

# RESPONSE

REmote Sensing of POlar Non-glaciated and Sensitive Environments



## EnMAP Hyperspectral Imager



thanks for your contributions



Greening of the Arctic (GOA)

University of Fairbanks Alaska



Earth's Cryosphere Institute  
Moscow-Tyumen



4<sup>th</sup> National EnMAP User Workshop  
final presentations of EnMAP Projects 2010-2013

## hyARCVeG hyperspectral method development for ARctic VEGetation biomes

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Thesis  
eingereicht!  
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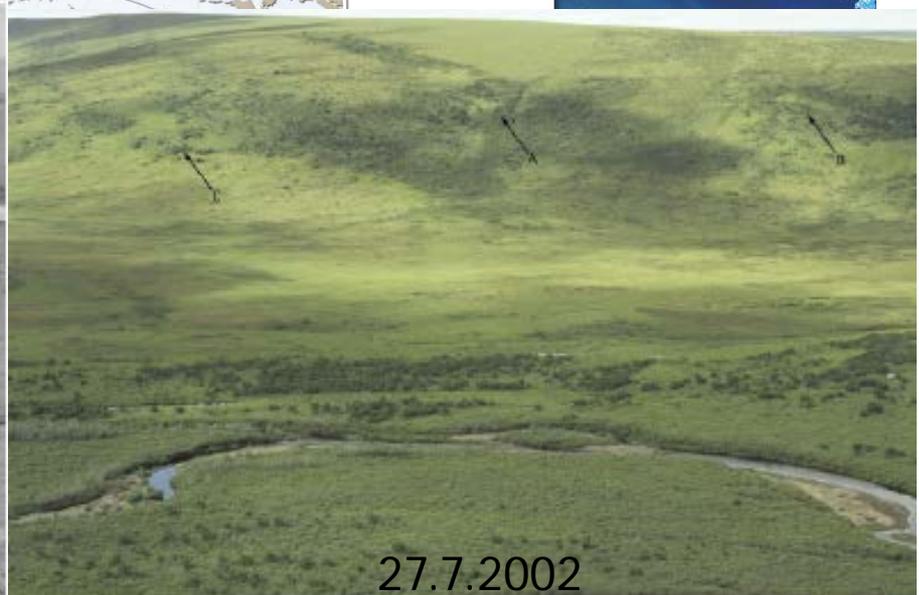
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A screenshot of the AWI website. At the top left is the UNEP GRID Arendal logo with the tagline 'Environmental Knowledge for Change'. Below it is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, PROGRAMMES, MAPS &amp; GRAPHICS, PHOTO LIBRARY, PUBLICATIONS, and NEWS &amp; FEATURES. On the left side, there are links for Overview, By region, and By theme. The main content area features a title 'Trends in Arctic vegetation productivity 1982-2005 (Greening of the Arctic)' and a small map of the Arctic region. A note says 'More information and download links below the graphic.'



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The Arctic tundra is one of Earth's few remaining wilderness areas, but shows an increase in the productivity, or "greenness"

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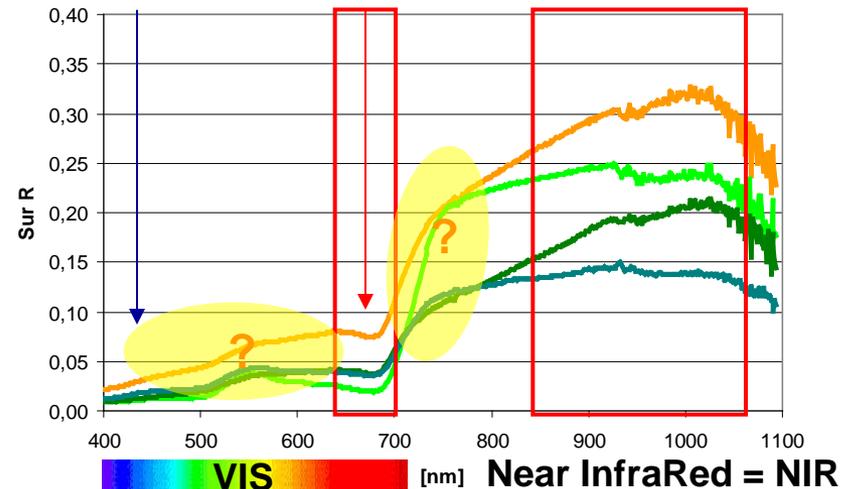


## Many open research questions for optical RS applications

- are broadband RS Vegetation Indices<sub>tundra</sub> (like NDVI, LAI or fAPAR) directly linked to vegetation structure and biomass in Arctic biomes?
- Can the intense vegetation colouring at high latitudes be used? development of VIS applications?
- What are the effects of high Sun Zenith angles SZA and low canopy structure ?
- ....

main pigment  
blue & red  
absorption  
bands

vegetation height,  
structure, moisture →  
(multiple) NIR  
scattering



Sur R = surface reflectance  
(Lena Delta, polygonal wet tundra, subzone C)

Vegetation Indices ( $VI_{tundra}$ ),

Leaf-Area-Indices ( $LAI_{tundra}$ )

fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetically Active Radiation ( $fAPAR_{tundra}$ )

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## EnMAP PhD–Marcel Buchhorn (2010-2013): **OUTCOME**

Hyperspectral Imager



**Hyperspectral Arctic Vegetation Indices hyARCVeG:**  
to technically investigate & optimize satellite-derived vegetation parameters for tundra

see **ManTIS**  
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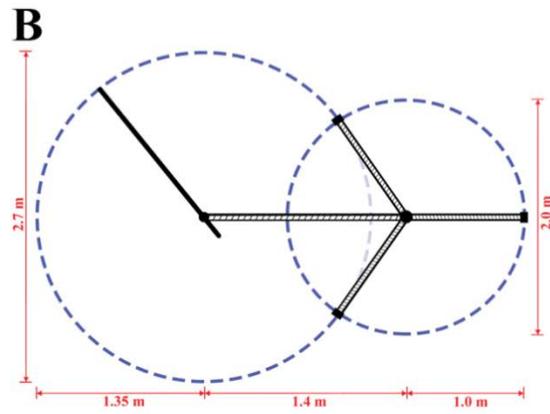
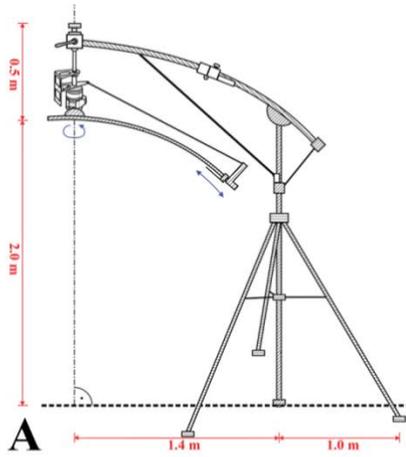
**AWI-Patent:** EnMAP spezifisches Geländegoniometer **ManTIS** 2011 eingereicht, 2012 auf internationale Patentanmeldung ausgeweitet. **Patent N°: DE10 2011 117 713 A1**, Buchhorn.

Buchhorn, Walker, Heim, et al. (2013) Ground-Based Hyperspectral Characterization of Alaska Tundra Vegetation along Environmental Gradients, *REMOTE SENSING*, 5(8), 3971-4005.

Buchhorn, Petereit, Heim (2013) The **Manual Transportable Instrument Platform** for Ground-based **Spectro-Directional Observations (ManTIS)** and the Resultant Hyperspectral Field Goniometer System, *SENSORS*.

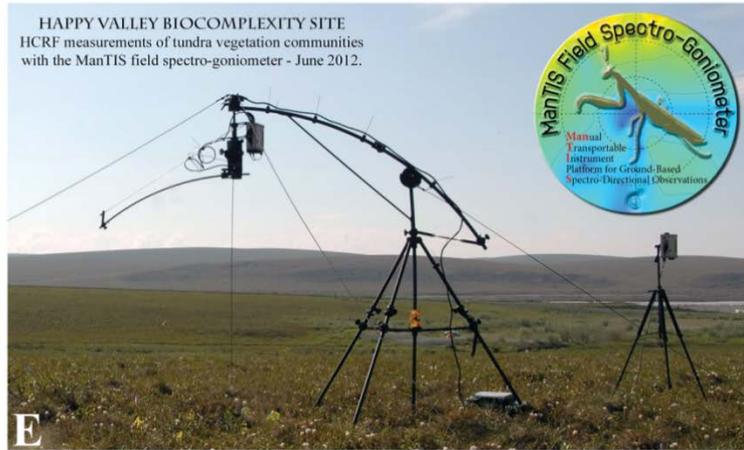
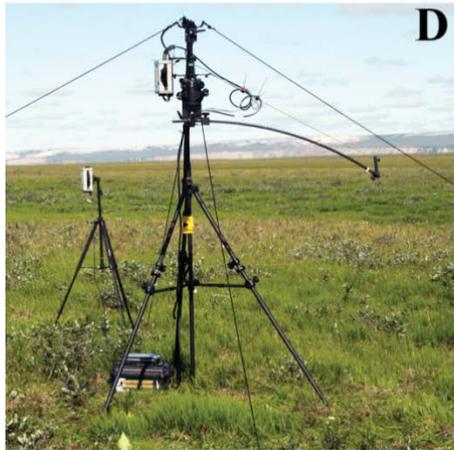
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## ManTIS

- can be equipped with various sensor systems -
- allows spectro-directional measurements with viewing zenith up to 30° and viewing azimuth 360°
- offers a 2 m distance between the target and the sensor,
- offers a high angular accuracy and a fast measurement cycle



HAPPY VALLEY BIOCOMPLEXITY SITE  
HCRF measurements of tundra vegetation communities with the ManTIS field spectro-goniometer - June 2012.

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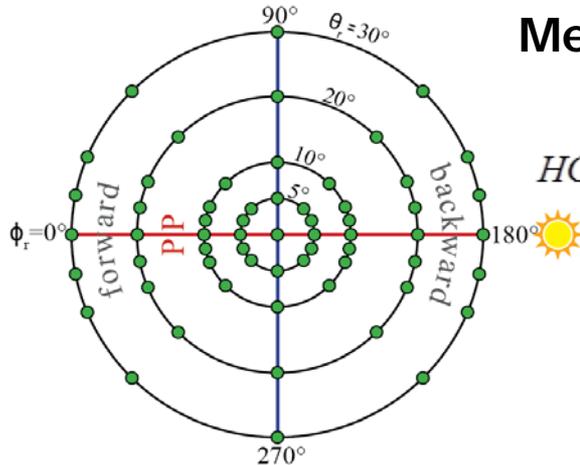
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## Measurement scheme

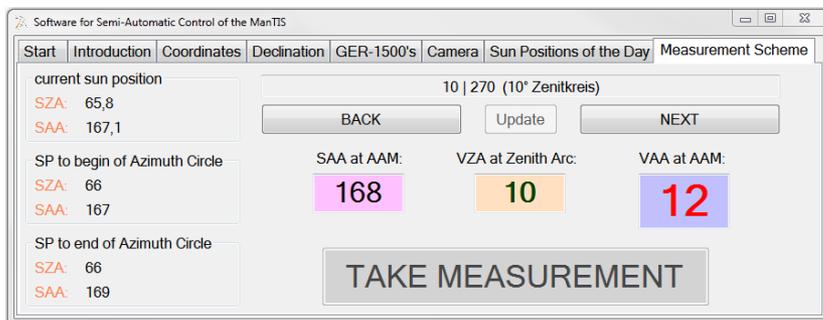


## ManTIS

$$HCRF(\lambda; \theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r) = \frac{L_r(\lambda; \theta_i, \phi_i; \theta_r, \phi_r; t_x)}{L_{ref}(\lambda; \theta_i, \phi_i; t_0) \cdot c_{diff}(\lambda; \theta_i, \phi_i; t_x)} \cdot c_{ref}(\lambda, \theta_i, t_0)$$

- custom-developed data processing chain
- self-developed software for the semi-automatic control

## GUI of software



Buchhorn et al., SENSORS 2013

The ManTIS instrument platform will go into serial production under license by Ludolph GmbH & Co. KG in Bremerhaven, DE



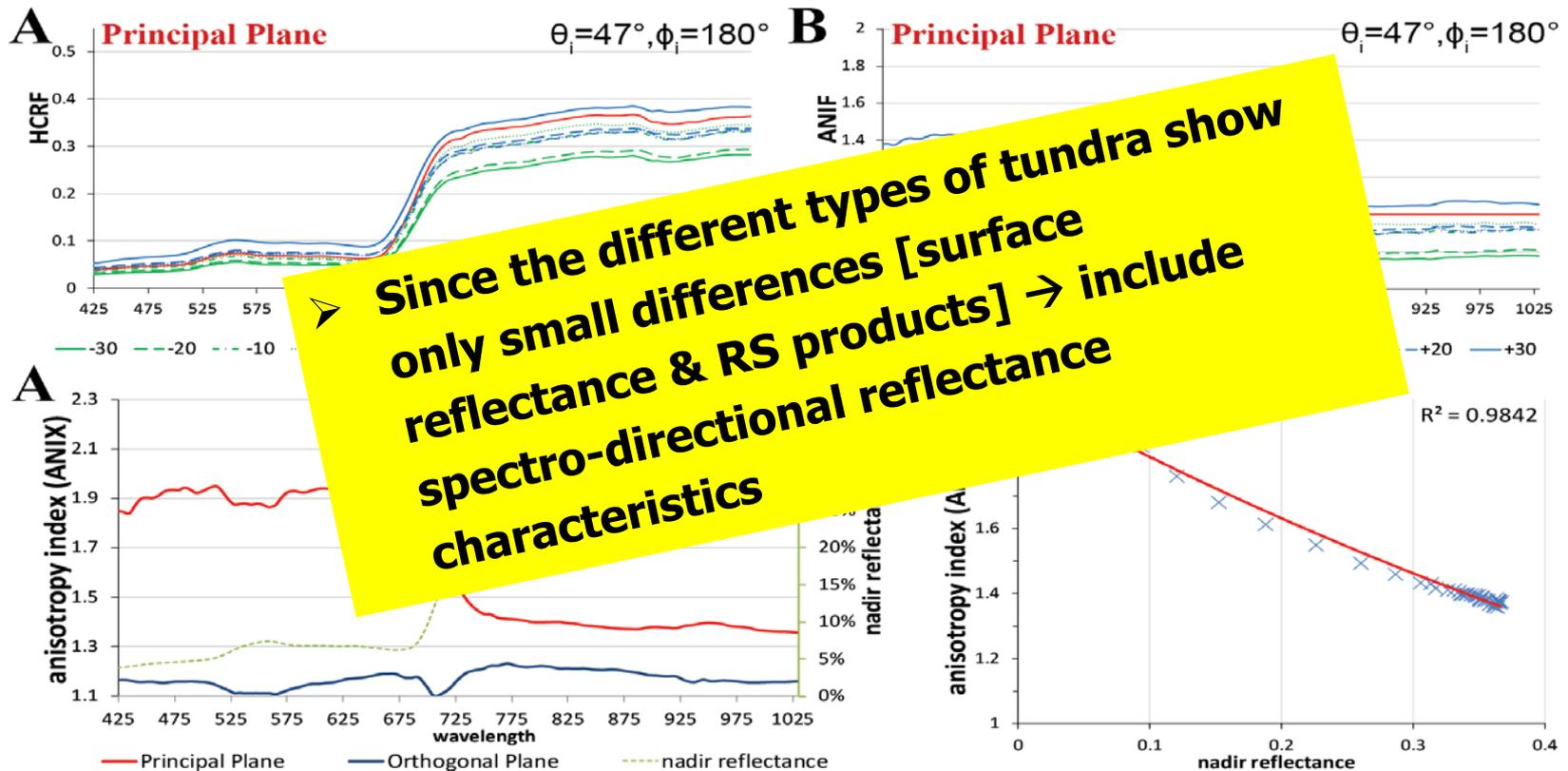


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**hyARCVeG:** GER/ASD field spectrometry @9 GOA sites NAAT2012, 5 GOA sites YAMAL2011  
ManTIS field spectrogoniometry covers main tundra types @10 GOA sites

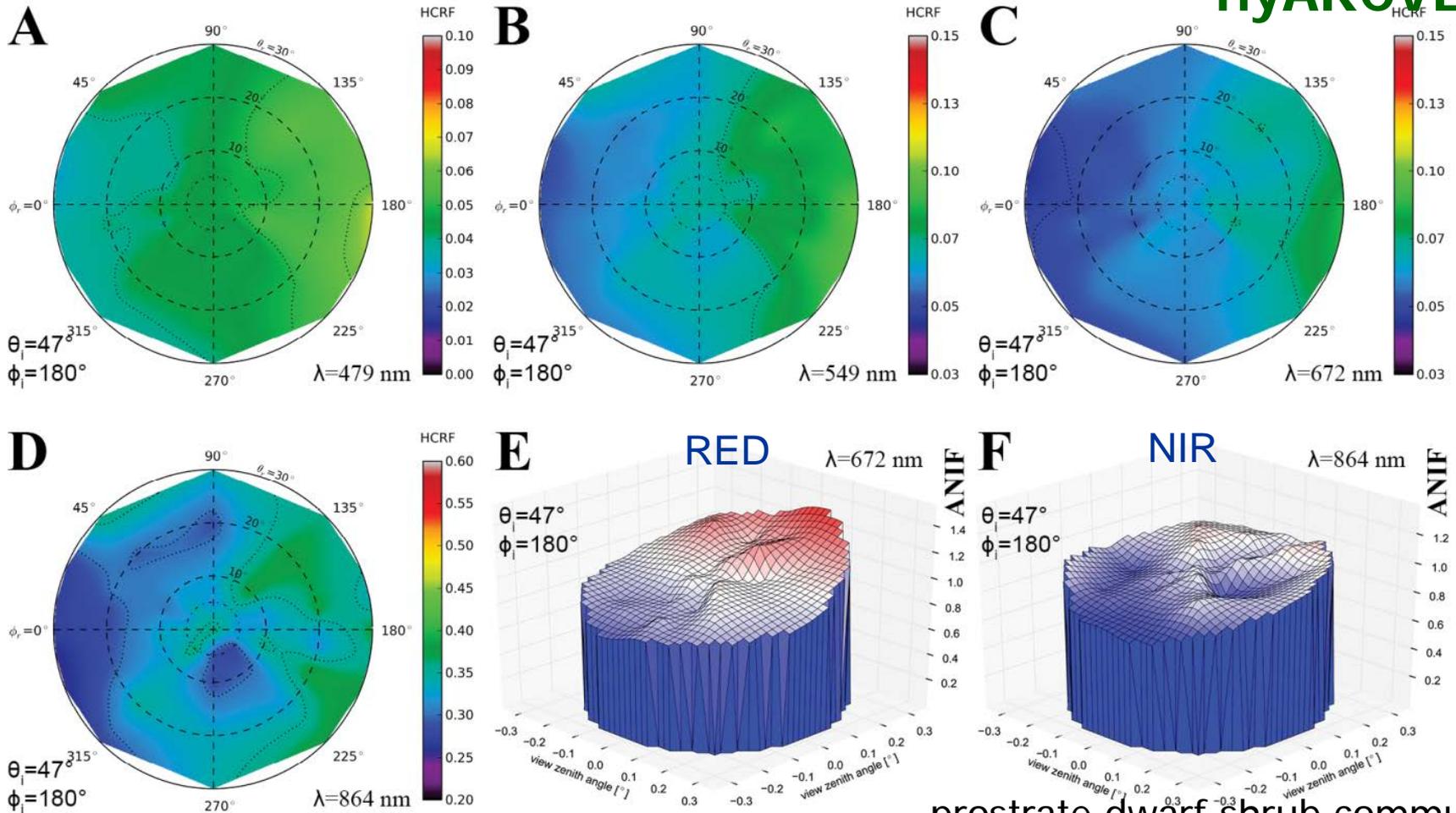


➤ Since the different types of tundra show only small differences [surface reflectance & RS products] → include spectro-directional reflectance characteristics

prostrate dwarf shrub community

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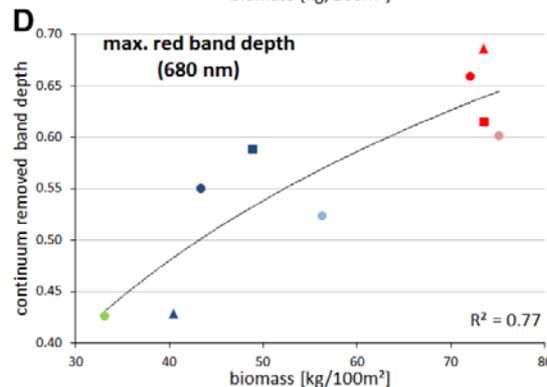
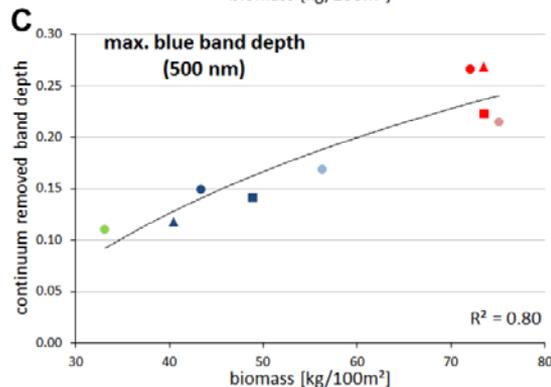
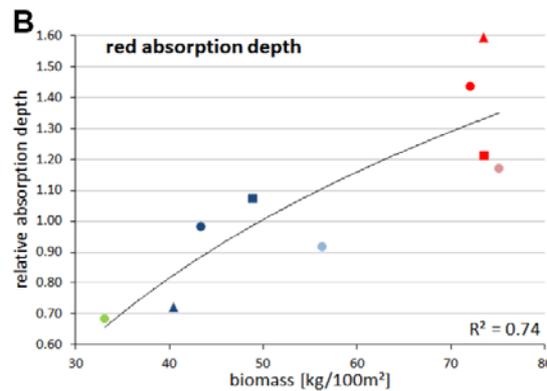
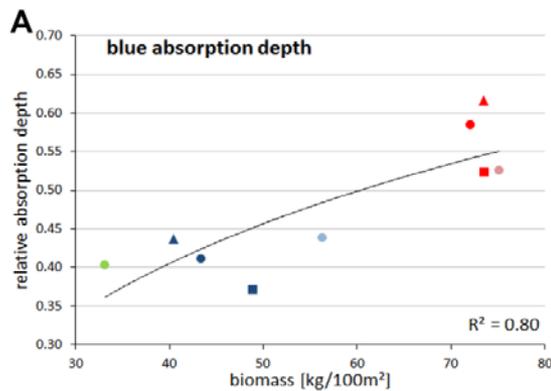
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### VIS-NIR proxies for tundra biomass, Vaskiny Dachi (Yamal) & NAAT (North Slope, Alaska)



Exploring the prediction power of VIS for biomass of tundra types, Example: Pigment absorption [blue and red]

Buchhorn et al. 2013

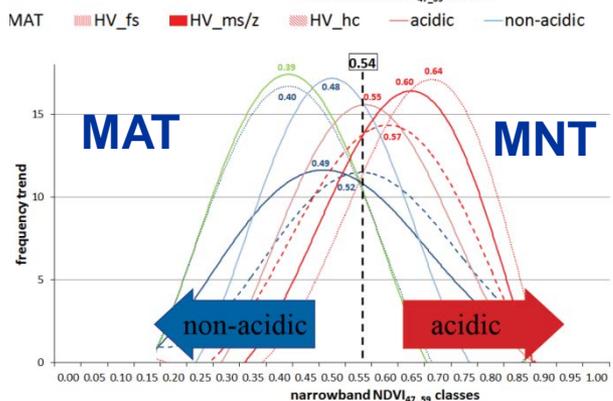
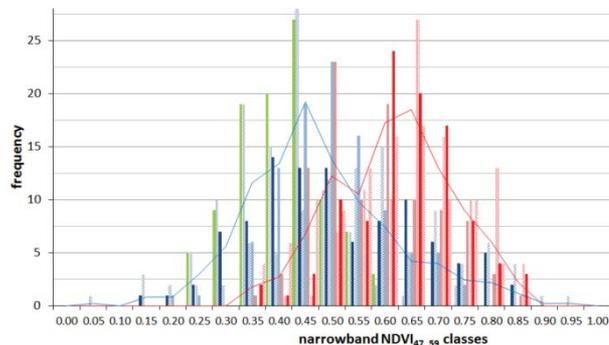
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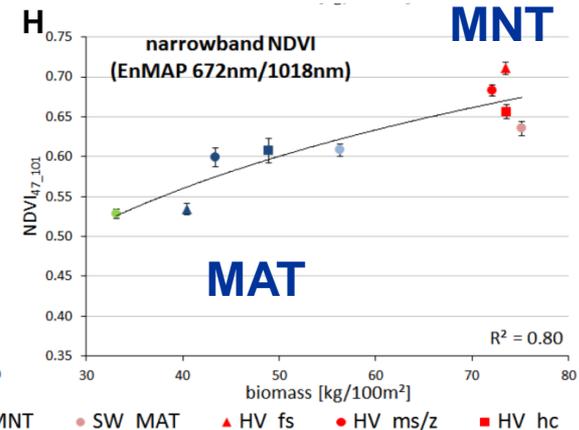
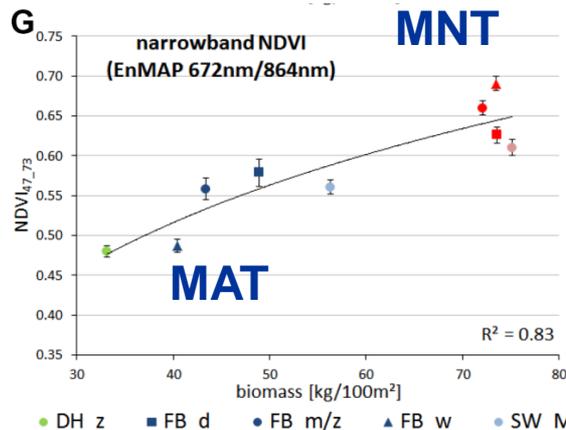
## hyARCVEG

Spectral proxies show separability between the Moist Acidic Tundra MAT and the Moist Non-acidic Tundra (greener)



Exploring the prediction power of Red Edge and NIR bands for biomass of tundra types

Exploring the separability between Moist Acidic Tundra MAT and Moist Non-acidic Tundra MNT



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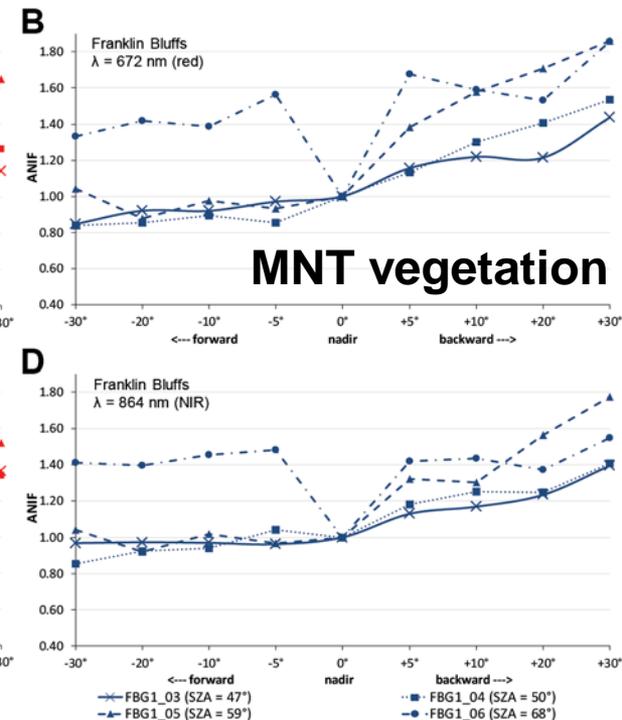
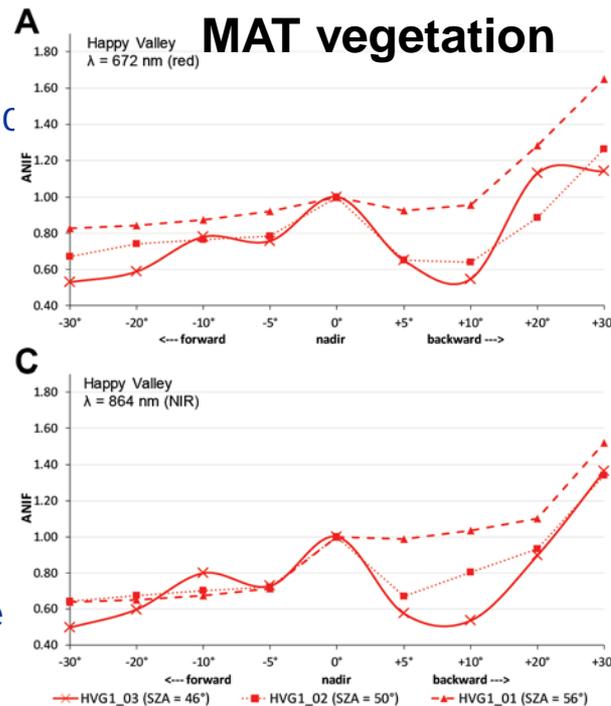
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### Influence of High Sun Zenith Angles at high latitudes

up to a sensor view zenith angle of 30°, the *backshadow effect* dominates the gap effect, lower reflectance in the forward viewing directions compared to the nadir or backward

With increasing SZA, the reflectance anisotropy changes to an *azimuthally symmetrical, bowl-shaped distribution of reflectance values* with the lowest reflectance values in the nadir position

At a SZA of 55° to 60°, the *gap effect* starts to become dominant in the more erectophile tundra canopy



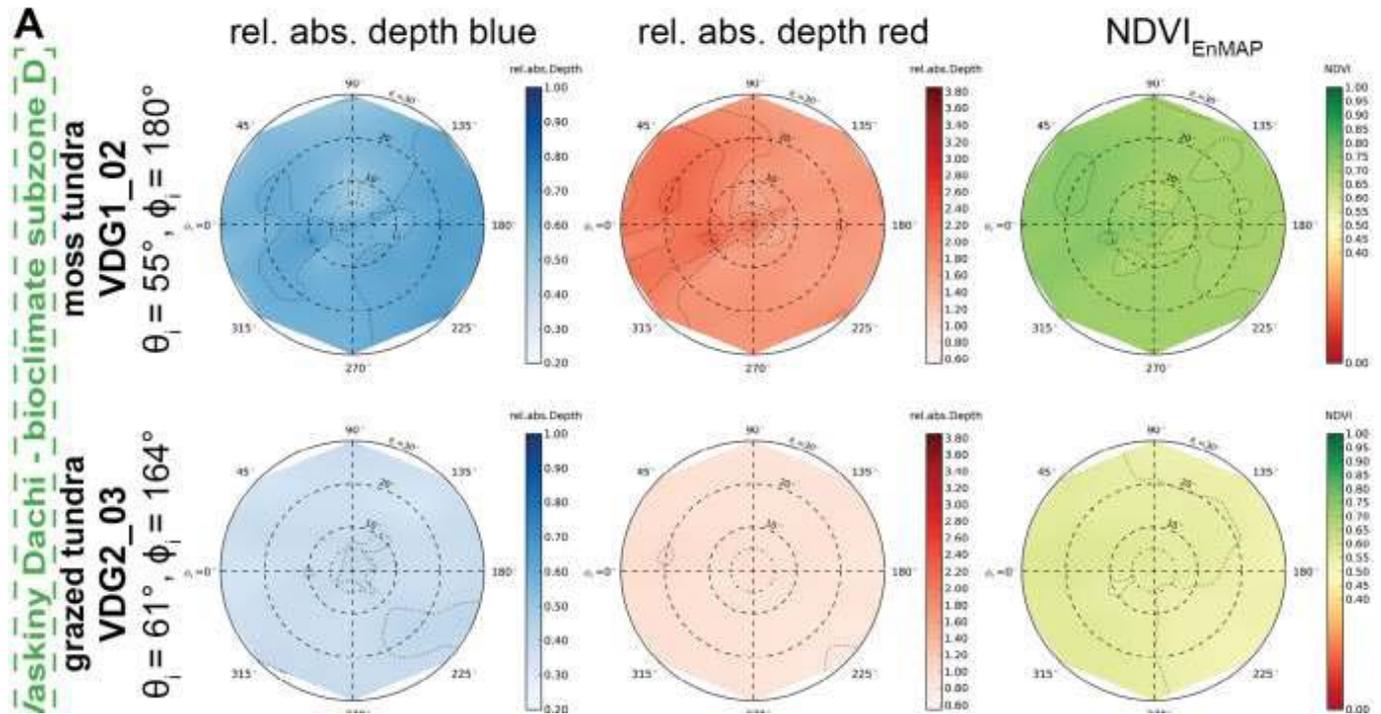
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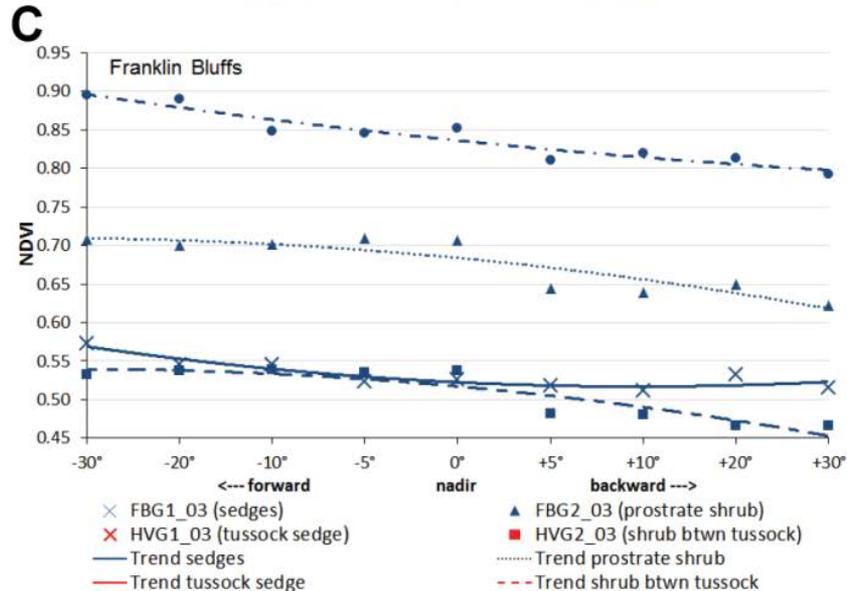
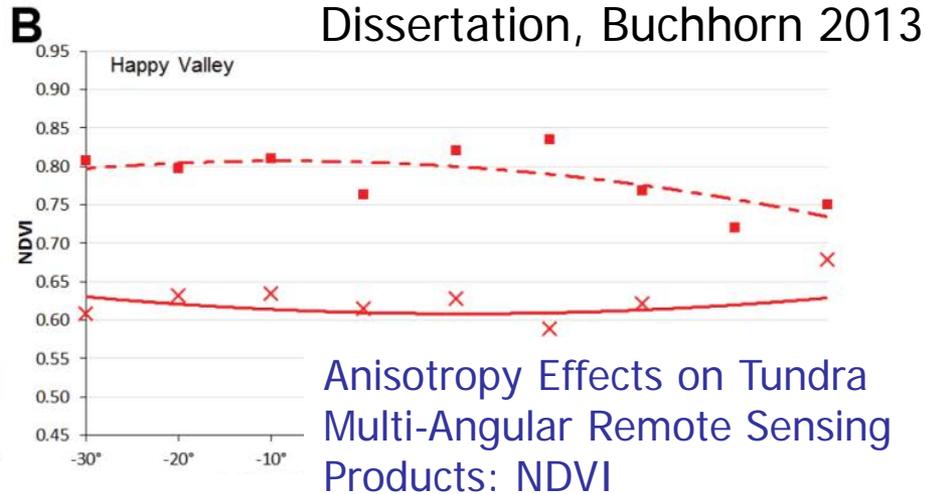
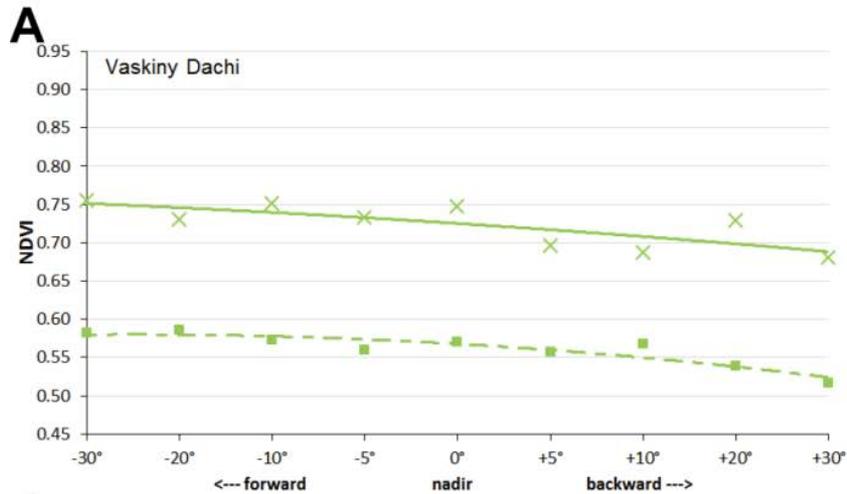
Anisotropy Effects on Tundra Multi-Angular Remote Sensing Products:  
BRDF effects on NDVIs < absorption depth products.

But: already the NDVI shows at 30° ZA a min. of 15% deviation to Nadir

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Site	SZA	View Zenith Angle			
		± 5°	± 10°	± 20°	± 30°
grazed dwarf shrub-moss tundra (VD)	61°	2%	1%	6%	10%
non-tussock sedge tundra – MNT (FB)	47°	2%	4%	4%	9%
horsetail community (FB)	48°	5%	4%	5%	7%
dwarf shrub-moss tundra (VD)	55°	7%	8%	2%	9%
erect dwarf shrub btwn tussock (HV)	46°	7%	6%	12%	8%
prostrate dwarf shrub community(FB)	47°	9%	9%	8%	12%
frost boil community(FB)	48°	10%	11%	13%	13%
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Investigators Group

**TEAM**

Trace Gas Exchange in the Earth-  
Atmosphere System on Multiple Scales

## Outlook: hyperspectral airborne data takes (AWI AISA)

HGF-TEAM, T. Sachs (GFZ) AIRMETH flight campaigns 2013, 2014, 2015,  
airborne measurement campaigns of CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and energy  
fluxes [Alaska, Canada, Siberia]



GFZ-AWI AIRMETH2013  
Team (T. Sachs, GFZ & J.  
Hartmann, AWI) Barrow,  
Alaska, July 2013, with AWI  
Polar-5 and the NASA C-23  
CARVE (Carbon in Arctic  
Reservoirs Vulnerability  
Experiment).

**Hyperspectral AISA Data Take:**  
e.g. 2013-07-11: Alaska Barrow,  
Dead Horse  
– NorthSlope transects  
+ western coastline

Thaw slump, Herschel Island (CA)  
AISA 2013-07-22

