


Predicting Domestic Well Failure in California with Open Data & Machine Learning


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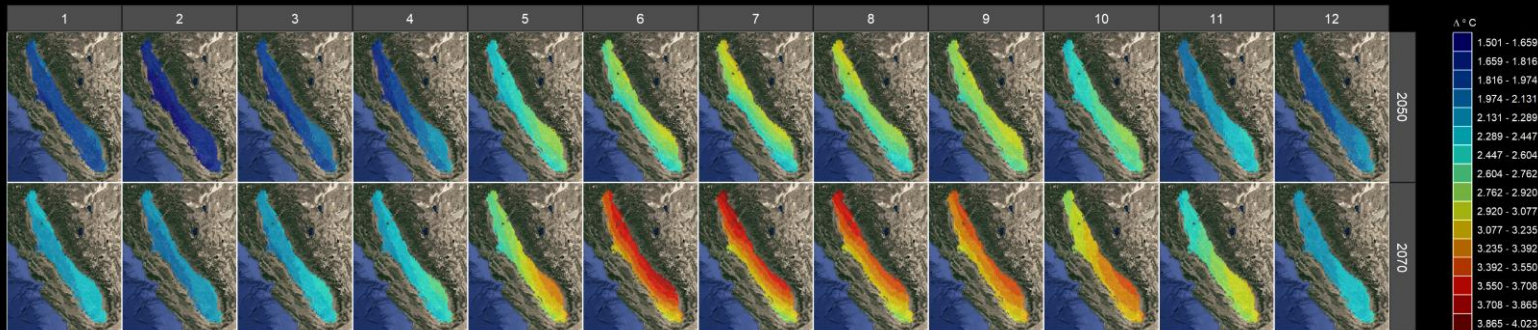
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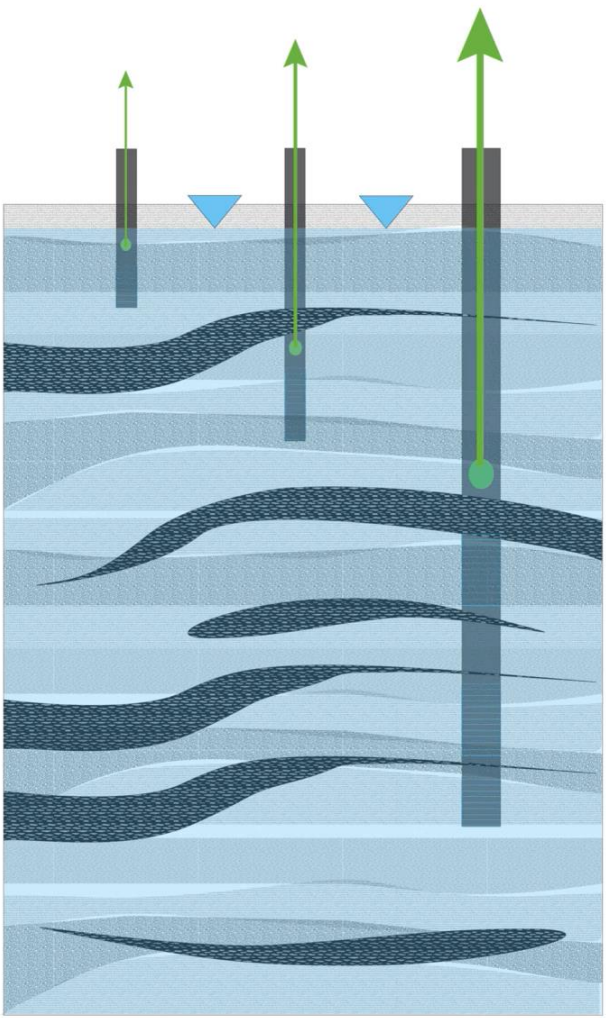
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2. What areas of the Central Valley are most vulnerable to well failure in a changing climate?



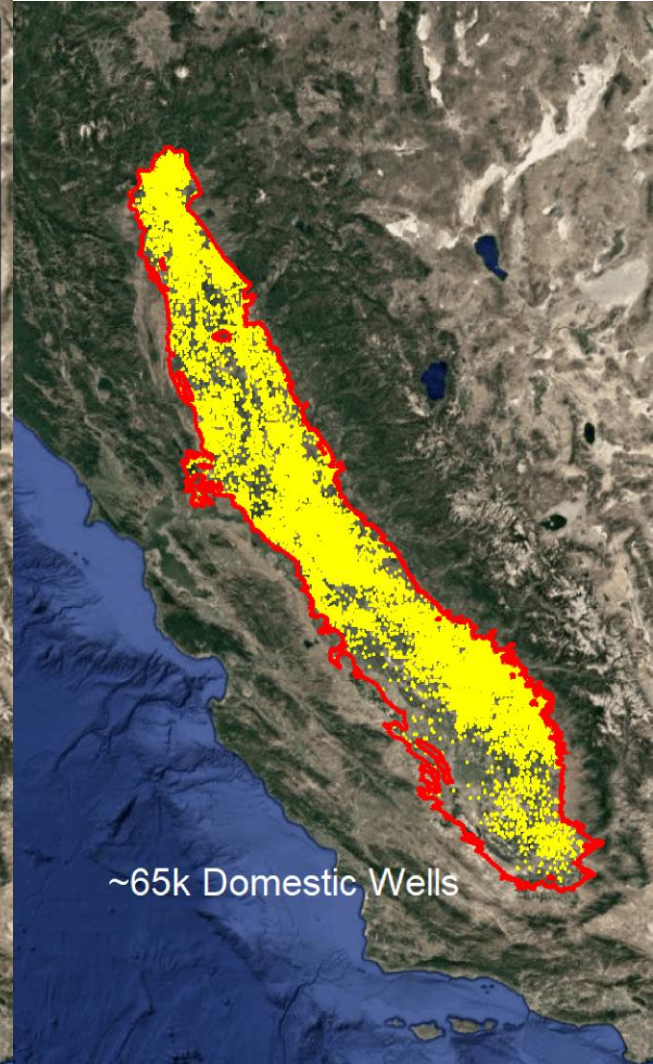
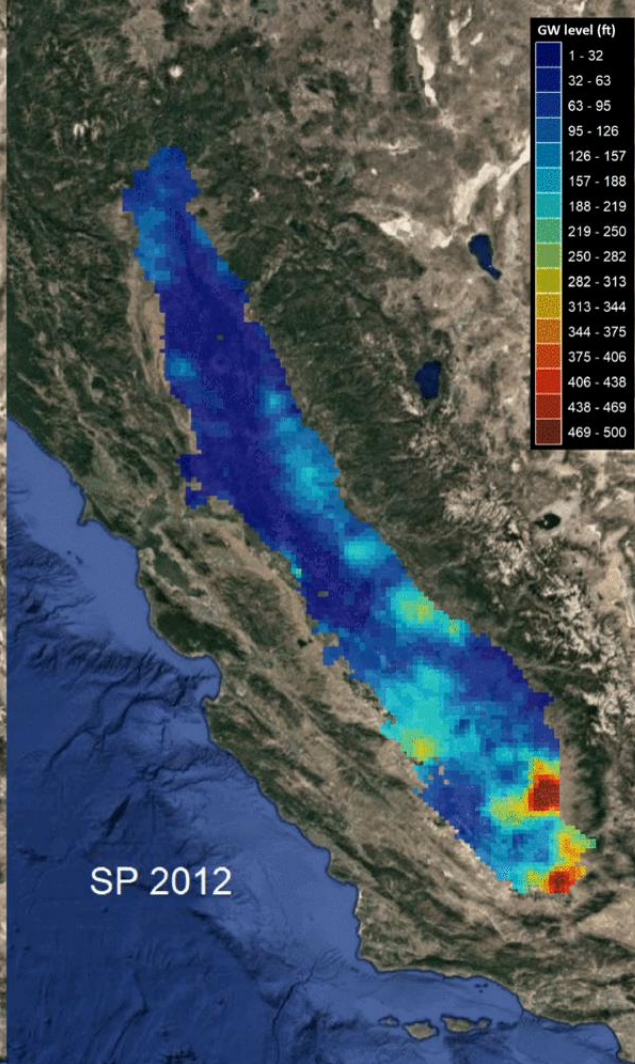
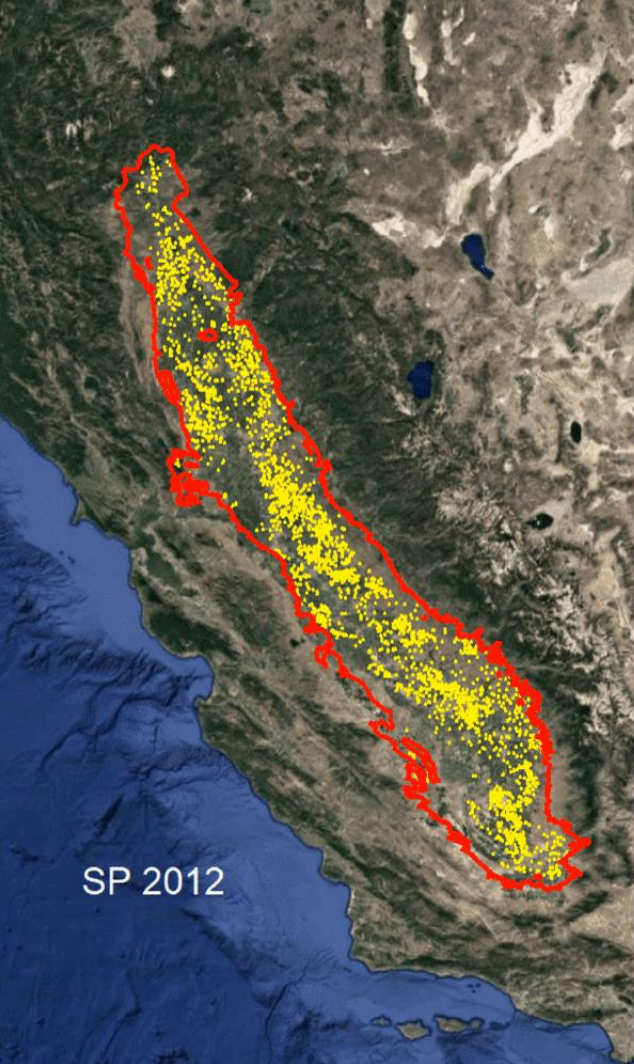
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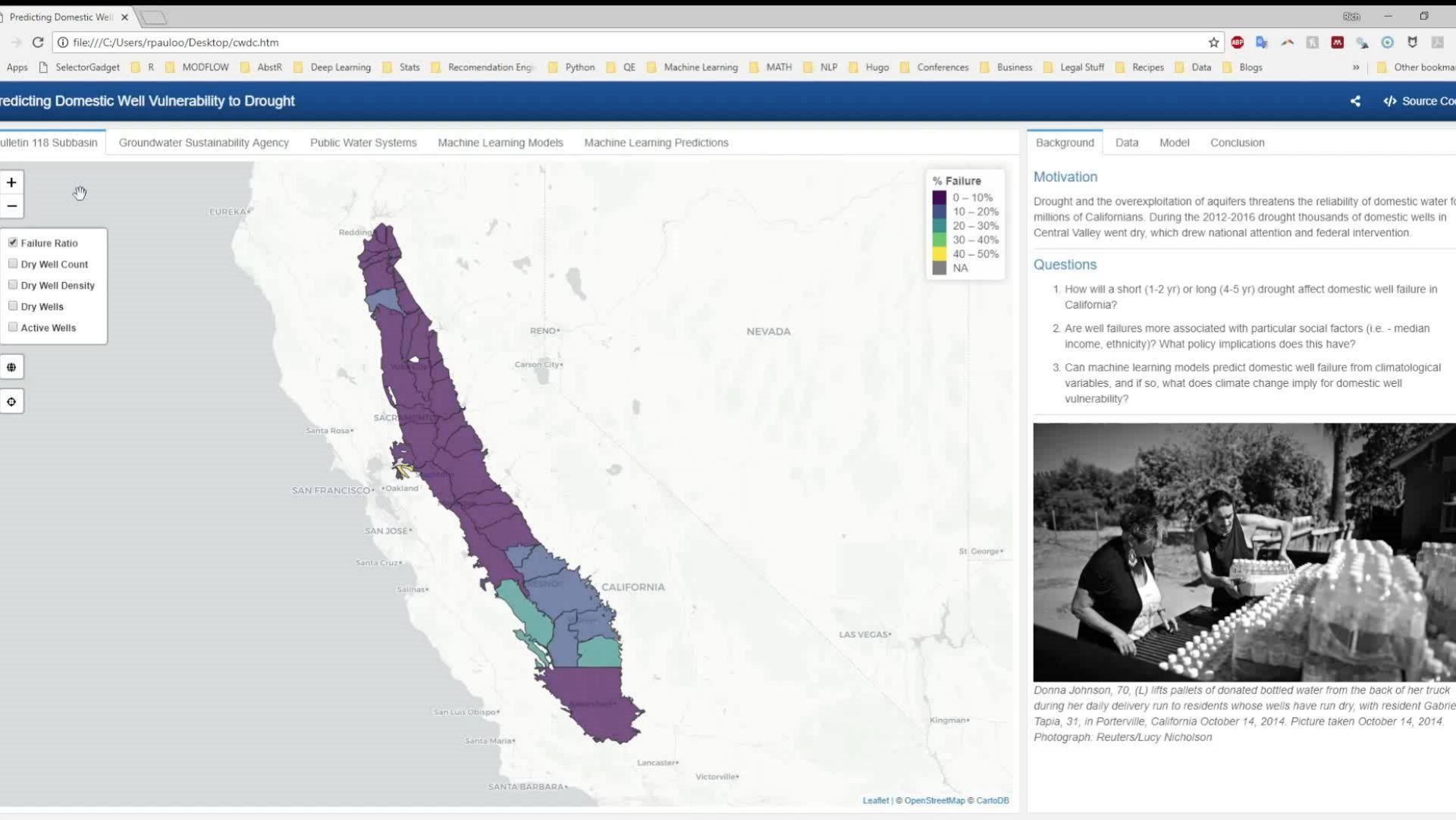


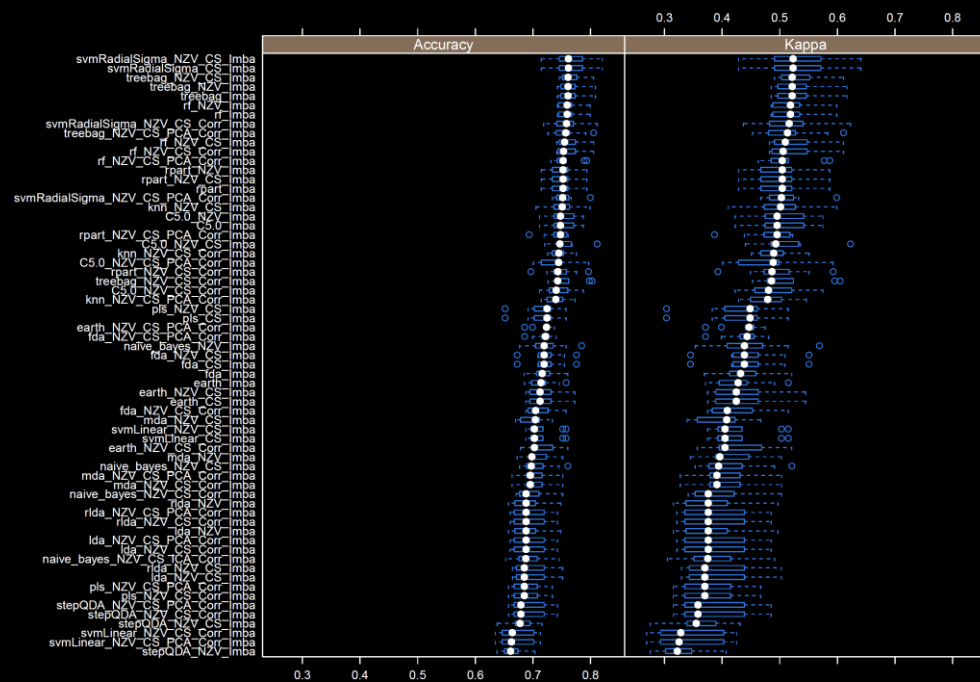
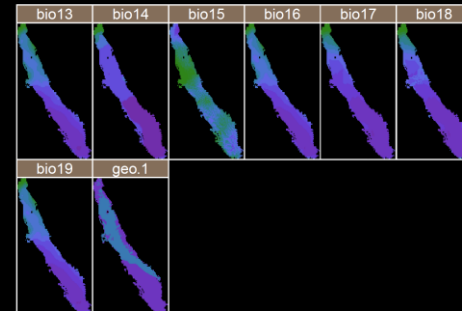
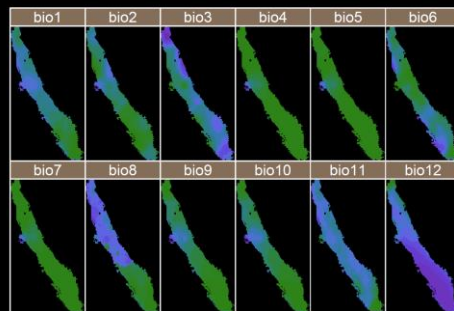
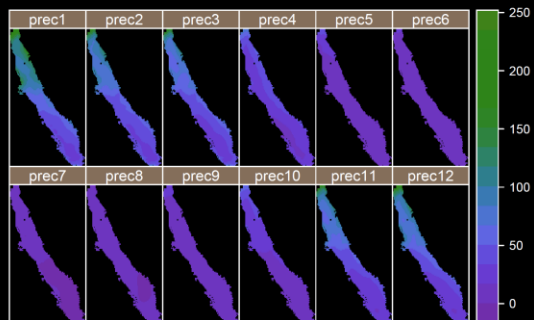
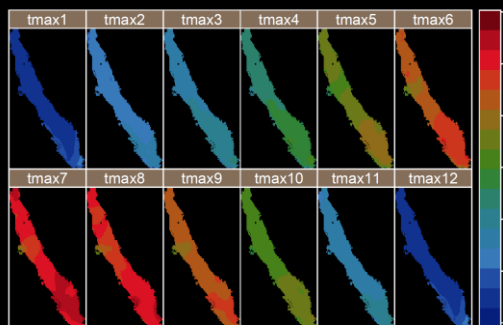
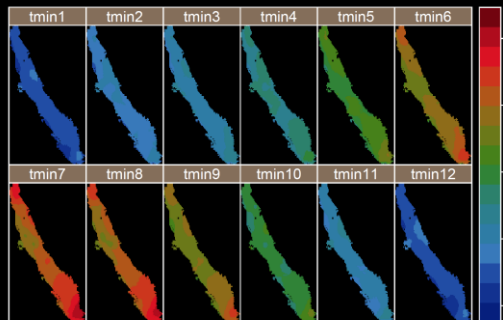
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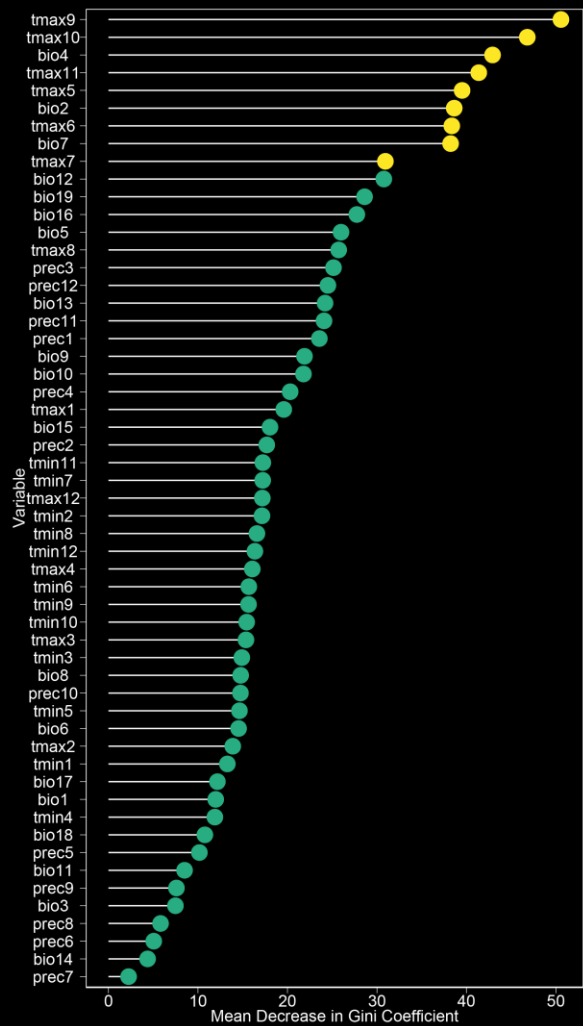
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2. What areas of the Central Valley are most vulnerable to well failure in a changing climate?
3. What characterizes the communities affected by well failure?



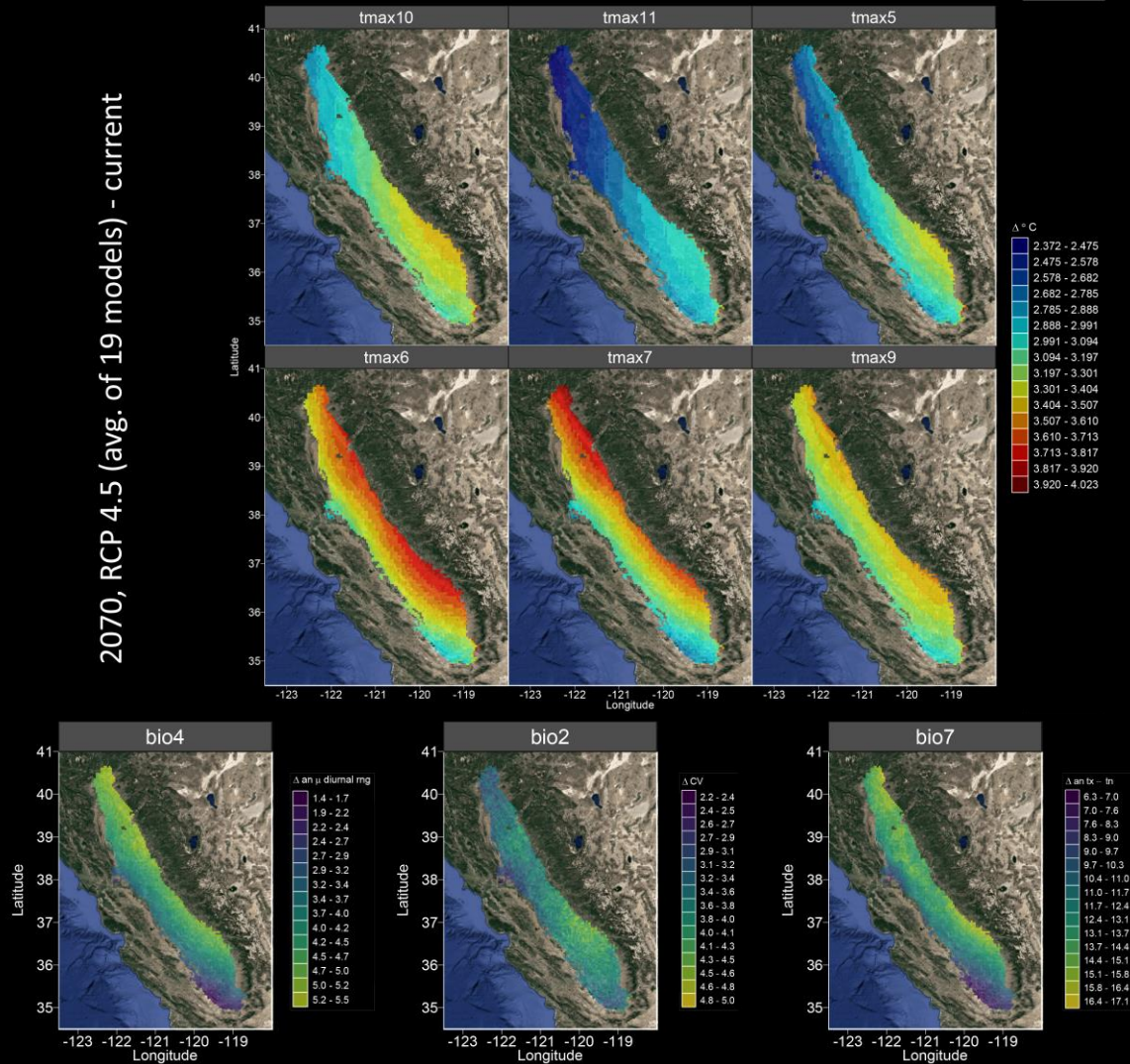




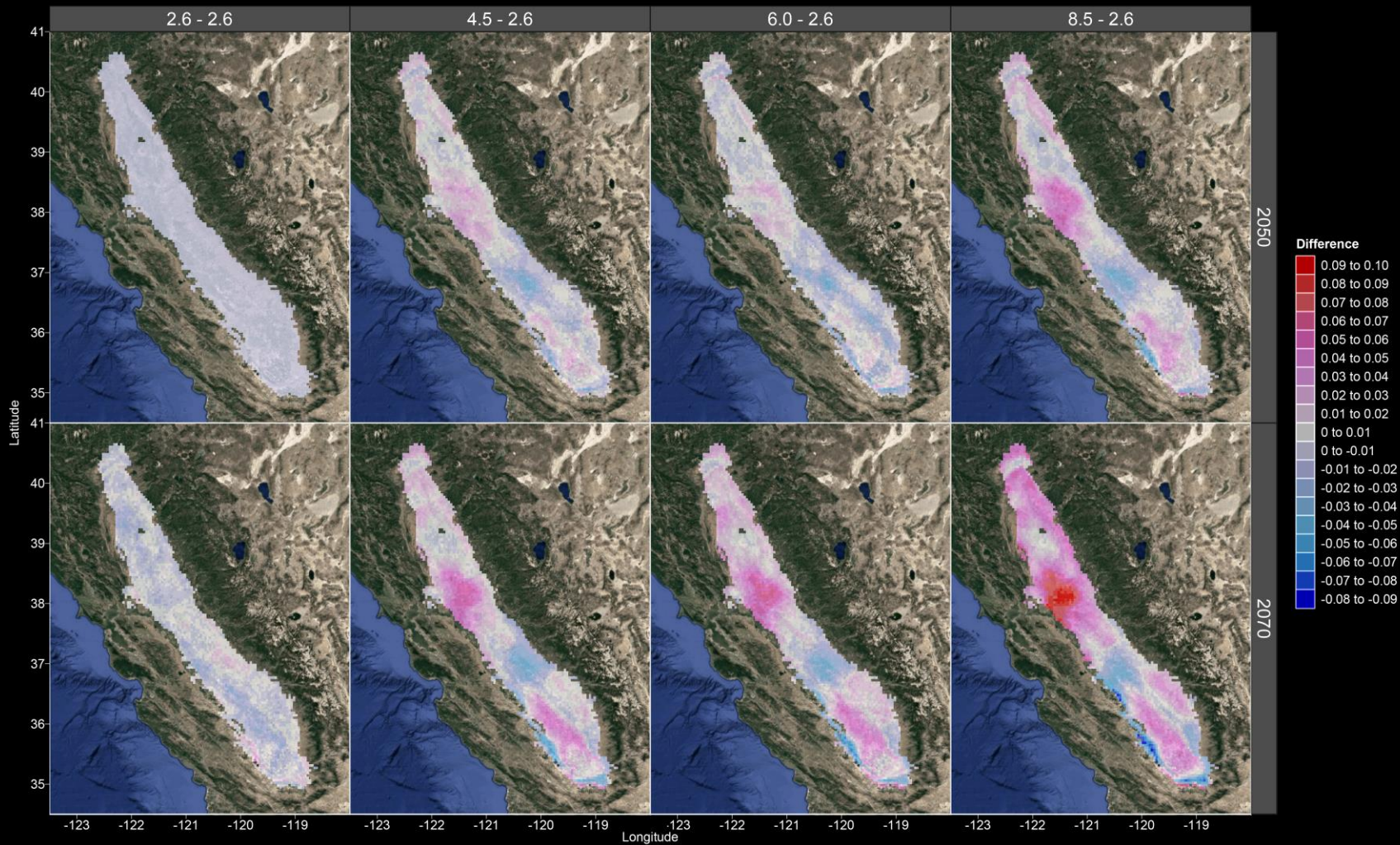
Variable Importance



2070, RCP 4.5 (avg. of 19 models) - current



Difference in Domestic Well Failure Probability from 2050, RCP 2.6





TAKEAWAYS

- > *climate change and drought threaten water security in the California and the Western US*
- > *shallow domestic wells are more vulnerable than deep public and agricultural wells*
- > *machine learning models suggest that [climate change induced] higher max temperatures and temperature range fluctuations intensify well failure*

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- > *investigate the socioeconomic and ethnic disparities of domestic well failure*
- > *web dashboard/mobile app: enter location, view probabilities of well failure & nearest water system*
- > *inform sustainable groundwater management and policy*

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