RS Activities of KOPRI

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Ocean Color Validation and application

Aim : Improve ocean color data quality

Ocean Optics : major components of OC

- IOPs (Inherent Optical Properties)

Chlorophyll-a, Suspended sediment (SS),

Absorptions by phytoplankton and colored dissolved organic matters (CDOM)

- AOPs (Apparent Optical Properties)

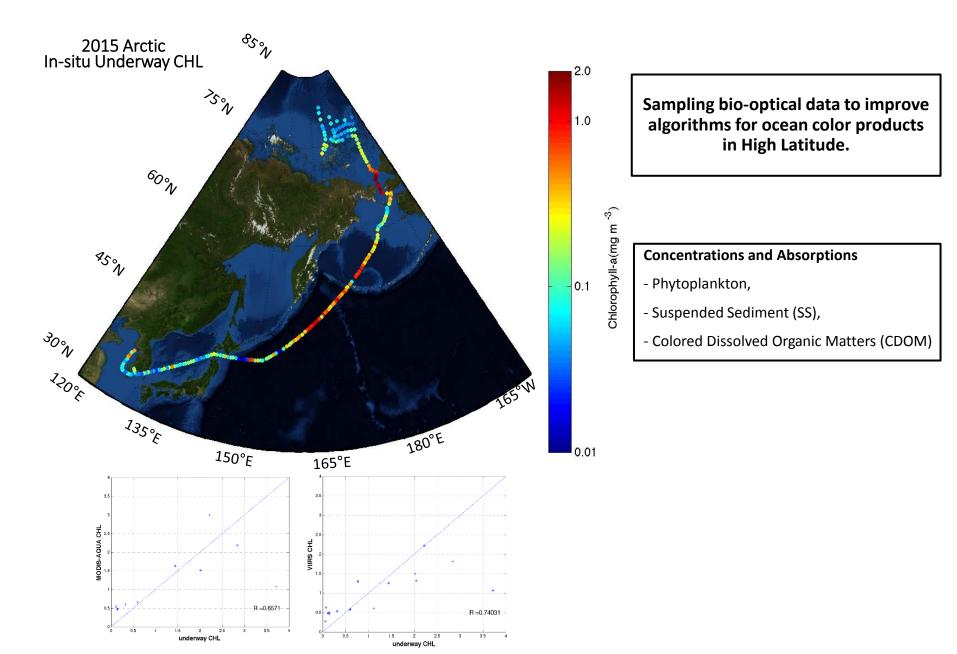
Downward irradiances and Upwelling radiance (400-800nm): HPRO (at Station, vertical), HSAS (during Expedition, horizontal)

Extra Application:

- Melt ponds

type classify based on spectral reflectance + HR multi band (K-3)

IOPs (Inherent Optical Properties)

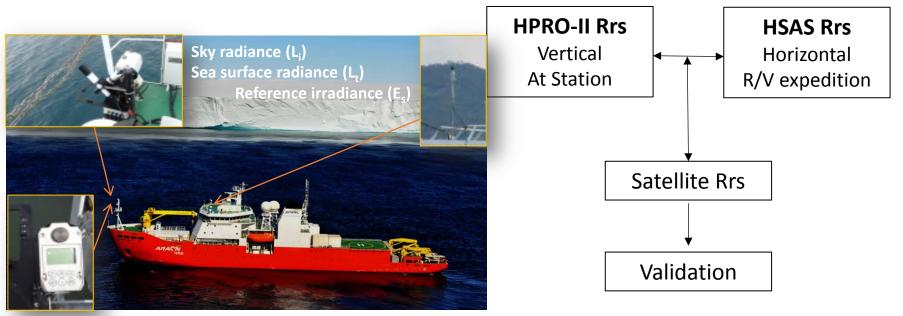


AOPs (Apparent Optical Properties)





1. In-water Hyper-spectroradiometer of Satlantic Inc. (HPRO-II)

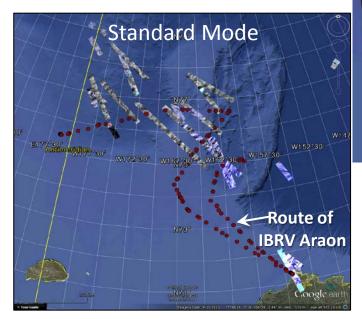


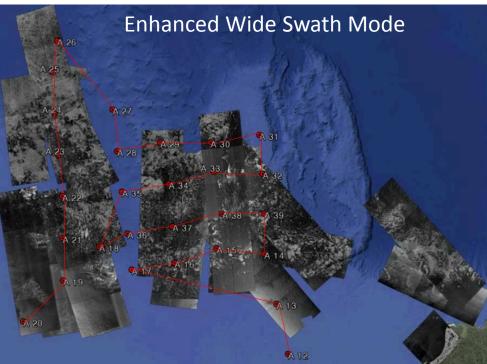
2. Above water Hyper-spectroradiometer of Satlantic Inc. (HSAS)

KOMPSAT 2,3,5 for Arctic Expedition

• Sea Ice condition

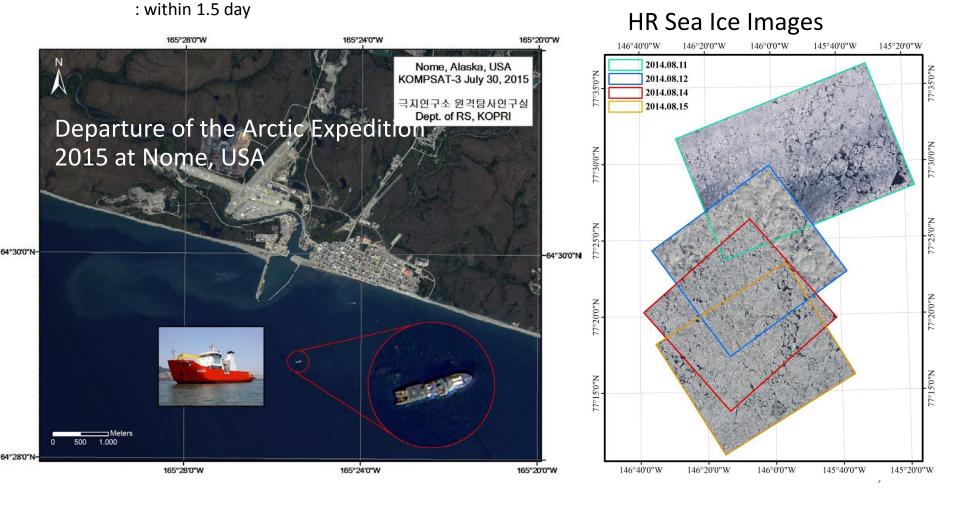
- KOMPSAT-5 SAR images
 - : Wide Swath Mode (20m, 100km)
 - : Standard Mode (3m, 30km)
 - : High resolution Mode (1m, 5km)
- Near real time image acquisition : within 1.5 day
- Korea Aerospace Research Institute



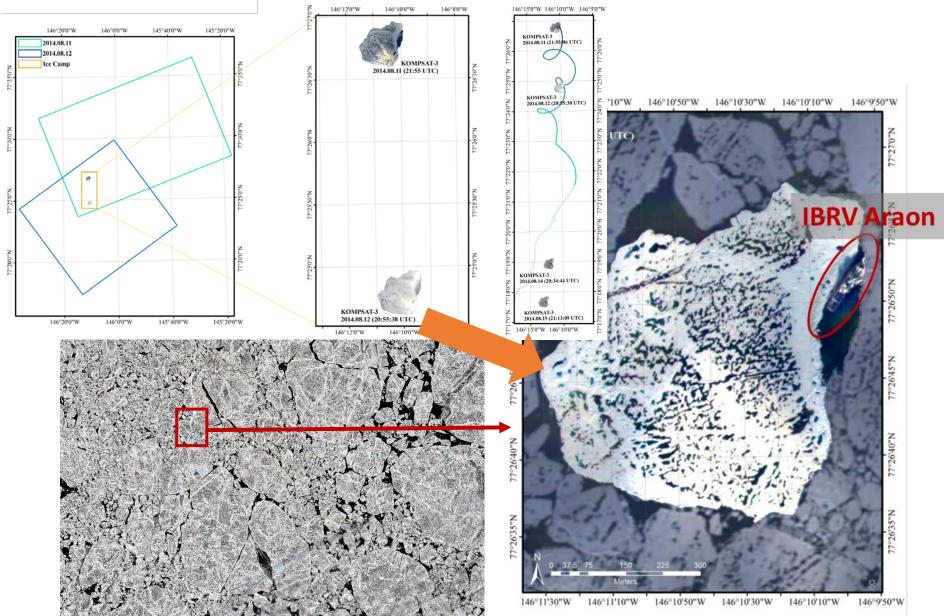


• High Resolution image

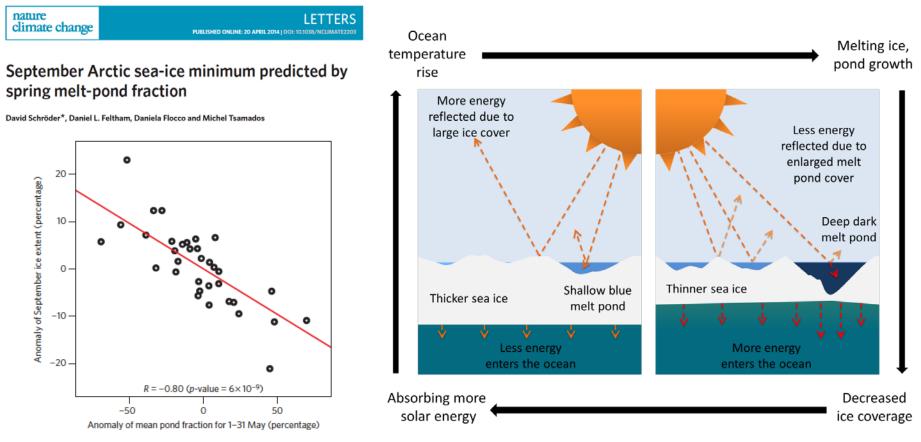
- KOMPSAT-2,3 MSC images
 - : K-2 (Pan-1m, Multi- 4m, Swath-15km)
 - : K-3 (Pan-0.7m, Multi- 2.8m, Swath-15km)
- Near real time image acquisition



- Sea ice floe drifting
 - : K-3 (VHR satellite images)



Melt Pond and ice Albedo



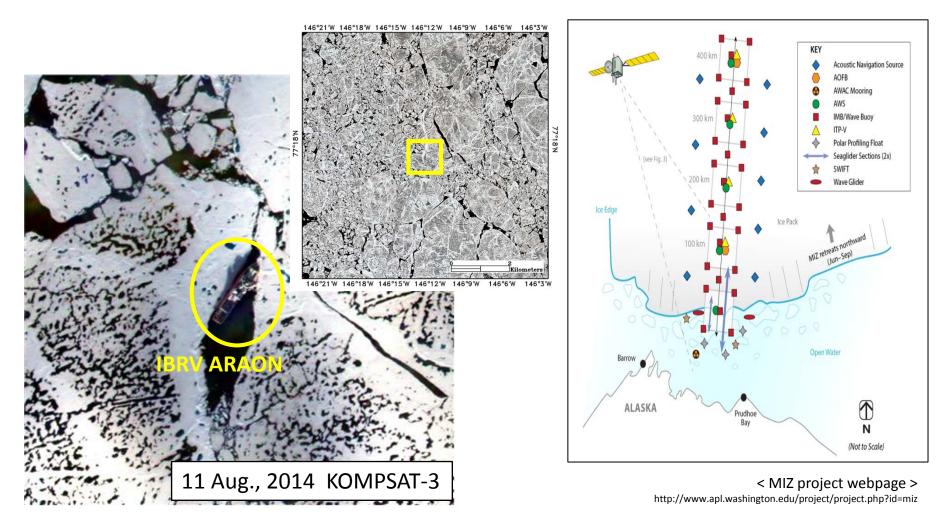
⁽Modified from U. Reading, 2013)

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The size of melt pond ranges from few meters to few tens of meters only ...

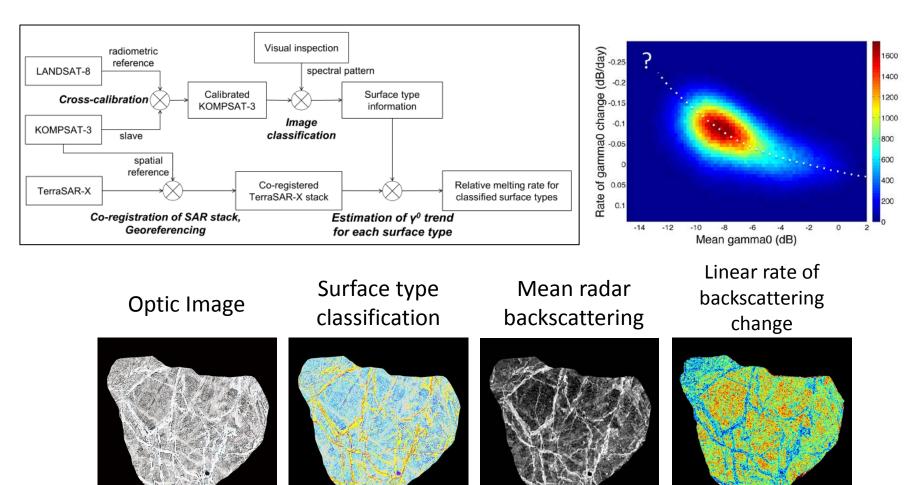
➔ We need high-res. observation for understanding the melt-pond induced icealbedo feedback mechanism in detail.

KOPRI 2014 Ice Camp & MIZ Project

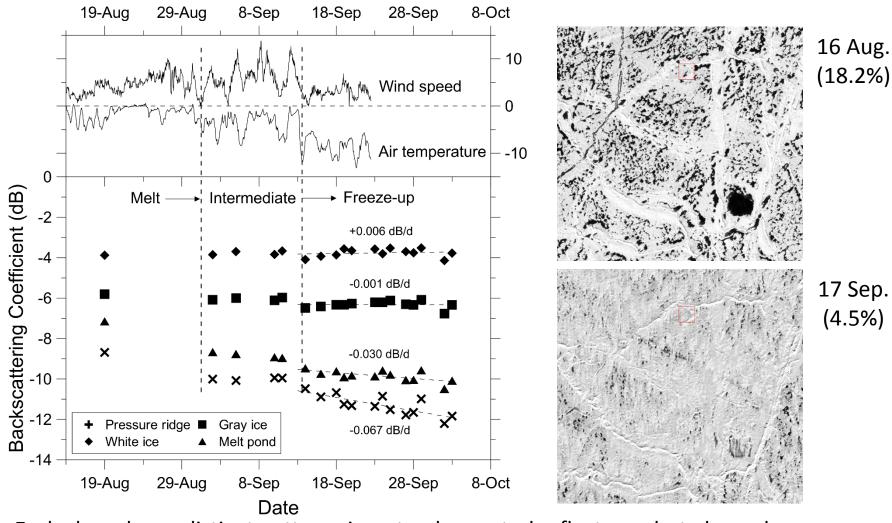


4 KOMPSAT-3 optic images and 18 TerraSAR-X radar images were acquired during the mission period as a research collaboration of KOPRI and MIZ team. ¹⁰

High-Resolution Remote Sensing for Monitoring Sea Ice Surface Change (Optic+Radar)

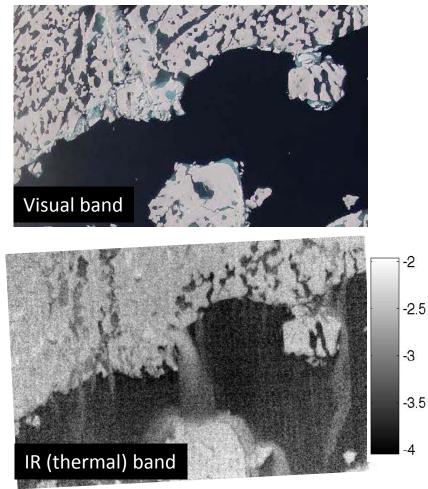


Late Summer – Early Autumn Changes



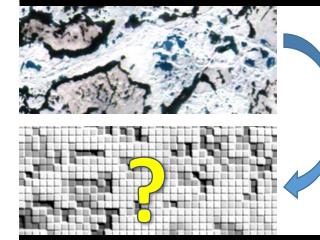
Each class shows distinct patterns in not only spectral reflectance but also radar backscattering → reduced ambiguity in sea ice classification

Thermal response of Sea Ice and Melt Pond



< US Navy report, 2013 >

KOMPSAT-3 Multi-spectral (2.8m) Launched in 2012, now in operation



Reduced spatial Resolution

(Relative) Temperature information

KOMPSAT-3A Mid-infrared (5.5m) Launched in 2015, now in commissioning phase

> Discrimination of pond types (open/closed) and evolution stage by sensing temperature difference (related to pond bottom structure)

Future plans for sea ice

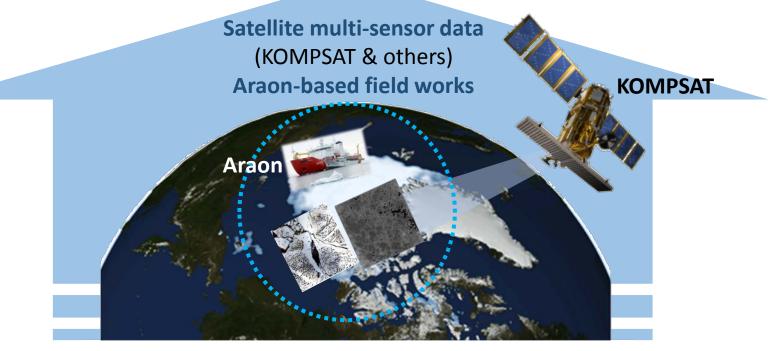
Production of sea ice information

Sea ice types

Sea ice concentration

Melt pond statistics

Sea ice thickness



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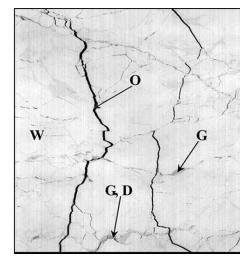
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Development of sea ice classification techniques

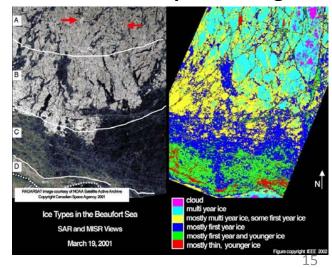
Sea ice analysis

Identification of ice types from satellite images

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Sea ice development stages





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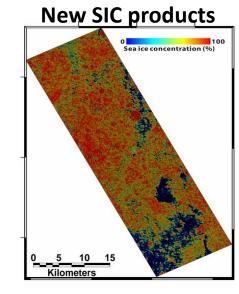
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Sea ice detection

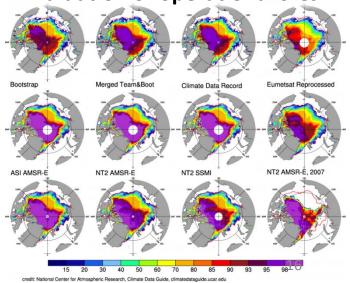




Evaluation of operational SICs

Evaluation & Improvement of

operational SIC algorithms



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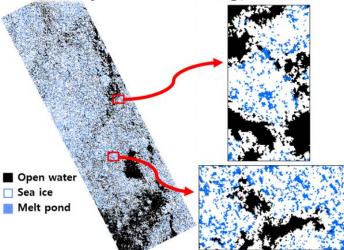
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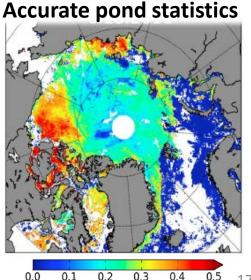
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Development of melt pond detection techniques

Retrieval of accurate pond statistics (pond fraction, pond area, etc.)

Detection of melt ponds from high resolution images





Production of sea ice information

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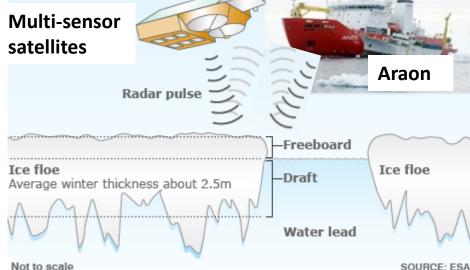
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Assimilation of multi-sensor dataset and in situ observations

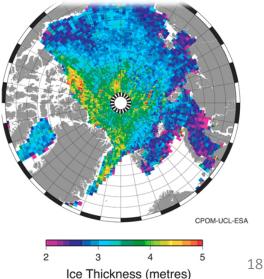
Ice thickness observed by satellites and icebreakers



Ice thickness retrieval

Improvement of ice thickness

estimation techniques



Not to scale

Thank you for listening.