

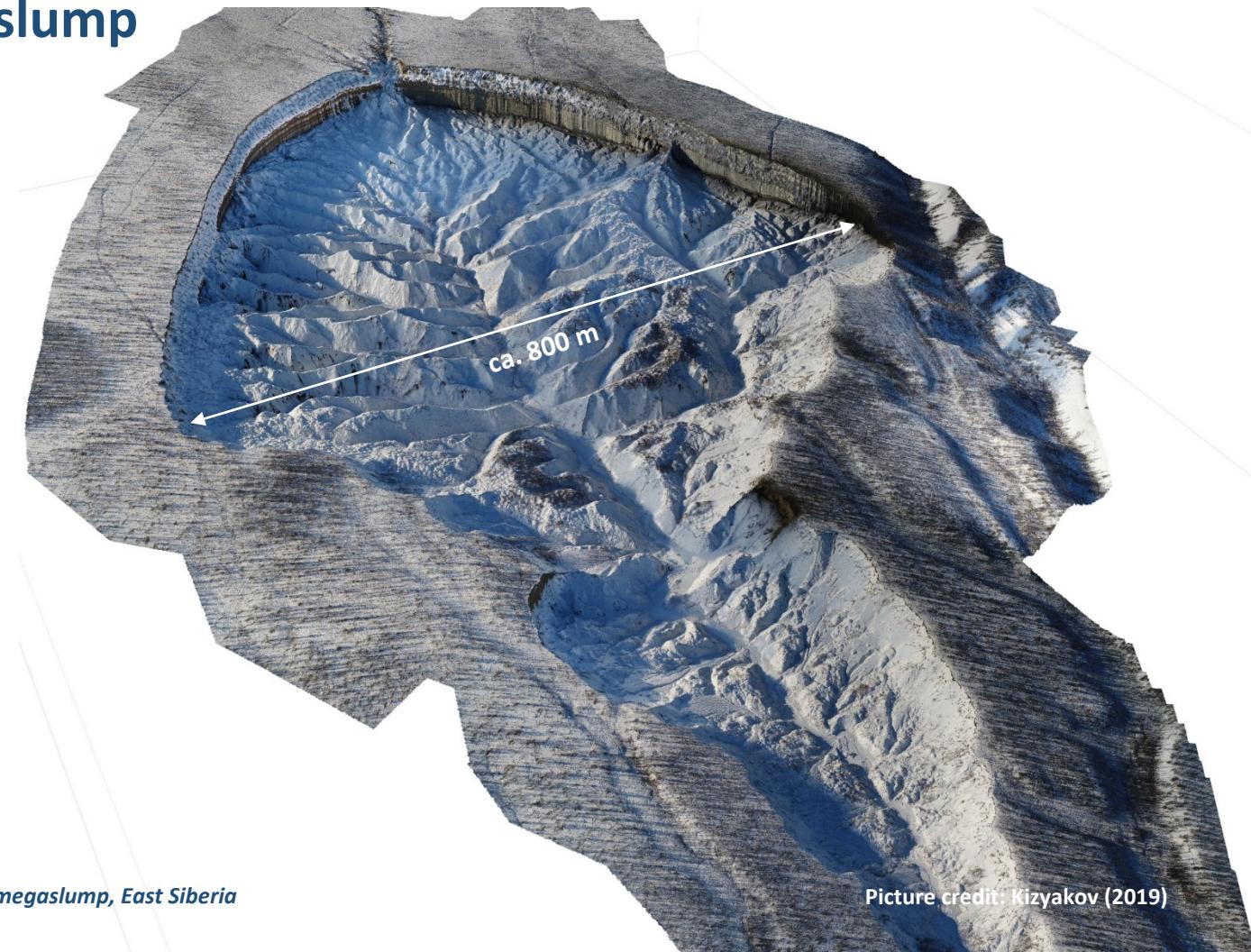
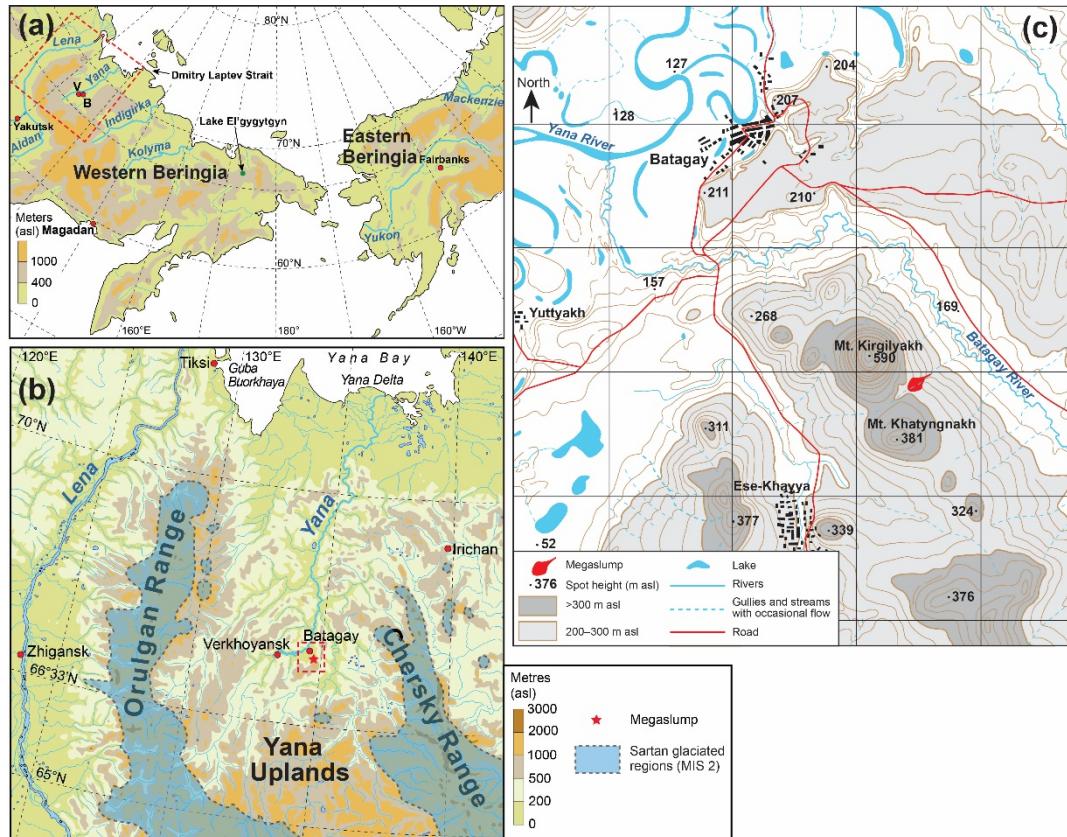
Multi-method dating of ancient permafrost of the Batagay megaslump, East Siberia

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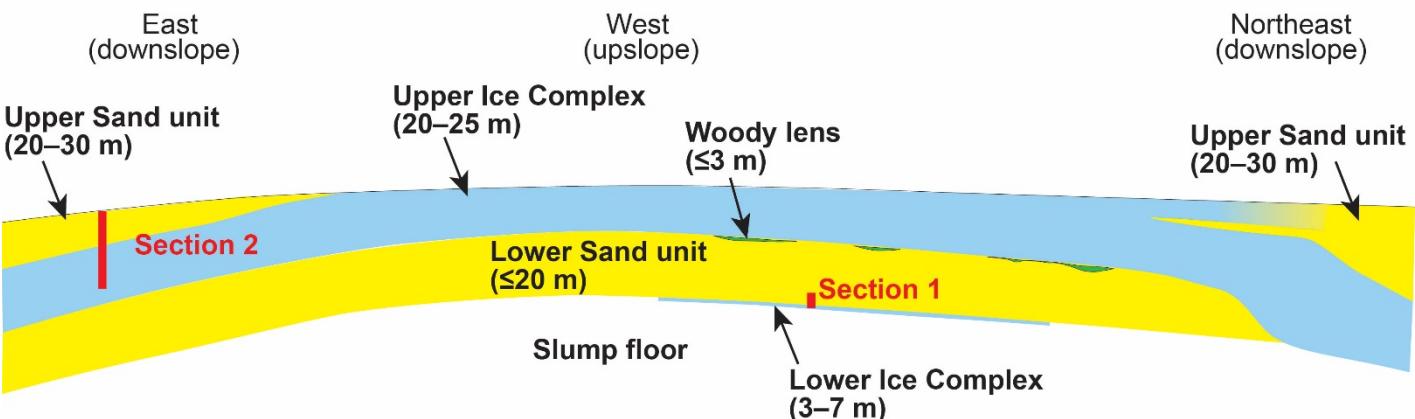
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The (world's largest retrogressive thaw) slump

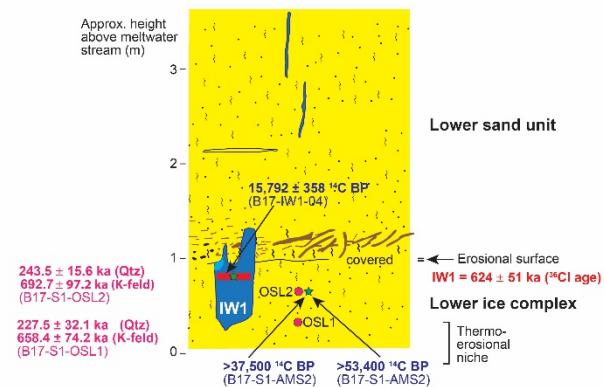
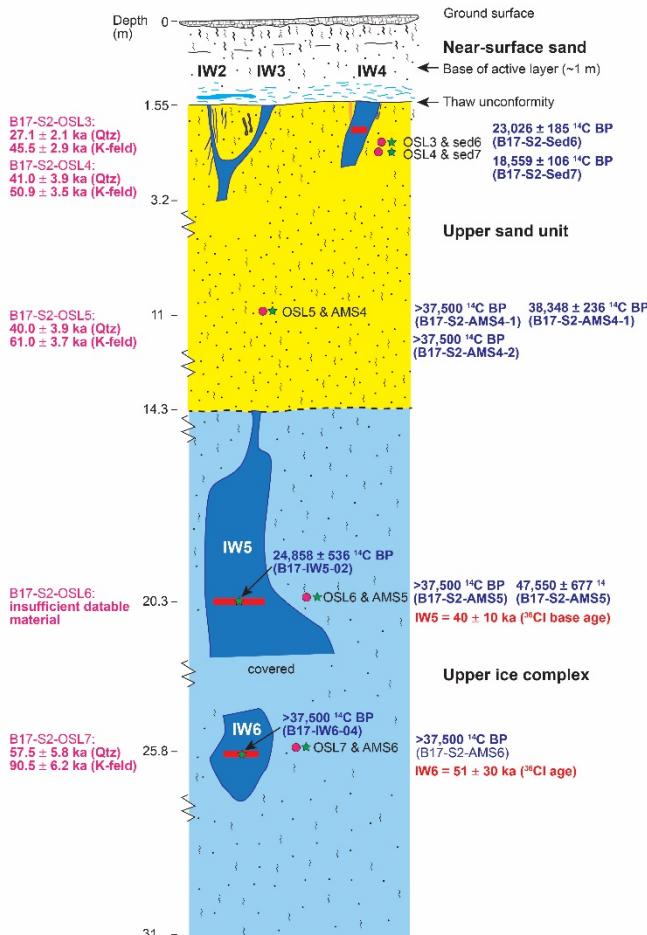


The Batagay stratigraphy and dating attempts

Radiocarbon, luminescence and $^{36}\text{Cl}/\text{Cl}$



Murton et al. (in preparation) A multi-method pilot dating study of ancient permafrost, Batagay megaslump, East Siberia



The Batagay chronology established so far

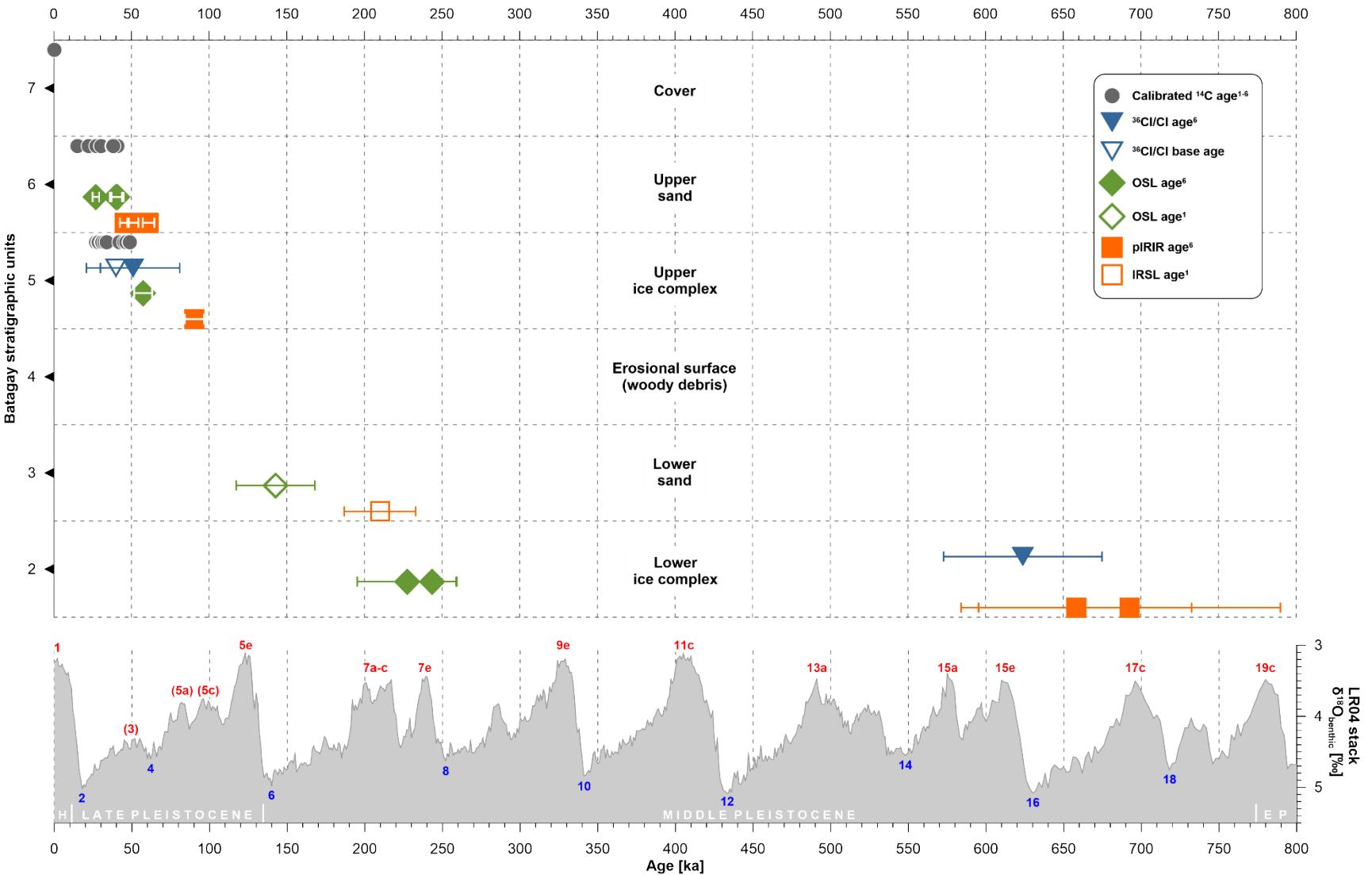
Cover
(MIS 1)

Upper Sand
(MIS 3-2)

Upper Ice Complex
(MIS 4-2)

Lower Sand
(MIS 6)

Lower Ice Complex
(MIS 16)



Available chronostratigraphic data of the Batagay megaslump summarised from
¹Ashastina et al. (2017), ²Murton et al. (2017a), ³Opel et al. (2019),
⁴Vasil'chuk and Vasil'chuk (2019), ⁵Vasil'chuk et al. (2020) and ⁶this study.

The Batagay megaslump is ...

an exceptional but discontinuous permafrost archive,

second oldest dated permafrost of the Arctic,

proof that old permafrost survived several interglacials,

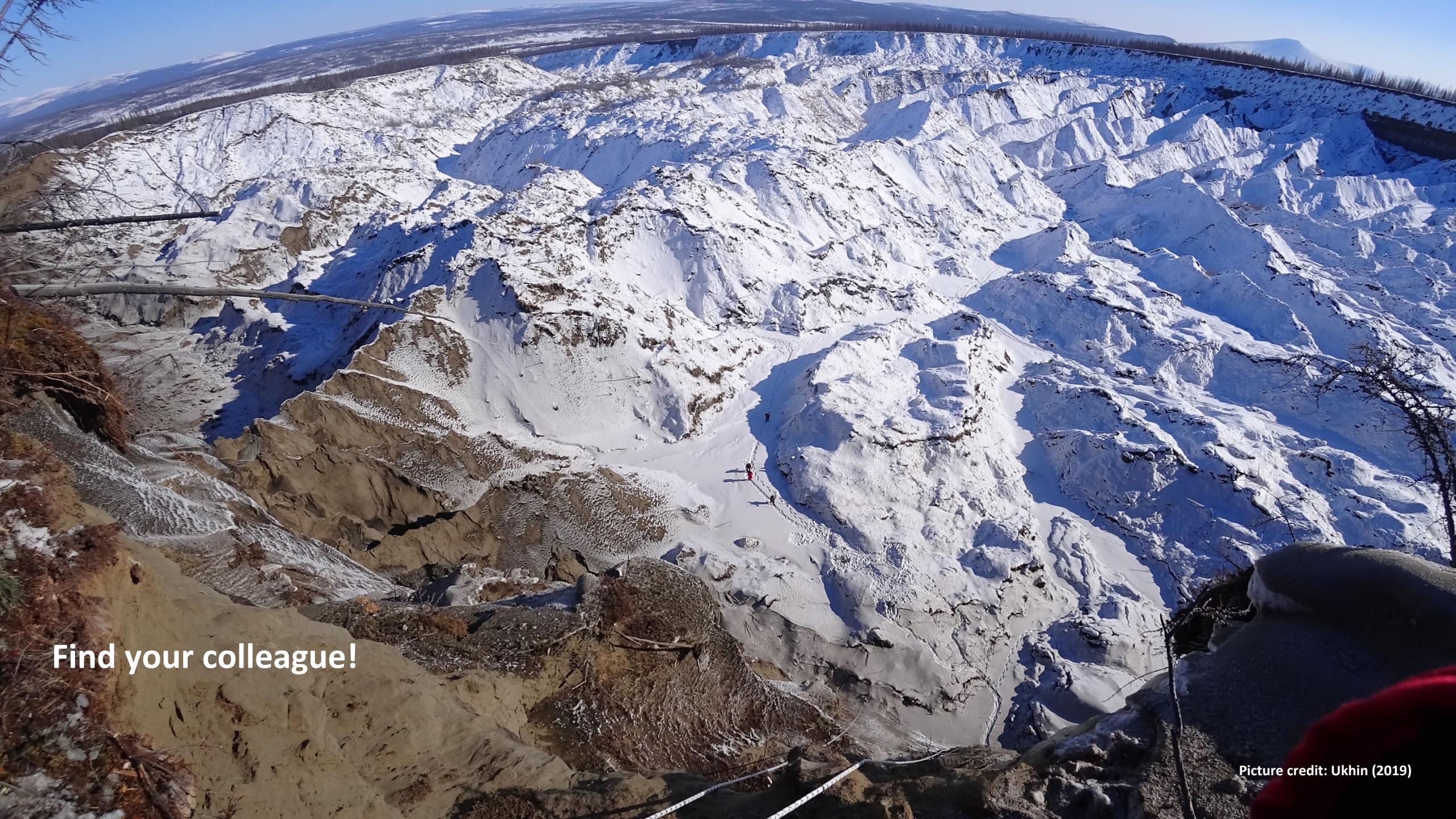
**potentially one of the longest terrestrial records
of Pleistocene environments in western Beringia,**

**a challenge for dating, but promising when methods
are combined,**

subject to ongoing international research.



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