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2    **Delaying Response Time of Ecosystem Water Use Efficiency to**  
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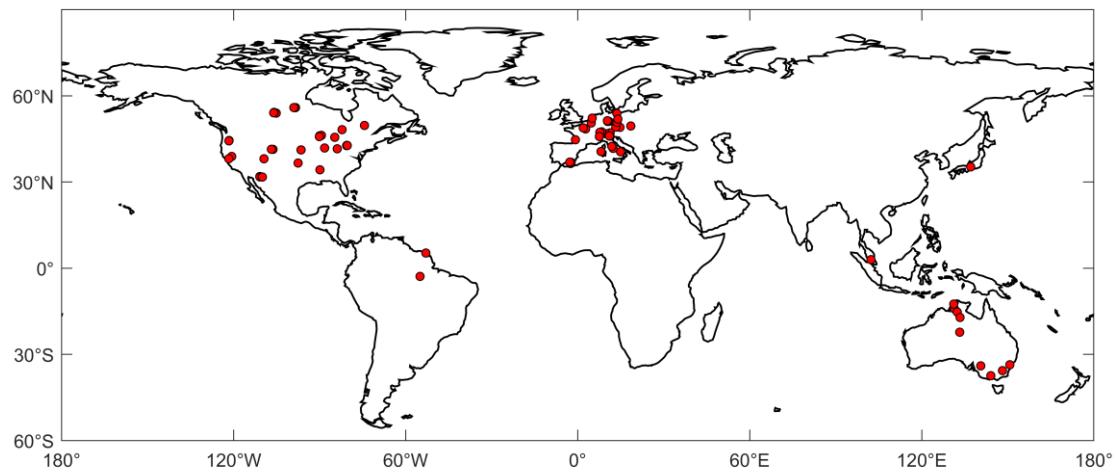
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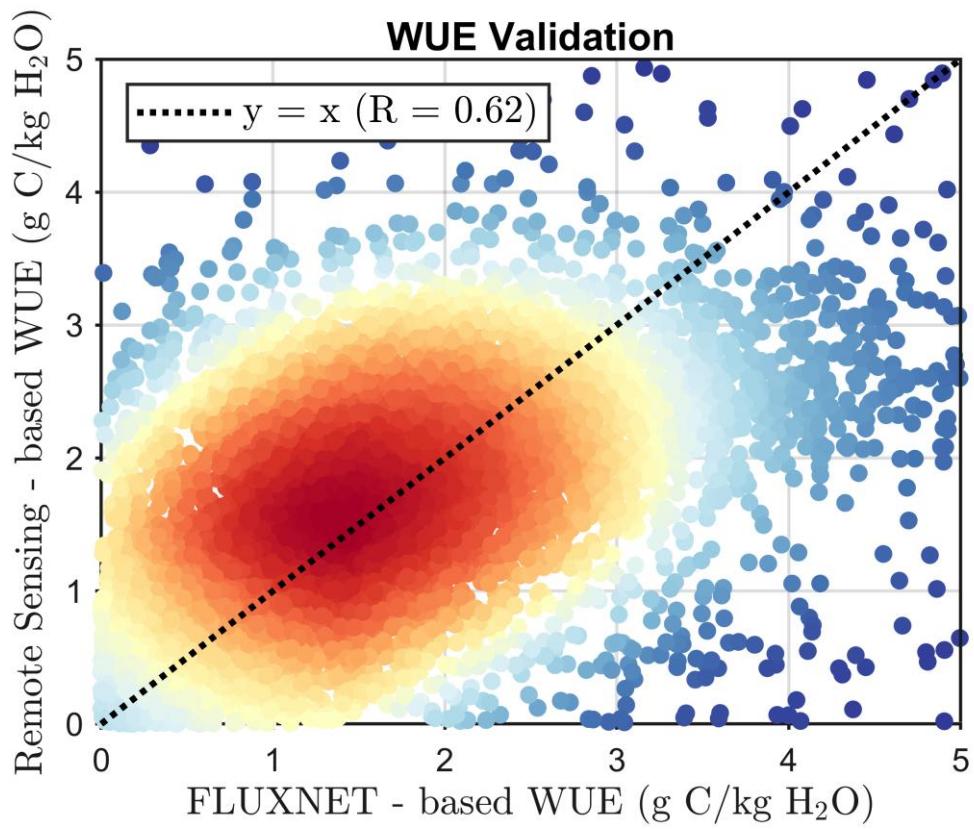
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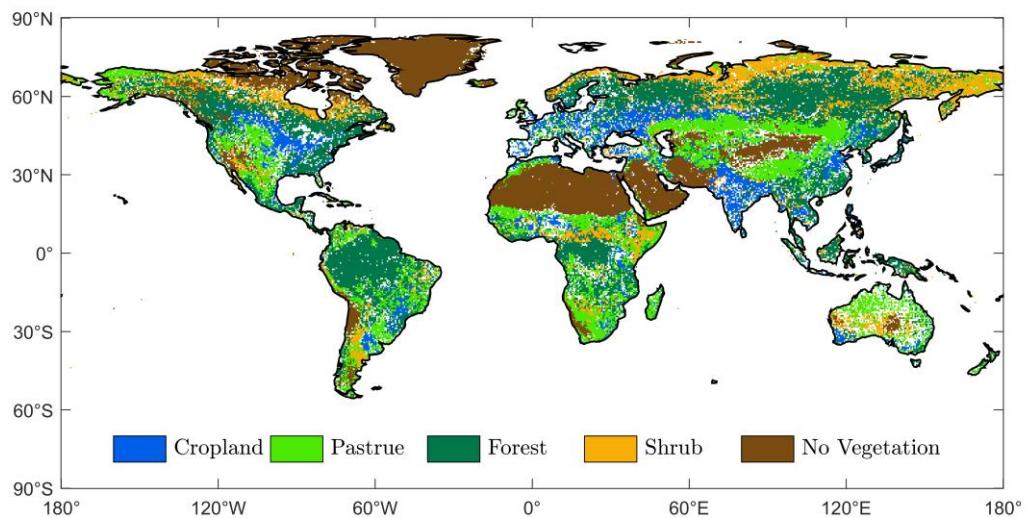
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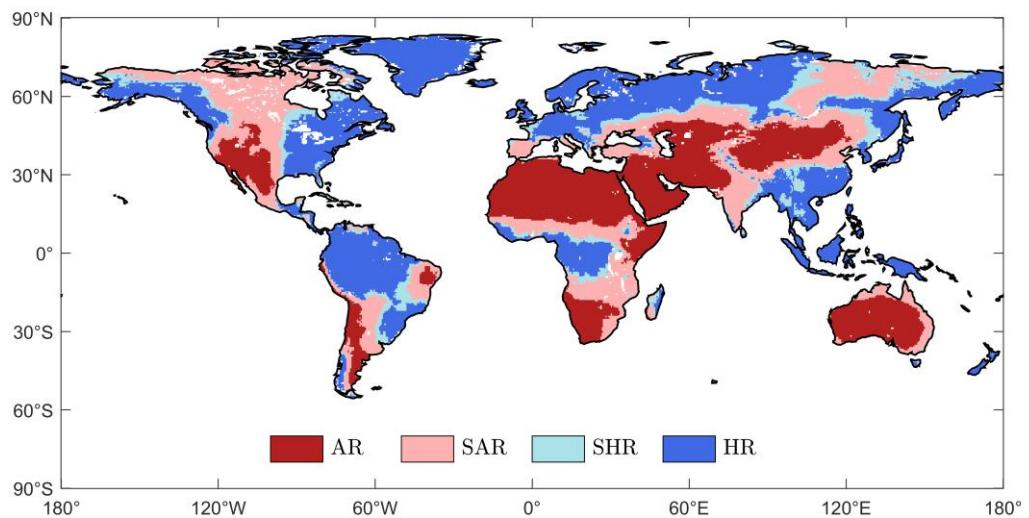
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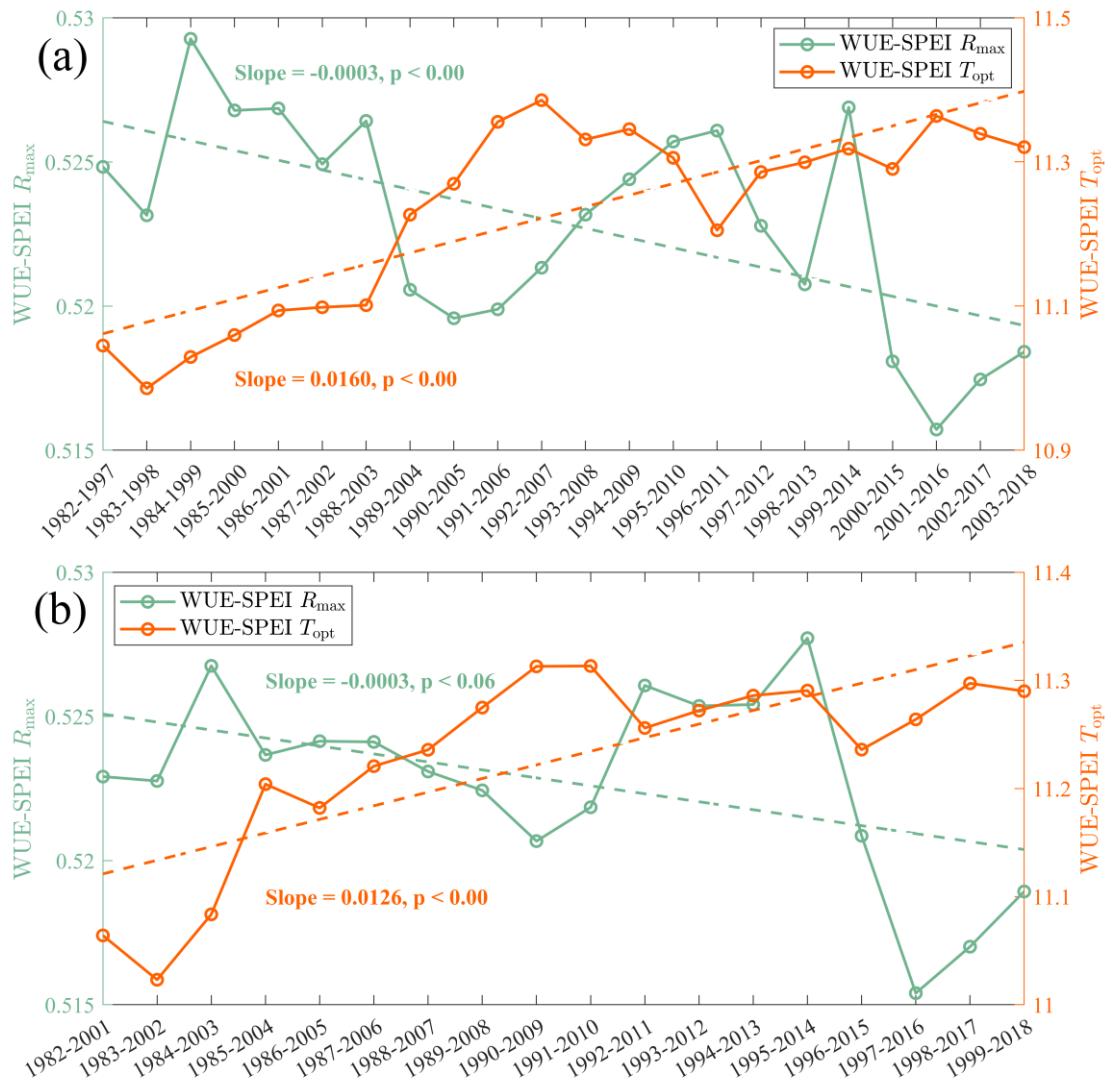




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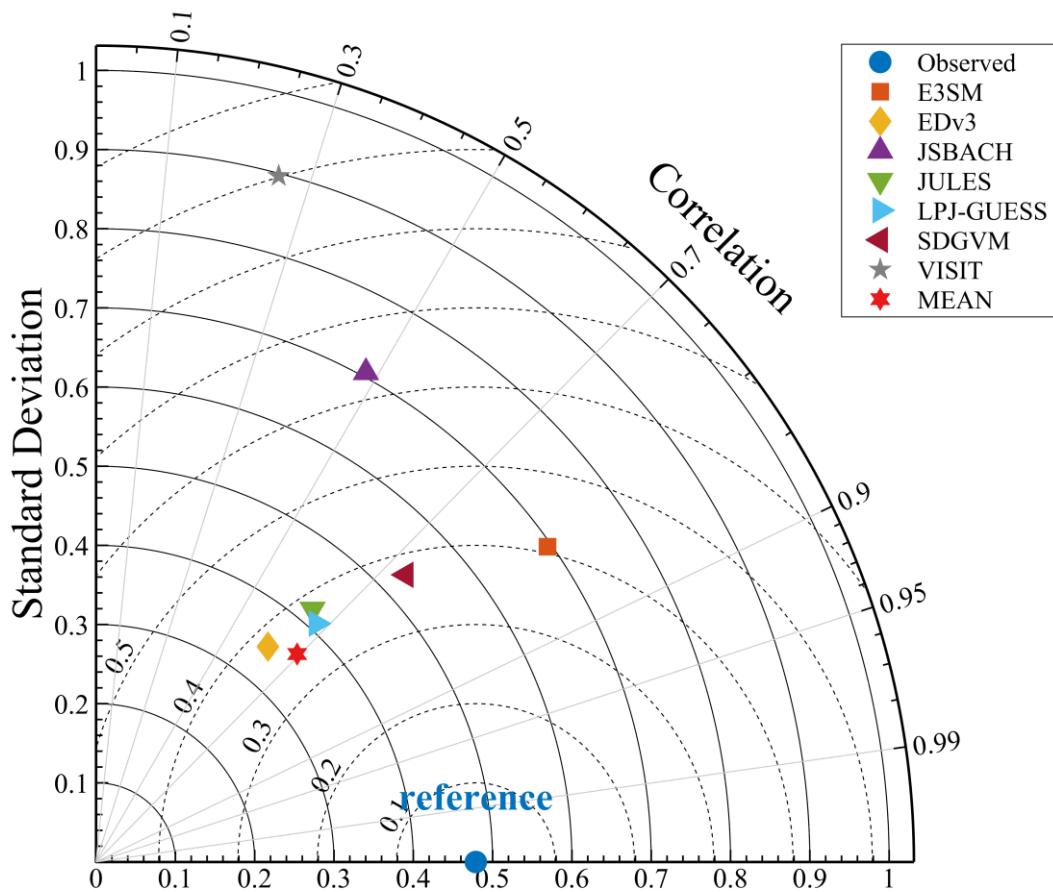
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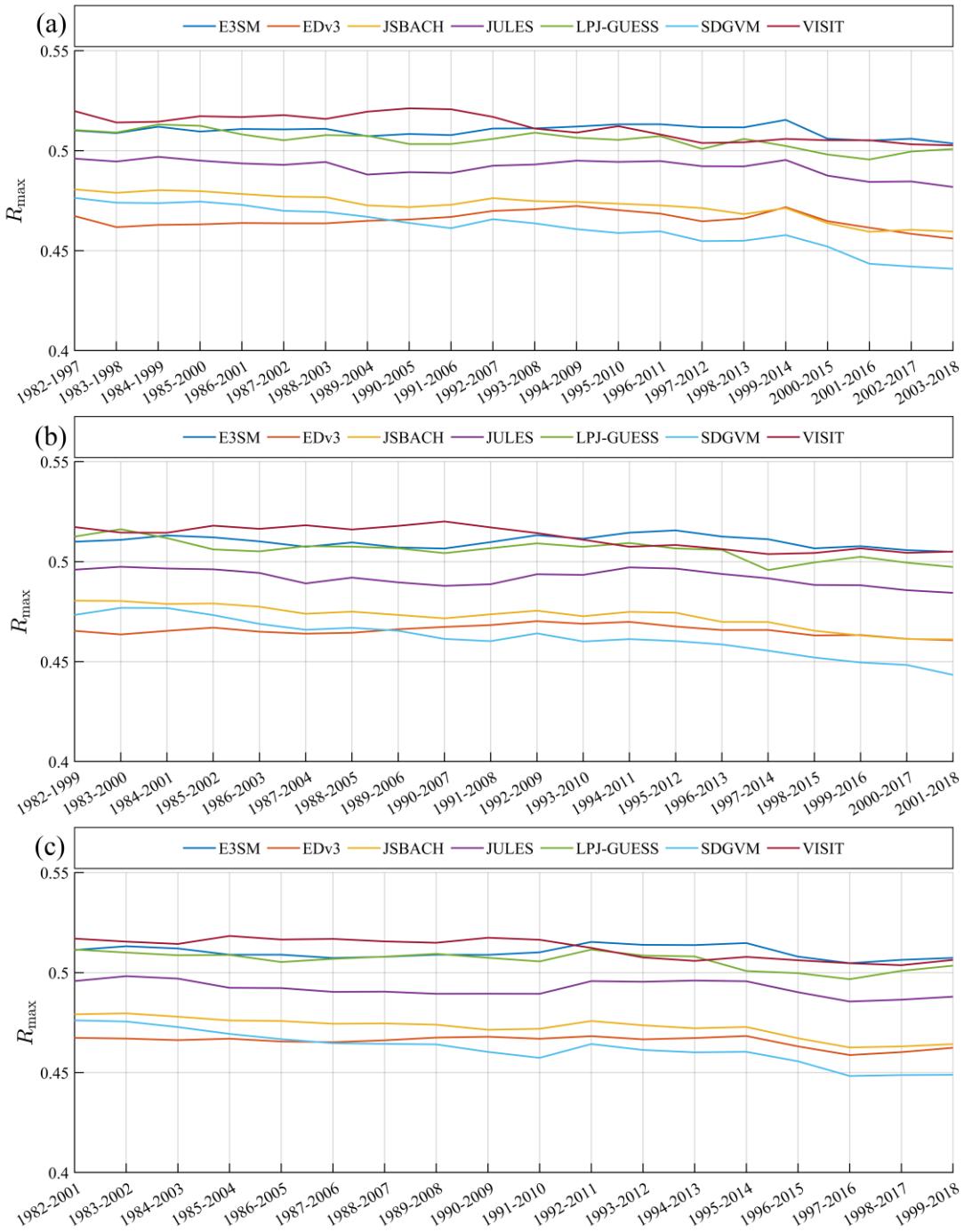
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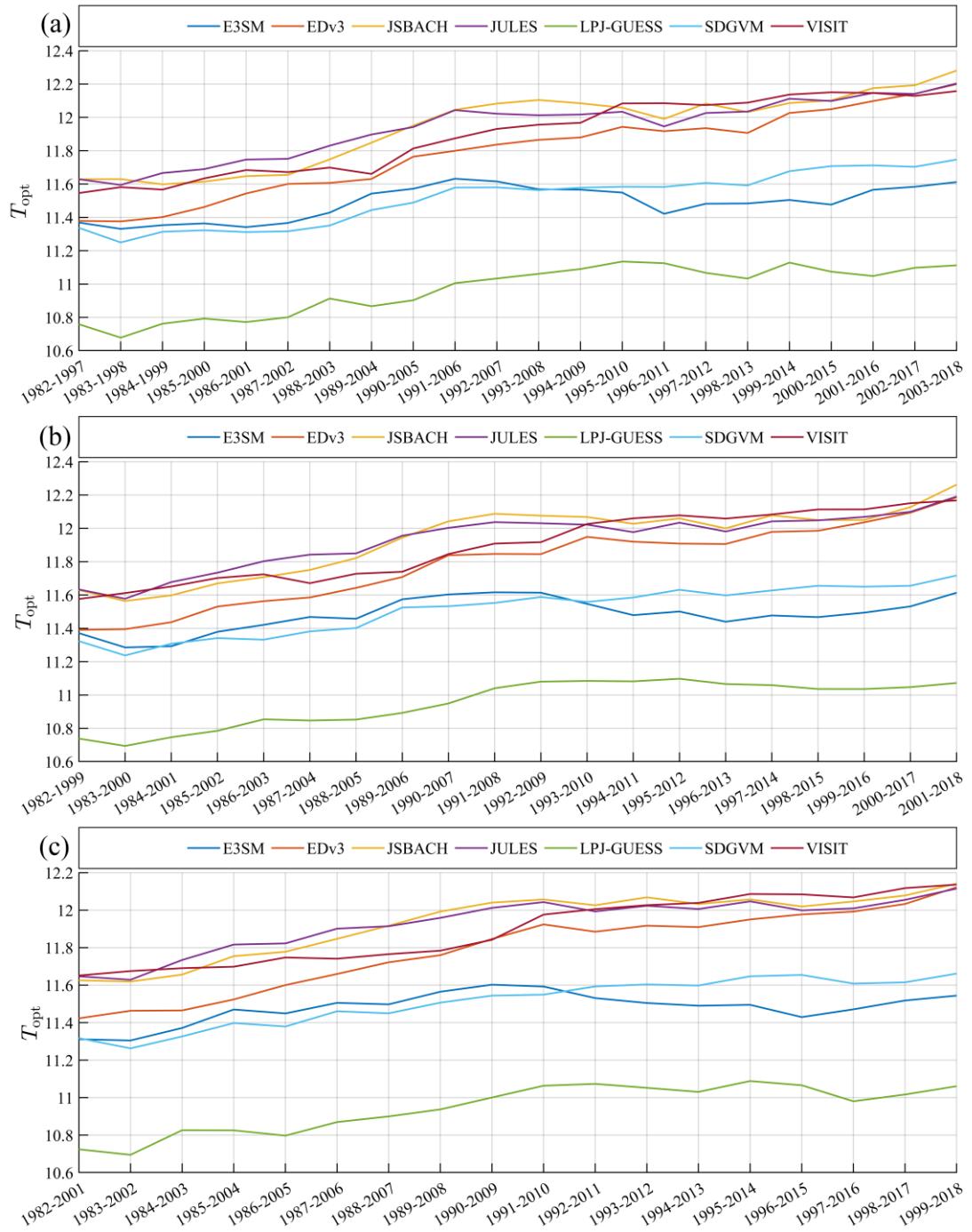
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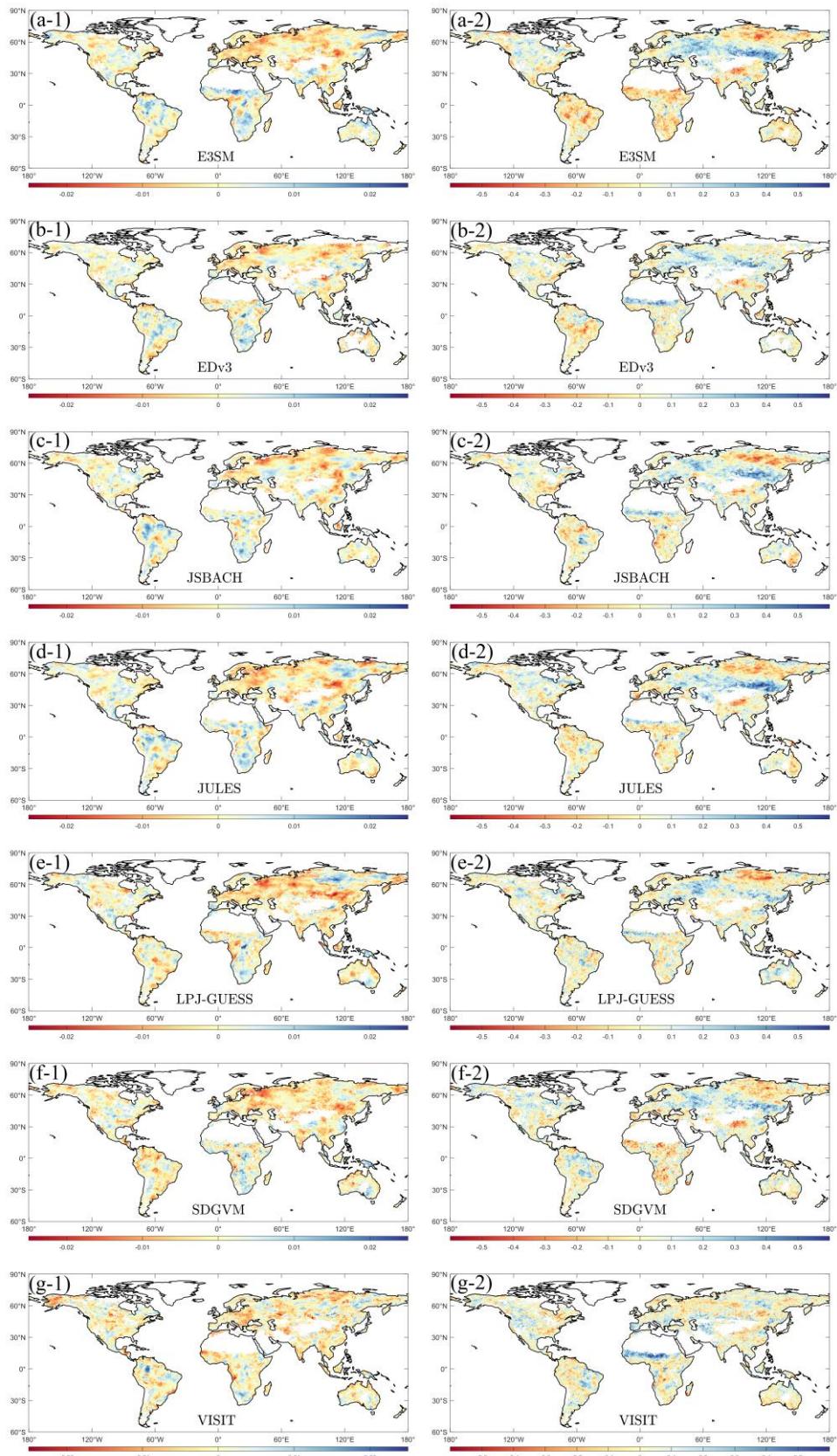
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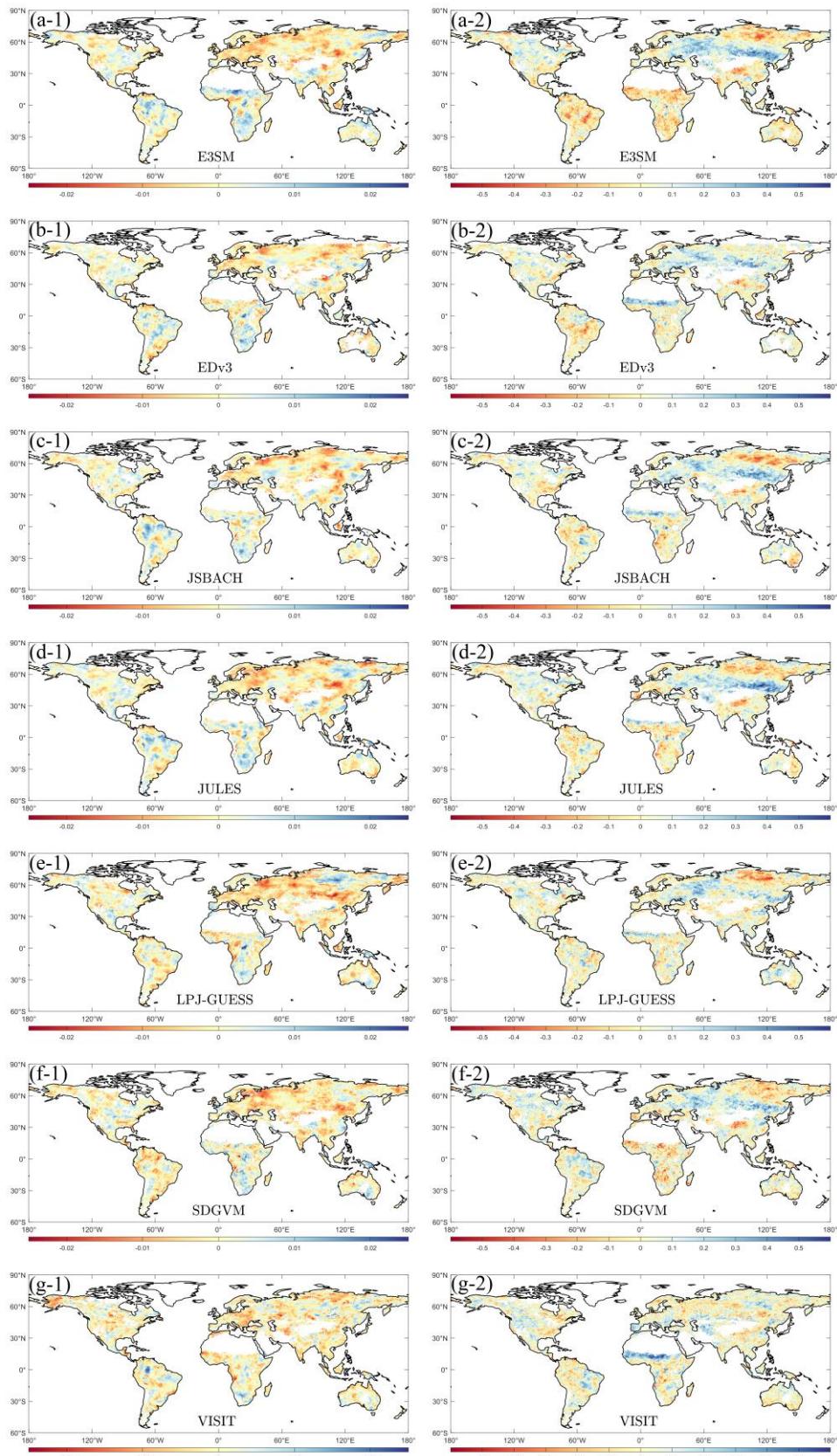
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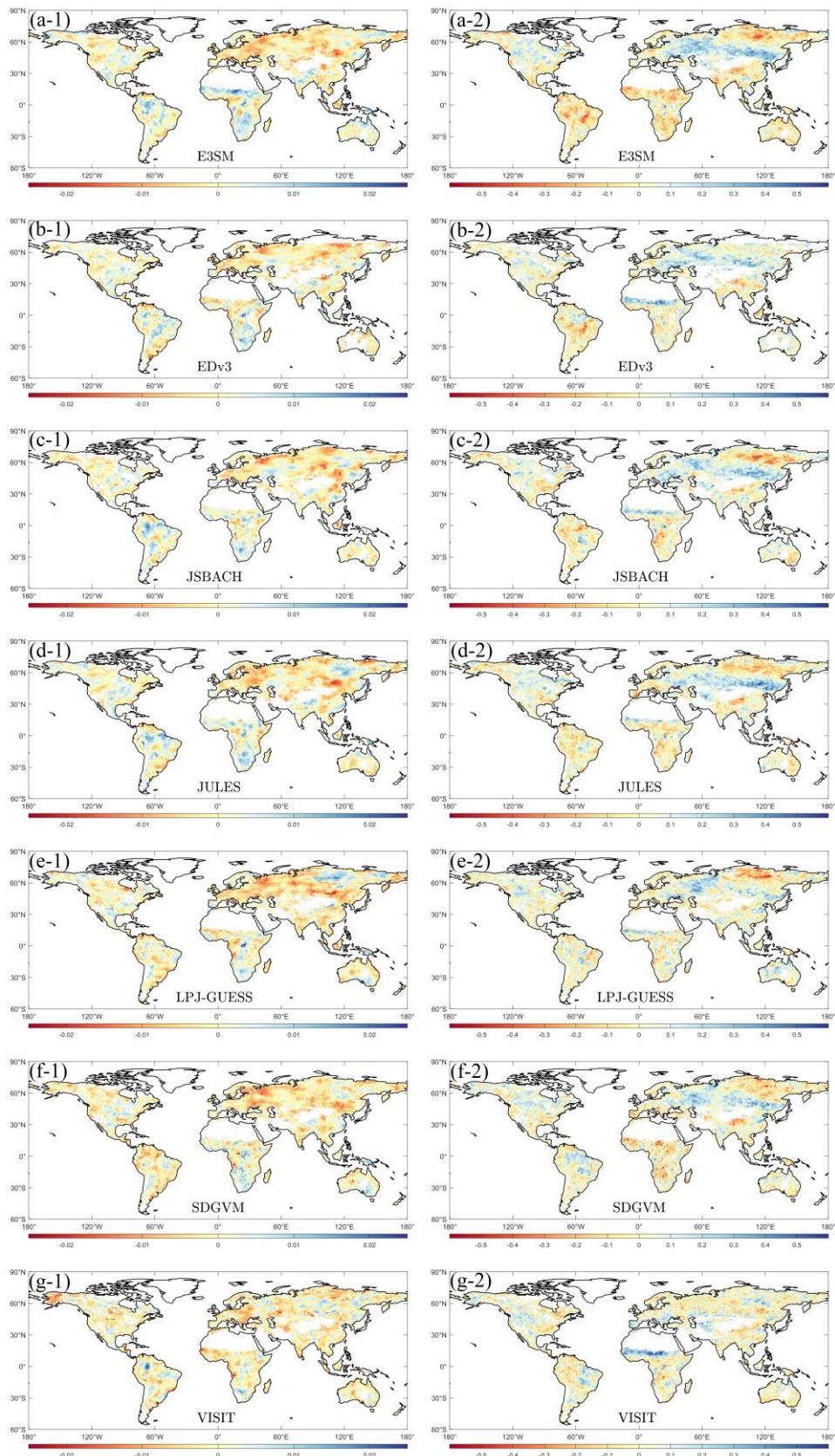
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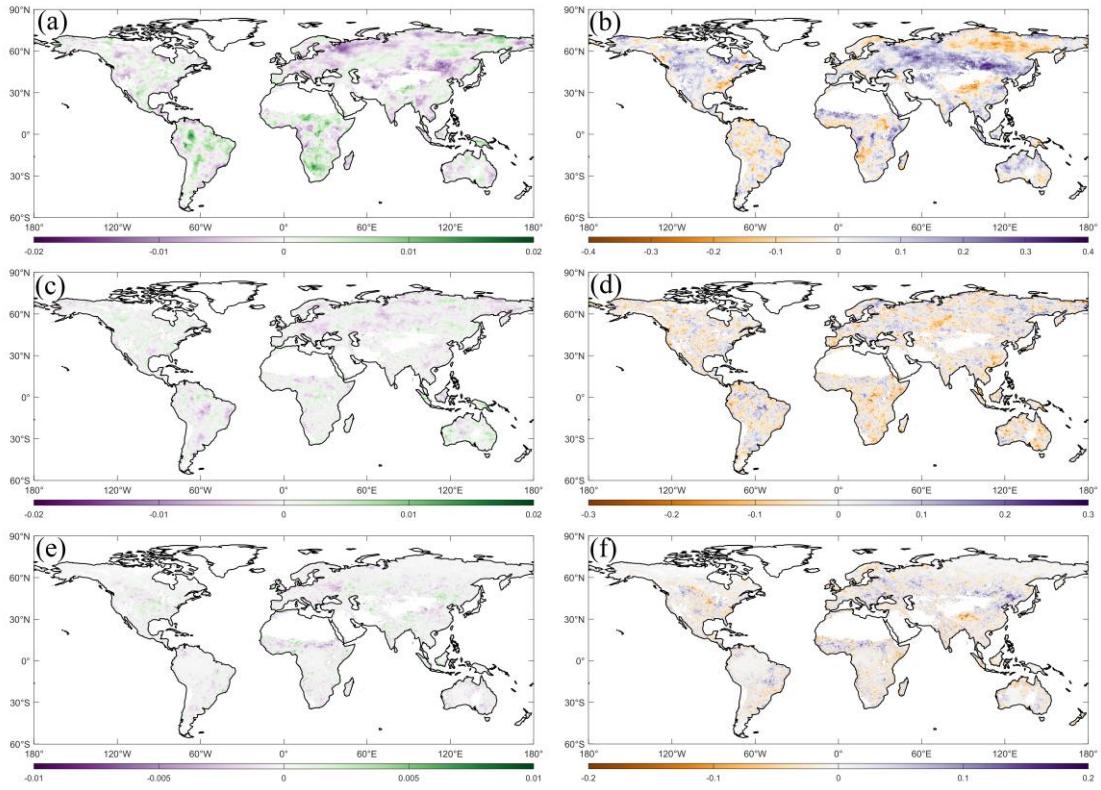
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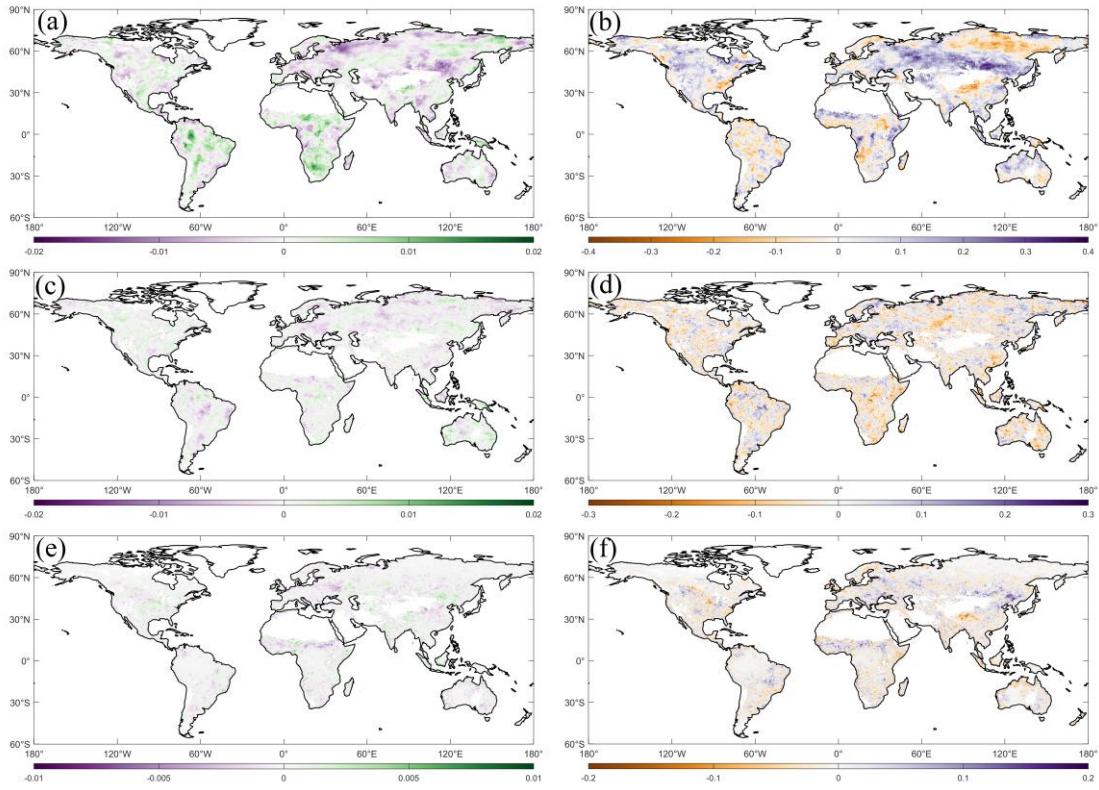
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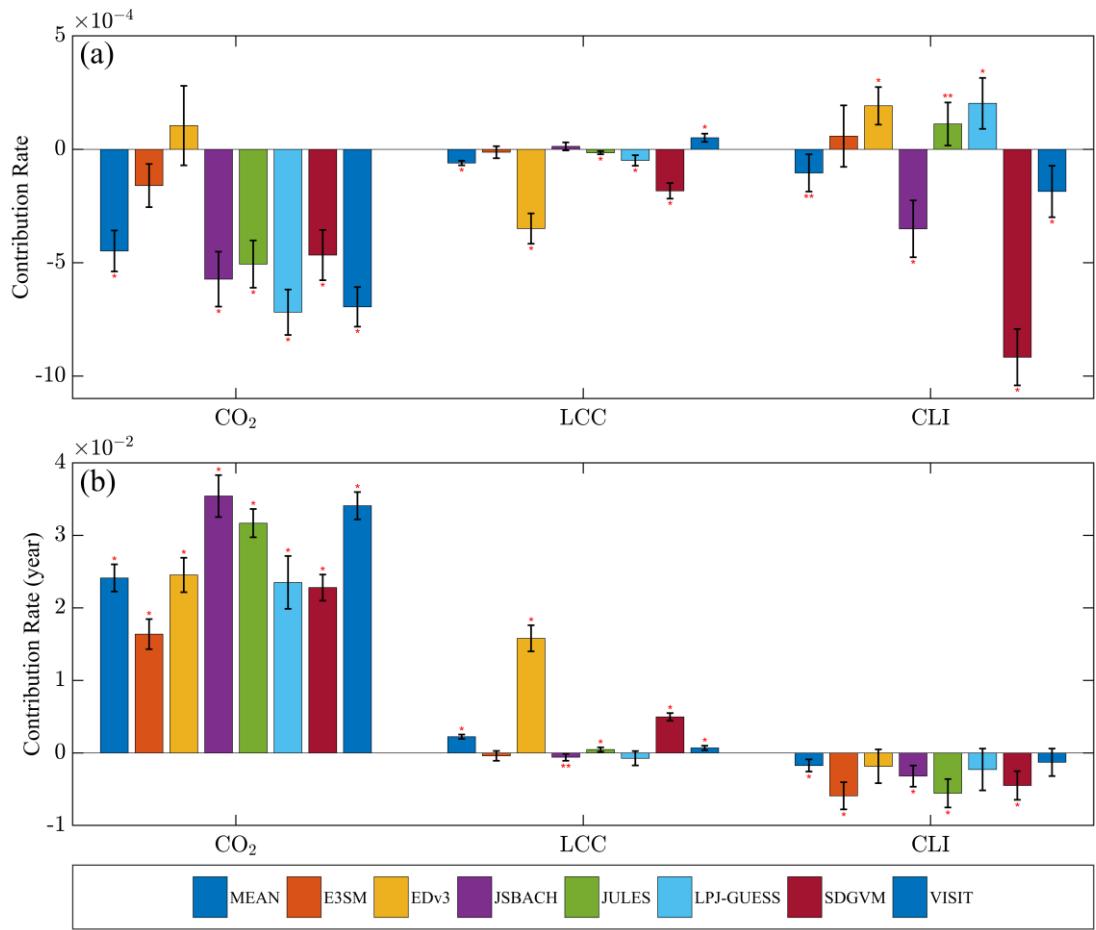
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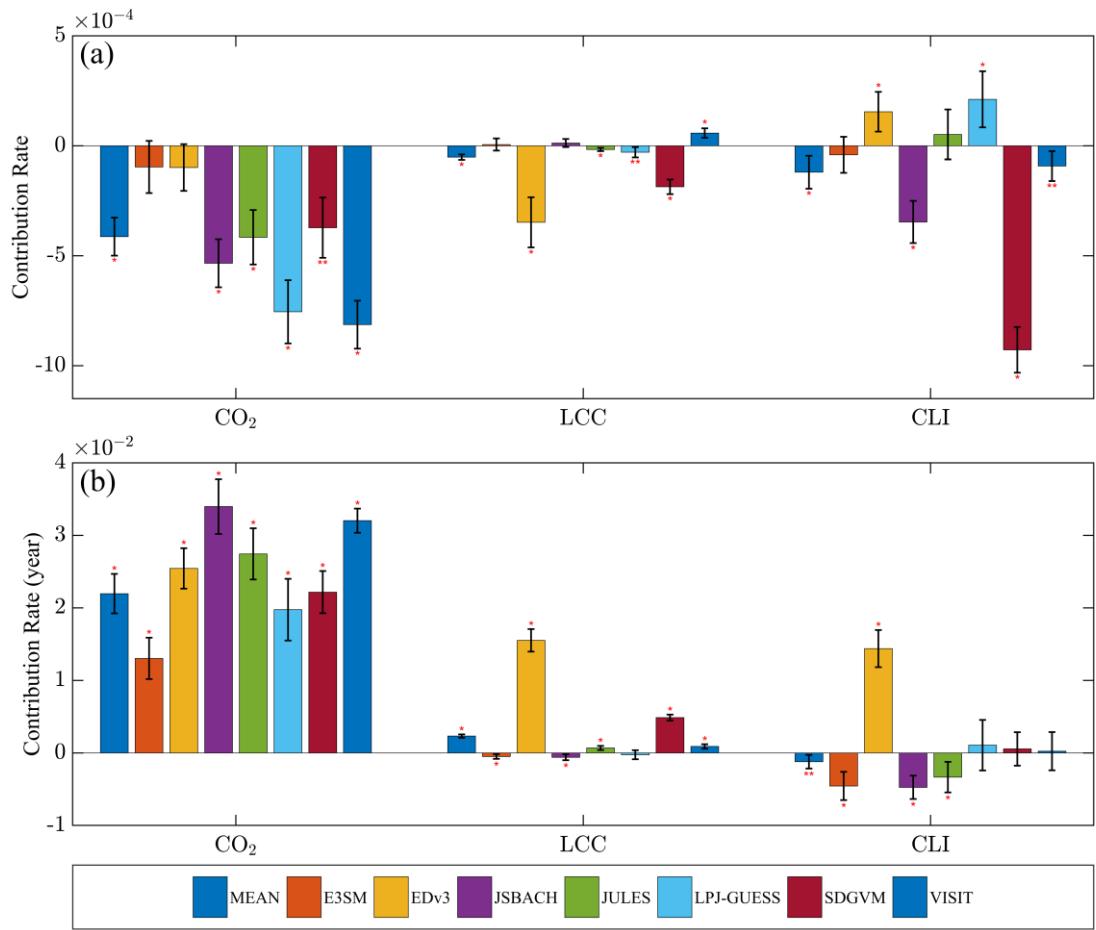
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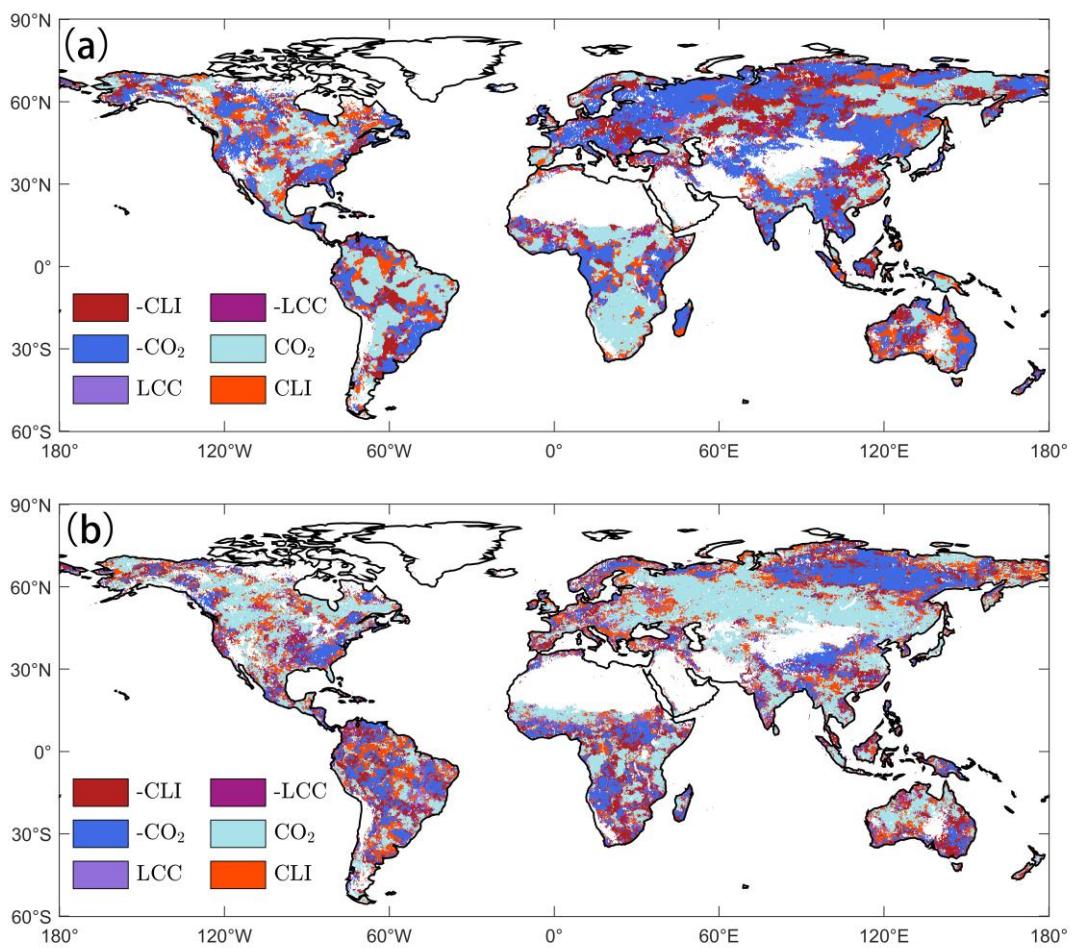
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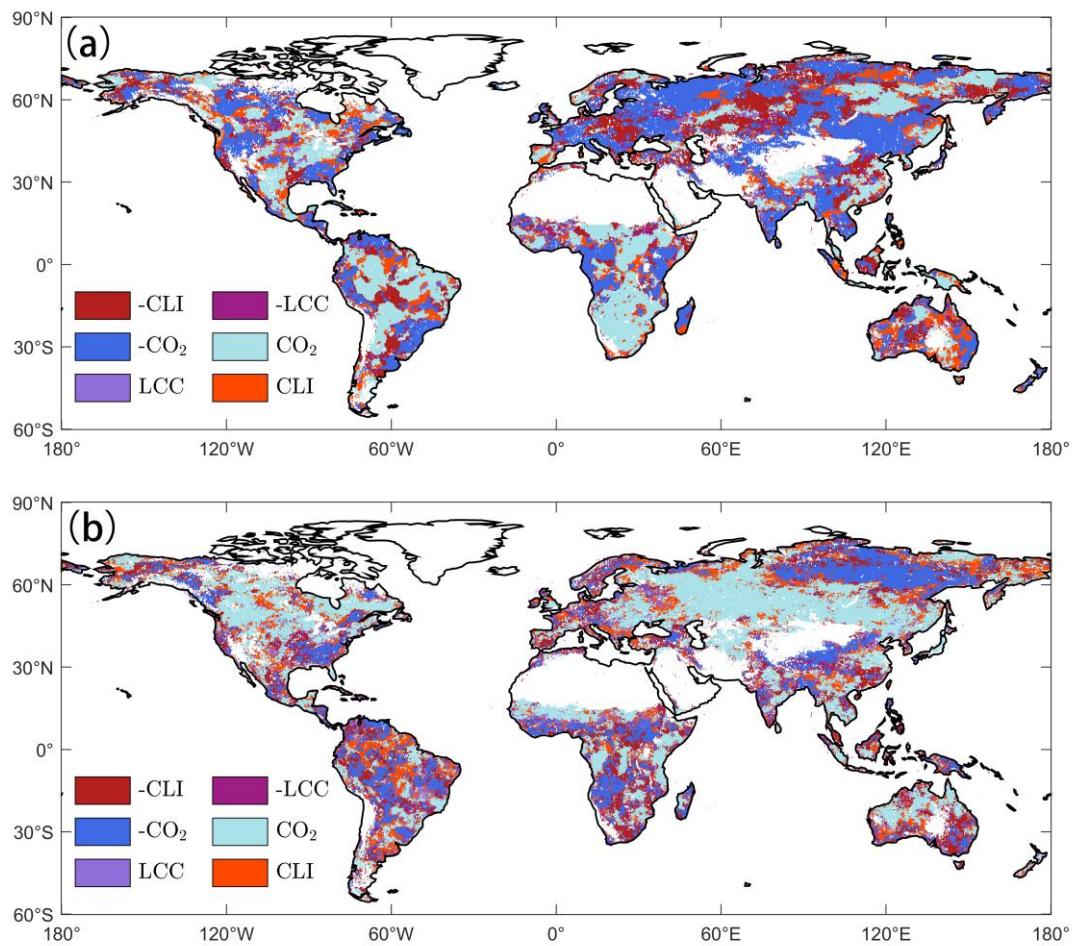
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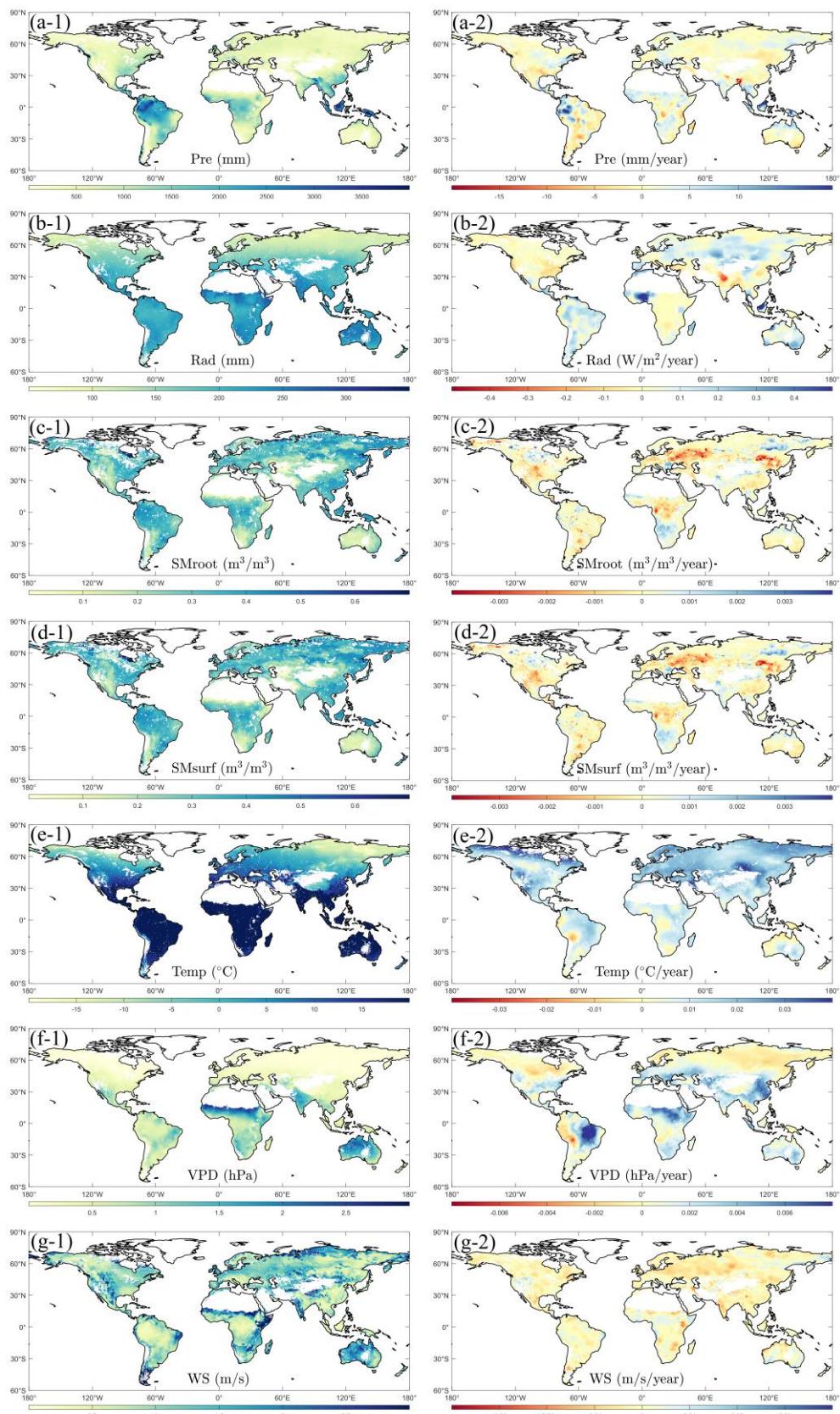
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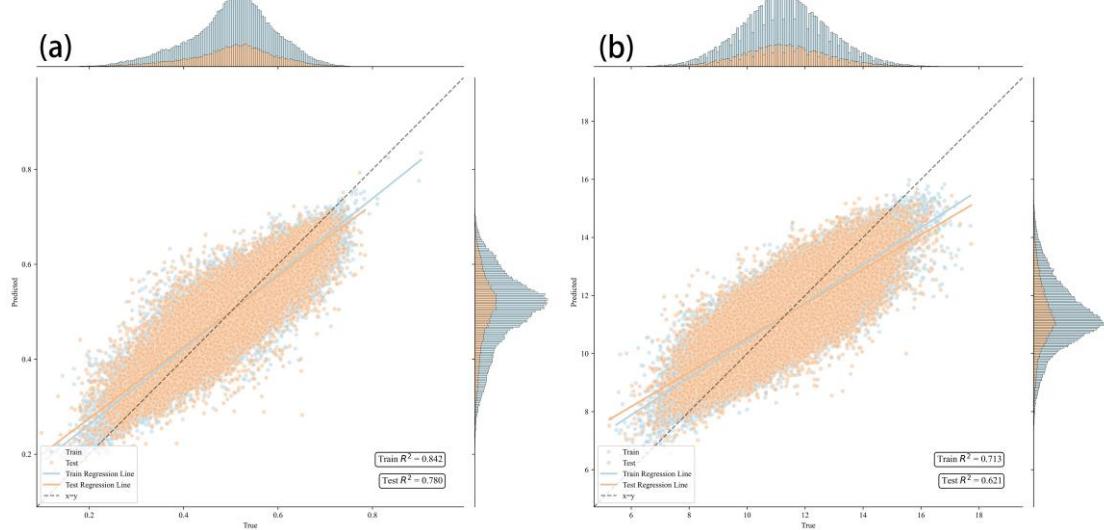
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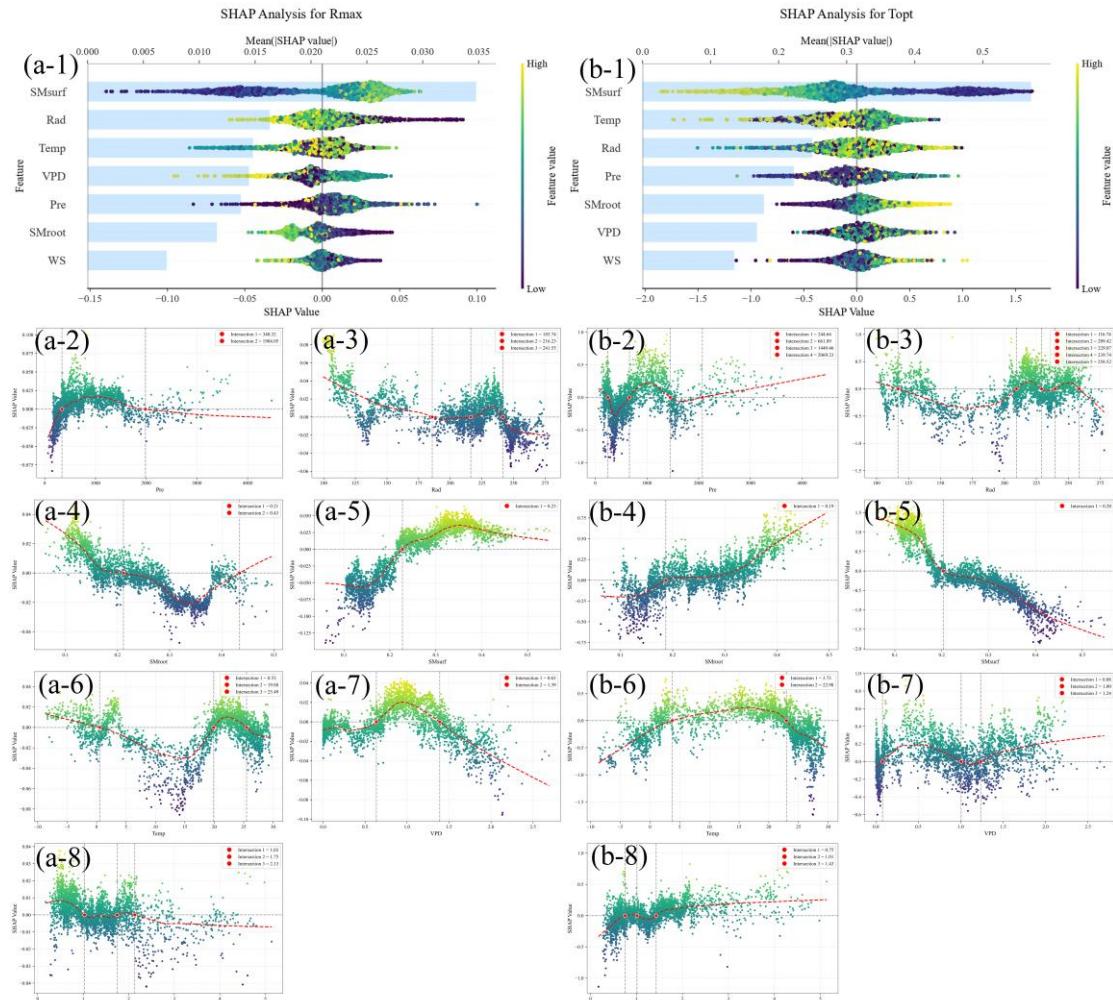
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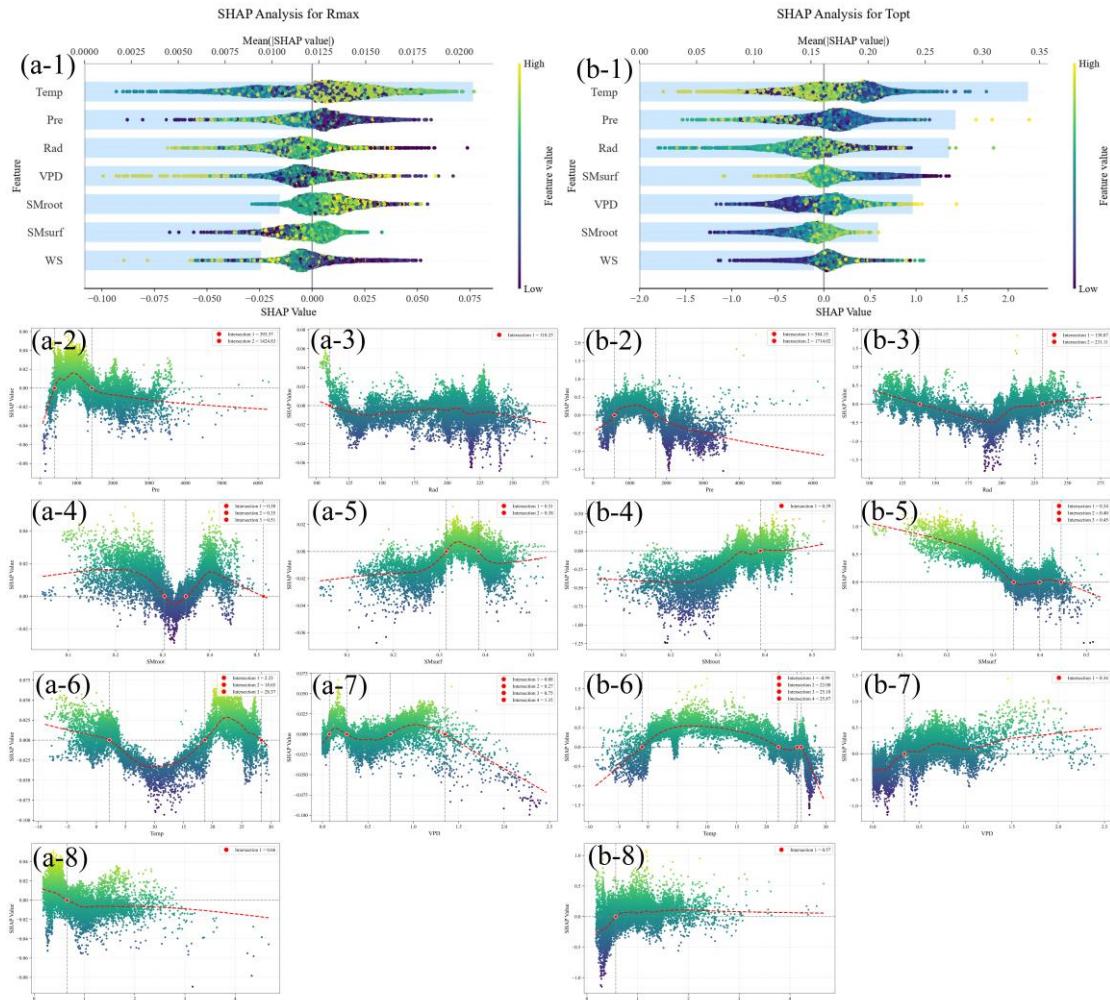
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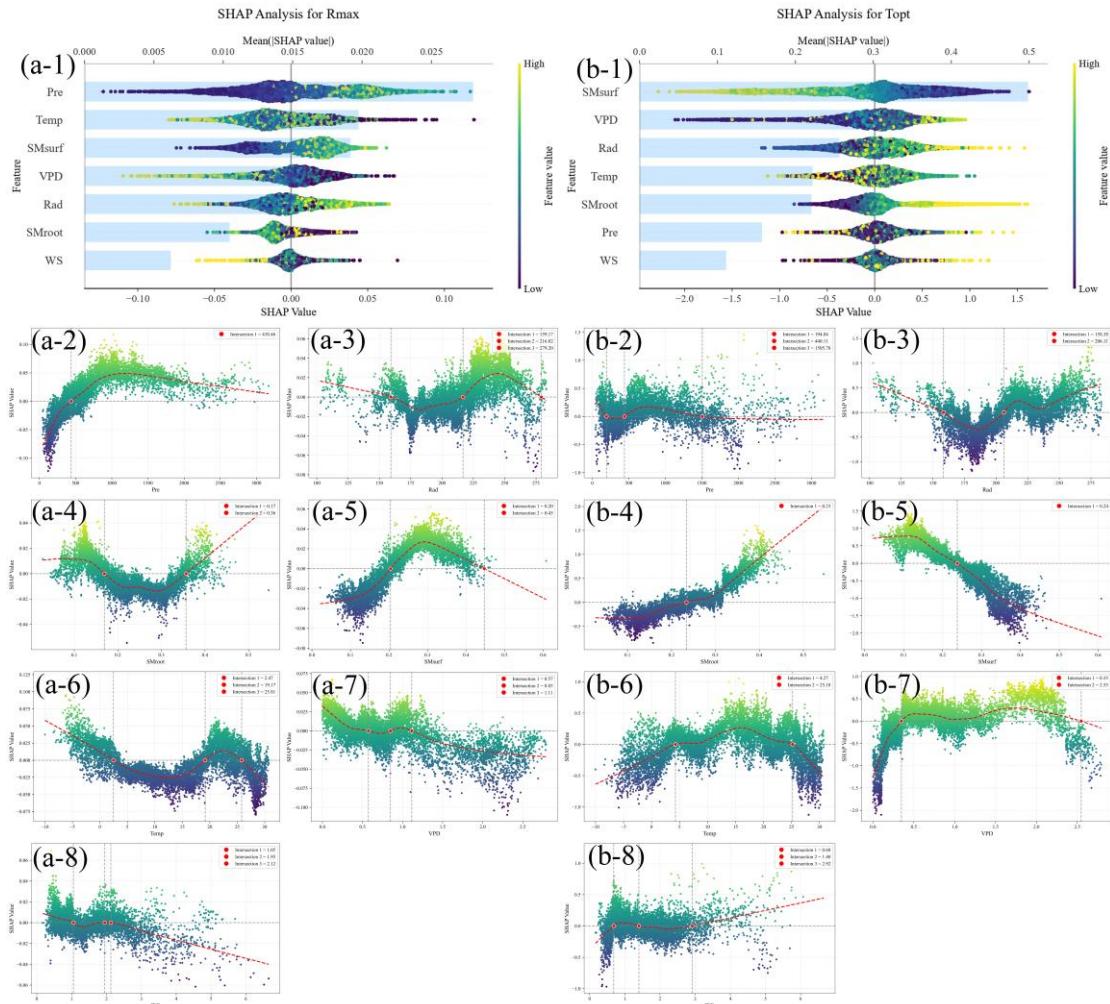
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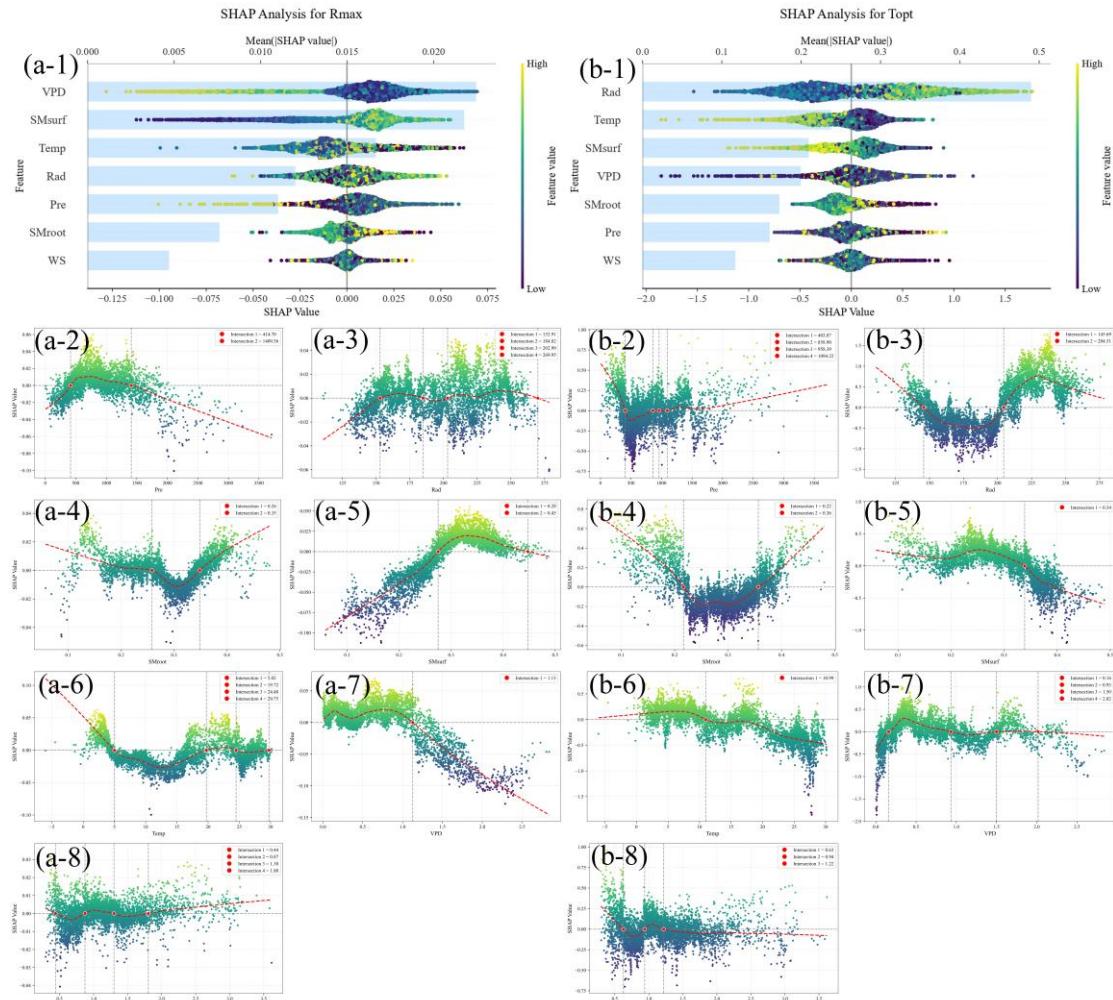
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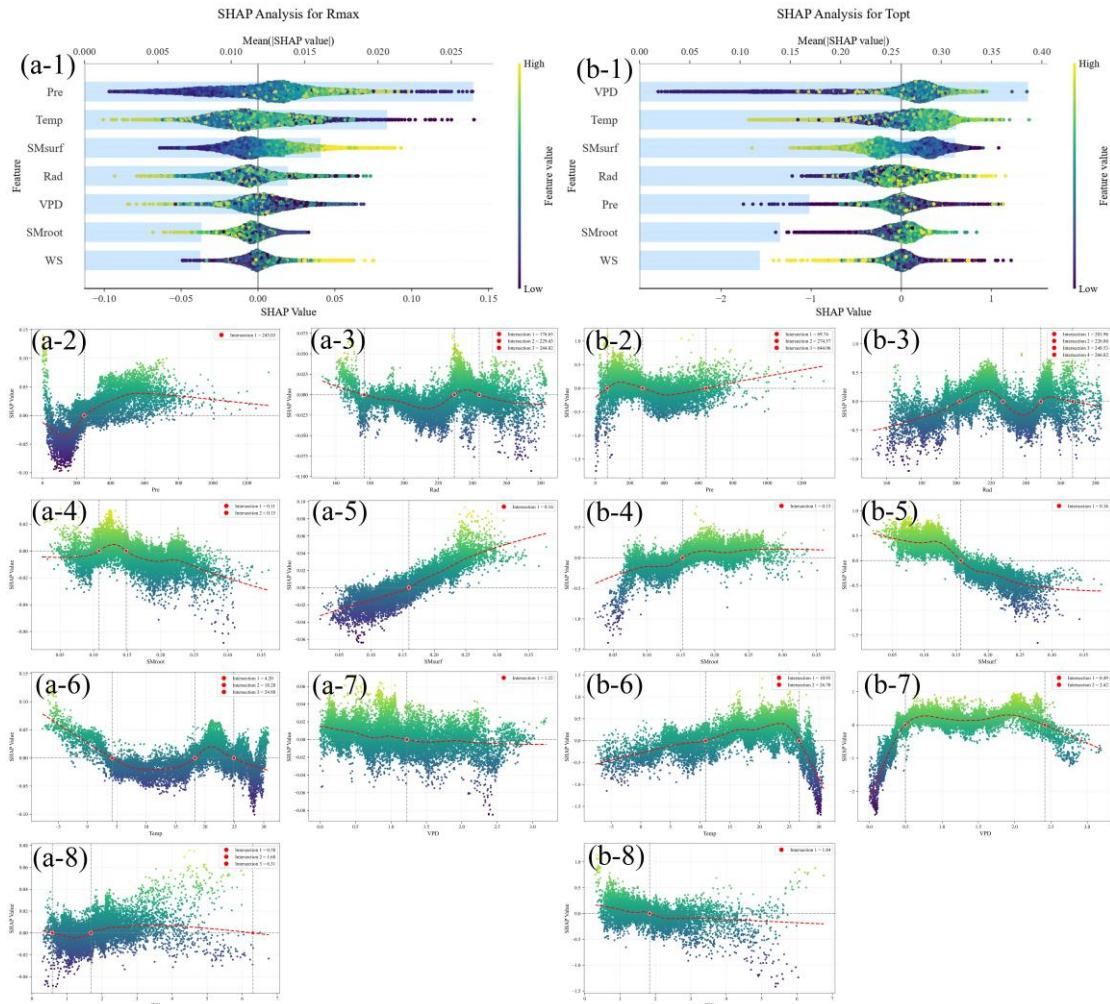
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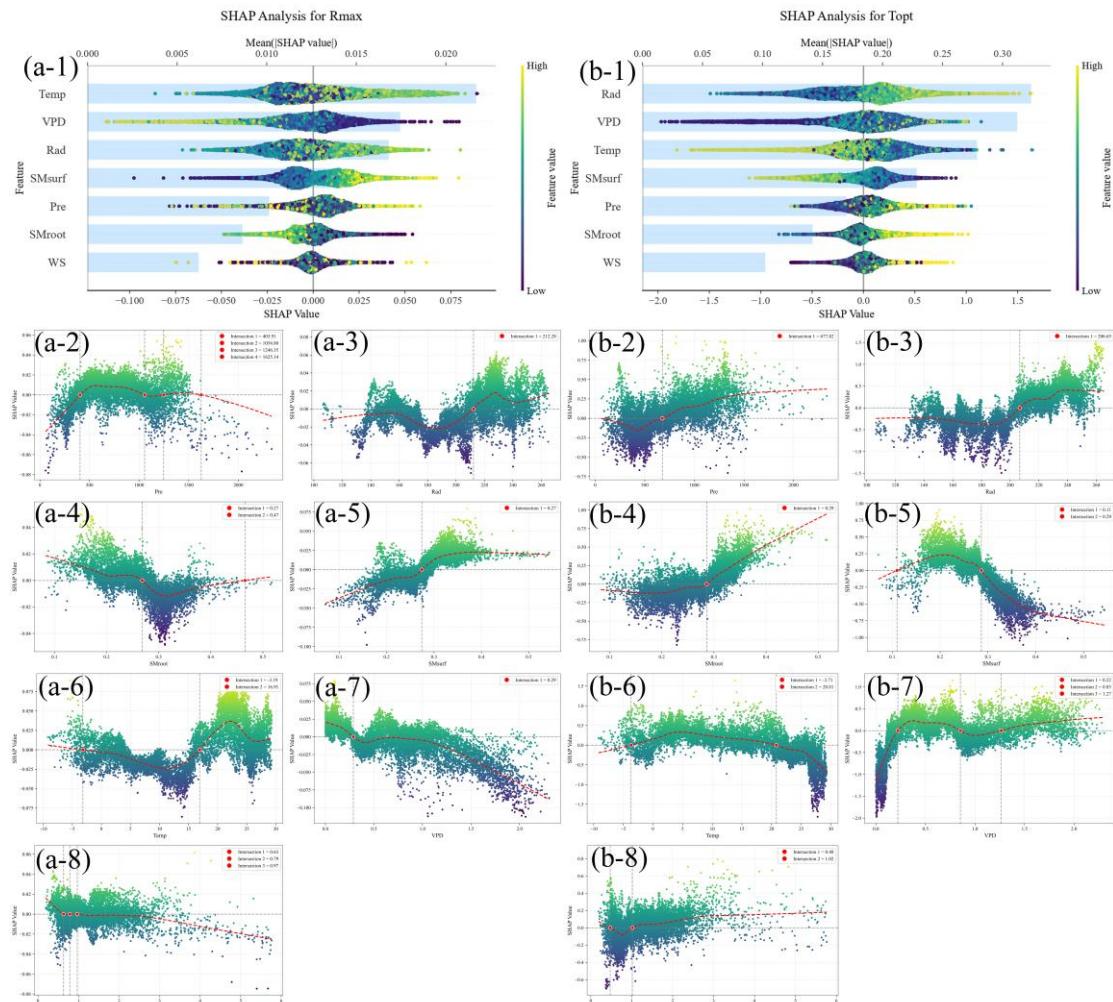
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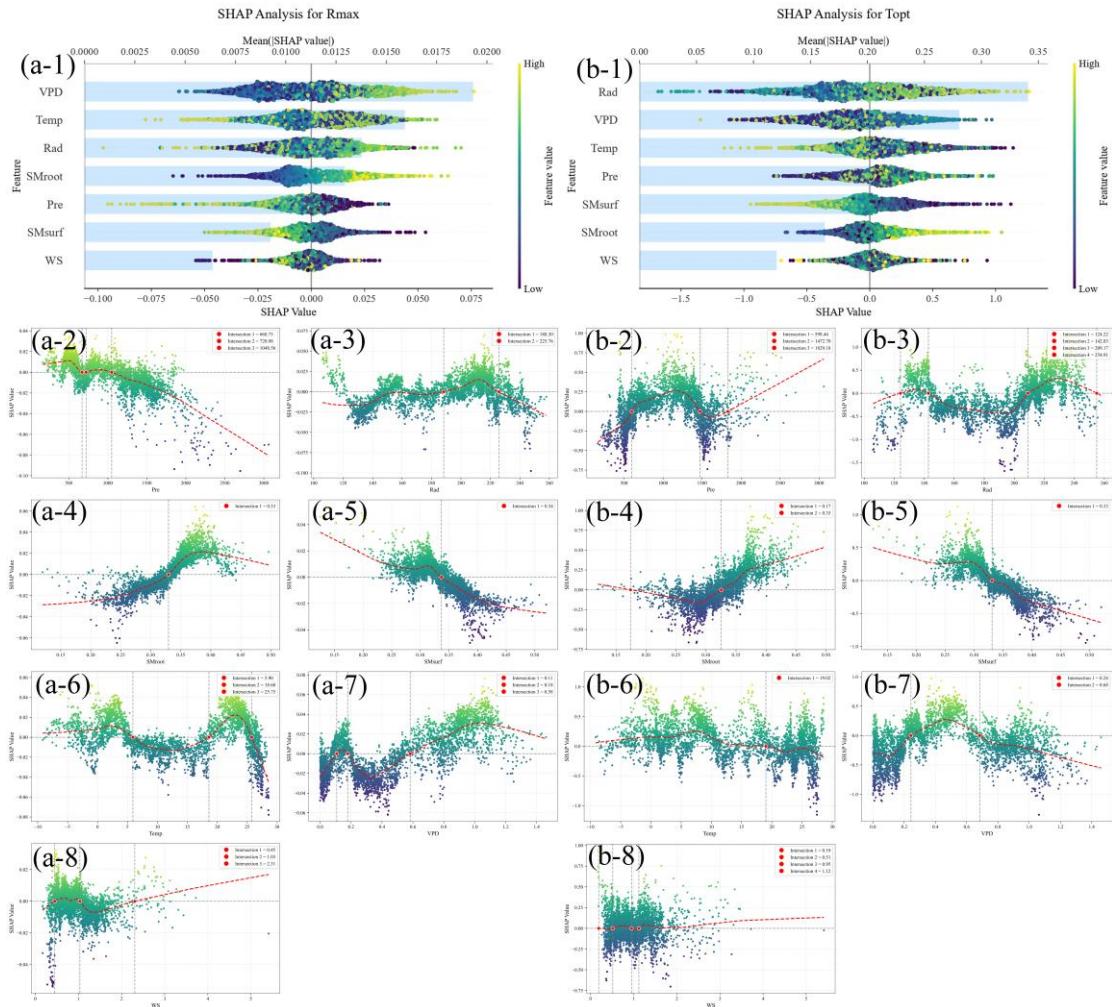
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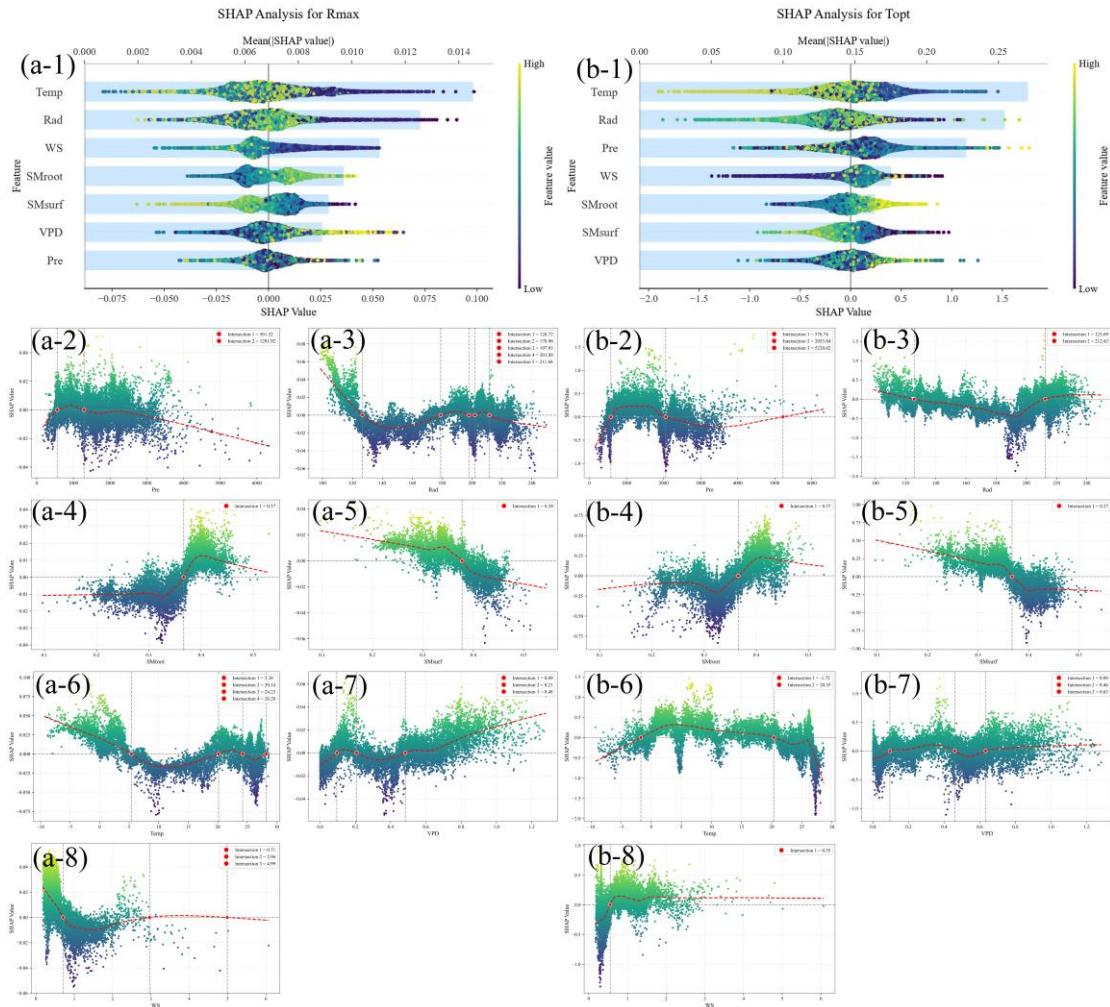
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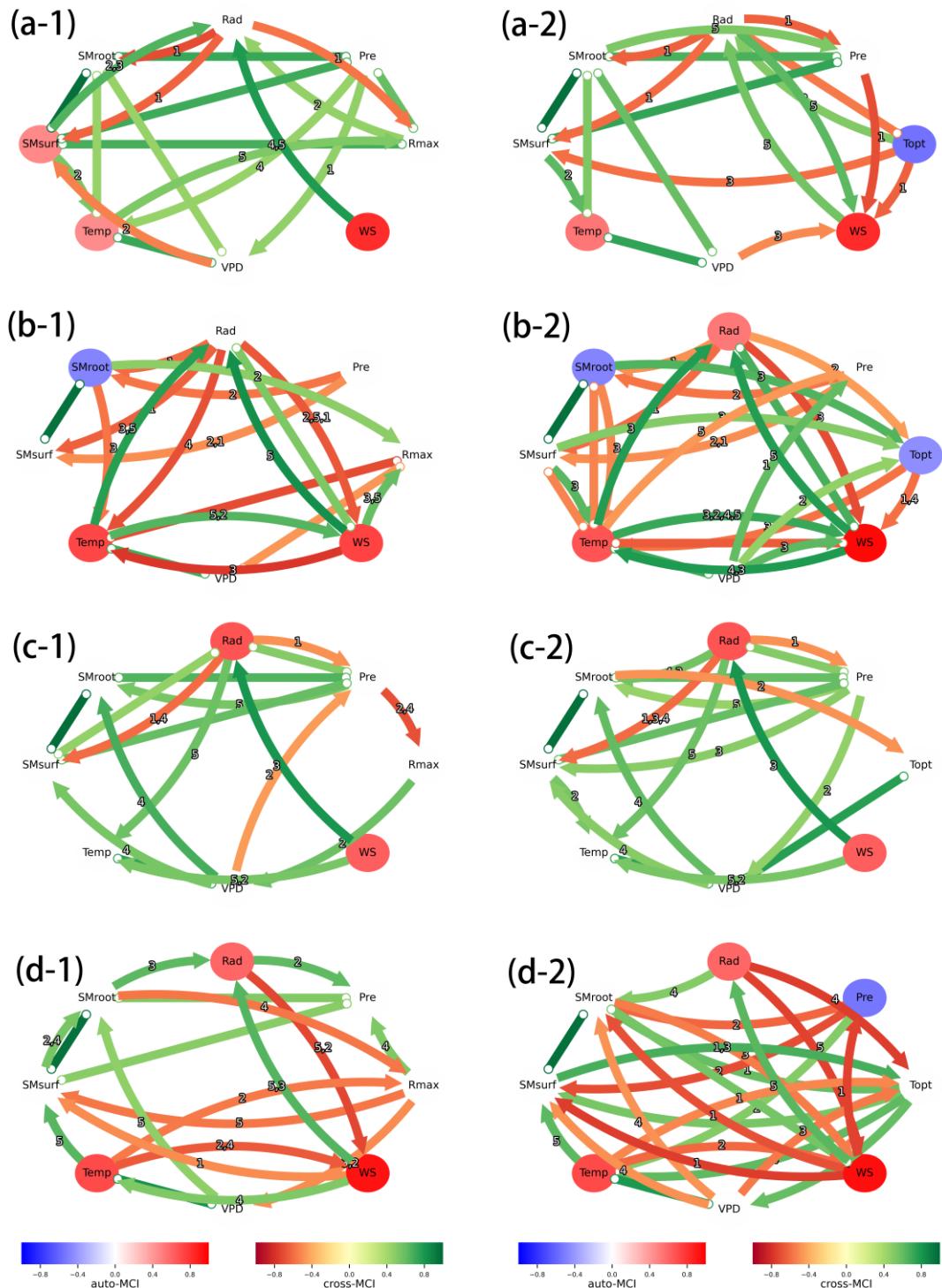
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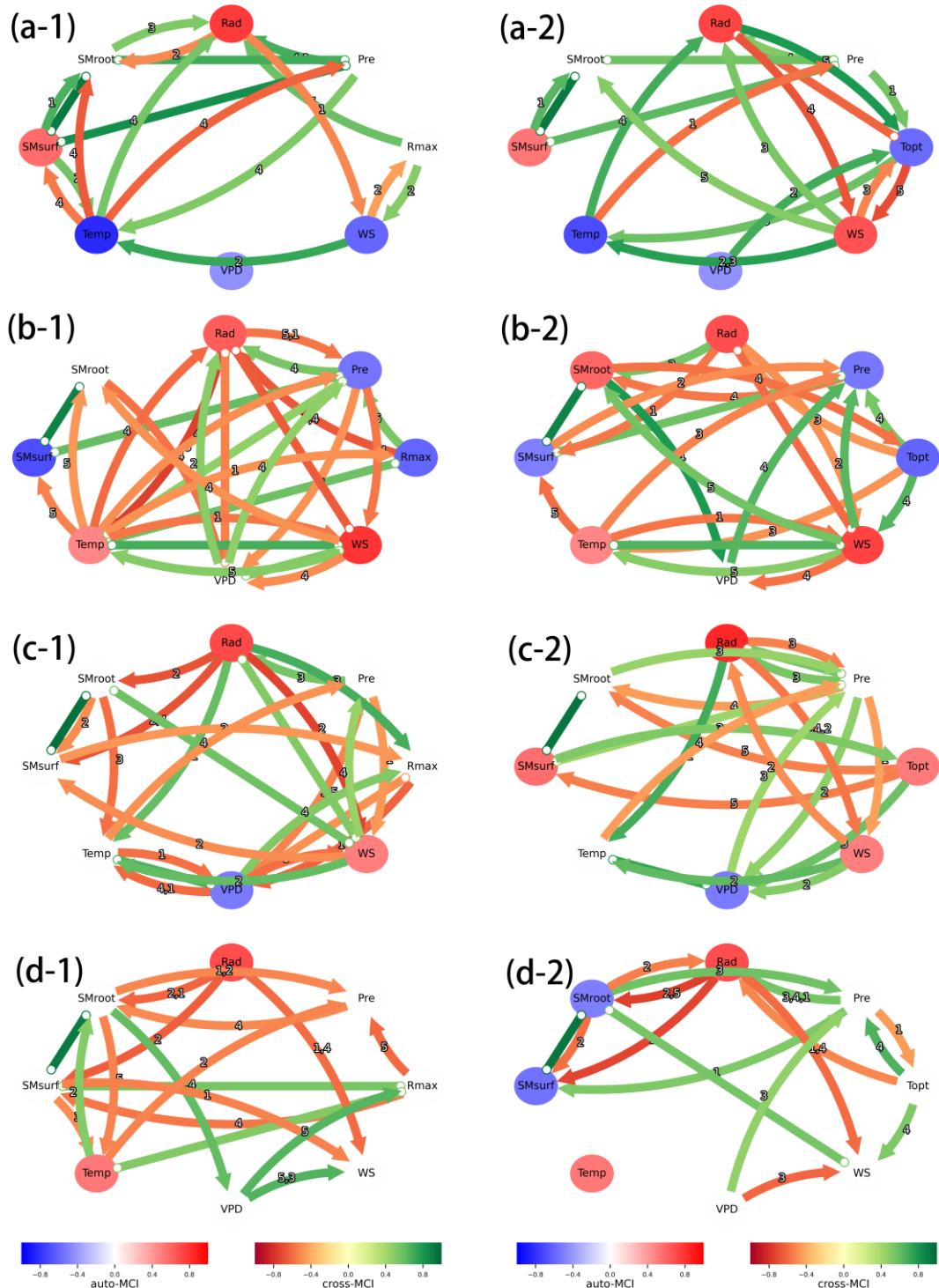
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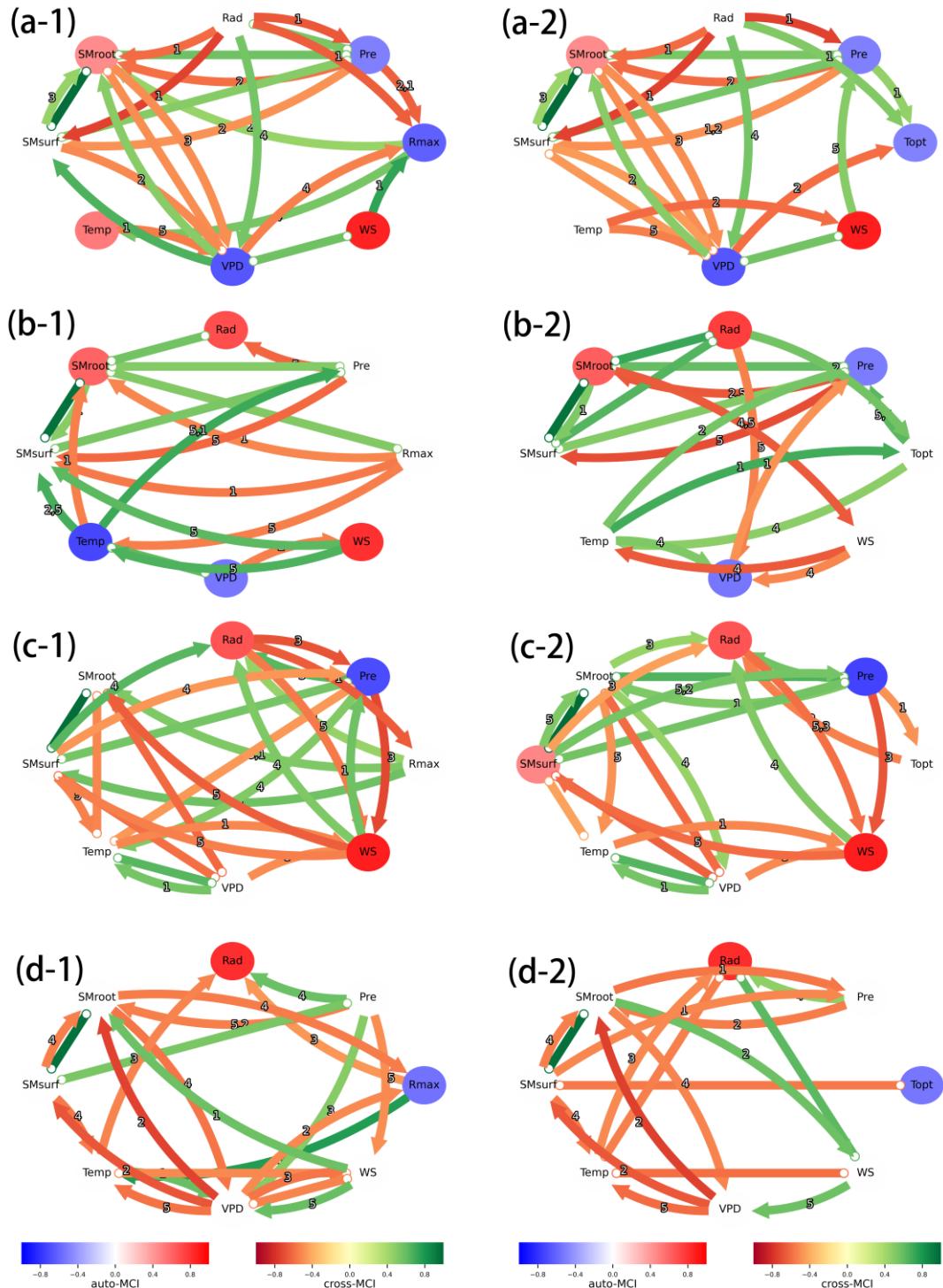
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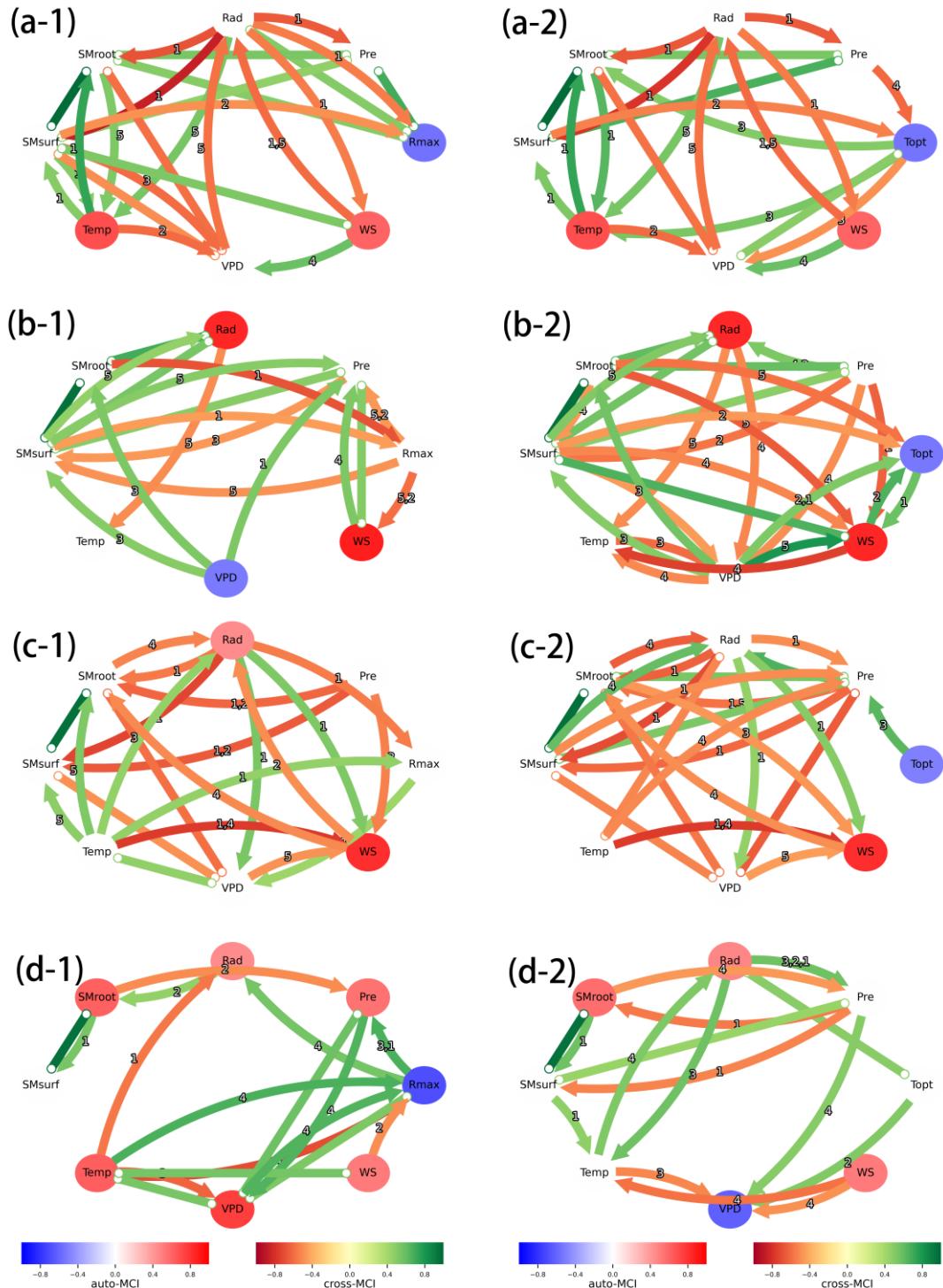
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Table S1. Basic information of the 85 selected FLUXNET 2015 sites

SITE_ID	Lat	Lon	IGBP
AT-Neu	47.1167	11.3175	GRA
AU-ASM	-22.283	133.249	SAV
AU-Cpr	-34.0021	140.5891	SAV
AU-Cum	-33.6152	150.7236	EBF
AU-DaP	-14.0633	131.3181	GRA
AU-DaS	-14.1593	131.3881	SAV
AU-Dry	-15.2588	132.3706	SAV
AU-How	-12.4943	131.1523	WSA
AU-Stop	-17.1507	133.3502	GRA
AU-Tum	-35.6566	148.1517	EBF
AU-Wom	-37.4222	144.0944	EBF
BE-Lon	50.5516	4.7462	CRO
BR-Sa1	-2.8567	-54.9589	EBF
CA-Gro	48.2167	-82.1556	MF
CA-NS2	55.9058	-98.5247	ENF
CA-NS3	55.9117	-98.3822	ENF
CA-NS5	55.8631	-98.485	ENF
CA-NS6	55.9167	-98.9644	OSH
CA-Obs	53.9872	-105.118	ENF
CA-Qfo	49.6925	-74.3421	ENF
CA-SF2	54.2539	-105.878	ENF
CA-SF3	54.0916	-106.005	OSH
CA-TP1	42.6609	-80.5595	ENF
CA-TP2	42.7744	-80.4588	ENF
CA-TP3	42.7068	-80.3483	ENF
CA-TP4	42.7102	-80.3574	ENF
CH-Cha	47.2102	8.4104	GRA
CH-Dav	46.8153	9.8559	ENF
CH-Fru	47.1158	8.5378	GRA
CH-Lae	47.4783	8.3644	MF
CH-Oe1	47.2858	7.7319	GRA
CH-Oe2	47.2864	7.7337	CRO
CZ-BK1	49.5021	18.5369	ENF
CZ-BK2	49.4944	18.5429	GRA
CZ-wet	49.0247	14.7704	WET
DE-Akm	53.8662	13.6834	WET
DE-Geb	51.0997	10.9146	CRO
DE-Gri	50.95	13.5126	GRA
DE-Hai	51.0792	10.4522	DBF
DE-Kli	50.8931	13.5224	CRO
DE-Lkb	49.0996	13.3047	ENF
DE-Lnf	51.3282	10.3678	DBF
DE-Obe	50.7867	13.7213	ENF

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DE-Spw	51.8922	14.0337	WET
ES-Amo	36.8336	-2.2523	OSH
ES-LJu	36.9266	-2.7521	OSH
FR-Fon	48.4764	2.7801	DBF
FR-Gri	48.8442	1.9519	CRO
FR-LBr	44.7171	-0.7693	ENF
GF-Guy	5.2788	-52.9249	EBF
IT-BCi	40.5237	14.9574	CRO
IT-Cpz	41.7052	12.3761	EBF
IT-Lav	45.9562	11.2813	ENF
IT-MBo	46.0147	11.0458	GRA
IT-Noe	40.6062	8.1517	CSH
IT-Ro1	42.4081	11.93	DBF
IT-Ro2	42.3903	11.9209	DBF
IT-Tor	45.8444	7.5781	GRA
JP-SMF	35.2617	137.0788	MF
MY-PSO	2.973	102.3062	EBF
NL-Hor	52.2403	5.0713	GRA
US-ARM	36.6058	-97.4888	CRO
US-Blo	38.8953	-120.633	ENF
US-Cop	38.09	-109.39	GRA
US-GLE	41.3665	-106.24	ENF
US-Goo	34.2547	-89.8735	GRA
US-IB2	41.8406	-88.241	GRA
US-Los	46.0827	-89.9792	WET
US-Me2	44.4526	-121.559	ENF
US-Me3	44.3154	-121.608	ENF
US-Me6	44.3233	-121.608	ENF
US-Ne1	41.1651	-96.4766	CRO
US-Ne2	41.1649	-96.4701	CRO
US-Ne3	41.1797	-96.4397	CRO
US-Oho	41.5545	-83.8438	DBF
US-SRC	31.9083	-110.84	OSH
US-SRG	31.7894	-110.828	GRA
US-Sta	41.3966	-106.802	OSH
US-Syv	46.242	-89.3477	MF
US-Twt	38.1087	-121.653	CRO
US-UMB	45.5598	-84.7138	DBF
US-UMd	45.5625	-84.6975	DBF
US-WCr	45.8059	-90.0799	DBF
US-Whs	31.7438	-110.052	OSH
US-Wkg	31.7365	-109.942	GRA

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