Pacific Arctic Group: Korean Arctic Ocean Research in 2016



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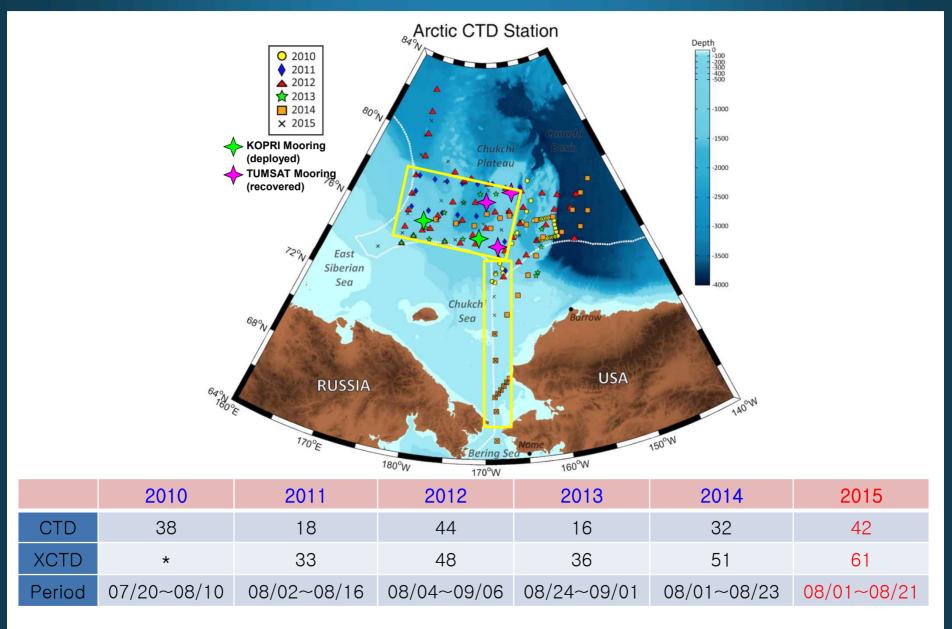
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Korean Arctic Ocean Cruise track



Typical expedition periods: from the July to the end of September

IB R/V ARAON Arctic Cruises (2010~2015)



2016 KOPRI Arctic Research Plan

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2016 KOPRI Arctic Cruise (1st leg)

- Ocean study
- Aims of the cruise:

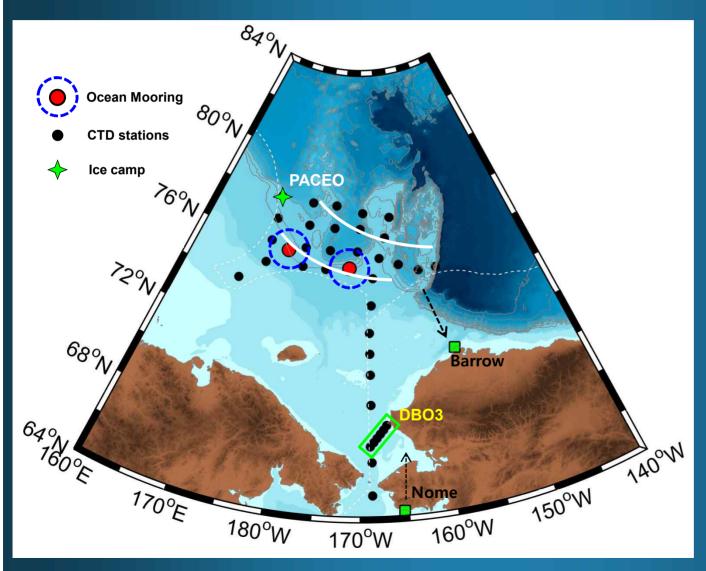
- To investigate the structure and processes in the water column around the North Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, and the North site of the East Siberian Sea in rapid transition

- To understand sea ice dynamics and sea ice ecosystem
- Period: 2016. 8.5 8.23 (from Nome to Barrow)
- Chief Scientists: Dr. Eun Jin Yang
- Participating nations: Korea, US, Japan, China and UK



2016 Arctic Survey plan

1st Leg (ocean study)



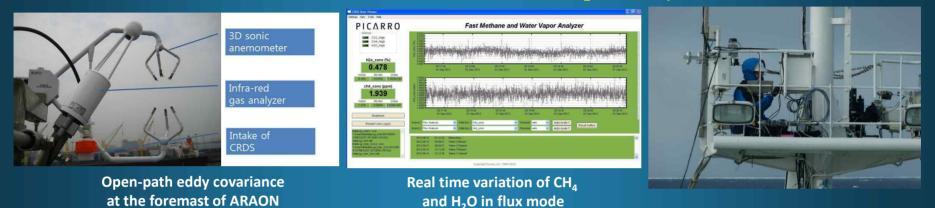
- North Bering Sea
 (DBO 3)
- Chukchi Sea
- East Siberian Sea & Mendeleev Ridge
- Sea Ice station
- Ocean mooring station





Atmospheric Observation

Direct measurements of Air-Sea Greenhouse Gas Fluxes (CO₂ and CH₄)

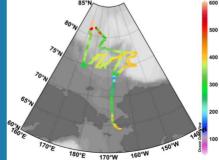


Chemistry in water column

- Pursuing spatial and temporal variation of CO₂ system in the Arctic Ocean
- Behavior of nutrients (NH₄, NO₂+NO₃, PO₄ and SiO₂)
- Characteristics of dissolved and particulate organic matters (DOM and POM)



Analytical system for DIC and TA



Dissolved *p*CO₂ along the track



TOC-TN analyzer

Satellite Remote Sensing

Ocean Color Remote Sensing (Ocean Optics Measurement)



Hyper-spectroradiometer Above water spectroradiometer

APC deployment

Hydrographic Survey

Water mass distribution & characteristics ٥



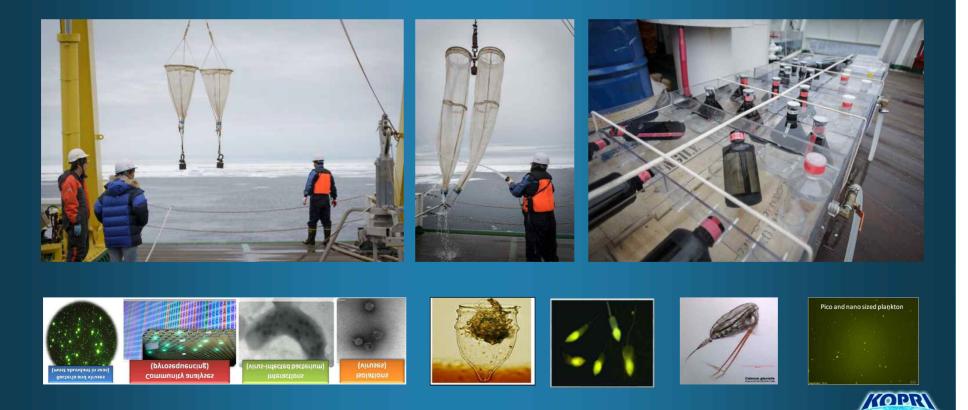
CTD & LADCP

XCTD



Plankton Ecology/Production

- Distribution of bacteria and virus and community structure
- Species compositions of phytoplankton and chlorophyll a concentration
- Abundance and community structure of heterotrophic protists
- Mesozooplankton community and grazing impacts on phytoplankton biomass
- Primary production and new production



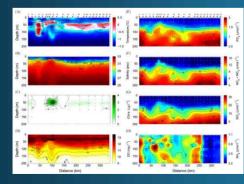
Phytoplankton physiology

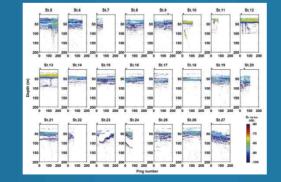
- To understand the photosynthetic characteristics of phytoplankton
 - -> Phytoplankton physiology (photochemisty) parameters using a Fluorescence Induction and Relaxation (FIRe II) system

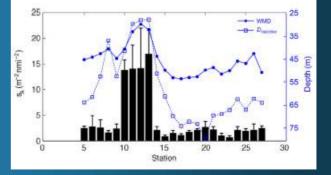


Bioacoustic surveys

- Variations in the sound-scattering layer that were reflected from the mesozooplankton
- Spatial and vertical distribution of dominant mesozooplankton using EK 60







[Spatial variation of Arctic copepods over Northwind Ridge]

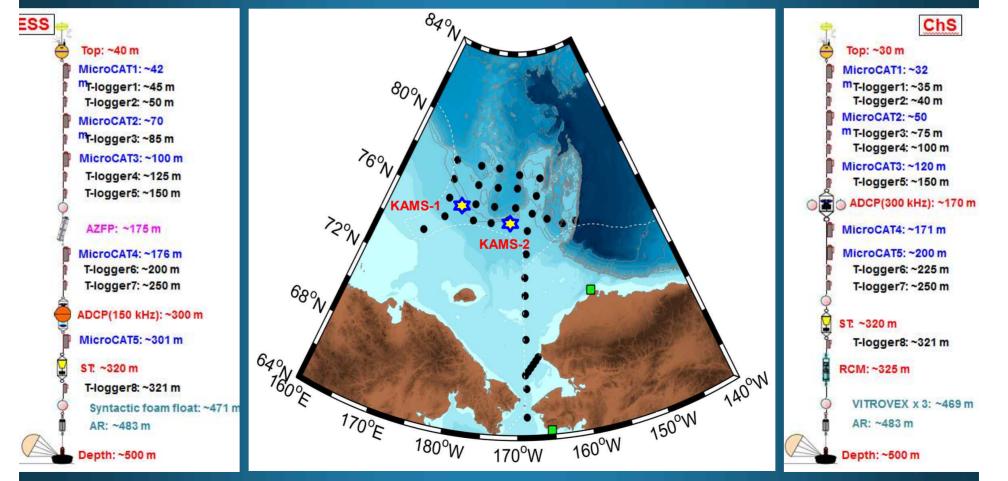


KOPRI ocean mooring system

- Chukchi Sea and East Siberian Sea
- ADCP, Microcat, Sediment trap, RCM, AZFP, Chla, PAR

KAMS-1

KAMS-2

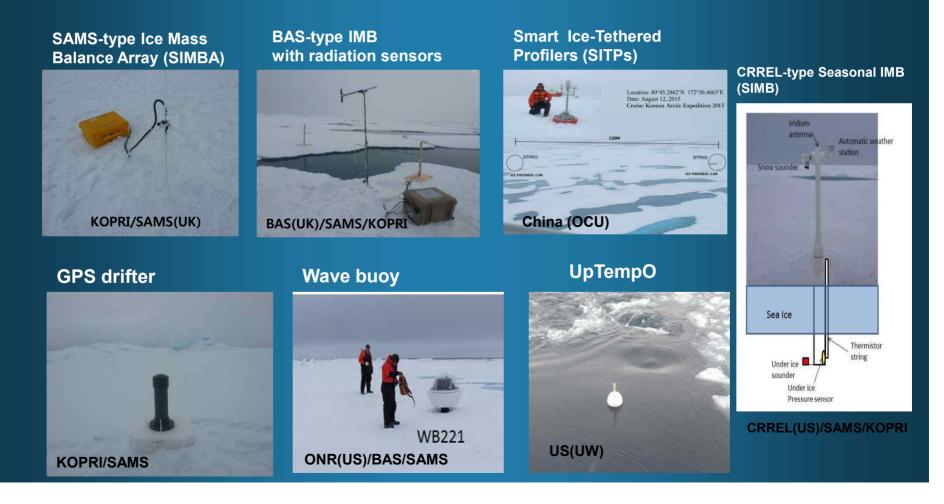




Sea ice dynamics

International collaboration : KOPRI, SAMS, BAS, US, China, Japan
 Buoy deployments for physical observation

- To measure in-situ physical parameters of atmosphere, ice and ocean autonomously
- To study the energy balance at the atmosphere-ice-ocean interface

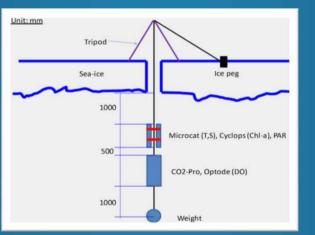


Sea Ice_Biochemical Study

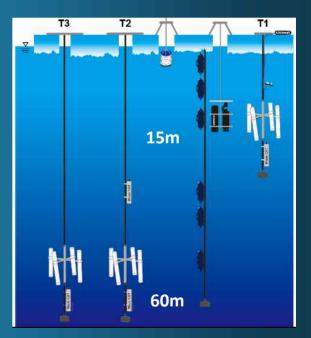
- The effect of changing sea-ice on Arctic marine ecosystem
- Species composition, abundance, and diversity associated with sea ice condition
- Carbon interaction between Sea Ice and water column
- Shor-term mooring under sea-ice (carbon flux and vertical distribution)



Ice core sampling



PCO₂ monitoring system



Small sediment trap, Microcat, CTD,

Research components;

- Plankton composition and diversity
- Production and macromolecular of ice algae
- PCO₂ monitoring under sea ice
- Small sediment trap



Melt Pond study

- To define environmental characteristics of various melt ponds on sea ice floes in the Arctic Ocean
- To understand food web interaction associated with melt pond condition
- To estimate the carbon contribution of entire sea ice floes in the Arctic Ocean.



Melting pond study



Plankton netting

- Research components;
 - Plankton composition, diversity and physiology
 - Primary production and new production
 - Gas interaction between air and surface of ponds
 - Biochemical parameters (Carbon and Nitrogen ...)



Melt pond study site from 2015 Arctic cruise

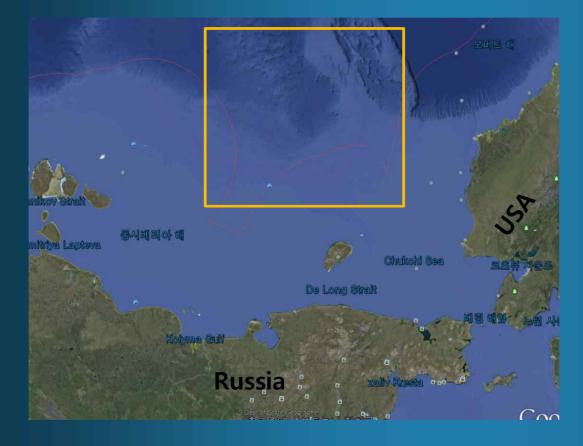
2016 KOPRI Arctic Cruise (2nd Leg)

- Marine geology/geophysics (East Siberian Sea)
- Aims of the cruise:
 - To map geological features/structures in the Arctic continental margin
 - To understand geological processes related to melting subsea permafrost and gas hydrate in the Arctic
 - To investigate CH⁴ release and CH⁴ cycle from the Arctic shelf
- Period: 2016. 8.23 9.9 (from Barrow to Nome)
- Chief Scientists: Dr. Young-Keun Jin
- Participating nations: Korea, US, Germany and Russia



2nd Leg

Marine Geological/Geophysical Survey @ the East Siberian Sea



Research items;

- Seismic survey
- Sub-bottom profiling
- bathymetric mapping
- Sediment coring
- Heat flow measurements
- Underway gravity survey
- Water column study
- Methane flux study
- Microbiological study



