

Supplementary materials for: “Downscaling satellite-derived soil moisture in the Three North region using ensemble machine learning and multiple-source knowledge integration”

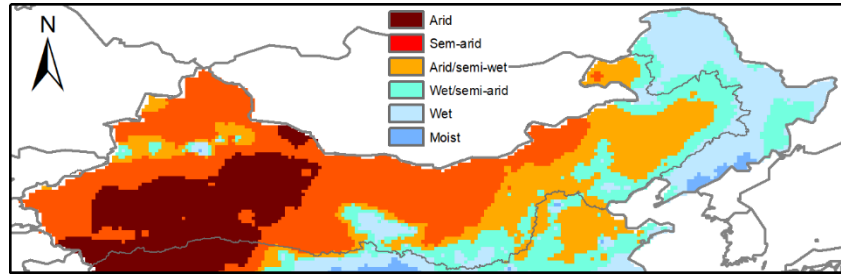


Figure S1. Climate zones across Northern China are delineated based on the China Humidity Index map, a product of the National Earth System Science Data Center, National Science & Technology Infrastructure of China.

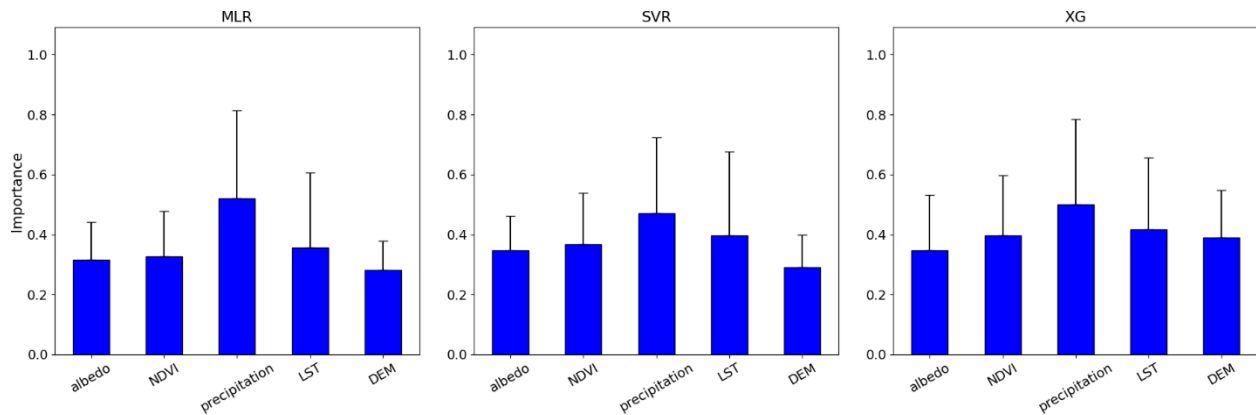


Figure S2. Average (blue bar) and standard deviation (error bar) of permutation-based importance of explanatory variables for soil moisture: comparison across multiple linear regression (MLR), support vector regression (SVR), and extreme gradient XG Boost (XG).

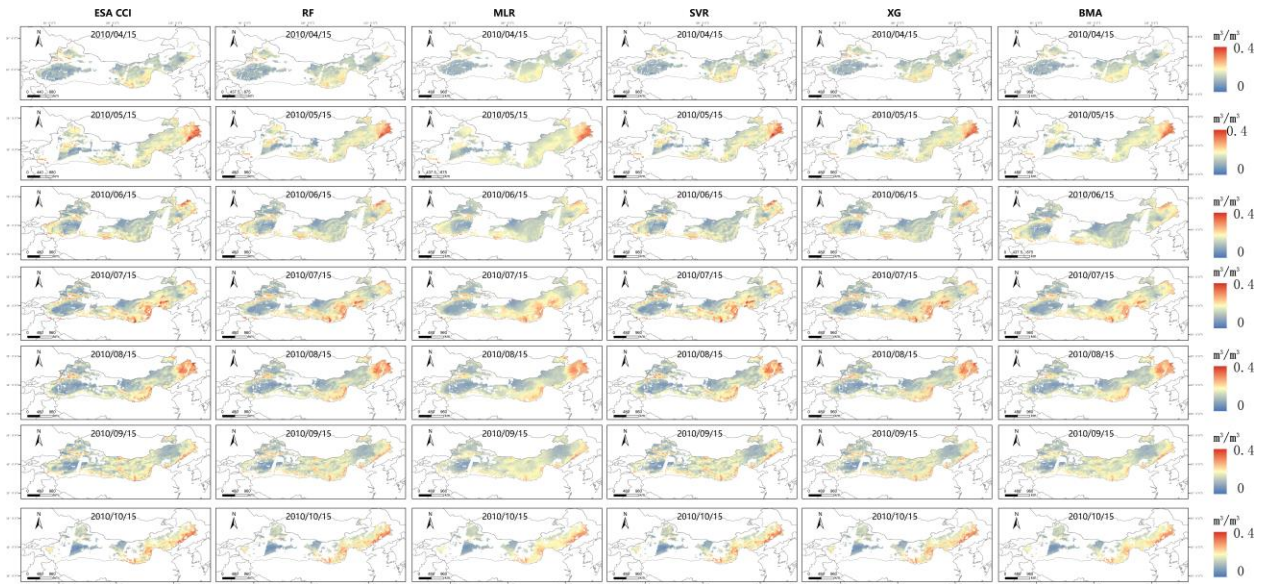


Figure S3. Spatial distribution of soil moisture across six data sources, representing the 15th day of April-October 2010. Columns, from left to right, show the 25-km ESA CCI soil moisture and the 1-km downscaled soil moisture derived from random forest (RF), multiple linear regression (MLR), support vector regression (SVR), extreme gradient XG Boost (XG), and Bayesian model averaging (BMA), respectively.

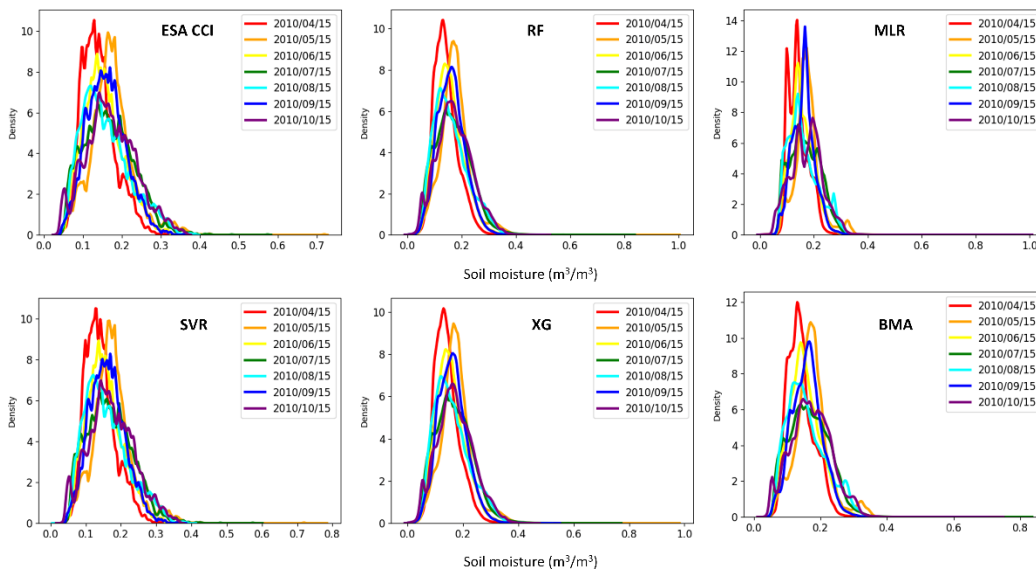


Figure S4. Histograms depicting soil moisture data on the 15th day of April-October 2010. Histograms show the comparison between 25-km ESA CCI soil moisture and 1-km downscaled soil moisture using random forest (RF), multiple linear regression (MLR), support vector regression (SVR), extreme gradient XG Boost (XG), and Bayesian model averaging (BMA).

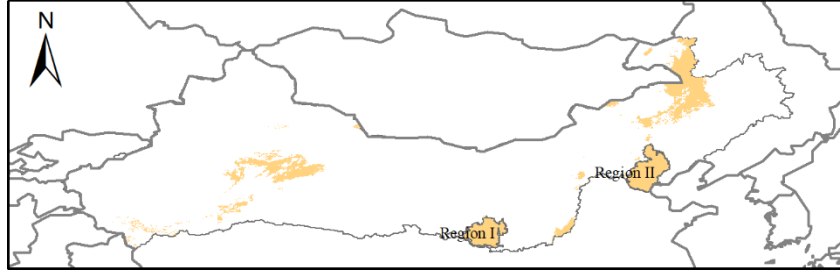


Figure S5. Delineation of typical arid zones based on the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) and highlights two priority arid zones, namely Region I and Region II.

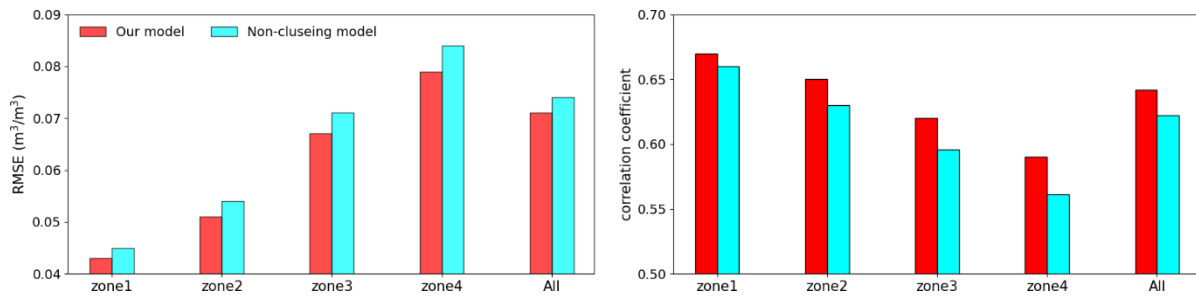


Figure S6. Comparison of accuracy between our proposed model and a model without clustering before fitting, for four divided zones and all regions.

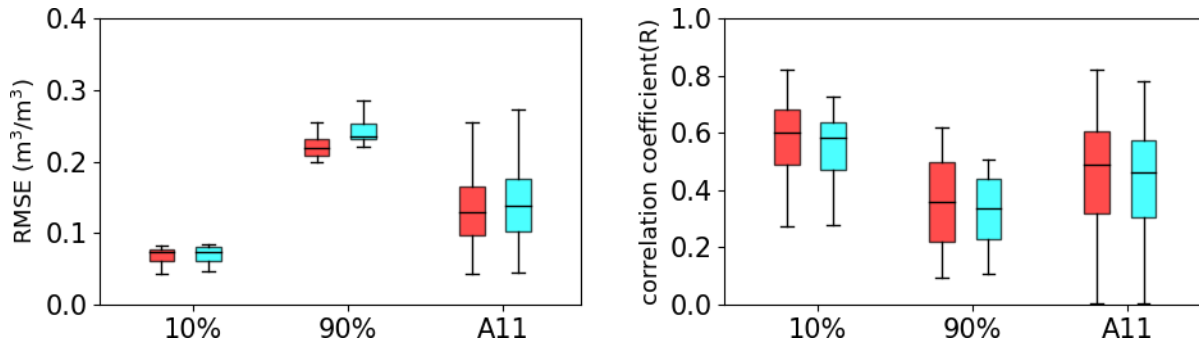


Figure S7. Average model accuracy for our proposed model (red) and the global model without spatiotemporal searching window (cyan) across all sites, considering 10% and 90% soil moisture quantiles.

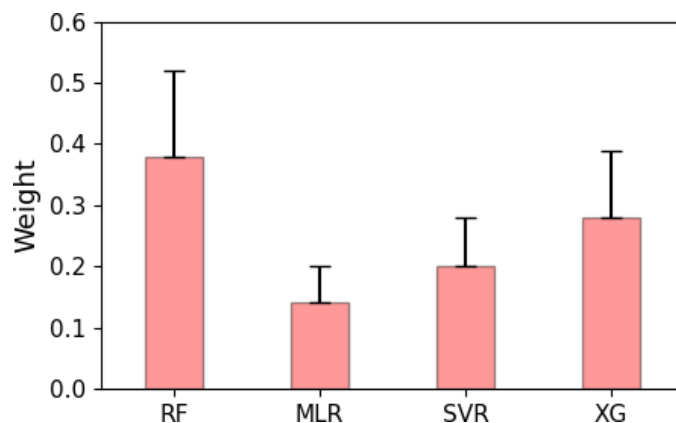


Figure S8. Average (blue bar) and standard deviation (error bar) of weights assigned to random forest (RF), multiple linear regression (MLR), support vector regression (SVR), and extreme gradient XG Boost (XG) in Bayesian model averaging.

Table S1. Information of Chinese Crop Growth and Development and Soil Moisture in Agricultural Land Dataset

Stations	Longitude	Latitude	Stations	Longitude	Latitude
50525	119.75E	49.15N	53646	109.7E	38.23N
50658	125.88E	48.05N	53663	111.81E	38.93N
50739	123.18E	47.33N	53665	111.65E	38.28N
50742	124.48E	47.8N	53704	105.18E	37.53N
50755	126.1E	47.6N	53705	105.67E	37.48N
50756	126.97E	47.43N	53707	105.25E	36.93N
50844	123.42E	46.4N	53723	107.4E	37.78N
50851	126.1E	46.68N	53725	107.58E	37.58N
50854	125.32E	46.38N	53754	110.21E	37.5N
50867	127.35E	46.08N	53759	110.81E	37N
50928	120.33E	45.07N	53764	111.1E	37.5N
50934	121.55E	45.4N	53769	111.76E	37.25N
50936	122.83E	45.63N	53777	112.15E	37.53N
50945	124.27E	45.5N	53806	105.65E	36.57N
50946	124.83E	45.18N	53810	105.91E	36.98N
50949	124.87E	45.08N	53817	106.26E	36N
50953	126.77E	45.75N	53821	107.3E	36.58N

50954	125.08E	45.5N	53845	109.5E	36.6N
50955	126.3E	45.38N	53853	110.95E	36.7N
50958	126.95E	45.52N	53857	110.18E	36.07N
51076	88.08E	47.73N	53859	110.18E	36.1N
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51238	82.06E	44.9N	53868	111.5E	36.06N
51334	82.9E	44.62N	53881	106.48E	37.28N
51346	84.66E	44.43N	53903	105.71E	35.96N
51352	85.25E	44.85N	53906	105.72E	35.52N
51353	86.1E	45.02N	53908	105.4E	35.11N
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51463	87.62E	43.78N	53930	107.98E	36.45N
51469	87.12E	43.28N	53937	108E	35.42N
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51628	80.23E	41.16N	53942	109.5E	35.81N
51629	80.23E	41.27N	53948	109.58E	34.95N
51642	84.25E	41.78N	53955	110.45E	35.46N
51644	82.95E	41.72N	53956	110.83E	35.4N
51656	86.13E	41.75N	54026	120.9E	44.57N
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52679	102.66E	37.91N	54243	124.12E	42.78N
52681	103.08E	38.63N	54304	115.28E	40.96N
52737	97.37E	37.37N	54305	115.28E	41.9N
52749	99.58E	37.08N	54308	116.63E	41.22N
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53614	106.22E	38.48N	57025	107.38E	34.51N
53615	106.68E	38.81N	57030	108.15E	34.7N
53618	106.23E	38.25N	57033	108.82E	34.55N
53619	106.3E	38.12N	57034	109.91E	34.88N

Table S2. Hyperparameters selection ranges of machine learning models

Model	Hyperparameters	Represents	List values for tuning
Random Forest (RF)	n_estimators	number of trees	[50, 100, 200]
	max_depth	maximum depth of each tree	[None, 5, 10, 15]
	min_samples_split	minimum number of samples required to split an internal node	[2, 5, 10]
	min_samples_leaf	minimum number of samples required to be in a leaf node	[1, 2, 4]
Support Vector Machine (SVR)	kernel	type of decision boundary	[Radial basis function (RBF), Sigmoid]
	C	trade-off between achieving a smooth decision boundary and classifying the training points correctly	[0.1, 0.3, 1, 3, 10, 100]
Extreme gradient boosting (XG)	n_estimators	number of decision trees	[50, 1000]
	max depth	Maximum depth of the tree	[3, 10]
	learning rate	Shrinkage factors	[0.01, 0.3]
	subsample	The proportion of training sub-samples	[0.5, 1.0]
	colsample bytree	Column sampling	[0.5, 1.0]
	gamma	Regularization parameter of T	[0, 5]
	reg-alpha	L1 regularization parameter	[0, 3]
reg-lambda	L2 regularization parameter	[0, 3]	