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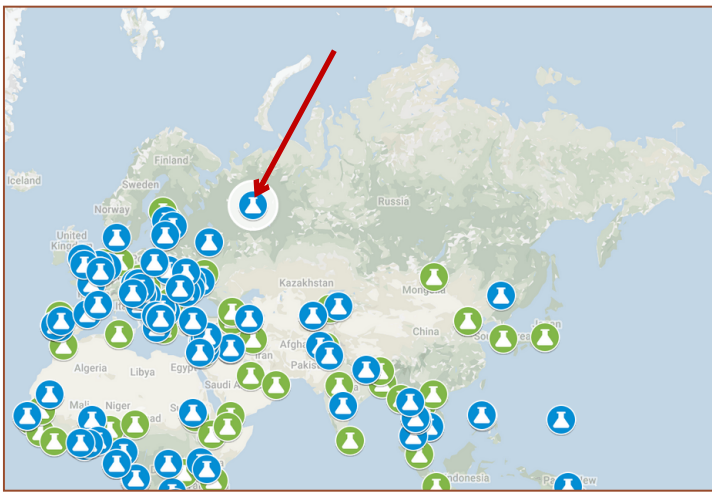


# THE USE OF ATOMIC SPECTROSCOPY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING (SOIL, PLANT MATERIALS, NATURAL WATERS)

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# Employees



## Eco-analytical Laboratory

20 people: 1 - Dr of Sciences, 3 - PhD,  
Engineers-chemists of higher qualification



## Department of Soil Science

25 people: 5 - Dr of Sciences, 8 - PhD

# Methods

- atomic emission spectrometry with inductively coupled plasma;
- atomic absorption spectrometry with flame and electrothermal atomization;
- x-ray fluorescence spectroscopy;
- infrared spectrometry;
- spectrophotometry;
- alpha, beta and gamma spectrometry



# Atomic emission spectrometry with inductively coupled plasma



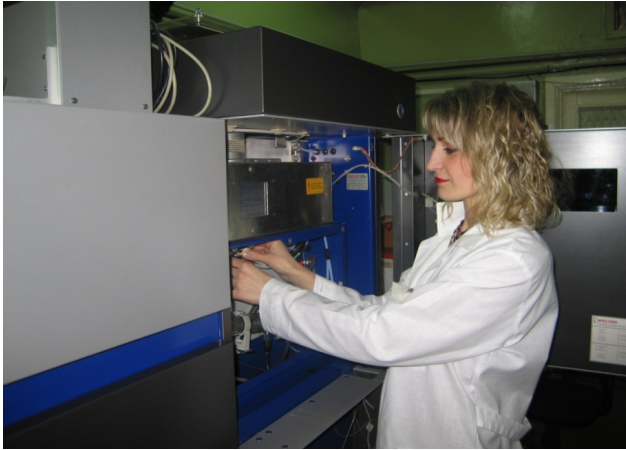
**Spectro ARCOS (Germany)**



**Spectro CIROS<sup>CCD</sup> (Germany)**

- multielement,
- express,
- wide measuring range,
- method sensitivity

# Atomic emission spectrometry with inductively coupled plasma



B, P, S, Si, Cl, Br, I  
Ca, Mg, Ba, Sr, Li, K, Na,  
Fe, Mn, Zn, Cu, Cd, Pb, Co, Ni, Cr, Al, Bi, Ti, V,  
Mo, Y



**As, Se, Sb, Sn, Hg** – a hydride prefix is used additionally to improve selectivity

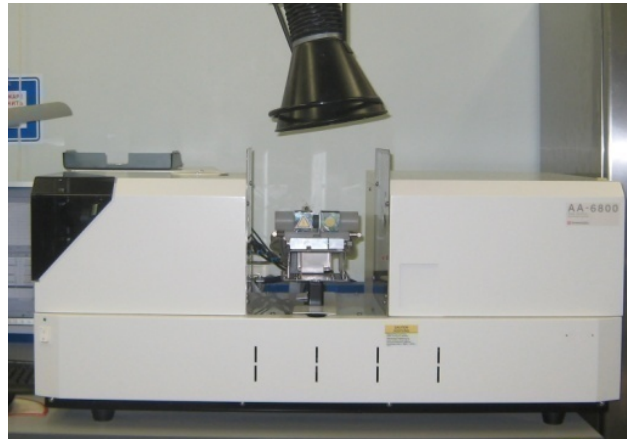


# Atomic absorption spectrometry

Flame atomization  
Shimadzu AA-6300



Electrothermal  
atomization  
Shimadzu AA-6800G



“Cold steam” method  
Mercury analyzer  
PA-915+



**Cd, Pb, Cu, Ni, Co**

## Mercury measurement scheme

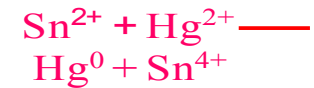
“Lumax” Russia

$$m_{\text{soil}} = 20-500 \text{ mg}$$

$$V_{\text{aliquot}} = 1-40 \text{ cm}^3$$



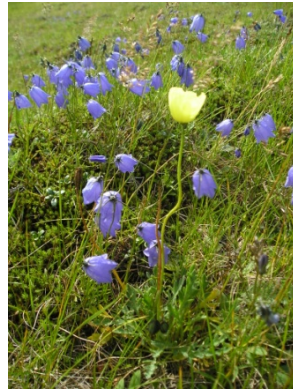
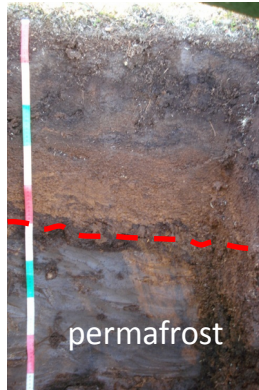
Analysis result  
in  
 $\text{ng/g}$ ,  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dm}^3$





# Subjects of the research

## Solid samples



## Liquid samples

- Natural waters
- Precipitation
- Snow cover



# Sample preparation

## Water samples

Direct measurement and concentration in the microwave field

## Plant samples

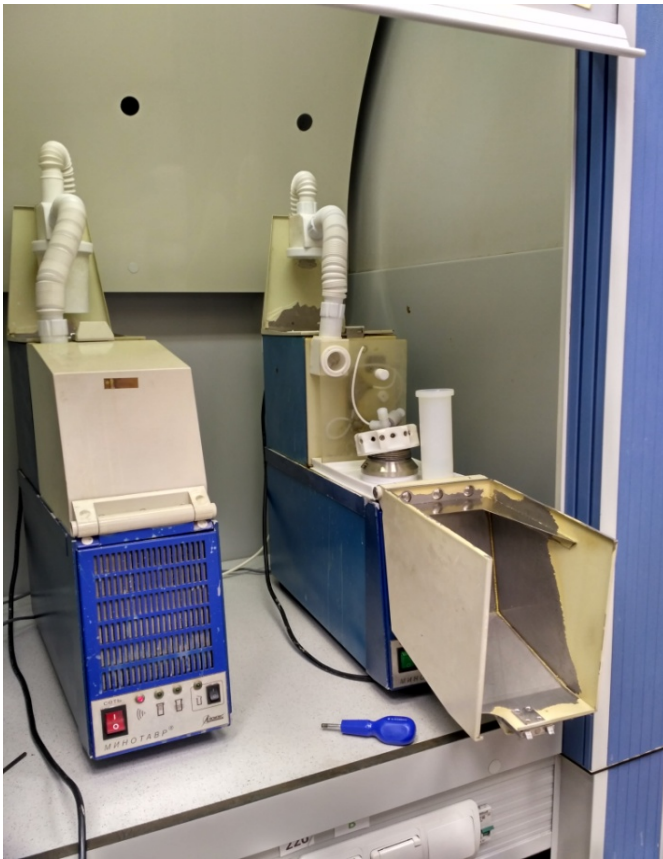
Decomposition in the microwave field

## Soil samples

- Decomposition in the microwave field (gross content)
- Extraction (acid-soluble, mobile and water-soluble compounds)

# Microwave opening process

“Minotavr-2”  
 (“Lumex”, Russia)



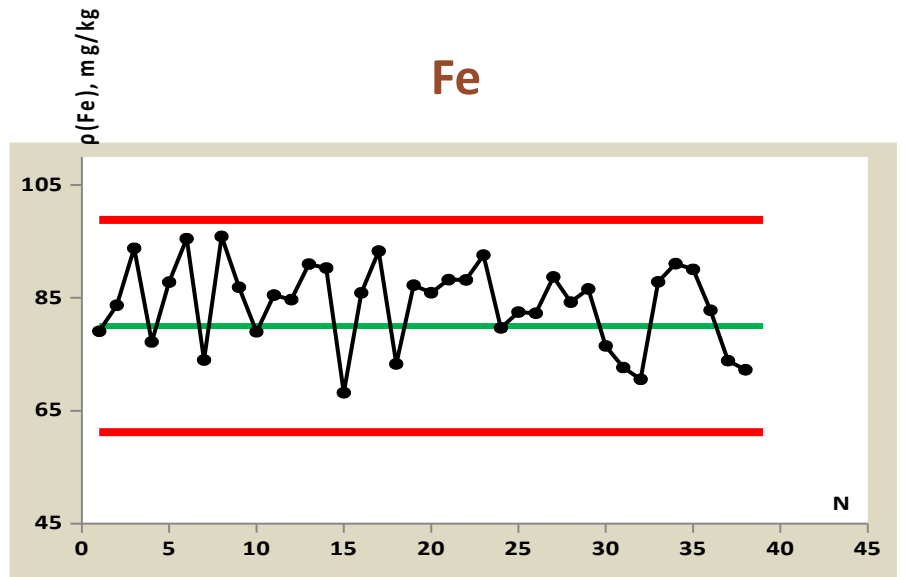
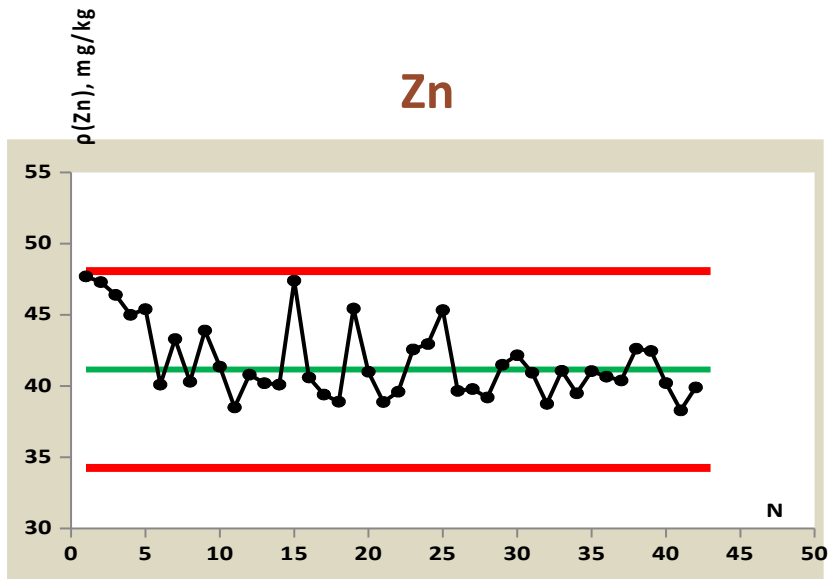
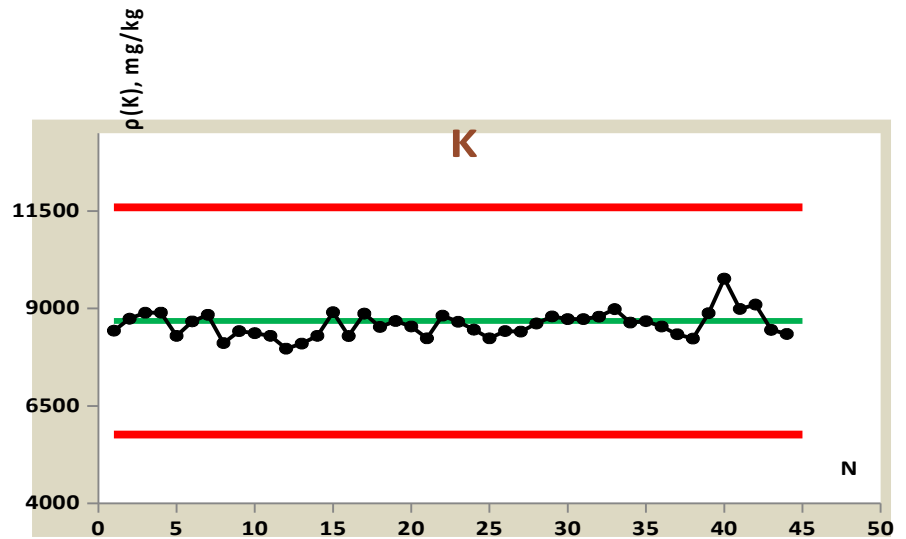
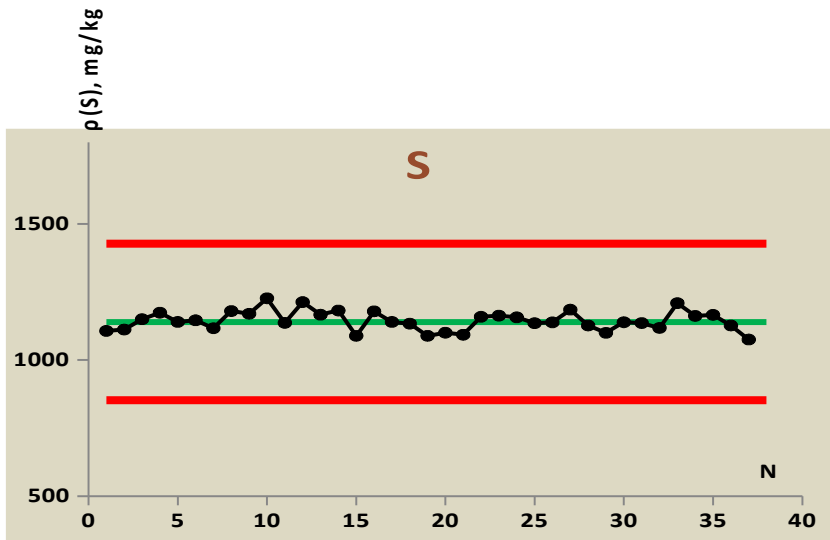
$P = 8 \text{ atm.}, T = 200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

“Mars-5”  
 (CEM Corporation, USA)



$P = 50 \text{ atm.}, T = 200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

# Measurement quality control





# Proficiency testing

## Water samples

Since 1998  
The intercomparison tests (ICP Waters)  
NIVA, Norway

pH, Conductivity, Alkalinity,  
N-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Total P,  
TOC, Ca, Mg, K, Na, Fe, Mn, Zn,  
Al, Cd, Pb, Cu, Ni

Since 2005  
ICP Forests Deposition and  
Soil Solution Working Ring Tests  
(ICP Forests)  
IBL, Poland

pH, Conductivity, Alkalinity,  
N-NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, N-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, S-SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, P-PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>,  
DOC, Total N, Ca, Mg, K, Na, Fe, Mn, Zn,  
Al, Cd, Pb, Cu, Ni, Co, Cr

## Soil samples

Since 2007  
ICP Forests Soil Interlaboratory  
Comparisons (ICP Forests)  
CFI, Croatia

Moisture content,  
Particle size distribution,  
pH (CaCl<sub>2</sub>), pH (H<sub>2</sub>O),  
Exchangeable Acidity,  
Free H<sup>+</sup> Acidity,  
Reactive Fe and Al,  
CaCO<sub>3</sub>, Organic carbon, Total N,  
Exchangeable cations  
(Ca, Mg, K, Na, Al, Fe, Mn),  
Aqua Regia extractable elements  
(S, P, Ca, K, Mg, Na, Fe, Mn,  
Zn, Cu, Pb, Cd, Ni, Cr, Al),  
Total content  
(Ca, K, Mg, Na, Fe, Mn, Al, Hg)

## Plant samples

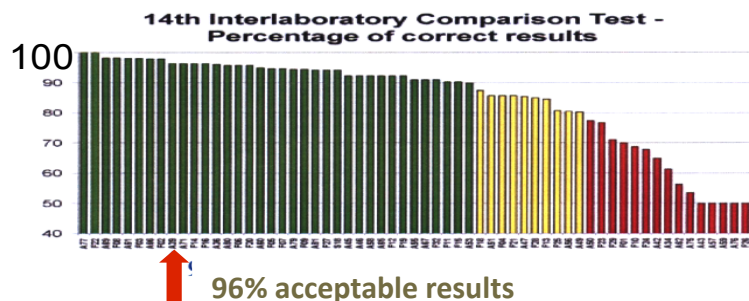
Since 2007  
Needle/Leaf  
Interlaboratory  
Comparison  
Tests  
(ICP Forests)  
BFW, Austria

N, C, S, P, B,  
Ca, Mg, K, Na,  
Sr, Zn, Mn, Fe,  
Cu, Cr, Pb, Cd,  
Co, Ni, Ba, Al,  
V, Mo, Ti,  
Se, As, Hg

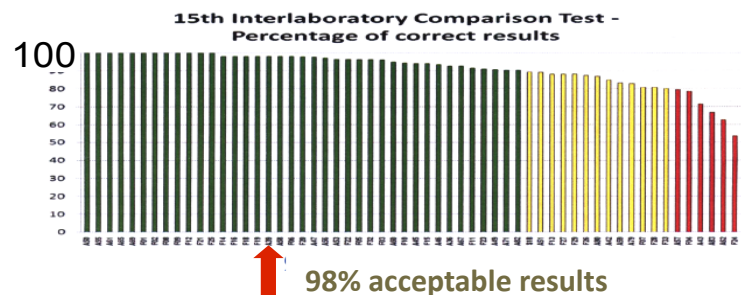
# Proficiency testing / ICP-Forest

Proportion of satisfactory measurement result %

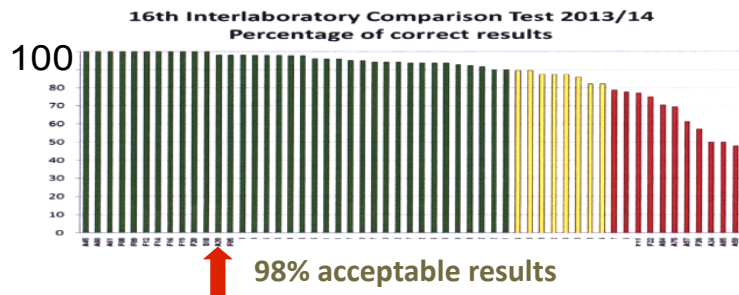
2011 / 2012



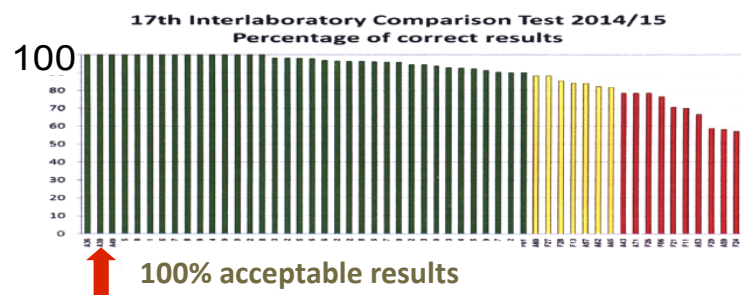
2013 / 2014



2012 / 2013



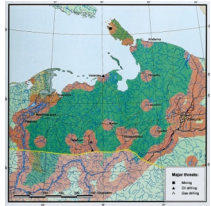
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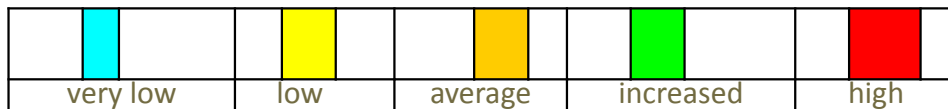
# Approbation



Background content of elements in soils of the North of the Bolshezemelskaya tundra ( $S \sim 90000 \text{ km}^2$ )

Type of soil	n	As	Pb	Zn	Cu	Ni	Cd	Hg, $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$
		mg/kg						
Entic Podzols	11	4.6±	8.7±	39.5±	9.5±	17.0±	0.3±	39.4±
		2.6	3.7	15.4	2.3	6.5	0.1	36.8
Stagnic Cambisols, Gleysols	11	4.8±	11.9±	49.0±	10.8±	23.0±	0.3±	55.7±
		3.0	7.0	24.2	1.9	4.8	0.2	61.7
Histic Gleysols, Histic Cryosols	17	1.9±	8.0±	35.6±	7.4±	12.9±	0.2±	78.2±
		1.7	1.3	17.3	5.0	11.5	0.1	54.3
Histosols	32	3.1±	5.0±	19±	3.7±	5.7±	0.3±	118.5±
		6.6	3.4	13	2.3	4.0	0.4	59.6
Fluvisols	17	2.9±	5.2±	26±	5.7±	13.2±	0.2±	16.5±
		0.9	1.7	16	2.8	4.8	0.1	16.4

The level of elements



Background content of heavy metals in soils of the European North-East of Russia ( $S = 416000 \text{ km}^2$ )

<http://ib.komisc.ru/db/heavymetal>



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Hg content in soils ( $S \sim 105000 \text{ km}^2$ )

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## SOIL CHEMISTRY

### Assessment of Background Concentrations of Heavy Metals in Soils of the Northeastern Part of European Russia

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### Complexation of Mercury(II) Ions with Humic Acids in Tundra Soils

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### Sorption of $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ and $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ Ions by Humic Acids of Tundra Peat Gley Soils (Histic Reductaquic Cryosols)

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### Content of Acid-Soluble Copper and Zinc in Background Soils of Komi Republic

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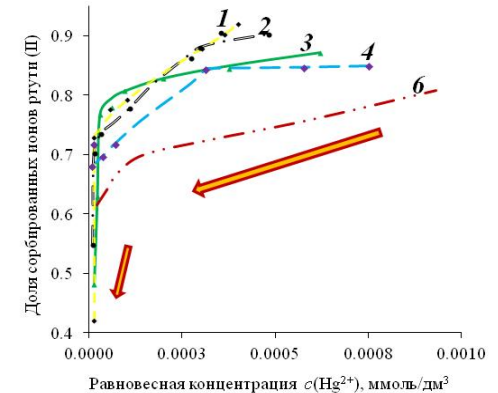
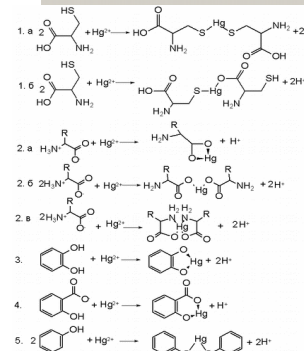
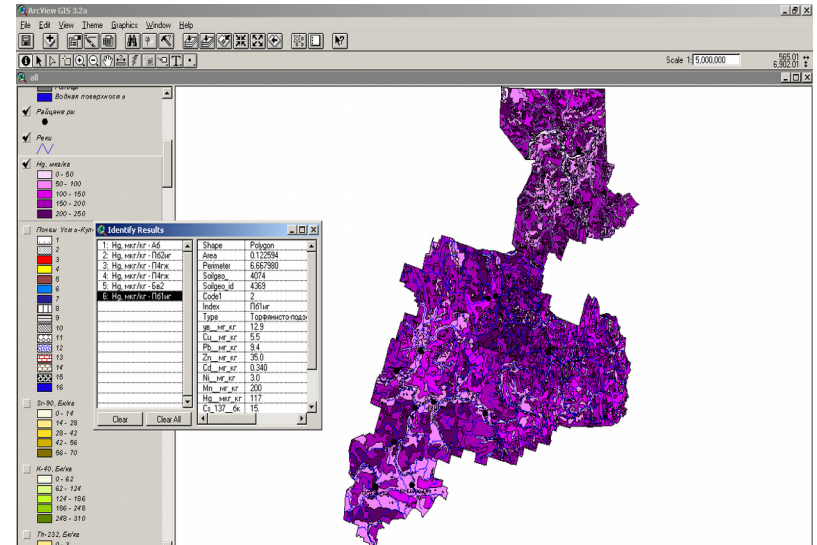
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### Major and Trace Element Compositions of Hummocky Frozen Peatlands in the Forest-Tundra of Northeastern European Russia

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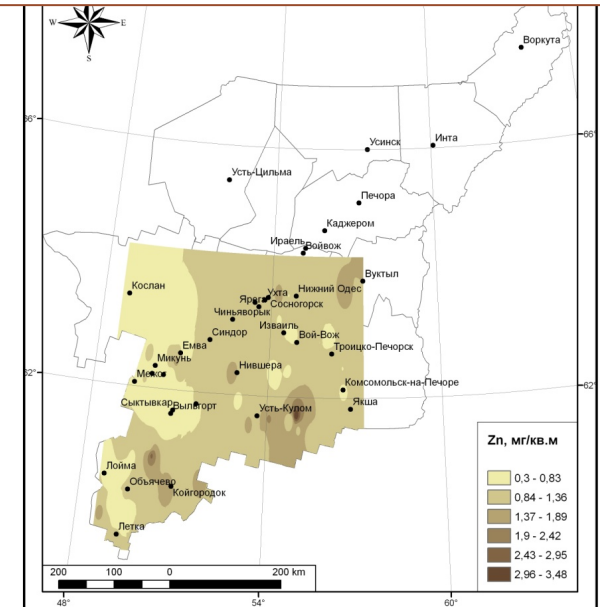
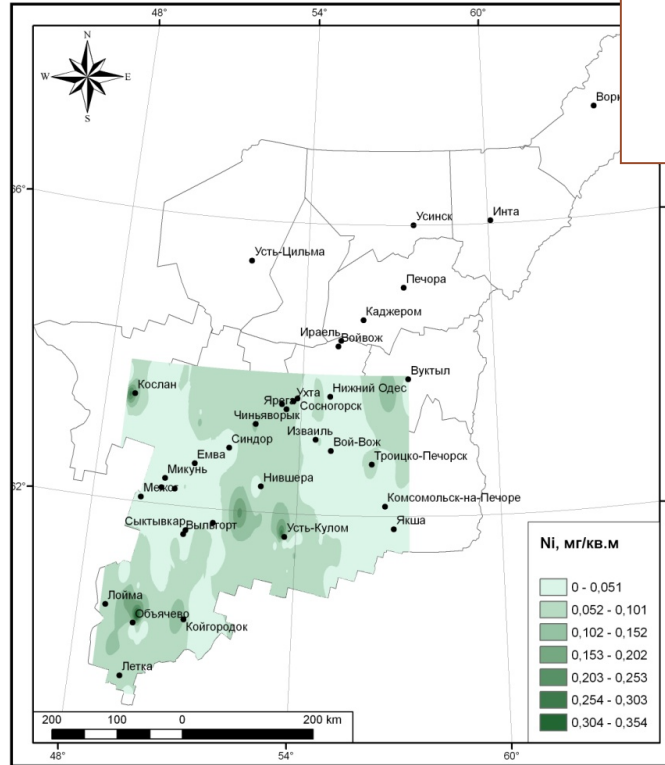
HYDROCHEMISTRY, HYDROBIOLOGY: ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

## Input of Pollutants with Winter Precipitation onto Vorkuta Agglomeration Territory

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Heavy metal content (Mn, Fe, Cu, Ni, Zn, Cd, Co, Al, Pb) in snow,  
S ~ 300000 km<sup>2</sup>

# How strong is our laboratory?

- The lab's activities comply with the provisions of the international standard 17025. It also has an effective quality management system
  - The lab is provided with modern analytical equipment and supported by well-trained personnel majority of whom are employees with higher chemical education
  - The lab is maintained by qualified scientific support represented by employees of the soil science department
  - In its activities the lab implements a set of methods for quantitative chemical analysis of environmental objects' samples, including soils
  - The lab is constantly involved in international inter-laboratory comparative tests
  - 30 measurement procedures were developed and/or metrologically certified in the lab

# About the needs of our laboratory

- **Firstly, the need for reference samples for ICP AES.** In Russia, they simply do not exist.
- **Secondly, reference samples of soils and plants.** There are no high-quality samples in Russia either.
- **Additionally,** an exchange of international experience could be discussed.



# Thank you for attention



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