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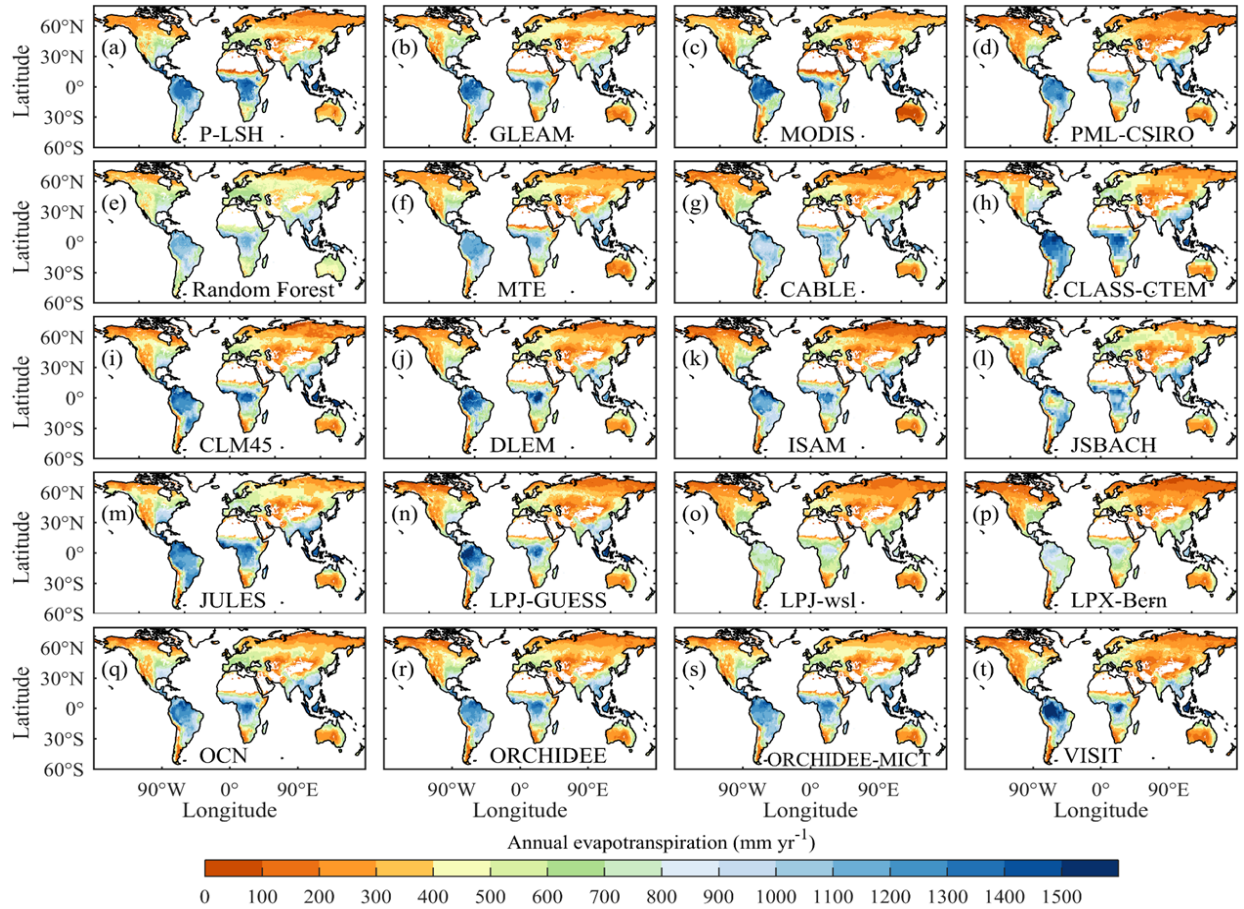
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## **Evaluation of global terrestrial evapotranspiration using state-of-the-art approaches in remote sensing, machine learning and land surface modeling**

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**Figure S1.** Spatial distributions of mean annual ET derived from (a-d) remote sensing-based physical models, (e-f) machine learning algorithms, and (g-t) TRENDY LSMs.

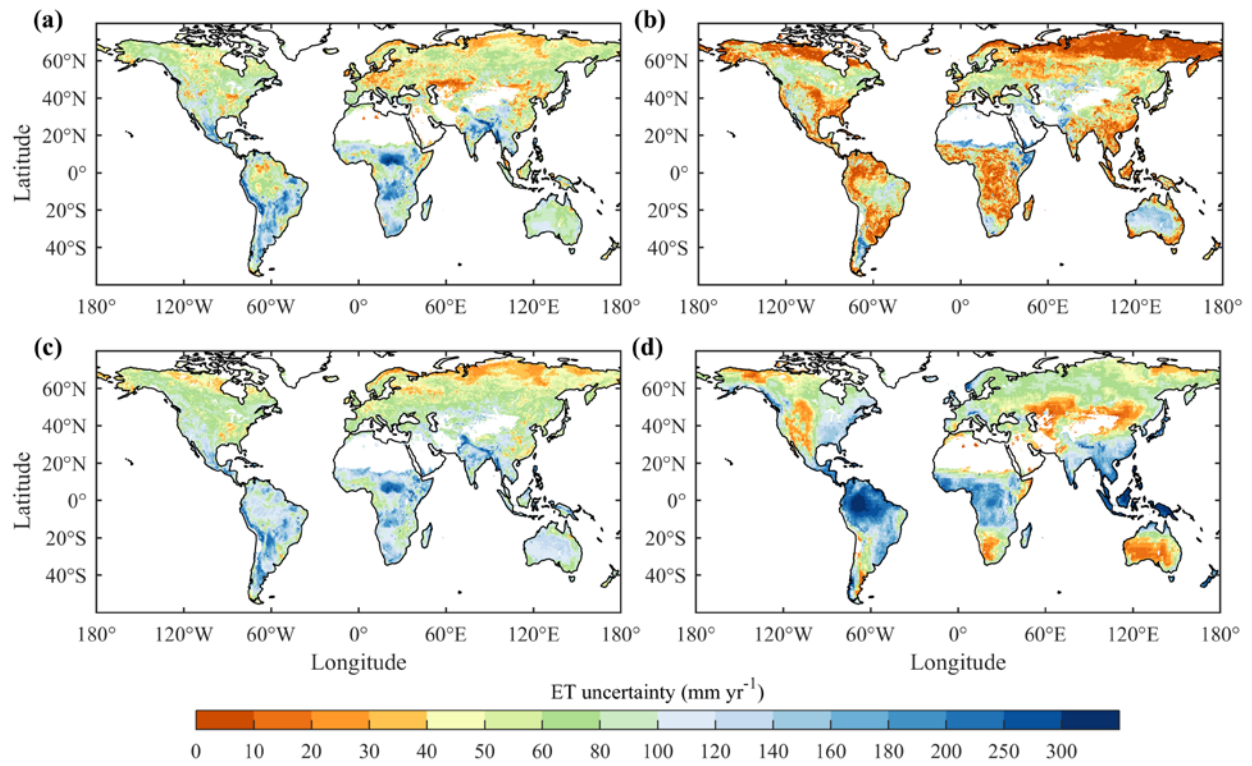
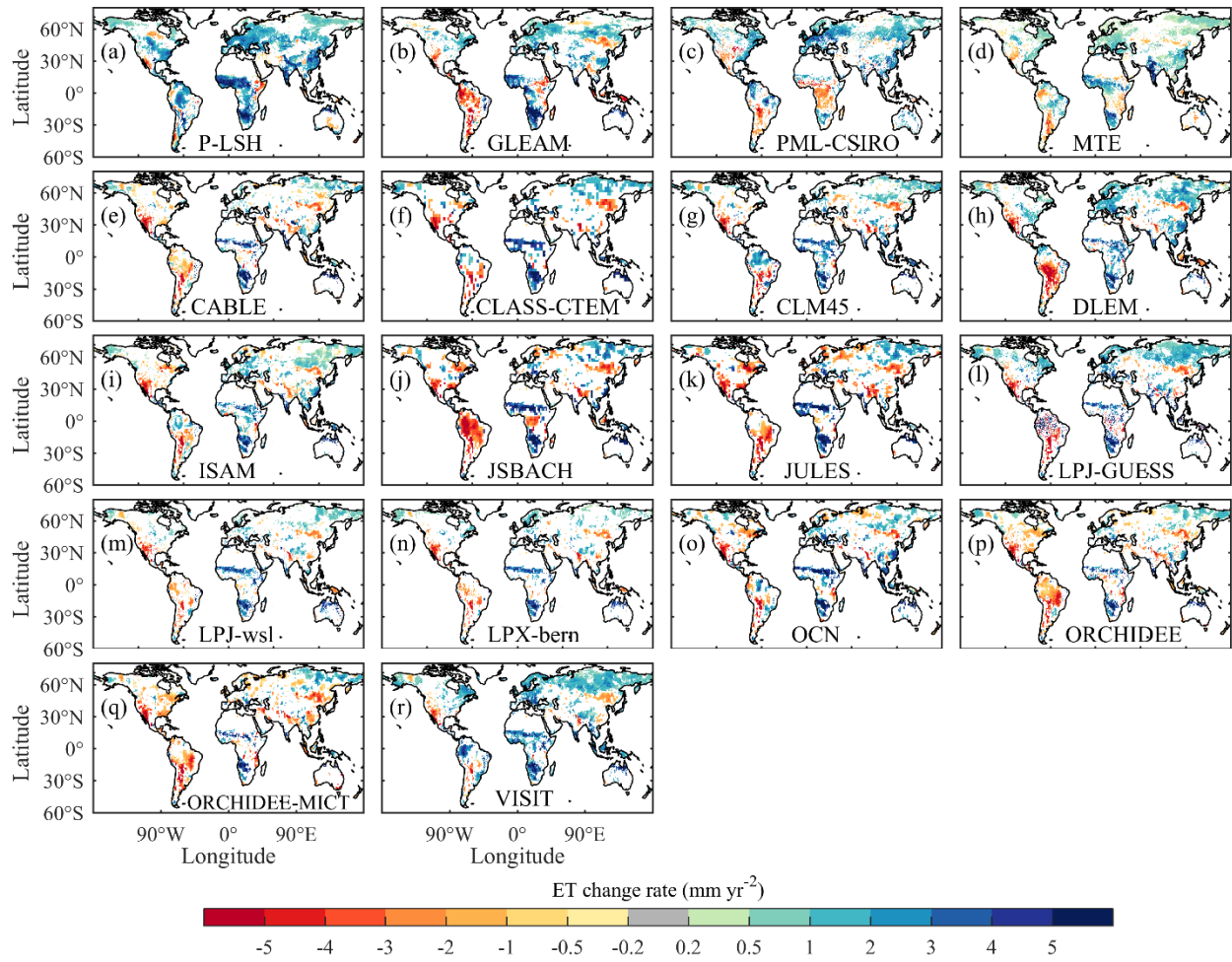
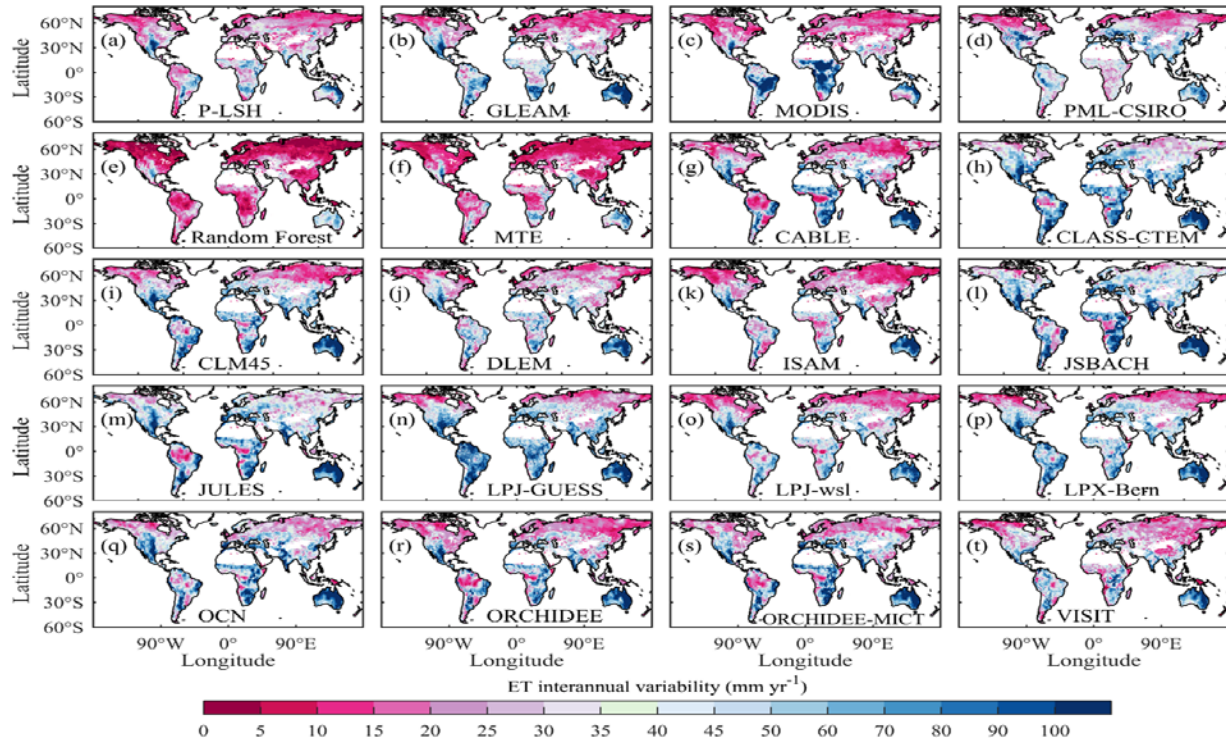


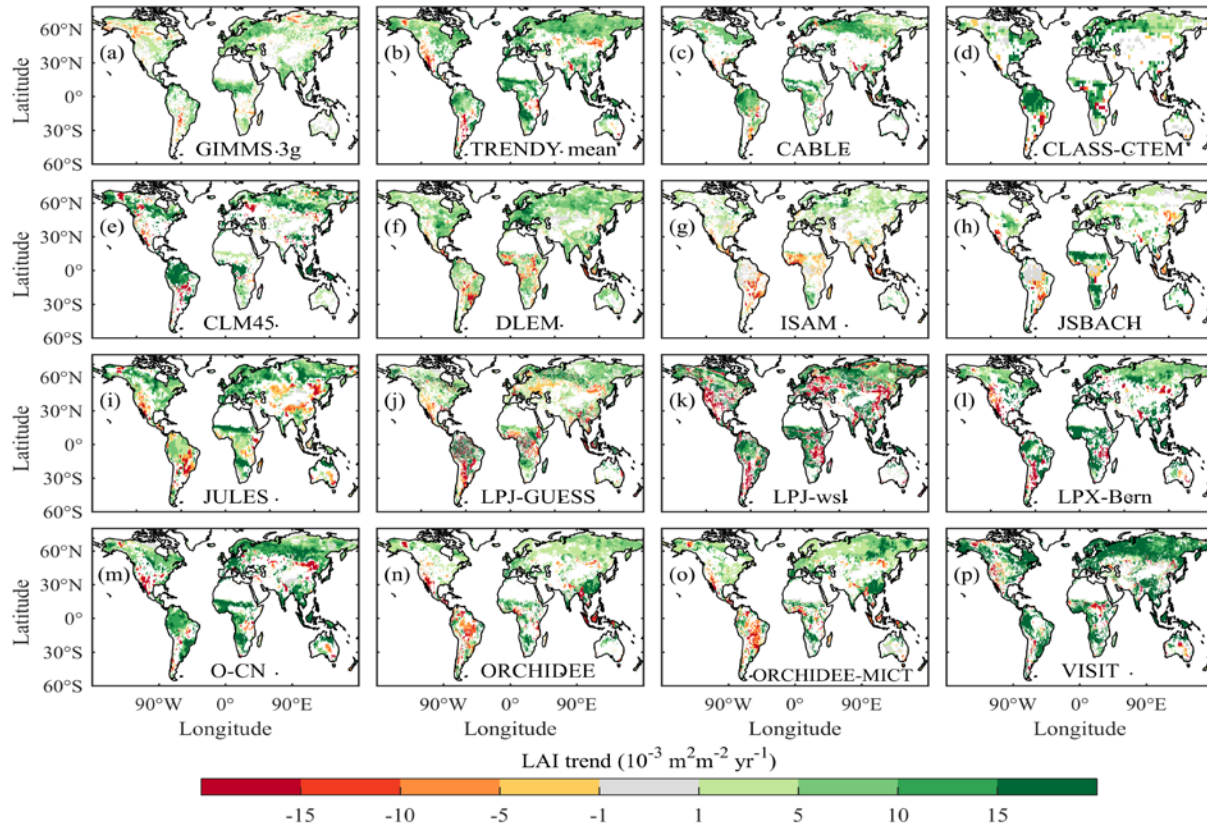
Figure S2. Spatial distribution of uncertainty of ET (standard deviation) for each category. (a)-(d) show the results of remote sensing-based physical models, machine learning algorithms, benchmark data and LSMs.



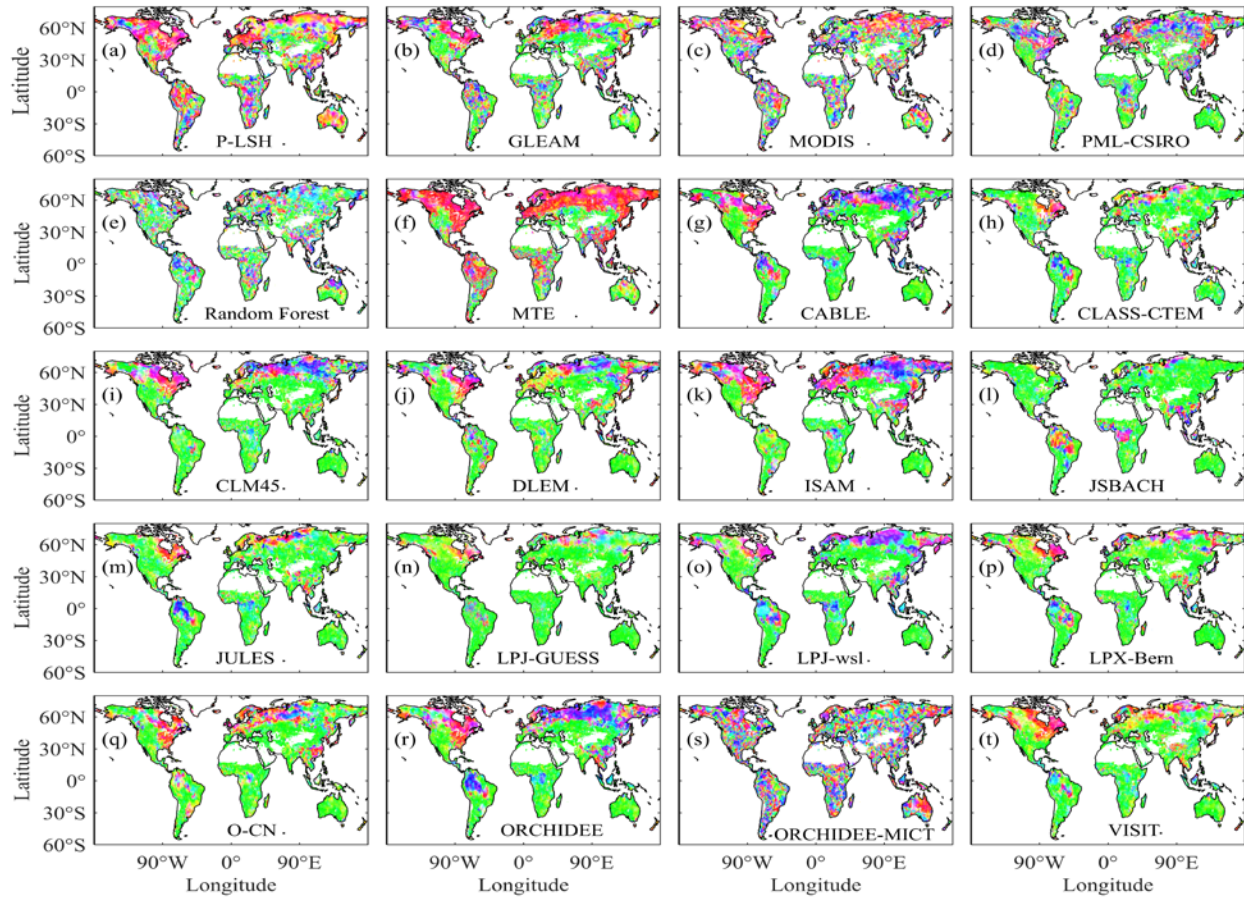
**Figure S3.** Spatial distributions of ET trends derived from (a-c) remote sensing-based physical models, (d) machine learning algorithm, and (e-r) TRENDY LSMs. The study period is from 1982 to 2011. Regions with non-significant trends were excluded.



**Figure S4.** Spatial distributions of the inter-annual variability in global ET derived from (a-d) remote sensing-based physical models, (e-f) machine learning algorithms, and (g-t) TRENDY LSMs.



**Figure S5.** Spatial distributions of the LAI trend. (a-b) show the result of remote sensing data and the ensemble mean of TRENDY models. (c-p) show the results of TRENDY models.



**Fig S6.** Spatial distributions of environmental controls on inter-annual variation of ET derived from (a-d) remote sensing-based physical models, (e-f) machine learning algorithm, and (g-t) TRENDY LSMs. (The legend is the same with that in Figure 6).

**Table S1.** Summary of global ET estimates given by different models

Datasets	Global terrestrial ET		Temporal extent	Barren included	References
	(mm / yr)	( $\times 10^3 \text{km}^3/\text{yr}$ )			
SRB PM	562	73	1984-2007	Yes	Vinukollu et al. (2011)
SRB PT	470	61	1984-2007		
SRB SEBS	514	67	1984-2007		
SRB <sub>qc</sub> PM	592	77	1984-2007		
SRB <sub>qc</sub> PT	497	65	1984-2007		
SRB <sub>qc</sub> SEBS	562	73	1984-2007		
Mean of 15 GSWP-2 models	488		1986-1995	Yes	Dirmeyer et al. (2006)
Mean of 4 reanalysis data	563		1989-1995	Yes	Mueller et al. (2013)
Mean of 29 LSMs	423		1989-1995		
Mean of 29 LSMs, 4reanalysis and 7 diagnostic products	493		both 1989-1995 and 1989-2005		
Remote sensing and reanalysis	485		1985-1989	Yes	Trenberth et al. (2009)
Mean of 4 LSMs, 3 reanalysis and 5 diagnostic products	~579		2000-2004	Unknown	Jimenez et al., (2011)
Mean of 6 diagnostic products	606		1994	No	Mueller et al. (2011)
Mean of 19 LSMs	544				
Mean of 5 reanalysis products	631				
Mean of 19 LSMs, 6 diagnostic and 5 reanalysis products	569				
Mean of 11 IPCC AR4 GCMs	602				
NCEP RS PM	539		1983-2006	No	Zhang et al. (2010)
JULES		~65	1950-2000	Unknown	Alton et al. (2009)
Mean of 6 diagnostic products		~75	1982-2011	No	Zeng et al. (2018)
SVM-merged algorithm	472		2003-2005	Yes	Yao et al. (2017)
WB-MTE	593	71	1982-2009	No	Zeng et al. (2014)
WB-based empirical model	604		1982-2009	No	Zeng et al. (2012)
MODIS new algorithm		63	2000-2006	No	Mu et al. (2011)
MODIS old algorithm		46	2000-2006	No	Mu et al. (2007)
Empirical model	452		1985-1995	Yes	Wang and Liang (2008)
RF		72.9	2001-2011	No	This paper
MTE		64.3			
P-LSH		72.5			
GLEAM		67.5			
MODIS		63.8			
PML-CSIRO		63.1			
CABLE		63.5			
CLASS-CTEM		68.7			
CLM45		68.9			
DLEM		62.3			
ISAM		67.2			



JSBACH	64.4
JULES	75.7
LPJ-GUESS	65.4
LPJ-wsl	50.7
LPX-Bern	50.7
OCN	69.4
ORCHIDEE	65.9
ORCHIDEE-	70.8
MICT	
VISIT	62.2

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