

# GTN-P

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# Outline

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- GTN-P Mission
- GTN-P Governance Structure
- GTN-P Database, Data Standards and Interoperability
- Data Usage and Stakeholders
- Latest developments

# GTN-P Mission

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- The Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost (GTN-P) is the primary international programme concerned with sustained long-term monitoring of permafrost.
- GTN-P was developed in the 1990s by the International Permafrost Association (IPA) under the Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS) and the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS).
- Long-term monitoring of permafrost generates essential baseline information for the assessment of climate change impacts in polar and high mountain regions.

# Permafrost ECV Products

The two major components of GTN-P (Essential Climate Variables) are:

- long-term monitoring of the thermal state of permafrost in an extensive borehole network, the Thermal State of Permafrost - TSP;
- monitoring of the Active-layer thickness – ALT (mostly CALM).
- Permafrost ECV products under consideration by GCOS are Rock Glacier Kinematics, Permafrost Extent, also Thaw Subsidence in the future

# Challenges

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- Expectations of monitoring, reporting, development and maintaining of standardized geospatial datasets in commonly used formats require a continuing effort for data management.
- The growing need for the permanent secretariat and data management personnel is essential in order to maintain the operational capacity of the network.



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# Network reformation



1<sup>st</sup> GTN-P  
Workshop  
Germany  
Potsdam 2011



Meeting at WMO  
Geneva, 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> GTN-P  
Workshop  
Canada  
Quebec 2015



And GTN-P  
meetings at  
EUCOP, ASSW,  
ICOP, ...

# Governance structure and personnel



## GTN-P governance structure (2018-2020)

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**GTN-P National Correspondents**

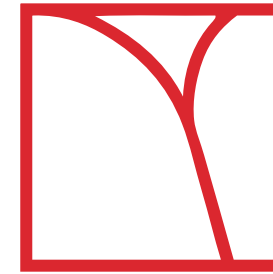
36 Representatives of 25 countries with permafrost, responsible for coordinating and sustaining national data upload

**GTN-P Young National Correspondents**

17 Representatives of 17 countries, support to NC responsibilities

# Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost

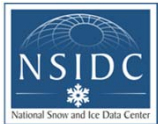
Primary monitoring network for Essential Climate Variable



# GTN-P

Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost

## Supporters



## Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost

### GTN-P Database

Global standardized time series of ground temperature data

Global standardized time series of active layer thickness data

### Essential Climate Variable (ECV): Permafrost

Permafrost temperature

Annual thaw depth

### Permafrost Monitoring

**TSP**  
(Thermal State of Permafrost)

**ALT**  
(Active Layer Thickness, mostly CALM)

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Data Management System for transferring **permafrost temperature** and **active layer thickness** to **global models**



# GTN-P portal and database



The screenshot shows the GTN-P portal website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the GTN-P logo, a search bar, and logos for the Arctic Portal and AWI. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, About the GTN-P, Data, Resources, and Help. The main content area is divided into several sections:


- News:** A list of recent news items, including "GTN-P poster", "GTN-P Data Portal Survey", "GTN-P at EUCOP5", "GTN-P - Strategy and...", and "GCOS report". Each item has a "Read More" link.
- Map:** A large map of the Arctic region showing permafrost distribution with various colored overlays and data points.
- Maps and Graphics:** A section titled "Maps and Graphics" with a description: "Useful Geospatial Layers produced by the Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost (GTN-P) or related to permafrost studies. We provide the downloads as different file types." Below this are icons for different file formats.
- GTN-P DATABASE:** A prominent section with the GTN-P logo and the text "GTN-P DATABASE". Below this are four buttons: "Citation Rules", "Methods", "Tutorials", and "Maps", each with a corresponding icon.
- STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2016-2020:** A section at the bottom with the GTN-P logo and the text "STRATEGY & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2016-2020".


At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Designed and developed by Arctic Portal (technical) and AWI (science and project management). Co-hosted by Arctic Portal and AWI" and logos for AWI and Arctic Portal.


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### Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost - Database

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Permafrost Temperatures
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Annual Thaw Depths
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### Boreholes - Permafrost Temperatures



Elevation Range (m)  
  Depth Range (m)

	Name	Site	Country	Gtn-P	Vegetation	Permafrost	Elevation	Depth	Data	Select
<input type="text" value="Name..."/>	<a href="#">0 (Deputatsky)</a>	<a href="#">Deputatskiy</a>	Russia	RU 118	Shrub Tundra	Continuous	462.00	88.00	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="Sites Name..."/>	<a href="#">01TC1</a>	<a href="#">Yukon</a>	Canada	CA 196	Grassland	Continuous	18.00	8.00	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="Country Name..."/>	<a href="#">01TC2</a>	<a href="#">Yukon</a>	Canada	CA 197	Grassland	Continuous	95.00	10.00	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text" value="GTN-P Code..."/>	<a href="#">03TC1</a>	<a href="#">Yukon</a>	Canada	CA 195	Grassland	Discontinuous	3.00	6.00	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Vegetation Type - ▾	<a href="#">08 (Deputatsky)</a>	<a href="#">Deputatskiy</a>	Russia	RU 119	Forest Tundra	Continuous	473.00	96.00	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Permafrost Zone - ▾										
- Responsible Person - ▾										
- Variable - ▾										

## Data Output - 1 Boreholes

Include timeseries in the Package!

### Alert 1

Url: <http://gtnpdatabase.org/boreholes/view/354>  
Active: no  
Permafrost\_Zone: Continuous  
Longitude: -62.4166667  
Latitude: 82.5  
Elevation: 64.73867798  
Slope: 2 °  
Aspect: 90 °  
Depth: 60.96 m  
Angle: 90 °  
Deepest\_Sensor: 60.96 m  
GTN-P Code: CA 42  
Prior measurement: Starting 1978 monthly-quarterly  
Have\_Data: yes  
Metadata Completeness: 61 %  
Measurement\_Method: Cable, thermistors at 1.52,3.05,6.1,12.19,18.29,24.38,30.48, 36.58, 42.67,48.77,54.86,60.96m diesel filled casing?  
Drilling\_Date: Sun Jan 01 1978 00:00:00 GMT+0000 (GMT)  
Description: MEAN ANNUAL GROUND TEMPERATURE AT OR NEAR DEPTH OF ZERO ANNUAL AMPLITUDE (°C) – report value for most recent year or 12 month interval -11.72 °C

Download Package





Close

<a href="#">Alert 2</a>	<a href="#">Ellesmere Island</a>	Canada	CA 43	Polar Desert	Continuous	64.00	60.00	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Alert 5</a>	<a href="#">Ellesmere Island</a>	Canada	CA 46	Polar Desert	Continuous	64.00	15.00	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Banks Island</a>	<a href="#">Banks Island</a>	Canada	CA 190	Tundra	Continuous	60.00	3.00	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<a href="#">Campbell Lake 1</a>	<a href="#">Mackenzie Delta</a>	Canada	CA 121	Forest Tundra	Continuous	122.00	4.00	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

Compressed Folder Tools Boreholes-354\_with\_timeseries

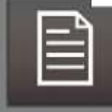
View Extract

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Maps



### Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost - Database



Permafrost Temperatures



Annual Thaw Depths



Help

# Download Options

## Download KML (Google Earth layer)



By clicking on the single points, an information window opens displaying active layer measuring site name, code, site name, permafrost zone, and spatial location. The link "Responsible person" opens a window in Google Earth displaying the citation of the specific site including responsible person(s), institution, and contact information. The link "More information" opens a window in Google Earth which is directly linked to the GTN-P database displaying the whole information of the site and appendent data.

## Download shapefiles (GIS layer)

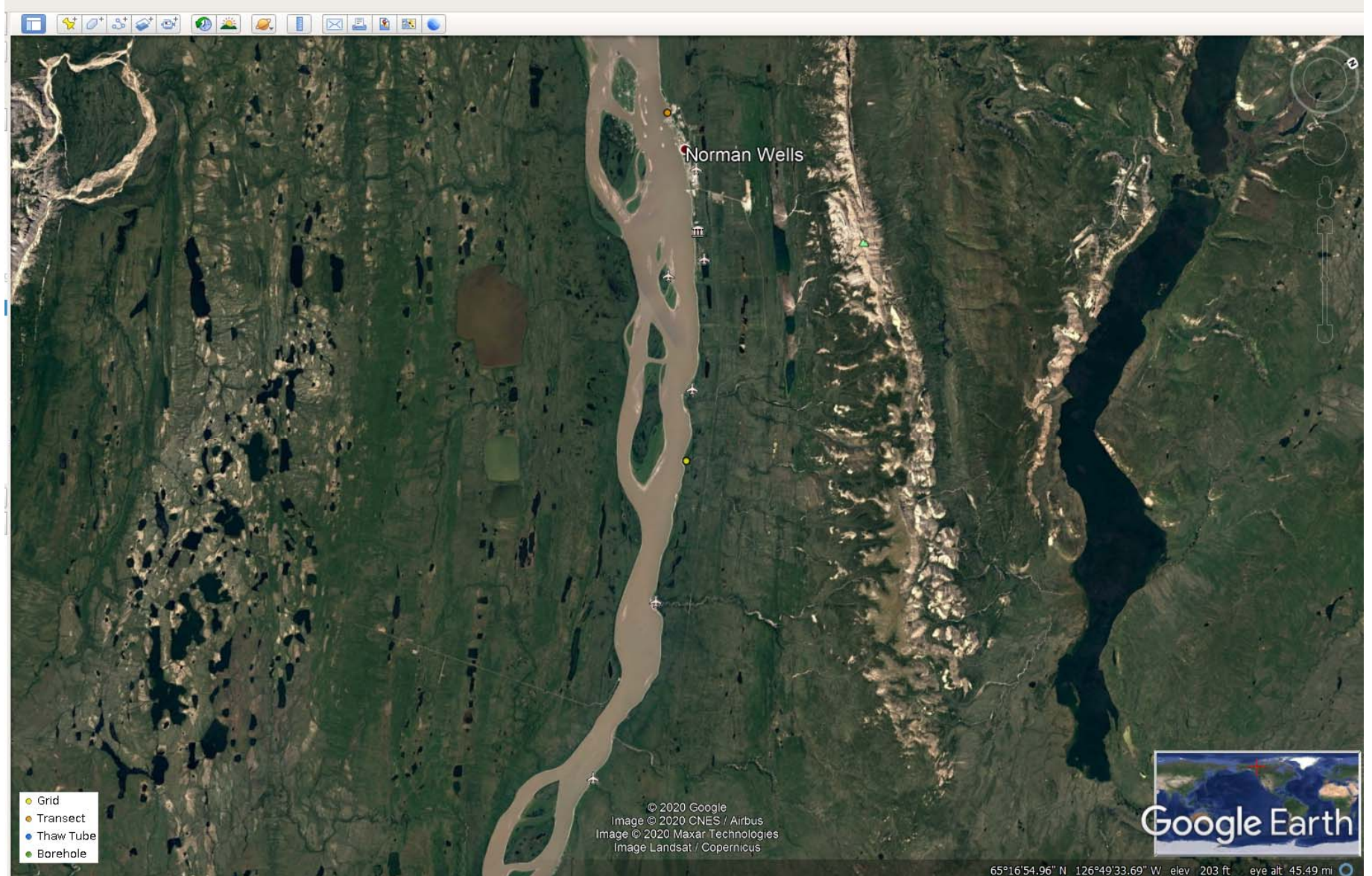


The shapefiles can be opened in (Q)GIS and show the distribution of all active layer measuring sites contained in the database in the WGS 84 projection. The attribute table contains information on country, latitude and longitude.

## Download CSV (Comma Separated Values)



Contains information on all active layer measuring sites (name, ID, country, permafrost zone, spatial location, and responsible person).





# Pump Station



## General Information

Created: 2014-01-30 09:01:24  
 Modified: 2014-01-30 09:02:18

Active:	No
Country:	Canada
Site:	<a href="#">Mackenzie River</a>
CALM.Code:	C10
Responsible Countries:	Canada,
Timezone:	UTC/GMT -07:00 hours
Vegetation Type:	Coniferous Forest
Responsible Person:	<a href="#">Charles Tarnocai</a>
Type:	Transect
Nodes:	7
Transect Length:	7
Offset:	1 m

Active-Layer Thickness is inferred from ground temperature profile measurements at 2.5, 5.0, 10.0, 20.0, 50.0, 100.0 and 120.0 cm depth. The ALT values are presented in summary table. The dataset also include soil temperature data for 01/01/1989 - 10/09/1996 period. For details on site description and instrumentation contact site investigator directly.

Accessibility	Disturbance
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Data	Citation	Links
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Slope:	1 °
Aspect:	317
Permafrost Zone:	Discontinuous
Vegetation:	Open black spruce forest
Lithology:	Histic Regosolic Turbic Cryosol Lacustrine material, silt loam texture, imperfectly drained clay loam (38 cm)
Morphology:	Blanket, ground pattern: earth hummocks
Description:	General description of soil moisture Moist

## Gallery



## Map

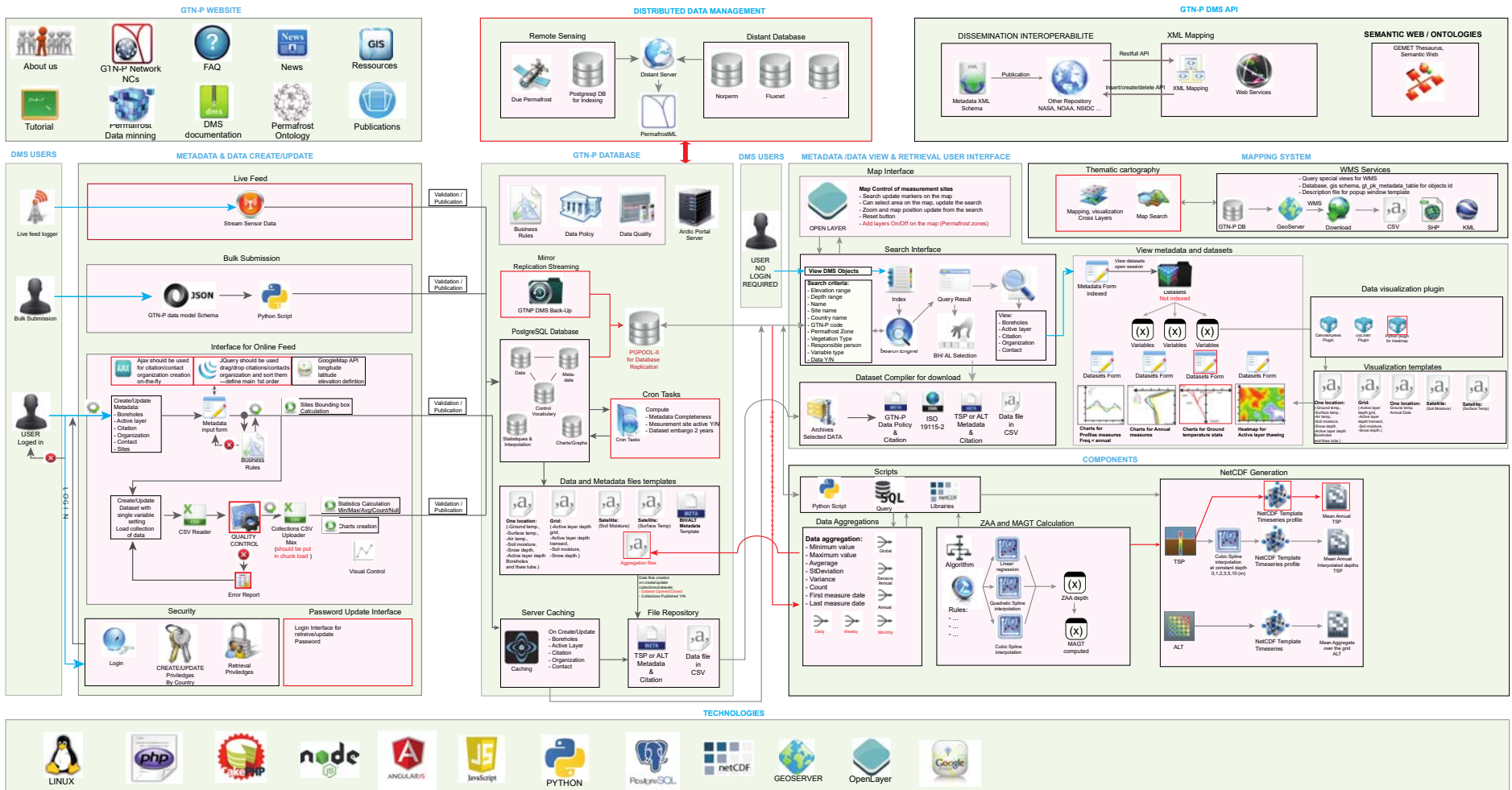
Longitude:	-126.8833 °
Latitude:	65.2833 °
Elevation:	60 m
EPSG:	4326

## Meta Data Completeness

Percentage of information fields provided for this monitoring site!

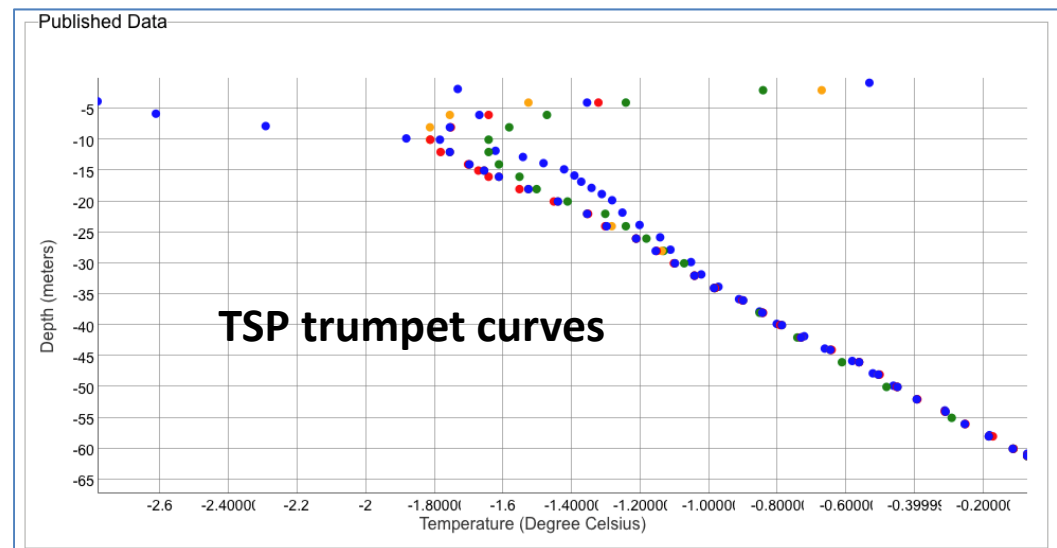
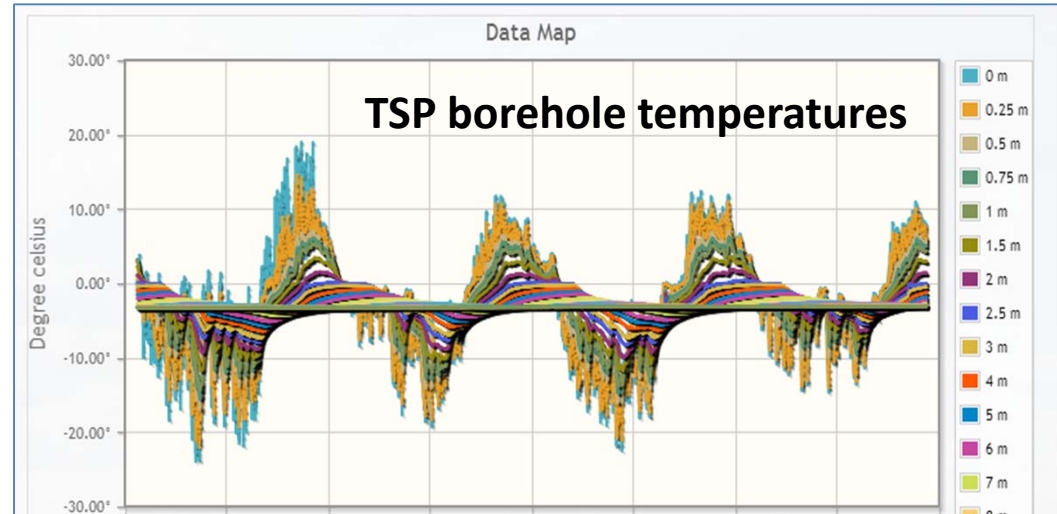
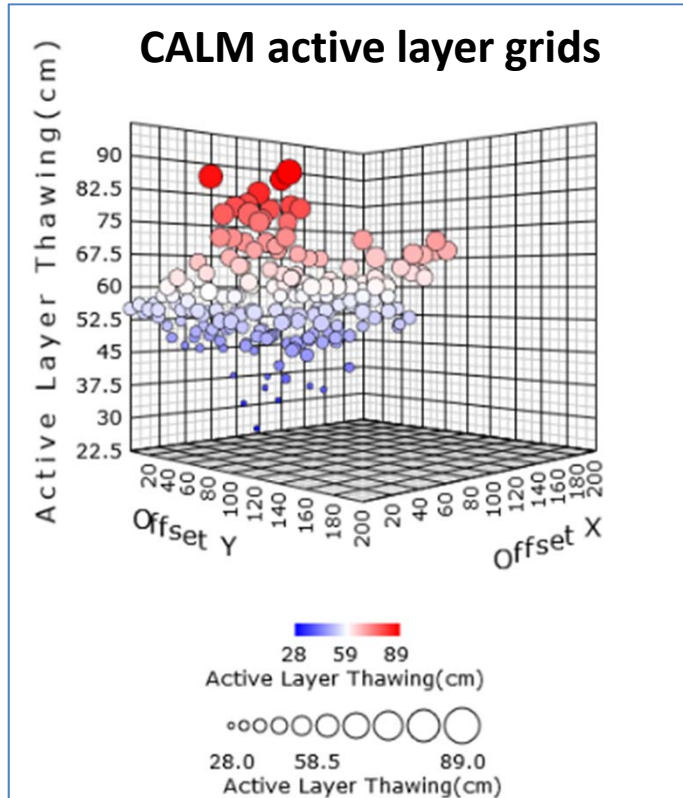


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# Metadata and data quality

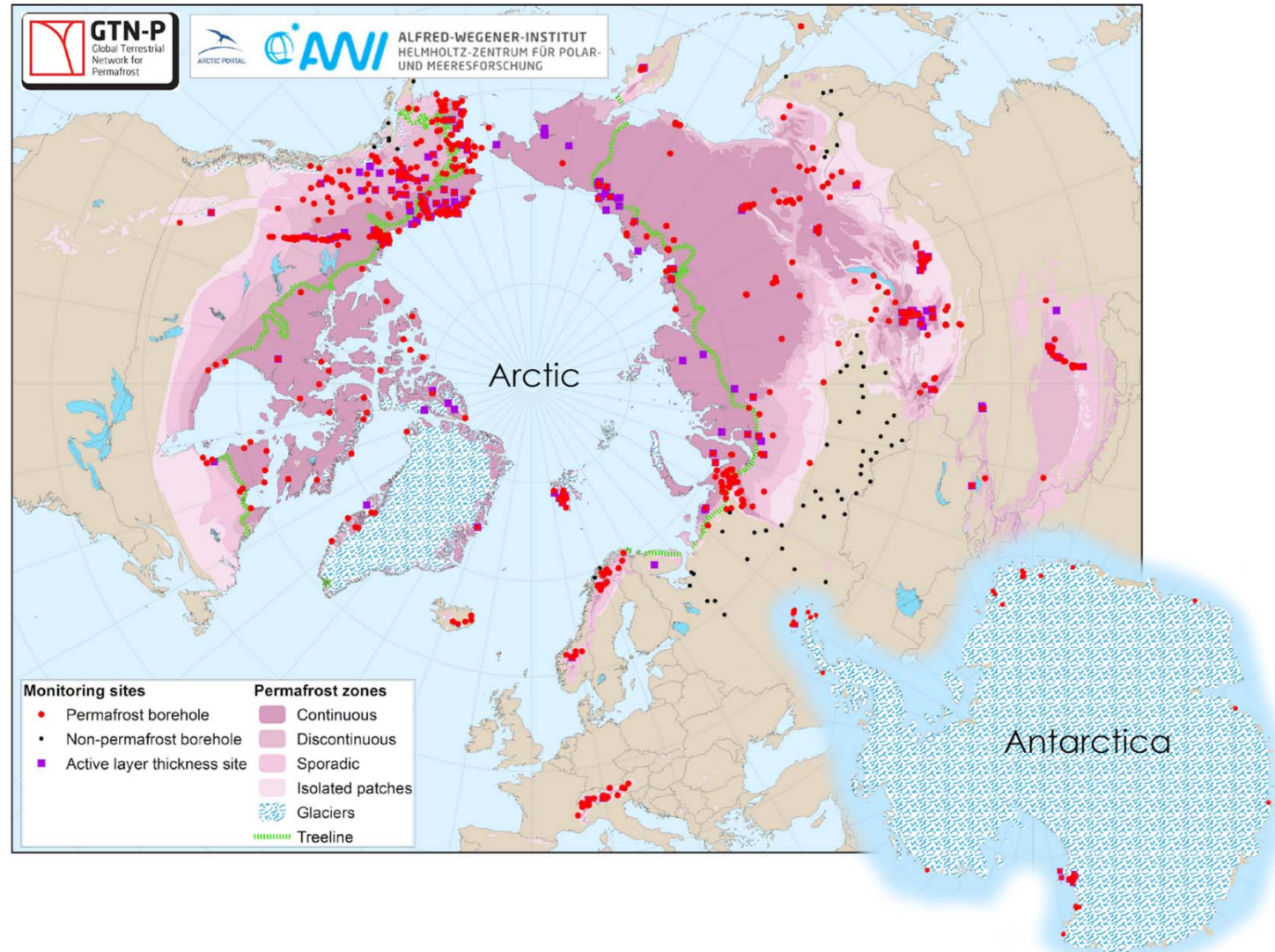
## Automated visualisation



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1350 boreholes  
249 active layer sites  
5 Million data points

## Supporters



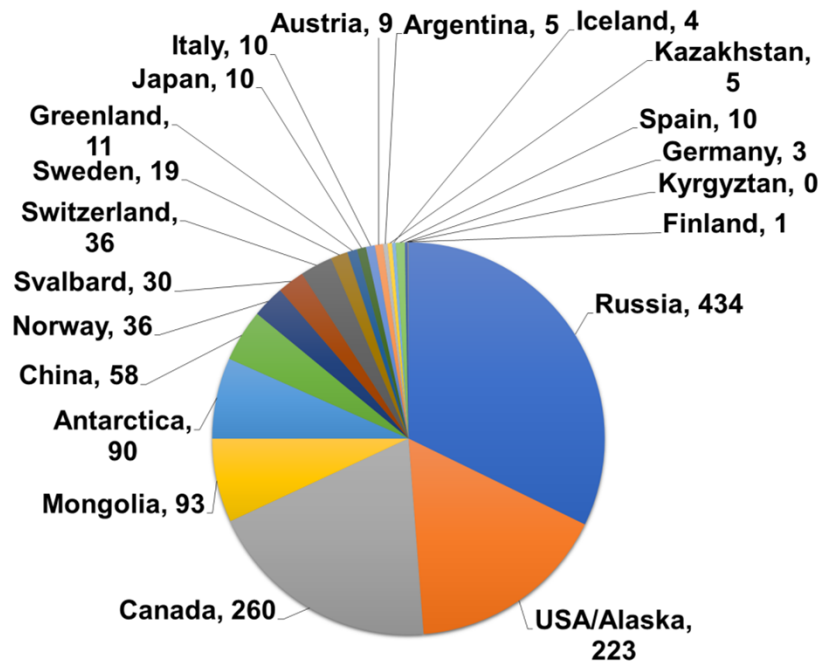
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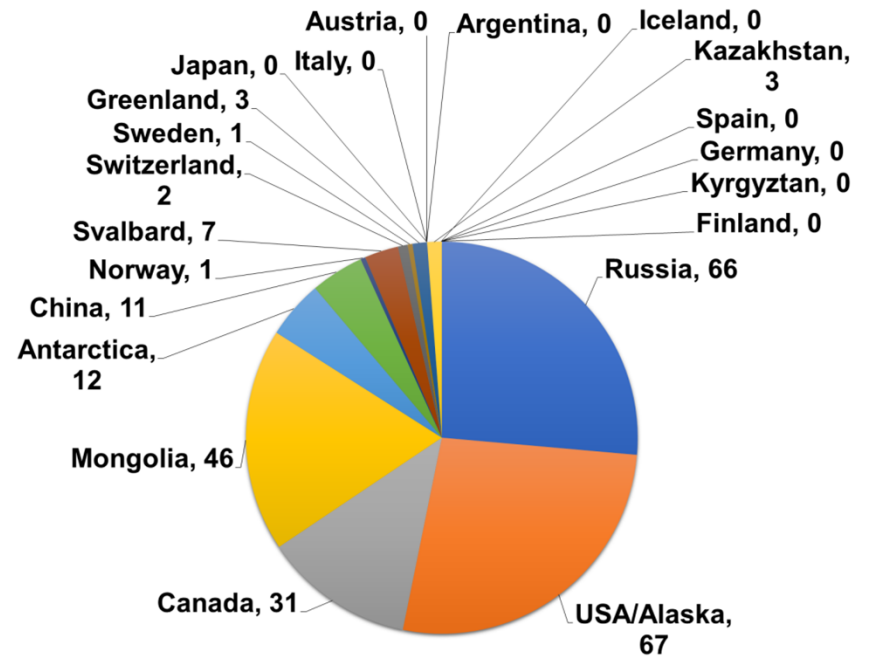
# Distribution of GTN-P sites by country



## TSP Sites



## ALT Sites

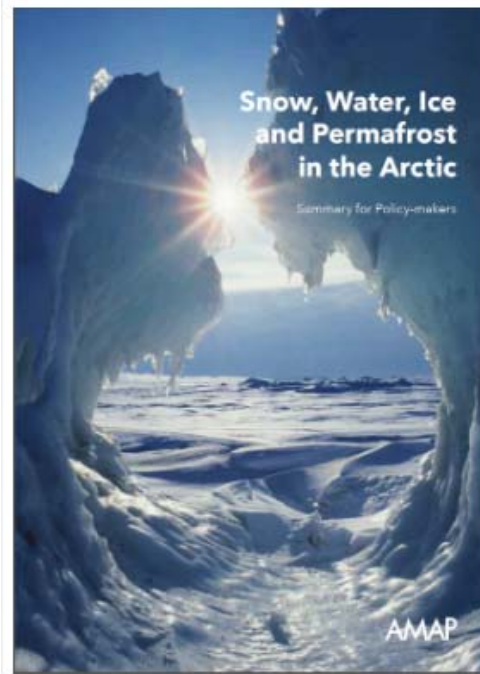


# GTN-P: Summary 01/01/15 - 01/01/20



	gtnp.arcticportal.org	gtnpdatabase.org
Users	23038	11630
Sessions	34765	18156
New users, %	84.5	88.2
Returning users, %	15.5	11.8
Page views	85323	137078
Avg. Session dur., min	02:02	06:34
Countries	USA [26.53%]	USA [20.31%]
	Germany [11.58%]	France [9.29%]
	China [8.25%]	Germany [8.42%]
	Canada [6.66%]	Canada [7.88%]
	France [5.37%]	Russia [5.53%]

# GTN-P Products



Environmental Research Letters



Permafrost and  
Periglacial  
Processes



Cold Regions Science and Technology



# Permafrost Temperature Publication



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## Permafrost is warming at a global scale

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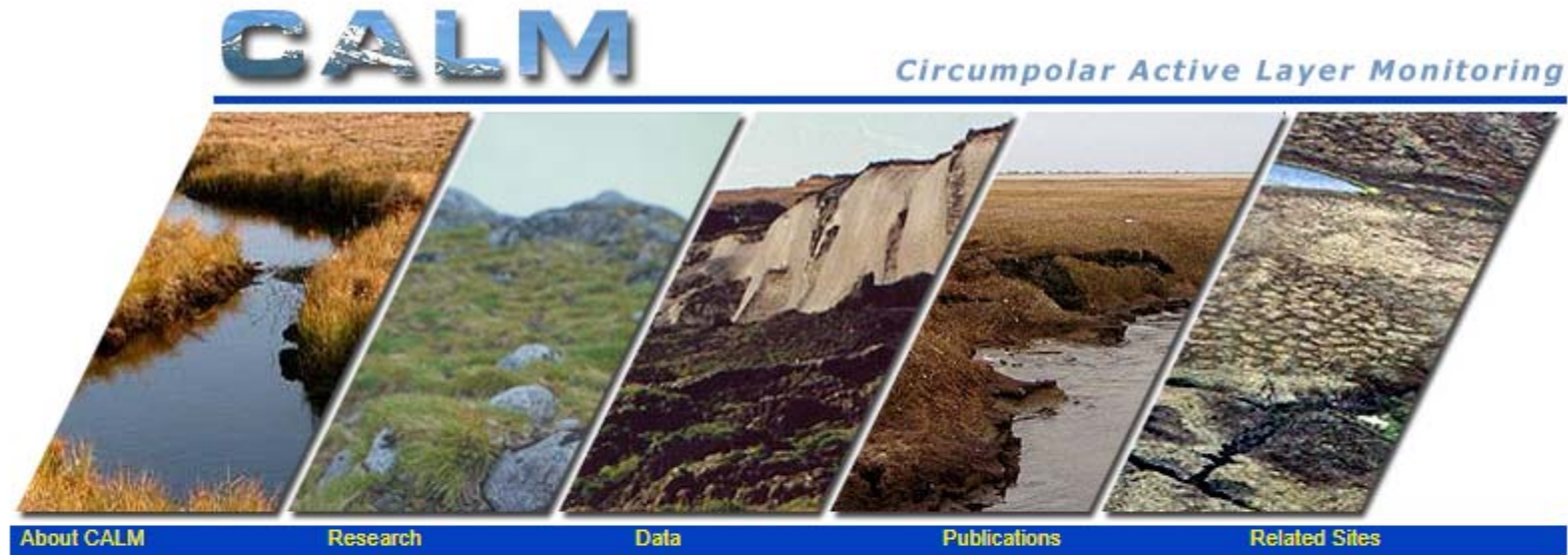
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# CALM V (2019-2024)



Welcome to the web site for the Circumpolar Active Layer Monitoring Network-CALM: *Long-Term Observations of the Climate-Active Layer-Permafrost System.*

The primary goal of the Circumpolar Active Layer Monitoring (CALM) program is to observe the response of the active layer and near-surface permafrost to climate change over long (multi-decadal) time scales. The CALM observational network, established in the 1990s, observes the long-term response of the active layer and near-surface permafrost to changes and variations in climate at more than 200 sites in both hemispheres. CALM currently has participants from 15 countries. Majority of sites measure active-layer thickness on grids ranging from 1 ha to 1 km<sup>2</sup>, and observe soil temperatures. Most sites in the CALM network are located in Arctic and Subarctic lowlands. Southern Hemisphere component (CALM-South) is being organized and currently includes sites in Antarctic and South America. The broader impacts of this project are derived from the hypothesis that widespread, systematic changes in the thickness of the active layer could have profound effects on the flux of greenhouse gases, on the human infrastructure in cold regions, and on landscape processes. It is therefore critical that observational and analytical procedures continue over decadal periods to assess trends and detect cumulative, long-term changes.



# Latest Updates

- Call for new members of SC
- Major ALT data update in DMS
- Planning NC Workshop and Session at RCOP
- Development of Monitoring Standards with GCW, GCOS and GTOS
- More at information at the Strategy and Implementation Plan 2016-2020:  
<http://library.arcticportal.org/1938/>
- AOS Poster with GTN-P highlights is here
- [https://gtnp.arcticportal.org/images/GTNP\\_Introduction/gtnp\\_AOS\\_streletskiy\\_2020.pdf](https://gtnp.arcticportal.org/images/GTNP_Introduction/gtnp_AOS_streletskiy_2020.pdf)

