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## **A 2001–2022 global gross primary productivity dataset using an ensemble model based on the random forest method**

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26 **Table S1.** Overview of flux sites from ChinaFlux used in this study

ID	Latitude	Longitude	Vegetation type	Study period	References
1	23.1737	112.5344	EBF	2003-2010	Li et al., 2021
2	30.85	91.0833	GRA	2004-2010	Chai et al., 2021
3	31.8068	119.2173	CRO	2015-2018	Zhou et al., 2023
4	32.8	102.55	GRA	2015-2018	Chen et al., 2023
5	33.4997	111.9353	DBF	2017-2018	Niu et al., 2023
6	35.2531	100.6992	GRA	2012-2016	He et al., 2023
7	37.6094	101.3119	GRA	2004-2009	Zhang et al., 2021
8	41.1481	121.2017	CRO	2005-2014	Zhang et al., 2023
9	41.644	110.3315	GRA	2015-2018	Song et al., 2023
10	42.4025	128.0958	DBF	2003-2010	Wu et al., 2021
11	43.3255	116.4032	GRA	2003-2010	Hao et al., 2020
12	45.4167	127.6678	DBF	2016-2018	Wang et al., 2021

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28 **Table S2.** Parameters for Revise-EC-LUE

	DBF	ENF	EBF	MF	GRA	CRO-C3	CRO-C4	SAV	SHR	WET
$\epsilon_{\text{sun}}$	1.52	2.50	1.96	1.82	1.79	1.77	2.90	1.74	1.27	1.30
$\epsilon_{\text{sha}}$	3.64	4.52	3.33	3.31	3.72	3.82	3.47	4.00	3.61	3.27
$\theta$	29.74	32.71	32.13	32.72	31.15	30.43	19.69	28.87	31.37	32.08
VPD0	16.29	8.86	10.36	12.14	10.52	14.20	15.75	14.21	8.29	15.78

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31 **Table S3.** Parameters for EC-LUE

	DBF	ENF	EBF	MF	GRA	CRO-C3	CRO-C4	SAV	SHR	WET
$\epsilon$	2.40	2.84	2.71	2.31	2.43	2.30	3.08	2.30	1.80	1.82

$\theta$	33.08	34.23	29.52	31.49	28.96	32.84	30.29	31.80	30.04	30.19
VPD0	15.89	8.28	8.99	12.56	10.55	12.76	16.21	12.42	9.40	16.79

32 **Table S4.** Parameters for kNDVI-GPP

	Formula
DBF	$GPP = kNDVI \times 325.68 - 0.21$
ENF	$GPP = kNDVI \times 625.01 + 0.24$
EBF	$GPP = kNDVI \times 190.38 + 4.17$
MF	$GPP = kNDVI \times 341.14 + 0.52$
GRA	$GPP = kNDVI \times 302.9 + 0.14$
CRO-C3	$GPP = kNDVI \times 334.42 - 0.71$
CRO-C4	$GPP = kNDVI \times 584.7 - 0.93$
SAV	$GPP = kNDVI \times 451.23 + 0.03$
SHR	$GPP = kNDVI \times 422.21 + 0.14$
WET	$GPP = kNDVI \times 281.09 + 0.38$

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36 **Table S5.** Parameters for NIRv-GPP

	Formula
DBF	$GPP = 39.31 \times NIRv - 1.83$
ENF	$GPP = 47.08 \times NIRv - 0.77$
EBF	$GPP = 25.56 \times NIRv + 2.17$
MF	$GPP = 37.65 \times NIRv - 1.19$
GRA	$GPP = 33.53 \times NIRv - 0.54$
CRO-C3	$GPP = 36.94 \times NIRv - 1.55$
CRO-C4	$GPP = 59.61 \times NIRv - 1.29$
SAV	$GPP = 44.92 \times NIRv - 1.13$
SHR	$GPP = 24.28 \times NIRv - 0.06$

$$\text{WET} \quad \left| \quad \text{GPP} = 28.01 \times \text{NIR}_v - 0.06 \right.$$

37 **Table S6.** Parameters for VPM

	DBF	ENF	EBF	MF	GRA	CRO-C3	CRO-C4	SAV	SHR	WET
$\epsilon$	1.92	3.28	2.82	2.38	2.06	2.03	2.73	2.15	1.92	1.78
Tmax	40.10	40.43	42.46	40.48	41.63	42.18	41.15	41.88	41.34	40.67
Tmin	-1.76	-3.85	-2.16	-3.45	-3.28	-2.92	-0.85	-3.32	-1.64	-3.18
Topt	17.19	15.99	15.97	16.26	15.32	16.40	23.74	21.73	16.51	19.54

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40 **Table S7.** Parameters for MODIS

	DBF	ENF	EBF	MF	GRA	CRO-C3	CRO-C4	SAV	SHR	WET
$\epsilon$	1.54	1.35	1.46	1.44	1.39	1.50	1.98	1.52	0.80	1.15
Tmax	10.45	7.41	8.10	9.33	10.54	10.84	10.92	13.56	7.37	11.79
Tmin	-10.39	-9.84	-10.26	-12.03	-11.22	-12.32	-13.21	-6.82	-8.34	-9.44
VPDmax	17.81	45.54	29.98	24.67	52.08	42.70	43.14	30.89	46.10	52.95
VPDmin	7.93	4.36	3.91	5.57	4.74	5.06	7.89	5.73	3.82	6.83

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42 **Table S8.** Effect of the number of GPP estimate models in the ERF model on model  
43 performance

Number of GPP models	2	3	4	5
R <sup>2</sup>	0.793±0.024	0.824±0.011	0.836±0.004	0.845±0.001
RMSE	1.798±0.104	1.658±0.052	1.600±0.022	1.556±0.009
Sim/Obs	1±0.001	0.999±0.000	1±0.000	1±0.000

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45 **Text S1.** Detailed description of six GPP estimate models

46 1.1 EC-LUE

47 EC-LUE is a type of light use efficiency model developed by Yuan et al.  
48 (2007). The original model was driven by the normalized vegetation index (NDVI),  
49 photosynthetically active radiation (PAR), air temperature and the Bowen ratio of  
50 sensible latent heat flux. The Bowen ratio of sensible latent heat flux was replaced by  
51 VPD to characterize the constraints of atmospheric drought later, and the effect of  
52 CO<sub>2</sub> on GPP was integrated at the same time (Yuan et al., 2019). The basic form is as  
53 follows

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$$GPP = PAR \times FPAR \times \varepsilon \times Cs \times \min(Ts, Ws) \quad (1)$$

55 Where FPAR is the ratio of canopy absorption PAR,  $\varepsilon$  is the maximum light  
56 use efficiency. Cs, Ts and Ws represent the influences of CO<sub>2</sub>, temperature and VPD,  
57 respectively:

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$$Cs = \frac{Ci - \theta}{Ci + 2\theta} \quad (2)$$

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$$Ts = \frac{(Ta - 0) \times (Ta - 40)}{(Ta - 0) \times (Ta - 40) - (Ta - 20.33) \times (Ta - 20.33)} \quad (3)$$

60 
$$Ws = \frac{VPD0}{VPD + VPD0} \quad (4)$$

61 In these formulas, Ci and  $\theta$  respectively represent the leaf internal CO<sub>2</sub>  
62 concentration and the CO<sub>2</sub> compensation point during no-dark respiration. Ta is the  
63 air temperature, and VPD0 is the empirical coefficient. In this model,  $\theta$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and VPD0  
64 need to be calibrated using GPP observations of flux towers.

65 1.2 Revised-EC-LUE

66 Different from the commonly used light use efficiency model,  
67 Revised-EC-LUE divides the canopy into sunlit and shaded leaves, and its  
68 effectiveness has been proved in several flux sites. The basic form is as follows:

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$$GPP = (\varepsilon_{sun} \times APAR_{sun} + \varepsilon_{sha} \times APAR_{sha}) \times Cs \times \min(Ts, Ws) \quad (5)$$

70 Where  $\varepsilon_{\text{sun}}$  and  $\varepsilon_{\text{sha}}$  represent the maximum light use efficiency of sunlit  
 71 and shaded leaves respectively,  $\text{APAR}_{\text{sun}}$  and  $\text{APAR}_{\text{sha}}$  represent the PAR absorbed  
 72 by sunlit and shaded leaves respectively. All the processes can refer to the article of  
 73 Zheng et al. (2020),  $C_s$ ,  $T_s$  and  $W_s$  represent the influences of  $\text{CO}_2$ , temperature and  
 74 VPD respectively, and their basic forms are the same as formula (2) - (4). Therefore,  
 75 the parameters to be calibrated in this model include  $\varepsilon_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\text{sha}}$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\text{VPD}_0$ .

### 76 1.3 NIRv-GPP

77 Near-infrared Vegetation Index (NIRv) proposed by Badgley et al. (2017), is a  
 78 new vegetation index that approximates the proportion of near-infrared light reflected  
 79 by vegetation, it has been shown to be directly related to solar-induced fluorescence  
 80 (SIF) and can be used to estimate GPP. The basic form is as follows

$$81 \quad GPP = a \times \text{NIRv} + b \quad (6)$$

82 Where  $a$  and  $b$  represent the slope and intercept, respectively. NIRv can be  
 83 calculated using satellite-based red band and near infrared band.

$$84 \quad \text{NIRv} = \text{NDVI} \times \text{NIR} = \frac{\text{NIR}-\text{R}}{\text{NIR}+\text{R}} \times \text{NIR} \quad (7)$$

85 Where NIR and R represent red band and near infrared band respectively.

### 86 1.4 kNDVI-GPP

87 Similar to NIRv, kNDVI is a newly proposed vegetation index (Camps-Valls  
 88 et al., 2021). In comparison with GPP and SIF, kNDVI always shows stronger  
 89 correlation than NIRv and NDVI, and has a unique effect in dealing with the  
 90 saturation of the vegetation index. The form is as follows

$$91 \quad GPP = a \times \text{kNDVI} + b \quad (8)$$

92 Where  $a$  and  $b$  represent the slope and intercept, respectively. kNDVI can be  
 93 calculated using satellite-based red band and near infrared band.

$$94 \quad \text{kNDVI} = \tanh \left( \frac{\text{NIR}-\text{R}}{\text{NIR}+\text{R}} \right) \quad (9)$$

95 Where NIR and R represent red band and near infrared band respectively.

## 96 1.5 MODIS

97 MODIS-GPP is one of the light use efficiency models (Running et al., 2004),  
98 driven by FPAR, temperature and VPD, and its basic form is as follows

$$99 \quad GPP = FPAR \times \varepsilon \times T_s \times W_s \quad (10)$$

100 Where  $\varepsilon$  is the maximum light use efficiency.  $T_s$  and  $T_s$  represent the  
101 influences of minimum temperature and VPD, respectively:

$$102 \quad T_s = \frac{TMIN - TMIN_{min}}{TMIN_{max} - TMIN_{min}} \quad (11)$$

$$103 \quad W_s = \frac{VPD_{max} - VPD}{VPD_{max} - VPD_{min}} \quad (12)$$

104 TMINmax and TMINmin are the daily minimum temperature for  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{max}$  and  
105  $\varepsilon = 0$ , respectively, and VPDmax and VPDmin are the VPD for  $\varepsilon = 0$  and  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{max}$ ,  
106 respectively. In this model,  $\varepsilon$ , TMINmin, TMINmax, VPDmin and VPDmax need to  
107 be calibrated using GPP observations from flux towers.

## 108 1.6 VPM

109 The satellite-based VPM (Xiao et al, 2004) uses the product of light use  
110 efficiency (LUE,  $\varepsilon$ ), temperature constraint ( $T_s$ ), water constraint ( $W_s$ ) and absorbed  
111 photosynthetically active radiation by chlorophyll (APARchl) to estimate GPP as  
112 follows:

$$113 \quad GPP = APAR_{chl} \times \varepsilon \times T_s \times W_s \quad (10)$$

$$114 \quad APAR_{chl} = (EVI - 0.1) \times 1.25 \quad (11)$$

$$115 \quad T_s = \frac{(T_a - T_{max}) \times (T_a - T_{min})}{(T_a - T_{max}) \times (T_a - T_{min}) - (T_a - T_{opt})^2} \quad (12)$$

$$116 \quad W_s = \frac{1 + LSWI}{1 + LSWI_{max}} \quad (13)$$

117 Where the  $T$ ,  $T_{max}$ ,  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{opt}$  refer to the daytime mean temperature,  
118 maximum, minimum, and optimum temperature for photosynthesis, respectively.

119 EVI is the enhanced vegetation index. In this model,  $\epsilon$ ,  $T_{max}$ ,  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{opt}$  need to  
120 be calibrated using GPP observations from flux towers.

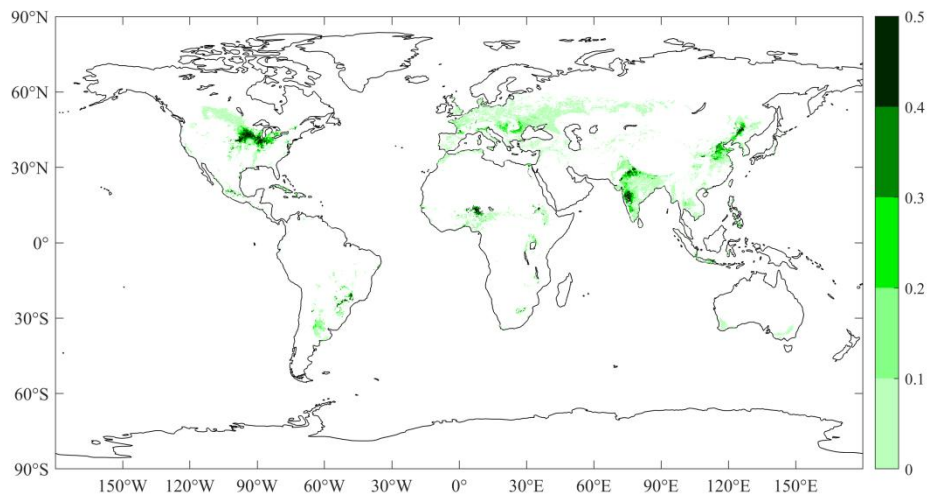
121 The LSWI (Land Surface Water Index) is a good indicator of water stress  
122 from the vegetation canopy and soil background. This index is calculated as follows:

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$$LSWI = \frac{NIR-SWIR}{NIR+SWIR} \quad (14)$$

124 Where NIR and SWIR represent near infrared band and shortwave infrared  
125 band respectively.

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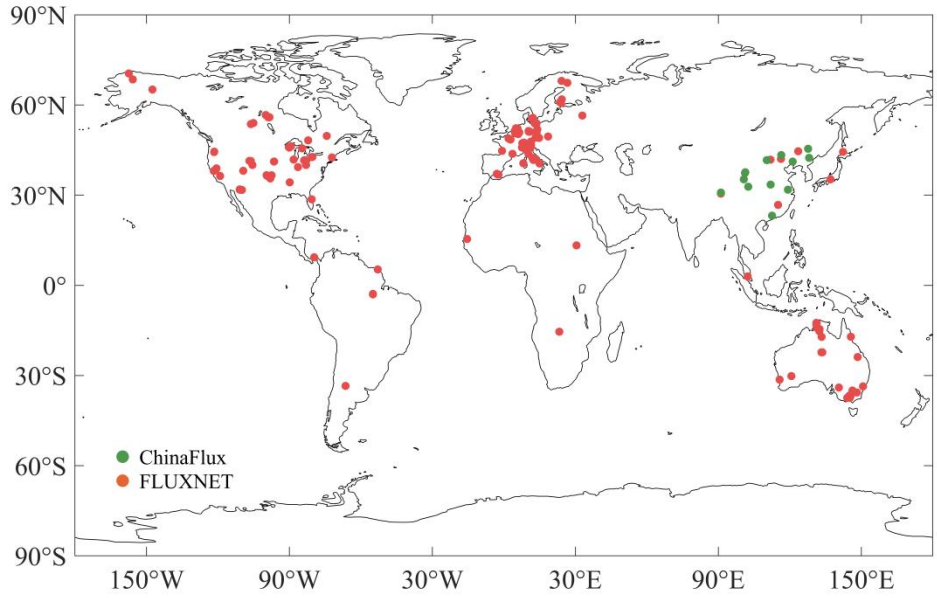
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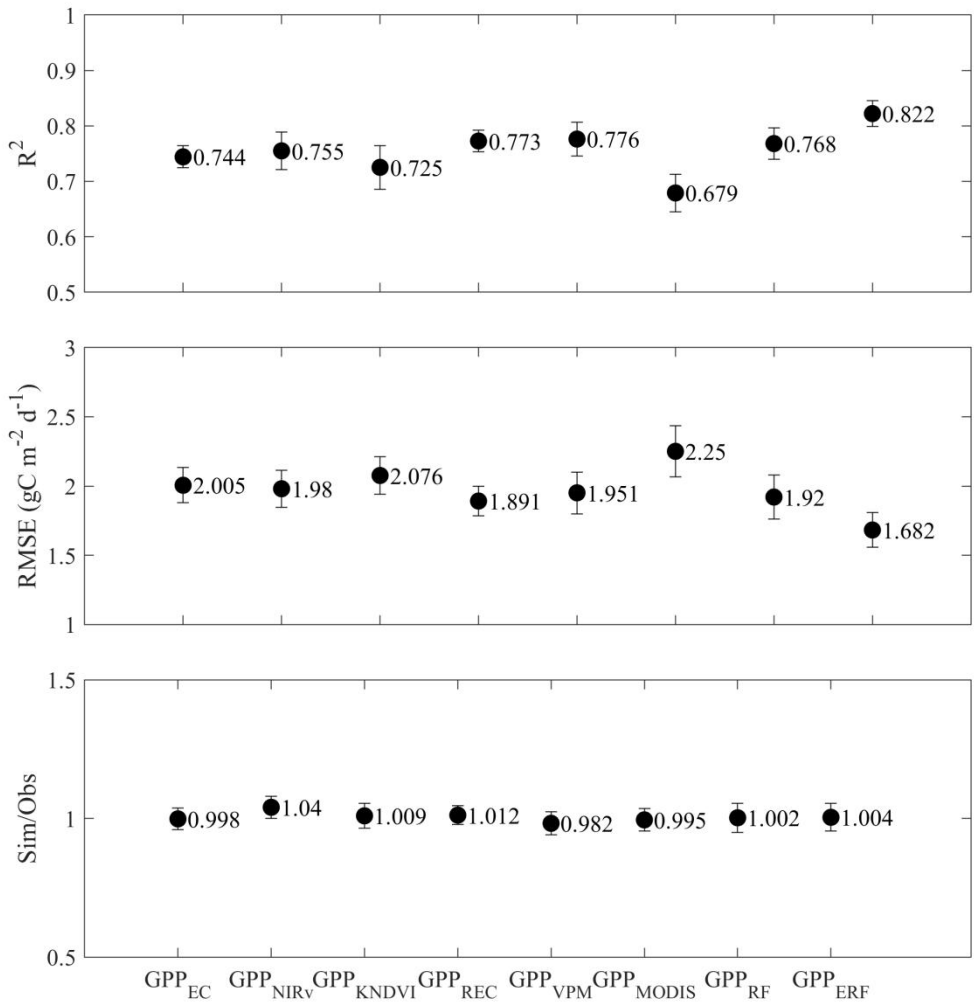
129 **Figure S1.** Distribution map of C4 crops.





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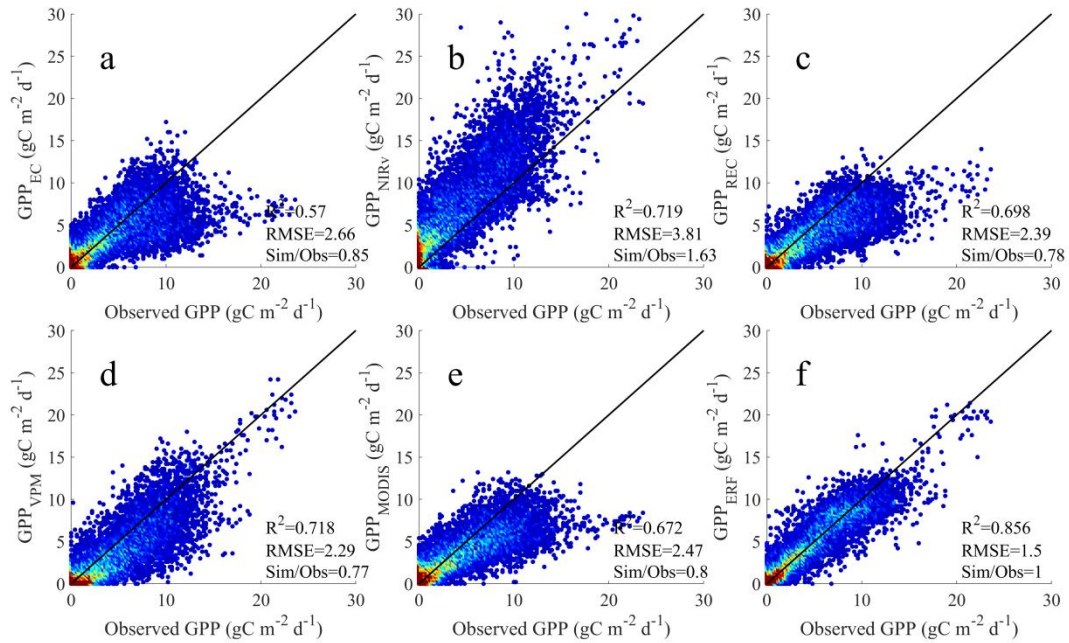
131 **Figure S2.** Flux site locations of ChinaFlux and FLUXNET used in this study.



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133 **Figure S3.** Validation results for each model on all data at 30% of the sites. The black  
 134 dots represent the mean of the 200 validation results, and the upper and lower  
 135 boundaries represent the standard deviation.

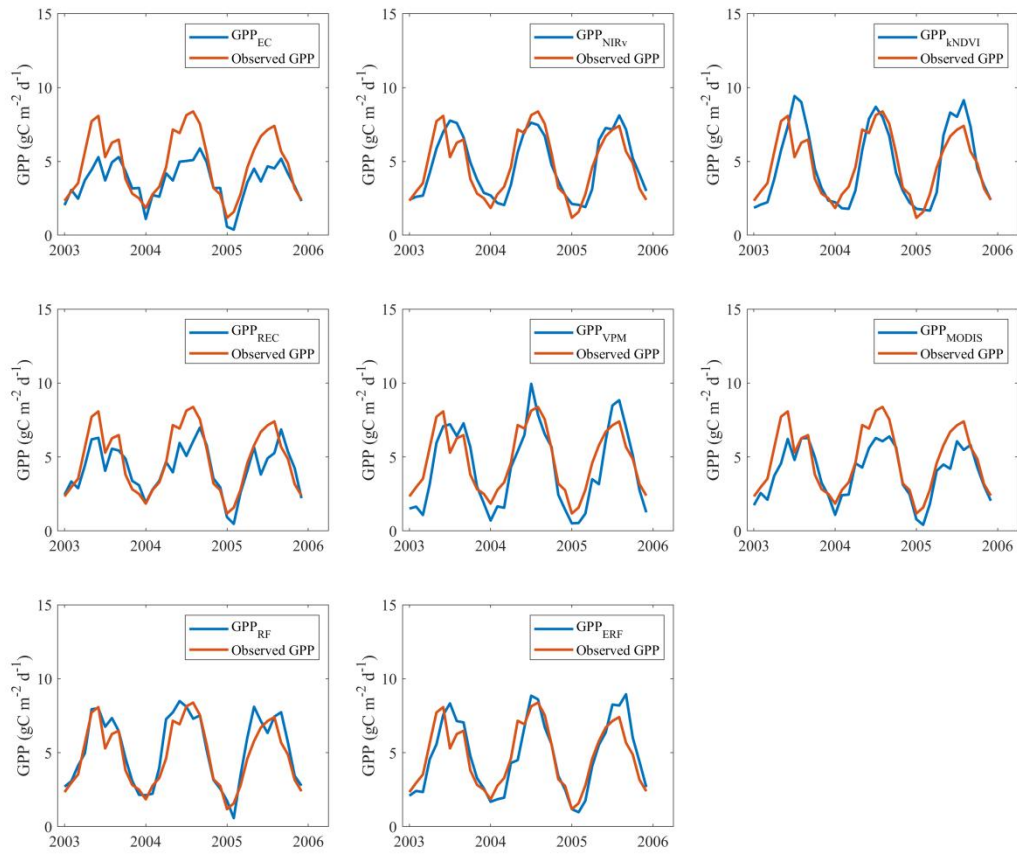
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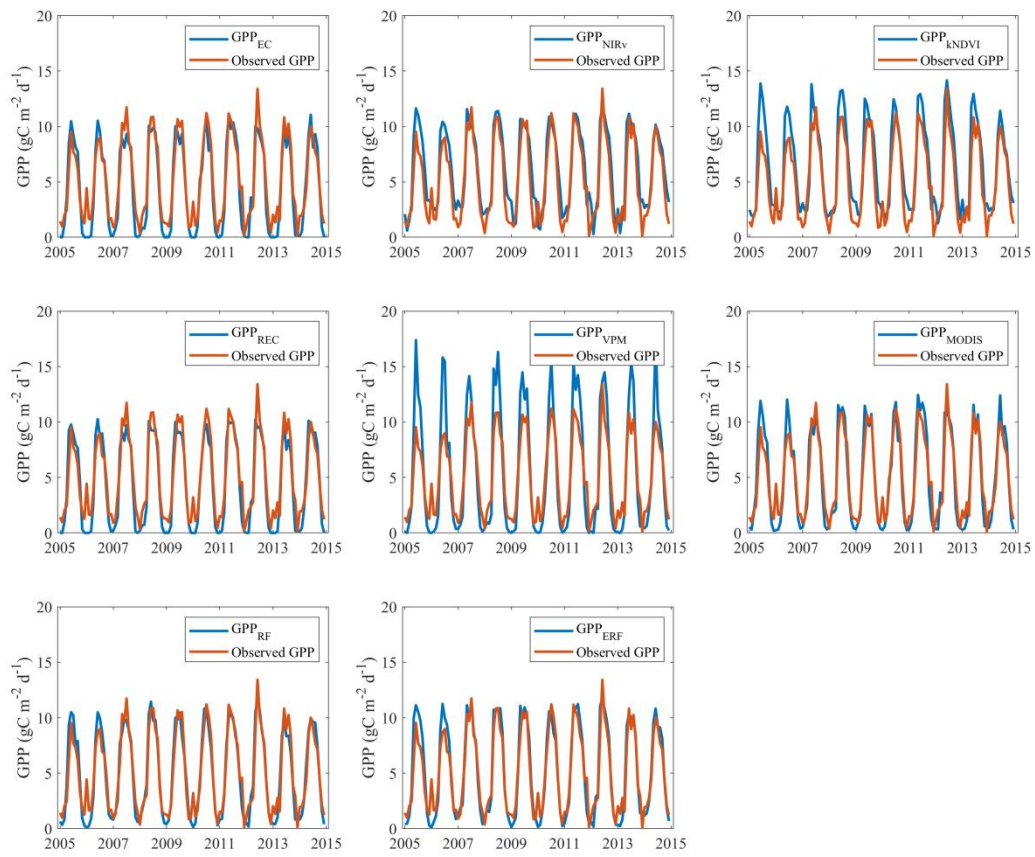
138 **Figure S4.** Comparison between the GPP simulations of the six models with original  
 139 parameters and the GPP observations. a-f represents  $GPP_{EC}$ ,  $GPP_{NIRv}$ ,  $GPP_{REC}$ ,  
 140  $GPP_{VPM}$ ,  $GPP_{MODIS}$ ,  $GPP_{ERF}$ , respectively. The author of kNDVI did not provide  
 141 model parameters, so this model was abandoned.

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144 **Figure S5.** Performance of each GPP estimate model on CN-Qia.

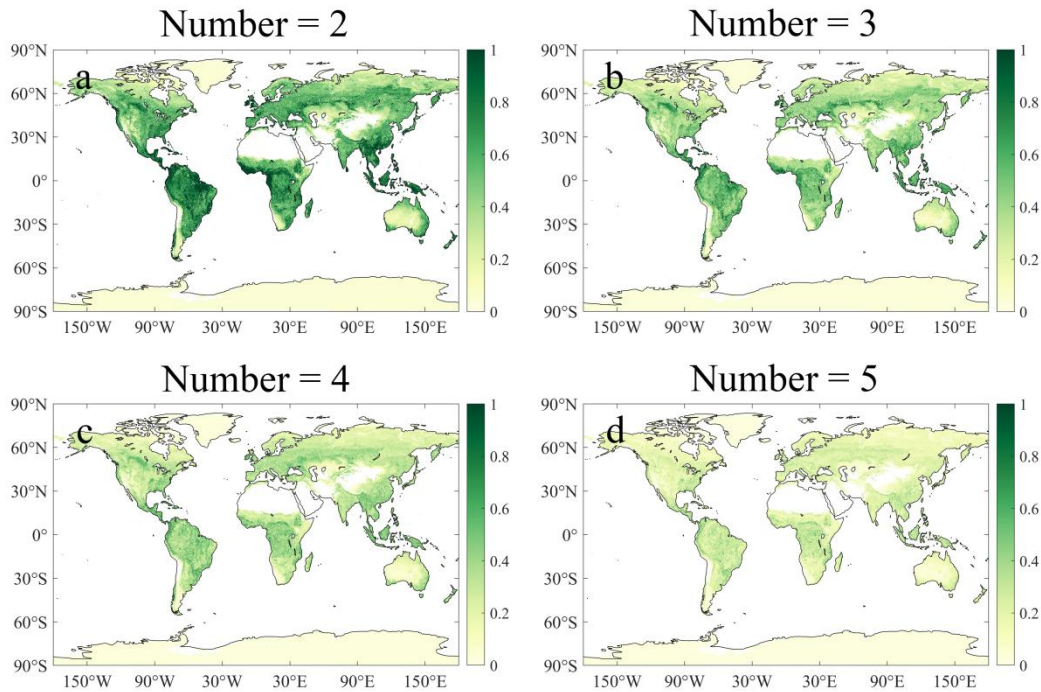


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146 **Figure S6.** The performance of each GPP estimate model on CH\_Lae.

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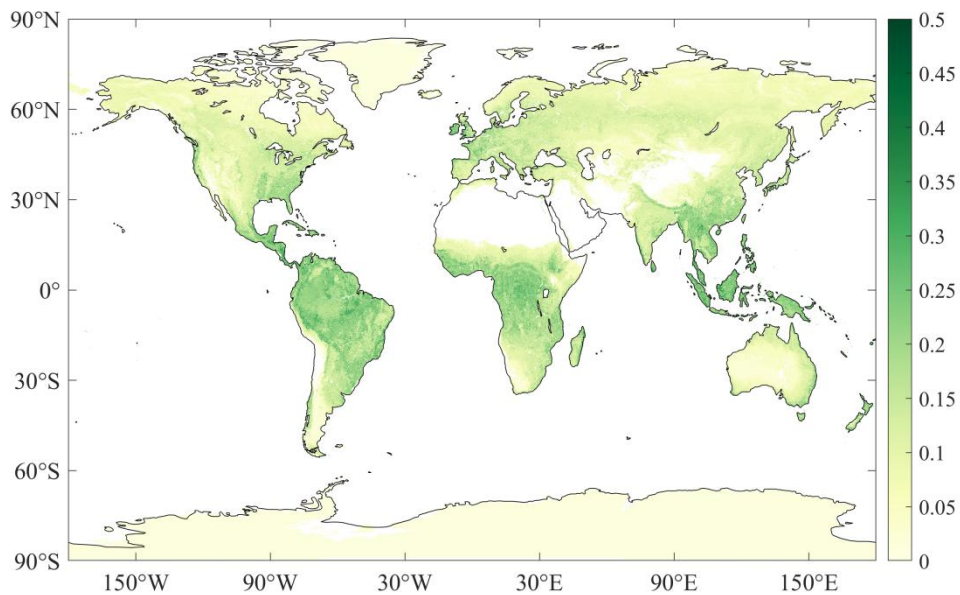


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150 **Figure S7.** Uncertainty of ERF\_GPP caused by the number of features (simulated  
 151 GPP).

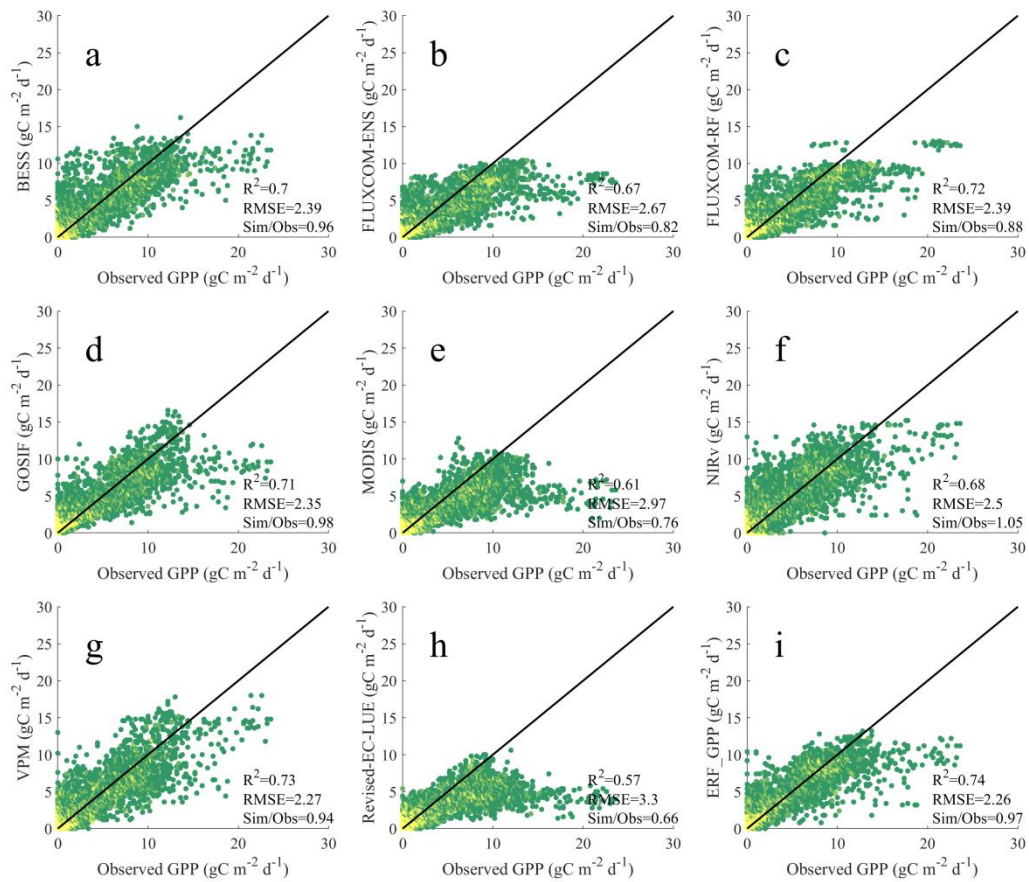
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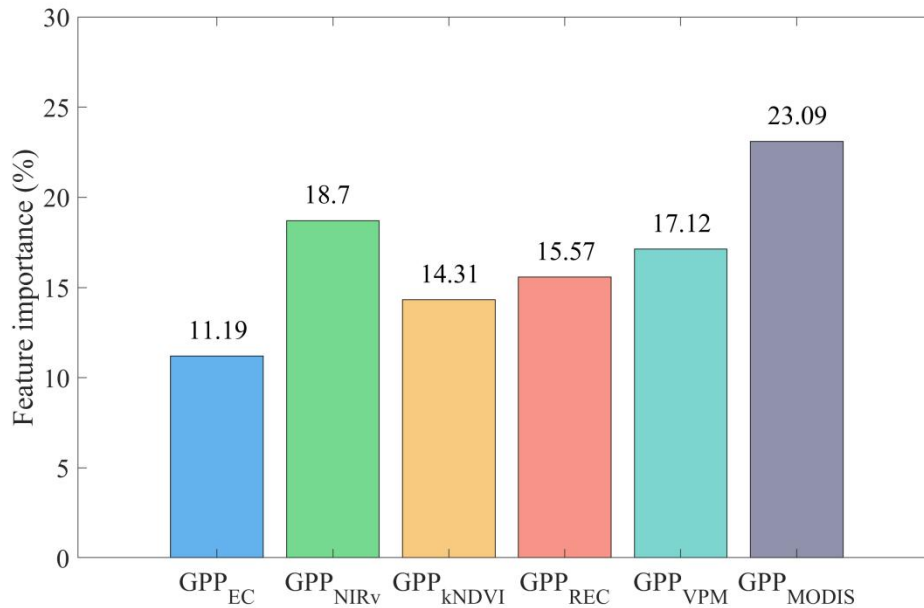
155 **Figure S8.** Uncertainty of ERF\_GPP caused by the number of GPP observations.



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157 **Figure S9.** Comparison between the GPP datasets and the GPP observations from  
 158 FLUXNET. a-i represents BESS, FLUXCOM-ENS, FLUXCOM-RF, GOSIF, MODIS,  
 159 NIRv, VPM, Revise-EC-LUE, ERF\_GPP, respectively.

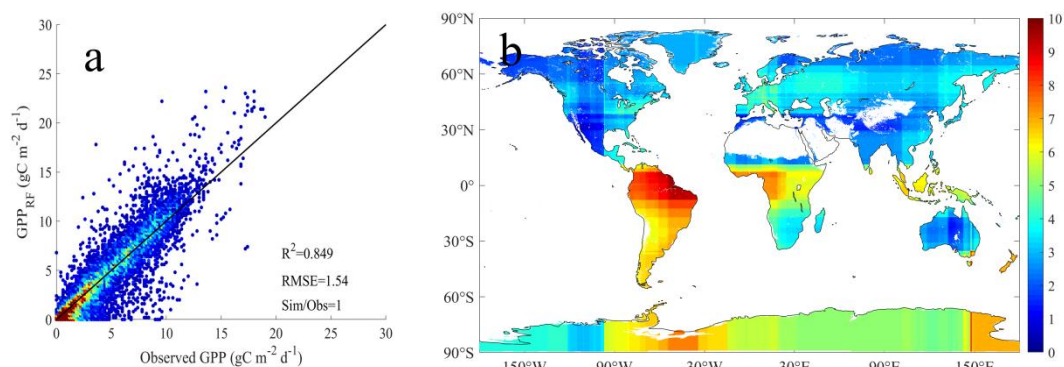
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162 **Figure S10.** Average of 200 feature importance in the ERF model.

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165 **Figure S11.** Simulation performance of a random forest model with only longitude,  
 166 latitude, year, and month. a represents the result of the 5-fold-cross-validation, b is the  
 167 multi-year mean estimated by the model for 2001-2022.

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