



The Canadian Arctic GEOTRACES Program:

Biogeochemical and tracer study of a rapidly changing Arctic Ocean

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University of Saskatchewan

University of Manitoba

Trent University

University of Toronto

McGill University

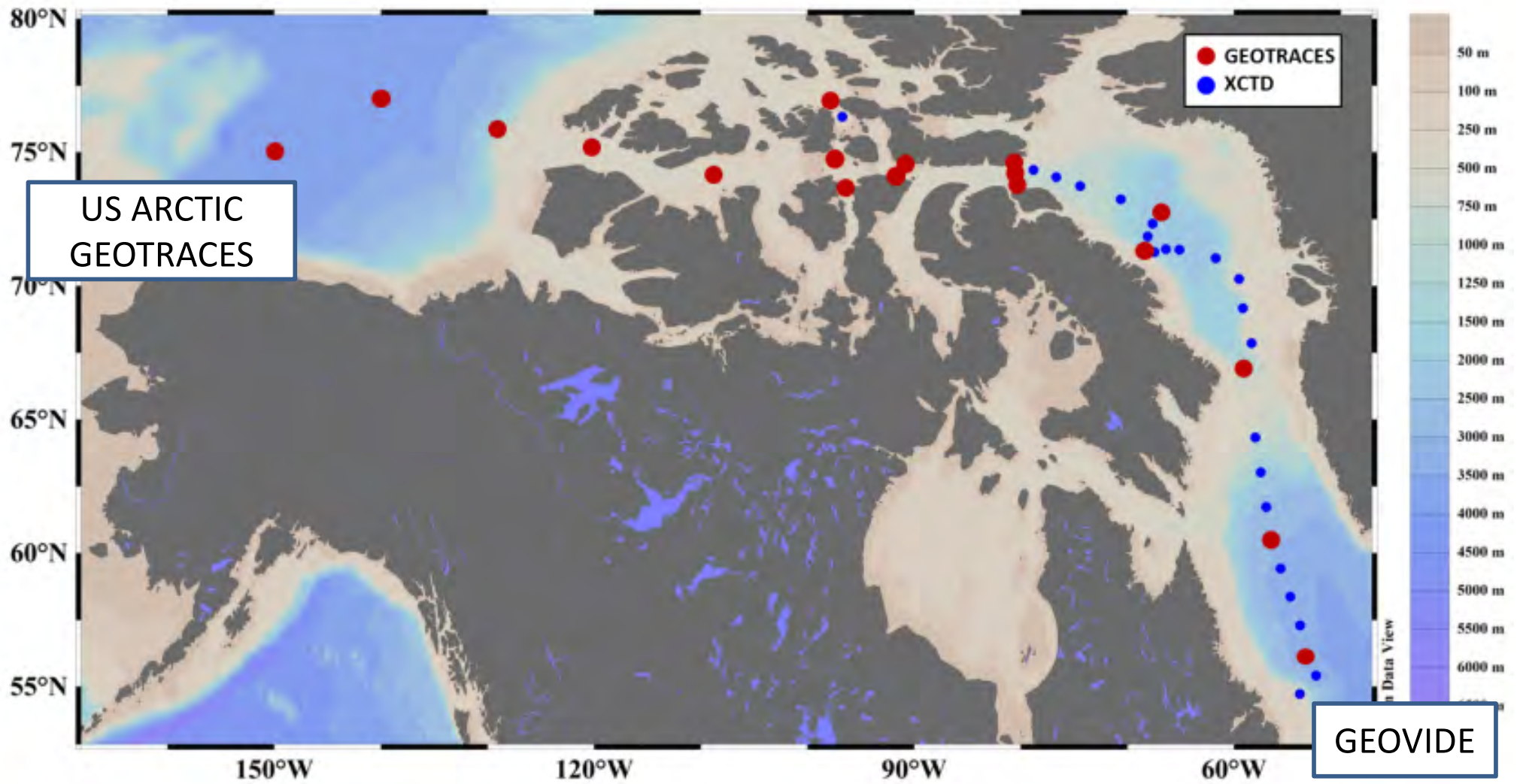
Dalhousie University

2 DFO research institutions

Institute of Ocean Sciences

Bedford Institute of Oceanography





13 Stations

- 67 hydrocasts with AN CTD-rosette
- 31 hydrocasts with TM CTD- rosette
- 24 LVP casts
- 1 trace metal clean deck pump deployment for large volume incubation experiments

278 incubations

- 88 two-hour ^{14}C incubations/FRRF
- 60 ^{13}C and ^{15}N incubations
- 60 ^{32}Si incubations
- 60 ^{18}O incubations
- 10 ^{55}Fe incubations

+ ArcticNet's 156 12h ^{14}C incubations

Underway trace gas analysis

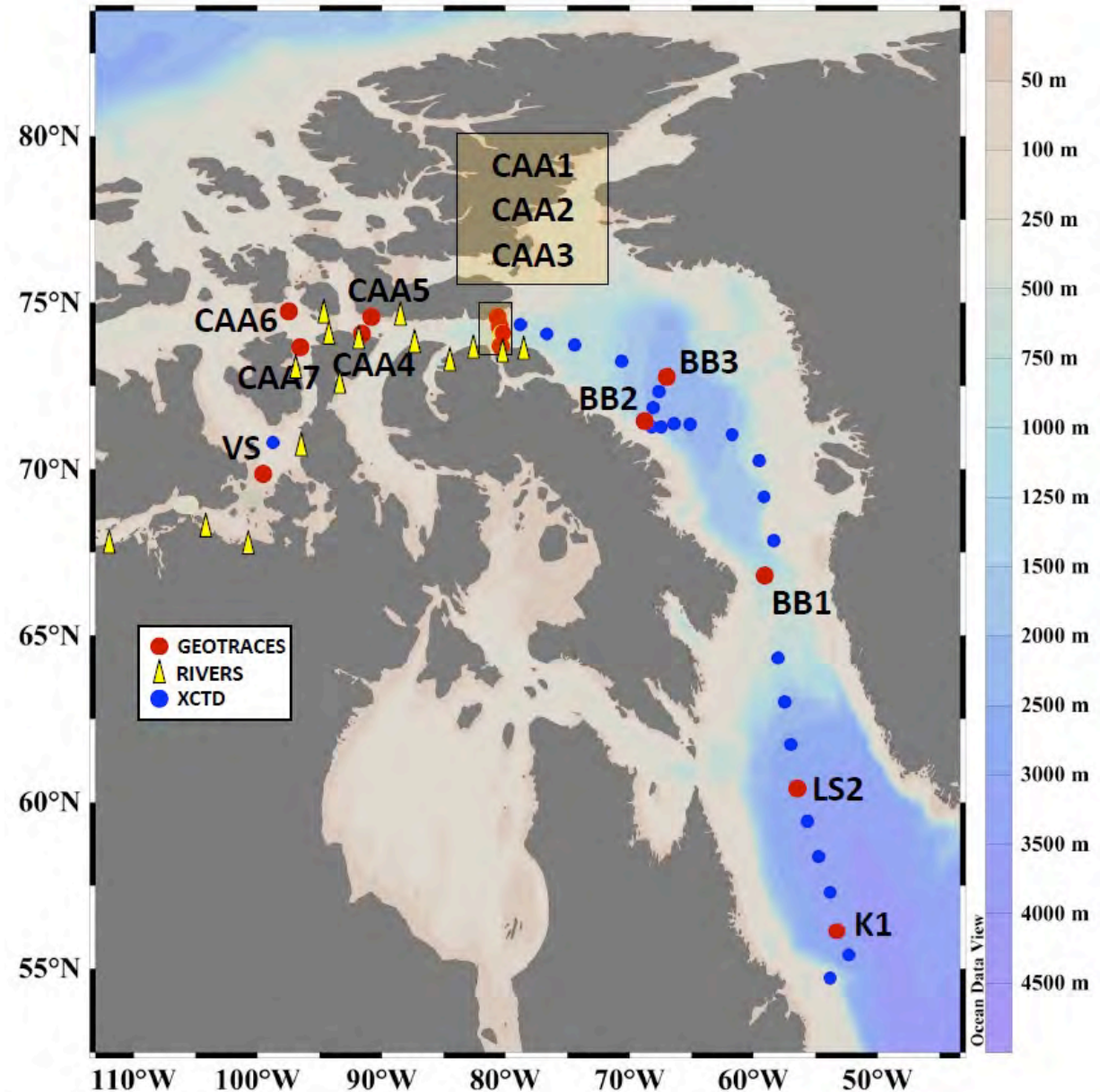
Two CO_2 / light manipulation experiments

Sampling at 15 Arctic rivers draining in the CAA

Aerosol sampling

First leg

Quebec City - Kugluktuk
July 10 – August 20, 2015



First leg

Chemical and biological parameters measured or sampled in the water column

Underway sampling/analysis:

- Aerosols
- Atmospheric Hg concentration (Gaseous Elementary Mercury [GEM], Reactive Gaseous Mercury [RGM] and Particulate Hg [PHg])
- Surface gas measurements
 - gas chromatography (DMS/P/O)
 - membrane inlet mass spectrometry (CO₂, ΔO₂/Ar, and DMS)
- Photo-physiological measurements (FRRF)

Hydrography/CTD sensors						Trace gases					
Pressure						Biogenic gases					
Temperature						CH ₄ , N ₂ O					
Salinity						O ₂ /Ar, N ₂ /Ar (K1; LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)					
Oxygen						Triple oxygen isotopes (K1; LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)					
Fluorescence						Noble gases (K1 and BB2)					
Light transmission						Trace elements and isotopes					
Nutrients						Dissolved and particulate trace metals					
Phosphate						Al, Mn, Fe, Cd, Zn, Cu, Pb, Ga, Ba, REE, Hg, MeHg					
Nitrate/Nitrite						Dissolved and particulate radioisotopes					
Ammonia						²³⁰ Th, ²³¹ Pa, ²³⁴ Th, ²²⁸ Ra, ²²⁴ Ra, ²²³ Ra					
Silicate						Dissolved and particulate radiogenic isotopes					
Chemical parameters						Nd, Pb					
Dissolved inorganic carbon						Dissolved and particulate stable isotopes					
Total alkalinity						δ ¹⁸ O in water					
pH						δ ¹³ C in DIC					
Dissolved organic carbon						δ ¹⁵ N and δ ¹⁸ O in nitrate					
Fluorescent dissolved organic matter						δ ³⁰ Si					
Coloured dissolved organic matter						δ ⁵³ Cr					
Thiols						δ ⁵⁶ Fe					
Organic ligands						Anthropogenic isotopes					
Biological parameters						¹²⁹ I, ²³⁶ U, ¹³⁵ Cs					
Particulate organic carbon						Large volume in-situ pumps					
Particulate organic nitrogen						Particulate ²³⁰ Th, ²³¹ Pa, ²³⁴ Th					
Size fractionated chlorophyll a						Particulate Si, Nd and Cr isotopes					
Pigments											
Particulate biogenic silica											
Flow cytometry											
Genomics											
Proteomics											
Incubations											
						¹⁴ C uptake (K1; LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; VS)					
						¹³ C uptake (K1; LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 5, 6, 7)					
						¹⁵ NO ₃ uptake (K1; LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 5, 6, 7)					
						¹⁵ NH ₄ uptake (LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 5, 6, 7)					
						³² Si uptake (LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 5, 6, 7)					
						H ₂ ¹⁸ O uptake (K1; LS2; BB1, 2, 3; CAA1, 3, 5, 6, 7)					
						⁵⁵ Fe uptake (CAA3, 7)					

Second leg
September 4 – October 1, 2015
Sachs Harbour – Resolute

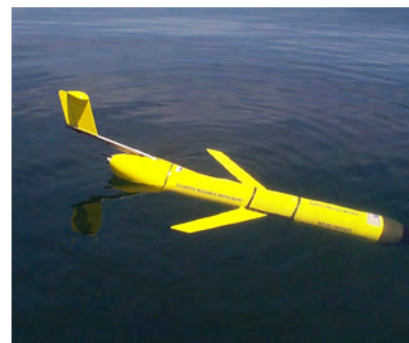
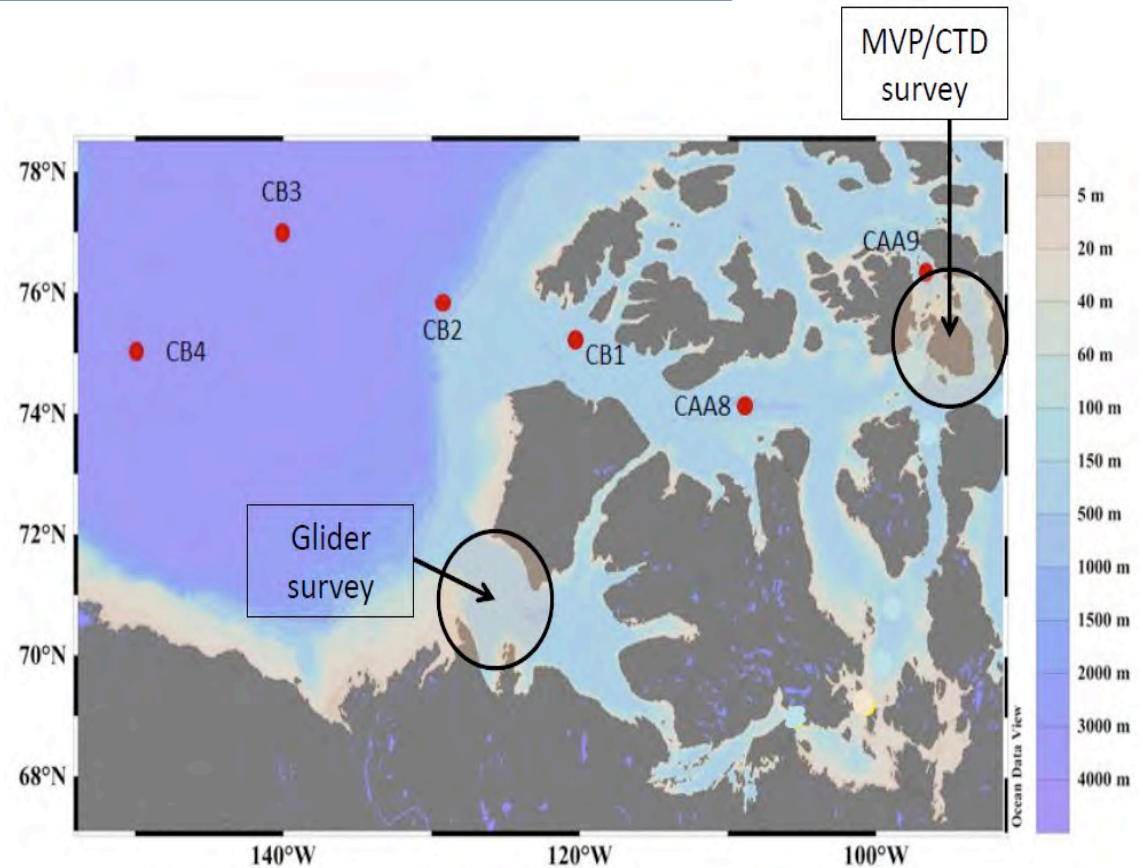
6 Stations

- 22 hydrocasts with AN CTD-rosette
- 21 hydrocasts with TM CTD-rosette
- 12 LVP casts

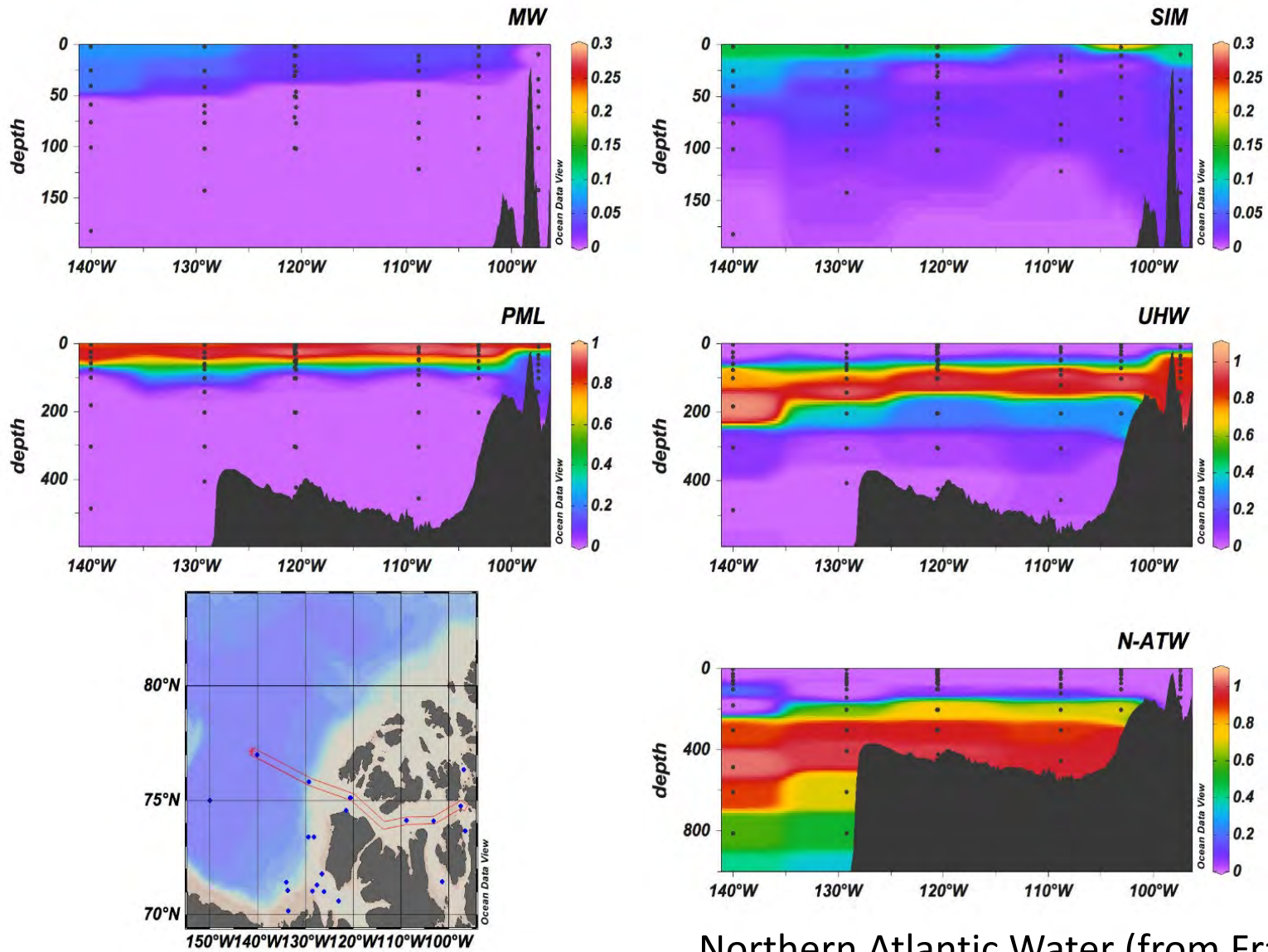
Aerosol sampling

MVP survey

Glider survey (Leg 3a)



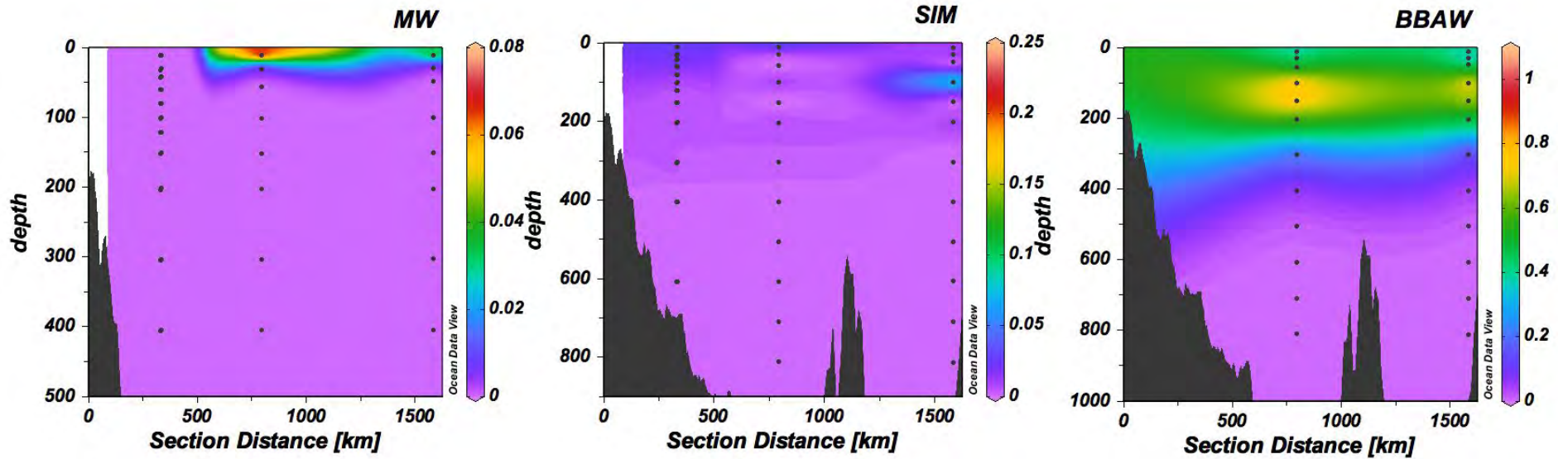
Source-water mass fractions in the water column of the western Canadian Arctic using an optimum multiparameter algorithm (S , $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, TA , DIC , θ).



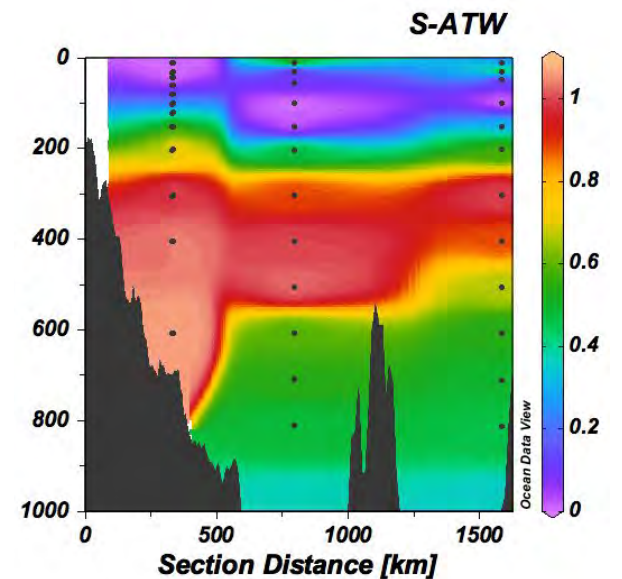
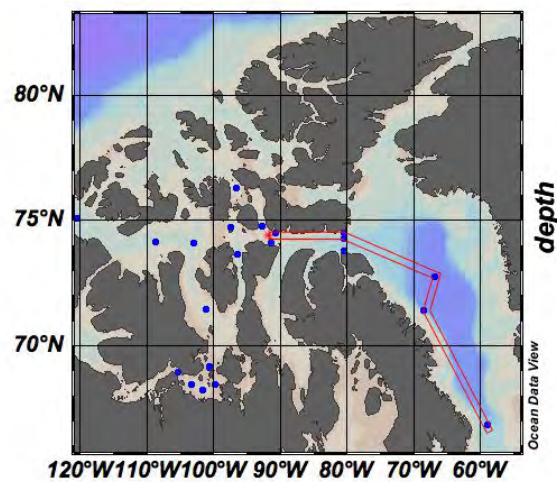
Northern Atlantic Water (from Fram Strait)

Mucci et al.

Source-water mass fractions in the water column of the eastern Canadian Arctic:

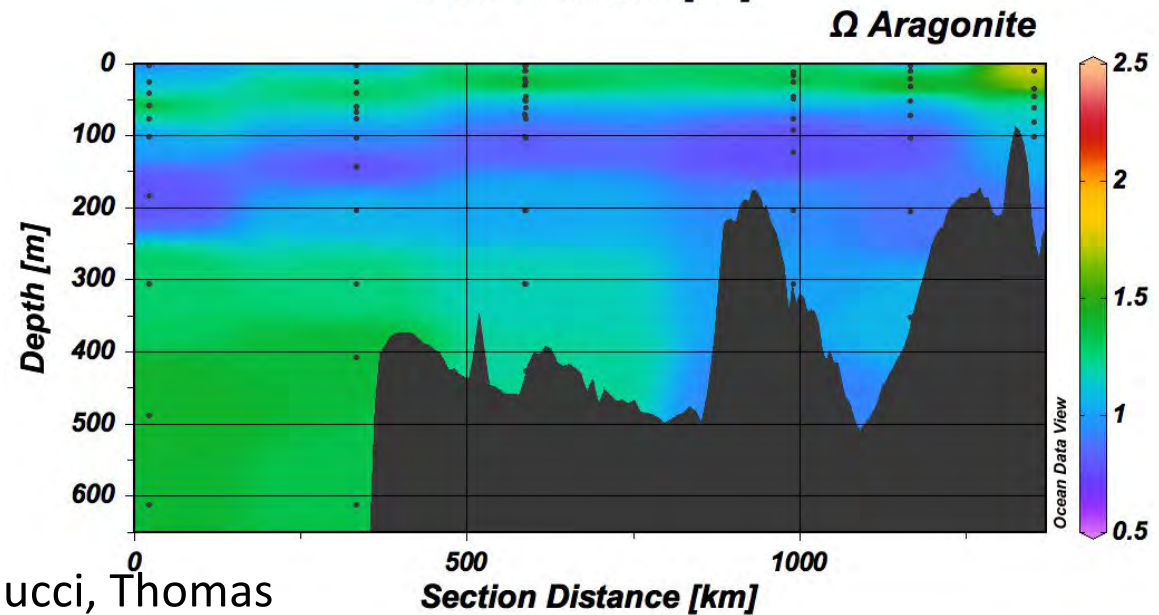
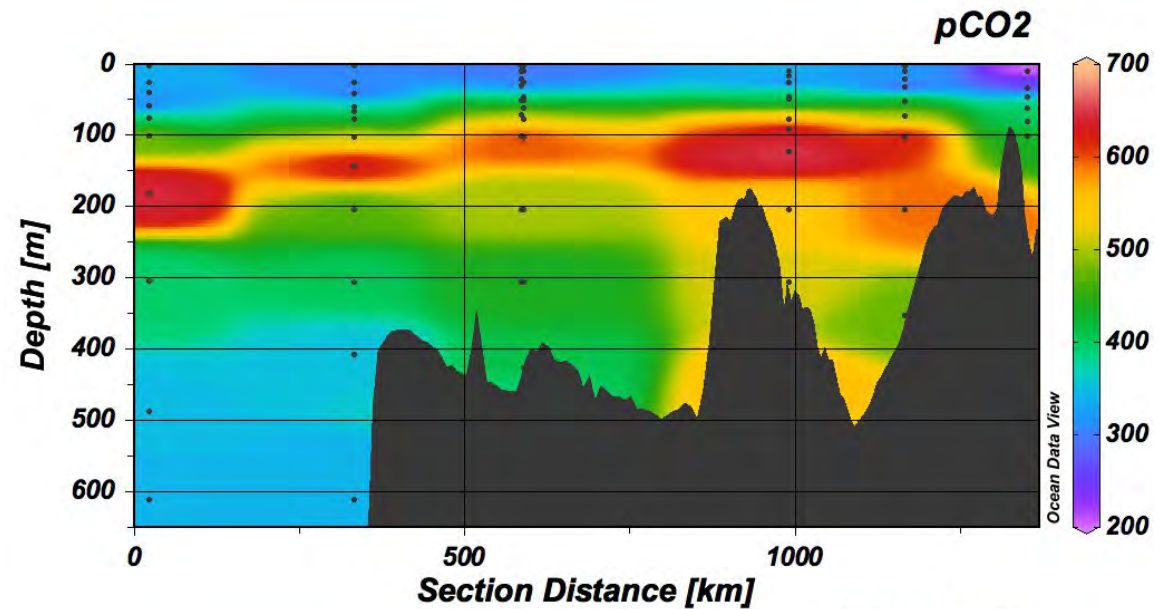
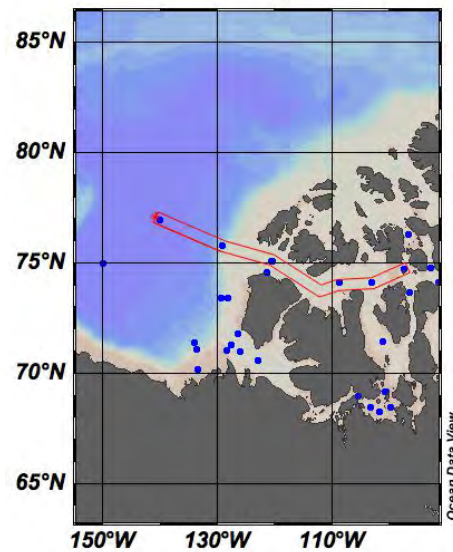


Baffin Bay Arctic Water

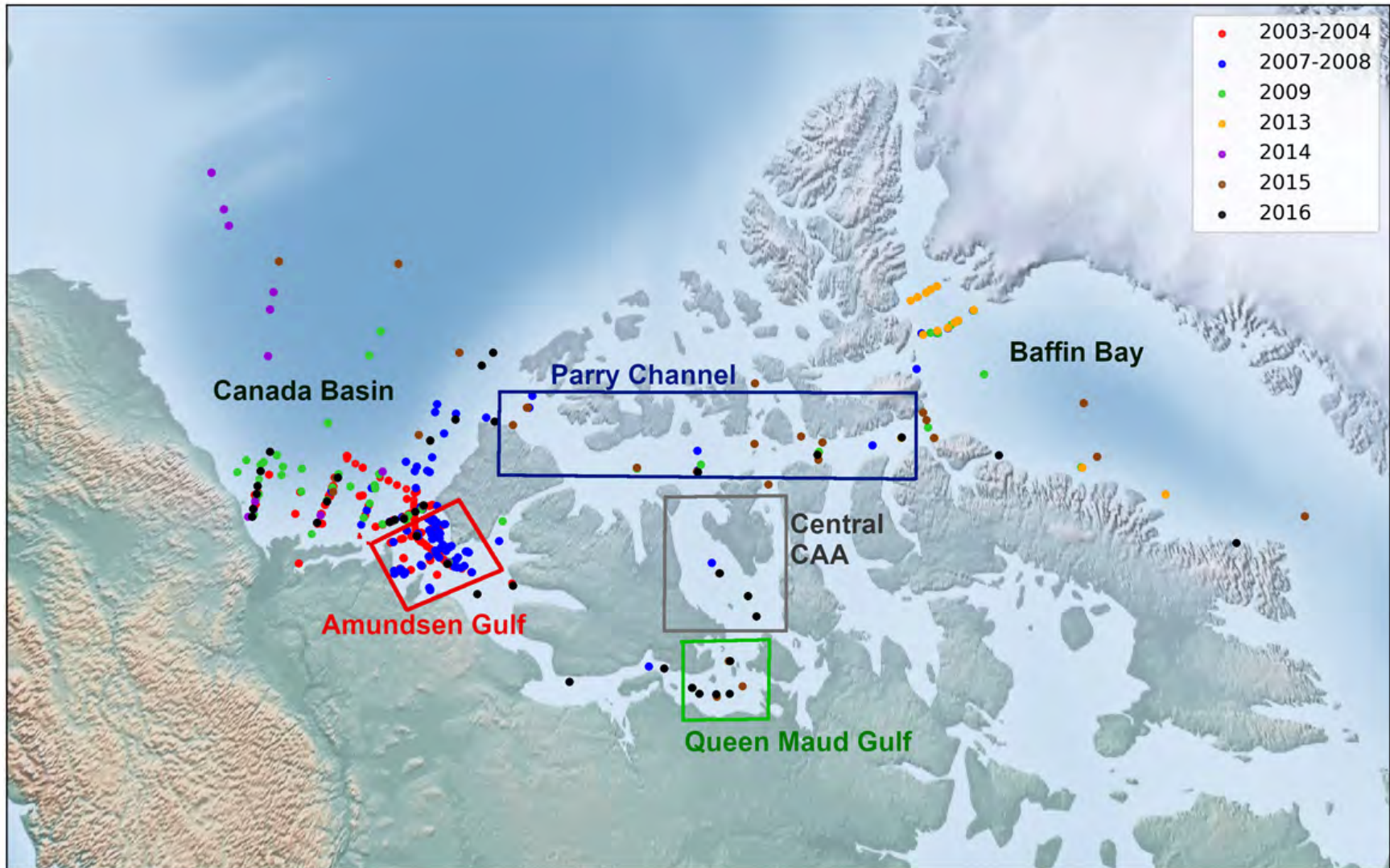


Southern Atlantic Water (from Lab Sea)

Computed $p\text{CO}_2$ and saturation state with respect to aragonite in the water column of the western Canadian Arctic: from the Canada Basin to Barrow Strait.

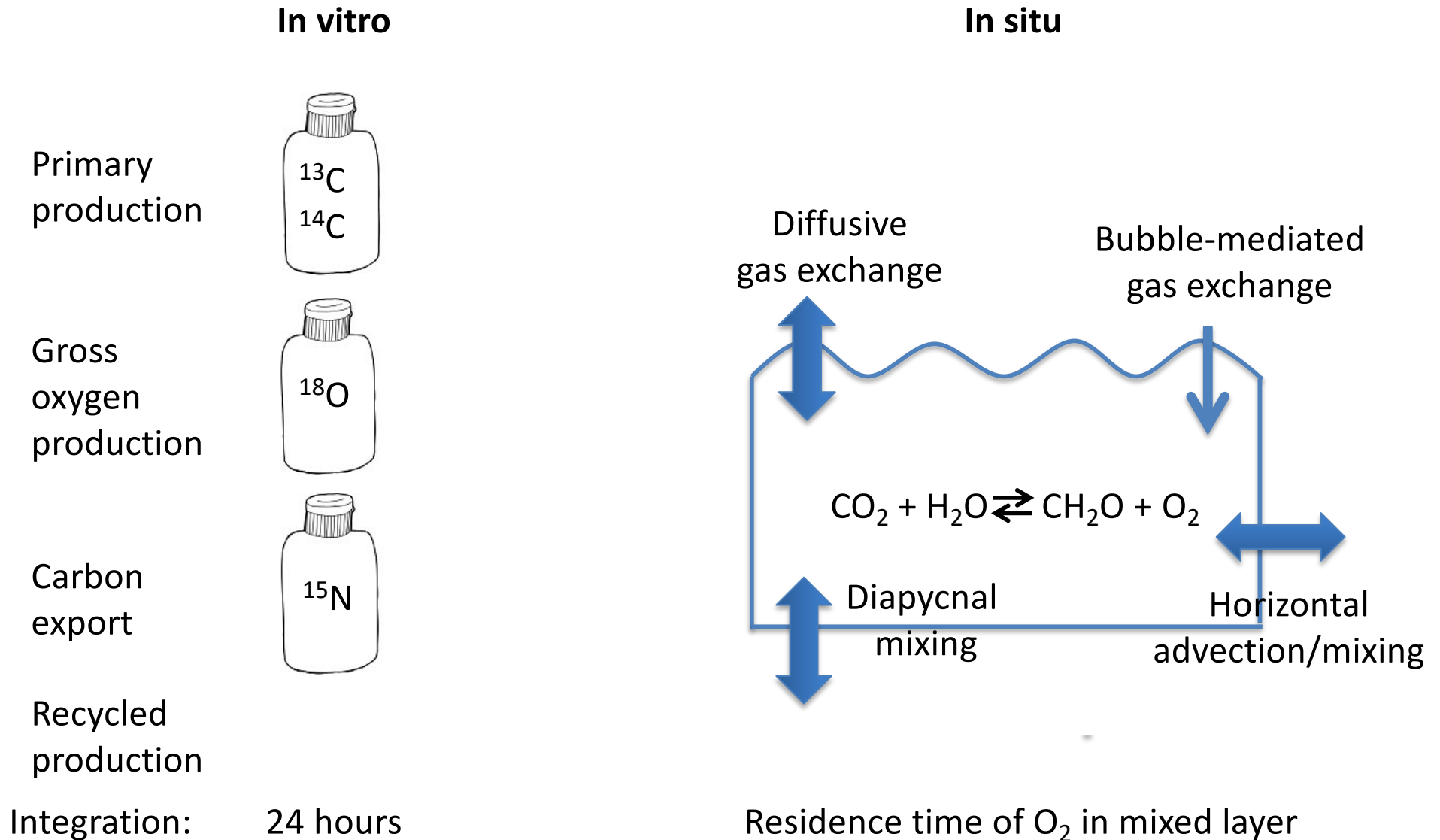


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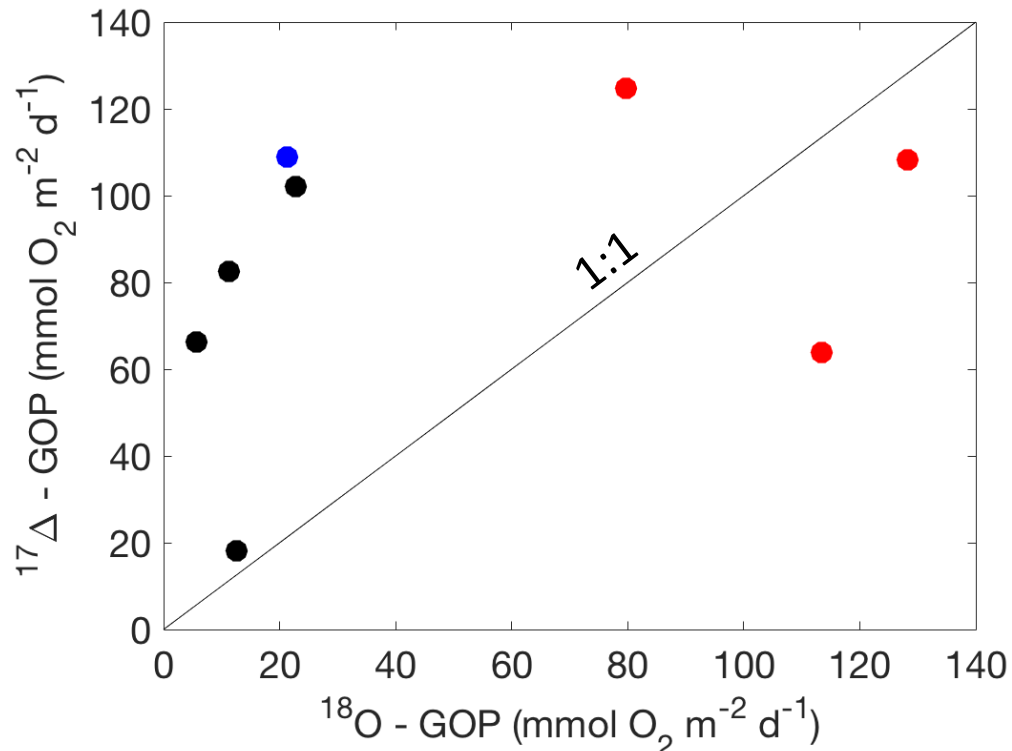
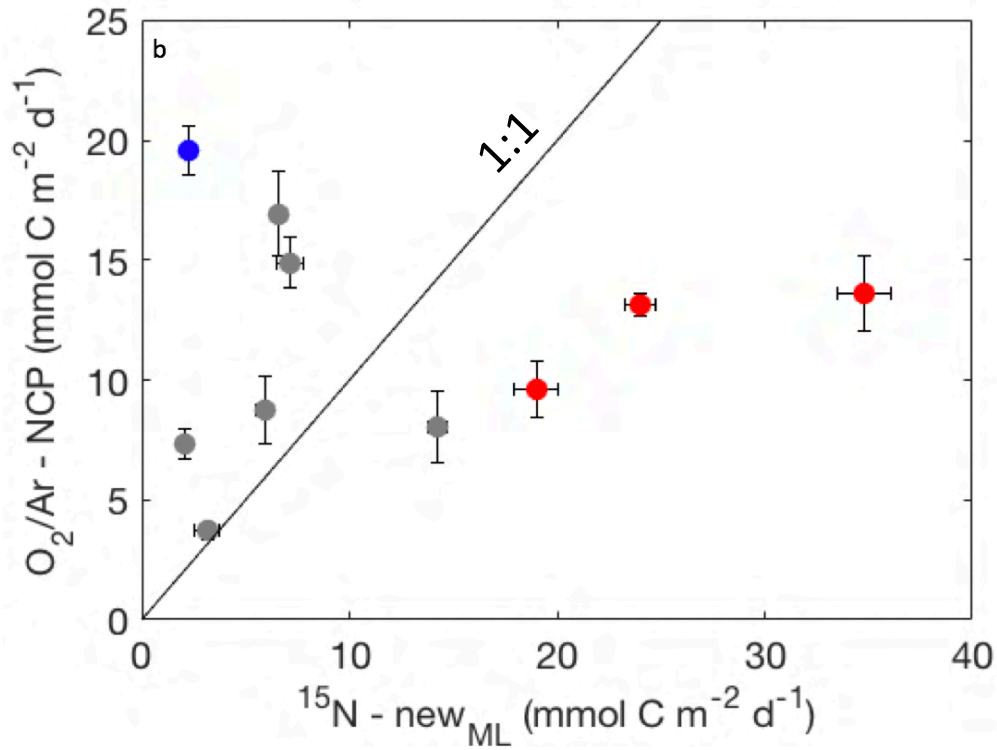
Geographical location of the oceanographic stations covered by the dataset, color-coded according to the year of sampling, with the approximate boundaries of the main areas mentioned in the text.

Comparison of primary production and carbon export methods



Generally near 1:1
except several
outliers

- **Episodic events**
- **Recently shoaled mixed layer**
- Mixing at the base of the mixed layer
- Methodological issues

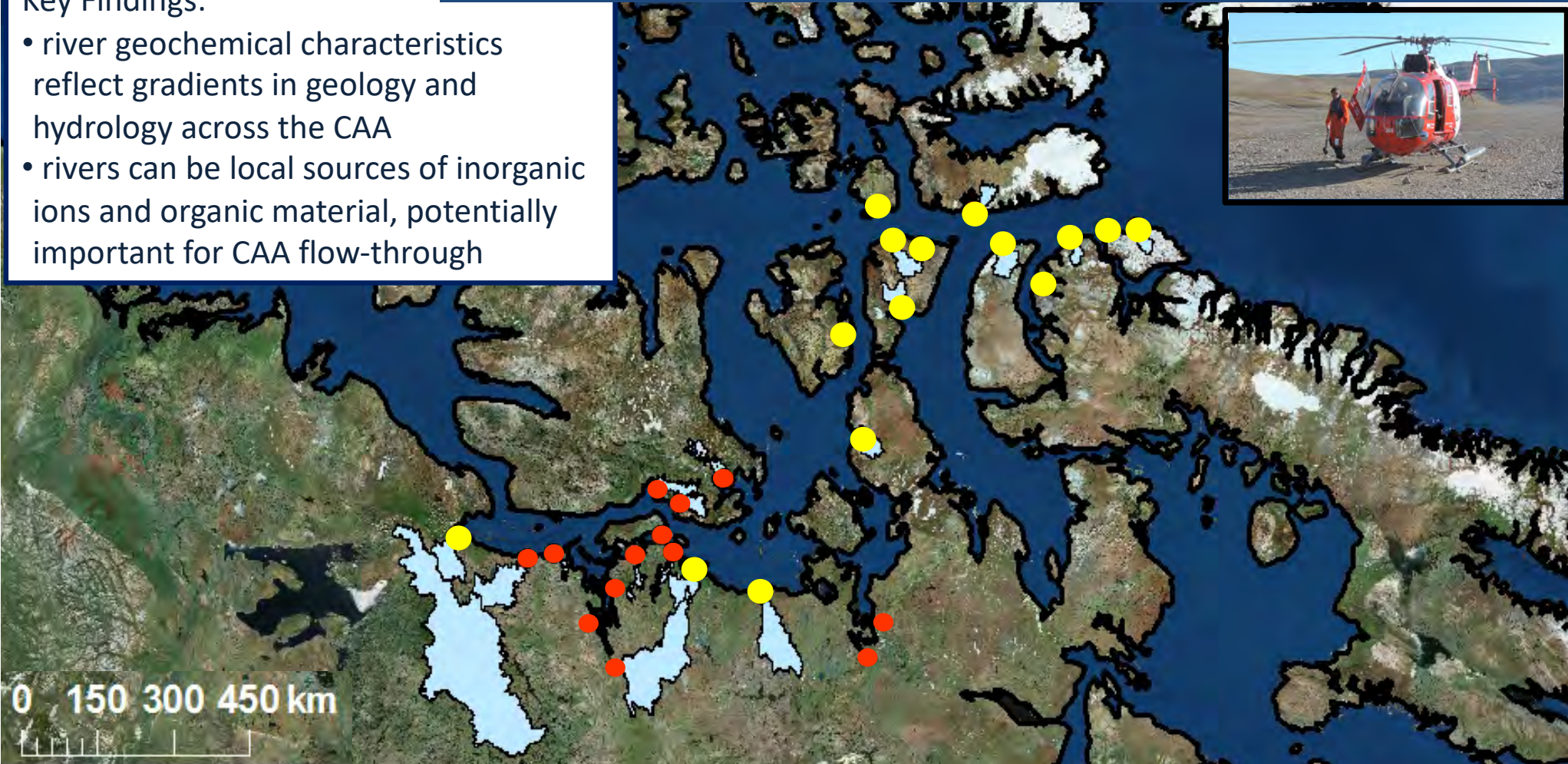


Canadian Arctic GEOTRACES River Sampling

- collected samples from 15 rivers along the cruise track, Leg 2 ●
- rivers sampled for: inorganic ions, water isotopes, carbon (organic, inorganic), sediments, trace metals (M. Colombo), isotope tracers (^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{14}C , $^{87/86}\text{Sr}$), Pb-isotopes (J. De Vera), Si-isotopes (K. Giesbrecht)
- combined w Canadian Arctic Archipelago Rivers Study data ●

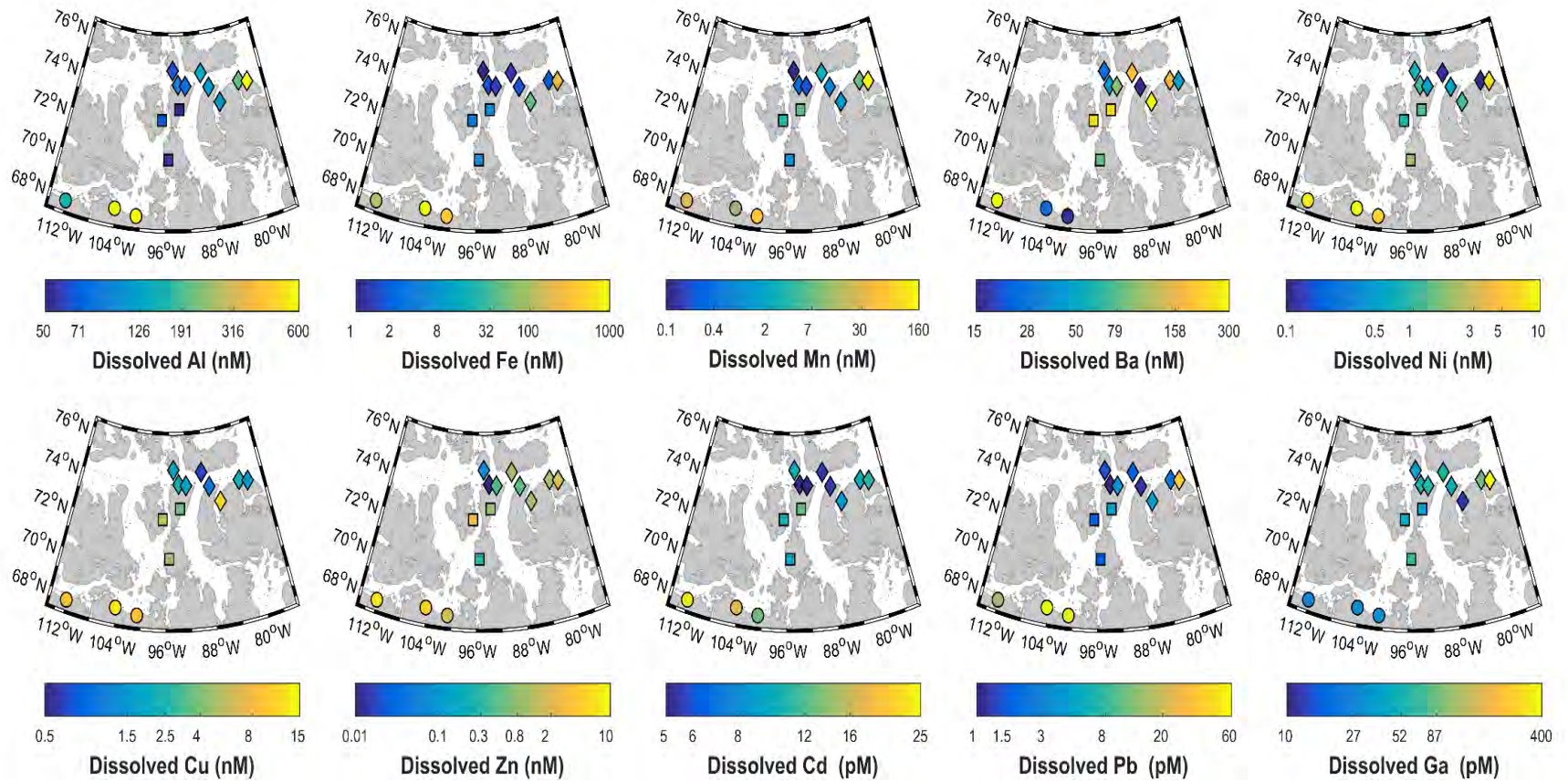
Key Findings:

- river geochemical characteristics reflect gradients in geology and hydrology across the CAA
- rivers can be local sources of inorganic ions and organic material, potentially important for CAA flow-through

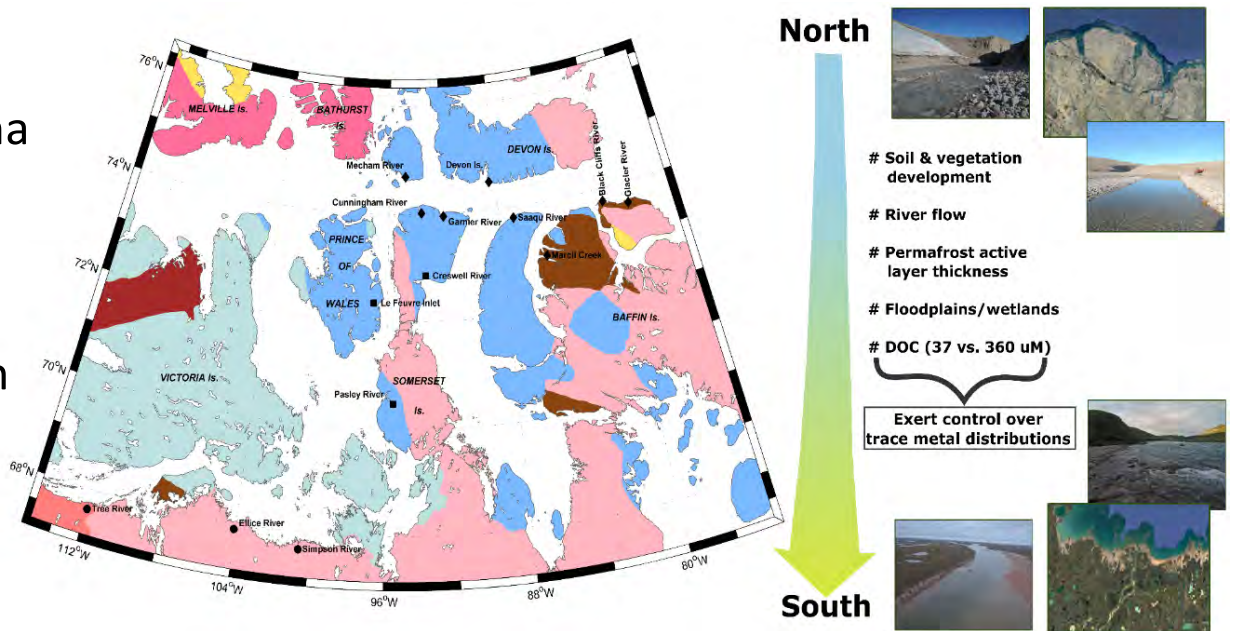


Brown, K. A., Williams, W. J., Carmack, E. C., Fiske, G., François, R., McLennan, D., & Peucker-Ehrenbrink, B. (2020). Geochemistry of small Canadian Arctic Rivers with diverse geological and hydrological settings. *JGR: Biogeosci.*, 125

Small CAA rivers



Colombo, Manuel, Brown, Kristina A., De Vera, Joan, Bergquist, Bridget A. and Orians, Kristin J., 2019. Trace Metal Geochemistry of Remote Rivers in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. *Chemical Geology*, 525, 479-491.



Cullen (w/ Sarah Jackson and Dave Janssen)

Collected filtered seawater samples for dissolved TM at all stations using TMR

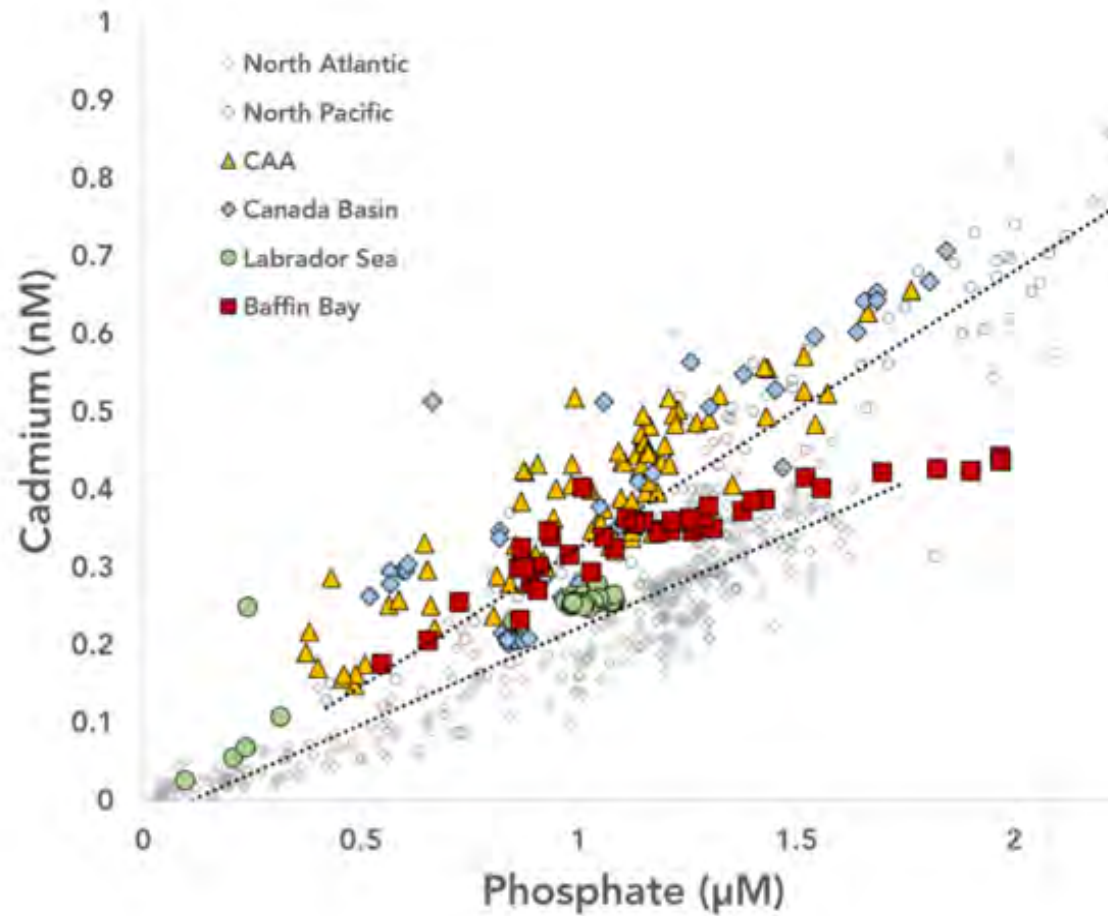
- Analysis complete for Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd and Pb
 - Data sets merged with Orians (UBC) for Mn and Fe
 - Data will be submitted for IDP2021
- Intercompared "cross over" for Mn, Fe (Fitzsimmons/Jensen) want to talk to others here
- AI intercalibration samples from Measures/Hatta

Publications (Jackson MSc 2018)

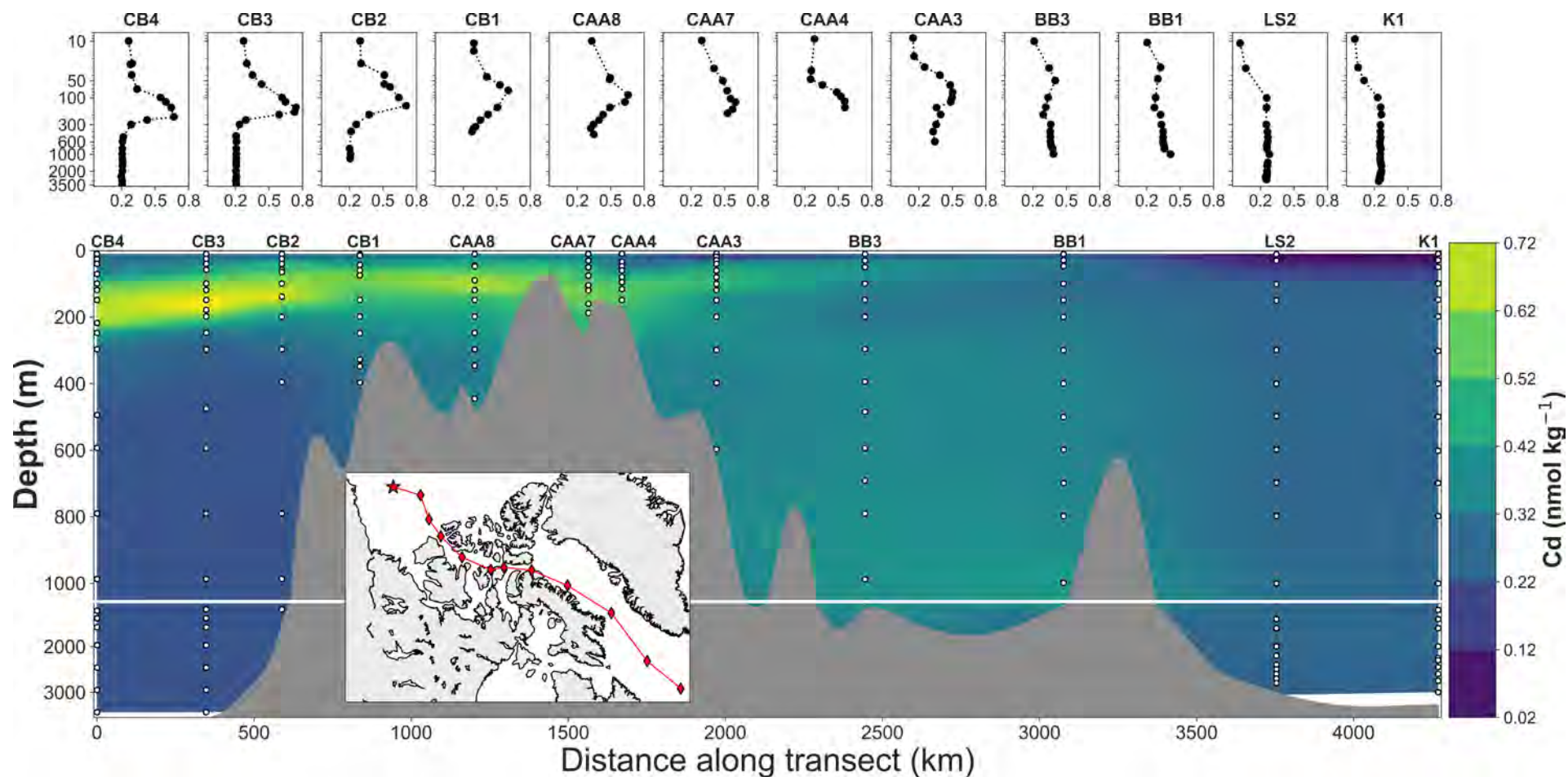
- Fe and Mn (Orians Colombo) in revision, 2020 GCA
- Cd (in prep)



dissolved Cd vs Phosphate GN02 & GN03



Arctic dissolved Cd Section



Kristin Orians (w/ Manuel Colombo)

Collected filtered seawater samples for dissolved TM at all stations using TMR

- Analysis complete for Pb, Mn, Fe, & Ga
 - Data sets merged with J. Cullen (U Vic) for Mn and Fe
 - Intercalibrated with US colleagues
 - To be submitted to GEOTRACES data base soon
- Set of samples provided to A. Shiller for V analysis
- Analyzed TMs (diss. and part. Al, Fe, Mn, Ba, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb, Ga) in small CAA rivers (collected by K. Brown).

Publications (all in M. Colombo UBC PhD thesis, 2019)

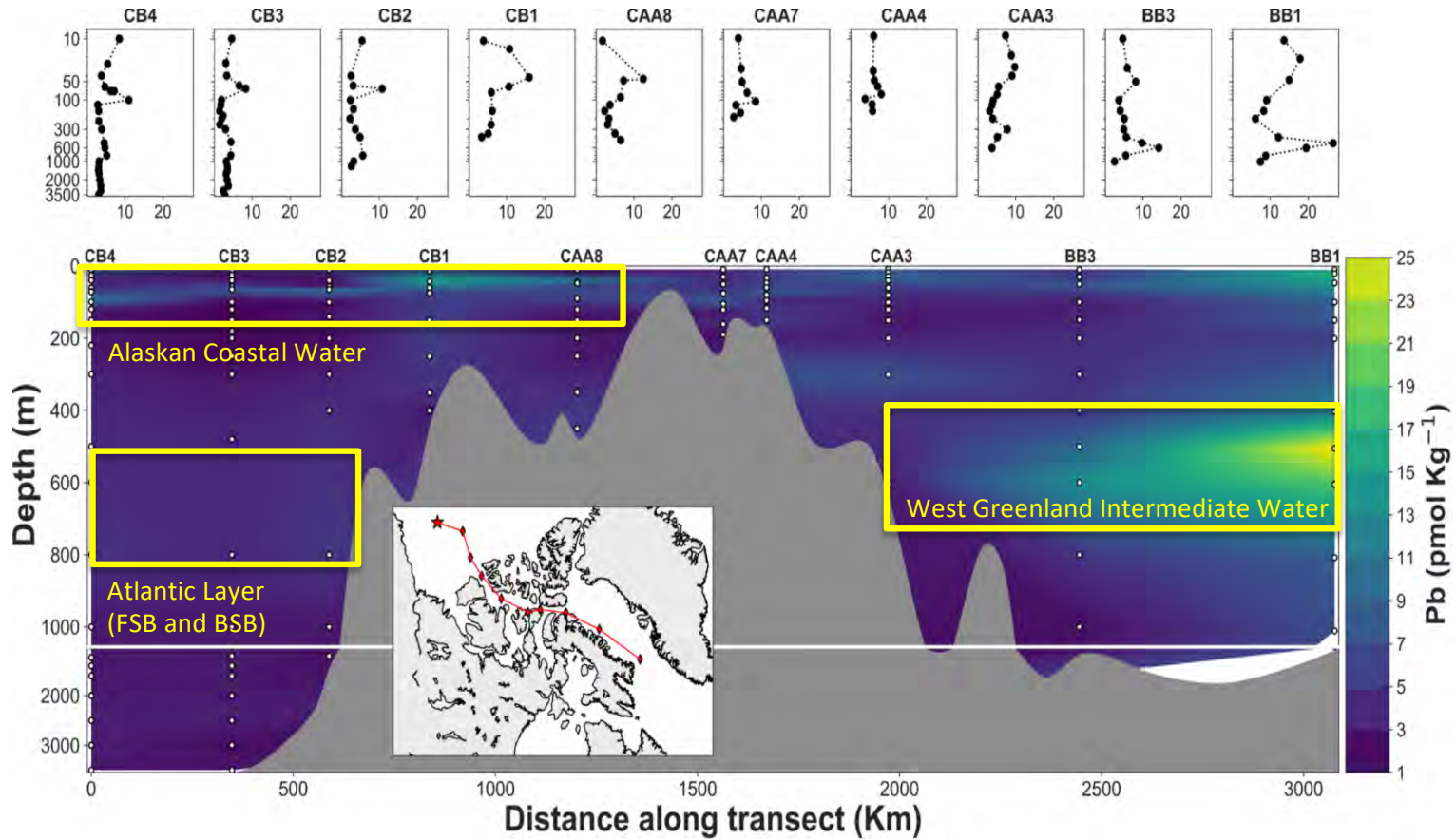
- Rivers (w/ K. Brown, B. Bergquist and others) 2019 *Chemical Geology*, 525, 479-491.
- Pb (w/ S. Allen and others) 2019 *ACS Earth Sp. Chem.* **3**, 1302–1314.
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Dissolved Pb

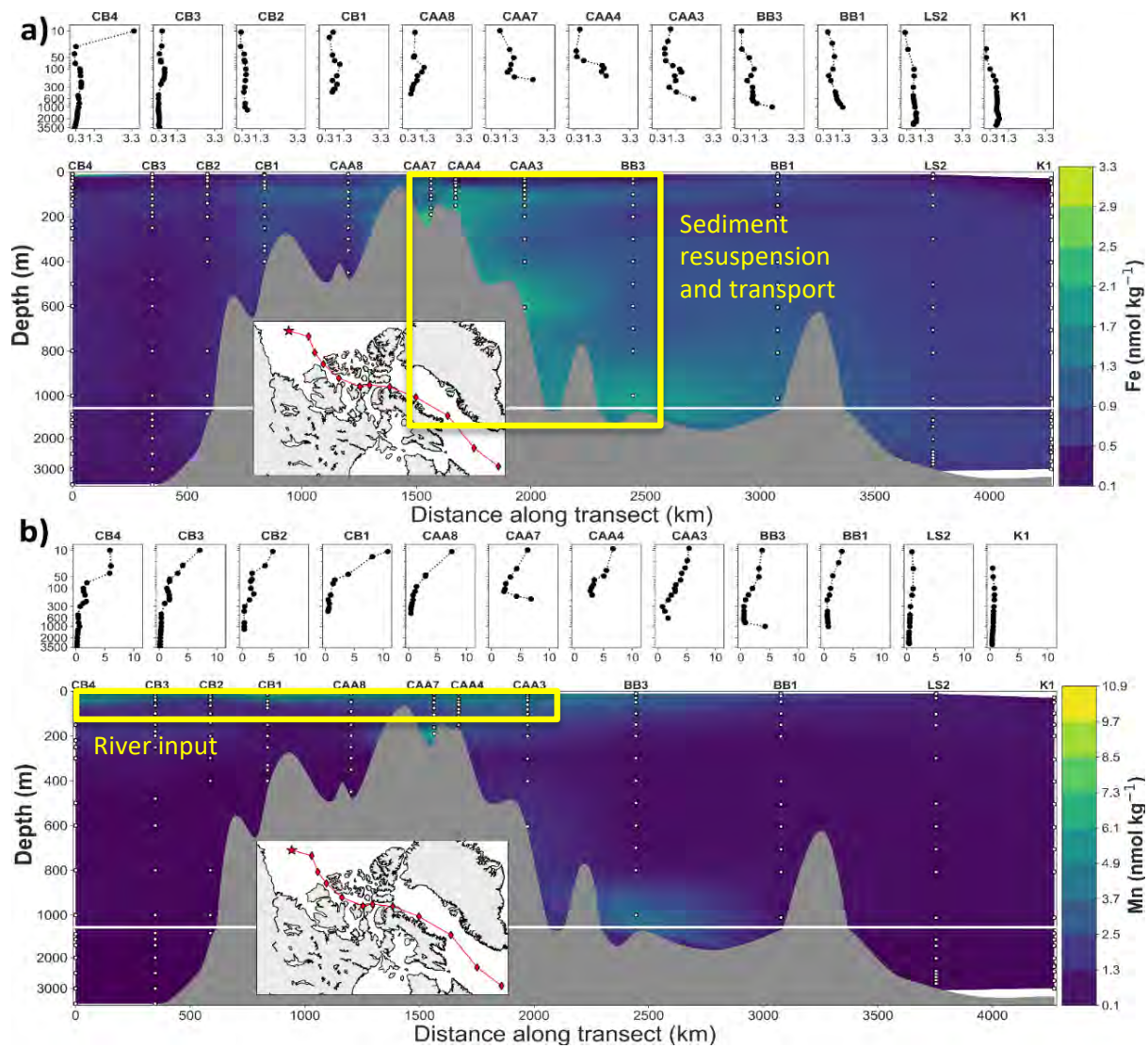


Lowest in the Canada Basin



Higher in Baffin Bay / Labrador Sea

Dissolved Mn and Fe




Joan De Vera & Bridget Bergquist, University of Toronto

Collaborators: Dr. P. Chandan, Dr. A. Steffen, G. Stuppel, Dr. W. Landing, S. Jackson, Dr. J. Cullen, Dr. P. Pinedo-Gonzales and Dr. S. John

Overall Goal: Tracing the Distribution of Pb and Trace Elements (TEs) in the Canadian Arctic from the Atmosphere to the Ocean

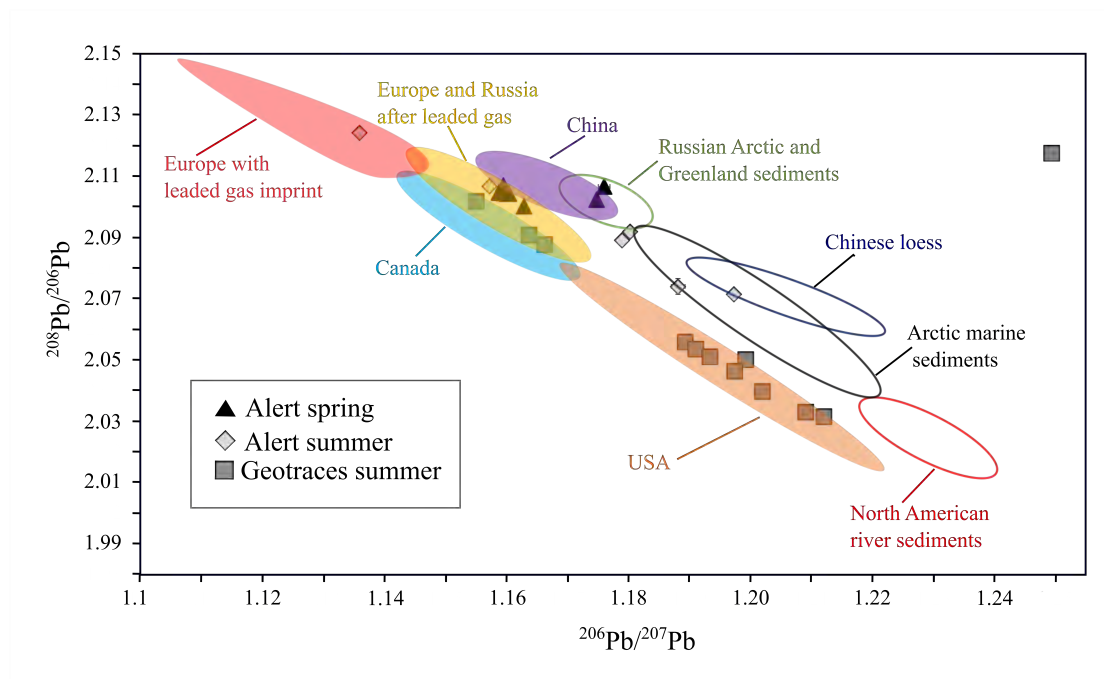
Projects:

- 1. Pb isotopes and TEs in aerosols including dissolution experiments**
 - complete and near submission (by March 2020)
- 2. Tracing Pb in Canadian Arctic waters using Pb isotope measurements in seawater**
 - complete and near submission (by March 2020)
- 3. Fe isotopes in Canadian Arctic waters**
 - samples prepped, but technical difficulties in 



1. Pb isotopes and TEs in aerosols

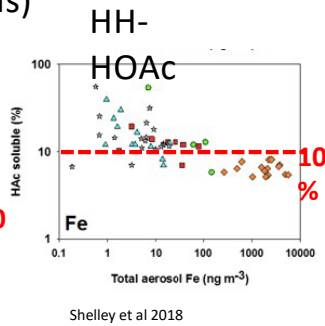
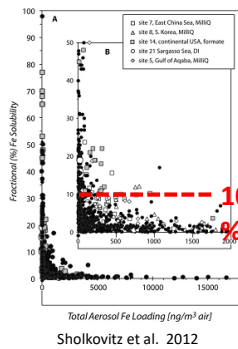
Europe and Russia (Eurasia) are the likely source of the anthropogenic Pb in aerosols during Arctic Haze



- Spring aerosols
 - Clustered together indicating a dominant source
 - Likely sources are Europe and Russia consistent with Arctic Haze pattern
- Summer aerosols
 - Scattered indicating mix of different sources
 - Lithogenic and North American sources

Arctic aerosols have high fraction of dissolvable Fe

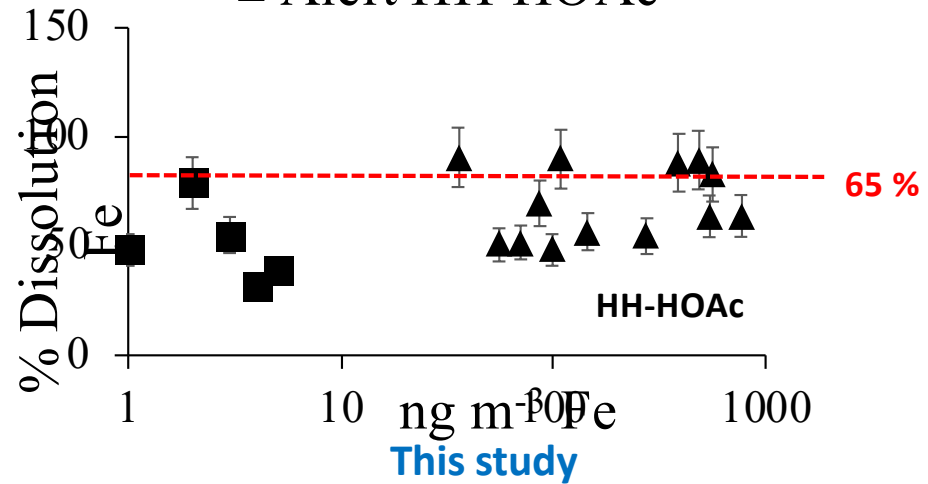
UPW & seawater
(instantaneous)



Other studies

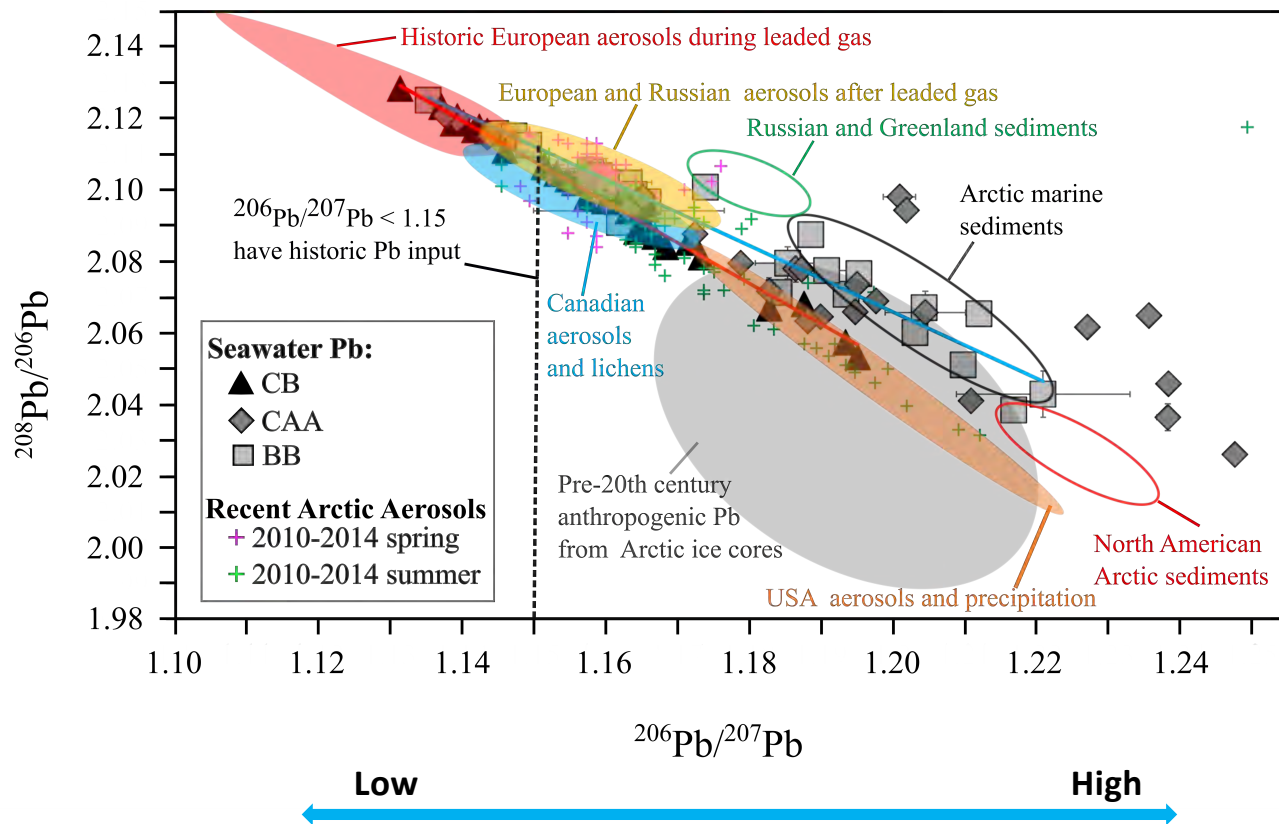
Trend: Low dissolution ($\leq 10\%$) in aerosols with high Fe concentrations

▲ Alert HH-HOAc



This trend is not observed in the Arctic where the average maximum dissolution is $65 \pm 18\%$

2. Tracing Pb in Canadian Arctic waters using Pb isotope measurements in seawater



Sources:

Low $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$

1. Historic Europe + Russian (Eurasian) Pb

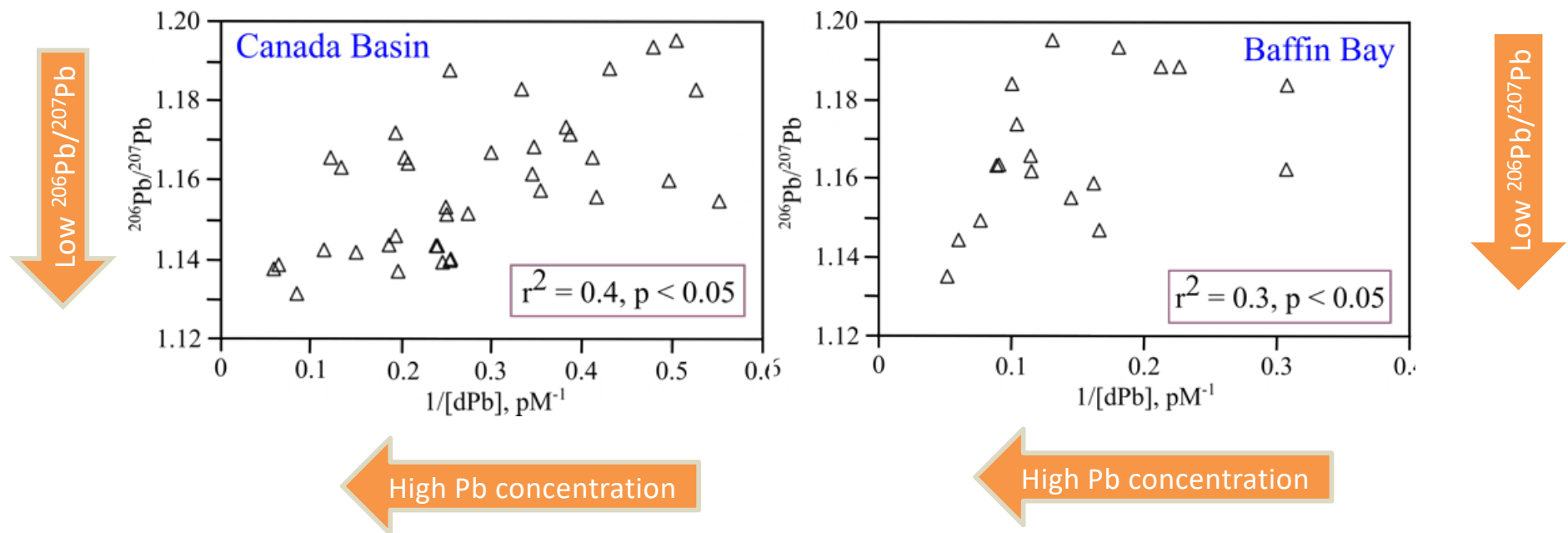
High $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$

2. Natural Pb
3. US aerosols
4. Pre-20th century anthropogenic Pb

Intermediate $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$

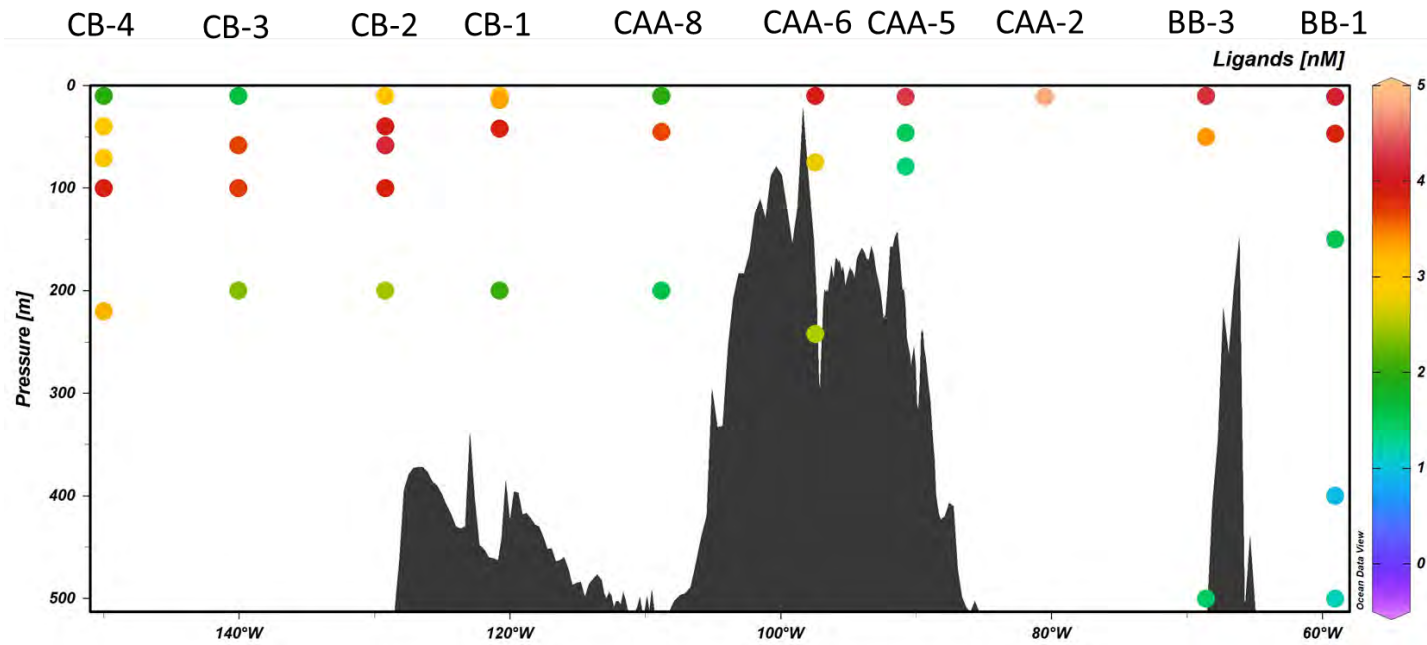
5. Modern Arctic aerosols

Historic Eurasian Pb (low $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$) is an important source of dissolved Pb in the Arctic waters



Low $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{207}\text{Pb}$ ratios (<1.15) are associated with elevated Pb concentrations (as high as 17 pM).

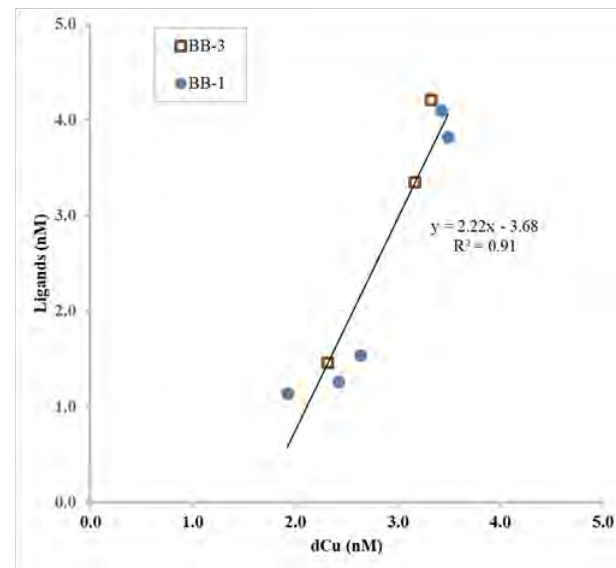
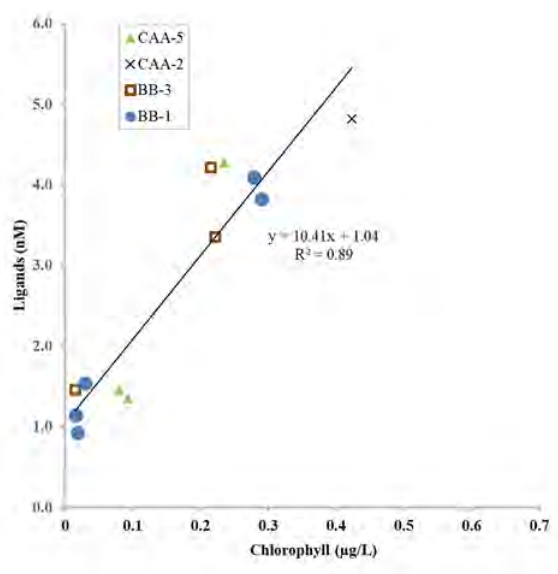
Distribution of Copper Ligands



- Cu ligands are concentrated near the **chlorophyll maximum** and where markers of **terrestrial DOM** are most abundant.

Nixon et al. (2019) Marine Chemistry: doi
[10.1016/j.marchem.2019.103673](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marchem.2019.103673)

Ligands vs. Chlorophyll and dCu



- Cu ligand concentration is correlated with **chlorophyll** and **dCu**, suggesting that **phytoplankton** are a source of ligands and may produce some of them in response to Cu exposure

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Total and Methylated Mercury in Canadian Arctic seawater

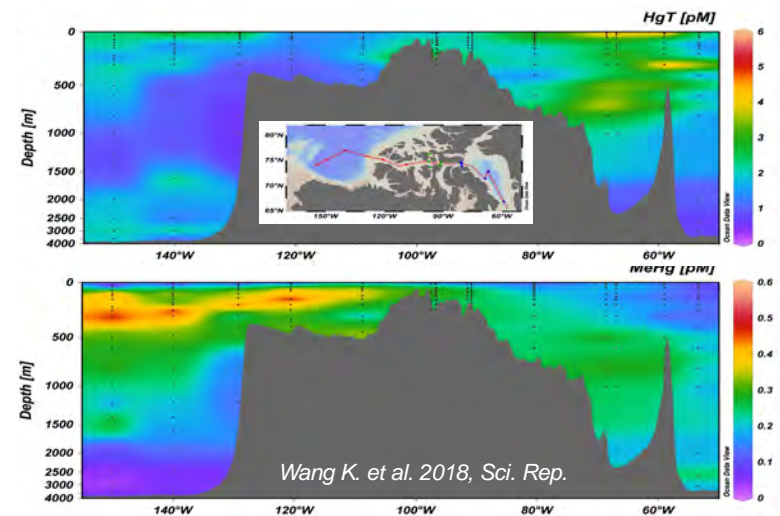
– Fei Wang @ U Manitoba

➤ Main Results & Conclusion

- ❑ Total Hg and MeHg distributions in seawater are de-coupled.
- ❑ MeHg shows a distinct enrichment in the shallow subsurface (100-300 m), and the peak concentrations are much higher in the western Canadian Arctic than in the east.
- ❑ The subsurface MeHg enrichment explains very well the spatial trend of Hg in marine animals in the Canadian Arctic

➤ Potential for integration in pan-Arctic synthesis?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ Carl Lamborg / Cahd Hammerschmidt (US)
- ❑ Lars-Eric Heimburger-Boadvida (France)

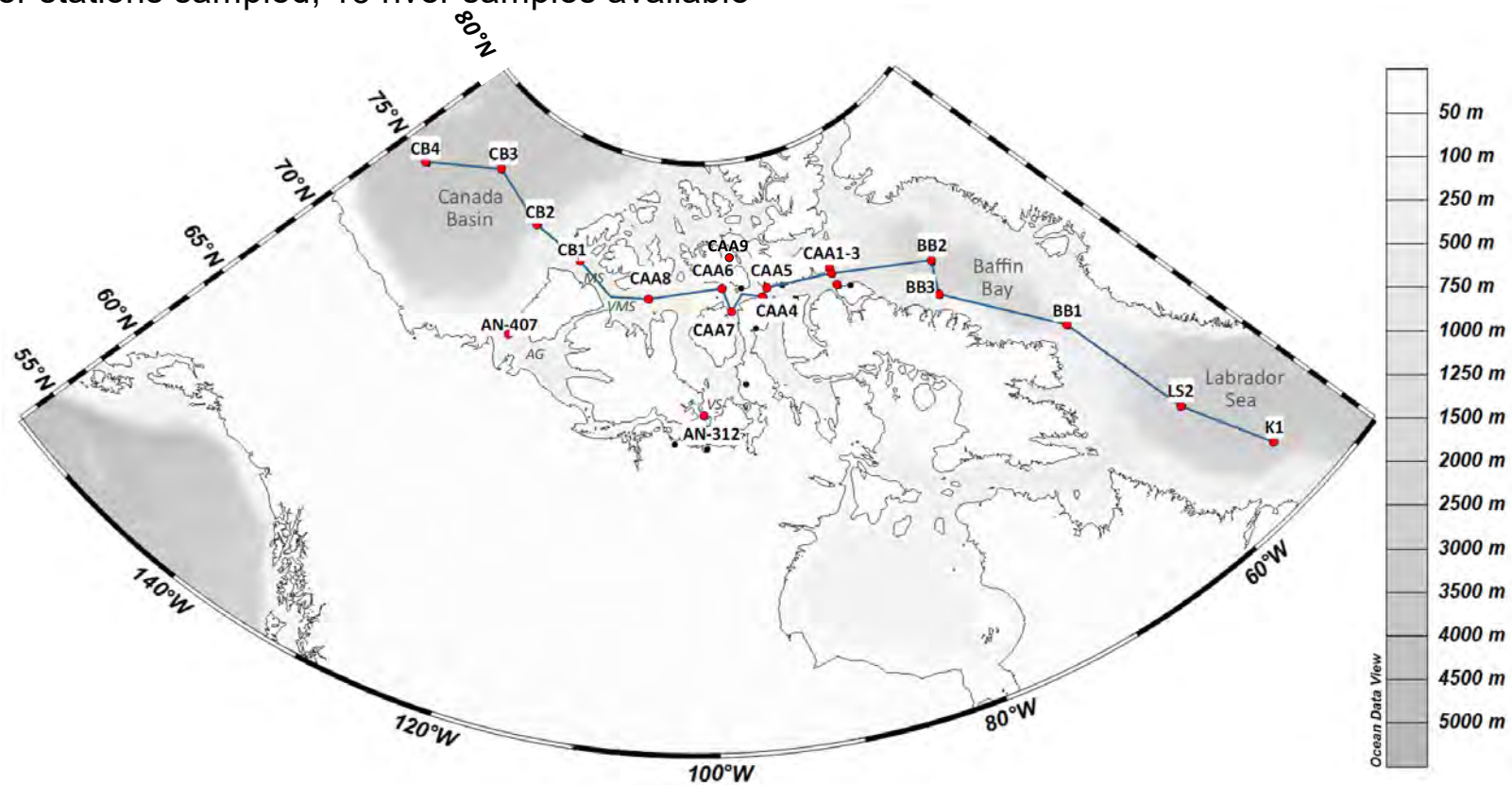


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	LABRADOR SEA	BAFFIN BAY	CAA	CANADA BASIN	RIVERS	TOTAL
ϵNd	28 data available TBP	31 data available TBP	79 data available TBP	36 data available Published	13 data available	187 data to be submitted to GDAC
^{230}Th – ^{231}Pa	26 data available TBP	23 data available TBP	9 data available TBP	36 data available Published		94 data to be submitted to GDAC
REE concentration	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

TBP = To Be Published

NA = Not Available (not measured yet)



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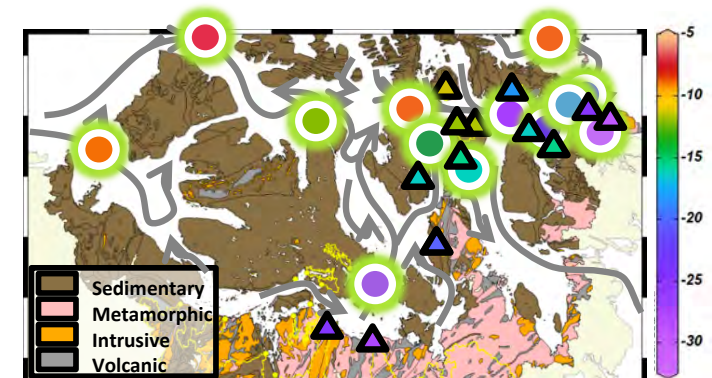
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KEY RESULTS:

- Only the surface layer [0-100 m] clearly circulates between Canada Basin to the Labrador Sea.
- Strong influence of margin processes from the Canada Basin to Baffin Bay through particle resuspension and lateral transport. Using ϵNd , they can be traced back to the source.
- Strong vertical processes seen in Baffin Bay are dominant in Labrador Sea: the discrimination between particle scavenging, particle composition and deep convection is in progress.



ϵNd in CAA (triangles for river data and dots for seawater data): from -32 to -6

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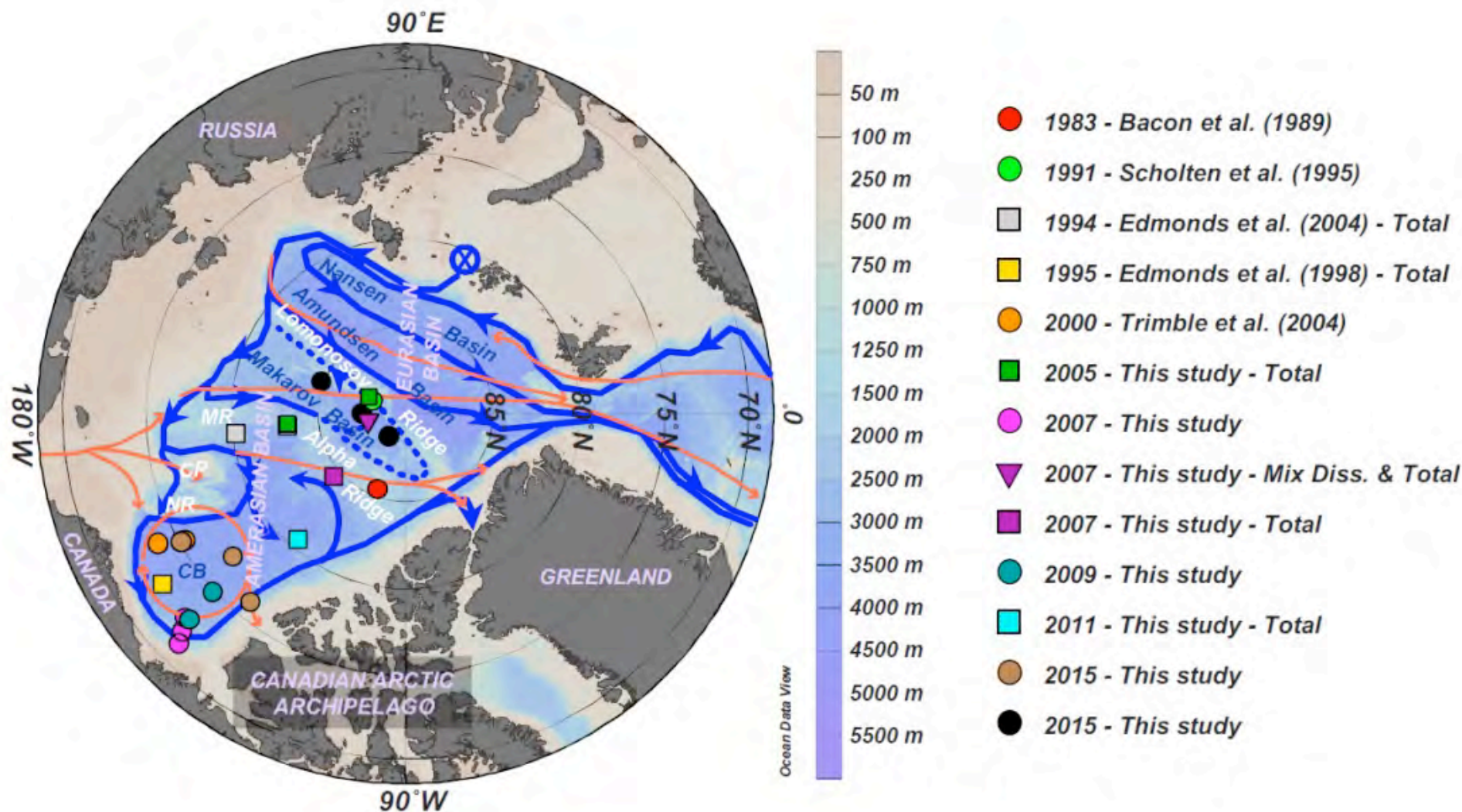
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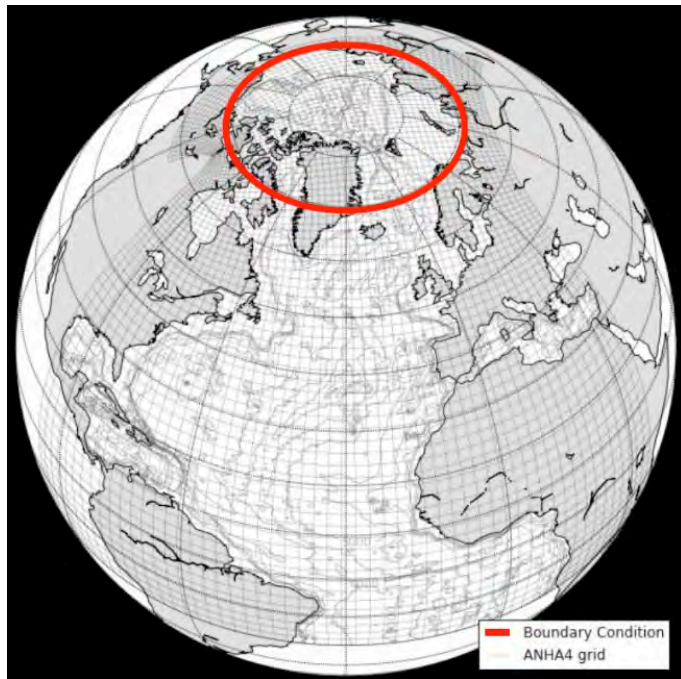
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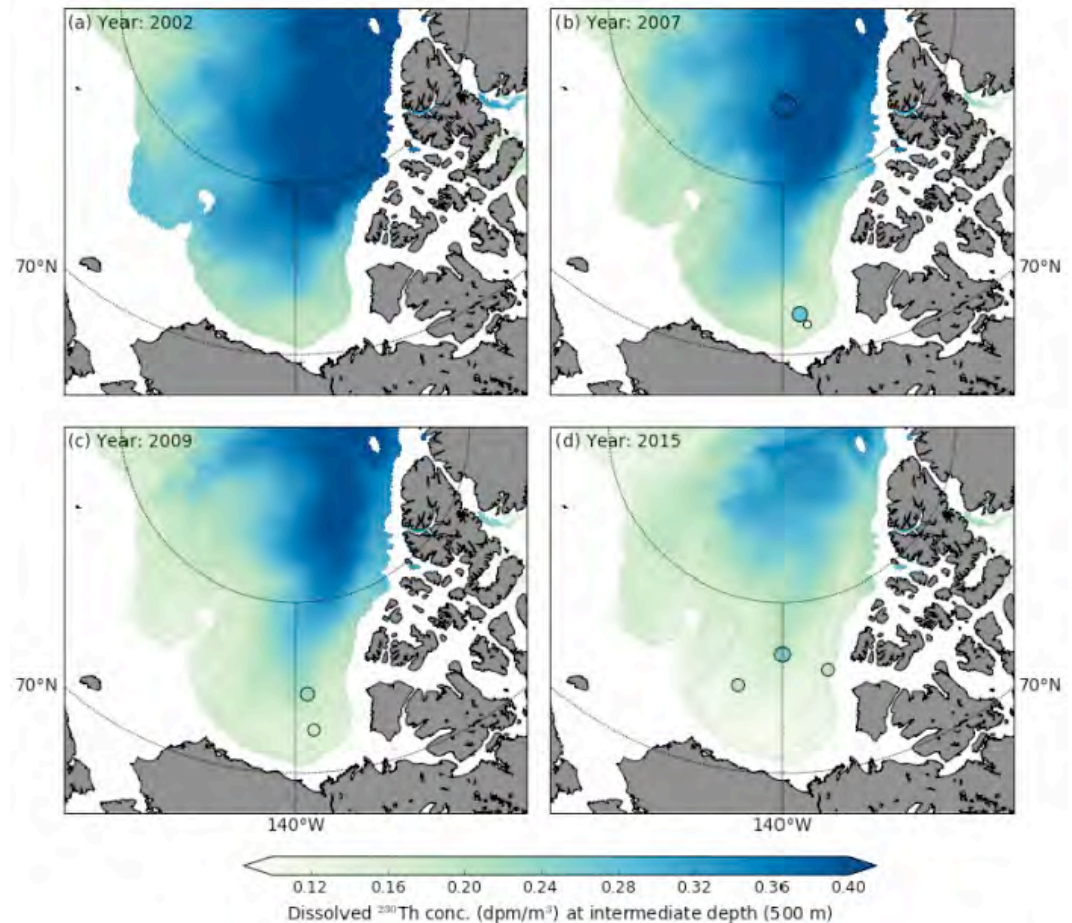
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Dissolved ^{230}Th concentration at 500m depth



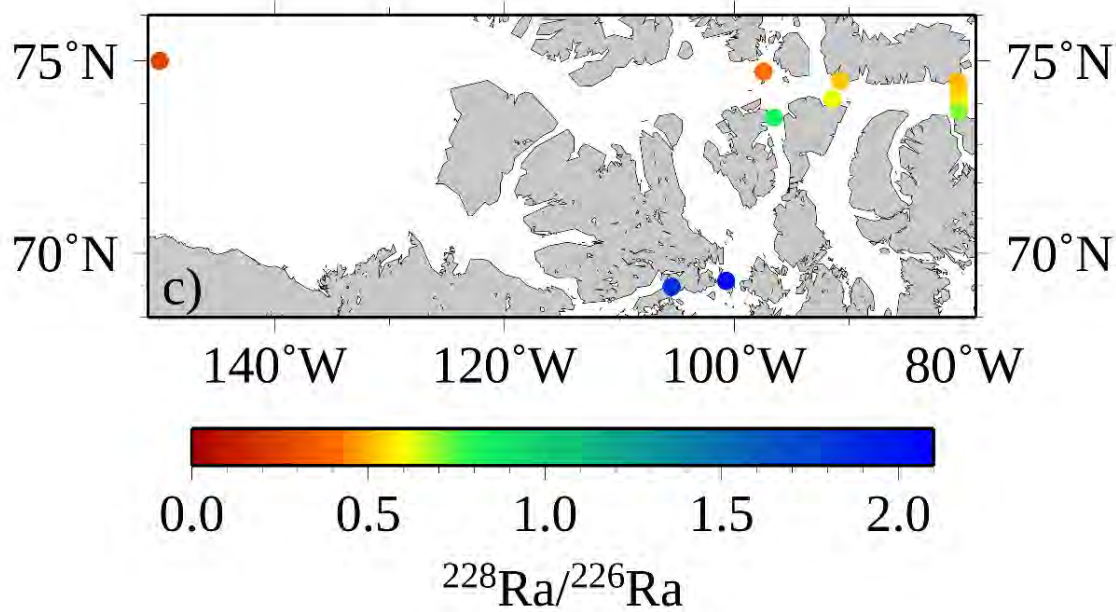
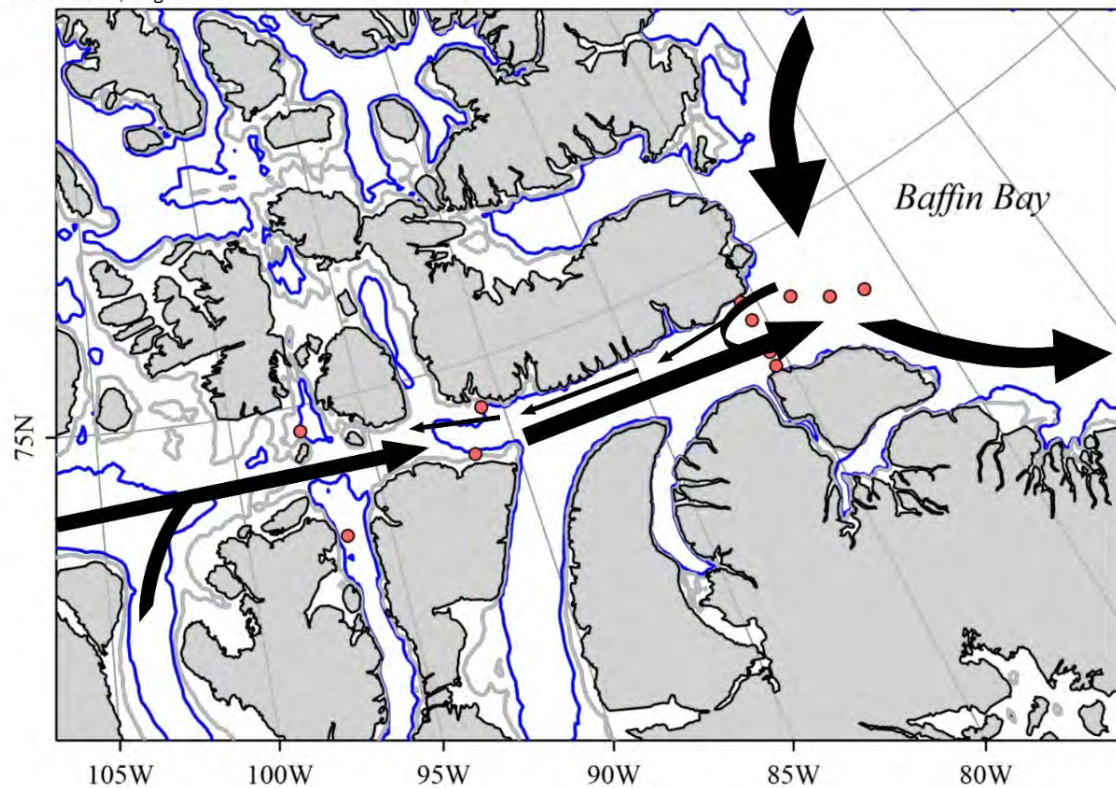
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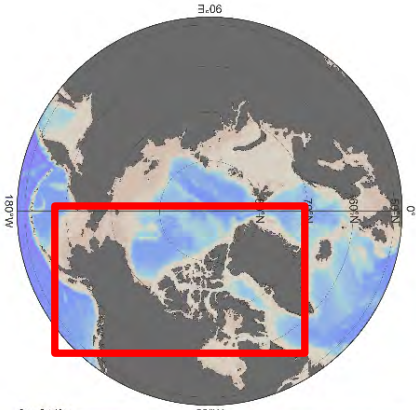
Modeling dissolved and particulate ^{230}Th in the Canada Basin: Implications for recent changes in particle flux and intermediate circulation

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Natural variations in $\delta^{30}\text{Si}(\text{OH})_4$ across Arctic and Subarctic seas



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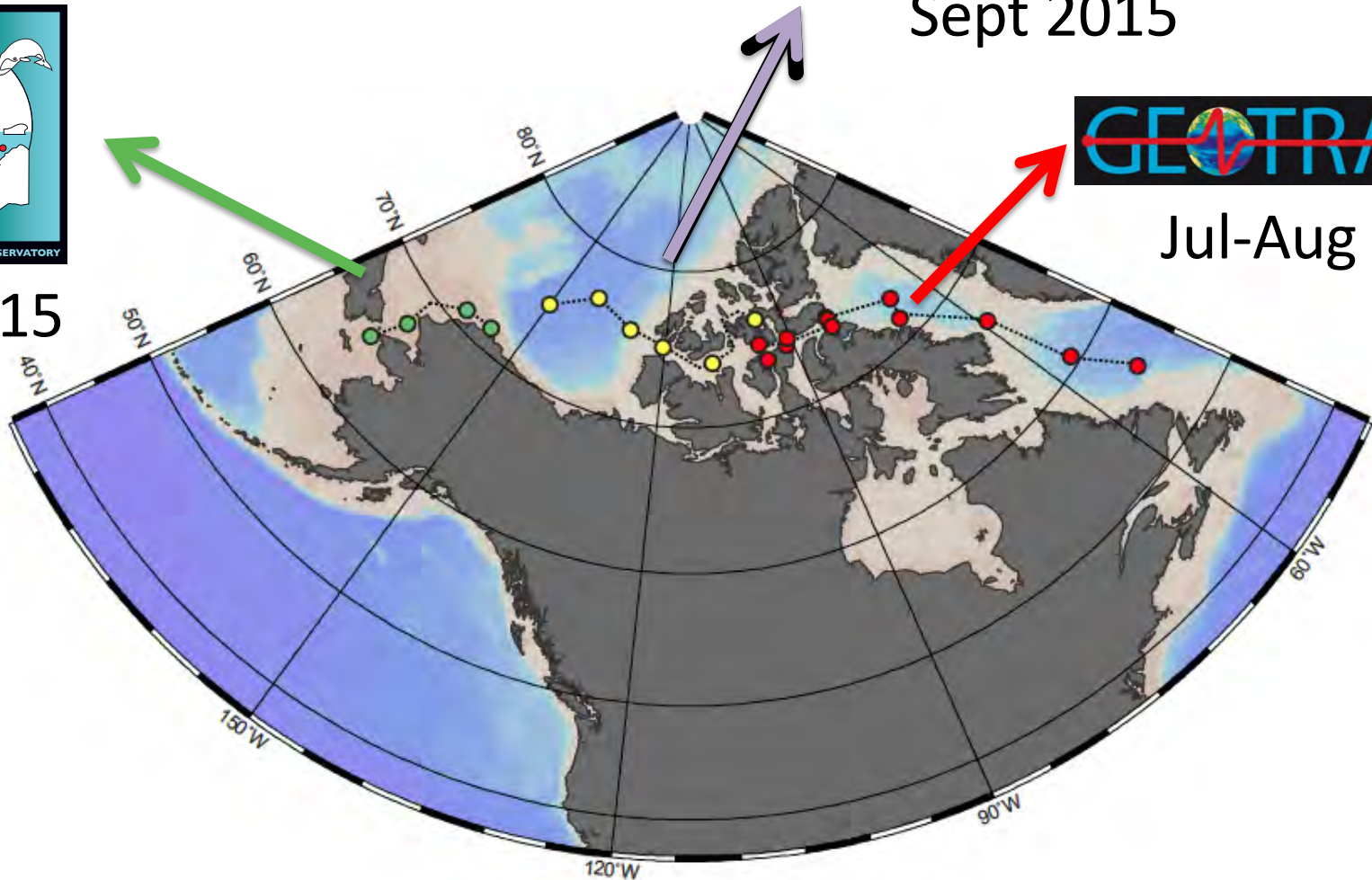
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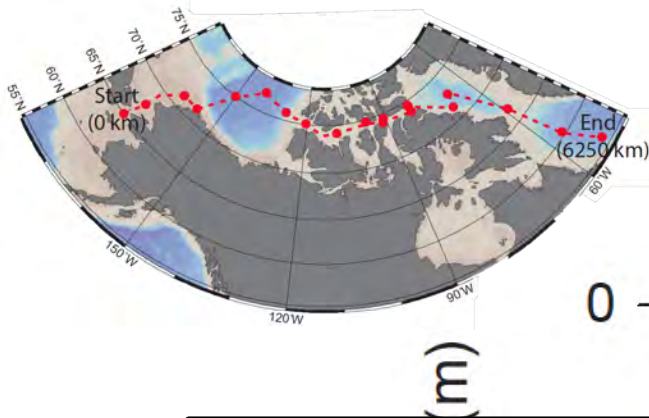
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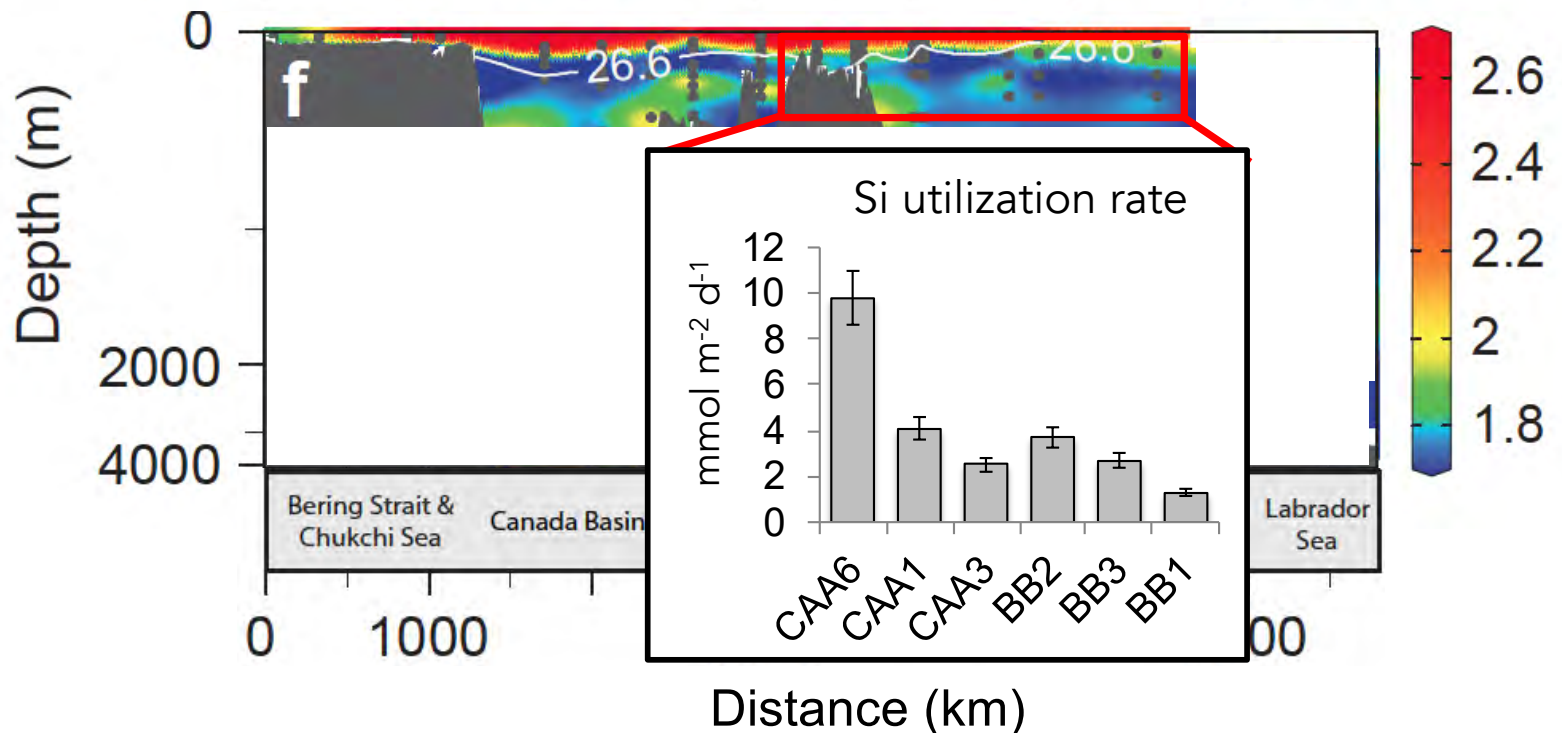
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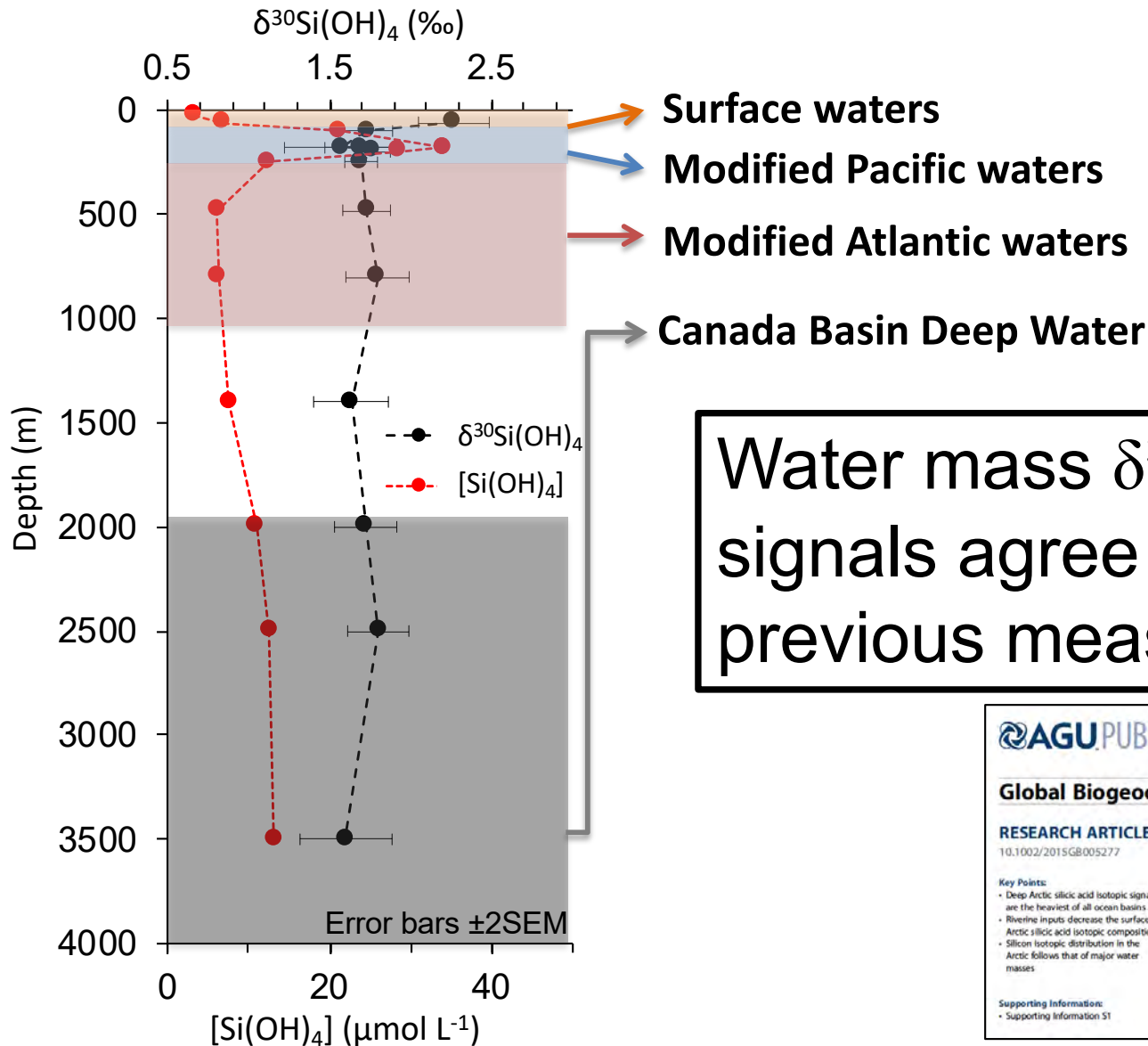
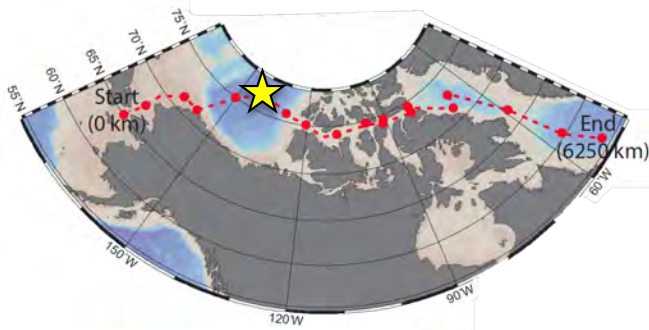
Variations in dissolved silica and Si(OH)_4 isotopes



Si isotopes track modification of nutrient-rich Pacific-origin waters on their transit from west to east through the Arctic



Silicon isotopes reflect water mass composition



Water mass $\delta^{30}\text{Si}(\text{OH})_4$ signals agree with previous measurements

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Key Points:

- Deep Arctic silicic acid isotopic signals are the heaviest of all ocean basins
- Riverine inputs decrease the surface Arctic silicic acid isotopic composition
- Silicon isotopic distribution in the Arctic follows that of major water masses

Supporting Information:
• Supporting Information S1

Heavy silicon isotopic composition of silicic acid and biogenic silica in Arctic waters over the Beaufort shelf and the Canada Basin

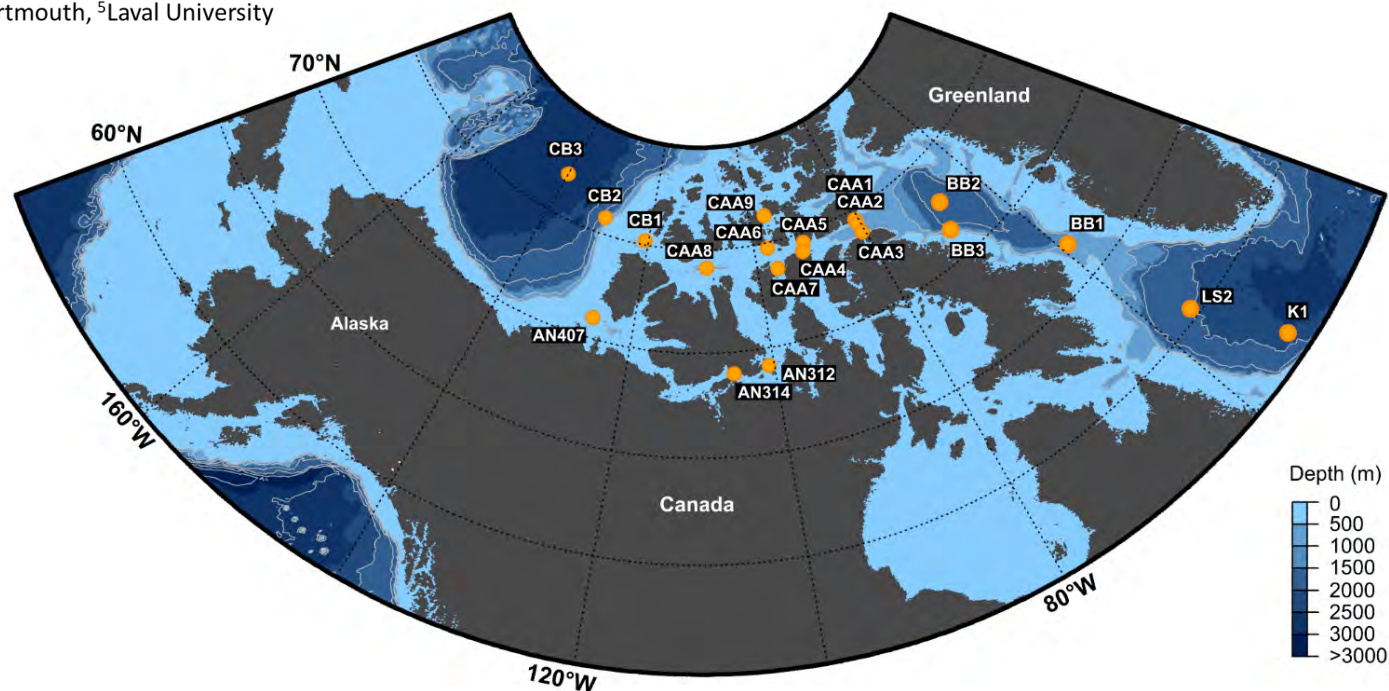
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CANADIAN ARCTIC GEOTRACES UPDATE: NITRATE (AND N₂O) N AND O ISOTOPE RATIOS

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➤ Data collected:

1. Nitrate $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
2. N₂O $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, isotopomer abundance, site preference

DATA COLLECTED

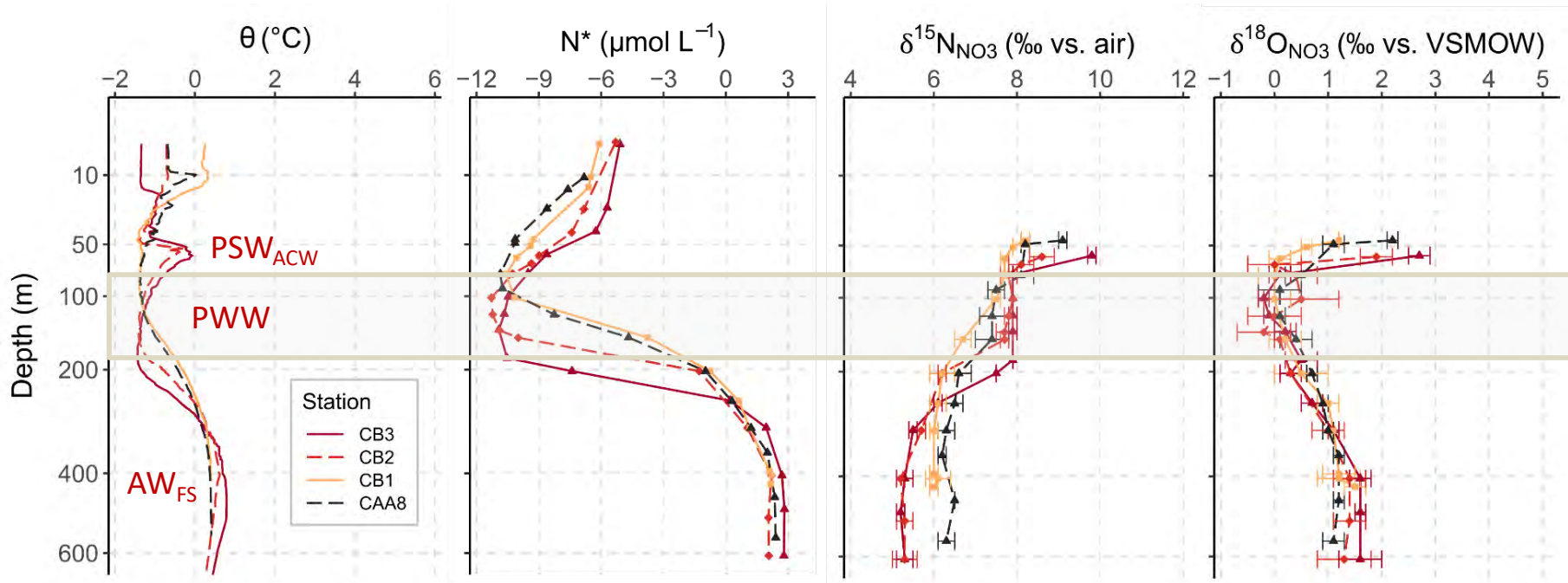
NITRATE $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$						N ₂ O $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$			
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Leg 2	BB2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	-
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Leg 2	CAA2	yes	yes	-	yes	yes	yes	-	-
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BACKGROUND

$$N^* = [\text{DIN}] - 16 * [\text{PO}_4^{3-}] + 2.9$$

- **Canada Basin:** Distinct isotopic signatures for Pacific- and Atlantic-derived nutrients



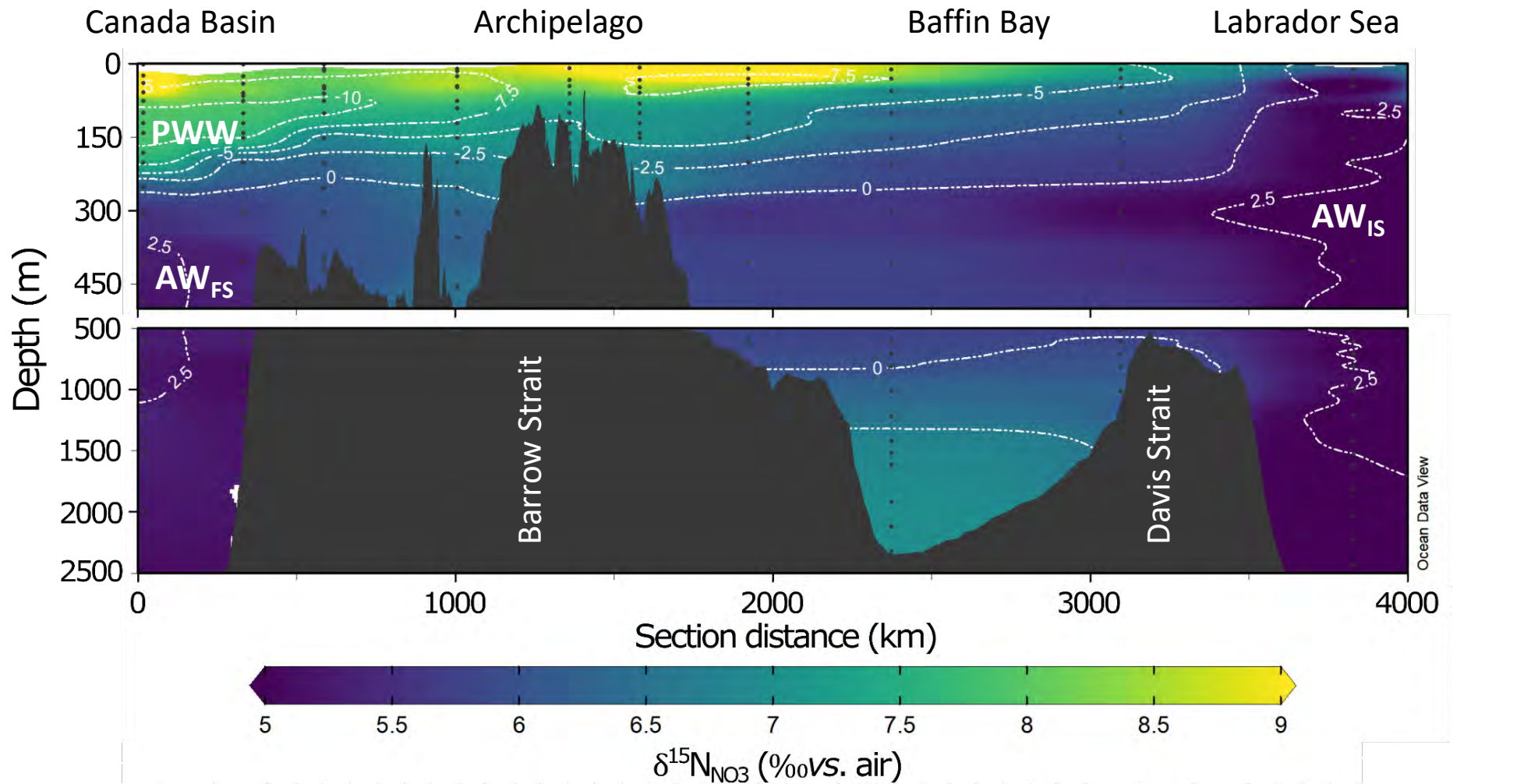
- **Pacific Winter Water (PWW):**

1. Elevated $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{NO}_3}$ as a result of benthic coupled nitrification-denitrification on the Bering and Chukchi shelves
2. Low $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{NO}_3}$ indicative of substantial remineralization in transit (Chukchi shelf)

Granger et al., 2011, 2018; Brown et al., 2015

KEY FINDINGS

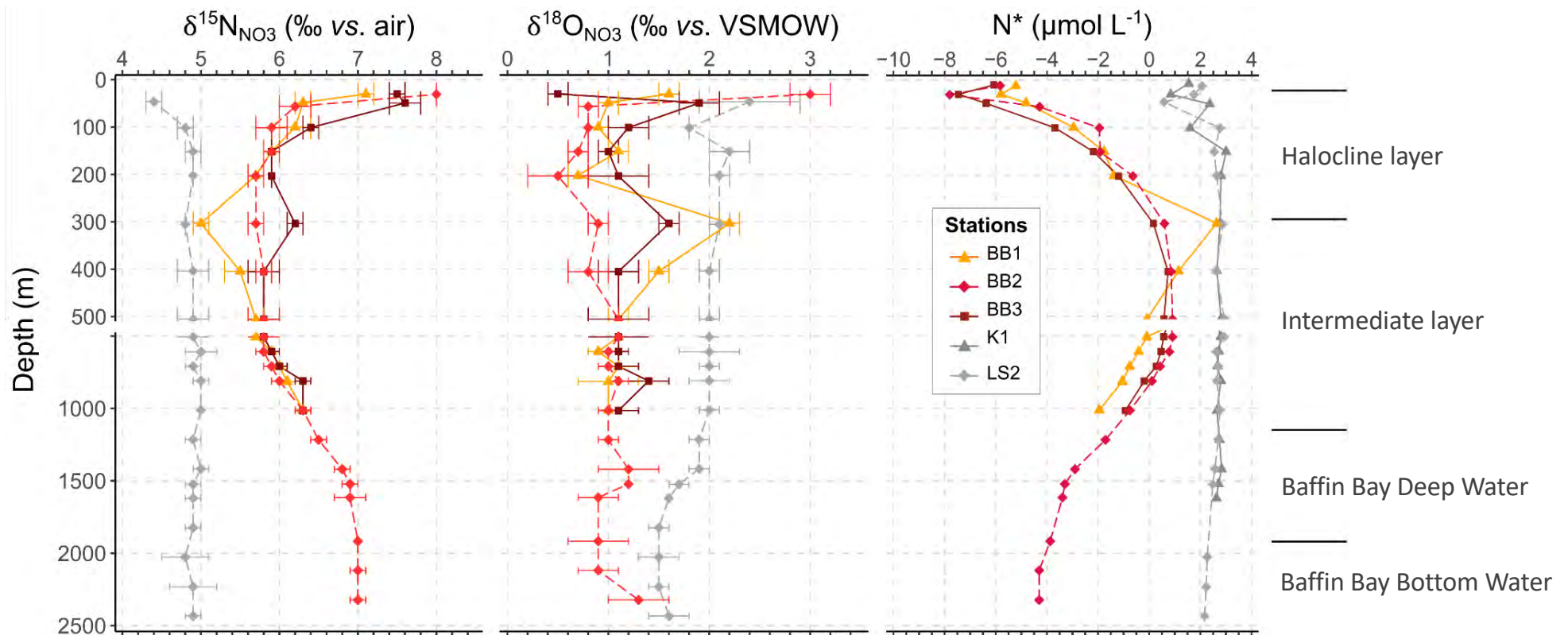
- Elevated $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{NO}_3}$ indicative of Pacific-derived nutrients traceable at subsurface (50-150m) throughout Archipelago and Baffin Bay



Contours: N* ($\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$)

KEY FINDINGS

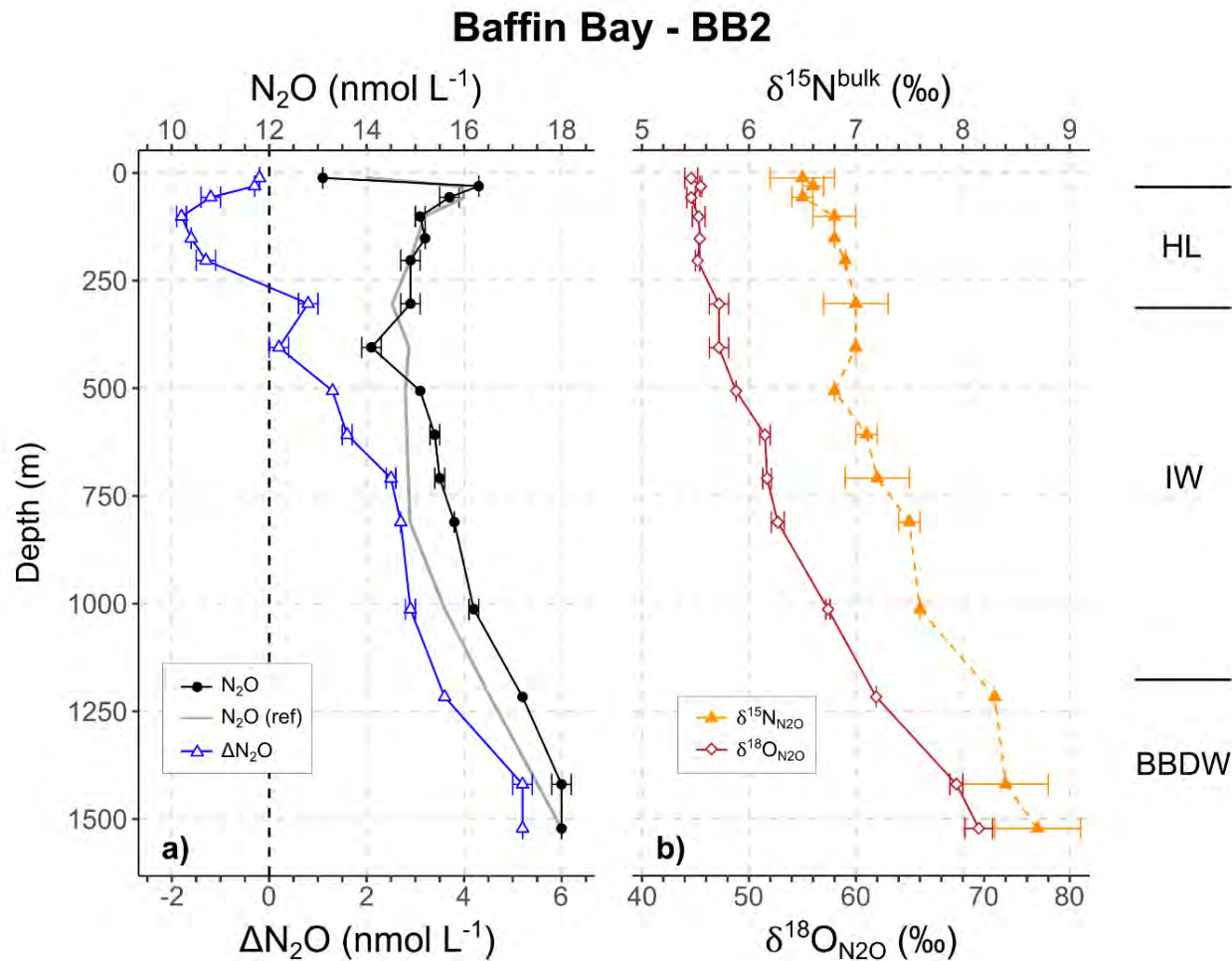
- **Baffin Bay:** ^{15}N -enrichment and N^* minima in upper halocline and bottom waters



- Elevated $\delta^{15}\text{N}_{\text{NO}_3}$ and concurrently low $\delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{NO}_3}$ in deep/bottom water indicate:
 1. Substantial remineralization of ^{15}N -enriched organic matter in deep and bottom water
 2. Export production largely fueled by Pacific-derived nutrients

KEY FINDINGS

➤ **Baffin Bay:** Distinct supersaturation of N₂O in Baffin Bay Deep Water



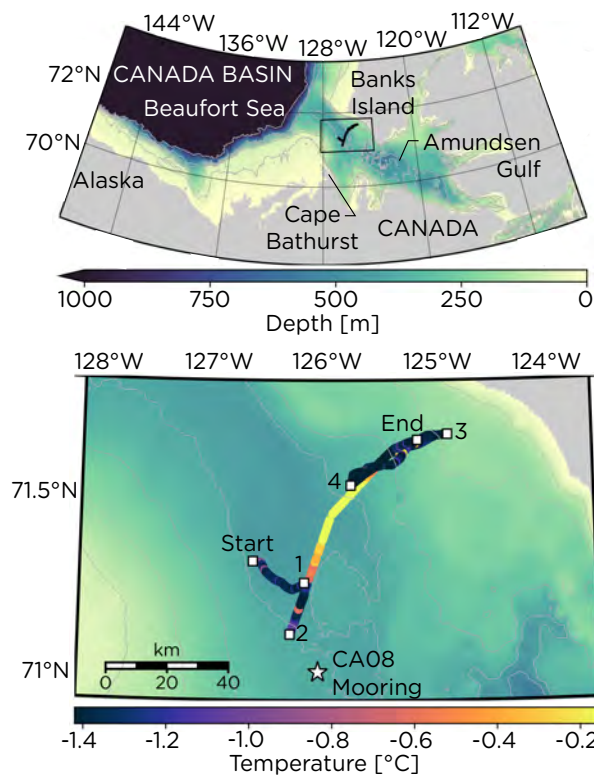
➤ Concurrent enrichment in N₂O δ¹⁵N and δ¹⁸O suggests:

1. Predominant sedimentary source of N₂O in well oxygenated water column
2. Sedimentary denitrification acts as potential source of N-deficiency in deep Baffin Bay

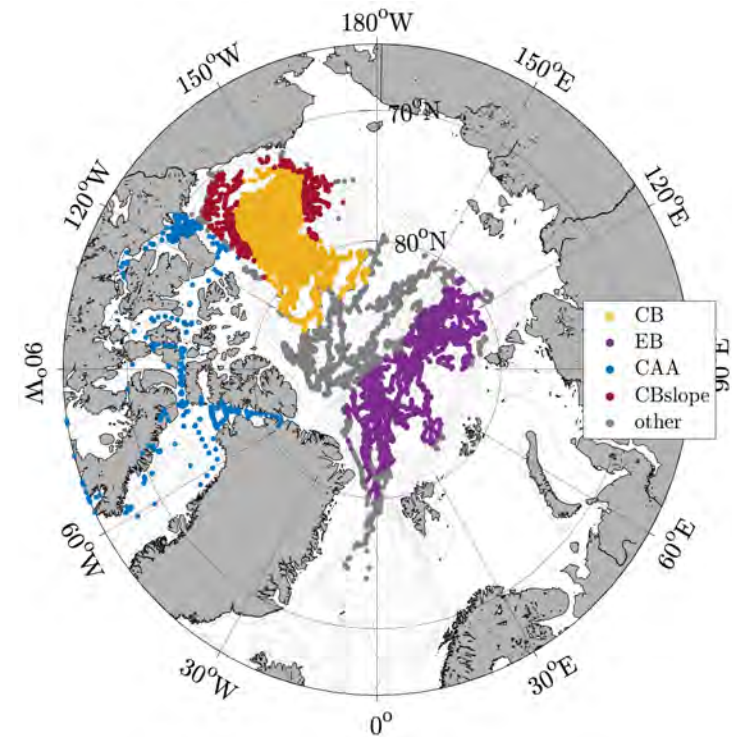
Our group has been working to quantify ocean mixing rates and mechanisms first in Canadian Arctic shelf and shelf slope waters, and later Arctic-wide.

Methods

1. glider-based CTD & turbulence measurements collected during the Canadian program in Amundsen Gulf in Aug 2015 [Scheifele et al 2018; Scheifele et al in review]
2. indirect methods applied to historical data to infer turbulence and mixing rates that span space & time more broadly [Chanona et al 2018, Chanona et al submitted, Dosser et al. in prep]



[Scheifele et al in review]

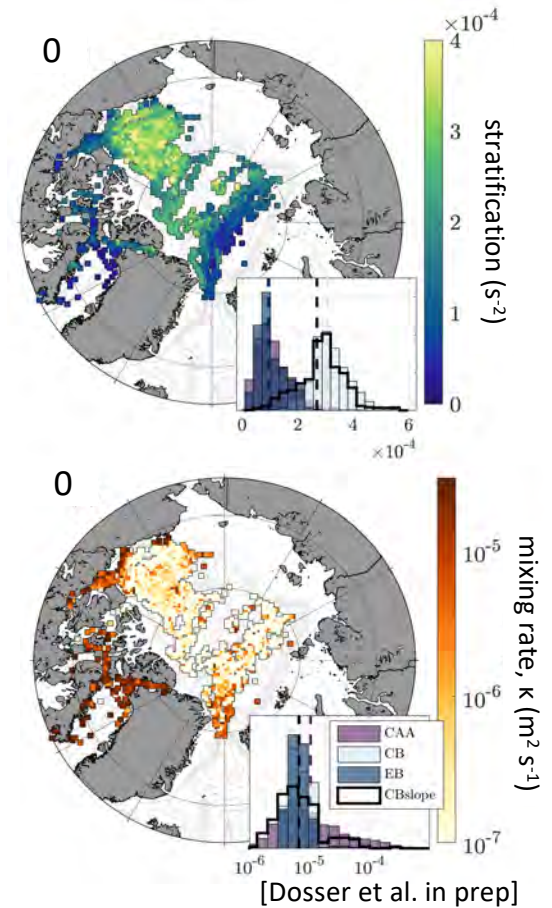
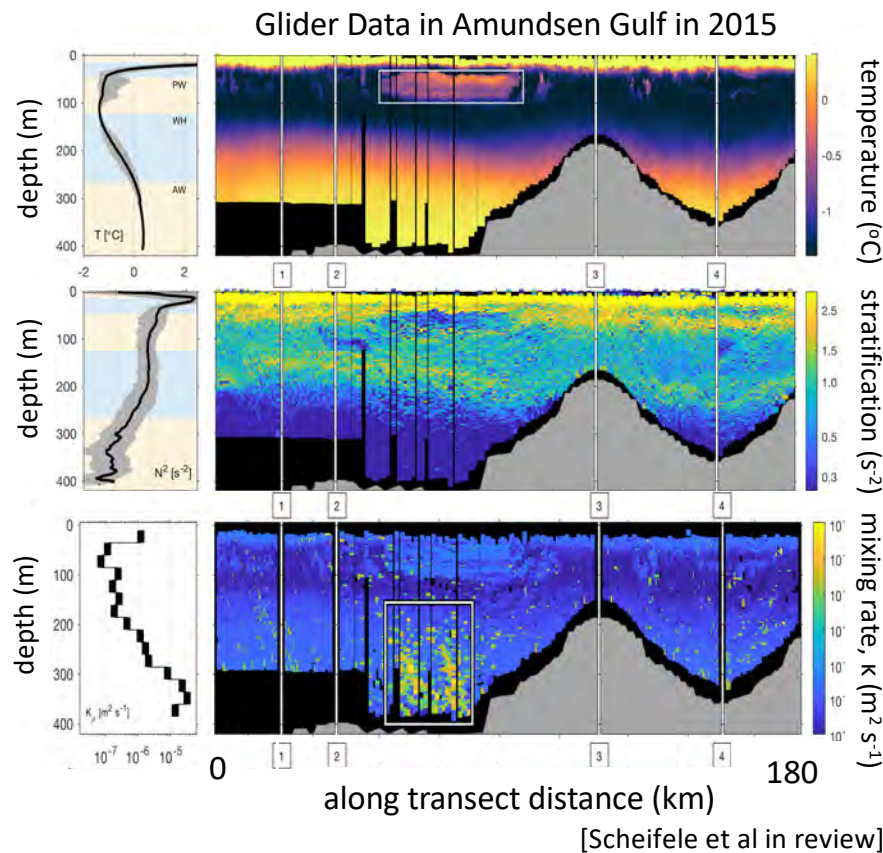


[Dosser et al. in prep]

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Data Products

1. highly-resolved sections of T, S & derived products (stratification *etc.*) + direct turbulent dissipation rate & inferred mixing rate estimates in Amundsen Gulf in August 2015
2. spatial maps + multi-year timeseries of stratification + indirect estimates of turbulent dissipation & mixing rate



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Take Home Messages:

- ocean mixing rates are exceptionally variable in space & time, but do show large-scale patterns in mixing regimes and mixing rates
- these large-scale patterns could be useful for providing a "mixing map" and/or representative seasonal cycle for upper ocean mixing rates to be applied in budget studies of GEOTRACES researchers

