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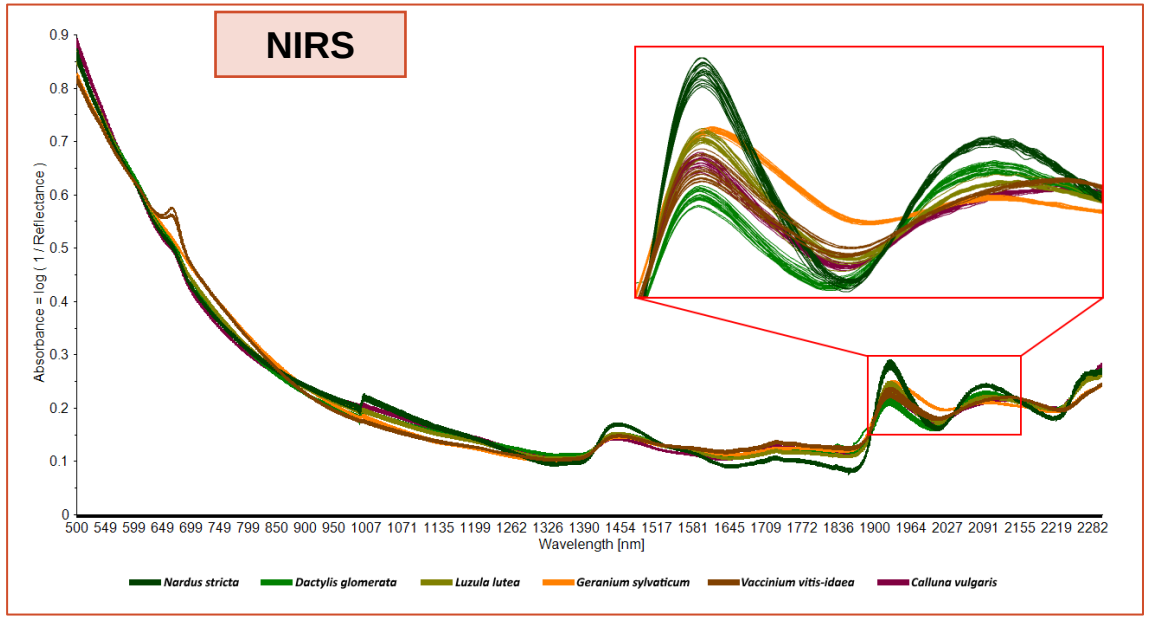
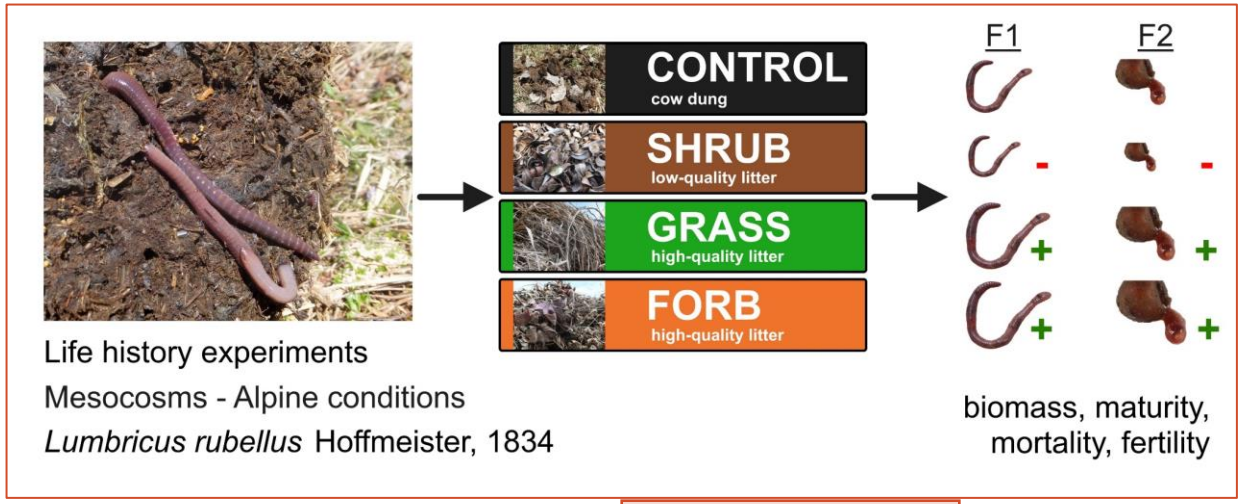
Black box mountain soils

unravelling structural and functional characteristics of high alpine soil macro-invertebrate communities

RESEARCH FIELDS - Soil Ecology and Soil Zoology





Life-history exp.

Litter bags

Tea bags

FEAST

Cafeteria exp.

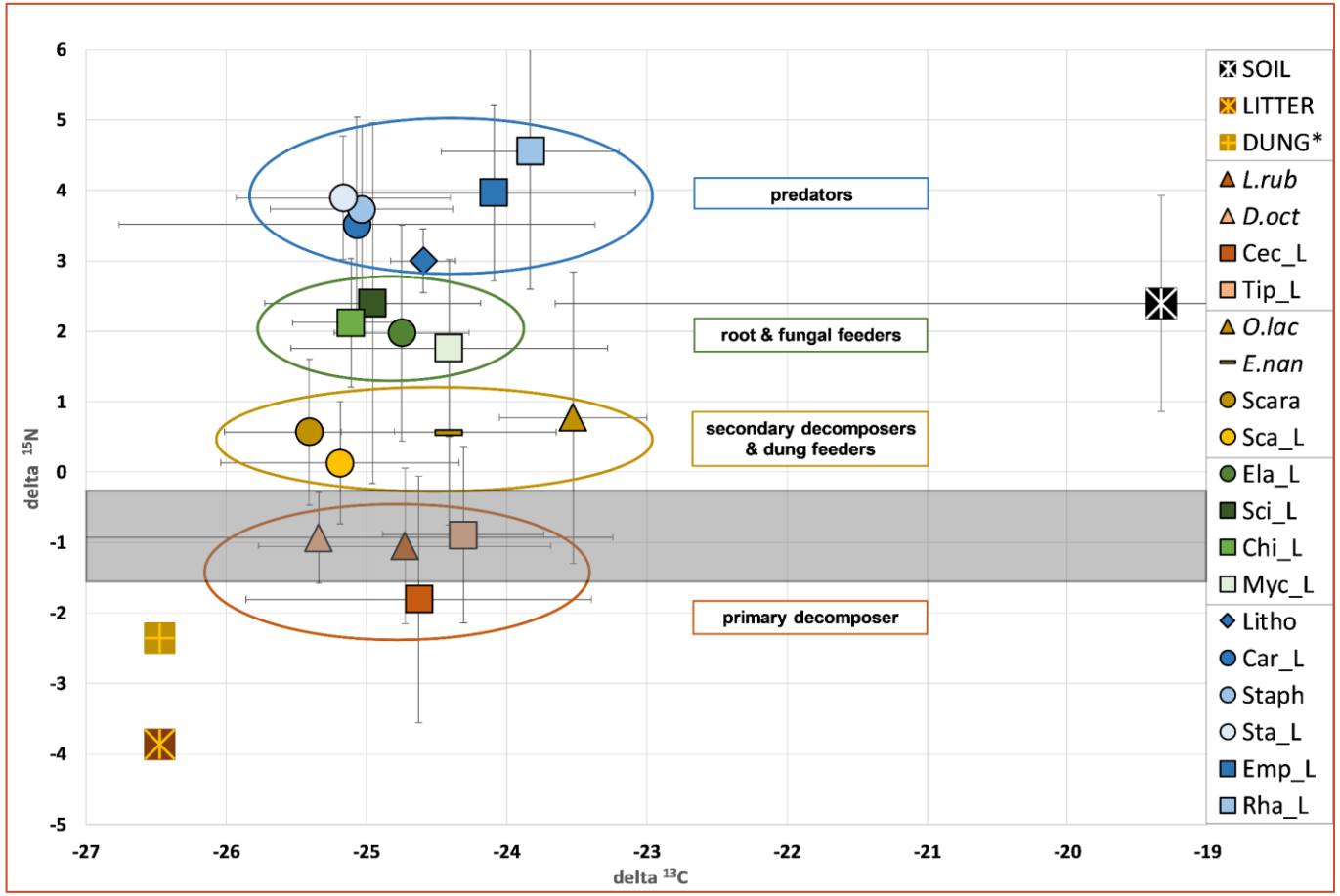
RESEARCH FIELDS - Biodiversity and Functional Ecology

Aporrectodea smaragdina

Opetiopalpus sabulosus

Amara infima

Saitis tauricus



1st high alpine soil food web (SIA)

RESEARCH FIELDS - Alpine and alpine Ecosystems

pristine | unexplored | mystical | remote | harsh | steep slopes

WHAT'S NEXT?

- improve understanding of Alpine soil macrofauna
- better connect with other mountain soil biologists
- promote collaborations to get a big(ger) picture
- define sustainable but still promising methods