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**From fibrous plant residues to mineral-associated organic carbon – the fate of organic matter in Arctic permafrost soils**

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**Table S1: Basic properties of bulk soil samples and result of fractionation:** pH (measured in H<sub>2</sub>O), EC ( $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$ ), bulk density ( $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ ), C ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ), N ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ), C/N ratio and the distribution of SOM fractions ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ) for the bulk soil samples of all analyzed depth layers.

| depth<br>cm | pH<br>(H <sub>2</sub> O) | EC<br>$\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$ | bulk<br>density<br>$\text{g cm}^{-3}$ | C<br>$\text{mg g}^{-1}$ | N<br>$\text{mg g}^{-1}$ | C/N<br>ratio | distribution of SOM fractions |                            |                             |                                    |            |            |       |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------|
|             |                          |                             |                                       |                         |                         |              | particulate<br>OM fractions   |                            |                             | mineral-associated<br>OM fractions |            |            |       |
|             |                          |                             |                                       |                         |                         |              | fPOM<br>mg g <sup>-1</sup>    | oPOM<br>mg g <sup>-1</sup> | oPOMs<br>mg g <sup>-1</sup> | clay-sized                         | silt-sized | sand-sized |       |
| core 1      | 11-22                    | 5.5                         | 69                                    | 0.3                     | 55.2                    | 1.6          | 36                            | 107.6                      | 5.9                         | 4.4                                | 98.4       | 192.3      | 591.5 |
|             | 22-30                    | 6.5                         | 153                                   | 0.3                     | 61.9                    | 2.2          | 29                            | 103.6                      | 16.5                        | 9.0                                | 141.6      | 294.2      | 435.1 |
|             | 30-40                    | 6.2                         | 87                                    | 0.4                     | 32.9                    | 1.4          | 24                            | 36.4                       | 14.0                        | 9.5                                | 113.5      | 257.6      | 568.9 |
|             | 40-50                    | 6.0                         | 98                                    | 0.3                     | 48.9                    | 1.5          | 33                            | 89.7                       | 13.4                        | 7.4                                | 138.3      | 286.5      | 464.6 |
|             | 50-62                    | 5.4                         | 69                                    | 0.6                     | 47.5                    | 1.9          | 25                            | 70.6                       | 12.1                        | 12.1                               | 134.5      | 243.9      | 527.8 |
|             | 62-75                    | 5.3                         | 87                                    | 0.4                     | 60.3                    | 2.4          | 25                            | 91.2                       | 19.2                        | 17.7                               | 181.7      | 311.8      | 378.4 |
| core 2      | 30-40                    | 5.1                         | 117                                   | 0.4                     | 95.8                    | 2.8          | 34                            | 223.7                      | 27.0                        | 5.4                                | 171.7      | 314.8      | 257.4 |
|             | 40-50                    | 5.1                         | 174                                   | 0.3                     | 109.8                   | 3.6          | 31                            | 260.6                      | 20.8                        | 13.1                               | 244.5      | 336.8      | 124.2 |
|             | 50-60                    | 5.1                         | 240                                   | 0.2                     | 144.0                   | 3.8          | 38                            | 295.0                      | 22.9                        | 218.4                              | 122.5      | 247.2      | 94.1  |
|             | 60-70                    | 4.9                         | 203                                   | 0.4                     | 61.7                    | 2.4          | 26                            | 99.2                       | 57.8                        | 267.2                              | 101.3      | 395.6      | 79.0  |
| core 3      | 11-20                    | 6.6                         | 85                                    | 0.5                     | 45.8                    | 1.3          | 37                            | 62.8                       | 52.5                        | 82.3                               | 37.2       | 182.4      | 582.8 |
|             | 20-30                    | 6.1                         | 75                                    | 0.9                     | 31.6                    | 1.3          | 25                            | 30.2                       | 30.0                        | 116.0                              | 43.7       | 255.1      | 525.0 |
|             | 40-50                    | 5.8                         | 134                                   | 0.4                     | 47.9                    | 2.1          | 23                            | 169.6                      | 20.5                        | 176.4                              | 97.7       | 305.2      | 230.6 |
|             | 59-68                    | 6.0                         | 76                                    | 0.9                     | 52.2                    | 2.0          | 26                            | 115.6                      | 11.1                        | 125.4                              | 60.1       | 316.6      | 371.2 |
|             | 68-80                    | 5.8                         | 124                                   | 0.4                     | 135.7                   | 4.3          | 32                            | 206.8                      | 71.7                        | 167.1                              | 124.8      | 301.6      | 128.1 |
| core 4      | 0-10                     | 5.5                         | 76                                    | 0.4                     | 56.2                    | 3.3          | 17                            | 155.5                      | 6.6                         | 18.2                               | 119.6      | 197.0      | 503.0 |
|             | 10-20                    | 5.8                         | 66                                    | 0.6                     | 33.2                    | 1.5          | 22                            | 75.7                       | 3.0                         | 3.9                                | 121.8      | 241.9      | 553.7 |
|             | 20-30                    | 5.6                         | 82                                    | 0.6                     | 37.6                    | 2.0          | 19                            | 50.2                       | 8.9                         | 12.7                               | 148.6      | 315.8      | 463.9 |
|             | 30-40                    | 5.6                         | 125                                   | 0.4                     | 77.8                    | 3.1          | 25                            | 202.0                      | 15.2                        | 15.8                               | 176.8      | 265.5      | 324.7 |
|             | 40-50                    | 6.0                         | 73                                    | 0.9                     | 33.5                    | 2.2          | 15                            | 16.2                       | 8.7                         | 22.8                               | 163.5      | 366.1      | 422.8 |
|             | 50-60                    | 5.7                         | 121                                   | 0.7                     | 84.5                    | 6.3          | 13                            | 10.6                       | 34.3                        | 111.7                              | 214.5      | 439.6      | 189.3 |
|             | 60-70                    | 5.5                         | 161                                   | 0.3                     | 85.5                    | 6.3          | 14                            | 11.3                       | 37.2                        | 125.5                              | 216.7      | 467.0      | 142.2 |
|             | 70-79                    | 5.6                         | 147                                   | 0.3                     | 91.7                    | 6.8          | 14                            | 13.7                       | 30.2                        | 133.0                              | 231.6      | 479.3      | 112.2 |

**Table S2: Properties of SOM fractions:** C per fraction (mg C (soil g)<sup>-1</sup>), N per fraction (mg N (soil g)<sup>-1</sup>), C/N ratio, δ<sup>13</sup>C (‰ V-PDB) and δ<sup>15</sup>N (‰ air N<sub>2</sub>) for fPOM, oPOM, oPOMs and clay-sized MAOM.

| depth<br>cm | fPOM  |   |           |                              |   | oPOM  |   |           |                              |   | oPOMs   |   |           |                              |   | clay-sized MAOM                               |   |           |                              |   |      |
|-------------|---|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|------|
|             | C per fraction<br>mg C (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | N per fraction<br>mg N (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | C/N ratio | δ <sup>13</sup> C<br>‰ V-PDB | δ <sup>15</sup> N<br>‰ air N <sub>2</sub> | C per fraction<br>mg C (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | N per fraction<br>mg N (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | C/N ratio | δ <sup>13</sup> C<br>‰ V-PDB | δ <sup>15</sup> N<br>‰ air N <sub>2</sub> | C per fraction<br>mg C (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | N per fraction<br>mg N (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | C/N ratio | δ <sup>13</sup> C<br>‰ V-PDB | δ <sup>15</sup> N<br>‰ air N <sub>2</sub> | C per fraction<br>mg C (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | N per fraction<br>mg N (soil g) <sup>-1</sup> | C/N ratio | δ <sup>13</sup> C<br>‰ V-PDB | δ <sup>15</sup> N<br>‰ air N <sub>2</sub> |      |
| core 1      | 11-22   | 765.9   | 361.4     | 76                           | -26.9                                     | 1.4   | 41.2  | 28.6      | 52                           | -26.2                                     | 1.3   | 19.4  | 45.6      | 15                           | -27.3                                     | 1.0   | 147.2   | 453.4     | 12                           | -27.0                                     | 1.8  |
|             | 22-30   | 641.6   | 366.3     | 51                           | -28.2                                     | 0.7   | 108.3   | 56.4      | 55                           | -27.8                                     | 1.0   | 36.0  | 61.2      | 17                           | -28.0                                     | 0.9   | 188.8   | 428.7     | 13                           | -28.1                                     | 1.8  |
|             | 30-40   | 437.1   | 164.1     | 64                           | -26.5                                     | 0.9   | 174.1   | 61.9      | 68                           | -26.4                                     | 0.9   | 69.7  | 106.8     | 16                           | -27.5                                     | 0.8   | 270.3   | 534.2     | 12                           | -27.2                                     | 1.7  |
|             | 40-50   | 674.8   | 311.1     | 71                           | -26.8                                     | 0.9   | 106.7   | 51.5      | 67                           | -25.8                                     | 1.2   | 27.6  | 54.1      | 17                           | -27.1                                     | 1.0   | 152.2   | 445.9     | 11                           | -27.2                                     | 2.1  |
|             | 50-62   | 588.3   | 305.4     | 49                           | -28.3                                     | 0.8   | 105.6   | 42.2      | 64                           | -28.0                                     | 1.4   | 50.5  | 90.6      | 14                           | -28.4                                     | 1.1   | 222.2   | 470.2     | 12                           | -28.5                                     | -0.4 |
|             | 62-75   | 533.1   | 300.3     | 44                           | -26.0                                     | 1.0   | 134.6   | 56.1      | 60                           | -25.3                                     | 1.0   | 76.7  | 114.4     | 17                           | -26.9                                     | 1.1   | 218.4   | 438.0     | 13                           | -26.9                                     | 1.1  |
| core 2      | 30-40   | 780.3   | 508.2     | 53                           | -26.8                                     | 0.8   | outlier                                       |           |                              |   |   | 13.7  | 31.5      | 15                           | -27.3                                     | 0.9   | 118.0   | 358.2     | 11                           | -27.8                                     | 1.6  |
|             | 40-50   | 722.0   | 438.5     | 50                           | -27.1                                     | 0.9   | 71.7  | 35.0      | 63                           | -26.5                                     | 1.1   | 30.7  | 55.5      | 17                           | -26.9                                     | 0.7   | 158.2   | 424.3     | 11                           | -27.5                                     | 1.6  |
|             | 50-60   | 674.6   | 384.9     | 66                           | -26.3                                     | 1.0   | 58.5  | 40.1      | 55                           | -26.4                                     | 1.1   | 194.7   | 367.6     | 20                           | -26.5                                     | 1.8   | 64.4  | 176.0     | 14                           | -26.0                                     | 3.2  |
|             | 60-70   | 538.8   | 226.8     | 61                           | -25.7                                     | 0.7   | outlier                                       |           |                              |   |   | 265.7   | 514.4     | 13                           | -26.6                                     | 2.8   | 92.7  | 161.5     | 15                           | -26.9                                     | 3.4  |
| core 3      | 11-20   | 527.0   | 356.4     | 51                           | -27.3                                     | -0.3  | outlier                                       |           |                              |   |   | 222.9   | 341.7     | 22                           | -26.0                                     | 1.8   | 76.7  | 167.7     | 16                           | -24.1                                     | 2.9  |
|             | 20-30   | 373.9   | 229.3     | 41                           | -26.9                                     | 0.8   | outlier                                       |           |                              |   |   | 394.5   | 469.5     | 21                           | -25.8                                     | 2.3   | 99.1  | 175.8     | 14                           | -25.5                                     | 3.0  |
|             | 40-50   | outlier                                       |           |                              |   |   | 165.4   | 33.3      | 113                          | -25.3                                     | 0.7   | 427.7   | 387.5     | 25                           | -25.0                                     | 2.4   | 131.3   | 194.7     | 15                           | -25.1                                     | 2.3  |
|             | 59-68   | 608.3   | 463.1     | 35                           | -25.8                                     | 0.7   | 82.1  | 33.9      | 64                           | -26.2                                     | 0.7   | 216.3   | 293.9     | 19                           | -25.6                                     | 2.9   | 59.4  | 118.5     | 13                           | -25.5                                     | 3.1  |
|             | 68-80   | 499.3   | 283.3     | 56                           | -25.6                                     | 1.0   | 195.8   | 142.7     | 43                           | -25.7                                     | 1.3   | 228.1   | 386.5     | 19                           | -25.6                                     | 1.3   | 65.1  | 147.5     | 14                           | -25.4                                     | 2.3  |
| core 4      | 0-10  | 543.0   | 385.7     | 24                           | -27.9                                     | 0.4   | 50.6  | 23.7      | 37                           | -26.9                                     | 1.5   | 105.7   | 141.3     | 13                           | -28.2                                     | 0.2   | 250.7   | 371.2     | 12                           | -27.7                                     | 0.3  |
|             | 10-20   | 645.9   | 329.3     | 43                           | -27.3                                     | 1.2   | 34.5  | 18.2      | 42                           | -27.0                                     | 2.4   | 21.4  | 27.0      | 18                           | -27.7                                     | 1.3   | 249.3   | 480.9     | 12                           | -28.0                                     | 1.4  |
|             | 20-30   | 419.3   | 199.1     | 39                           | -30.2                                     | 1.3   | 102.1   | 54.2      | 35                           | -30.4                                     | 2.4   | 94.3  | 108.4     | 16                           | -30.1                                     | 1.5   | 311.7   | 506.3     | 11                           | -30.4                                     | 1.6  |
|             | 30-40   | 616.2   | 390.3     | 39                           | -30.6                                     | 0.2   | 81.9  | 35.1      | 58                           | -30.4                                     | 0.7   | 63.0  | 87.9      | 18                           | -30.0                                     | 0.6   | 208.3   | 416.6     | 13                           | -29.7                                     | 1.0  |
|             | 40-50   | 157.0   | 85.6      | 28                           | -30.1                                     | -0.2  | 114.3   | 60.0      | 29                           | -30.6                                     | 0.2   | 224.7   | 202.4     | 17                           | -30.6                                     | 0.3   | 431.4   | 522.9     | 12                           | -31.2                                     | 0.6  |
|             | 50-60   | 52.5  | 27.6      | 25                           | -30.2                                     | 0.3   | 178.3   | 127.6     | 19                           | -30.1                                     | 0.6   | 456.1   | 466.9     | 13                           | -31.1                                     | 0.1   | 275.0   | 319.1     | 12                           | -31.3                                     | 0.3  |
|             | 60-70   | 55.1  | 34.3      | 22                           | -31.2                                     | 0.0   | 190.1   | 140.4     | 18                           | -30.5                                     | 0.6   | 473.8   | 481.6     | 13                           | -31.5                                     | -0.0  | 223.7   | 263.7     | 12                           | -31.8                                     | 0.4  |
|             | 70-79   | 63.6  | 39.6      | 22                           | -30.4                                     | 0.5   | 147.9   | 104.3     | 19                           | -30.0                                     | 0.7   | 479.7   | 485.8     | 13                           | -31.2                                     | 0.2   | 249.2   | 289.96    | 11.7                         | -31.6                                     | 0.2  |

**Figure S1: Exemplary  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP-MAS NMR spectra of fPOM, oPOM, oPOMs and clay-sized MAOM fraction of one depth layer.**

