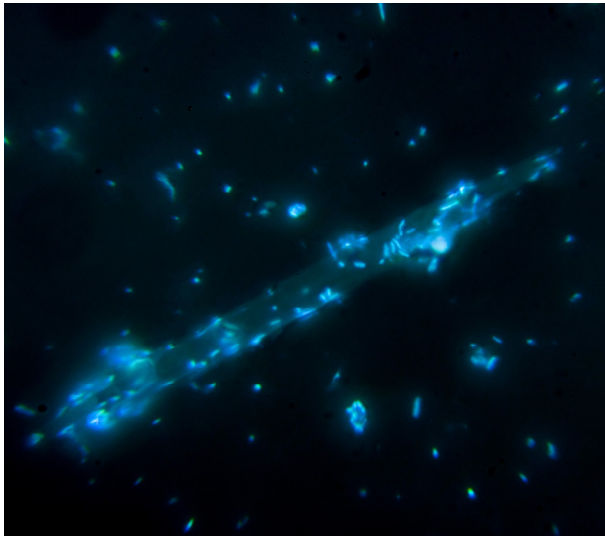


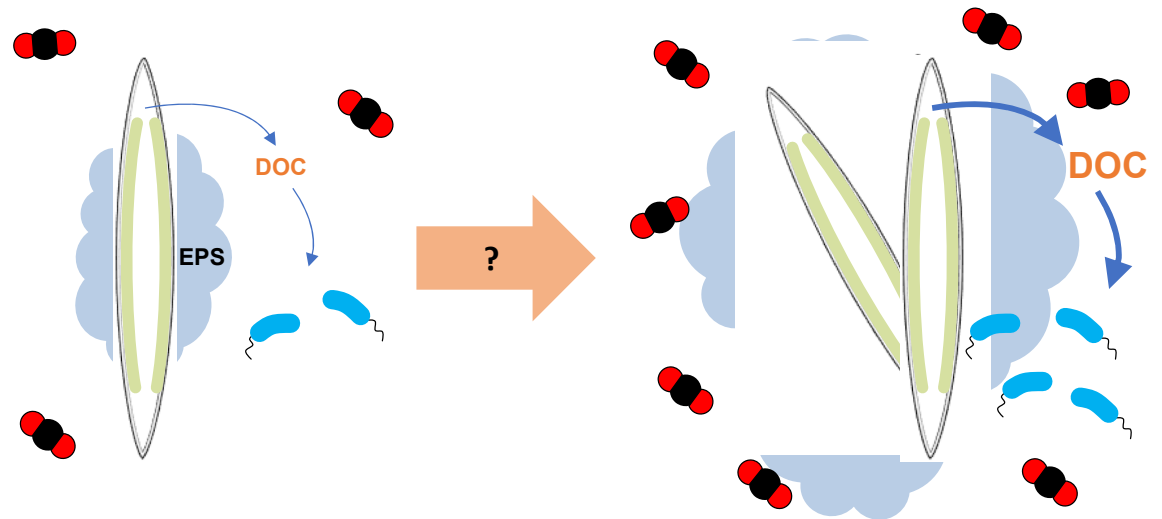
# Understanding the effects of ocean acidification on sea-ice microbial eco-systems and elucidating microbial metabolic functions in a changing Arctic

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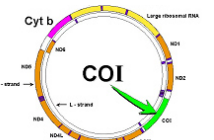
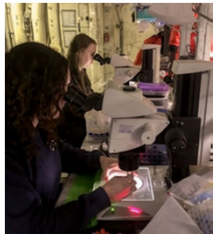
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# Pathways of Pelagic Connectivity: *Eukrohnia hamata* (Chaetognatha) in the Arctic Ocean

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- Samples collected 2011 – 2016 Arctic cruises
- Species ID by morphology and COI barcodes



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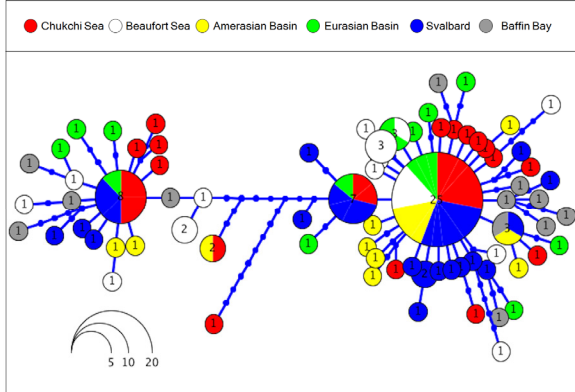
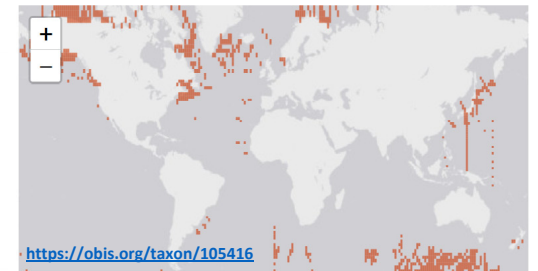
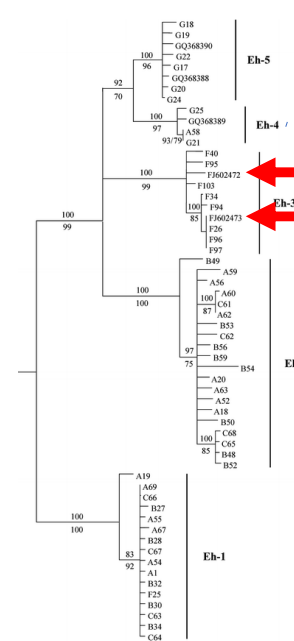
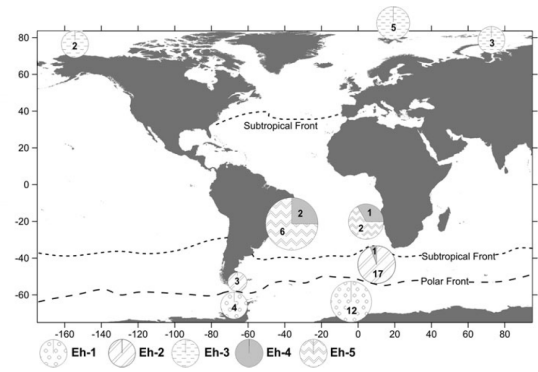


Figure 3. Haplotype network for *E. hamata*. Each circle represents a unique haplotype. Circle

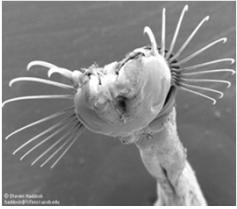
- COI sequence data analyzed for diversity, structure, connectivity
- Compare global COI phylogeography (Kulagin et al., 2014, Hydrobiol.)



<https://obis.org/taxon/105416>



Kulagin, Stupnikova, Neretina, Mugue, (2014) Hydrobiologia



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### ANALYSIS of COI BARCODES

- High haplotype diversity and low nucleotide diversity suggest recent population expansion
- No significant population genetic structure
- High levels of population connectivity
- Migration pathways follow major Arctic currents

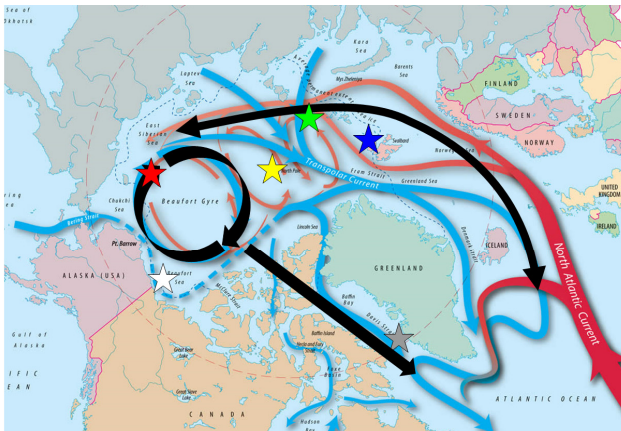
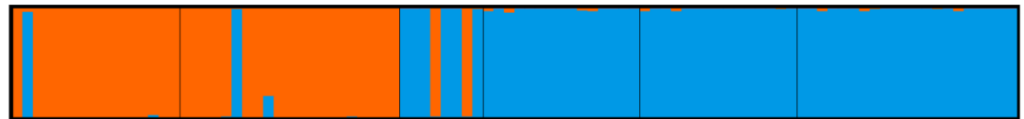


Figure 4. Schematic depicting the "Arctic Currents" population connectivity model hypothesis tested using Migrate-N.

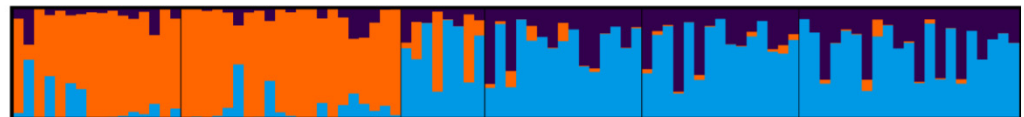
### ANALYSIS of SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS (SNPs)

- Analysis of 3,455 SNPs using STRUCTURE
- High levels of gene flow among the regions
- Genetic distinctiveness of Atlantic-Arctic versus Pacific-Arctic regions
- SNPs under selection suggest possible local adaptation of populations

#### Two clusters (K=2) based on all SNPs



#### Three clusters (K=3) after removing SNPs under selection



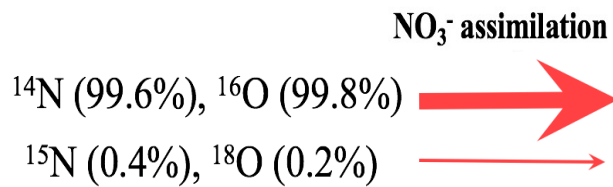
1: Beaufort Sea | 2: Chukchi Sea | 3: Am Basin | 4: Eur Basin | 5: Fram Strait | 6: Labrador Sea

#### Recommended Reading:

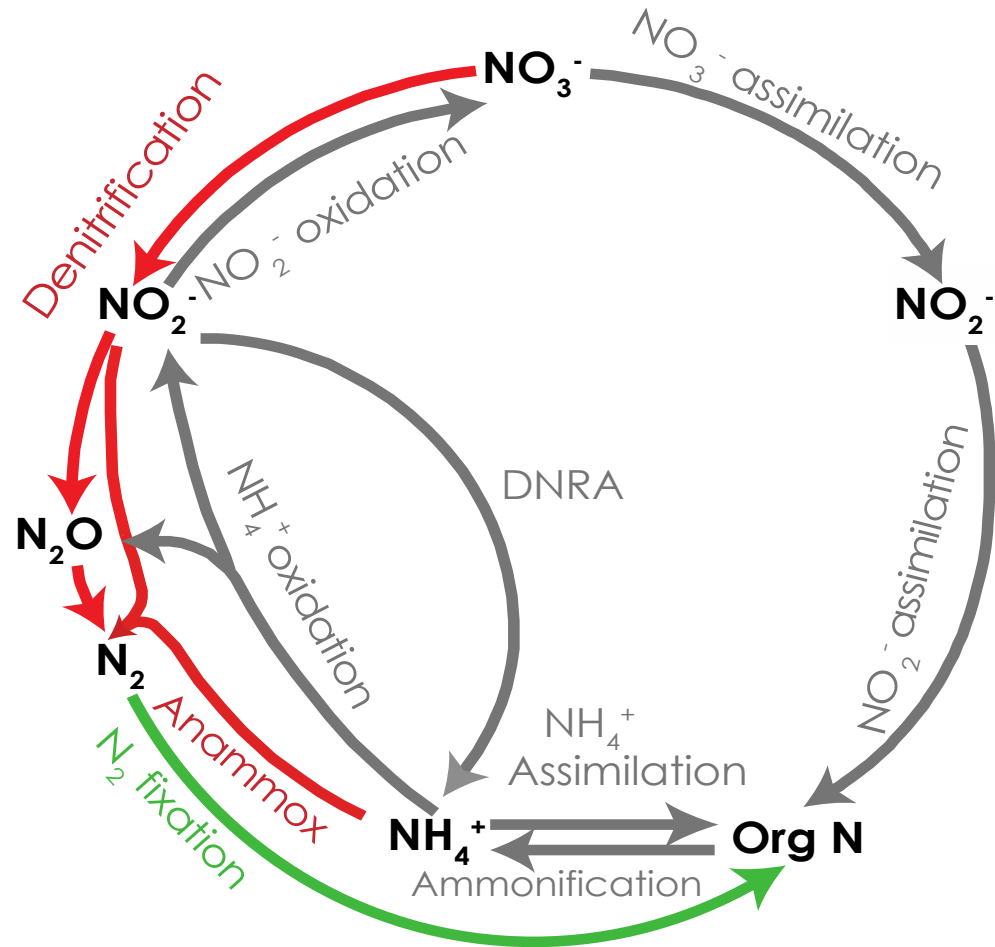
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- Blanco-Bercial, Bucklin (2016) New view of population genetics of zooplankton ... Molec. Ecol.

# Annie Bourbonnais (University of South Carolina) Using isotopic tracers to resolve the marine N cycle

Kinetic isotope fractionation:  
organisms generally assimilate lighter  
isotopes leaving residual substrate  
enriched in heavier isotopes.



Distinct isotope effects for these N  
transformations.



# Dissolved nitrogen stable isotope measurements during the SAS

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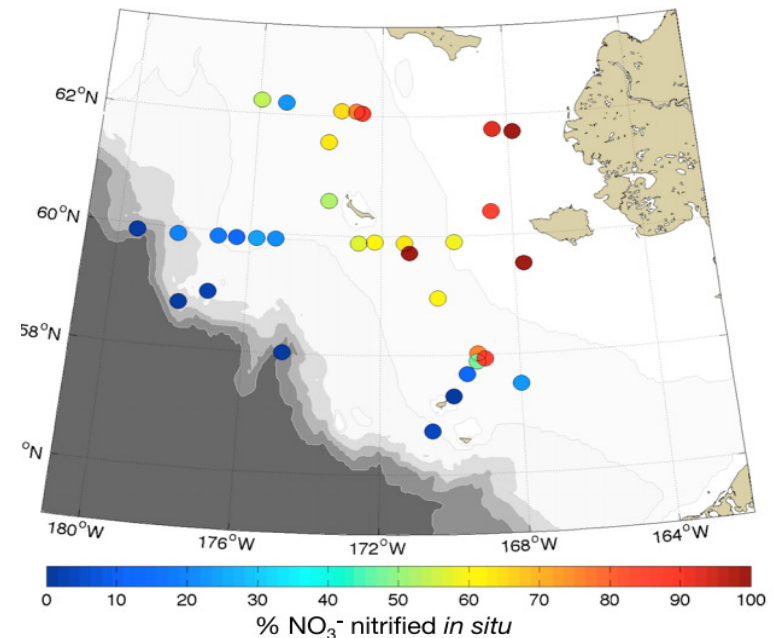
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Relevance to SAS: Physical drivers

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**RQ3:** What are the states of, and changes in, water mass sources, sinks and transformations?

**Benthic-pelagic coupling:** nitrification-denitrification in sediments is the dominant N-loss process. All  $\text{NO}_3^-$  imported from the open Pacific is assimilated and recycled at least once on Bering and Chukchi shelves.



**Figure 1.** Proportion of nitrate remineralized *in-situ* on the Bering sea shelf (from Granger *et al.*, GBC, 2013).

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On the Properties of the Arctic Halocline and Deep Water Masses of the Canada Basin from Nitrate Isotope Ratios

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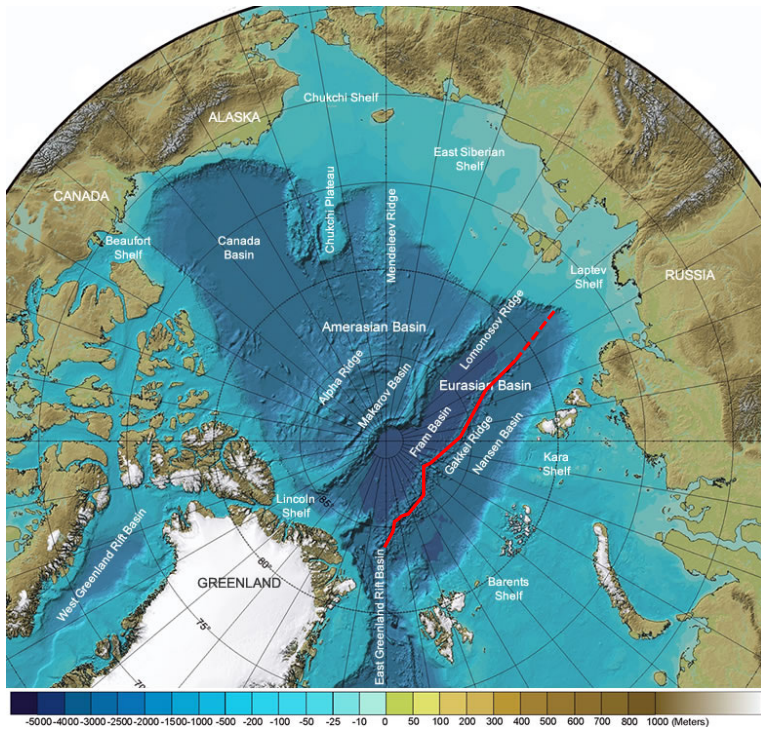
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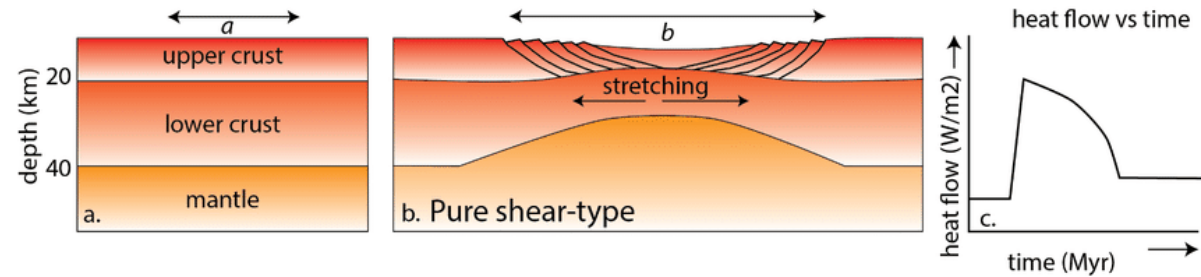
# The contribution of rift tectonics to the present-day thermal state of the Arctic Ocean

Anouk Beniest

## Interests



**Arctic Ocean Seafloor Features Map: IBCAO** annotated with the names of seafloor features.



Models show surface heat flow increases during rifting. *Beniest, 2017, after McKenzie, 1978*

Two questions:

- 1) How much does this heat flow increase when rifting goes into break-up and spreading?
- 2) Does this excessive heat flow add to the thermal budget of the Arctic Ocean and if so, how much?

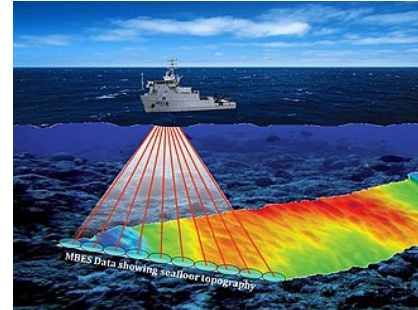


# The contribution of rift tectonics to the present-day thermal state of the Arctic Ocean

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## Data/methods

- Bathymetry and shallow seismics  
e.g. multi-beam, sub-bottom profilers
- Gravity  
e.g. gravimeter
- Magnetics  
e.g. mounted magnetometer

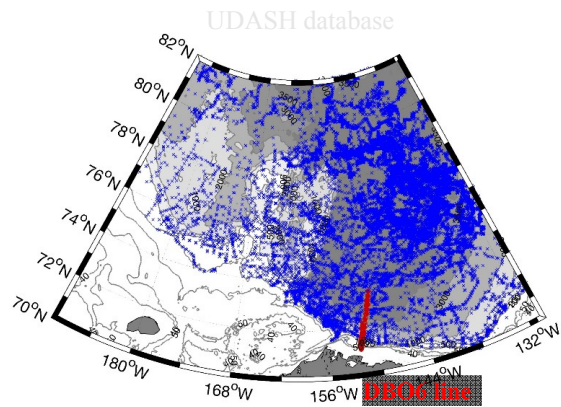


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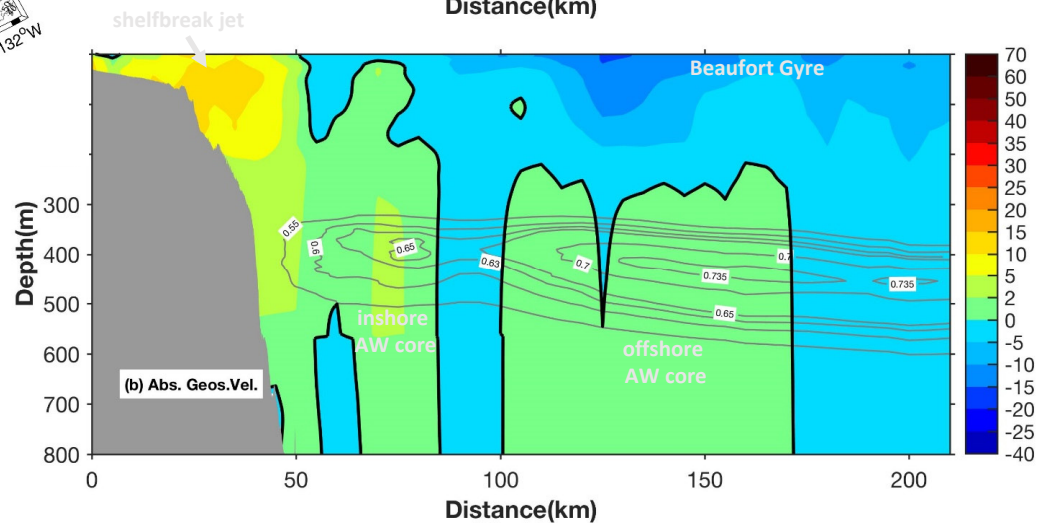
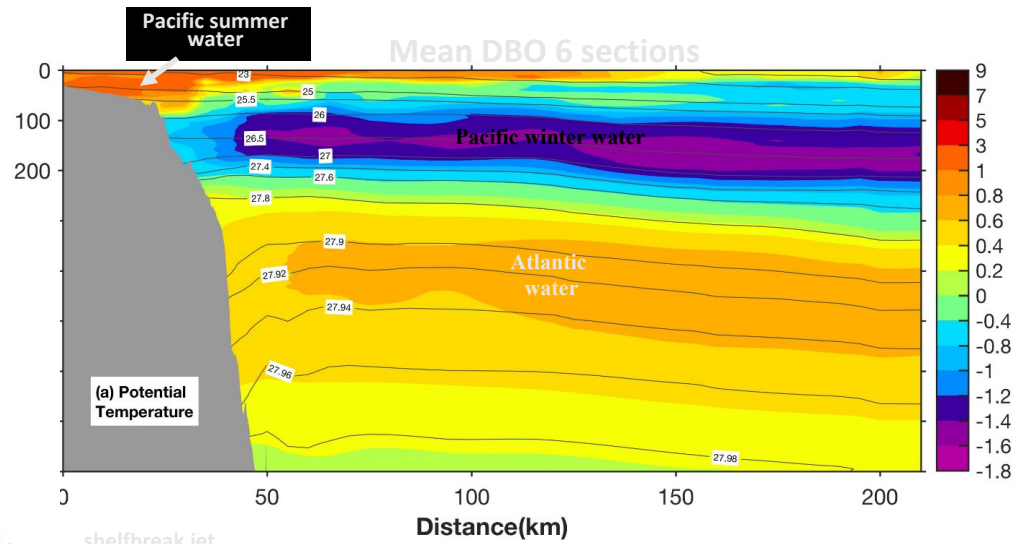
- Standard equipment on research vessels
- Data can be acquired continuously during campaigns
- No large burden, but needs to be monitored for quality and continuity
- With just slightly tweaked ship tracks more unexamined seafloor can be covered
- Important input for oceanographic studies/mapping efforts (e.g. IBCAO and AGP)/modelling studies

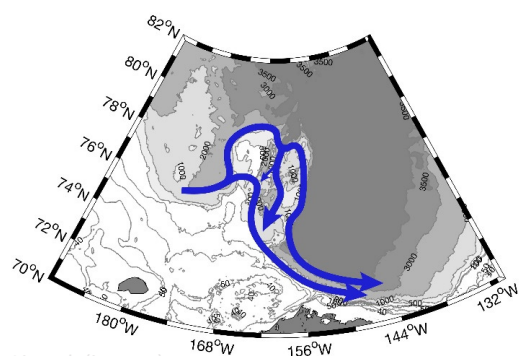
# Some thoughts on the circulation of the southern Canada Basin

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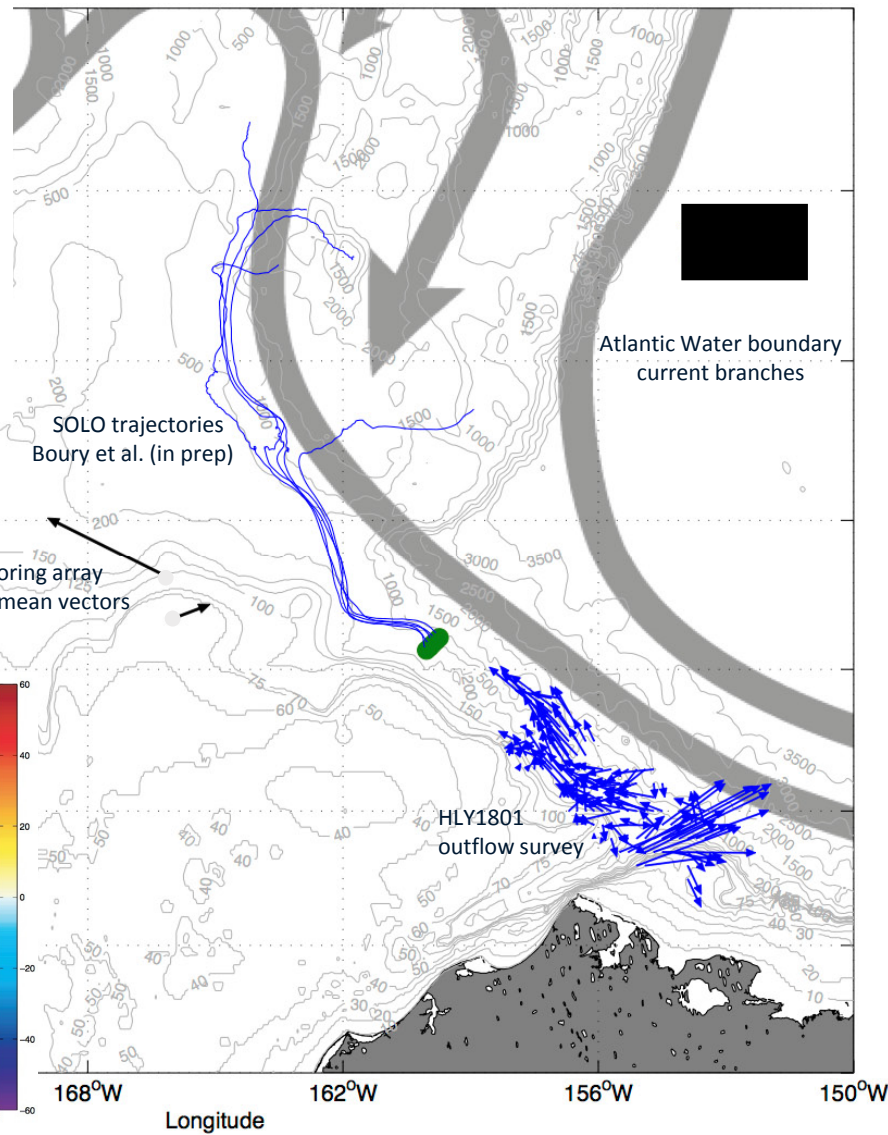


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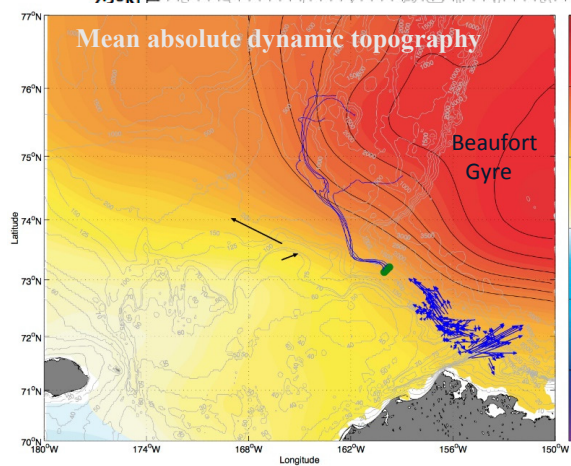


Atlantic Water boundary current branches

SOLO trajectories  
Boury et al. (in prep)

SBI mooring array  
2-year mean vectors

HLY1801  
outflow survey



Mean absolute dynamic topography

Beaufort Gyre

Latitude  
77°N  
76°N  
75°N  
74°N  
73°N  
72°N  
71°N  
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Longitude  
180°W  
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# Improving Arctic ADCP Data

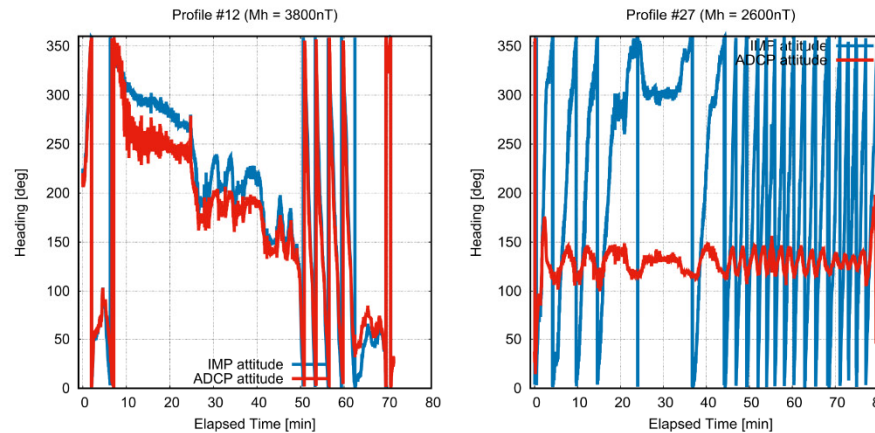
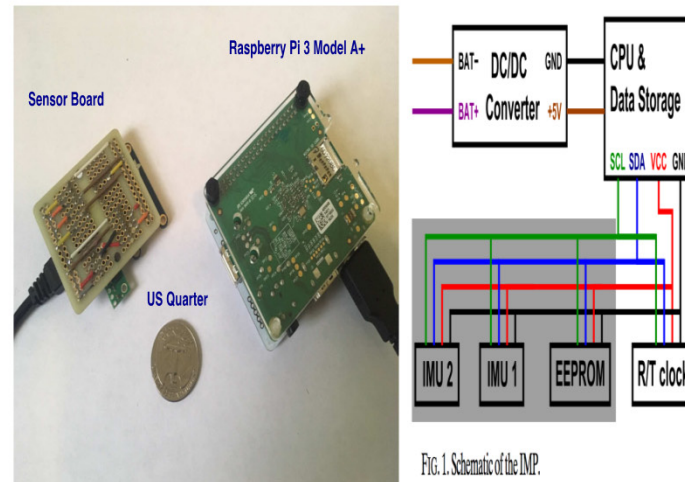


FIG. 6. Heading time series from NABOS profiles (left) 12 and (right) 27. ADCP-derived headings (red) and IMP-derived headings (blue). Horizontal geomagnetic field strength is printed above each panel; the corresponding field inclinations are  $86.4^\circ$  and  $87.6^\circ$ , respectively.

- in regions with large magnetic dip angles (weak horizontal field strength), ADCP compass performance is seriously degraded (errors  $>40^\circ$  are common; compass “flat-lining” in extreme cases; *Thurnherr et al., J. Tech., 2017*)
- common accelerometer/magnetometer chips are, however, sufficiently sensitive and accurate to get good heading data for dip angles up to  $\approx 88^\circ$



# Independent Measurement Package

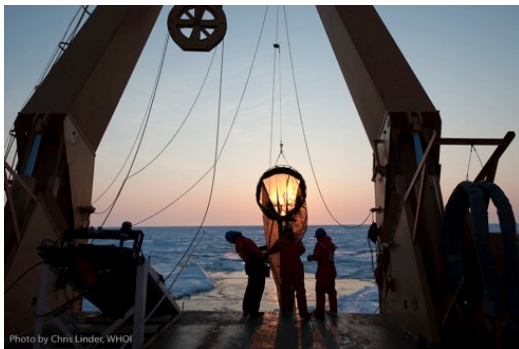


- electronics of the internally-recording accelerometer/magnetometer used by Thurnherr et al. (J. Tech., 2017) can be replicated for less than \$200 using commonly available components; firmware is public domain
- a new prototype that may be suitable for moored deployment (low power consumption, smaller form factor) is under development
- software implementation of LADCP processing methodology described in the J. Tech. paper is available from the authors ⇒ <mailto:ant@ldeo.columbia.edu>

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Senior Scientist, Biology Department, WHOI  
Biological Oceanographer focusing on Zooplankton

My Scientific Approaches

- OBSERVING– Collection of organisms (determination of species, abundances, biomass), chemical and genetic analyses, optical and acoustic observations, large ships, small boats, autonomous systems
- EXPERIMENTATION – Determination of vital rates (grazing, egg production, growth, development, primary production, respiration)
- MODELING- to understand the ecosystem and to predict future conditions - requires abundance/distribution/life history and vital rate data





# My interests in SAS:

- Zooplankton abundances/biomass and transformations to address the SAS questions:
  - Primary production: Do we see an increase in zooplankton in response to increased PP? (if that happens)
  - Do we see persistent occurrences of subarctic species and can those species successfully recruit?
  - How do zooplankton transform carbon and does this vary across the different Pan-Arctic regions?
- How can international collaborators come together to achieve the SAS vision?

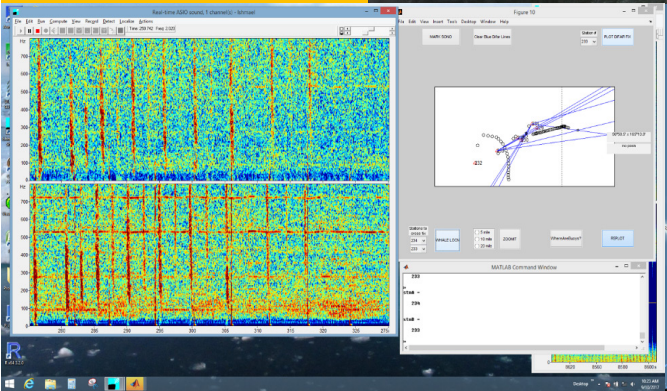
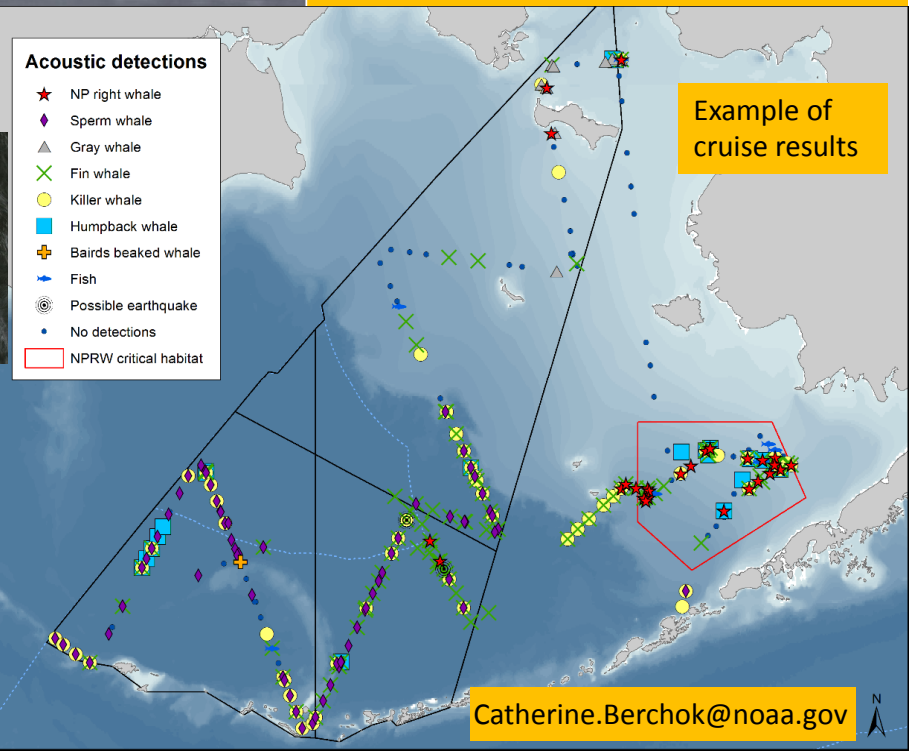
What: Sonobuoy deployment  
 Why: Passive acoustic monitoring for marine mammals  
 How: While vessel is underway – no need to slow down.  
 Who: Acoustics group at the AFSC/Marine Mammal Lab  
 When: Typically every 3-4 hours



Space requirements:  
 table for 2 laptops & some misc. gear, some space to stage prepped buoys, and a few 4' cubed crates with buoys



We can also get localizations on sounds



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# Bivalve Population Shifts and Contribution to Overall Benthic Ecosystem

Time-series analyses of abundance, biomass, and size class distributions of dominant bivalve species

**Christina Goethel**

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

- Pacific Arctic Focus- Distributed Biological Observatory
  - Northern Bering Sea (DBO1)
  - Southeast Chukchi Sea (DBO3)
    - Annual Changes

-Changes in dominant species?

-Declining biomasses?

-Shifts in location of high biomass?

Pan-Arctic Species

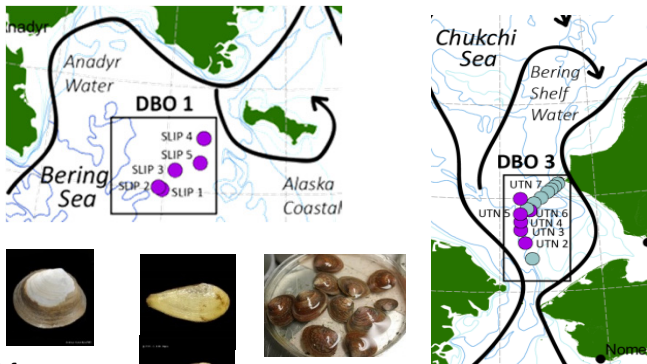
Local community implications

Seasonal and Annual Data compliments

**Raphaëlle Descoteaux**

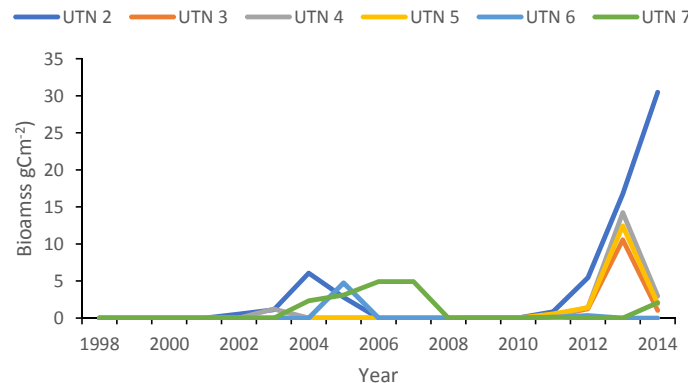
UiT, The Arctic University of Norway

- Atlantic Arctic Focus
  - Meroplankton
- *Macoma calcarea*, *Serripes* spp.
  - Seasonal Data



## Example Data

Biomass of *Serripes groenlandicus* in DBO 3



Working together to try and understand a complete picture of the life cycles of these circum-Arctic bivalve species.

Ex:

What size do these bivalves settle to the benthos?

When do they settle?

-2014 increase in biomass and abundance of *Serripes* especially in southern DBO 3 sites with a crash in 2018

- *M. calcarea* abundance declining at previous hotspot UTN 5 - increasing at sites to the south

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*Sediment oxygen utilization incubations and individual metabolic rates of dominant clam species in each DBO region- with focus on DBO 1 and DBO 3*

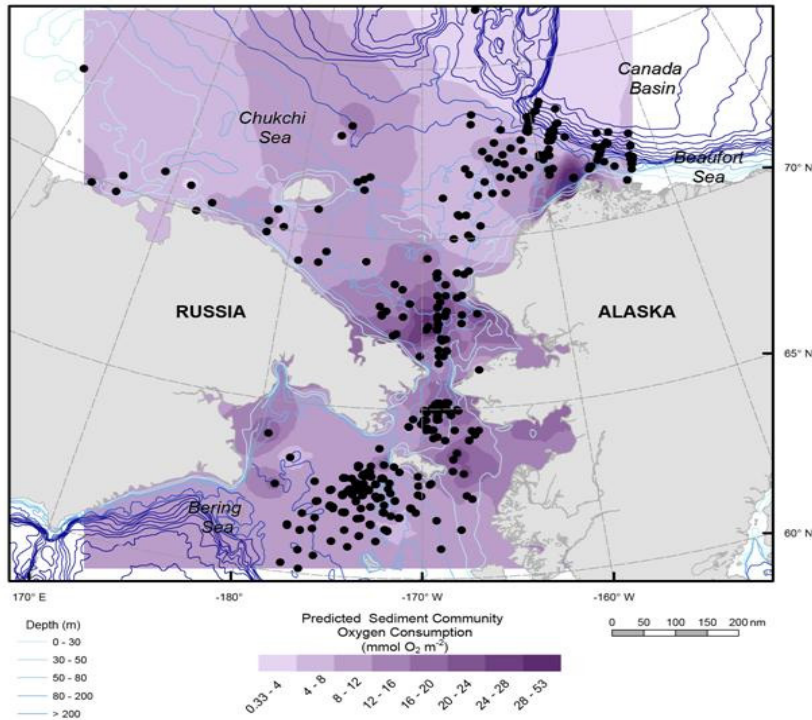
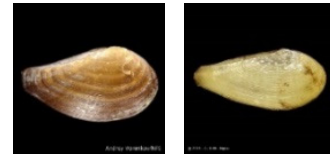


Fig. 1 Sediment Oxygen Community Consumption from 2000-2012 (Grebmeier 2012)

- Time-series analyses of changing sediment community oxygen consumption (SCOC) from 1984-2019 (Fig. 1)
- Changes in SCOC with changing environmental conditions:
  - Temperature
  - Food availability/quality
  - Food experiments started in July and August 2018
  - Temperature and food experiments scheduled for July and August 2019
- Bivalve contributions to overall community SCOC:
  - Individual metabolic rates of dominant species in each DBO region (ambient and elevated temperatures)
  - How are species shifts in bivalve communities changing the SCOC?







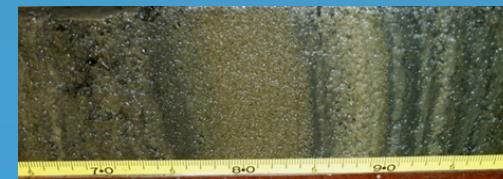
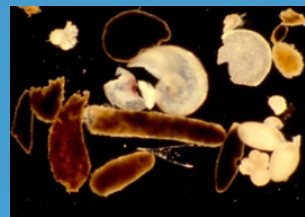
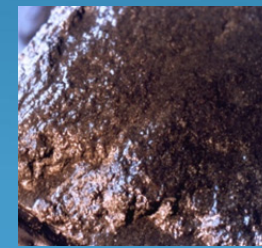
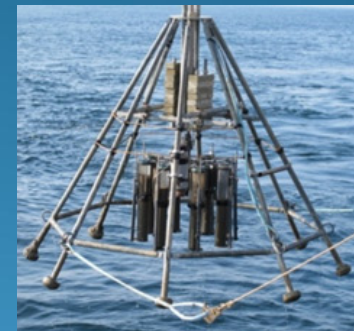
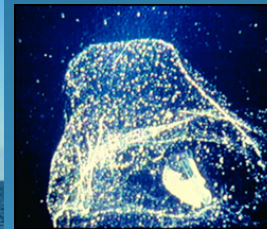
Professor Cindy Pilskaln, School for Marine Science and Technology  
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA, USA



## Biogeochemical Particle Flux and Sedimentation Group

### Overarching Research Goals:

*Characterize, quantify, & model mechanisms of particle flux through the ocean and delivery to sediments.  
\*Primary focus on CARBON export as function of biophysical & chemical forcing on variable time scales.*



Pilskaln, 2019 SAS Planning Wkshop

## Proposed Contributions to Synoptic Arctic Survey

### Carbon Cycle/OA Focal Area

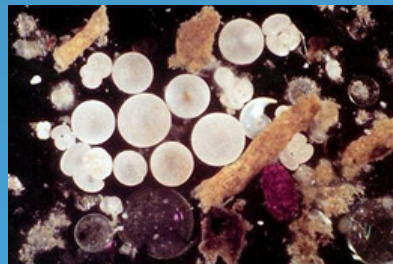
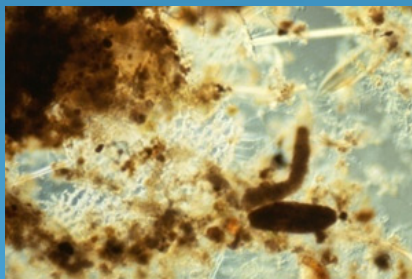
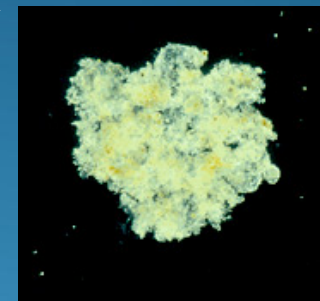
(Science & Implementation Plan, Research Questions 7-9):



\*Measurements of POC and PIC: SAS Niskin and/or pump sampling and lab-based analysis.

\*Measurements of carbon export: Short-term sediment trap deployments on SAS cruise and lab-based analysis.

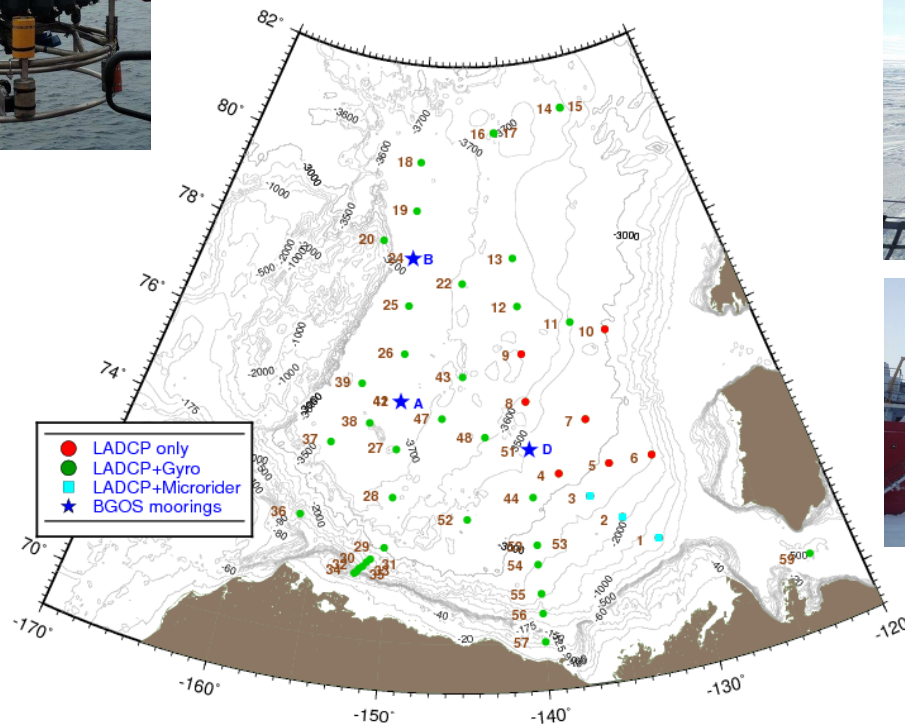
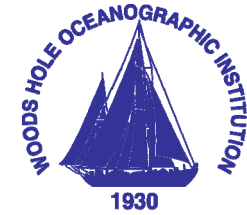
\*Measurements of POC and PIC particle size, type (e.g., fecal pellets, marine snow, algal aggregates) and sinking rates: Optical instrument (e.g., VPR, LISST-HOLO2) profiling and post-cruise quantitative image analysis.





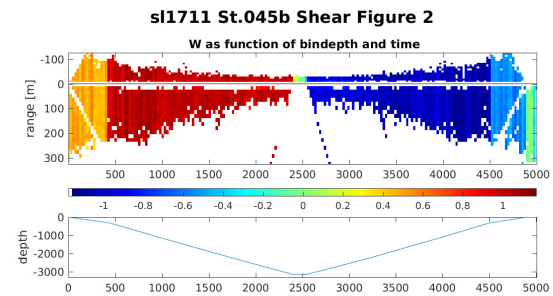
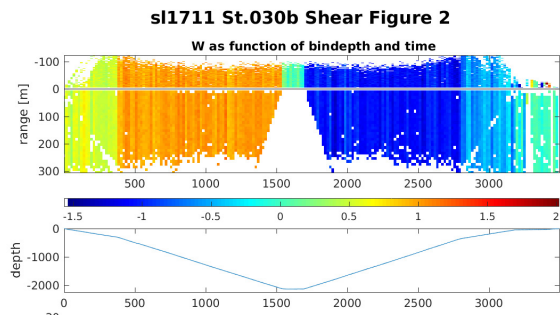
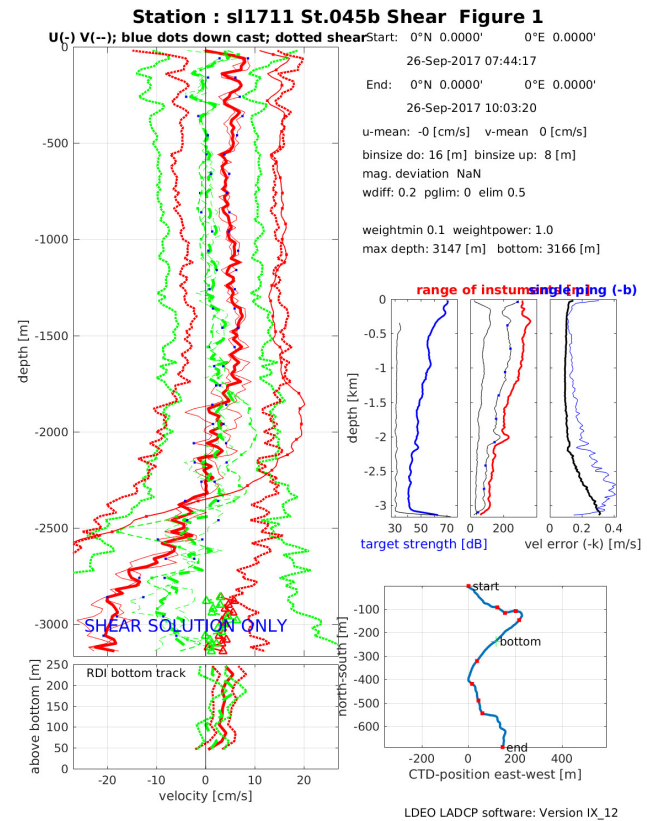
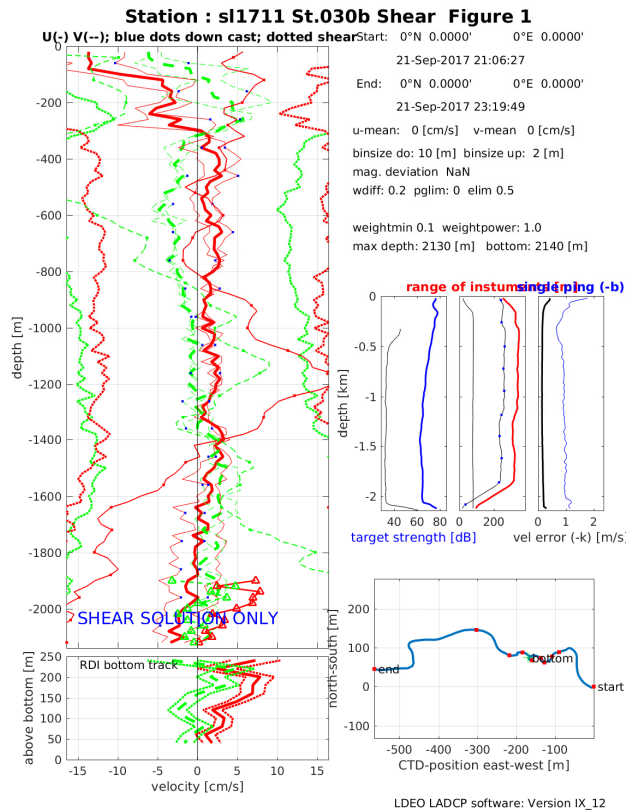


# 2017 Cruise SL1711 Beaufort Gyre Stations



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Stratified Ocean Dynamics of the Arctic (SODA)



# **ACIDIFICATION STATE OF THE KARA SEA**

Alexander Polukhin and Julia Pronina

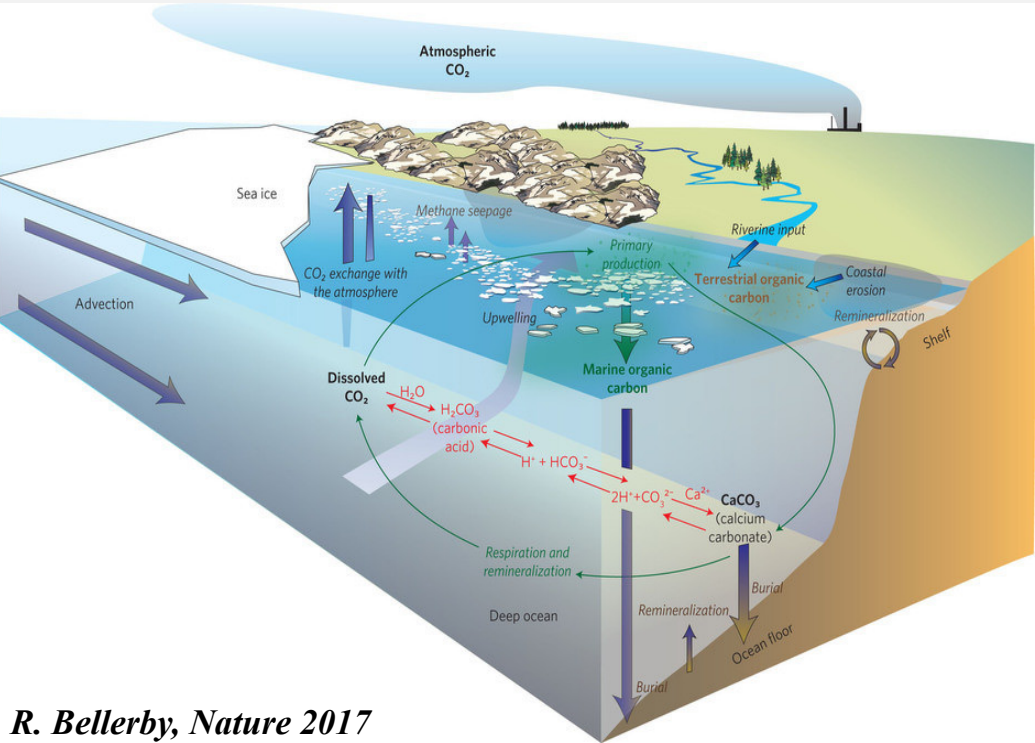
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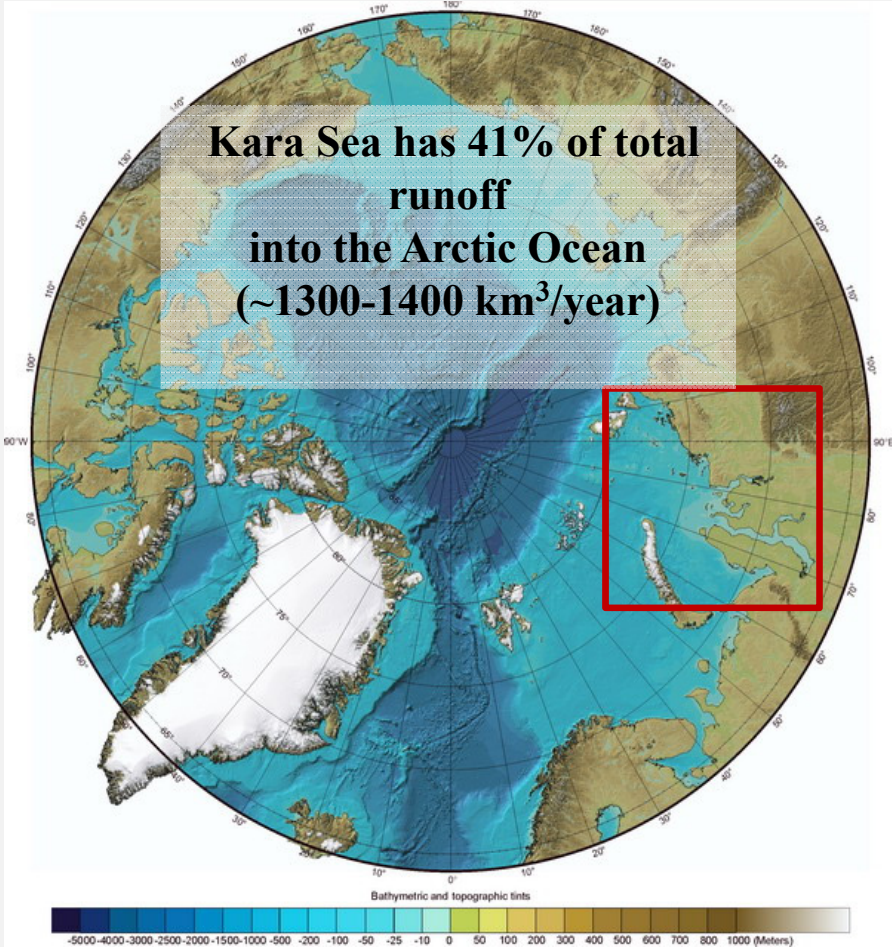


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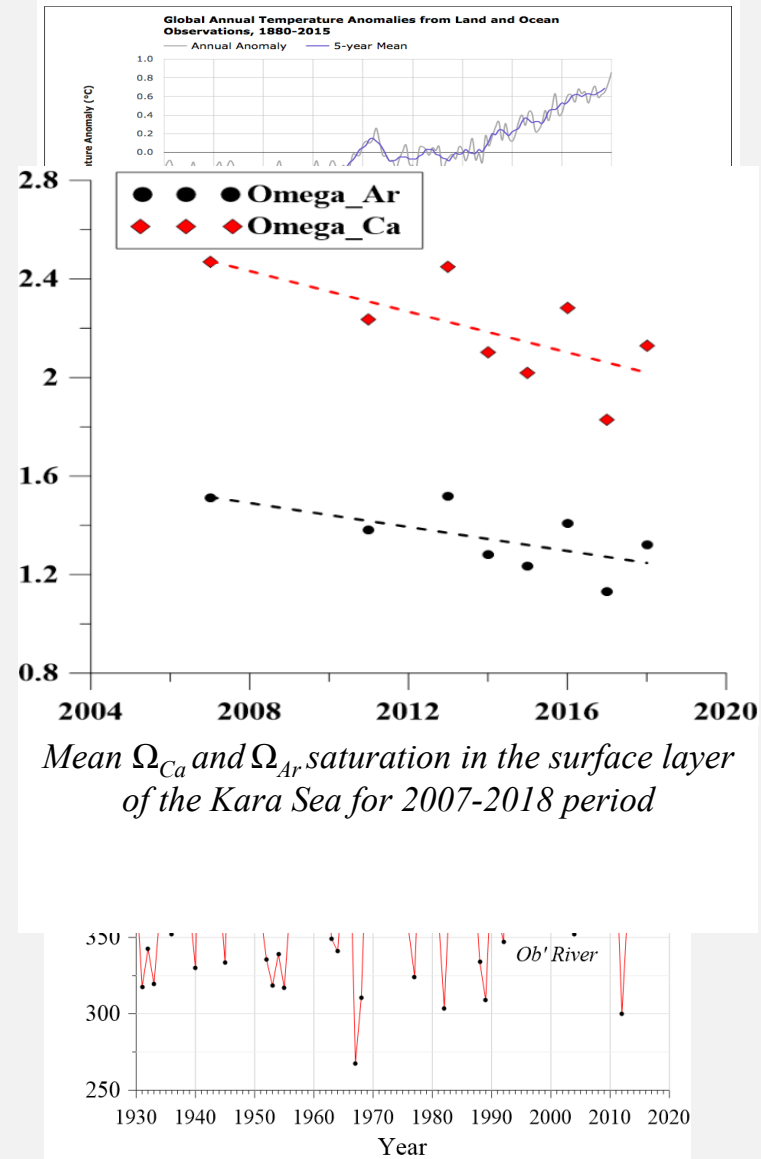
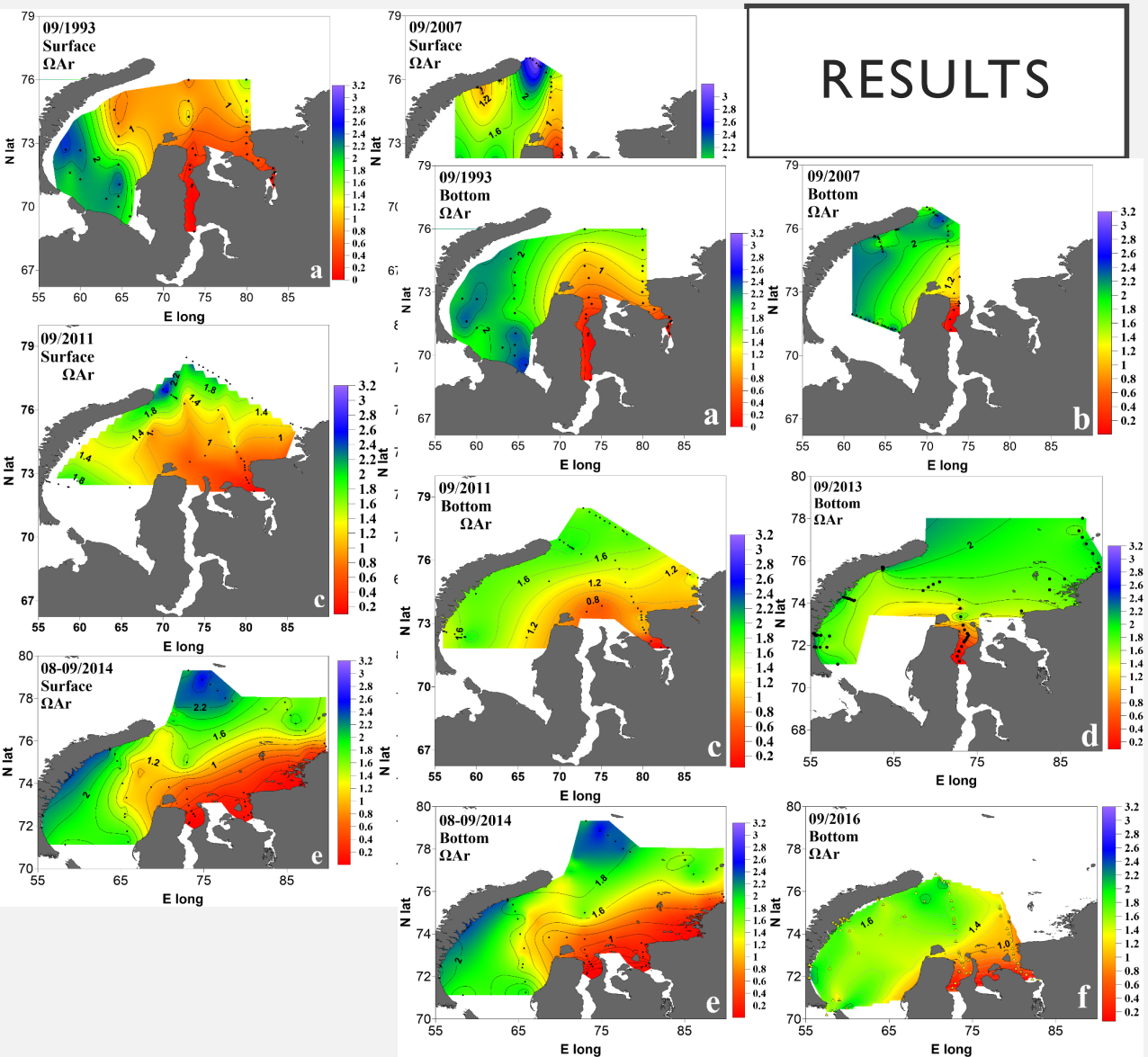


*R. Bellerby, Nature 2017*

Arctic Ocean acidification is responding to changes in the marine carbon and hydrological cycles. Increases in carbon are sourced from the atmosphere, land, and advection from other oceans. Ocean acidification can be further regulated or enhanced by internal, physical, biological, and geochemical processes



# RESULTS





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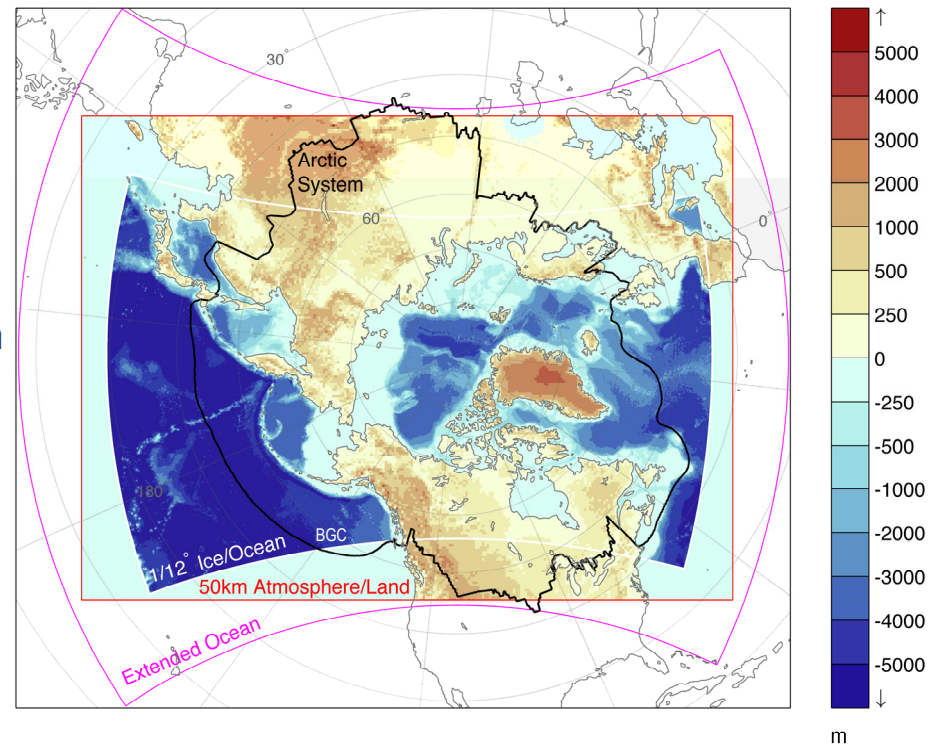
**RUSSIAN FOUNDATION FOR BASIC RESEARCH SUPPORTED PROJECT № 18-35-00009 “INVESTIGATION OF ACIDIFICATION PROCESS OF THE KARA SEA WATERS IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGES IN THE ARCTIC REGION”**

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### Regional Arctic System Model

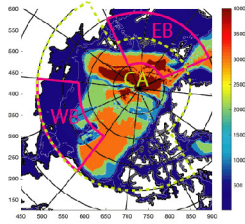
- pan-Arctic, high-resolution
- ocean, ice, biogeochemistry, atmosphere, land hydrology, river routing
- Multiple configurations
  - Fully-coupled
  - ice-ocean-bgc forced with reanalysis atmospheric fields
  - Recently added JRA-55 forcing from 1950's-present
  - Plan to move to 2km for BGC



# RASM

## Hidden productivity: On the importance of pelagic phytoplankton blooms beneath Arctic sea ice

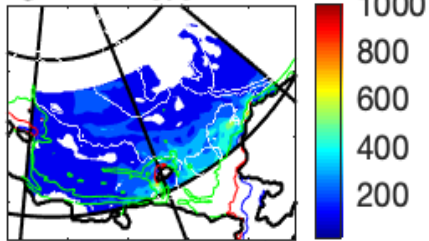
Jackie Clement Kinney and the RASM team



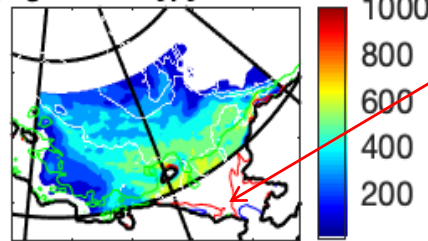
### June NPP for various years in WB

50% ice contour

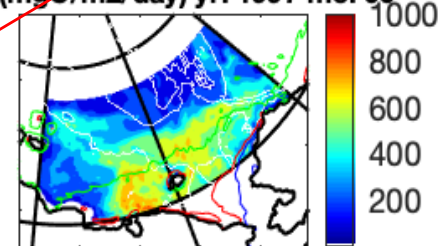
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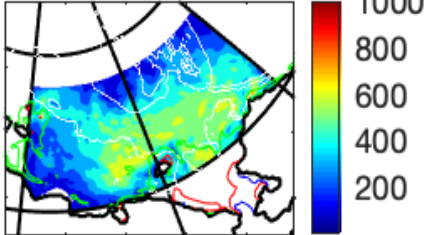
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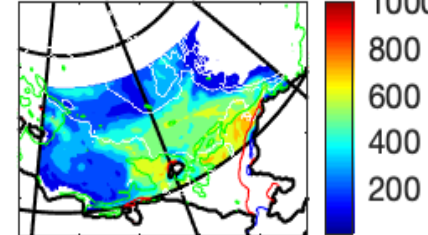
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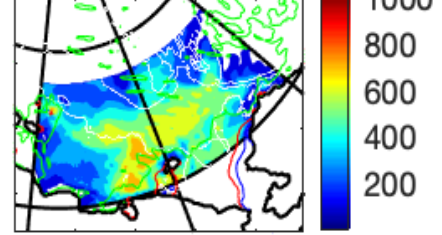
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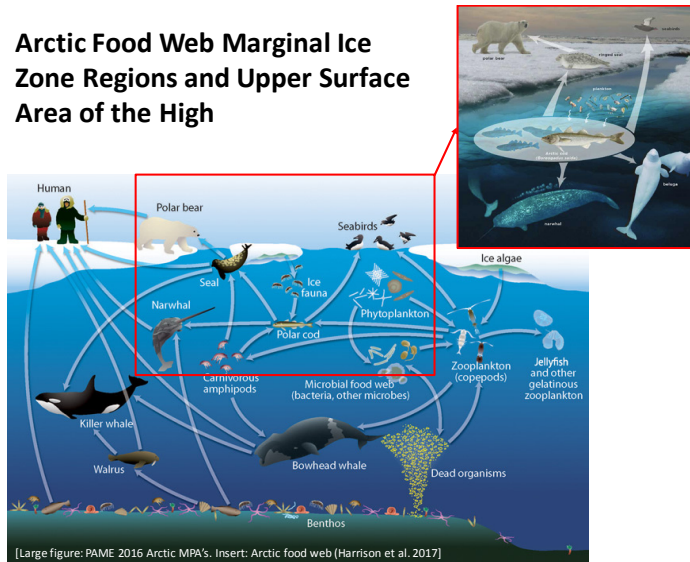


- June bloom happens every year... but a lot of interannual variability

# Synoptic Arctic Survey (SAS): Proposed Biological Studies Jackie Grebmeier, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, UMCES, Solomons, MD, USA; jgrebmei@umces.edu



Arctic Food Web Marginal Ice Zone Regions and Upper Surface Area of the High



In a boom for fish stocks, the Barents Sea last year saw a steep rise in photosynthesis by phytoplankton (blue-green bloom above) and other organisms.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**Nations put science before fishing in the Arctic**  
Historic fishing ban gives scientists time to probe ecology as northern waters warm

By Hannah Hoag

The nations and the European Union have reached a deal to place the central Arctic Ocean (CAO) off-limits to commercial fishers for at least the next 16 years. The pact, announced last week, will give scientists time to better understand the region's marine ecology—and the effects of climate change—before receding sea ice opens the way to widespread fishing.

"There is no other high seas area where we've decided to do the science first," says Scott Highleyman, vice president of conservation policy and programs at the Ocean Conservancy in Washington, D.C., who was part of the U.S. delegation involved in the negotiations. "It's a great example of putting the environment first."

The deal to protect 3.6 million square kilometers of the CAO is part of a larger agreement between the United States, Canada, Russia, Norway, Denmark, China, Japan, South Korea, Iceland & the EU: No commercial fishing in the High Sea in the coming 16 years and scientific cooperation

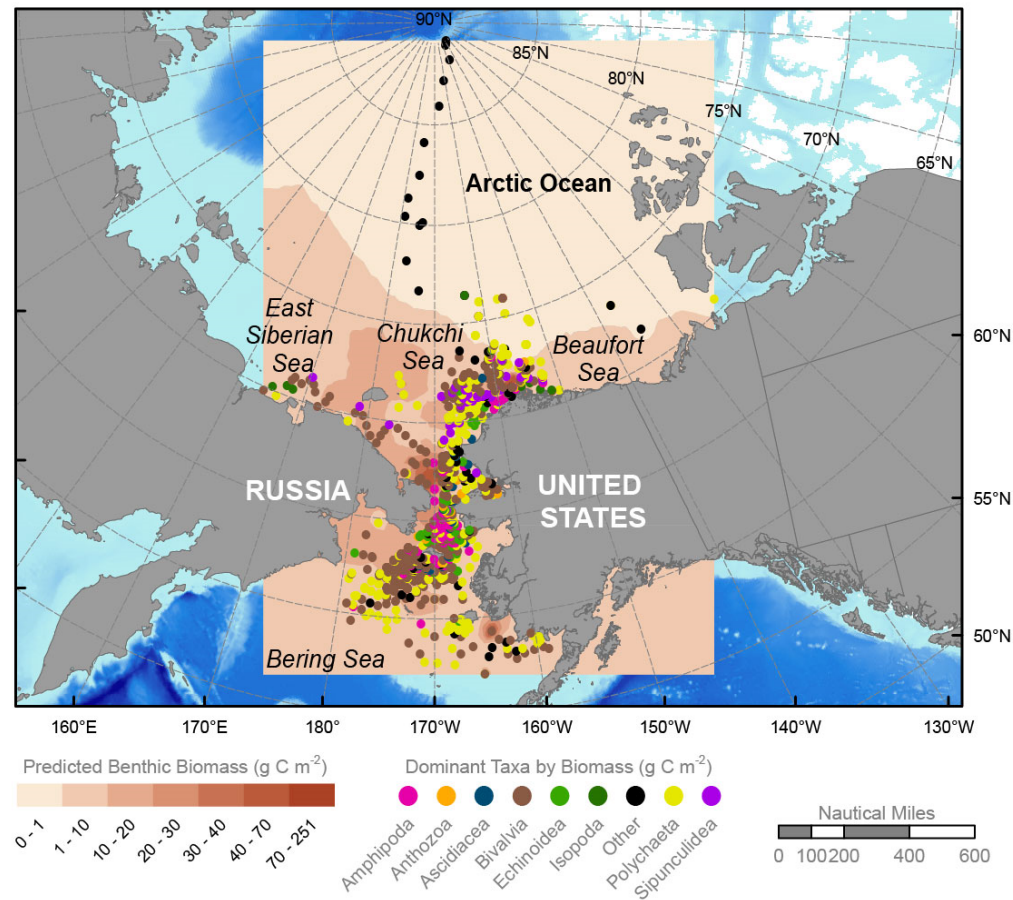
November 2017: Agreement between USA, Canada, Russia, Norway, Denmark, China, Japan, South Korea, Iceland & the EU: No commercial fishing in the High Sea in the coming 16 years and scientific cooperation

- evaluate shelf-basin exchange of biological and chemical component connected to the Central Arctic Ocean

<http://www.synopticarcticsurvey.info/splan.html>;  
<https://web.whoi.edu/sas2019/>



## Distribution of macroinfaunal station biomass (g C m<sup>-2</sup>) and dominant infaunal over four decades (1970-2012) in the Pacific Arctic



[Bluhm and Grebmeier 2011]

- Limited biogeochemical and biological studies on the outer continental shelf and slope regions Pacific Arctic into the Central Arctic Ocean
- Proposed subset of stations for benthic macrofaunal collections and sediment characteristics using a multi-HAPS corer
- Need for acoustic monitoring and net/trawls for plankton (prey) and fish (acoustics/science mid-water trawls)



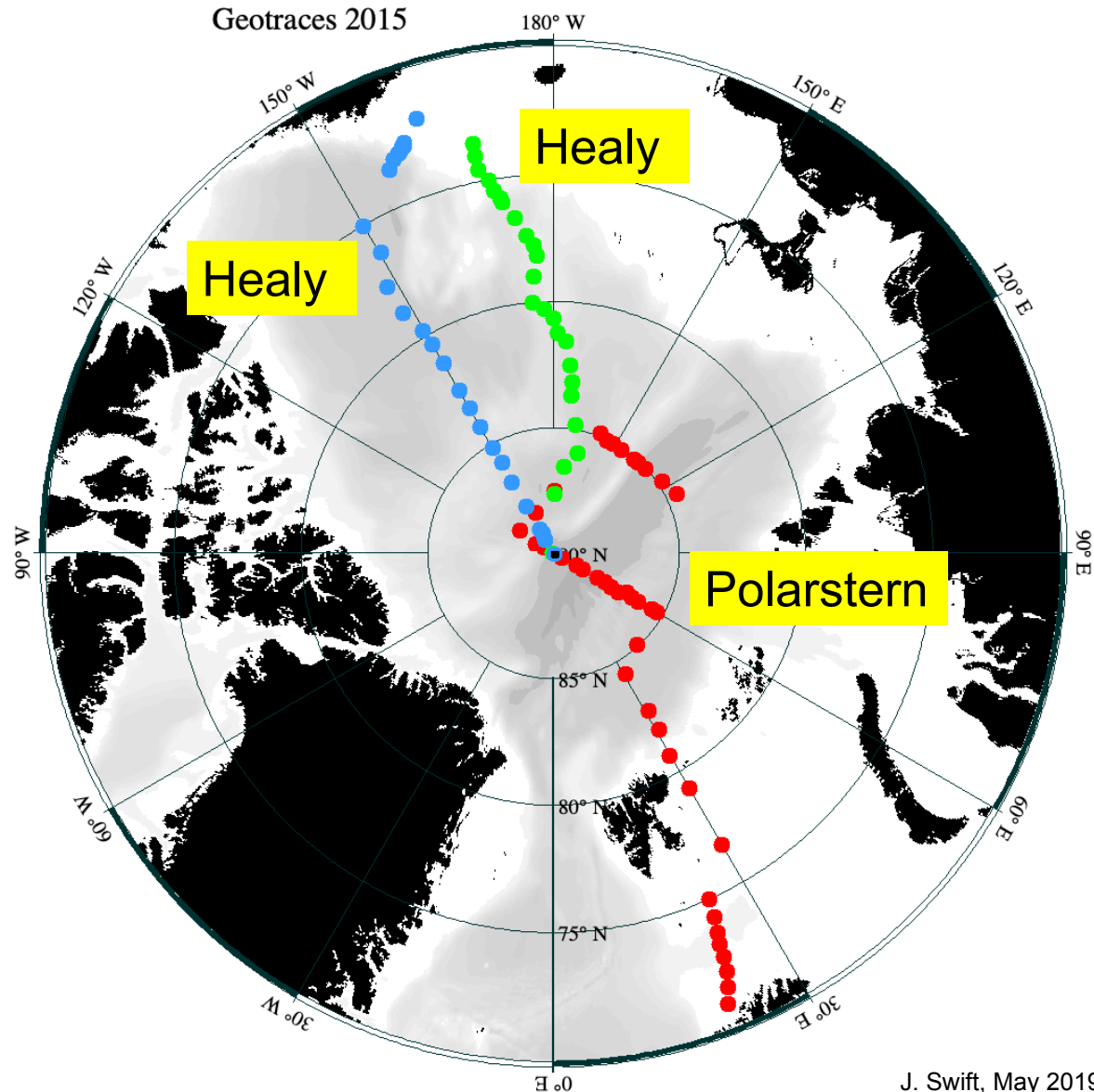
## GO-SHIP Section ARC-01 and SAS

The international repeat hydrography program (now called GO-SHIP) incorporates an Arctic transect as part of its global array of 'decadal' reference-quality sections.

During international Geotraces Arctic in 2015, USA and German teams planned to carry out their measurements to GO-SHIP standards, though without a couple of key parameters, and in some basins with greater station spacing than optimal for GO-SHIP.

The US National Science Foundation provided added ship time & salaries (for extra stations from the Healy), broadened ocean carbon measurements (Healy), and supported CFC measurements (both ships) to bring the work significantly closer to GO-SHIP standards.

Hence a GO-SHIP 2015 trans-Arctic section can now be assembled from the Healy and Polarstern 2015 data, with choice of Makarov or Canada Basin track. (Principal exception: Nansen Basin and Barents slope spacing.)



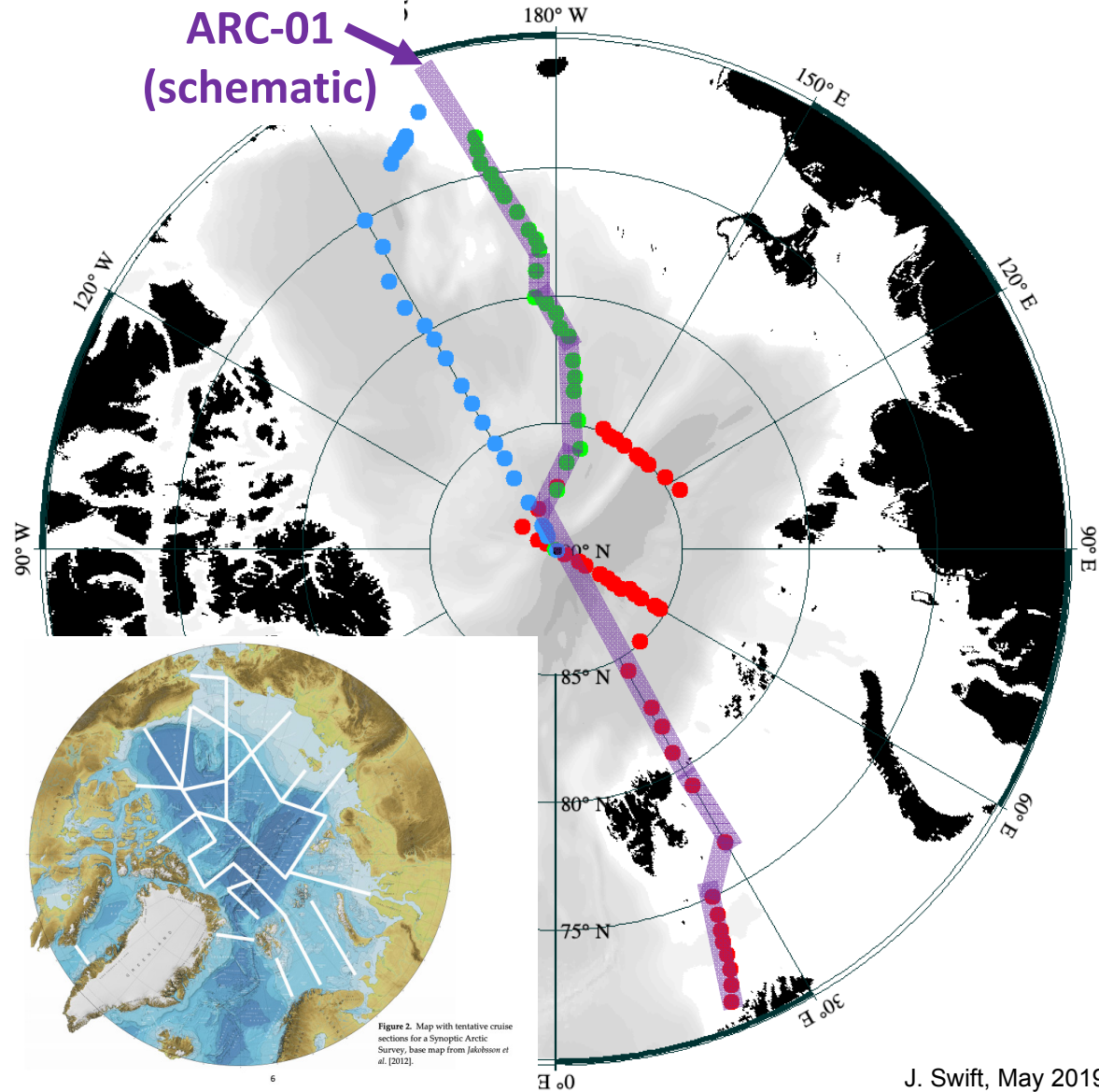
US GO-SHIP intends to propose section ARC-01, to be carried out in the first half of the 2020s from USCGC Healy or other icebreaker.

Measurements would include the complete GO-SHIP suite, to reference quality (CTDO/LADCP, S, O<sub>2</sub>, nutrients, CFCs/SF<sub>6</sub>, ocean carbon, etc.), full depth; ≤ 36 levels sampled per station; close station spacing at boundaries; ≈28 scientists, techs, and students.

ARC-01 can be run in either direction. Prefer to run the entire transect from one ship. Track does not enter the Russian EEZ. (Track shown is a preliminary schematic; actual track TBD.)

US GO-SHIP is happy to cooperate and coordinate with other programs, but there are issues to be addressed:

- extra ship time and costs of extra GO-SHIP salaries for any added time at sea
- does the repeat hydrography track (ARC-01) line up OK with SAS planned sections?
- probably prefer Makarov to Canada basin
- probably cannot do ARC-01 until after 2021



# Nutrient Dynamics and Nitrogen Cycling

Jean-Éric Tremblay (Université Laval, Québec, Canada)

## Main research interests

- Nutrients as drivers of PP and tracers of:
  - water masses
  - net community production
  - microbial processes (+ stable isotopes)
  
- Elemental stoichiometry (particulate & dissolved)
  
- Nitrogen assimilation and regeneration





## Objectives

- 1) Measure concentrations of macronutrients and trace metals, estimate transports
- 2) Evaluate how microbial processes affect and are affected by nitrogen inventories and nutrient ratios
- 3) Assess how the elemental composition and fatty acid profiles of microalgae are affected by physical and chemical water properties.

PI's: JET, Jay Cullen, Paul Myers, Chris Parrish, Connie Lovejoy

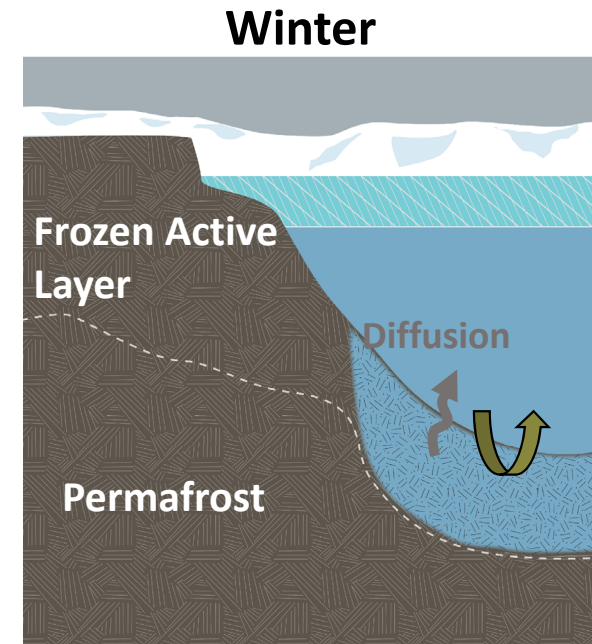
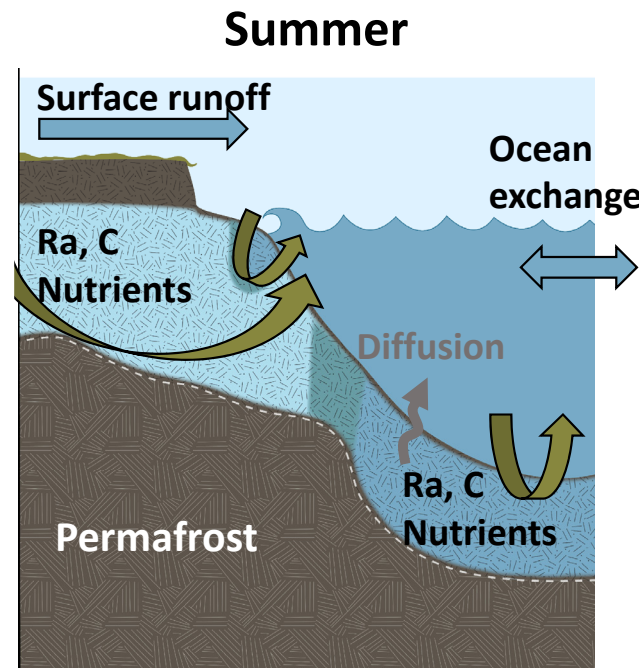
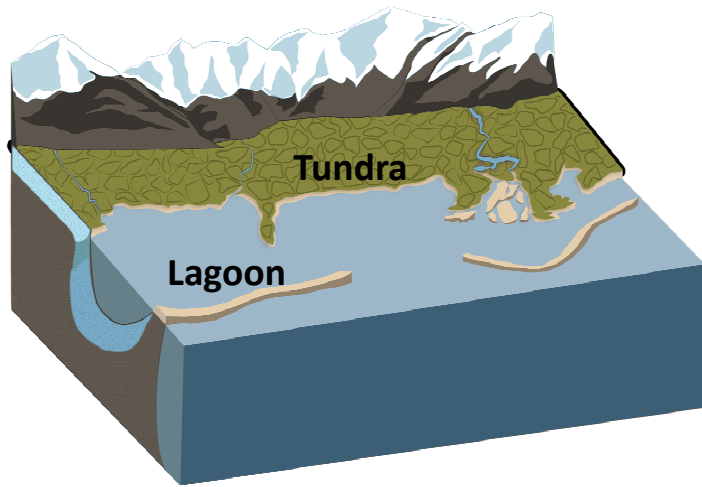
+ project led by Brent Else



# Radium isotopes: Groundwater discharge

Jessica Dabrowski (MIT/WHOI, Advisor: M. Charette)

$$\frac{d(^{226}\text{Ra})}{dt} = \text{Runoff} + \text{Diffusion} + \text{GW} - \text{ocean exchange}$$



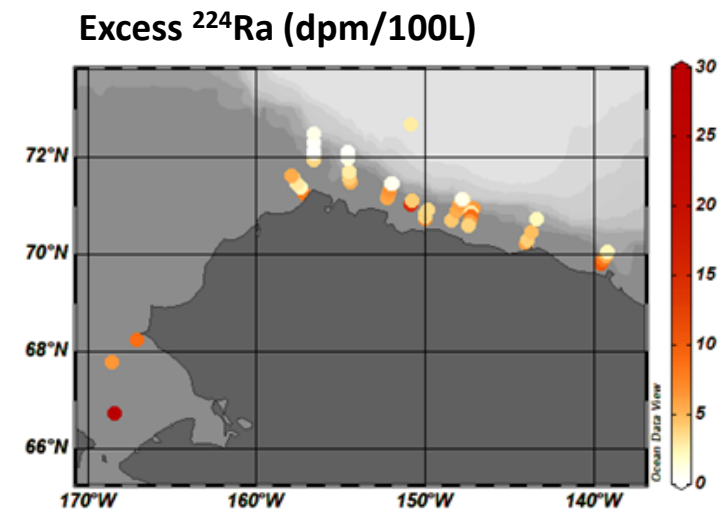
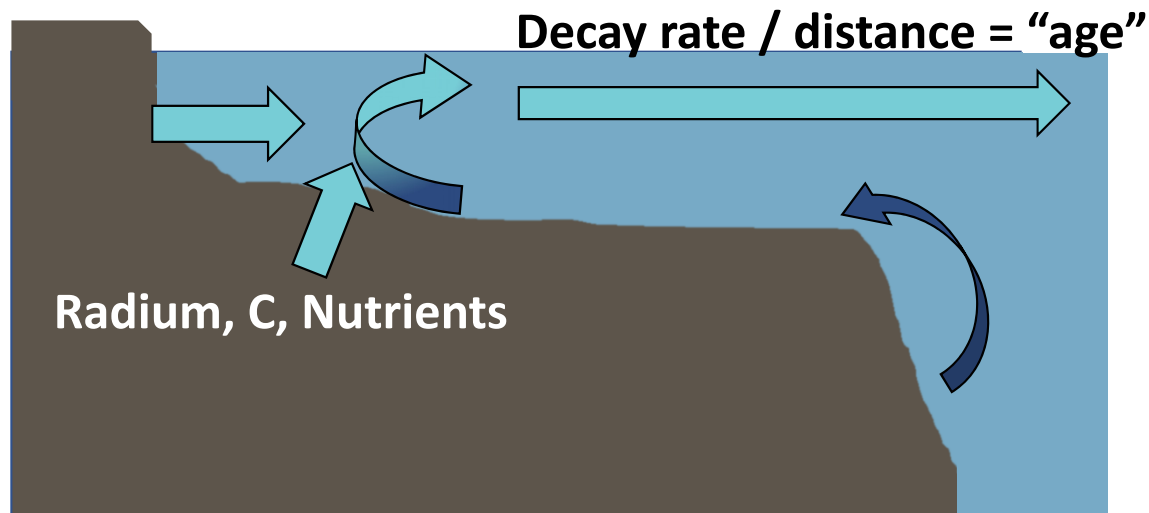
## Significance:

- Nutrient and carbon fluxes to productive ecosystems
- Understanding hydrology in permafrost zones
- Setting baselines

Graphics: N. Reiner, WHOI Graphics; annotated by J. Dabrowski;

# Radium isotopes: Beaufort/Chukchi Shelves

Jessica Dabrowski (MIT/WHOI, Advisor: M. Charette)



## Significance:

- Short-lived and long-lived isotopes = timescales of days to seasons to years
- Benthic fluxes to productive ecosystem
- Cross-shelf transport rates and residence times in under-sampled late fall/early winter
  - Integrates heterogeneity of upwelling/downwelling
- Seasonal vs. interannual variability

# Sustained observation and analysis of the Arctic upper ocean thermohaline

J. Toole,

S. Cole, R. Krishfield, S. Laney,

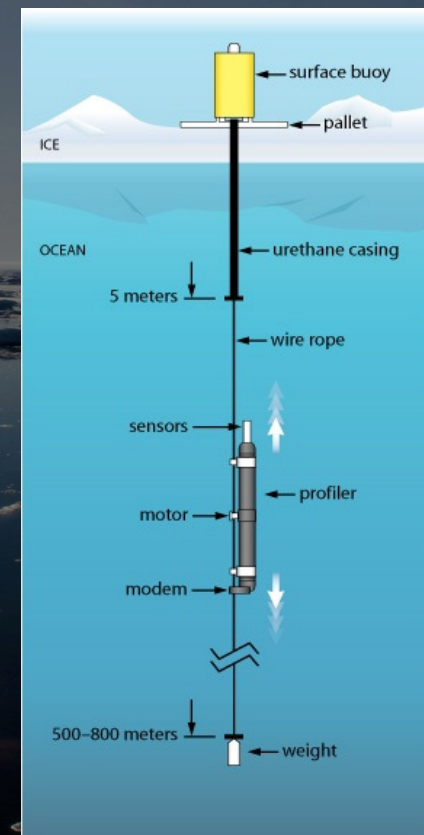
J. O'Brien, A. Proshutinsky,

F. Thwaites, M.-L. Timmermans,

and countless engineers and technicians

The ITP program is an international collaboration including support from:

- NSF Office of Polar Programs
- ONR Office of Naval Research
- WHOI Clark Initiative
- EU DAMOCLES Program
- UK ASBO Program
- Alfred Wegener Institute
- Ocean University of China



# ITP deployments are from cruises of opportunity

We seek collaborations in which we send 1-2 technicians to deploy ITPs. In exchange, ITP data can provide long-time information that complements synoptic ship-based observations.

## ITP Deployment Platforms: 2004-2018

CCGS Louis S. St. Laurent (Canada)

R/V Polarstern (Germany)

Ak. Federov (Russia)

Kapitan Dranitsyn (Russia, under charter to U.S. NABOS program)

RV Khromov (Russia, under charter to RUSALKA program)

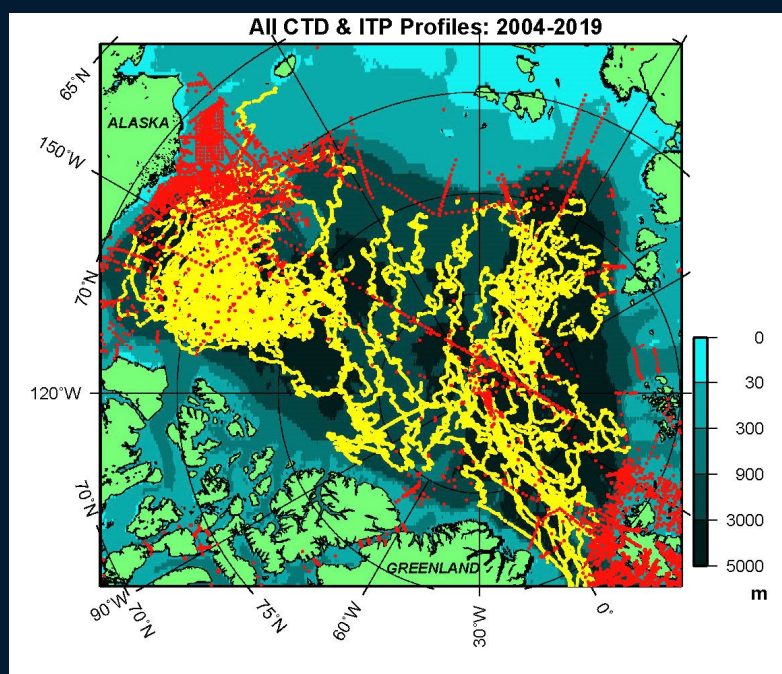
MV Araon (S. Korea)

MV Xuelong (China)

Plus

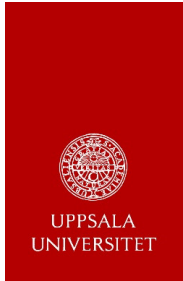
Aircraft operations at North Pole (NPEO/Barneo) and in Canada Basin (MIZ)

Distribution of all temperature & salinity profiles 2004-2019



Our present NSF AON and ONR SODA grants will support additional deployments in 2019 and beyond.

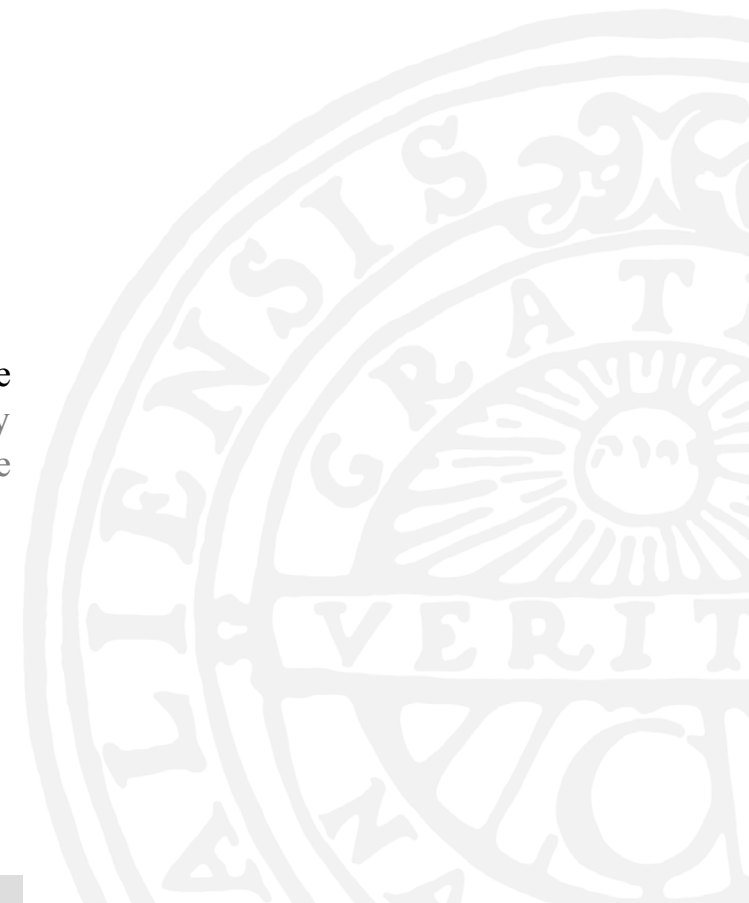


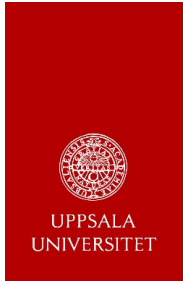


# Fate of permafrost-derived organic carbon, bacteria, and viruses in the coastal Arctic

JP Balmonte  
Uppsala University  
[jp.balmonte@ebc.uu.se](mailto:jp.balmonte@ebc.uu.se)

- RQ6: *How does biomass flow vary across regional ecosystems of the Arctic?*
- RQ7: *What is the contribution of the Arctic Ocean to maintaining the global ocean carbon dioxide reservoir and uptake?*
- RQ8: *What are the input and fate of terrestrial and subsea carbon to the Arctic Ocean?*





# Structure and enzymatic activities of pelagic, particle-associated, and benthic bacterial communities in the central Arctic

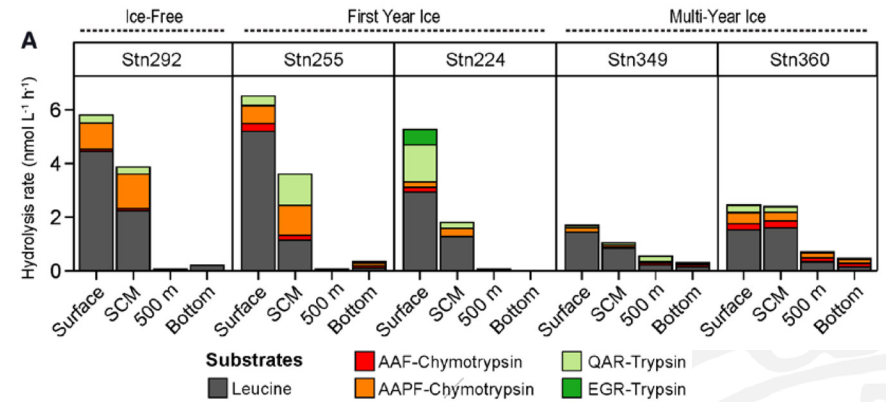
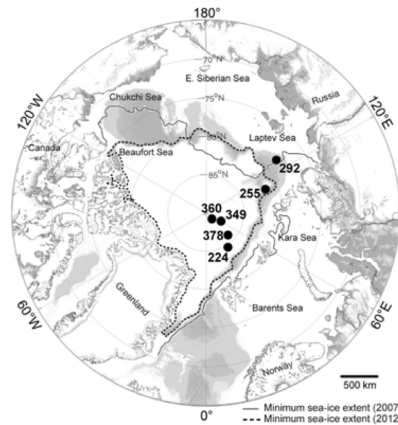
(Balmonte et al., 2018, *Environ Microbiol*)



Carol Arnosti



Andreas Teske



# Freshwater-marine contrasts in microbial enzymatic capabilities, community structure, and DOM pools in a Greenland fjord

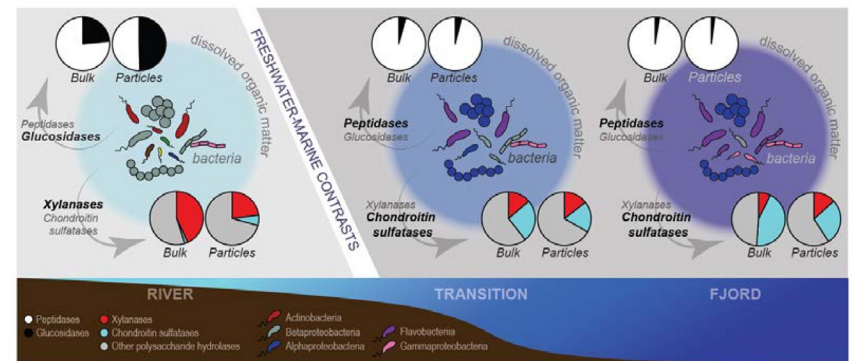
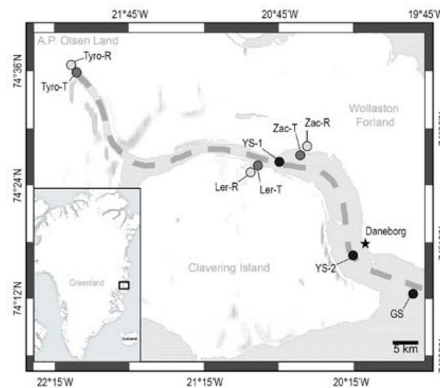
(Balmonte et al., in revision for *Limnol Oceanogr*)

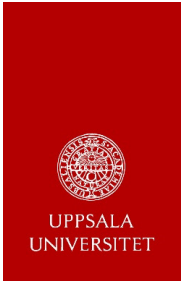


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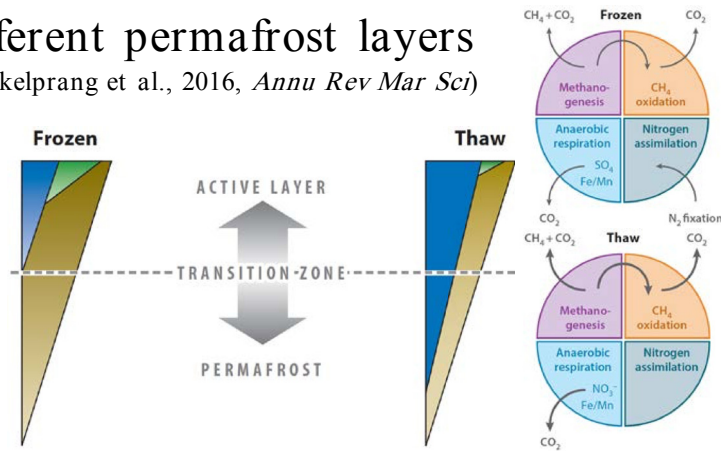
Mikael Sejr





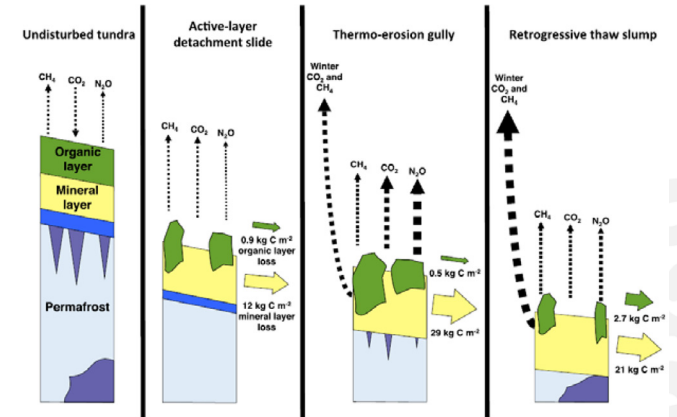
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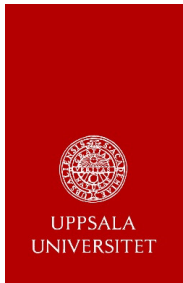
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## Carbon mobilized from permafrost thaw

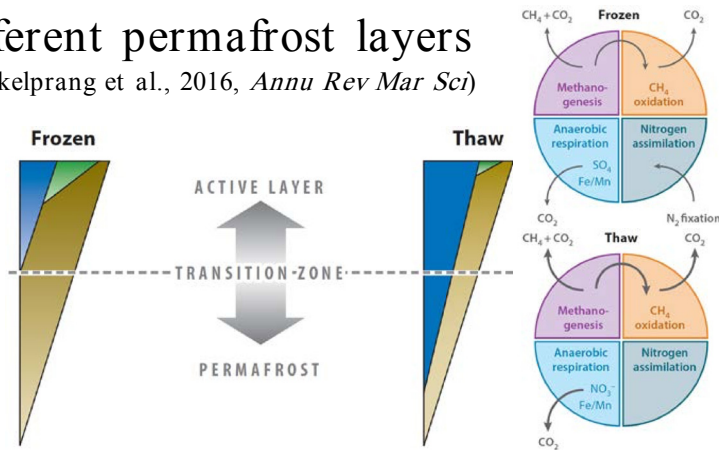
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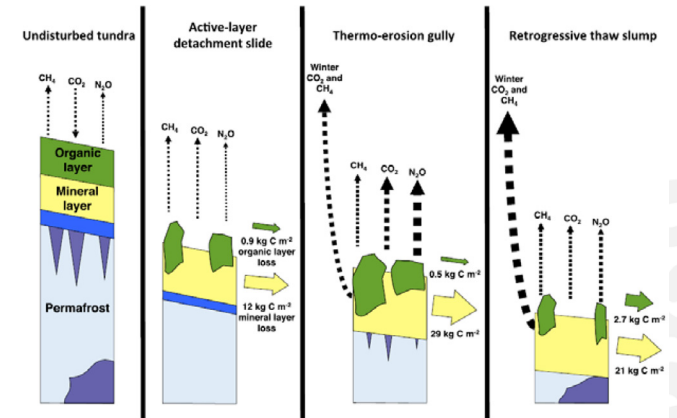
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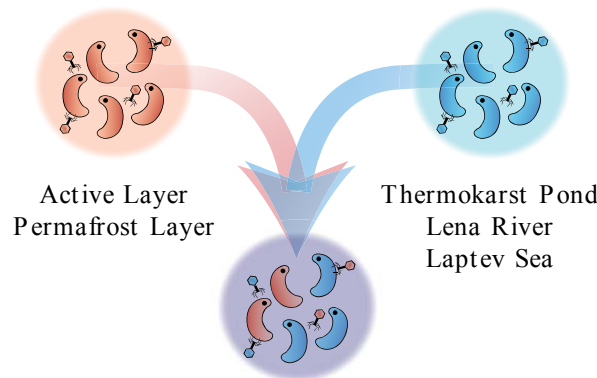
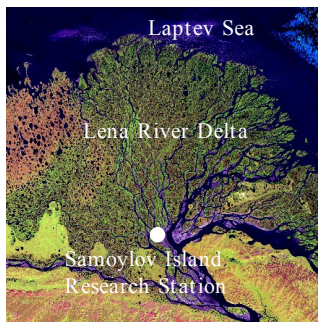


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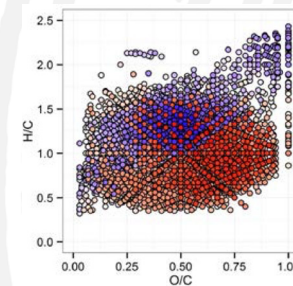


Jeffrey Hawkes

## PermaCoa: Ecological & biogeochemical consequences of permafrost coalescing with aquatic networks



DOM analysis  
Orbitrap MS



(Hawkes et al., 2016, *Anal Chem*)

Metagenomics & metaviromics

A-T-T-C-A-G-----G-C-T-T-A  
T-T-T-C-A-G-----G-C-A-A-T  
A-T-T-C-A-G-----C-G-T-T-A  
A-T-A-C-A-G-----G-C-T-T-A

OM Bioavailability  
Bacterial respiration  
Bacterial production  
Enzymatic activities  
Cell counts



Q: Structure & function of established comm. (bacteria & viruses)?  
Q: Sites of most intense OM remineralization? Compounds used?

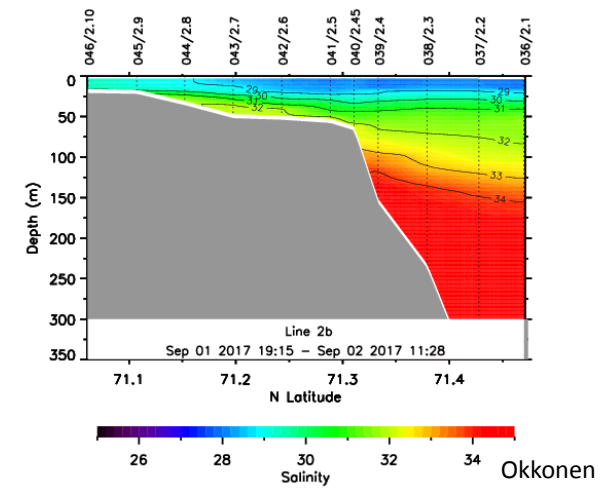
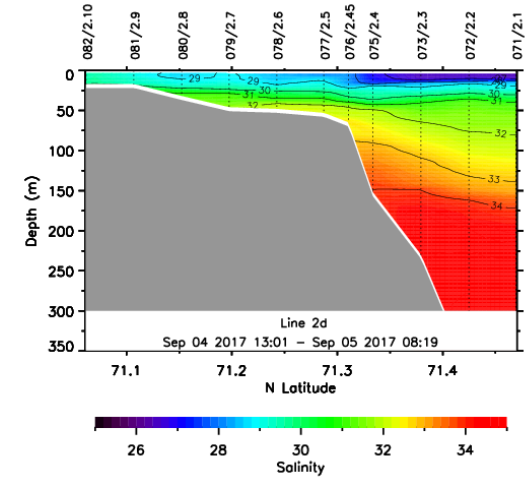
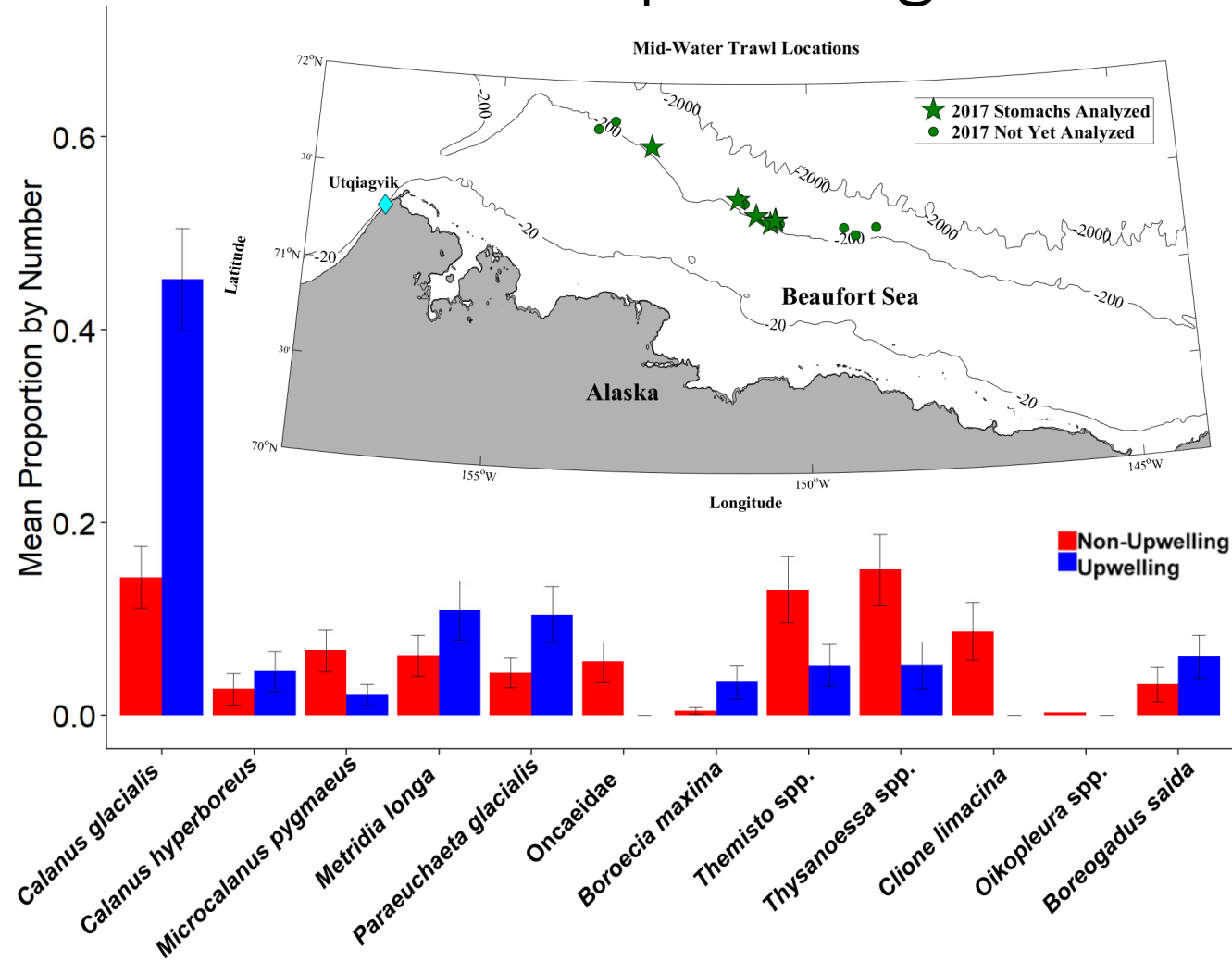


# Biophysical influences on Arctic cod (*Boreogadus saida*) feeding, growth, and distribution

Justin Suca\*, Joel Llopiz\*, Carin Ashjian, Stephen Okkonen,  
Robert Campbell, and others

(\*Llopiz Lab, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

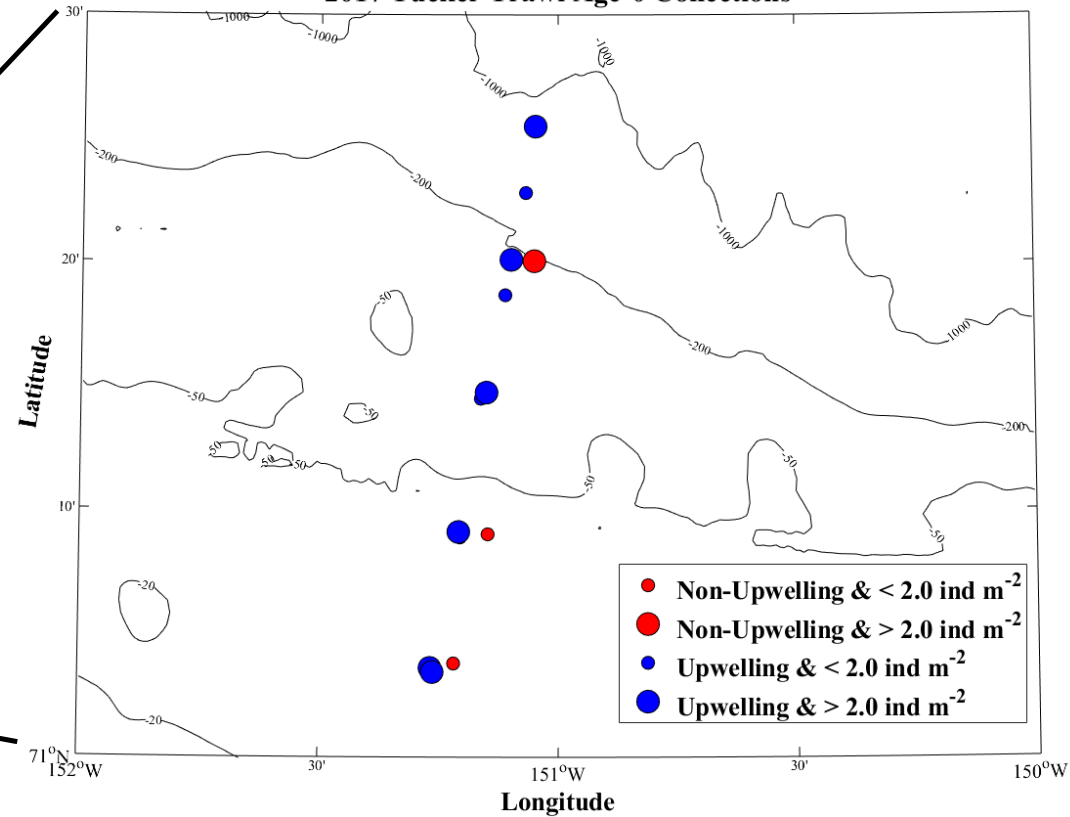
# Effect of upwelling on diet of Arctic cod



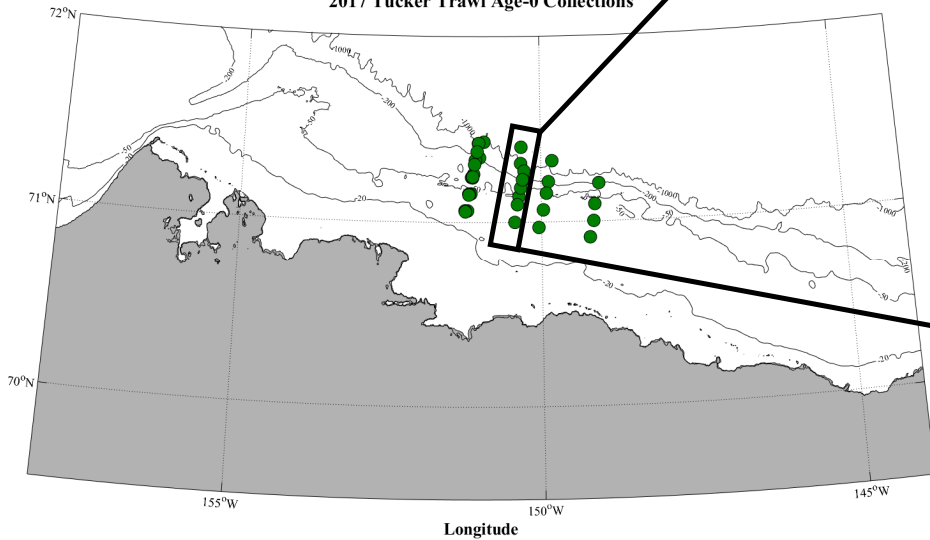
# Age-0 abundance higher during upwelling



2017 Tucker Trawl Age-0 Collections



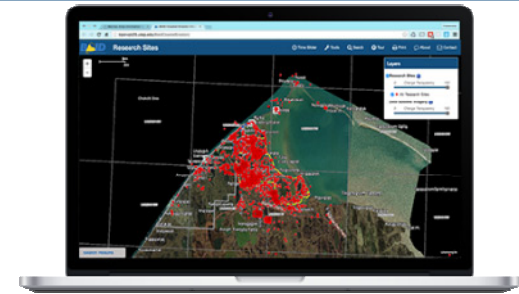
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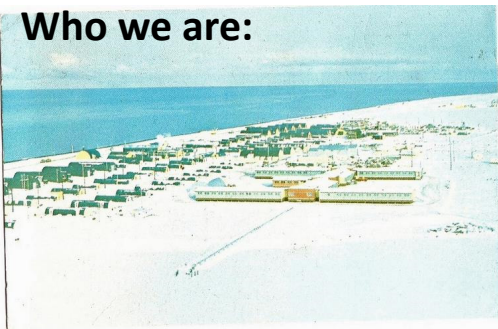


Balancing science and culture on the Arctic Coast,  
on a daily basis

Kaare Sikuaq Erickson



Who we are:





**Who we work with:**

**We work with all major funding agencies that conduct research in the Western Arctic.**

**-National Science Foundation – dozens of projects such as NEON, ITEX, LTER  
-NAVY – Ice Camp**

**-NASA – Europa Mission testing: JPL, Winglee**

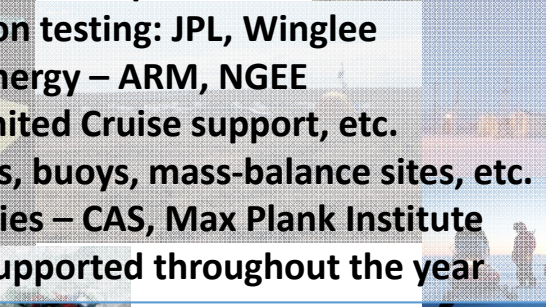
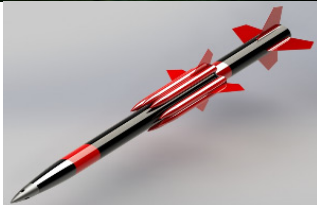
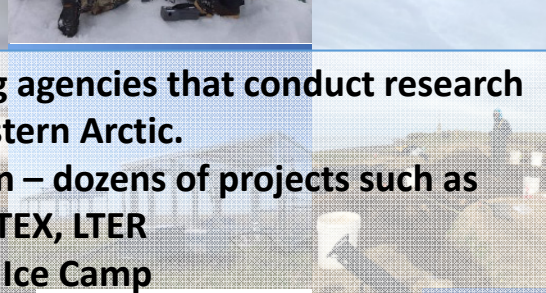
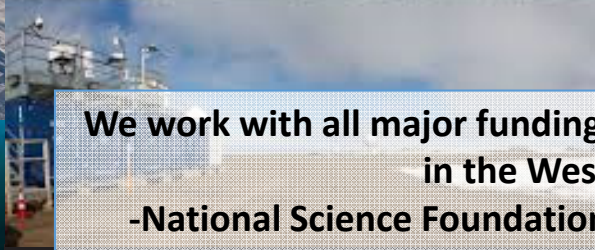
**-Department of Energy – ARM, NGEE**

**-Marine Research – Limited Cruise support, etc.**

**-Ice Science research – Moorings, buoys, mass-balance sites, etc.**

**-International Research Entities – CAS, Max Plank Institute**

**-Many more small projects supported throughout the year**





What does engagement with indigenous communities look like?



*Circumstances vary drastically from village to village and region to region*



Karen Frey  
Graduate School of Geography  
Clark University

# Water Column Profiling Optical Measurements

QCP (Under-Ice Reference): PAR only

Ed0: 320, 340, 380, 395, 412, 443, 465, 490, 510, 532, 555,  
560, 625, 665, 670, 683, 710, 780, PAR

EdZ: 320, 340, 380, 395, 412, 443, 465, 490, 510, 532, 555,  
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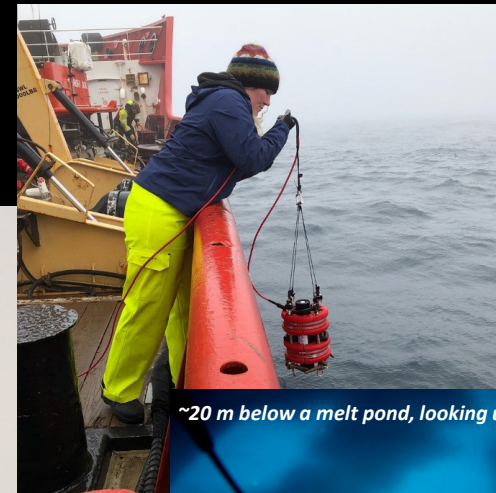
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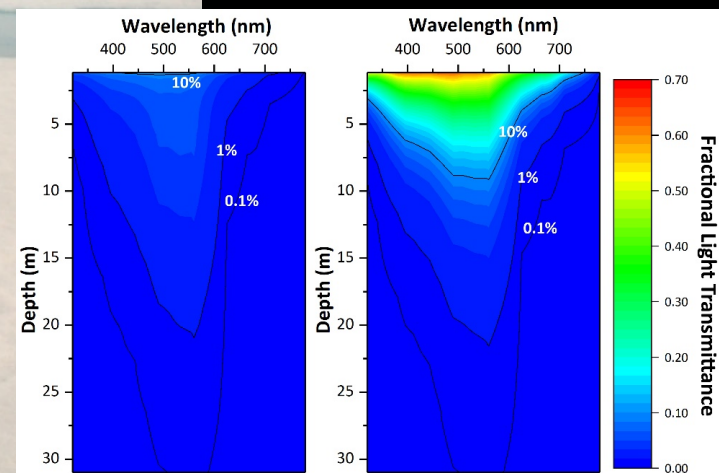
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~20 m below a melt pond, looking up



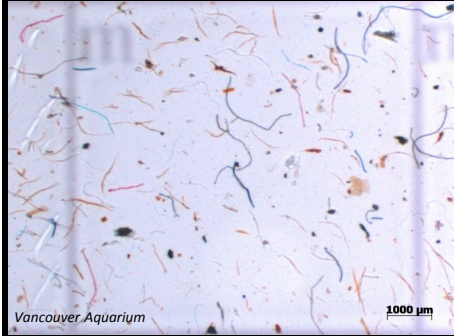
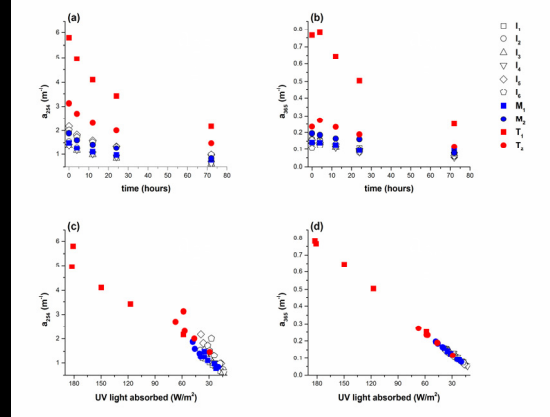
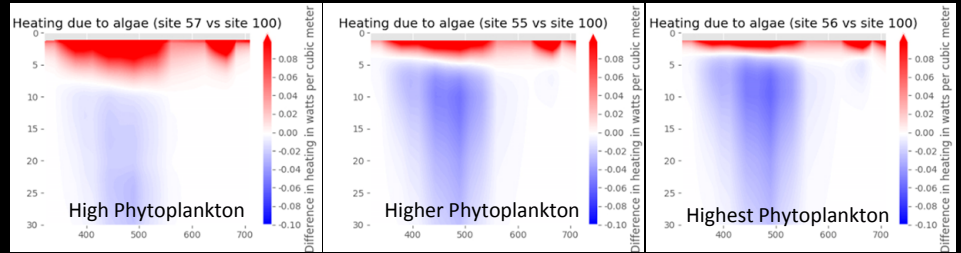
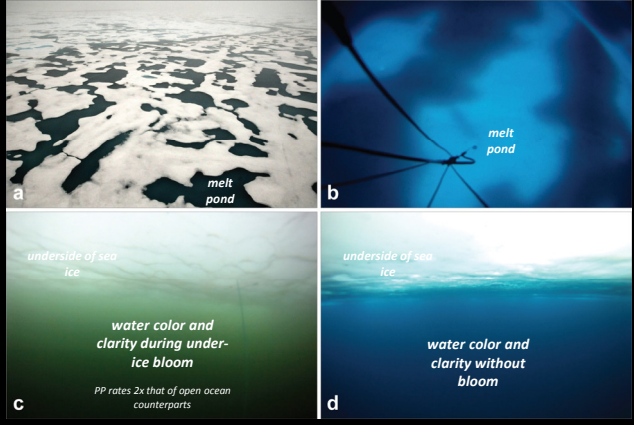
# Water Column Profiling Optical Measurements

Examples of questions to be answered by these types of measurements relate to **biological, physical, and biogeochemical** phenomena, with the hypothesis that increased melt ponding and decreased sea ice cover will bring increased light transmittance to the Arctic region:

a) How does the transmittance and distribution of light affect rates of primary production across the Arctic?

b) How does light transmittance impact vertical heat distribution in the upper ocean water column (impacting sea ice melt and stratification, etc.)?

c) How does light transmittance impact the photodegradation of biogeochemical constituents (CDOM, DOC) and microplastics across the Arctic?

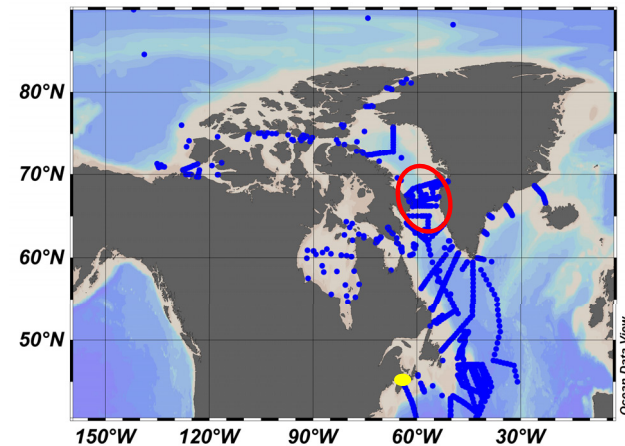




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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

Research interests:

- ocean carbon cycle (DIC, TA, pH and  $p\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ) and ocean acidification in the North Atlantic and the Arctic, and the interaction between two oceans
- Tracer studies - ventilation ages using CFCs and  $\text{SF}_6$ , freshwater composition and their fluxes using multiple chemical tracers ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , salinity, nutrients, alkalinity).
- Open water, Coastal/Shelf area, Cold Seeps (methane hydrate, hydrocarbon seeps)

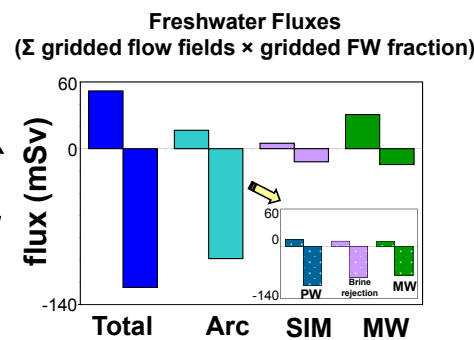
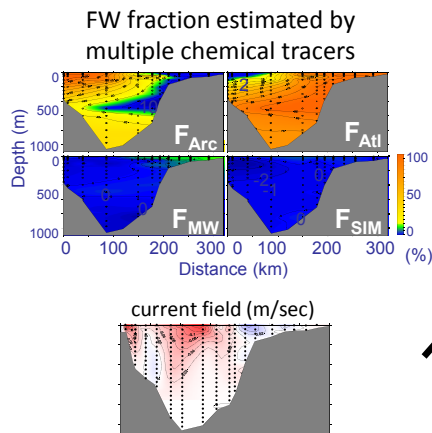




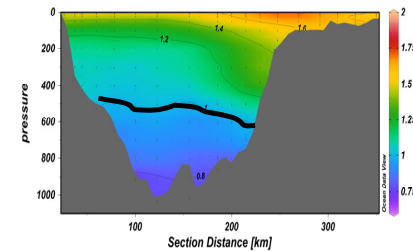


## Davis Strait Observing System (Canada-USA-EU collaboration)

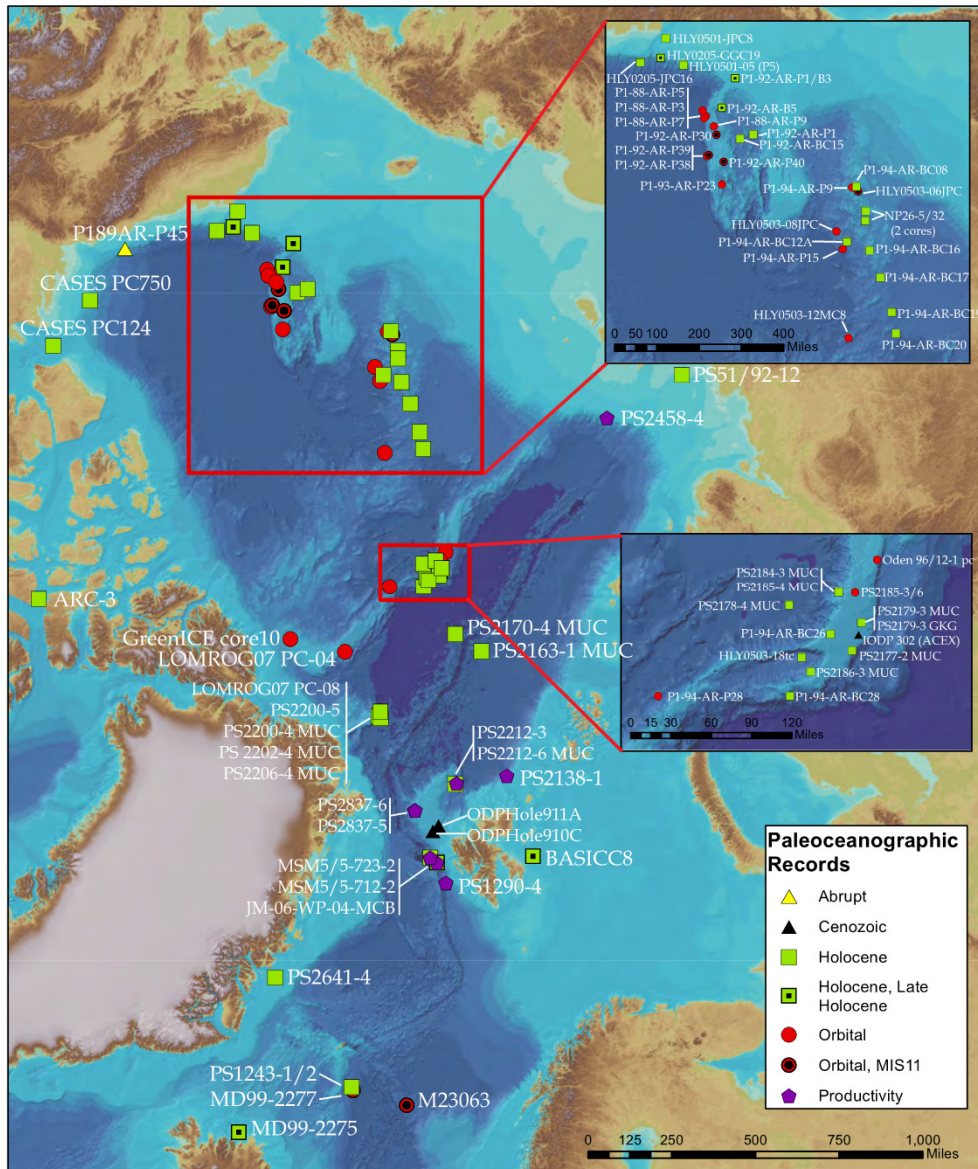
- One of two export gateways of Arctic water (both sides of Greenland, Davis Strait and Fram Strait)
- It is an ideal location to observe the propagation of changes from the Arctic to the Northwest Atlantic (integration of narrow channels in CAA)
- To monitor the intrusion of the warm and saline Atlantic water into Baffin Bay – influence the stability of glacier terminus



Influence of the Arctic Outflow on Ocean Acidification







# Arctic Paleoceanography

Core locations  
with proxy records

Get new cores that bridge  
instrumental record to  
better constrain the range  
of natural variability during  
the Holocene



## Paleoceanography objectives

Establish chronology and sedimentation rate ( $^{210}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  profiles, radiocarbon dating, physical properties, astro tuning)

Gateway history and effects of Pacific/Atlantic connections

Impact of sea-level variations on Arctic marine depositional systems (paleoshelf growth)

Paleo sea-ice development in relation to climate change  
Test periods of pre-anthropogenic warmth in the Arctic  
(Spielhagen et al. 2011; Farmer et al., 2011; de Vernal et al., 2005, 2013 [dinocyst-based] )

Identification of abrupt oceanographic events, **Holocene ocean variability and insight on benthic ecosystem changes during the Holocene and modern warming**

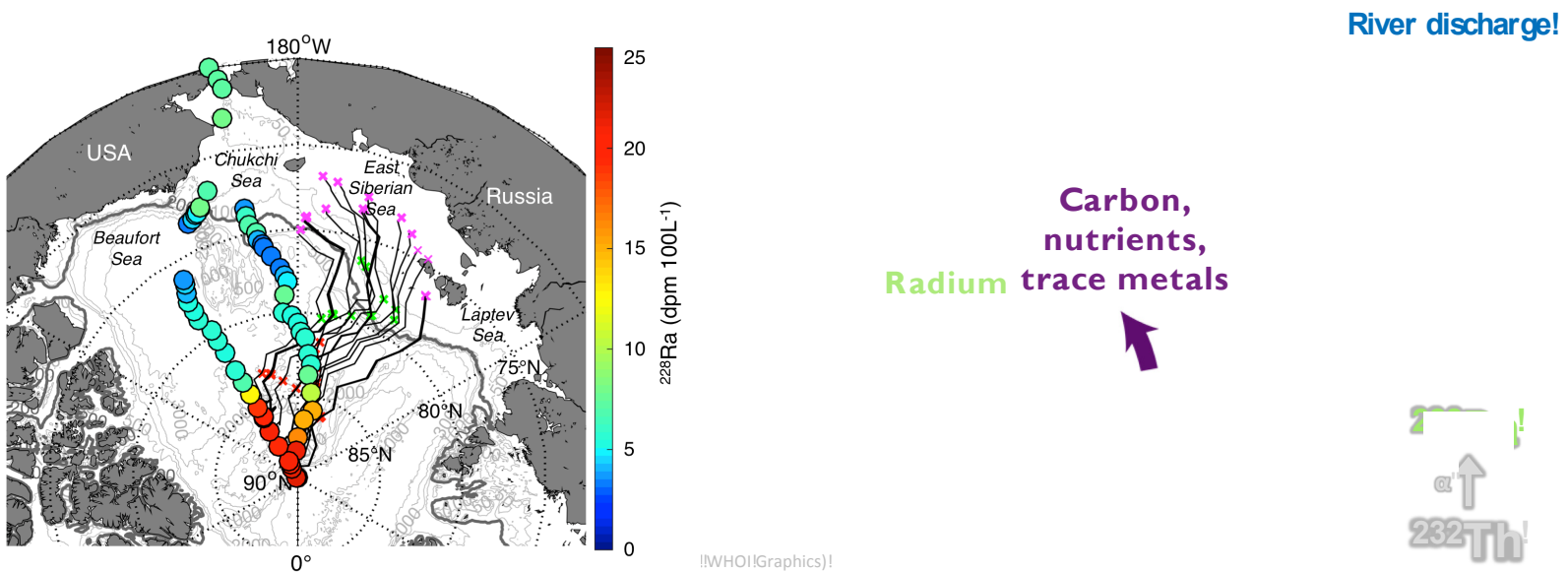
## Paleoceanographic Proxies

- 1 - Foraminifera, Ostracode ecology - sea ice, AODW, AIW
- 2 -  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{ost}}$  &  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{bf}}$  - temperature and water mass
- 3 - Mg/Ca ratios - bottom temperature
- 4 – Sediment physical properties [density, color, magnetic susceptibility]
- 5 – IRD concentrations - past presence of ice, sea ice melt
- 6 - Dinoflagellates, diatoms
- 7 - IP 25 & brassicasterol biomarkers - seasonal sea-ice presence & open water phytoplankton productivity

# Radium as a tool for identifying shelf-derived carbon & nutrient inputs to the central Arctic

Radium has a sediment source and is not biologically utilized, so it can be used as a tracer of terrestrial and shelf-derived nutrient inputs to the central Arctic (RQ4)

Decay of radium away from the shelf source can be used to determine timescales of organic matter degradation (RQ8)

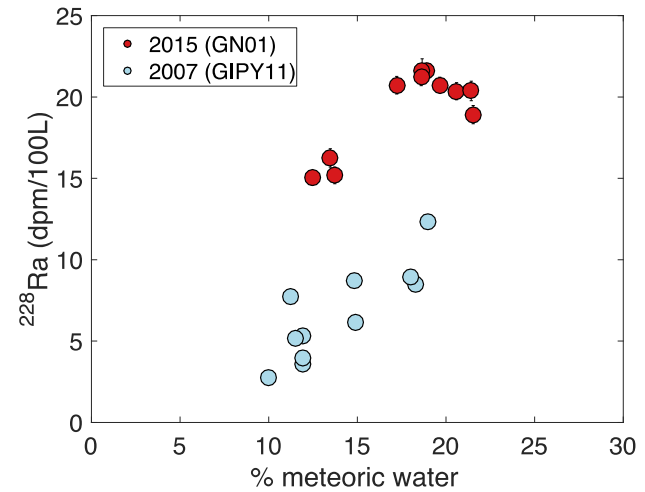


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Ocean Frontier Institute Postdoctoral Fellow  
(Dalhousie University/Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory)



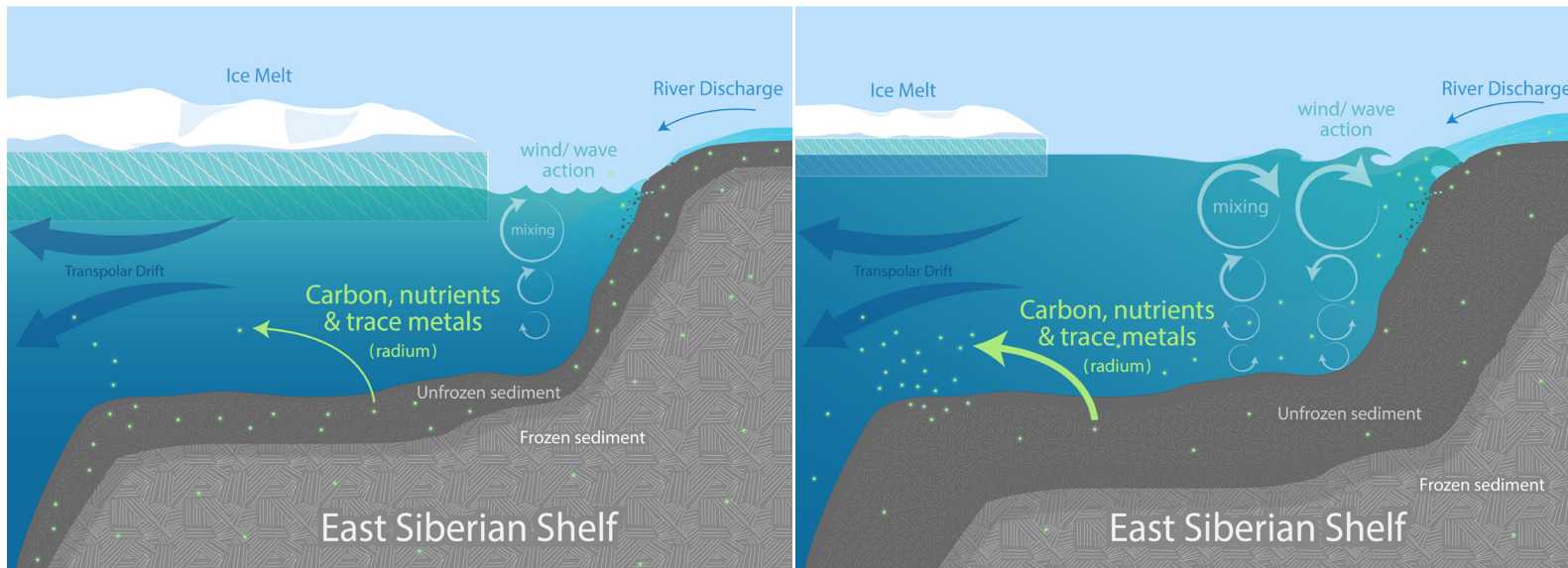
# Increased $^{228}\text{Ra}$ levels in the TPD in 2015 imply rising fluxes of shelf-derived materials

Continuing to monitor radium in the Arctic will help elucidate the role of changing nutrient inputs vs changing light availability on primary production (RQ4)



2007

2015





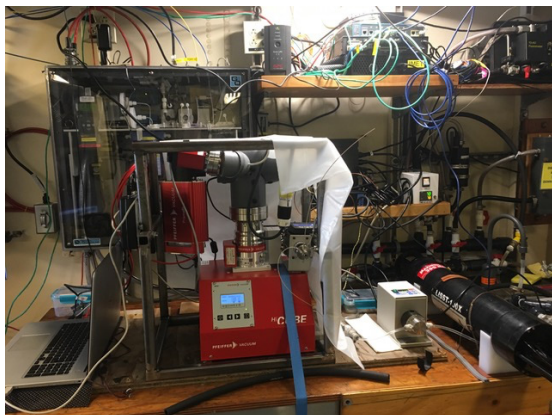


# Gas-based Tracers of Biological Productivity and Metabolism

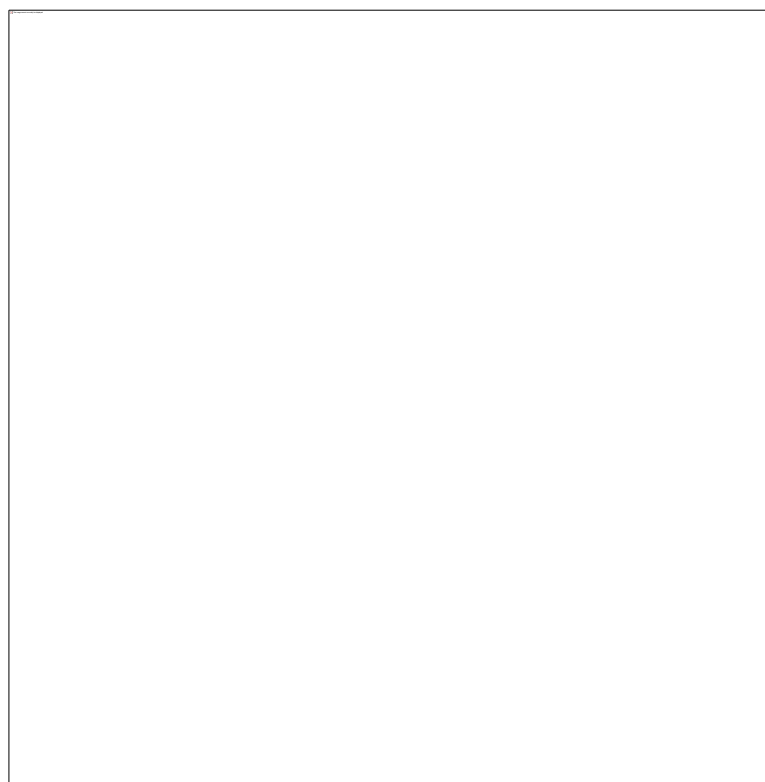
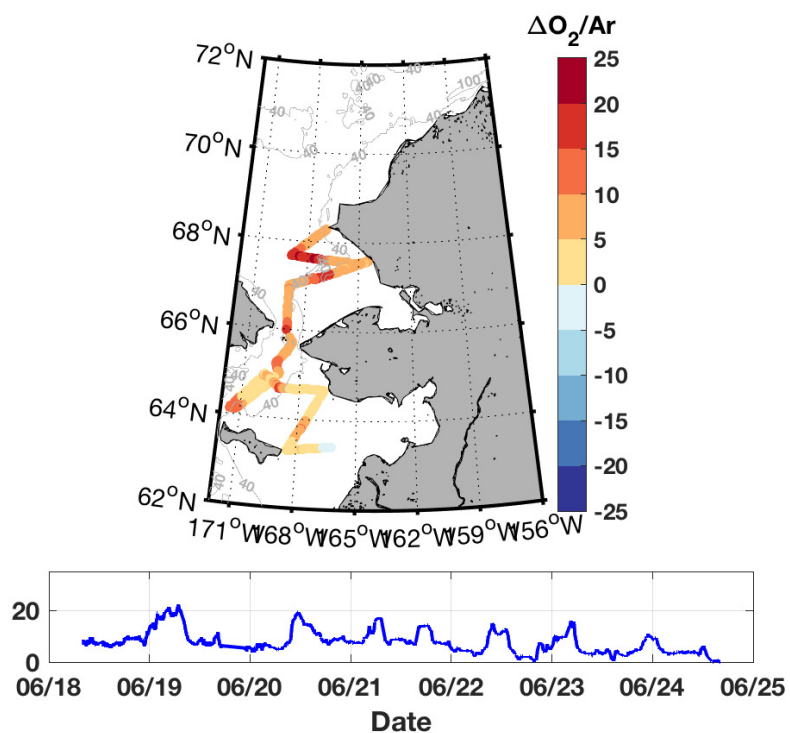
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Oregon State University

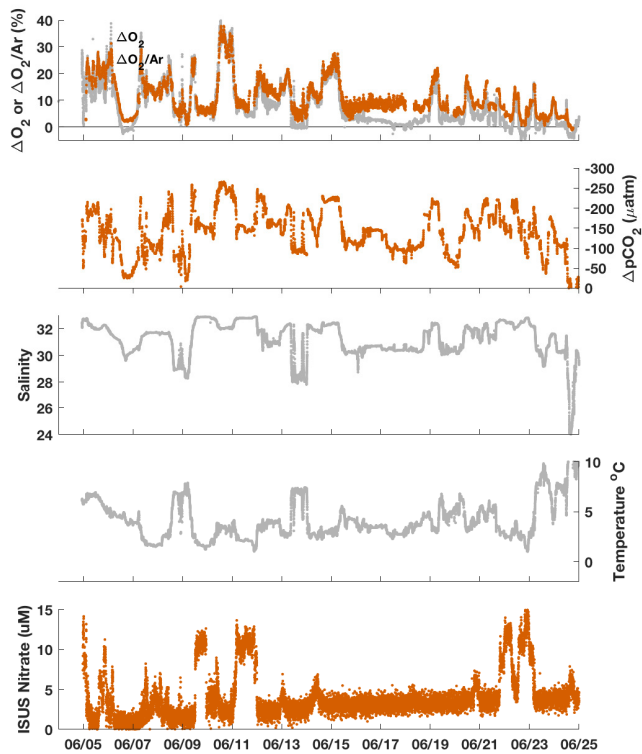




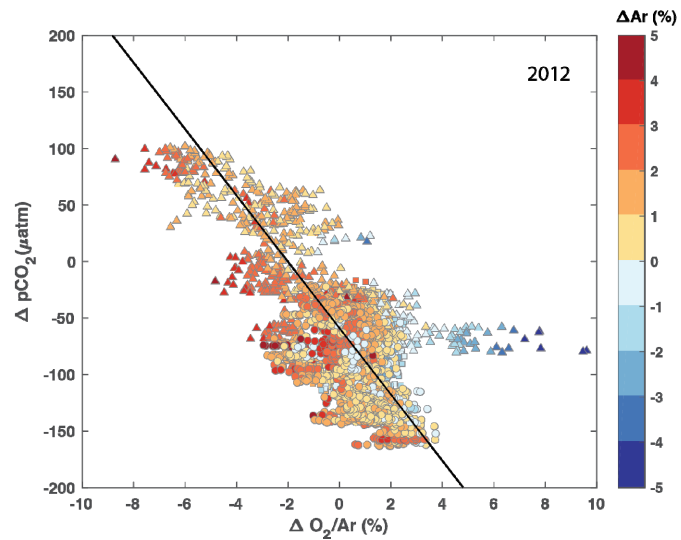
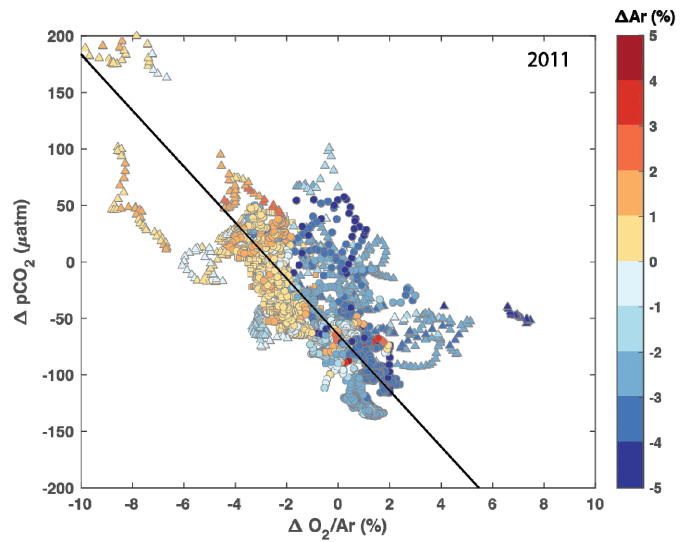
Underway Instrumentation can resolve sharp gradients in biological activity that may be missed by discrete sampling



Gives insight into physical/biological processes driving air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> exchange



Juraneck, unpublished data (NPRB 2018 ASGARD cruise)

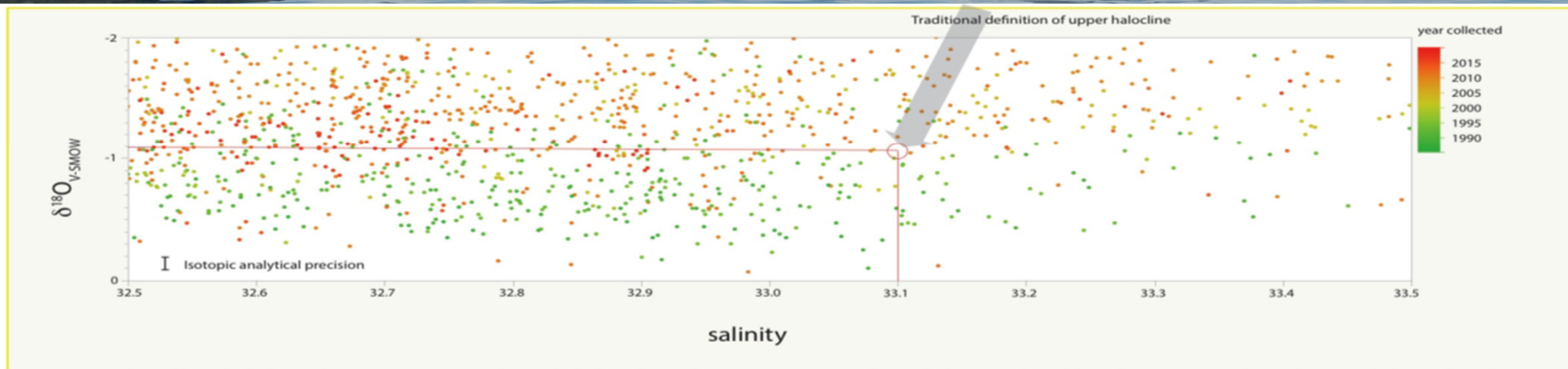


Juraneck et al. (2019), JGR-Oceans

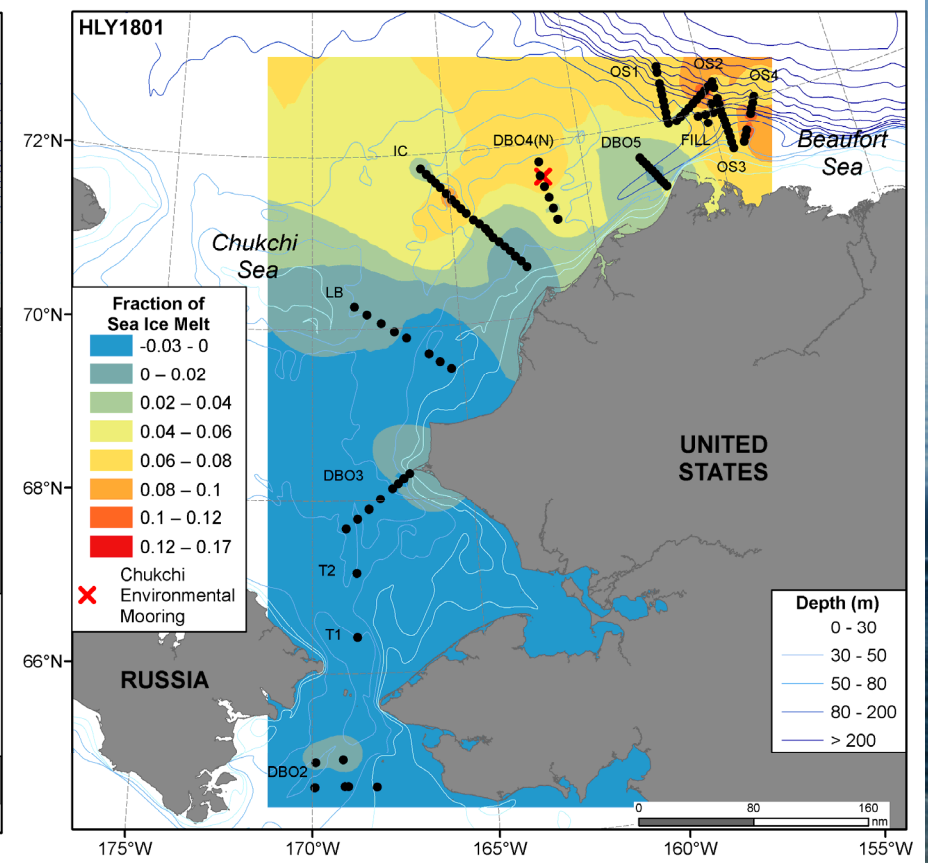
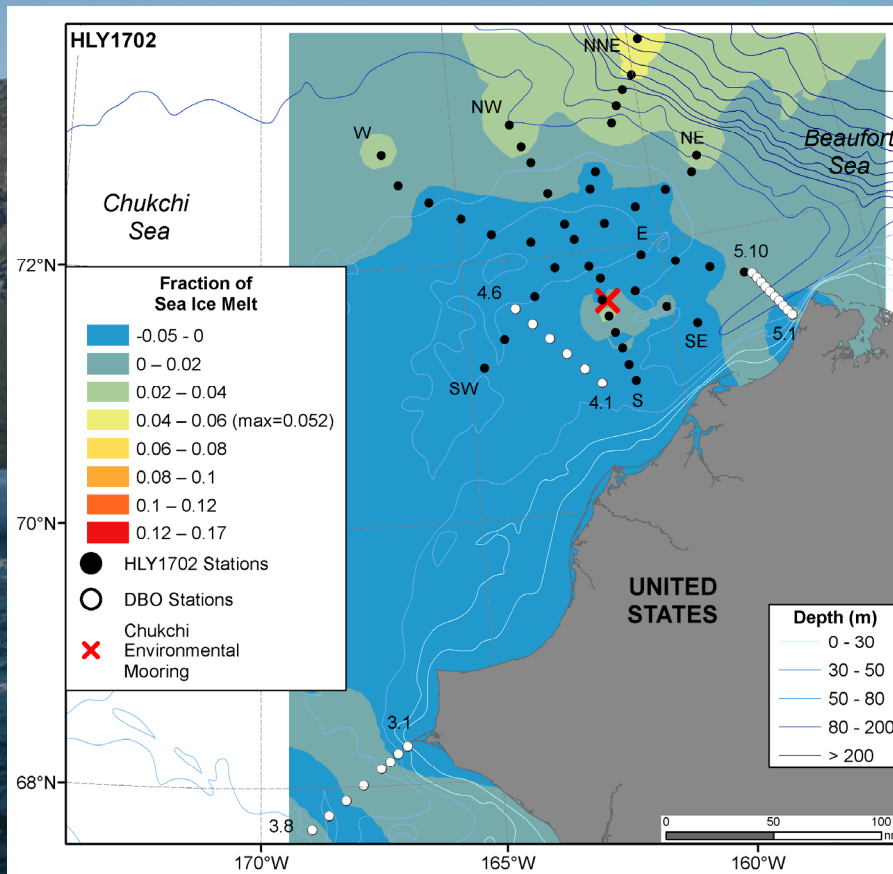


# Changes in the $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values in the upper Arctic Ocean halocline: an independent mechanism to monitor freshwater flow through Bering Strait

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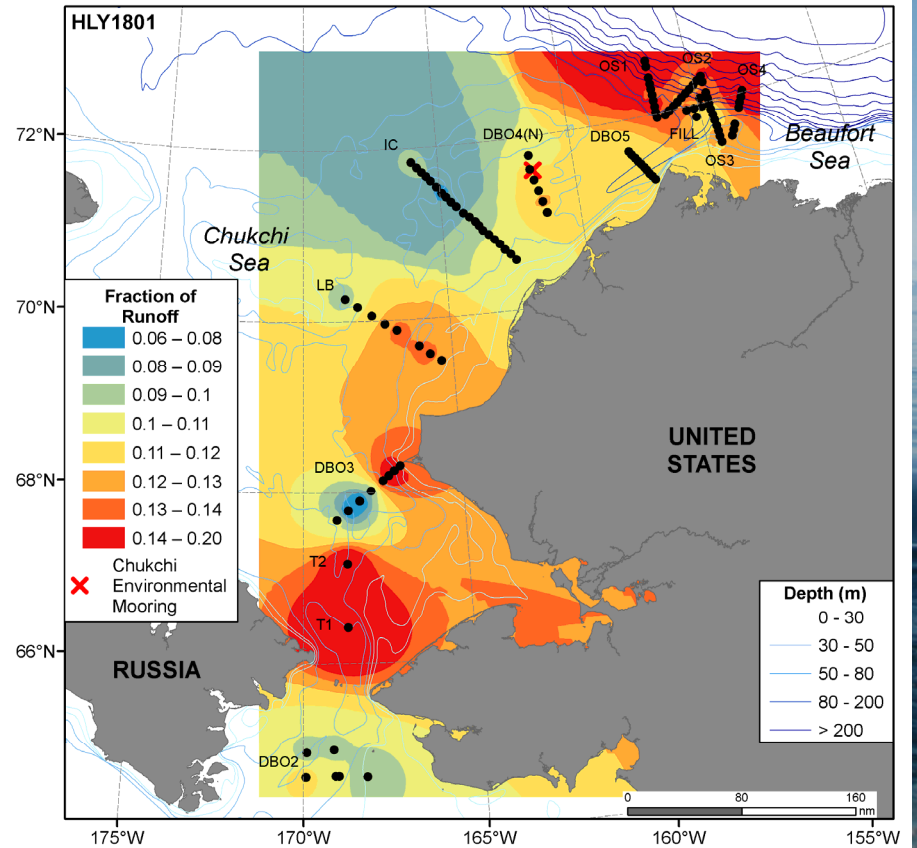
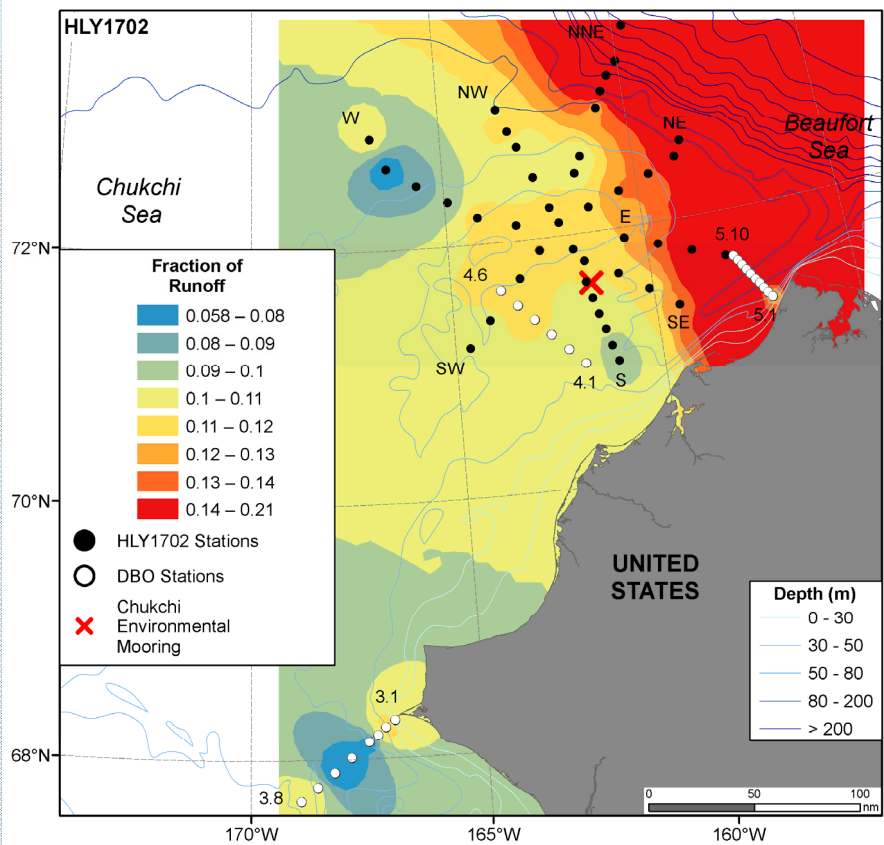


# Oxygen-18/oxygen 16: following the influence of sea ice melt





# Oxygen-18/oxygen 16: following the influence of river runoff





# Tracing permafrost organic matter from source to (potential) sink

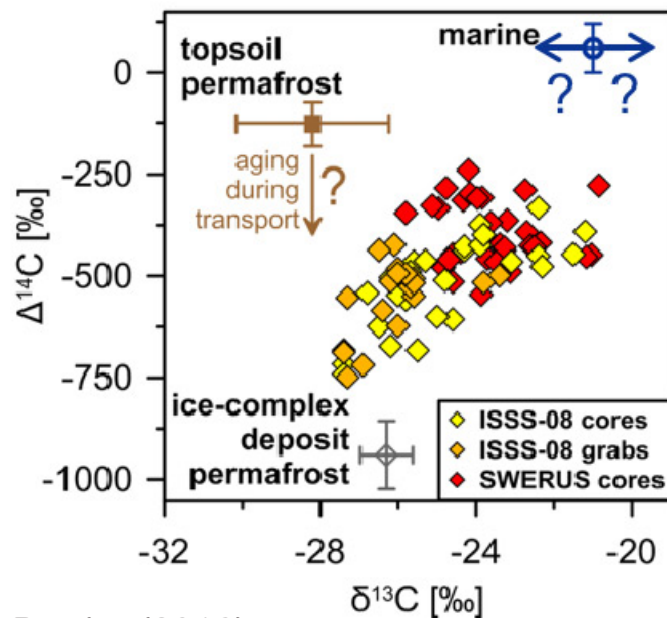
Lisa Bröder

*Duvannyi Yar, Kolyma, 2018*

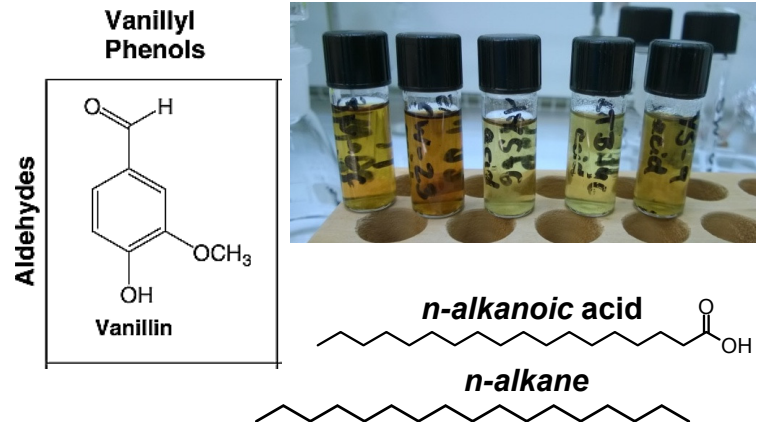
*SWERUS-C3 expedition, 2014*

# Tracing permafrost organic matter

C isotopes → source apportionment with 3 endmembers: topsoil/Holocene PF, ice-complex-deposit PF, marine



Bröder (2016)



Terrestrial biomarkers: source-specific molecules, commonly used: lignin phenols (wood) and long-chain/high-molecular-weight *n*-alkanoic acids and *n*-alkanes (leaf waxes)

# Arctic Ocean dynamics, mixing, heat, freshwater ...

Mary-Louise Timmermans **Yale**

## Research topics:

Beaufort Gyre dynamics and energetics

Arctic Ocean heat transport

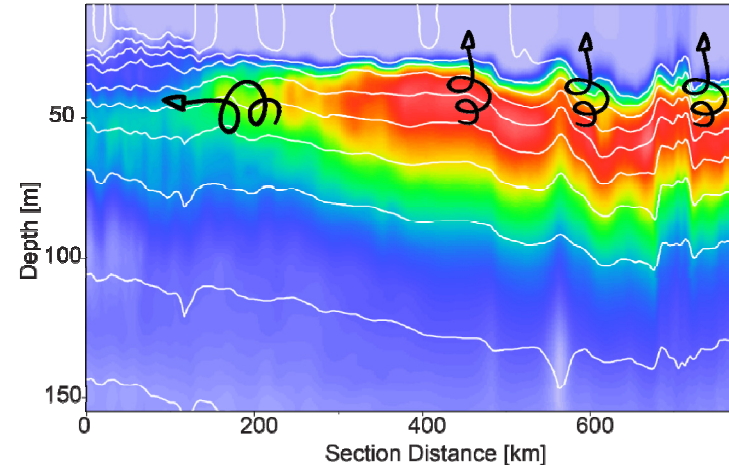
Acoustic observations of Arctic layers

Arctic Ocean mixing

Formation and stability of mesoscale eddies

Sea-ice mass balance

Arctic freshwater and relationship to high-latitude climate



## Postdoctoral positions available:

Mathematics and Data Science for Improved Physical Modeling and Prediction of Arctic Sea Ice  
Multidisciplinary University Research Initiatives (MURI) Program



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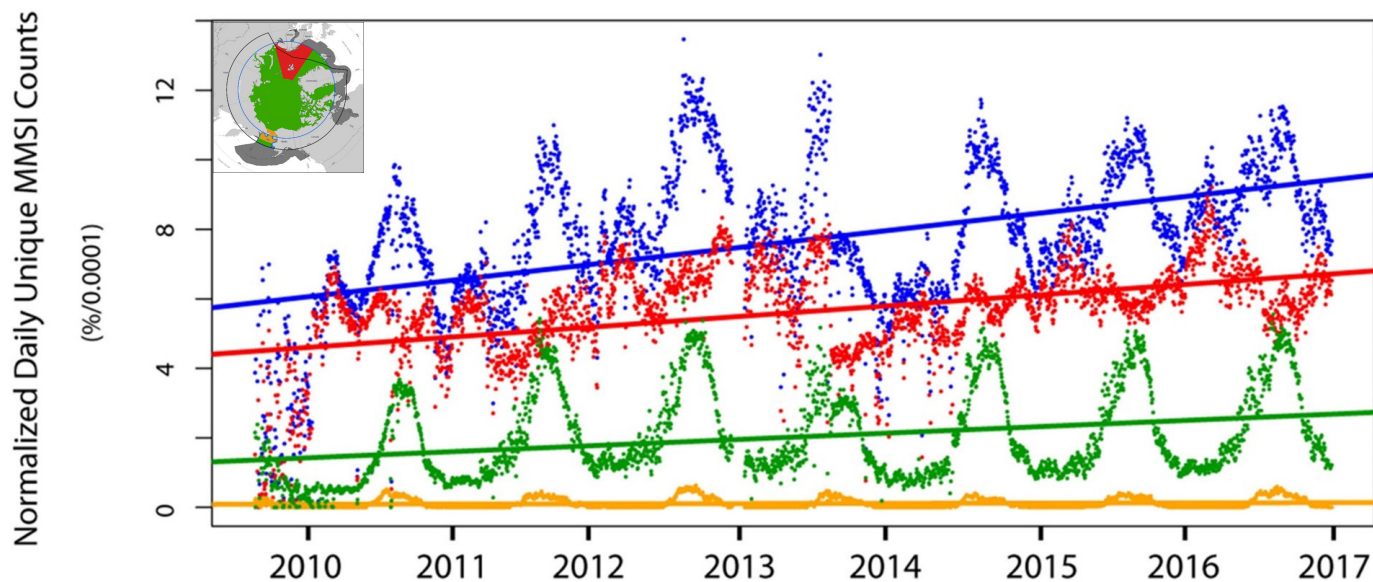
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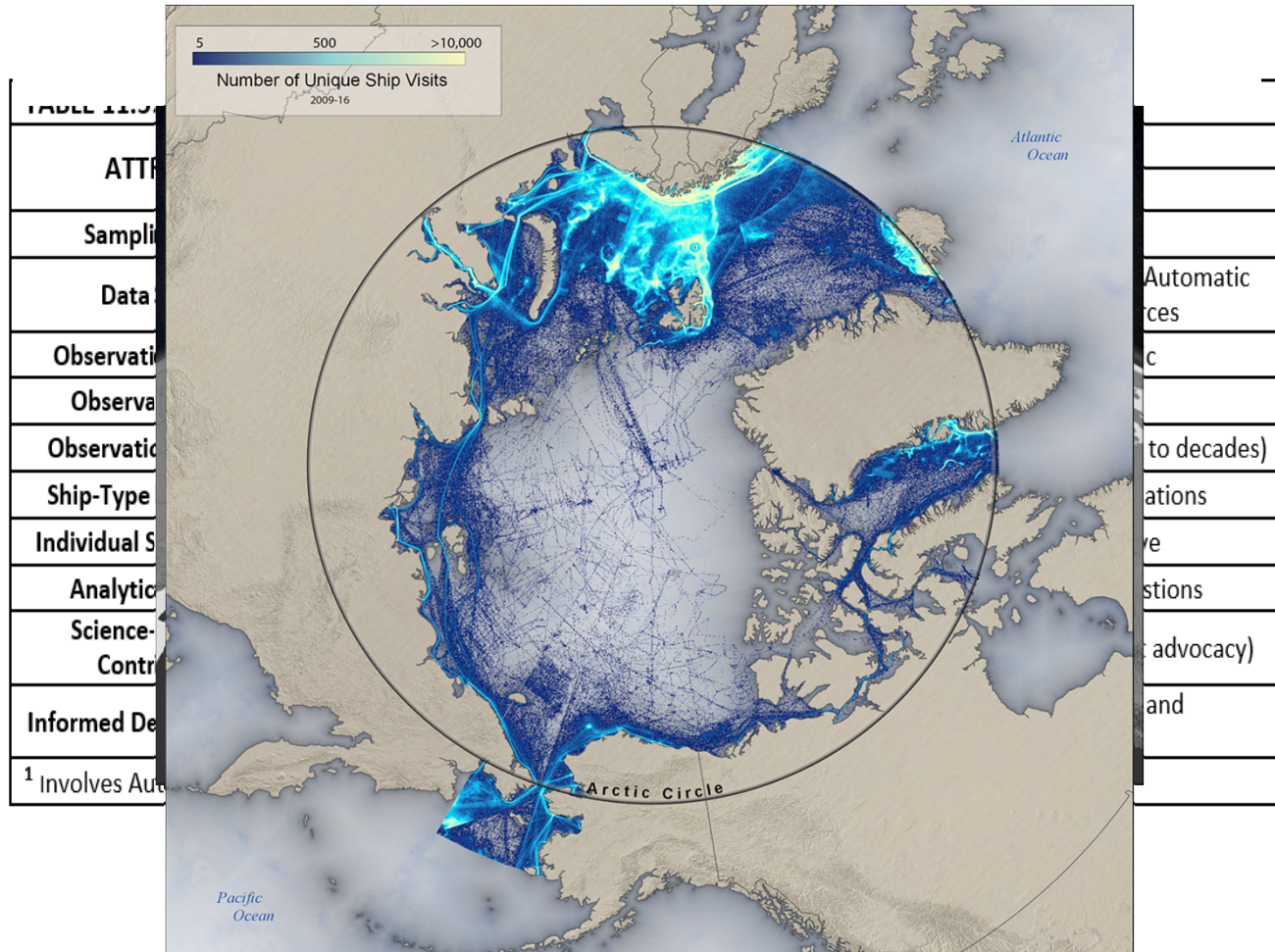


# SYNOPTIC SURVEYING OF PAN-ARCTIC SHIP TRAFFIC

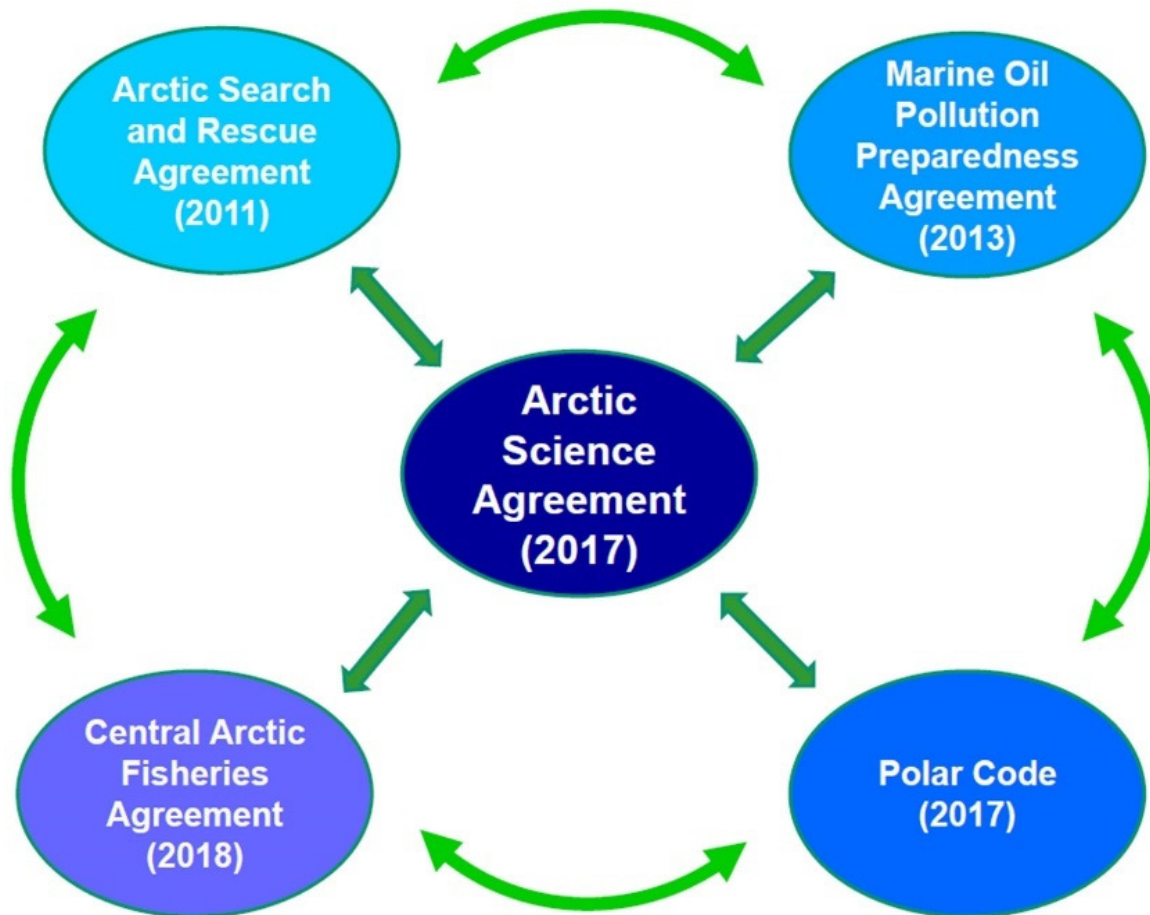
## AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS) RECORDS POLAR ORBITING SATELLITES (1 SEPTEMBER 2009 – 31 DECEMBER 2016)



# Next-Generation Arctic Marine Shipping Assessments



# Science Diplomacy and Informed Decisionmaking





# NOAA's Arctic Vision and Strategy

## National Strategy for the Arctic Region

### — lines of effort —

- Advance U.S. security interests

- Pursue responsible Arctic region stewardship

- Strengthen international cooperation

## NOAA's Arctic Vision and Strategy

### — strategic goals —

- Forecast sea ice
- Improve weather and water forecasts and warnings
- Strengthen foundational science to understand and detect Arctic climate and ecosystem changes
- Improve stewardship and management of ocean and coastal resources in the Arctic
- Advance resilient and healthy Arctic communities and economies
- Enhance international and national partnerships

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# NOAA's ARP Interest in SAS

Program Priority	SAS Contributions
<b>Observing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synoptic data 2020-2021 from the Arctic Ocean</li><li>• Physical and biological oceanography consistent with DBO</li><li>• Marine mammal observations</li><li>• Fisheries observations esp. related to the moratorium on commercial fishing in the High Arctic</li></ul>
<b>Modeling and Synthesis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advance understanding of the transport of heat and carbon through the AO</li><li>• Ecosystem changes in the High Arctic</li></ul>
<b>International Collaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cruise coordination</li><li>• Data sharing</li></ul>
<b>Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blogs, media coverage, real-time engagement</li><li>• Possible essay in the Arctic Report Card</li><li>• Other publications</li></ul>



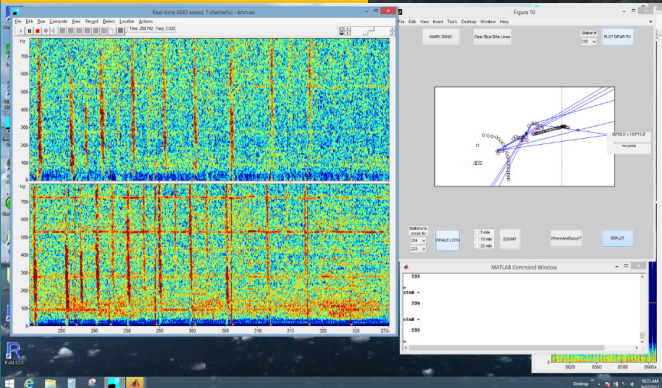
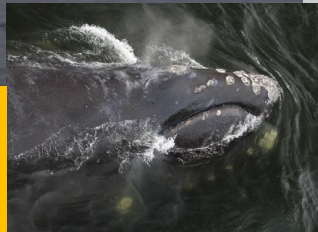


What: Sonobuoy deployment  
 Why: Passive acoustic monitoring for marine mammals  
 How: While vessel is underway – no need to slow down.  
 Who: Acoustics group at the AFSC/Marine Mammal Lab  
 When: Typically every 3-4 hours



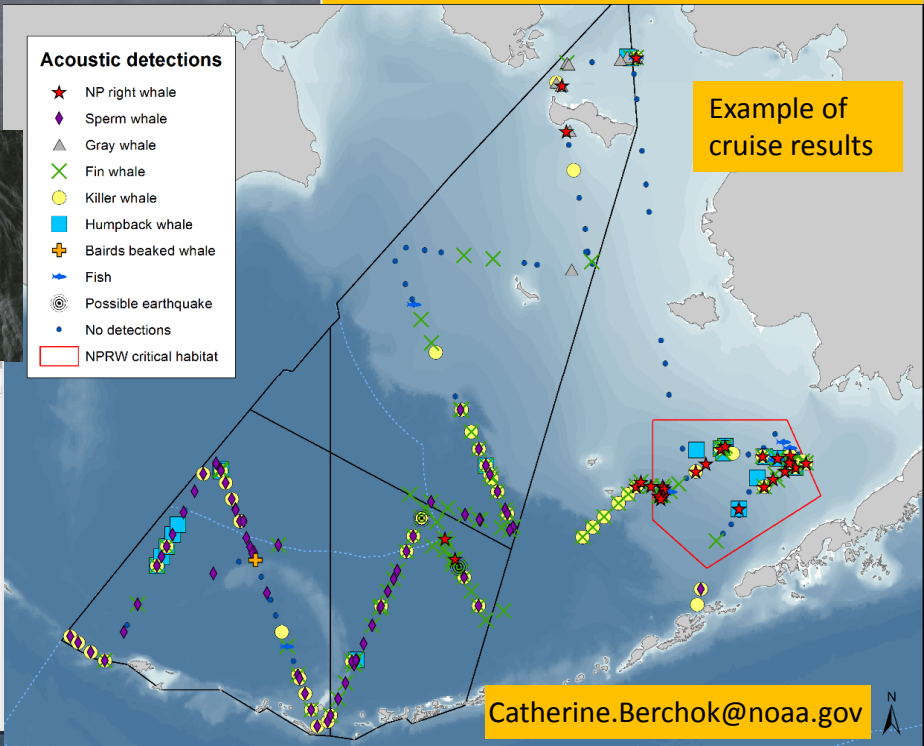
Space requirements:  
 table for 2 laptops & some misc. gear, some space to stage prepped buoys, and a few 4' cubed crates with buoys

We can also get localizations on sounds



Acoustic detections

- ★ NP right whale
- ◆ Sperm whale
- ▲ Gray whale
- × Fin whale
- Killer whale
- Humpback whale
- ⊕ Bairds beaked whale
- Fish
- ⊙ Possible earthquake
- No detections
- NPRW critical habitat



Example of cruise results

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# Arctic Plankton Phenology and Biogeography

Rubao Ji (WHOI)

## Relevance to SAS

### ***Ecosystem Response:***

**RQ4:** How does primary production and associated availability of nutrients vary between Arctic regions?

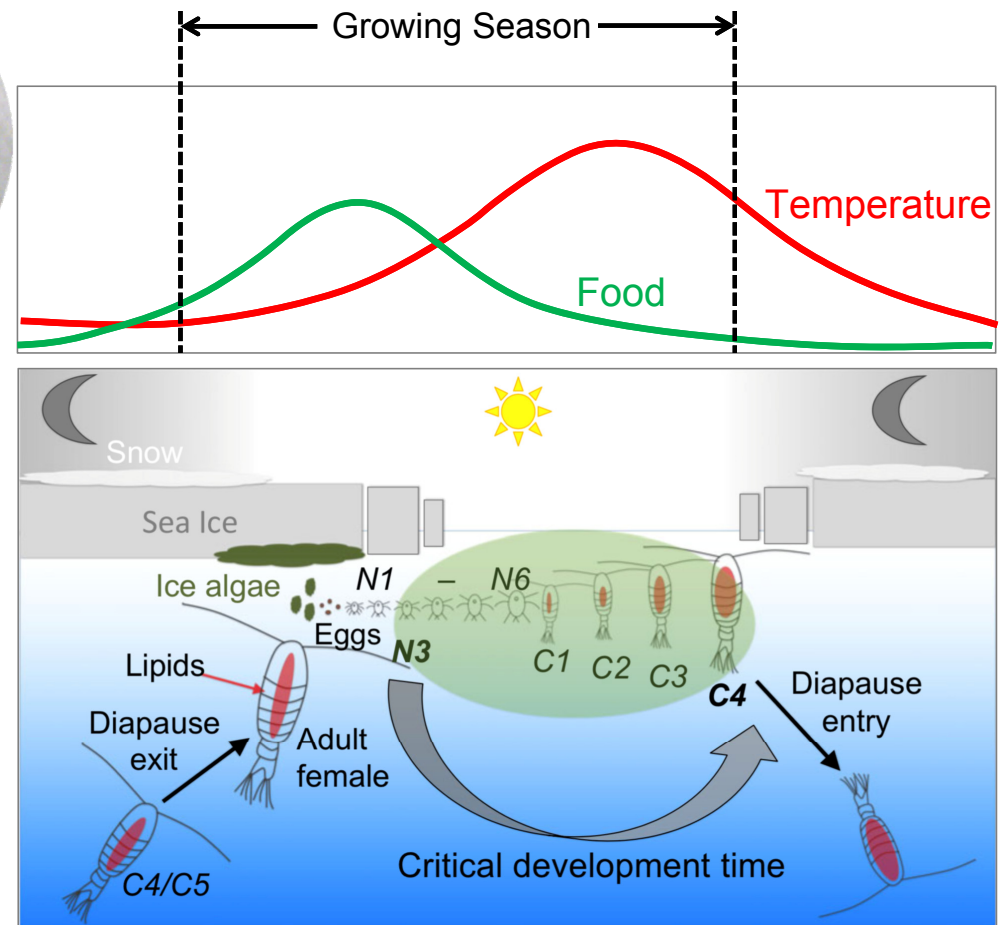
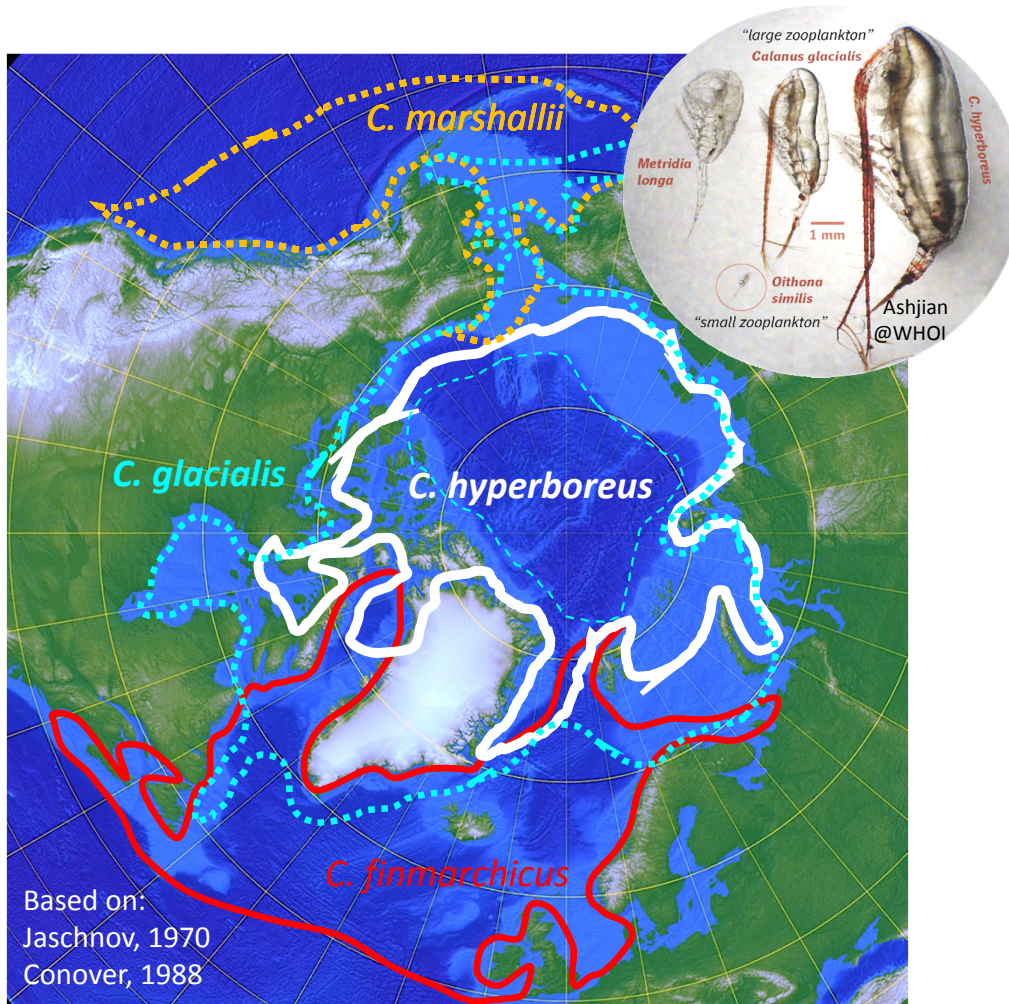
**RQ5:** Does northward range expansion of subarctic species vary regionally and are any of these species likely to establish permanent populations in Arctic regions?

**RQ6:** How does biomass flow vary across regional ecosystems of the Arctic?

## Collaborators and previous work (NSF OPP projects)

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- Kvile, K. Ø., C. Ashjian, Z. Feng, J. Zhang, and R. Ji. 2018. Pushing the limit: [Resilience of an Arctic copepod](#) to environmental fluctuations. *Global Change Biology*, 24(11):5426–5439.

# Linking biogeography and phenology

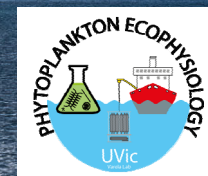




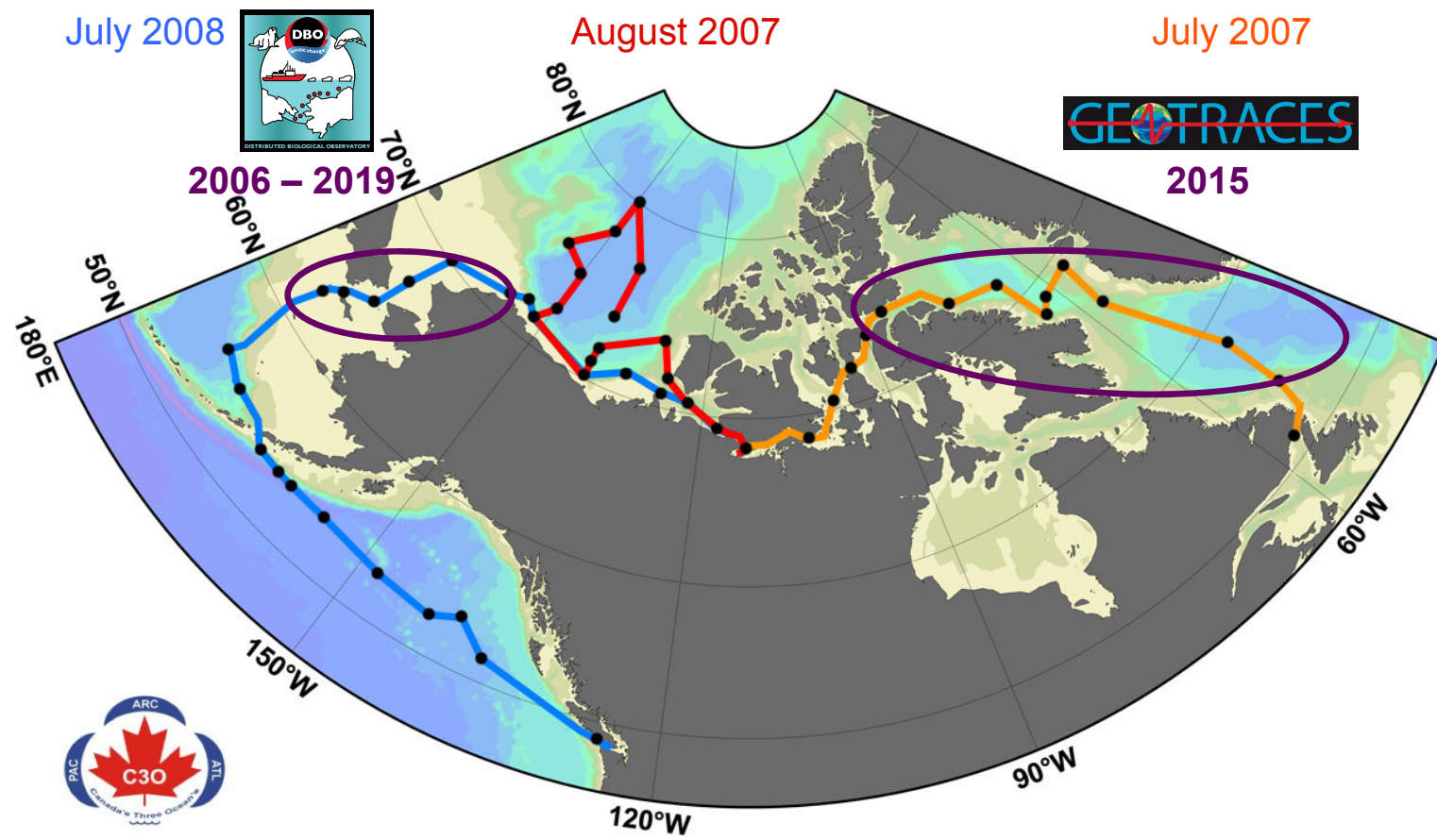
Marine pelagic primary productivity and nutrient dynamics  
in the Canadian and Alaskan Arctic: Over a decade of studies  
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Distributed Biological Observatory, and GEOTRACES  
programmes

*Shea Wyatt*

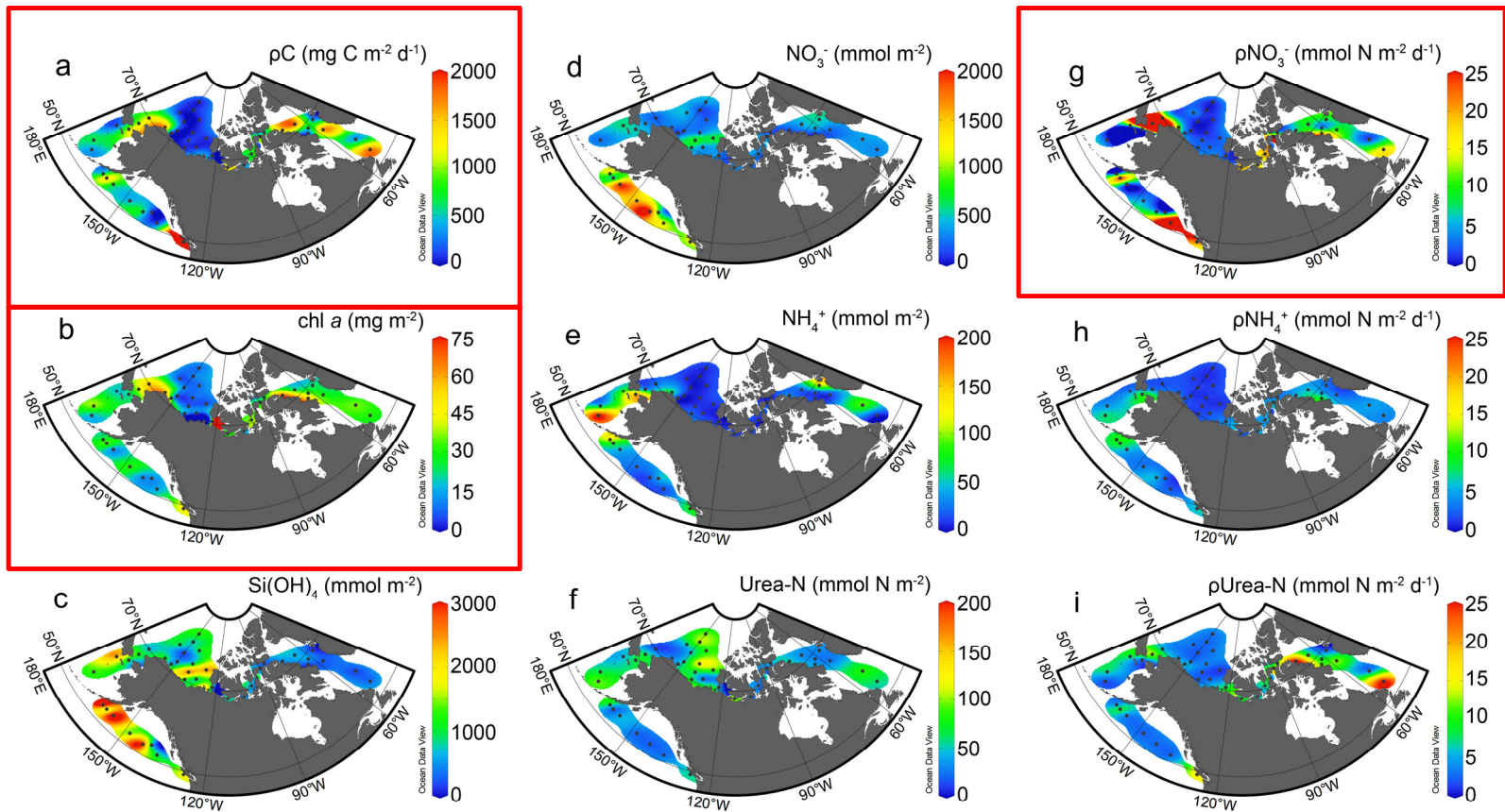
*University of Victoria, BC, Canada  
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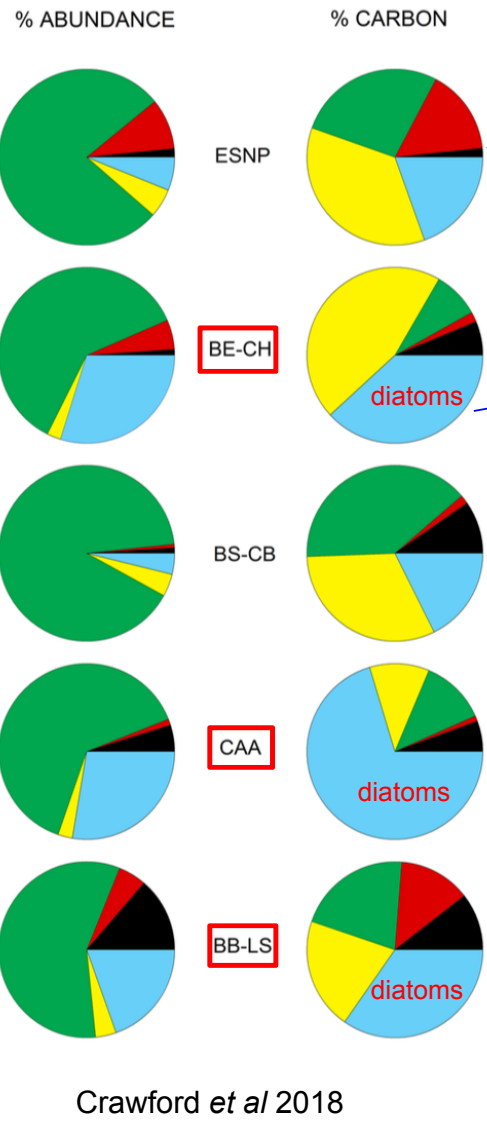


# Spatial distributions of phytoplankton production and biomass & nutrient concentrations

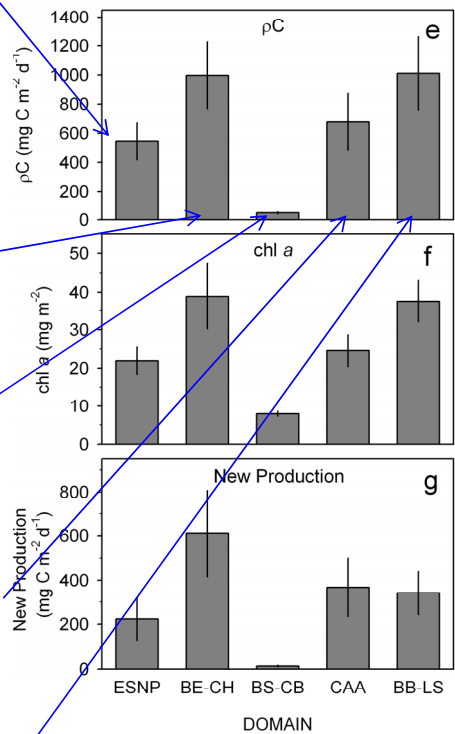


Varela, Crawford, Wrohan, Wyatt and Carmack. 2013.  
Pelagic primary productivity and upper ocean nutrient dynamics across Subarctic and Arctic Seas.  
Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans 118, 7132-7152.

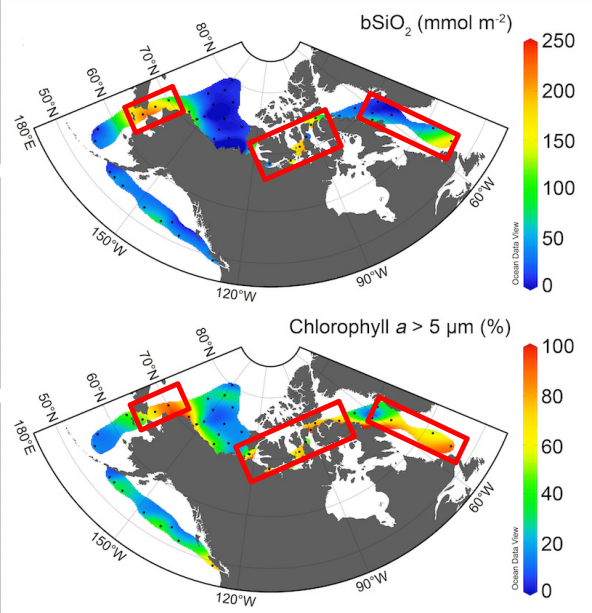
# What phytoplankton are responsible for these patterns?



Crawford *et al* 2018



Varela *et al* 2013



Wyatt *et al* 2013

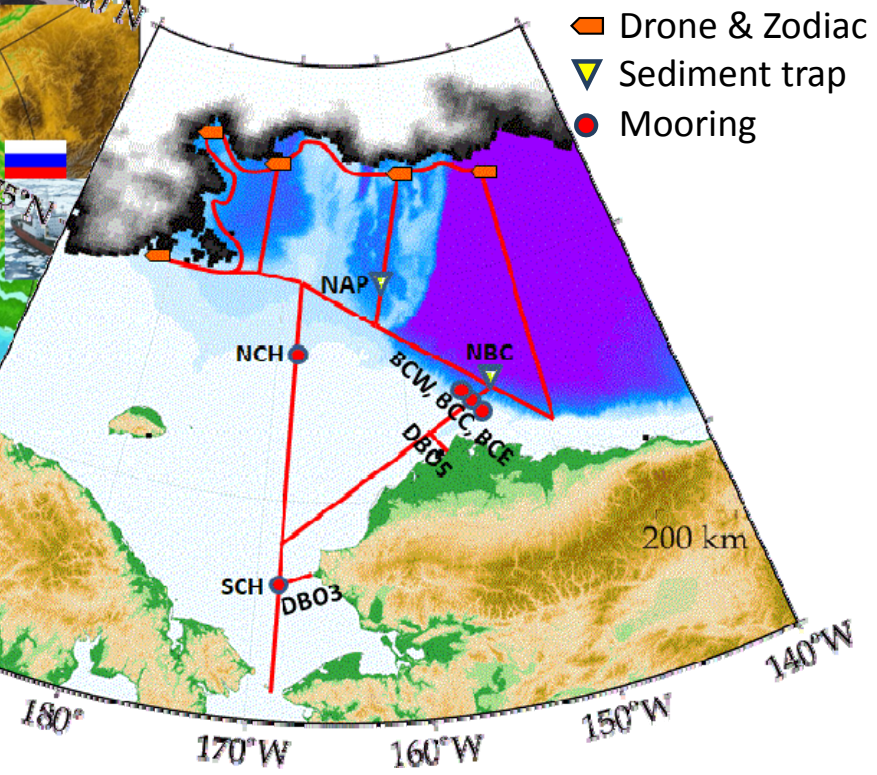


# Planned R/V *Mirai* Arctic Ocean cruises in 2020 and 2021

## 2020: SAS ship-based sampling campaign



## 2021: SAS with intensive ice-edge survey



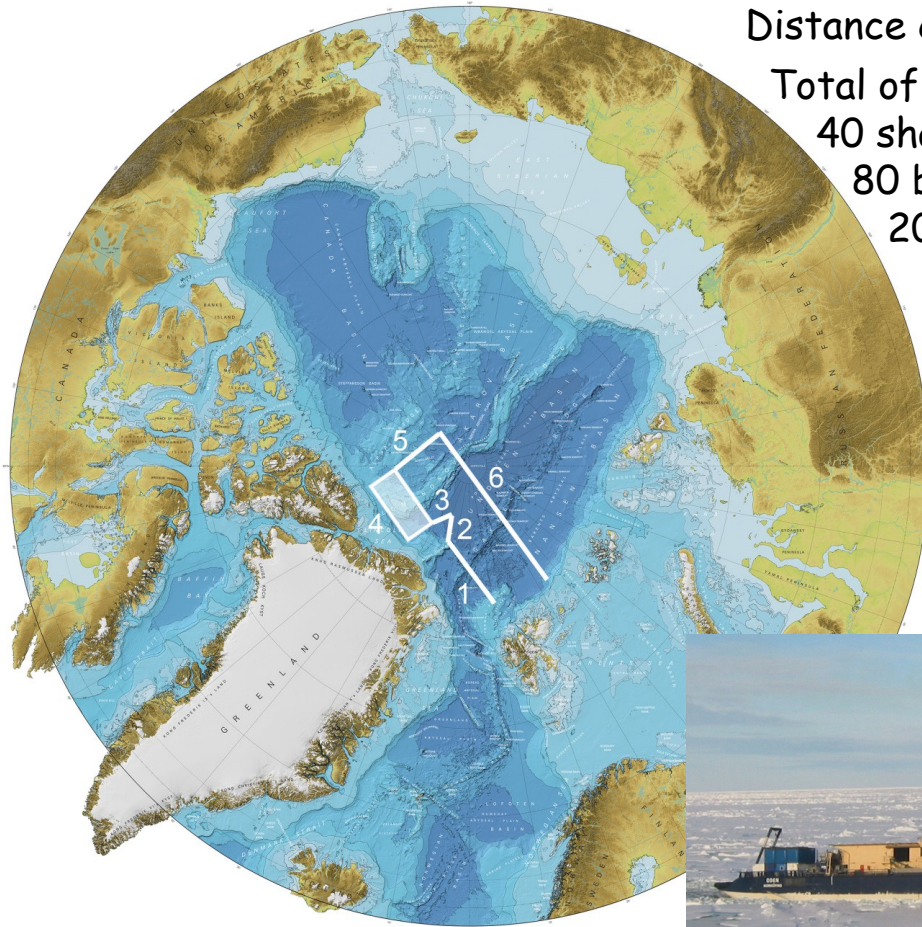


[SWIPA, 2017]



# The Swedish contribution to SAS

A 6-7 week cruise in August-September 2020



Distance covered, about 1600 nm

Total of 80 stations for CTD-water

40 shallow CTD for biology

80 bongo nets

20 multi nets

20 Tucker trawls

20 box cores

10 AUV/ROV missions

Fish trawling

Ferry box - continuous

Plans are also for several sea ice stations





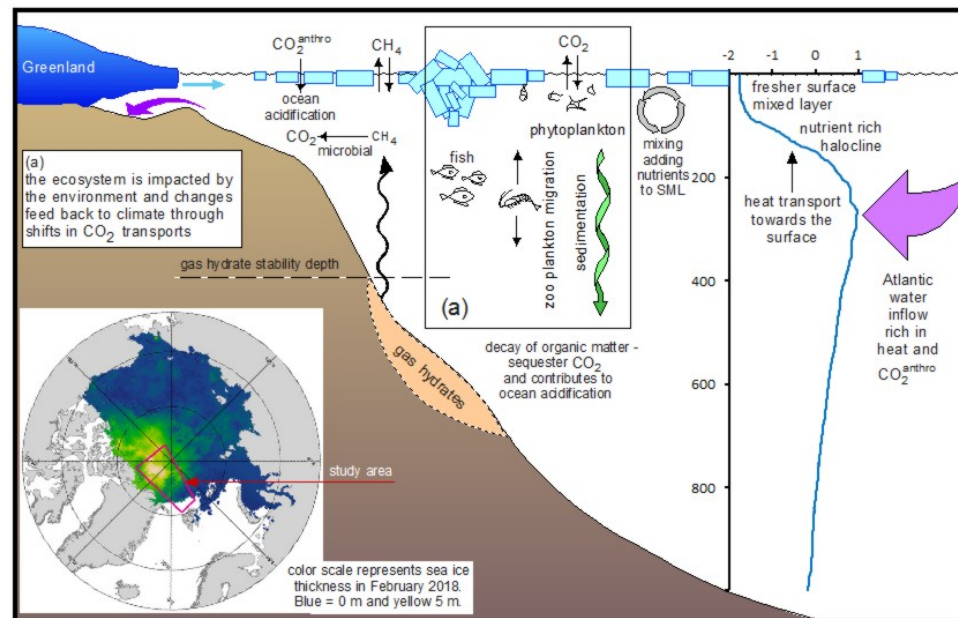
## The Swedish contribution to SAS

25 scientists from 7 universities and one institute are committed to participate

Preliminary manning:  
17 oceanography and chemistry, 22 pelagic and epontic ecosystem, and 2 benthic ecosystem, and 2 for atmospheric measurements and remote sensing

Also modelling and remote sensing are essential to the science goals and are included in the synthesis

*An application has been submitted to the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation with Pauline Snoeijs Lejonmalm (SU) as lead*



**Massive melting of Arctic ice:  
Implications for the Central Arctic Ocean  
ecosystem and feedbacks to global  
warming**

**Impact of ice retreat on biological pump and carbon  
sink in the western Arctic Ocean  
based on Chinese Arctic cruises**

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# Chinese Arctic Research Expedition 1999-2018

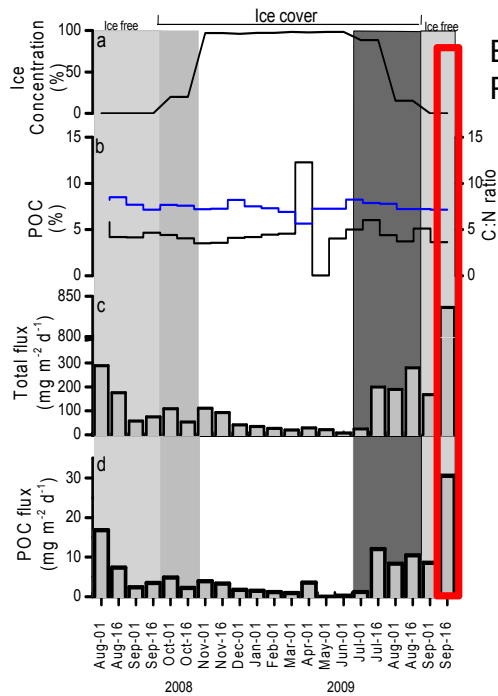


## Profiling, ocean/ice sampling:

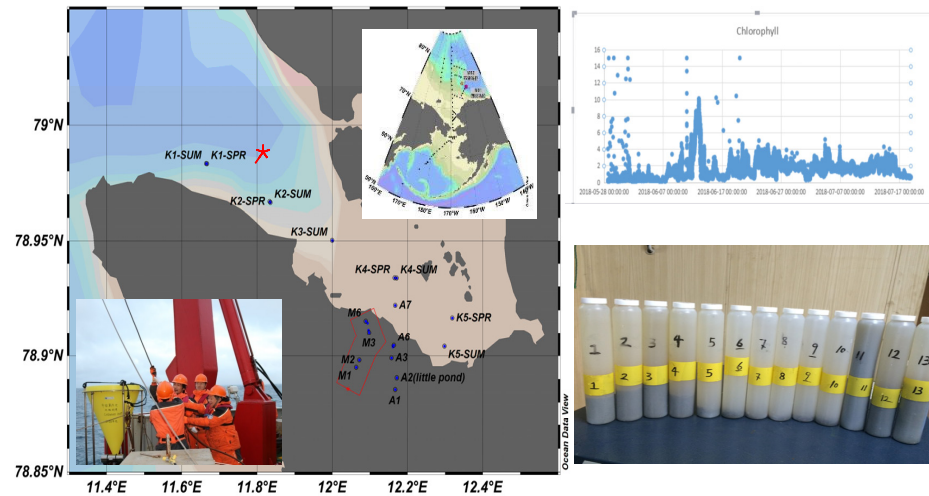
Oxygen, chl-a, nutrients, POC, PN, BSi, pigments,  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ , etc.

**Primary production:** carbon/nitrogen uptake, oxygen release

**Particle fluxes:** sediment traps



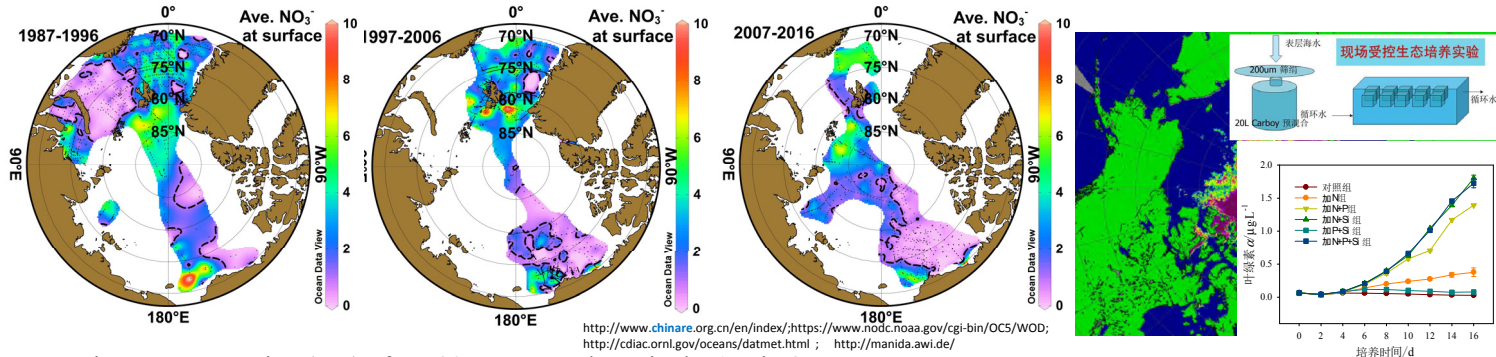
Bai & Chen et al., 2019  
Progress in Oceanography





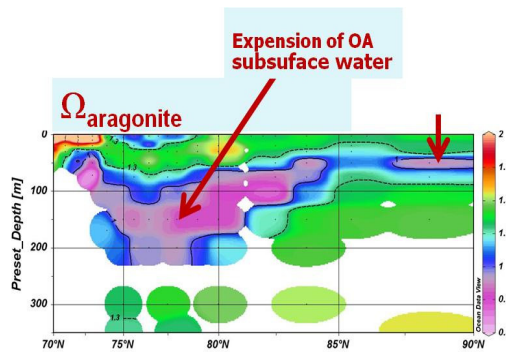
# Enhanced biological pump, Oligotrophic trend in surface water and subsurface ocean acidification

## N limitation in the Arctic Ocean

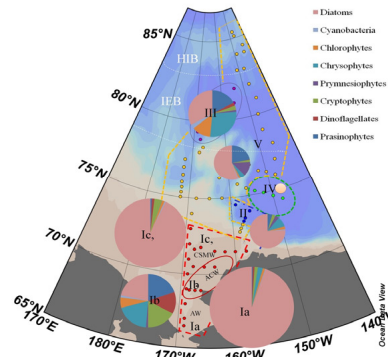


Average nitrate concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) of top 30 m water column in the Arctic Ocean, Zhuang et al., 2019 submitted

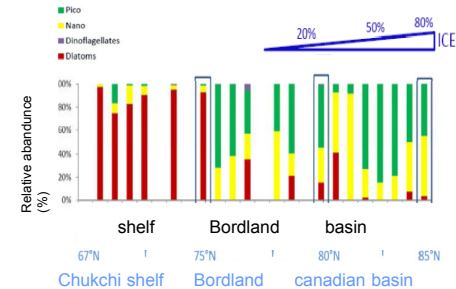
N limitation in the central Arctic, Li et al., AOS, 2014;



Expansion of OA in subsurface water Qi et al., NCC2017;



Phytoplankton communities : pigment analysis



Couple et al., Biogeosciences, 2012, 2015; Jin et al., AOS, 2017; Zhuang et al., Continental Shelf Research, 2016; Zhuang et al., Deep Sea Research, 2018; Zhuang et al., Polar Science, 2018

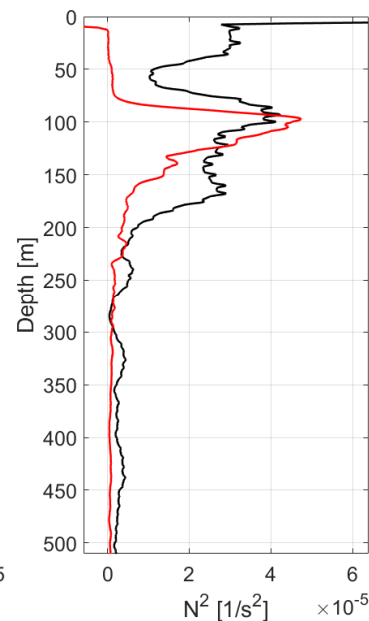
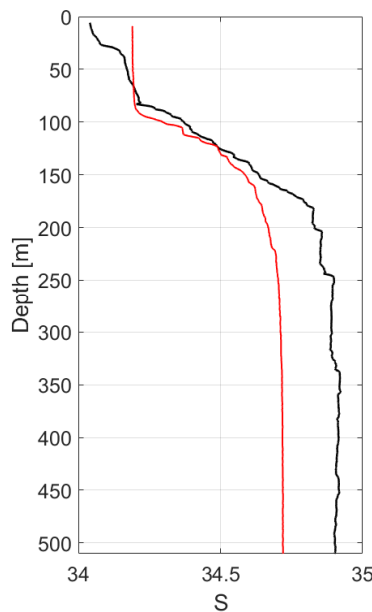
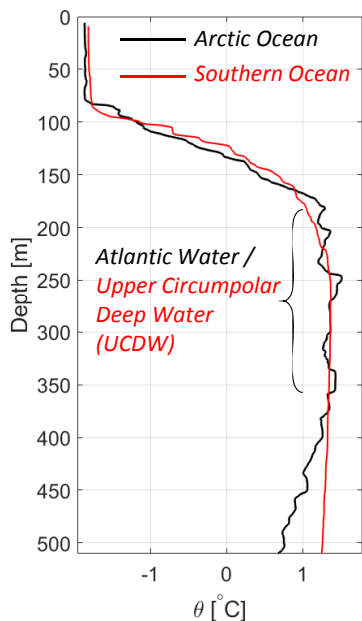
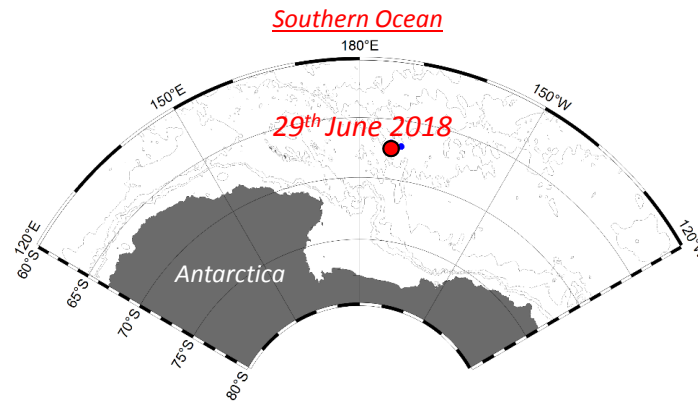
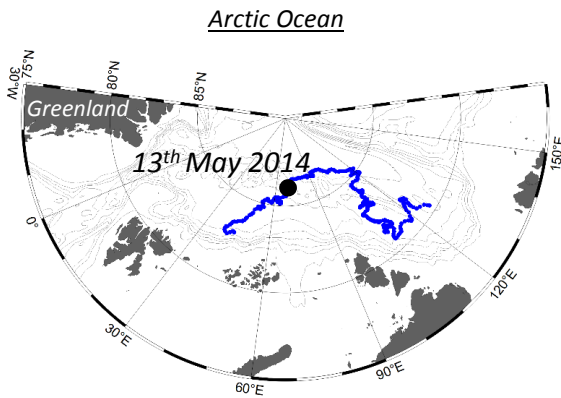
# What can we learn from the Southern Ocean?



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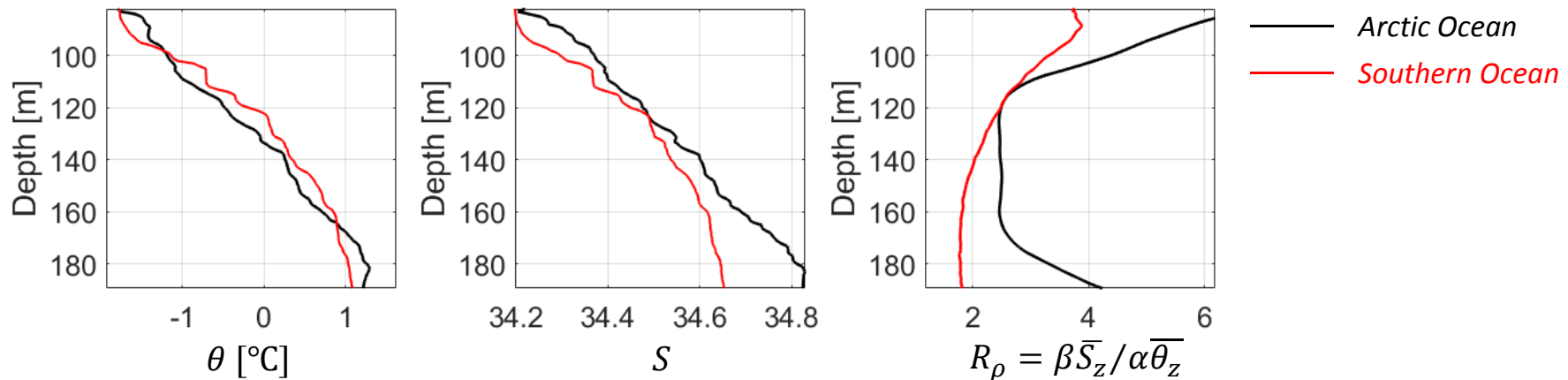


Findings from the Southern Ocean:

- Double-diffusive staircases are observed within the main pycnocline underlying the surface mixed layer
- The presence of a double-diffusive staircase structure enhances sea ice formation and UCDW entrainment by suppression of upward heat fluxes
- Vertical heat flux suppression may produce a feedback that maintains staircase structure

Will the Eurasian Basin's stratification become similar to that of the Southern Ocean?

# What can we learn from the Southern Ocean?



## Questions to explore:

- Does reduced stratification necessarily mean enhanced vertical mixing in the Eurasian Basin?
- What processes will be dominant in controlling sea ice thickness and ventilation of the Atlantic Water layer?
- How does brine rejection interact with the layered stratification?

## How can GFDI be involved?

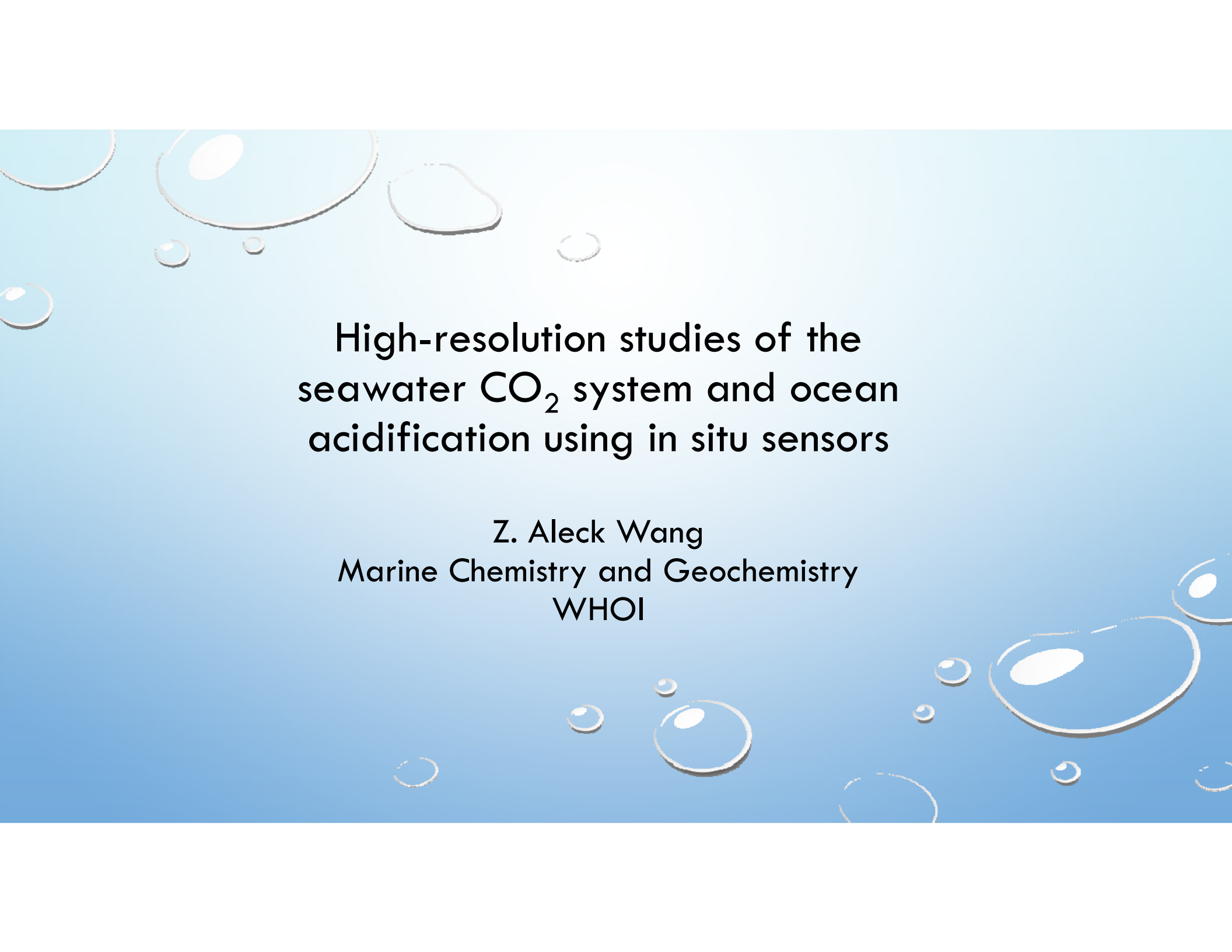
Floats

Lab experiments

Other potential involvement:

- Use floats to study 3D picture of the intrusions
- Inverse box modeling to help validating numerical models

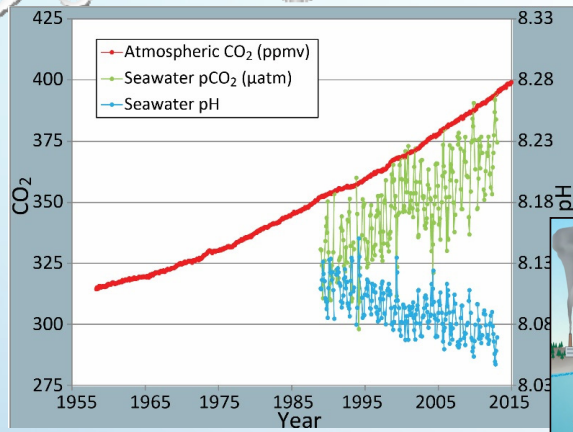


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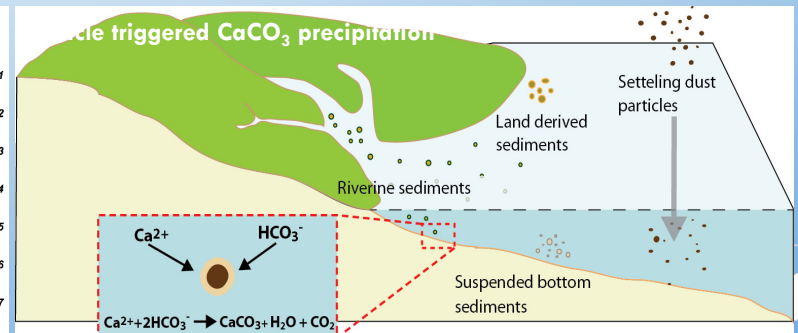
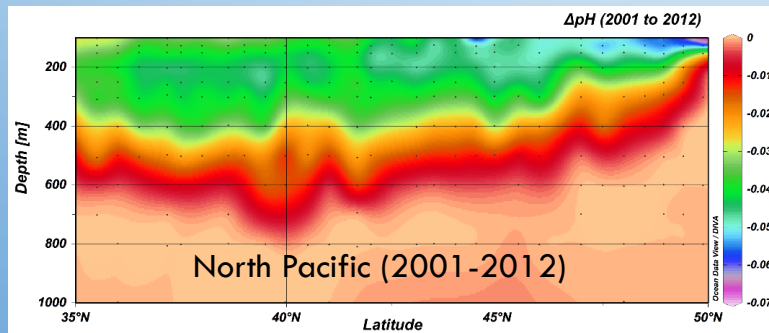
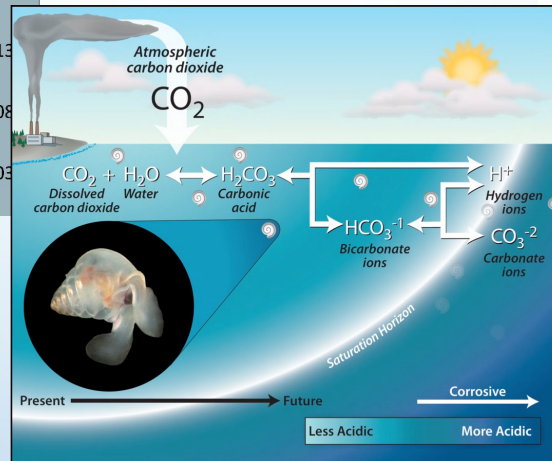
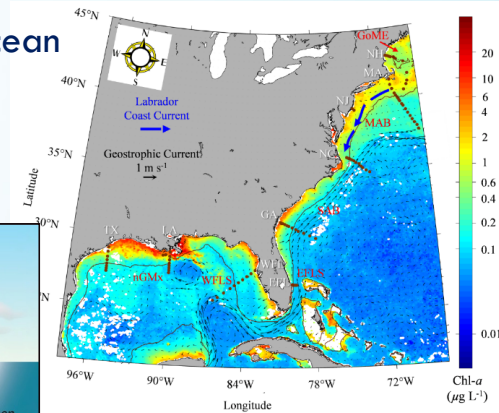
# High-resolution studies of the seawater CO<sub>2</sub> system and ocean acidification using in situ sensors

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# Ocean Acidification and Marine Carbon Cycle

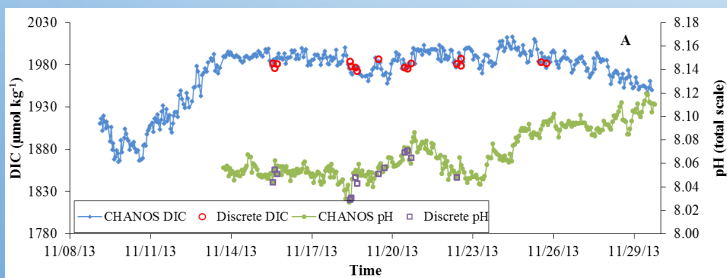
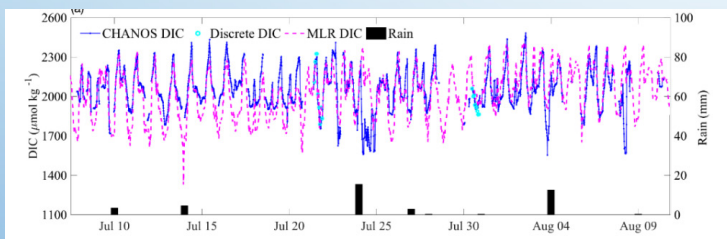
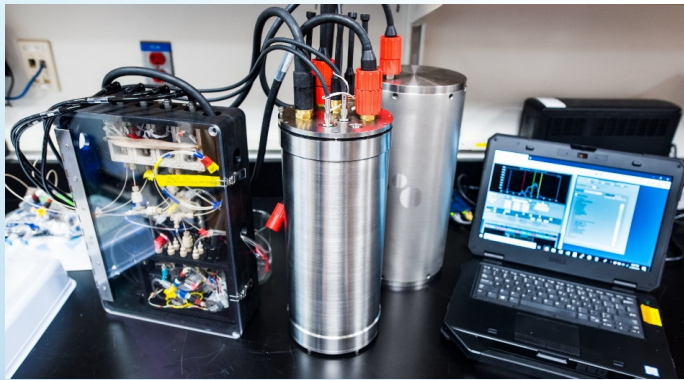


## Coastal Ocean



# In-situ Sensors: CO<sub>2</sub> parameters

## Channelized Optical System II (CHANOS II): Total CO<sub>2</sub>, pCO<sub>2</sub>, pH



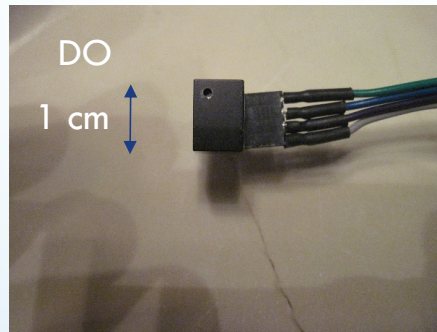
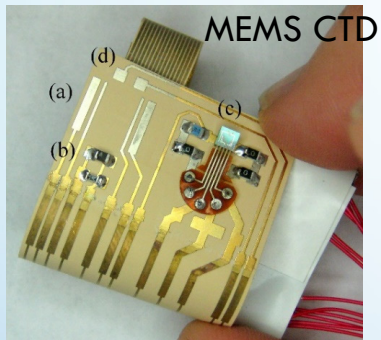
### Methodology:

- ✓ Simultaneous, in-situ spectrophotometric measurements of DIC & pCO<sub>2</sub> or DIC & pH
- ✓ High-frequency (~1 Hz), in situ measurements up to 3000m; versatile for various platforms, particularly mobile platforms (CTDs, AUVs, ROVs)



# In-situ Sensors: O<sub>2</sub>, salinity

Compact, low cost sensors for ALL: O<sub>2</sub>, salinity, pH and others



Low-cost Conductivity/Salinity Sensor

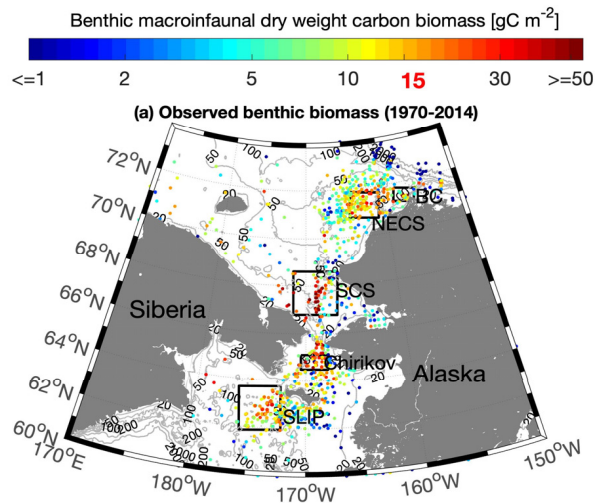


Low-cost DO optode

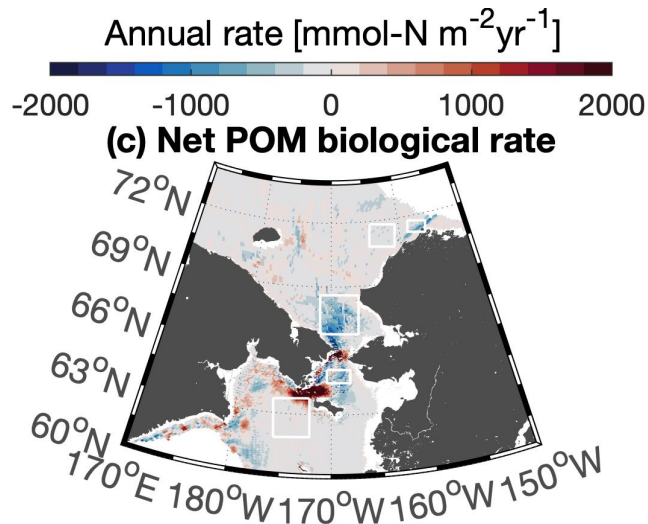
# Mechanisms for the Formation of Benthic Hotspots in the Pacific Arctic

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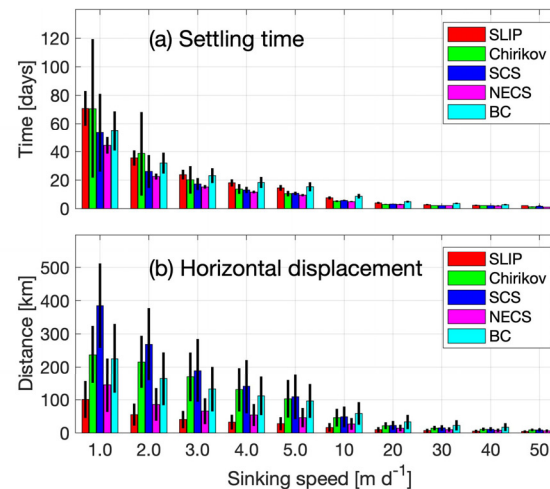
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Ice-Ocean-BGC model results



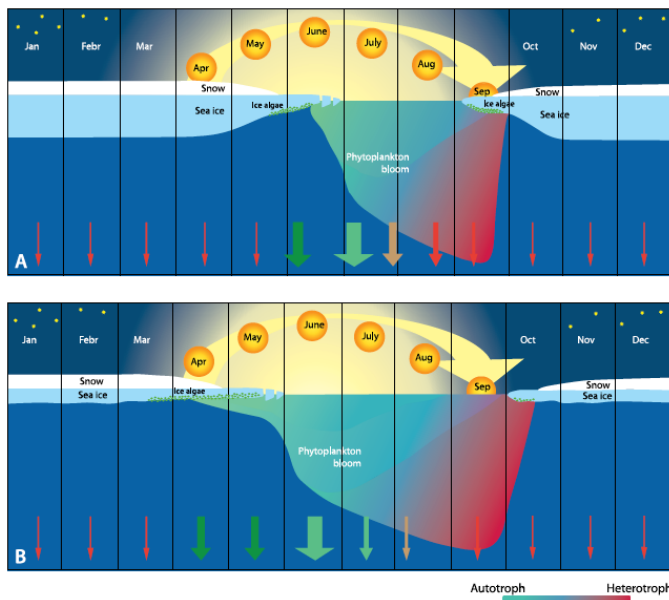
Particle tracking model results



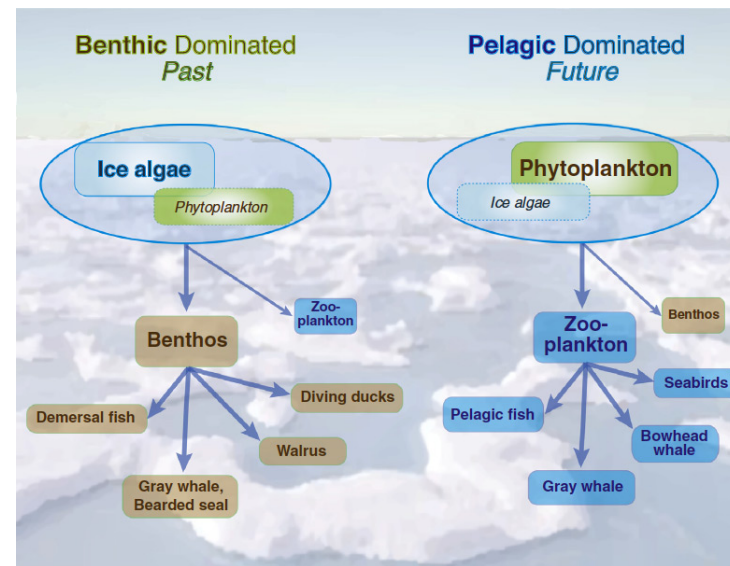
Data-model synthesis reveals 2 contrasting regimes and food supply mechanisms:

- Retentive: SLIP and NECS.
- Advective: Chirikov, SCS & Barrow Canyon.

# Benthic-pelagic coupling in a pan-arctic scale



Wassmann and Reigstad, 2011



Moore and Stabeno, 2015

- What key processes and parameters are needed to have a better pan-arctic understanding of the benthic-pelagic coupling?