Quantifying the Distribution of Soil and Permafrost Properties and Their Linkage with Landscape Properties in Arctic Tundra Ecosystem



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Improving understanding of arctic ecosystem functioning and parameterization of process-rich models that simulate feedbacks to a changing climate require

advances in estimating the spatial and temporal variations in land surface, active layer, ice-wedge and permafrost properties. In the context of the Next-Generation Ecosystem Experiments (NGEE-Arctic), we are developing advanced geophysical strategies to improve characterization and monitoring of Arctic ecosystems. To meet this objective, we have developed new geophysical inversion and interpretation approaches using a variety of acquisition strategies, including point measurements, ground-based measurements, and aerial platforms – some collected autonomously. Together, the geophysics-based acquisition and inversion approaches are providing unique high-resolution information and new insights about the Arctic ecosystem functioning as well as providing information to models – at scales and resolutions useful for predicting terrestrial ecosystem feedbacks to the climate.

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