

# 1 **Supplementary Material**

## 2 **Newly identified climatically and environmentally significant high-** 3 **latitude dust sources**

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#### 48 **Supplementary Animation**

49 [http://www.seevccc.rs/HLDpaper/NMMB\\_DREAM\\_circumpolar\\_dustload\\_animation.gif](http://www.seevccc.rs/HLDpaper/NMMB_DREAM_circumpolar_dustload_animation.gif)

#### 50 **Supplementary Tables and Figures**

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52 **Table S1. The contemporary category of the newly identified high-latitude dust sources included in this study based on the**  
53 **currently available observations. The number refers to the source number of the map in Figure 1. Also, McMurdo Dry Valley is**  
54 **estimated to best fit Category 3 and the McMurdo Ice Shelf ‘debris bands’ to Category 2.**

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Cat	HLD No.	Description	Climatic or environmental significance	Criteria
1	30, 31, 32, 34	Active source	High	Frequently active dust source with >10 dust events documented
2	25, 26, 27, 35	Moderately active source	Moderate	5–10 dust events documented or a smaller potential source area
3	1, 2-24, 28-29, 33, 36 –64	Source with unknown activity	Small/Currently unknown	Infrequent activity or a new source with 1–5 dust events documented

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57 **Table S2. Iceland dust sources and observations on dust events identified in this study based on satellite images of 2002–2011,**  
58 **source numbers 23–35 in Figure 1.**

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Location in Iceland	Satellite observations
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No. 23 Reykjanes	2 events, 2004 and 2011
No. 24 Eyrabakki	3 events, 2002–2011
No. 25 Hagavatnssvæði	8 events, 2002–2011
No. 26 Fljótshlíð	8 events, 2002–2011
No. 27 Langisjór	5 events in 2010; 3 events in 2002–2011
No. 28 Eldhraun/Landbrot	3 events 2002–2011
No. 29 Eldhraun	3 events 2002–2011
No. 30 Klausturfjara	17 events 2002–2011
No. 31 Núpsvötn	39 events 2002–2011
No. 32 Holuhraun	29 events 2002–2011
No. 33 Vikurhraun/Vikursandur	2 events 2002–2011
No. 34 Höfn í Hornarfirði	13 events 2002–2011
No. 35 Lónsvík	8 events 2002–2011

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61 **Table S3. West coast of Greenland observations for the new dust sources identified for the first time in this study (No. 53–58 in**  
62 **Fig. 1), based on satellite observations from 2021 and earlier satellite observations for sources identified in East Greenland and**  
63 **Canada (No. 59–64), north of 70°N**

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Latitude	Longitude	No.	Description	Dust example	Observed events
63.5059	-51.0454	53	West coast of Greenland, the source appears to be in the delta area, not in the valley	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3biQSt9">https://go.nasa.gov/3biQSt9</a>	26 Oct 2021
62.2421	-49.0481	54	West coast of Greenland, the source appears to be a	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3Gw80SV">https://go.nasa.gov/3Gw80SV</a>	23/25 Oct 2021

			small valley with a glacier		
63.5163	-50.9652	55	West coast of Greenland, source appears to be the delta area (Sentinel shows dust plumes up 10 km from the coast, east of delta)	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3Ct5cmY">https://go.nasa.gov/3Ct5cmY</a>	18,19,25,26 Oct 2021
65.7621	-51.2866	56	West coast of Greenland, a very narrow valley (not clear if dust comes from the valley or termination tip of glacier). Clear dust plumes when flipping images Aqua/Terra	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/2ZBLvv2">https://go.nasa.gov/2ZBLvv2</a>	18 and 22 Oct 2021
62.4791	-50.2146	57	West coast of Greenland, small trip of land between sea and glacier	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/2ZyWbea">https://go.nasa.gov/2ZyWbea</a>	18 Oct 2021
67.359	-52.3693	58	West coast of Greenland, a short valley, several dust clouds appear	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3vU4qwR">https://go.nasa.gov/3vU4qwR</a>	18 Oct 2021
71.8288	-22.8017	59	East Greenland	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3pOPjng">https://go.nasa.gov/3pOPjng</a>	3 Oct 2019
70.4565	-22.2694	60	East Greenland	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3Gx1paM">https://go.nasa.gov/3Gx1paM</a>	15 Sep 2020
78.0407	-21.4572	61	East Greenland	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3Gw4g3R">https://go.nasa.gov/3Gw4g3R</a>	24 Sep 2003
81.3073	-78.2145	62	Canada	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3mxJxEZ">https://go.nasa.gov/3mxJxEZ</a>	2 July 2020
71.8426	-22.7902	63	East Greenland, better seen in S2 and L8	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3Bt9jy2">https://go.nasa.gov/3Bt9jy2</a>	30 Sept 2018
72.3906	-25.1555	64	East Greenland	<a href="https://go.nasa.gov/3vXOWb6">https://go.nasa.gov/3vXOWb6</a>	23 Sep 2003

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66 **Table S4. Locations of the HLD sources (no. 1-64 in Fig. 1) and G-SDS-SBM source intensity (SI) values at location; maximum**  
67 **values found in certain environments given location (areas within the distance from location of 30 arcsec, 0.1°, 0.5°, and 1°); SI is**  
68 **undefined (-99.0) if location mark is not over land; area south of 60°S is not included in G-SDS-SBM, and values at locations in**  
69 **this area are marked with a dash.**

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No.	lat	lon	at loc.		30 arcsec		0.1°		0.5°		1°	
			max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min
1	57.6482	10.4059	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	63.2	75.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2

3	60.1	71.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.3
4	58.9	69.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.3
5	56.5	67.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1
6	67.6	33.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0
7	51.3	88.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2
8	47.3	66.7	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.7
9	-77.9	165.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	63.5	-18.2	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
11	71.4	128.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
12	81.7	-71.1	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
13	77	16	-99.0	-99.0	-99.0	-99.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
14	60.5	-144.9	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5
15	56.0054	8.1138	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
16	69.36	-123.97	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
17	-45.48	-68.78	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
18	77	15	-99.0	-99.0	-99.0	-99.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
19	-63.9	-57.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-64.2	-56.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	70.4	-52.5	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
22	78.7	15.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
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23	63.85	22.2163 5	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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24	63.87	21.1888 5	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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25	64.47	20.3270 2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0
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26	63.72	20.1401 3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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27	64.14	18.2902 2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.0
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28	63.69	18.2001 2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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29	64.03	17.9927 6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

<b>30</b>	63.7	- 17.7592 5	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>31</b>	63.91	- 17.5464 0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>32</b>	64.84	- 16.8455 0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.0
<b>33</b>	65.02	- 16.4949 2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.0
<b>34</b>	64.24	- 15.2144 3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>35</b>	64.38	- 14.7674 3	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>36</b>	-45.56	-68.7378	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
<b>37</b>	-53.217	-68.6934	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>38</b>	-53.78	-67.8064	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>39</b>	-49.53	-68.1744	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>40</b>	-47.61	-65.7979	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>41</b>	-47.94	-66.2073	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>42</b>	-46.72	-69.0699	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
<b>43</b>	-46.53	-69.401	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
<b>44</b>	-48.54	-67.015	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>45</b>	-41.14	-69.46	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5
<b>46</b>	70.47	-52.88	0.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>47</b>	71.36	-24.53	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>48</b>	47.6	-111.25	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9
<b>49</b>	67.87	44.13	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>50</b>	60.9987	- 138.529 4	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.6
<b>51</b>	56.4772	12.9260	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.6
<b>52</b>	70.7583	- 11.6444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>53</b>	63.5059	-51.0454	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>54</b>	62.2421	-49.0481	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>55</b>	63.5163	-50.9652	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

<b>56</b>	65.7621	-51.2866	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	1.0
<b>57</b>	62.4791	-50.2146	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0
<b>58</b>	67.359	-52.3693	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0
<b>59</b>	71.8288	-22.8017	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>60</b>	70.4565	-22.2694	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>61</b>	78.0407	-21.4572	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>62</b>	81.3073	-78.2145	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>63</b>	71.8426	-22.7902	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
<b>64</b>	72.3906	-25.1555	-99.0	-99.0	-99.0	-99.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.0

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**Table S5. Number of locations for north and south HLD regions that have SI values above a certain threshold (0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4), depending on the environment size (30 arcsec, 0.1°, 0.5°, and 1°)**

No.	lat	lon	at loc.		30 arcsec		0.1°		0.5°		1°	
			max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max	min

**NORTH HLD REGION (NORTH OF 50°N)**

SI ≥ 0.9	5	0	12	0	27	4	39	16	44	23
SI ≥ 0.8	6	0	14	0	31	4	40	16	46	23
SI ≥ 0.7	8	0	17	0	33	6	42	18	46	24
SI ≥ 0.6	12	0	22	0	36	6	43	19	46	26
SI ≥ 0.5	17	0	27	1	38	7	44	22	48	27
SI ≥ 0.4	20	0	29	1	40	7	46	23	49	27

**SOUTH HLD REGION (SOUTH OF 40°S)**

SI ≥ 0.9	3	2	3	2	7	6	10	7	10	9
SI ≥ 0.8	6	3	6	3	9	7	10	10	11	10
SI ≥ 0.7	7	6	9	7	10	10	10	10	11	10
SI ≥ 0.6	7	6	9	8	11	10	11	10	11	10
SI ≥ 0.5	7	6	10	8	11	10	11	11	11	11
SI ≥ 0.4	7	6	10	8	11	11	11	11	11	11

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**Table S6. Mineralogical and elemental composition of PM2 and PM1000 of soils in Western Siberia.**

Proxy	HLD no.2 (Podzols)			HLD no.3 (Retisols and Gleysols)				HLD no.4 (Retisols and Gleysols)				HLD no.5 (Phaeozems and Stagnosols)			
	PM2, n=1		PM1000, n=10	PM2, n=4		PM1000, n=7		PM2, n=5		PM1000, n=5		PM2, n=8		PM1000, n=11	
	M	M	$\sigma$	M	$\sigma$	M	$\sigma$	M	$\sigma$	M	$\sigma$	M	$\sigma$	M	$\sigma$
Smectite, %	36.7	0.0	0.0	51.5	4.1	13.7	10.4	46.8	5.5	17.7	10.5	47.6	11.6	23.2	8.7
Illite, %	5.5	2.9	1.0	8.7	1.4	9.3	0.8	8.1	0.9	6.3	0.7	8.3	2.2	10.1	1.5
I/Sm, %	23.6	<0.1	-	18.2	1.0	<0.1	-	20.1	5.1	<0.1	-	26.0	10.1	<0.1	-
Kaolinite, %	6.7	1.4	1.2	3.5	0.8	2.3	0.6	6.5	2.5	2.2	1.1	5.3	1.7	3.4	0.7
Chlorite, %	2.1	0.4	0.5	2.4	0.8	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	2.1	0.8	1.9	0.5	1.7	0.7
Pls, %	6.4	5.5	2.7	4.3	0.8	15.5	3.2	4.5	0.7	14.6	3.4	3.5	1.3	13.8	2.5
PFS, %	7.1	4.9	3.0	4.9	1.3	8.3	1.9	4.3	0.9	8.3	1.4	5.4	1.8	8.1	1.6
Quartz, %	11.2	84.6	6.8	5.7	1.7	49.8	10.2	7.6	4.5	48.7	8.9	4.1	2.6	38.4	6.2
Calcite, %	0.8	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.6	1.4	3.1
TOC, %	n.a.	1.7	3.7	1.0	1.0	4.7	7.3	6.0	4.3	1.8	2.9	2.4	3.1	1.0	1.4
Na <sub>2</sub> O, %	0.71	0.54	0.32	0.25	0.14	0.99	0.33	0.19	0.09	1.23	0.26	0.18	0.05	0.87	0.24
MgO, %	1.14	0.13	0.11	1.97	0.22	1.18	0.67	1.73	0.37	1.28	0.29	2.33	0.29	1.75	0.43
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , %	20.7	3.5	2.0	15.6	3.1	10.9	2.8	16.2	2.7	10.9	1.3	17.2	3.3	12.0	1.9
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , %	0.34	0.47	0.47	0.34	0.47	0.13	0.07	0.44	0.26	0.16	0.15	0.25	0.21	0.27	0.41
S, %	0.24	0.04	0.02	0.14	0.25	0.09	0.04	0.12	0.15	<0.1	-	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.02
K <sub>2</sub> O, %	1.64	1.18	0.54	1.86	0.32	1.74	0.29	1.59	0.17	1.88	0.16	2.50	0.42	2.14	0.26
CaO, %	0.48	0.16	0.07	1.20	0.34	0.75	0.36	1.05	0.47	1.18	0.36	2.32	1.77	1.97	2.00

TiO <sub>2</sub> , %	0.92	0.33	0.19	0.71	0.14	1.03	0.04	0.61	0.14	1.00	0.21	0.62	0.11	0.97	0.08
MnO, %	0.29	0.02	0.01	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.13	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.12	0.08
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , %	9.1	0.5	0.4	8.8	2.2	3.6	2.0	9.2	2.8	4.9	1.2	8.8	1.1	5.3	1.5
V, mg/kg	171	30	17	174	45	123	24	164	35	115	14	168	24	140	16
Cr, mg/kg	754	36	26	298	251	129	20	231	67	144	16	216	96	154	28
Co, mg/kg	62	<10	-	22	4.4	15.3	3.5	26.2	6.4	20	7.5	17	2.1	17	3.8
Ni, mg/kg	182	<10	-	115	45	29	15	85	8.0	32	9.4	90	25	47	11
Cu, mg/kg	59	<10	-	54	5.0	20	5.3	38	10	15	1.5	48	9.9	28	4.5
Zn, mg/kg	180	26	8.1	144	21	50	22	136	25	61	17	126	9.7	75	12
As, mg/kg	15	<10	-	13	2,4	<10	-	14	4.5	<10	-	12	3.2	<10	-
Pb, mg/kg	36	<10	-	32	21	19	5.3	28	7.1	23.3	12	19	3.3	27	5.1

84 I/Sm – illite-smectite mixed-layer minerals with predomination of illite interlayers, PLs – Plagioclases PFS – potassium  
85 feldspars, TOC – total organic carbon

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87 **Table S7. Some characteristics of tailing ponds on the Kola Peninsula (Masloboev et al., 2016).**

No.	Object	Exploitation period	Total area, ha	Resource, mln. t
1	Tailing pond of processing plant no. 1 of the Pechenganickel works, JSC Kola MMC	1945–1994	1033	~220
2	Tailing pond of processing plant no. 2 of the Pechenganickel works, JSC Kola MMC	1965– present time		22.4
3	Tailing pond of processing plant of the Severonikel works, JSC Kola MMC	1935–1978	No data	5.3
4	Dumps of granulated slag of the Pechenganickel works, JSC Kola MMC	1945– present time	80	47
5	Tailing pond no. 1 and no. 2 of crushing and processing plant, JSC Olkon	1954– present time	1400	~300
6	Tailing pond of apatite-nepheline processing plant no.1 (ANOF-1), JSC Apatit	1957–1963	120	24.4
7	Tailing pond of apatite-nepheline processing plant no. 2 (ANOF-2), JSC Apatit	1963– present time	1652	~550
8	Tailing pond of apatite-nepheline processing plant no. 3 (ANOF-3), JSC Apatit	1988– present time	1158	~250
9	Tailing pond of JSC Kovdorskiy GOK, (field no. 1)	1962–1980	330	53.8
10	Tailing pond of JSC Kovdorskiy GOK, (field no. 2)	1988– present time	900	80
11	Tailing pond of LLC Lovoserskiy GOK	1951– present time	No data	12
12	Tailing pond of LLC Kovdorslyuda	1959 – present	35	6

89 **Supplement: Central part of the East European Plain: partitioning of chemical elements among five particle-sized**  
90 **fractions**

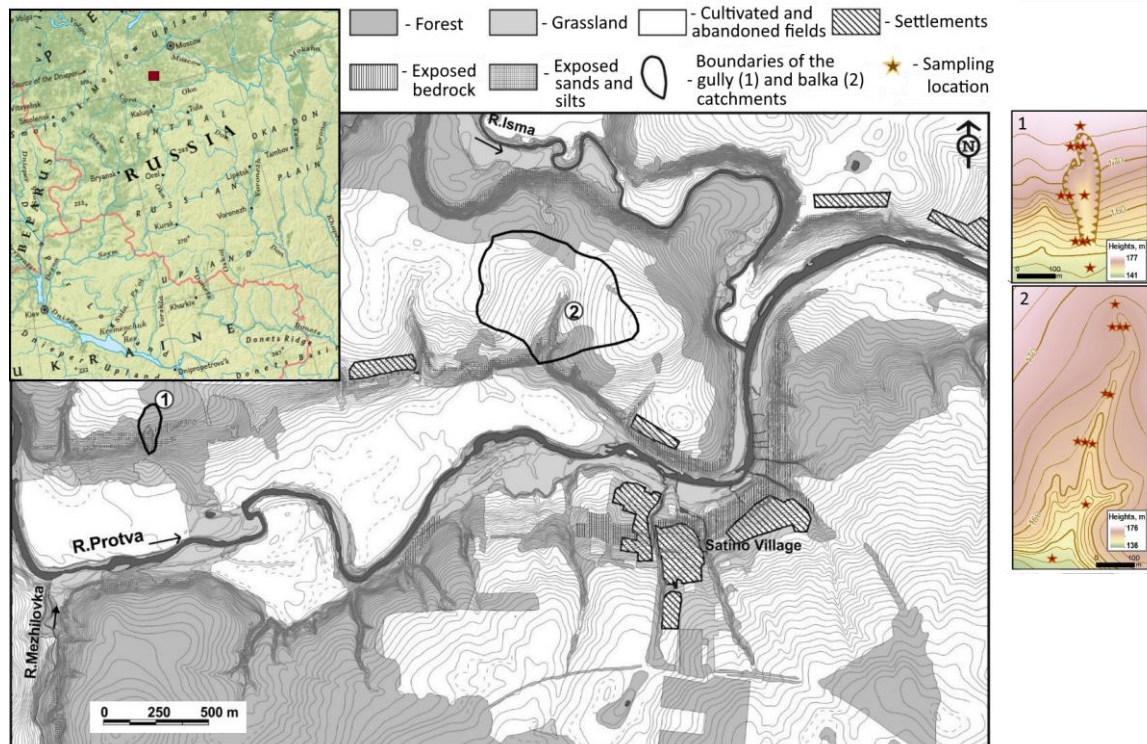
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92 Topsoil (0–10 cm) samples were collected along several transects (Samonova and Aseyeva, 2020), crossing two small  
93 erosional landforms—a gully and a balka (Fig 1A). The collected bulk samples (n=22) were physically fractionated into five  
94 particle-sized fractions (250–1000, 50–250, 10–50, 1–10, and <1  $\mu\text{m}$ , n=100). The boundaries among particle size classes were  
95 defined according to the Russian conventional fraction groups: coarse and medium sand (250–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ), fine sand (50–250  
96  $\mu\text{m}$ ), coarse silt (10–50  $\mu\text{m}$ ), medium and fine silt (1–10  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and clay (<1  $\mu\text{m}$ ). The concentrations of Al, Fe, Mn, Ti, Li, Be,  
97 Sc, V, Cr, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, As, Rb, Mo, Cd, Sn, Sb, Cs, Pb, Ta, Tl, Bi, Th, Y, Nb, Ba, U, Zr, Sr, and Hf were determined  
98 on Elan-6100 and Optima-4300 DV spectrometers (Perkin Elmer Inc., USA) by ICP-AES/MS after the samples were digested  
99 in a mixture of acids (NSAM-499-AES/MS method). In physical fractionation, the sand fractions were separated from the bulk  
100 soil samples by wet sieving, while the silt and clay fractions were obtained by sedimentation and siphoning during times  
101 determined by Stokes' law.

102 The measured concentrations and element distribution among soil particle-sized fractions are shown in Figs. 2A, 3A, and 4A.  
103 Because of the different ways in which the elements can occur in the soils (Samonova and Aseyeva, 2020), their distribution  
104 among particle-sized fractions varies. However, some common patterns in partitioning the elements exist, which allowed us  
105 to combine them into several distinct groups (groups A, B, and C). According to our results, most of the elements (Al, Cd, Zn,  
106 Sc, V, Tl, Pb, Rb, Ti, Nb, Th, Y, U, Li, Cs, Be, and Ga) showed the progressive accumulation from the coarser to the finer  
107 fractions and a maximum of the element concentration in the clay fraction (Fig.2A). The predominant accumulation of metals  
108 in the fine fractions was reported earlier for the natural and polluted soils (Hardy and Cornu, 2006; Ljung et al., 2006),  
109 suggesting these elements are mainly found in the secondary minerals such as phyllosilicate clays, where they occur as  
110 structural components or adsorbed ions. A more detailed study of the element partitioning showed that group A was not  
111 homogeneous because of some differences in the distribution of the elements between the two sand fractions, which allowed  
112 us to identify several subgroups of the elements. The first subgroup (Al, Cd, Zn, Sc, V, Tl, Pb, and Rb) included the elements  
113 partitioned equally between the two sand fractions. The second contained Ti, Nb, Th, Y, and U, with higher affinity to the finer  
114 sand fraction, presumably due to the preferential accumulation of stable minerals like rutile and titanite in the fine sand and  
115 silt fractions. The third included the lithophile elements (Li, Cs, Be, Ga) associated more closely with the coarser sand fraction  
116 than the fine sand fraction.

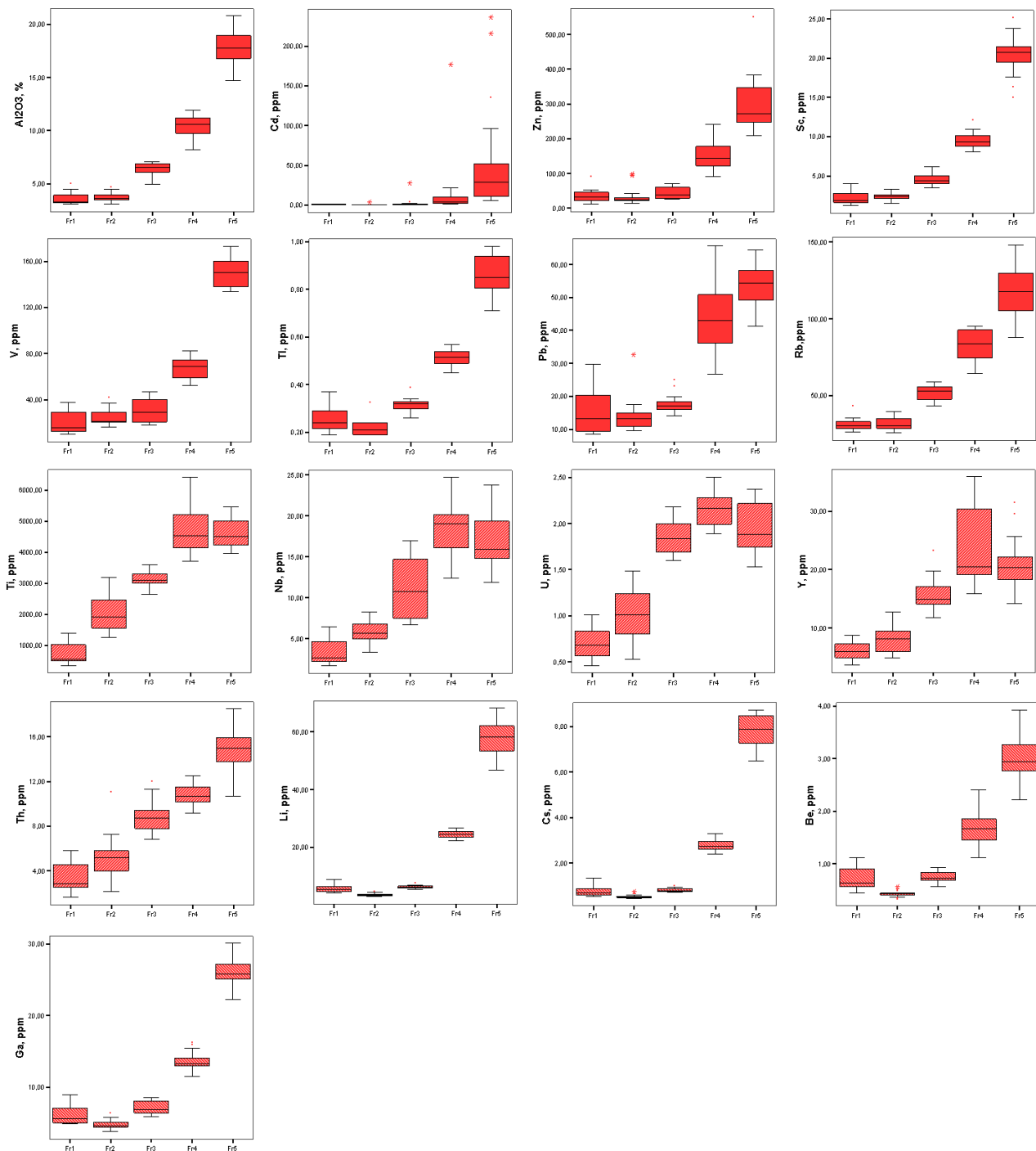
117 Unlike group A, the elements from group B had minimal concentrations, not in the sand but the silt fractions, specifically the  
118 coarse silt fraction (Cr, Ni, Sn, Bi, Sb, As, Mn, and Co) or both silt fractions (Fe and Mo). However, the major element hosting  
119 a particle-sized fraction remained the same (the clay fraction). Most of the elements comprising this group participate in redox  
120 reactions and belong to the arsenic group or represent typical elements of the ferro-family. The latter group can occur in soils  
121 as structural components of primary ferrous minerals or/and as co-precipitates in secondary Fe-Mn (hydr)oxides. Most of the  
122 elements from group B did not concentrate in the sand fractions, except for Mn, Co, and Mo, which, in some cases, displayed

123 two concentration maxima (one in clay and one in sand). Such bimodal distribution was reported earlier and can be explained  
 124 by the presence of several hosting minerals and phases having high retention for these metals. In the clay, Mn and Co are  
 125 associated with secondary clay minerals. However, in the sand, they seem bound to newly formed Mn (hydr)oxides.  
 126 The last group (group C) incorporated stable elements Zr and Hf. Their maximum concentrations were observed in the silt  
 127 fractions, with a maximum in the coarse silt and a minimum in the coarse and medium sand fractions. Such distribution among  
 128 different particle-sized fractions can be explained by the occurrence of these elements in detrital grains of primary accessory  
 129 minerals, such as zircon, usually concentrated in the fine sand to coarse silt fractions.  
 130 In conclusion, our geochemical study conducted in the central part of European Russia showed that most of the elements in  
 131 the upper horizons of typical silty soils displayed progressive accumulation in the finer fractions. However, our data also  
 132 proves that the preferential association of the elements with particle-sized fractions is not limited to the clay fraction. Metals  
 133 such as Mn and Co tend to have bimodal distribution with concentration maxima in the clay and sand fractions. The partitioning  
 134 of Zr, Hf, Nb, Ti, U, and Y accumulating in the silt fractions is governed by their presence in the mineral structure of accessory  
 135 minerals that are stable during transport, physicochemical weathering, and soil formation. In many cases, the coarse silt  
 136 fraction, with particle sizes of 10–50  $\mu\text{m}$ , is depleted in elements, which can stem from its loessial origin.  
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140 **Figure S1. Map of the study area in Central European Russia with the study objects and sampling locations (Samonova and Aseyeva,**  
141 **2020).**  
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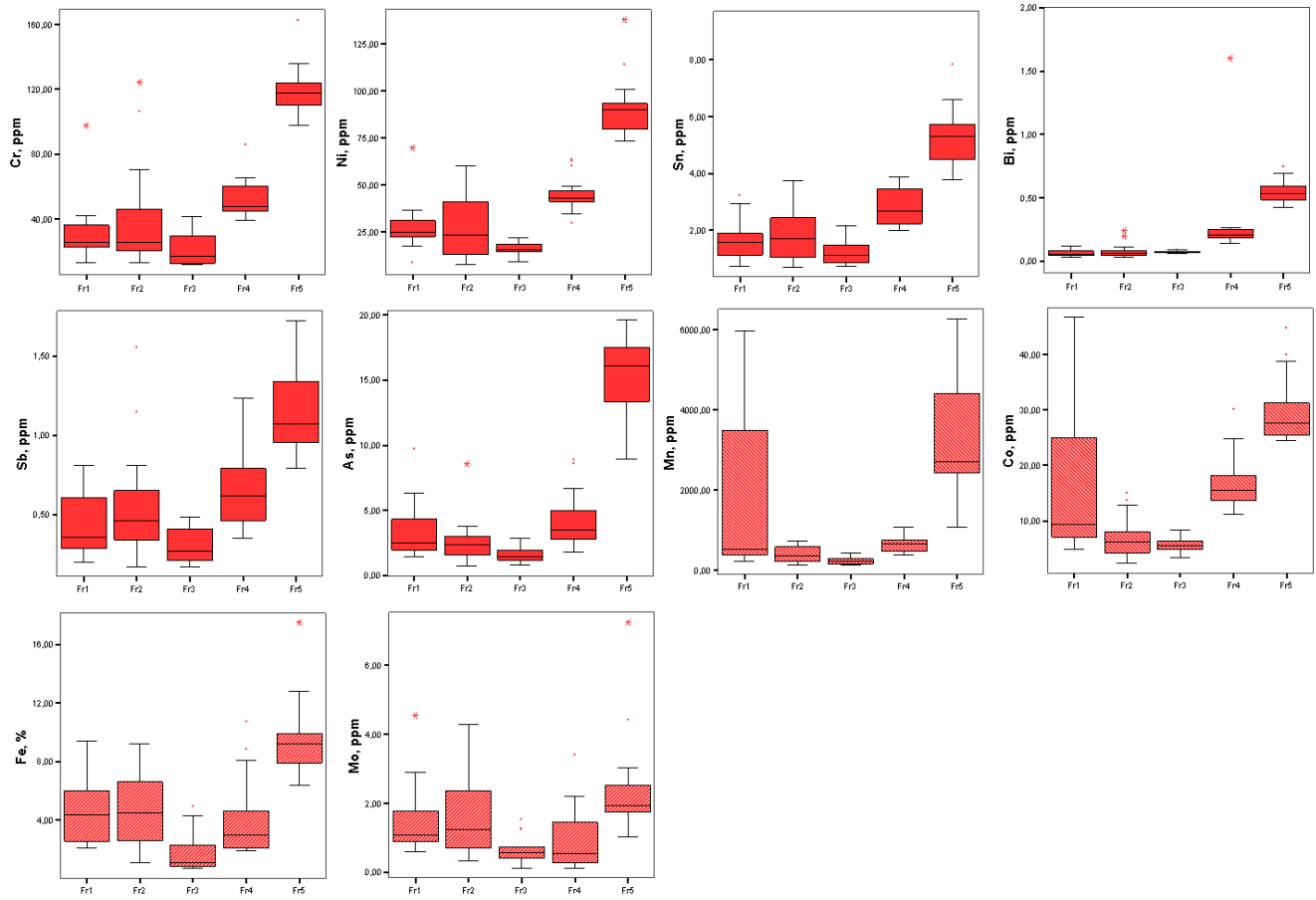


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145 **Figure S2. The abundances of elements (group A) in the soil particle size fractions.** Median is indicated as a line across the box. X-axis:  
 146 particle size fractions Fr1 – coarse and medium sand (250–1000 μm); Fr2 – fine sand (50–250 μm); Fr3 – coarse silt (10–50 μm); Fr4 –  
 147 medium and fine silt (1–10 μm); Fr5 – clay (<1 μm).

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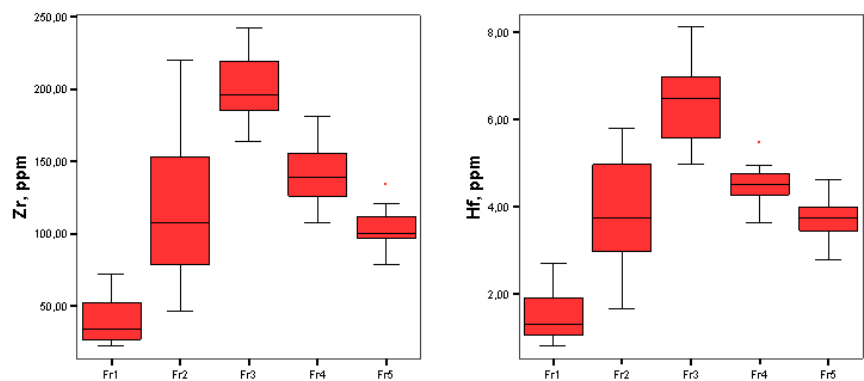
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152 **Figure S3. The abundances of elements (group B) in the soil particle size fractions.** Median is indicated as a line across the box. X-axis:  
153 particle size fractions Fr1 – coarse and medium sand (250–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr2 – fine sand (50–250  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr3 – coarse silt (10–50  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr4 –  
154 medium and fine silt (1–10  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr5 – clay (<1  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

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**Figure S4. The abundances of elements (group C) in the soil particle size fractions.** Median is indicated as a line across the box. X-axis: particle size fractions Fr1 – coarse and medium sand (250–1000  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr2 – fine sand (50–250  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr3 – coarse silt (10–50  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr4 – medium and fine silt (1–10  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Fr5 – clay (<1  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

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