

# Update plan for 2016 field season (+ additional information)

## Japan

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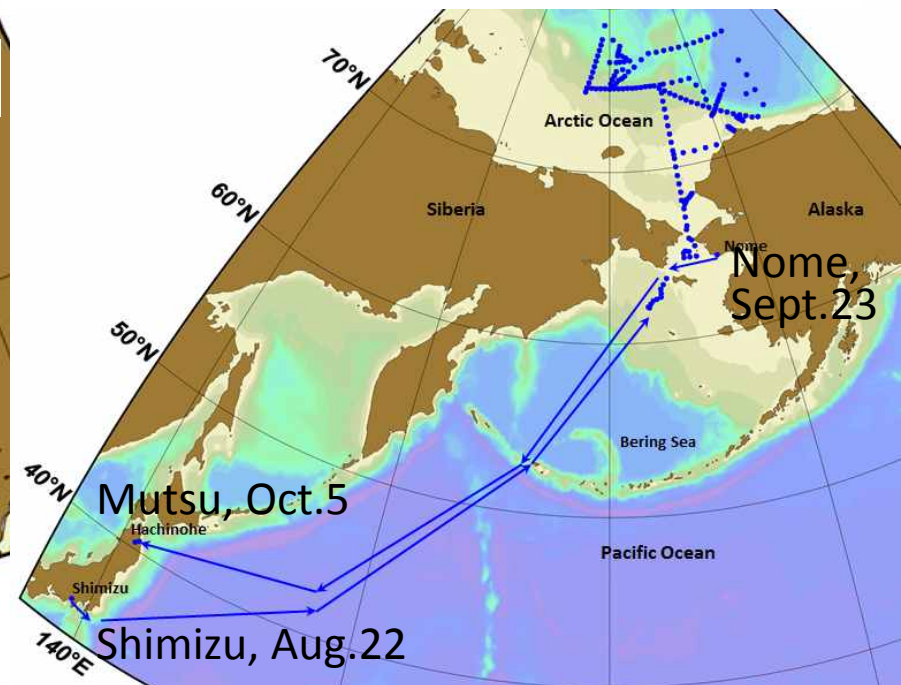
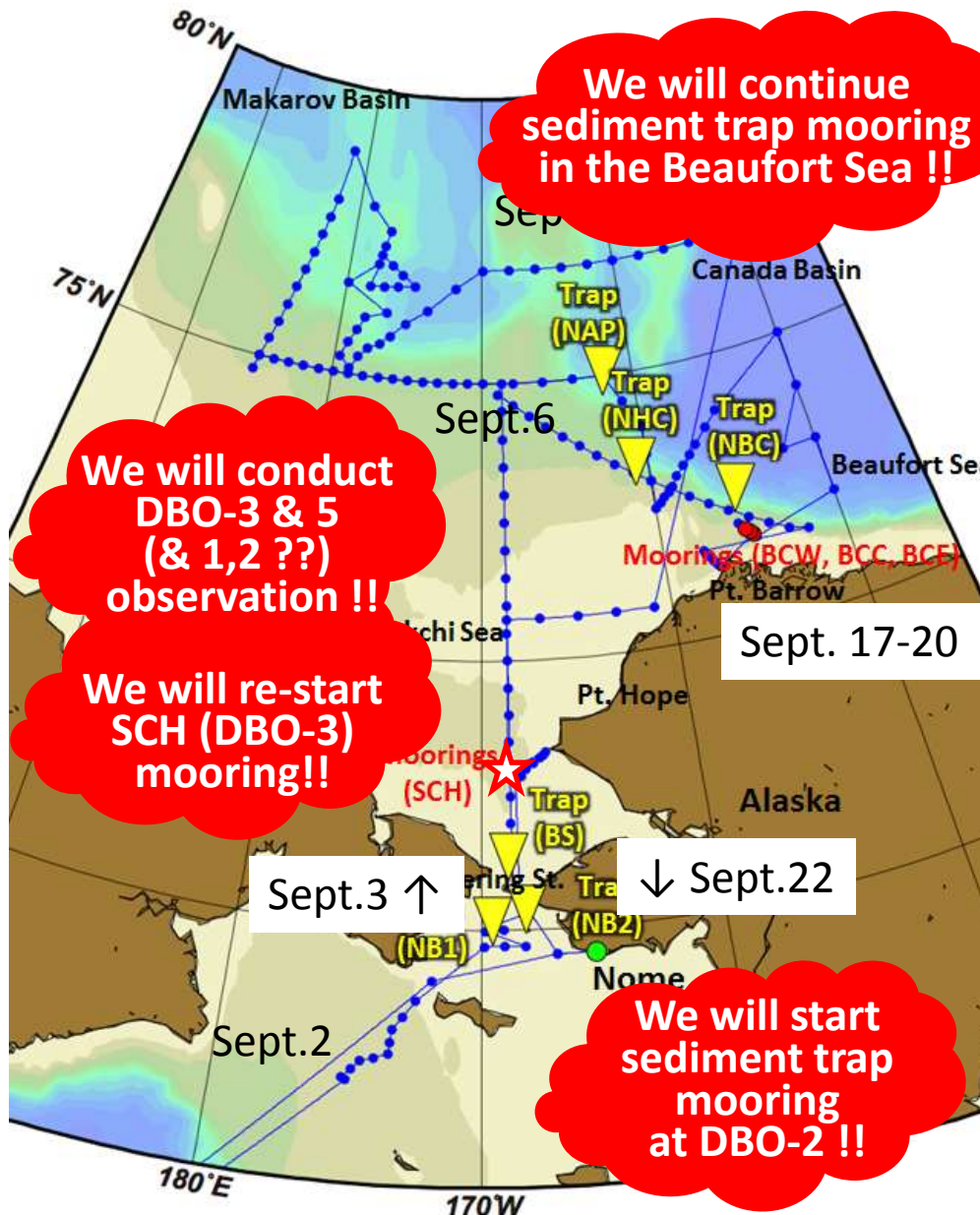
# R/V Mirai 2016 Arctic cruise (Aug.-Sept.)



**Planned schedule** is as follows.

- 22 Aug: Depart from Shimizu, Japan
- 2 Sep: Northern Bering Sea
- 3 Sep: Bering Strait
- 6 Sep: Northern Chukchi Sea
- 7-16 Sep: Canada and Makarov Basins
- 17-20 Sep: Barrow Canyon
- 22 Sep: Bering Strait
- 23 Sep: Nome, Alaska, US
- 4 Oct: Hachinohe, Japan
- 5 Oct: Sekinehama (Mutsu), Japan

**Cruise PI:** Dr. Shigeto Nishino (JAMSTEC)



Courtesy from Dr. Nishino (JAMSTEC)

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### Research on-board

- Predictability study on weather and sea-ice forecasts linked with user engagement (meteorology, wave, droplets/spray icing)
- Ship-borne observations of trace gases/aerosols in the marine atmosphere
- Ship-board observations of atmospheric greenhouse gases and related species in the Arctic ocean and the western North Pacific
- How plankton responses to multi stressors such as ocean warming and acidification (Sediment trap mooring)?
- Primary production and transportation of organic materials in the northern Bering and the southern Chukchi Seas
- Comparison of zooplankton with differences in net mesh-size, and standing stock and material flux role of Appendicularia
- Seasonal distribution of short-tailed shearwaters and their prey in the Bering and Chukchi Seas
- Elucidation of the variability of freshwater in the Arctic Ocean
- Mooring observations in the Barrow Canyon and southern Chukchi Sea
- Observational study on the variability of physical and chemical environments in the Pacific Arctic Ocean
- and more . . .

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For Alaskan Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC)

## 1 pg description of the planned schedule around the Barrow Canyon

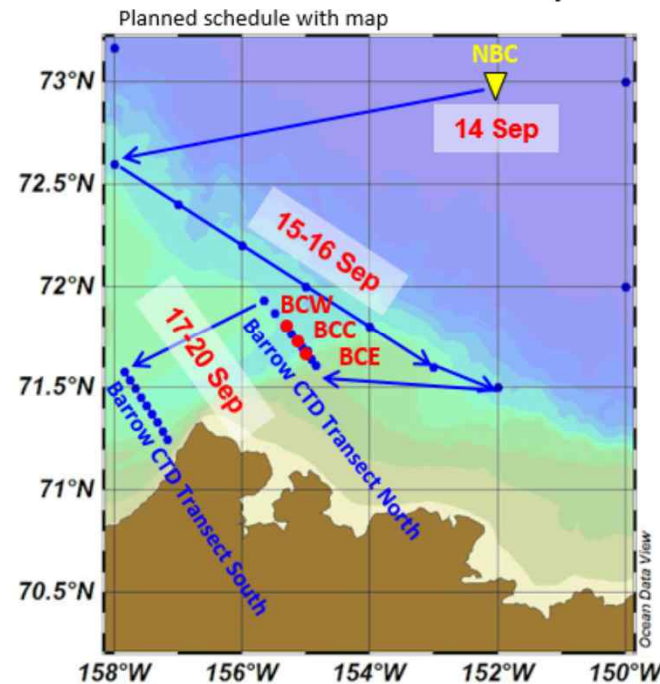
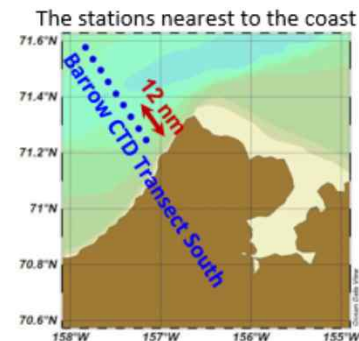
- **Planned schedule around the Barrow Canyon** is as follows.

(The stations and cruise tracks are subject to change due to weather, sea ice, and other conditions.)

- 14 Sep: Sediment trap (NBC) deployment
- 15-16 Sep: Chukchi shelf slope
- 17 Sep: Moorings (BCE, BCC, and BCW) recoveries
- 18 Sep: Moorings (BCE, BCC, and BCW) deployments
- 19 Sep: Barrow CTD Transect North
- 20 Sep: Barrow CTD Transect South, leave this area
- 22 Sep: Bering Strait
- 23 Sep: Nome

- The stations nearest to the coast within 12 nm are on the Barrow CTD Transect South (Stas. 016, 017, and 018; see tables).

- All the sediment trap and physical oceanographic moorings are distant from the coast >30 nm. The locations are shown in the table below.



### ▼ Sediment Trap Mooring

NBC	73	0.00	N	152	0.00	W
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### ● Physical oceanography Moorings

BCE	71	40.00	N	155	0.00	W
BCC	71	44.00	N	155	7.00	W
BCW	71	48.00	N	155	20.00	W

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### ● Barrow CTD Transect North

sta. 001	71	36.52	N	154	50.63	W
sta. 002	71	38.48	N	154	55.19	W
sta. 003	71	40.83	N	154	58.42	W
sta. 004	71	41.90	N	155	3.91	W
sta. 005	71	44.05	N	155	7.16	W
sta. 006	71	45.91	N	155	14.27	W
sta. 007	71	48.74	N	155	17.60	W
sta. 008	71	51.99	N	155	29.73	W
sta. 009	71	55.90	N	155	39.41	W

### ● Barrow CTD Transect South

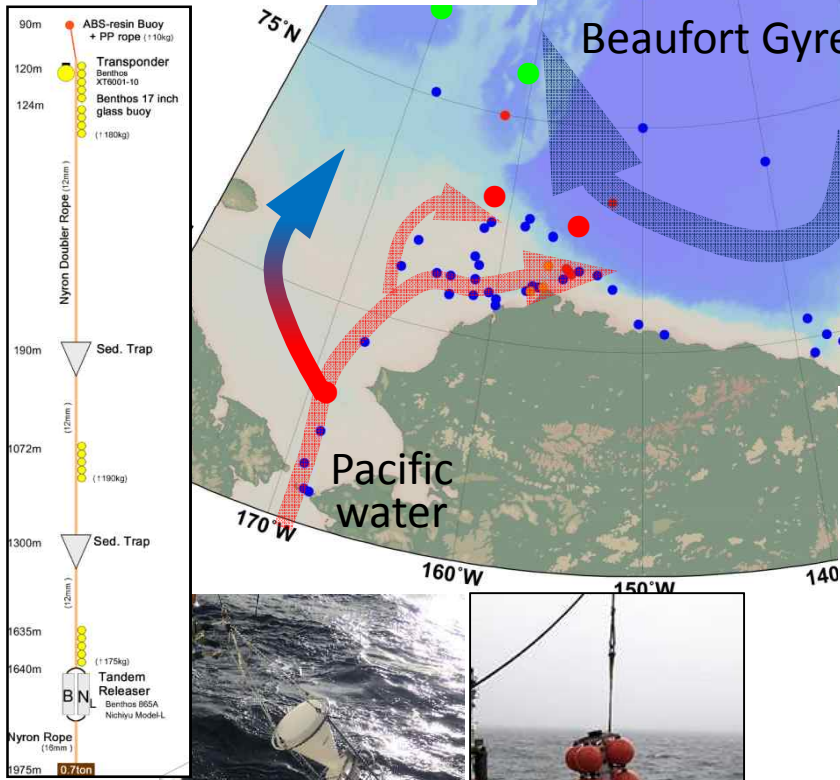
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sta. 013	71	27.30	N	157	35.00	W
sta. 014	71	24.80	N	157	29.90	W
sta. 015	71	22.30	N	157	24.90	W
sta. 016	71	19.80	N	157	19.90	W
sta. 017	71	17.30	N	157	14.90	W
sta. 018	71	14.80	N	157	9.90	W

Maps and tables of CTD (and/or XCTD/UCTD), sediment trap (NBC), and moorings (BCE, BCC, and BCW) locations around the Barrow Canyon. The stations and cruise tracks are subject to change due to weather, sea ice, and other conditions.

# 2015 Mooring missions in the PAR region

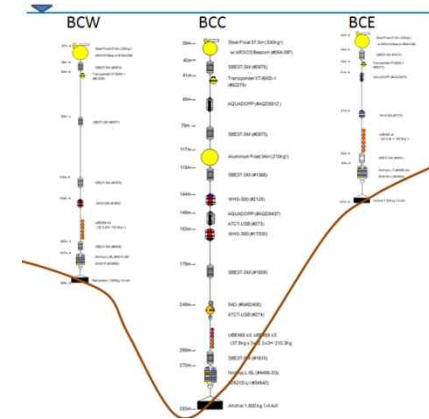
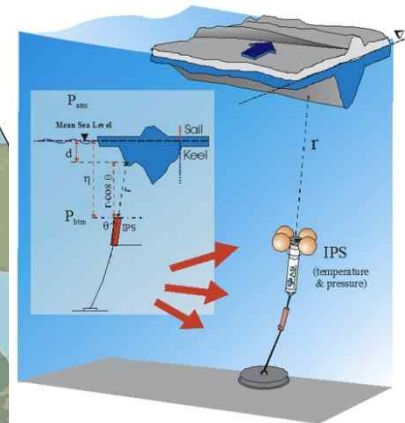
Mooring Location in Beaufort/Chukchi seas

Sediment trap mooring  
 in the western Canada Basin

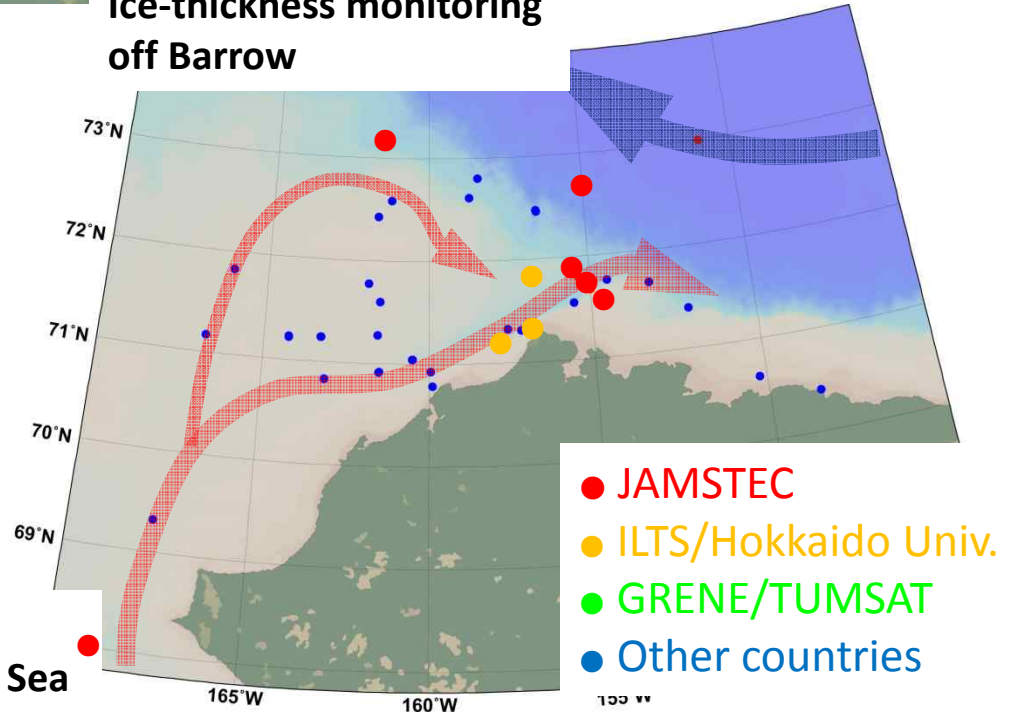


Biological hotspot  
 in the southern Chukchi Sea

Long-term monitoring  
 At the mouth of Barrow Canyon



Ice-thickness monitoring  
 off Barrow



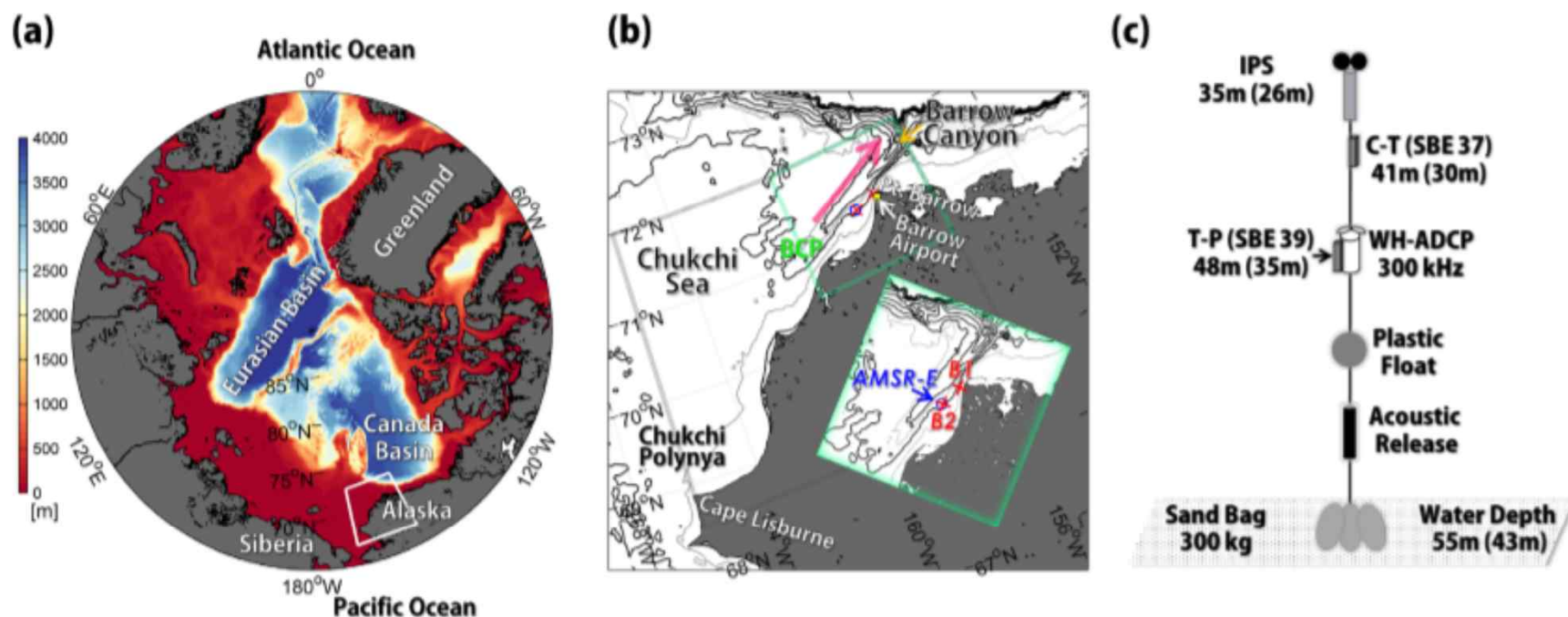
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**Key Points:**

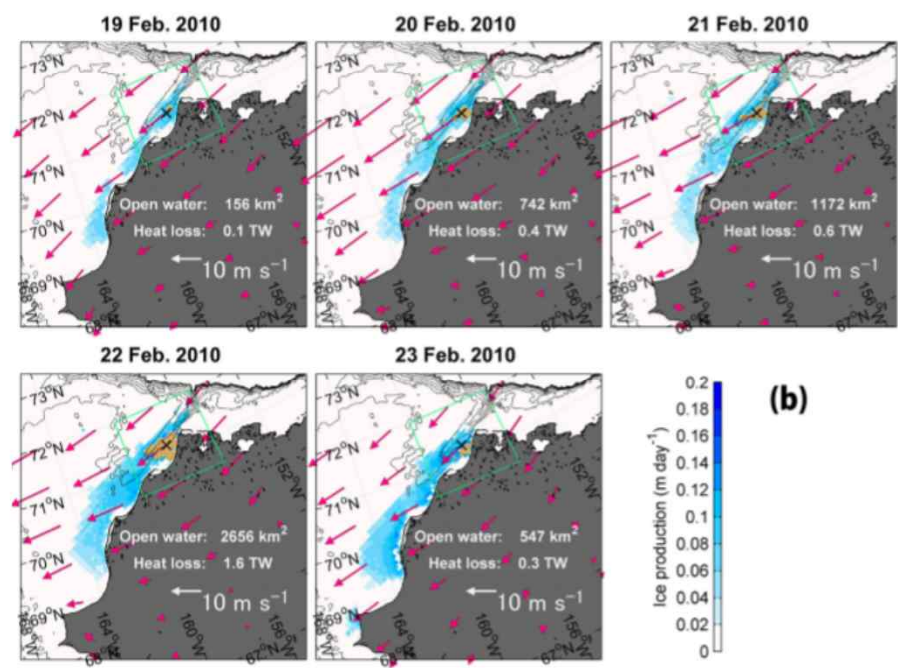
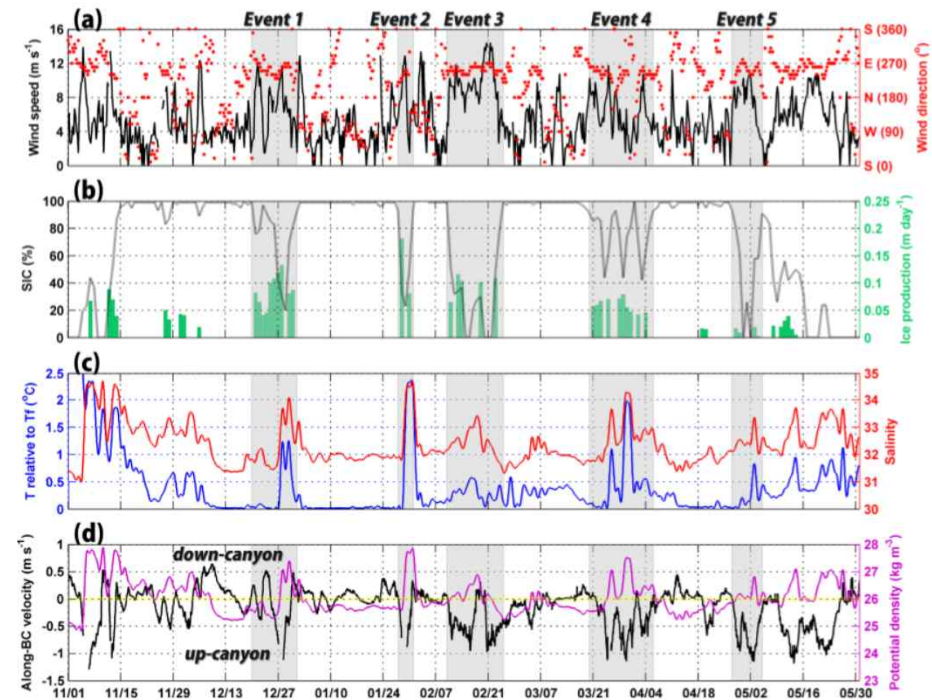
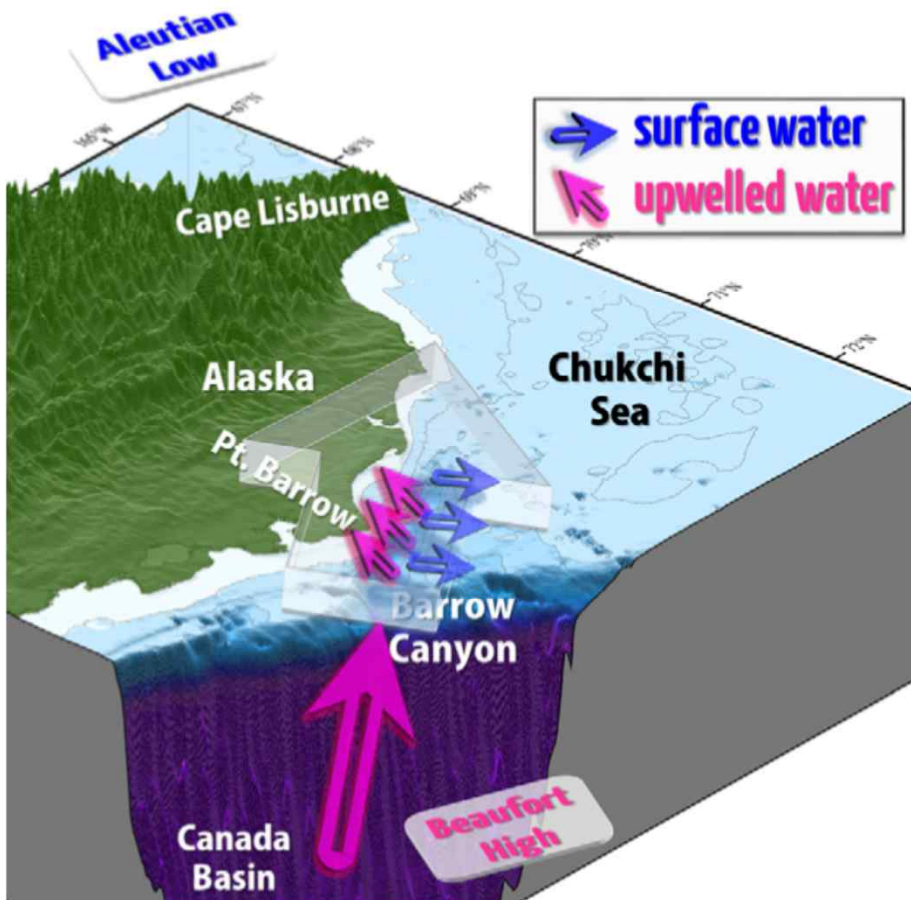
- Nature of the Barrow Coastal Polynya (BCP) formed off the Alaska coast in

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**Figure 1.** (a) Bathymetry of the Arctic Ocean from the International Bathymetric Chart of the Arctic Ocean (IBCAO version 3.0). The enclosed region is shown in Figure 1b. (b) Bathymetry around the mooring sites on the northeastern Chukchi shelf. The gray and green-enclosed regions represent the Chukchi Polynya and Barrow Coastal Polynya (BCP), respectively. Inset at the bottom right is the region around the mooring sites in the BCP. Red crosses represent moorings B1 (71.33°N, 156.89°W, water depth of 43 m) and B2 (71.23°N, 157.65°W, water depth of 55 m). Blue circle represents the location of the nearest AMSR-E grid point to B2 (71.25°N, 157.69°W). Yellow square near Pt. Barrow indicates the location of Barrow Wiley-Post Airport. Direction of along-Barrow Canyon (63°T: 0°T corresponds to the north) is also indicated by the pink arrow. (c) Mooring configurations at B1 and B2. Nominal depths of instruments are indicated for B2 and B1 (in parentheses).

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 (Hirano et al., 2016, JGR-Oceans)





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