

1 **Title:** Maladaptation in cereal crop landraces following a soot-producing climate catastrophe

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13 **Abstract:** Aerosol-producing global catastrophes such as nuclear war, super-volcano eruption, or  
14 asteroid strike, although rare, pose a serious threat to human survival. Light-absorbing aerosols  
15 would sharply reduce temperature and solar radiation reaching the earth's surface, decreasing  
16 crop productivity including for locally adapted traditional crop varieties, i.e. landraces. Here, we  
17 test post-catastrophic climate impacts on barley, maize, rice, and sorghum, four crops with  
18 extensive landrace cultivation, under a range of nuclear war scenarios that differ in the amount of  
19 black carbon aerosol (soot) injected into the climate model. We used a crop growth model to  
20 estimate gradients of environmental stressors that drive local adaptation. We then fit genotype  
21 environment associations using high density genomic markers with gradient forest offset (GF  
22 offset) methods and predicted maladaptation through time. As a validation, we found that our GF  
23 models successfully predicted local adaptation of maize landraces in multiple common gardens  
24 across Mexico. We found strong concordance between GF offset and disruptions in climate, and  
25 landraces of all tested crop species were predicted to be the most maladapted across space and  
26 time where soot-induced climate change was the greatest. We further used our GF models to  
27 identify landrace varieties best matched to specific post-catastrophic conditions, indicating  
28 potential substitutions for agricultural resilience. We found the best landrace genotype was often  
29 far away or in another nation, though countries with more climatic diversity had better within-  
30 country substitutions. Our results highlight that a soot-producing catastrophe would result in the  
31 global maladaptation of landraces and suggest that current landrace adaptive diversity is  
32 insufficient for agricultural resilience in the case of the soot scenarios with the greatest change to  
33 climate.  
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## 36      **Introduction**

37              Environmental variability due to changing climate poses one of the greatest threats to  
38   agricultural productivity<sup>1</sup>. Increasingly, researchers aim to predict the effects of changing climate  
39   on agriculture, projecting constraints on crop production and anticipated decreases in yield<sup>2,3</sup>. For  
40   regions and crop species identified as vulnerable under future climates, strategies to increase  
41   agricultural resilience may include adapting management practices and substituting varieties or  
42   crop species<sup>4</sup>.

43              A catastrophic incident is defined by the National Response Framework as, “any natural  
44   or manmade incident, including terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties,  
45   damage, or disruption severely affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy,  
46   national morale, and/or government functions”. Aerosol-producing global catastrophic events,  
47   such as nuclear war, asteroid strike, or super-volcano explosion, are expected to produce  
48   significant climate change<sup>5</sup> through deflecting solar radiation, preventing sunlight from reaching  
49   the Earth’s surface and causing global cooling. Since the spread of nuclear weapons during the  
50   twentieth century, there has been significant focus on assessing the consequences of a nuclear  
51   conflict on both society and the environment<sup>6</sup>. Published climate models have been used to  
52   consider the impacts of nuclear wars on the growth of major grain crops<sup>7-9</sup> and summarize the  
53   degree to which the rapid environmental change induced by a black carbon aerosol (soot)  
54   producing catastrophe would impact global crop production. To date, the impact of such a soot-  
55   producing catastrophe on agricultural systems has not accounted for intraspecific diversity  
56   present in crop species, including landraces, and how this diversity may aid in increasing  
57   agricultural resilience. Cereal crops account for the most calories consumed by humans<sup>10</sup> and  
58   maintaining their production post-global catastrophe is of the utmost importance.

59           Crop landraces (local traditional varieties) contain most of the genetic diversity within  
60    many crops, much of which is not represented in modern breeding varieties<sup>11</sup> and are still widely  
61    cultivated in the developing world. The continual cultivation and selection of crops by farmers  
62    gives rise to these local varieties that often carry locally adapted alleles and phenotypes<sup>12</sup>.  
63    Historically, landraces have contributed to plant breeding through the identification of traits and  
64    alleles for adaptation to stressful environments (e.g. water stress, salinity, and high  
65    temperatures)<sup>13</sup>. Many thousands of landrace varieties are now stored in germplasm banks and  
66    represent untapped adaptive diversity that may increase agricultural resilience under changing  
67    environments<sup>14</sup>.

68           The genetic basis of adaptation to local environments can be characterized through  
69    geographic associations between genotype and environment, known as genotype-environment  
70    associations<sup>15</sup>. Genotype-environment associations have been used to study the adaptive  
71    potential of species<sup>16</sup>, estimate optimal range shifts<sup>17</sup>, and identify genes that may be  
72    advantageous for organisms under future climates<sup>18</sup>. Genotype-environment associations may  
73    also give insights into which specific environmental pressures drive local adaptation<sup>19–21</sup>. For  
74    landraces, a large portion of genomic variation can be explained by environments of origin<sup>22–24</sup>,  
75    making them good systems for considering the environmental gradients driving local  
76    adaptation<sup>25</sup> and the geographic distribution of locally adapted alleles<sup>26,27</sup>.

77           An emerging approach for predicting adaptation to novel environments is first fitting  
78    genotype-environment models that describe how current allele frequencies change across  
79    environments under an assumption of local adaptation. Next, the fitted model is applied to a  
80    novel environment to determine the change in genomic composition required for adaptation to  
81    that environment, known as genomic offset (reviewed in <sup>28</sup>). The genotype-environment models

82 can further be extended to identify optimal genotypes or varieties for specific environments<sup>24,29</sup>  
83 and guide movement of genotypes to minimize maladaptation to the novel climates. Such  
84 modeling methods capture long-term signals of adaptation and may provide insights into  
85 genotypes that are the most vulnerable/sources of resilience to climatic variability<sup>30</sup>.

86 We studied the climate impacts of a soot-producing catastrophe on broadly distributed  
87 globally important cereal crops for which landrace cultivation is important for smallholder  
88 farmers: *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench (sorghum), *Zea mays* L. (maize), *Oryza sativa* L. subsp.  
89 *indica* and *japonica* (rice), and *Hordeum vulgare* L. (barley). These crops represent four of the  
90 top five cereal species in global production<sup>31</sup>. For each crop species included in this study, we  
91 independently implemented crop growth models to identify environmental stressors and genomic  
92 models to estimate the degree of disruption to current landrace adaptation under several post-  
93 catastrophic scenarios differing in the amount of soot injected into the climate model. We  
94 validated our genomic models through comparing predicted local adaptation and published  
95 maize landrace performance data collected in common gardens across diverse climates in  
96 Mexico. We further extended our genomic models to identify landrace varieties best matched to  
97 specific post-catastrophic conditions, supporting the management strategy of substituting  
98 vulnerable landrace genotypes for more resilient ones.

99 Our study aims to evaluate the environmental forces that have historically shaped  
100 genomic variation in landraces and to assess how landrace adaptation may be disrupted by novel  
101 catastrophic events. There is little research investigating the impacts of changing climate on  
102 diverse genotypes of multiple species. Thus, the literature may be oversimplifying climate  
103 change effects on agricultural and ecological systems. Utilizing a multi-species genomics  
104 approach allows us to confront this challenge, acknowledging the distinct impacts on various

105 species that are vital for food production. We hypothesized that the magnitude of maladaptation  
106 would be largely determined by the magnitude of environmental change, that substitutions of  
107 genotypes from different locations could partially ameliorate effects of climate change, and that  
108 countries with greater climatic diversity would have better adapted genotype substitutions within  
109 their borders compared to less climatically diverse countries. Finally, the approach developed in  
110 this study may be extended to and prove valuable for understanding impacts of greenhouse gas  
111 induced climate change.

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## 113 **Results**

114 **Climate scenarios.** We studied disruptions to current landrace adaptation for six nuclear war  
115 scenarios that simulate the impact of varying amounts of stratospheric soot on global climate  
116 (Fig. 1b) using previously published climate simulation data<sup>6,32</sup>. The published weather files  
117 describe the climate impacts for five India-Pakistan nuclear war scenarios (soot injections of 5  
118 Tg, 16 Tg, 27.3 Tg, 37 Tg, and 46.8 Tg), one United States-Russia scenario with a soot injection  
119 of 150 Tg, and a control run that describes normal fluctuations in climate.

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121 **Genotyped landrace accessions.** To assess maladaptation in cereal crop landraces following a  
122 soot-producing catastrophe, we identified species for which landrace relatives are currently  
123 grown in the developing world that also had publicly available, high quality sequencing data of  
124 geographically diverse accessions. From these criteria, we selected four crop species: barley ( $n =$   
125 215), maize ( $n = 3,404$ ), rice ( $n = 677$  of the subsp. *indica*;  $n = 309$  of the subsp. *japonica*), and  
126 sorghum ( $n = 1,779$ ). The distribution of accessions covered most of the agricultural areas in the  
127 developing world (Fig. S1a) across diverse climate regimes.

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129 **Using crop growth models to estimate integrated local climatic stressors under control and**  
130 **post-war conditions.** Traditional implementations of genotype-environment associations  
131 typically use off-the-shelf climate parameters without connection to organismal biology and  
132 without consideration of phenology. However, actual climate-driven stress likely emerges from a  
133 combination of conditions (e.g. precipitation and temperature) and depends on organismal  
134 phenology and development. To address these issues, we used the *Cycles* agroecosystem  
135 model<sup>2,33</sup> to simulate growth and stress parameters for our full set of genotyped, georeferenced  
136 landrace accessions ( $n = 6,384$ ) under control and six nuclear war conditions that differed in the  
137 quantity of stratospheric soot simulated (5 Tg, 16 Tg, 27 Tg, 37 Tg, 47 Tg, 150 Tg). *Cycles*  
138 simulations selected a planting date in a designated planting window when the weather and soil  
139 conditions are suitable for the specific crop, and simulated crop growth until the time of harvest  
140 or termination, using parameters specific to each of our four species. *Cycles* simulations that  
141 accounted for species-specific growth parameters were run independently for each crop species  
142 and climate scenario (control and six soot scenarios).

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144 We used outputs from *Cycles* simulations to infer emergent environmental, growth, and stress  
145 values experienced during key phenological stages of crop, constrained to the growing period for  
146 each simulated accession under the different climate scenarios (Table S1). Thus, the selected  
147 model outputs characterized differences in environment and potential stress experienced by a  
148 given landrace accession under control and post-war climates, while accounting for crop-specific  
149 growth parameters. For each climate scenario and accession, we extracted 13 *Cycles*-derived  
150 variables representative of average temperature, coldest temperature, water stress, and solar

151 radiation experienced by simulated landrace accessions across the vegetative, reproductive, and  
152 total growth and days to reach maturity (hereafter, *Cycles*-derived environmental variables, Fig.  
153 2, Table S1). While in reality landrace accessions likely exhibit variation in response to  
154 environmental variability, modeling this genetic variation was not our goal at this stage. Rather,  
155 our goal was to use *Cycles* to estimate integrative environmental stressors through space and  
156 time for later use in modeling genotype-environment associations.

157 As described by other groups, in all war scenarios regardless of detonation location,  
158 produced soot spreads globally and causes disruptions to solar radiation reaching the earth's  
159 surface, resulting in global cooling<sup>6,32</sup>. Stratospheric soot from each post-war scenario dissipated  
160 over the course of a decade and the climate anomalies caused by atmospheric soot decreased  
161 proportionally, with respect to severity of the scenario. Across all scenarios, surface shortwave  
162 radiation reached its all-time low two years post-war, corresponding to the point at which *Cycles*  
163 modeled crops were simulated with the lowest average solar radiation (Fig. 2). Consequently,  
164 global surface temperature immediately and rapidly declined after the catastrophe and on average  
165 reached its lowest point in the third year post-war, with more extreme cooling in the Northern  
166 Hemisphere<sup>6,34</sup>. Our crop models summarized this cooling trend. Daily average temperature for  
167 landraces modeled by *Cycles* reached its lowest point two to three years post catastrophe. Barley,  
168 our crop with a primary distribution in the Northern Hemisphere, experienced the coolest post-  
169 war temperatures (Fig. 1a; Fig. 2). In the coolest year of the 150 Tg Russia-US scenario, daily  
170 average temperature of the growing season across all simulated accessions decreased by 11.3 °C  
171 for maize and sorghum, 13.1 °C for rice subsp. *japonica*, 14.3 °C for rice subsp. *indica*, and  
172 12.1 °C for barley as compared to the averaged control daily temperature across years, indicating  
173 the severity of this scenario.

174 For maize, rice, and sorghum, whose landraces modeled in this study were mostly  
175 tropical, declines in temperature across the simulated growing season led to an increase in the  
176 number of days required for a plant to reach maturity. The strength of this relationship increased  
177 with the more severe soot scenarios (Fig. S1). Failure to accumulate enough thermal time during  
178 the growing season was recorded as the crop not reaching maturity. As the *Cycles* set up did not  
179 account for genetic and adaptive variation among landraces, an individual not projected to reach  
180 maturity can be interpreted as environmental conditions that are relatively inhibitory for growth.  
181 The simulated number of days to maturity generally corresponded to the severity of the climate  
182 anomaly of the post-war soot scenario. The most extreme environmental effects of the 150 Tg  
183 scenarios at least doubled the number of days to reach maturity for all tropical crops (Fig. 2). In  
184 the second post-war year of this scenario, 90% of barley, 62% of rice subsp. *indica*, 51% of rice  
185 subsp. *japonica*, 54% of maize, and 33% of sorghum accessions were projected to not reach  
186 maturity.

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188 **Identification of environmentally adaptive genetic loci.** For each crop species, we acquired  
189 published genotype data of landrace accessions used in *Cycles* simulations above for use in  
190 modeling and predicting disruptions to current genotype-environment relationships. The final set  
191 included 6,384 accessions with genotype data represented by various sequencing and genotyping  
192 methods: 215 barley accessions with exome sequencing (1,688,807 single nucleotide  
193 polymorphisms, (SNPs))<sup>35</sup>, 3,404 maize accessions with genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS)  
194 (946,072 SNPs)<sup>36</sup>, 986 rice accessions with whole genome resequencing (WGS) (677 subsp.  
195 *indica*, 309 subsp. *japonica*; 9.78 million SNPs)<sup>22</sup>, and 1,779 sorghum accessions with GBS  
196 (459,304 SNPs)<sup>37</sup>. Though differences in genotyping methods and the distribution of genotyped

197 accessions may influence our ability to model adaptation, we sought to identify datasets that  
198 most represented the diversity of genotypes and environments that landraces of our focal species  
199 originate from and are likely adapted to.

200 We built gradient forest (GF) models that were used to represent current genotype-  
201 environment relationships and for predicting maladaptation in crop landraces following post-war  
202 soot induced change in climate. For use in GF models, we first identified a subset of genomic  
203 loci that we hypothesized were more likely to underlie local adaptation. Specifically, we  
204 identified genetic loci that were associated with landrace climate of origin and flowering time  
205 quantitative trait loci (QTL) for use in GF models. Following methods described in <sup>38</sup> and for  
206 each crop species, we used partial redundancy analysis (pRDA) to identify the top 1,000 genetic  
207 loci associated with variation in 13 *Cycles*-derived environmental variables under the control  
208 scenario while also accounting for population structure (methods; Fig. S2). To ensure potentially  
209 critical phenology QTL were accounted for in our models, we further identified single nucleotide  
210 polymorphisms (SNPs) of loci found within and in cis-regulatory regions (+/- 5 kilobase (kb)  
211 pairs) of known flowering time network genes (Table S2). We identified loci known to be  
212 involved in flowering time for each crop species by literature review, obtained gene coordinates  
213 for each flowering time gene, extracted all SNPs that overlapped within and in cis-regulatory  
214 regions of the genomic region, and filtered each species' set of flowering time loci to account for  
215 patterns of linkage disequilibrium. The number of flowering time SNPs included in our GF  
216 models for each of our focal species included 636 for barley, 608 for maize, 314 for rice subsp.  
217 *indica*, 323 for rice subsp. *japonica*, and 116 for sorghum (differences in number are a product of  
218 marker density). In total, the final genetic dataset used to build each species' GF model included

219 the top 1,000 SNPs associated with variation in the control *Cycles*-derived environmental  
220 variables identified by pRDA and the SNPs found in and near flowering time network genes.

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222 **Control scenario GF models describe existing genome-environment associations.** We built  
223 GF models representative of current genotype-environment associations using the loci described  
224 above and *Cycles*-derived environmental variables of the control simulation, averaged across all  
225 years of *Cycles*-simulated growth, for each crop species. GF is a nonparametric multivariate  
226 approach that fits an ensemble of regression trees using Random Forest<sup>39</sup> and models changes in  
227 allele frequency along environmental gradients<sup>40</sup>. GF's functions provide a means to rescale  
228 environmental predictors from their normal units (e.g., °C, mm) into a unit of cumulative  
229 importance for describing variation in a genetic dataset. For all GF models, the emergent  
230 environmental parameter of simulated days to maturity was in the top five most important  
231 predictors for describing variation in the genetic dataset of loci we hypothesized to contribute to  
232 environmental adaptation (Fig. S3). Across all crop species, no single environmental variable  
233 was substantially more related to turnover in allele frequencies of tested loci, indicating that GF  
234 models captured genome-wide relationships to multiple environmental gradient signals rather  
235 than a high impact at a single locus<sup>30</sup>. The differing importance of environmental variables  
236 specific to a growth stage of plants (variable constrained to the vegetative or reproductive stage  
237 of growth) indicated that stress experienced by plants changes across the different phenological  
238 stages of growth and genetic variation can be associated with life-stage specific stress.

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240 **GF models capture adaptation in landraces.** To test if GF models (constructed using *Cycles*-  
241 derived environmental outputs from the control scenario and the set of loci we hypothesized to

242 be important in local adaptation) captured current environmental adaptation in landraces, we  
243 compared published performance data of 11,762 maize landraces grown across 13 common  
244 gardens in Mexico<sup>27,36</sup> to predicted GF offset of genotype-environment relationships of landraces  
245 grown in common gardens. The common gardens maize landraces were grown and phenotyped  
246 in spanned geographic and environmental range of maize cultivation (Fig. S4A). We predicted  
247 how ‘adapted’ maize landraces accessions were to the common gardens they were grown in  
248 through calculation of GF offset. We calculated GF offset for each maize landrace accession  
249 grown in each common garden as the Euclidean distance between the accession’s control GF  
250 modeled genotype-environment association (representing current genotype-environment  
251 relationships) and the expected genomic composition at the common garden (representing the  
252 optimal genotype-environment relationship for a common garden). As offsets are calculated from  
253 current genotype-environment relationships in the GF model, they are weighted by the  
254 contribution of different loci that are involved in current landrace adaptation and indicate what  
255 amount of genetic change would be required for adaptation to a common garden. Accessions  
256 with a low GF offset are expected to be better adapted to the conditions at the common garden,  
257 as they require less genetic change to be adapted to the environment of a common garden. We  
258 found that, indeed, accessions performed best (height and yield measures) when grown in sites  
259 where they had low GF offset (Fig. 3A; Fig. S4B). Furthermore, anthesis silking interval (ASI,  
260 synchronicity of male and female flower maturity) was reduced when accessions were grown at  
261 sites in which they had lower GF offset. ASI is a reliable predictor of stress in maize<sup>41</sup>, indicating  
262 maize landraces were less stressed when grown in common gardens to which they were predicted  
263 to be adapted (lower GF offset).

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265 **The degree of GF offset post-catastrophe follows the magnitude of climate disruption.** After  
266 confirming the fitted control GF models captured adaptation in landraces, we then used GF  
267 models to predict the expected locally-adapted genomic composition for landraces across space  
268 and time under the six post-war scenarios. To predict the magnitude of maladaptation, we  
269 calculated GF offset as the Euclidean distance between a given landrace source location's  
270 expected genomic composition between control (representing current genotype-environment  
271 relationships) and the six soot scenarios (representing the optimal genotype-environment  
272 relationship for a soot scenario) separately. High GF offset values corresponded to a greater  
273 degree of maladaptation and represented a greater shift in allelic composition required for  
274 adaptation to persist in the climate produced by the soot scenario. For all crops and scenarios, GF  
275 offset values followed the trend in post-war climate disruptions, with a sharp increase and  
276 gradual recovery after 10 to 15 years (Fig. 3B-F; Fig. S5). GF offset for all crops reached its  
277 highest point two to three years post-catastrophe, indicating that crops were expected to have the  
278 highest degree of maladaptation when global solar radiation and temperatures reached their all-  
279 time low. Maximum GF offset of each target scenario linearly corresponded to the amount of  
280 soot simulated for the 5 Tg to 47 Tg soot scenarios. In the most extreme 150 Tg scenario, the  
281 trend was more pronounced and deviated from the linear pattern (Fig. 3 B-F). Across all crop  
282 species, we detected a strong latitudinal pattern associated with GF offset values, equatorial  
283 regions which experienced less adverse climate impacts were predicted to be less maladapted to  
284 post-war conditions (Fig. 4).

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286 **Identification of landrace substitutions for post-catastrophe adaptation.** We next leveraged  
287 our GF models to identify landrace genotypes best matched to specific post-catastrophic

288 conditions, indicating potential varietal substitutions for locations with landraces that were the  
289 most maladapted to post-catastrophic climates. Under post-catastrophic conditions, many  
290 locations will not have climate suitable for the cultivation of crops and we constrained our  
291 analyses to only look for substitutions for locations that were projected to have a crop reach  
292 maturity in the worst year (year 2 post-strike) of the 150 Tg scenario. After filtering for locations  
293 that were not expected to be suitable for agriculture, 10% of barley, 38% of rice subsp. *indica*,  
294 49% of rice subsp. *japonica*, 46% of maize, and 67% of sorghum landraces source locations  
295 were retained to search for a suitable substitution. For the remaining locations, we identified the  
296 most vulnerable locations as those with the highest GF offset (predicted maladaptation). We then  
297 searched for the most optimal substitution globally as well as the best within country  
298 substitution, identifying the landrace accession with the lowest GF offset to the post-catastrophic  
299 climate in the vulnerable location (Fig. 5). Though the identification of landraces with lower  
300 levels of maladaptation to post-catastrophic conditions may be valuable for finding the genotypes  
301 most resilient to post-catastrophic climates, it is important to note that our calculation of  
302 maladaptation is a relative metric and to approach these findings with caution. The post-  
303 catastrophic climate of the 150 Tg scenario may be sufficiently extreme to dramatically reduce  
304 the absolute production of accessions that is identified as a suitable substitution and predicted to  
305 have a low GF offset to the novel climate conditions.

306 Across all crops, the most optimal substitution was often far away (~1000 to ~10,000 km)  
307 and across country borders. For many locations, the best substitution still had a high degree of  
308 GF offset, indicating that there was not a genotype that was expected to be adapted to the post-  
309 catastrophic climate at the vulnerable location included in our dataset (Fig. 5A, C, E, G, I). This  
310 could be due to the severity of the novel climate at the vulnerable location, the absence of a

311 landrace accession that was expected to be adapted to the novel environment, or some  
312 combination of both. For all crops, the best substitution trajectories typically moved landrace  
313 accessions from poles and high elevations towards the equator and low elevations, indicating that  
314 landrace germplasm adapted to currently cooler climates may be sources of resilience for  
315 locations that may be more likely to support agriculture post-catastrophe. For all crop species,  
316 there were instances where one genotype was the most optimal substitution for multiple  
317 vulnerable locations, suggesting genotypes that may be particularly valuable for post-  
318 catastrophic agriculture.

319 In the case of a catastrophe, substitutions across long distances may not be possible due  
320 to socioeconomic disruptions, e.g. in transport and trade. We further searched for the optimal  
321 within-country substitution. For all crops, within country substitutions with a low GF offset were  
322 rare; within country substitutions always had a higher GF offset, corresponding to higher  
323 expected maladaptation, than the optimal global substitution (Fig. 5B, D, F, H, J). Though  
324 maintaining a high degree of maladaptation (GF offset), most within-country substitutions  
325 included trajectories moving individuals towards the equator and lower elevations.

326 The within-country current diversity of environments to which landraces are adapted may  
327 be important for finding a suitable substitution. To test this hypothesis, we compared the GF  
328 offset for the 25% most maladapted locations within each country after using global substitutions  
329 versus within-country substitutions. We focused on sorghum because it was the crop with the  
330 most countries having viable cultivation in year 2 of the 150 Tg scenario, giving power to  
331 compare countries. As expected, all 31 countries with at least 5 sorghum accessions had greater  
332 GF offset for the most maladapted locations when only using within-country substitutions,  
333 compared to the global substitutions. The proportional inferiority of within-country compared to

334 global substitutions was only weakly related to the number of landraces from each country ( $r =$   
335  $0.27$ ,  $p = 0.14$ ). We next tested if the control climate mean and variance influenced the inferiority  
336 of within-country substitutions in a multiple regression, while accounting for the number of  
337 landraces in each country. We found that the countries with less variance among landraces in  
338 cold stress and greater mean cold stress had significantly worse within-country substitutions  
339 compared to global (linear model, mean cold  $t = 3.99$   $p = 0.0005$ , variance in cold  $t = 2.54$   $p =$   
340  $0.0173$ , number of landraces  $t = 0.37$   $p = 0.7173$ ,  $R^2 = 0.45$ ). This highlights the potential future  
341 value of diversity for regions and nations housing landraces adapted to diverse climates.

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### 343 **Discussion**

344 The resilience of agricultural systems to changing climate determines global food  
345 security. In this study we used information on landrace genetic variation and environment of  
346 origin for agronomically important cereal crops to predict disruptions to their  
347 adaptation/cultivation and to explore if the diversity of landraces may be beneficial sources of  
348 resilience in the case of a soot-producing climate catastrophe. Consistent with other groups who  
349 have investigated the consequences of a soot-producing catastrophe on global agriculture<sup>7,9</sup> and  
350 fisheries<sup>34</sup>, we find the climate impacts would be devastating to global subsistence agriculture,  
351 many locations would become unsuitable for agriculture, and for the most extreme soot scenario,  
352 the locations that remain suitable may not have sufficient local landrace diversity within a  
353 species to enable a successful substitution of a resilient variety.

354 Our crop model results correspond to previous estimates of the climate impacts of soot-  
355 producing catastrophes<sup>6,7,9,32,34,42</sup> while also providing an assessment of the diversity of  
356 environments to which crop landraces of globally important cereal crops are adapted. Increases

357 in the number of days simulated to reach maturity corresponded to the climate anomalies of  
358 reduced daily temperature and solar radiation. In the years and locations with the greatest climate  
359 impacts, landraces in higher latitudes rarely achieved full maturity. Colder temperatures slow  
360 down phenological development, and can diminish photosynthetic activity and damage tissue.

361 We built GF models to summarize current landrace genotype-environment relationships  
362 and validated that GF models captured real adaptive differences through use of phenotypic data  
363 collected for a broad diversity panel of maize landraces grown in common gardens across  
364 Mexico. We show that predicted maladaptation, in the form of GF offset, is associated with  
365 height, yield, and stress-related traits, demonstrating a new test of these tools<sup>23</sup>. Landrace  
366 accessions had classic phenotypic patterns of local adaptation when grown in common gardens  
367 they had low GF offset (maladaptation) to, suggesting GF models captured broad adaptation of  
368 landraces' local environments<sup>43</sup>. However, landrace performance was not perfectly predicted by  
369 our genotype-environment model. This inability to completely predict adaptation may be  
370 attributable to limitations of genotype-environment association approaches or to the maintenance  
371 of diversity within environments. In general, reciprocal transplants and common gardens often  
372 find mixed evidence for local adaptation<sup>44</sup>. Genotypes from the same environment may differ in  
373 performance in a given common garden environment if processes like migration or  
374 environmental fluctuations maintain diversity within populations or if important selective forces  
375 are not present in experimental conditions. Our validation methodology confirms that GF offset  
376 can be a powerful tool to capture current genotype-environment relationships though our  
377 inability to perfectly predict adaptation likely highlights a potential importance of maintaining  
378 genetic diversity within a site, which may complicate our ability to model these relationships.

379 When environments change and populations are not able to track the environmental  
380 change through plasticity or rapid shifts in genetic composition, populations may become  
381 maladapted and have reduced fitness in a novel climate<sup>45</sup>. In our case, landraces were predicted  
382 to be the most maladapted, or have the highest GF offset, in the locations where climate was the  
383 most disrupted from long-term averages, corresponding to the most extreme soot scenarios and  
384 the years post-war where atmospheric soot was the most abundant. The strong relationship we  
385 observed between GF offset and soot-induced change in climate is perhaps unsurprising. GF  
386 models are trained using current genotype-environment associations and any shift in the  
387 environment will likely require a change in genomic composition to track adaptation to a novel  
388 climate. The ability to interpret the magnitude of offsets derived from GF-derived functions in an  
389 ecologically meaningful way has recently become a point of discussion. Genetic-based  
390 quantifications of adaptation<sup>38</sup> and offset<sup>46</sup> can be biased for unsampled areas or if the projected  
391 environment exceeds what is used to train the model. Though we have a broad sampling of  
392 landrace accessions for each focal crop species that are adapted to a diversity of environments  
393 and used in GF genotype-environment models, the extremeness and novelty of post-war climates  
394 used in this study likely make predicting maladaptation difficult<sup>47</sup>. At the same time, though the  
395 true magnitude of maladaptation may be difficult to quantify, our GF models allow us to  
396 incorporate measures of climate-associated genomic variation for the identification of the most  
397 vulnerable locations that will likely require a varietal substitution. Additionally, our GF models  
398 provide insights to the aspects of the environment that may be most related to a crop's current  
399 adaptation, which is likely related to the evolutionary history and cultivation practices of the  
400 crop. For example, GF identified average temperature and solar radiation experienced in the  
401 reproductive growth phase as most related to rice subsp. *indica* genome-wide allelic turnover,

402 suggesting these variables may be important in driving local adaptation within this species. Rice  
403 landraces of the *indica* variety are traditionally cultivated in warm, tropical to subtropical  
404 locations and may have limited cold tolerance<sup>48</sup>. While cold and solar radiation are the variables  
405 most altered by nuclear winter, perhaps suggesting vulnerability of this species, the GF model  
406 also suggests that indica genotypes vary in their adaptation to temperature and light, suggesting  
407 there is some mitigation possible with genotype substitutions.

408 Crop diversity has been suggested as a potential solution to mitigate climate impacts on  
409 agriculture<sup>24,49</sup>. For all crops included in this study, we found that landraces accessions with a  
410 distribution farther from the equator were most maladapted to post-catastrophic climates and  
411 were most often selected as the best varieties for substitutions. Most substitutions that were well  
412 matched to vulnerable locations required long migration distances and for many locations, a  
413 landrace adapted to the novel environment at the vulnerable location does not exist within our  
414 dataset. Substitutions that maintained a high level of GF offset indicated landrace varieties that  
415 may remain maladapted to the novel climate, and no other varieties were better adapted to the  
416 vulnerable, tested location. At the same time, for locations where the cultivation of crops remains  
417 possible, the identification of multiple suitable genotypes may be important for the maintenance  
418 of crop diversity within a site. For smallholders, the development of elite farmer-preferred  
419 varieties and the introgression of alleles adapted to novel climates is a priority<sup>50</sup>, and genotype  
420 substitutions identified here could be potential donors of such alleles. For vulnerable locations  
421 that were not predicted to have a well-adapted substitution, switching cultivation to faster-  
422 maturing crop varieties, or other non-cereal crop species that tolerate lower temperatures (e.g.  
423 potato)<sup>51</sup>, may be a strategy for increased resilience. However, the adoption of a new crop  
424 species requires a significant investment by farmers and substantial modifications of farmer and

425 consumer behavior<sup>52</sup>. It is worth noting that there may be some diversity in response to post-  
426 catastrophic conditions in modern elite crop varieties cultivated in wealthier nations, which are  
427 not accounted for in this study. Other studies have considered changes to global crop  
428 productivity under nuclear conflict, including Jagermeyer et al. (2020) who showed that even a  
429 relatively small nuclear strike (e.g., 5 Tg of soot) would drastically impact crop production.

430 Though our study highlights maladaptation in cereal crop landraces following a soot-  
431 producing catastrophe, methodology used in this study can also be leveraged to understand  
432 disruptions to adaptation and possible genotype substitutions (also known as assisted gene flow)  
433 given any change in climate, including greenhouse gas induced climate change<sup>53</sup>. Our results  
434 indicate that for the landrace populations most vulnerable to a climate catastrophe, the within-  
435 species genetic diversity in a country may not be sufficient for resilience and substitutions across  
436 country borders of further distances may be required.

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## 438 **Methods**

439 We used landraces to characterize global disruptions to adaptation and identify resilient  
440 accessions in the case of a climate catastrophe that produces soot. Selected landrace crop species  
441 fulfilled two criteria - 1. Landrace relatives of the species account for a large portion of  
442 accessions currently grown and 2. High quality sequencing data of geographically diverse  
443 accessions were publicly available. From these criteria, we selected four cereal crop species-  
444 *Hordeum vulgare* L. (barley), *Oryza sativa* L. (rice) subsp. *indica* and *japonica*, *Zea mays* L.  
445 (maize), and *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench (sorghum). For all analyses, the rice subsp. *indica*  
446 and *japonica* were run separately. Altogether, the species cover most of the agricultural areas of  
447 the globe and are cultivated in and adapted to diverse climate regimes.

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449 **Weather data.** Previously published weather data described in Toon et al. (2019) and Coupe et  
450 al (2019) simulate the climate impacts of India-Pakistan and US-Russia wars using the  
451 Community Earth System Model (CESM, version 1.3) with the Whole Atmosphere Community  
452 Climate Model Version 4 (WACCM4, version 4) as the atmospheric component, or CESM-  
453 WACCM4<sup>54</sup>. To more accurately represent the evolution of smoke injection, the Community  
454 Aerosol and Radiation Model for Atmospheres (CARMA;<sup>55,56</sup>) is coupled with WACCM to  
455 simulate the injection, lofting, advection, and removal of soot aerosols<sup>42,57</sup>.  
456 The climate impacts of nuclear war were simulated by injecting varying quantities of black  
457 carbon aerosol (soot) into the stratosphere in a layer between 100 and 300 hPa over a 1-week  
458 period starting on 15 May above the U.S. and Russia, or the South Asian subcontinent<sup>6,32,42</sup>. In  
459 total, six nuclear war scenarios were simulated, and we refer to the year soot was injected as year  
460 “0”. For the five India-Pakistan nuclear war scenarios (soot injections of 5 Tg, 16 Tg, 27.3 Tg,  
461 37 Tg, and 46.8 Tg, representing a range of arsenal sizes) simulations were each run for 19 years.  
462 One United States-Russia scenario with a 150 Tg soot injection was also considered, and the  
463 simulation was run for 21 years. This scenario assumes both countries use most of their nuclear  
464 arsenals<sup>58</sup> and is still possible given modern nuclear arsenals. Additionally, a single control run  
465 that repeats the climate forcing of 2000 was simulated for 20 years to represent normal  
466 atmospheric circulations<sup>6,32</sup>.

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468 **Cycles.** The *Cycles* agroecosystem model was used to infer growth and stress variables of  
469 landrace accessions’ point of origin using conditions accessions are expected to be adapted to  
470 (control scenario) and post-catastrophe (six post-nuclear war soot scenarios). *Cycles* is a process-

471 based multi-year and multi-species agroecosystem model<sup>2,33</sup> that requires a number of input files  
472 to simulate crop growth. All simulations were carried out using *Cycles* v0.13.0  
473 (<https://github.com/PSUmodeling/Cycles>). The crop description file defines the physiological  
474 and management parameters that control the growth and harvest of crops used in the simulation.  
475 For each of our crop species, we used *Cycles* default crop parameters from the default crop  
476 description file. The management (operation) file defines the daily management operations to be  
477 used in a simulated crop rotation. We activated conditional planting where *Cycles* “plants” a  
478 simulated crop once certain soil moisture and temperature levels are satisfied within a window of  
479 planting dates. For many of the scenarios where planting conditions are not met (i.e. daily  
480 temperature remains too low) *Cycles* forced planting on the last day of the planting window. We  
481 turned on the automatic nitrogen fertilization option and set planting density to 67% for all crops  
482 in the simulation to be grown without nitrogen limitations so that stress observed in model  
483 outputs was due entirely to climatic factors. Weather files were built using the CESM-WACCM4  
484 outputs as described in <sup>32</sup> and <sup>6</sup> for one control and six post-nuclear soot scenarios, formatted for  
485 use in *Cycles*. The weather files were generated by aggregating the three-hourly CESM output to  
486 daily time steps at all CESM grids, which have a 1.9° latitude × 2.5° longitude resolution.  
487 Weather files were matched to landrace point of origin for each simulated accession, where the  
488 climatic parameters used to simulate growth match the location accessions were sourced from.  
489 Weather files included variables describing variation in daily precipitation, temperature, solar  
490 radiation, humidity, and wind. Soil physical parameters were obtained from the ISRIC SoilGrids  
491 global database<sup>59</sup> via the HydroTerre data system<sup>60–62</sup> for all simulation locations. Soil files were  
492 also matched to landrace point of origin for each simulated accession and describe the average  
493 soil characteristics and land use for crop cultivation types. For accessions designated as paddy

494 rice by <sup>22</sup> we used the irrigated or post-flooding land use type. Rainfed land use type was used  
495 for all other simulated crop accessions.

496 For all simulated accessions of each crop species, seven *Cycles* simulations, including the  
497 control scenario and six soot scenarios were implemented separately. *Cycles* models simulated  
498 20 years of crop growth for the control scenario, 15 years of crop growth after impact for the  
499 India-Pakistan scenarios (5 Tg, 16 Tg, 27 Tg, 37 Tg, 47 Tg, and 150 Tg), and 17 years of crop  
500 growth for the US-Russia scenario (150 Tg). From the outputs of each *Cycles* simulation and for  
501 each year growth was simulated, we extracted variables summarizing the environmental stress  
502 and simulated growth plants experienced for each of our focal crop species (*Cycles*-derived  
503 environmental variables). Variables included information on the number of days to reach  
504 maturity, water stress, cold stress, and light stress experienced across simulated plant growth and  
505 when in the vegetative and reproductive phase (Table S1). For accessions not projected to reach  
506 maturity, certain environmental summary variables were not extractable, and we imputed the  
507 95% stress of the variable for each accession with missing environmental values, specific to crop  
508 species and the year growth was simulated for.

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510 **Genotyped datasets.** As differences in genotyping resolution across species might influence the  
511 detection of genomic signals of adaptation, we selected datasets with high density genomic  
512 markers and a distribution of sequenced landraces accessions that most represented the  
513 environments that landraces of our focal species originate from and are likely adapted to.  
514 Advances in technology have made low-coverage whole-genome sequencing (WGS) relatively  
515 inexpensive, providing datasets that are particularly well-suited for research exploring polygenic  
516 signals. All genotype files were processed in PLINK, an established software for analyzing and

517 filtering genotypic data<sup>37</sup>. For each landrace species, raw genotype files were filtered for minor  
518 allele frequency (MAF) removing all SNPs with lower than 5% MAF and for linkage  
519 disequilibrium (LD) to reduce the number of SNP candidates we tested for environmental  
520 association. As the initial genotype files differed in size, the LD filter step included different  
521 conditions to thin files. We used --indep-pairwise 30 10 .1 for both rice subsp. (*indica* and  
522 *japonica*) and sorghum, and --indep-pairwise 100 10 .05 for the maize and barley data files. This  
523 filtering step resulted in 74,430 SNPs for barley, 43,818 SNPs for rice subsp. *japonica*, 61,430  
524 SNPs for rice subsp. *indica*, 67,522 SNPs for maize, and 20,387 SNPs for sorghum to test for  
525 association to the species-specific *Cycles*-derived environmental variables.

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527 **Genome scan for environmentally related SNPs.** Genotype-environment associations test for  
528 genetic variation that is statistically correlated to environmental predictors. We followed partial  
529 redundancy analysis (pRDA) methods developed by<sup>38</sup> to identify loci putatively involved in  
530 environmental selection for our focal crop species. For each crop species, pRDA models were  
531 built using population allele frequencies (population defined as accessions from the same  
532 geocoordinates) from the filtered genetic dataset as response variables and the 13 *Cycles*-derived  
533 environmental variables from the control simulation, averaged across the 20 years of modeled  
534 growth as explanatory variables. Neutral genetic structure was accounted for by including the  
535 first three axes of a population PCA as conditional covariables. Using the *rdapat* function  
536 described in<sup>63</sup>, we identified the top environmentally related (outlier) loci based on the  
537 extremeness of their loading along a Mahalanobis distance distribution calculated between each  
538 marker and the center of the first two pRDA axes. P-values for each marker were derived as this  
539 distance, corrected for the inflation factor using a chi-squared distribution with two degrees of

540 freedom. We then selected the top 1,000 markers with the lowest P-values as candidate outliers  
541 to represent loci that may be important for environmental adaptation. The analysis was carried  
542 out using R/vegan<sup>64</sup>.

543 To assess whether the top loci selected by pRDA are unique to the method, we further  
544 implemented Bayesian-information and Linkage-disequilibrium Iteratively Nested Keyway  
545 (BLINK) and compared the significant loci as identified by BLINK and pRDA for sorghum.  
546 BLINK is a package commonly used for genome-wide association studies (GWAS) and  
547 improves upon traditional GWAS methods by addressing limitations such as computational  
548 inefficiency and reduced statistical power<sup>65</sup>. We ran BLINK separately for the same 13 *Cycles*-  
549 derived environmental variables used in the sorghum pRDA model and extracted the set of  
550 significant loci (p-value < 0.05) for each BLINK model that were built separately for each  
551 climate variable. For all BLINK models, the first three axes of a population PCA were used as  
552 covariates to account for population structure. We then compared the set of BLINK-identified  
553 significant loci across all 13 models (8,728 unique SNPs) to the 1,000 most significant loci as  
554 identified by pRDA and found that 556 SNPs were present in both datasets. Thus, the overlap  
555 between genotype-environment association methods for identifying loci that are related to  
556 variation in environmental gradients confirm that the results are not highly sensitive to the  
557 approach.

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559 **Identification of flowering time SNPs.** We further accounted for genetic variation that may  
560 capture important plant phenological processes by including SNPs of known flowering time  
561 network loci for each focal crop species. We conducted a literature search to identify genes  
562 known to be involved in the flowering time network for each crop (Table S2). Gene coordinates

563 of each flowering time gene were gathered from the gff3 files that corresponded to each  
564 reference genome used to call SNPs (maize (reference B73v2,  
565 [https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/GTF\\_and\\_GFF\\_for\\_maize/895628](https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/GTF_and_GFF_for_maize/895628)); rice (reference R498  
566 IGDBv3, <http://mbkbase.org/R498/>); sorghum (reference *S. bicolor*v3.1, [https://phytozome-  
567 next.jgi.doe.gov/info/Sbicolor\\_v3\\_1\\_1](https://phytozome-next.jgi.doe.gov/info/Sbicolor_v3_1_1))<sup>66–68</sup>. For maize, rice subsp. *indica* and *japonica*, and  
568 sorghum we also included SNPs found +/- 5 kilobase (kb) of each flowering time gene to  
569 account for variation in cis-regulatory elements. Barley sequence information was reported as  
570 contigs and we extracted SNPs located in contigs previously identified to overlap with homologs  
571 of well-characterized genes in *Arabidopsis thaliana*<sup>35</sup>. Gene coordinates for the location of each  
572 flowering time gene region or flowering time related contig extracted using --extract in PLINK<sup>69</sup>.  
573 To account for patterns of linkage disequilibrium, we further filtered each species' set of  
574 flowering time loci (gene and sites up and downstream of the gene) and only retained SNPs with  
575 an  $r^2$  value less than 0.2 within the flowering-time genic window and flanking region.  
576

577 **Gradient forest models and calculation of offset.** Gradient forest (GF) is a machine learning  
578 algorithm extended from random forest which searches for genotypic patterns as associated with  
579 environmental descriptors. Using R/gradientForest::gradientForest<sup>40</sup>, we built GF models to  
580 associate current adaptive allelic diversity (the combined set of pRDA-identified  
581 environmentally related loci and flowering time network loci) with *Cycles*-derived  
582 environmental variables from the control simulation, averaged across the 20 years of modeled  
583 growth (hereafter, control GF model). Models were built separately for each of our focal crop  
584 species to describe control species-specific genotype-environment relationships. The control GF  
585 model parameters were tuned to increase the number of trees built to  $ntree = 500$ .

586                   Genomic offset (also known as genomic vulnerability) is one metric used to characterize  
587                   maladaptation with a genomic context (reviewed in <sup>28</sup>). The distance between current and  
588                   expected genotype-environment associations under some change in environment is  
589                   representative of the genomic offset, or the genetic shift required in a population to adapt to the  
590                   future climate. Comparing the control genotype-environment association captured by GF models  
591                   (control GF model), and the projected genotype-environment association for different scenarios  
592                   (common garden, target scenarios, vulnerable locations) we made several measurements of GF  
593                   offset to summarize predicted maladaptation. For all GF offset calculations, we followed  
594                   methods described in <sup>24</sup> .

595                   To validate that our control GF models captured current genotype-environment  
596                   associations, we first used the maize control GF model to predict the genomic composition  
597                   expected at common gardens maize landraces had been phenotyped in for a previous study<sup>36</sup>.  
598                   Here, the GF offset was defined as the Euclidean distance of current genotype-environment  
599                   relationships at the common garden site from the genotype-environment relationship of each  
600                   landrace's point of origin. This measure summarized how genetically well matched a landrace  
601                   was to the common garden it was grown in (measure of predicted maladaptation to a common  
602                   garden) and was compared to the phenotypic breeding values for each landrace grown in a  
603                   common garden.

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605                   **Validation of gradient forest-predicted adaptation.** We used phenotypic data of maize  
606                   landraces grown in 23 trials across 13 common garden locations over 2 years to confirm that our  
607                   control GF models captured real differences in current landrace genotype-environment

608 relationships. We restricted our analysis to include the phenotypic data of landraces accessions  
609 that were simulated in *Cycles* models.

610 Briefly, phenotyped accessions are a part of the broader SeeD evaluation of the maize  
611 landrace collection<sup>36</sup>. Accessions were planted in multiple environments under a replicated F1  
612 crossing. Importantly, two features of the crossing design ensure that phenotype data is not  
613 overly biased by elevational adaptation. Crossed plants were preferentially grown in locations  
614 that were of similar adaptation (highland tropical, sub-tropical or lowland tropical) to their home  
615 environment and each plant was crossed to a tester that was adapted to the environment that the  
616 F1 seeds were grown in. These design features allowed for comparison of a larger sample of  
617 accessions, but also led to an unbalanced experimental design. As a further consequence of the  
618 experimental design, apparent adaptive differences among landraces may be reduced and make  
619 phenotypic estimates of adaptation more conservative<sup>27</sup>. We extracted phenotypic information  
620 capturing differences in plant height (PH), the total weight of ears (kernels and cob) measured in  
621 the field (field weight; FW), bare cob weight (BCW), moisture adjusted grain weight per hectare  
622 (GWH), days to anthesis (DA), days to silking (DS), and anthesis-silking interval (ASI) for  
623 plants grown in trials (<https://data.cimmyt.org/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:11529/10548233>).  
624 The phenotypic datasets ranged from having  $n = 4,851$  (BCW) to  $n = 11,762$  (ASI) across the  
625 field sites. Following methods from Gates et al., (2019) and Romero Navarro et al., (2017), we  
626 estimated breeding values controlling for tester, checks, and field position in a complete nested  
627 model. We further accounted for the random effect of tester and year.

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629 **Calculation of offset under post-catastrophic conditions.** Once we confirmed that our maize  
630 control GF model captured phenotypic differences representative of adaptation to common

631 gardens with conditions most like the source locations landraces are sourced from, we extended  
632 our control GF models to predict maladaptation in crop landraces under the six post-war target  
633 climate scenarios. Here, GF offset was calculated as the Euclidean distance between the current  
634 predicted genotype-environment association (control GF model) and for each soot scenation, the  
635 future projected genotype-environment association across all 13 *Cycles*-derived environmental  
636 variables.

637 We confirmed that GF offset values were correlated to relative changes in environment  
638 that were most related to genotype-environment associations, as summarized by the control GF  
639 model, by comparing the difference in GF offset (target subtracted from control) versus the  
640 change in *Cycles*-derived environmental variables (Fig. S6). Environmental variables were  
641 scaled and adjusted by their relative contribution to GF models.

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643 **Identification of landrace substitutions for post-catastrophe adaptation.** To understand if  
644 existing landrace diversity may be a source of resilience following a climate catastrophe, we  
645 used our GF models to identify the best suited substitutions for locations with the landraces that  
646 are the most maladapted<sup>24,29</sup> under the most extreme target scenario (150 Tg) and for the year  
647 where climate is the most disrupted (year 2 after soot injection). We first excluded all locations  
648 not predicted to reach maturity, so as not to identify substitutions to locations where agriculture  
649 would not likely be possible. For the remaining locations, we defined the most vulnerable  
650 locations as those with the highest GF offset to search for both the most optimal and the best  
651 within-country substitution. Clusters of vulnerable pixels were identified using  
652 R/DBscan::dbscan<sup>70</sup>, which groups pixels based off proximity. Clustering was based on the

653 geographic distance between vulnerable pixels measured with R/geosphere::distm<sup>71</sup>. Only  
654 clusters separated by <1000 km were retained for further analysis.

655 For each vulnerable cluster, a GF offset (i.e., Euclidean distance) was calculated between  
656 the projected genotype-environment association of the vulnerable location under the 150 Tg  
657 target scenario and the control GF modeled genotype-environment association (control GF  
658 model) across all landrace accessions included in the model. The lowest GF offset was defined as  
659 the minimum Euclidean distance and identified the current landrace accession predicted to be  
660 best adapted to the future climate conditions of the vulnerable area. For landrace accessions that  
661 were not perfectly adapted to the locations they were substituted to (i.e GF offset is higher than  
662 0), this measure represented the genomic gap that still needs to be filled for the migrated  
663 varieties to be fully adapted to the conditions of their new location (assuming current genotype-  
664 environment relationships are representative of perfect adaptation). High GF offset indicated  
665 substitutions where accessions are not predicted to be well adapted to the locations they were  
666 substituted to, and no other landraces included in the model were better adapted to the projected  
667 climate of the vulnerable area.

## 668 **Data availability**

669 The Community Earth System Model is freely available from the NCAR but requires  
670 registration at [www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm1.2](http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm1.2). Additionally, atmospheric model output  
671 for the 150 Tg case (Coupe et al., 2019) is available at [https://doi.org/10.6084/](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.7742735.v1)  
672 [m9.figshare.7742735.v1](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.7742735.v1). The full model outputs for all simulations are very large and stored on  
673 the PetaLibrary at the University of Colorado, which is not available to the public. However,  
674 additional data from these runs can be provided upon request.

## 675 **Code Availability**

676 The scripts for the bioinformatics analysis are publicly available in GitHub at [GitHub Repo](#).

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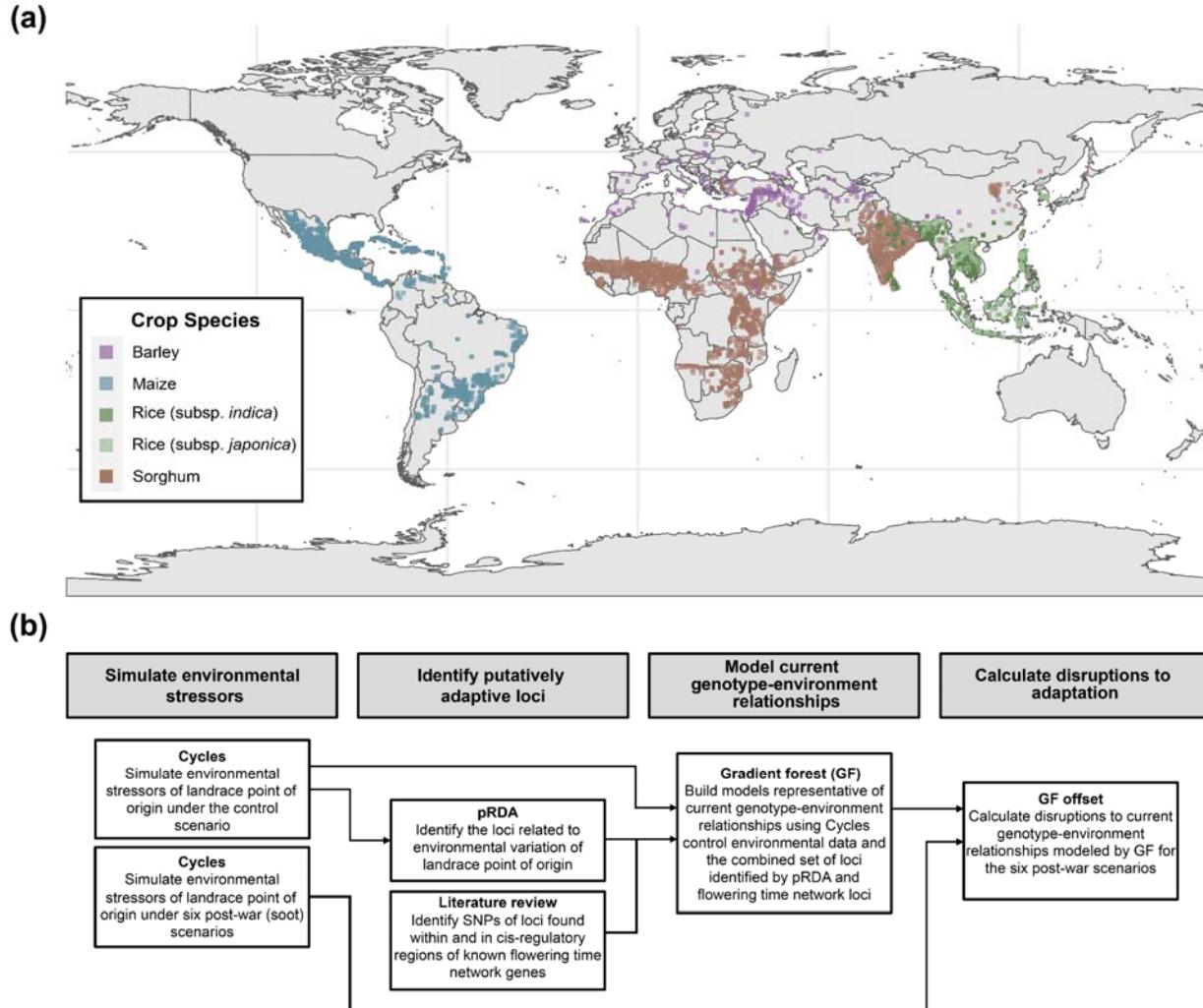
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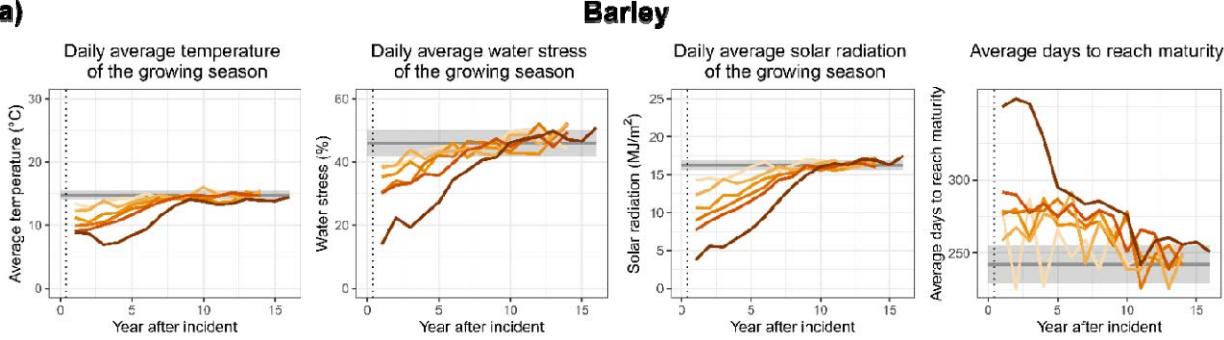
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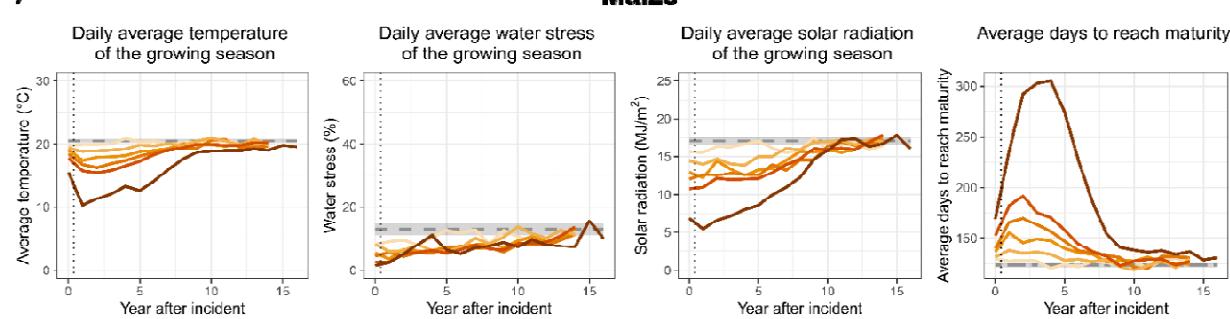
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702 **(next page) Figure 2** *Cycles*-derived environmental variables for A) barley B) maize C) rice  
703 subsp. *indica* D) rice subsp. *japonica* and E) sorghum. Control lines are plotted as the average  
704 value across all accessions that were projected to reach maturity. The shading around averaged  
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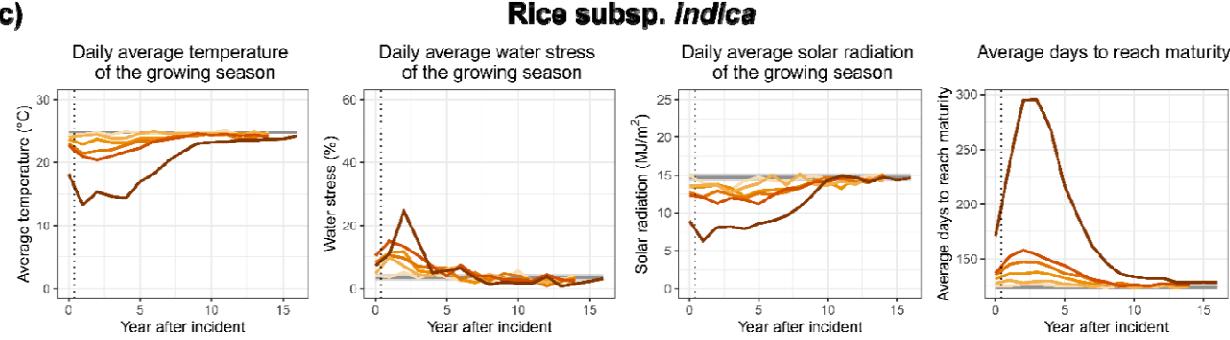
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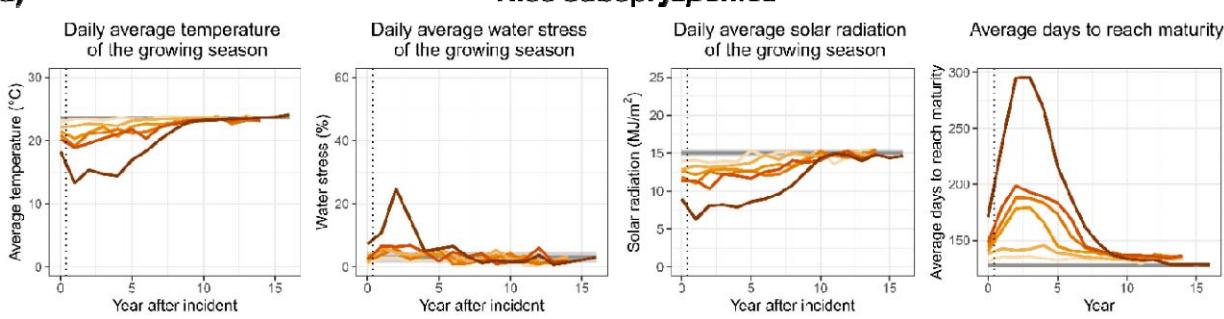
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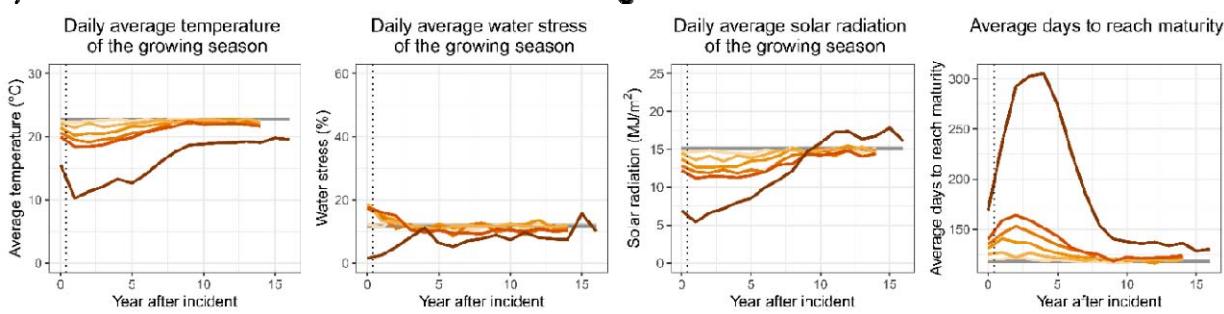
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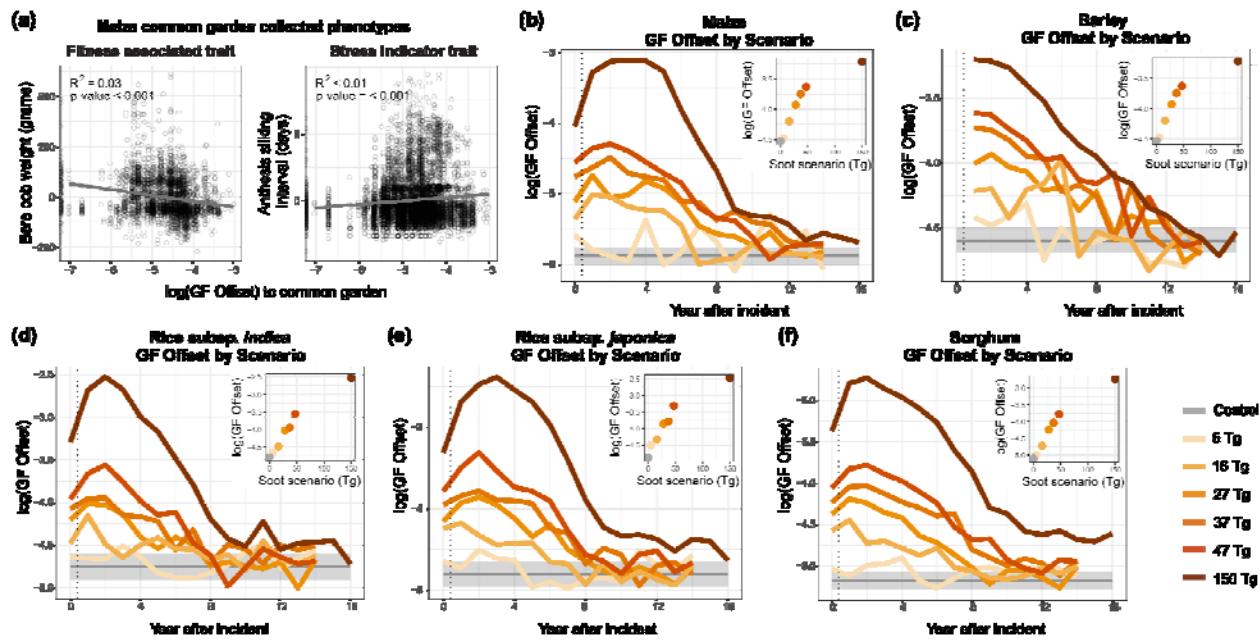


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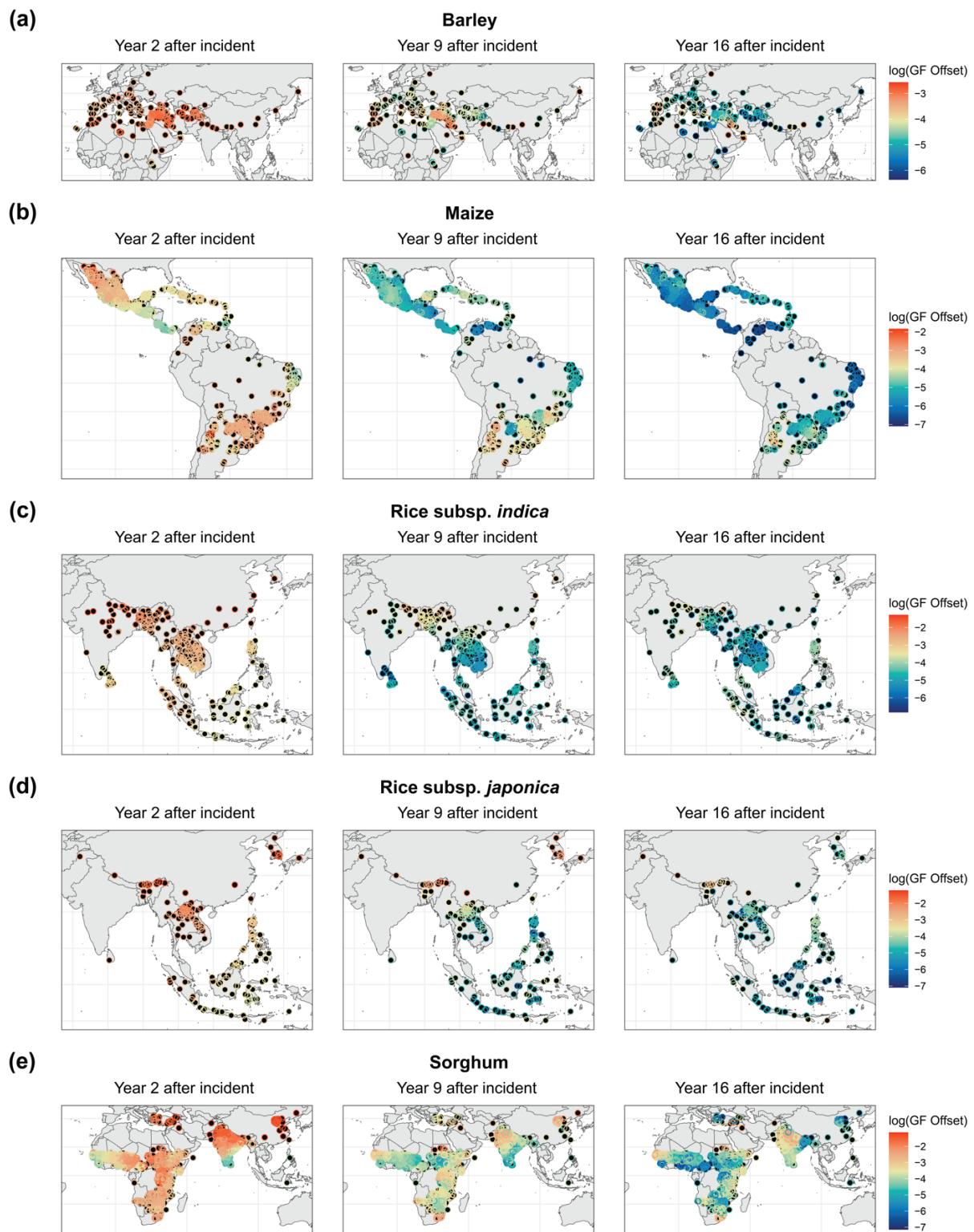


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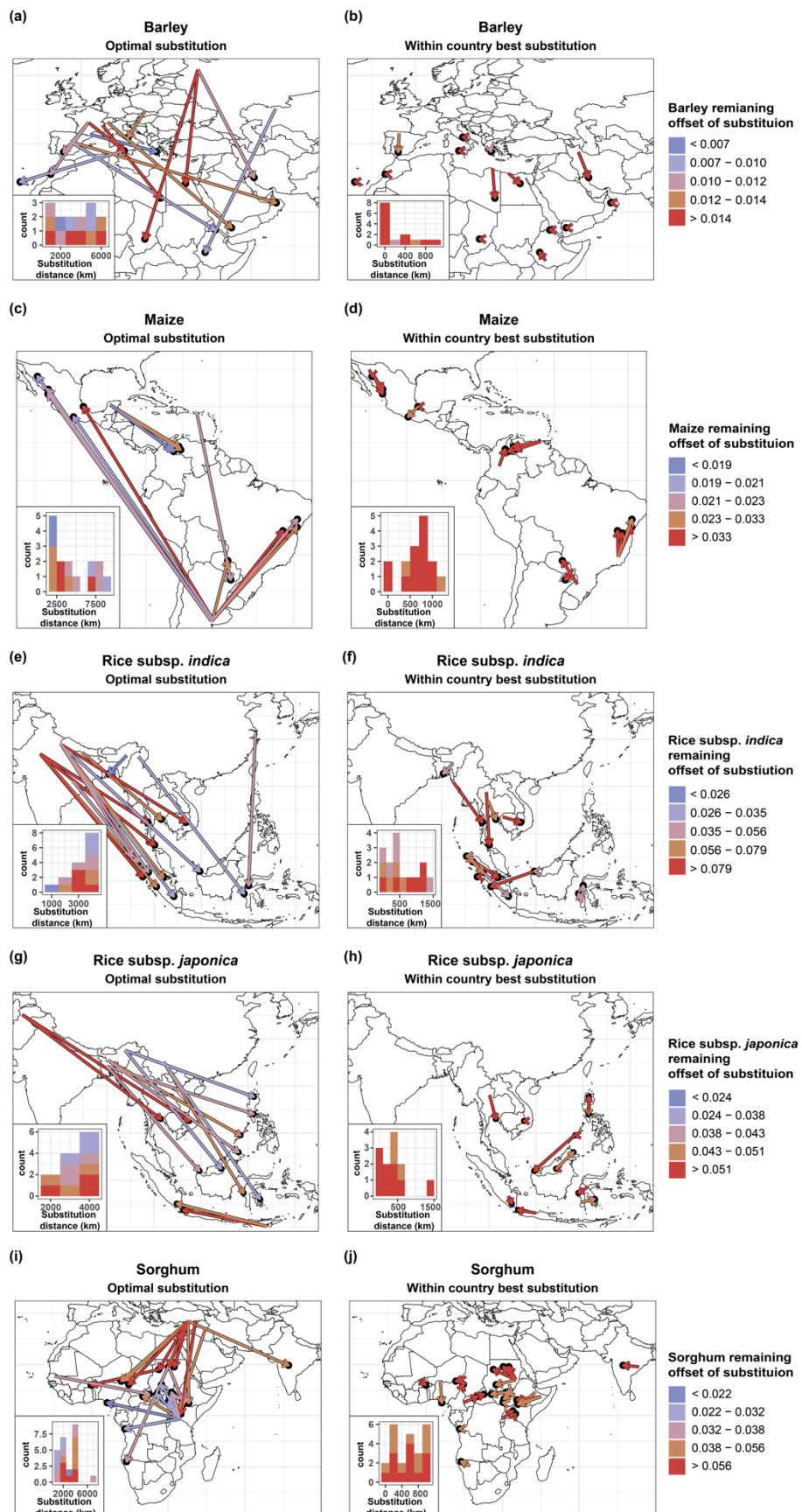


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 711 **Figure 3** GF models capture current genotype-environment associations in maize landraces and  
 712 were used to predict maladaptation (GF offset) under post-catastrophic climate scenarios. A)  
 713 Phenotypic residuals (remaining variation after accounting for experimental design) plotted  
 714 against the logged GF offset of maize landrace accessions grown in common gardens. GF offset  
 715 is calculated for each phenotyped accession as the Euclidean distance of the expected genotype-  
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 717 relationship from the accessions' point of origin. Points with a more negative logged GF offset  
 718 indicate maize landrace accessions that are expected to be adapted to the common garden they  
 719 were grown in. Yearly logged GF offset for B) maize C) barley D) rice subsp. *indica* E) rice  
 720 subsp. *japonica* and F) sorghum. The control line shows the mean logged GF offset across all  
 721 years, with the shaded region representing the standard deviation of yearly means to indicate  
 722 fluctuations in maladaptation (GF offset) due to normal variability in climate. Soot scenario lines  
 723 are averaged logged GF offset across all accessions of a species and colored by soot scenario.  
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**Figure 4** Global distribution of logged GF offset (predicted maladaptation) under the 150 Tg scenario 2, 9, and 16 years after the incident for landraces (filled black circles, with overlaid open colored circles indicating offset). Higher GF offset values correspond to a larger degree of predicted maladaptation under the post-war scenario.



733 **Figure 5** Substitution trajectories for the most vulnerable landrace populations in year 2 of the  
734 150 Tg scenario. For each crop, arrows connect the source location of a landrace accession that is  
735 the most optimal to the vulnerable location (arrowhead) and are colored by the remaining GF  
736 offset (maladaptation) of the substitution. Substitutions are colored by how well-matched the  
737 moved landrace is to the vulnerable location, where colors corresponding to lower GF offset of  
738 substitution indicate a substitution that has a low degree of maladaptation to the novel  
739 environment. For each crop, substitution trajectories are provided for the most optimal  
740 substitution across all available germplasm and the best within-country substitution. Inlaid  
741 histograms represent the frequency of substitutions of different distances and are colored by the  
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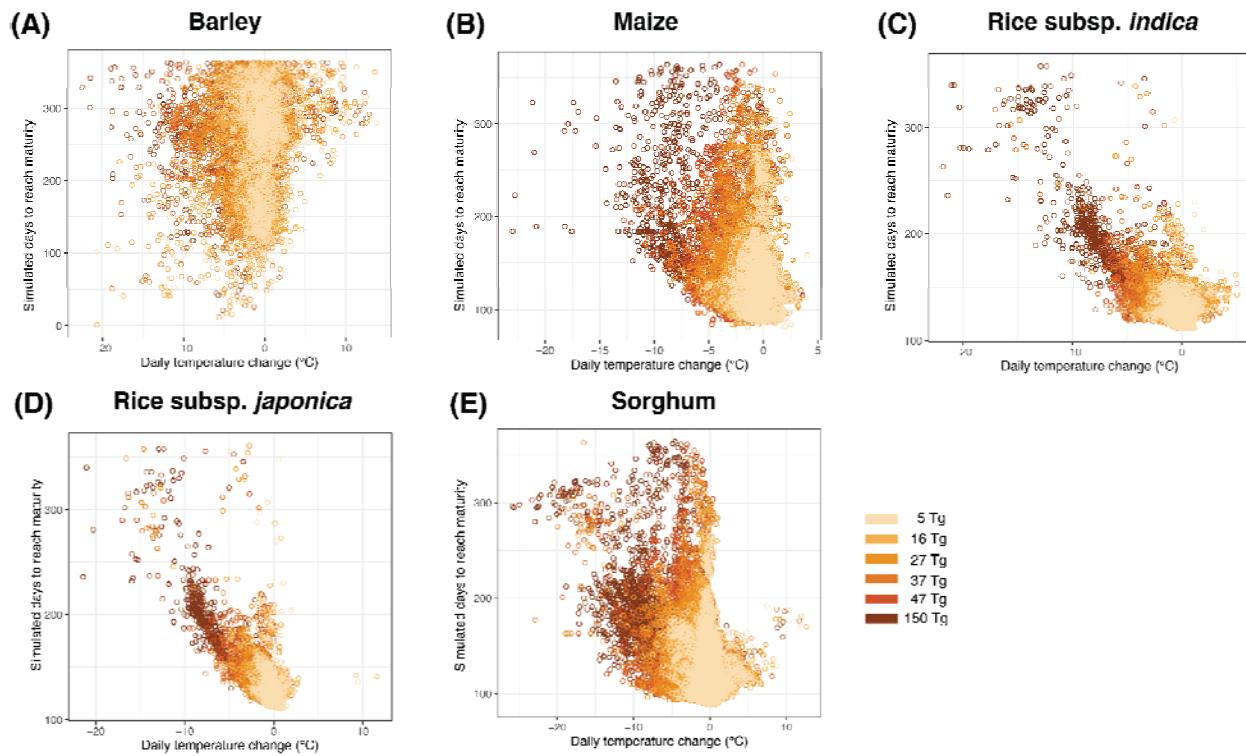
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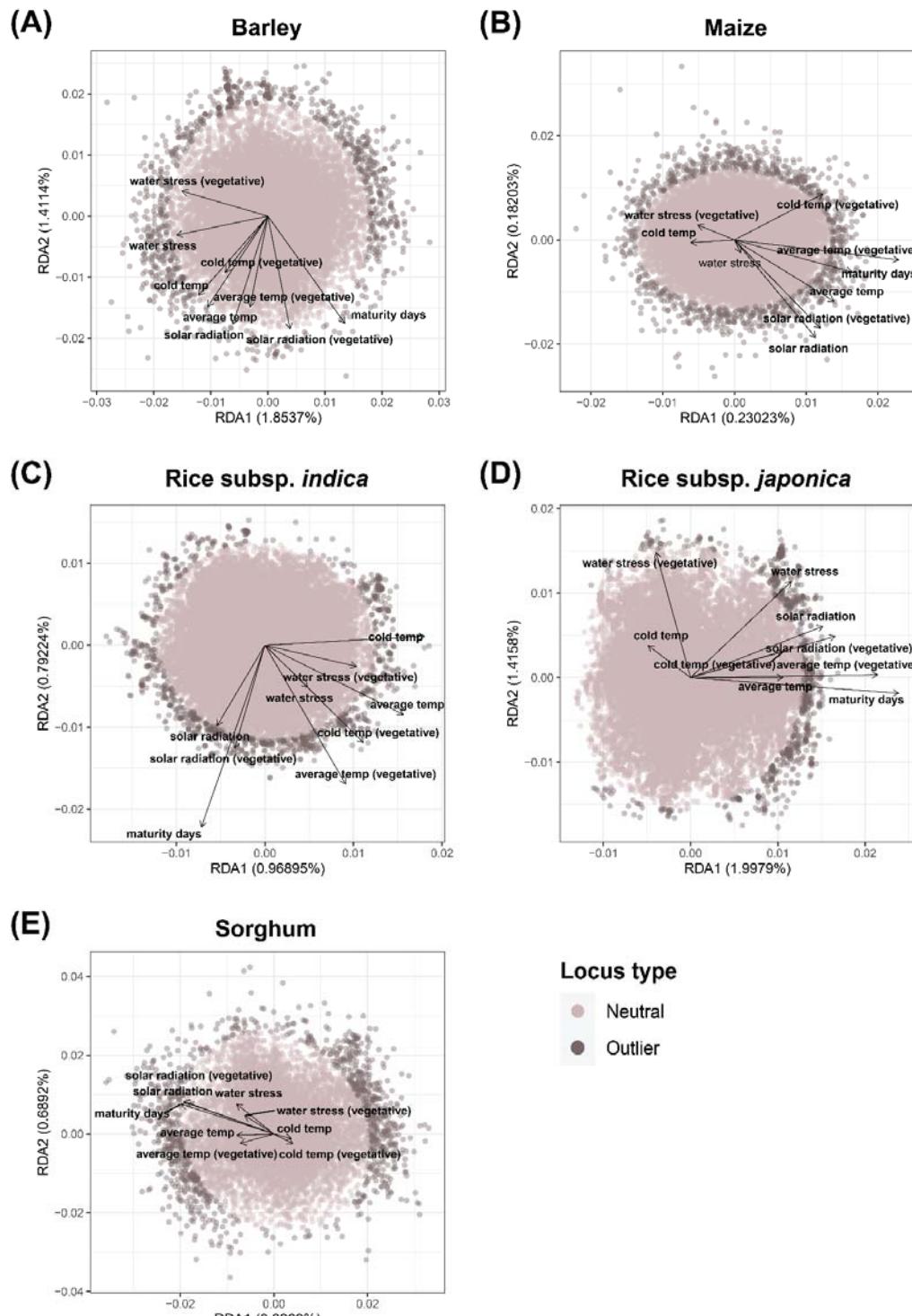
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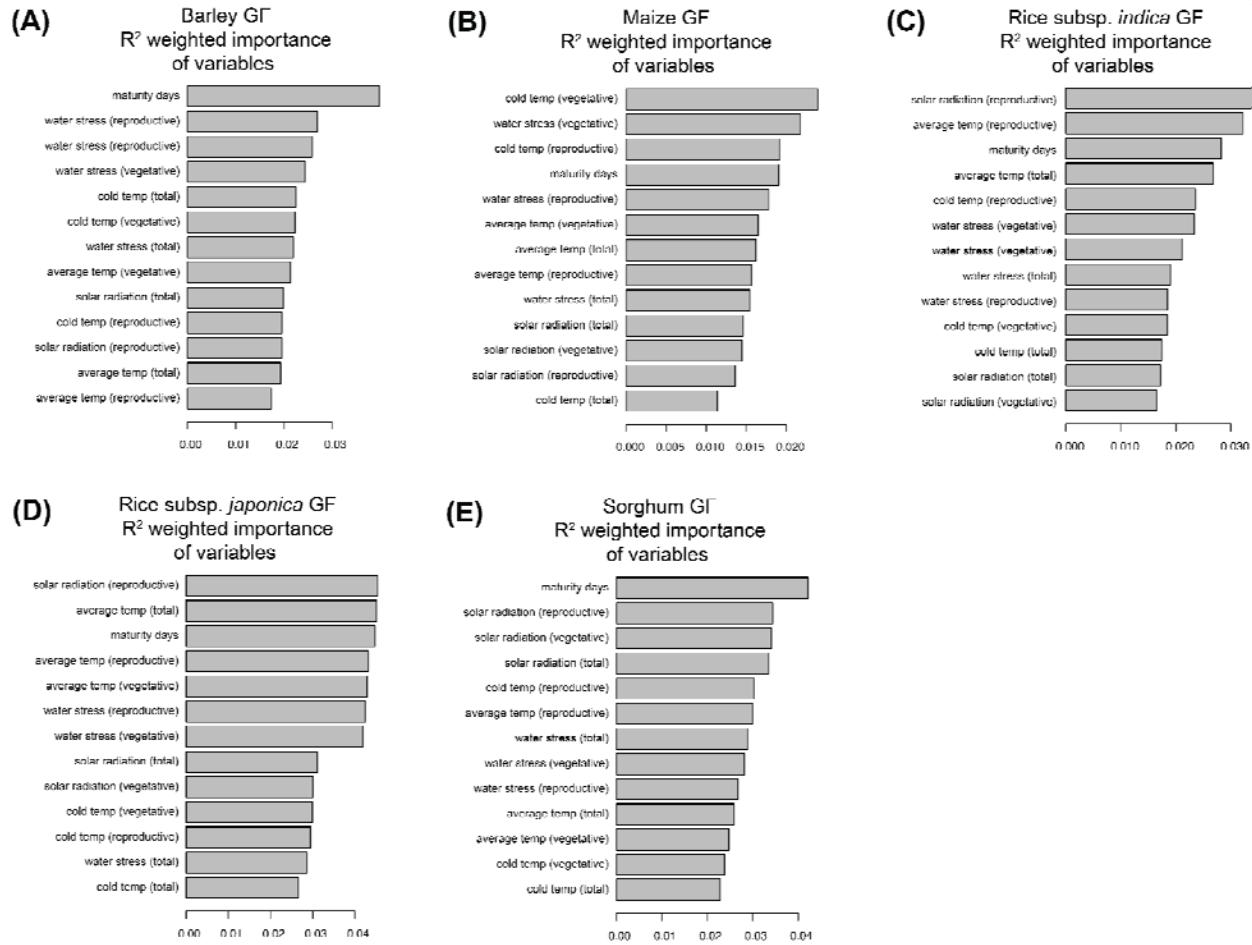
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**Figure S1** The relationship between simulated days to reach maturity and change in daily temperature for all landrace accessions across all years simulated, colored by soot scenario. Points are masked from the plots for years where landrace accessions were not projected to reach maturity. The frequency of crop failure (points that are masked from the plot) for the year with the most extreme climate impacts are given here as percentages for the 5 Tg, 6 Tg, 27 Tg, 37 Tg, 47 Tg, 150 Tg scenarios. Barley: 6%, 8%, 13%, 22%, 24%, 90%. Maize: 0%, 0%, 0%, 0.5%, 4%, 54%. Rice subsp. *indica*: 0.5%, 1%, 2%, 3%, 5%, 62%. Rice subsp. *japonica*: 3%, 5%, 12%, 19%, 20%, 51%. Sorghum: 0, 0.5%, 0.5%, 2%, 4%, 33%.

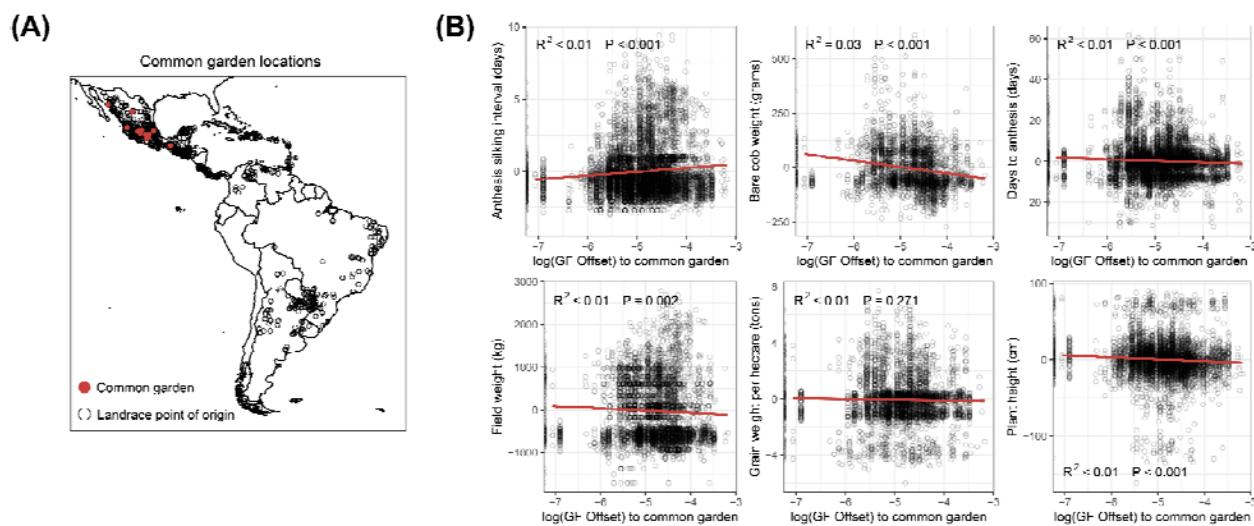
**(next page) Figure S2** pRDA loading plots for the identification of loci with significant association to *Cycles*-derived environmental variables of the control simulation for use in gradient forest (GF) models. Percent variation explained by the first two pRDA axes (represented as a percentage next to the respective axis) is calculated as the percent variation described by the constrained pRDA axis divided by the variation across all unconstrained axes. Environmentally related (outlier) loci are defined as the 1,000 sites with the most extreme loading along a Mahalanobis distance distribution, calculated between each marker and the center of the first two pRDA axes. For each species, loci identified as “outlier” were retained for use in GF models.



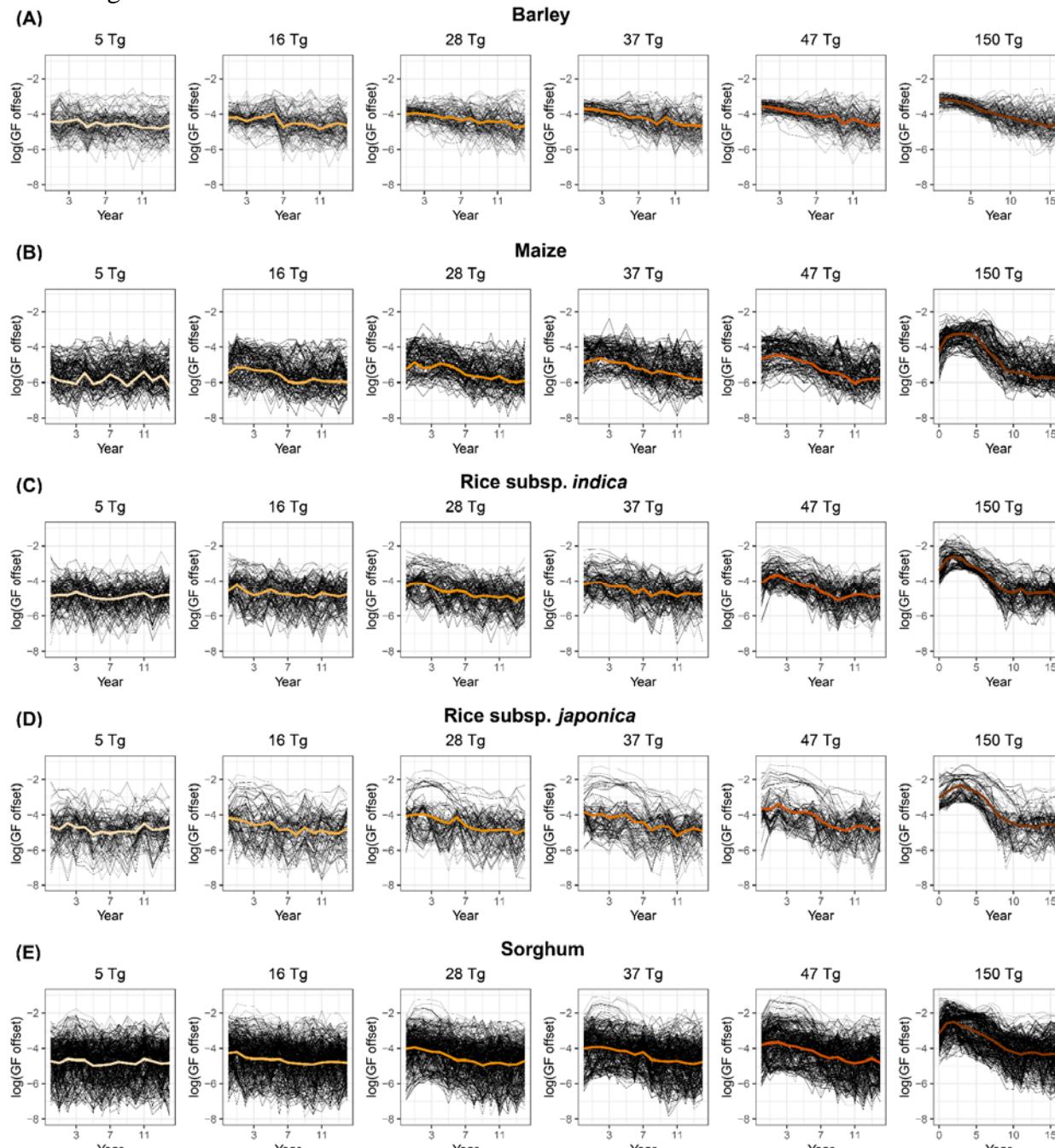
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**Figure S3** R<sup>2</sup> importance plots of Cycles-derived environmental and growth variables used to build each species' control GF model for A) barley B) maize C) rice subsp. *indica* D) rice subsp. *japonica* and E) sorghum. Variables are ordered by their relative contribution in describing genome-wide diversity of loci included in each respective GF model.



801 **Figure S4** GF models of control genotype-environment associations in maize landraces capture  
802 signals of local adaptation. A) Large red points denote sites of common gardens. Black points  
803 denote the source locations of landrace accessions grown in common gardens. B) Phenotypic  
804 residuals (remaining variation after accounting for experimental design) plotted against the  
805 logged GF offset of maize landraces grown in common gardens. GF offset is calculated for each  
806 phenotyped accession grown in a common garden as the Euclidean distance of the expected  
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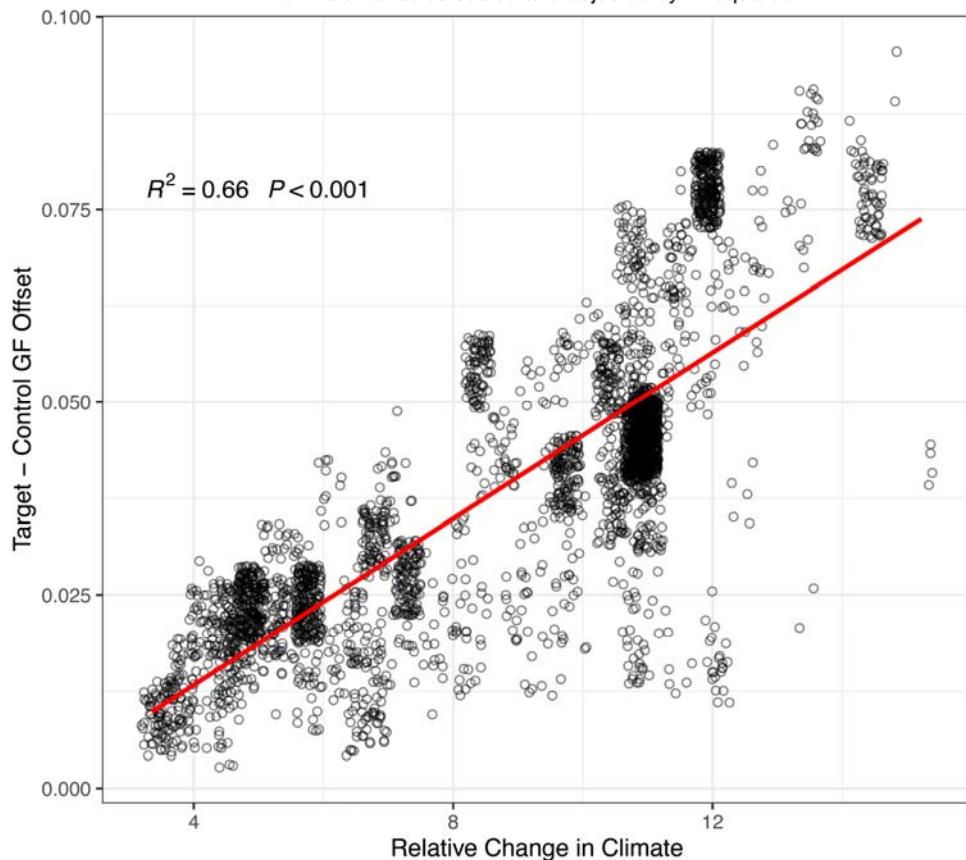
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**Figure S5** Variation in logged GF offset for A) barley B) maize C) rice subsp. *indica* D) rice subsp. *japonica* and E) sorghum by scenario. Each black line represents the logged GF offset for a modeled landrace accession. The colored line is the average across all individuals by soot scenario. Averaged logged GF offset by soot scenario is the same as shown in Figure 3 B-F.

### GF Offset vs relative change in climate

Climate variables scaled and adjusted by R-squared



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820 **Figure S6** Change in GF offset corresponds to relative changes in climate for maize landrace accessions. Distance between predicted genotype-environment relationships for the 150 Tg “target” scenario and the control scenario vs the environmental change between the 150 Tg target and control scenario.

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834 **Table S1** Description of environmental and growth variables obtained for *Cycles* simulated  
835 landrace accessions (*Cycles*-derived environmental variables). For a given landrace accession,  
836 each variable was extracted separately for each simulation year and climate scenario (control, 5  
837 Tg, 6 Tg, 27 Tg, 37 Tg, 47 Tg, 150 Tg).

Variable	Description
Average temperature (°C) vegetative, reproductive, cumulative	The daily average temperature for each day crop growth was simulated across the entire growth period (cumulative) or for specific phenological growth stages (vegetative, reproductive).
Coldest temperature (°C) vegetative, reproductive, cumulative	The daily minimum temperature for each day crop growth was simulated across the entire growth period (cumulative) or for specific phenological growth stages (vegetative, reproductive).
Solar radiation (MJ m <sup>-2</sup> /day) vegetative, reproductive, cumulative	Daily solar radiation for each day crop growth was simulated across the entire growth period (cumulative) or for specific phenological growth stages (vegetative, reproductive).
Water Stress (%) vegetative, reproductive, cumulative	Daily water stress for each day crop growth was simulated across the entire growth period (cumulative) or for specific phenological growth stages (vegetative, reproductive).
Maturity days	Simulated days to reach physiological maturity.

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851 **Table S2** Flowering time genes used in GF models ordered by species. For each flowering time  
852 gene, the GeneID for each species' reference genome is included.

Species	Gene	GeneID within reference genome
Maize	<i>CCA1</i>	GRMZM2G014902
	<i>CCT1</i>	GRMZM2G381691
	<i>CCT11</i>	GRMZM2G135446
	<i>CCT4</i>	GRMZM2G033962
	<i>CCT2</i>	GRMZM2G004483

	<i>CONZ1</i>	GRMZM2G405368
	<i>D8</i>	GRMZM2G144744
	<i>D9</i>	GRMZM2G024973
	<i>DLE1</i>	GRMZM5G859316
	<i>DLF1</i>	GRMZM2G067921
	<i>Gi1</i>	GRMZM2G107101
	<i>Gi2</i>	GRMZM5G844173
	<i>GL15</i>	GRMZM2G160730
	<i>ID1</i>	GRMZM2G011357
	<i>MADS1</i>	GRMZM2G171365
	<i>MADS69</i>	GRMZM2G171650
	<i>PEBP2</i>	GRMZM2G156079
	<i>PEBP24</i>	GRMZM2G440005
	<i>PEBP4</i>	GRMZM2G075081
	<i>PEBP8</i>	GRMZM2G179264
	<i>PRRTF1</i>	<u>GRMZM2G095727</u>
	<i>RAP2</i>	GRMZM2G700665
	<i>ZAG6</i>	GRMZM2G026223
	<i>ZCN8</i>	<u>GRMZM2G019993</u>
	<i>LHY</i>	GRMZM2G474769
	<i>MADS4</i>	<u>GRMZM2G032339</u>
	<i>TOC1a</i>	GRMZM2G020081
Barley	<i>CCA1</i>	Hvcontig_1567295
	<i>CEN</i>	Hvcontig_274284
	<i>COL1</i>	Hvcontig_138334
	<i>COL2</i>	Hvcontig_6805
	<i>ELF3</i>	Hvcontig_80895/67536
	<i>EL F4-/ike3</i>	Hvcontig_42805
	<i>FKF1</i>	Hvcontig_38586
	<i>FT</i>	Hvcontig_54983
	<i>GI</i>	Hvcontig_58270/1580005
	<i>GRP7</i>	Hvcontig_1578172
	<i>LHY</i>	Hvcontig_1567295
	<i>LUX</i>	Hvcontig_2548416
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	<i>PRR5(9)</i>	Hvcontig_41351
	<i>PRR7/37</i>	Hvcontig_94710
	<i>TOCI</i>	Hvcontig_37494
	<i>ZTL</i>	Hvcontig_273830

Rice	<i>DTH2</i>	OsR498G0204681300.01
	<i>DTH3</i>	OsR498G0305144600.01
	<i>DTH8</i>	OsR498G0815298200.01
	<i>E</i>	OsR498G1018858200.01
	<i>E1</i>	OsR498G0713935400.01
	<i>E2</i>	OsR498G0713935400.01
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	<i>Ehd4</i>	OsR498G0305108900.01
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	<i>Hd1</i>	OsR498G0612090700.01
	<i>Hd16</i>	OsR498G0307192700.01
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	<i>Hd3a</i>	OsR498G0611656900.01
	<i>Se</i>	OsR498G0612090600.01
Sorghum	<i>CO</i>	Sobic.004G007400
	<i>CN12</i>	Sobic.003G295300
	<i>CRY1-b1</i>	Sobic.004G188400
	<i>CRY2-2</i>	Sobic.006G101600
	<i>D8</i>	Sobic.001G120900
	<i>Ehd1</i>	Sobic.010G238700.1
	<i>ELF3</i>	Sobic.009G257300.2
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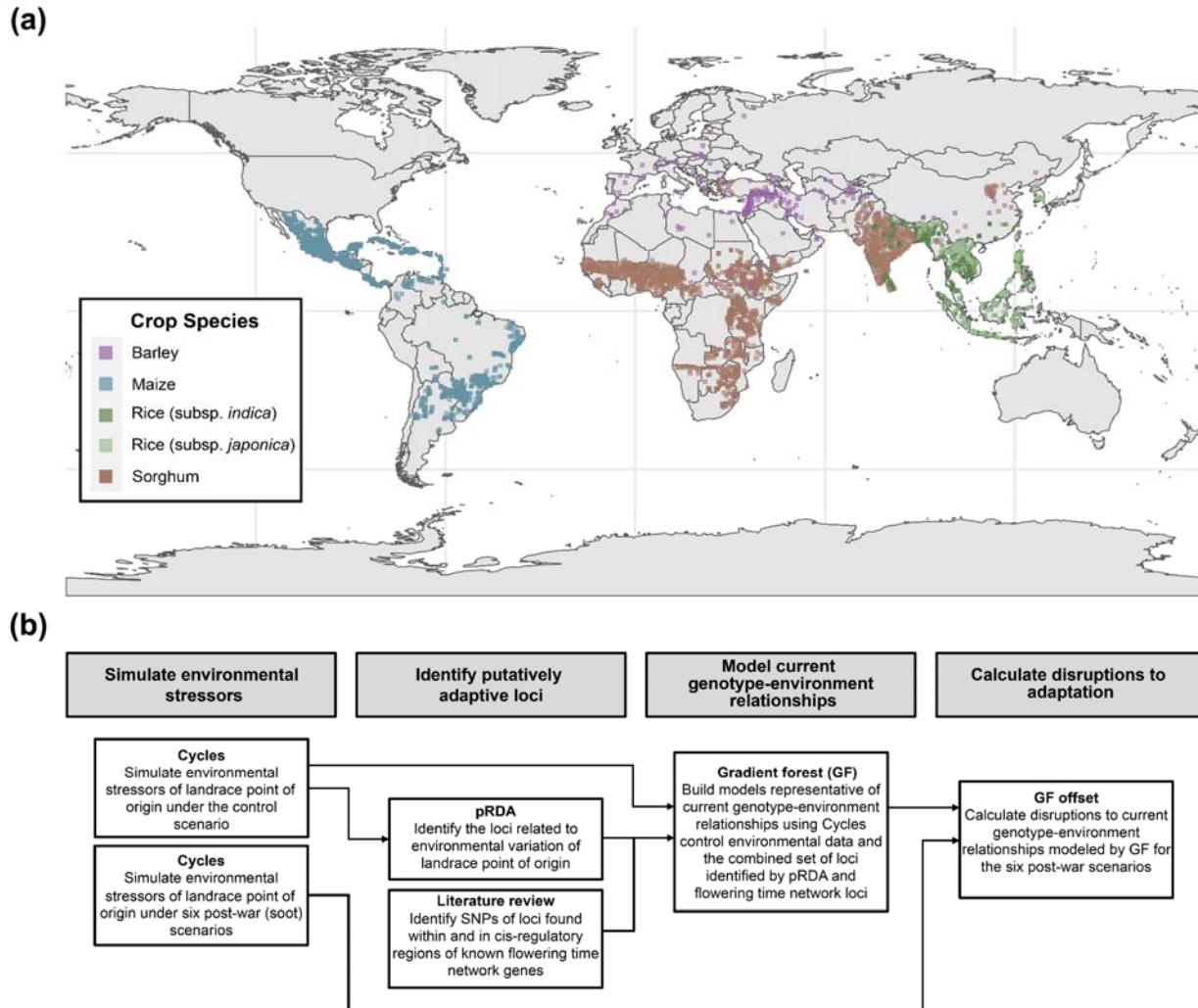
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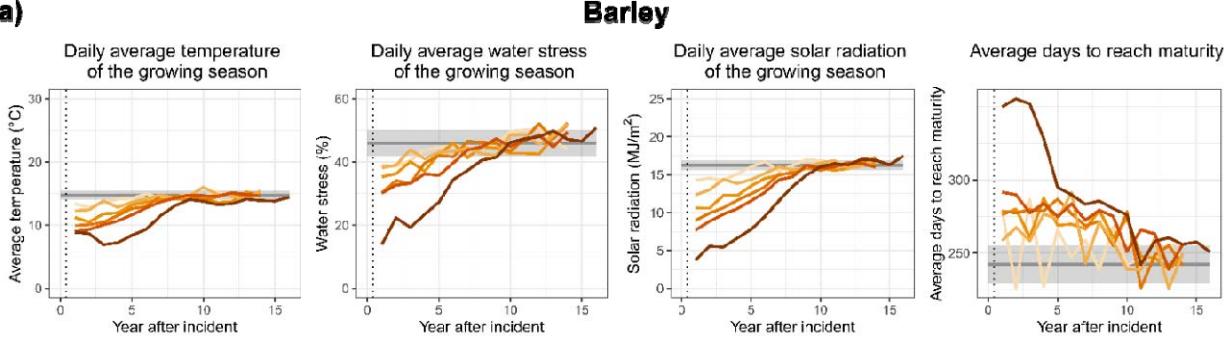
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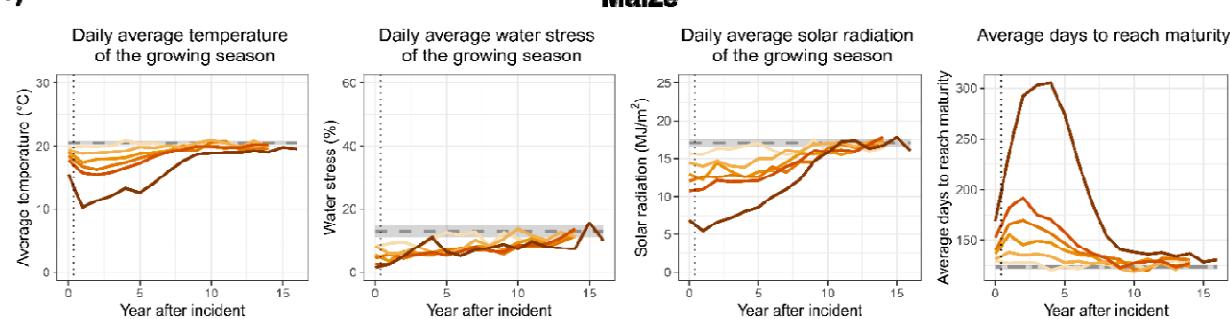
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1037 **Figure 1** a) Global distribution of genotyped landrace accessions used in the study (All  
1038 accessions,  $n = 6,384$ ; Barley,  $n = 215$ ; Maize,  $n = 3,404$ ; Rice subsp. *indica*,  $n = 677$ ; Rice  
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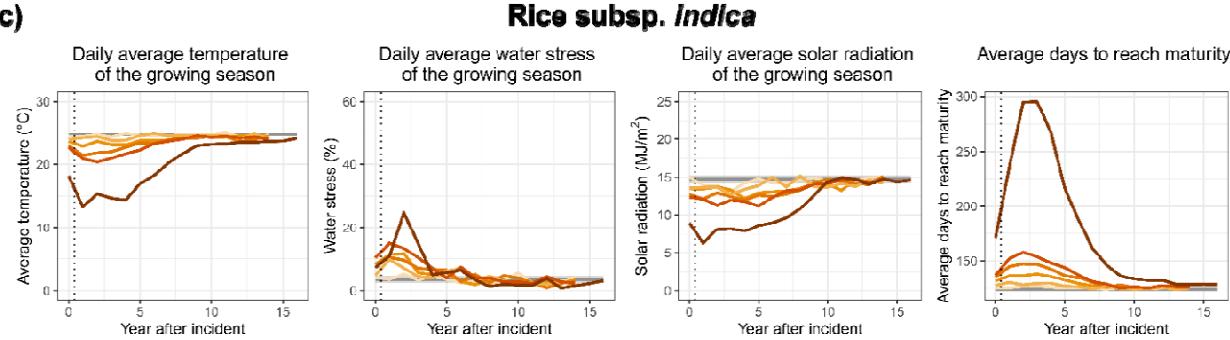
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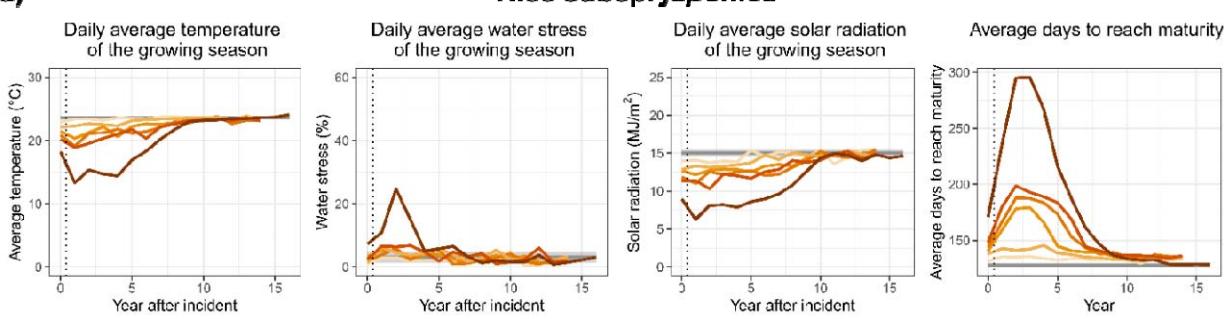
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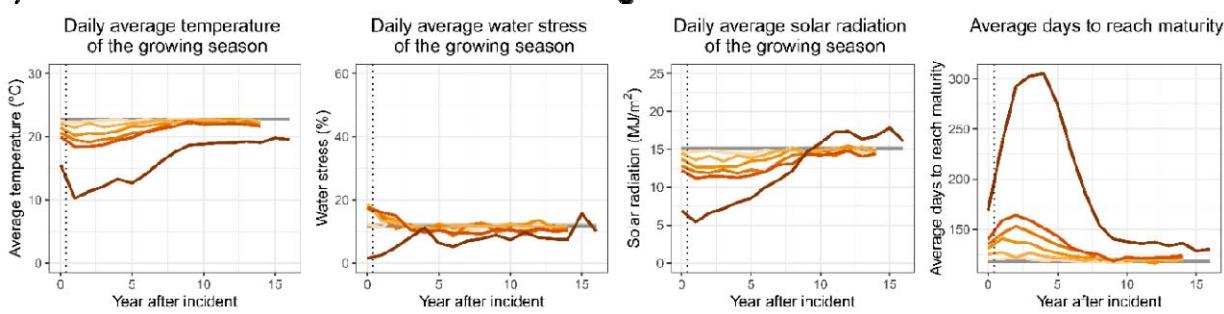
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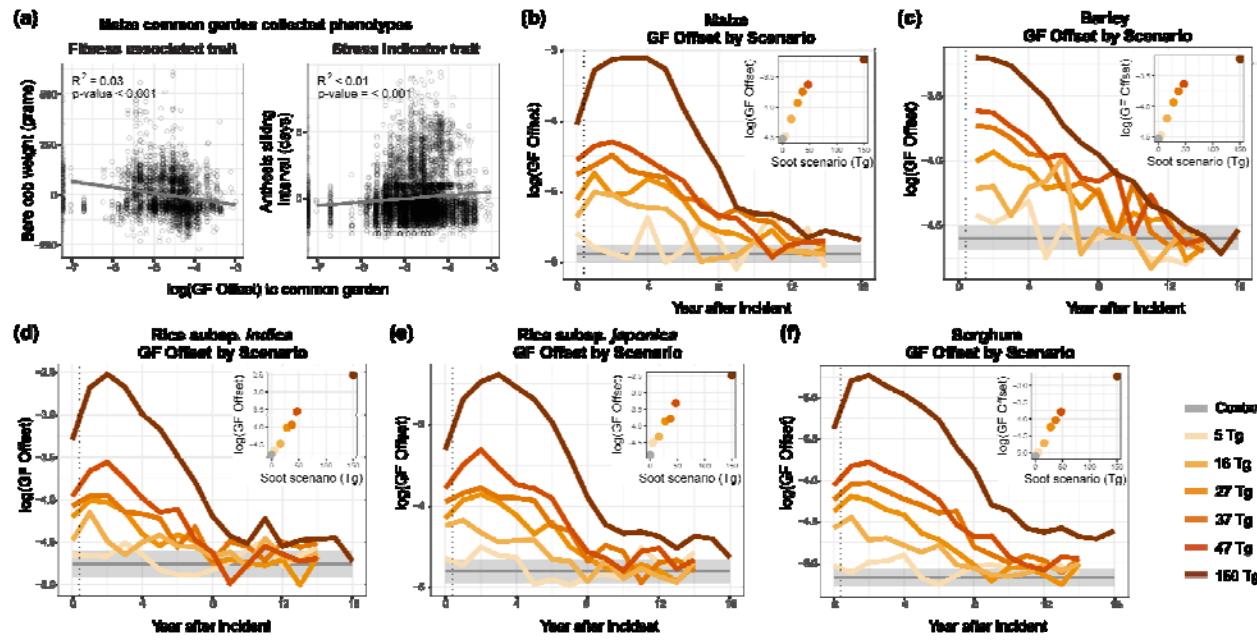
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1042 **Figure 2** Cycles-derived environmental variables for A) barley B) maize C) rice subsp. *indica* D)  
1043 rice subsp. *japonica* and E) sorghum. Control lines are plotted as the average value across all  
1044 accessions that were projected to reach maturity. The shading around averaged control represents  
1045 the standard deviation of yearly averages, indicating yearly fluctuations in environmental  
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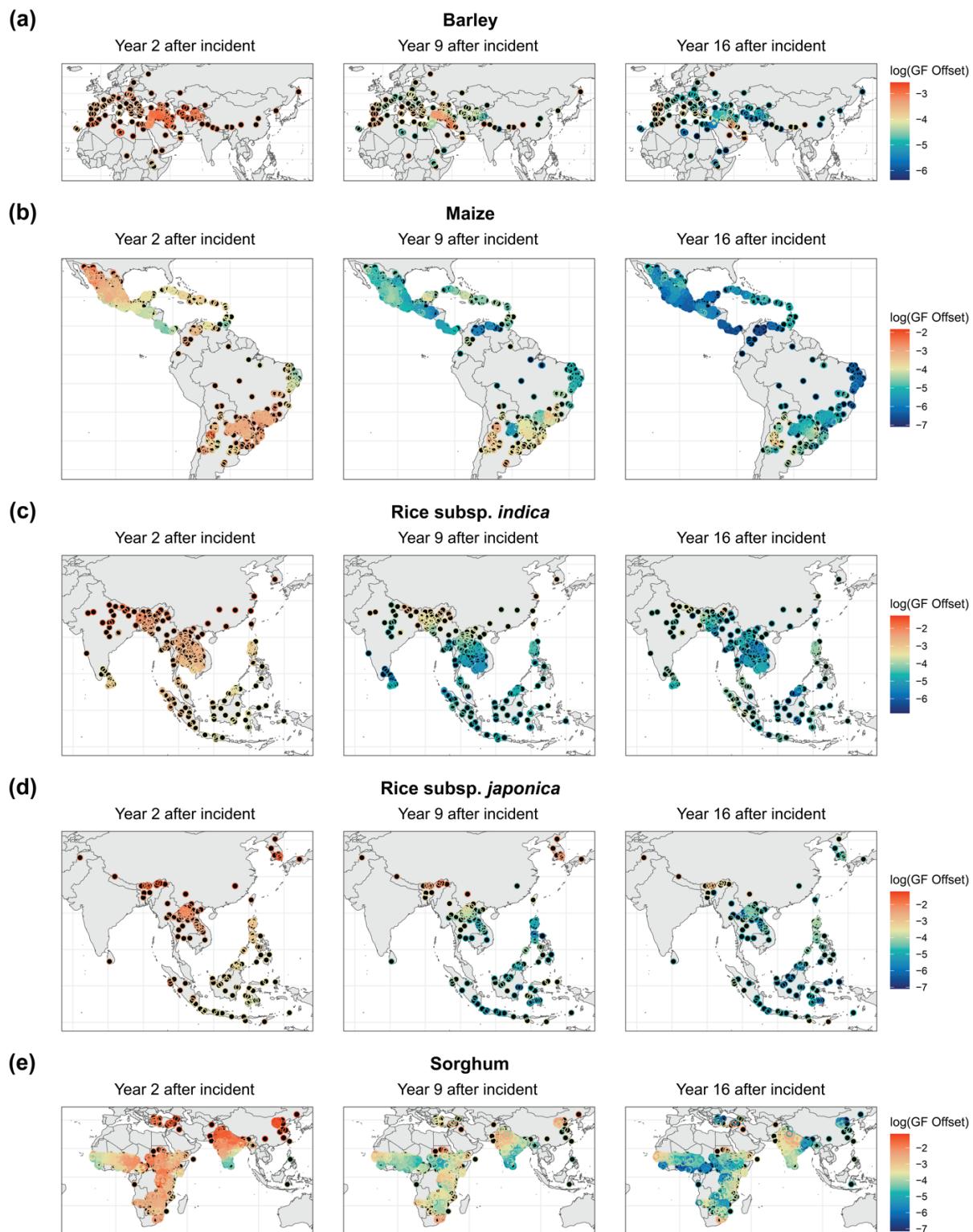
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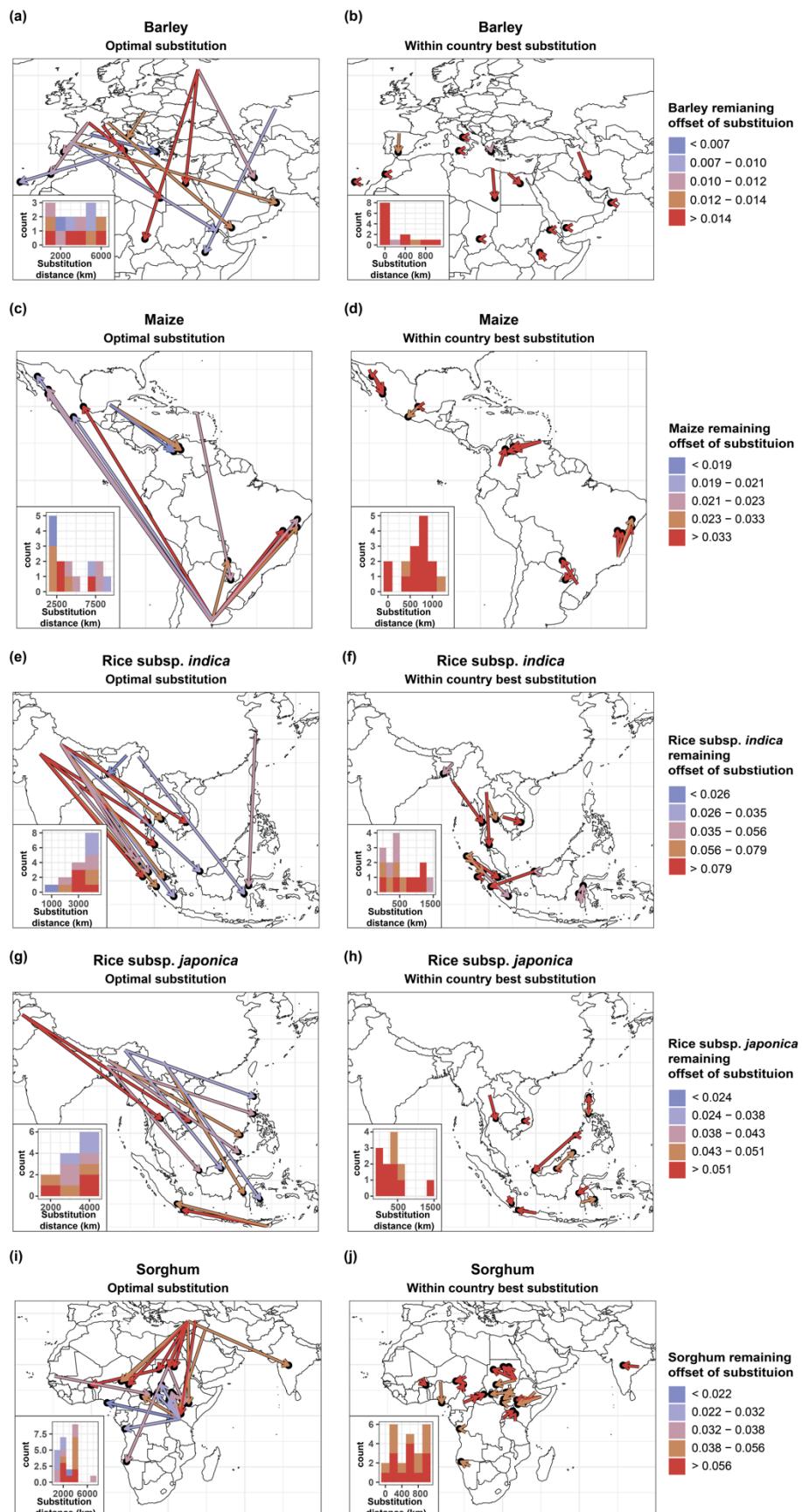
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1052 **Figure 3** GF models capture current genotype-environment associations in maize landraces and  
1053 were used to predict maladaptation (GF offset) under post-catastrophic climate scenarios. A)  
1054 Phenotypic residuals (remaining variation after accounting for experimental design) plotted  
1055 against the logged GF offset of maize landrace accessions grown in common gardens. GF offset  
1056 is calculated for each phenotyped accession as the Euclidean distance of the expected genotype-  
1057 environment relationship at a common garden common vs the genotype-environment  
1058 relationship from the accessions' point of origin. Points with a more negative logged GF offset  
1059 indicate maize landrace accessions that are expected to be adapted to the common garden they  
1060 were grown in. Yearly logged GF offset for B) maize C) barley D) rice subsp. *indica* E) rice  
1061 subsp. *japonica* and F) sorghum. The control line shows the mean logged GF offset across all  
1062 years, with the shaded region representing the standard deviation of yearly means to indicate  
1063 fluctuations in maladaptation (GF offset) due to normal variability in climate. Soot scenario lines  
1064 are averaged logged GF offset across all accessions of a species and colored by soot scenario.  
1065 The vertical dotted line indicates the time of soot injection into the climate models. Inlaid scatter  
1066 plots are the averaged logged GF offset across all accessions of a species two years after the  
1067 incident.



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1069 **Figure 4** Global distribution of logged GF offset (predicted maladaptation) under the 150 Tg  
1070 scenario 2, 9, and 16 years after the incident for landraces (filled black circles, with overlaid  
1071 open colored circles indicating offset). Higher GF offset values correspond to a larger degree of  
1072 predicted maladaptation under the post-war scenario.



1074 **Figure 5** Substitution trajectories for the most vulnerable landrace populations in year 2 of the  
1075 150 Tg scenario. For each crop, arrows connect the source location of a landrace accession that is  
1076 the most optimal to the vulnerable location (arrowhead) and are colored by the remaining GF  
1077 offset (maladaptation) of the substitution. Substitutions are colored by how well-matched the  
1078 moved landrace is to the vulnerable location, where colors corresponding to lower GF offset of  
1079 substitution indicate a substitution that has a low degree of maladaptation to the novel  
1080 environment. For each crop, substitution trajectories are provided for the most optimal  
1081 substitution across all available germplasm and the best within-country substitution. Inlaid  
1082 histograms represent the frequency of substitutions of different distances and are colored by the  
1083 remaining GF offset (maladaptation) of the substitution.