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The focuses:

Identify and quantify (contributions) the drivers of vegetation changes over regional and global scales
 Quantify the key fluxes of the terrestrial ecosystems at reginal and global scales

Guo, R., **Chen, T.***, et al., (2023). Estimating Global GPP from the Plant Functional Type Perspective Using a Machine Learning Approach. **JGR-Biogeosciences**

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Innovation 2: Developed the global multivegetation type farmland GPP (Chen, T.* 2014) and the global terrestrial ecosystem GPP dataset based on random forest (Guo, R., Chen, T.*, et al., (2023)).

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Innovation 1: Establish a Paired Land Use Experiment (PLUE) method to analyze the impact of regional-scale land management on vegetation change (Chen, T.* 2022a,b)

the Paired Land Use Experiments (PLUE) theory in driver identification of regional vegetation change

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Abstract: How to identify the drivers of regional-scale vegetation change, especially to distinguish between climate change and human activities remains a great challenge. Modeling studies show that the CO2 fertilization effect plays a dominant role, but the significant greening contribution of farmland areas at the global scale seems to indicate that land management changes (LMC) activities have a huge impact. This study proposes the theory of Paired Land Use Experiment (PLUE), which selects areas with large differences in land management and consistent climate change to achieve "control" of climate change and attribute the difference in vegetation change to on the LMC. The PLUE method can directly identify land management activities other than climate elements from observations at the regional scale, which is helpful for further research on the driving forces of long-term vegetation change trends.

Have we known the drivers of greening/browning well?



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Modeling vs Observational Analysis: Both made significant contributions, but the problem has not been well solved yet, why?



Modeling

Advantages: easy to quantify each driving factor by controlling variables and setting different scenarios

Disadvantages: lack or incomplete process cannot be fully expressed, which is especially prominent in land management changes

Observational Analysis

Advantages: Based on observational data, contains all real processes

Disadvantages: Difficult to both identify and quantify drivers

the Paired Land Use Experiments (PLUE) theory

Scientific question

Is it possible to identify and quantify the climatic and anthropogenic factors in the drivers of vegetation change from observations at the regional scale?

Our hypothesis

If the climate change in a certain area is basically the same, and there are significant differences in land use or land management, the influence of human factors can be identified and the contribution can be quantified under the condition of controlling "climate change".



The premise of PLUE is essentially based on the "natural experiment" approach: to infer and quantify the effects of a treatment while other independent variables are controlled based on a natural configuration. In the case of PLUE, we try to assess the effects of land management on the dynamics of LAI by controlling climate factors under a natural cross-border configuration.

Schematic diagram of the Paired Land Use Experiment

The general procedure of PLUE can be described as follows: select a region which is large enough but still with a roughly homogeneous climate environment. Two parts of such a region have different land use practices, and typical examples are natural vegetation and managed lands (such as croplands), or two managed lands with different intensity levels. At least one part has a stable land cover type.

Therefore, these two regions could be treated as a PLUE with identical climate change forcing. The difference of vegetation response to environment could be contributed to land use change and land management change. Two objectives are expected: first, to identify the significance of the impact of human activities with natural control experiment of climate environment change. Second, to quantify the contributions of human activities by abstracting natural variations (a base line of the climatic influences). While, the premise required by the second goal is not easy to achieve in reality and is based on certain assumptions.

References of PLUE

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Spatial patterns of interannual trends during 2001–2018 for (a) EVI in the growing period, (b) EVI of croplands, (c) EVI of natural vegetation



The PLUE analysis over the Khabur River basin across Syria and Turkey

(a) The percentage of the total cropland area used for irrigation for the reference year of 2005. (b) The Khabur River basin and cropland distribution. The vertex coordinates of the parallelogram are [37.5 N, 40.5 E], [36.75 N, 41 E], [37.25 N, 39.5 E] and [36.5 N, 40 E], (c) Annual EVI series of cropland on the Syrian side and the Turkish side with linear fitting, (d) EVI trends of each month of cropland on the Syrian side. (c) EVI difference between the Turkish and Syrian sides of the basin (Turkey's EVI minus Syria's EVI). (f) EVI trends of each month of cropland on the Turkish side.

The LMC triggered by social unrest and civil war in Syria are responsible for the browning of northern regions. LMC includes insufficient irrigation and lack of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and field management

CASE 2, Contrasting Greening Pattern Across China-Russia Border



The PLUE analysis over the Sanjiang Plain across China and Russia

the Sanjiang Plain has distinct land management practices across the border-intensified agricultural development on China side (CNSP) versus largely little-disturbed natural vegetation on Russia side (RUSP). Different LMC practices lead to notably different seasonal variability in vegetation changes. LMC in CNSP side contains dry croplands to paddy fields, agriculture mechanization and the usage of fertilizer and pesticide.





It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land. Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred.

b) Change in global surface temperature (annual average) as observed and

simulated using human & natural and only natural factors (both 1850-2020)

Changes in global surface temperature relative to 1850-1900

a) Change in global surface temperature (decadal average) as reconstructed (1-2000) and observed (1850-2020)



Figure SPM.1: History of global temperature change and causes of recent warming.

What Don't We Know? 2005 & 2021

and nuclear, we have a fighting chance. Many nations,

including China, the United States, and others around

addressed include adjusting electrical grids to be able

to manage the unpredictability of green energy as well

But we are not hobbled. We are in the midst of an

extraordinary technological revolution in data science,

computing, and energy science. We know how to build

tools to collect valuable environmental data. Computer

scientists are working with ecologists to apply unique

learning techniques to Earth observation systems. And

of the public and professionals alike, we may be able to

more funding for green energy research is becoming

available across sectors. We have the capability: We

can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We can practice better stewardship of the planet. With the help

arrive at a solution that is feasible, useful,

artificial intelligence, deep-learning, and machine-

the world, are financing advanced research in this

realm, although some of the concerns yet to be

as energy storage.

and realistic.



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Ecology

Can we stop global climate change?

Climate change is one of the most pressing, complex, and frightening challenges facing us today, and scientists agree that ending it hinges on two major issues, both of which are now being addressed. The first roadblock is associated with the amount of climate data we are able to collect and share. We still lack a global climate observational system. We also need more investment in climate data infrastructure. Additionally, we contend with a lack of coordination and planning, with diverse actors spanning different countries, governments (national and local), sectors, and agencies. Moreover, much of our approach to climate change has been reactive rather than proactive. To truly stop climate change, more robust risk management systems must be established that complement and transform the work of environmental scientists, before further climate crises unfold.

The other major barrier we must overcome to stop climate change is our dependence on fossil fuels for most of our energy needs. If we can harness and utilize more green energy, such as solar, wind, geothermal,

Where do we put all the excess carbon dioxide?

The 2019 global emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) were estimated to be approximately 33.1 billion metric tons, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, for which the United States is responsible for 15.4%. CO2 arrives in the atmosphere mostly by two means: natural sources, such as human and animal exhalation and waste, and human actions, largely from energy production, such as burning coal, oil, and natural gas. One of the chief drivers of climate change research focuses on geologic and biologic carbon sequestration methods, where CO2 is stored in underground geologic formations or in organic materials such as vegetation, soils, and woody products, as well as in aquatic environments. As the U.S. Geological Survey notes, "by encouraging the growth of plants-particularly larger plants like treesadvocates of biologic sequestration hope to help remove CO₂ from the atmosphere."

What happens if all the ice on the planet melts?

If all the ice on the planet melts, sea level will rise 70 meters (230 feet), and every coastal city on the planet will flood.

Global Carbon Cycle





The target indices of carbon sources and sinks are NEE and NBP, but GPP and NPP estimates still have huge errors.

GPP Observation and Estimation



Gross Primary production (GPP) : GPP is the synthesis of organic compounds from atmospheric or aqueous carbon dioxide. Generally, GPP refers to the total amount of photosynthesis in terrestrial ecosystems.



Leaf scale observations





Site scale observation









Plant functional type (PFT) : is a system used by climatologists to classify plants according to their physical, phylogenetic and phenological characteristics as part of an overall effort to develop a vegetation model for use in land use studies and climate models. Model parameters are often assigned separately based on PFTs, the spatial distribution of PFTs is the core input of the model.

Table 2 Mean and standard deviation (SD) of V_{cmax} at the growing temperature (V_{cmaxTg}) and normalized to 25 °C (V_{cmax25}) for different plant functional types (PTF) calculated from the TROPOMI and ecological optimality theory (EOT) products in comparison with two ground-based databases (Smith et al., 2019 and Kattge et al., 2009).

		TRO	POMI	EC	DT	Smith	2019	Kattge	2009
PFT	(µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹)	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
	V _{cmax25}	32.36	12.51	60.66	7.19	53.70	26.95	62.50	24.70
ENF	VcmaxTg	7.31	3.62	13.68	2.97	17.43	11.13		405
	Vemax25	46.89	13.02	54.55	6.79	45.83	23.27	43.80	16.83
EBF	VcmaxTg	44.22	15.98	50.88	12.19	37.12	23.59		
	V _{cmax25}	44.38	8.93	60.50	5.05	44.82	23.34	39.10	11.70
DNF	VcmaxTg	10.95	2.58	14.93	2.09	11.59	6.28		
	V _{cmax25}	44.42	16.42	59.60	6.31	51.31	25.06	57.70	21.200
DBF	VemaxTg	18.12	17.07	22.68	15.68	24.31	20.72		
	V _{cmax25}	53.30	13.60	61.37	7.55	50.63	27.75	57.85	19.55
SHR	VcmaxTg	13.21	11.24	15.76	14.54	31.88	27.80		
	V _{cmax25}	74.74	22.76	69.45	12.37	82.70	47.86	78.20	31.10
GRS	VemaxTg	49.30	40.10	41.42	27.85	21.65	18.25		495
	V _{cmax25}	87.57	17.42	62.12	9.59	90.21	32.13	100.70	36.60
CRP	VemaxTg	54.83	37.14	39.63	26.72	42.11	22.64		

Table 2.2. Biome-Property-Look-Up-Table (BPLUT) for MODIS GPP/NPP algorithm with NCEP-DOE reanalysis II and the Collection5 FPAR/LAI as inputs. The full names for the University of Maryland land cover classification system (UMD_VEG_LC) in MCDLCHKM dataset (fieldname: Land_Cover_Type_1) are, Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Evergreen Broadleaf Forest (EBF), Deciduous Needleleaf Forest (DNF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Mixed forests (MF), Closed Shrublands (CShrub), Open Shrublands (OShrub), Woody Savannas (WSavanna), Savannas (Savanna), Grassland (Grass), and Croplands (Crop).

UMD_VEG_LC	ENF	EBF	DNF	DBF	MF	CShrub	OShrub	WSavanna	Savanna	Grass	Crop
LUEmax (KgC/m ² /d/MJ)	0.000962	0.001268	0.001086	0.001165	0.001051	0.001281	0.000841	0.001239	0.001206	0.000860	0.001044
Tmin_min (C)	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-6.00	-7.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00
Tmin_max (C)	8.31	9.09	10.44	9.94	9.50	8.61	8.80	11.39	11.39	12.02	12.02
VPD_min (Pa)	650.0	800.0	650.0	650.0	650.0	650.0	650.0	650.0	650.0	650.0	650.0
VPD_max (Pa)	4600.0	3100.0	2300.0	1650.0	2400.0	4700.0	4800.0	3200.0	3100.0	5300.0	4300.0
SLA (LAI/KgC)	14.1	25.9	15.5	21.8	21.5	9.0	11.5	27.4	27.1	37.5	30.4
Q10*	2,0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
froot_leaf_ratio	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.0
livewood_leaf_ratio	0.182	0.162	0.165	0.203	0.203	0.079	0.040	0.091	0.051	0.000	0.000
leaf_mr_base	0.00604	0.00604	0.00815	0.00778	0.00778	0.00869	0.00519	0.00869	0.00869	0.0098	0.0098
froot_mr_base	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00519	0.00819	0.00819
livewood_mr_base	0.00397	0.00397	0.00397	0.00371	0.00371	0.00436	0.00218	0.00312	0.00100	0.00000	0.00000

*: The constant Q₁₀ = 2.0 is applied to fine roots and live wood, while for leaves, a temperature acclimation Q₁₀ value is used as described in Equation.

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Question: Does cropland qualify for a single PFT classification?

Fields vary widely in crop characteristics, unlike the natural attributes of other PFTs

- I. The plant types are much more homogeneous than natural ecosystems due to management practice of farmers.
- II. The plant types change much faster than natural ecosystems due to crop rotation schemes used, which means the land cover type does not uniquely determine plant types as in more natural ecosystems.
- III. Sowing, ploughing and harvesting activities change the ecosystems in croplands abruptly and leave land fallow for long periods, sometimes even in the growing season.
- **IV.** Multiple cropping is an important way to increase yield and bring unique phenological characteristics.
- V. Agricultural modernization, including pesticide spread, fertilization, seed improvement, and the development of agricultural machinery.



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agricultural machinery.

The light use efficiency (LUE) model



The LUE model was built by John Monteith (Monteith, 1972, Monteith and Moss, 1977)





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Built the look-up table



Types: we divided the cropland into 26 different type based on the survey gridded dataset MIRCA2000(monthly irrigated and rainfed crop areas; Portmann et al., 2010).

$$RMSE = \left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N} (GPP_{CASA} - GPP_{FLUXNET})^2\right]^{1/2}$$

FLUXNET only can cover 8 types which account about 55% global cropland area. The rest 18 types are from literature. How?

The citations of Monteith's two papers in google scholar

Climate and the efficiency of crop production in Britain [and discussion] JL Monteith, CJ Moss - Philosophical Transactions of ..., 1977 - rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org Abstract The efficiency of crop production is defined in thermodynamic terms as the ratio of energy output (carbohydrate) to energy input (solar radiation). Temperature and water supply are the main climatic constraints on efficiency. Over most of Britain, the radiation ...

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Convert the parameter

$$\varepsilon^*_{GPP_FLUXNET} = 0.6757 \times \varepsilon^*_{GPP_literature} + 0.1252$$



Global Cropland GPP Estimates

Global cropland GPP in 2000 is 11.05 Pg C.



The spatial distribution of global crop land GPP.

ID	crop types	GPP(Pg C yr ⁻¹)	1		
1	Maize	1.545			
2	Rice	1.514			
3	Fodder grasses	1.389			
4	Wheat	1.384			
5	Others perennial	0.795			
6	Cassava	0.612			
7	Others annual.	0.508			
8	Sugarcane	0.494			
9	Soybeans	0.491			
10	Pulses	0.353			
11	Sorghum	0.272			
12	Barley	0.26			
13	Oil palm	0.21			
14	Coffee	0.158			
15	Millet	0.134			
16	Сосоа	0.132			
17	Cotton	0.123			
18	Rape seed	0.115			
19	Sunflower	0.112			
20	Rye	0.109			
21	Groundnuts	0.105			
22	Potatoes	0.091			
23	Citrus	0.064			
24	Grapes	0.041			
25	Sugar beet	0.04			
26	Date palm	0.001			
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The representative work of global GPP estimation, in which the algorithm based on machine learning is the first time to summarize the global flux network data FLUXCOM, and its estimated value is generally regarded as a reference.



Ryu, Y., Berry, J. A., & Baldocchi, D. D. (2019). What is global photosynthesis? History, uncertainties and opportunities. *Remote sensing of environment*, 223, 95-114.







Fig. 3. Time series of annual global photosynthesis and SiF estimates from different remote sensing based products. SiF datasets present annual anomaly values adopted from (Luo et al., 2018). Data sources include: MPI-BGC (Jung et al., 2010), SVR (Kondo et al., 2015), FLUXCOM (Jung et al., 2017), MODIS C6 GPP product (Running et al., 2004), PR (Keenan et al., 2016), VPM (Zhang et al., 2017b), GIMMS (Smith et al., 2016), BESS (Jiang and Ryu, 2016), GOME (Joiner et al., 2013), GOSAT (Frankenberg et al., 2011), and OCO2 (Sun et al., 2017).

As can be seen from the gray curve in the right figure, the FLUXCOM estimate obviously lacks inter-annual fluctuations!

Ryu, Y., Berry, J. A., & Baldocchi, D. D. (2019). What is global photosynthesis? History, uncertainties and opportunities. *Remote sensing of environment*, 223, 95-114.



references	Main results
jung2011	Use the MTE method to estimate global GPP
yao2017	Use the RF method with Asian eddy flux sites to estimate China GPP
jung2020	Generation of global-scale GPP by fusion of multiple machine learning methods
huang2020	Introduce PFT for GPP classification training, and verify the important influence of water body index on GPP estimation
schlund2020	Uncertainty analysis of machine learning accuracy, comparison of various GPP products, pointing out the importance of farmland to GPP estimation



FLUXCOM global GPP (jung2020)

Previous studies have clearly pointed out that the sparse sites is the main limitation in machine learning estimation of global-scale GPP. The uncertainty of global GPP estimation reduced by quantitative site data has not been effectively resolved.





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TaskNo	10.17871/F
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GeoLocation	global (90°N-90°S; 180°W-180°E), 0.5° spatial resolution
Owner	Jung
Projects	FluxCom
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FLUXCOM data information

The trend of the global total of FLUXCOM_GPP is not obvious, and there is no interannual fluctuation, which is inconsistent with many evidences from observation and remote sensing. The potential reason is that the data set is not based on different PFTs for model training, and the multi-feature mixture amplifies the environmental differences between PFTs, thereby reducing the impact of CO2 fertilization and vegetation greening.

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Significant increase in greenness of global vegetation





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 Vegetation "greening" generally refers to the trend of increasing vegetation greenness on an interannual scale. In applications, remote sensing vegetation indices are often used, including leaf area index LAI, normalized difference vegetation index NDVI, and enhanced vegetation index EVI.

• As an important indicator of vegetation productivity, GPP has become 北半球变绿趋势1982 - 2011, Mao 2016 NCC an indisputable fact that the annual total has increased year by year with the global greening phenomenon.



Core scientific question: How to improve GPP estimation of large-scale terrestrial ecosystems based on limited observations?

Two obvious concerns:

- The lack of interannual fluctuations in global GPP estimated by traditional machine learning is contrary to the objective fact of global greening. How to improve the interannual variation trend of GPP?
- The functional types of vegetation vary greatly. Whether machine learning training can be trained independently for different types, especially C4/C3 vegetation types.

Built the random forest model





PFT maps ₽





The spatial distribution map of major global crops released by EarthStat in 2000 was used (Monfreda et al., 2008), which provides the percentage of planted area for 175 crop types per 10-km grid cell. The CRO_C4 percentage was calculated by summing the six CRO_C4 types (corn, corn forage, sorghum, sorghum forage, millet, sugarcane)

We used nine PFTs here, including deciduous broad leaved forest (DBF), evergreen needle leaved forest (ENF), evergreen broad leaved forest (EBF), mixed forest (MF), grassland (GRA), CRO_C3, CRO_C4, shrub (SHR), and wetland (WET). The 206 flux sites in FLUXNET2015 were characterized by corresponding PFT colors under different PFTs.

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Site-Scale Validation: PFT vs. nonPFT





Figure 3. Scatter density diagram of the overall accuracy in plant functional type (PFT) training models and nonPFT training models. (a) PFT training model accuracy with 80% random selection and 20% testing sets. (b) NonPFT training model accuracy with 80% random selection and 20% testing model accuracy with 80% random selection and 20% testing sets. (c) PFT training model accuracy with entire sites moved (~20%) into testing sets. (d) NonPFT training model accuracy with entire sites moved (~20%) into testing sets. (d) NonPFT training model accuracy with entire sites moved (~20%) into testing sets. The red lines indicate the best linear fits determined by ordinary linear regression, and the black lines represent the 1:1 line. RMSE unit is $g C m^{-2} d^{-1}$.

By distinguishing the CRO_C3 and CRO_C4 in the CRO and training, different RF model based on Probability each PFT could avoid systematic errors caused by differences in vegetation and growth environments effectively. In addition, the tior improvement of the overall training accuracy of the model, it also provided an opportunity for optimizing the prediction of GPP at the global scale.

Site-Scale Validation: PFT vs. nonPFT

	R ² _PFT	RMSE_PFT	R ² _nonPFT	RMSE_nonPFT	R ² _diff	RMSE_diff	随机选择实验
DBF	0.82 ± 0.01	1.92 ± 0.07	0.79 ± 0.01	2.16 ± 0.07	0.03	-0.24	• FBF、MF和CRO C4的
ENF	0.68 ± 0.03	1.75 ± 0.08	0.65 ± 0.03	1.87 ± 0.09	0.03	-0.12	
EBF	0.69 ± 0.07	1.86 ± 0.36	0.58 ± 0.09	2.16 ± 0.40	0.11	-0.30	R ² 均提升0.06以上。
MF	0.79 ± 0.03	1.51 ± 0.08	0.67 ± 0.04	2.02 ± 0.17	0.12	-0.51	• CRO C3的R ² 提升了0.04。
GRA	0.78 ± 0.02	1.63 ± 0.09	0.75 ± 0.03	1.73 ± 0.12	0.03	-0.10	
CRO_C3	0.51 ± 0.04	3.14 ± 0.15	0.47 ± 0.05	3.24 ± 0.20	0.04	-0.10	• CRO_C4的RMSE平均值
CRO_C4	0.84 ± 0.05	2.81 ± 0.32	0.78 ± 0.05	4.27 ± 0.58	0.06	-1.46	降低了1.46 g C m ⁻² d ⁻¹ ,
SHR	0.84 ± 0.04	0.71 ± 0.05	0.80 ± 0.06	1.29 ± 0.10	0.04	-0.58	计到291 ~ C? d-1
WET	0.58 ± 0.04	2.33 ± 0.18	0.54 ± 0.08	2.57 ± 0.25	0.04	-0.24	



	全站点去除		R ² _PFT	RMSE_PFT	R ² _nonPFT	RMSE_nonPFT	R ² _diff	RMSE_diff
•	FRE MEM	DBF	0.79 ± 0.07	2.12 ± 0.31	0.74 ± 0.12	2.28 ± 0.38	0.05	-0.16
-		ENF	0.62 ± 0.10	2.04 ± 0.39	0.61 ± 0.11	2.06 ± 0.34	0.01	-0.02
	CRO_C4的R ² 均	EBF	0.61 ± 0.09	2.20 ± 1.36	0.55 ± 0.12	2.26 ± 1.15	0.06	-0.06
	增加大于0.06。	MF	0.79 ± 0.07	1.88 ± 0.29	0.72 ± 0.21	2.09 ± 0.61	0.07	-0.21
		GRA	0.72 ± 0.06	1.87 ± 0.51	0.71 ± 0.07	1.89 ± 0.54	0.01	-0.02
•	CRO_C4的RMSE	CRO_C3	0.48 ± 0.09	3.32 ± 0.74	0.47 ± 0.12	3.40 ± 0.74	0.01	-0.08
	减小量最大,达	CRO_C4	0.76 ± 0.13	3.22 ± 0.46	0.65 ± 0.26	4.54 ± 1.24	0.11	-1.32
	$\exists 1 22 = 0 \dots 2 d 1$	SHR	0.75 ± 0.14	0.90 ± 0.32	0.72 ± 0.18	1.37 ± 0.41	0.03	-0.47
	$\pm 11.32 \text{ g C m}^2 \text{ d}^1 \text{ o}$	WET	0.53 ± 0.22	2.67 ± 0.50	0.52 ± 0.22	2.68 ± 0.64	0.01	-0.01

feature contributions





The contribution of LAI is larger than other meteorological features among all PFTs, with an average contribution of 41.73%.

Comparison of feature contributions of nine plant functional type (PFT) training models. (a)–(i) Contribution of meteorological and remote sensing variables to the corresponding PFT.



Details of input datasets used to drive RF model and GPP datasets.↩

Datasets←	Variables←	Spatial resolutions↩	Temporal resolutions↩	Temporal coverage↩
FLUXNET2015←	GPP, SSRD, T2M, TP, VPD←	site scale<⊐	monthly↩	site-specific← [→]
MCD12C1←	land cover<⊐	0.05 degree↩	yearly↩	2001 – 2019←
Harvested Area and	corn, corn forage,			÷
Yield for 175 Crops year	sorghum, sorghum forage,	10 kilometers⇔	yearly⇔	2000<⊐
2000←□	millet, sugarcane↩			
ERA5_Land<□	SSRD, T2M, TP, VPD←	0.1 degree↩	monthly↩	1999 – 2019<⊐ <
GEOV2<⊐	LAI←	1 kilometer↩	10 days⇔	1999 – 2019↩┐ <
MCD15A2H←	LAI←	500 meters↩	8 days↩	2003 – 2019↩
MOD17A2H↩	GPP↩	500 meters↩	8 days↩	2001 – 2020€⊐ €
FLUXCOM_GPP←	GPP↩	0.5 degree↩	monthly↩	1999 – 2013↩
Revised_EC_LUE_GPP↩	GPP↩	0.05 degree↩	8 days↩	1999 – 2018↩
NIRv_GPP←	GPP←	0.05 degree↩	monthly↩	1999 – 2018<⊐ <

ECGC_GPP





Averaged annual value of ECGC_GPP from 1999 to 2019.

Compare with other GPP datasets





ECGC_GPP has the highest correlation with FLUXCOM_GPP

Spatial comparison of 5 sets of GPP datasets from 2001-2013. The diagonal line is the mean distribution of each data set. Below the diagonal is the difference between the two data sets, and the horizontal minus vertical is used. On the diagonal is the spatial distribution of the correlation coefficient of the pairwise data sets.

Compare with other GPP datasets





Global zonal comparison of five GPP datasets from 2001 to 2013

GPP gradually increases from dry and coldbiomes (deserts and tundra) to warm and wetbiomes (temperate and tropical forests).Equatorial and temperate regions show peaks.Hot and dry tropical regions show low GPPvalues.

After distinguishing C3 and C4 farmland, there is a significant increase in CRO_GPP at 10-45 degrees north latitude

Compare with other GPP datasets





Site-level gross primary production (GPP) value comparisons between FLUXNET_GPP and five GPP data sets.

2001 to 2013 (ECGC_GPP minus FLUXCOM_GPP).





ECGC_GPP shows a higher GPP in the croplands than FLUXCOM.

- > 76.38% cropland grids increased
- total cropland GPP increased by 18.68%





By calculating the spatial partial correlation coefficient of each feature and GPP, and get the main contribution space map. It can be seen that LAI estimates the main driving variables in the GPP model for the global PFT.





In the PFT training model, LAI is the feature with the largest relative contribution, and the CO2 fertilization effect has a certain representation in LAI. Therefore, by comparing the global annual change trends of LAI and GPP, it can be found that the global annual change trends of LAI and GPP are highly consistent.





The annual total of ECGC_GPP is 117.14 \pm 1.51 Pg C yr⁻¹

The annual total of ECGC_GPP shows an upward trend 0.21 Pg C yr⁻²

Compared to FLUXCOM_GPP, ECGC_GPP increased by 0.20 Pg C yr⁻²

Long-term trends of GPP





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Global cropland monthly gross primary production in the year 2000

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- The accuracy of gross primary production (GPP) estimation can be improved by distinguishing plant functional types, especially for C3 and C4 crops
- Significant increasing hend is found in this random forest-based data set
 Leaf area index plays a leading role in both the average state and long-term

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Estimating Global GPP From the Plant Functional Type Perspective Using a Machine Learning Approach

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Abstract The long-term monitoring of gross primary production (GPP) is crucial to the assessment of the carbon cycle of terrestrial ecosystems. In this study, a well-known machine learning model (random forest, RF) is established to reconstruct the global GPP data set named ECGC_GPP. The model distinguished nine functional plant types, including C3 and C4 crops, using eddy fluxes, meteorological variables, and leaf area index (LAI) as training data of RF model. Based on ERA5_Land and the corrected GEOV2 data, global monthly GPP data set at a 0.05° resolution from 1999 to 2019 was estimated. The results showed that the RF model could explain 74.81% of the monthly variation of GPP in the testing data set, of which the average contribution of LAI reached 41.73%. The average annual and standard deviation of GPP during 1999–2019 were 117.14 \pm 1.51 Pg C yr⁻¹, with an upward trend of 0.21 Pg C yr⁻² (p < 0.01). By using the plant functional type classification, the underestimation of cropland is improved. Therefore, ECGC_GPP provides reasonable

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图 4 光能利用率模型模拟的青藏高原 2000~2010 年 GPP 年均值的空间分布图

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