#### INTRODUCTION

The overall project addresses the effects on arctic vegetation of continental-scale gradients and regional-scale variation in substrate. This portion of the project is variation along a climate gradient in western Alaska that traverses three major phytogeographic subzones of the Tundra Zone: southern hypoarctic, northern hypoarctic, and arctic (Yurtsev 1994) (Figure 1). There are two primary goals:

Examine transitions in the zonal plant communities, biomass, LAI, and NDVI along climate gradient from the coast to the foothills and
 Examine the effects of different geological substrates on these same

In summer of 1998, we established 1-ha grids at six sites for intensive study of the and spectral properties. This poster presents general descriptions of the sites with selected from the 1998 surveys. More detailed studies of NDVI, LAI, and biomass at these sites others are planned for 1999. We will eventually relate this information to the work of other ATLAS investigators who are examining climate, soils, snow properties, and fluxes at the same sites.

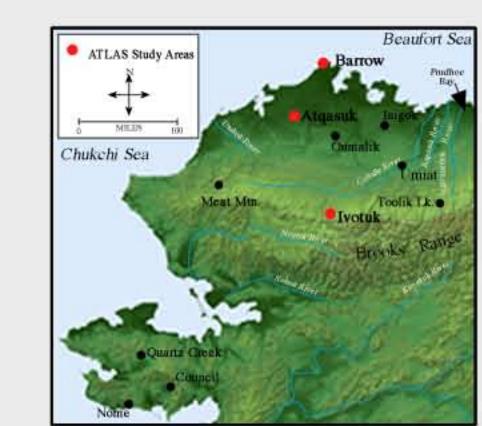


Figure 1. Location map.

#### Figure 2. Barrow gird (coastal acidic tundra).

This grid is located east of the CMDL site near Oechel's Barrow flux tower. It is located on a fairly homogenous flat residual surface (unaffected by thaw-lake processes). Most of the surface is either featureless or has flat-centered ice-wedge polygons. The primary plant community is <code>Saxifraga cernua-Carex aquatilis</code> (Elias, Short et al. 1996). This type commonly occurs on moderately drained, zonal sites near the coast. This moist tundra type is dominated by graminoids (Alopecurus alpinus, Carex aquatilis, Dupontia fisheri, Eriophorum angustifolium, Poa arctica), forbs (Cardamine pratensis, Cerastium jenisejense, Chrysosplenium tetrandrum, Petasites frigidus, Saxifraga cernua, S. hirculis, S. hieracifolia, S. nelsoniana, Stellaria laeta), and mosses (Oncophorus wahlenbergii, Polytrichastrum alpinum, Polytrichum strictum and Sarmentypnum sarmentosum). Prostrate and semi-erect willows (Salix rotundifolia, S. planifolia ssp. pulchra) are common in some areas. The unit is approximately equivalent to Type 7 (Walker 1977) and Noda IV (Webber 1978). The phenology of the vegetation was insufficiently advanced at Barrow to sample a relevé or determine the percentage cover of plant species.

Figure 3. Atqasuk grid (sandy acidic tussock tundra). This grid is located on a broad flat stabilized sandy plain near the west end of the Atgasuk runway. The site is typical of residual surfaces unaffected by thaw-lake processes in the sand region of the Arctic Coastal Plain. The site is notable for its total lack of any nonsorted circles (frost sears). This is typical of tussock tundra in the sand region, but very unusual elsewhere on the Arctic Coastal Plain. The lack of cryoturbation promotes a leached soil and species-poor vegetation. The dominant community is tussock tundra with small tussocks (<15 cm high), ( Relevé A-1, Ledum palustressp. decumbens-Eriophorum vaginatum). Only six vascular species were recorded in the relevé of this site ( Eriophorum vaginatum, Ledum palustre ssp. decumbens, Vaccinium vitis-idaea, Cassiope tetragon, Pedicularis lapponica, and Carex bigelowii ). The moss canopy is poorly developed (Aulacomnium turgidum, Dicranum elongatum, Oncophorus wahlenbergii, Polytrichum strictum, Sphagnum compactum). Lichens are common between the tussocks, but are generally in poor condition. Common lichen species include Alectoria nigricans, Bryocaulon divergens, Cladonia stygia, Cetraria cucullata, C. laevigata, and Ochrolechia frigida. This community type is equivalent to Unit 8 of Map 2 of (Komárková and Webber 1980). In slightly moister areas, Carex bigelowii is the dominant sedge.

Figure 4. Ivotuk-1 grid (shrubby acidic tussock tundra). This grid is located on a gentle (4°) east-facing slope (shoulder to midslope) of a very old (mid-Pleistocene?) outwash deposit. The shrubby tussock tundra is typical of many acidic sites on broad slopes in the region and is considered the zonal vegetation for the Ivotuk region. The site has numerous nonsorted circles and a few weakly developed water tracks. The dominant vegetation is a shrubby version of tussock tundra with abundant dwarf and low shrubs (Betula nana, Salix planifolia ssp. pulchra, Ledum palustre ssp. decumbens, Rubus chamaemorus, Vaccinium uliginosum, V. vitis-idaea) (Relevé I-1A, Betula nana ssp. exilis-Eriophorum vaginatum) The height of many of the willows and dwarf birch exceeds 40 cm. The moss canopy includes Aulacomnium turgidum, Dicranum spadiceum, Hylocomium splendens, Pleurozium schreberi, Sphagnum girgensohnii, S. lenense, and S. warnstrofii). The vegetation is broadly equivalent to the acidic Sphagno-Eriophoretum vaginati (Walker et al. 1994) described from Toolik Lake and elsewhere on the Arctic Slope, but it is shrubbier. The nonsorted circles are acidic and have a plant community dominated by the crustose liverwort. Anthelia juratzkana, and the rushes Juncus biglumis, and Luzula arctica. (Relevé I-1B, Anthelia juratzkana-Luzula arctica.)

Figure 5. Ivotuk-2 grid (shrub tundra, water track complex). This grid has several plant communities associated with a small water-track complex on a gentle (4-6°) east-facing slope. The plant communities span the transition from tussock tundra to shrubby water tracks. There are also small areas of nonacidic tundra with nonsorted circles. The best developed portions of the water tracks are in areas marginal to the actual tracks with flowing water. These have the plant community Eriophorum angustifolium-Salix planifoliassp. pulchra) (Relevé I-2A). This community has tall willows exceeding 80 cm tall, and a fairly rich understory consisting of Eriophorum angustifolium, Pedicularis langsdorfii, Petasites frigidus, Polemonium acutiflorum, Pyrola grandiflora, Rubus chamaemorus, Saxifraga nelsoniana, Stellaria laeta, and Valeriana capitata. The common mosses include Aulacomnium palustre, Calliergon stramineum, Dicranum angustum, D. elongatum, Hylocomium splendens, Plagiomnium ellipticum, Sanionia uncinata, Sphagnum girgensohnii, S. teres, and Tomentypnum nitens. This community is equivalent to the Eriophorum angustifolium-Salix pulchra community described from Toolik. Lake (Walker et al. 1994). Stable areas marginal to the water tracks have deep moss carpets with a dwarf birch community ( Relevé I-2B, Rubus chamaemorus-Betula nana). This community is equivalent to the Sphagno-Eriophoretum vaginati betuletosum nanae subass, described from Toolik Lake (Walker et al. 1994). The central portion of water tracks with flowing water have a community with relatively few shrubs and are usually dominated by Eriophorum angustifolium, (Relevé I-2C, Eriophorum angustifolium-Salix planifoliassp. pulchra)

Figure 6. Ivotuk-3 (moist nonacidic tundra complex). This grid contains a complex of nonacidic tundra types that is associated with a small flat limestone outcrop. The outcrop is about a 2-m high terrace. It includes dry tundra on the outcrop, a shallow nonacidic snowbed downslope of the outcrop, and an area of gelifluction lobes and flarks (small ponds between the gelifluction lobes) that is associated with wetter soils downslope of the snowbed. Drier portions of the grid that are unaffected by the snow drift have nonsorted stripes and abundant nonsorted circles. The dominant vegetation is moist nonacidic tundra associated with the gelifluction lobes (Relevé I-3A, Dryas integrifolia-Carex bigelowii This tundra is equivalent to the Dryado integrifoliae-Caricetum bigelowii equisetosum arvensis subassociation described from Toolik Lake (Walker et al. 1994). This horsetail-rich variation of nonacidic tundra often occurs downslope of snowbeds on circumneutral mesic uplands and hillslopes in association with fine calcium-rich soils. Common plants include. Arctous rubra, Carex bigelowii, C. membranacea, Dryas integrifolia, Equisetum arvense, E. scripoidea, Eriophorum triste, Kobresia sibirica, Papaver macounii, Parrya nudicaulis, Pedicularis arctoeuropea, Pedicularis capitatum, Polygonum viviparum, Pyrola grandiflora, Salix arctica, S. reticulata , Thalictrichum alpinum. The moss carpet is dominated by Tomentypnum nitens, Hylocomium splendens, Catescopium nigritum, Meesia uliginosum, Orthothecium chryseum, Aulacomnium acuminatum, A. turgidum, Dicranum spadiceum, D. acutifolium and numerous liverworts (e.g., Ptilidium ciliare, Lophozia jurensis, L. ventricosa, Tritomaria quiquedentata ). The flarks have abundant algae Nostoc commune and a variety of mosses.

The dry nonsorted stripes have a complex of vegetation communities. The most common community is a dry forb-rich nonacidic tundra, ( Relevé I-3B Novosieversia-Dryas integrifolia This community is dominated by Dryas integrifolia and is rich in other vascular plants (32 recorded species). An unusual aspect of this type compared to nonacidic tundra in the Toolik Lake region is the abundance of Kobresia myosuroides. This may be a good analog for Beringian steppe tundra found in the guts of Pleistocene grazers and areas on the Seward that were buried by tephra (Goetcheus and Birks, 1999 in press). The nonsorted circles on the stripes ( Relevé I-3C, Saxifraga oppositifolia-Pertussaria dactylinaare relatively barren and are dominated by Saxifraga oppositifolia, Carex capillaris, and a wide variety of lichens (e.g., Pertussaria spp., Lecanora epibryon, Flavocetraria spp., Thamnolia spp., Ochrolechia frigida).

Figure 7. Ivotuk-4 grid (mossy acidic tussock tundra). This grid has homogeneous acidic tussock tundra with abundant Sphagnum moss (Relevé I-4, Sphagnum lenense-Eriophorum vaginatum). This unit is similar to Ivotuk 1, but has dwarf shrubs less than 25 cm tall, few nonsorted circles (<1% cover), abundant Sphagnum moss in the intertussock spaces, and is species poor (10 vascular plants in Relevé I-4). The unit is common on old uplands sites that lack input of nutrients from upslope. The dominant dwarf shrubs are Ledum palustre ssp. decumbens and Rubus chamaemorus with less amounts of Betula nana and Vaccinium vitis-idaea. The dominant mosses are Sphagnum lenense on the sides of tussocks, S. balticum between the tussocks and in depressions, and Warnstorfia fluitans in the deepest depressions covering stablized frost scars.

## A WESTERN ALASKAN TRANSECT TO EXAMINE INTERACTIONS OF CLIMATE, SUBSTRATE, VEGETATION, AND SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE: ATLAS GRIDS AT BARROW, ATQASUK, AND IVOTUK, ALASKA, 1998

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#### APPROACH AND RESULTS

The focus is onzonal vegetation, which occurs on stable mesic sites unaffected by extremes soil moisture, snow, or other site factors, and which best reflects the regional climate.

During the summer of 1998, six 100 x 100-m grids were surveyed along a climatic transect Barrow to Ivotuk Figure 1). Three of these (Barrow, Atqasuk, and Ivotuk-1; Figures 2-4) represent the zonal vegetation within the three phytogeographic subzonevotuk-2 (Figure 5) is a shrub-tundra site typical of well-watered hill slopes in the southern hypoarctlevotuk-3 (Figure 6) is representative of nonacidic vegetation occurring on limestone outcrops in the subzone. This is of special interest because of the importance of calcium-rich tundras to ecosystems [Walker, 1998; Walker, 1999]. Ivotuk-4 (Figure 7) is a moss-rich tussock tundra site representative of relatively nutrient-poor sites that are topographically from input of nutrients. Two additional sites will be surveyed at Oumalik in 1999 on a nonacidic loess site and an acidic upland.

Information on complete plant-species composition and soils were obtained from 10x10-m (relevés) within the grids. Plant species data from Atqasuk and Ivotuk relevés are presented in a sorted table to emphasize differences in the species composition on acidic and substrates (Table I). Site factors and soil information were collected from the same plots, and a summary of selected set site factors and soil information parameters are shown Table II.

Accurate measurement of plant-species cover was determined using and optical point (Buckner sampler). Plant species were recorded at 4 points at each grid point (484 total points) the top and bottom of the plant canopy. These data are summarized according to plant types in Table III. Moss depth, tussock height, and canopy height were also recorded at point (Table IV). Barrow was not sampled during 1998 because of the early phenological of the plant cover when the site was visited in late June. This site will be sampled in July

Clip harvests were collected from ten 10 x 50 cm plots within each grid for biomass (**Table V**). Three soil cores were collected from the same plots for belowground biomass

Vegetation at sites I-2, I-3 and I-4 were mapped from oblique 35-mm color aerial photographs. The view of the sites was converted to a vertical view using ENVI and Photoshop software adjusting the distance between all grid points to be equ(Figure 8). Plant communities were recorded at 121 grid points in each grid, and this information was used to create a land-cover classification.

#### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Trends along the climate gradient:

Data from Barrow and Oumalik are needed to draw conclusions regarding the effects of climate gradient. These data will be obtained in 1999 and compared with similar data from Kuparuk River Basin.

Effects of substrate differences:

Species richness: There is much greater species richness (total species number) on moist nonacidic sites (59 taxa) compared to moist acidic sites (mean of 35 taxa). The sites nutrient-poor soils (A-1 and I-4) had the fewest species (30 and 33 respectively). numbers are very similar to richness numbers from the Kuparuk River basin (Walker, et al.

∑Species overlap: There is very little overlap of species occurring in moist acidic and nonacidic sites. Cassiope tetragon, Bistorta bistortoidesand Eriophorum vaginatum were the only vascular plants with multiple occurrences that grew on both substrates; there were 17 vascular taxa occurring only on the nonacidic substrates. There were vascular taxa that occurred only on acidic substrates. This is also consistent with observations (Walker et al. 1999 in press, Walker et al. 1994).

SCanopy structure: Moist nonacidic tundra has less cover of low shrubs and erect shrubs (8.4% vs. 65.3% cover), but greater cover of prostrate dwarf shrubs Dryas integrifolia and Salix reticulata) (26.5% vs. 0%). It also has shorter plant canopies (17 vs 24 cm). Tussock graminoids (Eriophorum vaginatum) are much more common in the acidic tundra (23.6% cover vs. 4% in nonacidic tundra). In nonacidic tundra, there is much cover of forbs (5.8% vs. 1.9%) and horsetails (3.4% vs. 0).

∑Biomass: There was much higher aboveground biomass in the moist acidic tundra (618 g²) compared to moist nonacidic tundra (340 g m̂). This is consistent with biomass data on acidic and nonacidic sites at Sagwon, Alaska (Walker et al. 1999 in press). There is also much belowground biomass in the acidic tundra (369 g m̂vs. 63 g m²). Most of the difference is due to greater biomass of erect shrubs in the acidic tundra (data not shown). Biomass of

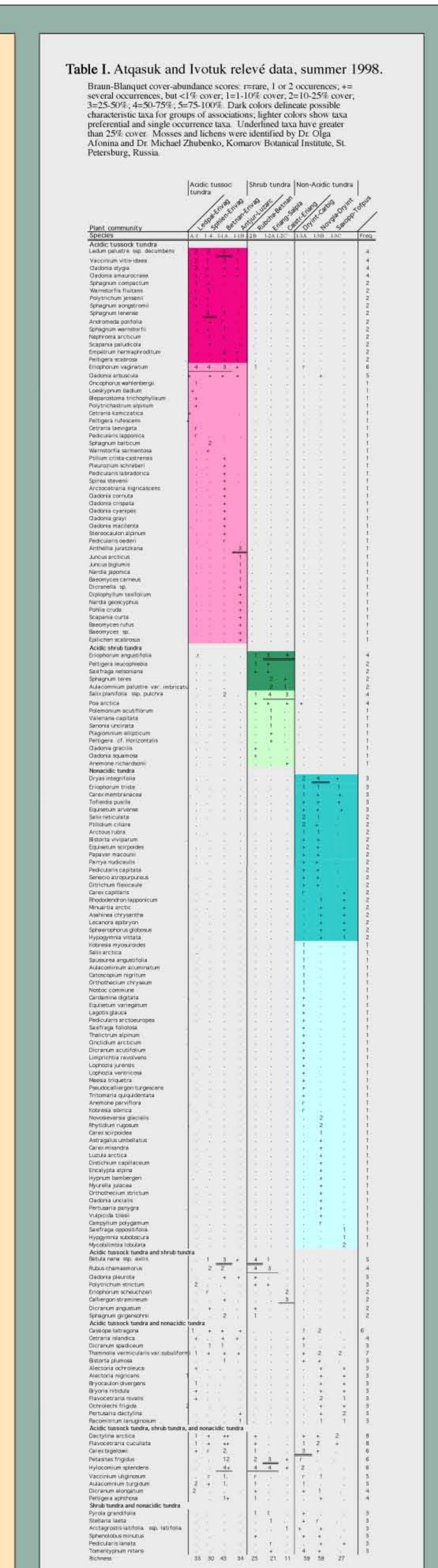
ECryoturbation and active layers Nonsorted circles and stripes cover about 19.8% of the nonacidic site, but these are confined to the drier portion of the grid. Nonsorted circles uncommon in the portion of the grid with solifluction features. Nonsorted circles cover 4.1% of the acidic site. This is considerably greater than that observed in other acidic sites the Kuparuk River basin (Bockheim, et al. 1998). Early-July thaw was much deeper at nonacidic site (54 cm vs. 27 cm in the inter-hummock spaces). This was consistent observations from the Kuparuk basin (Nelson, et al. 1998). There was a total absence of scars (nonsorted circles) on the acidic sandy soils at the Atqsuk site. Frost scars were also uncommon at 1-4. These two were the sites with fewest species, shallowest thaw, short plant canopies. Sandy soils were not encountered in the Kuparuk River basin and was ubiquitous throughout the basin on loess-derived soils.

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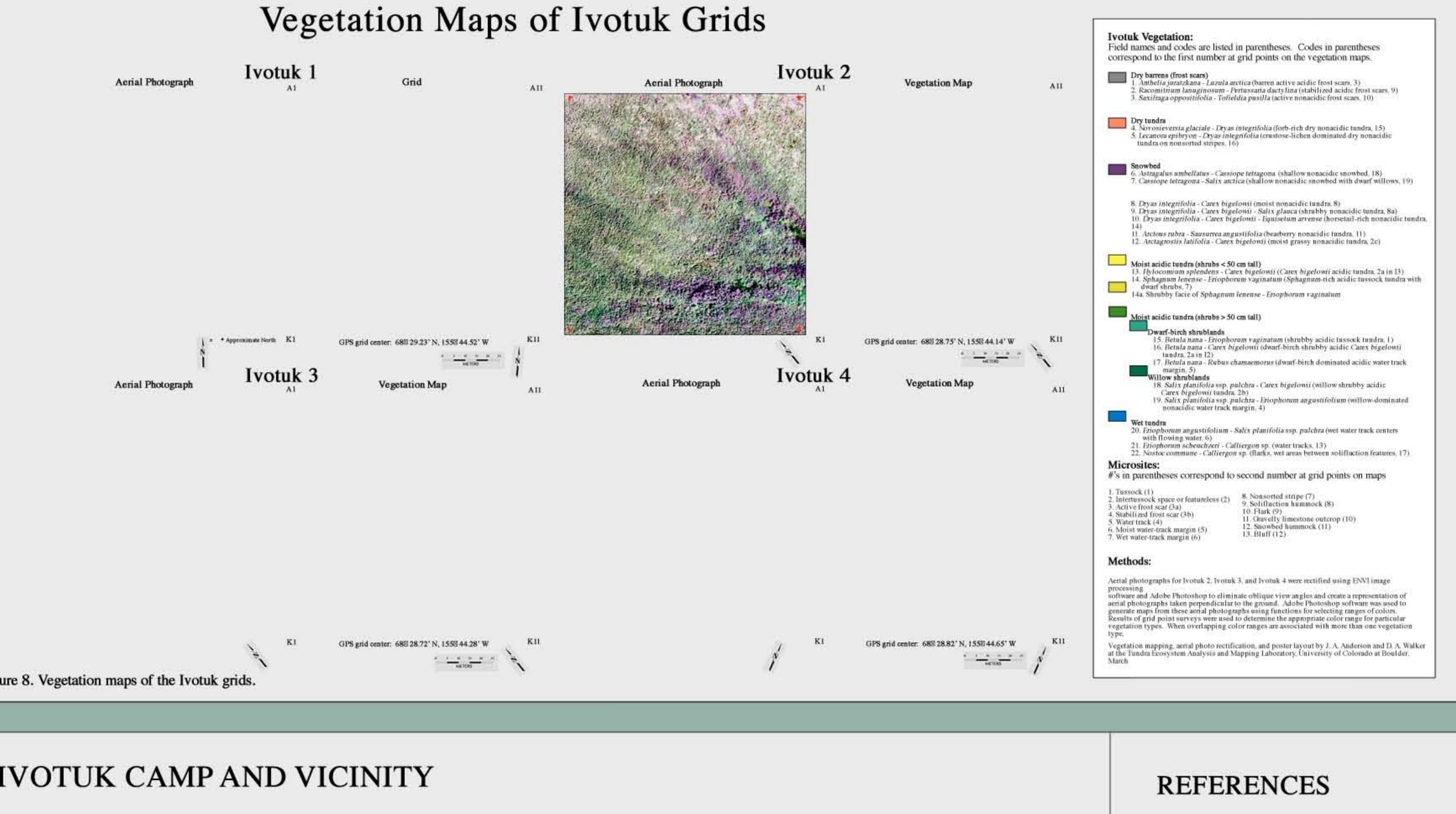
The absence of cryoturbation in sandy areas and on older landscapes could be very important for limiting recycling of calcium and other nutrients to the soil surface horizons, and promoting development of deep organic layers. The finding of abunda Mobresia myosuroides on these moist nonacidic sites suggest that these sites may be good analogues for vegetation covered much of Beringia during the Pleistocene. Landscape evolution likely has nonacidic tundra areas to peaty tussock tundra during the Pleistocene. The finding of modern analogues has special relevance to the history of megafauna and man on the Slope (Kunz and Mann, 1997).

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### Figure 8. Vegetation maps of the Ivotuk grids. IVOTUK CAMP AND VICINITY Figure 10. Members of the Ivotuk Camp during the vegetation surveys. From the left Figure 9. Ivotuk Camp and Ivotuk Hills. The camp is situated at the end of runway built in Francie Peterzen, Steve Peterzen (camp manager), Jason Beringer, Catharine Copass, Skip 1979 to service the Lisburne No. 1 test well, in the sourthern part of the National Petroleum Walker, Erika Edwards, Terry Chapin. Photo by Andy Lillie. Reserve-Alaska. The Ivotuk Hills are predominantly limestone of the Lisburne Formation. The Figure 12. Andy Lillie measuring peat thickness at the Figure 13. Steve Peterzen fishing on Otuk Creek. Figure 11. Australian in the Alaska outback. Figure 14. Golden eagle fledglings overlooking Otuk The creek is an area of exceptional wildlife Creek. The Brooks Range is in the background Jason Beringer with a mess of char. concentration. Grizzly bear, wolf, and caribou regularly

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