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# An Introduction of Chinese 2018 Arctic Cruise

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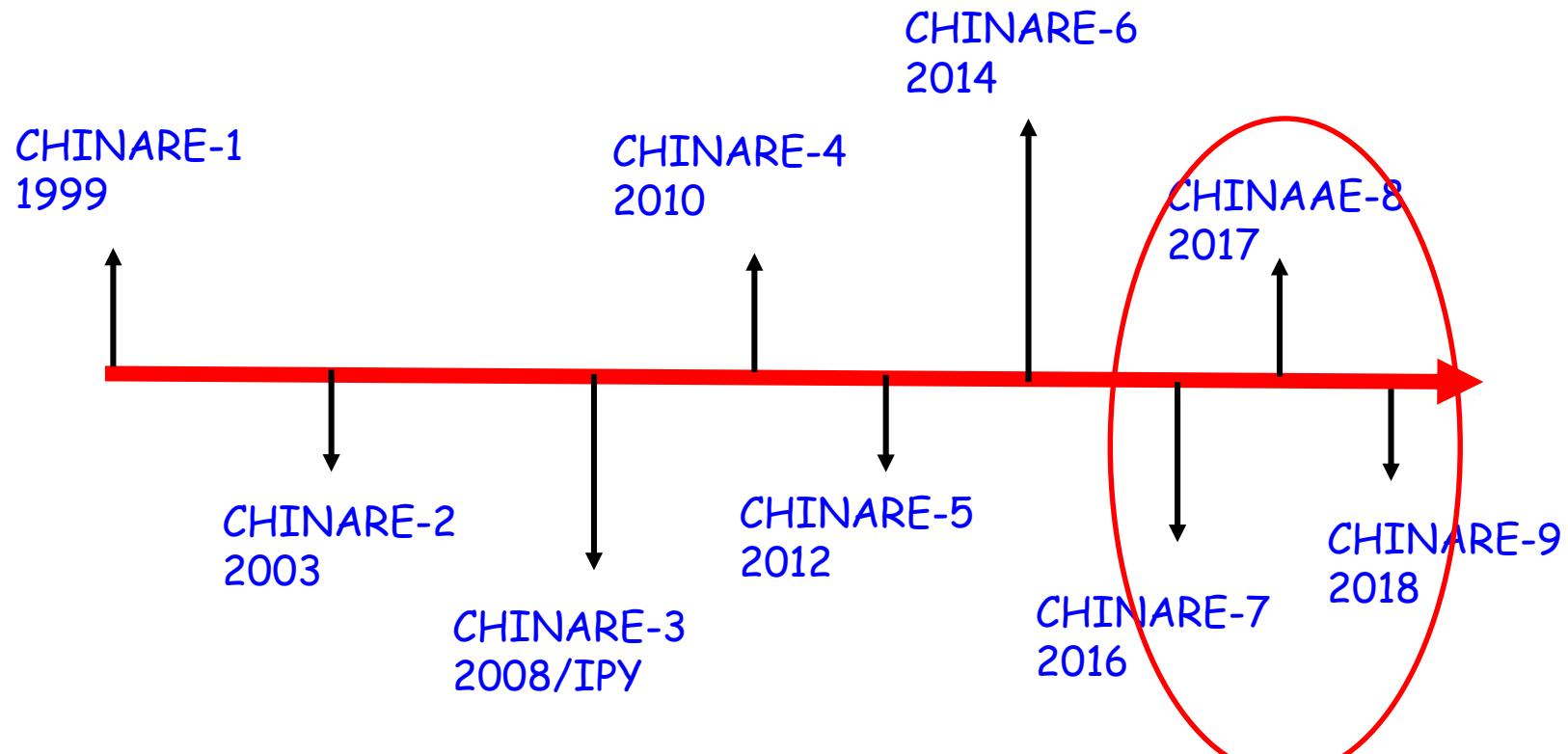
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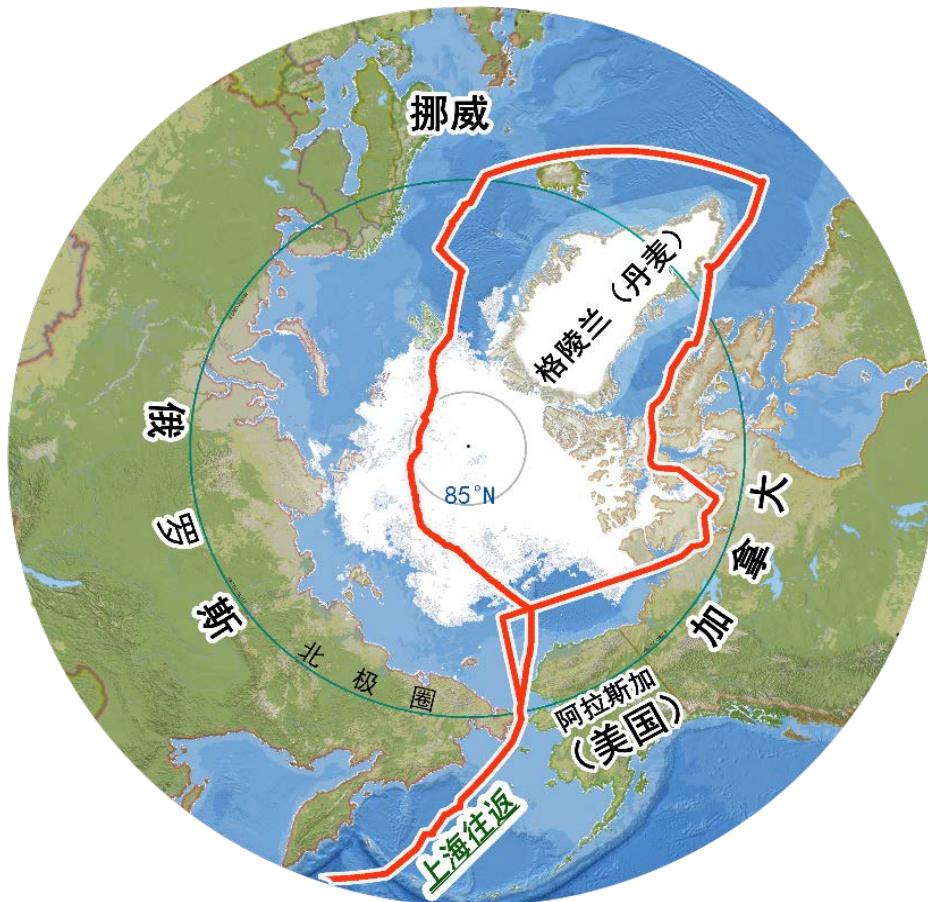
# CHINARE Arctic Cruise History



Organized by The SOA of China

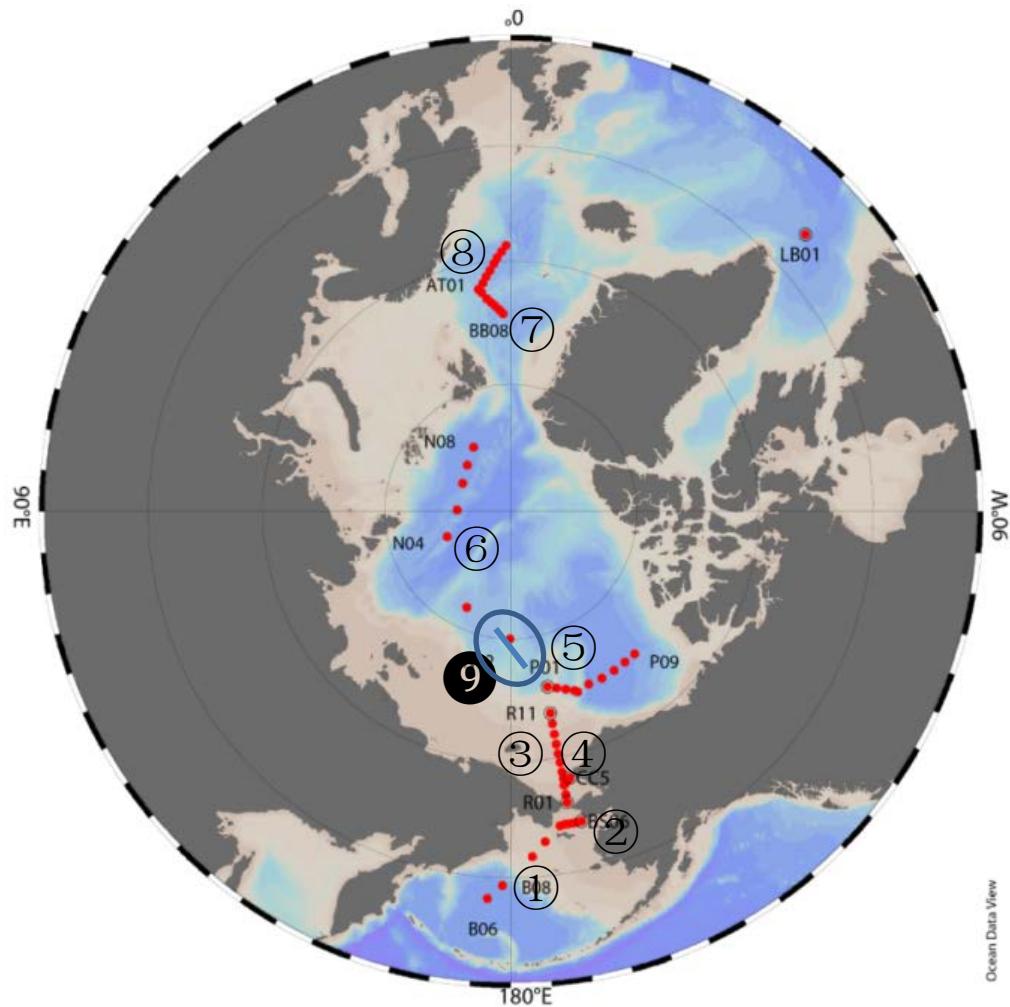
# CHINARE-8 cruise

2017.7.20-10.10 83 days



- 7.28~7.29 Bering Sea
- 8.02~8.16 central Arctic Ocean
- 8.21~8.23 Nordic Sea
- 8.30~9.06 NP
- 9.11~9.19 Canada Basin
- 9.20~9.22 Chukchi Sea
- 9.23~9.25 Bering Sea

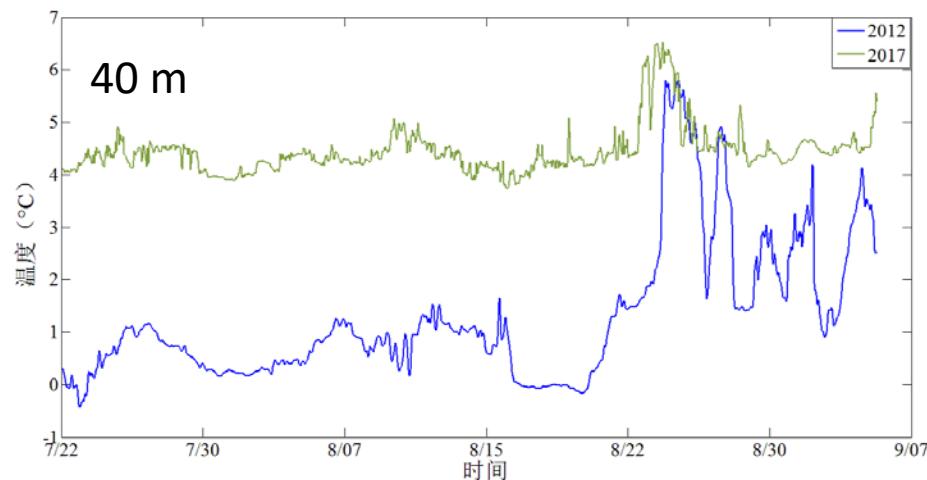
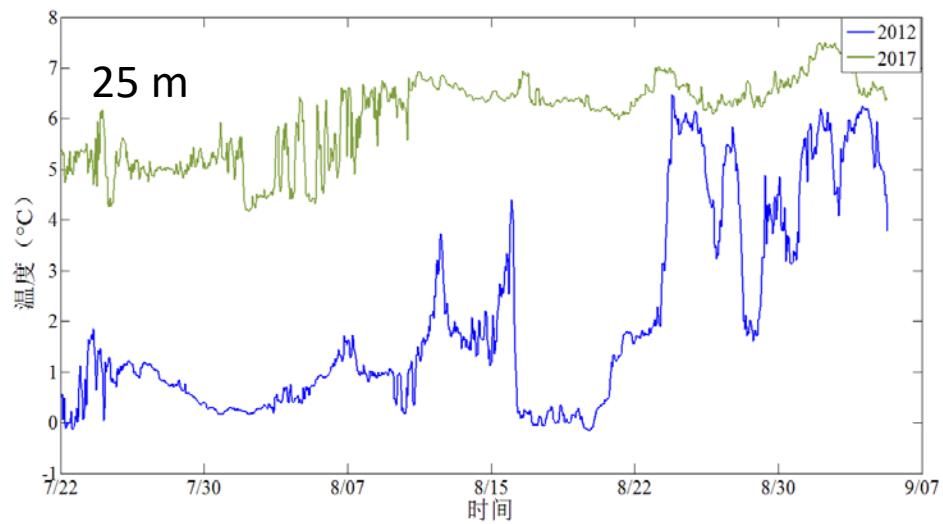
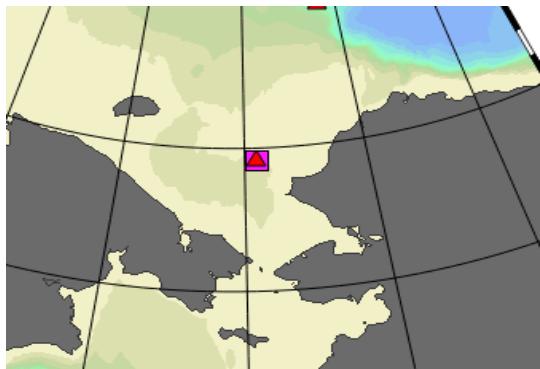
# Transects and stations (in total)



- 8 transects, 58 stations;
- 7 ice camps in central Arctic Ocean.
- Deployment of 1 sediment trap and 2 hydrographic mooring systems

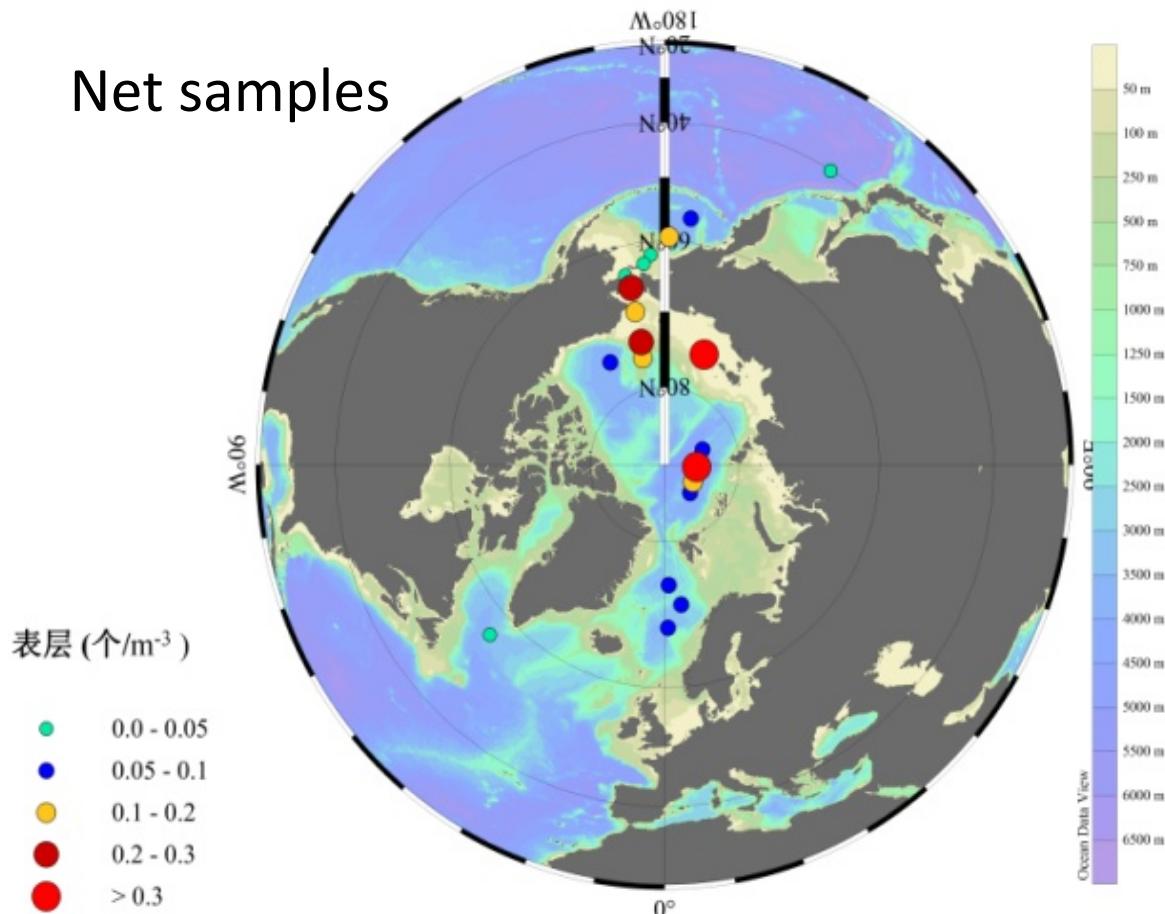
①B; ②BS; ③R; ④CC; ⑤P; ⑥N; ⑦BB; ⑧AT; ⑨ICE

# Variation of water temperature



# Microplastics in waters

Net samples



- Average 0.033/ $m^3$  with maximum 0.16/ $m^3$ .
- Bering Sea: 0.013
- **Bering Strait: 0.16**
- Chukchi Sea: 0.028
- **Central Arctic Ocean: 0.044**
- Nordic Sea: 0.015
- Beaufort Sea: 0.021
- Northwest Atlantic: 0.018

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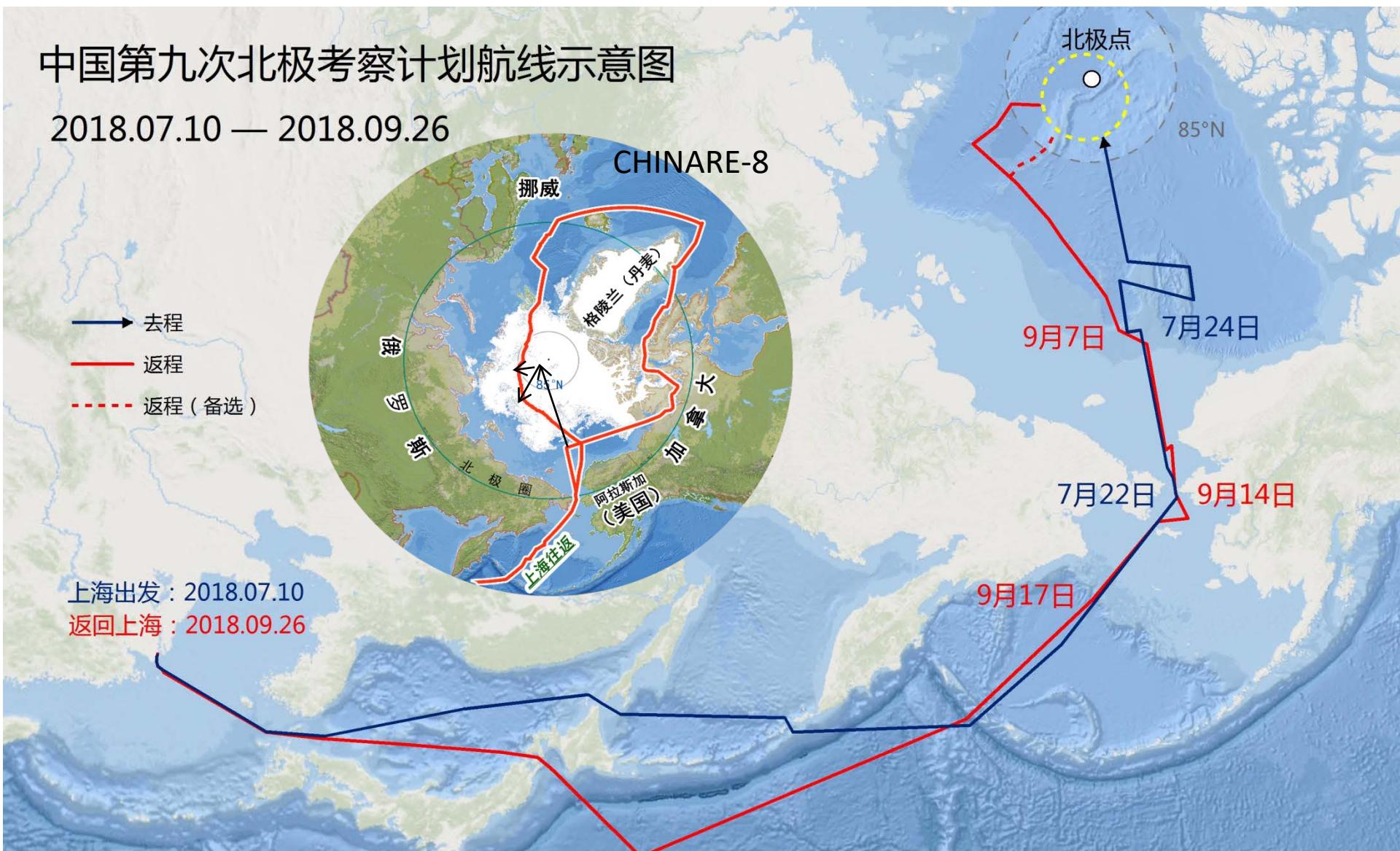
# Two topics

- Ecosystem with its response to the changing environment
- Sea ice and air-ice-water interaction

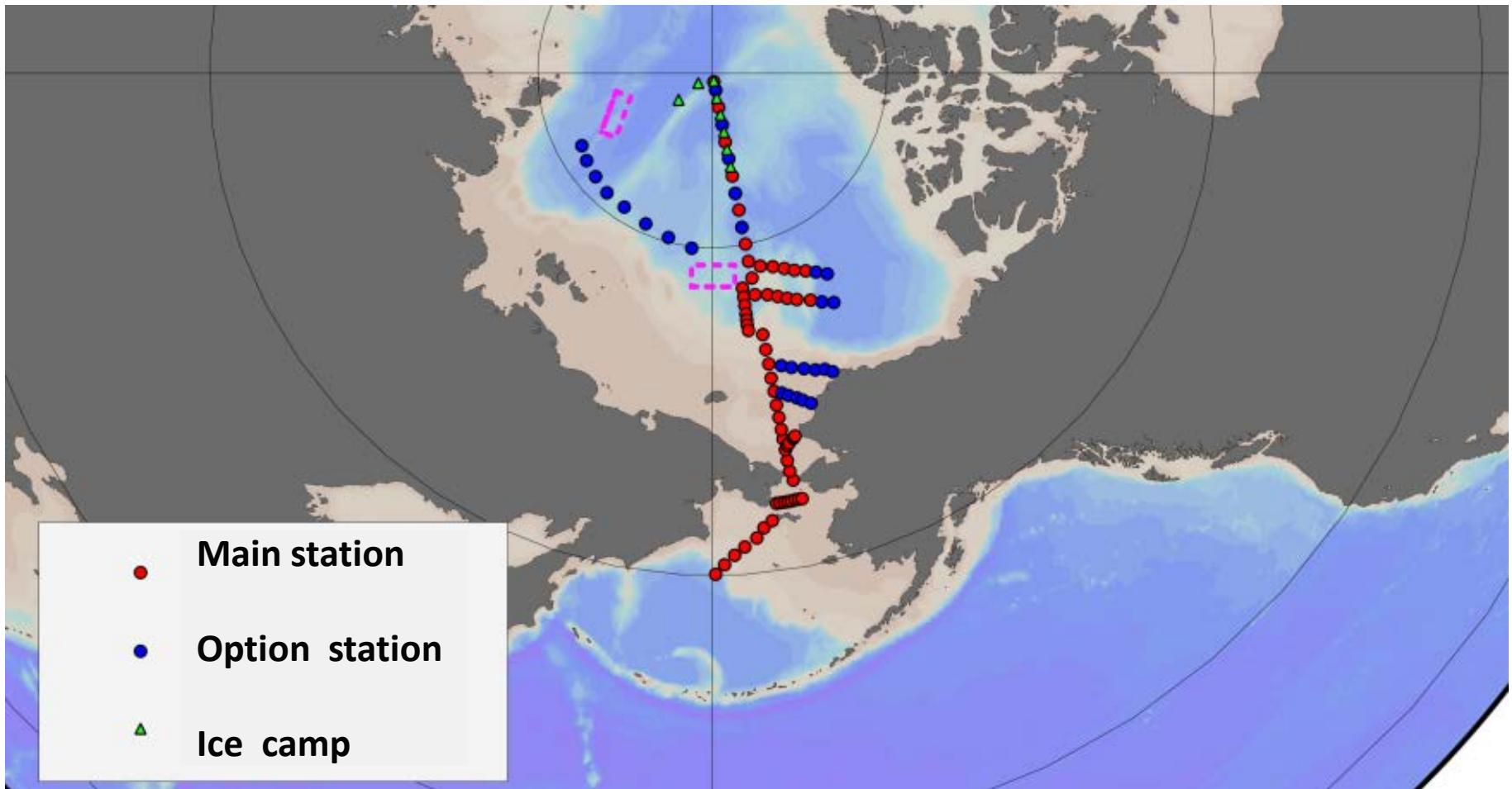
# Cruise track

中国第九次北极考察计划航线示意图

2018.07.10 — 2018.09.26

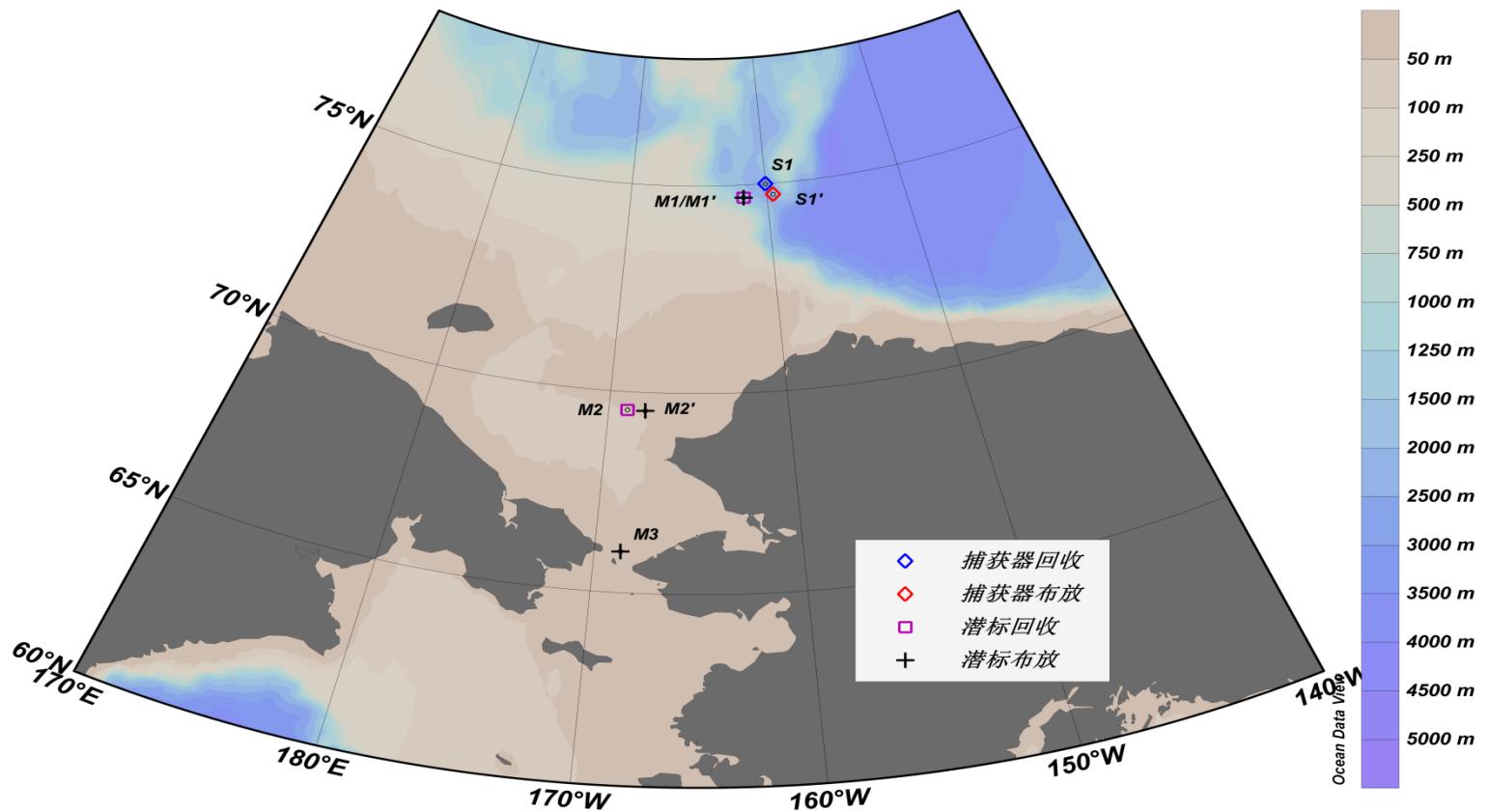


# Investigation stations

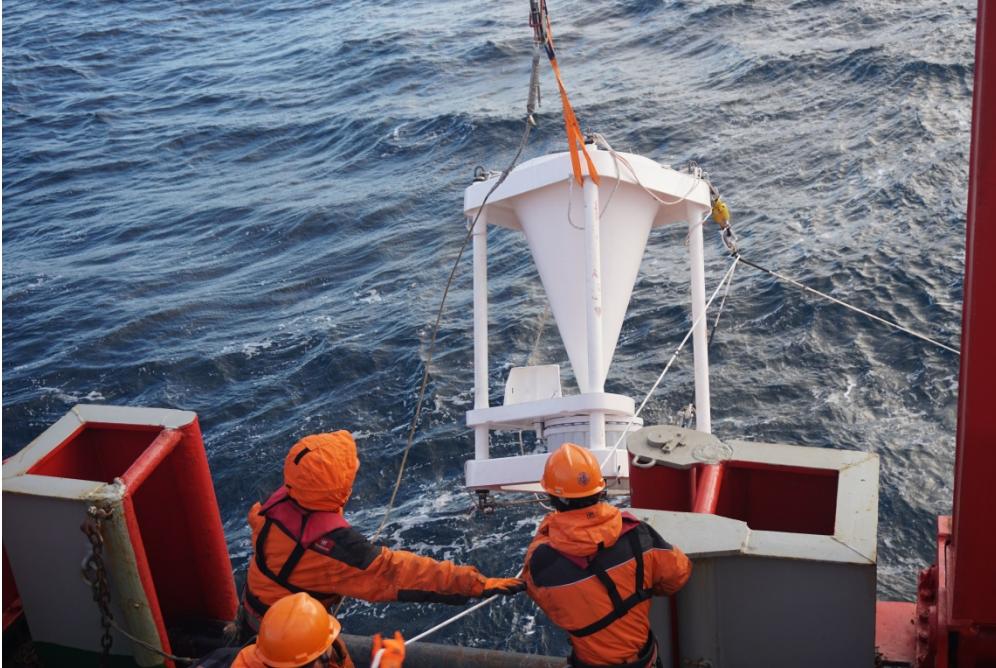


87 Oceanographic stations+6~8 ice camps

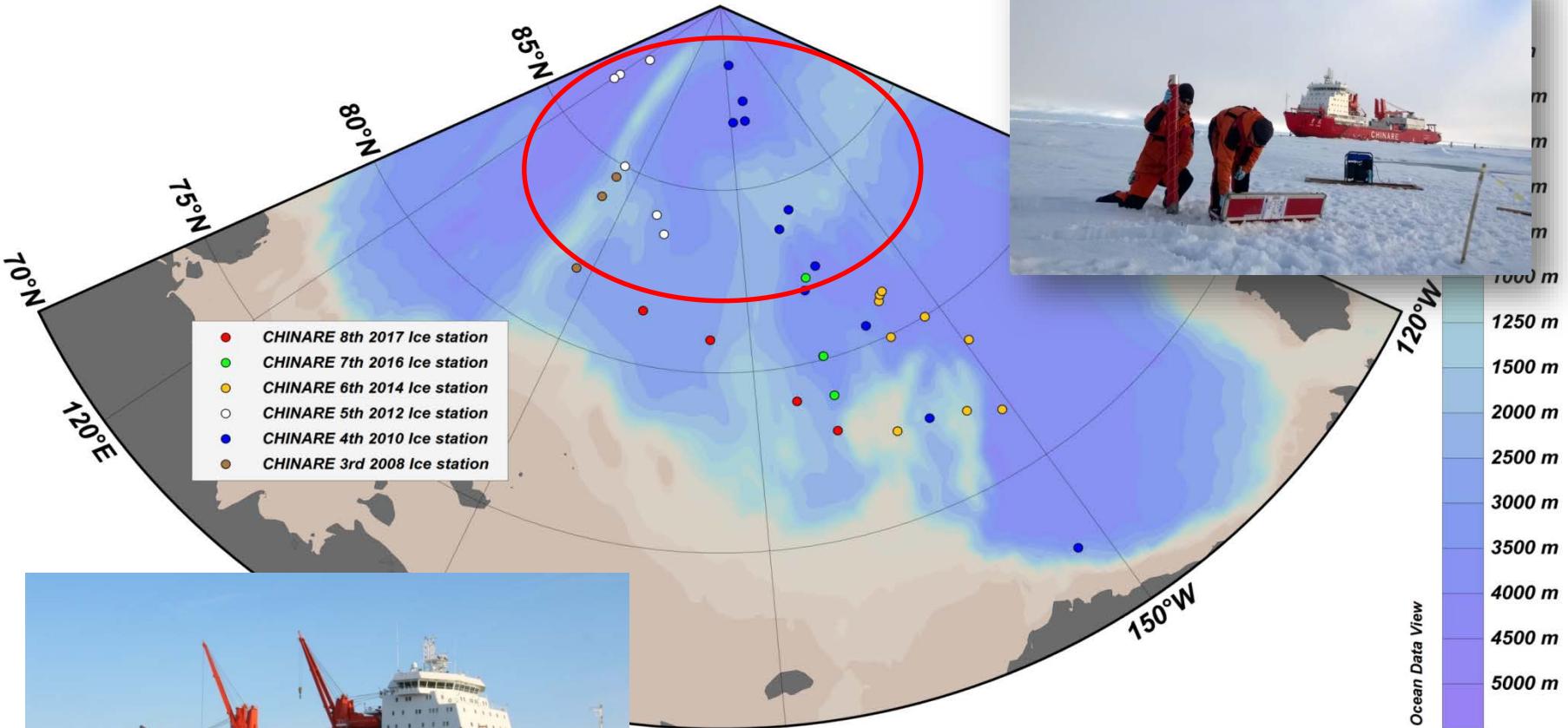
# Mooring stations



Deployment of 3 hydrographic mooring system+1 sediment trap

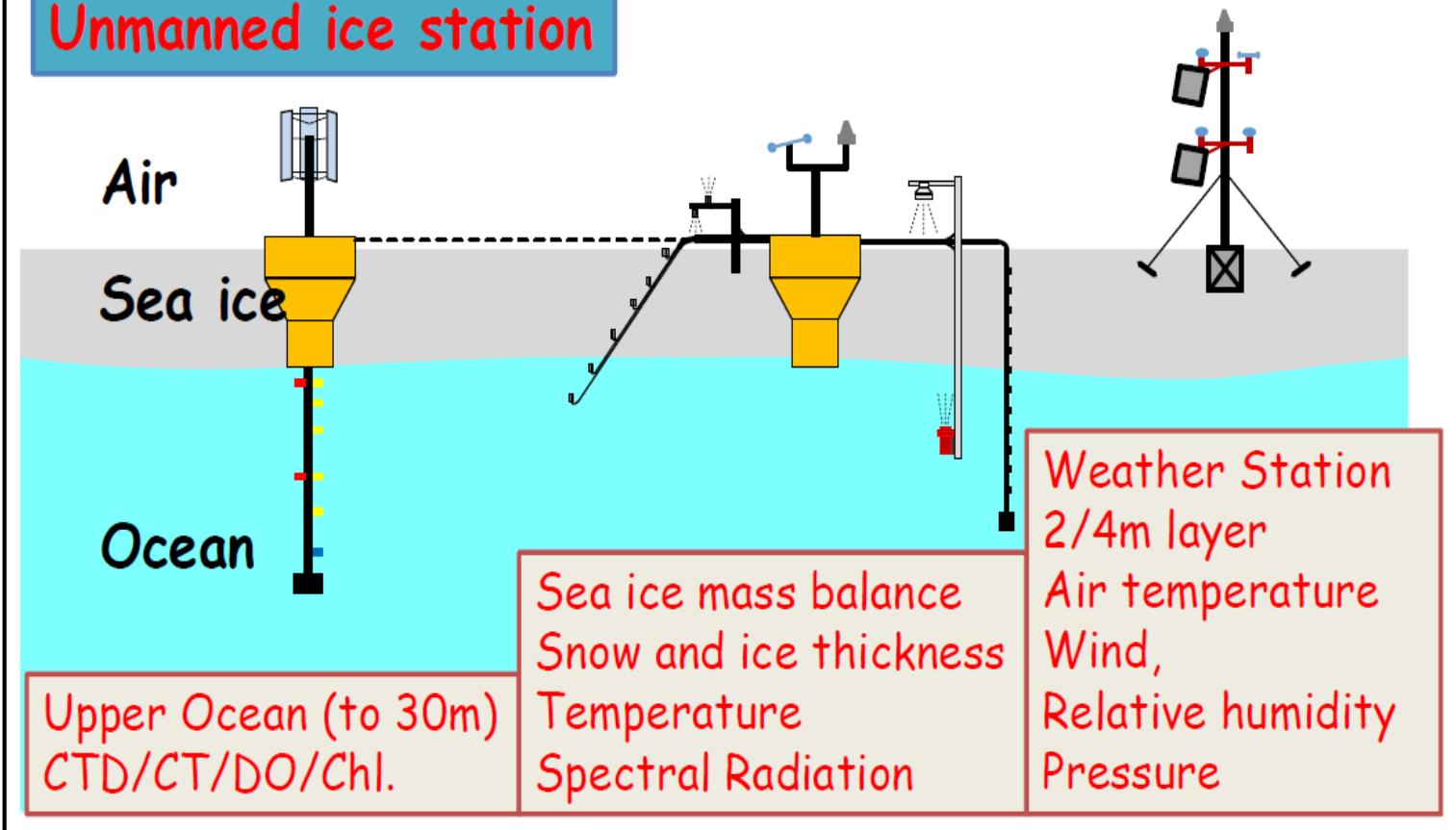


# Ice camps



6~8 ice camps in CAO

## Unmanned ice station



Deployment of ~20 ice buoys (including 2 UISs)

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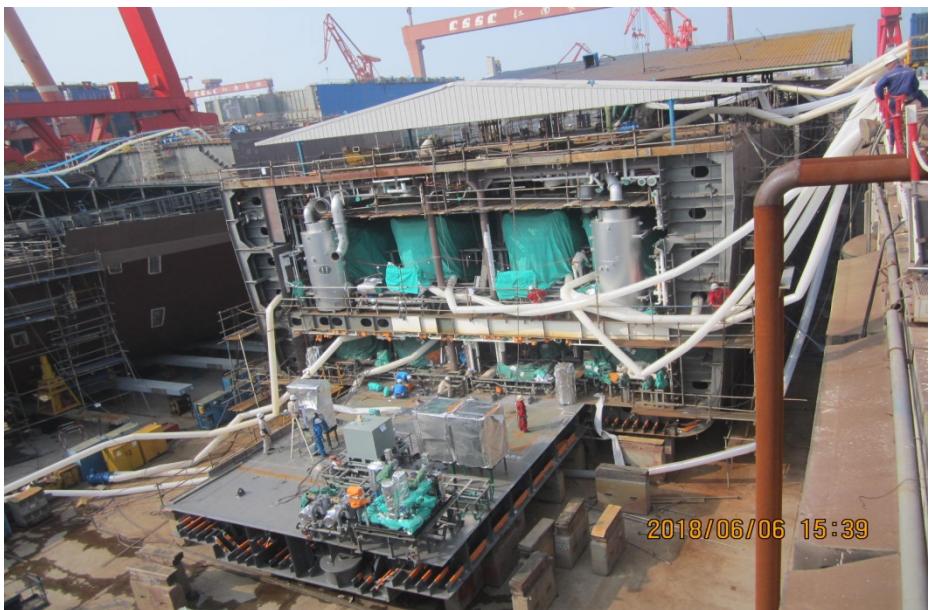
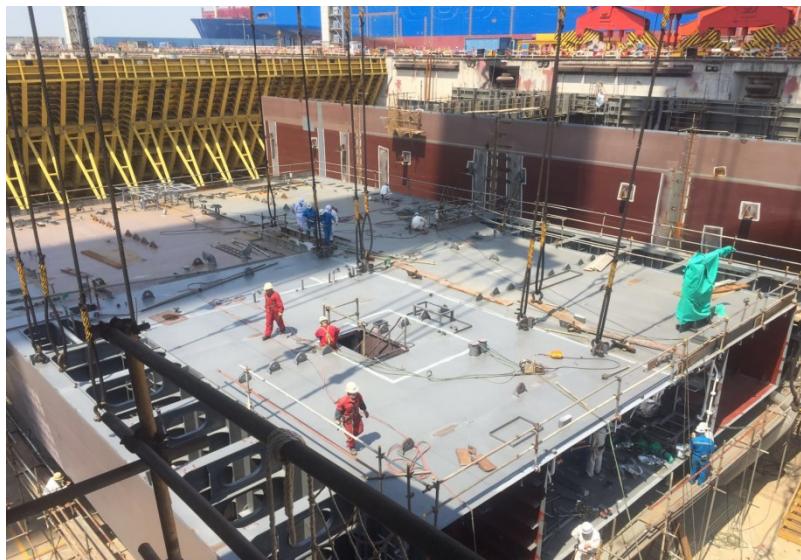
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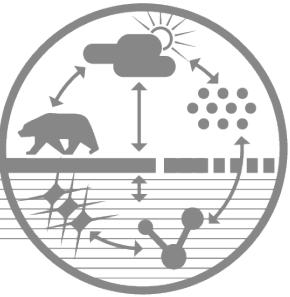
- Xuelong cruise?
- Xuelong 2 test cruise
- MOSAiC

# Xuelong2 under construction



- ◆ Displacement of 14,000 tons, 20,000 nm endurance, self-sustaining for 60 days
- ◆ Ice breaking, double acting (forward and backward), 1.5m sea ice plus 0.2m snow, at 2 to 3 knots.
- ◆ now is under construction in Jiangnan Shipyard, Shanghai. Arctic test cruise in summer 2019

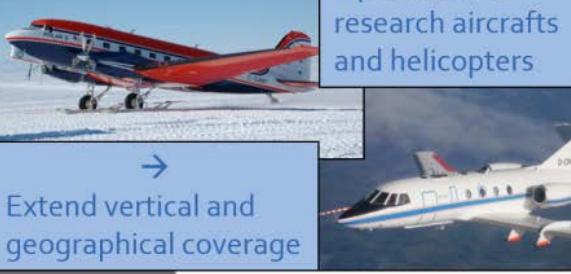




Central Observatory:  
RV Polarstern



Operations of  
research aircrafts  
and helicopters



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Extend vertical and  
geographical coverage

Distributed network  
of satellite stations

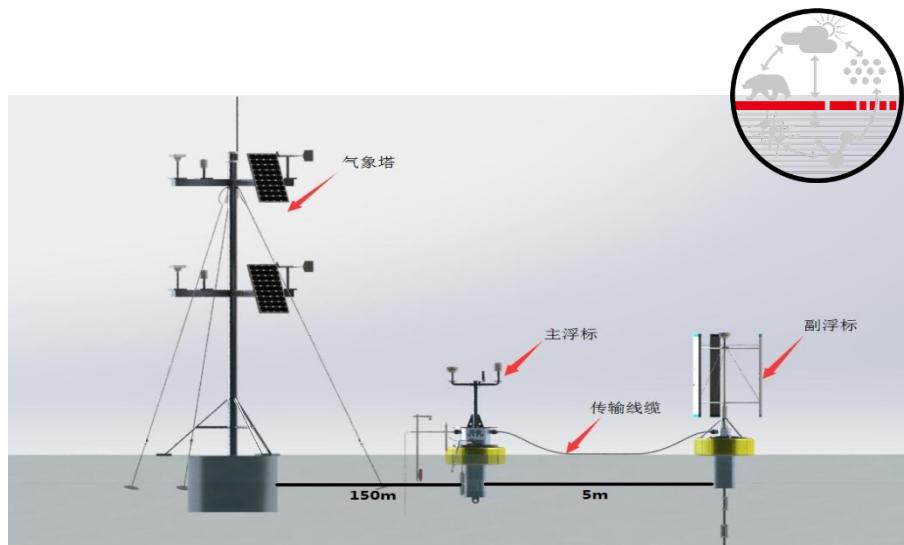


Rendezvous with  
icebreakers from  
MOSAiC partners

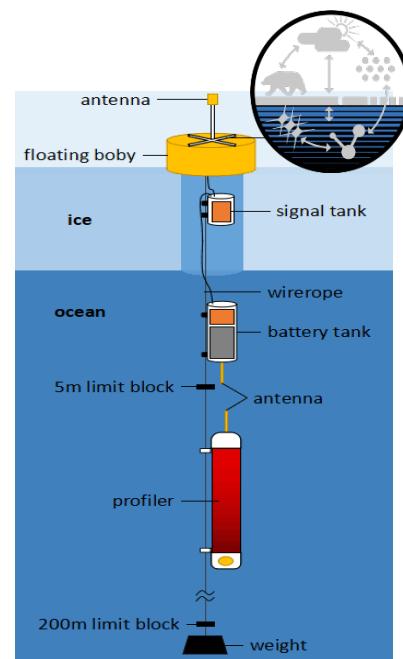


→  
Broader geographic  
coverage & supply





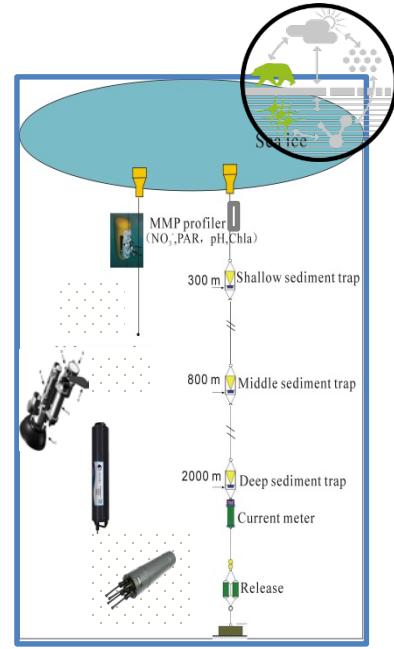
## Sea ice dynamics and thermodynamics



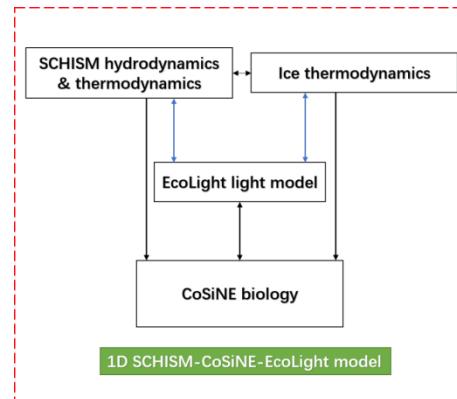
## thermodynamics



## Greenhouse gases



## Biogeochemical cycle

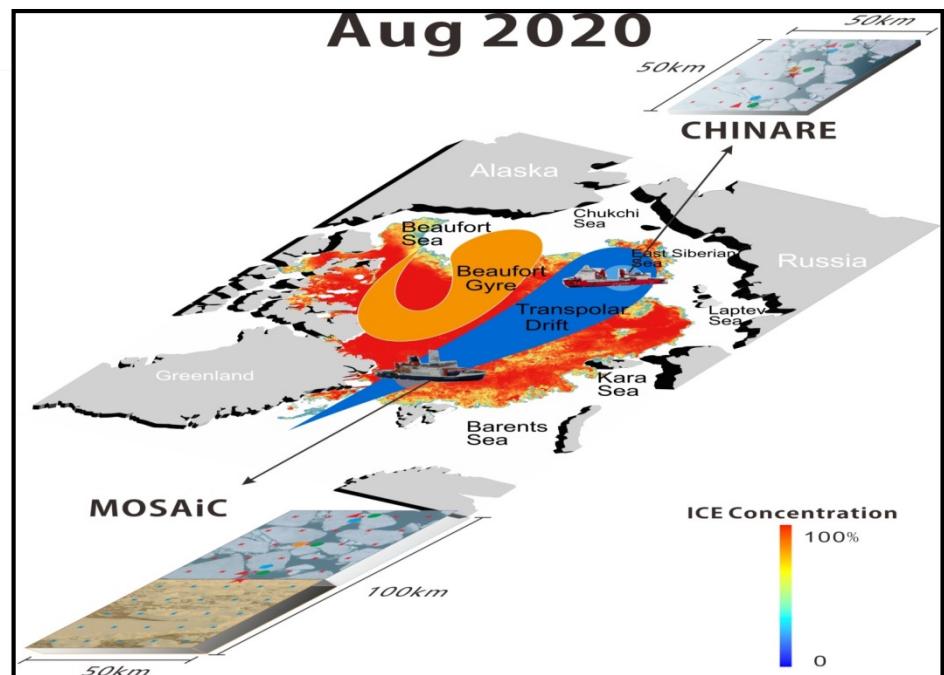
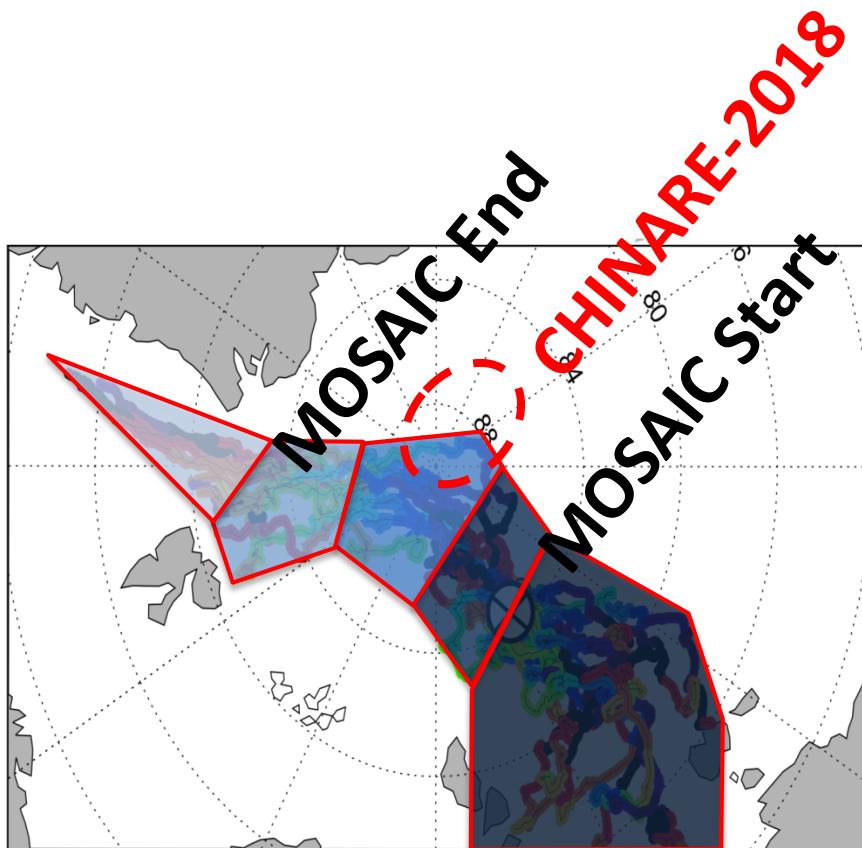


## Modeling

~20 man-months onboard



Pre/Post-MOSAiC: Some ice stations will be set up in the region of Transpolar Drift Stream during CHINARE-2018/2020



# Thank you for your attentions!

