

Taxonomy Category	Strategy	Reference	Title	From		
Pre	RF with SI	Behrens et al. (2018)	<i>Spatial modelling with Euclidean distance fields and machine learning</i>	Q		
		Dhara et al. (2018)	<i>Machine learning based methods for estimation and stochastic simulation</i>	Q		
		Hengl et al. (2018)	<i>Random forest as a generic framework for predictive modeling of spatial and spatio-temporal variables</i>	S		
		Møller et al. (2020)	<i>Oblique geographic coordinates as covariates for digital soil mapping</i>	S		
		Sekulić et al. (2020)	<i>Random forest spatial interpolation</i>	S		
		Córdoba & Balzarini (2021)	<i>A random forest-based algorithm for data-intensive spatial interpolation in crop yield mapping</i>	S		
		Hu et al. (2022)	<i>Incorporating spatial autocorrelation into house sale price prediction using random forest model</i>	Q		
		Santiago-Rosario et al. (2022)	<i>Contrasts among cationic phytochemical landscapes in the southern United States</i>	Q		
		Talebi et al. (2022)	<i>A truly spatial random forests algorithm for geoscience data analysis and modelling</i>	Q		
	RF with FFS	Meyer et al. (2019)	<i>Importance of spatial predictor variable selection in machine learning applications</i>	S		
Post	RF-RK	Guo et al. (2015)	<i>Digital mapping of soil organic matter for rubber plantation at regional scale: an application of random forest plus residuals kriging approach</i>	S		
		Hengl et al. (2015)	<i>Mapping soil properties of Africa at 250 m resolution: random forests significantly improve current predictions</i>	S		
		Fayad et al. (2016)	<i>Regional scale rain-forest height mapping using regression-kriging of spaceborne and airborne LiDAR data: application on French Guiana</i>	S		
		Ahmed et al. (2017)	<i>Assessing soil carbon vulnerability in the Western USA by geospatial modeling of pyrogenic and particulate carbon stocks</i>	S		
		García-Tomillo et al. (2017)	<i>Estimating soil organic matter using interpolation methods with a electromagnetic induction sensor and topographic parameters: a case study in a humid region</i>	Q		
		Vaysse & Lagacherie (2017)	<i>Using quantile regression forest to estimate uncertainty of digital soil mapping products</i>	S		
		dos Reis et al. (2018)	<i>Spatial prediction of basal area and volume in Eucalyptus stands using Landsat TM data: an assessment of prediction methods</i>	Q		
		Liu et al. (2018)	<i>Improve ground-level PM_{2.5} concentration mapping using a random forests-based geostatistical approach</i>	Q		
		Fox et al. (2020)	<i>Comparing spatial regression to random forests for large environmental data sets</i>	S		
		Córdoba et al. (2021)	<i>A spatially based quantile regression forest model for mapping rural land values</i>	Q		
		Paccioletti et al. (2021)	<i>Statistical models of yield in on-farm precision experimentation</i>	Q		
		Makungwe et al. (2021)	<i>Performance of linear mixed models and random forests for spatial prediction of soil Ph</i>	Q		
		Mammadov et al. (2021)	<i>Estimation and mapping of surface soil properties in the Caucasus Mountains, Azerbaijan using high-resolution remote sensing data</i>	Q		
		Szattmári et al. (2021)	<i>Estimating soil organic carbon stock change at multiple scales using machine learning and multivariate geostatistics</i>	Q		
		da Silva-Sangoi et al. (2022)	<i>Soil organic matter and clay predictions by laboratory spectroscopy: data spatial correlation</i>	Q		
		Smith et al. (2022)	<i>Spatial variability and uncertainty of soil nitrogen across the conterminous United States at different depths</i>	Q		
			RF-sGs	Koch et al. (2019)	<i>Modeling depth of the redox interface at high resolution at national scale using random forest and residual Gaussian simulation</i>	Q
		In-Post	RF-GLS-RK	Saha et al. (2021)	<i>Random forests for spatially dependent data</i>	Q
Pre-Post	RF-RK with SI	Li et al. (2011)	<i>Can we improve the spatial predictions of seabed sediments? A case study of spatial interpolation</i>	S		
		Kurina et al. (2019)	<i>Spatial predictive modelling essential to assess the environmental impacts of herbicides</i>	Q		
	RF-RK with SB	Viscarra Rossel et al. (2014)	<i>Mapping gamma radiation and its uncertainty from weathering products in a Tasmanian landscape with a proximal sensor and random forest kriging</i>	S		
		Szattmári & Pásztor (2019)	<i>Comparison of various uncertainty modelling approaches based on geostatistics and machine learning algorithms</i>	S		

Table 1 List of the 32 documents identified through the PRISMA methodology and categorised by the proposed taxonomy (see Figure 5).

Adopted strategy: RF with SI: Random Forest with Spatial Information; RF with FFS: Random Forest with Forward Feature Selection; RF-RK: Random Forest Residual Kriging; RF-sGs: Random Forest sequential Gaussian simulation; RF-RK with SI: Random Forest Residual Kriging with Spatial Information; RF-RK with SB: Random Forest Residual Kriging with Spatial Bootstrap; RF-GLS-RK: Random Forest based on GLS Residual Kriging.

From: Q: query; S: backward snowballing.

study would be desirable. However, this is beyond the purpose of this review and could be considered as future research.

References

- Ahmed, Z. U., Woodbury, P. B., Sanderman, J., Hawke, B., Jauss, V., Solomon, D. & Lehmann, J. (2017), 'Assessing soil carbon vulnerability in the Western USA by geospatial modeling of pyrogenic and particulate carbon stocks', *Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences* **122**(2), 354–369.
- Balogun, A.-L., Tella, A., Baloo, L. & Adebisi, N. (2021), 'A review of the inter-correlation of climate change, air pollution and urban sustainability using novel machine learning algorithms and spatial information science', *Urban Climate* **40**, 100989.
- Banerjee, S., Carlin, B. & Gelfand, A. (2015), *Hierarchical Modeling and Analysis for Spatial Data, Second Edition*, CRC press.
- Behrens, T., Schmidt, K., Viscarra Rossel, R. A., Gries, P., Scholten, T. & MacMillan, R. A. (2018), 'Spatial modelling with Euclidean distance fields and machine learning', *European journal of soil science* **69**(5), 757–770.
- Breiman, L. (2001a), 'Random forests', *Machine learning* **45**(1), 5–32.
- Breiman, L. (2001b), 'Statistical modeling: The two cultures (with comments and a rejoinder by the author)', *Statistical science* **16**(3), 199–231.
- Breiman, L., Friedman, J., Stone, C. J. & Olshen, R. (1984), *Classification and regression tree analysis*, CRC Press.
- Córdoba, M. & Balzarini, M. (2021), 'A random forest-based algorithm for data-intensive spatial interpolation in crop yield mapping', *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture* **184**, 106094.
- Córdoba, M., Carranza, J. P., Piumetto, M., Monzani, F. & Balzarini, M. (2021), 'A spatially based quantile regression forest model for mapping rural land values', *Journal of Environmental Management* **289**, 112509.
- Cressie, N. (1993), *Statistics for spatial data*, John Wiley & Sons.
- da Silva-Sangoi, D. V., Horst, T. Z., Moura-Bueno, J. M., Dalmolin, R. S. D., Sebem, E., Gebler, L. & da Silva Santos, M. (2022), 'Soil organic matter and clay predictions by laboratory spectroscopy: Data spatial correlation', *Geoderma Regional* **28**, e00486.
- Dhara, A., Trainor-Guitton, W. & Tura, A. (2018), Machine-learning-based methods for estimation and stochastic simulation, in 'SEG Technical Program Expanded Abstracts 2018', pp. 2261–2265.
- dos Reis, A. A., Carvalho, M. C., de Mello, J. M., Gomide, L. R., Ferraz Filho, A. C. & Acerbi Junior, F. W. (2018), 'Spatial prediction of basal area and volume in Eucalyptus stands using Landsat TM data: an assessment of prediction methods', *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* **48**(1), 1–17.

- Dray, S., Legendre, P. & Peres-Neto, P. R. (2006), 'Spatial modelling: a comprehensive framework for principal coordinate analysis of neighbour matrices (PCNM)', *Ecological Modelling* **196**(3), 483–493.
- Fayad, I., Baghdadi, N., Bailly, J.-S., Barbier, N., Gond, V., Hèrault, B., El Hajj, M., Fabre, F. & Perrin, J. (2016), 'Regional scale rain-forest height mapping using regression-kriging of spaceborne and airborne LiDAR data: Application on French Guiana', *Remote Sensing* **8**(3), 240.
- Fox, E. W., Ver Hoef, J. M. & Olsen, A. R. (2020), 'Comparing spatial regression to random forests for large environmental data sets', *PloS one* **15**(3), e0229509.
- Garcia-Tomillo, A., Miràs-Avalos, J. M., Dafonte-Dafonte, J. & Paz-González, A. (2017), 'Estimating soil organic matter using interpolation methods with a electromagnetic induction sensor and topographic parameters: a case study in a humid region', *Precision Agriculture* **18**(5), 882–897.
- Genuer, R., Poggi, J.-M. & Tuleau-Malot, C. (2010), 'Variable selection using random forests', *Pattern recognition letters* **31**(14), 2225–2236.
- Greenhalgh, T. & Peacock, R. (2005), 'Effectiveness and efficiency of search methods in systematic reviews of complex evidence: audit of primary sources', *Bmj* **331**(7524), 1064–1065.
- Griffith, D. A. & Peres-Neto, P. R. (2006), 'Spatial modeling in ecology: the flexibility of eigenfunction spatial analyses', *Ecology* **87**(10), 2603–2613.
- Guo, P.-T., Li, M.-F., Luo, W., Tang, Q.-F., Liu, Z.-W. & Lin, Z.-M. (2015), 'Digital mapping of soil organic matter for rubber plantation at regional scale: an application of random forest plus residuals kriging approach', *Geoderma* **237**, 49–59.
- Hengl, T., Heuvelink, G. B., Kempen, B., Leenaars, J. G., Walsh, M. G., Shepherd, K. D., Sila, A., MacMillan, R. A., Mendes de Jesus, J., Tamene, L. et al. (2015), 'Mapping soil properties of Africa at 250 m resolution: random forests significantly improve current predictions', *PloS one* **10**(6), e0125814.
- Hengl, T., Nussbaum, M., Wright, M. N., Heuvelink, G. B. & Gräler, B. (2018), 'Random forest as a generic framework for predictive modeling of spatial and spatio-temporal variables', *PeerJ* **6**:e5518.
- Hu, L., Chun, Y. & Griffith, D. A. (2022), 'Incorporating spatial autocorrelation into house sale price prediction using random forest model', *Transactions in GIS* **26**(5), 2123–2144.
- James, G., Witten, D., Hastie, T. & Tibshirani, R. (2021), *An introduction to statistical learning: With applications in R*, Springer.
- Koch, J., Stisen, S., Refsgaard, J. C., Ernsten, V., Jakobsen, P. R. & Højberg, A. L. (2019), 'Modeling depth of the redox interface at high resolution at national scale using random forest and residual gaussian simulation', *Water Resources Research* **55**(2), 1451–1469.
- Kurina, F. G., Hang, S., Macchiavelli, R. & Balzarini, M. (2019), 'Spatial predictive modelling essential to assess the environmental impacts of herbicides', *Geoderma* **354**, 113874.
- Li, J., Heap, A. D., Potter, A., Huang, Z. & Daniell, J. J. (2011), 'Can we improve the spatial predictions of seabed sediments? A case study of spatial interpolation of

- mud content across the southwest Australian margin', *Continental Shelf Research* **31**(13), 1365–1376.
- Liu, Y., Cao, G., Zhao, N., Mulligan, K. & Ye, X. (2018), 'Improve ground-level PM2.5 concentration mapping using a random forests-based geostatistical approach', *Environmental Pollution* **235**, 272–282.
- Makungwe, M., Chabala, L. M., Chishala, B. H. & Lark, R. M. (2021), 'Performance of linear mixed models and random forests for spatial prediction of soil pH', *Geoderma* **397**, 115079.
- Mammadov, E., Nowosad, J. & Glaesser, C. (2021), 'Estimation and mapping of surface soil properties in the Caucasus Mountains, Azerbaijan using high-resolution remote sensing data', *Geoderma Regional* **26**, e00411.
- Meinshausen, N. (2006), 'Quantile regression forests.', *Journal of machine learning research* **7**(6), 983–99.
- Meyer, H., Reudenbach, C., Hengl, T., Katurji, M. & Nauss, T. (2018), 'Improving performance of spatio-temporal machine learning models using forward feature selection and target-oriented validation', *Environmental Modelling & Software* **101**, 1–9.
- Meyer, H., Reudenbach, C., Wöllauer, S. & Nauss, T. (2019), 'Importance of spatial predictor variable selection in machine learning applications—moving from data reproduction to spatial prediction', *Ecological Modelling* **411**, 108815.
- Møller, A. B., Beucher, A. M., Pouladi, N. & Greve, M. H. (2020), 'Oblique geographic coordinates as covariates for digital soil mapping', *Soil* **6**(2), 269–289.
- Molnar, C. (2022), *Interpretable Machine Learning*, 2 edn.
URL: <https://christophm.github.io/interpretable-ml-book>
- Nikparvar, B. & Thill, J.-C. (2021), 'Machine learning of spatial data', *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information* **10**(9), 600.
- Paccioretti, P., Bruno, C., Gianinni Kurina, F., Còrdoba, M., Bullock, D. & Balzarini, M. (2021), 'Statistical models of yield in on-farm precision experimentation', *Agronomy Journal* **113**(6), 4916–4929.
- Page, M. J., McKenzie, J. E., Bossuyt, P. M., Boutron, I., Hoffmann, T. C., Mulrow, C. D., Shamseer, L., Tetzlaff, J. M., Akl, E. A., Brennan, S. E. et al. (2021), 'The PRISMA 2020 statement: an updated guideline for reporting systematic reviews', *Systematic reviews* **10**(1), 1–11.
- Pebesma, E. J. & Wesseling, C. G. (1998), 'Gstat: a program for geostatistical modelling, prediction and simulation', *Computers & Geosciences* **24**(1), 17–31.
- Saha, A., Basu, S. & Datta, A. (2021), 'Random forests for spatially dependent data', *Journal of the American Statistical Association* pp. 1–19.
- Saha, A., Basu, S. & Datta, A. (2022), 'Randomforestsgls: An r package for random forests for dependent data', *Journal of Open Source Software* **7**(71), 3780.
- Santiago-Rosario, L. Y., Harms, K. E. & Craven, D. (2022), 'Contrasts among cationic phytochemical landscapes in the southern United States', *Plant-Environment Interactions* **3**(5), 226–241.
- Sekulić, A., Kilibarda, M., Heuvelink, G. B., Nikolić, M. & Bajat, B. (2020), 'Random forest spatial interpolation', *Remote Sensing* **12**(10), 1687.

- Smith, E. M., Vargas, R., Guevara, M., Tarin, T. & Pouyat, R. V. (2022), 'Spatial variability and uncertainty of soil nitrogen across the conterminous United States at different depths', *Ecosphere* **13**(7), e4170.
- Szatzmàri, G. & Pásztor, L. (2019), 'Comparison of various uncertainty modelling approaches based on geostatistics and machine learning algorithms', *Geoderma* **337**, 1329–1340.
- Szatzmàri, G., Pásztor, L. & Heuvelink, G. B. (2021), 'Estimating soil organic carbon stock change at multiple scales using machine learning and multivariate geostatistics', *Geoderma* **403**, 115356.
- Talebi, H., Peeters, L. J., Otto, A. & Tolosana-Delgado, R. (2022), 'A truly spatial random forests algorithm for geoscience data analysis and modelling', *Mathematical Geosciences* **54**(1), 1–22.
- Vaysse, K. & Lagacherie, P. (2017), 'Using quantile regression forest to estimate uncertainty of digital soil mapping products', *Geoderma* **291**, 55–64.
- Viscarra Rossel, R. A., Webster, R. & Kidd, D. (2014), 'Mapping gamma radiation and its uncertainty from weathering products in a tasmanian landscape with a proximal sensor and random forest kriging', *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms* **39**(6), 735–748.
- Wadoux, A. M.-C., Minasny, B. & McBratney, A. B. (2020), 'Machine learning for digital soil mapping: Applications, challenges and suggested solutions', *Earth-Science Reviews* **210**, 103359.
- Wylie, B. K., Pastick, N. J., Picotte, J. J. & Deering, C. A. (2019), 'Geospatial data mining for digital raster mapping', *GIScience & Remote Sensing* **56**(3), 406–429.