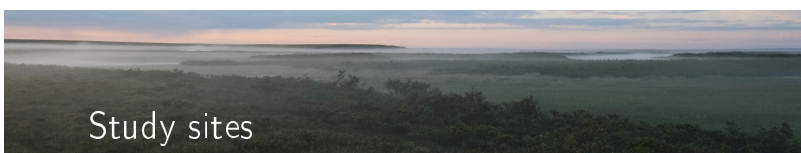


Der Einfluss verschiedener Vegetationstypen auf Oberflächentemperaturen und Auftautiefen



Study sites

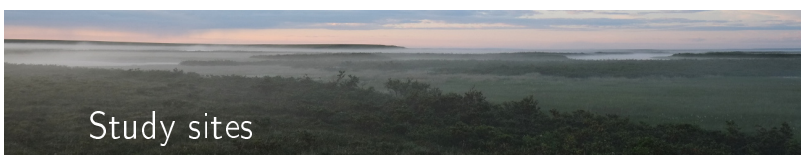


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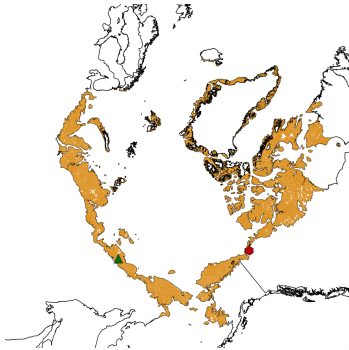
Kytalyk

- ▶ North-East Siberia
- ▶ Low Arctic
- ▶ Annual temperature:
−13 °C
- ▶ Active layer thickness:
15–55 cm
- ▶ Permafrost depth:
400–600 m

Romanovskii et al. (2004); van Huissteden et al. (2005); van der Molen et al. (2007)



Study sites



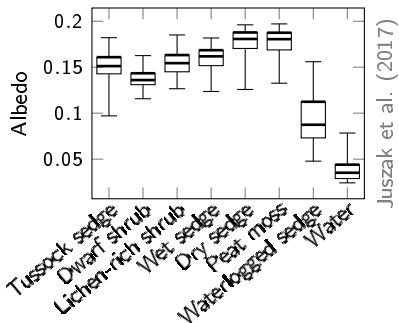
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Trail Valley Creek

- ▶ North-West Canada
- ▶ Low Arctic, tree line
- ▶ Active layer thickness:
25–100 cm
- ▶ Permafrost depth:
100–150 m

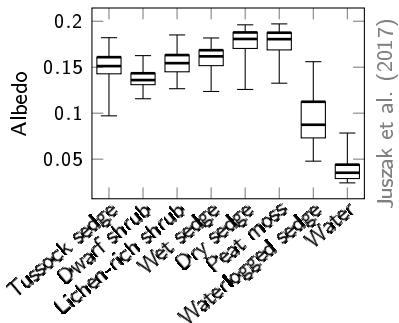
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Modelling results from Kytalyk: Vegetation – climate relationship

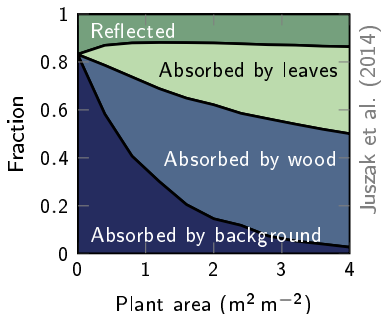


- ▶ Vegetation type affects all radiation budget components
- ▶ High spatial variability

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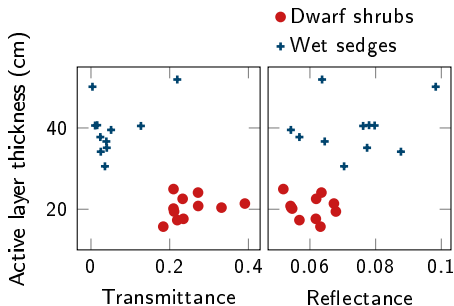


- ▶ Vegetation type affects all radiation budget components
- ▶ High spatial variability



- ▶ Vegetation density affects energy partitioning
- ▶ Wood plays a major part

Field measurements in Kytalyk: Climate – permafrost relationship



- ▶ Systematic difference between vegetation types
- ▶ No relationship within a single type
- ▶ Other drivers may be more important
- ▶ Soil moisture, snow, & evapotranspiration

Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek

- ▶ Covering different vegetation types
- ▶ Survey in thaw slumps



Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek

- ▶ Vegetation: species, height



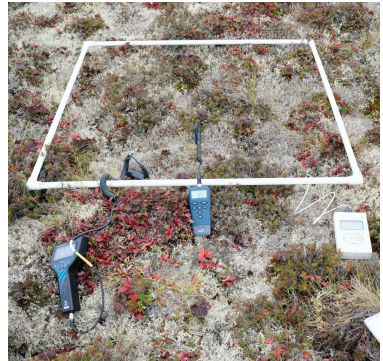
Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek

- ▶ Vegetation: species, height
- ▶ Climate: radiation, surface temperature

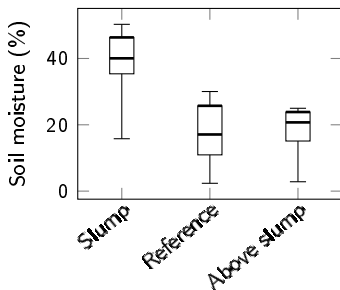
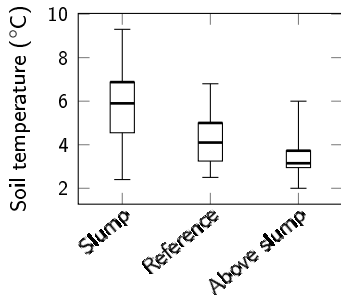


Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek

- ▶ Vegetation: species, height
- ▶ Climate: radiation, surface temperature
- ▶ Soil: thaw depth, thermal properties, temperature, heat flux

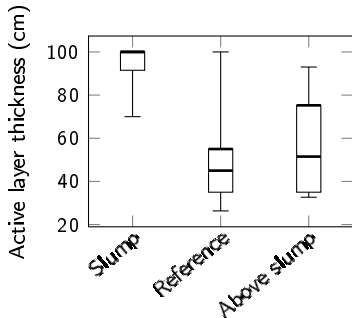


Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek: Thaw slump characteristics



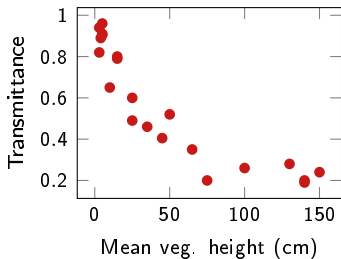
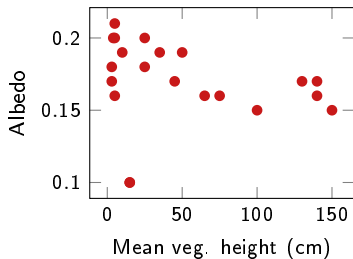
- Slumps are wet and warm

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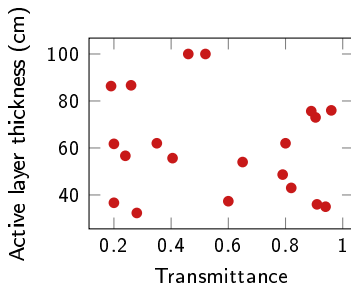
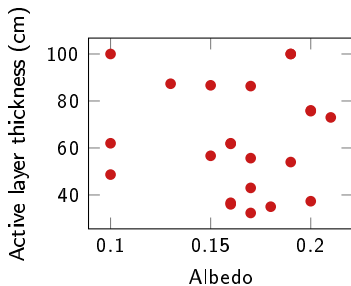
► Slumps thaw

Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek: Vegetation – climate relationship



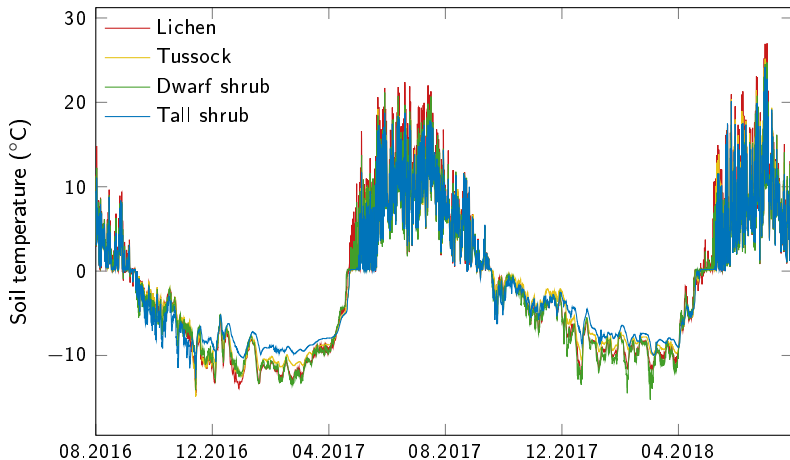
- ▶ Lowest albedo at water logged conditions
- ▶ Vegetation shades the soil

Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek: Climate – permafrost relationship

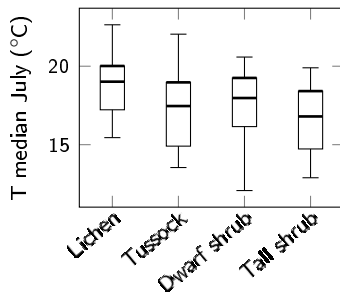
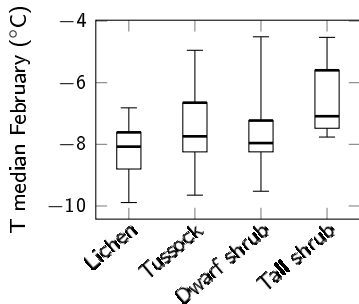


- ▶ Apparently no connection
- ▶ Confirms the (no-)result from Kytalyk

Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek: Soil surface temperature

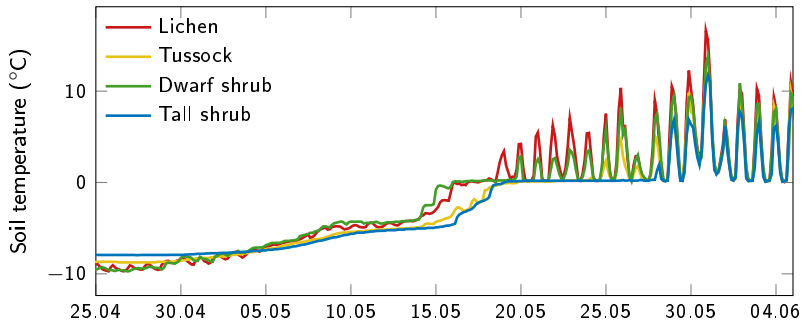


Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek: Soil surface temperature



- ▶ Tall shrub soil is warmest in winter and coldest in summer
- ▶ Lichen tundra has the strongest annual (and diel) variation

Field measurements in Trail Valley Creek: Soil surface temperature



- ▶ Tall shrubs collect snow
- ▶ Lichen and dwarf shrub tundra are similar



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