Attributing Changes in Gross Primary Productivity from 1901 to 2010

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For the times they are a-changin': Remote sensing



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For the times they are a-changin': Upscaled FLUXNET

Data oriented approach FLUXNET (c. 250 sites) + Ancillary data (fAPAR, meteo, PFT) + Machine learning = Global gridded maps (1982-2008)



Global patterns of land-atmosphere fluxes of carbon dioxide, latent heat, and sensible heat derived from eddy covariance, satellite, and meteorological observations

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For the times they are a-changin': Terrestrial biosphere modeling



Modeling the Terrestrial Biosphere

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MIP TRENDY 1901-2010 Ensemble mean Varying CO₂ and climate Constant land use Mean global GPP $\rightarrow c$. 135 gC m⁻² mo⁻¹

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GPP Anomaly over Time Black lines: ensemble mean White envelope: ensemble range

MIP

MsTMIP 1901-2010

Ensemble mean (n = 5)Varying climate, CO₂, land use/land cover, nitrogen deposition

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http://nacp.ornl.gov/mstmipdata/mstmip_simulation_results_global_v1.jsp

What has driven the changes in GPP?

Attribution Framework

- Historical reconstructions of GPP
- Reconstructions taken from MsTMIP
- Dual approach
 - Differencing
 - Machine learning
- Causal factors: T_{air} , precipitation, SW \downarrow , LULCC, [CO₂], N deposition, nonlinearity, $\sigma_{climate}$

MsTMIP Simulations

Reference simulation \rightarrow spin-up run out to 2010

Order	Domain	Code	Climate	LULCC	[CO ₂]	Nitrogen
	Global	RGI	Constant	Constant	Constant	Constant
2		SGI	Time-varying (CRU+NCEP)			
3		SG2		Time- varying (Hurtt)		
4		🛪 SG3			Time- varying	
5		BGI				Time-varying

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Attribution Framework

- Attribution based on historical reconstructions of gross primary productivity
- Reconstructions taken from MsTMIP
- Dual approach
 - Differencing
 - Machine learning
- Causal factors: T_{air} , precipitation, SW1, LULCC, [CO₂], N deposition, nonlinearity, $\sigma_{climate}$

Act Causal



Time [yr]

Factor v. Factor



Decadal GPP Partitioned



Hovmöller: Space v. Time



Summary

- Differencing and machine-learning method to map change to discreet drivers
- 2/3 of global warming since 1975 but [CO₂] as most dominant driver since 1901
 - [CO₂] fingerprint emerges in the tropics but exists across all latitudinal bands
- Nitrogen deposition v. LULCC in balance
- Human agency >> climate
 - Remaining factors largely stationary "noise"
 - Only [CO₂], nitrogen deposition, and LULCC show non-stationarity viz. secular trends

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MsTMIP Phase II PhD student needed! Scientific focus: diagnosing intermodel spread; climate extremes; mapping skill to structure; forward simulation (to 2100); "big data"

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