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Interactive comment on “Large regional-scale variation in C3/C4 distribution pattern of Inner Mongolia steppe is revealed by grazer wool carbon isotope composition” by K. Auerswald et al.

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I think that a better approach to mapping and exploring potential environmental drivers of C3/C4 would be decision trees rather than geostats, as we have done in

Henderson, B.L., Bui, E.N., Moran, C.J., and D.A.P. Simon (2005), Australia-wide predictions of soil properties using decision trees. *Geoderma*, 124, 383-398

This approach reveals driving variables and thresholds as explained in

Bui EN, Henderson BL, Viergever K (2006) Knowledge discovery from models of soil properties developed through data mining. *Ecol Modelling* 191:431-446.

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