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**Steps towards constraining the
circumarctic N₂O budget in the
frame of the NOCA project
AKA/RFBR project, 2018-2020**

Background: Permafrost C studies

Temperature sensitivity of soil **carbon** decomposition and feedbacks to climate change

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Impact of the permafrost **carbon** sink on global climate

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Permafrost thaw and soil moisture driving **CO₂** and **CH₄** release from upland tundra

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Global climate change and its impacts on the terrestrial Arctic **carbon** cycle: implications regarding to ecosystem components and the greenhouse-gas

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Effect of thaw depth on fluxes of **CO₂** and **CH₄** in manipulated Arctic coastal tundra of Barrow, Alaska

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Environmental correlates of peatland **carbon** fluxes in a thawing landscape: do transitional thaw stages matter?

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Temperature and snow-melt controls on interannual variability in **carbon** dioxide from thawed permafrost soils: Potential **carbon** emissions dominated by **carbon** feedback

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Climate change and the permafrost **carbon** feedback

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Biomass offsets little or none of permafrost **carbon** release from soils, streams, and wildfire: an expert assessment

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Circumpolar assessment of permafrost **C** quality and its vulnerability over time using long-term incubation

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RAPID **CARBON** RESPONSE OF PEATLANDS TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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Temperature and peat type control **CO₂** and **CH₄** production in Alaskan permafrost peats

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Change effects on **carbon** in boreal forest-wetland

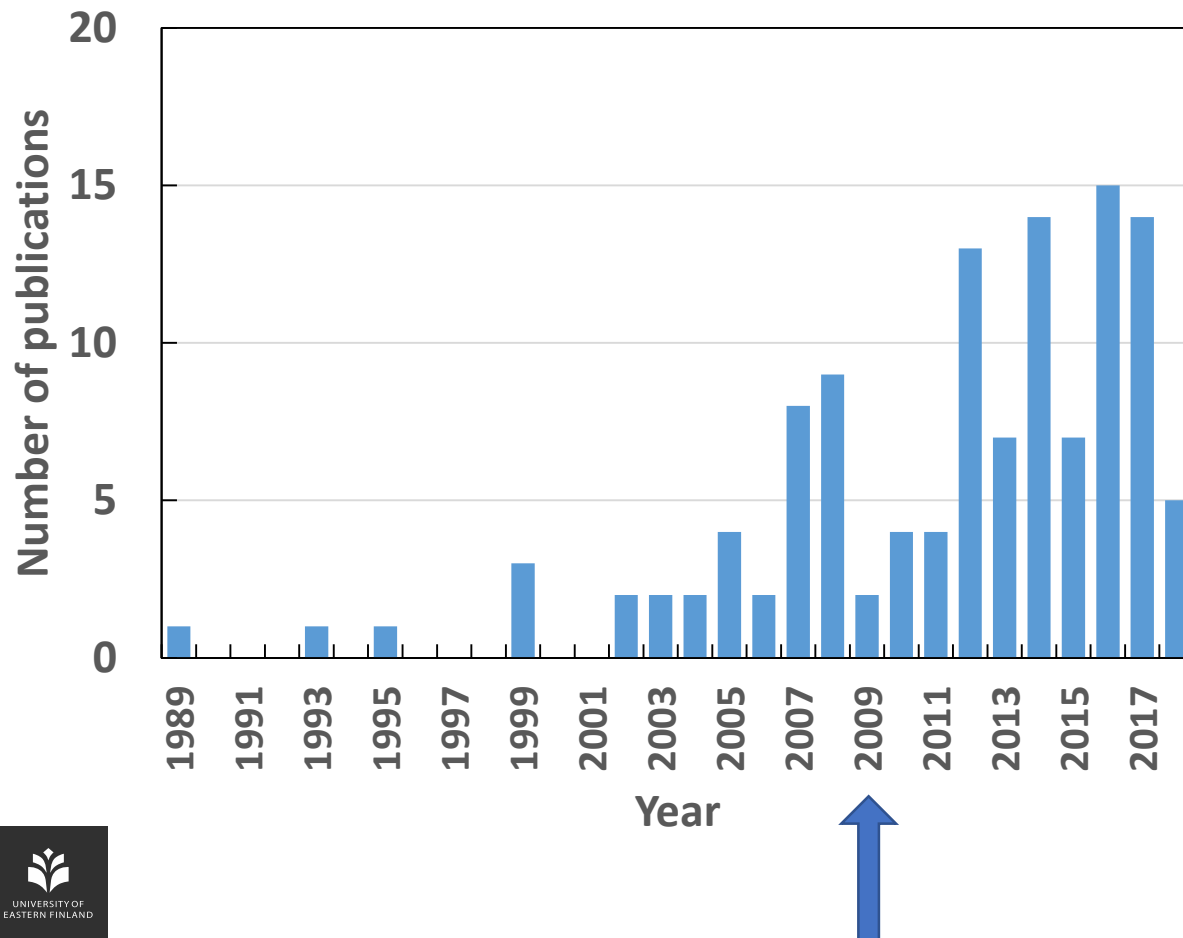
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Arctic N₂O emissions

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Large N₂O emissions from cryoturbated peat soil in tundra

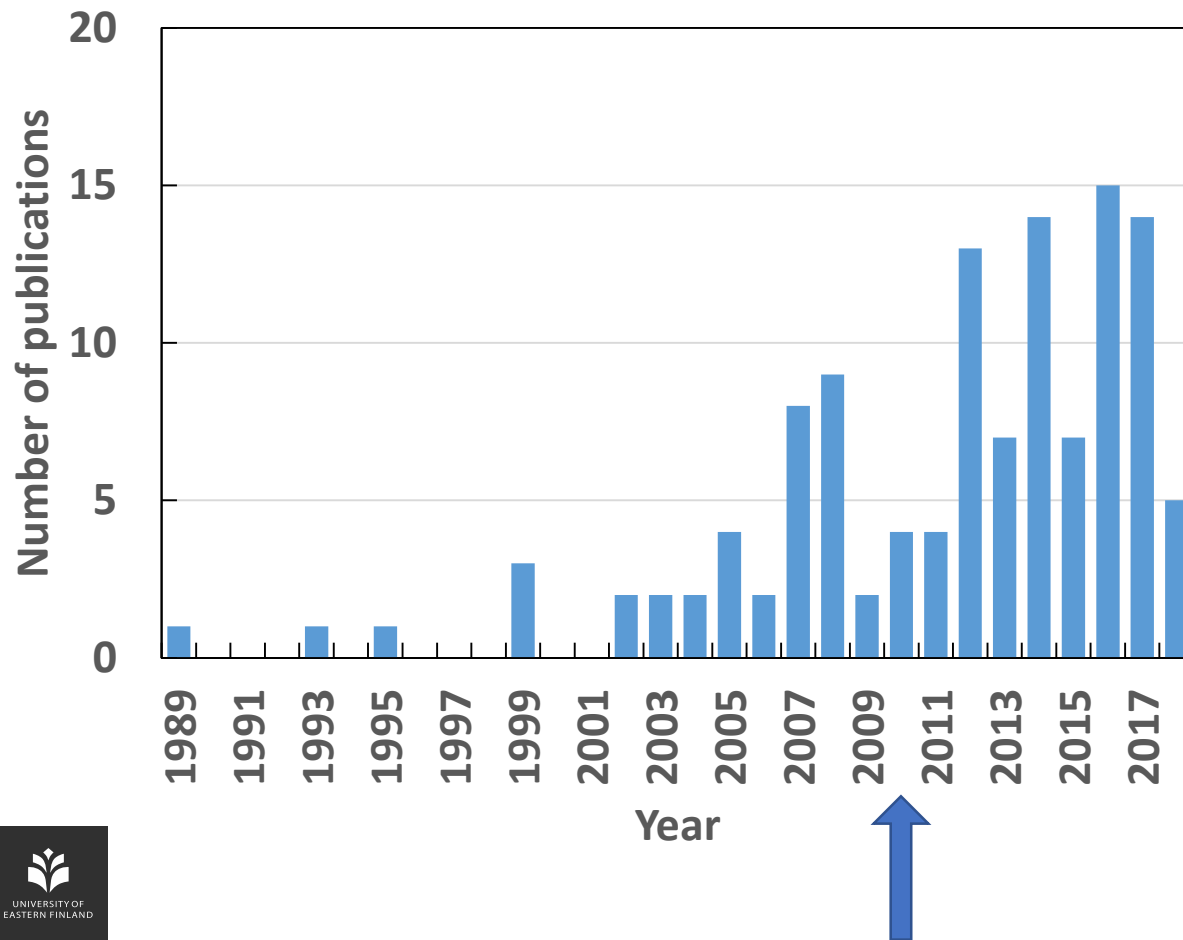
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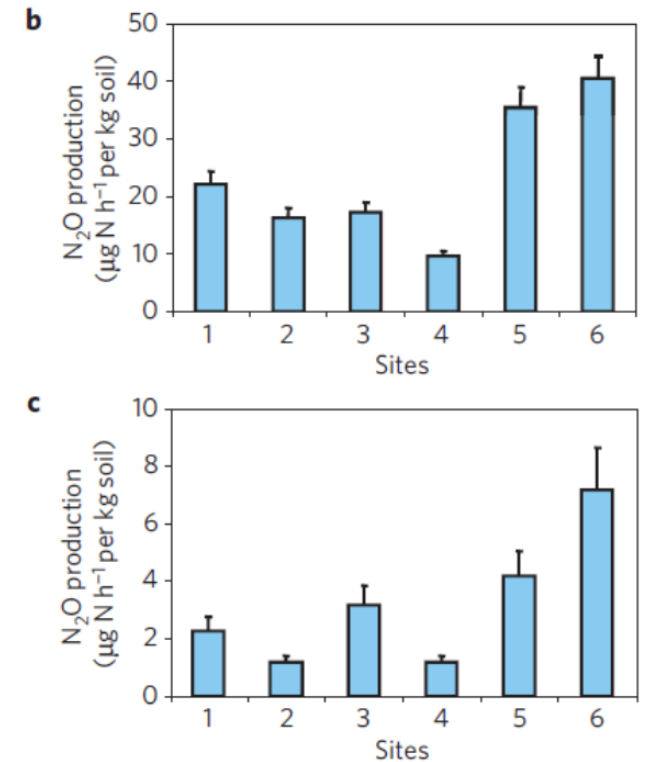
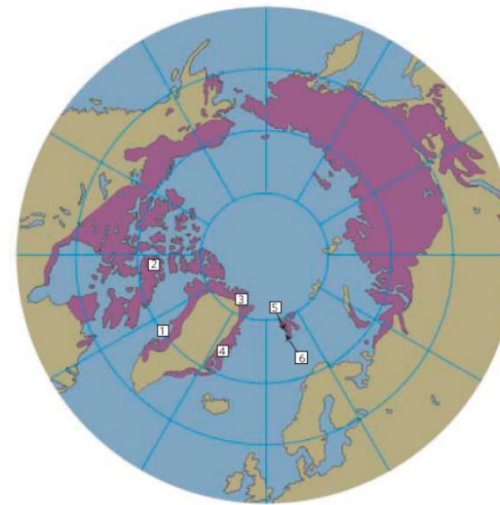
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High nitrous oxide production from thawing permafrost

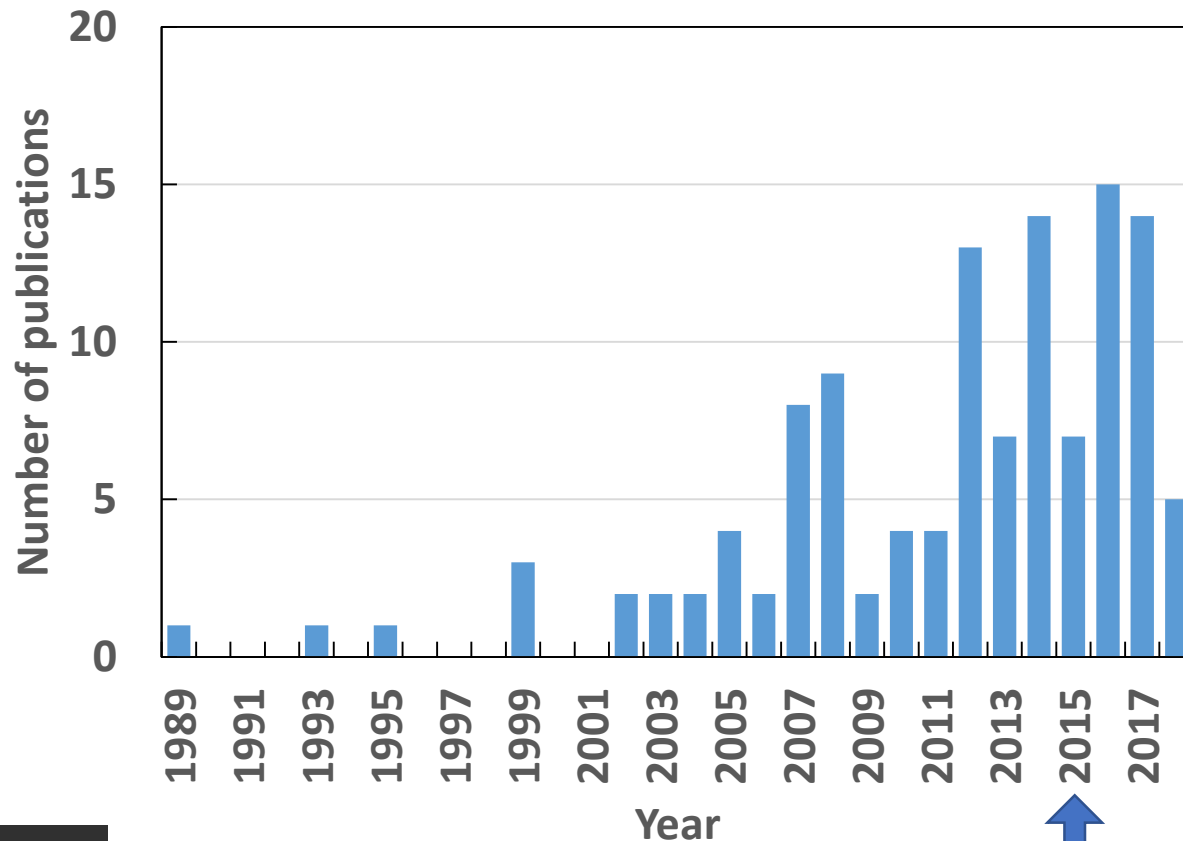
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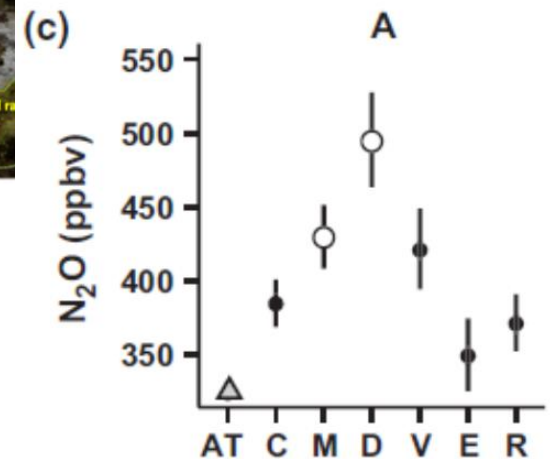
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Permafrost collapse alters soil carbon stocks, respiration, CH₄, and N₂O in upland tundra

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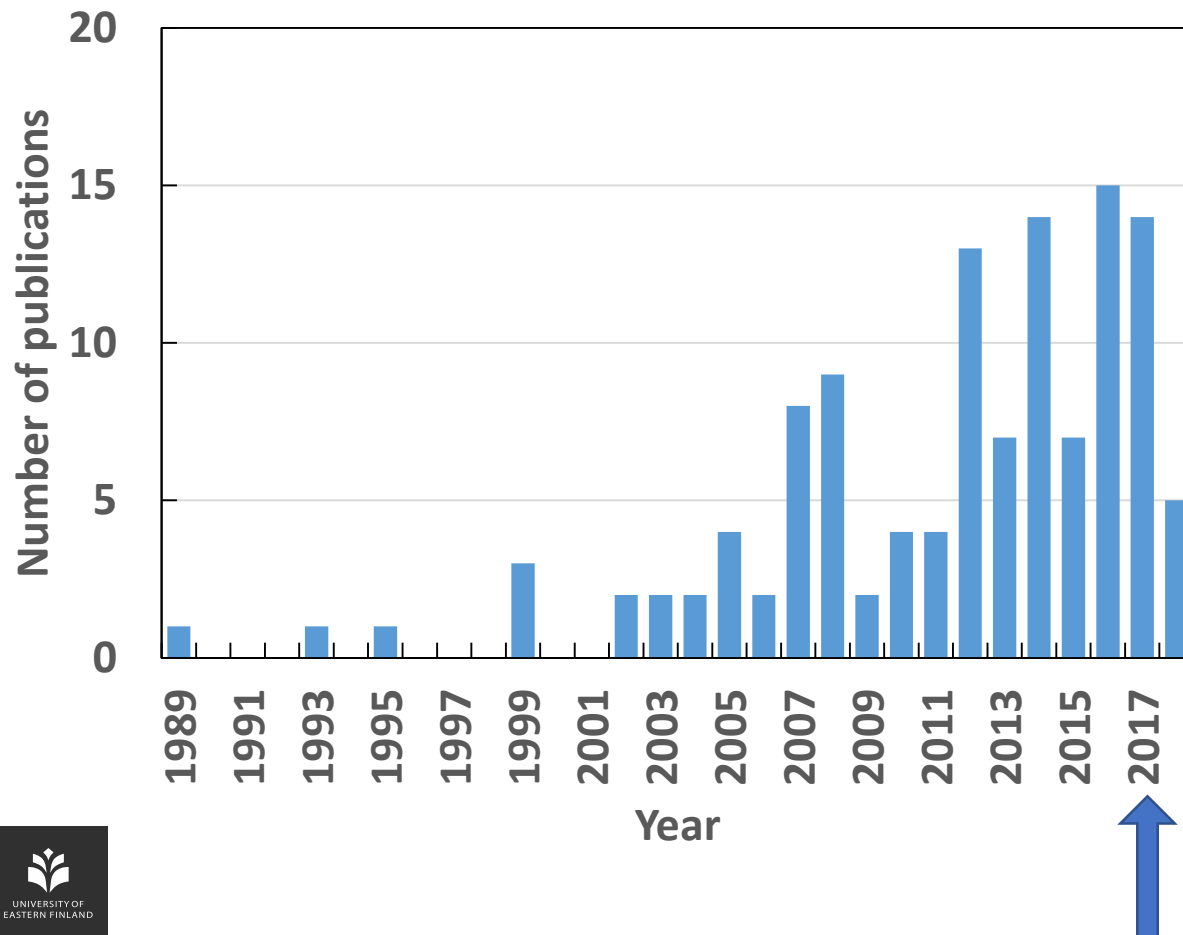


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Permafrost Nitrous Oxide Emissions Observed on a Landscape Scale Using Airborne Eddy Covariance Method

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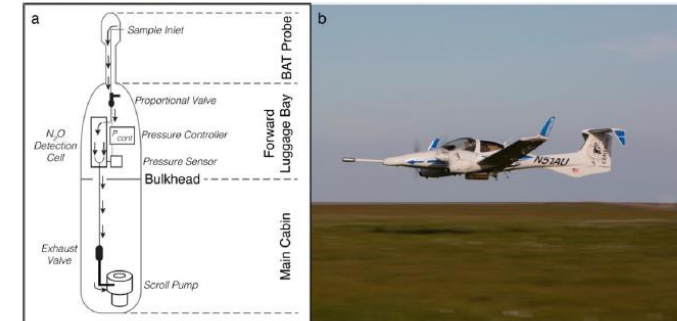
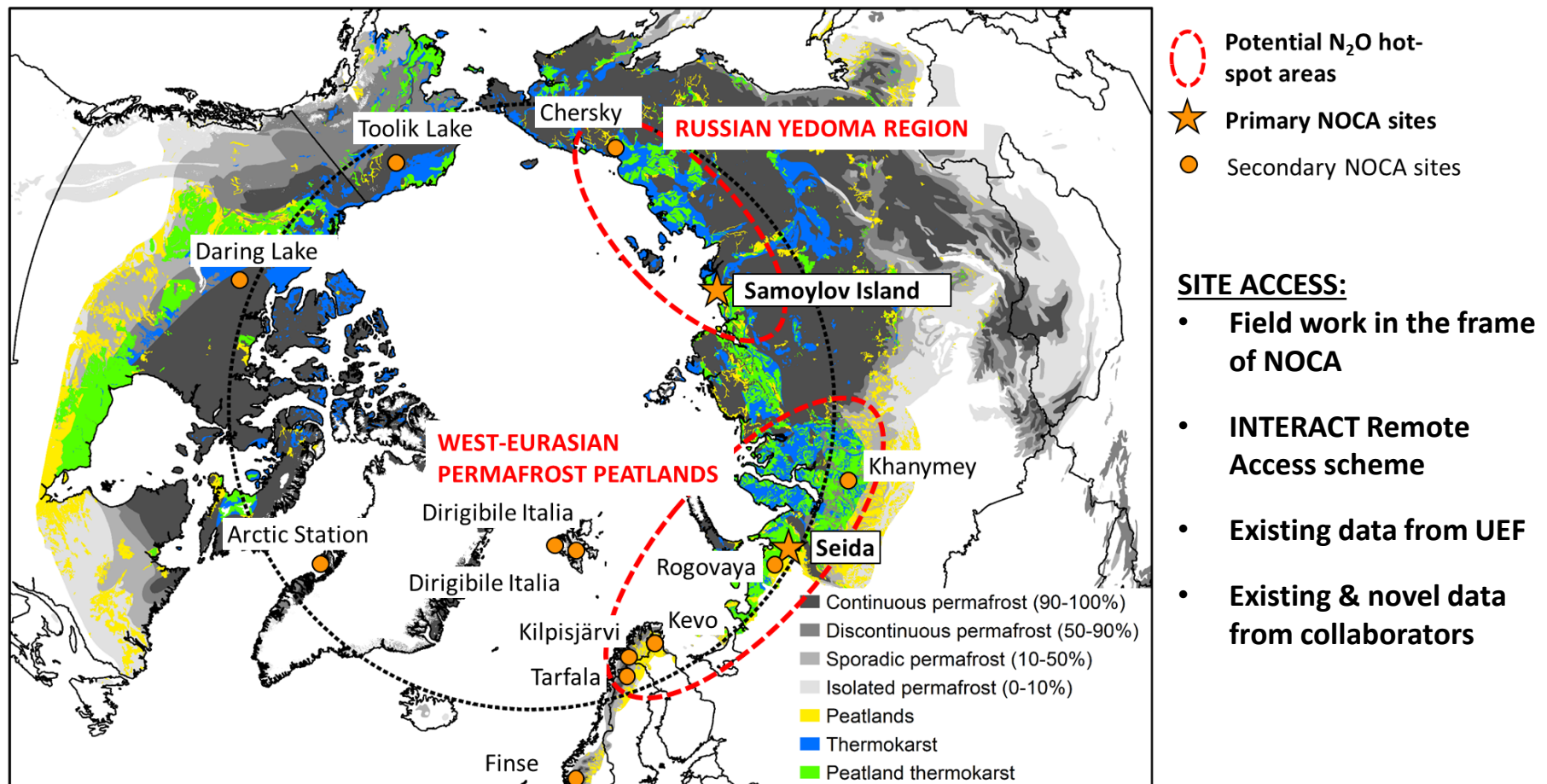


Figure 1. FOCAL during flight. **a.** Top-down schematic of the atmospheric gas sampling system. **b.** Photograph of the aircraft in flight. **Table 2:** Observed flux averages. Area covered is the footprint scope of the measurements made for each flight. Spatially averaged fluxes are presented with bootstrap-derived 90% confidence intervals in parentheses. Asterisks indicate mean flux is significantly greater than 0 $\mu\text{g N}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ($p < 0.01$).

Flight date DD HH	Area covered (km ²)	Mean N ₂ O flux ($\mu\text{g N}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)
25.18	90	0.05* (0.031, 0.082)
27.11	86	-0.01 (-0.035, 0.028)
27.19	22	0.015 (0.004, 0.032)
28.10	69	0.10* (0.068, 0.140)
28.15	44	0.04 (0.005, 0.080)
All flights	311	0.043* (0.025, 0.055)

Main aim of NOCA

...is to produce the first circumpolar N₂O budget



Modified from Voigt *et al.* (2017), *PNAS*.

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Tarfala: Radar measurements on a glacier in the winter. Photo: Peter Jansson

What is "Transnational Access" within INTERACT?

The INTERACT project under EU H2020 provides altogether 7800 person-days of Transnational Access (both physical and remote) in 2016-2020. Access is offered to [43 research stations](#) located in the [Arctic](#) and northern alpine and forest areas in Europe, Russia and North-America.

The sites represent a variety of glacier, mountain, [tundra](#), [boreal](#) forest, [peatland](#) and freshwater ecosystems, providing opportunities for researchers from natural sciences to human dimension.

Remote Access is a form of Transnational Access in which the user(s) do not visit the infrastructure/installation physically themselves; instead the staff of the infrastructure/installation is conducting the study/collecting the samples/doing the monitoring for the user(s) according to their research plan.

TA calls are open annually for scientists and research groups (=users/user groups) to apply Transnational Access.

Transnational Access includes:

- Free access for eligible user groups to research facilities and field sites
- Support for travel and logistics costs
- Free access to information and data in the public domain held at the infrastructures

Field protocol:

Determination of soil N₂O fluxes by a diffusion gradient method

Version 1



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Field template for INTERACT Remote Access project Arc-N₂O

Station:		Sampler:	
Date (dd.mm.yy)	Surface type:	Surface type photo no.	

AMBIENT AIR SAMPLING (FIELD PROTOCOL PAGE 4)

Ambient air sample no.	Syringe no.	Vial no.	Sample comment
1			
2			
3			

SOIL GAS SAMPLING (N₂O flux determination) (FIELD PROTOCOL PAGE 4)

Plot no.	Local time (hh:mm)	Sampling depth	Syringe no.	Vial no.	Sample comment
1		5 cm			
Plot coordinates	Plot photo no.	10 cm			
		20 cm			

Plot no.	Local time (hh:mm)	Sampling depth	Syringe no.	Vial no.	Sample comment
2		5 cm			
Plot coordinates	Plot photo no.	10 cm			
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3		5 cm			
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		20 cm			

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Remote Access Sampling 2018



Dirigibile Italia, Svalbard

Remote access to 8 INTERACT stations, 5 stations sent samples

- Focus in spatial screening of N₂O sinks and sources
- Measurements took place during peak growing season
- Quick and simple methods, successfully applied
 - Soil gas samples
 - Soil samples
 - Auxiliary data



Toolik Lake



Tarfala, Sweden

Finse station, Norway



Petuniabukta, Spitzbergen

Own field work in 2018

Two Russian peat plateaus sites: Seida and Rogovaya

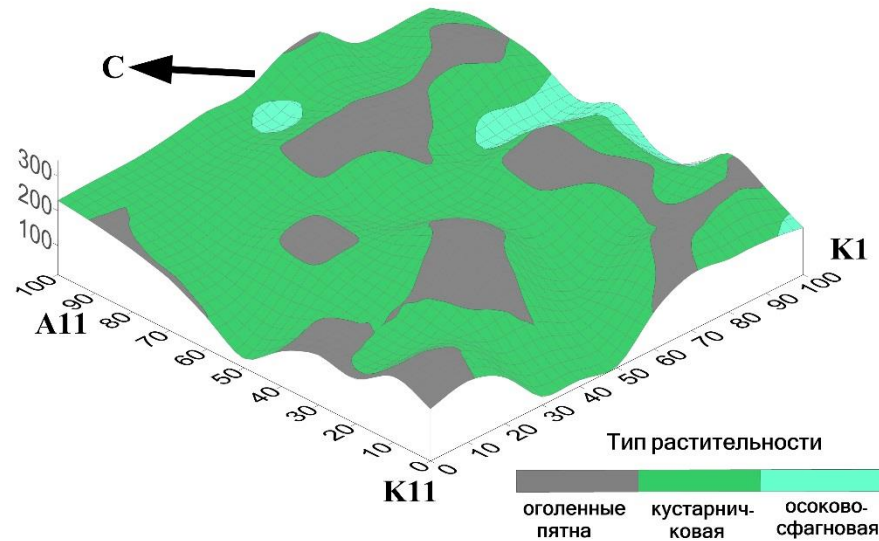


Several palsa mires in Finnish Lapland



Field work in key NOCA sites

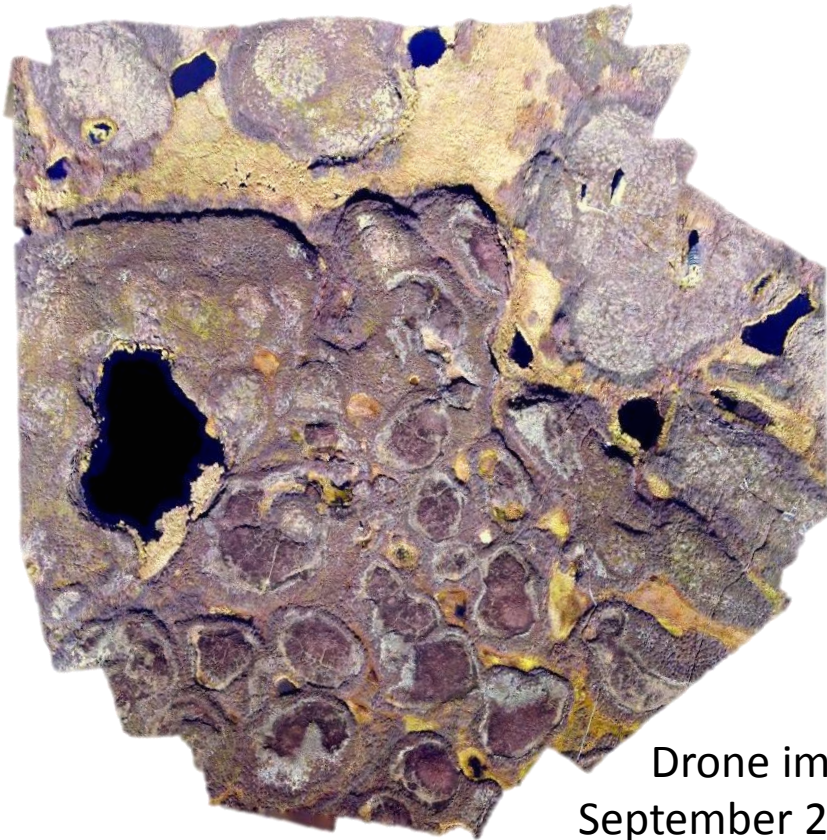
- Focus in spatial screening of N₂O sinks and sources
- Measurements during peak growing season
- Quick and simple methods, successfully applied in previous projects
 - Manual flux chambers
 - Soil gas sampling & diffusion calculation



Upscaling of N₂O sources and sinks

Seida, West Russian permafrost peatlands

- Drone imaging
- Complementary vegetation and soil surveys



Drone image:
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- Detailed vegetation & soil surveys within the area of previous drone images



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