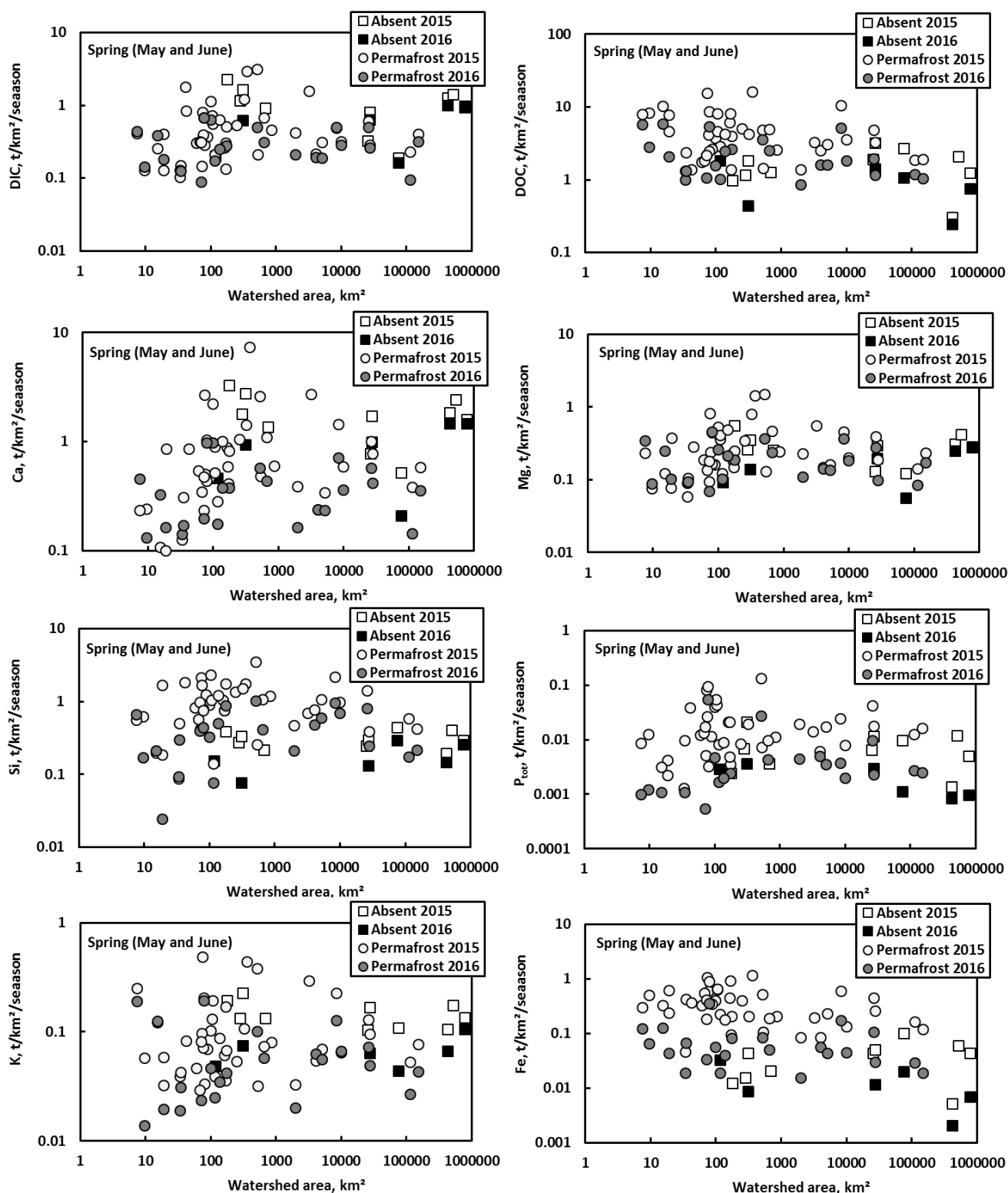


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Fig. S1. Correlation between elementary yields and watershed area for permafrost-free (Absent, squares) and permafrost-affected (Permafrost, circles) regions. Open symbols represent the year of 2015 and closed symbols represent the year of 2016.

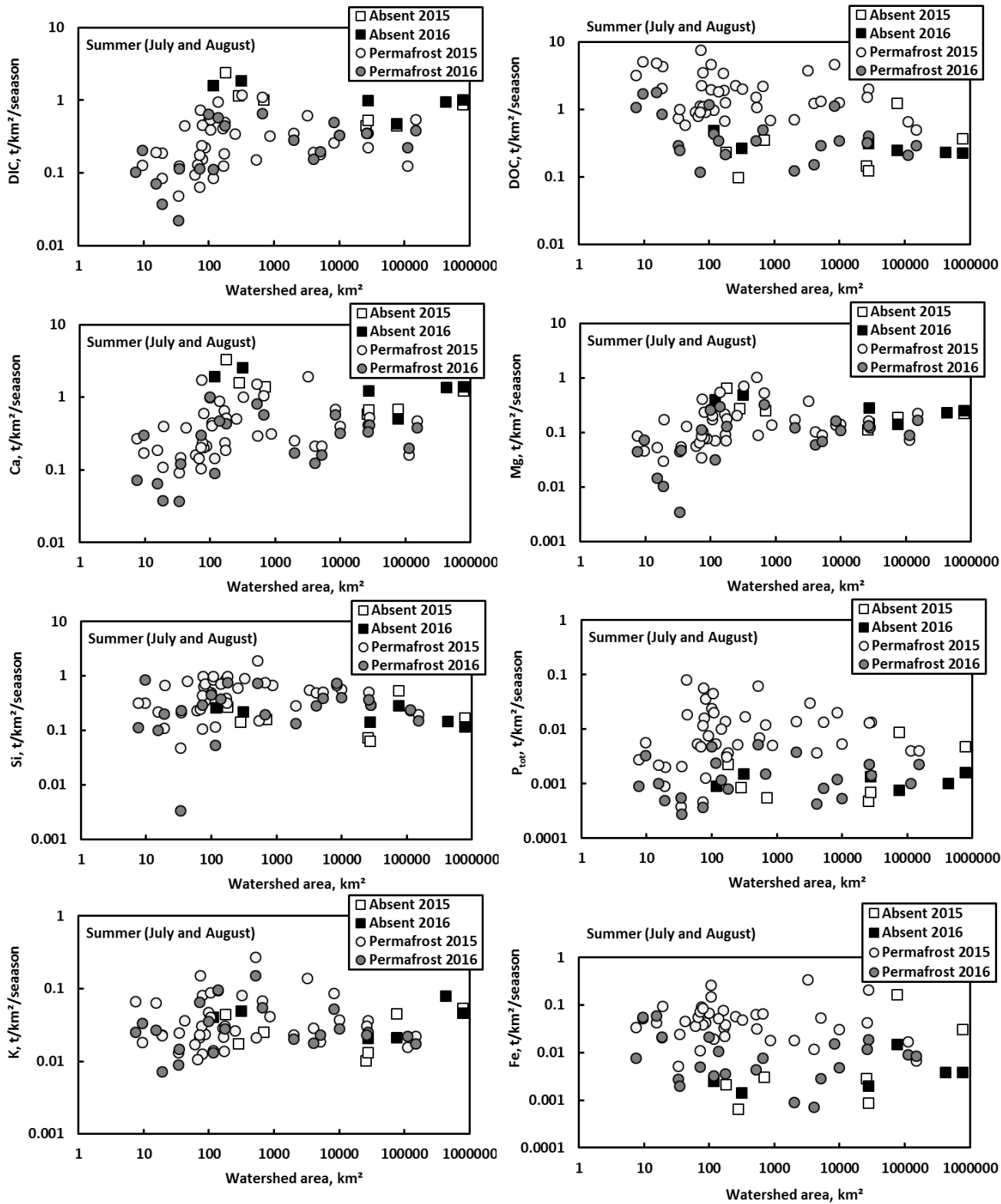


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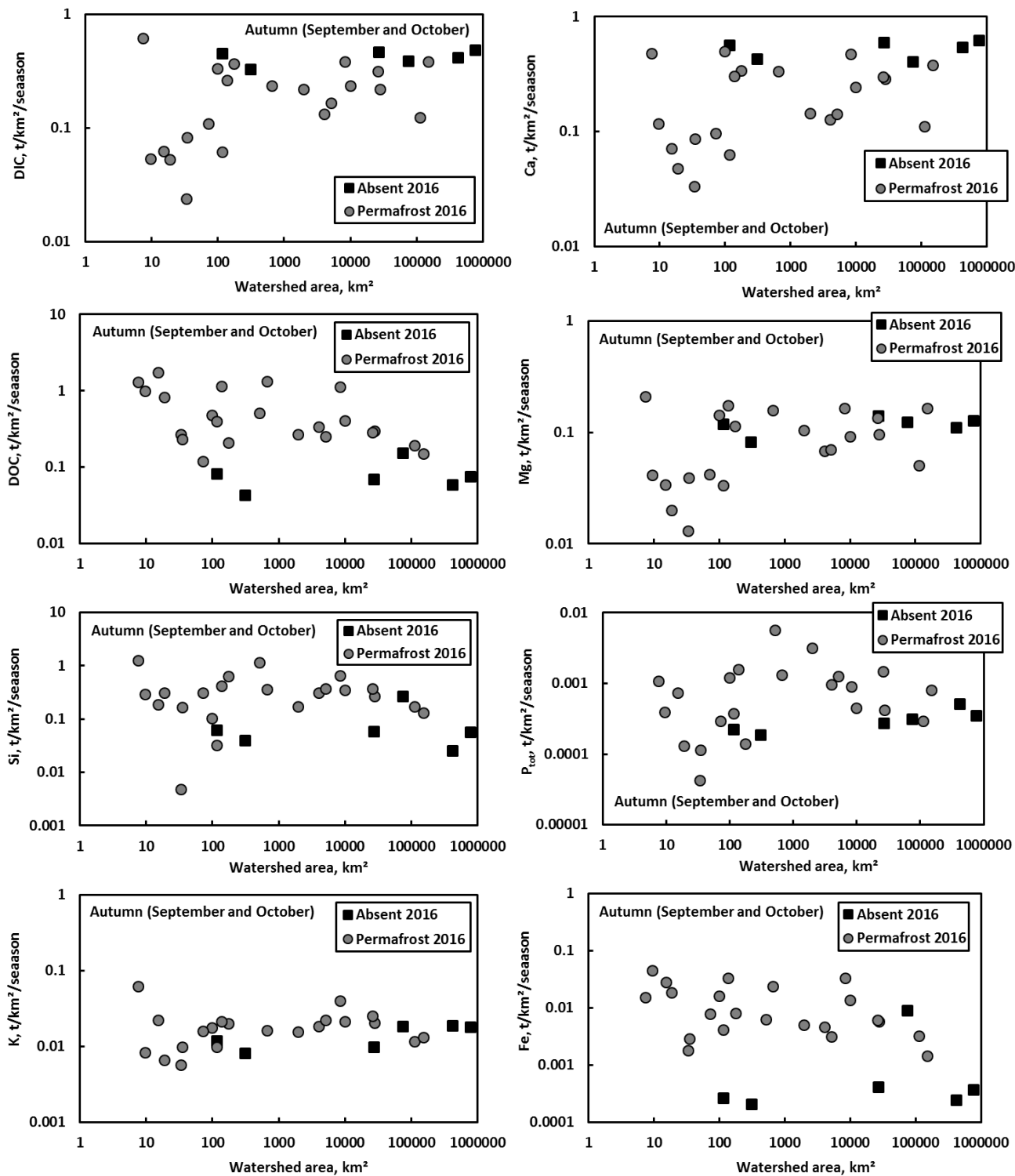


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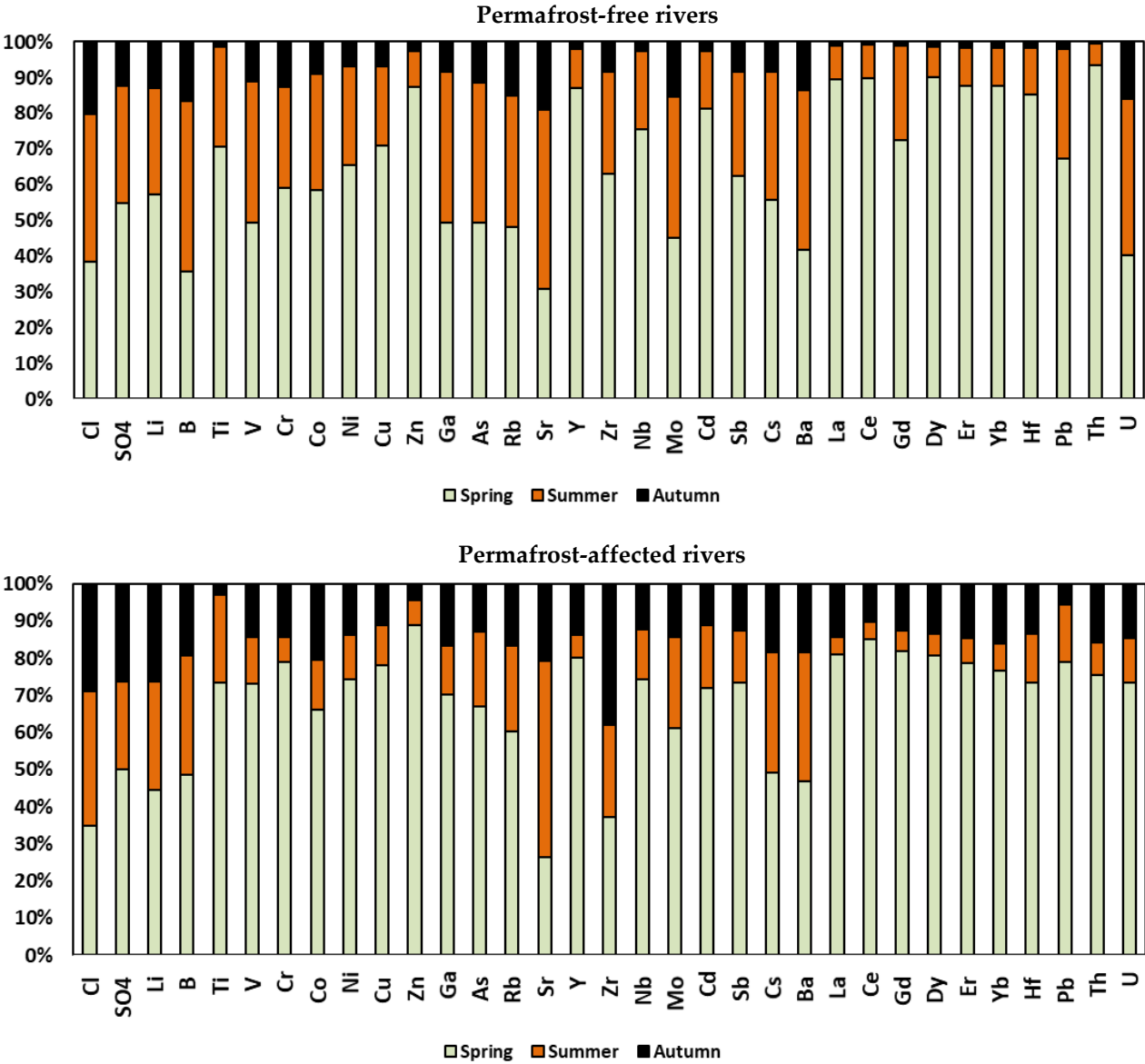


Fig. S2. Partial contribution of spring, summer and autumn 2016 to overall open-water period yields of anions and trace elements by WSL rivers, located in the permafrost-free (upper panel) and permafrost-affected (bottom panel) regions.

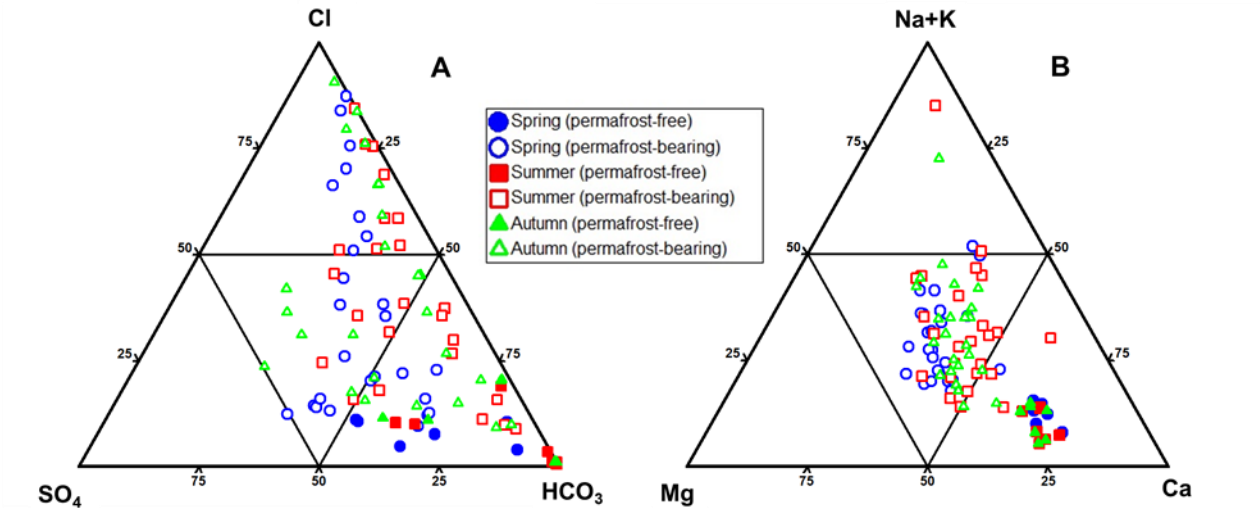


Fig. S3. Ternary molar diagrams of cations (A) and anions (B) in the southern, permafrost-free (closed symbols) and northern, permafrost-affected (open symbols) WSL rivers, sampled during spring (circles), summer (squares) and autumn (triangles). A lack of season and river size control on major chemical composition allows to use the latitude (permafrost zones) as a main governing factor of river hydrochemistry and export fluxes.

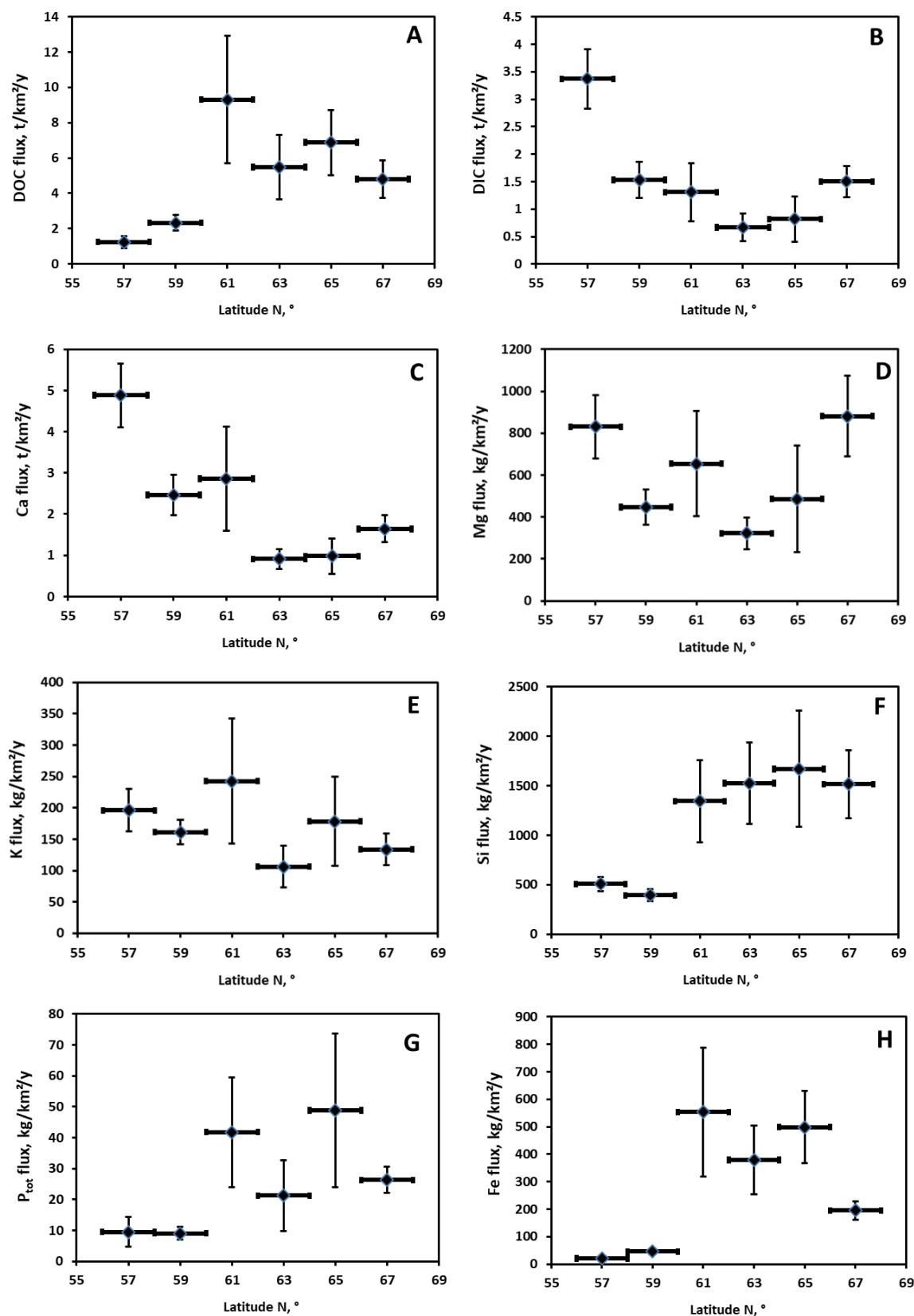


Fig. S4. Yields (watershed-area normalized export fluxes) of DOC (A), DIC (B), Ca (C), Mg (D), K (E), Si (F), P_{tot} (G) and Fe (H) during May-August 2015 in 33 WSL rivers across the latitudinal gradient. The vertical uncertainties represent the 2 s.d. of several rivers belonging to the same latitudinal belt. The year is represented by open-water period (May to October), neglecting winter (November to April).

Table S1. Spearman correlation coefficients ($p < 0.05$) between element export flux (yield) and the watershed area in the permafrost-free (PF-free) and permafrost-affected (PF-affected) rivers. Significant correlations are in bold.

	May-June 2015+2016		July-August 2015+2016		September-October 2016		May-August 2015+2016	
	PF-free	PF-affected	PF-free	PF-affected	PF-free	PF-affected	PF-free	PF-affected
Cl	0.483	0.146	0.728	0.172	0.543	0.033	0.583	0.159
SO ₄	0.372	0.224	0.908	0.119	0.943	0.113	0.515	0.124
DOC	-0.13	-0.201	0.028	-0.28	0.029	-0.401	-0.031	-0.205
DIC	0.04	0.173	-0.579	0.449	0.371	0.431	-0.244	0.298
Li	0.034	0.065	0.223	-0.099	0.771	-0.159	0.081	-0.028
B	-0.087	-0.034	-0.541	-0.153	0.6	0.135	-0.188	-0.114
Na	0.472	0.126	0.353	0.187	0.886	0.104	0.443	0.148
Mg	0.139	0.193	-0.599	0.45	0.314	0.365	-0.165	0.28
Al	-0.353	-0.233	0.243	-0.38	0.657	-0.563	0.012	-0.25
Si	0.14	0.156	-0.132	0.142	-0.314	0.038	0.038	0.147
P	-0.182	0.167	0.298	0.166	0.886	0.277	0.034	0.168
K	-0.03	0.082	0.392	0.099	0.657	0.234	0.141	0.081
Ca	0.04	0.283	-0.541	0.395	0.257	0.338	-0.193	0.317
Ti	-0.266	-0.09	0.121	0.013	-0.143	-0.231	-0.053	-0.046
Cr	-0.041	-0.297	0.185	-0.184	0.657	-0.31	0.049	-0.195
Mn	-0.242	-0.125	-0.499	-0.381	-0.543	-0.453	-0.408	-0.219
Fe	0.004	-0.25	0.67	-0.214	0.257	-0.387	0.239	-0.16
Co	-0.143	-0.26	-0.287	-0.421	-0.314	-0.448	-0.169	-0.294
Ni	-0.038	-0.031	0.199	0.133	0.143	0.128	0.05	0.032
Cu	0.45	0.186	0.58	0.085	0.886	-0.034	0.34	0.09
Zn	-0.196	-0.218	-0.003	-0.407	0.6	-0.467	-0.089	-0.32
Ga	-0.342	-0.387	0.305	-0.418	0.943	-0.544	0.02	-0.34
As	0.297	-0.173	0.461	-0.206	0.886	-0.222	0.349	-0.166
Rb	0.061	0.174	0.05	0.172	0.086	0.155	0.071	0.145
Sr	0.207	0.17	-0.513	0.248	0.314	0.286	-0.091	0.185
Y	0.096	0.199	0.679	-0.106	0.657	-0.289	0.297	0.063
Zr	-0.503	0.211	0.265	0.017	-0.657	-0.141	-0.125	0.038
Nb	-0.179	-0.214	0.392	-0.236	-0.543	-0.326	0.062	-0.186
Mo	0.413	0.149	0.665	0.143	0.886	0.26	0.514	0.148
Cd	-0.049	-0.292	0.301	-0.371	0.771	-0.488	0.122	-0.267
Sb	0.424	-0.244	0.577	-0.25	0.886	-0.45	0.416	-0.186
Cs	-0.235	-0.476	0.171	-0.23	-0.314	-0.466	0.047	-0.329
Ba	-0.084	-0.125	-0.273	-0.314	0.543	-0.118	-0.123	-0.227
La	-0.19	0.157	0.64	-0.118	0.657	-0.351	0.201	0.035
Ce	-0.227	0.093	0.62	-0.16	0.429	-0.333	0.178	-0.009
Pr	-0.05	0.176	0.70	-0.142	0.657	-0.304	0.26	0.033
Nd	0.006	0.183	0.77	-0.142	0.657	-0.263	0.29	0.037
Gd	0.04	0.087	0.554	-0.099	0.771	-0.295	0.265	-0.009
Dy	0.055	0.201	0.69	-0.127	0.771	-0.285	0.289	0.05
Yb	–	0.178	0.59	-0.128	0.314	-0.266	0.237	0.036
Hf	0.08	-0.109	0.323	-0.308	0.257	-0.32	0.122	-0.159
Pb	0.151	-0.392	0.157	-0.239	0.657	-0.431	0.15	-0.283
Th	-0.201	0.032	0.681	-0.213	0.429	-0.312	0.146	-0.049
U	0.32	0.276	0.331	0.055	0.6	0.025	0.37	0.156