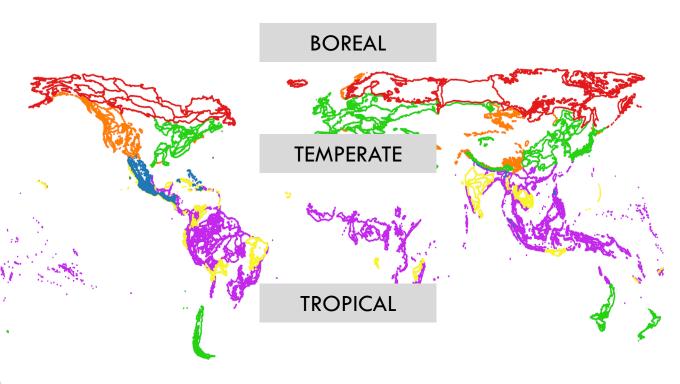


GLOBAL ATTRIBUTION OF MICROCLIMATE DYNAMICS TO INDUSTRIAL DEFORESTATION SITES USING TRS ML

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FORESTS WITHIN PLANETARY BOUNDARIES

- Three major forest biomes play major role in land surface-climate coupling than other biomes: tropical, temperate and boreal
- Of the forest biomes, tropical forests have substantial feedbacks to climate through changes in evapotranspiration when they are converted to nonforested systems
- Changes in the distribution of boreal forests affect the albedo of the land surface (regional energy exchange)
- The biome boundary of tropical and boreal forests is set the highest in the boundaries' framework: 85%
- The boundary for temperate forests has been proposed at 50% of potential forest cover, because their changes are estimated to have weaker impact on the global scale



THE CONVERSATION



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Deforestation can raise local temperatures by up to 4.5°C – and heat untouched areas 6km away

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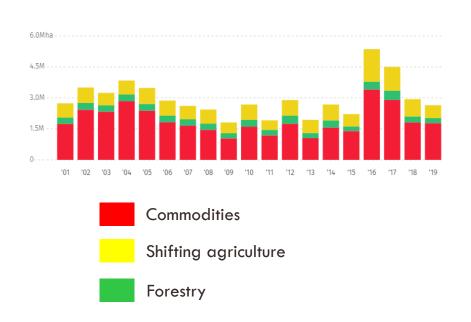
- Forests cool the climate and losing them causes temperatures to rise
- Tested on hypothetical geometries
- WHAT IS THE ACTUAL INDUSTRIAL IMPACT ON THE PLANETARY SCALE?

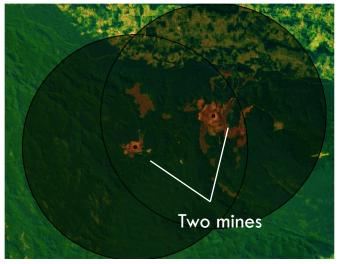


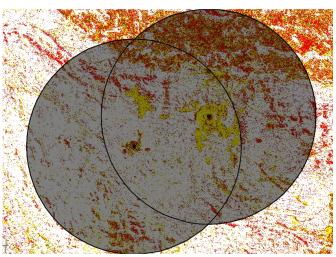
- (1) What area of forest loss each asset is responsible for (attribution)?
- (2) How the **volume** and **dynamics** of loss affect neighboring climate?

CASE STUDY

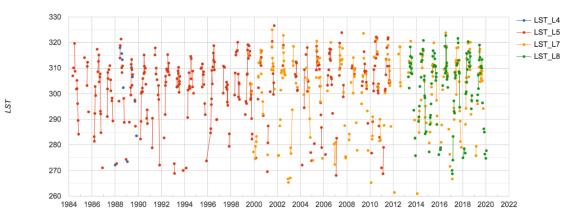
Annual tree cover loss by dominant driver in Brazil (2000-2019)

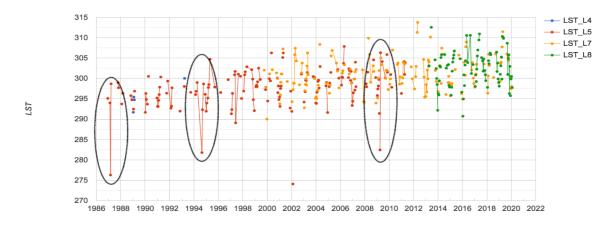


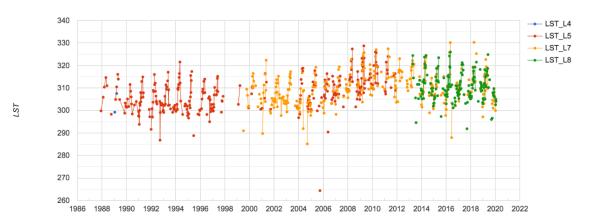


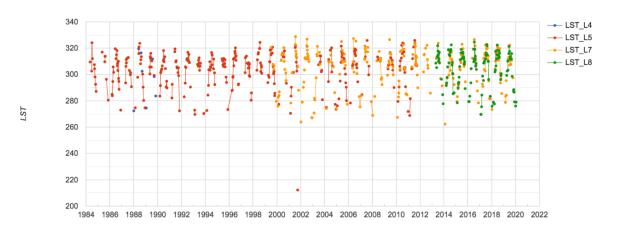


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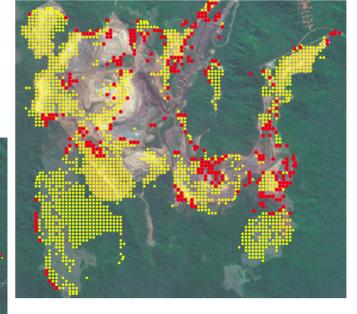


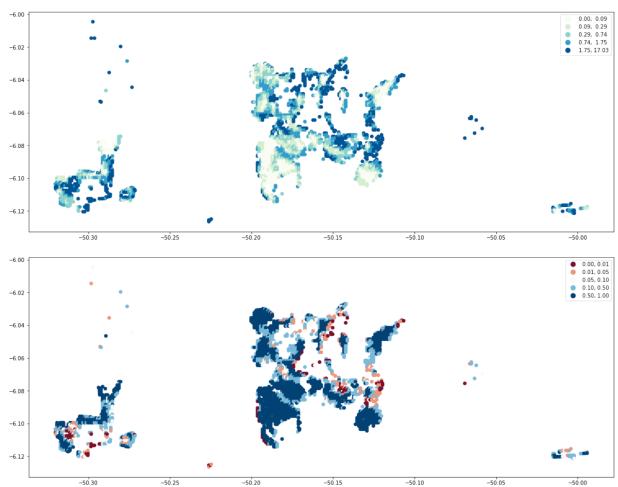






ATTRIBUTION SIGNIFICANCE





CONCLUSIONS

- Sequential change in microclimates is important as it enables source attribution
- Geospatial machine learning allows to develop statistical significance indicators of forest dynamics impact on the local climates
- Scalable, enables links establishment between industrial activity at the asset level and the local temperatures (climate litigation)