

# Динамика вечной мерзлоты и цикл углерода в Арктике

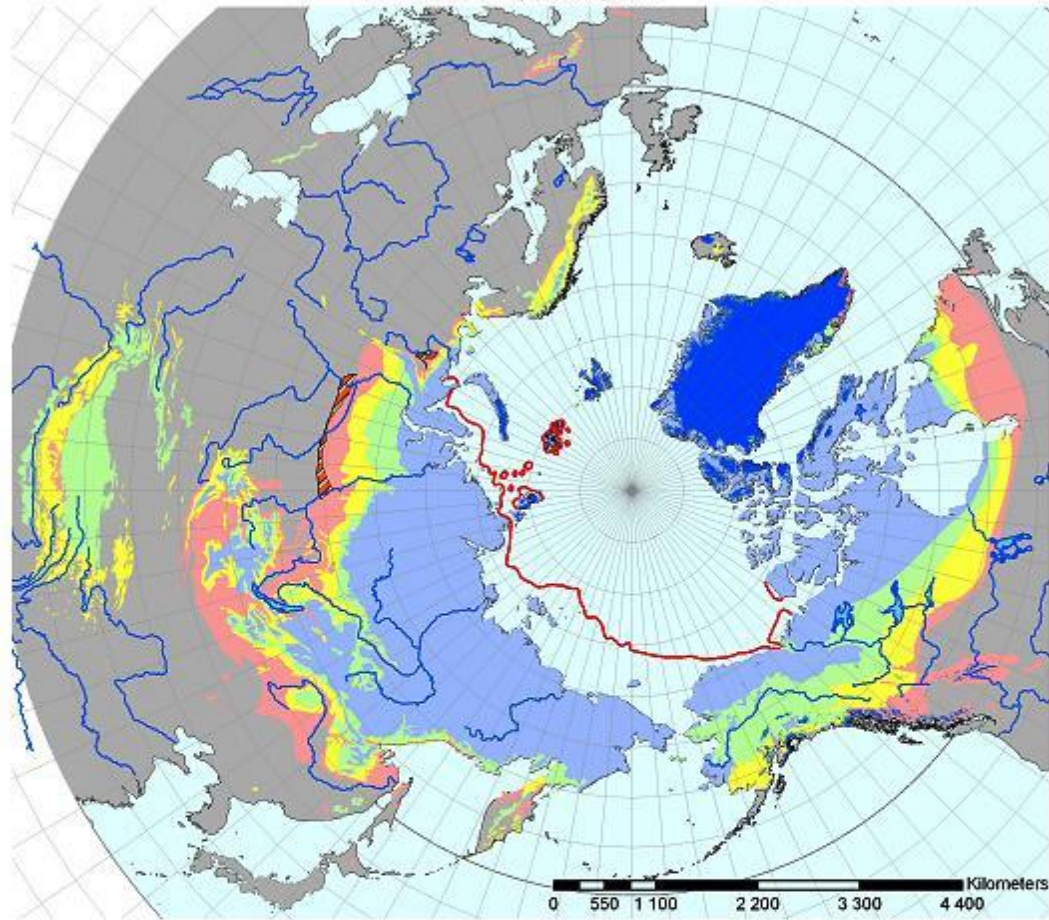
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# Circumpolar permafrost extent

Permafrost Lab., GI UAF, 2003



## Legend

### Permafrost extent

- Continuous (90-100% of area)
- Discontinuous (50-90% of area)
- Sporadic (10-50% of area)
- Isolated (0-10% of area)

### Subsea cryosphere

- Subsea permafrost limit

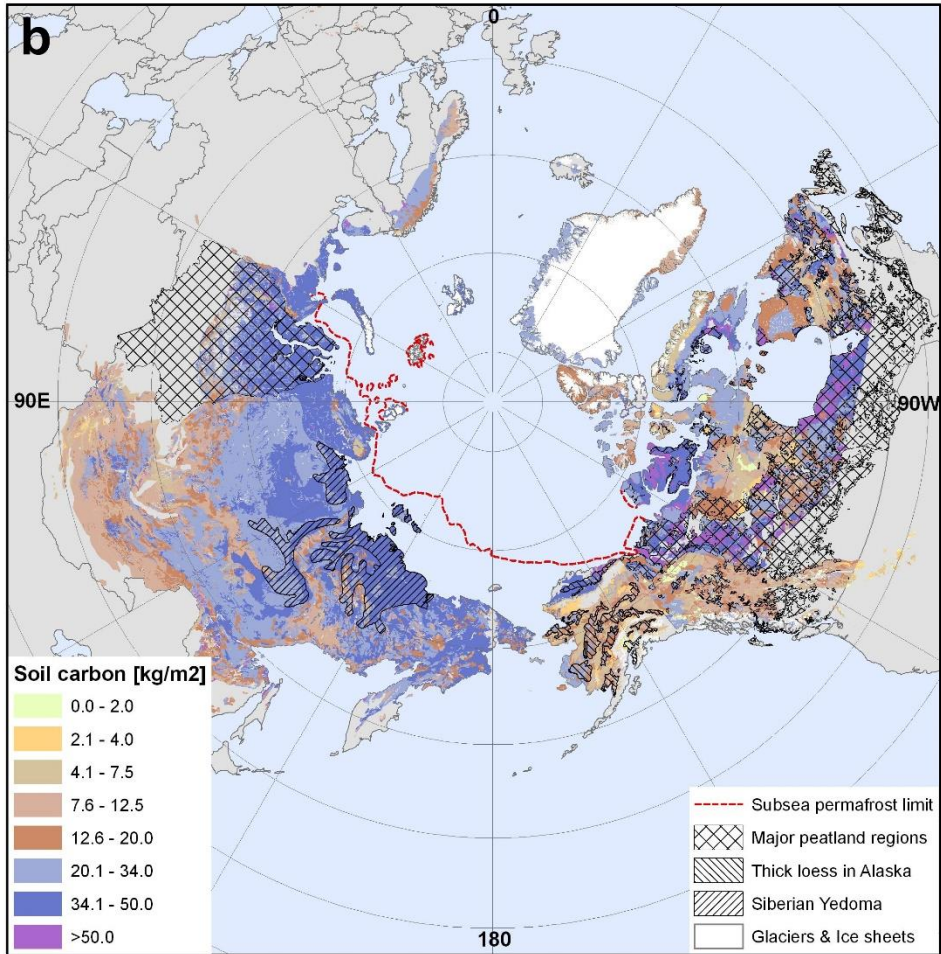
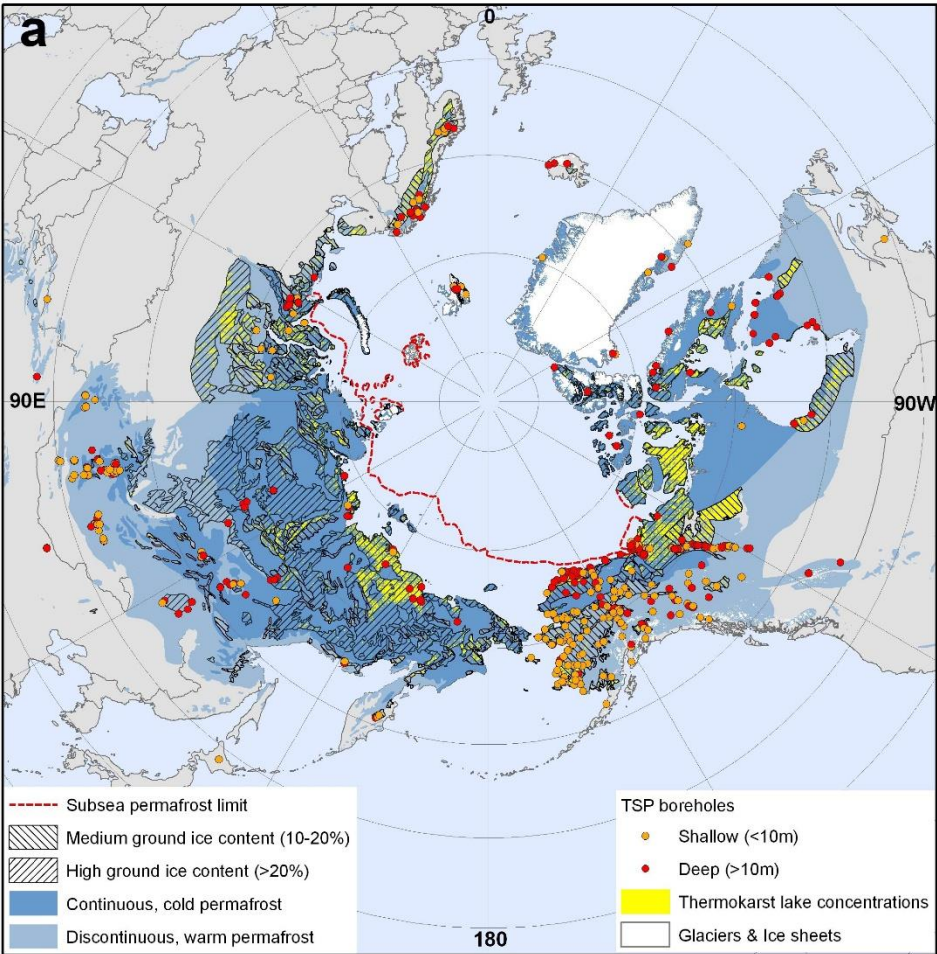
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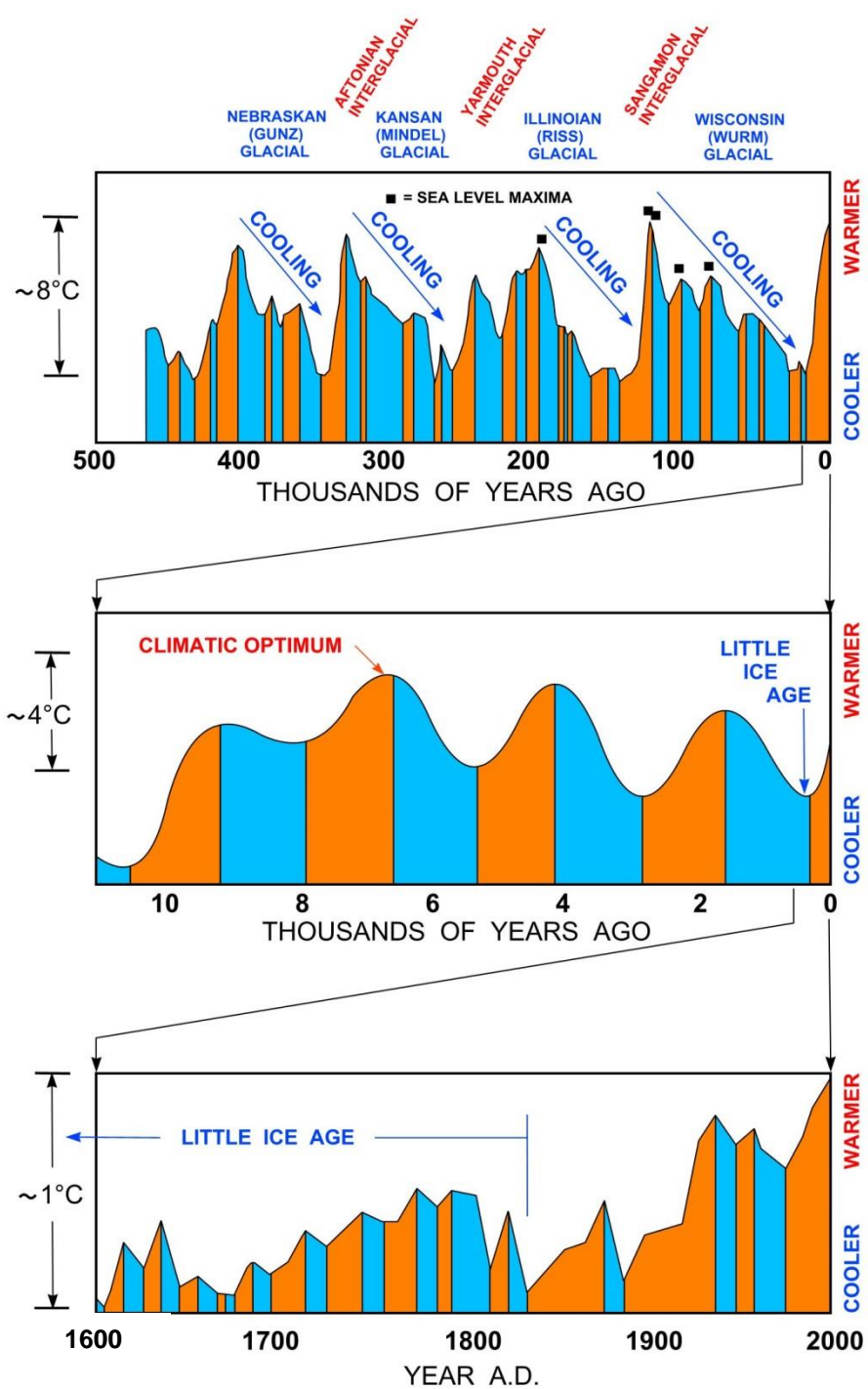
### Geographic objects

- Glaciers
- Lakes
- Ocean and Seas
- Land
- Rivers
- 10 x 10 Degree Graticule

This map was prepared by using an electronic version of the "Circum-Arctic Map of Permafrost and Ground-Ice Condition", J. Brown, O. J. Ferrians, Jr., J. A. Heginbottom, & E. S. Melnikov, 1997, U.S. Geological Survey, ISBN 0-607-88745-1.



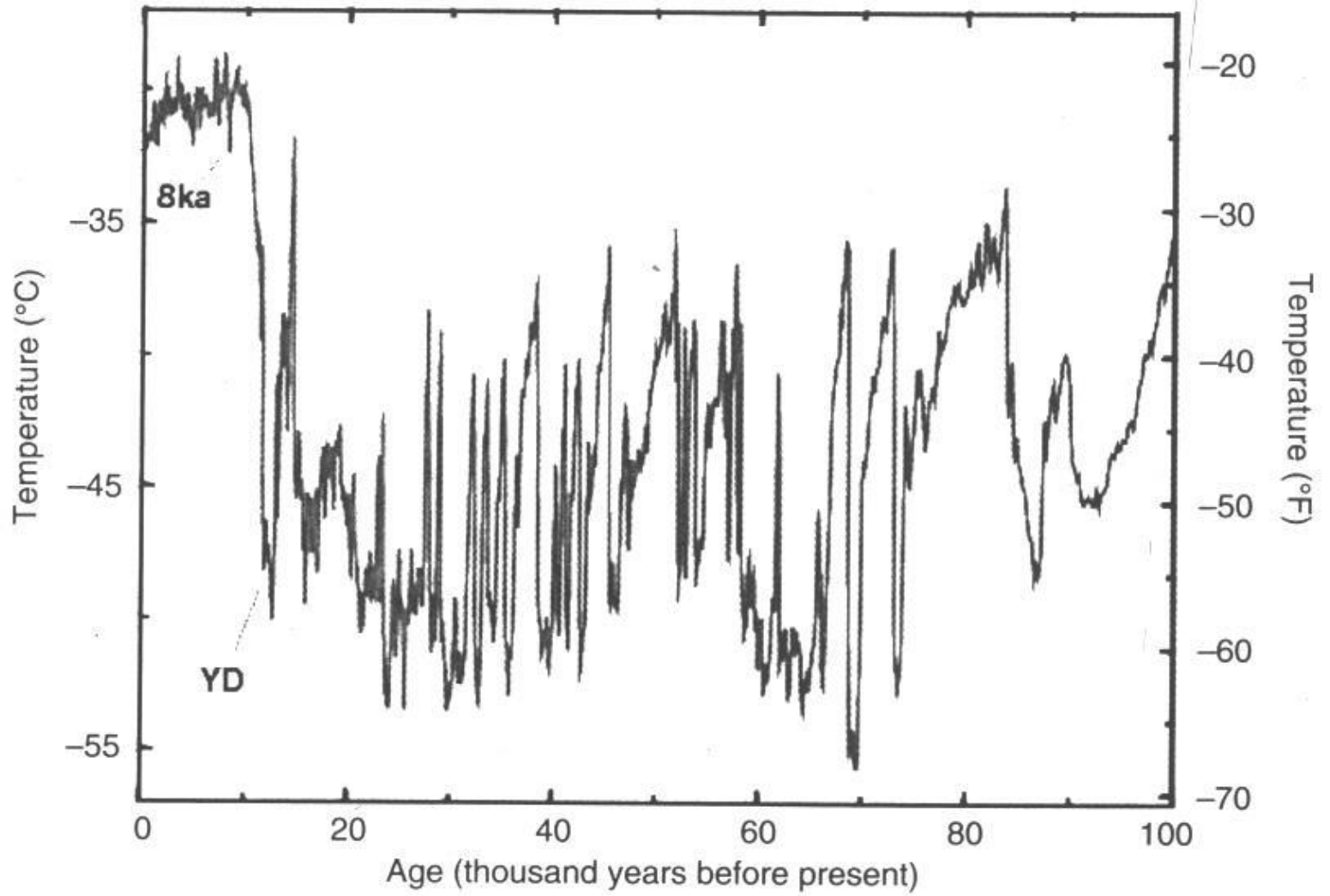




# Late Pleistocene includes

- Previous interglacial – generally warmer than now
- First phase of the Glacial Period  
cold (5-10°C colder than now) Early Wisconsin: 73-58 ka ago
- Middle Wisconsin – warmer a bit: 58-31 ka ago
- Late Wisconsin – very cold (the coldest): 31-14 ka ago  
global sea level was lower by 120-130 m than now
- A sharp turn to a warmer climate: 15-14 ka ago

Temperature in central Greenland



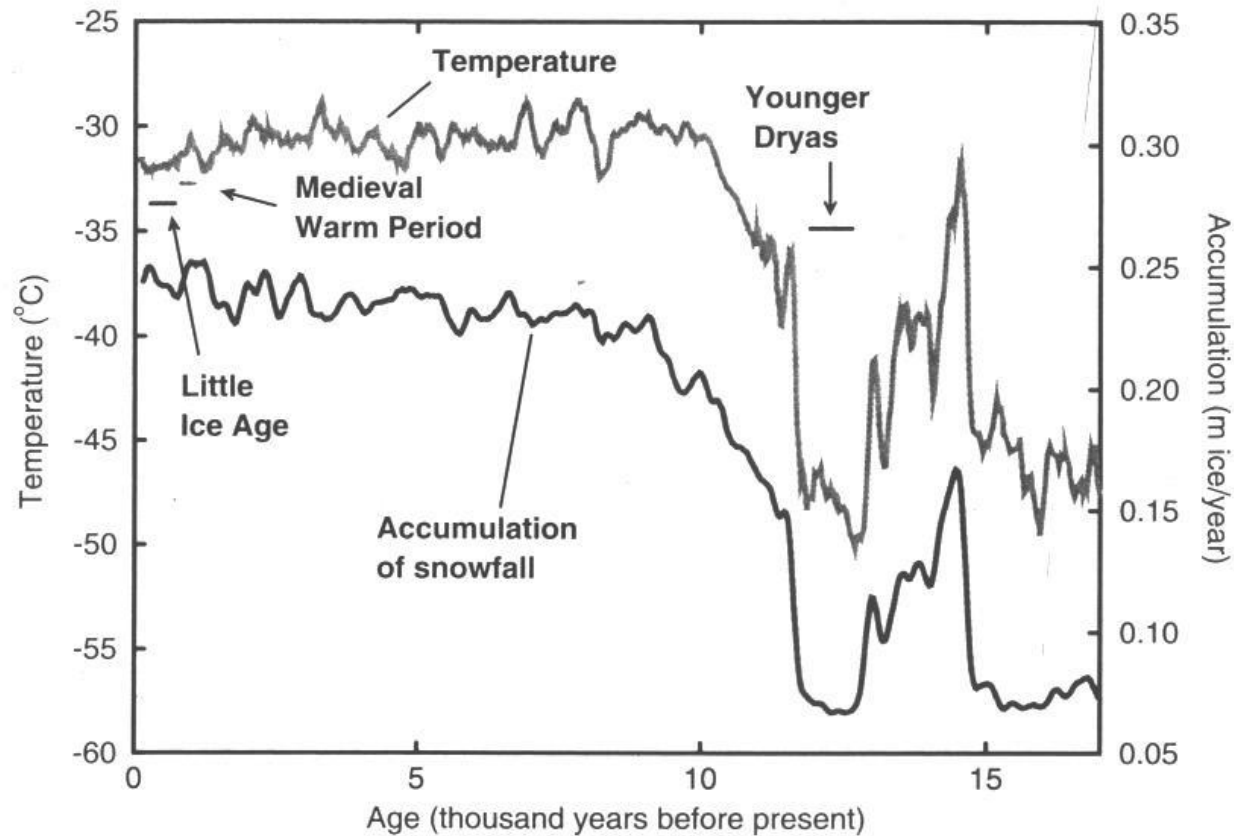
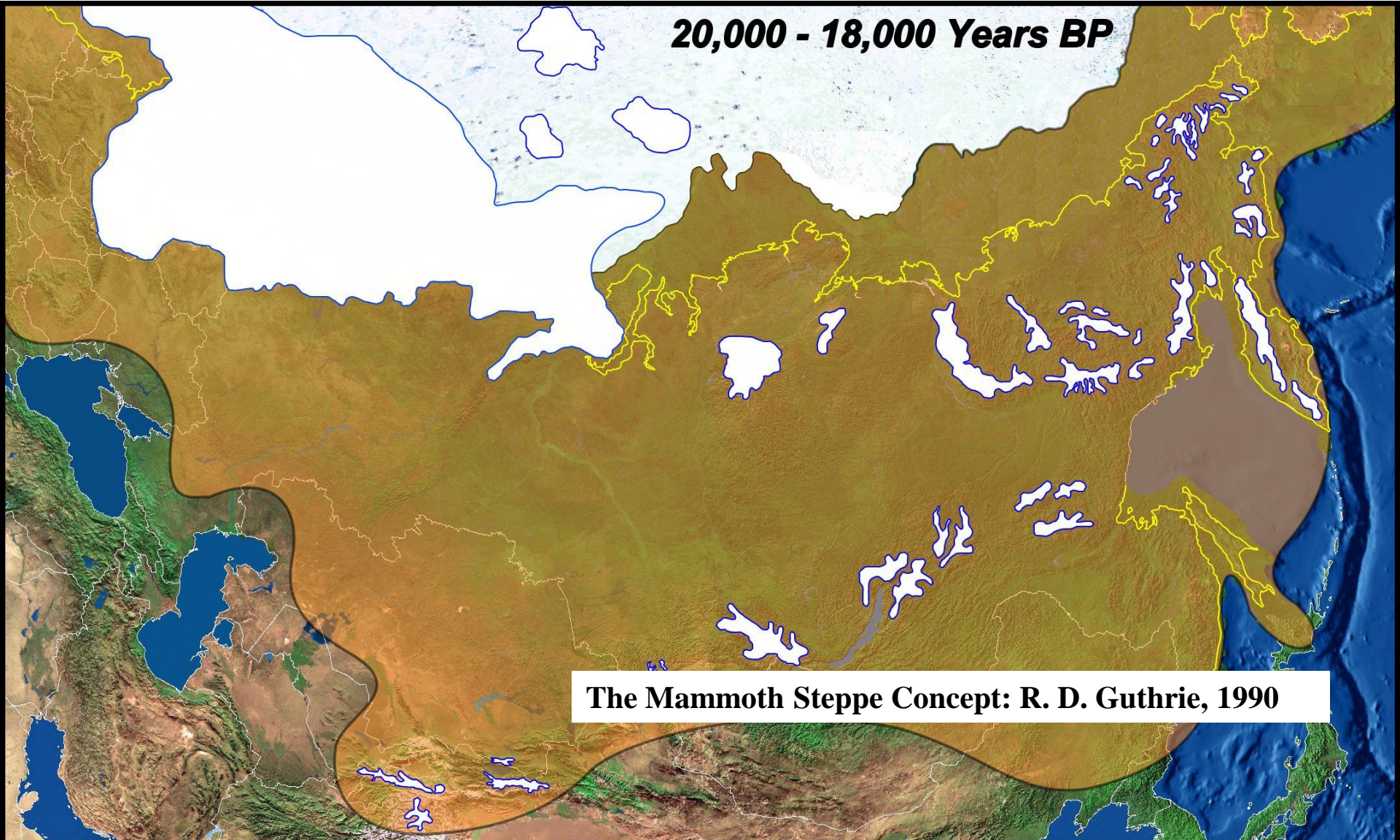


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Dan Mann holds the skull of a steppe bison that died on Alaska's North Slope more than 40,000 years ago.

Photo by Pam Groves

**Bison Bob** a big discovery on the North Slope  
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# Ice Wedges





Photo by M. Grigoriev



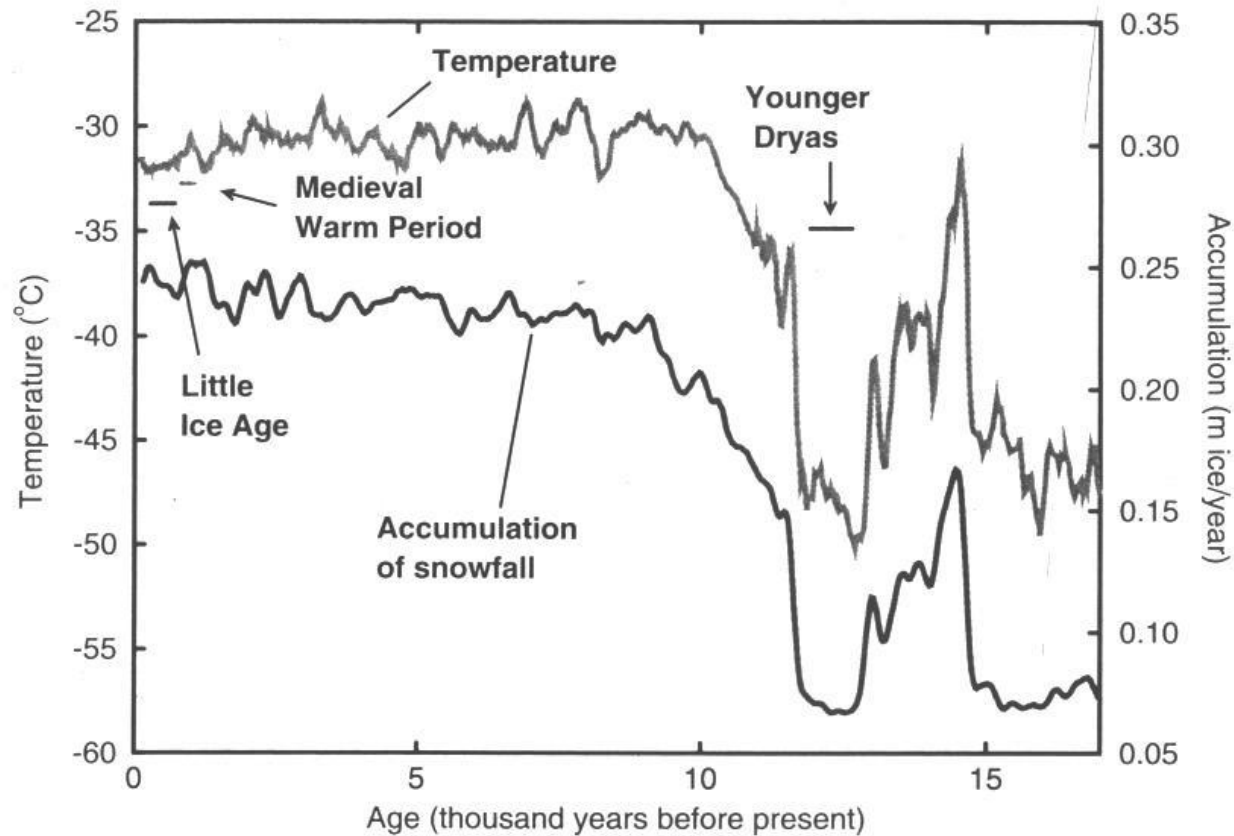
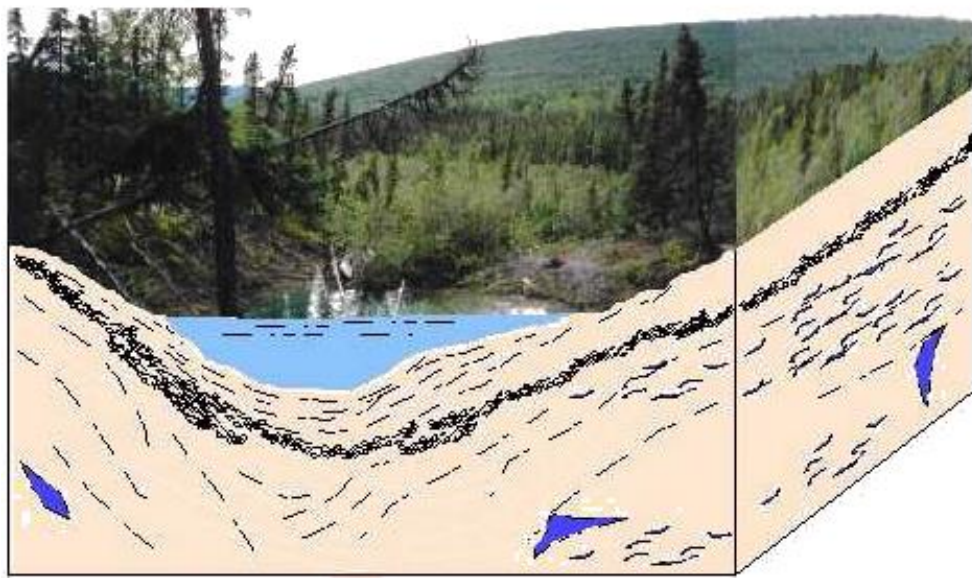
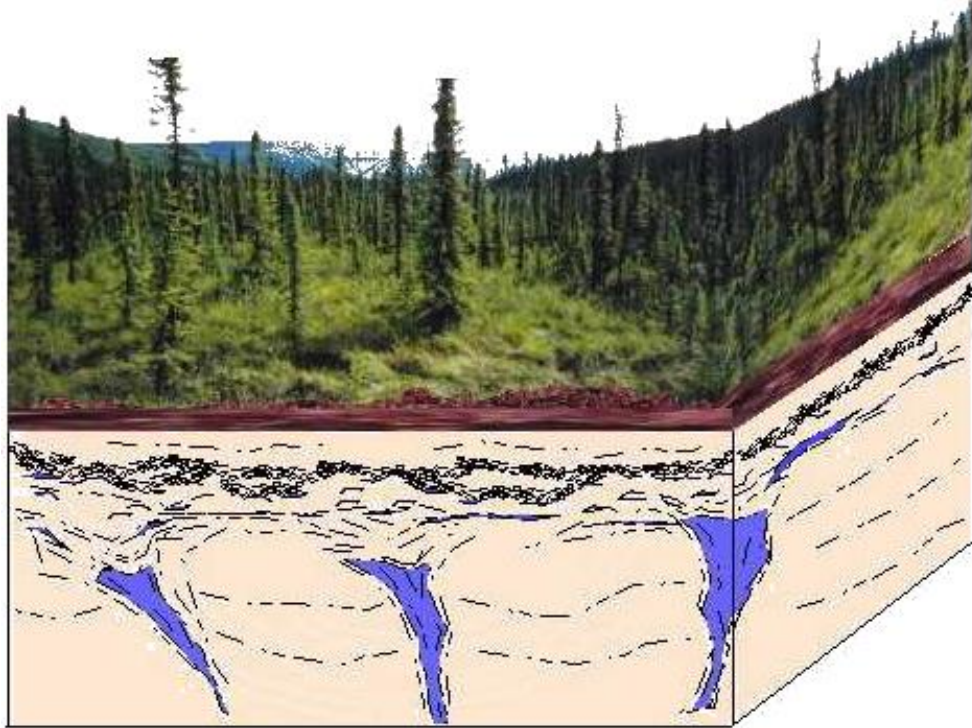


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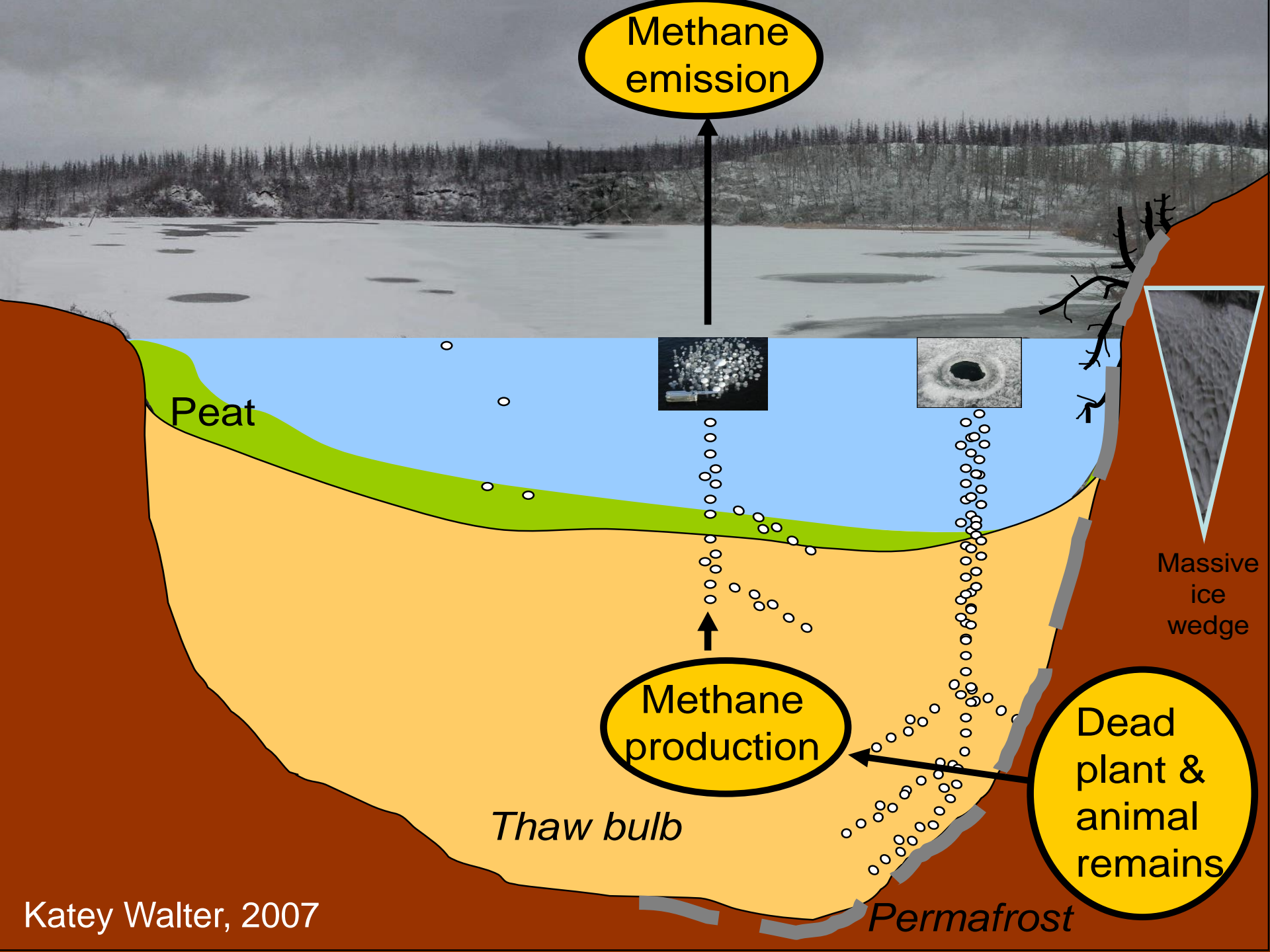






# Abrupt Permafrost Thaw





Methane emission

Peat

Methane production

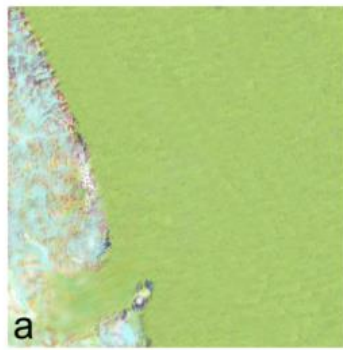
Dead plant & animal remains

Massive ice wedge

Thaw bulb

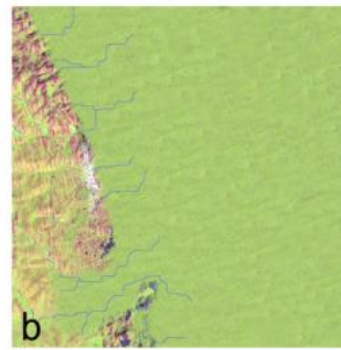
Permafrost

Katey Walter, 2007



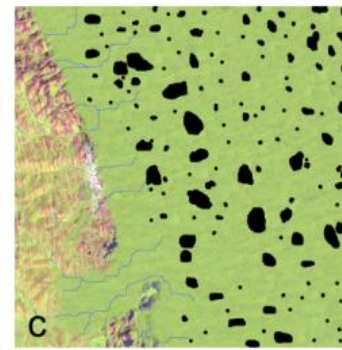
a Weichselian 100 - ca. 16 ky BP

Kharaulakh Ridge with extensive perennial snow fields and névés. Thick, ice-rich medium to fine-grained deposits (Ice Complex) accumulate in the subsiding Bykovsky foreland plain. Large valleys like the Khorogor Valley are partly filled with Ice Complex.



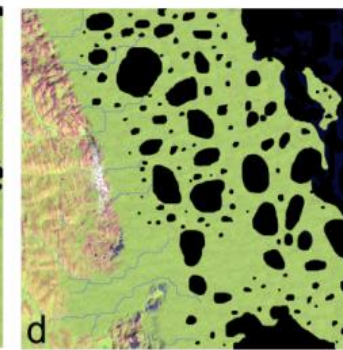
b Late Glacial-Holocene transition

Perennial snowfields are strongly reduced in extent. Deposits in the valleys are eroded by increased melt water. Ice Complex accumulation in the foreland plain is decreasing.



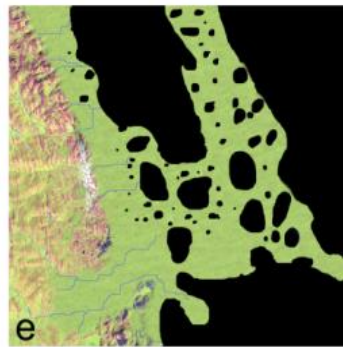
c Early Holocene

Start of intense thermokarst development in the plain. Large scale accumulation in the plain changes to a complex pattern of erosion, re-deposition, and accumulation of alas deposits (peats, lake sediments). Ice Complex deposits in the valleys are eroded.



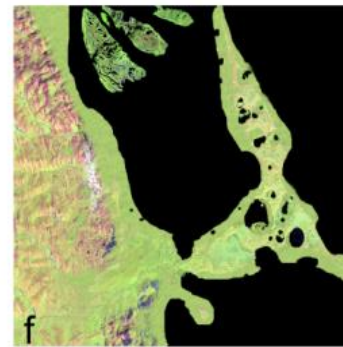
d Early-Middle Holocene

Ongoing thermokarst development. The marine transgression results in coastal abrasion, the rapid ingression of thermoarst basins, and the formation of thermokarst lagoons.



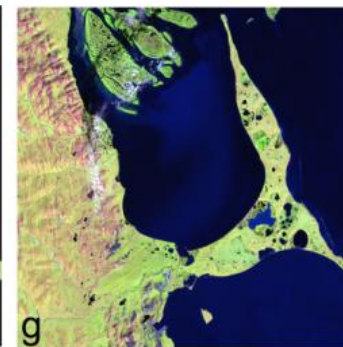
e Middle Holocene

Formation of the Neelov and Tiksi Bays due to further tectonic subsidence, thermokarst development and marine ingression. Some depressions drain or silt-up. Talik refreezing and pingo formation begins.



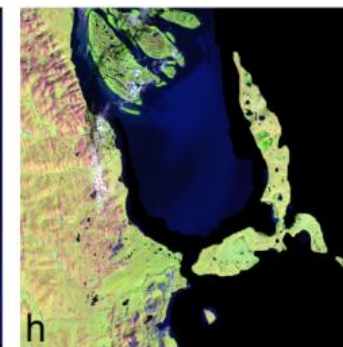
f Late Holocene

Decrease of thermokarst development, refreezing of taliks, and pingo growth. Progradation of the Lena Delta into the Neelov Bay.



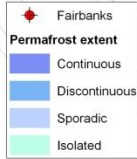
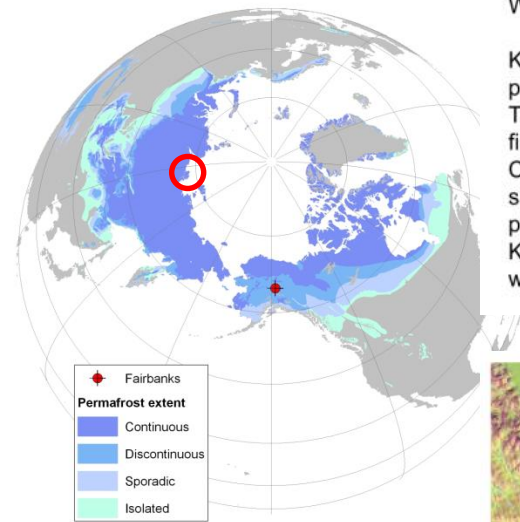
g Recent Holocene

Modern shape and relief. Subset of a Landsat-7 ETM+ image from the 5. August 2000. Further progradation of the SE Lena Delta into the Neelov Bay.



h Near future 2050-2500

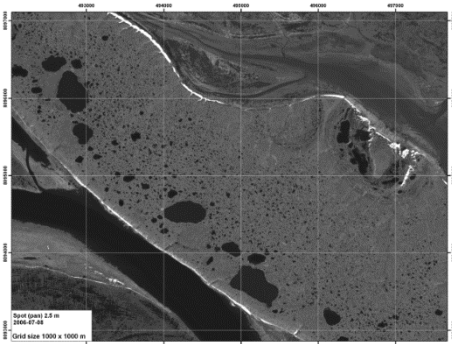
Separation of the Bykovsky Peninsula into islands due to ongoing coastal thermoabrasion, thermokarst subsidence, predicted sea level rise, and marine ingression.



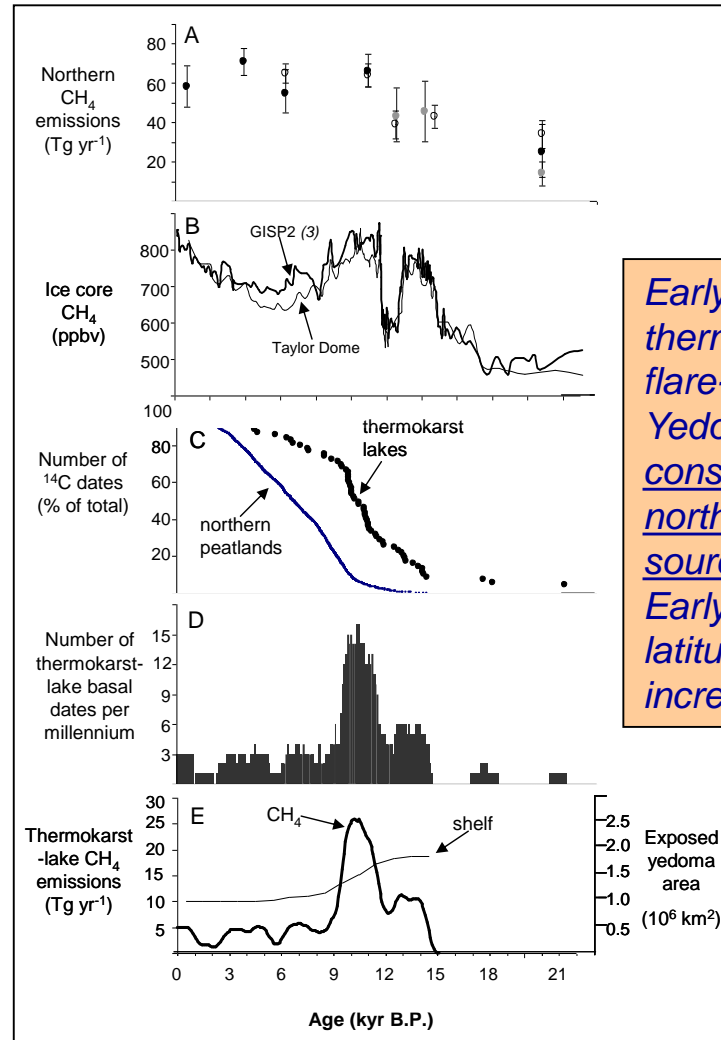
# Thermokarst and C-Cycle

## Thermokarst Lakes as a Source of Atmospheric CH<sub>4</sub> During the Last Deglaciation

Olenek Channel, Lena Delta

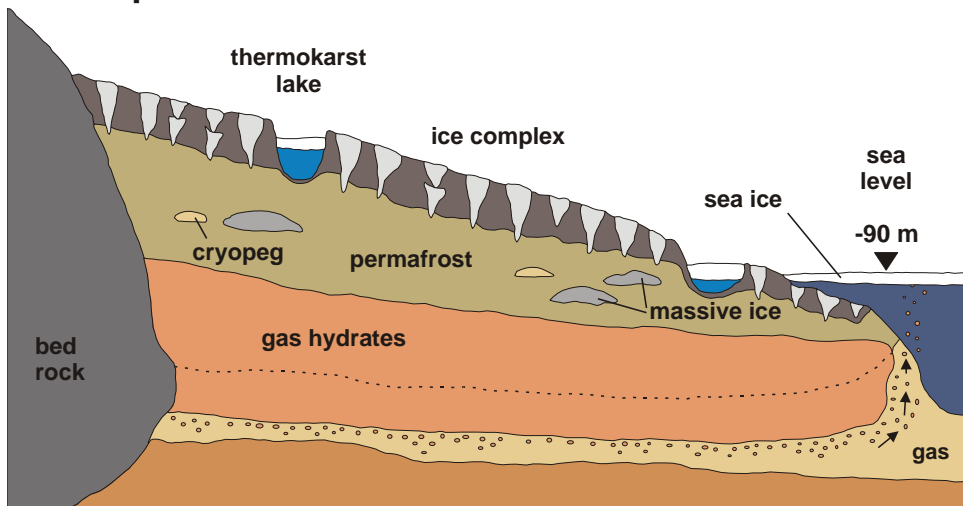


Kolyma Lowland



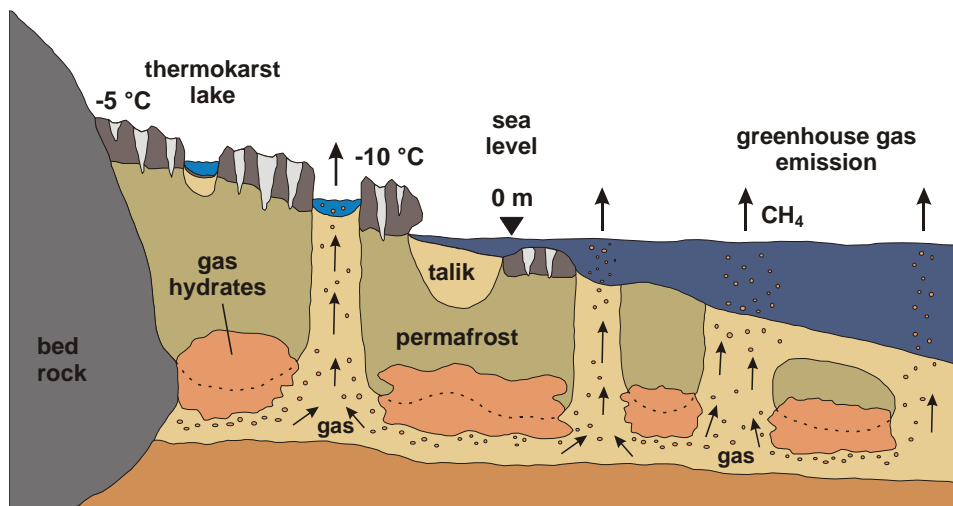
*Early Holocene thermokarst lake flare-up in ice-rich Yedoma was a considerable northern methane source (33-87% of Early Holocene high latitude methane increase).*

**12500 years  
before present**

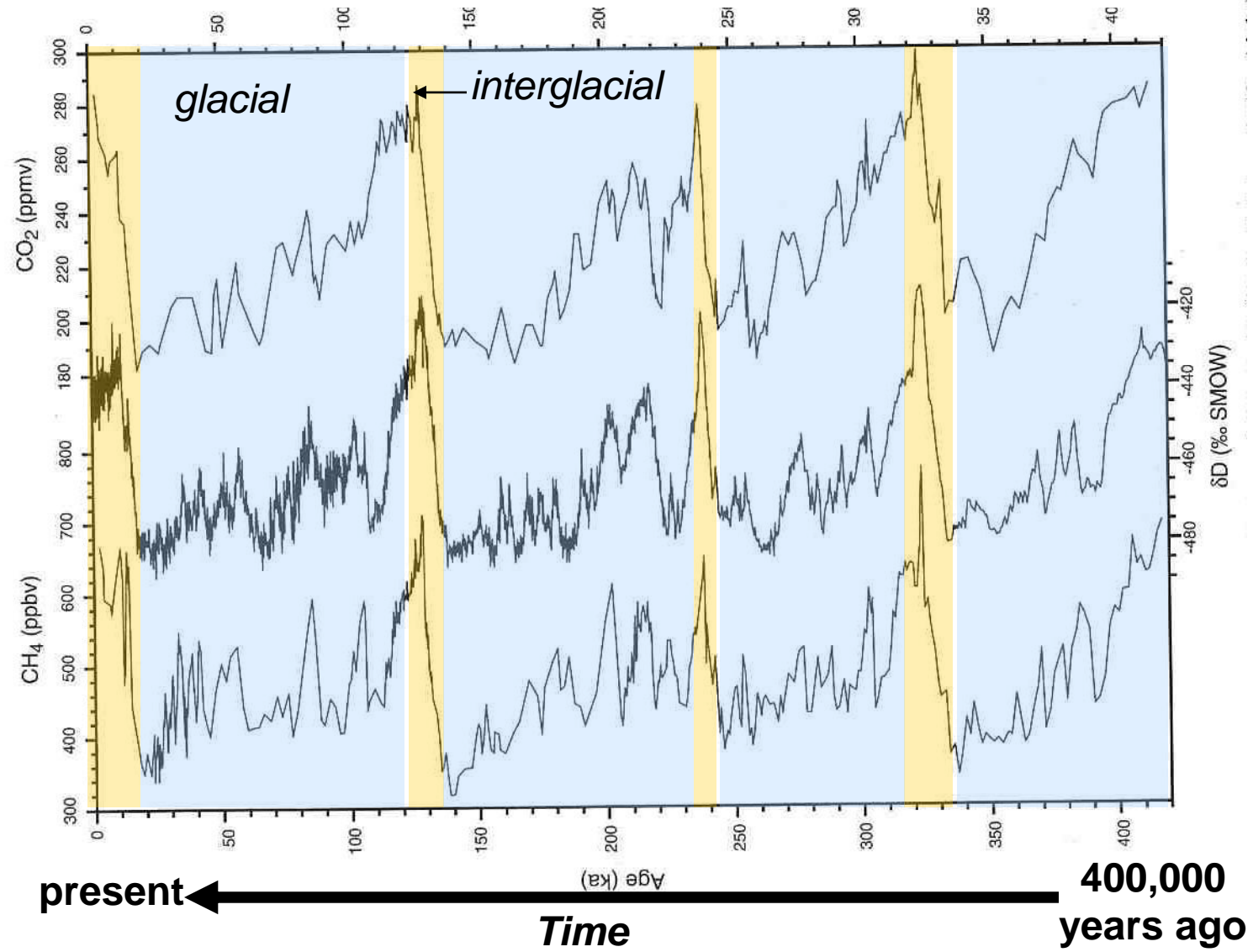


**Schematic models of  
Coastal and  
Submarine Permafrost  
distribution under  
different climatic  
conditions  
(after N. Romanovskii)**

**PRESENT**



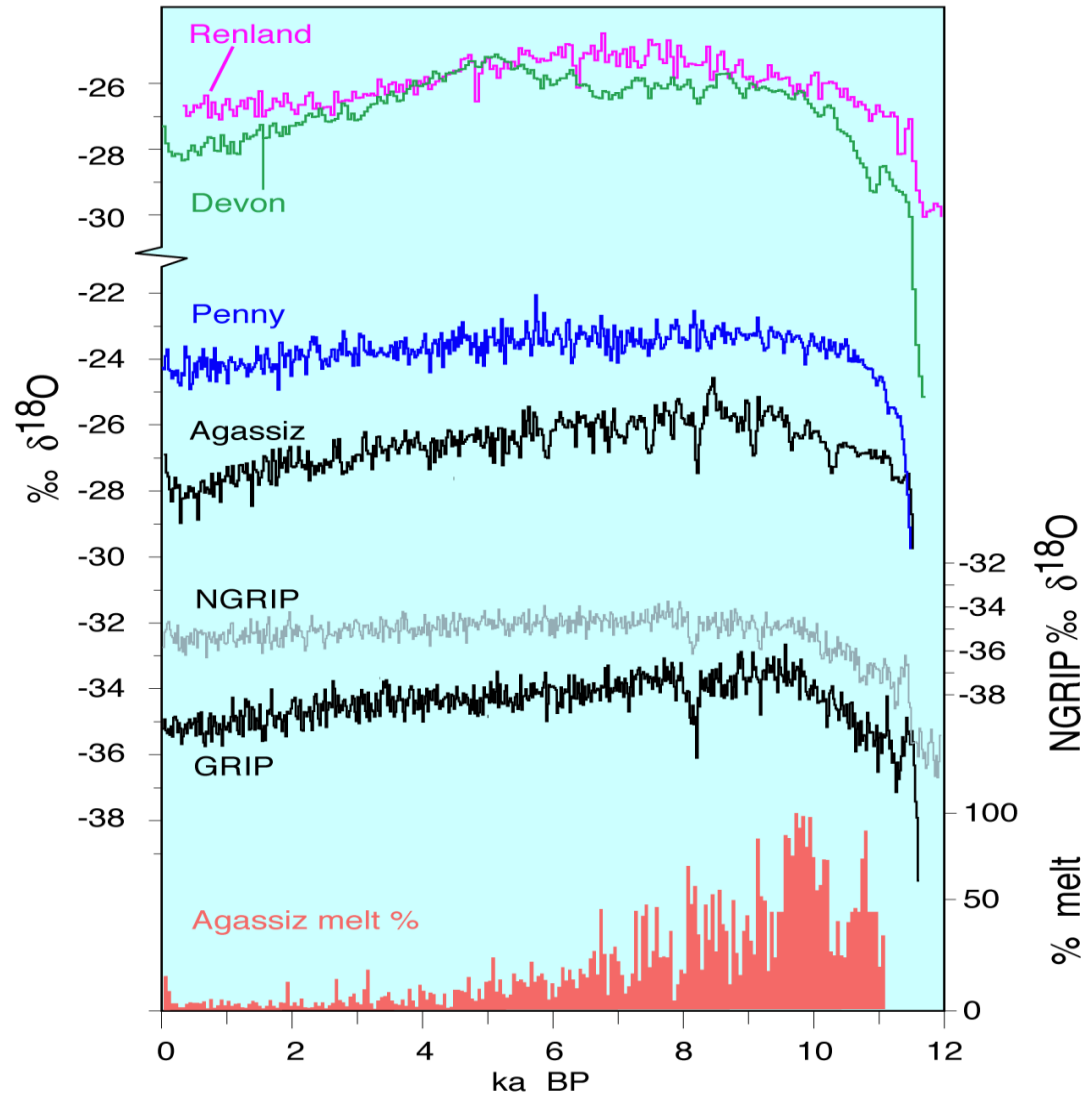
# CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> in ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica



# Late-Holocene Permafrost History

1. Air temperatures were cooling down
2. New “Holocene” permafrost was formed and southern boundary of permafrost moved far south
3. New ice wedges started to grow in cold enough places
4. Vegetation zones moved back south

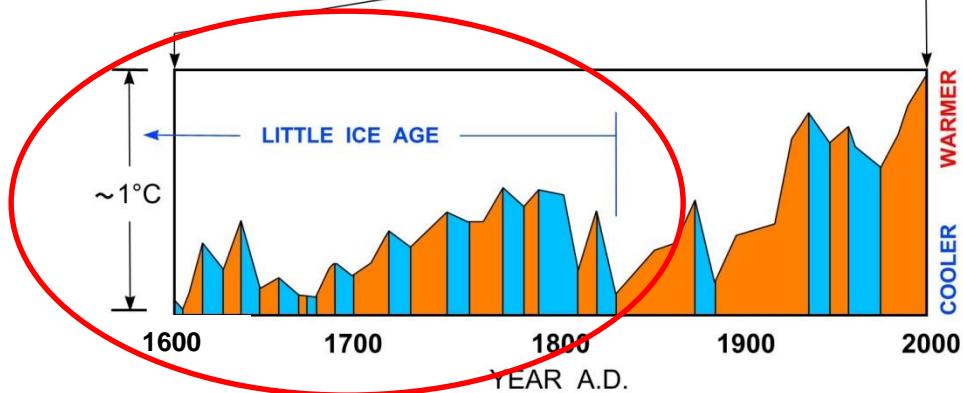
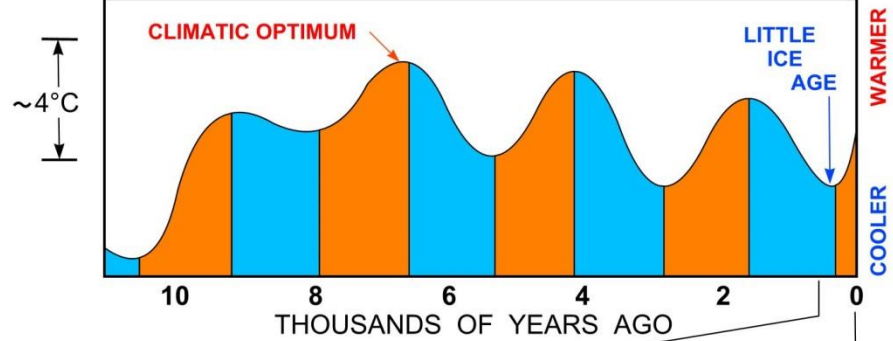
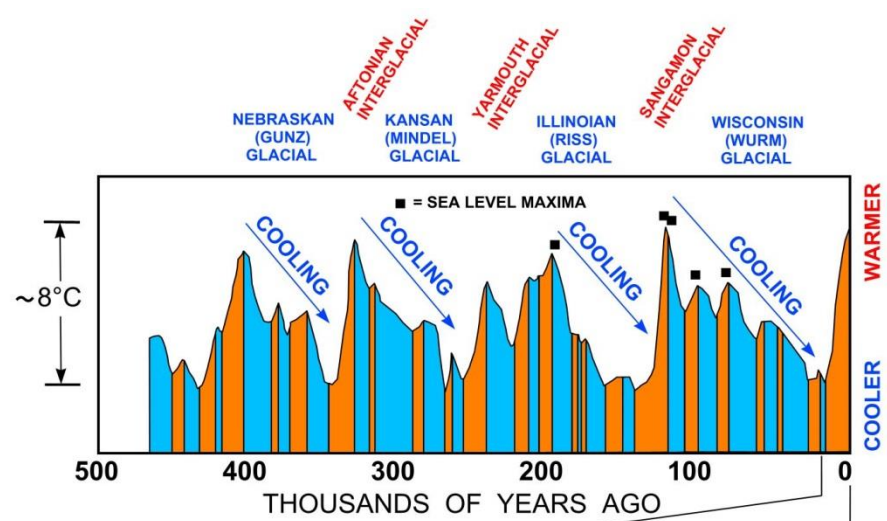
# Holocene $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ Records from Greenland and Canadian Arctic Ice Caps

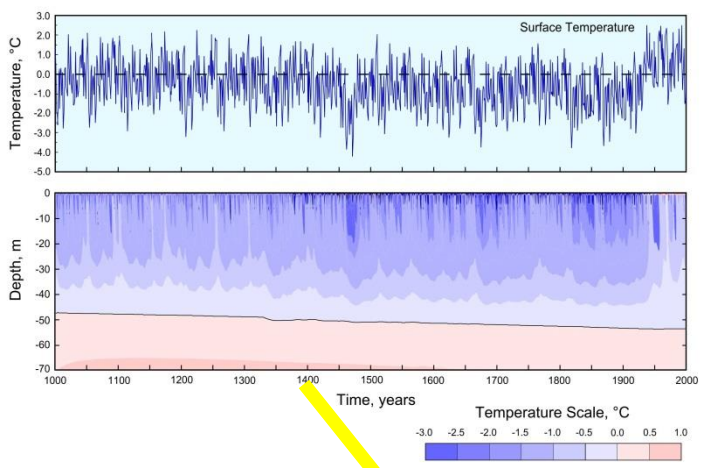


Paleoclimate, Global Change and the Future  
Alverson, Bradley and Pederson eds., 2002

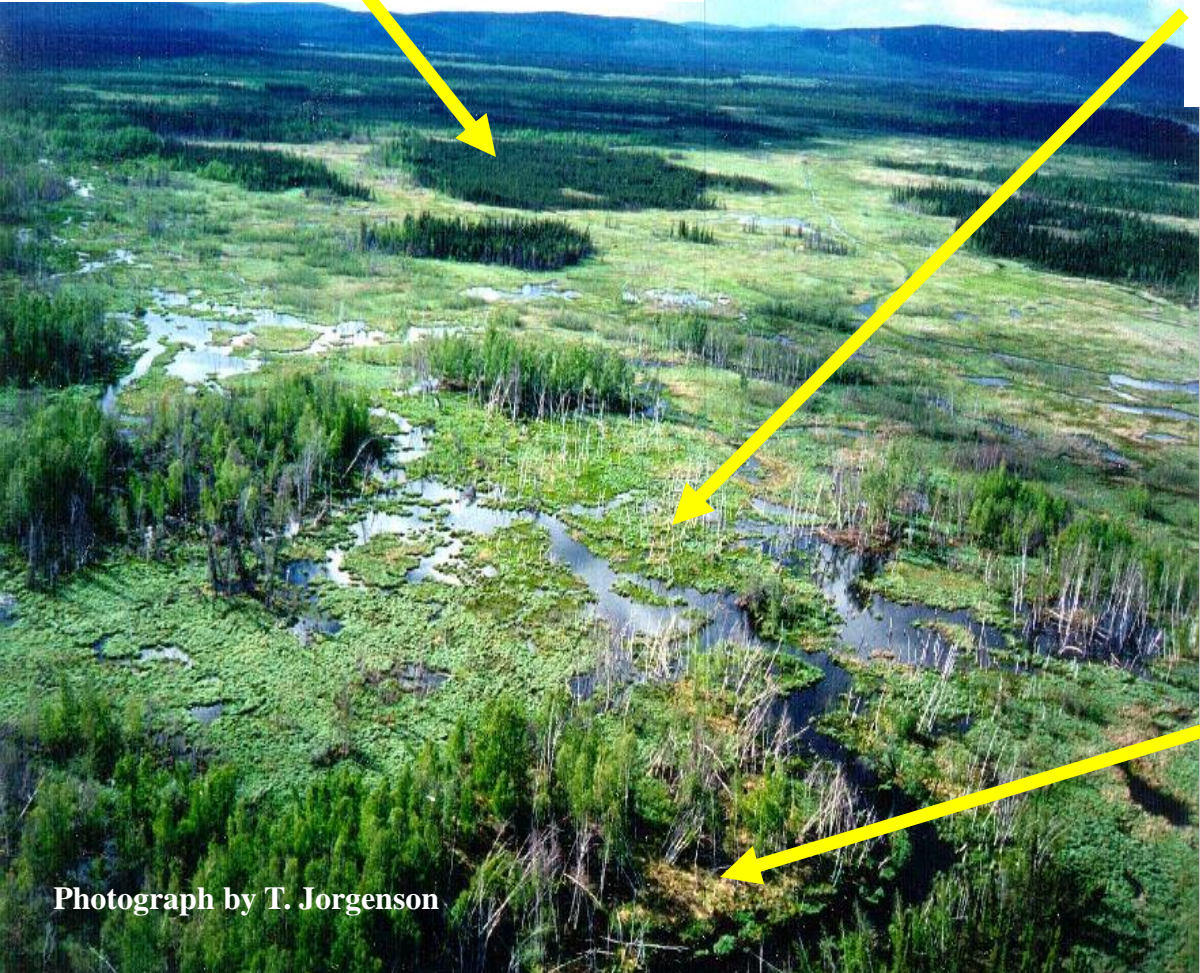




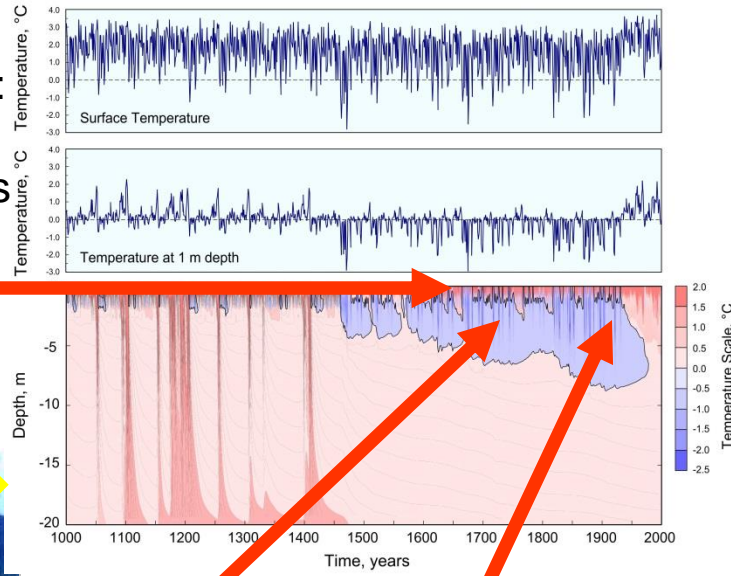




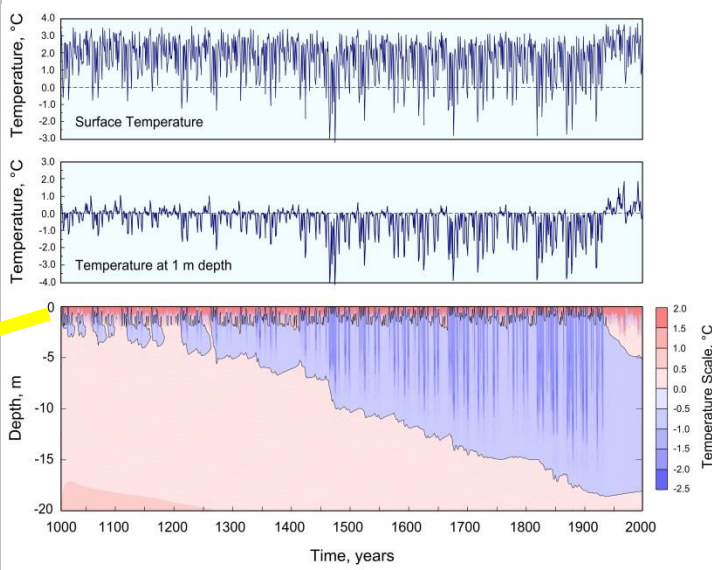
T. Jorgenson et al., 2001:  
 “Permafrost aggradation  
 and the change from fens  
 to forests occurred in the  
 late 1600s.”



Photograph by T. Jorgenson



“Permafrost degradation began  
 in the mid-1700s and is associated  
 with periods with relatively warm  
 climate during the mid-late 1700s  
 and 1900s”



# Change in Annual Temperature from historical anthropogenic climate forcing

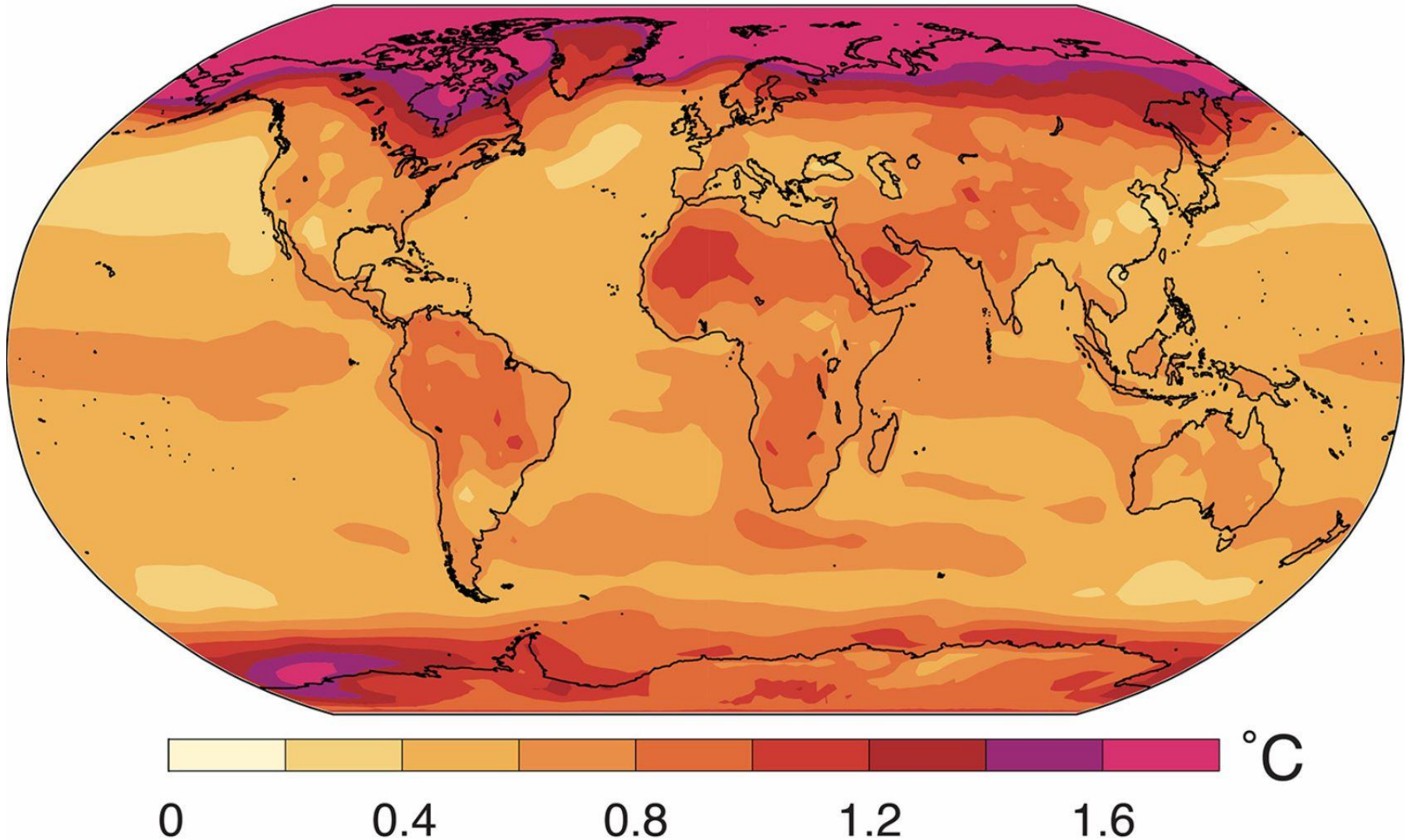
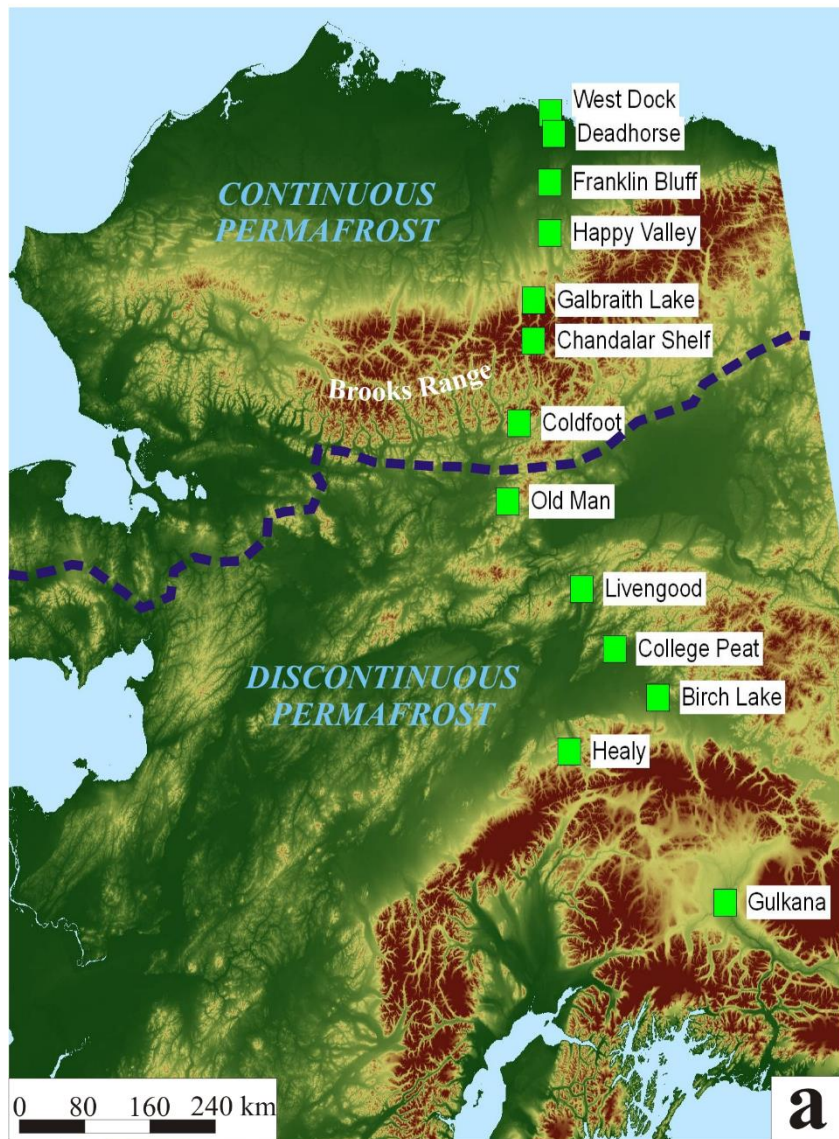
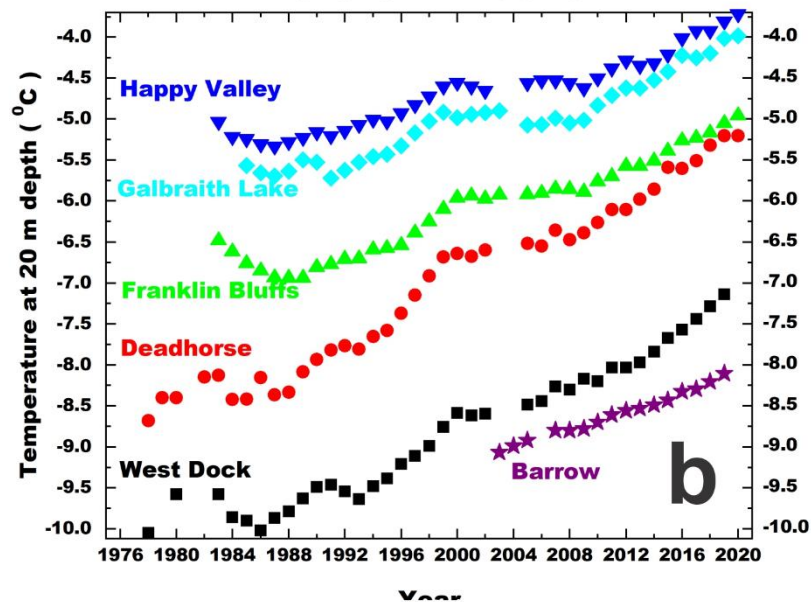


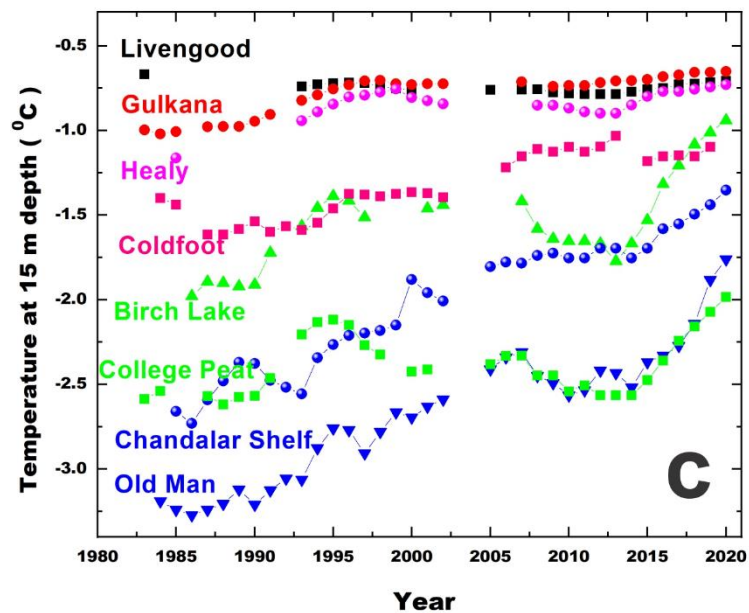
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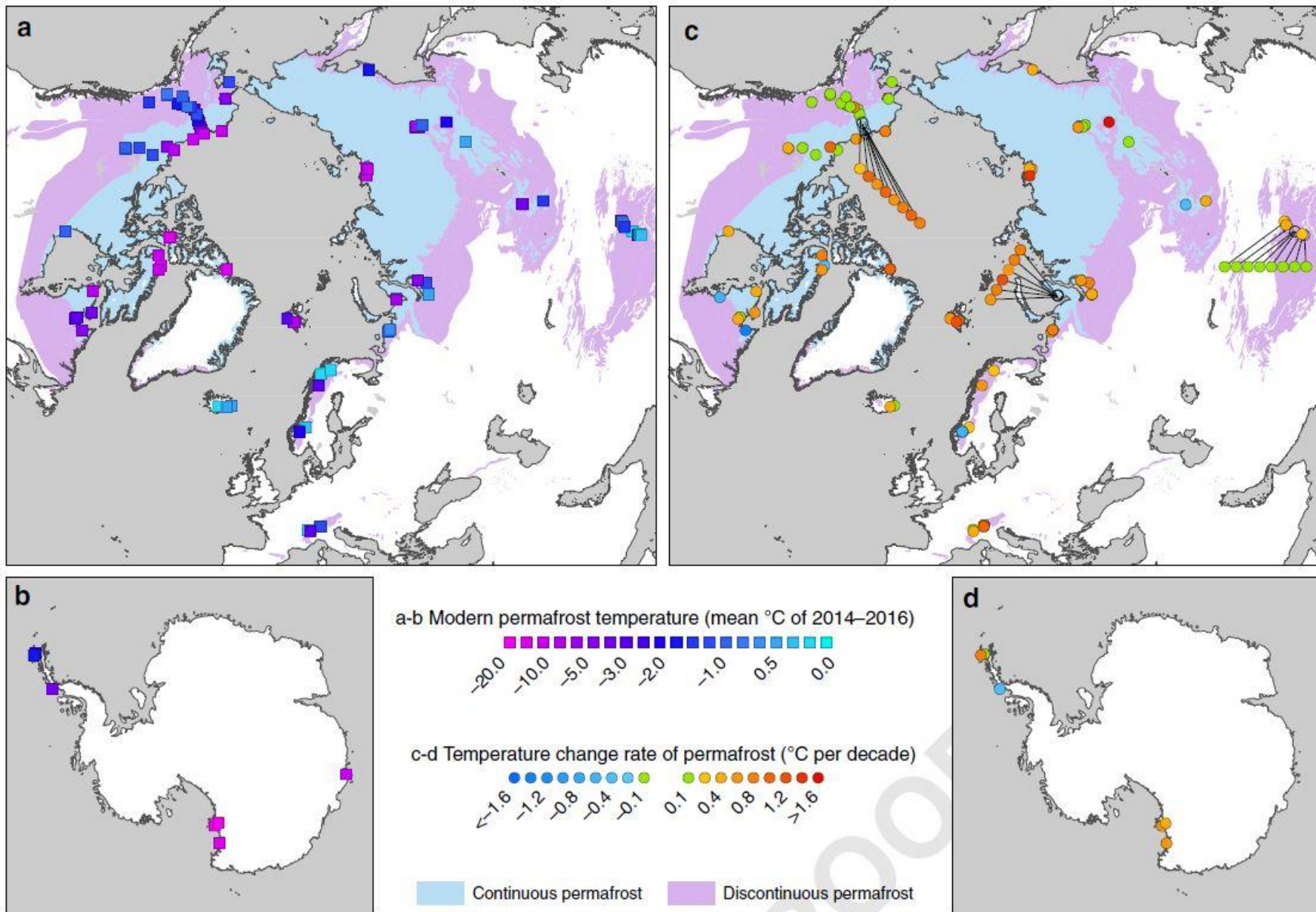


## Northern Alaska

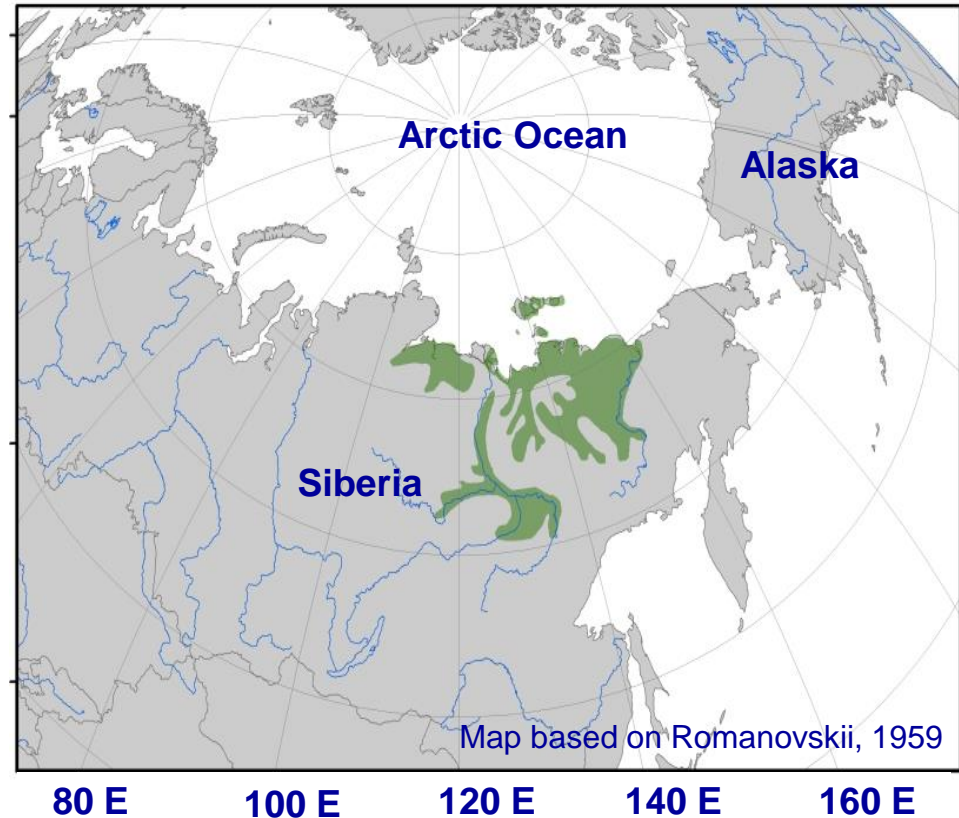


## Interior Alaska





## Distribution of Ice-Rich Yedoma (Ice Complex) Deposits in East Siberia

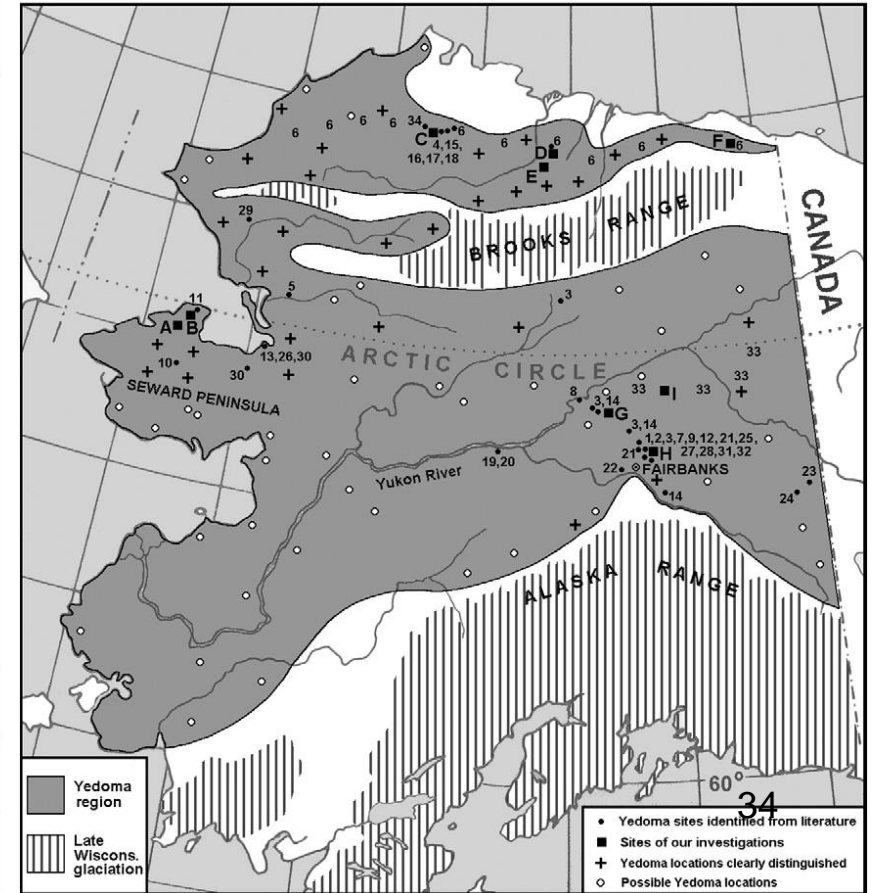
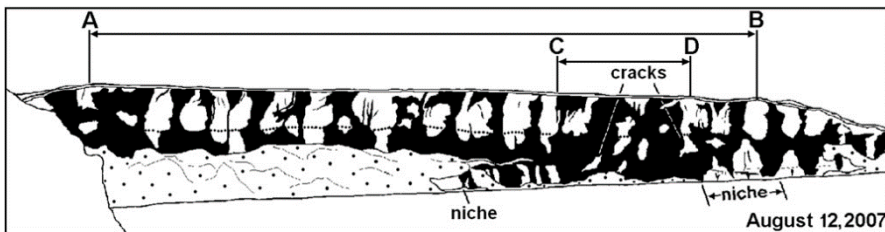
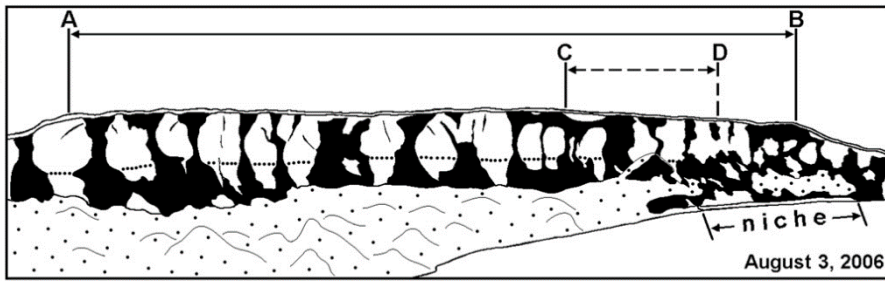
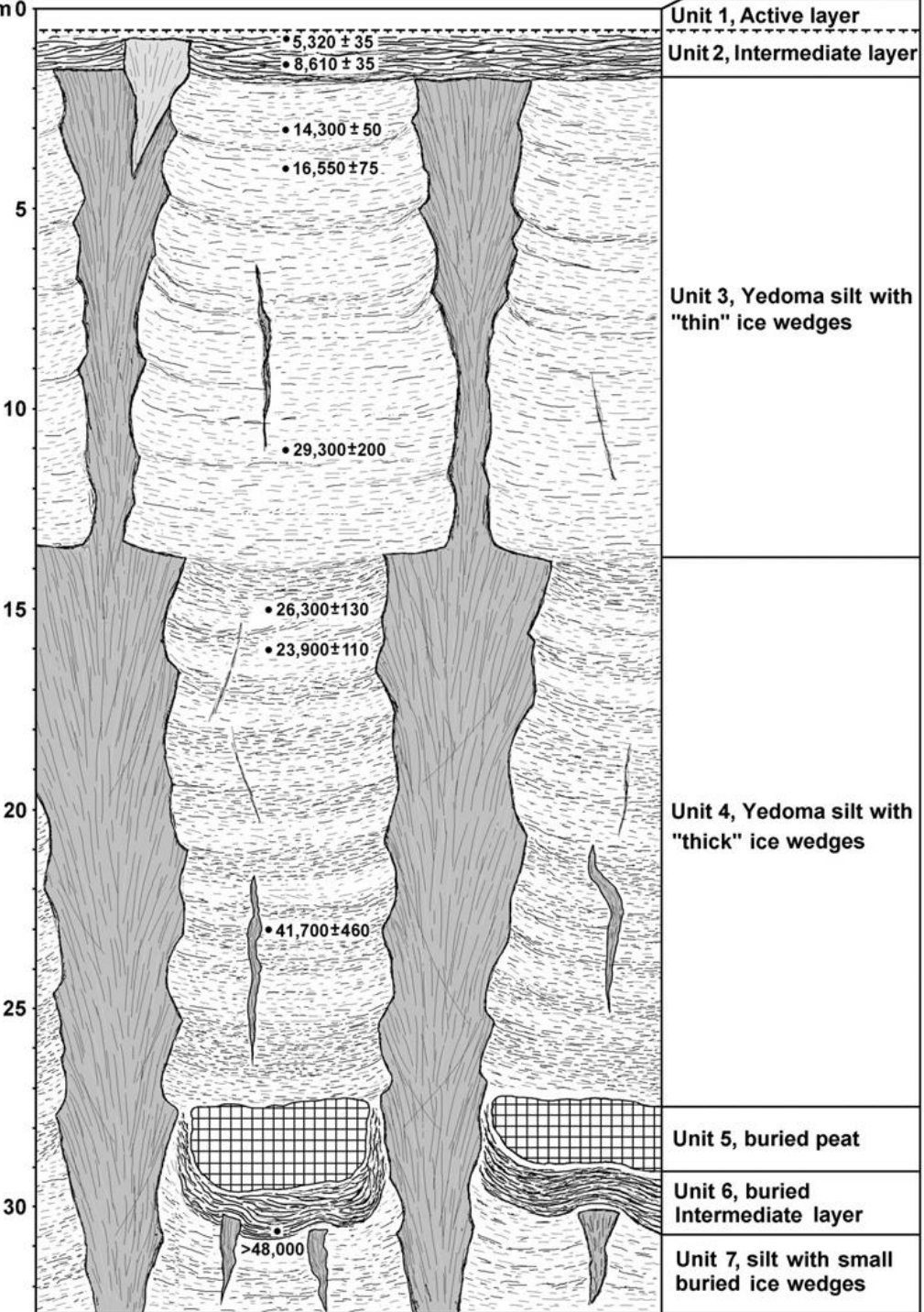


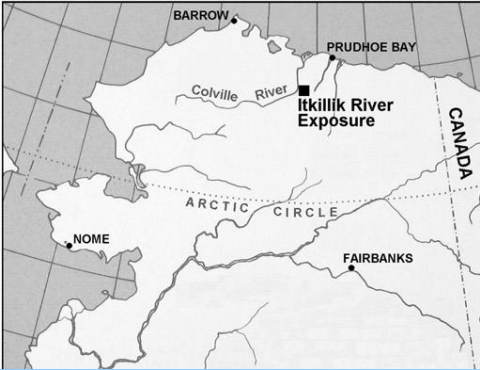
- Thickness of the deposit is between 5-100m
- Present day total coverage is  $> 1 \times 10^6$  km
- Gravimetric ground ice contents in the sediments between 60-120%
- Including the ice wedges, total volumetric ice content of up to  $> 75\%$
- Organic carbon content averages between 2-5%
- Accumulation during several 10 000 years







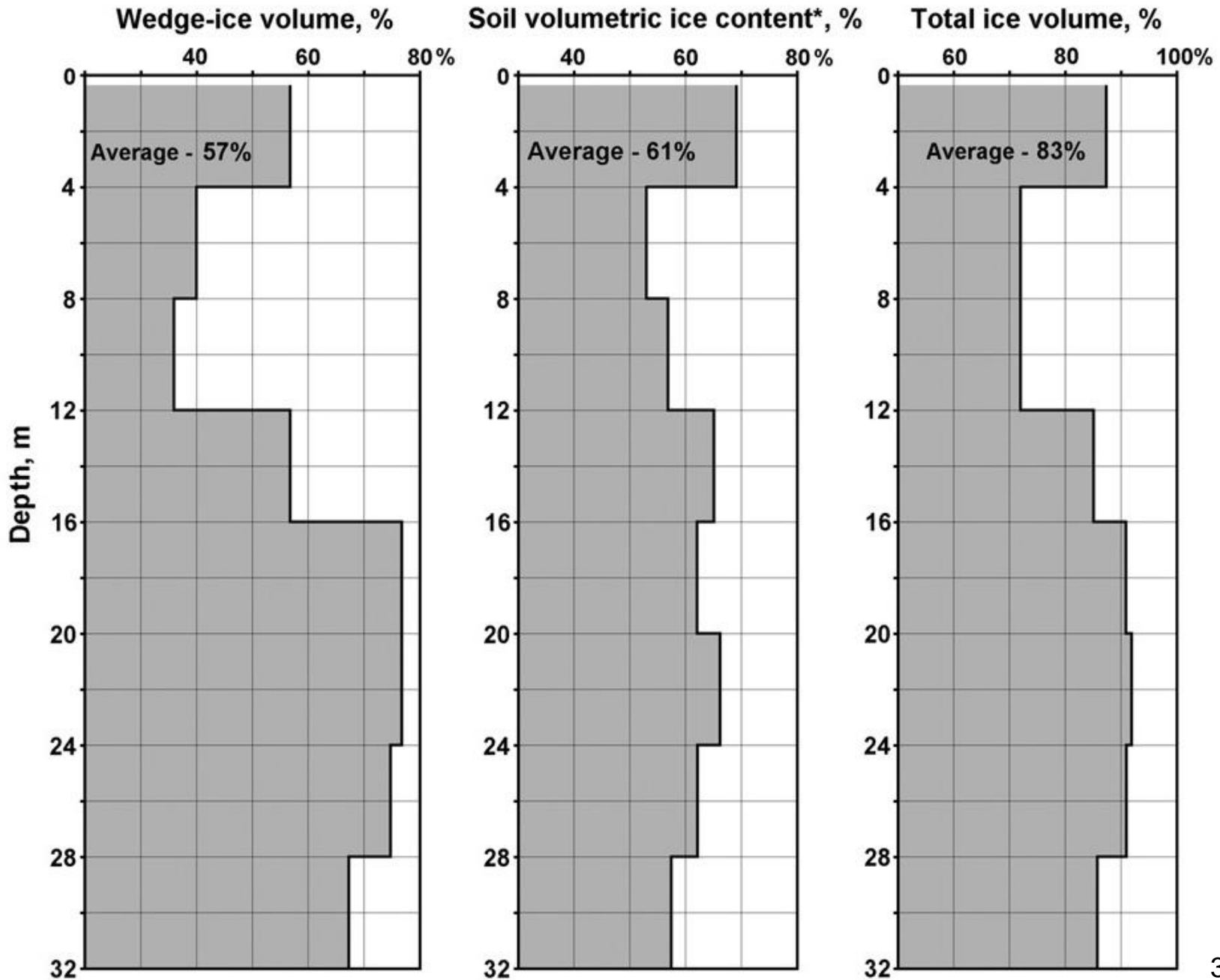




## Cryostratigraphy of late Pleistocene syngenetic permafrost (yedoma) in northern Alaska, Itkillik River exposure

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\* due to segregated and pore ice



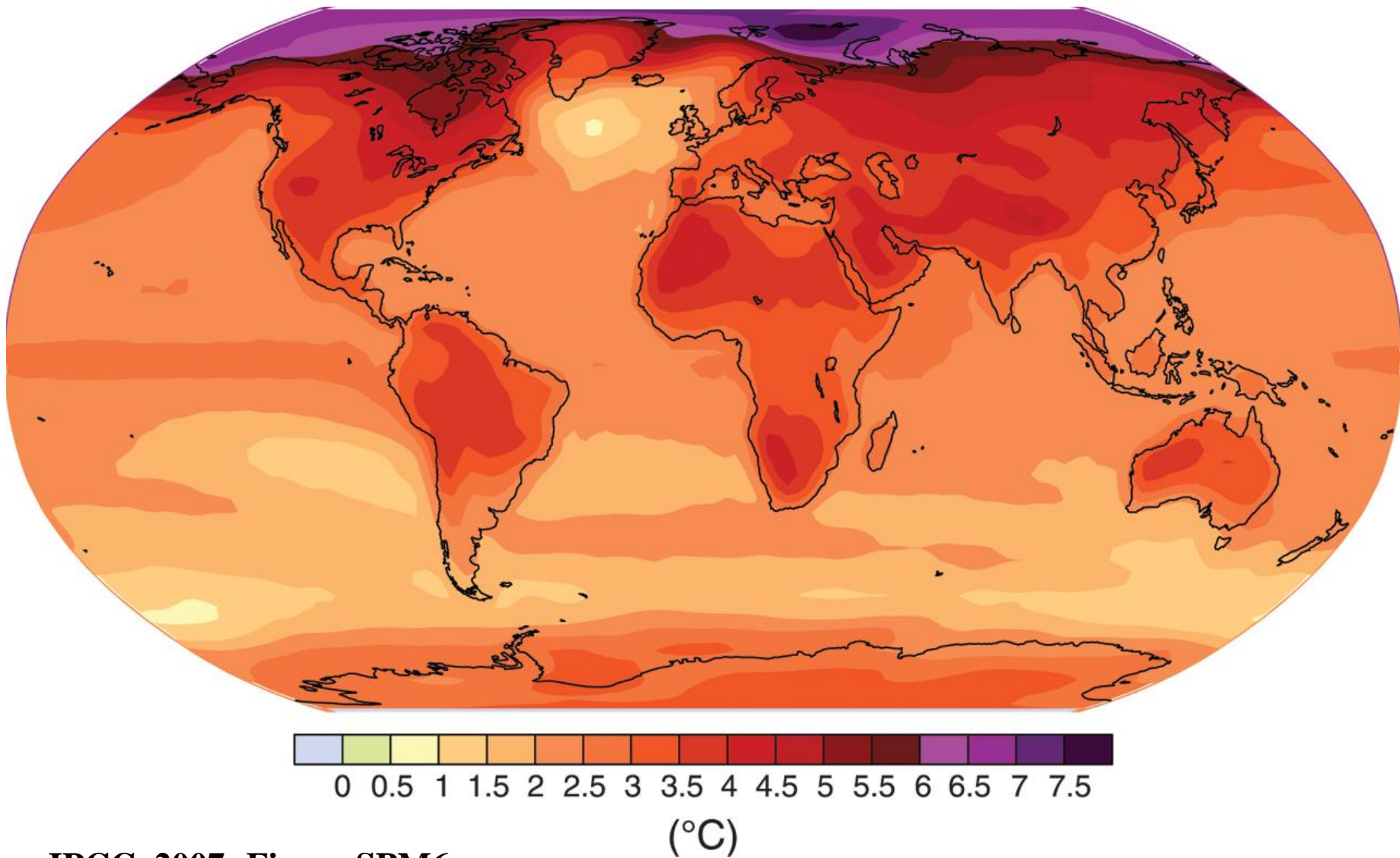




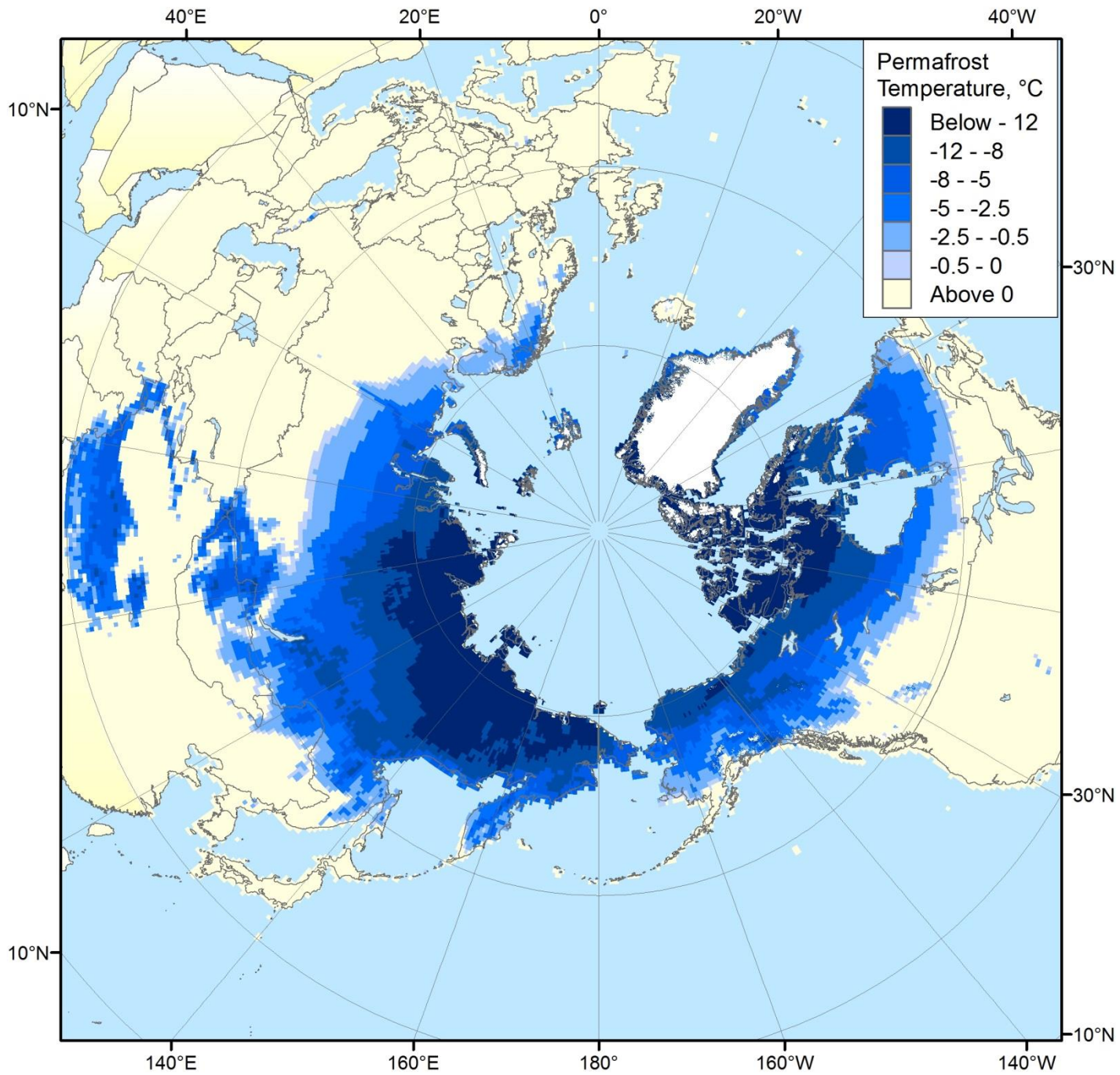


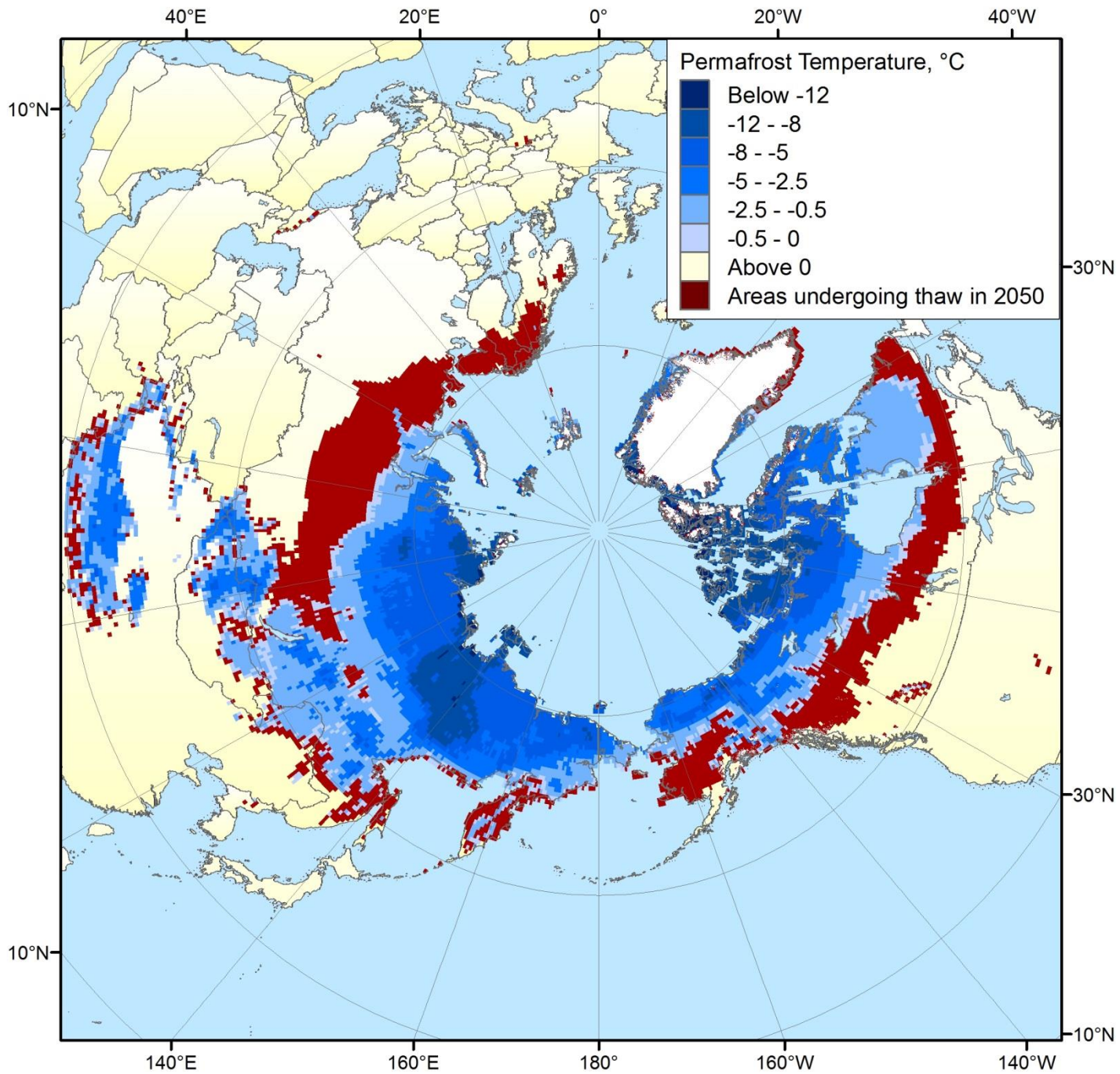


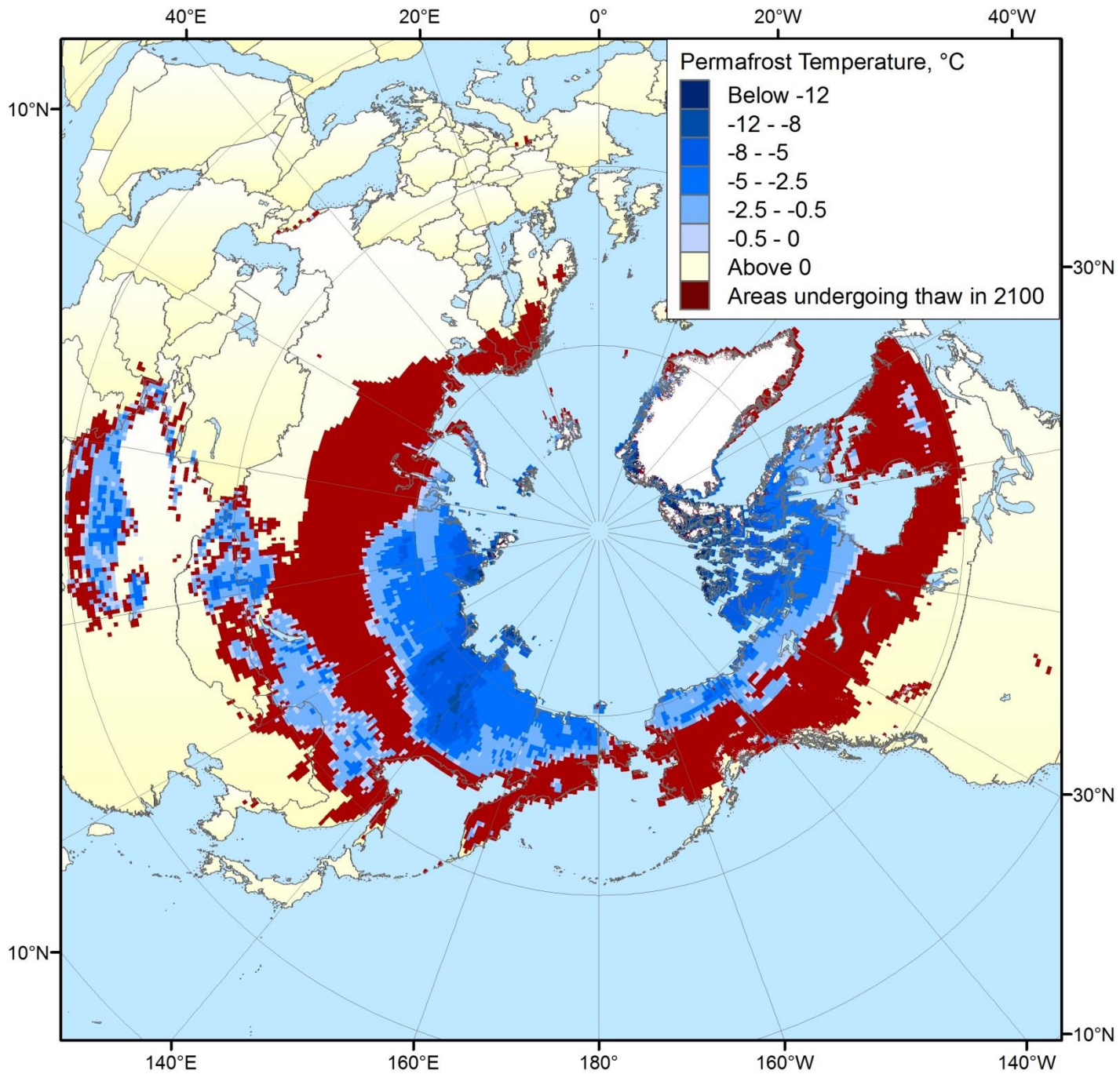
# Projected surface air temperature (2090-2099 relative to 1980-1999)



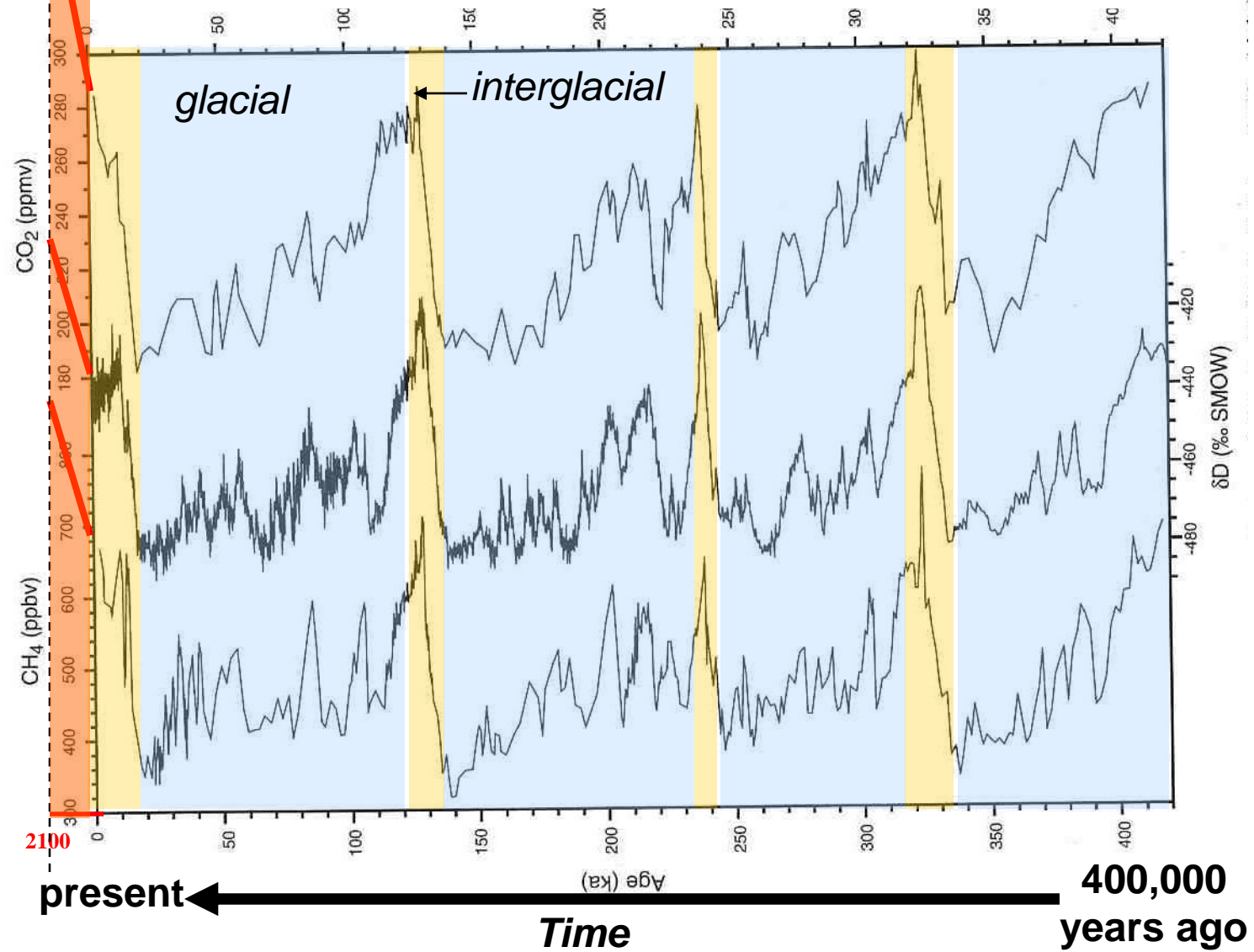
IPCC, 2007; Figure SPM6







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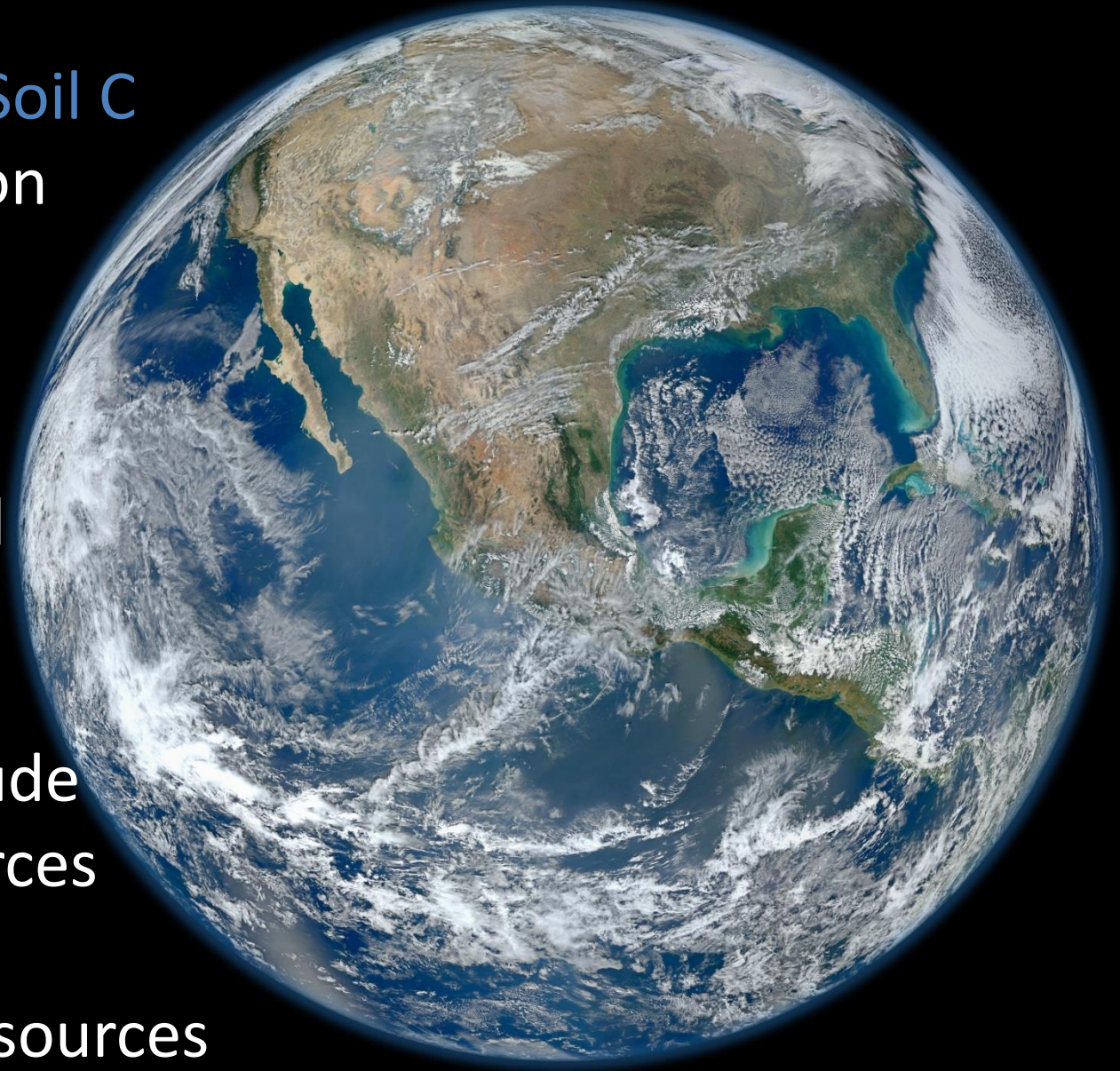


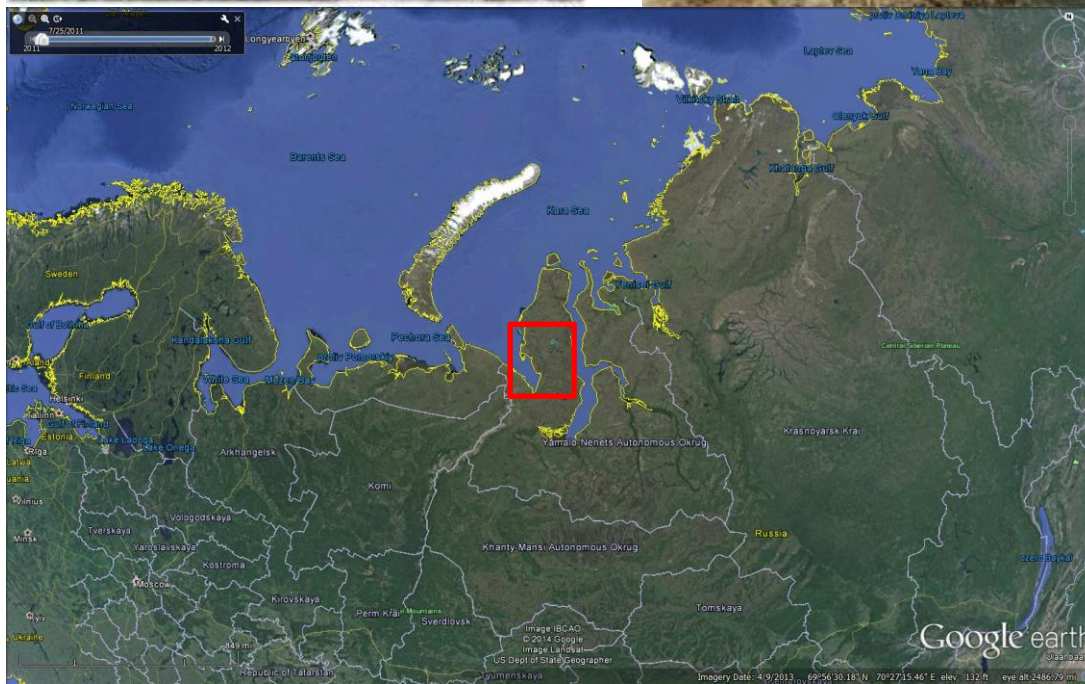
# Permafrost Carbon Emissions

Permafrost Zone Soil C  
Vulnerable Fraction  
~5-15% by 2100

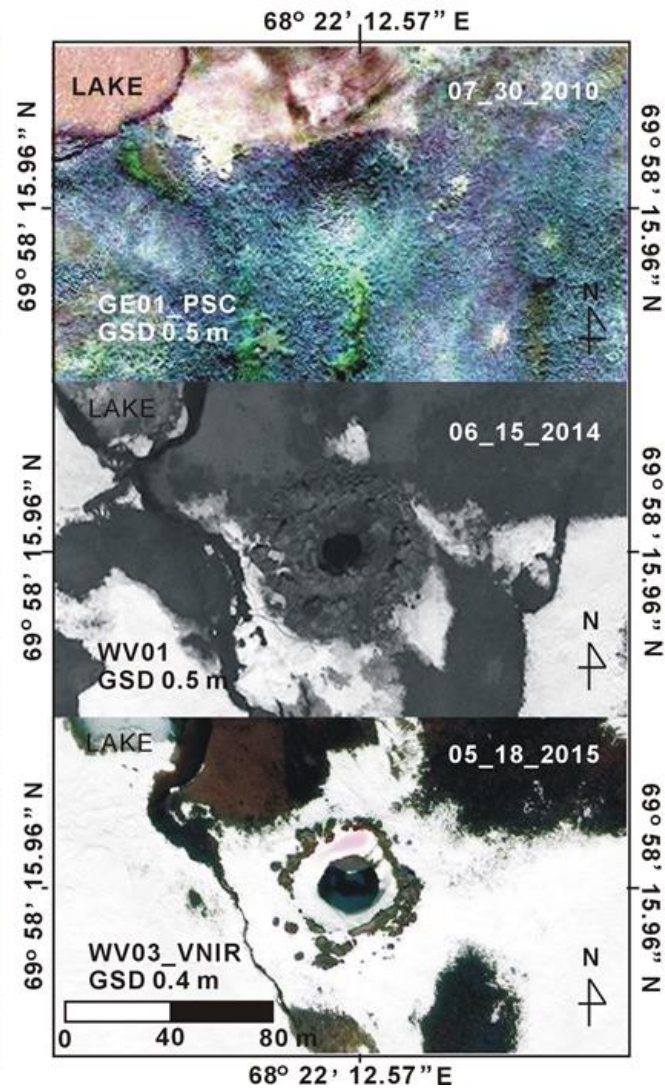
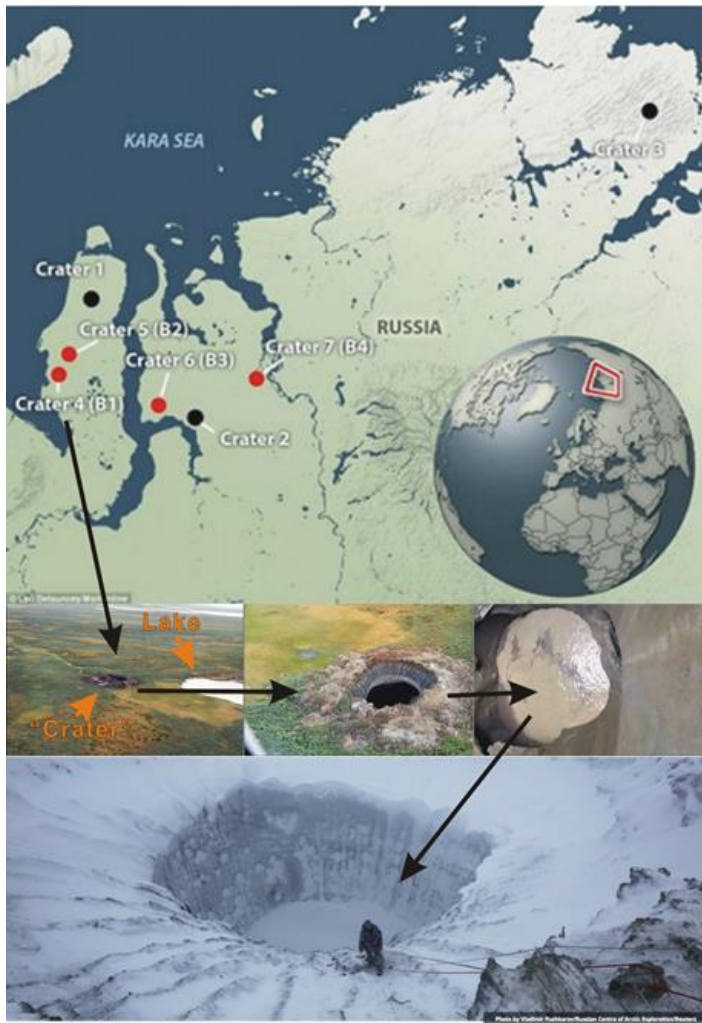
10% of known  
permafrost C pool  
=130-160 Pg

Similar in magnitude  
to biospheric sources  
(land use change)  
Less than human sources  
(fossil fuel)

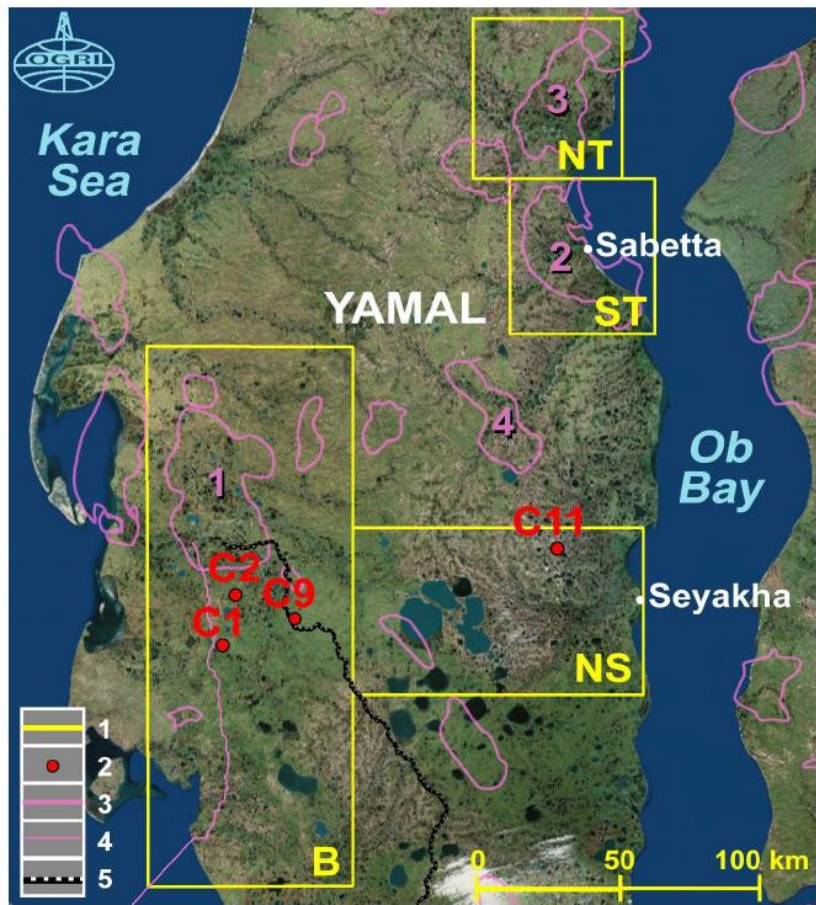




**A Mysterious  
Hole on Yamal  
Peninsula  
in Russia**







**Figure 1.** Gas blowout craters in the central part of the Yamal Peninsula. (1) Areas of detailed studies of Oil and Gas Research Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences (OGRI RAS): B, Bovanenkovo; ST, South Tambey; NT, North Tambey; NS, Neito-Seyakha. (2) Craters of gas blowouts C1, C2, C9 and C11. (3) Gas and gas condensate fields including those marked with pink color: Bovanenkovo (1), South Tambey (2), North Tambey (3) and West Seyakha (4). (4) Gas pipeline Bovanenkovo-Ukhta. (5) Railroad. Basemap—ESRI standard imagery.

V. Bogoyavlensky,  
2020



**Рис. 6. Термокарстовое озеро с кратерами выбросов газа в северо-восточной части Ямала (фото В. И. Богоявленского из вертолета 15 июля 2015 г.)**

**Fig. 6. Thermokarst lake with gas blowout craters in the north-eastern part of Yamal (photo by V. I. Bogoyavlensky from a helicopter on July 15, 2015)**

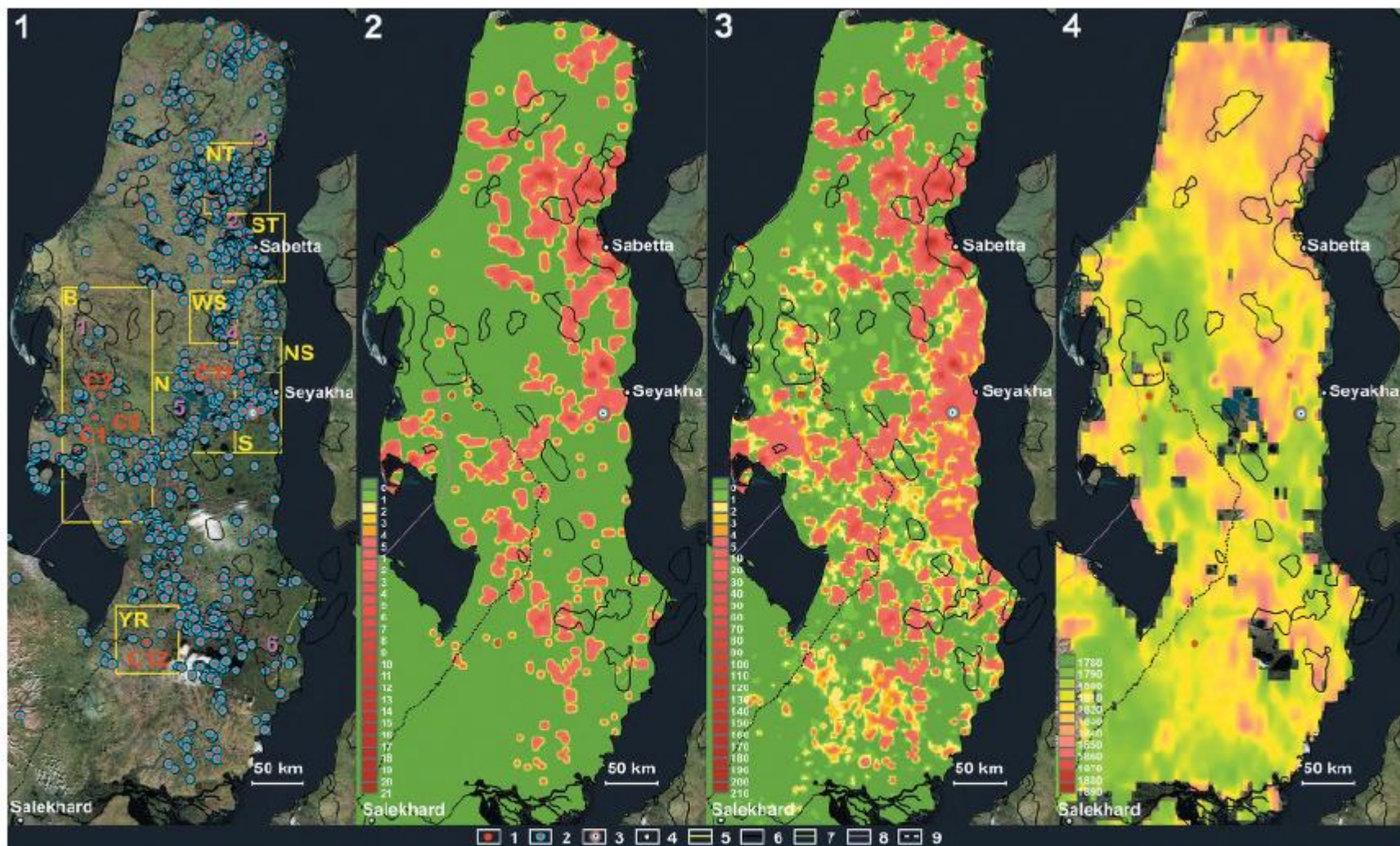


Рис. 8. Схемы распространения кратеров выбросов газа на суше полуострова Ямал и зон дегазации из термокарстовых озер с кратерами на дне (1), плотности распространения зон дегазации из озер с кратерами на дне (2), условного риска мощных выбросов газа (3) и распределение концентрации метана по данным спектрометра TROPOMI спутника Sentinel-5P (4). Обозначения: 1 – кратеры выбросов газа C1, C2, C9, C11 и C12; 2 – озера с кратерами на дне; 3 – озеро Открытие; 4 – населенные пункты; 5 – участки детальных исследований (B – Бованенковский, ST – Южно-Тамбейский, NT – Северо-Тамбейский, N – Нейтинский, S – Сеяхинский, NS – Северо-Сеяхинский, WS – Западно-Сеяхинский, YR – Еркутинский); 6 – месторождения углеводородов, включая показанные цифрами Бованенковское (1), Южно-Тамбейское (2), Северо-Тамбейское (3), Западно-Сеяхинское (4), Нейтинское (5) и Новопортовское (6); 7 – нефтепровод; 8 – газопровод Бованенково-Ухта; 9 – железная дорога. Картографическая основа – ESRI

**Thank you very much !**

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