

# Highlight of 2014 field results & preliminary plan for 2015

## Japan

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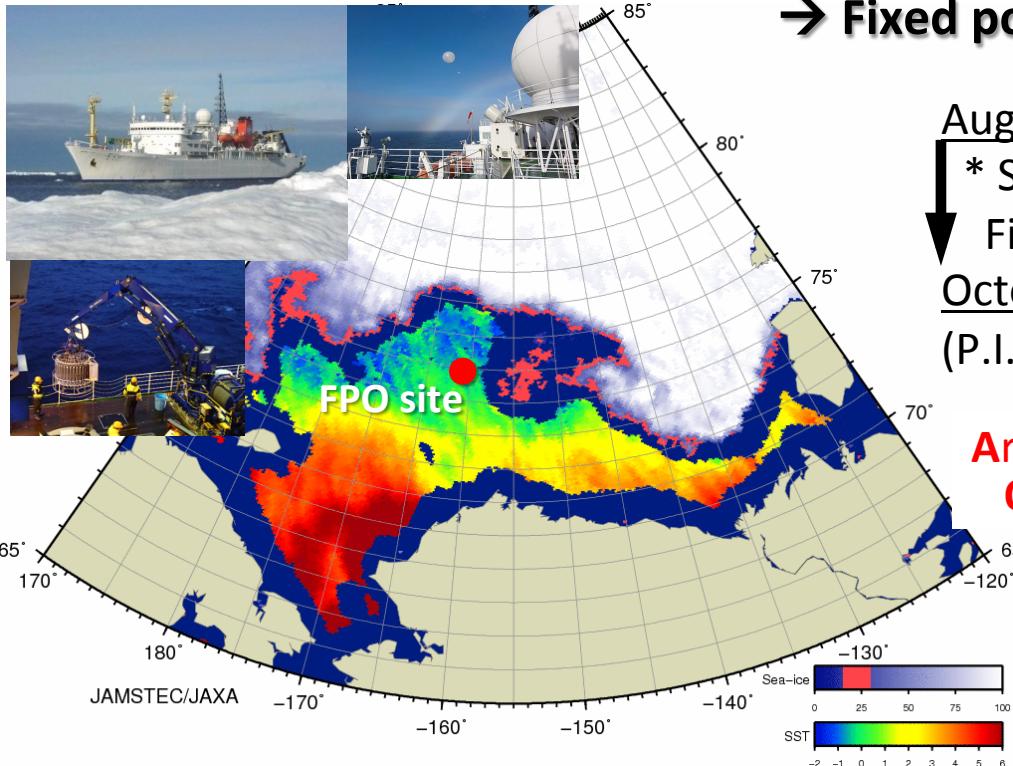
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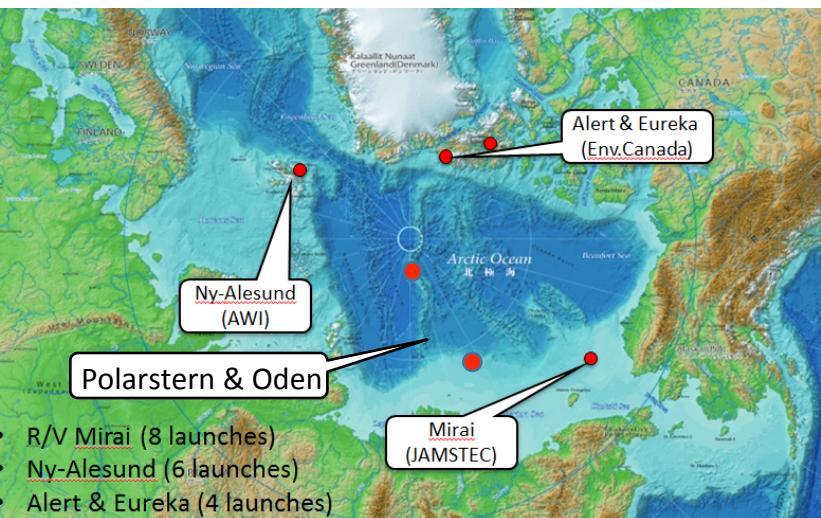
## R/V Mirai Arctic cruise in September-October 2014

Leading to a better understanding of the uncertainty of the Arctic atmospheric circulation

→ Fixed point observation (FPO) for ~ 3 weeks



- Radio-sonde : every 3 hours
- Ozon-sonde: every 2nd day
- CTD (400m): every 6 hours
- Water sampling: every half day
- CTD (1800m): every 2nd day
- Turbulent measurement: every 6 hours



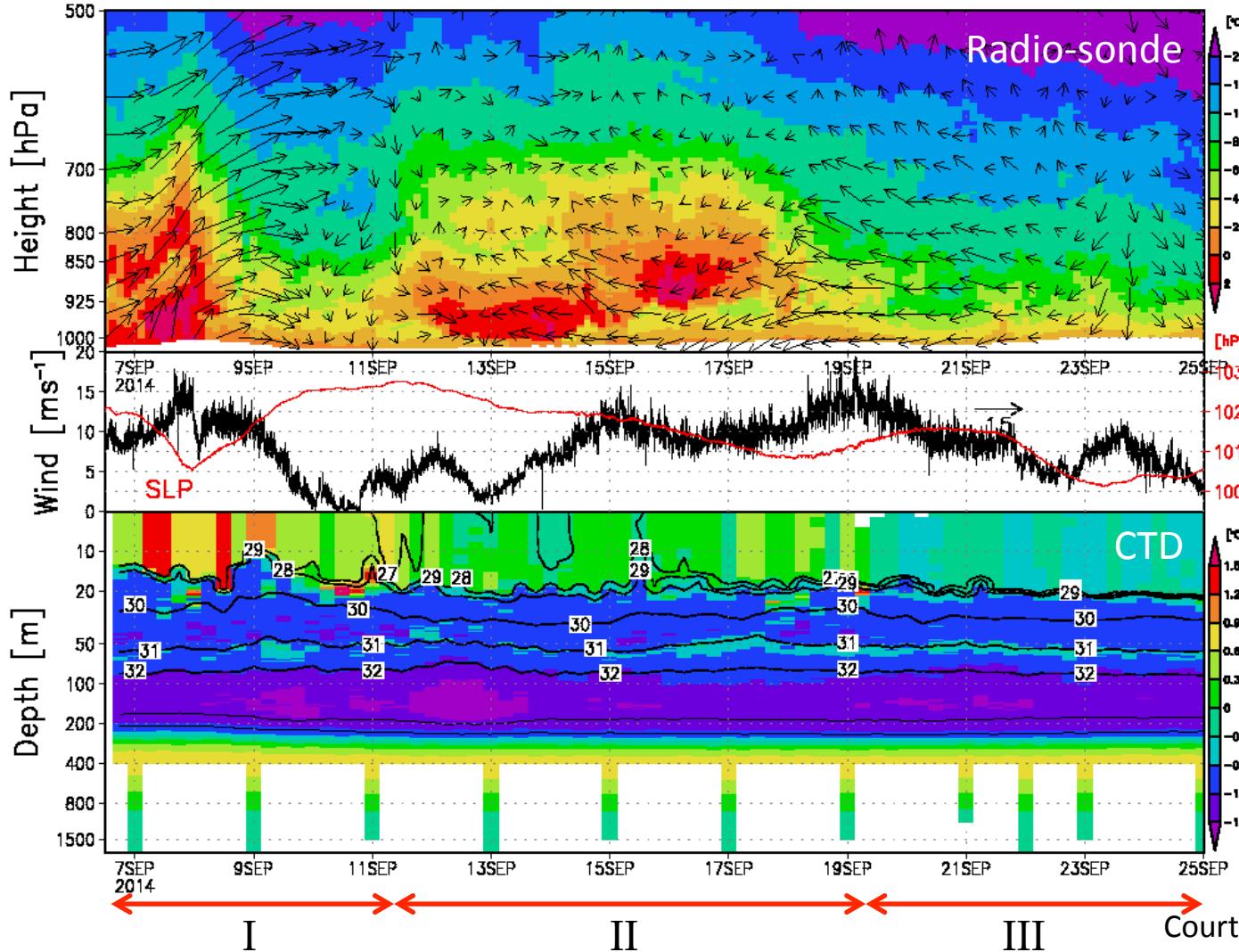
Courtesy from Dr. Inoue (NIPR/JAMSTEC)

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Radiosonde & CTD (MR14-05) @ 74.75°N, 162.00°W



I: (Sept 7-11)  
 Frontal passage  
 Warm strong wind  
 Warm ocean  
 surface mixed layer

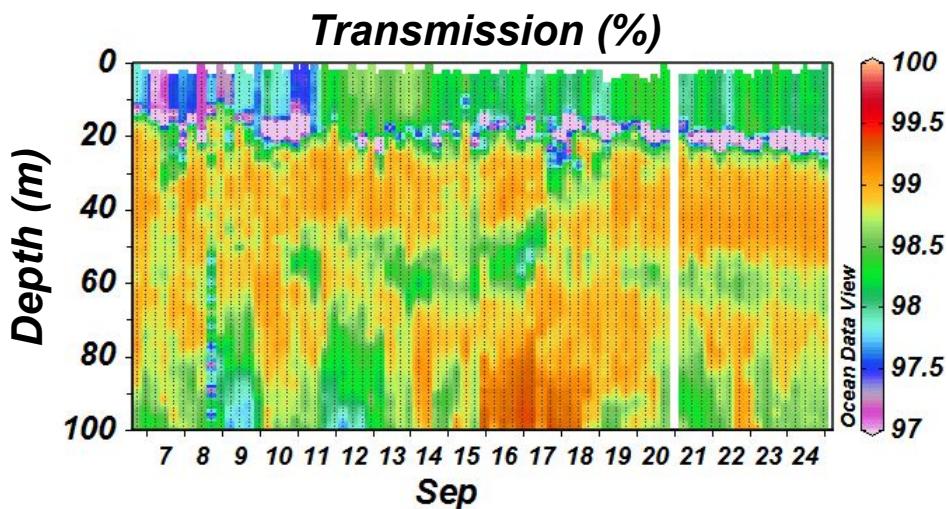
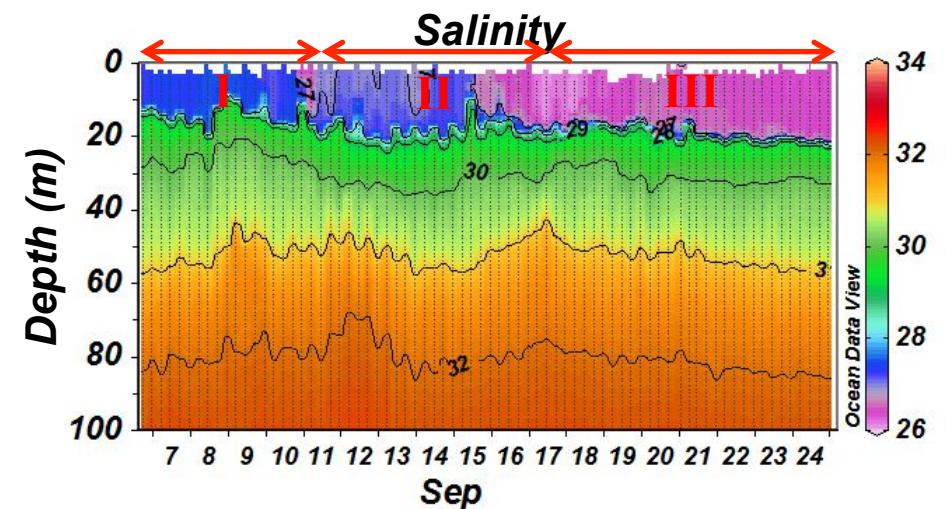
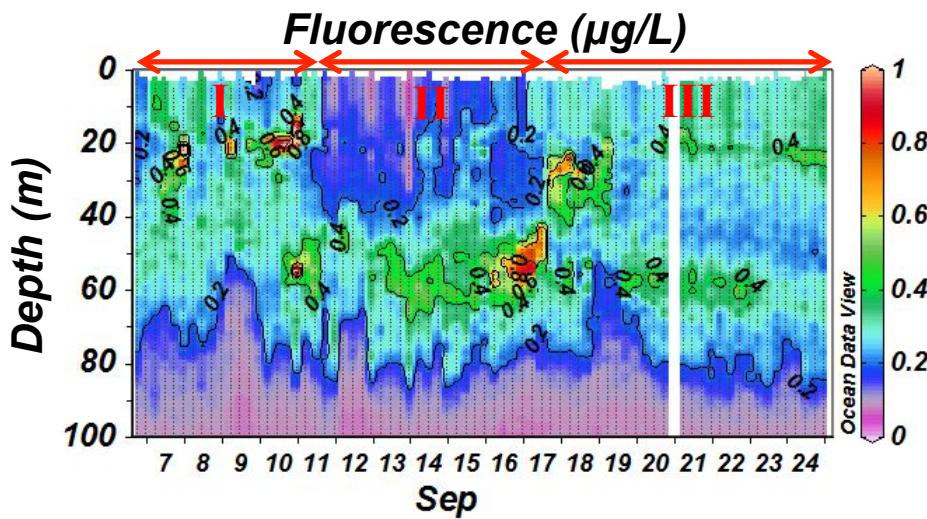
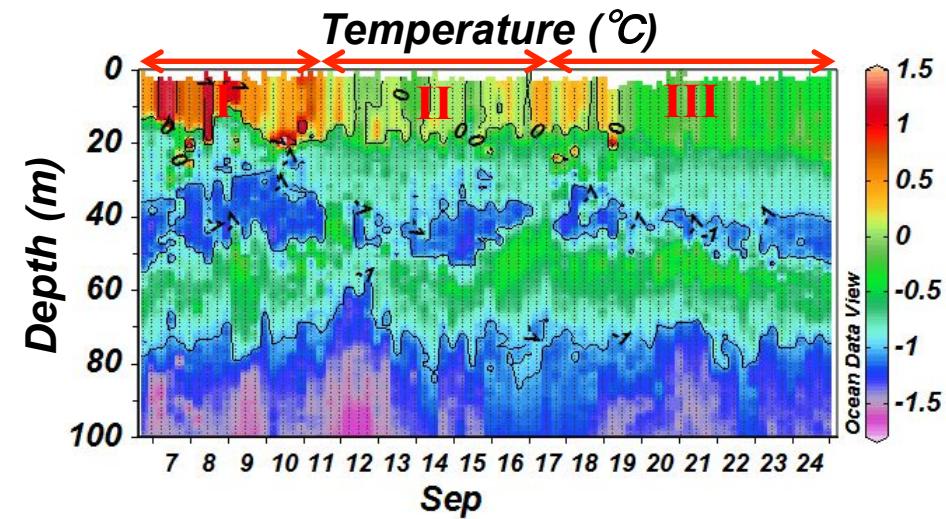
II: (Sept 11-19)  
 Strong easterly  
 wind along the  
 edge of High  
 pressure system

III: (Sept. 19-25)  
 Cold air outbreak &  
 Cooling of ocean  
 mixed layer

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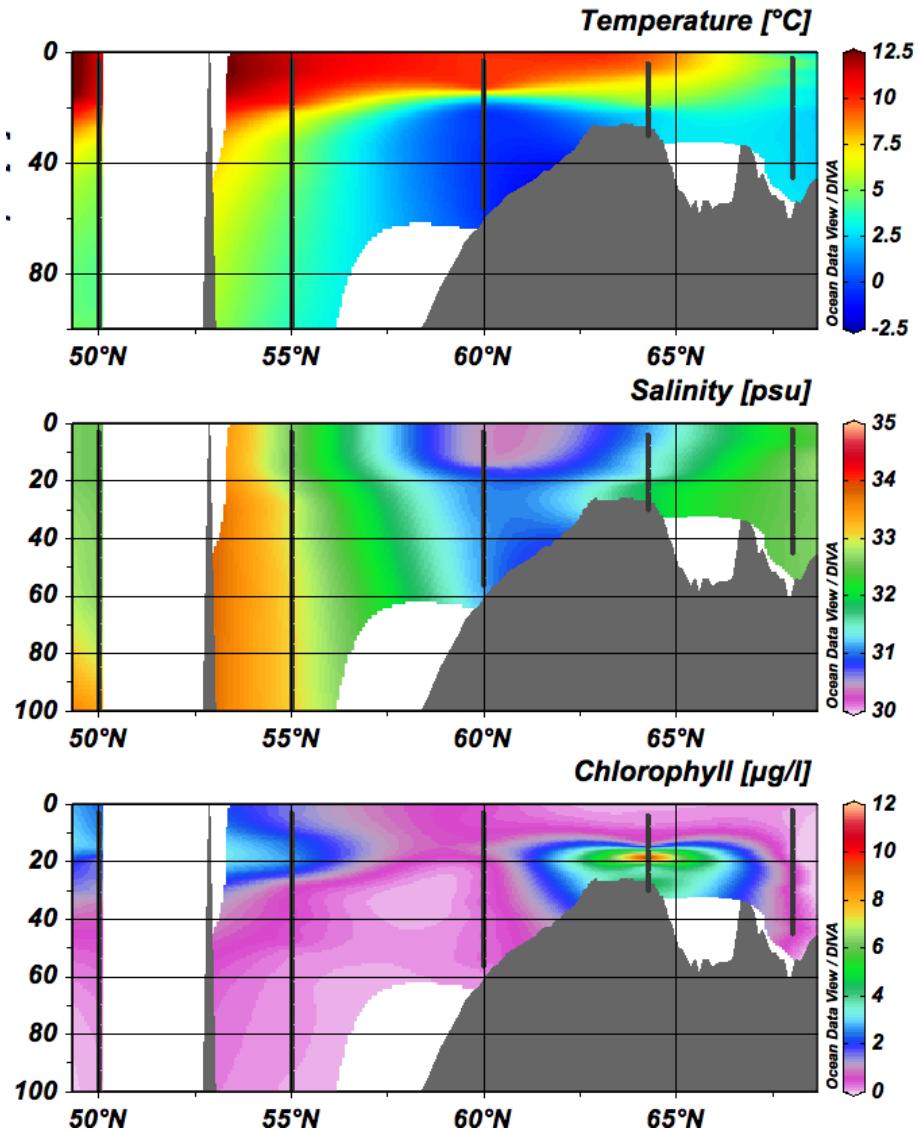
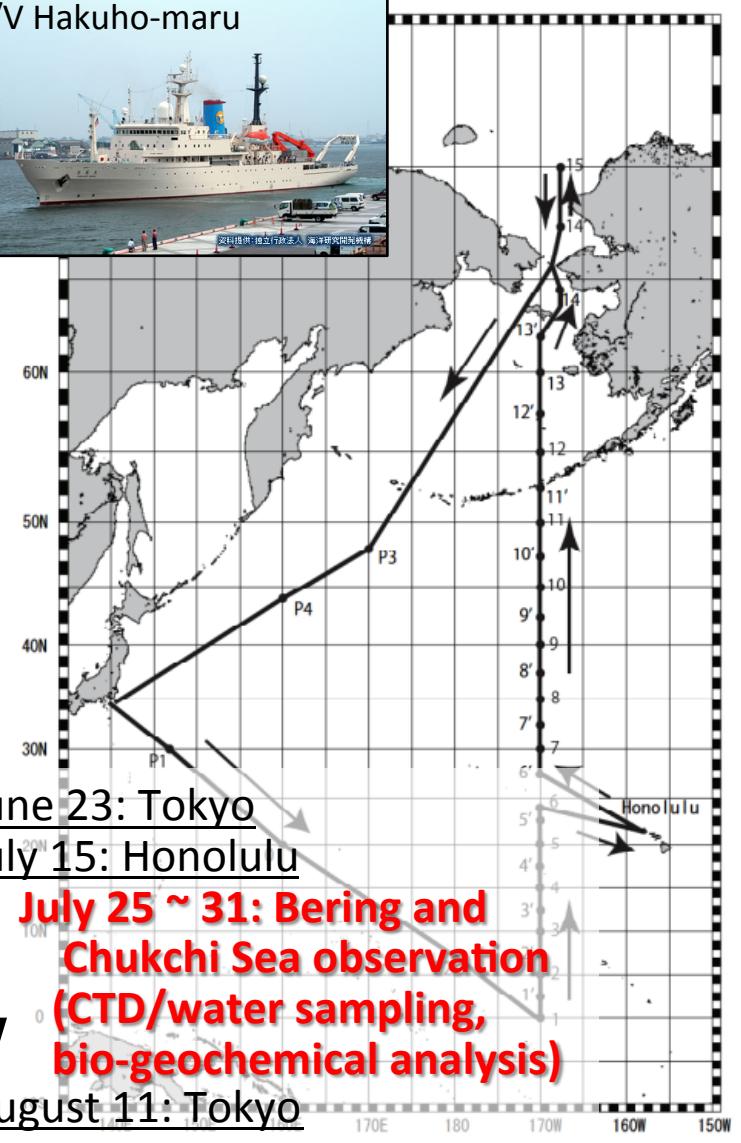
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Courtesy from Dr. Nishino (JAMSTEC)

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Courtesy from Dr. Kondo (NIPR/U. Tokyo)

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# JAMSTEC moorings in the Chukchi Sea and Canada Basin

Sediment trap in the Canada Basin

CAP-12t; 75d 12.371m N, 172d 32.919m W, 447m dep  
NAP-12t; 75d 00.171m N, 162d 00.182m W, 1971m dep  
NAP-13t; 74d 31.361m N, 161d 55.592m W, 1681m dep  
→ Recovered

At the mouth of Barrow Canyon

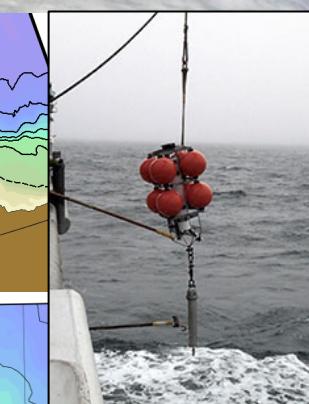
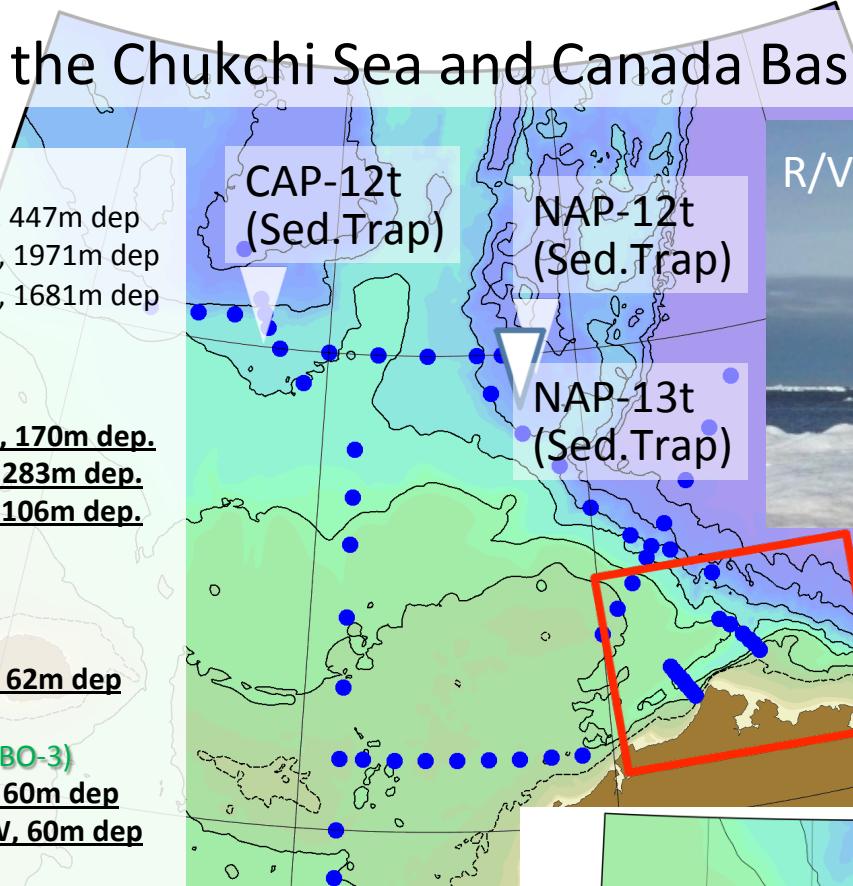
BCW-14; 71d 47.742m N, 155d 20.750m W, 170m dep.  
BCC-14; 71d 43.585m N, 155d 11.108m W, 283m dep.  
BCE-14; 71d 40.353m N, 154d 59.742m W, 106m dep.  
→ Recovered and Re-deployed

Barrow Canyon close to DBO-5 line

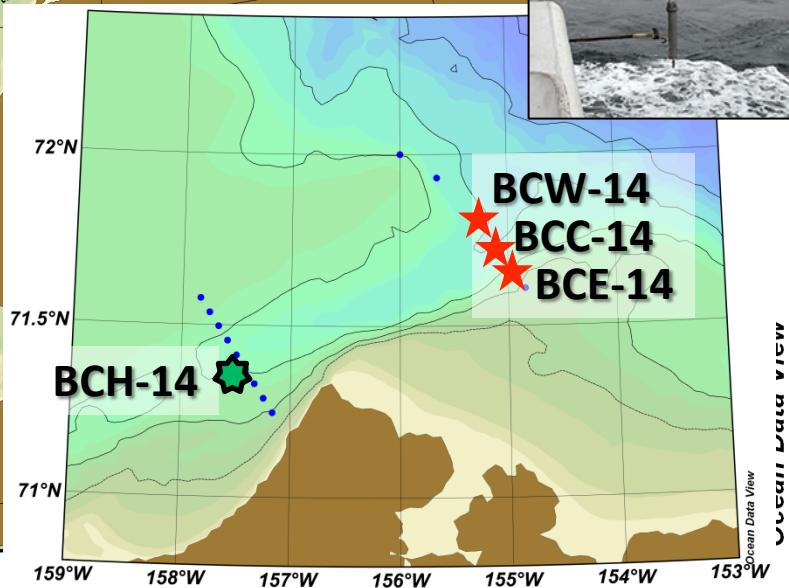
BCH-14; 71d 18.920m N, 157d 08.802m W, 62m dep  
→ Recovered and Re-deployed

Hope Valley in the southern Chukchi Sea (DBO-3)

SCH-14; 68d 02.002m N, 168d 50.028m W, 60m dep  
SCH-14w; 68d 03.006m N, 168d 50.003m W, 60m dep  
→ Recovered and Re-deployed

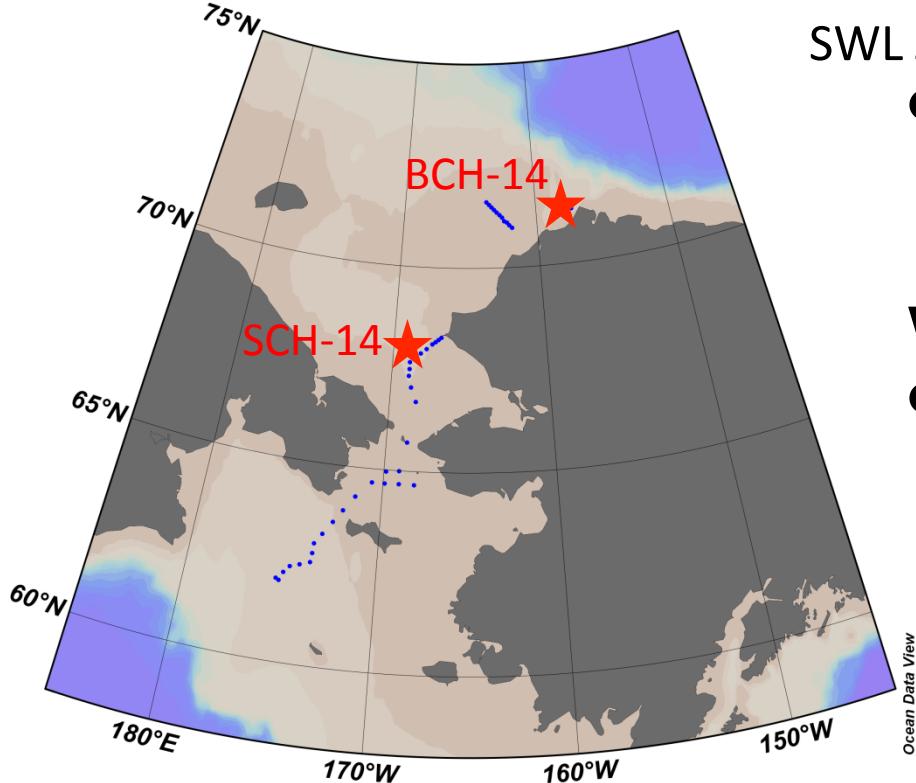


CCGS S. W. Laurier



# Participation in ice breaker cruise in 2014

## CCGS S. W. Laurier July cruise



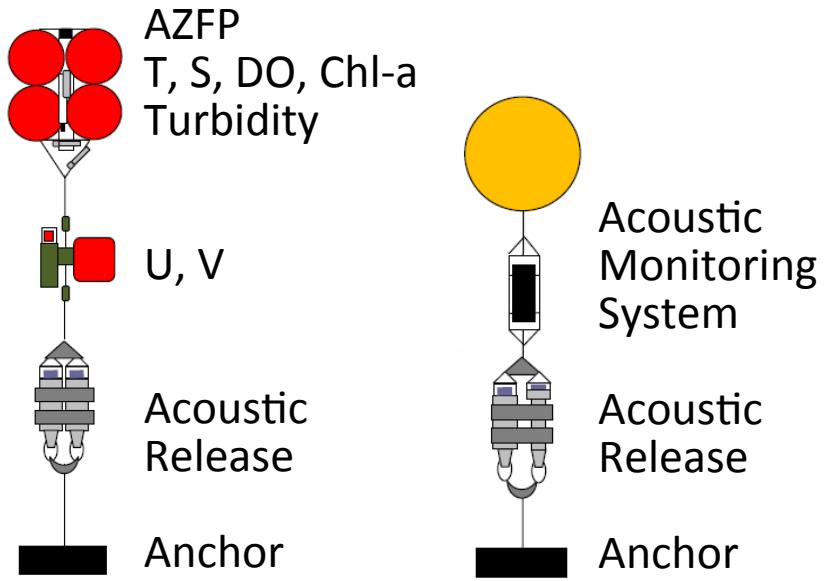
CTD stations during SWL July cruise in 2014



### SWL July cruise in 2014

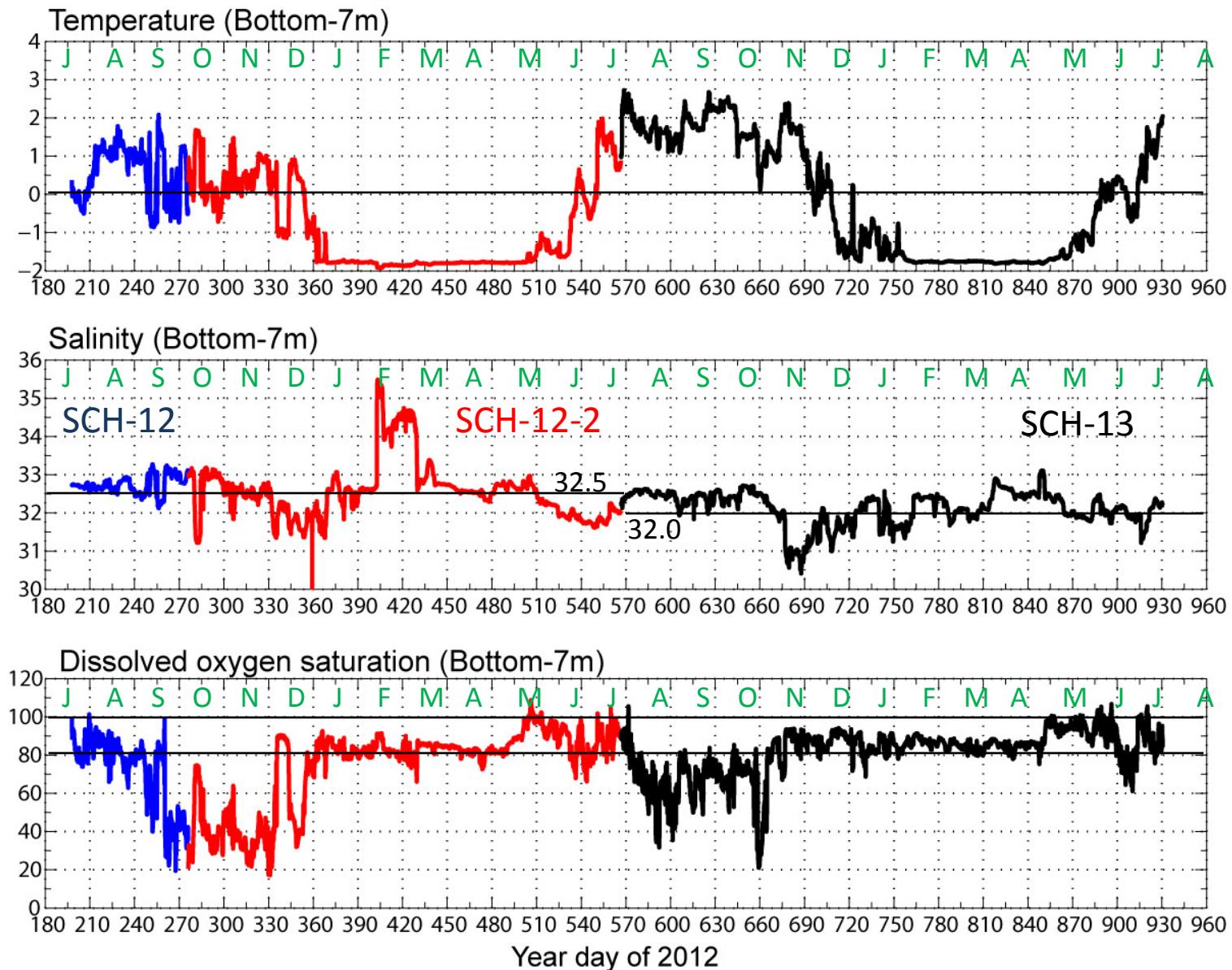
- July 11 Dutch Harbor
  - ✓ DBO-1,2,3
  - ✓ SCH-13 recovery & SCH-14 deployment
  - ✓ DBO-4, 5
  - ✓ BCH-13 recovery & BCH-14 deployment
- July 23 Barrow

[ Mooring diagram of SCH-14 & SCH-14w ]



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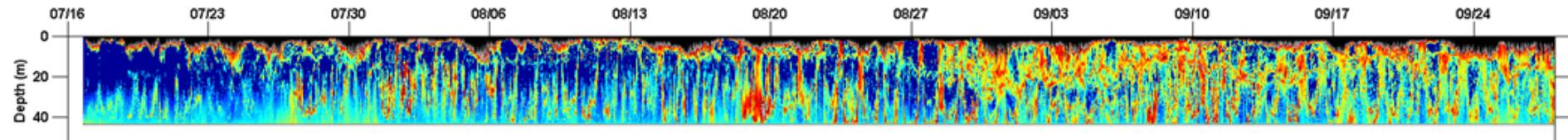


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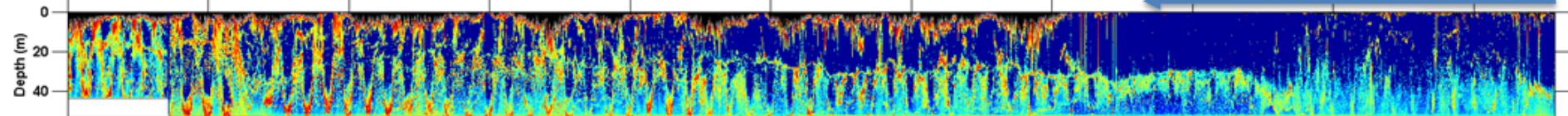
## SCH (DBO-3) mooring:

AZFP 125 kHz Echogram (Oct. 2, 2012 to Jul.20, 2013)

2012

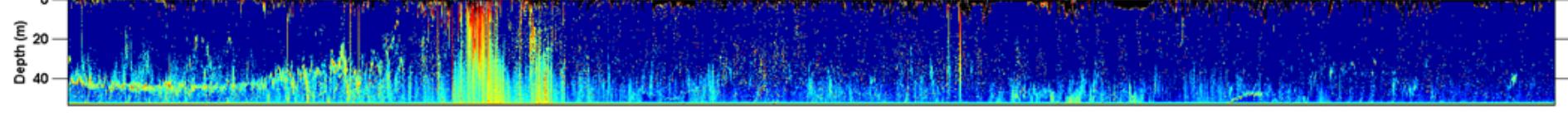


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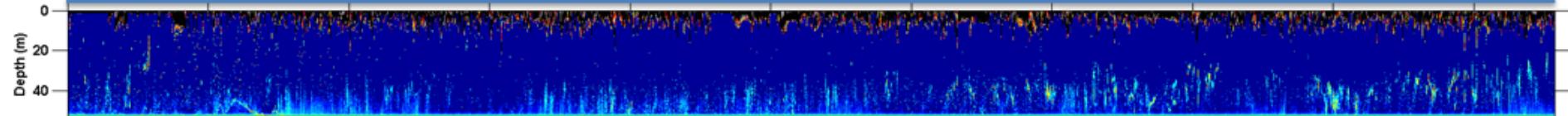


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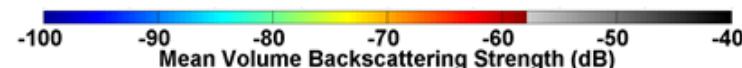
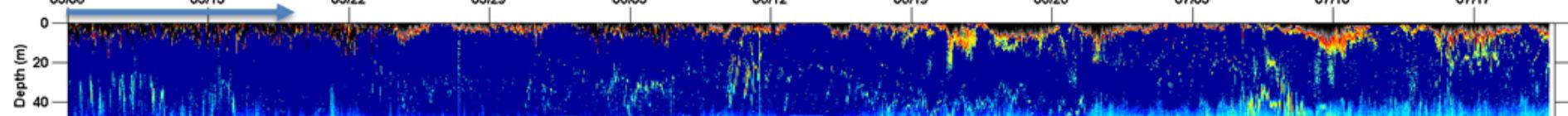
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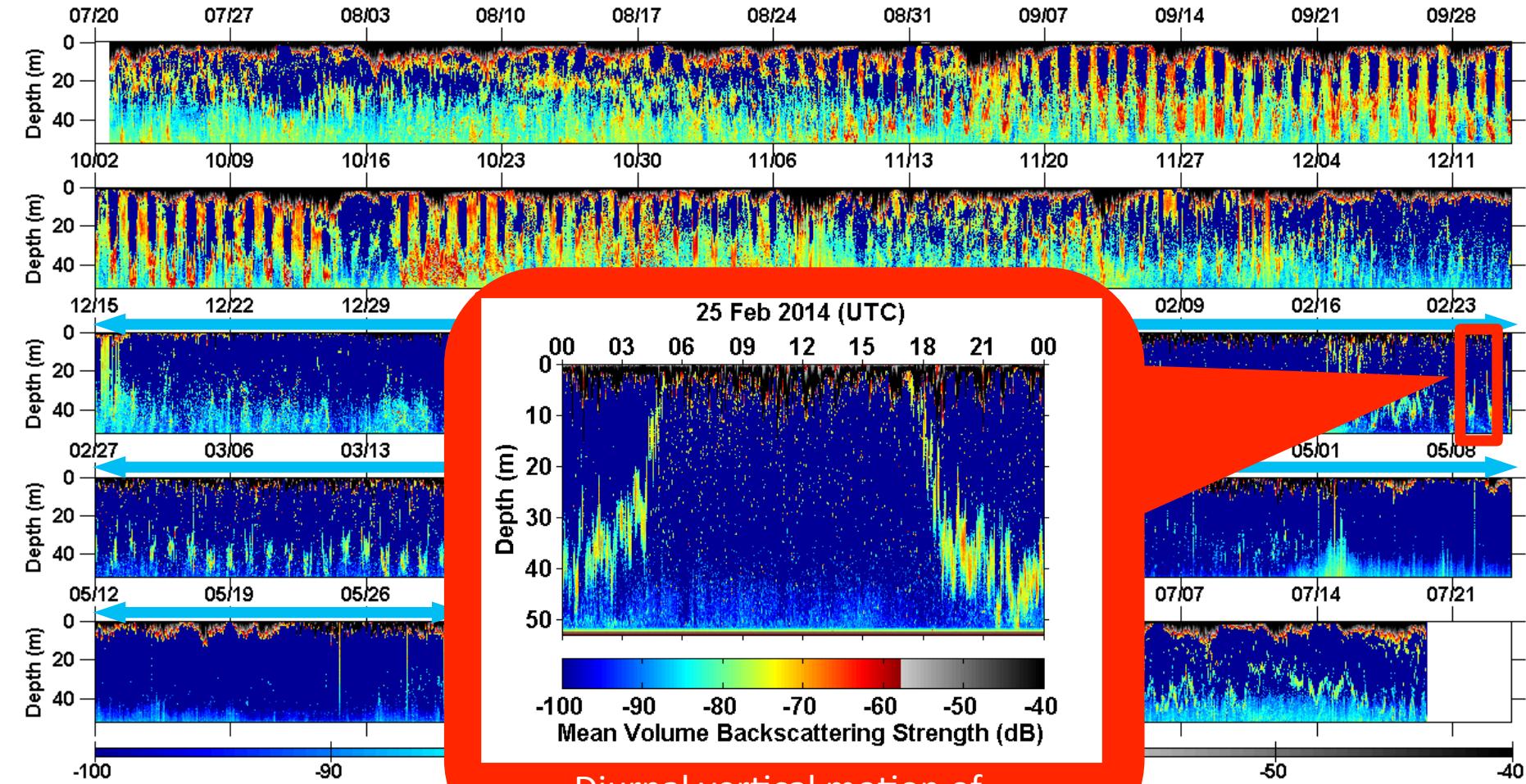
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Diurnal vertical motion of  
zooplankton in mid winter!!

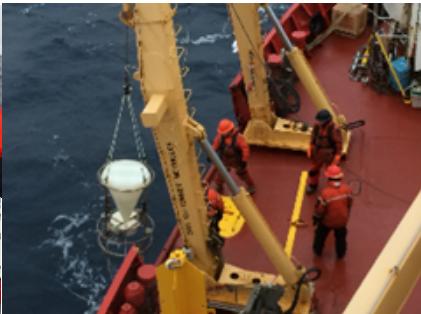
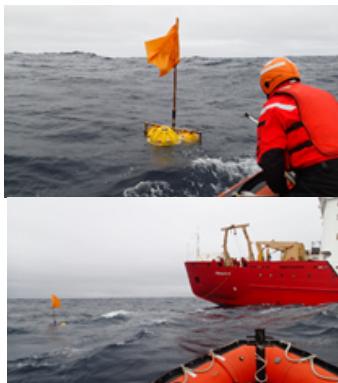
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## CCGS Amundsen cruise (in collaboration with ArcticNet)

### ● September 9 Barrow

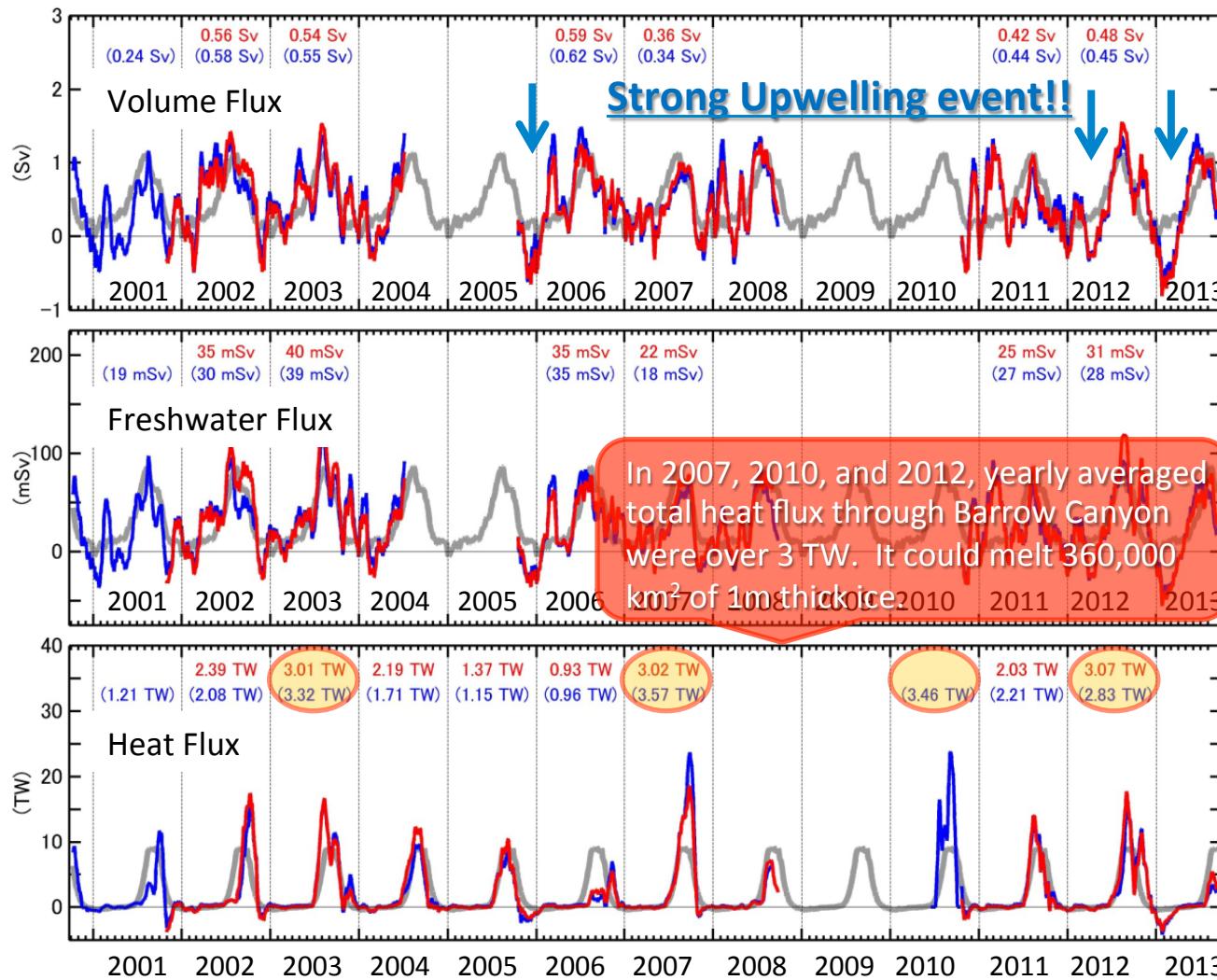
- ✓ DBO-5 CTD/water sampling
- ✓ BC mooring recoveries & deployments
- ✓ Sediment trap mooring recoveries
- ✓ Across-Canada basin CTD/ws
- ✓ Sea ice mission in the Canada Basin

### ● September 25 Kugluktuk



# Participation in ice breaker cruise in 2014

Monitoring of volume, heat and freshwater fluxes through Barrow Canyon by long-term moorings (2000 to present)



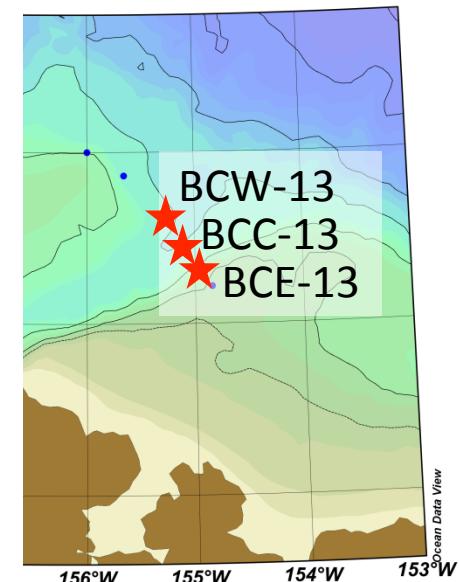
Yearly averaged fluxes  
 through Barrow Canyon  
 between 2001 and 2012

Volume: 0.48 Sv

Freshwater: 31 mSv

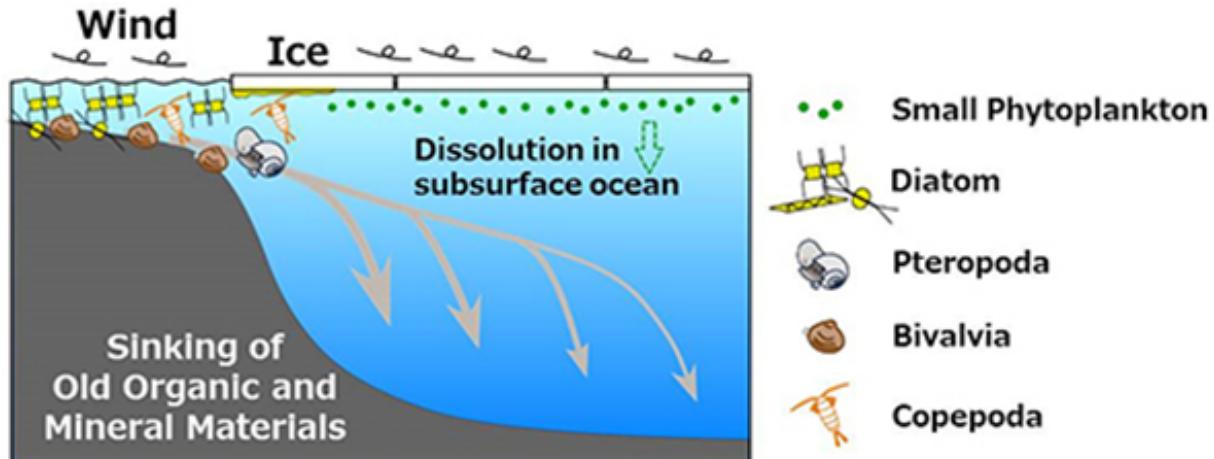
Heat: 2.25 TW

(Updated from Itoh et al., 2013)



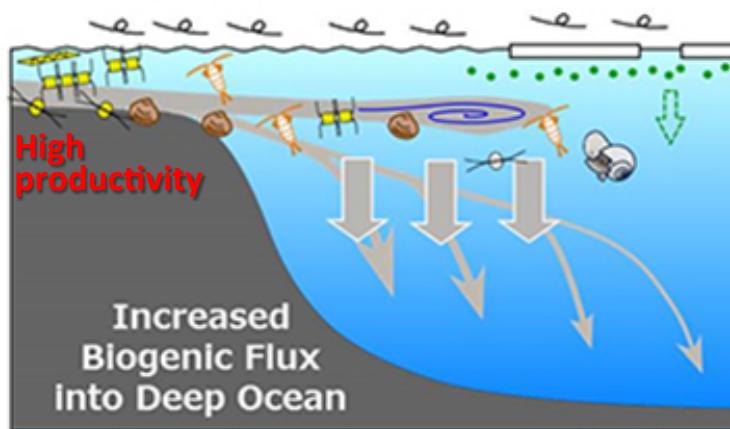
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## Enhanced Role of Eddies in Arctic Marine Ecosystems ~ Sea Ice Reduction Creates Better Plankton Habitat ~



After sea ice retreat

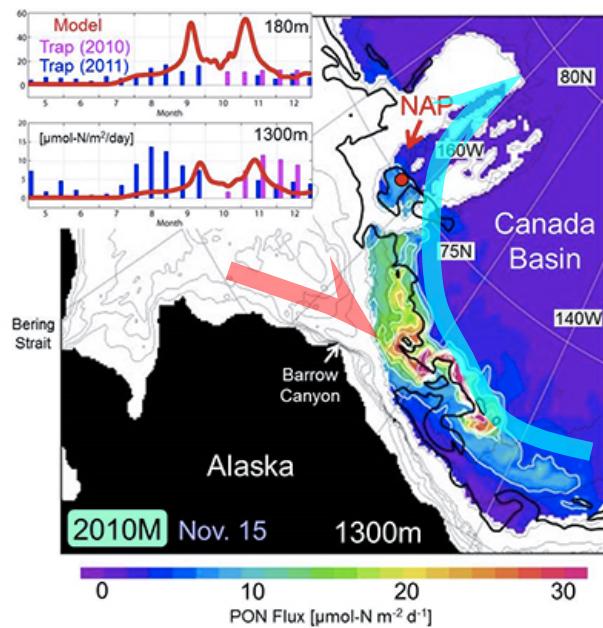
High Eddy Activity  
 Strong Ocean Current



**Plankton Habitat  
 is expanding  
 along Eddy Pathway**

Sea ice retreat causes high biological productivities on the (nutrient-rich) shelves and enhances eddy activity and ocean current in the deep basin area. As a result, plankton habitat is expanding along eddy pathway.

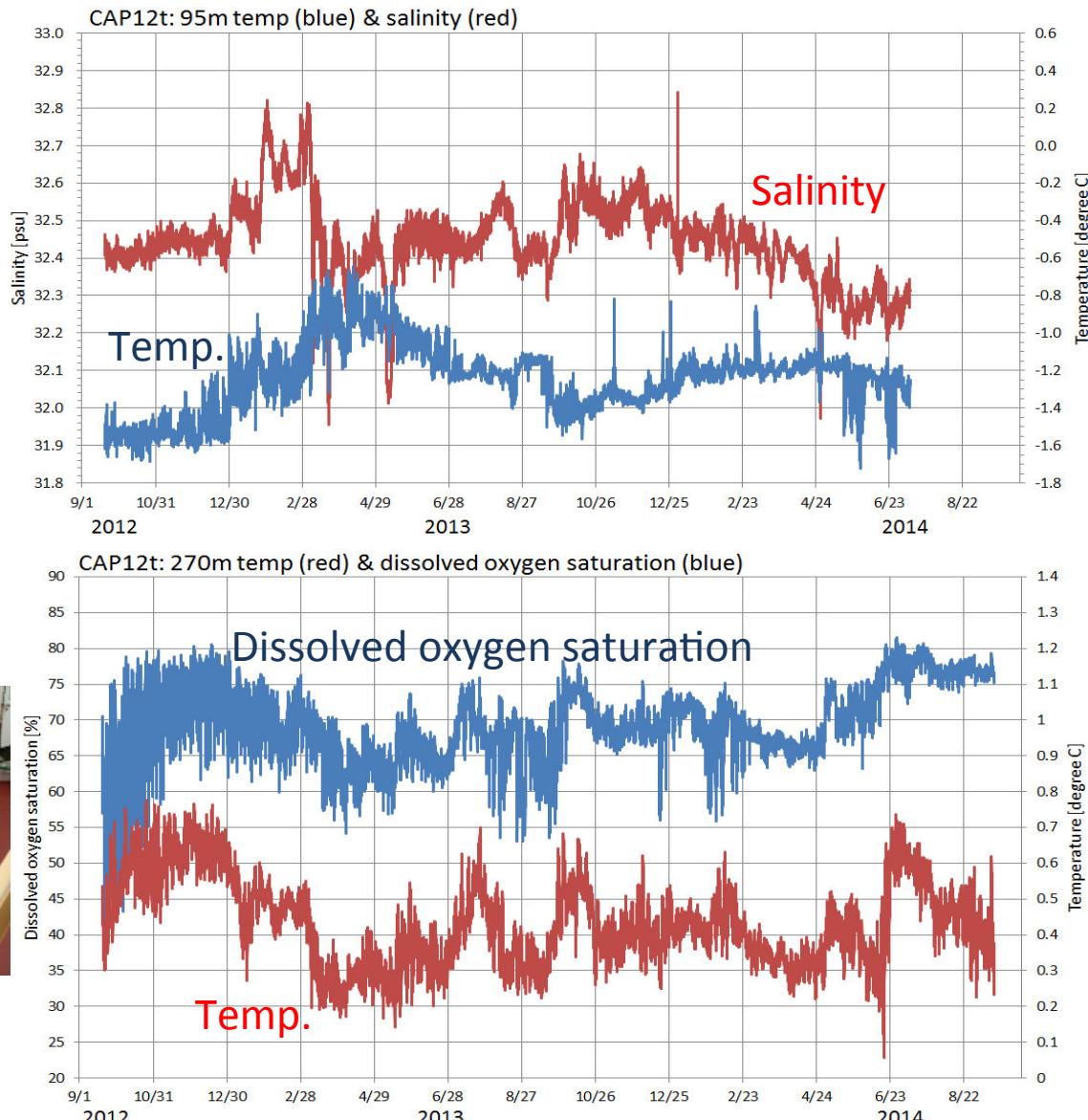
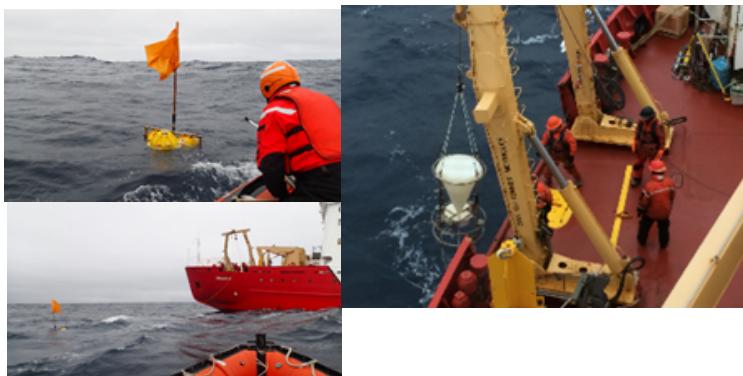
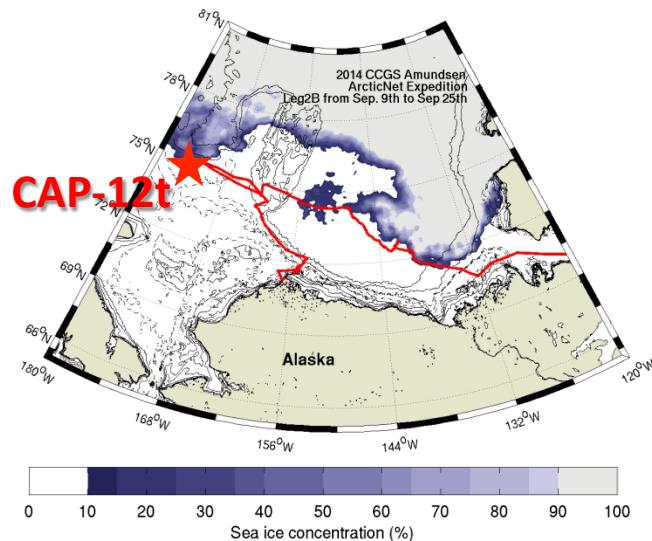
After Watanabe, Onodera, et al. (2014, Nature Comm.)



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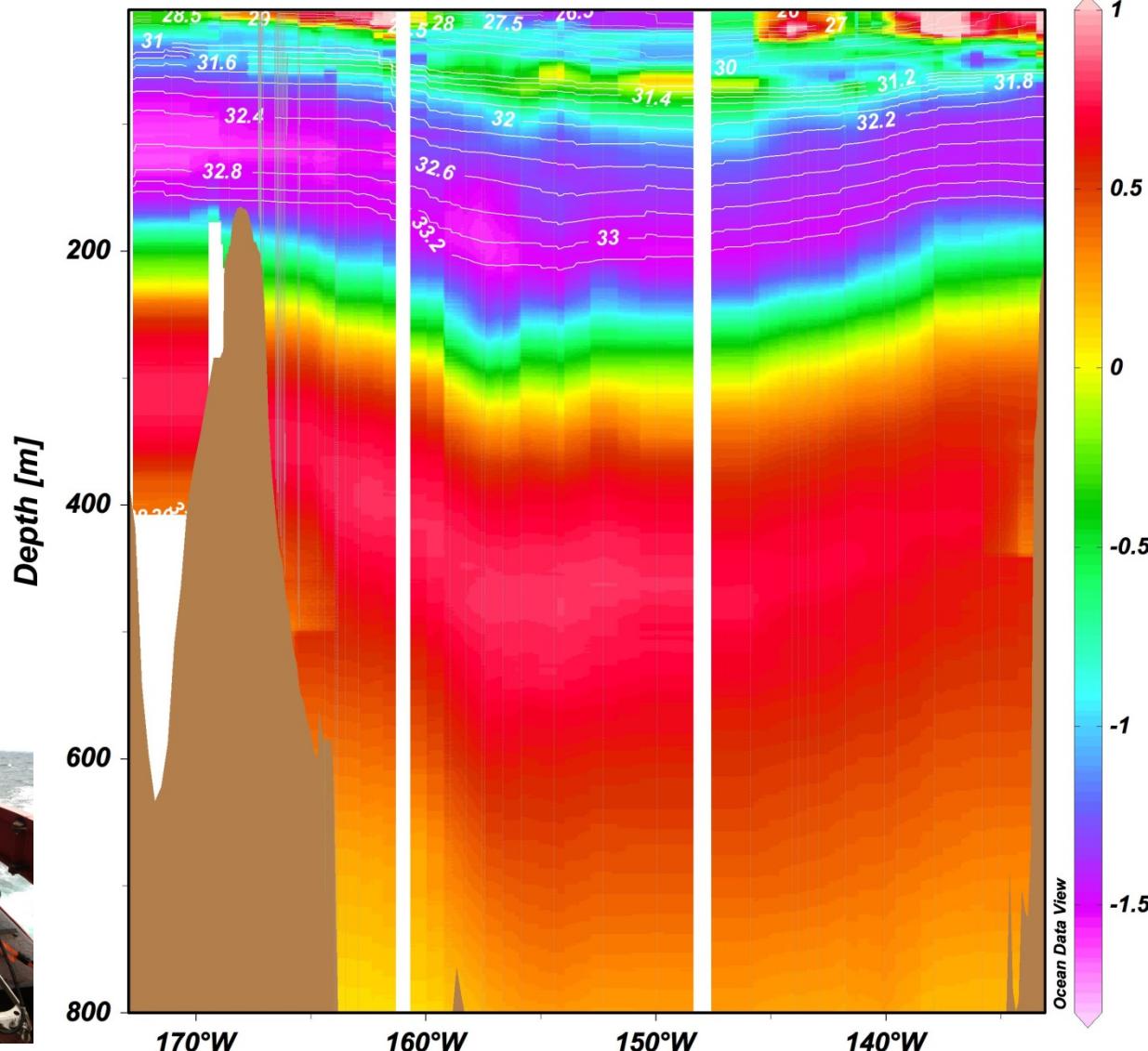
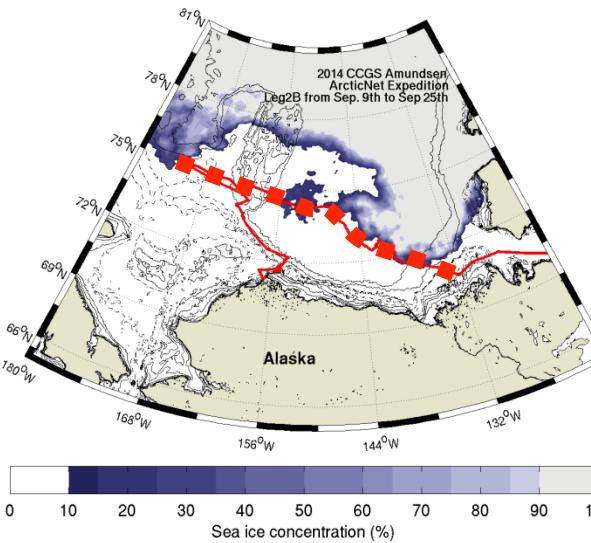
Preliminary result from CAP-12t  
 (Temperature, salinity, and DO)



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XCTD/MVP observation  
across the Canada Basin



Courtesy from Dr. Mizobata (Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology)

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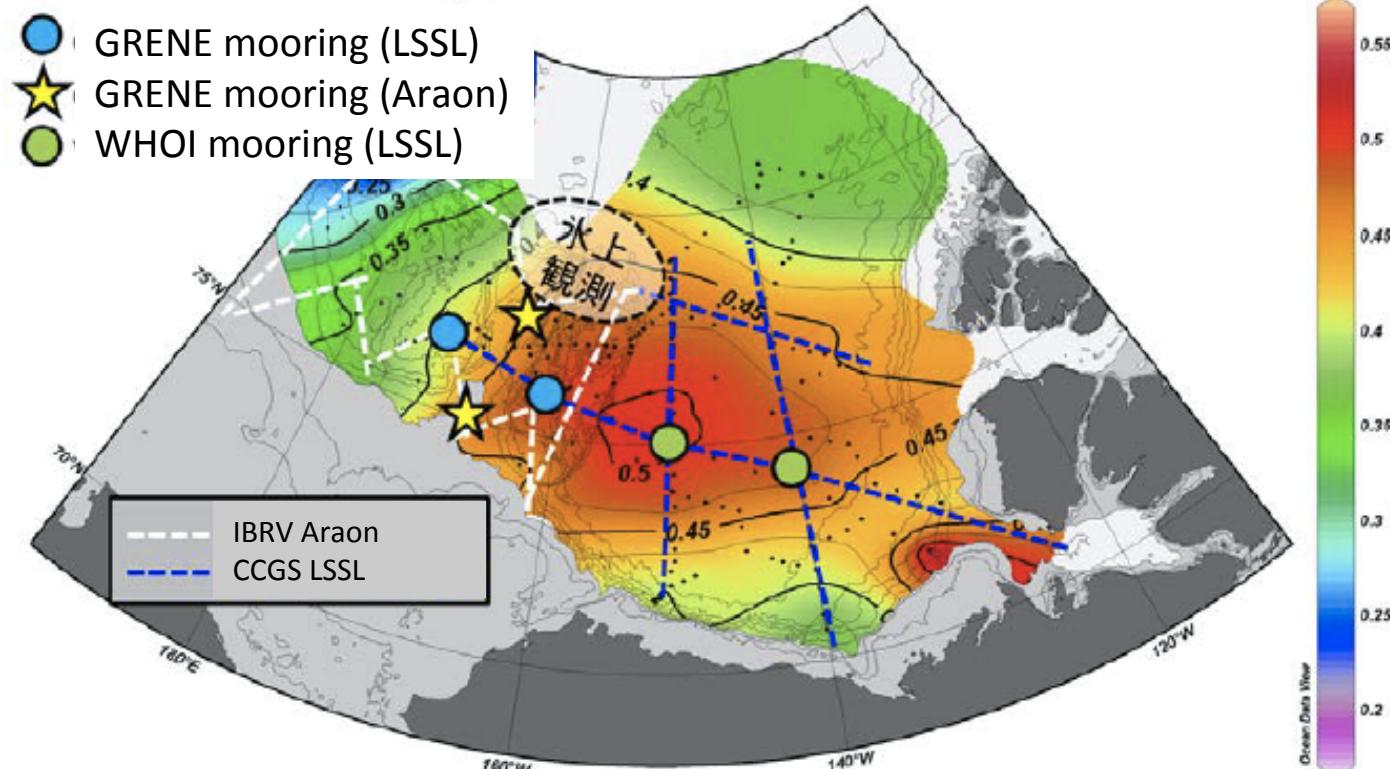
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CCGS Louis St. S-Laurant  
(From CCG web site)



RV ARAON  
(From KOPRI web site)



After "FY2014 plan of GRENE Arctic Climate Change Research Project" by Dr. Shimada

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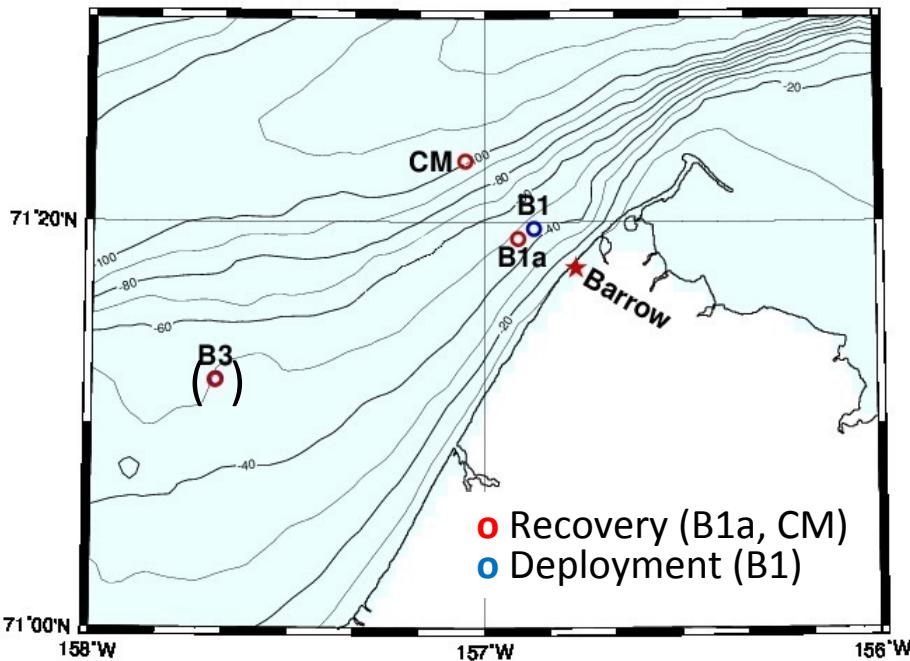
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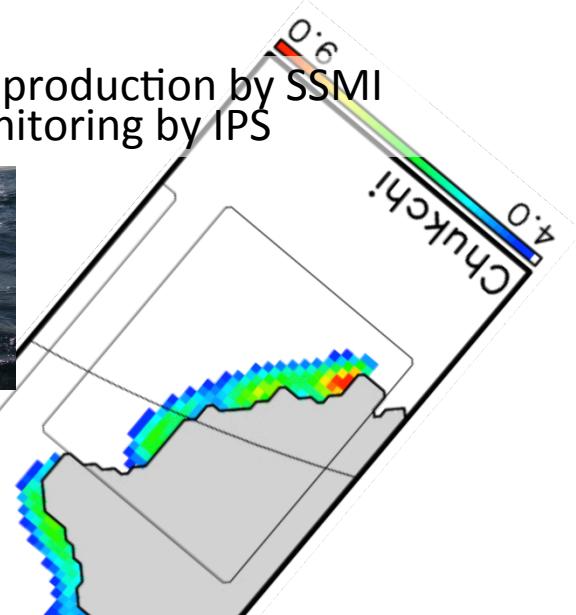
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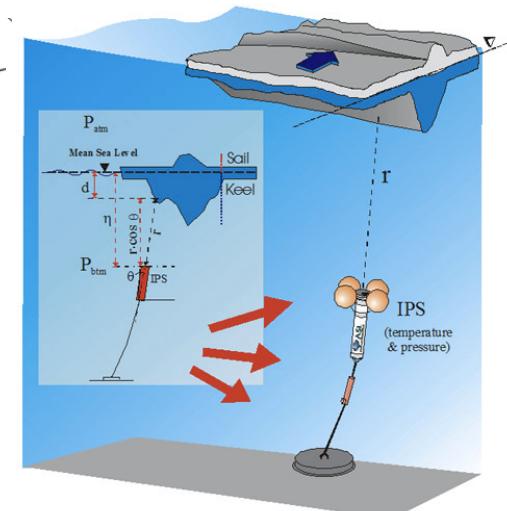
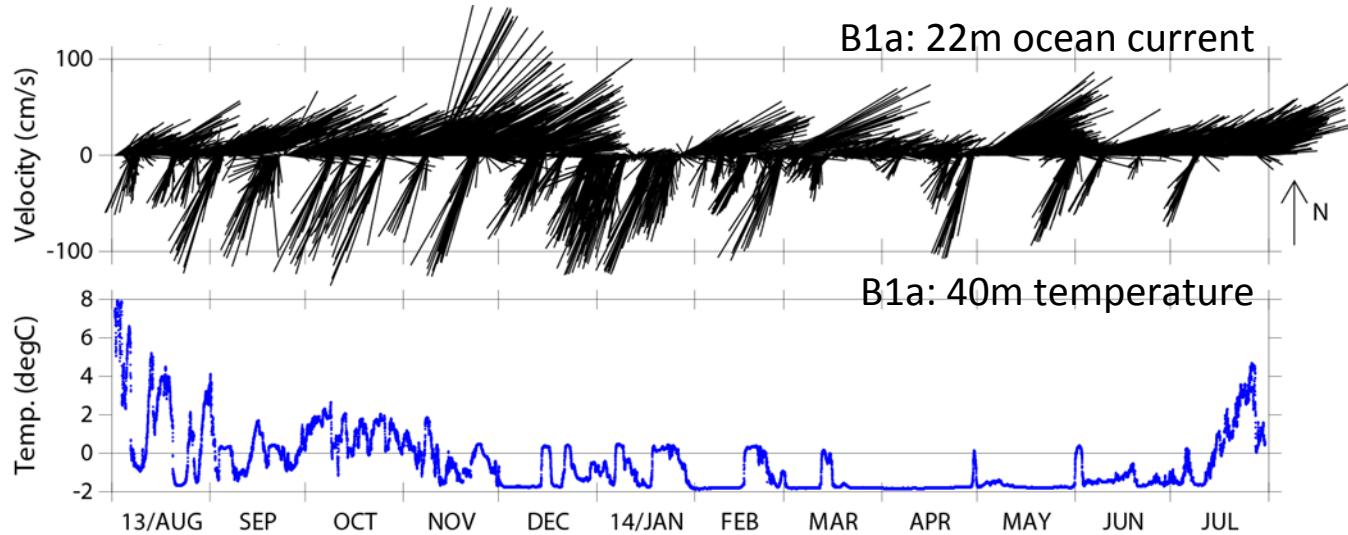
# Ice thickness monitoring off Barrow



Mapping of sea ice production by SSMI  
 & Ice thickness monitoring by IPS



Tamura & Ohshima, 2011, JGR



Courtesy from Dr. Fukamachi (Ints.Low Tem. Sci., Hokkaido University)

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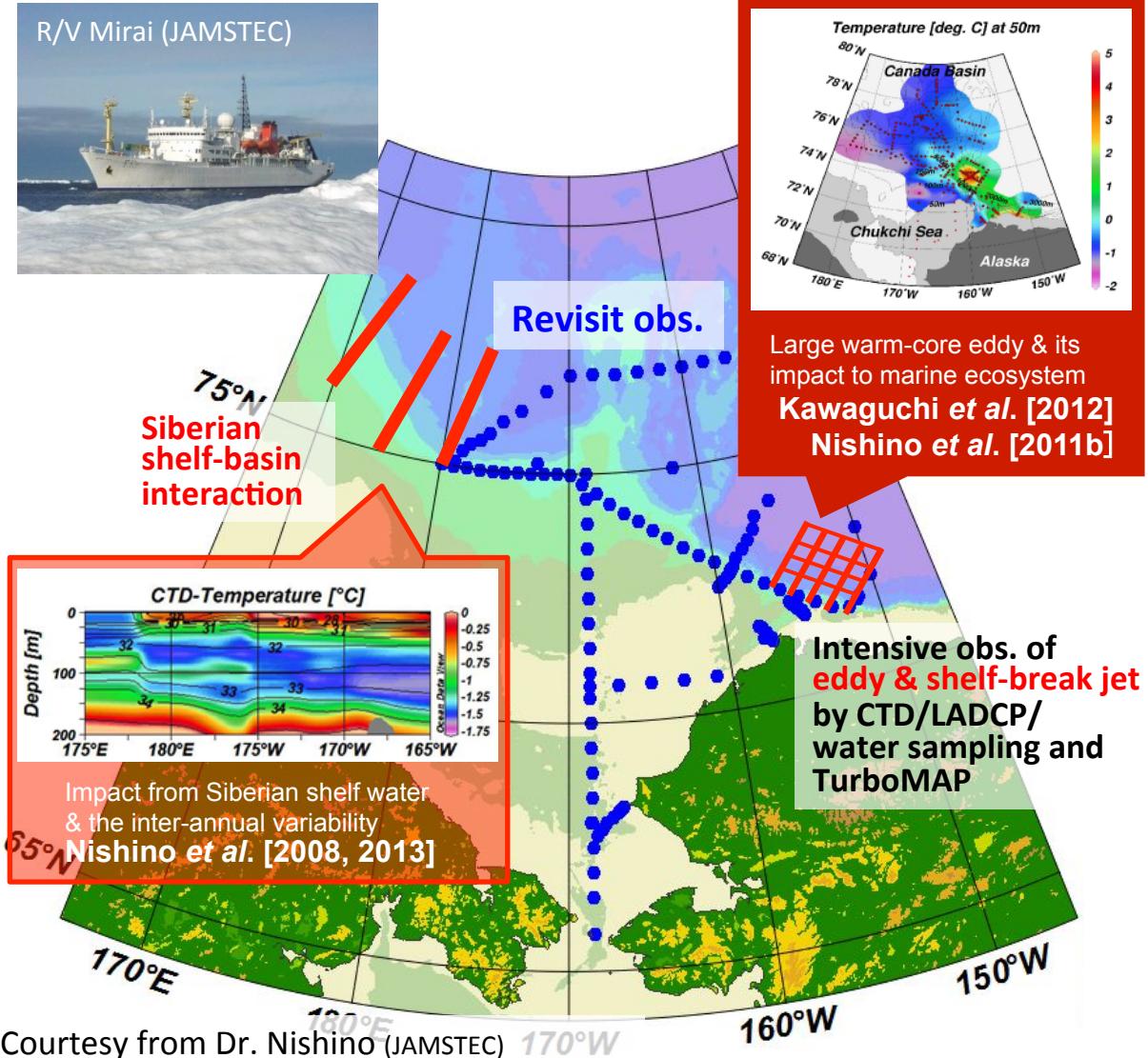
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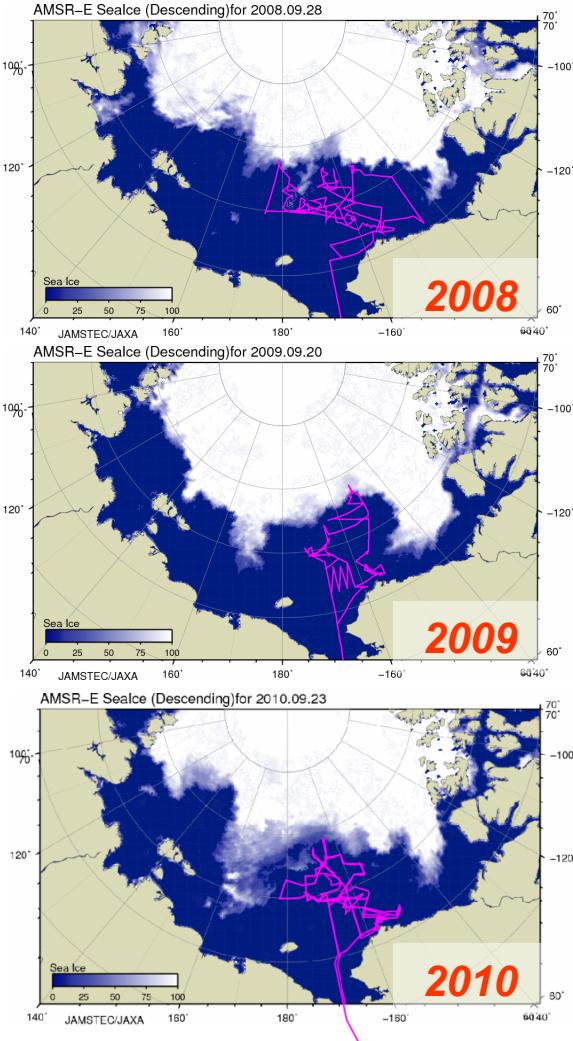
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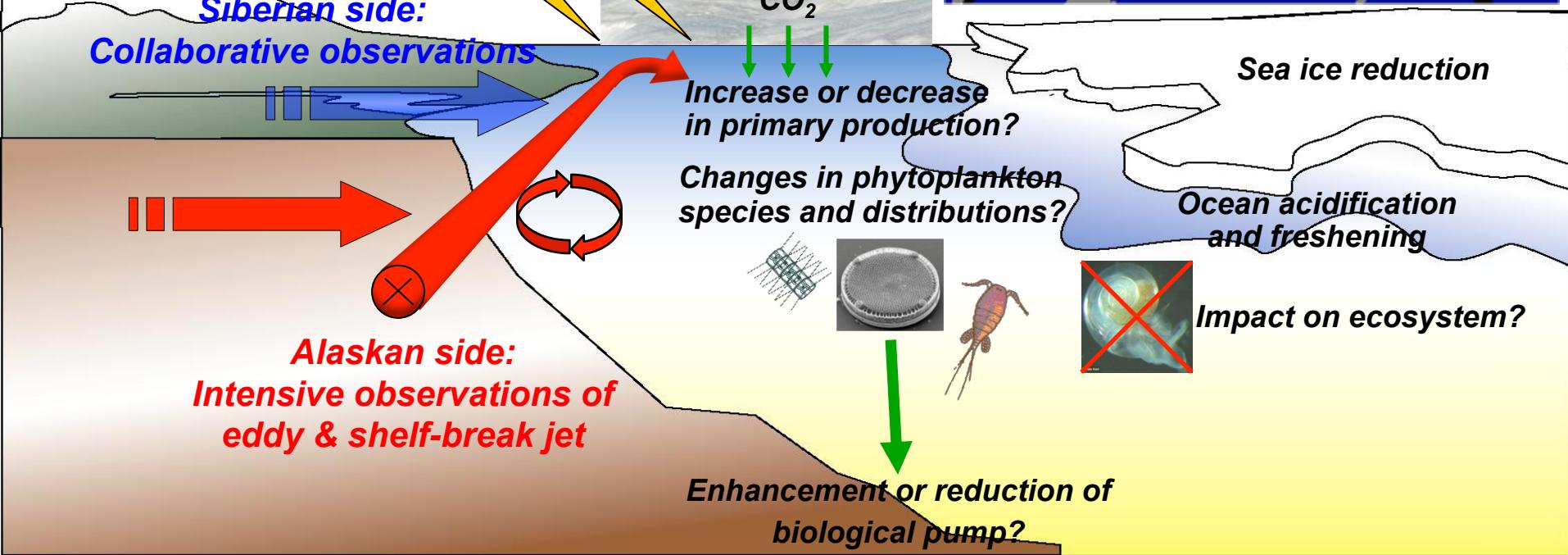
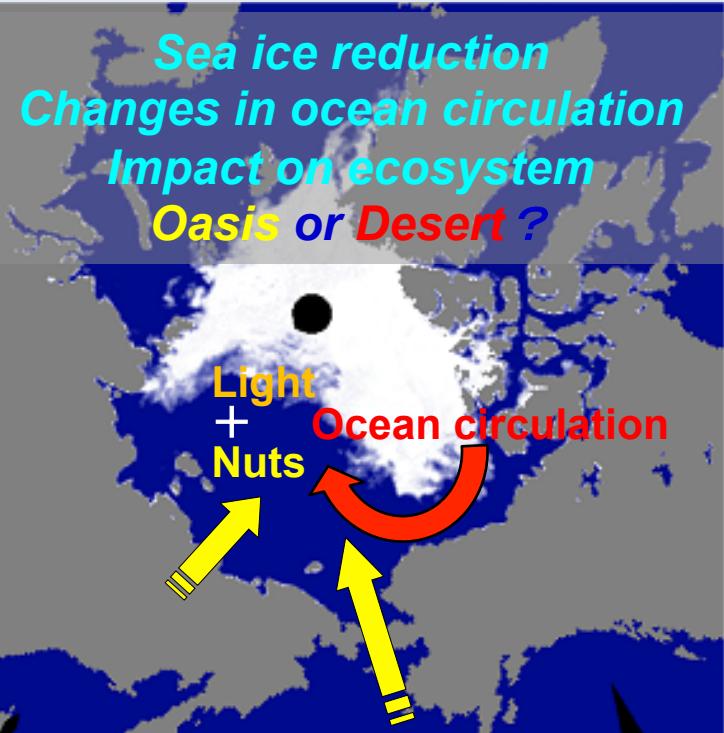
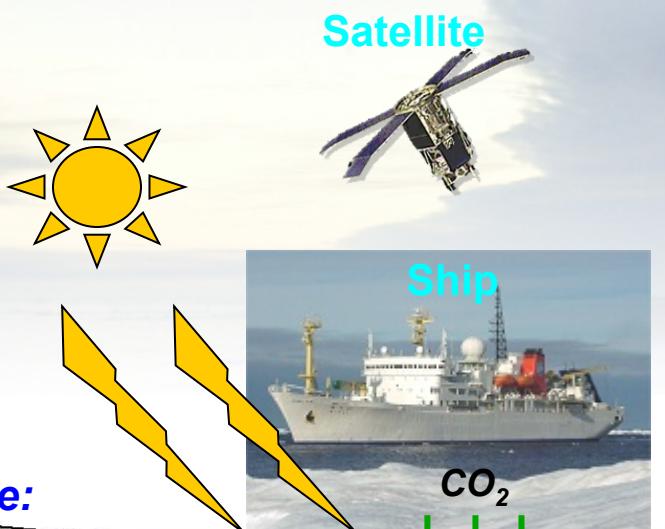


**PI: Dr. S. Nishino (JAMSTEC)**



# Schematics of 2015 R/V Mirai observational studies

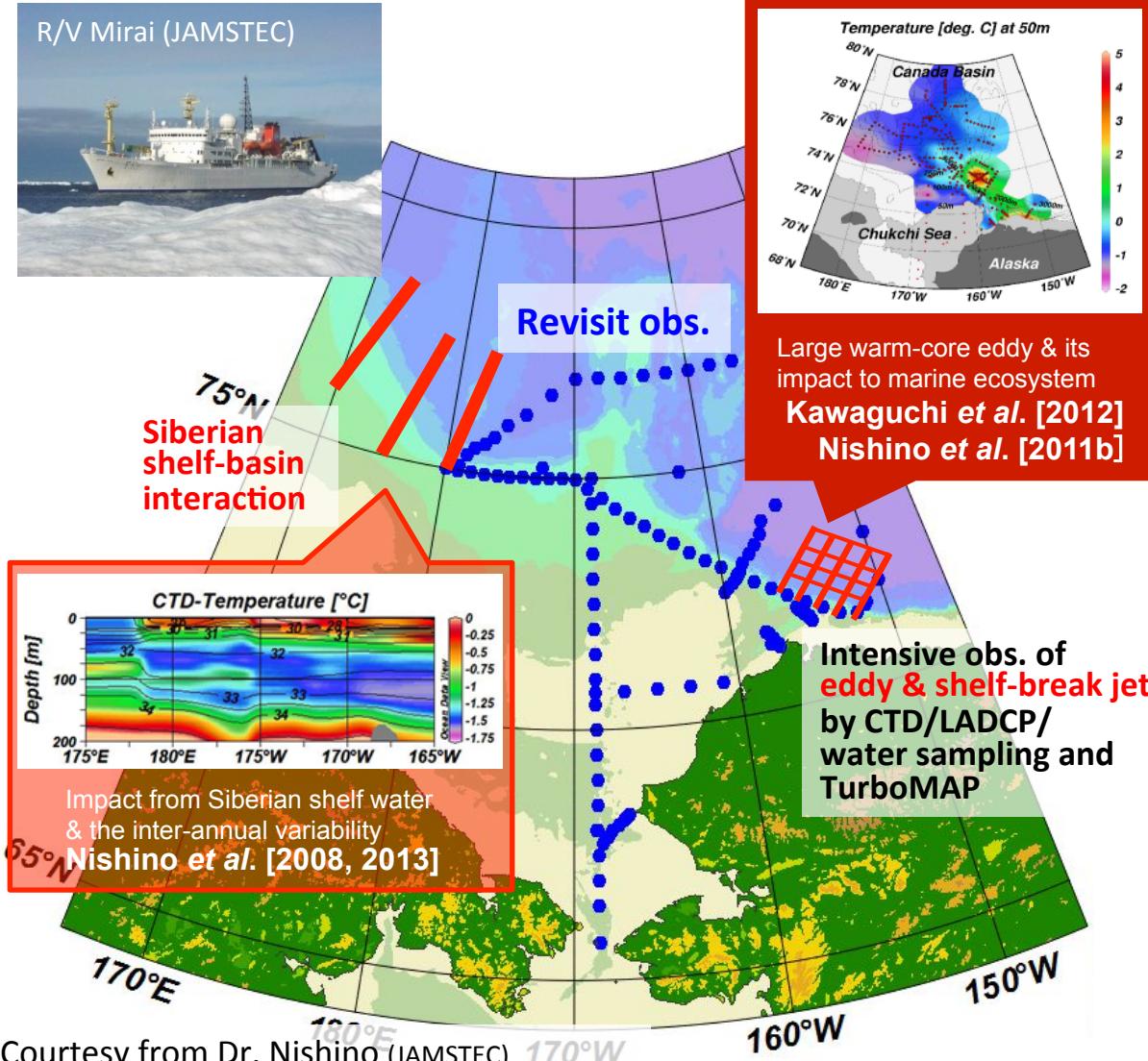
## Numerical model



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[ Tentative cruise plan ]

August 25: Hachinohe (JAPAN)

September 4: Bering Str.

**Observations  
in the Arctic Ocean**

October 3: Bering Str.

October 6: Dutch Harbor (in)

October 9: Dutch Harbor (out)

October 21: Hachinohe (JAPAN)