2017 Chinese Arctic Cruise

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(1) Investigation contents

- > Arctic Passage environment
- > Sea ice and marine acidification
- Marine biodiversity and its response to environmental variation

(2) Investigation phases



7 phases:

- > 7.28~7.29 Bering Sea
- > 8.02~8.16 Central Passage
- > 8.21~8.23 Nordic Sea
- > 8.30~9.06 Northwest Passage
- > 9.11~9.19 Chukchi Plateau
- > 9.20~9.22 Chukchi Sea
- ➤ 9.23~9.25 Bering Sea

July 20th-Oct. 10th 83days and total 20590 nautical miles

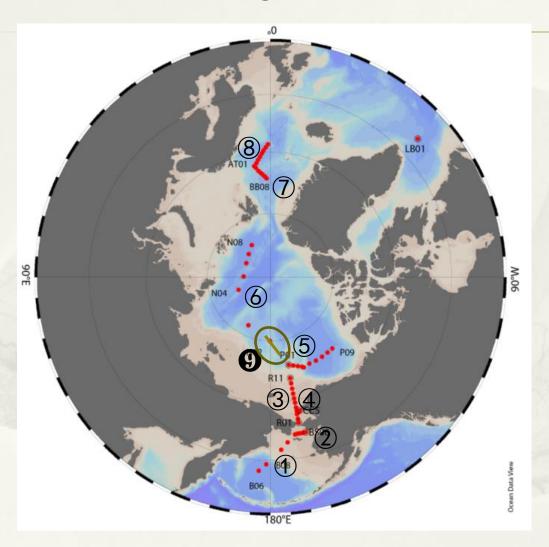
(3) Investigation regions



6 main regions:

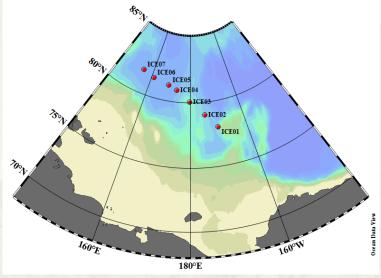
- Bering Sea
- > Chukchi Sea
- > Central Arctic Ocean
- > Nordic Sea
- Baffin Bay
- > Northwest Passage

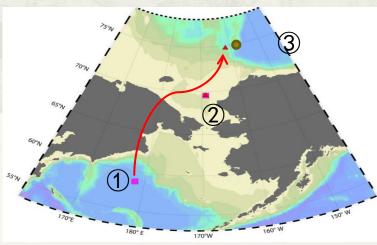
(4) Investigation transects and stations



- > 8 transects;
- > 58 CTD stations;
- > 7 ice camps.
- ① B;
- ② BS;
- ③ R;
- 4 CC;
- ⑤ P;
- 6 N;
- ⑦ BB;
- **8** AT;
- **9** Ice camps

(5) Deployment of ice buoys and mooring systems





- > 10 ice buoys;
- > 3 mooring systems:

- 1 move to Chukchi Plateau
- 2 Chukchi Sea
- 3 Chukchi Plateau



CTD deployment



Recovery of mooring system



Ice core sampling



Matter balance buoy



Temperature profile buoy

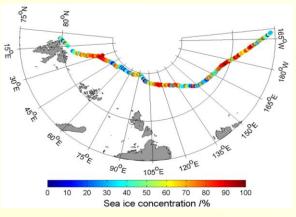


Ice-based AWS

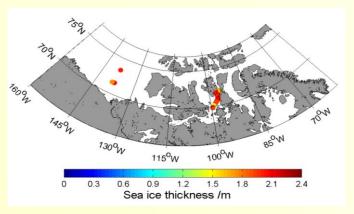
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(1) Sea ice distribution and thickness

- Central Passage: Average sea ice concentrations 6/10~9/10, average thicknesses 1.3~1.8 m, mainly thick first-year ice;
- Northwest Passage: mainly in Peal and Victoria Straits, thick multi-year ice.

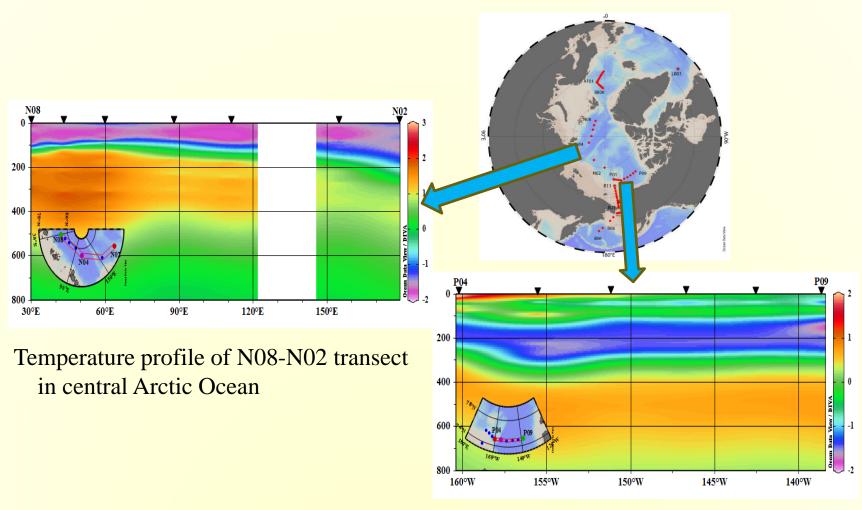


Ice concentrations in central Arctic cean



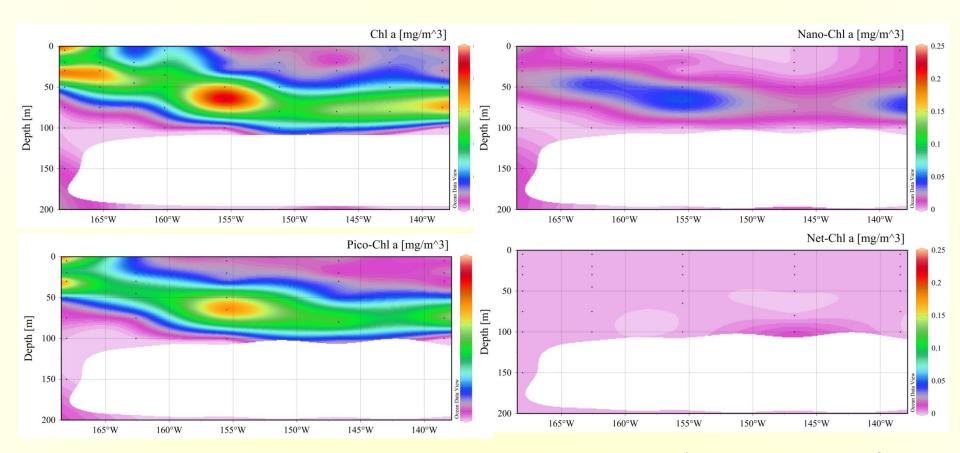
Ice thickness in Northwest Passage

(2) CTD profiles in the central Arctic Ocean



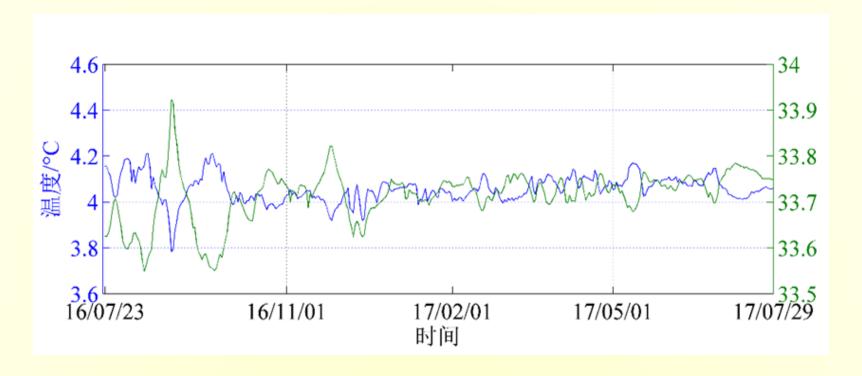
Temperature profile of P04-P09 transect in Canada Basin

(3) Chlorophyll concentrations in Canada Basin



Chl a distribution along section P at Canada Basin during 8th CHINARE (mg/m³)

(4) Time series T/S records in Bering Sea



Time series records of the mooring system at 300 m in the Bering Sea

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(1) Progress of icebreaker Xuelong 2

- ➤ Now is under construction in Jiangnan Shipyard, Shanghai
- > Arctic test cruise in summer 2019



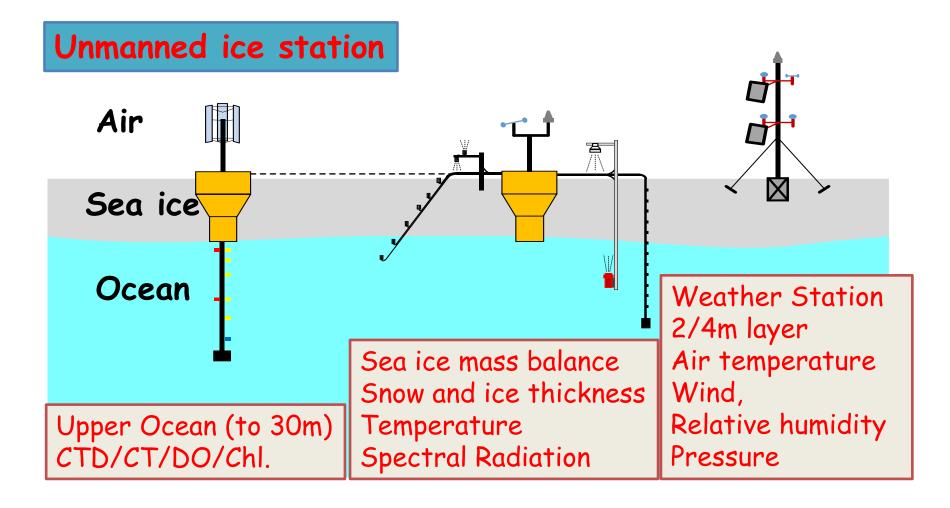
(2) Cruise plan in coming 3 years

Year	season	R/V	Regions	Remarks
2018	summer	Xuelong	Pacific Arctic	
2019	summer	Xuelong 2	Pacific Arctic	Test cruise
2020	summer	Xuelong	Pacific Arctic	
	Spring or summer	Xuelong 2	Atlantic Arctic	Support MOSAiC

(3) Contributions to MOSAiC

- > Fuel supplement to Polarstern
- ➤ Buoy array (unmanned ice stations and GPS buoys)
- > Sediment traps
- > Observation and research on main ice station

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Chinese side can provide 2 unmanned ice stations and ~20 GPS buoys

