

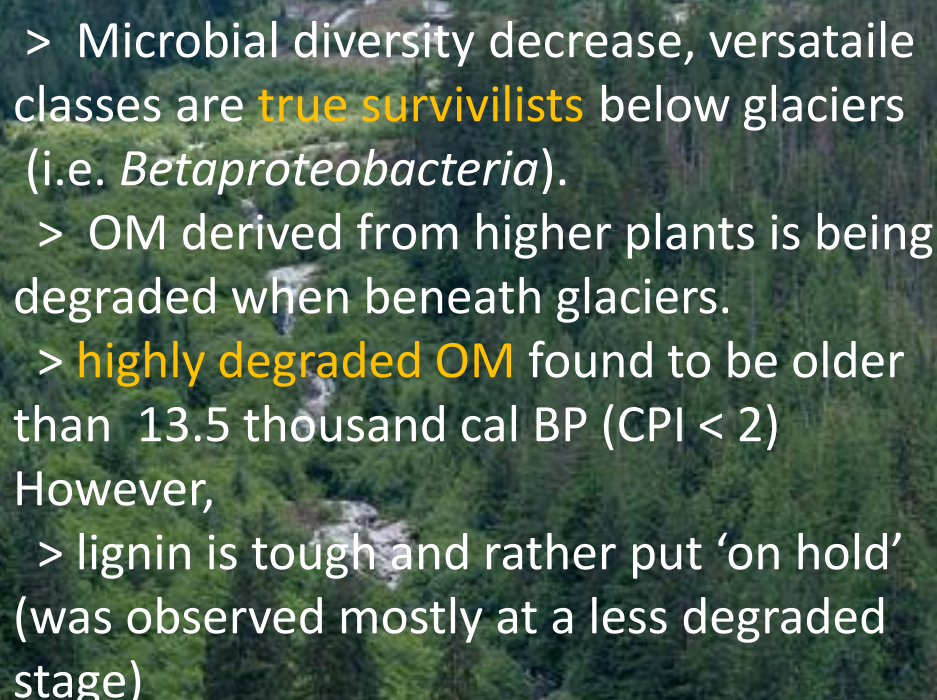
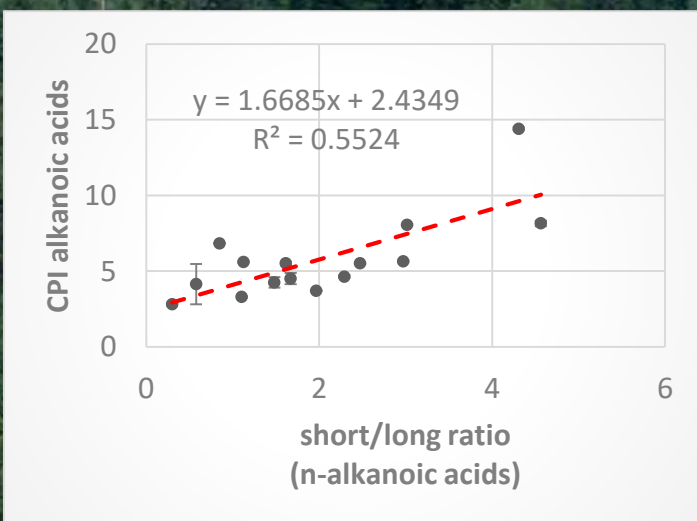


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..while emerging subglacial sediments open a
window into times of glacier advances

An aerial photograph of a lush green forest with a stream flowing through it. A small waterfall is visible in the center of the image. The water is white and frothy as it falls over rocks. The surrounding forest is dense and green, with some trees showing autumnal colors. The stream continues downstream, surrounded by more forest. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed landscape.

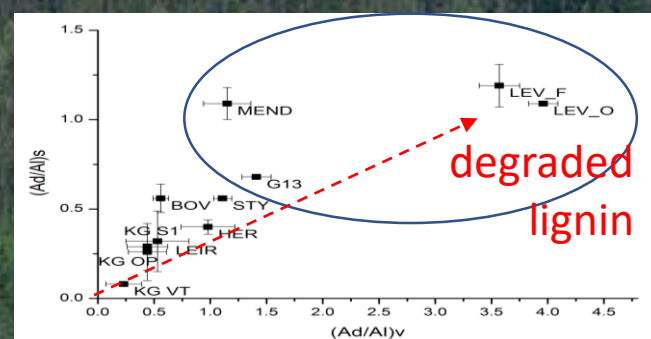
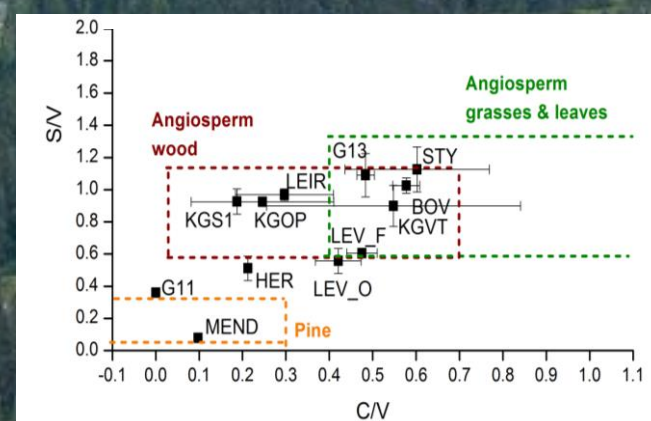
> Microbial diversity decrease, versatile classes are **true survivors** below glaciers (i.e. *Betaproteobacteria*).

> OM derived from higher plants is being degraded when beneath glaciers.

> **highly degraded OM** found to be older than 13.5 thousand cal BP (CPI < 2)

However,

> lignin is tough and rather put 'on hold' (was observed mostly at a less degraded stage)



[A] Observed Diversity

log₁₀(#OTUs)

log₁₀(cal BP)

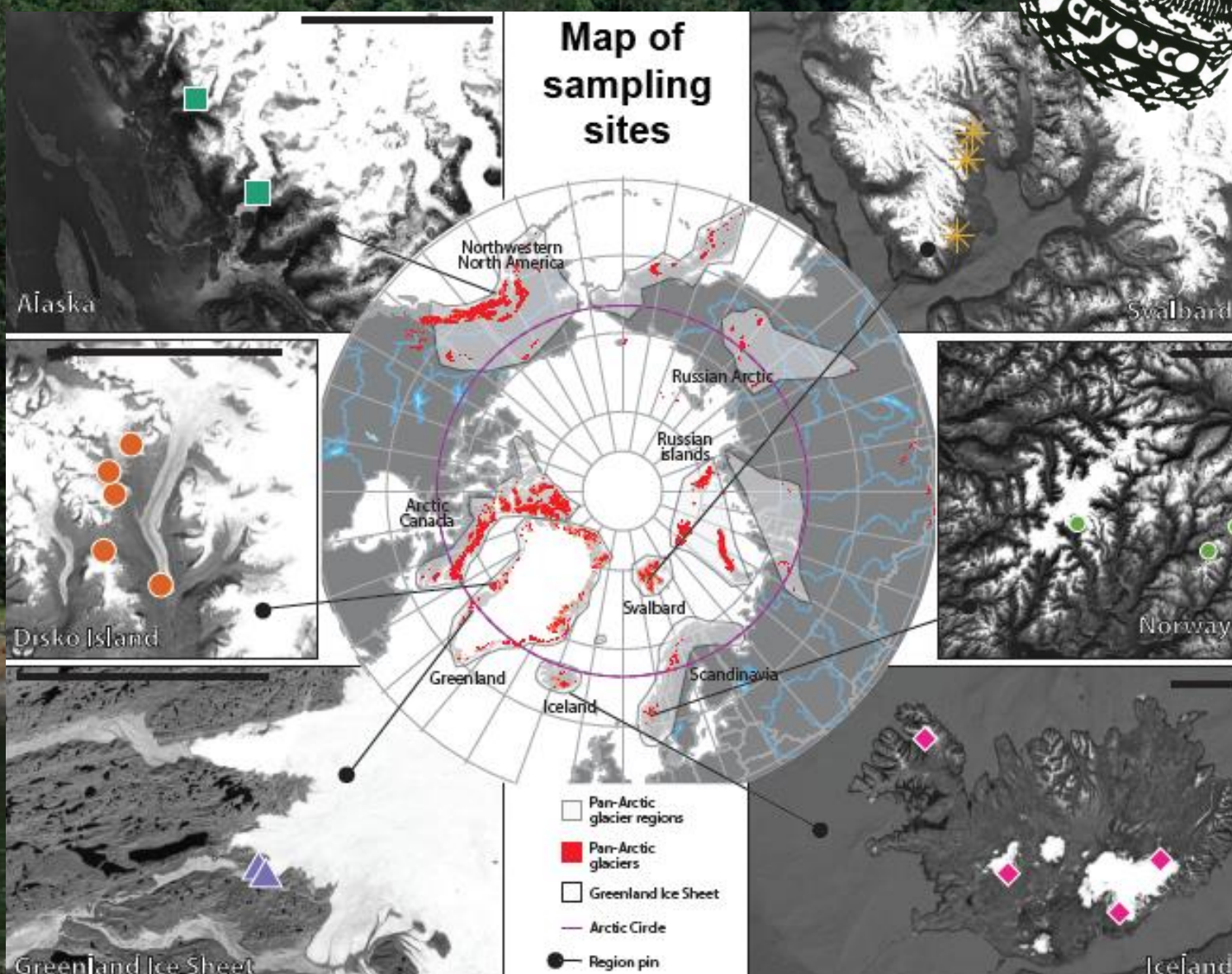
$y = 4.4882 - 0.5478x$
adjR² = 0.4658



Sampling of subglacial sediments (Greenland and Svalbard).



Ice cave opening – Leverett Glacier
(Greenland Ice Sheet)



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