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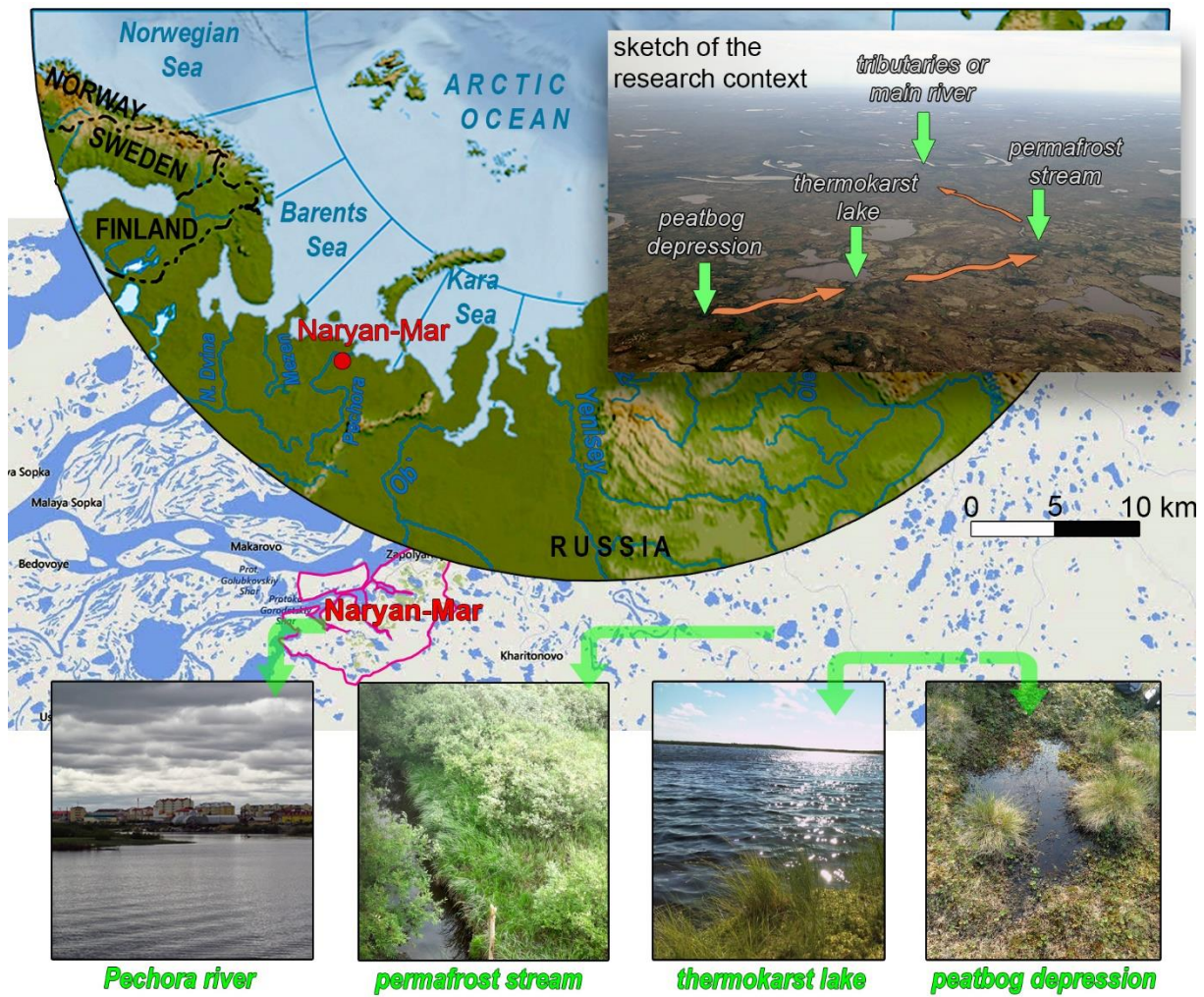
Humic surface waters of frozen peat bogs (permafrost zone) are highly resistant to bio- and photodegradation

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9 **Fig. S1.** The map of studied hydrological continuum and ground photos of sampled
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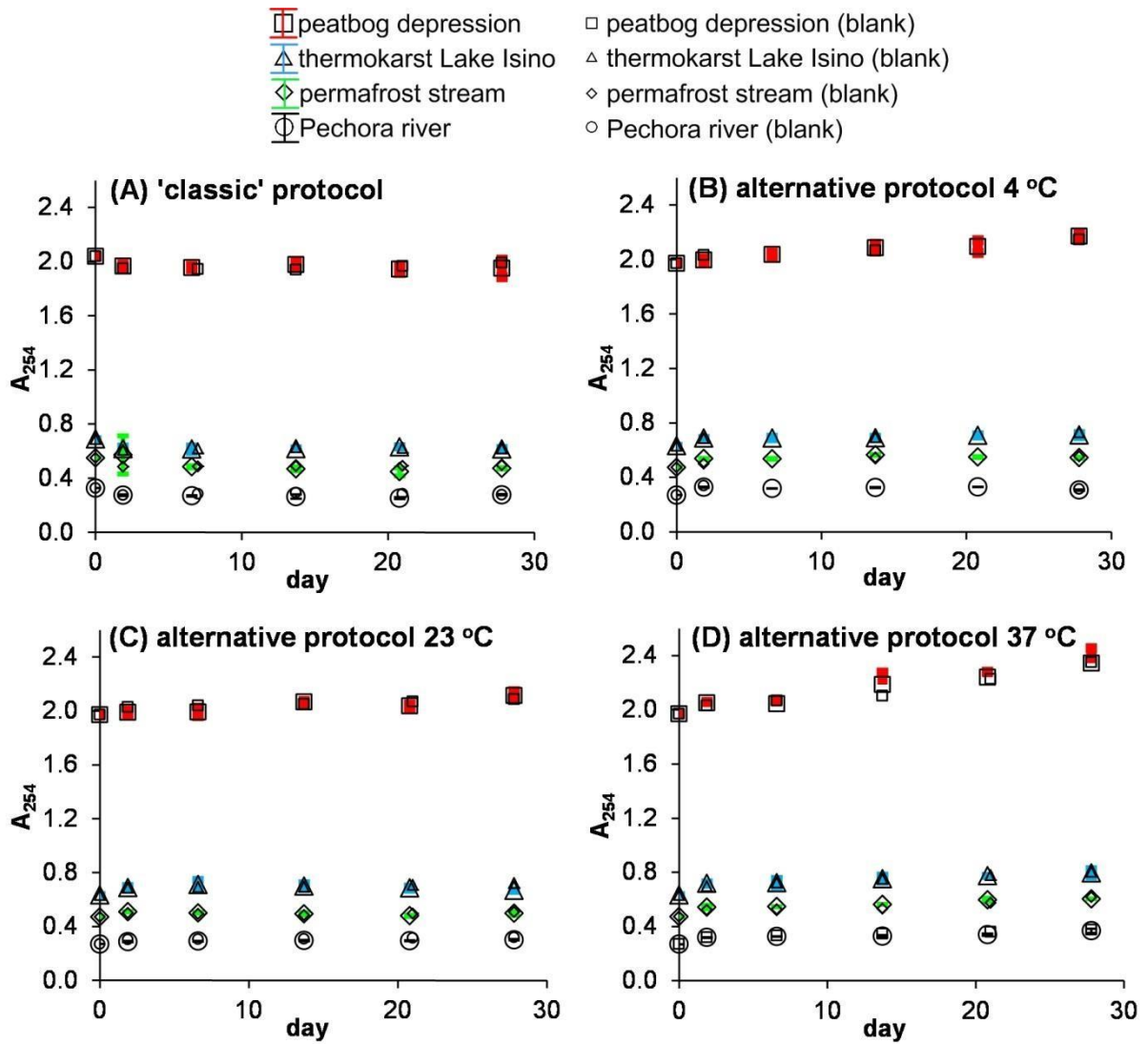
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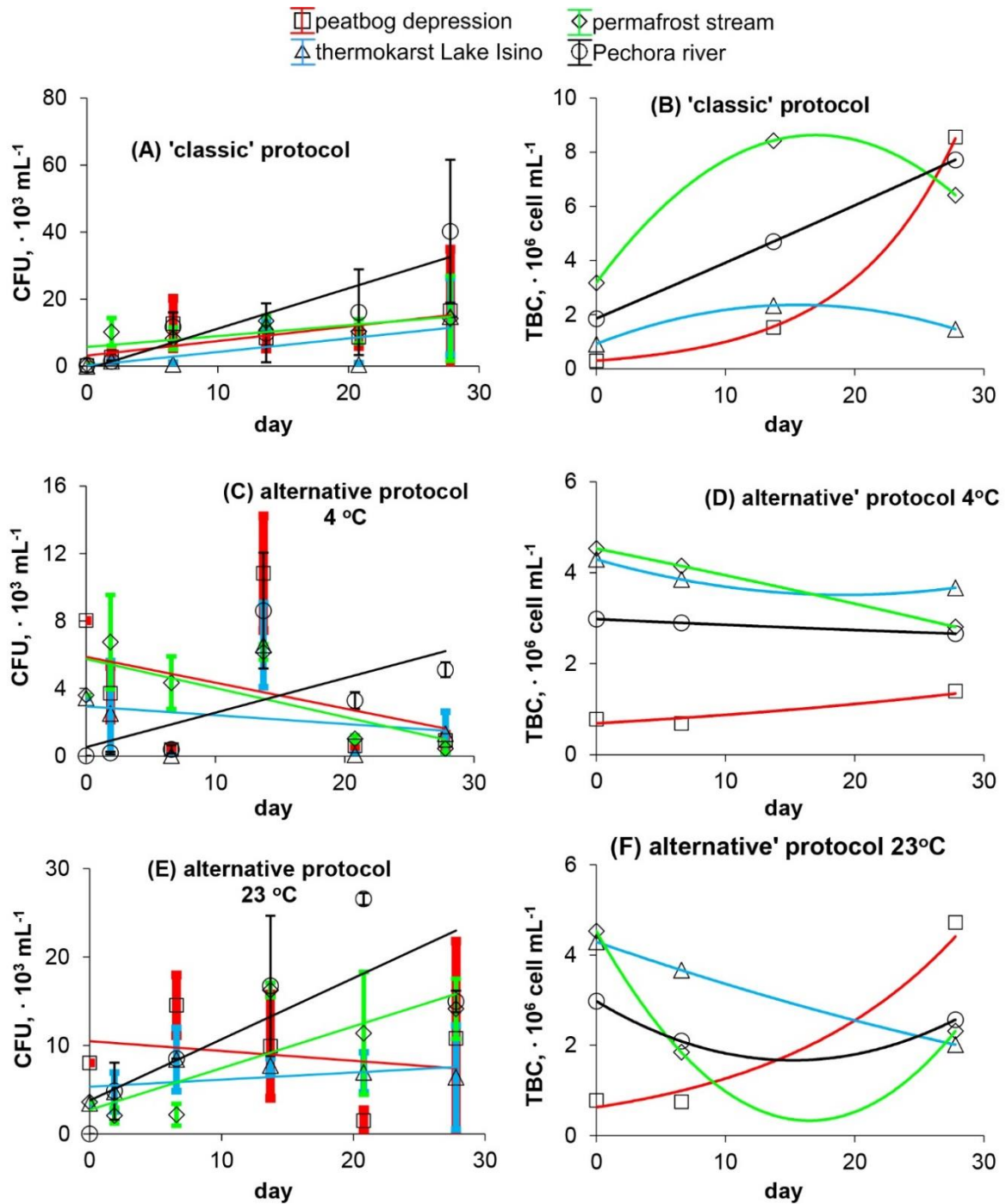
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Fig. S2. UV absorbency at 254 nm in biodegradation experiments. The error bars are 1 s.d. of triplicates.



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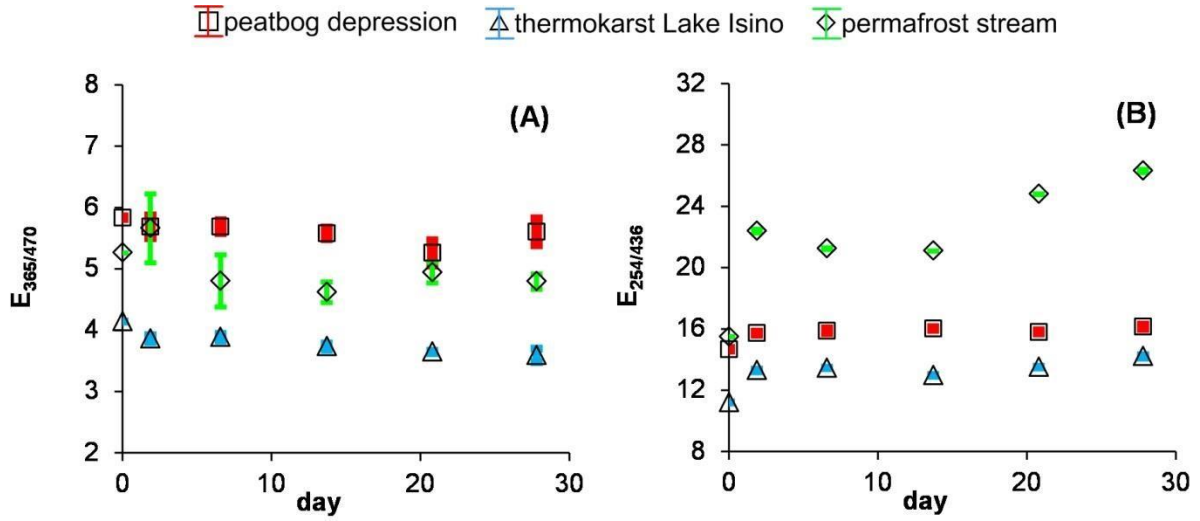
34 **Fig. S3.** Number of colony-forming units of oligotrophic bacteria (A, C, E) and DAPI-based
 35 total bacteria count (B, D, F) at 23°C in GF/F- filtered experiment of 'classic' protocol (A, B),
 36 at 4°C (C, D) and 23°C in alternative (3 μm – filtration) protocol (E and F). The error bars on
 37 CFU are 1 s.d. of triplicates, and the average error bars on TBC are ±10%.

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Fig. S4. The optical properties of DOC during photodegradation experiments: E_{365}/E_{470} ratio corresponding to UV/vis absorbing functional groups (A), and the E_{254}/E_{436} ratio, corresponding to autochthonous vs. terrestrial DOM (B). The error bars are 1 s.d. of triplicates.

73 **Table S1.** Primary data on chemistry of solutions during experiments (average of 3 replicates),
 74 together with microbial counts.

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experiment	substrate	Time, day	pH	æ, µS/cm	DOC, mg/L	DIC, mg/L	A ₂₅₄	E _{365/470}	E _{254/436}	E _{280/350}	TBC, · 10 ⁶ cell/ml	OB, CFU/ml	
biodegradation 'classic' protocol	peatbog depression	0	3.45	44	46.7	0.95	2.04	5.71	14.47	2.499	0.3	270	
		2	3.5	38	46.9	1.00	1.97	6.0	12.38	2.51	-	2773	
		7	3.28	41	51.2	0.98	1.96	6.01	15.3	2.518	1.534	12760	
		14	3.6	40	48.0*	1.05	1.98	6.10	15.38	2.523	-	8498	
		21	3.19	38.1	47.5*	0.95	1.95	6.1	15.6	2.528	-	8692	
		28	3.8	40	50.5*	1.02	1.95	5.94	15.2	2.522	8.57	16630	
	thermokarst lake	0	4.09	13	15.3	0.80	0.689	4.220	11.5	2.48	0.918	40	
		2	5.61	22	15.8	0.85	0.62	4.0	10.8	2.43	-	1540	
		7	5.1	18	16.4*	0.78	0.61	4.6	13.3	2.50	2.34	598	
		14	5.2	21	17.5*	0.90	0.617	4.7	13.3	2.53	-	12178	
		21	4.8	20	18.1*	0.85	0.632	4.65	12.8	2.50	-	480	
		28	4.4	26	17.8*	0.82	0.616	4	10.6	2.53	1.465	14840	
	permafrost stream	0	5.38	27	13.9	2.45	0.55	5.4	16.2	2.65	3.175	520	
		2	6.2	31	14.9	2.52	0.57	4.5	13	3	-	10253	
		7	5.9	33	15.2*	2.50	0.485	4.0	13.0	2.64	8.43	8320	
		14	5.1	34	16.1*	2.65	0.47	5.9	18	2.76	-	13529	
		21	5.0	34	15.1*	2.60	0.45	6.3	18	2.83	-	10387	
		28	4.7	37	15.5*	2.70	0.474	4.7	15	2.7	6.418	14267	
	Pechora river	0	5.81	51	7.68	5.95	0.33	5	14.9	2.73	1.855	320	
		2	6.1	49	9.05	5.90	0.274	8	20.9	3.1	-	1467	
		7	6.65	54.4	10.5	6.05	0.269	9	25	3.09	4.697	11730	
		14	6.8	59	11.5*	6.00	0.26	14	33	3.10	-	9935	
		21	7.04	58.3	11.9*	6.07	0.253	20	24	3.24	-	16120	
		28	6.2	60	10.5*	6.05	0.278	10	30	3.05	7.721	40267	
	biodegradation alternative protocol 4°C	peatbog depression	0	3.23	45.3	43.5	0.95	1.971	5.963	14.6	2.514	0.78	8030
			2	3.205	46.2	46.03	1.05	2.00	5.86	14.51	2.531	-	3720
			7	3.03	50	46.8	0.95	2.04	5.8	14.55	2.532	0.685	375
			14	3.15	50.5	46.4	1.02	2.09	5.77	15.55	2.5490	-	10827
21			3.06	48	47.6*	1.05	2.09	5.98	14.64	2.547	-	600	
28			3.51	52	47.3*	0.95	2.17	5.6	14.77	2.533	1.396	921	
thermokarst lake		0	4.03	11.2	14.4	0.75	0.633	5	12.412	2.49	4.294	3440	
		2	5.2	12	15.6	0.80	0.688	4.56	12.06	2.565	-	2528	
		7	4.84	14	15.4	0.82	0.69	4.5	12.76	2.57	3.85	30	
		14	4.64	11.75	16.2*	0.75	0.690	5.1	12.32	2.57	-	6577	
		21	4.74	13	15.8*	0.80	0.708	4.68	12.10	2.5520	-	80	
		28	4.8	9.7	15.5*	0.78	0.71	5.05	12.57	2.58	3.670	1320	
permafrost stream		0	5.19	24.2	12.43	2.50	0.472	8.333	18.154	2.773	4.532	3600	
		2	5.1	24.1	14.9	2.45	0.538	7.6	17.07	2.771	-	6750	
		7	5.90	24.3	14.2	2.48	0.537	7.53	17.32	2.77	4.148	4340	
		14	5.71	25.1	13.5*	2.55	0.566	5.8	10.383	2.705	-	6160	
		21	5.73	25	15.1*	2.45	0.549	7.34	16.634	2.745	2.808	1015	
		28	5.80	23.7	14.8*	2.65	0.544	9.1	18.45	2.8034	-	443.5	
Pechora river		0	5.85	50.3	7.46	5.90	0.270	6.571	33.75	3.046	2.98	5	
		2	6.1	51.7	8.68	6.05	0.327	12	19.84	2.85	-	180	
		7	6.3	53.7	8.16	5.94	0.3185	13	22.0	2.863	2.896	400	
		14	6.52	53	9.77	6.02	0.326	10.4	19.2	2.84	-	8613.5	
		21	6.51	54.9	10.6	5.93	0.3295	10.8	20.7	2.84	-	3280	
		28	6.42	52.8	9.42	6.04	0.307	5.8	17.56	2.68	2.660	5115	

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78 **Footnote:** the DOC concentration numbers with asterisk * were corrected for [DOC] evolution in

79 control experiments for consistency

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Table S1, continued.

experiment	substrate	Time, day	pH	æ, µS/cm	DOC, mg/L	DIC, mg/L	A ₂₅₄	E _{365/470}	E _{254/436}	E _{280/350}	TBC, · 10 ⁶ cell/ml	OB, CFU/ml	
biodegradation alternative protocol 23°C	peatbog depression	0	3.23	45.3	43.5	N.D.	1.971	5.963	14.600	2.514	0.78	8030	
		2	3.2	48.8	45.9	N.D.	1.99	5.8	14.69	2.527	-	-	
		7	3.05	47.35	45.8	N.D.	1.99	5.4	14.45	2.45	0.746	14540	
		14	3.155	49.9	43.9	N.D.	2.067	5.8	14.50	2.521	-	9920	
		21	3.12	45	47.0	N.D.	2.04	5.72	14.76	2.514	-	1500	
		28	3.47	50.9	45.9	N.D.	2.12	5.7	14.29	2.522	4.721	10800	
	thermokarst lake	0	4.03	11.2	14.4	N.D.	0.633	5.000	12.412	2.490	4.294	3440	
		2	4.0	11.0	15.0	N.D.	0.69	4.3	11.106	14	-	4750	
		7	5.0	11.5	14.5	N.D.	0.71	4.7	11.03	2.45	3.666	8420	
		14	4.70	12.2	13.4	N.D.	0.70	4.743	12.06	2.50	-	7707	
		21	4.78	9.6	13.9	N.D.	0.69	4.78	11.91	2.48	-	6965	
		28	4.88	10	13.7	N.D.	0.668	4.2	11.32	2.51	2.012	6400	
	permafrost stream	0	5.19	24.2	12.43	N.D.	0.472	8.333	18.154	2.773	4.532	3600	
		2	5.13	22.6	14.03	N.D.	0.510	5.5	15.45	2.64	-	2080	
		7	6.02	24.1	14.3	N.D.	0.501	5.8	16.16	2.82	1.845	2177.5	
		14	5.92	25.8	12.5	N.D.	0.495	6.0	19.0	2.83	-	16267	
		21	5.89	24.0	13.1	N.D.	0.480	6.9	17.1	2.806	-	11385	
		28	5.9	22	12.2	N.D.	0.50	5.7	16.04	2.717	2.312	14160	
	Pechora river	0	5.85	50.3	7.46	N.D.	0.270	6.571	33.75	3.046	2.980	5	
		2	6.2	51	7.76	N.D.	0.288	34	24.2	3.3	-	4840	
		7	6.55	53.4	7.60	N.D.	0.292	12	26.63	2.97	2.090	8510	
		14	6.8	54	7.58	N.D.	0.296	33	33.275	3.0	-	16747	
		21	6.79	54.5	7.7	N.D.	0.294	6	33.0	3.01	-	26560	
		28	6.66	56	7.9	N.D.	0.302	5.8	15.89	2.778	2.567	14970	
	biodegradation alternative protocol 37°C	peatbog depression	0	3.23	45.3	43.50	0.95	1.971	5.9625	14.6	2.514	-	0
			2	3.4	47	47.3	0.99	2.051	5.90	12.94	2.53	-	0
			7	3.05	51.1	48.6	0.98	2.04	5.71	13.19	2.50	-	0
			14	3.075	53	49.3	1.05	2.19	5.3	12.1	2.1	-	0
21			3.12	51.9	48.5*	1.00	2.24	5.81	12.2	2.4838	-	0	
28			3.35	53	47.3*	1.02	2.3	5.10	12.707	2.457	-	0	
thermokarst lake		0	4.03	11.2	14.44	0.82	0.633	5.0	12.412	2.490	-	0	
		2	5.1	11.3	15.2*	0.85	0.72	11	9.4	2.590	-	0	
		7	5.0	12.9	15.8*	0.95	0.72	4.8	9.35	2.4	-	0	
		14	4.6	14.95	16.3*	0.91	0.75	5.1	10.05	2.548	-	0	
		21	4.87	14	16.1*	0.85	0.774	4.9	9.669	2.541	-	0	
		28	4.7	10	15.9*	0.90	0.80	3.9	10.68	2.44	-	0	
permafrost stream		0	5.19	24.2	12.43	2.50	0.472	8.3	18.2	2.773	-	0	
		2	6.0	24.6	13.5*	2.45	0.54	5.6	15.1	2.68	-	0	
		7	6.3	25.0	15.3	2.62	0.547	4.6	14.78	2.660	-	0	
		14	5.99	29.2	14.2*	2.72	0.564	5.6	14.84	2.642	-	0	
		21	6.22	27.8	16.1*	2.65	0.60	5.4	16.16	2.73	-	0	
		28	6.26	27	15.5*	2.59	0.605	4.9	14.07	2.64	-	0	
Pechora river		0	5.85	50.3	7.46	5.85	0.270	6.6	33.75	3.046	-	0	
		2	6.50	52	9.06	5.95	0.319	8	22.89	2.86	-	0	
		7	6.68	54	8.49	5.90	0.327	6.8	18.67	2.82	-	0	
		14	6.81	55.3	8.52	6.02	0.329	7	18.36	2.8	-	0	
		21	6.98	58.4	8.85*	6.00	0.340	11	23.67	3.2	-	0	
		28	6.94	55	9.1*	6.05	0.37	5.0	13.90	2.646	-	0	

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90 **Table S1**, continued.

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experiment	substrate	Time, day	pH	æ, µS/cm	DOC, mg/L	DIC, mg/L	A ₂₅₄	E 365/470	E 254/436	E 280/350	OB, CFU/ml	P, µg/L	Fe, µg/L	B, µg/L	Ti, µg/L	V, µg/L	Zn, µg/L	Zr, µg/L	Nb, µg/L	Th, µg/L
photodegradation	peatbog depression	0	3.67	41.3	46.6	0.99	2.084	5.84	14.68	2.51	-	16.6	169	5.6	0.820	0.52	88.6	0.0553	0.0063	0.0055
		2	2.93	51	46.6	0.95	1.974	5.7	15.73	2.56	-	16.0	181	5.4	0.816	0.54	113.1	0.0610	0.0059	0.0059
		7	3.17	46	46.9	1.02	1.937	5.69	15.88	2.59	-	14.6	189	7.3	0.832	0.54	76.4	0.0611	0.0067	0.0061
		14	3.07	49.7	45.5	1.05	1.930	5.58	16.02	2.64	-	12.8	195	6.8	0.818	0.55	60.6	0.0609	0.0061	0.0061
		21	3.16	46	45.0	1.05	1.849	5.3	15.80	2.62	-	15.0	198	6.3	0.801	0.58	80.8	0.0630	0.0061	0.0057
		28	3.34	49	44.6	0.95	1.808	5.61	16.14	2.55	< 10	12.3	193	5.9	0.824	0.54	69.6	0.0637	0.0068	0.0061
	thermokarst lake	0	4.69	12.5	16.3	0.81	0.706	4.14	11.21	2.49	-	10.0	361	3.7	0.497	0.53	85.8	0.0505	0.0021	0.0053
		2	3.81	11.1	15.5	0.85	0.651	3.86	13.29	2.59	-	11.9	351	4.6	0.473	0.513	105	0.0474	0.0017	0.0049
		7	4.69	11.9	15.7	0.75	0.639	3.88	13.45	2.65	-	9.28	349	4.8	0.435	0.518	90.7	0.0475	0.0016	0.0053
		14	4.26	12.7	15.0	0.80	0.629	3.73	12.96	2.64	-	6.67	340	6.4	0.444	0.509	71.6	0.0422	0.0016	0.0040
		21	4.42	12	14.1	0.85	0.601	3.64	13.51	2.67	-	7.79	330	6.0	0.376	0.50	73.0	0.0454	0.0013	0.0044
		28	4.65	14	14.6	0.88	0.590	3.59	14.21	2.70	< 10	5.45	334	5.7	0.394	0.504	69.4	0.0396	0.0012	0.0034
	permafrost stream	0	4.88	22.6	15.3	2.55	0.542	5.261	15.49	2.66	-	11.74	409	13.0	0.764	0.589	82.8	0.1520	0.0033	0.0153
		2	5.15	24.0	14.8	2.60	0.504	5.661	22.39	2.89	-	9.20	383	12.4	0.738	0.568	91.8	0.1580	0.0032	0.018
		7	5.72	25.0	14.4	2.48	0.478	4.803	21.24	2.99	-	7.26	349	11.9	0.745	0.565	71.7	0.1576	0.0030	0.019
		14	5.44	25.7	15.2	2.52	0.464	4.618	21.09	2.97	-	5.50	297	12.3	0.658	0.522	70.7	0.1451	0.0028	0.0155
		21	5.42	24.75	14.2	2.50	0.445	4.943	24.79	3.07	-	6.77	257	12.8	0.611	0.492	74.9	0.1434	0.0025	0.016
		28	5.61	24.7	14.5	2.65	0.434	4.794	26.30	3.06	< 10	4.60	269	12.3	0.548	0.511	72.3	0.1262	0.0023	0.0136

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