



## CONCEPTOS DE GEOBOTANICA EN CLIMAS FRIOS

**Determinación de la edad de depósitos  
y procesos geológicos  
con técnicas de phytoindicación**

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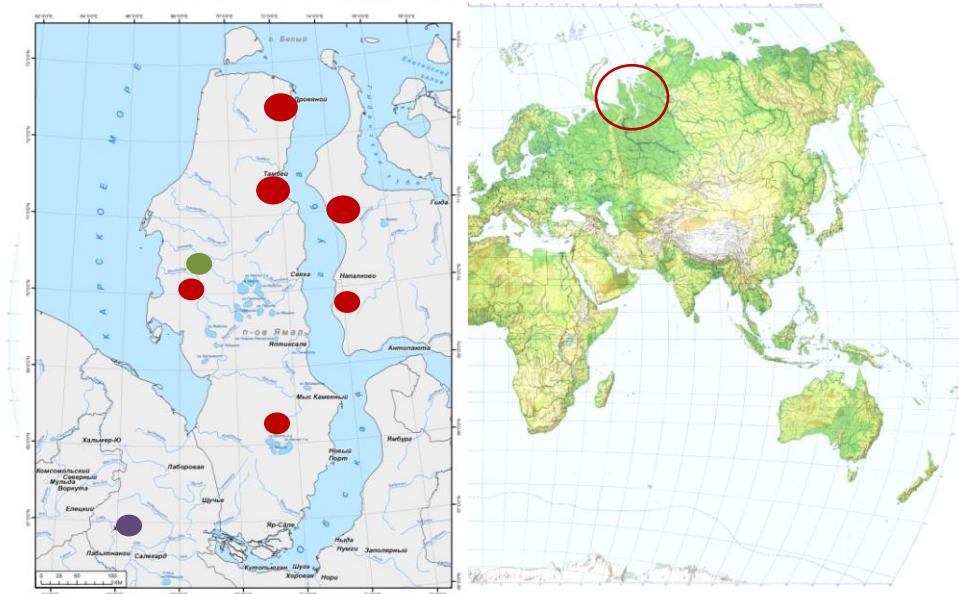




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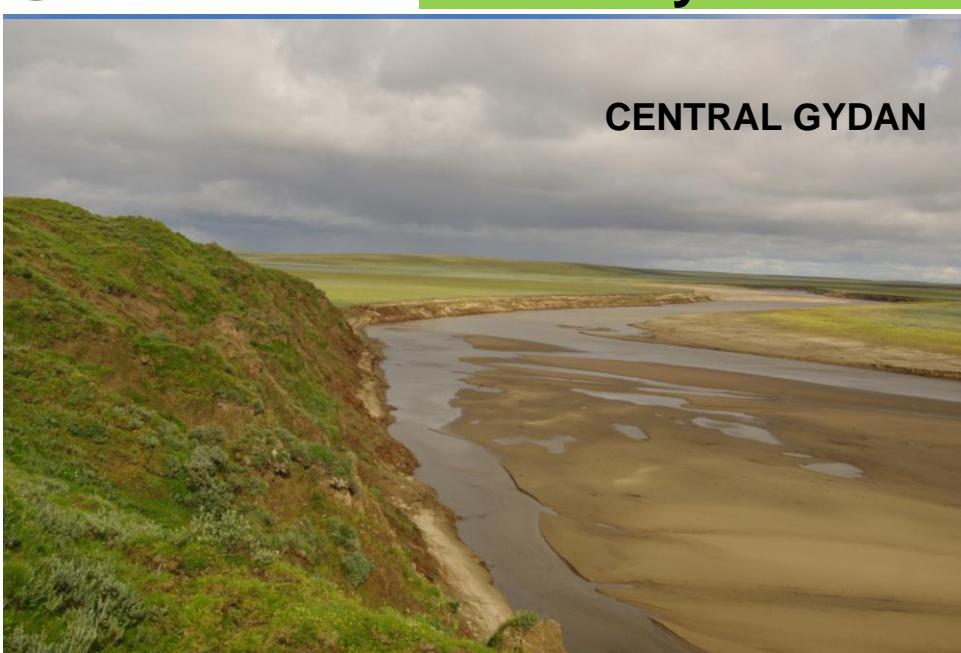


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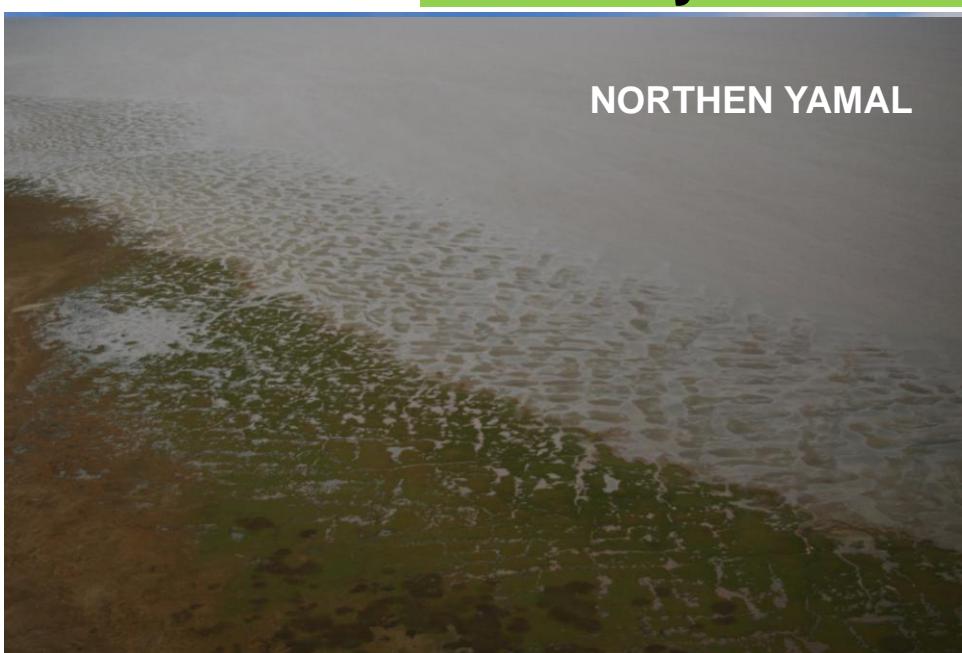
### CENTRAL GYDAN





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## Methodological base

### Indicator parameters of vegetation:

- habitus (appearance) of the plants
- species composition of the plant communities
- structure of the plant communities
- vegetation dynamics
- remote sensing data (texture, NDVI, etc.)



## Objects of phytoindication:

- climate parameters
- soil characteristics
- groundwater characteristics
- active layer and permafrost characteristics
- geological structure, deposits pattern and age
- geological processes



## **Exogenous geological processes on Yamal and Gydan peninsulas**

- cryogenic landslides
- deflation
- frost boil
- erosion
- thermal erosion
- solifluction
- melting of tabular ice
- abrasion and thermal abrasion



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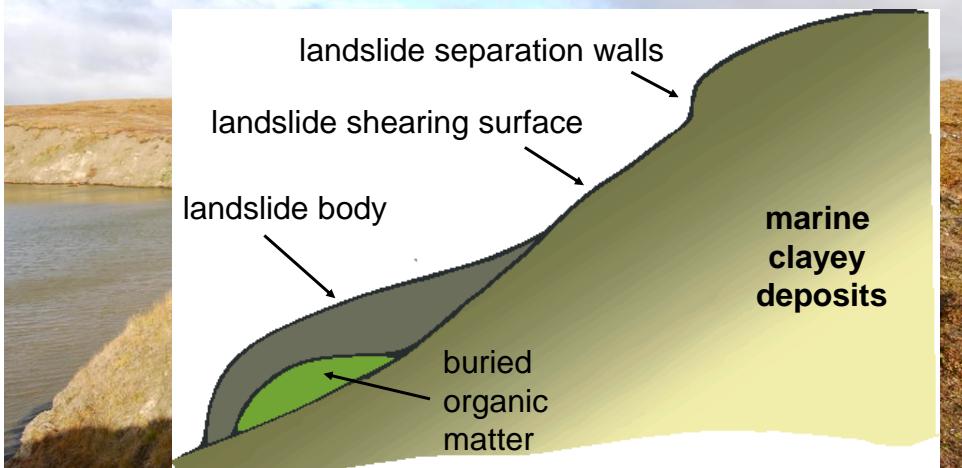


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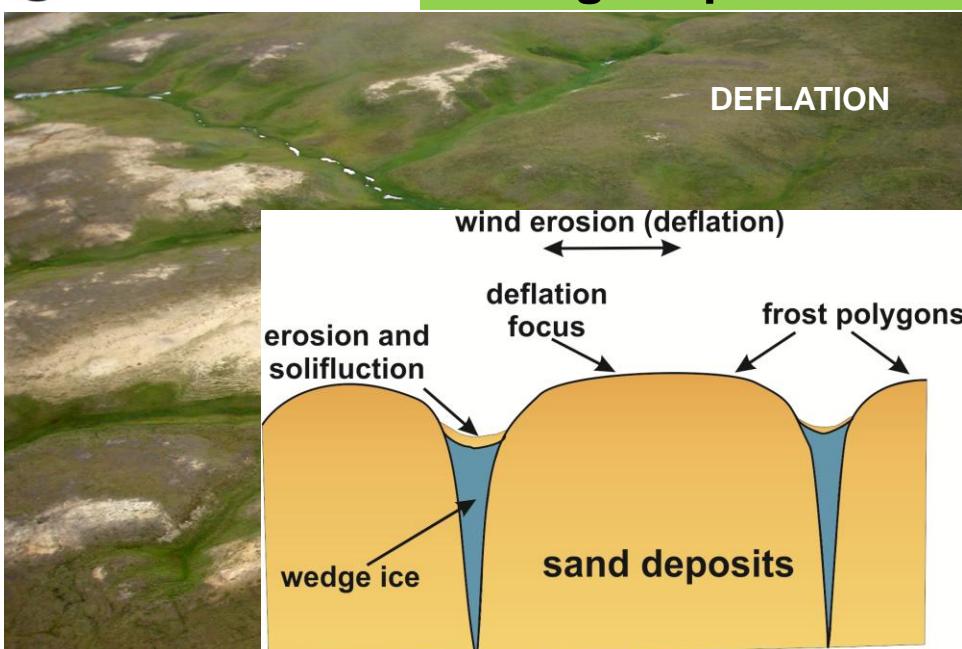
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# Research

measuring active layer thawing



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describing soils





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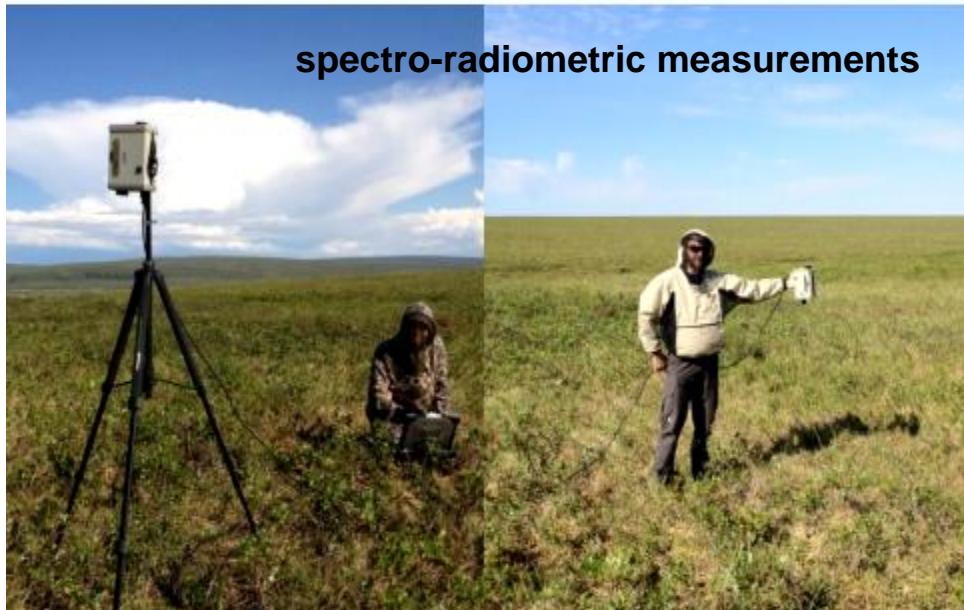
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spectro-radiometric measurements



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geobotanical relevés and  
phytomass measurements



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helicopter observations



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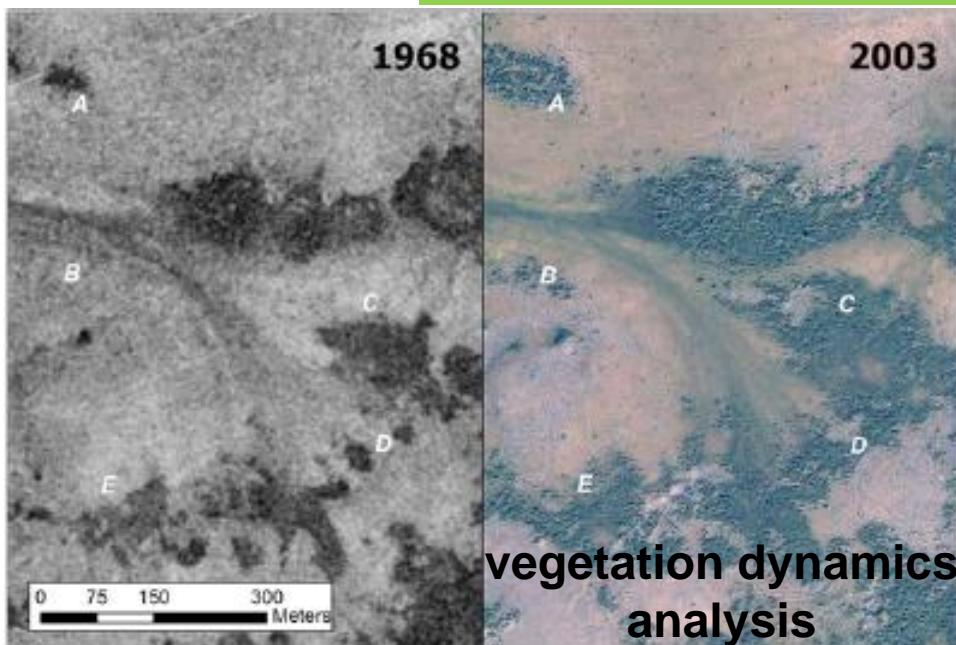
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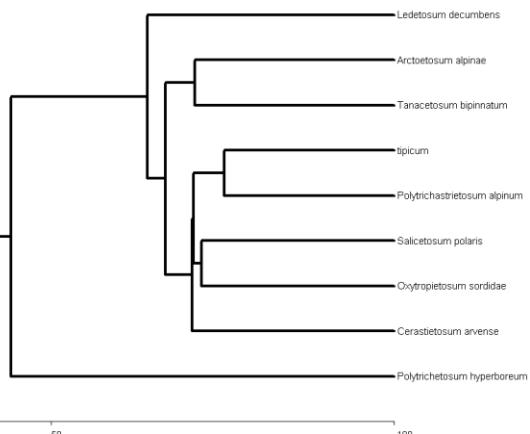
**database of 4607 photos taken  
of helicopter in ARCGIS project**  
+ GPS coordinates  
+ orientation of photos



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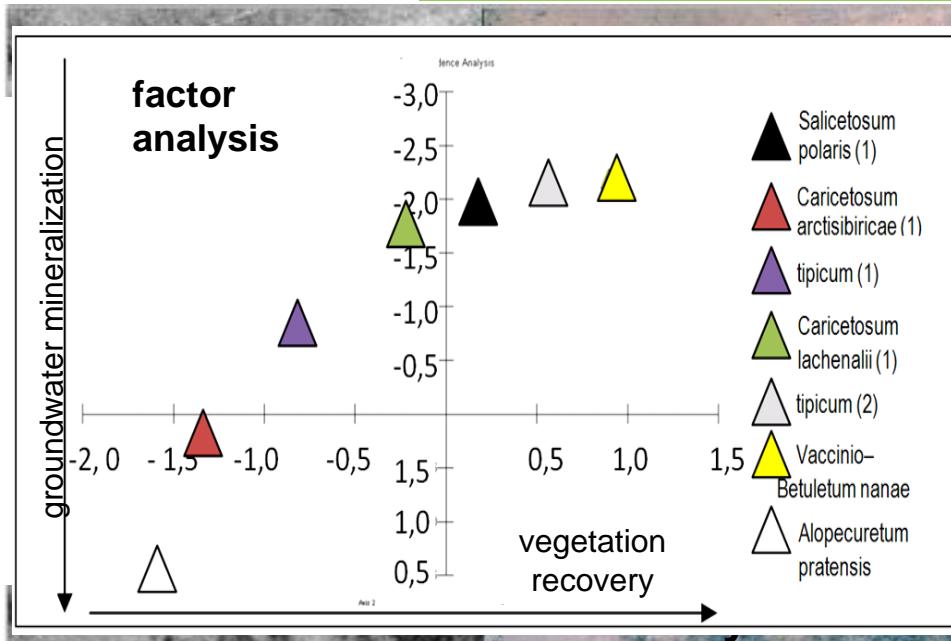
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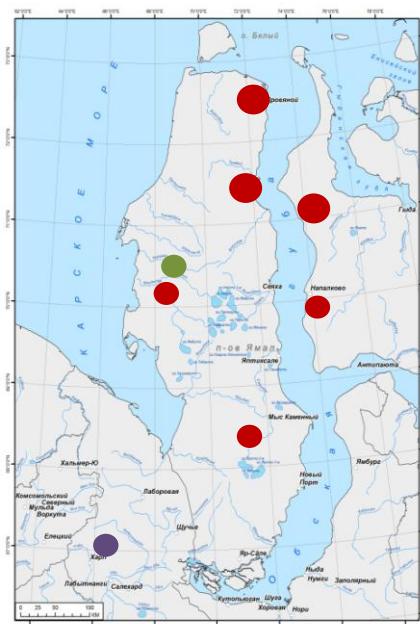
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# Research



# Field research



600 relevés with full lists of species

+classification made using Braun-Blanquet approach

#### additional information:

+environmental data (soils, permafrost, relief, LAI, etc.)

+45 plots with communities phytomass data

#### Low tundra

● relevés, phytomass, environmental data, LAI

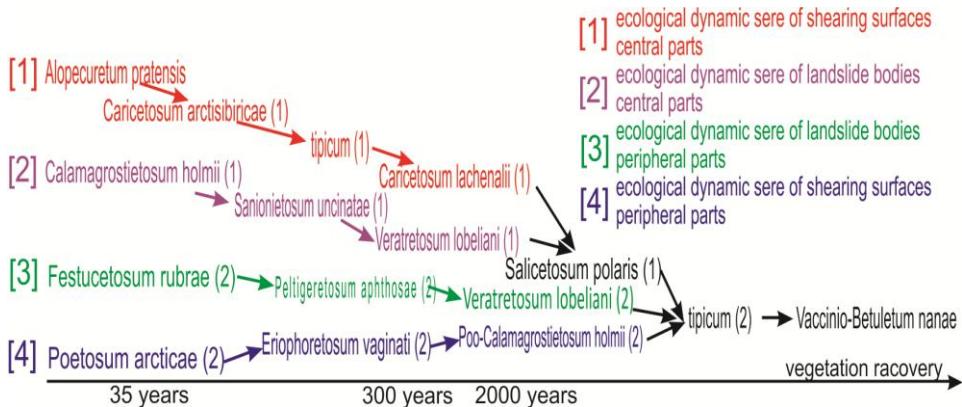
● relevés, environmental data

#### Mountain tundra

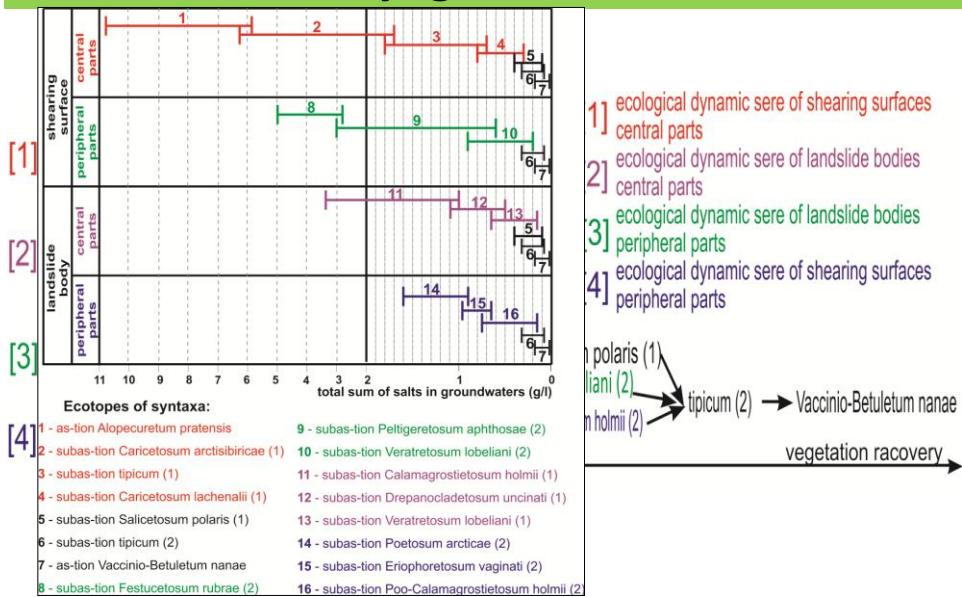
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# Phytoindication of the cryogenic landslides

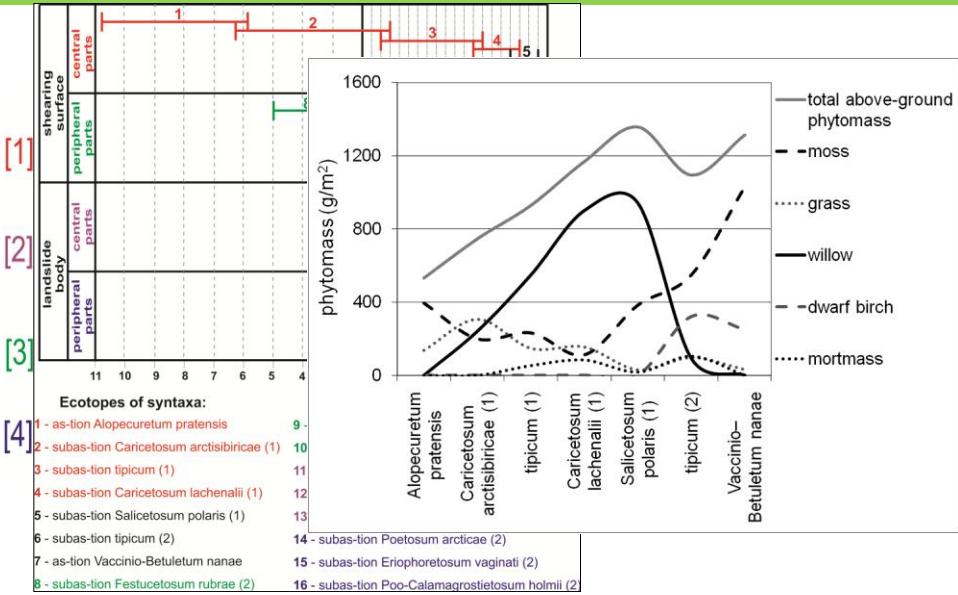


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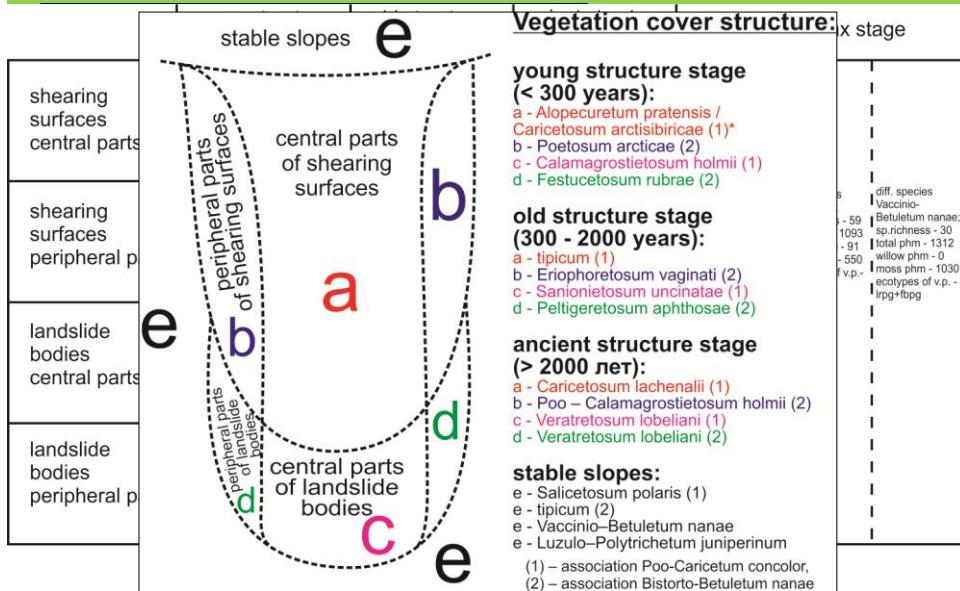
# Phytoindication of the cryogenic landslides

	young structures stage	old structures stage	ancient structures stage	subclimax stage
shearing surfaces central parts	diff. species Alopecuretum pratensis (1); sp. richness - 34; ind. species - 42; total phm - 532; willow phm - 0; moss phm - 396; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+lbpg	diff. species tipicum (1); sp. richness - 42; total phm - 928; willow phm - 548; moss phm - 233; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+rpg+srpg	diff. species Caricetosum lachenalii (1); sp. richness - 36; total phm - 1167; willow phm - 900; moss phm - 113; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+rpg+srpg	diff. species Salicetosum polaris (1); ind. species - Dryas octopetala; sp. richness - 46; total phm - 1356; willow phm - 941; moss phm - 384; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+rpg+srpg
shearing surfaces peripheral parts	diff. species Poetosum arcticae (2); ind. species - Stellaria palustris; sp. richness - 20; total phm - 830; willow phm - 470; moss phm - 170; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+hs+lbpg	diff. species Eriophoretosum vaginati (2); ind. species - Stellaria palustris; sp. richness - 34; total phm - 1029; willow phm - 550; moss phm - 230; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+hs	diff. species Poo-Calamagrostetosum holmii (2); sp. richness - 34; total phm - 1230; willow phm - 626; moss phm - 277; ecotypes of v.p. - hs+lrg	diff. species tipicum (2); sp. richness - 59; total phm - 1093; willow phm - 91; moss phm - 550; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+hs; diff. species Vaccinio-Betuletum nanae; sp. richness - 30; total phm - 1312; willow phm - 0; moss phm - 1030; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+fbpg
landslide bodies central parts	diff. species Calamagrostetosum uncinatum (1); sp. richness - 46; total phm - 1016; willow phm - 989; moss phm - 26; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg	diff. species Drepacocladetosum uncinatum (1); ind. species - Drepacocladus uncinatus; sp. richness - 38; total phm - 1329; willow phm - 1077; moss phm - 85; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg	diff. species Veratretosum lobelianii (1); sp. richness - 27; total phm - 1386; willow phm - 1014; moss phm - 270; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg	diff. species Salicetosum polaris (1); ind. species - Dryas octopetala; sp. richness - 46; total phm - 1356; willow phm - 941; moss phm - 384; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg
landslide bodies peripheral parts	diff. species Festucetosum rubrae (2); sp. richness - 35; total phm - 993; willow phm - 478; moss phm - 110; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+hs	diff. species Peltigeretosum aphthosae (2); ind. species - Peltigera aphthosa; sp. richness - 25; total phm - 1324; willow phm - 520; moss phm - 388; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+hs	diff. species Veratretosum lobelianii (2); sp. richness - 42; total phm - 1725; willow phm - 800; moss phm - 446; ecotypes of v.p. - lrg+hs	

Timeline: 35 years, 100 years, 300 years, 2000 years. Key species: Salix alba.

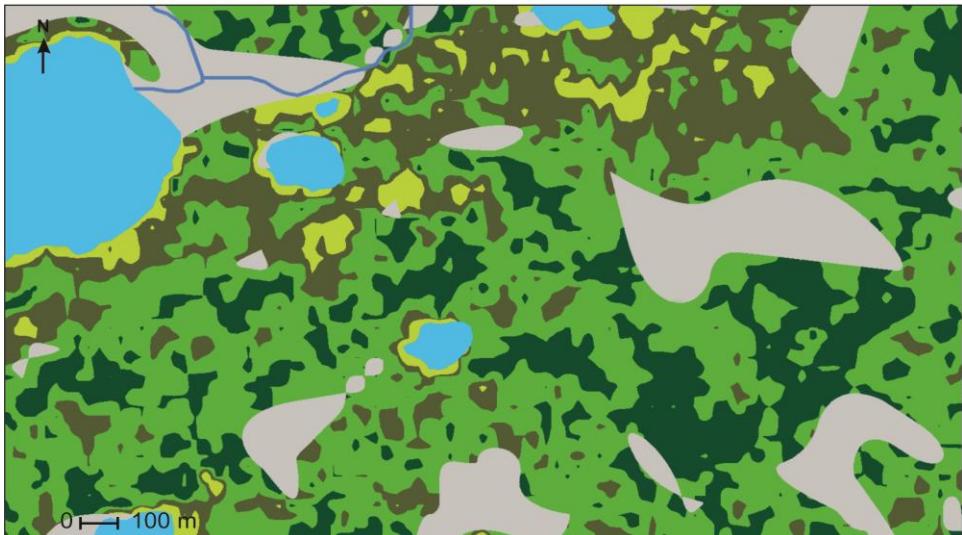


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Phytoindication map of cryogenic landslide process  
(key site "Vaskiny dachi")





# Phytoindication of the cryogenic landslides

Legend 1

vegetation cover structure	total sum of salts and Cl content in groundwaters (g/l)		sum of salts Cl content		sum of salts Cl content		sum of salts Cl content		sum of salts Cl content		
	0,01	0,1	1	10	0,01	0,1	1	10	0,01	0,1	1
a complex: Alopecuretum pratensis Caricetosum arctisibiricae (1) Poetosum arcticae (2) Calamagrostietosum holmii (1) Festucetosum rubrae (2)											
b complex: tipicum (1) Eriophoretosum vaginati (2) Drepanocladetosum uncinati (1) Peltigeretosum aphthosae (2)											
c complex: Caricetosum lachenallii (1) Poo-Calamagrostietosum holmii (2) Veratretosum lobelianii (1) Veratretosum lobelianii (2)											
d complex: Salicetosum polaris (1) tipicum (2) Vaccinio-Betuletum nanae											
NDVI	0,00 - 0,27	0,34 - 0,40	>0,40	0,27 - 0,34							
stages of vegetation recovery after landslide event	initial stage	middle stage (< 300 лет)	late stage (300 - 2000 лет)	subclimax stage							

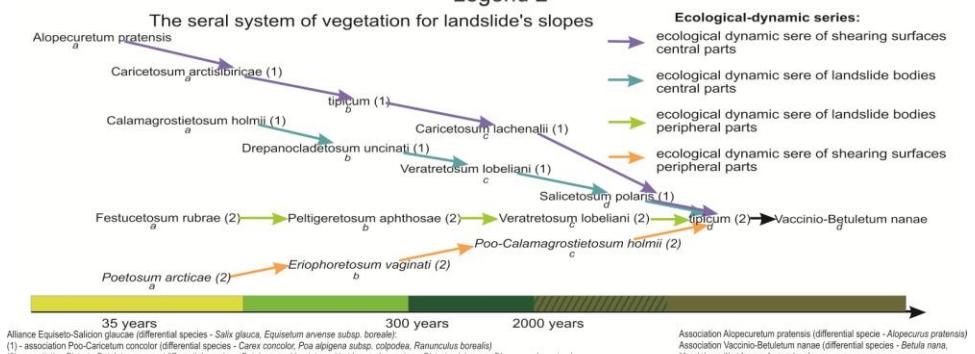
(1) - association Poo-Caricetum concolor, (2) - association Bistorto-Betuletum nanae

water streams      lakes      other vegetation

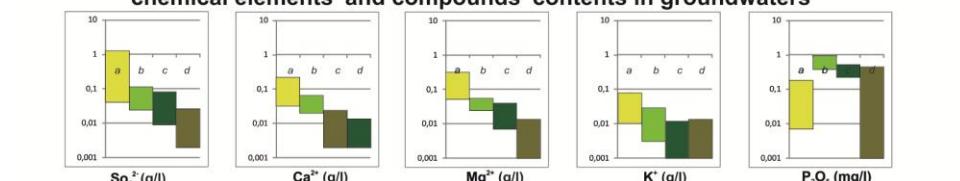


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Legend 2

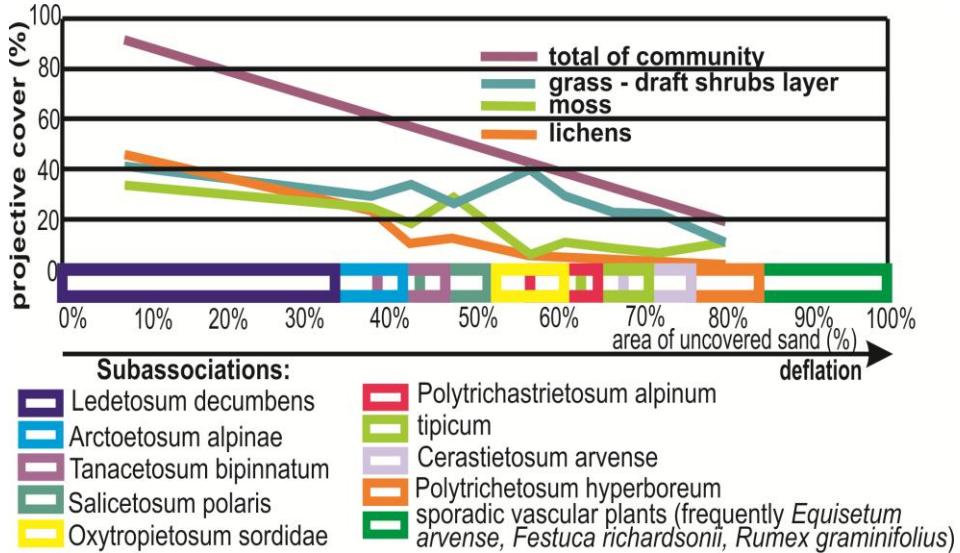


## chemical elements' and compounds' contents in groundwaters





## Phytoindication of deflation processes

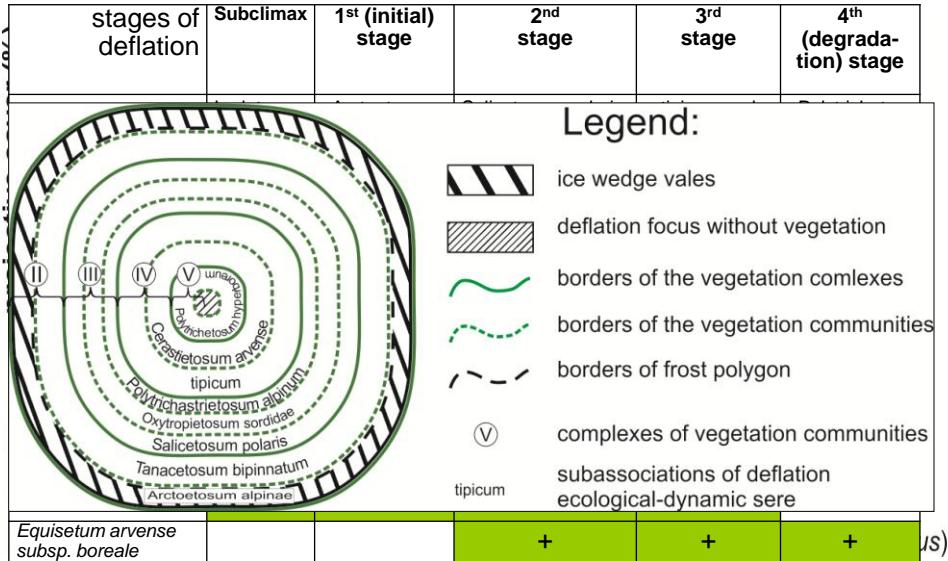


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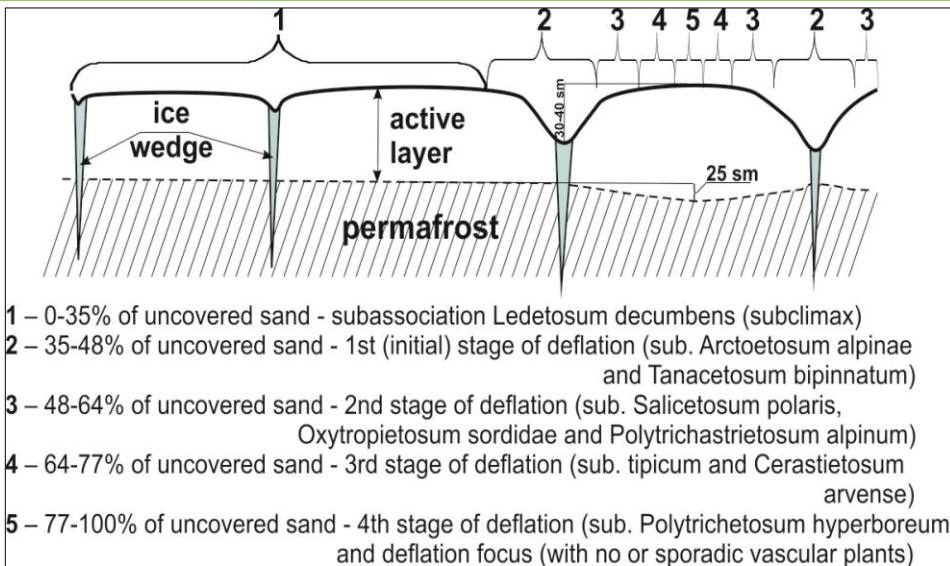
stages of deflation	Subclimax	1 <sup>st</sup> (initial) stage	2 <sup>nd</sup> stage	3 <sup>rd</sup> stage	4 <sup>th</sup> (degradation) stage
<b>syntaxa</b>	Ledetosum decumbens	Arctoetosum alpinae and Tanacetosum bipinnatum	Salicetosum polaris, Oxytropietosum sordidae and Polytrichastrietosum alpinum	tipicum and Cerastietosum arvense	Polytrichetosum hyperboreum
<i>Ledum decumbens</i>	+				
<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>	+				
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> subsp. <i>minus</i>	+				
<i>Polytrichum piliferum</i>	+				
<i>Cetraria nigricans</i>	+				
<i>Ochrolechia frigida</i>	+				
<i>Peltigera scabrosa</i>	+				
<i>Thamnolia vermicularis</i>	+	+	+		
<i>Bryocaulon divergens</i>	+	+	+	+	
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> subsp. <i>boreale</i>			+	+	+



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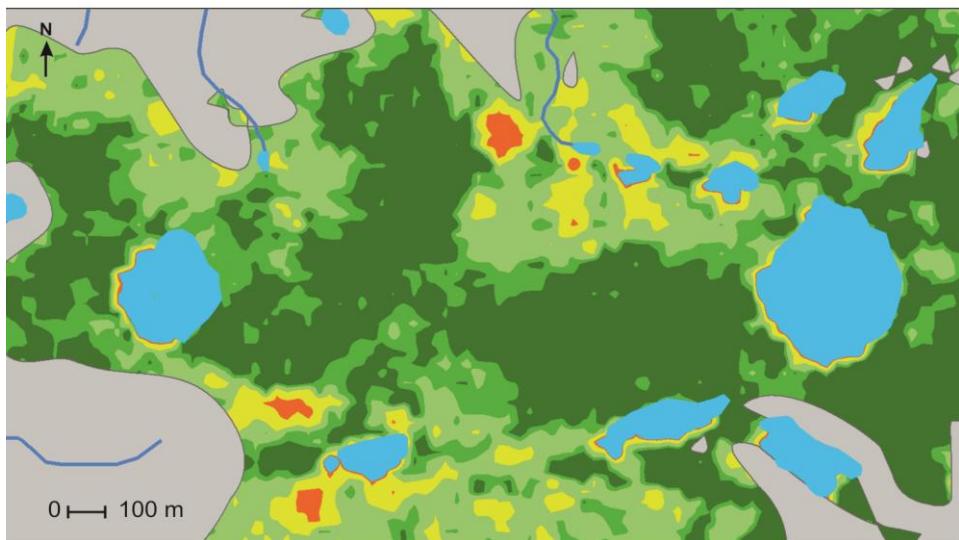
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# Phytoindication of deflation processes

Phytoindication map of deflation process  
(key site "Khalevto")



# Phytoindication of deflation processes

Legend 1

syntaxis of biogeoclimatic complexes (deflation species)	stages	suclimax	1st (initial) stage	2nd stage	3rd stage	4th (degradation) stage
<b>Ledetosum decumbens</b> ( <i>Ledum decumbens</i> , <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> , <i>Leotia decumbens</i> , <i>Pedicularis oederi</i> , <i>Polygonum viviparum</i> , <i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i> , <i>Oxybaphus frigida</i> )						
<b>Arctoetosum alpinae</b> ( <i>Arctica alpina</i> )						
<b>Tanacetosum bipinnatum</b> ( <i>Tanacetum bipinnatum</i> , <i>Conioselinum heterophyllum</i> )						
<b>Salicetosum polaris</b> ( <i>Salix nummularia</i> , <i>Aleurolobus eschscholtzii</i> , <i>Grevillea pauperrima</i> , <i>Empetrum polare</i> , <i>Salix polaris</i> , <i>Polytrichum alpinum</i> )						
<b>Oxytripteosum sordidae</b> ( <i>Oxytricha sordida</i> , <i>Polygonum boreale</i> )						
<b>Polytrichastrietosum alpinum</b> ( <i>Polytrichastrum alpinum</i> var. <i>frigida</i> )						
<b>tipicum</b>						
<b>Cerastielosum arvense</b> ( <i>Equisetum arvense</i> , <i>Ceratium arvense</i> , <i>Thlaspi arvense</i> )						
<b>Polytrichetosum hyperboreum</b> ( <i>Polytrichum hyperboreum</i> + sporadic vascular plants <i>Plantago holosteoides</i> , <i>Rumex graminoides</i> , <i>Thlaspi arvense</i> )						
% of uncovered sand	0 - 35%	35 - 48%	48 - 64%	64 - 77%	77 - 100%	
NDVI	> 0,25	0,2 - 0,25	0,1 - 0,2	-0,03 - 0,1	-0,069 - -0,03	

~~~~~ water streams      ~~~~ lakes      ~~~~~ other vegetation



## Phytoindication of deflation processes

Legend 2

