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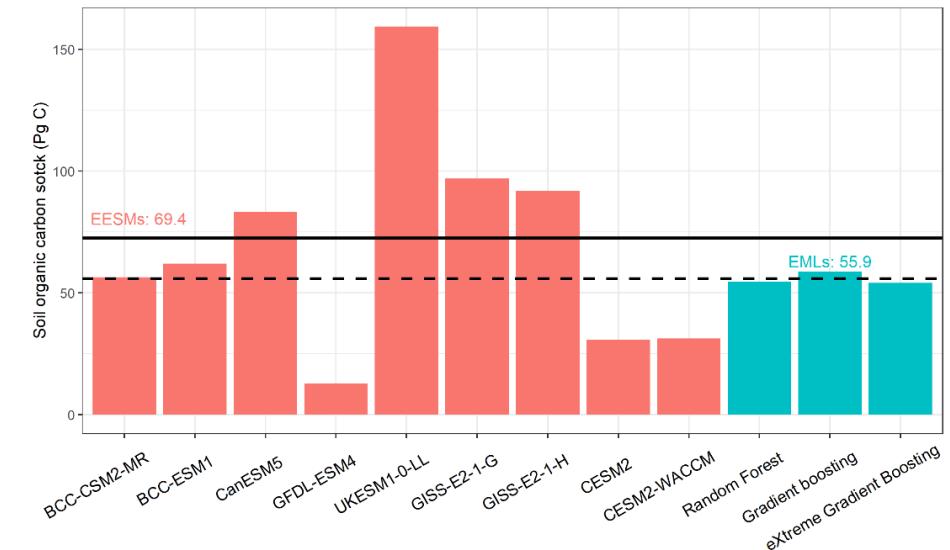
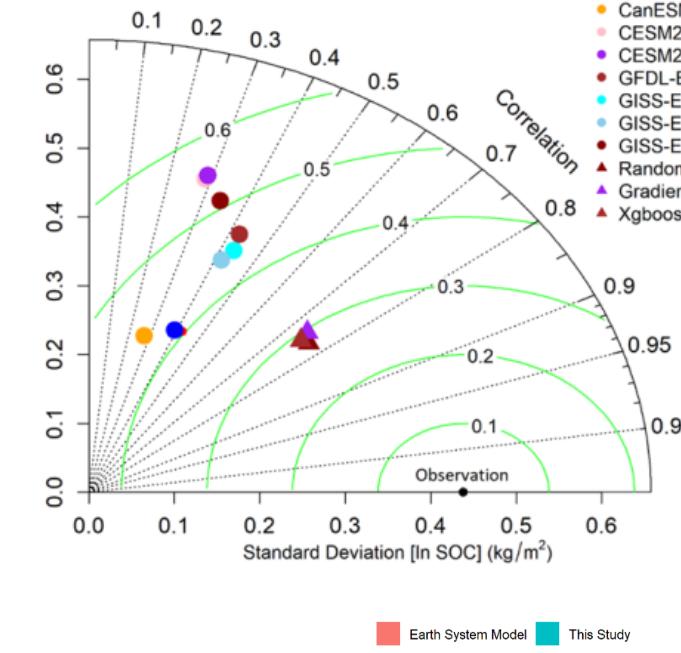
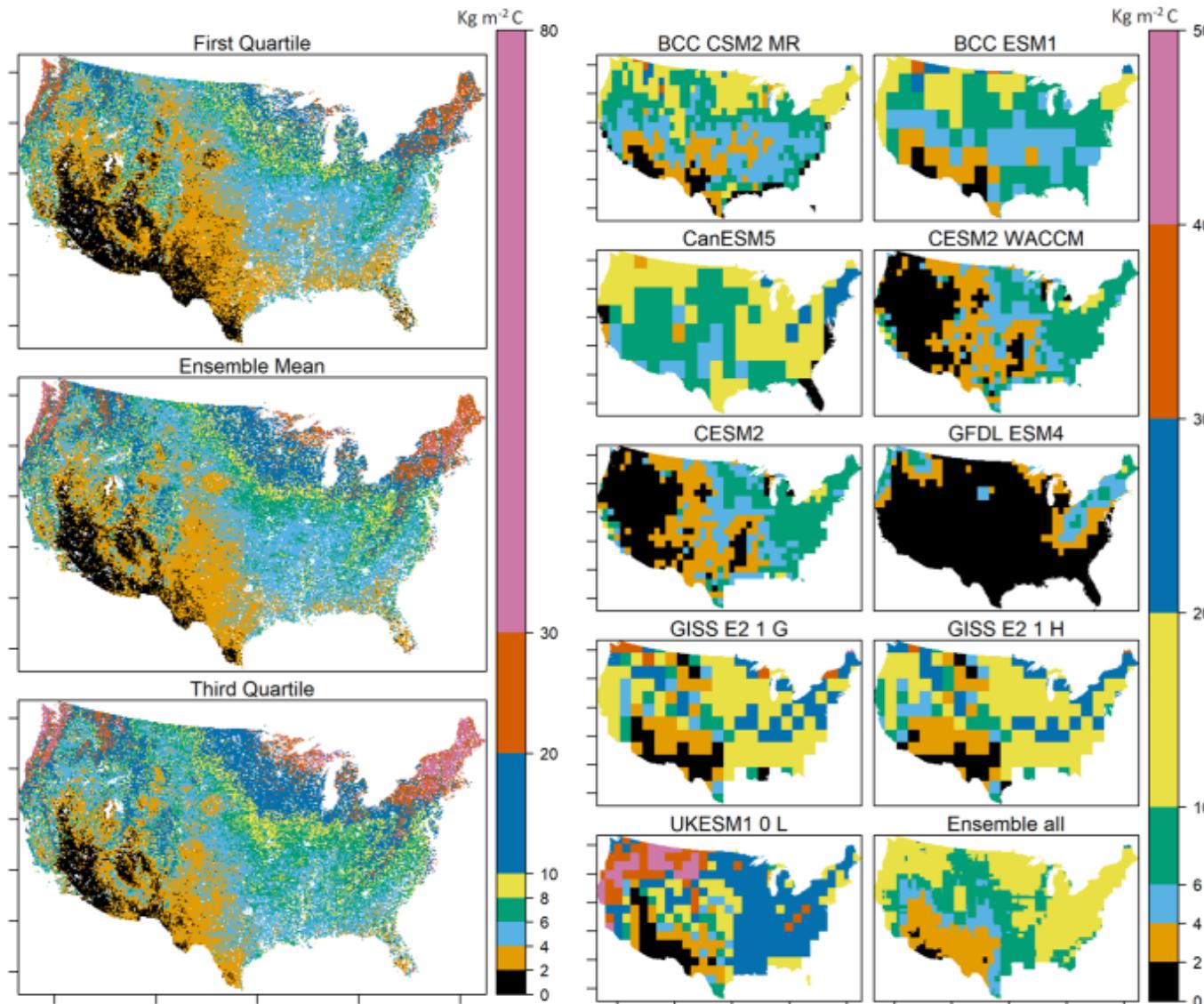
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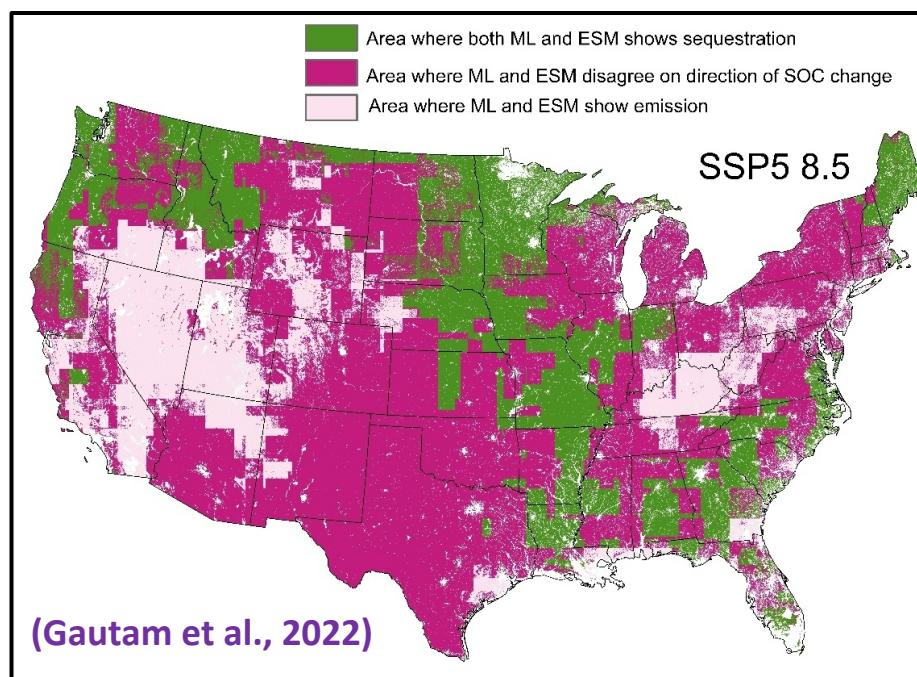
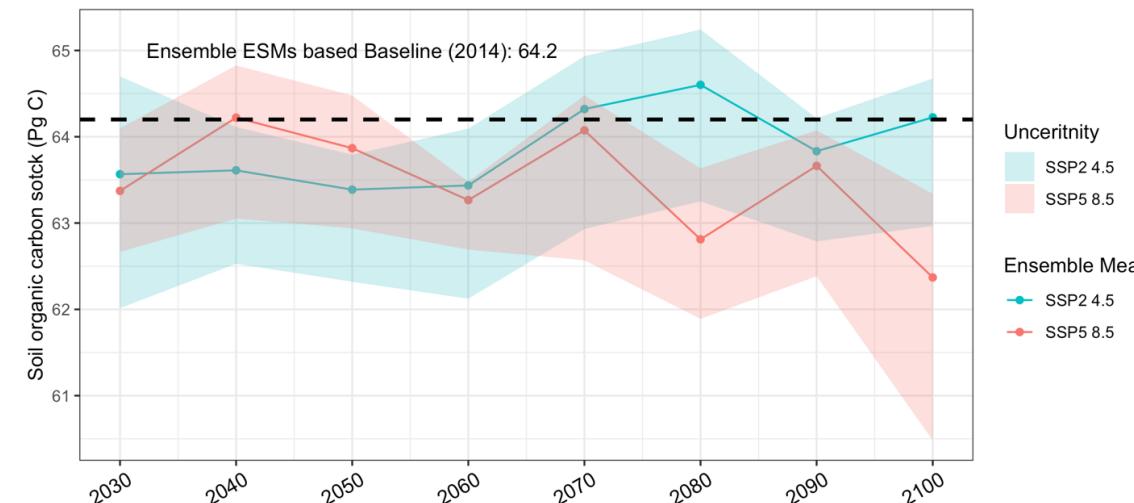
CONTINENTAL US SURFACE SOC STOCKS: MACHINE LEARNING PREDICTIONS IN COMPARISON TO CMIP6 ESM



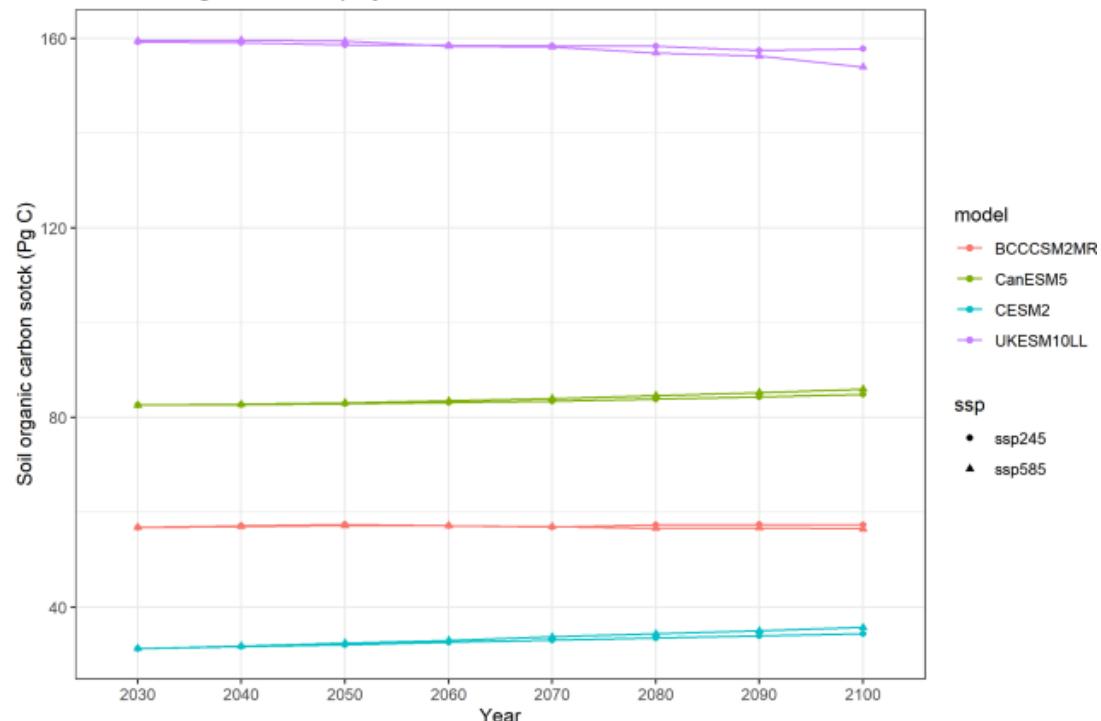
PROJECTED DECADAL SOC CHANGES IN CONTINENTAL US SURFACE SOILS BY 2100



Multimodel machine learning model projection of Soil organic carbon over Continental USA



ESM Soil organic carbon projection for Continental USA

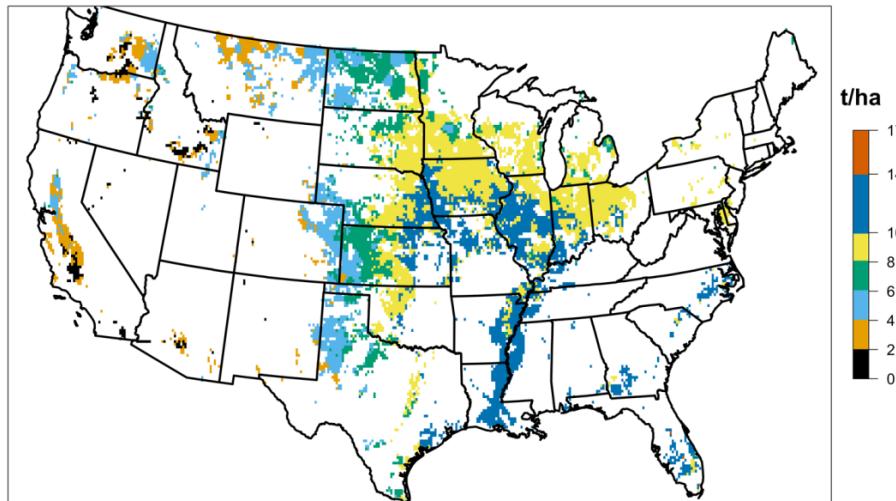


- Ensemble ML approach predicts SOC loss under both moderate (0.56 Pg C) and high emission scenarios (1.8 Pg C). In contrast, ensemble ESMs show relatively no change in continental US SOC stocks.
- Both ML and ESMs predict SOC loss from croplands and wetlands, and agree on the direction of SOC change (net emissions or sequestration) across 43%–47% of continental U.S. land area.

BIOMASS CULTIVATION WILL HAVE SOIL AND SITE-SPECIFIC IMPACTS ON SOIL ORGANIC CARBON



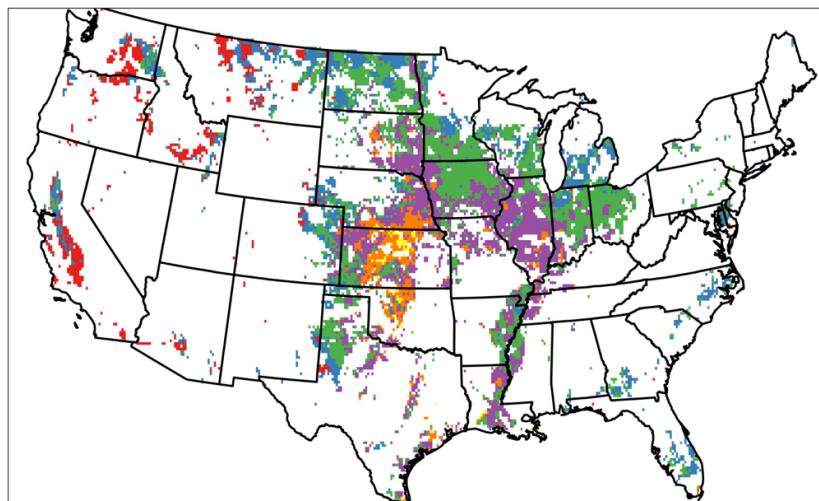
Switchgrass Dry Biomass Yield-Mean



t/ha

17
14
10
8
6
4
2
0

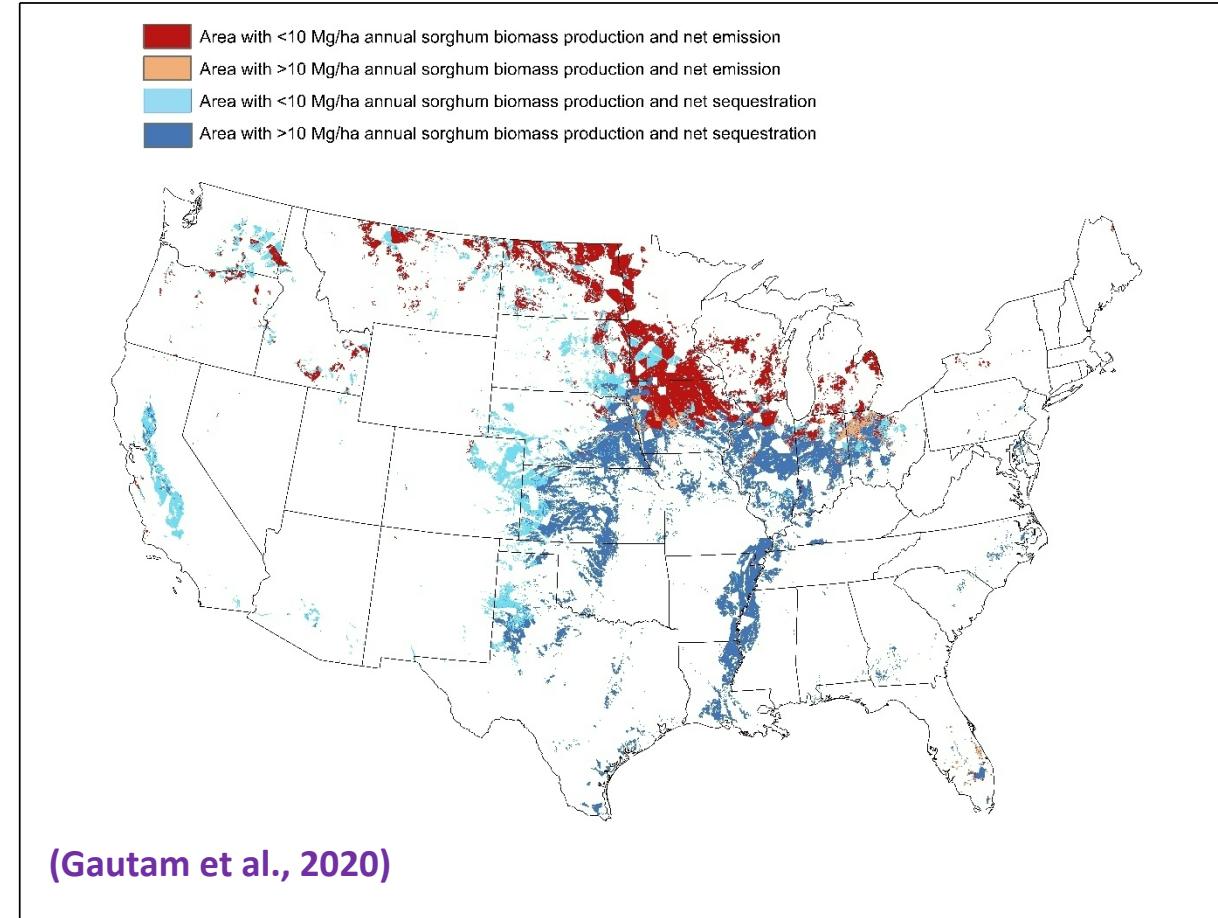
Annual SOC change (CO_2 equivalent)-decade long cultivation of Switchgrass



t/ha

2.20
2.00
1.75
1.50
1.25
1.00
0.75
0.50
0.08

Area with $<10 \text{ Mg/ha}$ annual sorghum biomass production and net emission
Area with $>10 \text{ Mg/ha}$ annual sorghum biomass production and net emission
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(Gautam et al., 2020)