

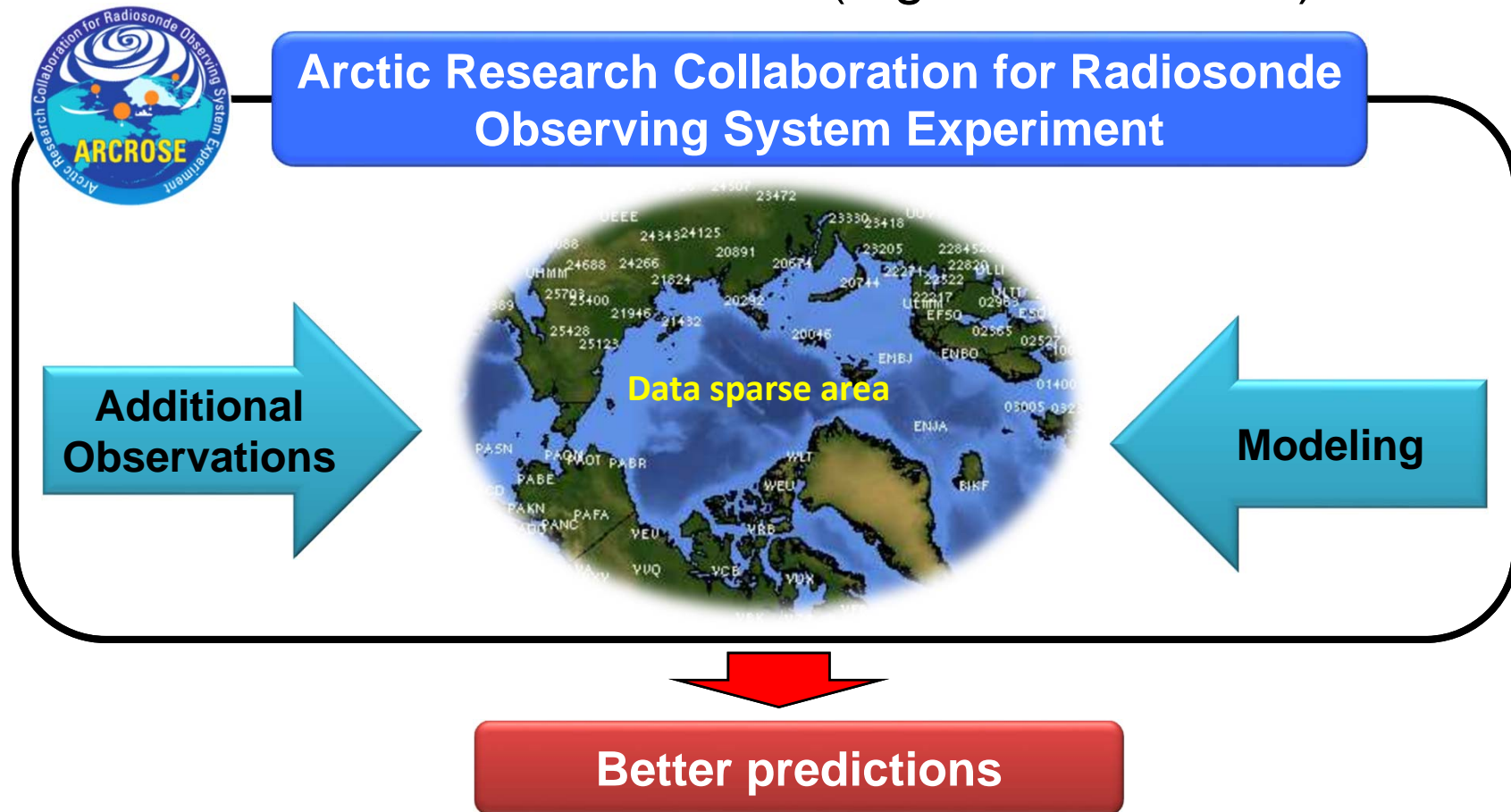


**Arctic Research Collaboration for  
Radiosonde Observing System Experiment  
(ARCROSE)**

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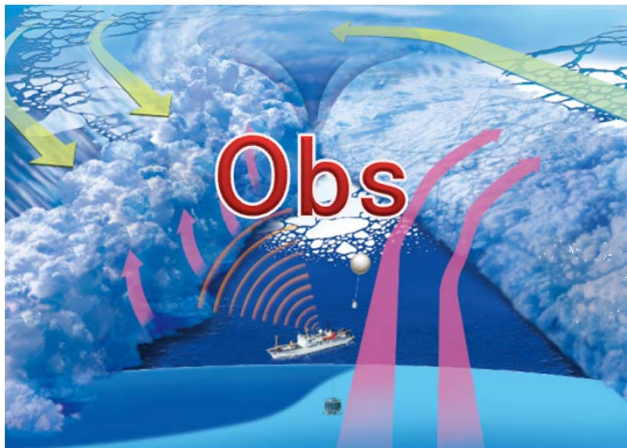
# Why are Arctic radiosonde data important ?

- ✓ improvements of weather & sea-ice forecasts over NSR
  - strong winds, high waves, icing caused by Arctic cyclones
- ✓ understanding the linkage between Arctic and mid-latitudes
  - extreme events over Eurasia (e.g. severe winter)



# Predictability studies for YOPP & MOSAiC

- ✓ Frequent radiosonde obs. from ships & land stns.  
R/Vs *Mirai* & *Polarstern*, *Ny-Alesund*, etc.  
→ Improvements of NWP and reanalyses
- ✓ Data assimilation (DA)  
**Observing System Experiment (OSE)**  
→ Evaluating the effect of intensive obs., and  
proposing a future observing network



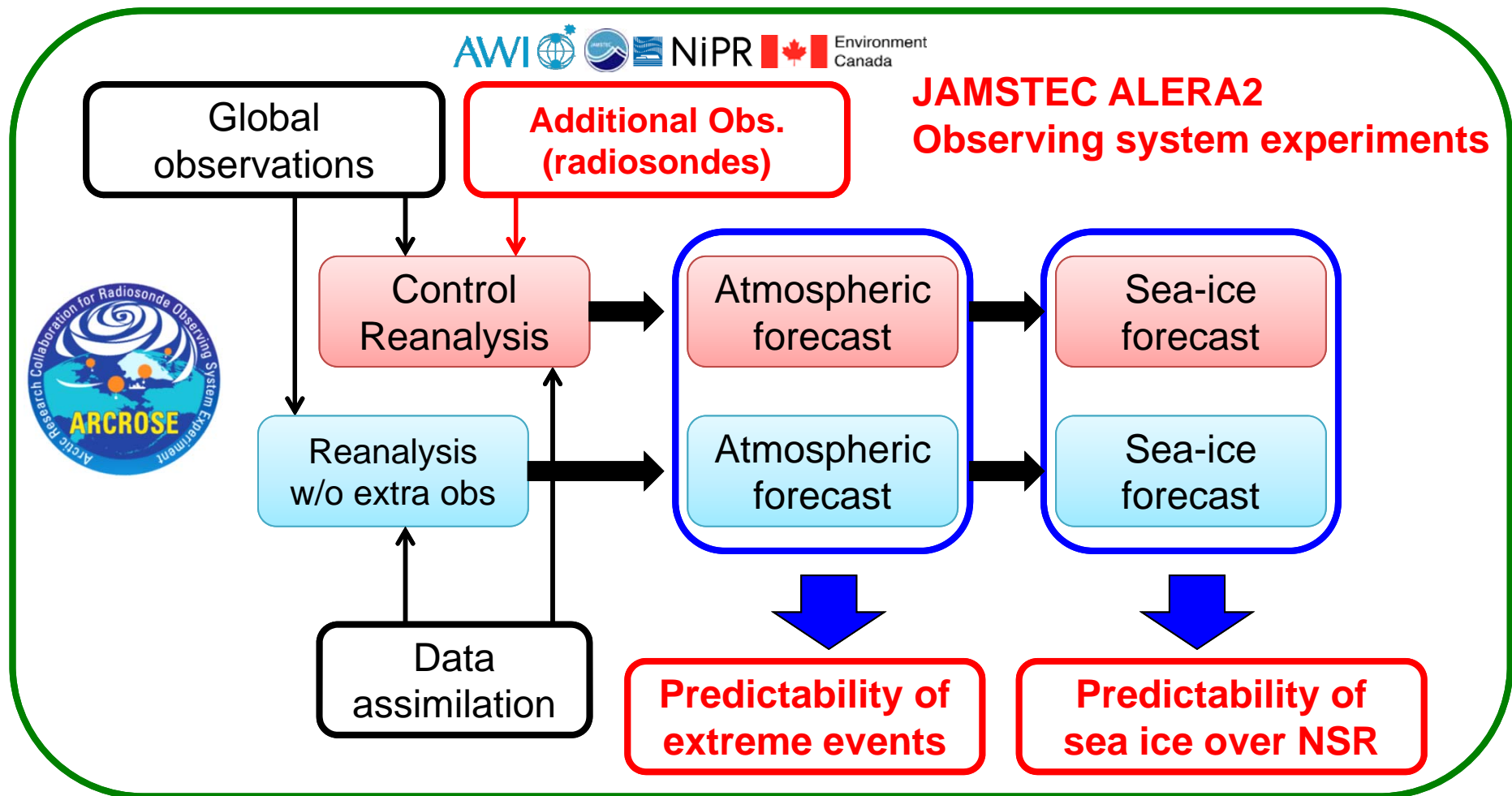
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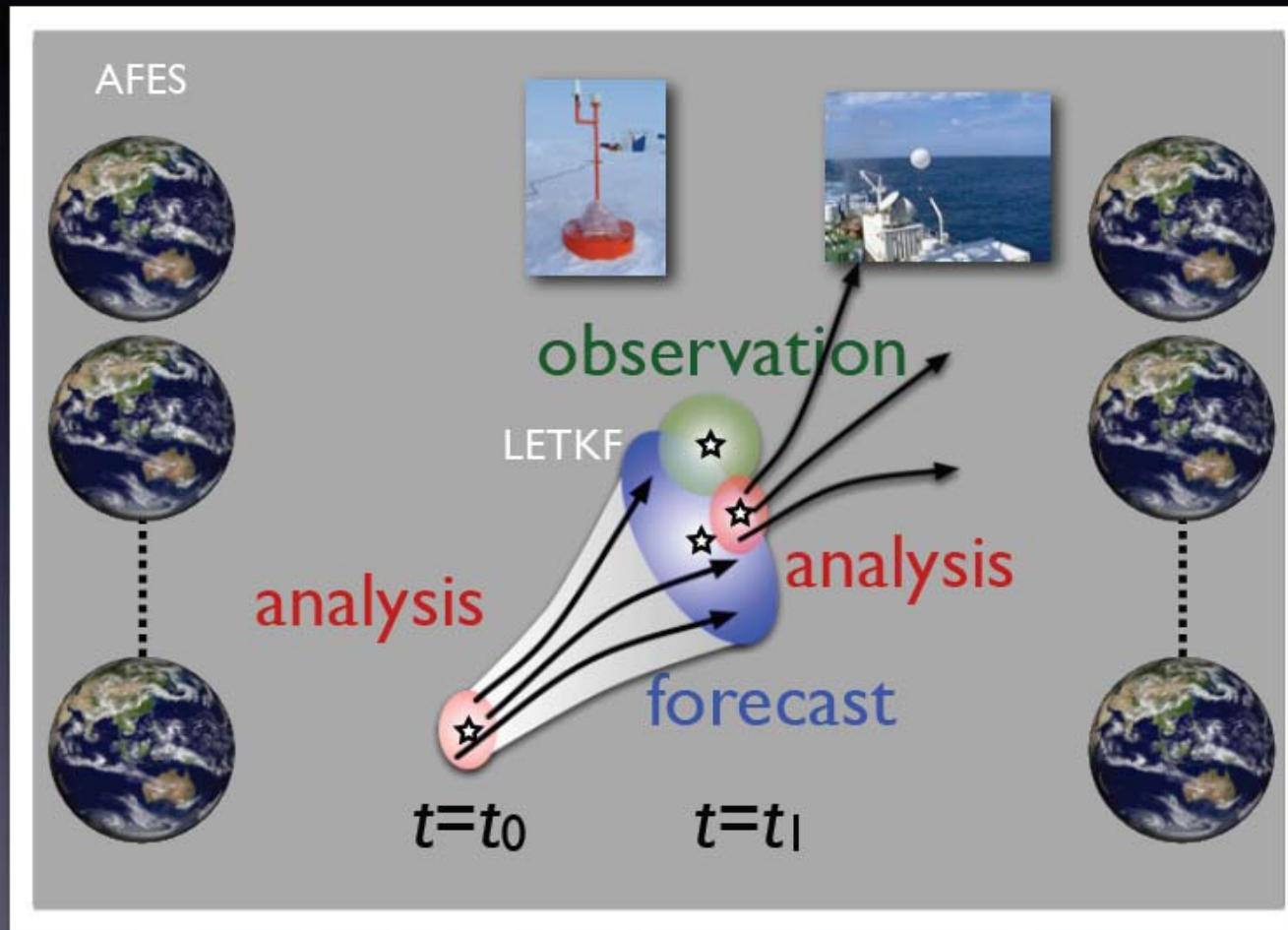


# Pilot Studies for YOPP & MOSAiC

- Aug 2012 (RV Polarstern: a great cyclone case)
- Sep 2013 (RV Mirai, Ny-Ålesund, Alert & Eureka)
- Sep 2014 (RVs Polarstern, Mirai, & Oden; Ny-Ålesund, Alert & Eureka)



# ALEDAS: AFES-LETKF Ensemble Data Assimilation System



LETKF: Hunt et al. 2007; Miyoshi and Yamane 2007; Miyoshi et al. 2007

AFES: Numaguti et al. 1997; Ohfuchi et al. 2004; Enomoto et al. 2008

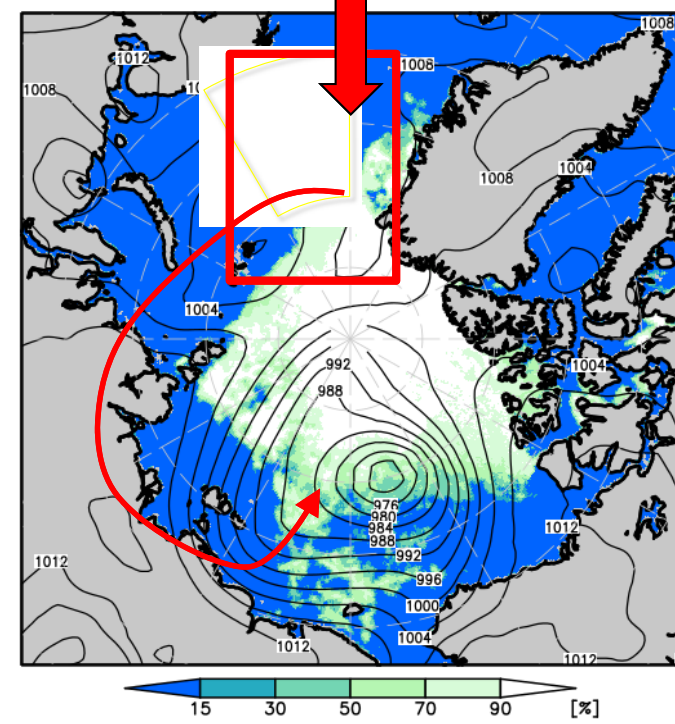
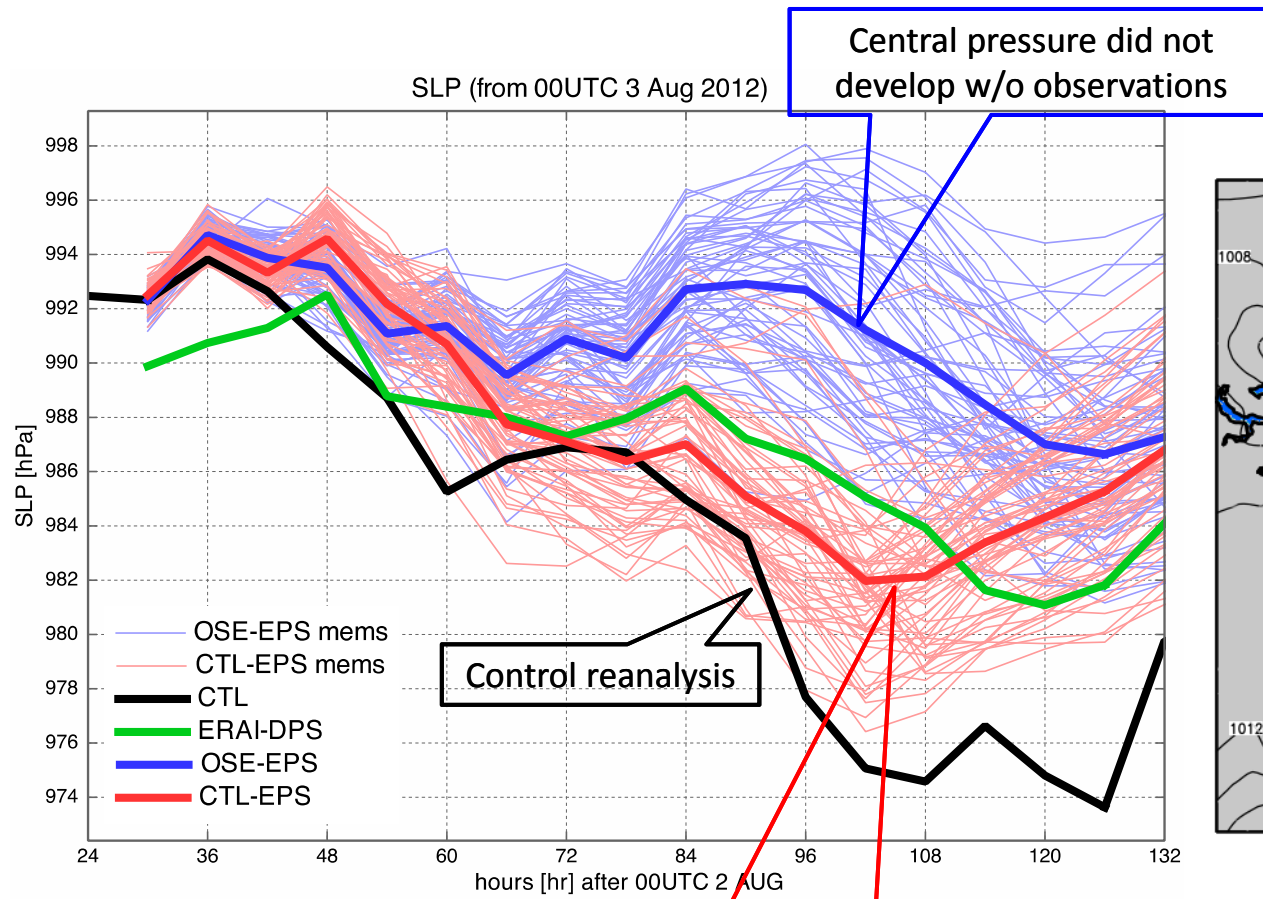


# ALERA2 features

- Larger ensemble size (from 40 to 63)
- Improved model physics (cloud and land surface etc)
- Covariance localization by distance
- High-res SST and ice (NOAA daily 1/4° OI SST)
- Publicly obtainable observations (prepbufr)
- Forecast values (precip, radiative and surface fluxes)

# Application to forecasting Arctic cyclones

Special observations from R/V Polarstern improves the predictability of the great Arctic cyclone on Aug. 6, 2012.





# Stationary observations by RV Mirai (21UTC 10 Sep. – 00UTC 26 Sep. 2013)



3-hourly: Radiosondes

6-hourly: CTD/R, Plankton nets

Twice daily: TurboMAP, Clean water sampling

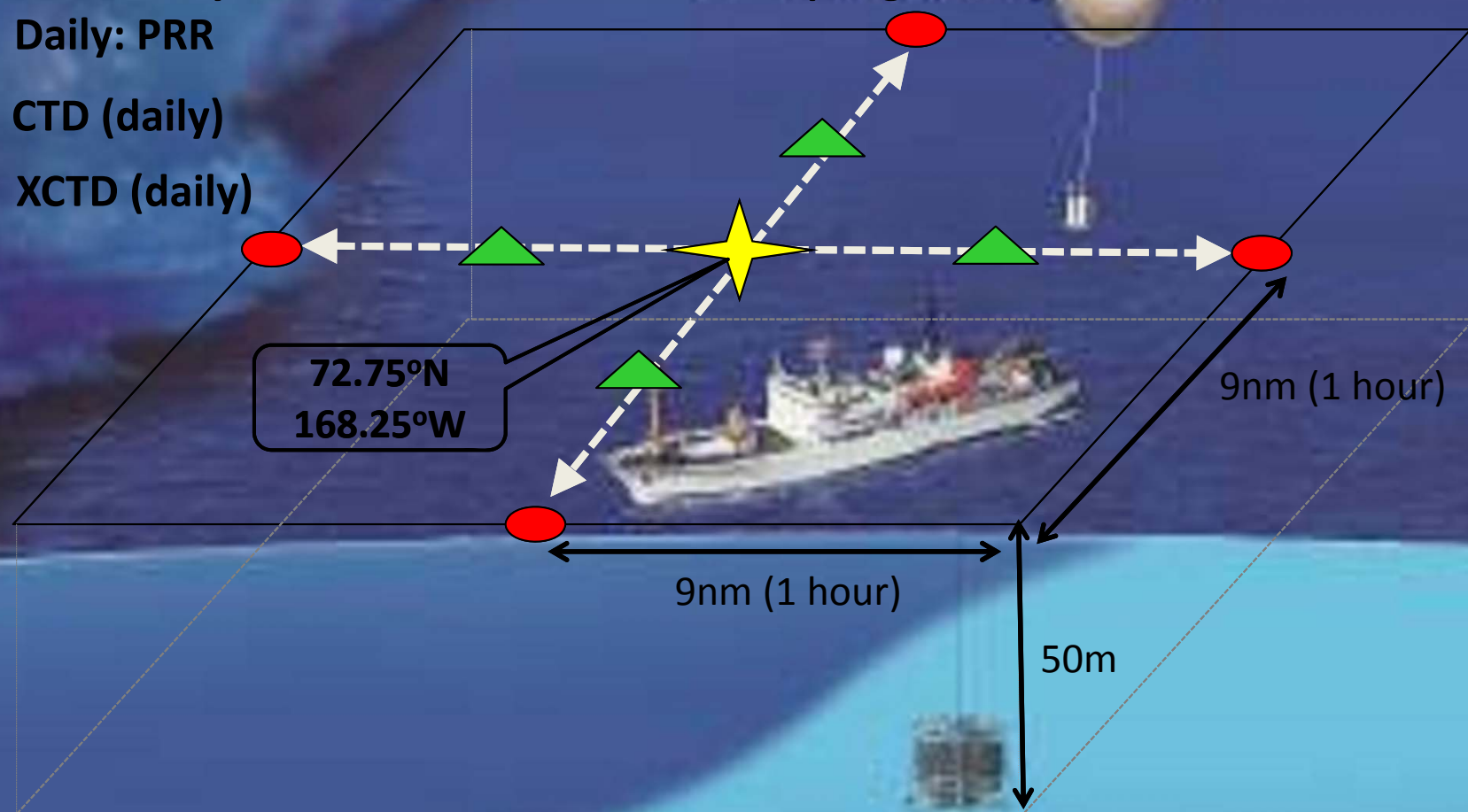
Daily: PRR



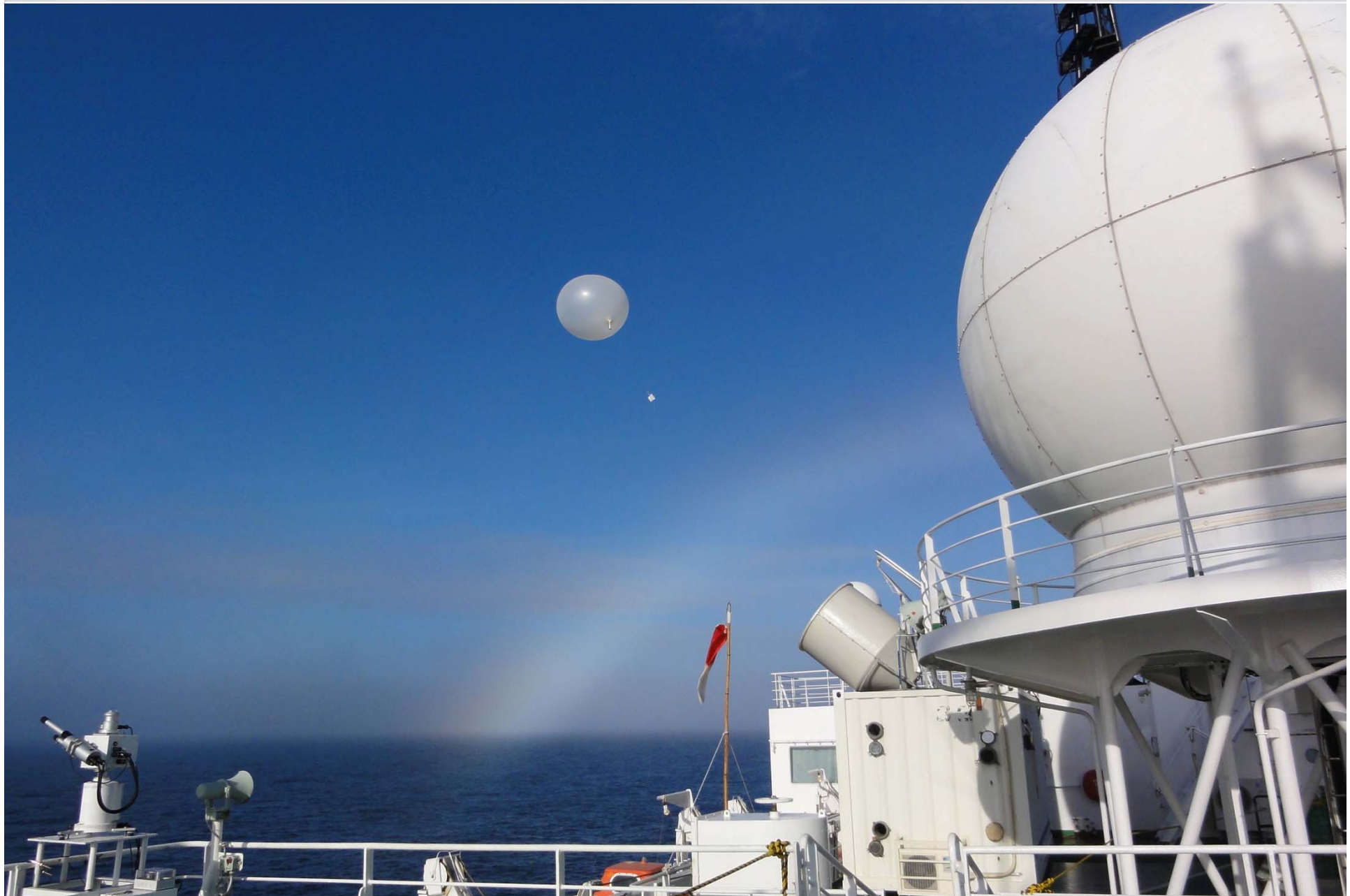
CTD (daily)



XCTD (daily)



# Arctic Ocean Research using R/V Mirai





# ARCROSE2013 & 2014



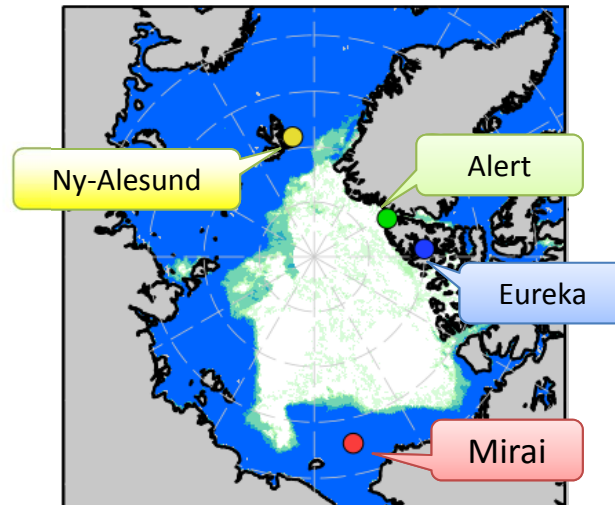
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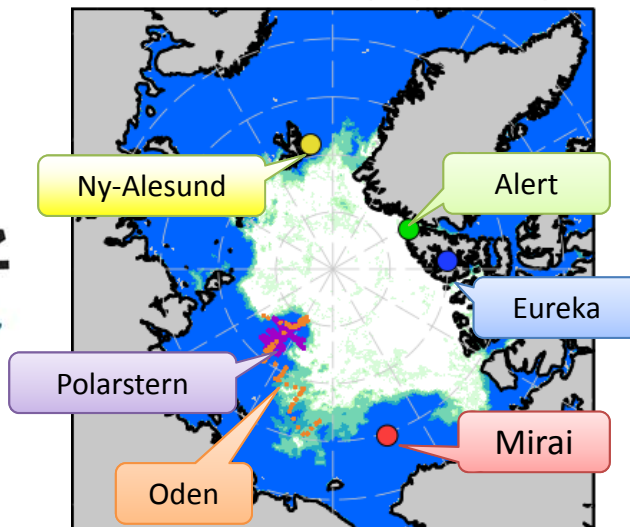
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### ARCROSE2013 (Sep 11-24)



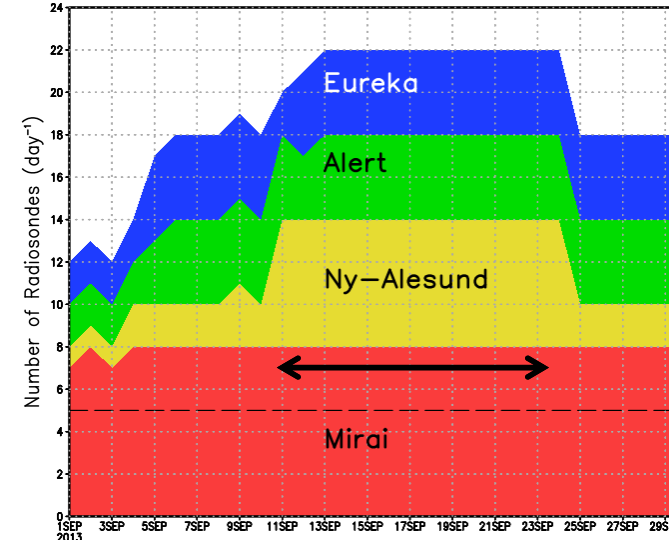
### ARCROSE2014 (Sep 6-25)



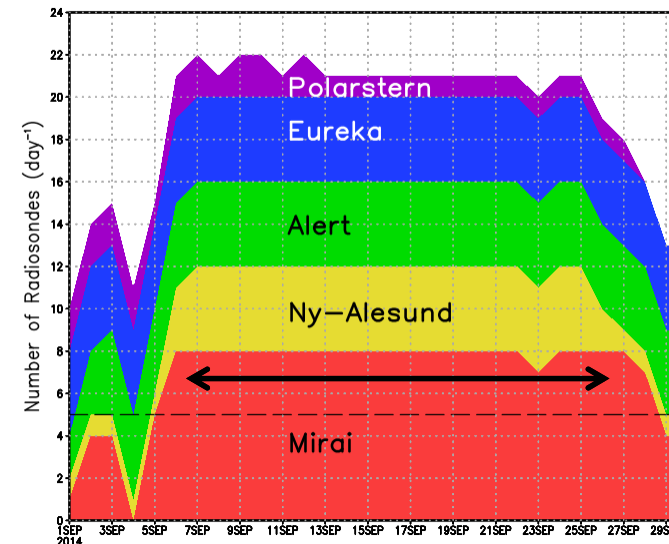
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### ARCROSE 2013



### ARCROSE 2014



GTS status in NCEP ADP Global Upper Air Observations  
→ 22 launches per day during ARCROSE

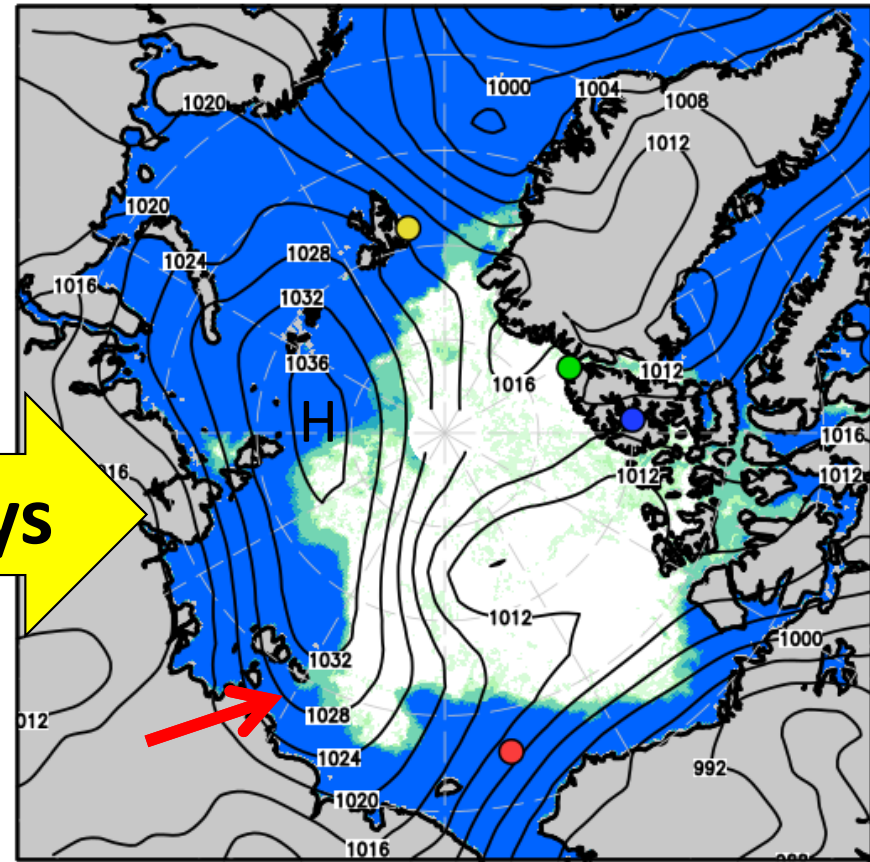
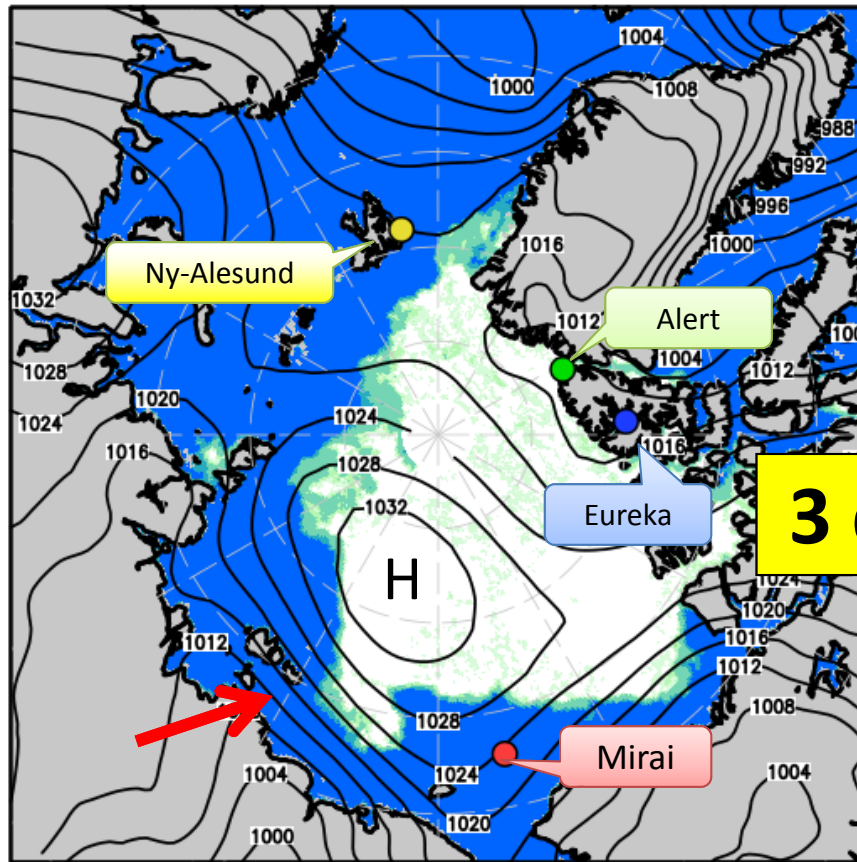


# Northern Sea Route was closed during ARCROSE2013

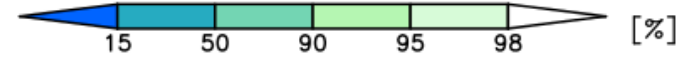
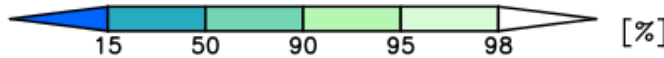
- A good case to investigate the impact of ARCROSE data on the predictability of high pressure system

19 Sep 2013

21 Sep 2013



3 days





# Setting for Observing System Experiments (OSE)

- Control reanalysis (63 members) was made by assimilating all ARCROSE data
- Observing System Experiment (OSE) reanalyses were made
- Ensemble forecast runs were conducted by using each reanalysis

The daily number of radiosondes used in OSE

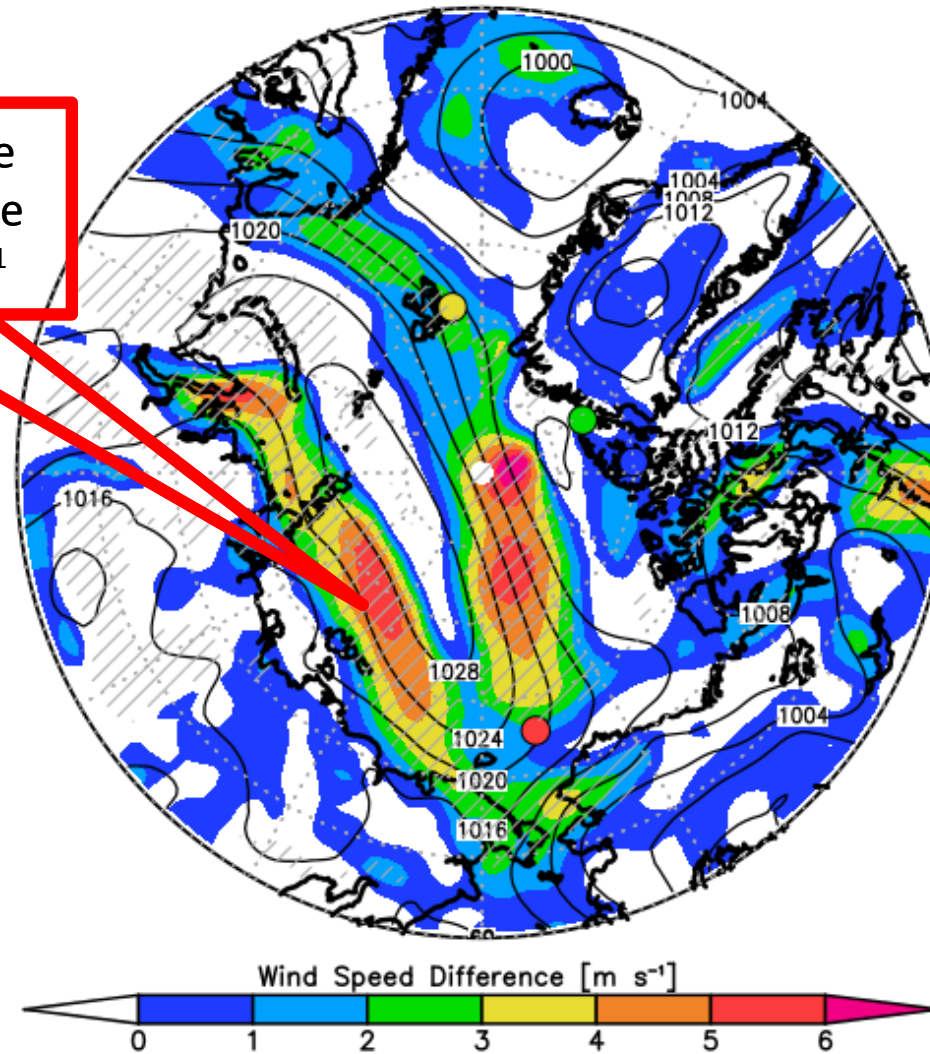
	Mirai	Eureka		Alert		Ny-Alesund	
	IOP	IOP	operational	IOP	operational	IOP	operational
CTL	8	2	2	2	2	5	1
OSE <sub>MEAN</sub>	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
OSE <sub>M</sub>	0	2	2	2	2	5	1
OSE <sub>EA</sub>	8	0	2	0	2	5	1
OSE <sub>N</sub>	8	2	2	2	2	0	1





# Difference in SLP & winds between CTL and OSE<sub>MEAN</sub>

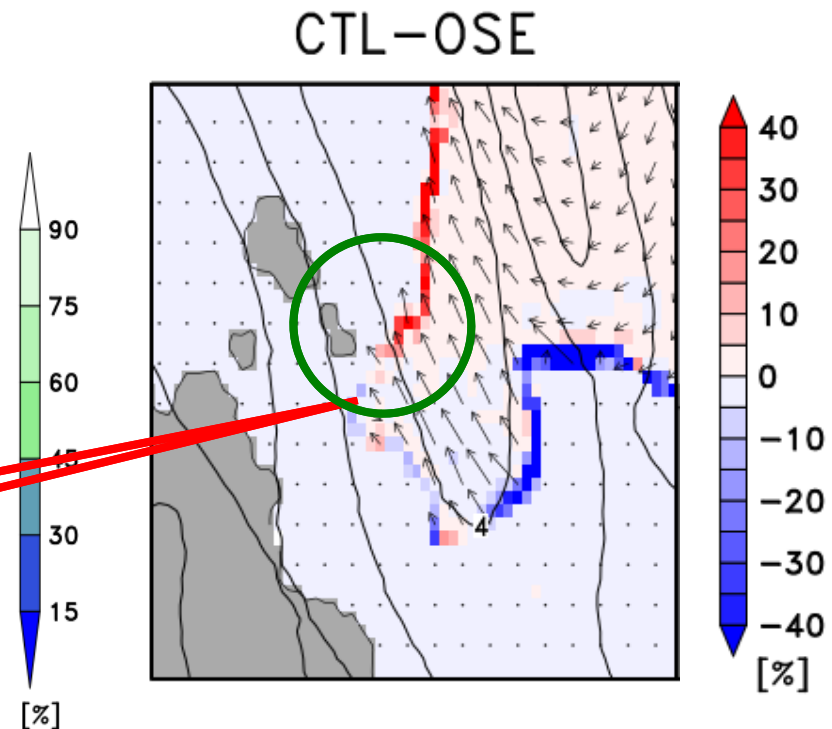
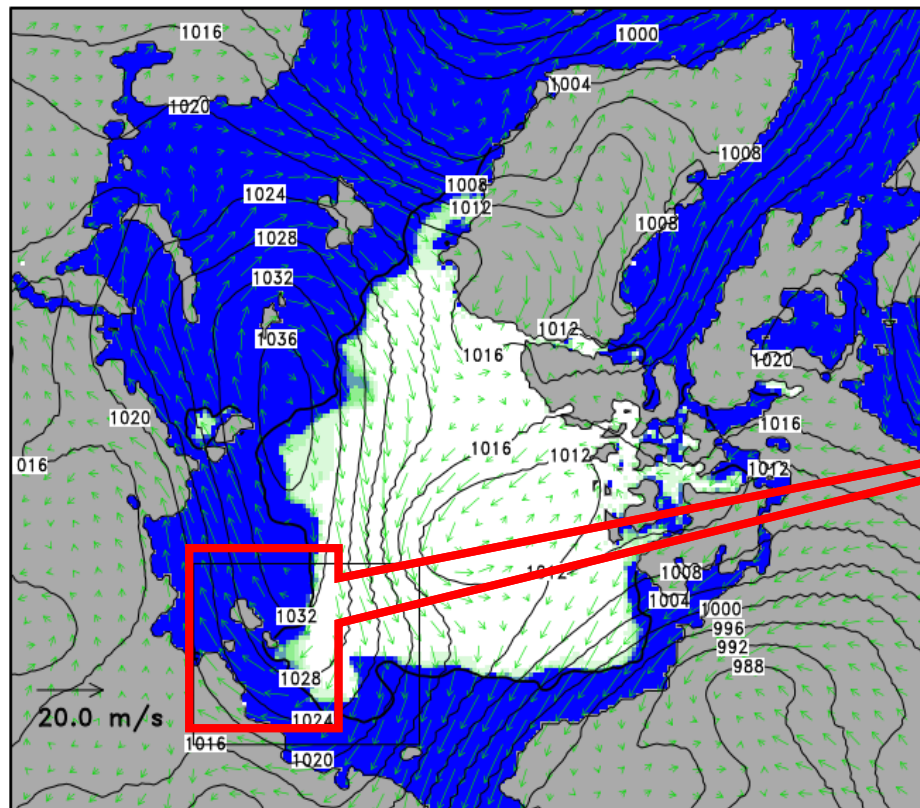
Difference in surface wind speed along the NSR exceeds  $4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$





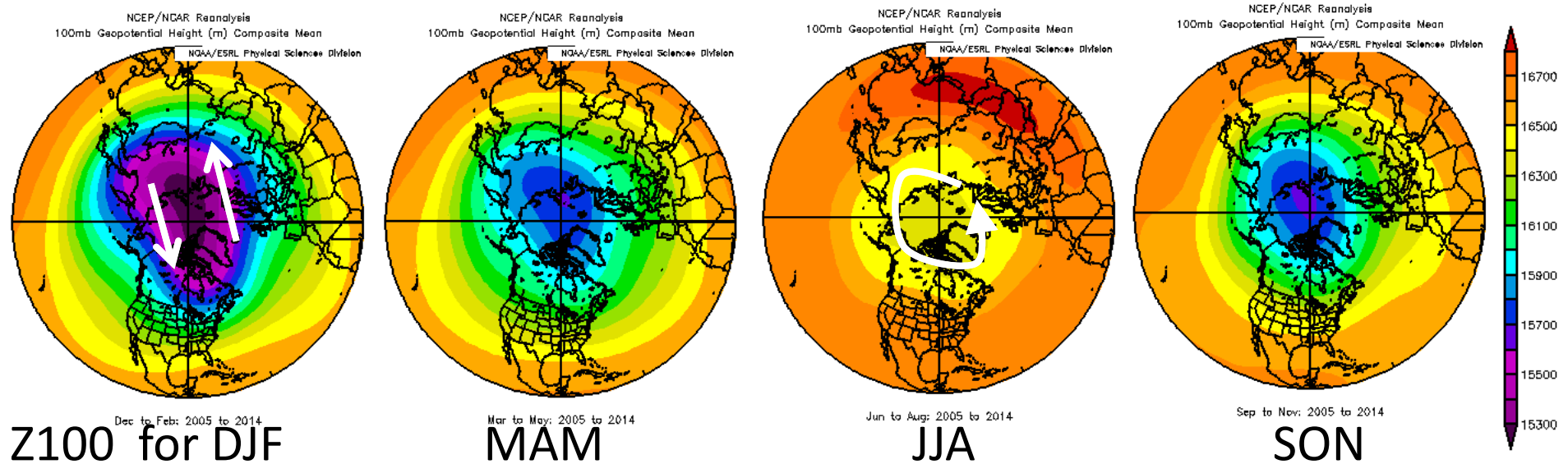
# Prediction of sea-ice distribution (6 days forecast)

- ✓ Only sea-ice drift is considered (no **thermodynamic** sea-ice growth)
  - ✓ CTL forecast: forced by CTL atmospheric field (**with** ARCROSE2013 data)
  - ✓ OSE forecast: forced by OSE atmospheric field (**w/o** ARCROSE2013 data)
- 21Sept2013 (ERA-Interim)



NSR tends to be closed by sea-ice advection in CTL forecast due to stronger wind speeds

# When and Where ?



- **JJA: Local** effect over the Arctic  
(local obs over the Arctic Ocean and coastal stations)
- **DJF: Remote** effect from the Arctic to midlatitudes  
(obs at southern stations are desired too )





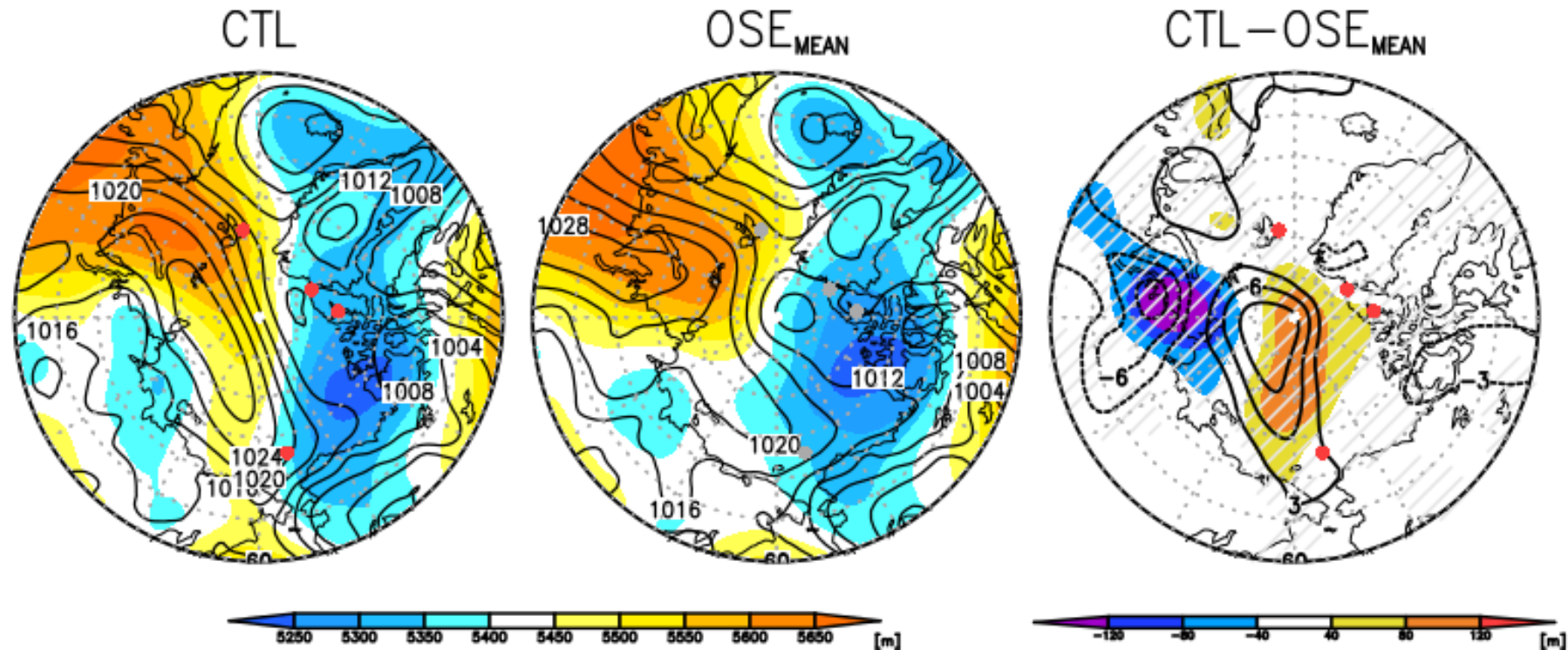
# Challenges towards YOPP/MOSAIC



- ✓ Understanding **seasonality** in particular winter (e.g. N-ICE2015)
  - predictions of extreme cold winters
- ✓ Collaboration with **operational** agencies (ECMWF, NCEP, etc)
  - They must have opinions for additional observations (e.g. Cost effective number of stations or obs frequency)
- ✓ Coordination of **land stations** (e.g. Alert & Eureka)
  - Russian stations ?
- ✓ Impact of atmospheric forecasts on **sea-ice forecasts**
  - More applied challenging works



# 6 days forecast for SLP (cont.) and Z500 (color)



The difference between CTL & OSE was found at different place from ARCROSE stations

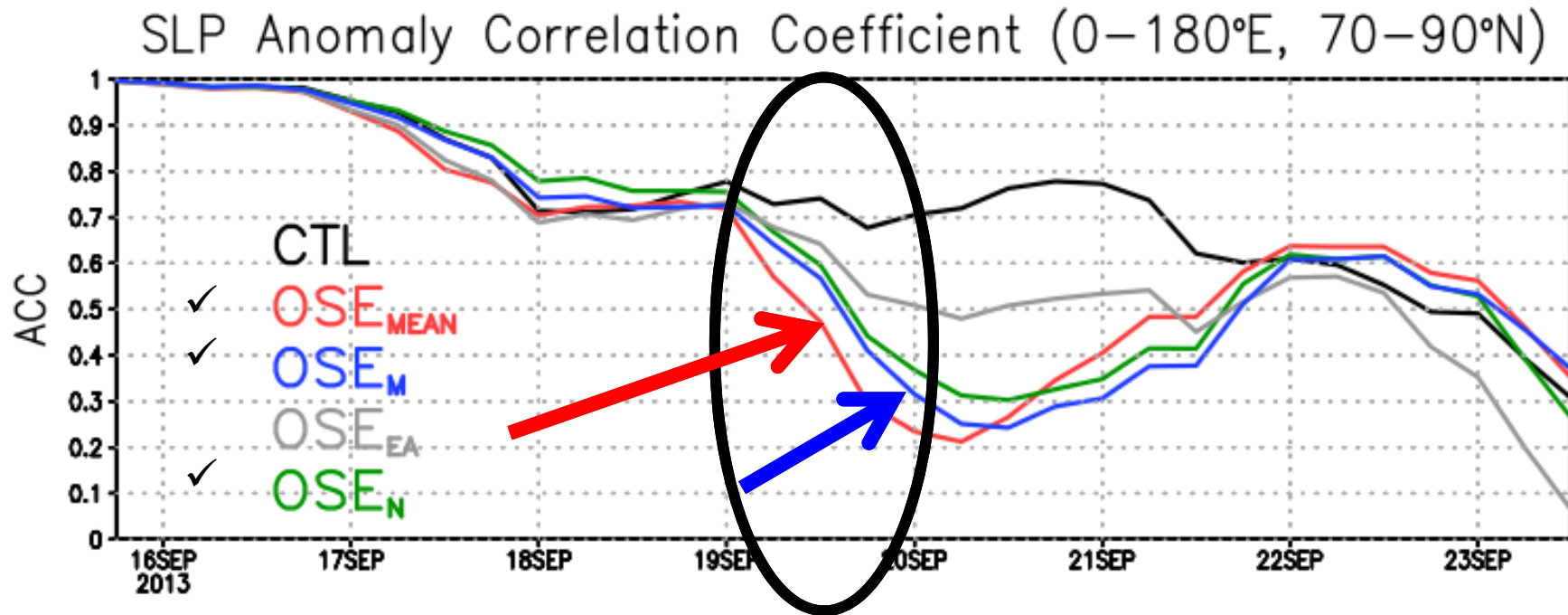
- Flow-dependent feature



# Difference in prediction skills among the OSEs

Low skill cases: **OSE<sub>MEAN</sub>**, **OSE<sub>M</sub>** & **OSE<sub>N</sub>**

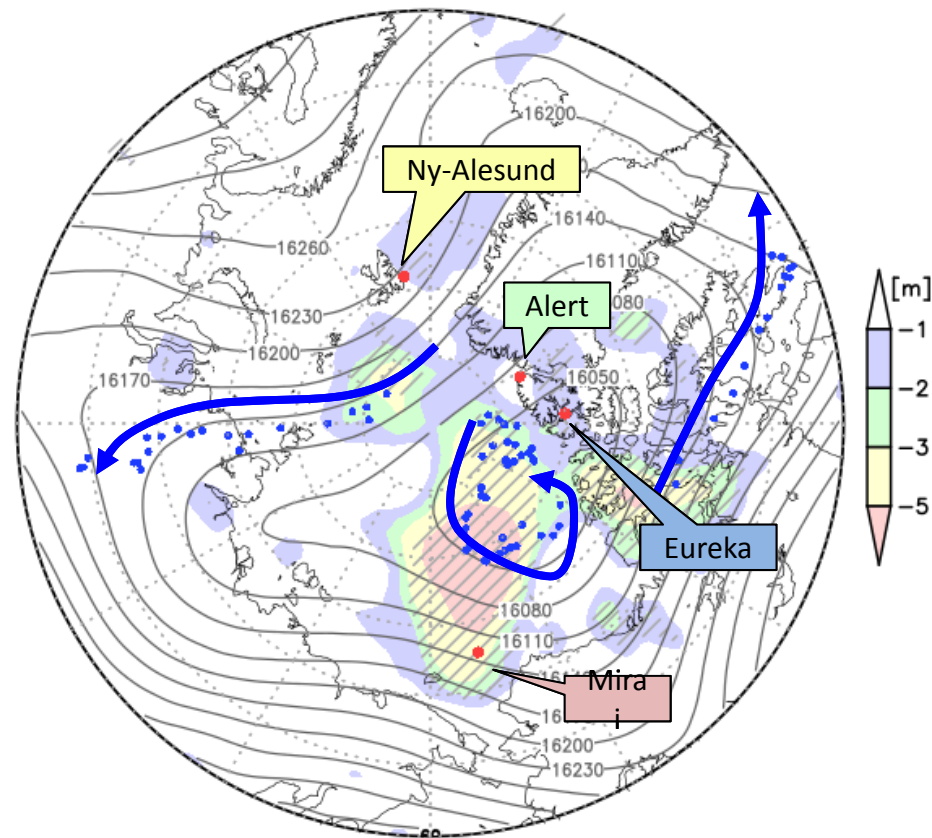
➤ Data from Mirai and Ny-Alesund is critical in this case





# Flow-dependent observation signals at 100 hPa

- Ensemble spread originated from ARCROSE stations traveled along the polar vortex (e.g. at 100hPa)
- Impacts of additional observations likely reach at midlatitudes



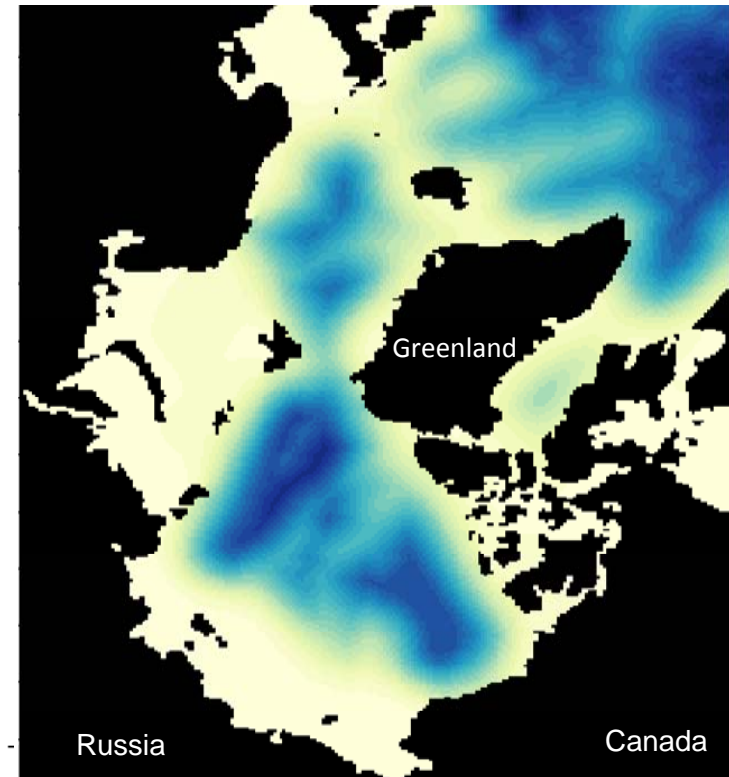
Cont.:  $Z100_{CTL}$

Color: Ens. sprd diff between  $Z100_{CTL} - Z100_{OSE\_MEAN}$

Dots: trajectories of difference in ensemble spread between  $Z100_{CTL}$  and  $Z100_{OSE\_MEAN}$

# Ice-Ocean coupled model

- **Ice component**
  - two category
  - EVP (Hunke and Dukowicz, 1997) rheology
  - Ice bunch & semi-Lagrangian scheme
  - **Without thermodynamics of sea ice**
- **Ocean component**
  - Princeton Ocean Model
  - 3D, primitive and continuum Eqs. with a hydrostatic approx.
  - Horizontal resolution: 25 km
  - Vertical level: 33 sigma layers
  - Horizontal viscosity & diffusion: Smagorinsky (1963)
  - Vertical viscosity & diffusion: Mellor and Yamada (1982)
  - **Drag coefficient between atmosphere and ocean:  $3.7 \times 10^{-3}$  (Overland, 1985)**



Model bathymetry (IBCAO+ETOPO1)  
and domain