.87	51.87	63.51	106
	RGB	<b>89.78</b>	24.46	38.45	99
MLC	RGB+ExG+ExGR	57.03	80.67	66.82	1562
	RGB+ExGR	56.88	86.33	68.58	1512
	RGB+ExG	58.40	<b>85.21</b>	69.30	1493
	RGB	58.67	79.07	67.36	1416

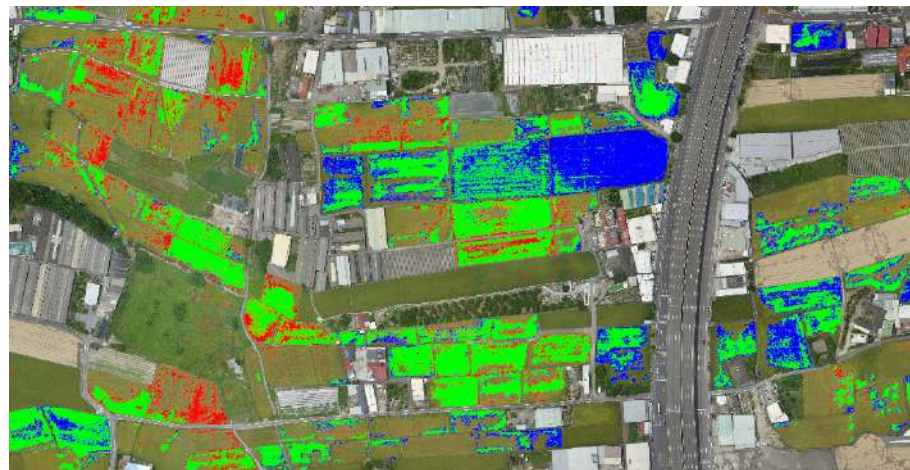
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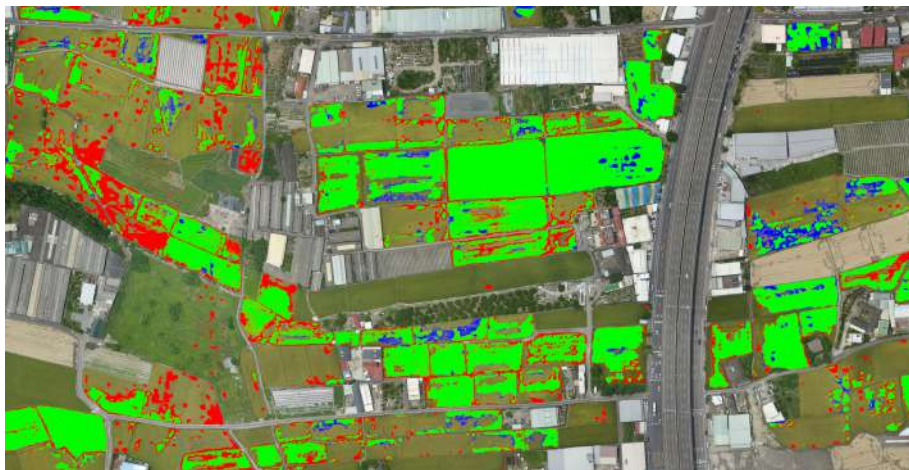


2017 SegNet (RGB+ExG)

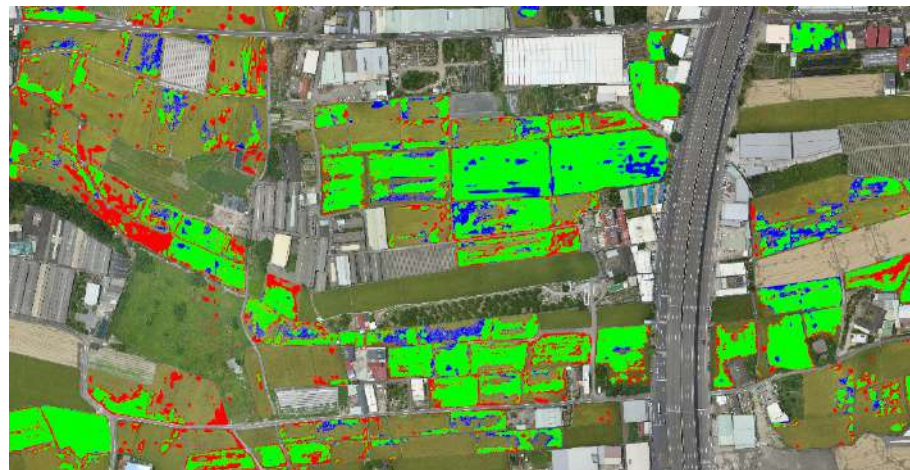


2017 SegNet (RGB)

# Rice Lodging Identification



2017 FCN-AlexNet (RGB+ExGR)

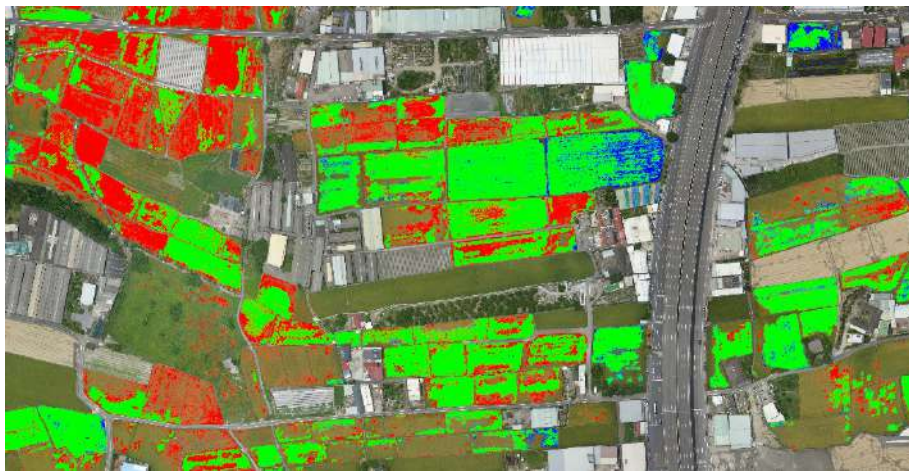


2017 FCN-AlexNet (RGB)



# Rice Lodging Identification

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2017 MLC (RGB+ExG)



2017 MLC (RGB)

# Rice Lodging Identification



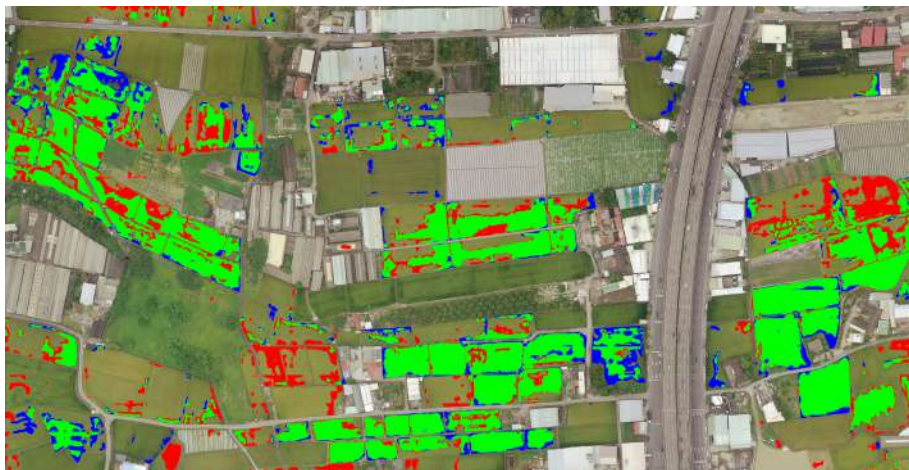
2019 SegNet (RGB+ExG)



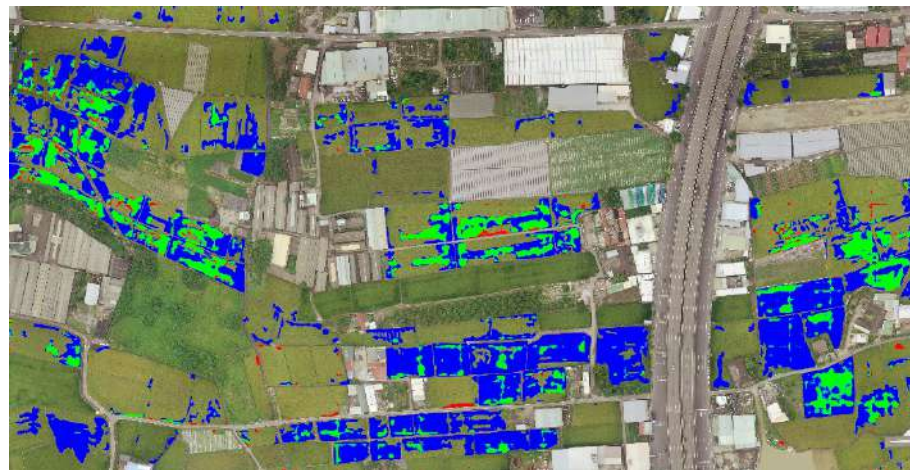
2019 SegNet (RGB)



# Rice Lodging Identification



2019 FCN-AlexNet (RGB+ExGR)

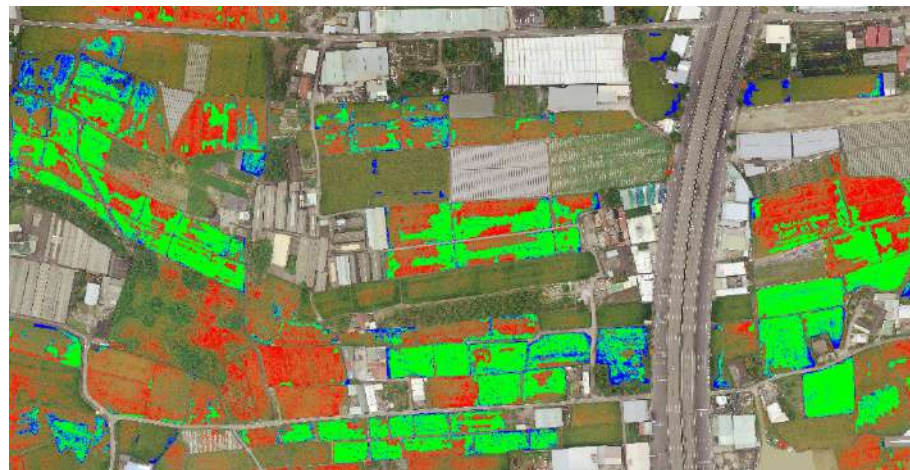


2019 FCN-AlexNet (RGB)

# Rice Lodging Identification



2019 MLC (RGB+ExG)



2019 MLC (RGB)



# Rice Lodging Identification

80ha for 2  
min

2600 ha area  
Investigation & Process  
within 1 day



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# Conclusion

# Conclusion



- 1) UAVs help the large-area investigation and also lower the cost of labor and money.
- 2) With the deep learning technique, data can be reused and the classifier can be reinforced, which means the experience can be accumulated.
- 3) Adding vegetation index makes the classification model robust.
- 4) Image tile eliminates the memory insufficient problem of processing large-scale images.
- 5) The variant of illumination, white balance and saturation are still the challenges for image classification tasks.

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# Future Work

# Future Work



- 1) Test other networks, such as Enet, EDANet.
- 2) Edge devices integration
- 3) Distributed computing for faster results.
- 4) Autonomous identification and pathfinding
- 5) Paddy field mapping for lodging rate calculation.
- 6) Preparing an article for submission

# Future Work

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Nvidia Jetson TX2



Nvidia Jetson AGX Xavier



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