







# Approaches to Improving the Geotechnical Monitoring of Highways in the Permafrost Regions of Russia

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# Guidelines for Development and Management of Transportation Infrastructure in Permafrost Regions

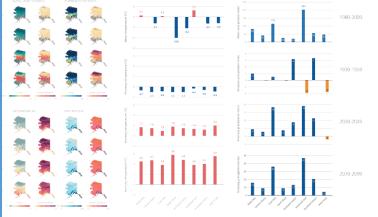


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## Alaska's Transportation Infrastructure in a Changing Environment

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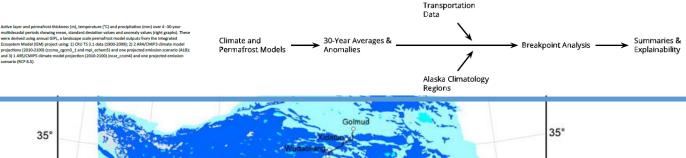


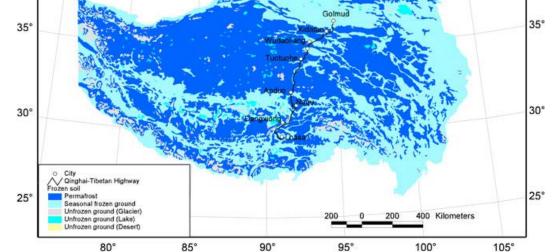
Understanding the interactions between permafrost, climate and infrastructure is complex especially in regions like Alaska. The most readily available geospatial data on permafrost and infrastructure do not readily show the interactions. This study aims to evaluate the utility of long-term permafrost and climate data in understanding and predicting infrastructure stability on permafrost for Department of Transportation (DOT) assets in Alaska.

In order to explore these relationships effectively, a temporary app was developed to contrast the relationships between active layer depths, permafrost thickness, air temperature, precipitation, DOT assets (roads, bridges, airports) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects

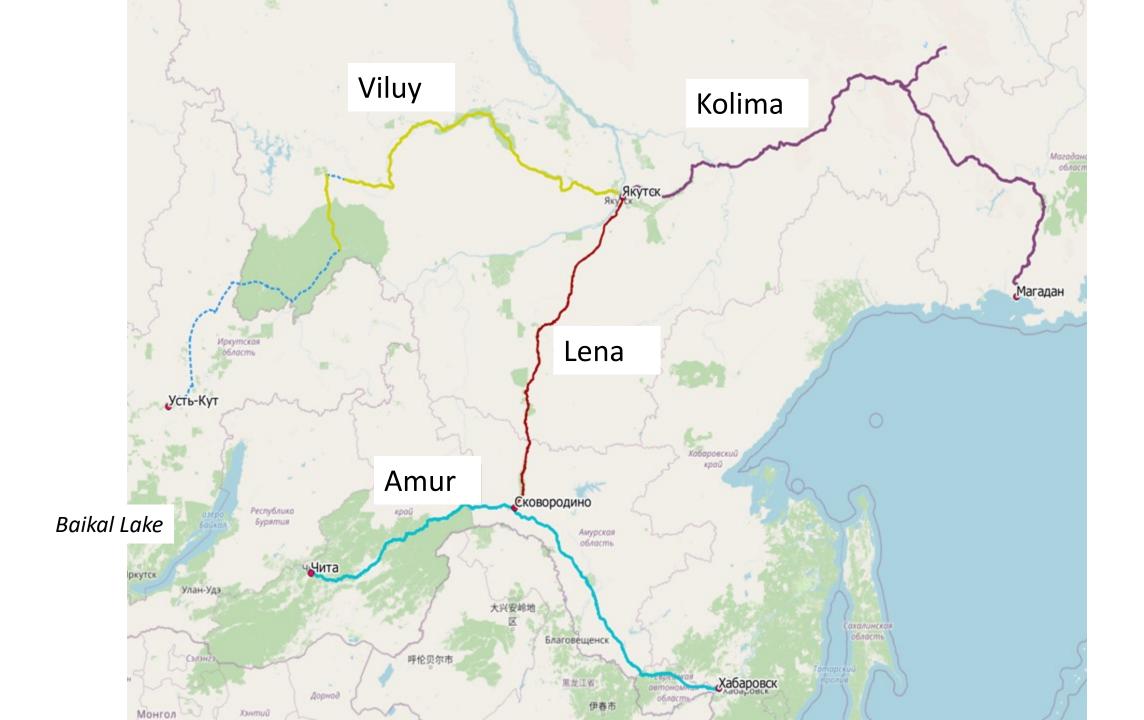
This approach allows preliminary data patterns to be explored in greater detail before commencing further modeling.

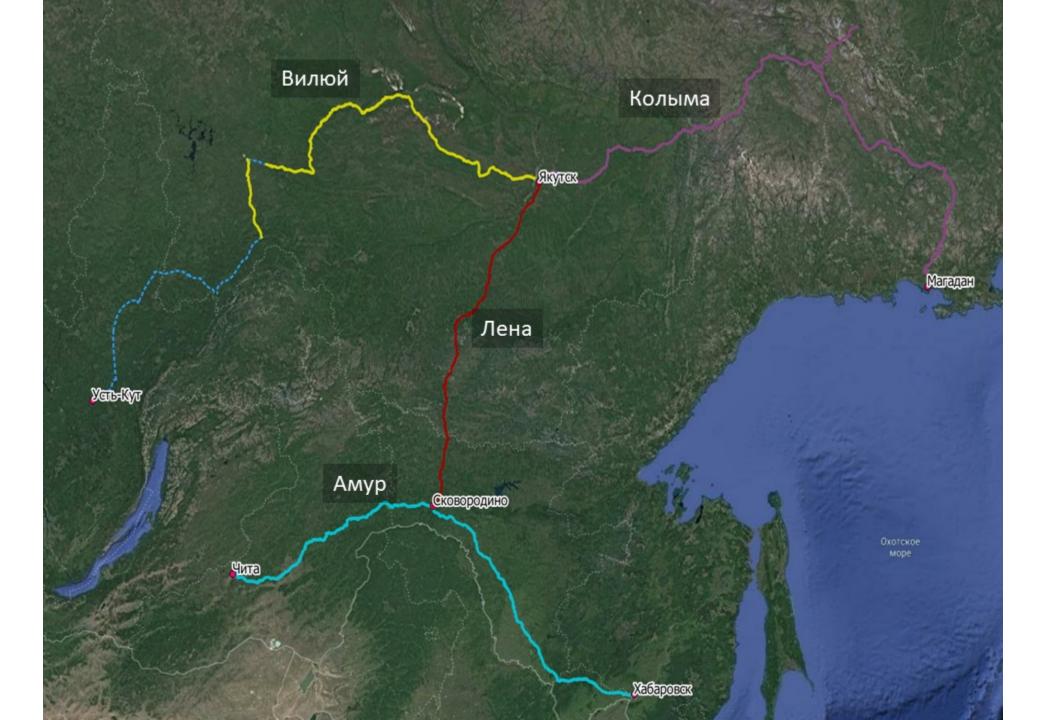
Further details can be found at https://edtrochim.users.earthengine.app/view/temporay-pf-transportation-ak





Map of Permafrost on the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau (Li and Cheng, 1996)





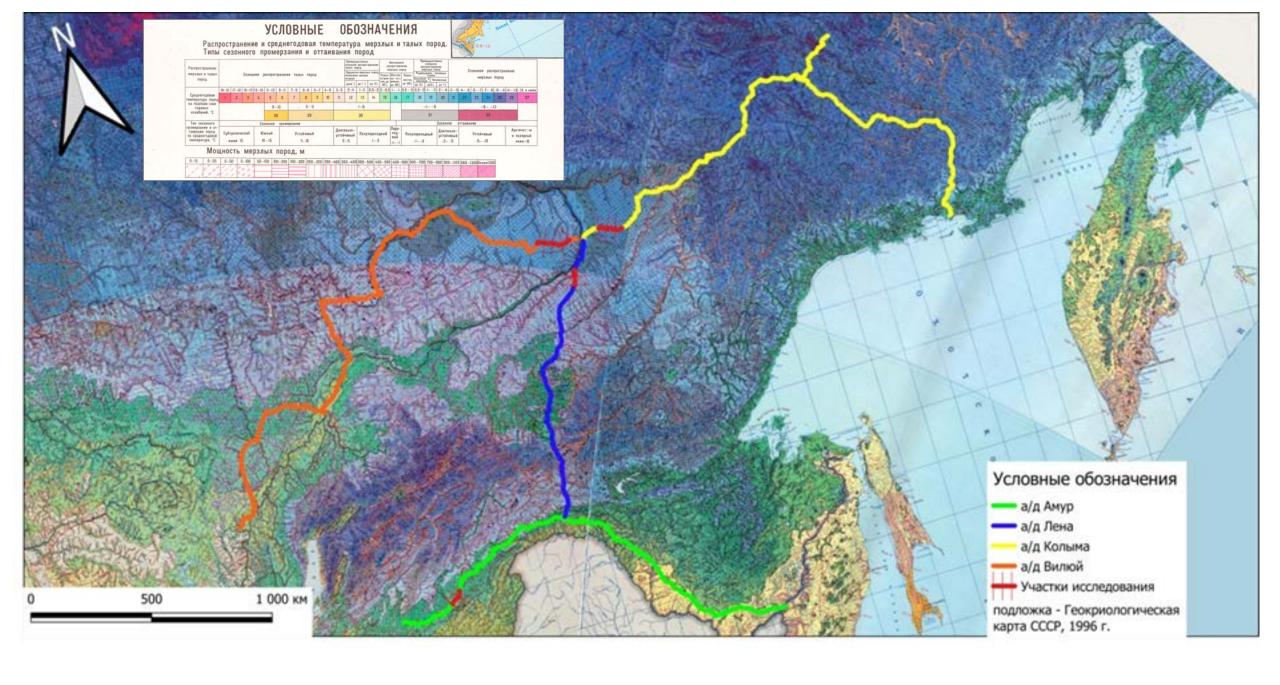
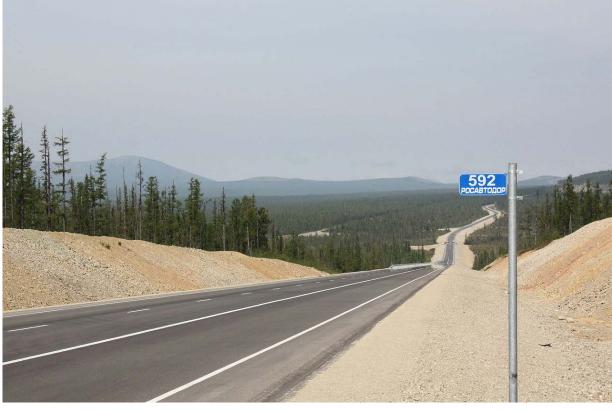




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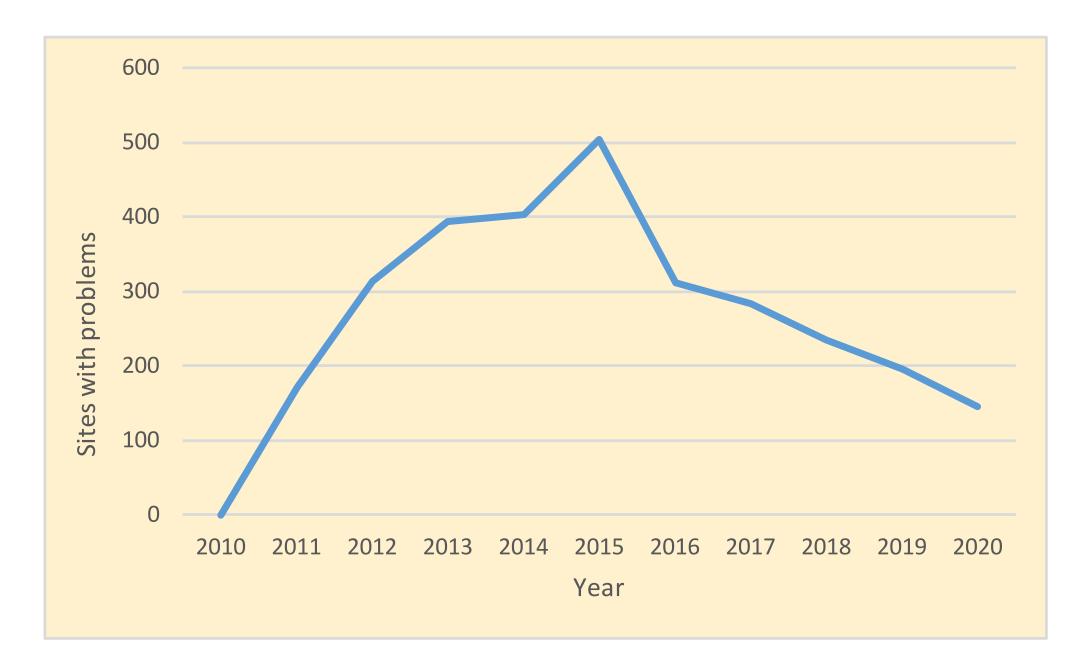
# Lena Highway before and after reconstruction in 2014



Amur Highway after reconstruction in 2010

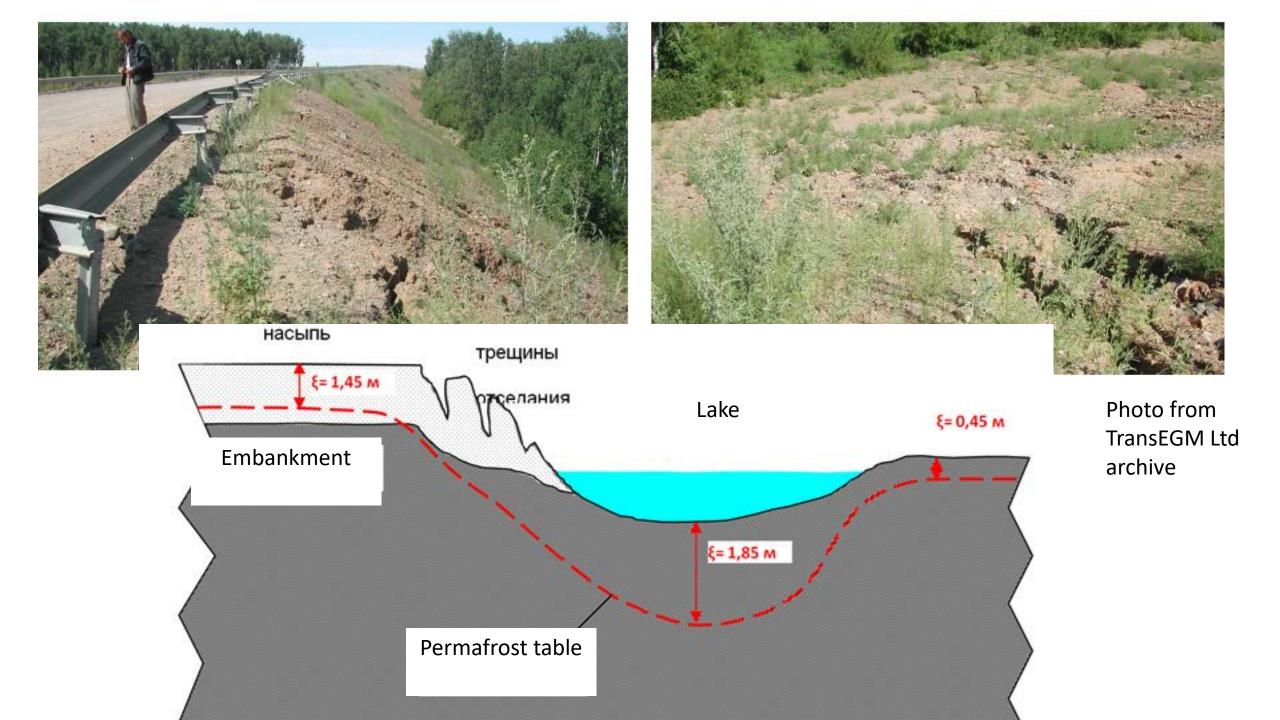


# Thermal settlements cases quantity at Amur Highway after the reconstruction











Seasonal ice blister (April, 2011)

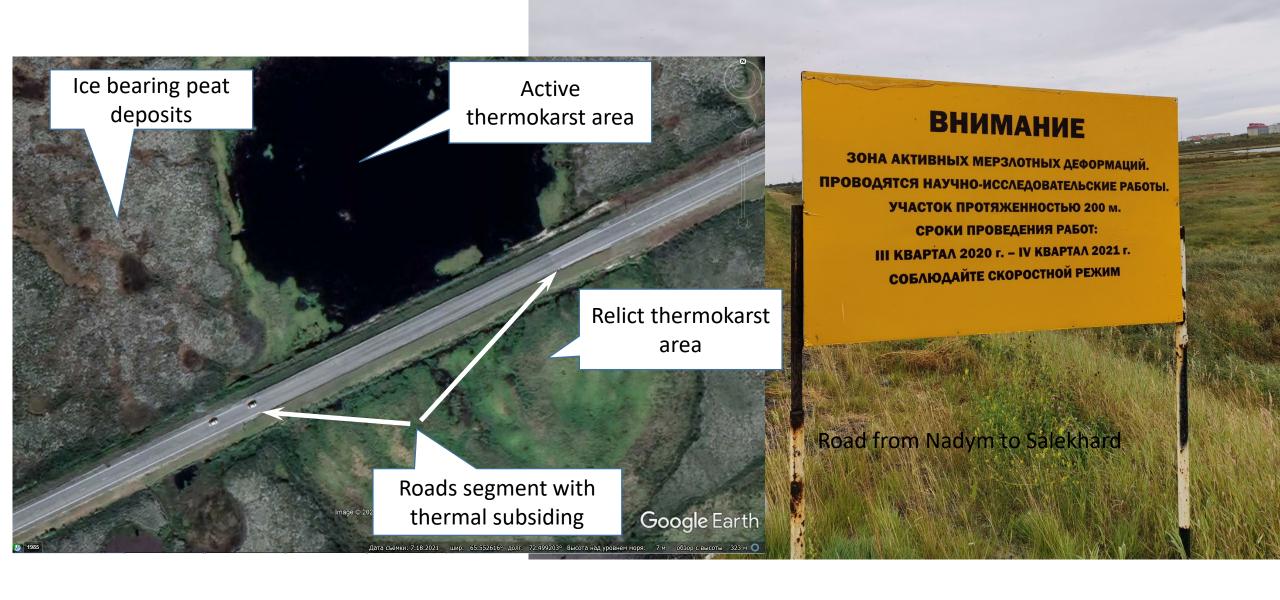
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River icing with ice blister

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# Инвентаризация опасностей

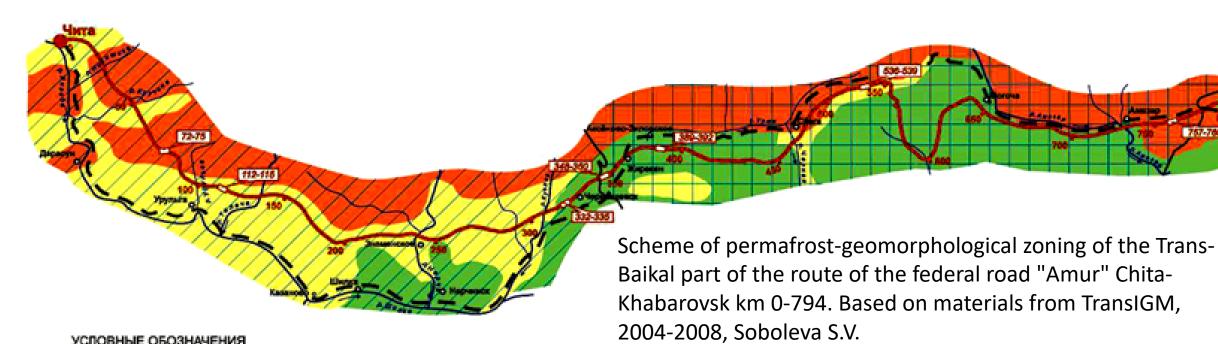




Ice wedge thermokarst near Churapcha

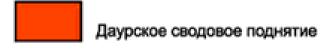
Photo from Yakutsk permafrost Institute Remote methods are very helpful in diagnosing processes and zoning the lane adjacent to the road.



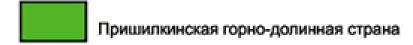


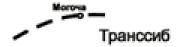
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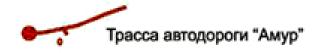
# Geomorphological Regions











### Permafrost zones

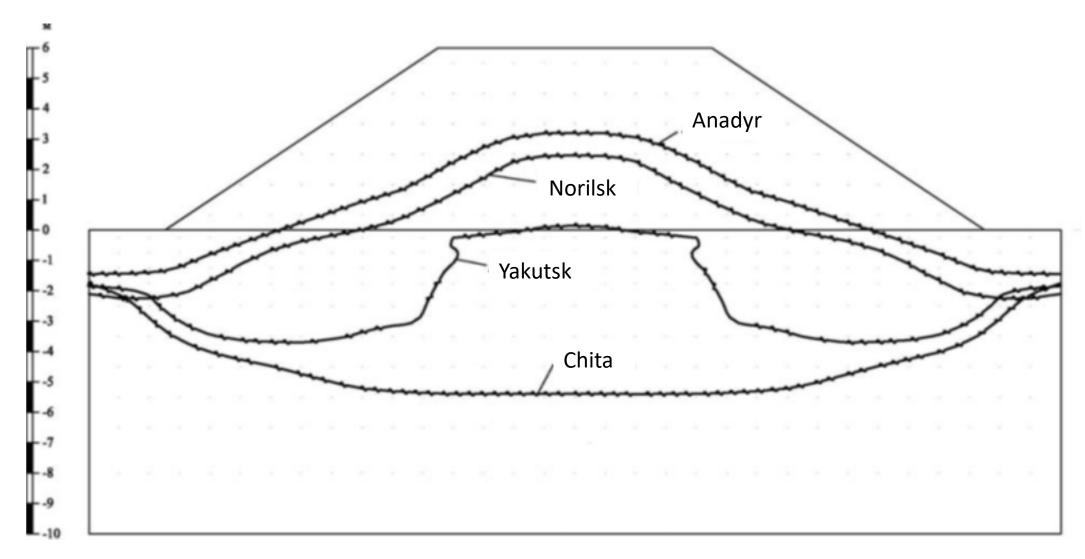
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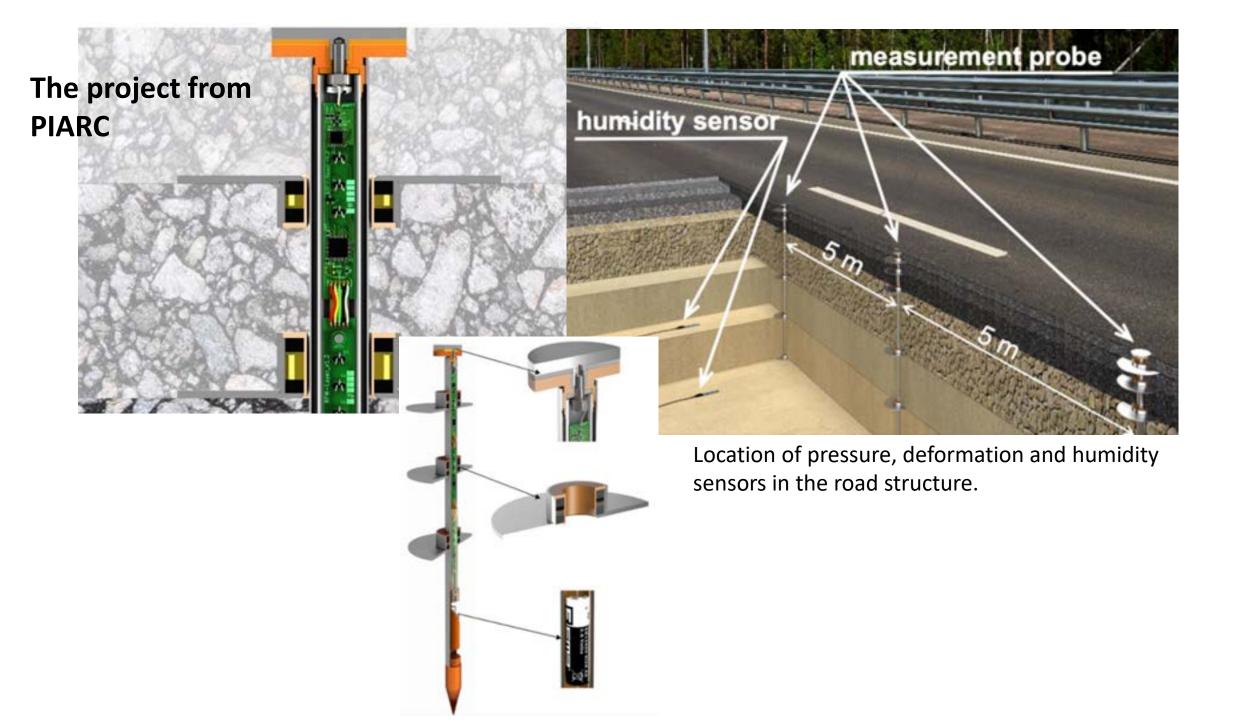
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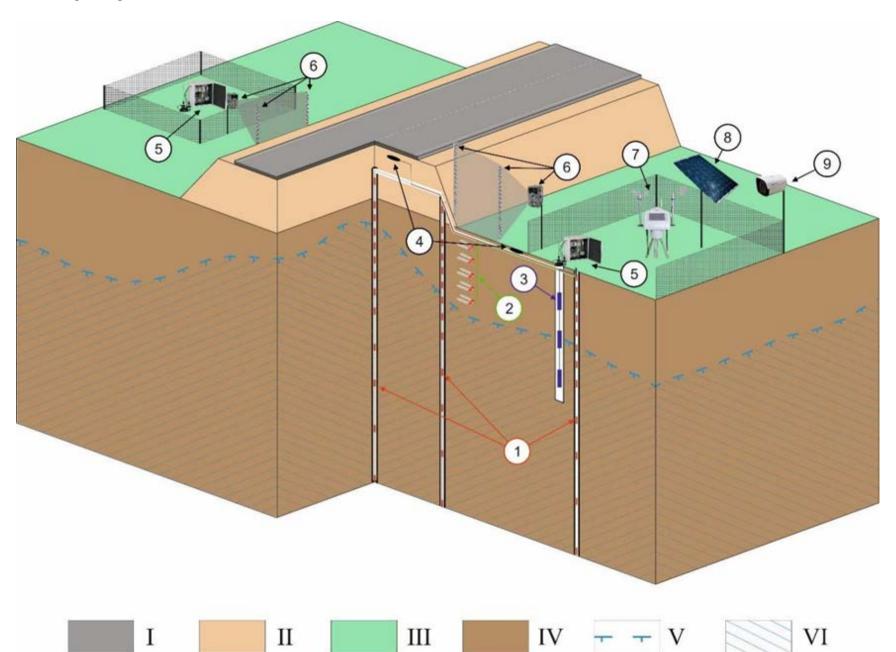
отдельные километры трассы



The position of the permafrost table under the embankment within the quasi-stationary state of the temperature field in various regions [Isakov, 2016]



# The project from Yakutsk Permafrost Institute



### Legend:

I – asphalt concrete pavement of the road; II – road embankment; III - soil-vegetative layer of the roadside; IV - soil; V permafrost table; VI - permafrost;

1 - thermometric wells equipped with thermal chains; 2 – soil moisture sensors; 3 – hydrogeological well equipped with piezometric sensors; 4 – heat flux sensors; 5 – data acquisition module; 6 - snow gauges and a camera trap for fixing the height of snow; 7 - stationary meteorological station; 8 - solar panel for powering equipment; 9 - surveillance camera.