

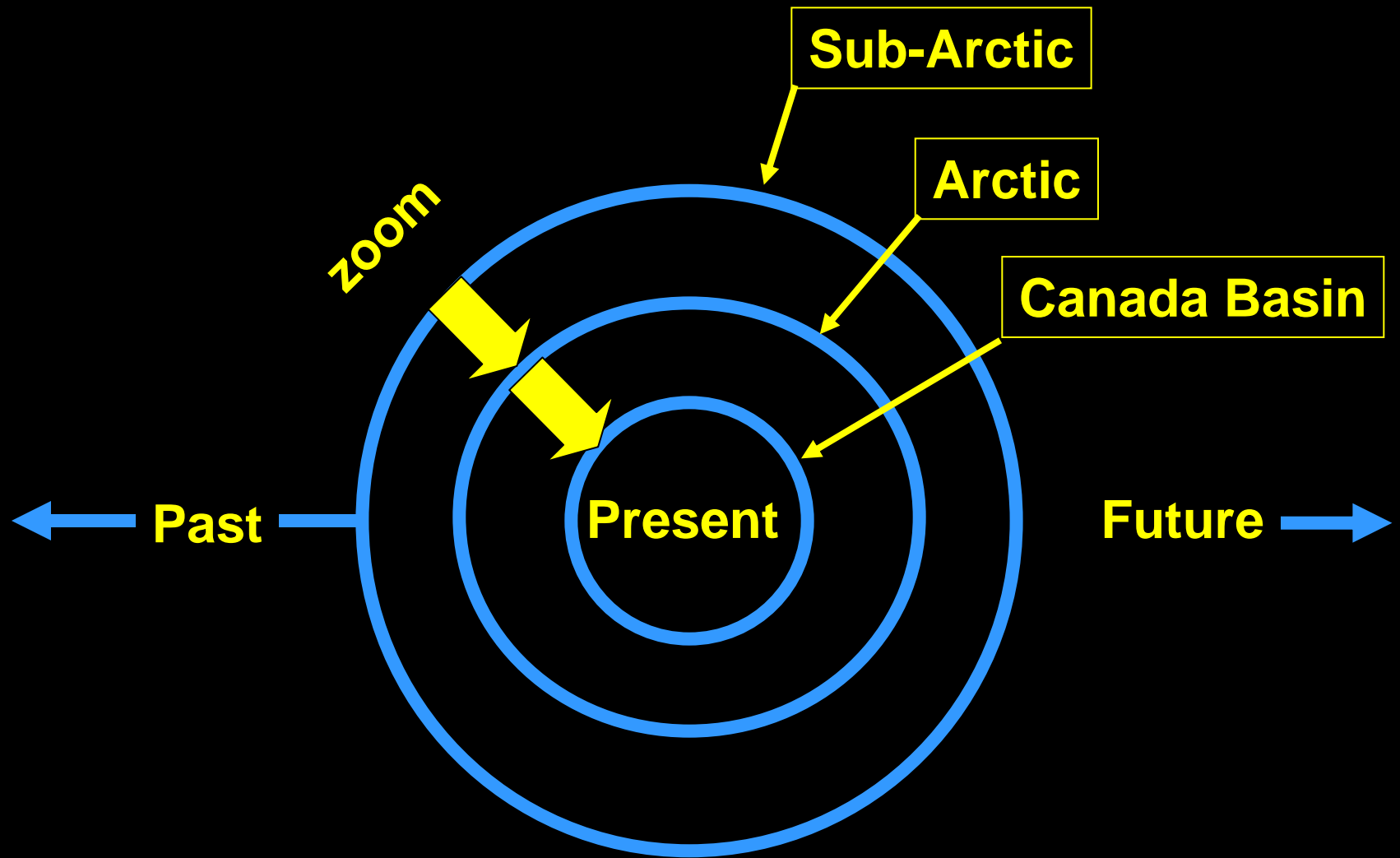


One Changing Ocean: A Northern Perspective

EDDY CARMACK

Fiona McLaughlin, Bill Williams, Koji Shimada, Michiyo Yamamoto-Kawai, Motoyo Itoh, Andrey Proshutinsky, Richard Krishfield, Jackie Grebmeier, Robie Macdonald, Waldek Walczowski, Sarah Zimmermann, and more

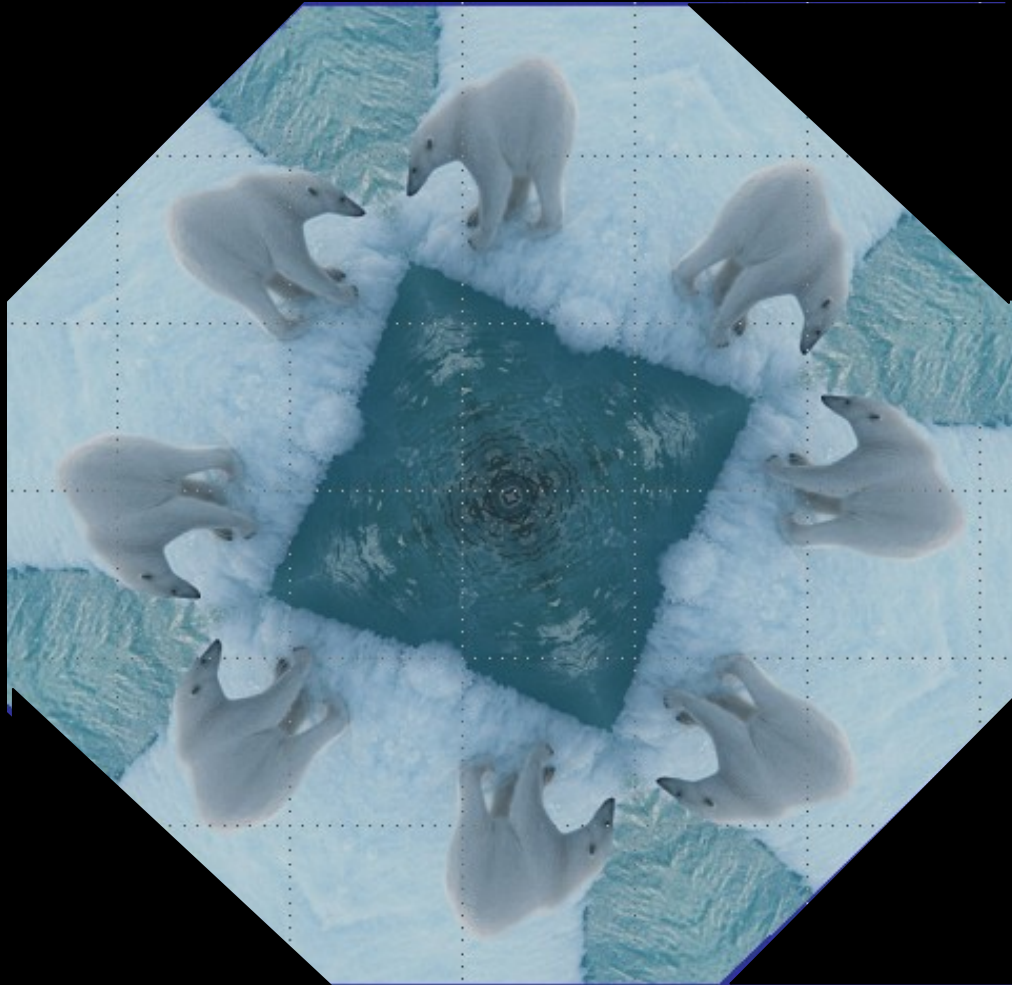




$$\Delta\text{Physics} = \Delta\text{Biology}$$



I. Climate, THC and the Hydrological Cycle

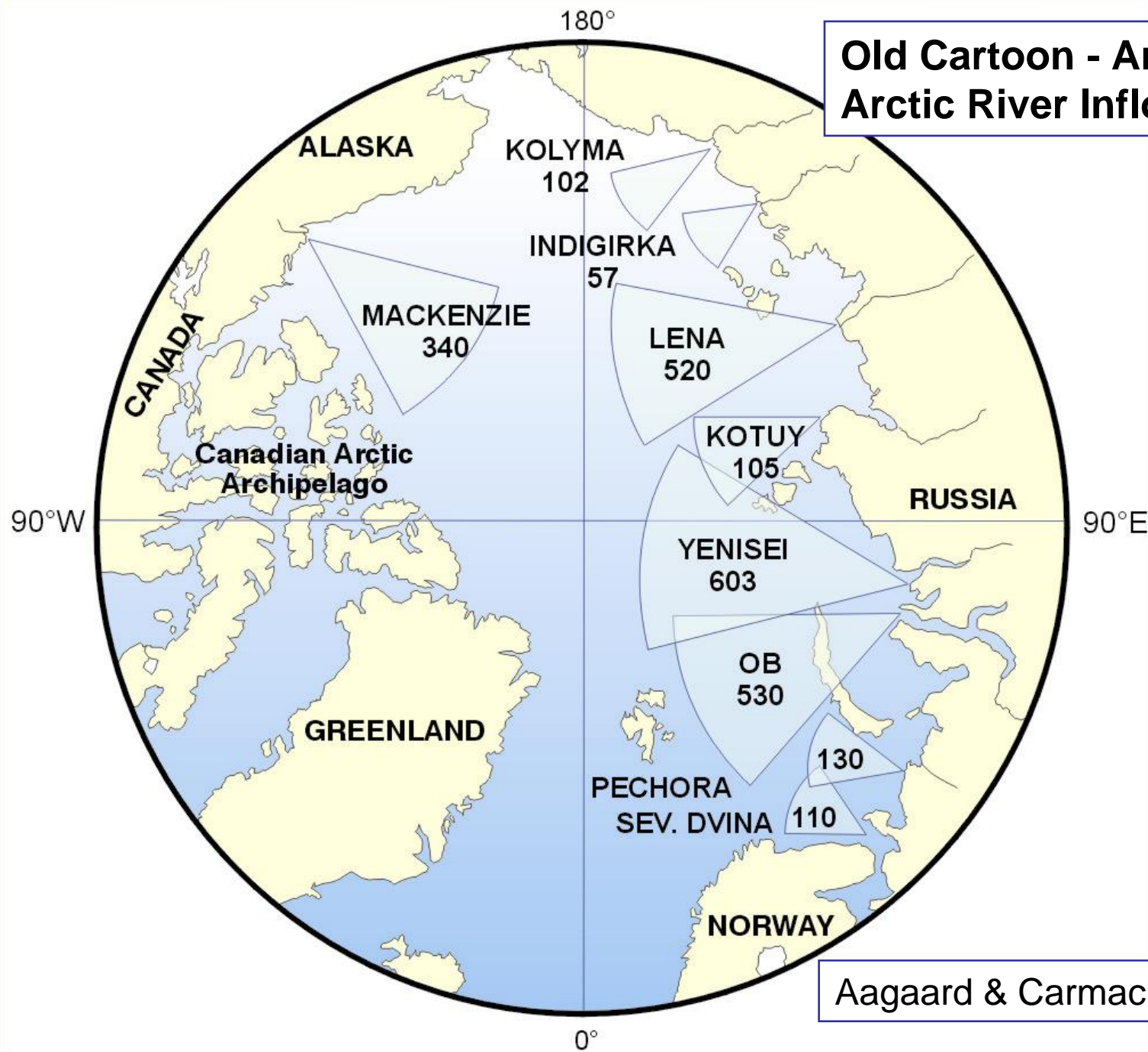




B. Van Hardenberg

The Great Metaphor

Old Cartoon - Annual Arctic River Inflows



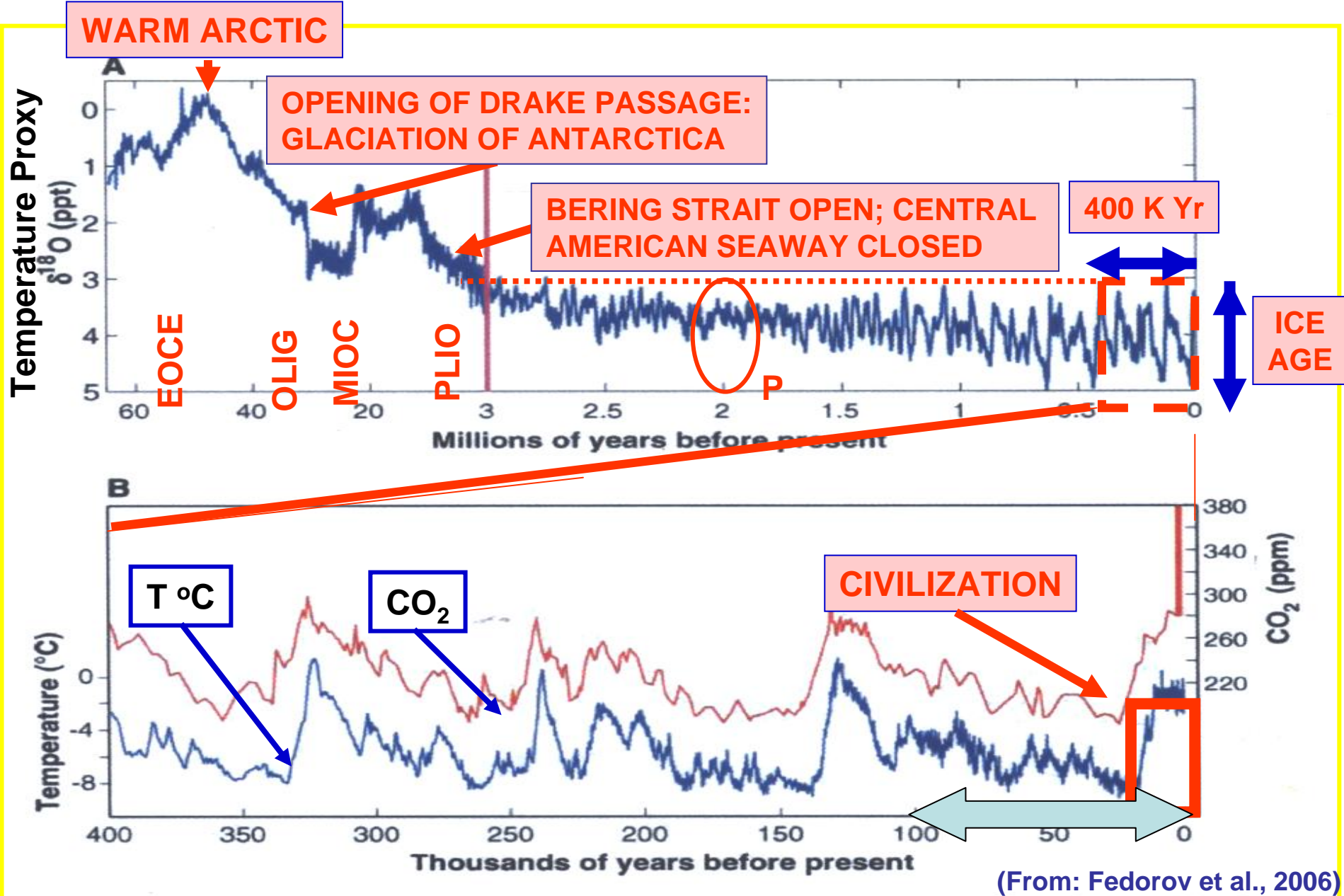
Aagaard & Carmack 1989

A Walk Through Time



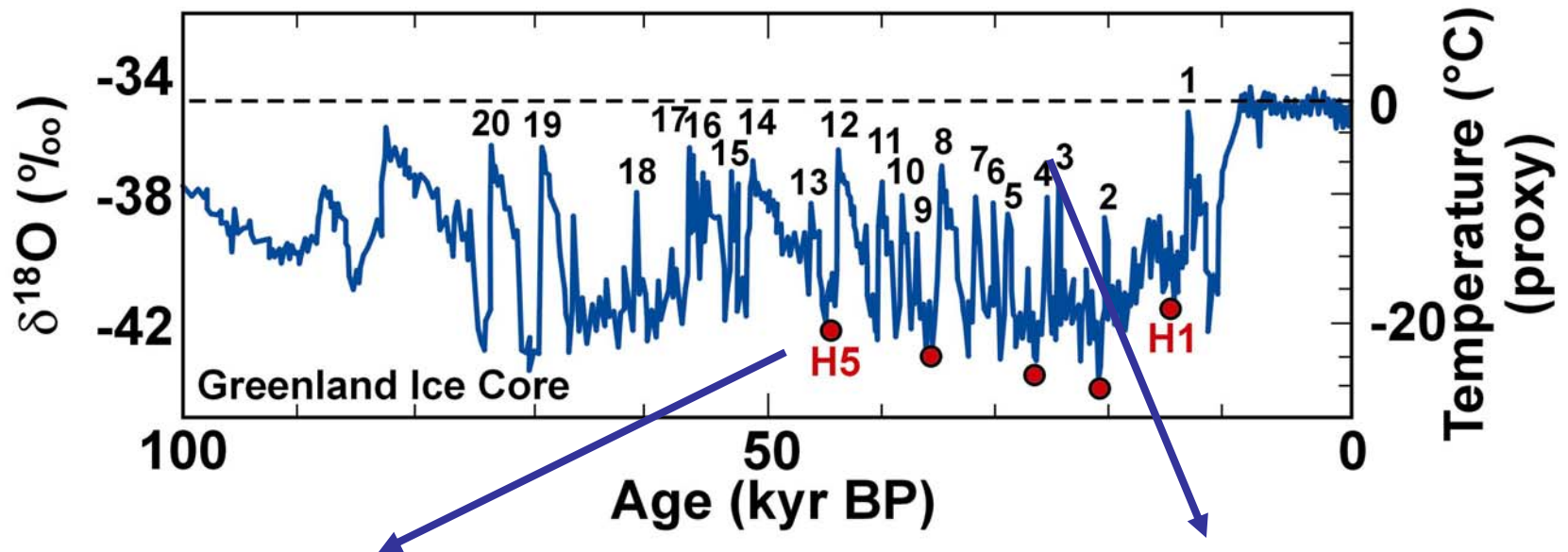
Climate and Life

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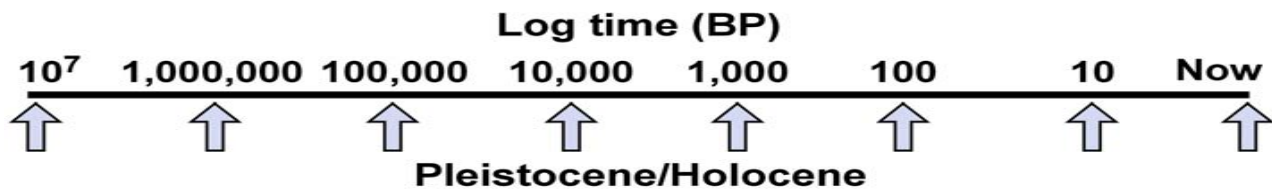
(From: Fedorov et al., 2006)

Premise: Large-scales shifts in climate alter the ecological landscape which give faunal or speciation pressures leading to genetic selection (deMenocal, 2004).

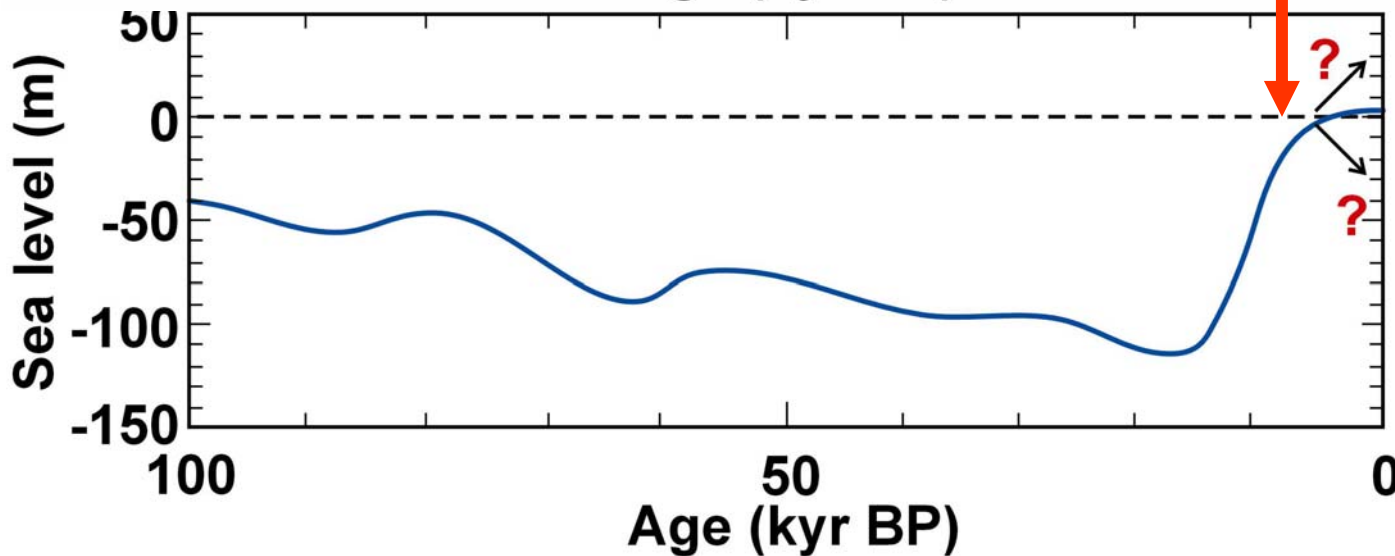
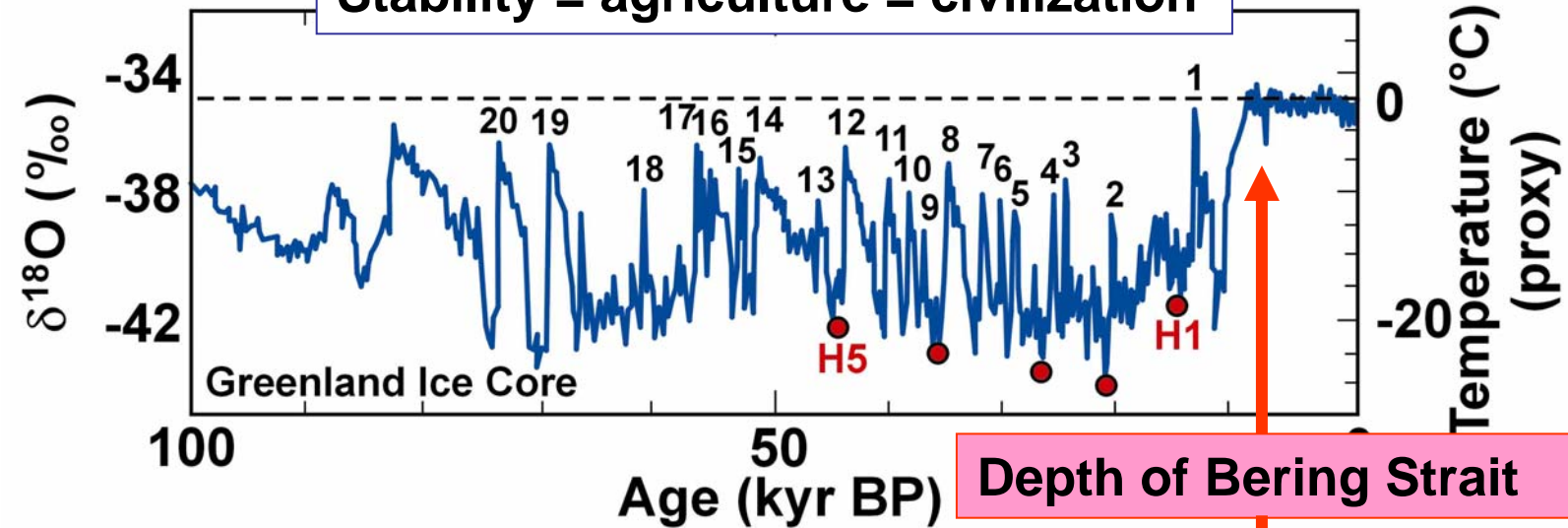


HABITAT TRACKING

According to Michael Cook (A Brief History of the Human Race, 2004) This was a time when genus *Homo* developed
 "cultural agility"



Stability = agriculture = civilization



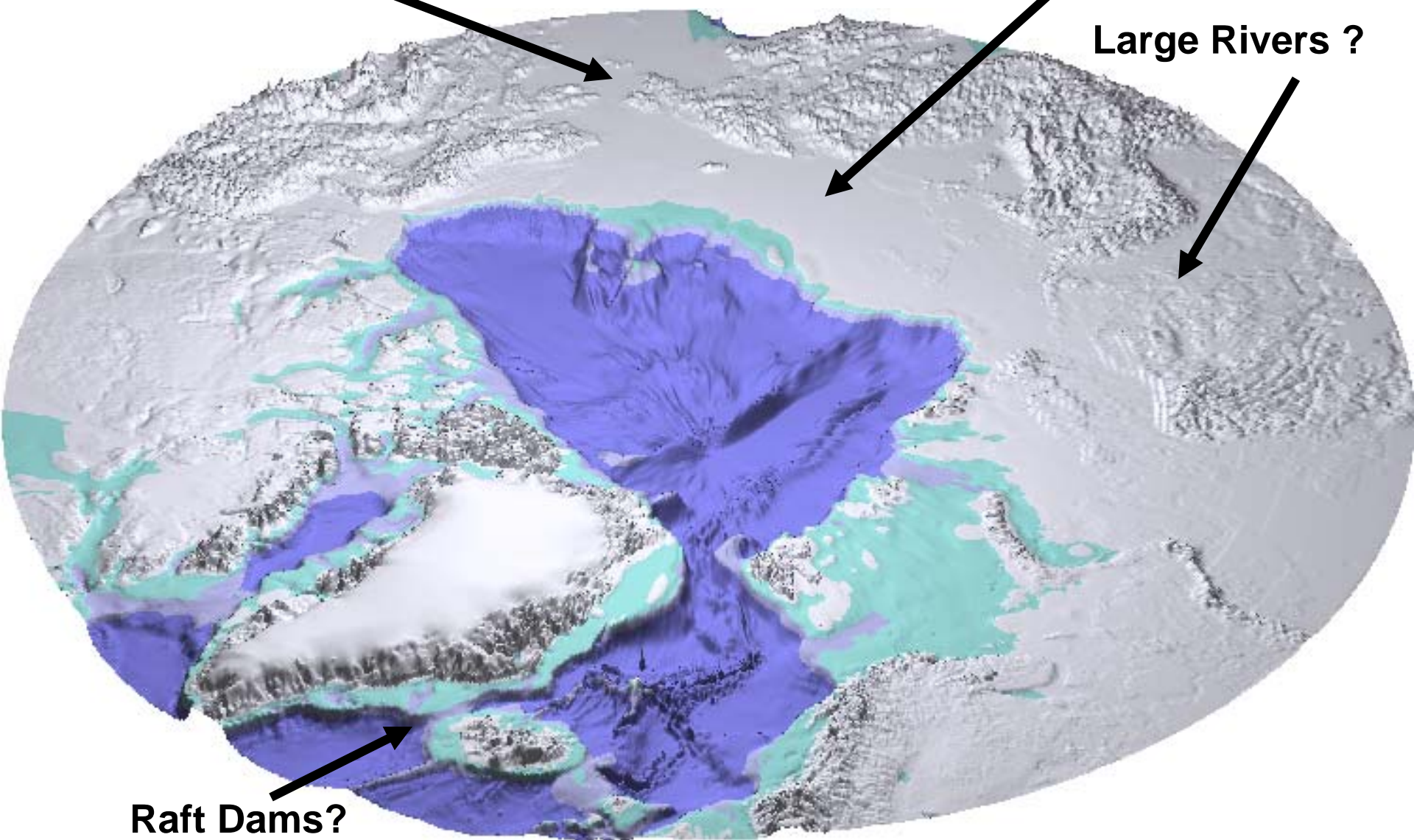
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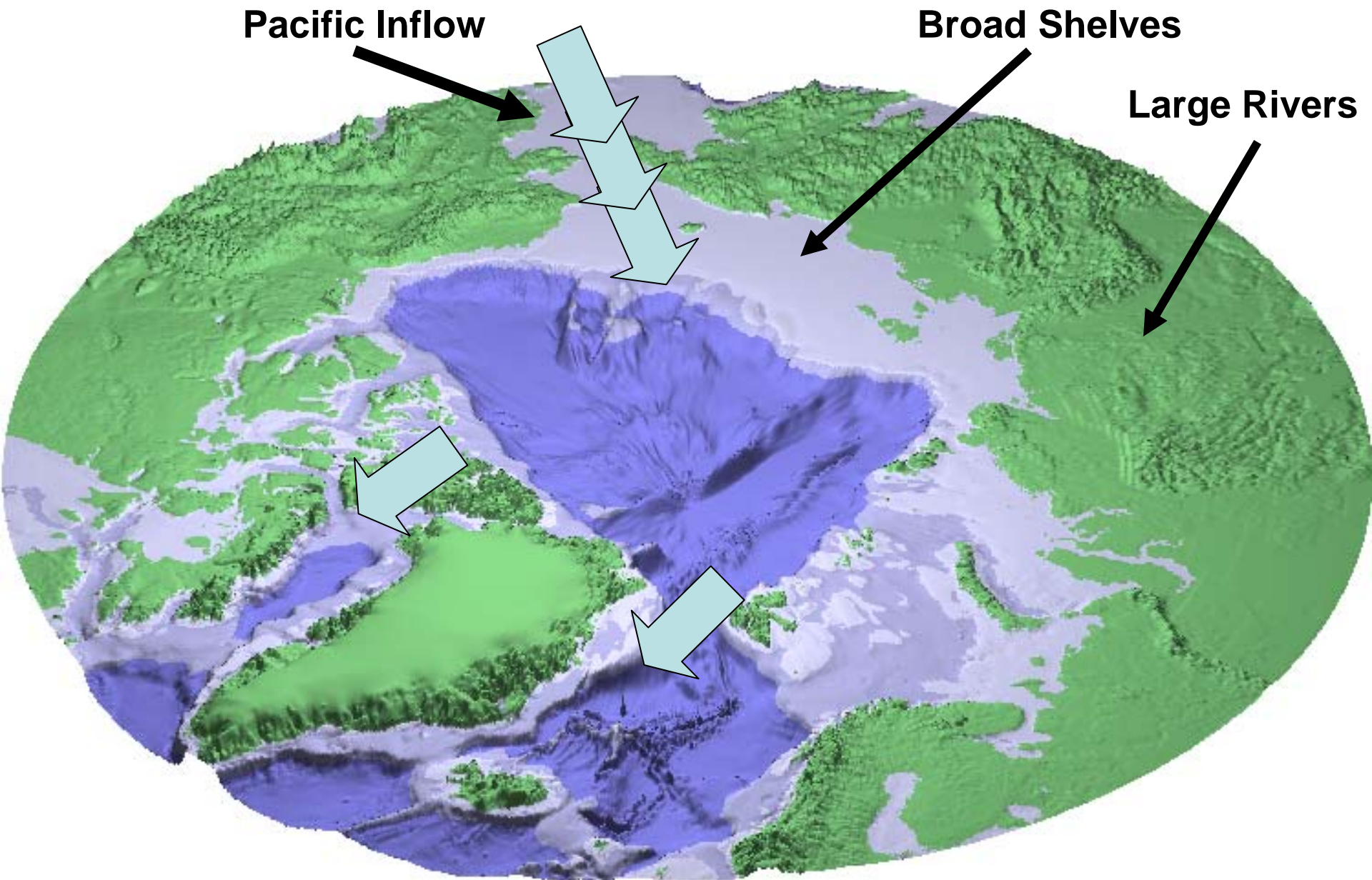
NO Broad Shelves

Large Rivers ?

Raft Dams?

THEN





Pacific Inflow

Broad Shelves

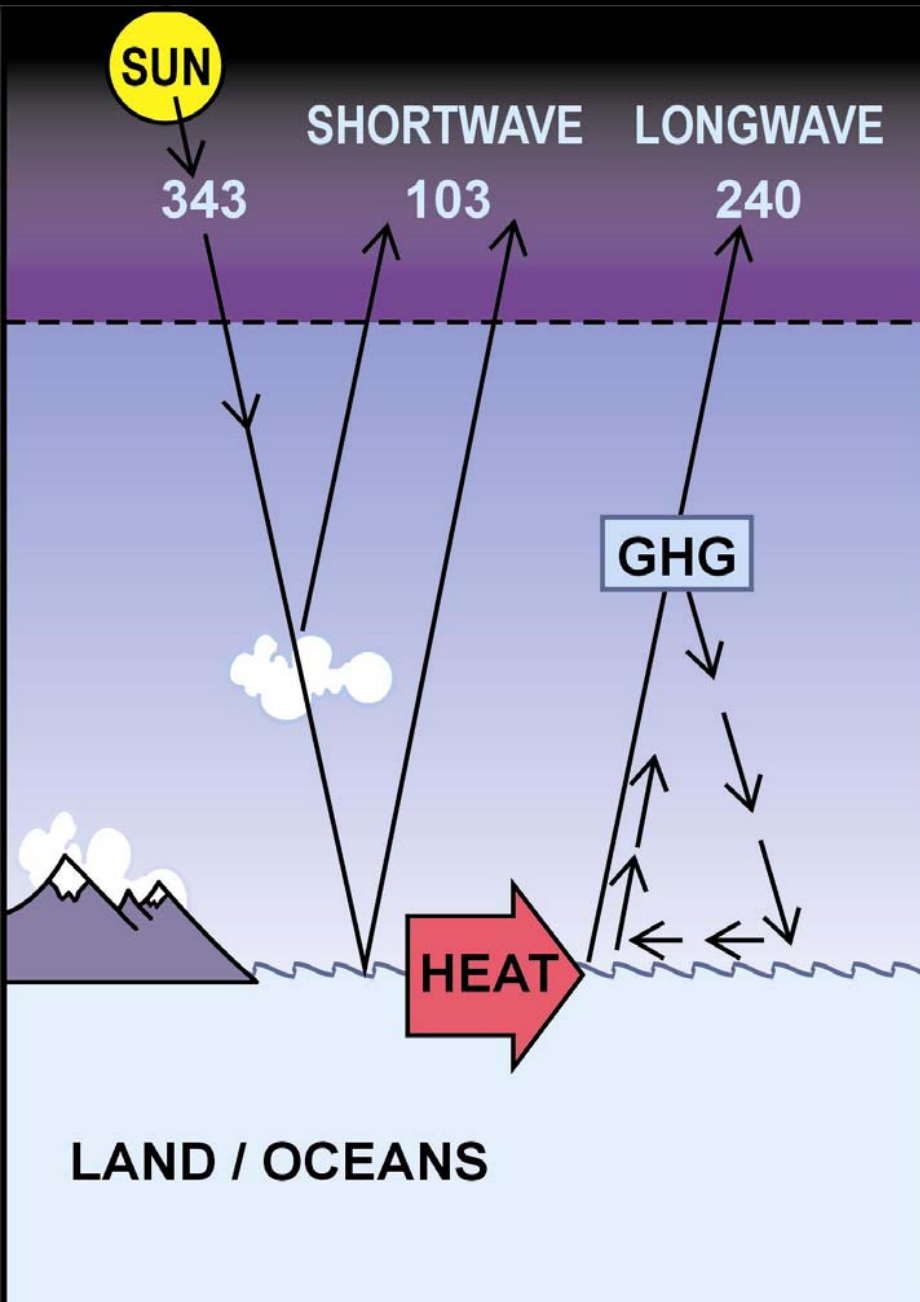
Large Rivers

NOW

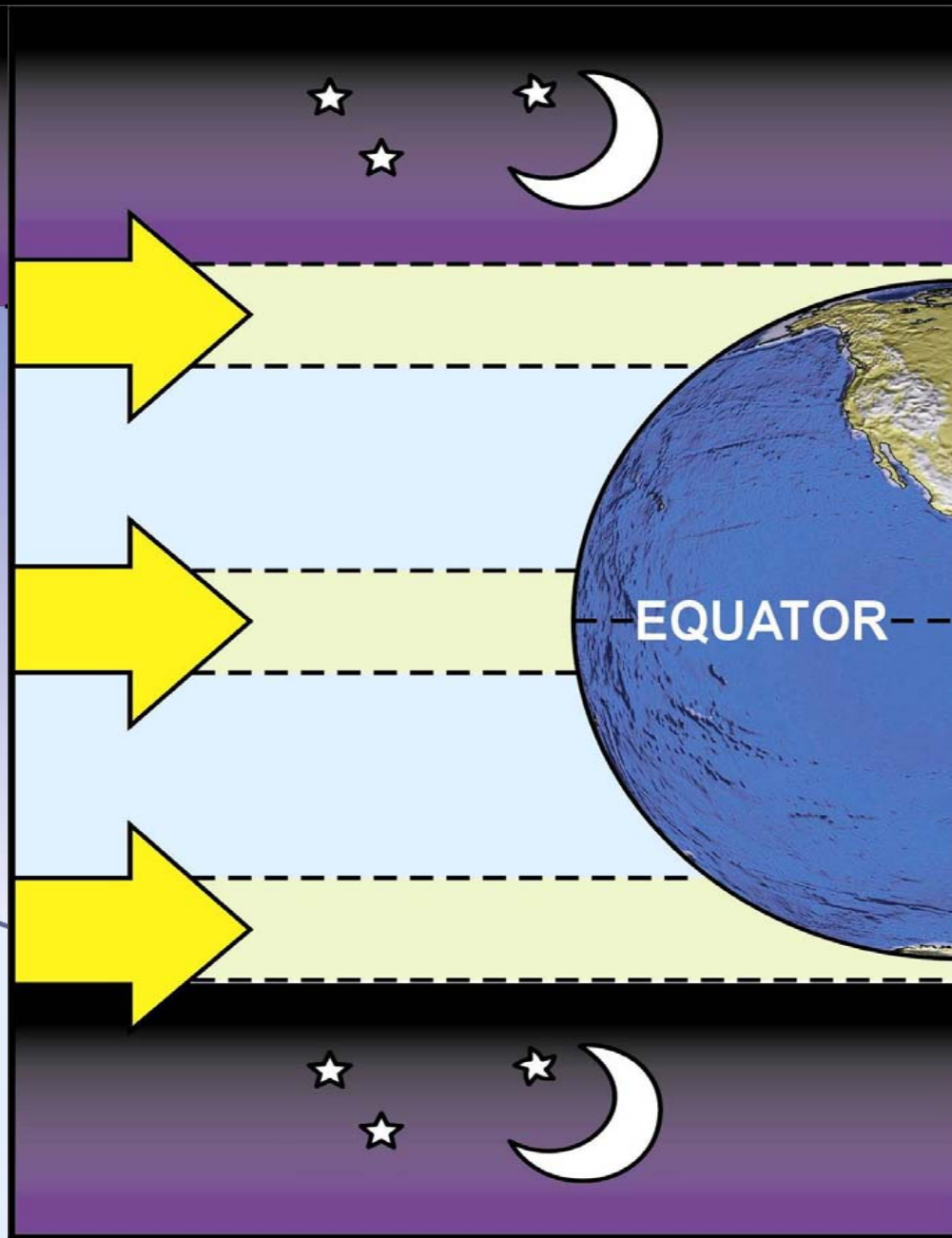
The Journey of Climate



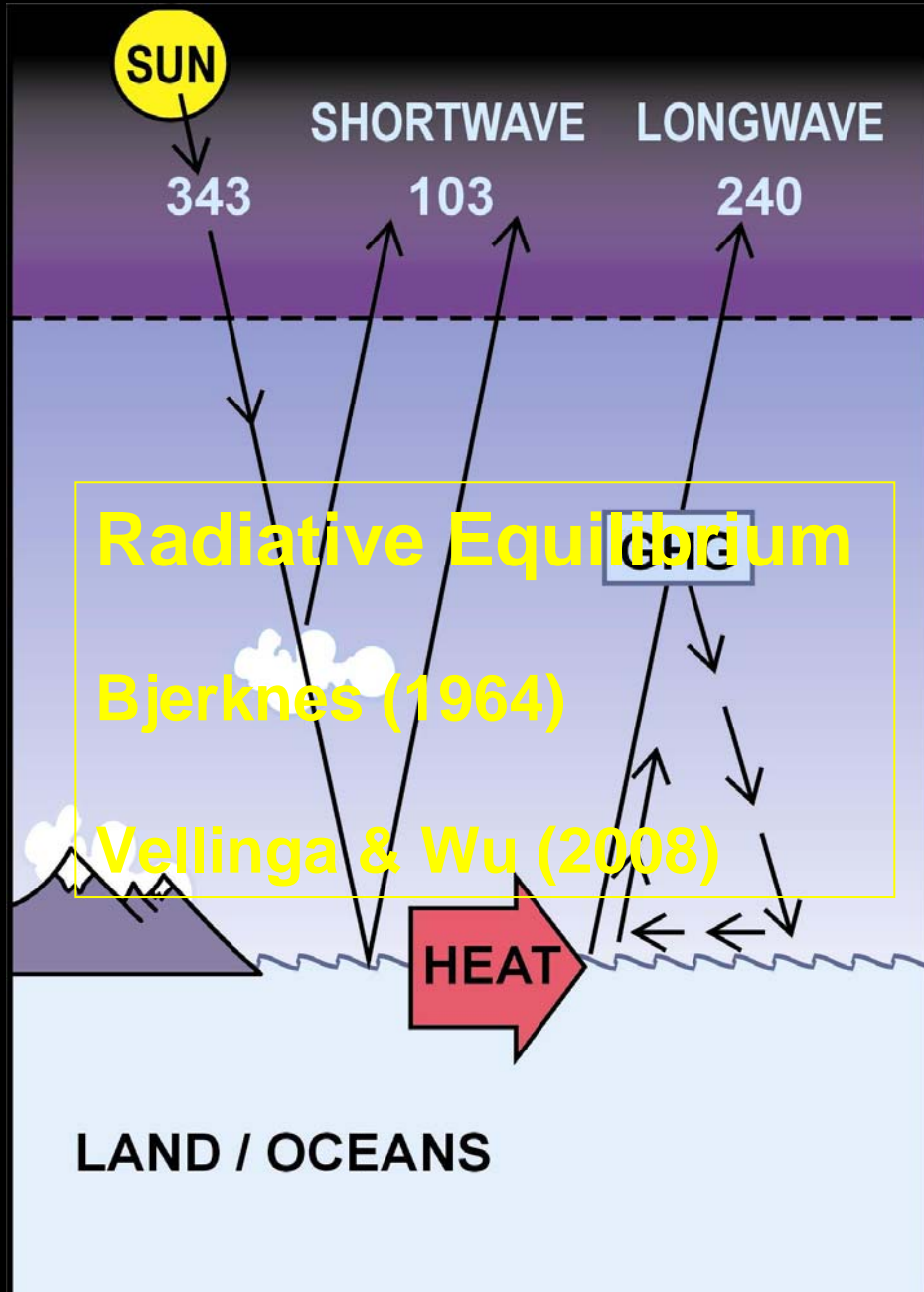
RADIATIVE PART



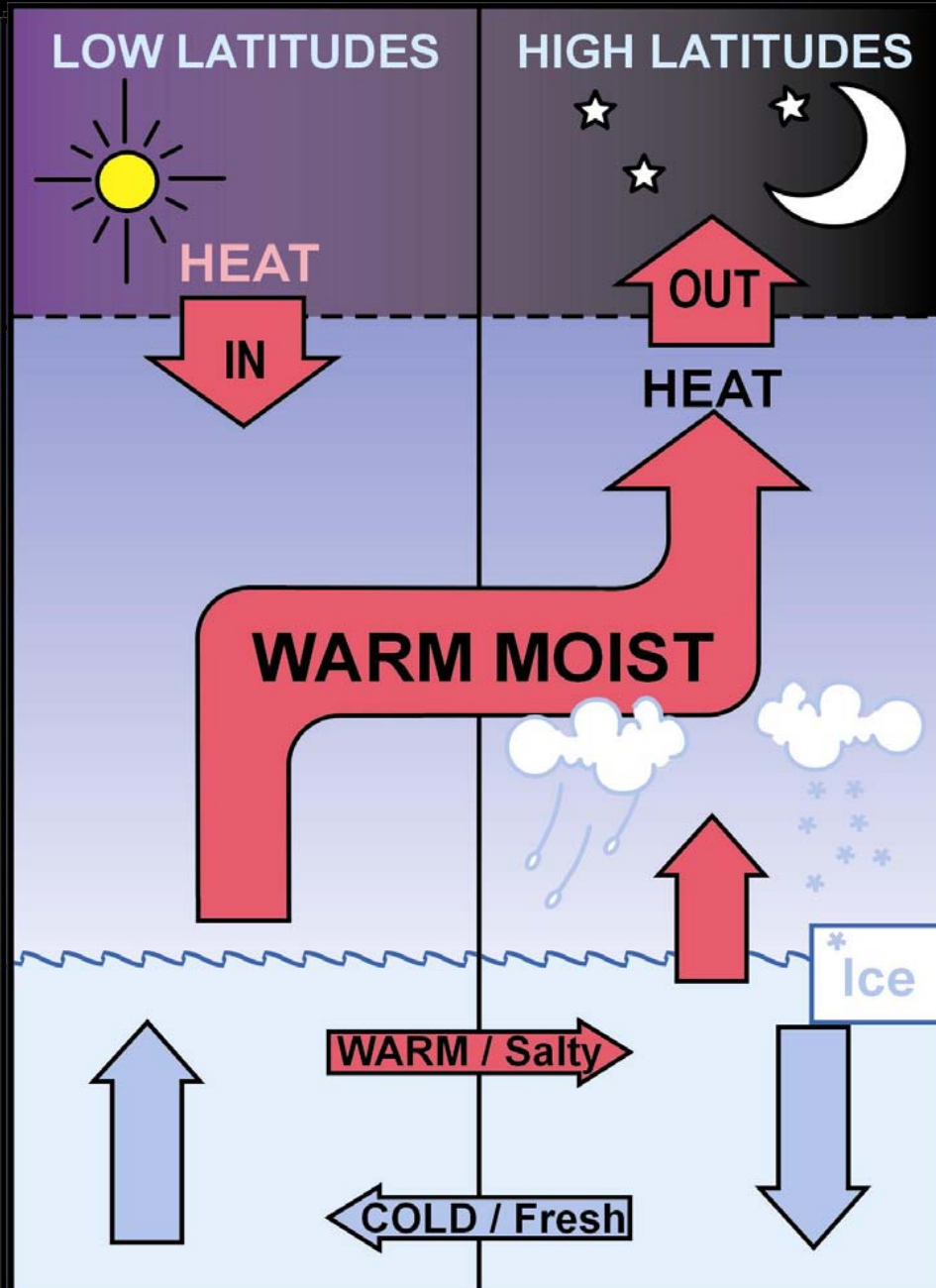
IMBALANCE



RADIATIVE PART



DYNAMIC PART



JOB DONE!

Allowing An Ice Cover

**Net poleward transport
of latent heat (moisture)
creates salt-stratification
In the high-latitudes**

**A cooler & fresher North
Pacific flow s 'downhill' to
Form the "Estuarine Arctic"**

**Moisture transfer to the
Arctic drainage basins by
Westerlies (storm tracks)**

Drives River Discharge

The Beaufort Gyre

And Trans-Polar Drift

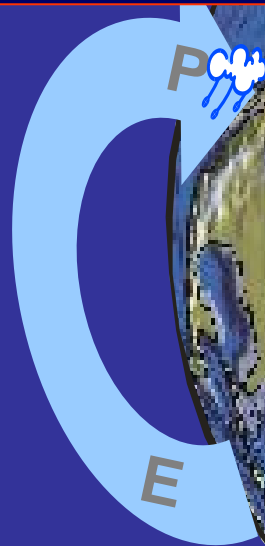
Transport Sea Ice

And low salinity water

**Adding Freshwater to
the Convective Gyres ...**

Thus affecting the Thermohaline Circulation

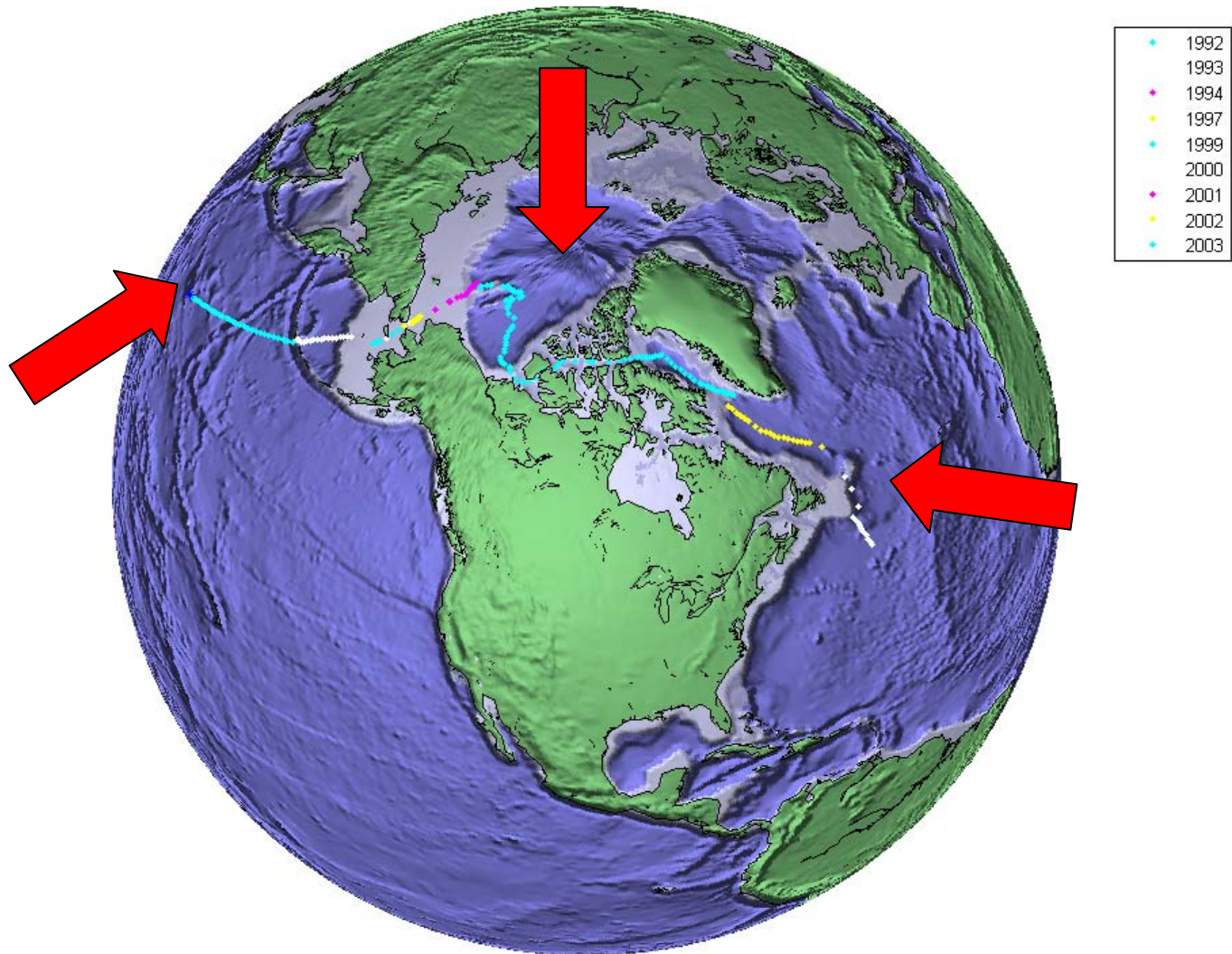
**Net inter-basin moisture
transfer by Trades across
the Isthmus of Panama**

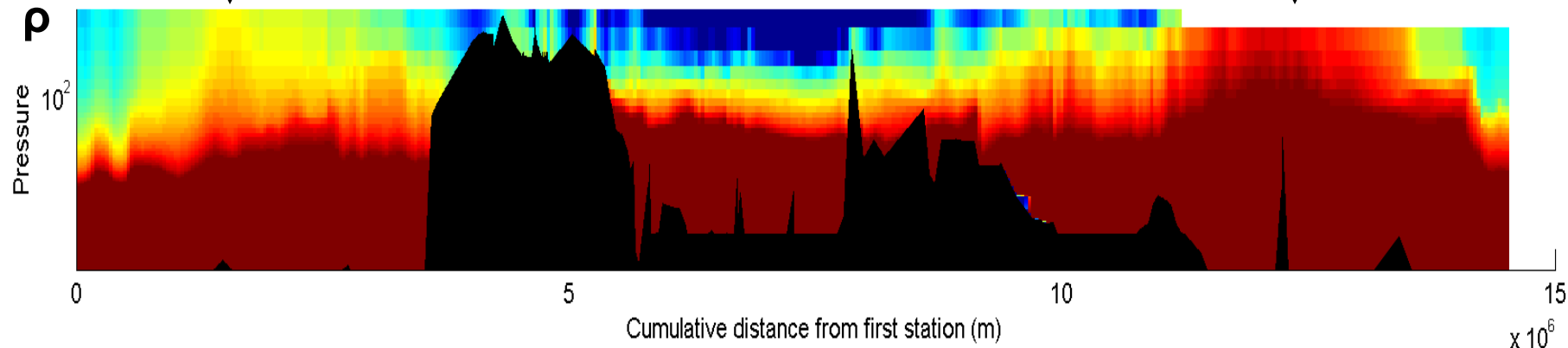
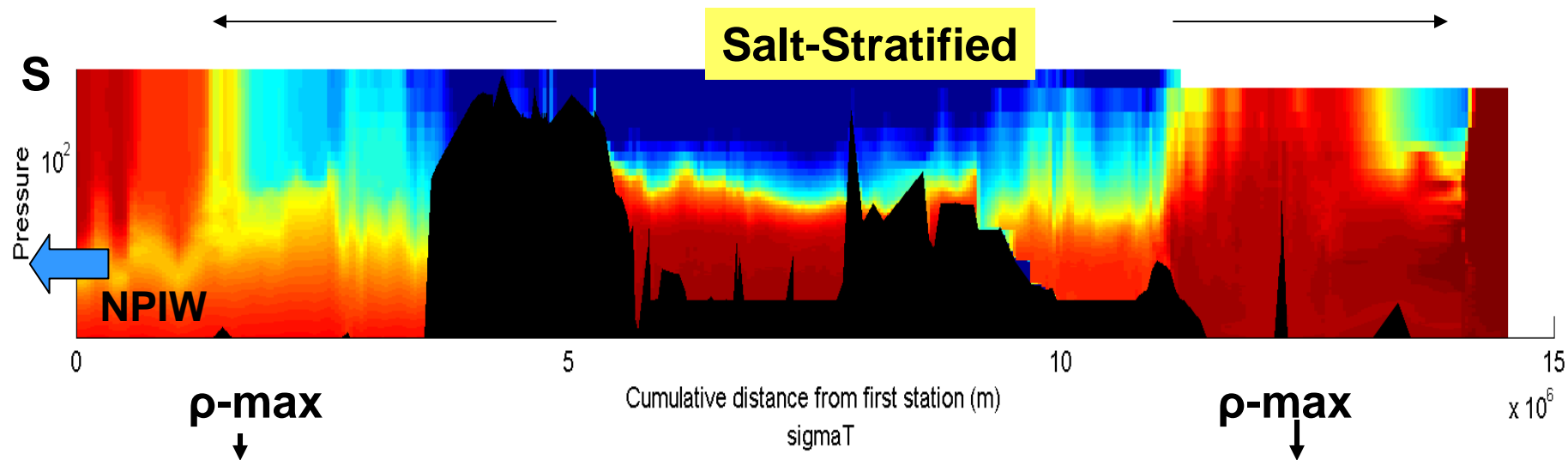
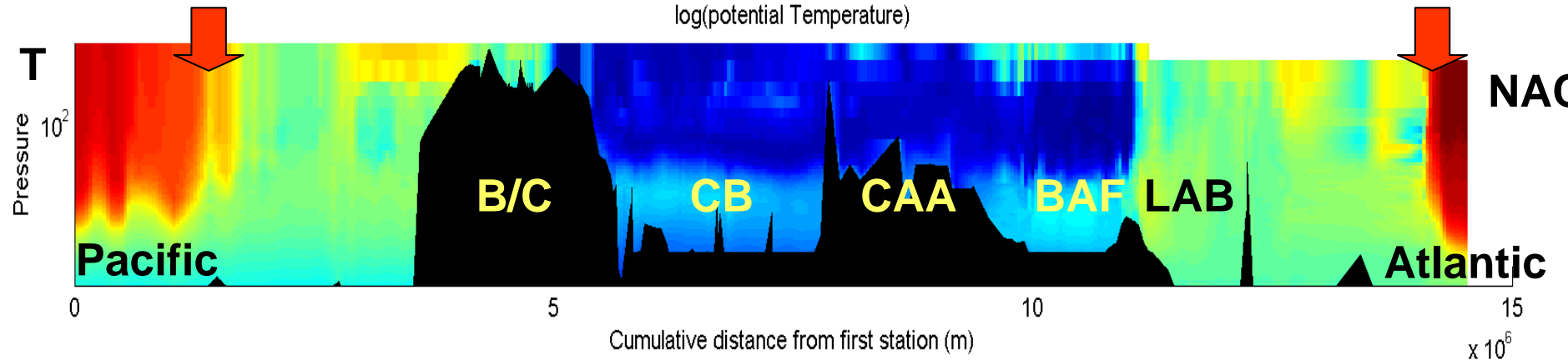


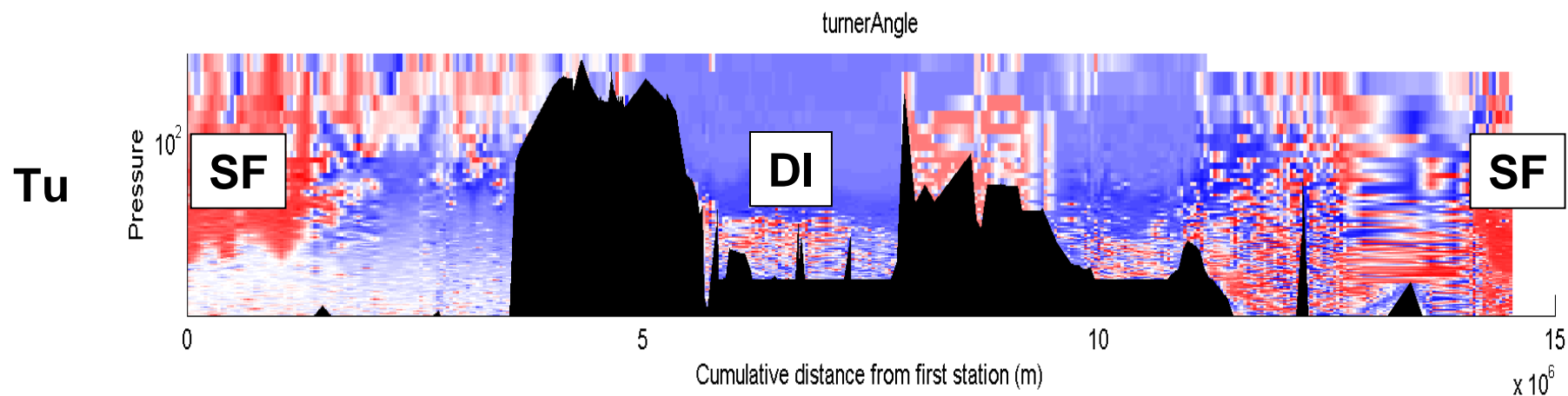
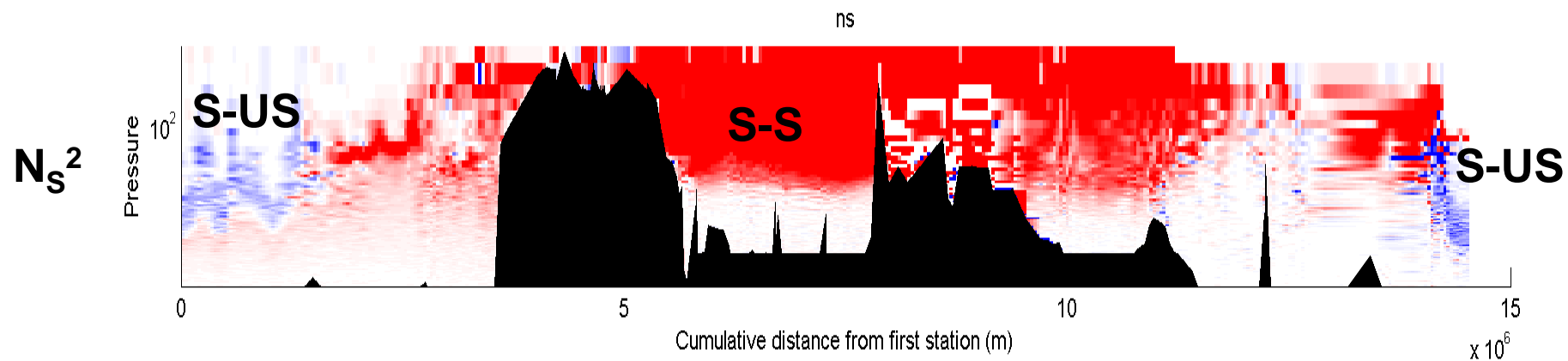
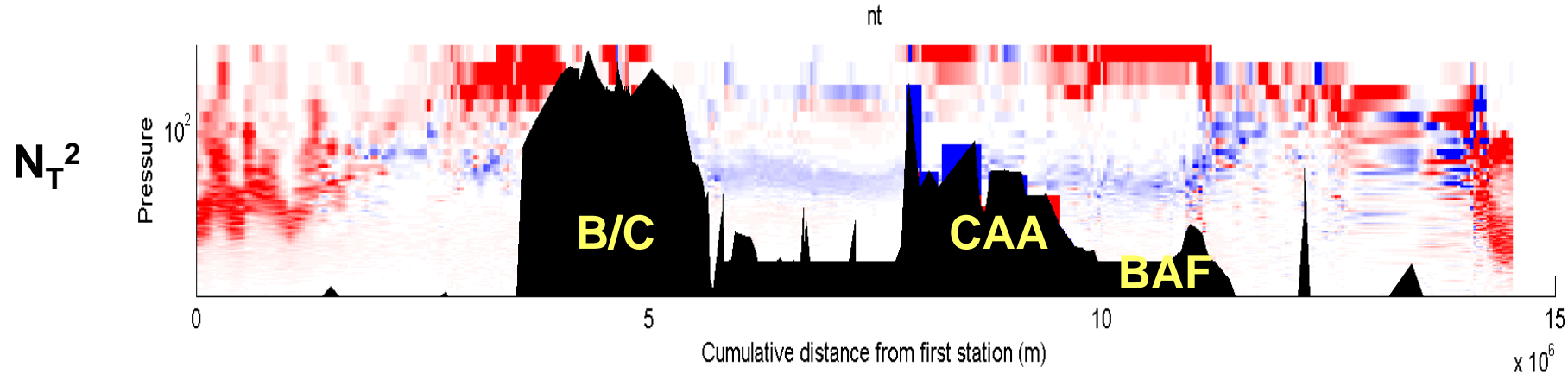
**A warm and salty
North Atlantic inflow**

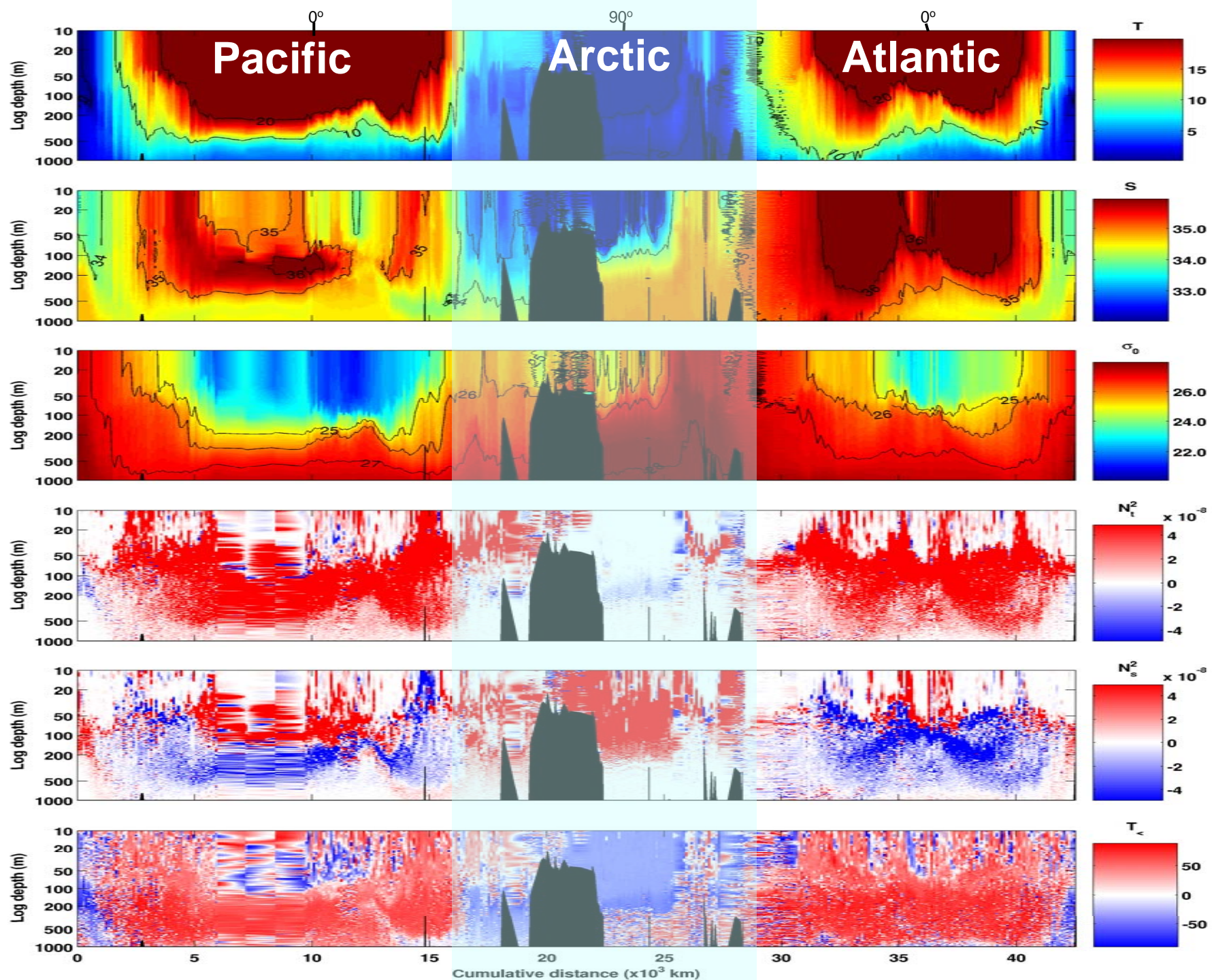
THE JOB: TO GET HEAT FROM THE LOW TO THE HIGH LATITUDES

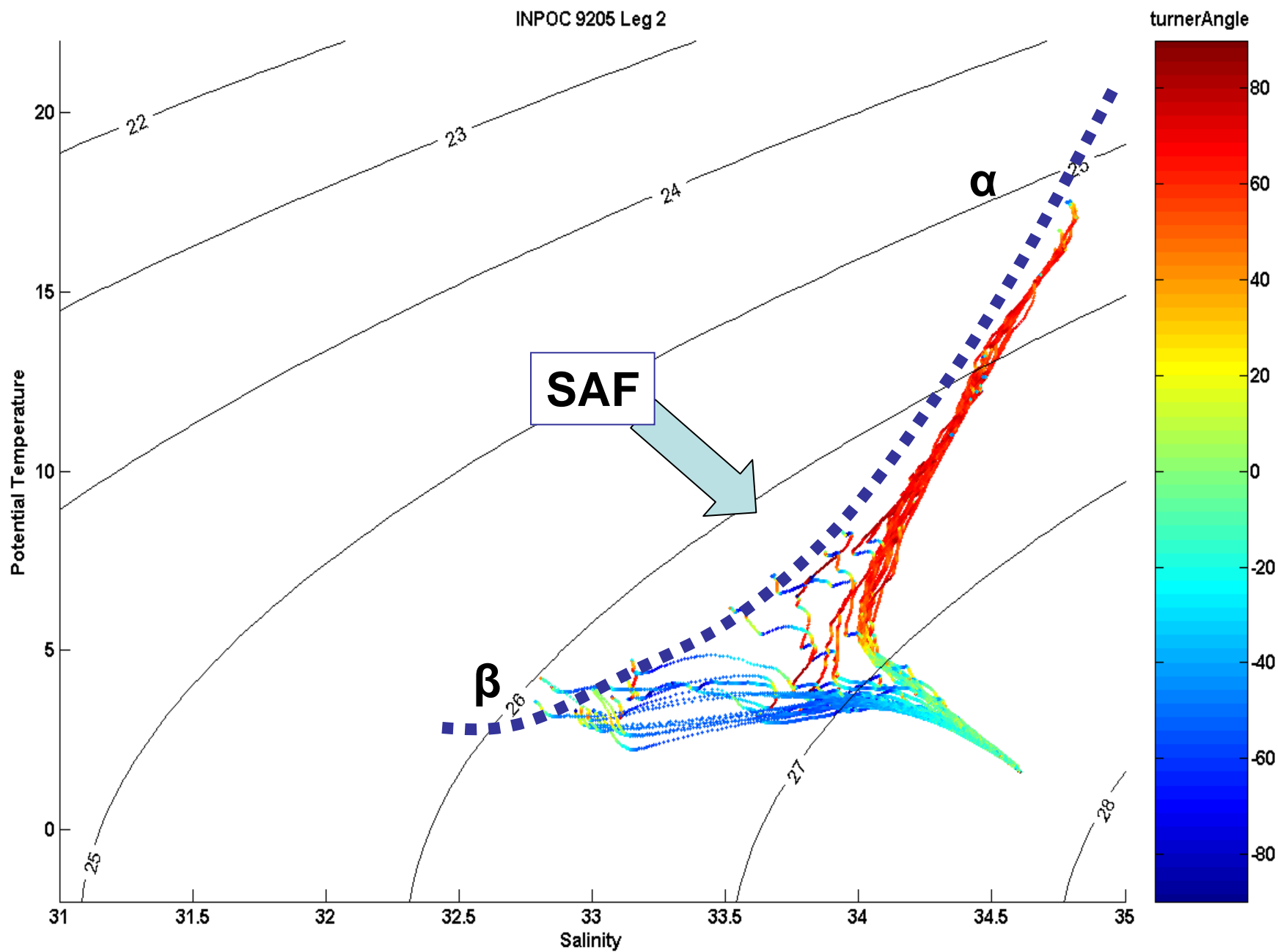
Around Canada

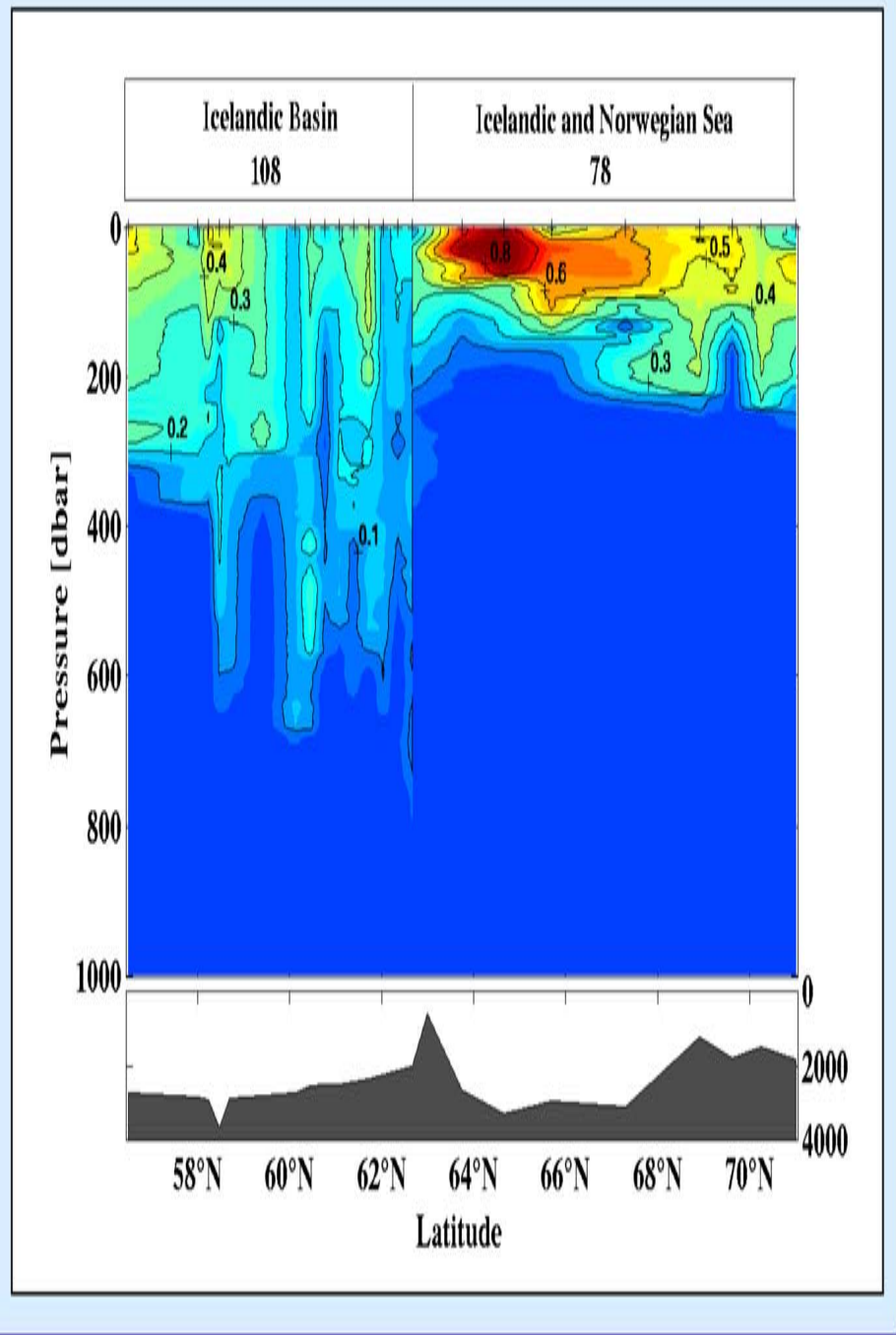
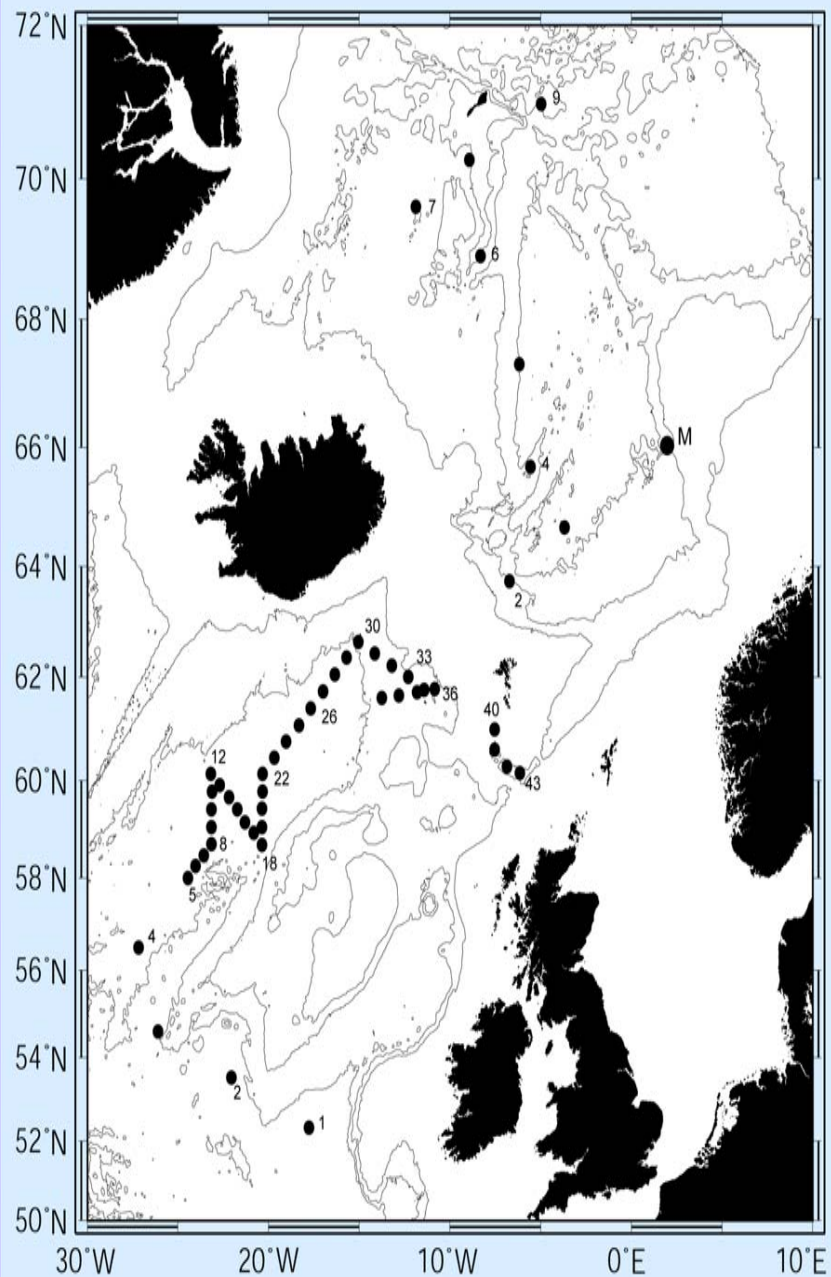


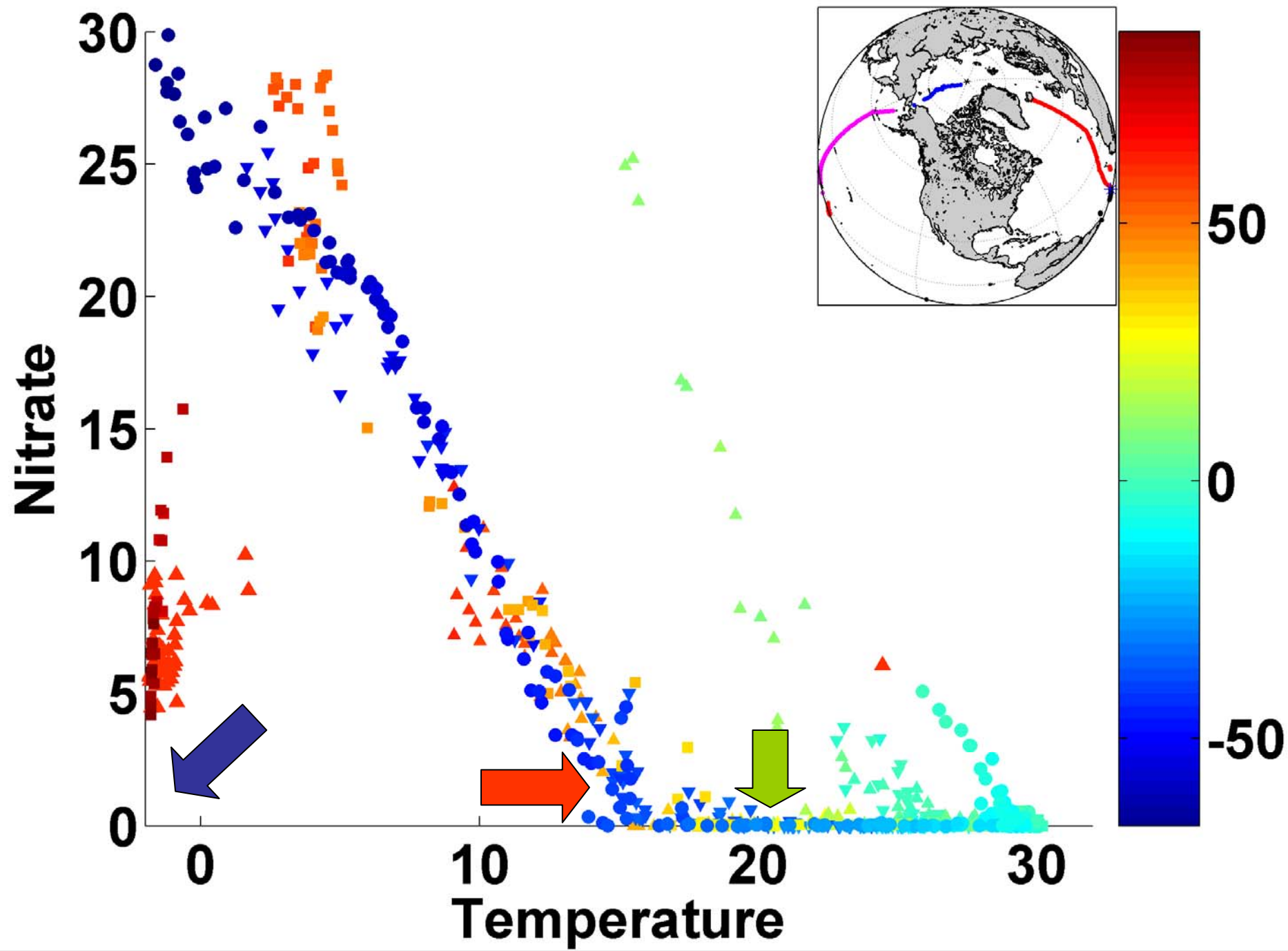


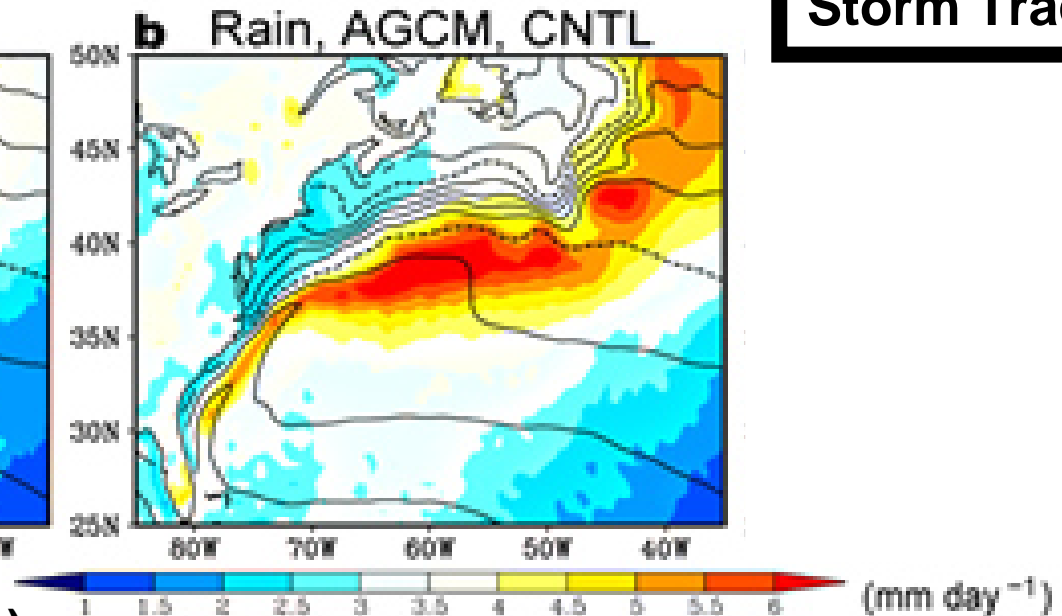
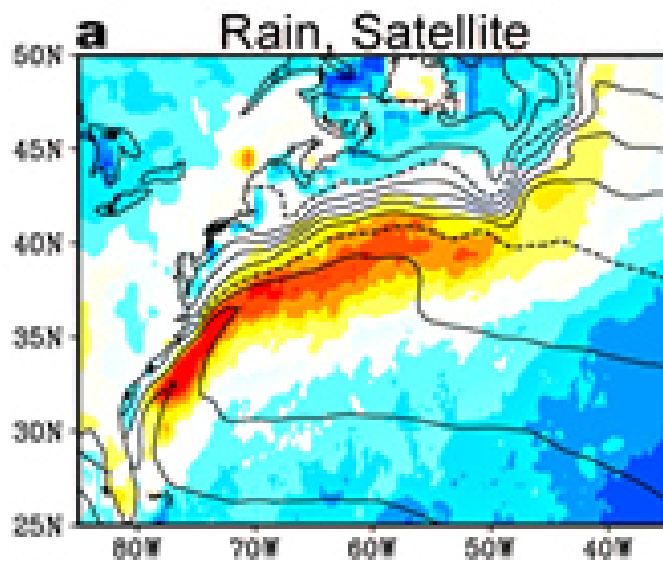
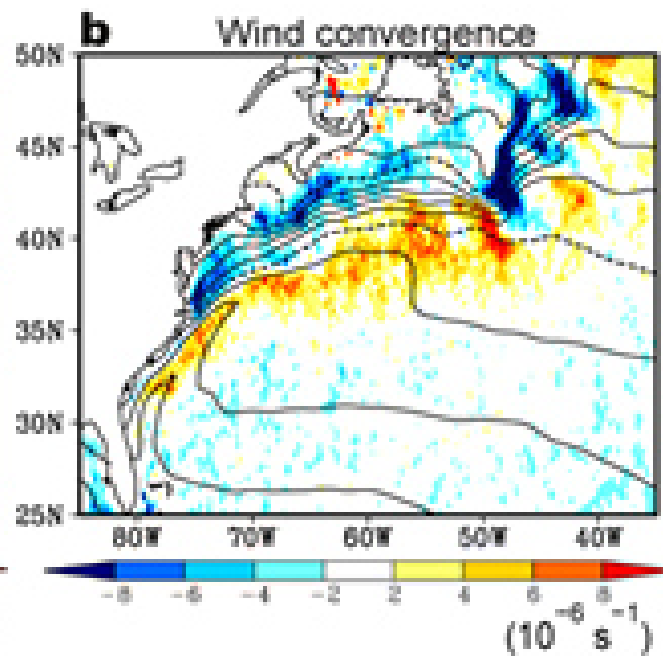
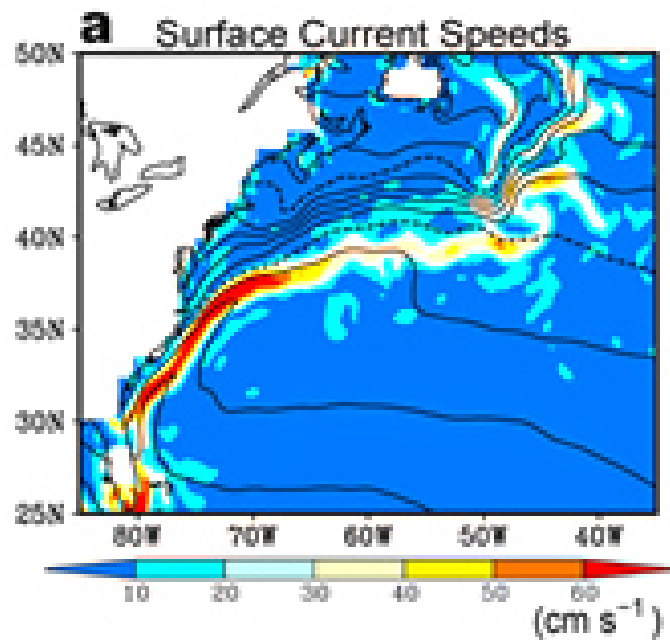






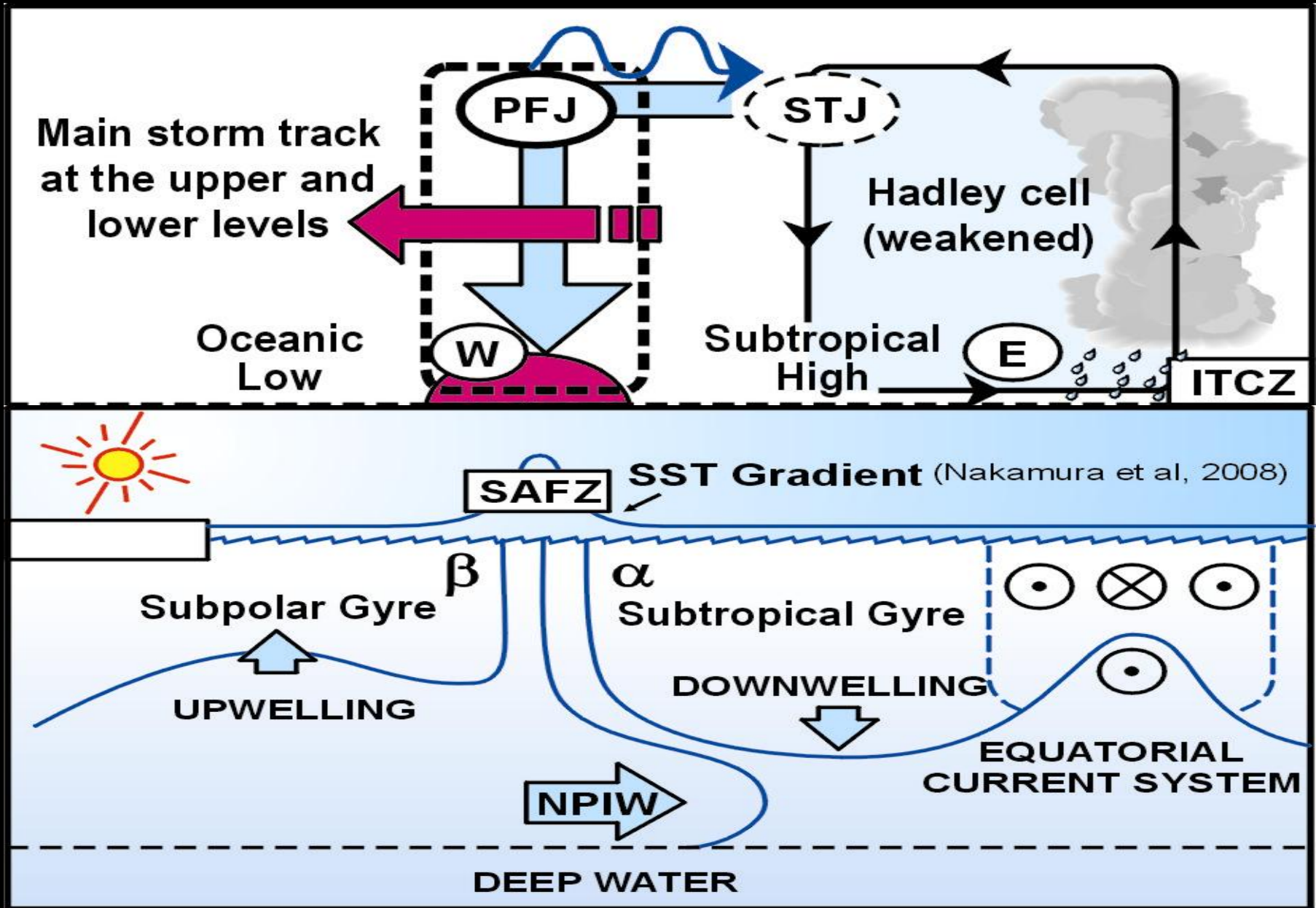


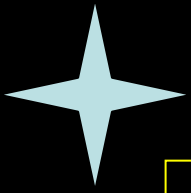




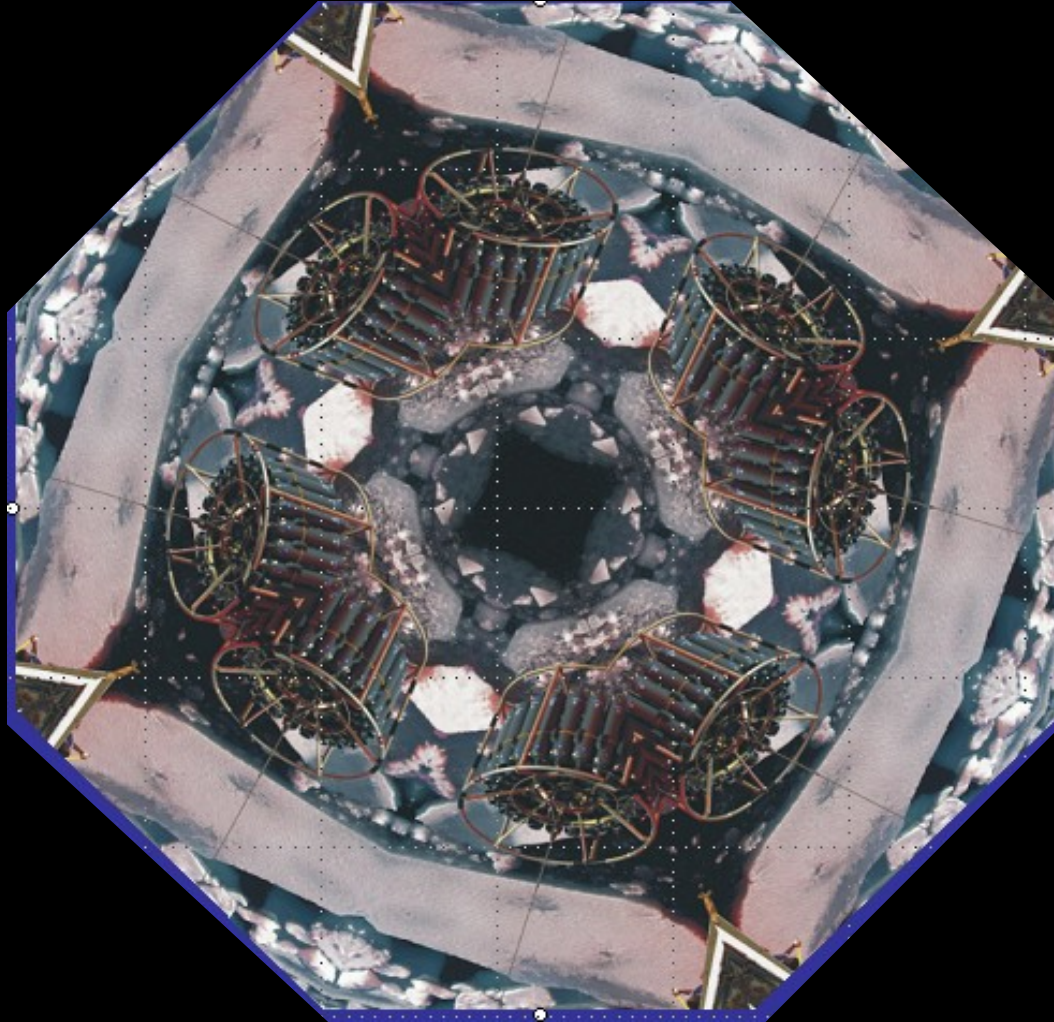
Storm Tracks

Minobe et al. 2008 (Nature)





II. Changing Arctic: Water, Ice & Biota





CLICK

OBSERVED CHANGE

BERING SEA

LABRADOR/BAFFIN

ARCTIC OCEAN

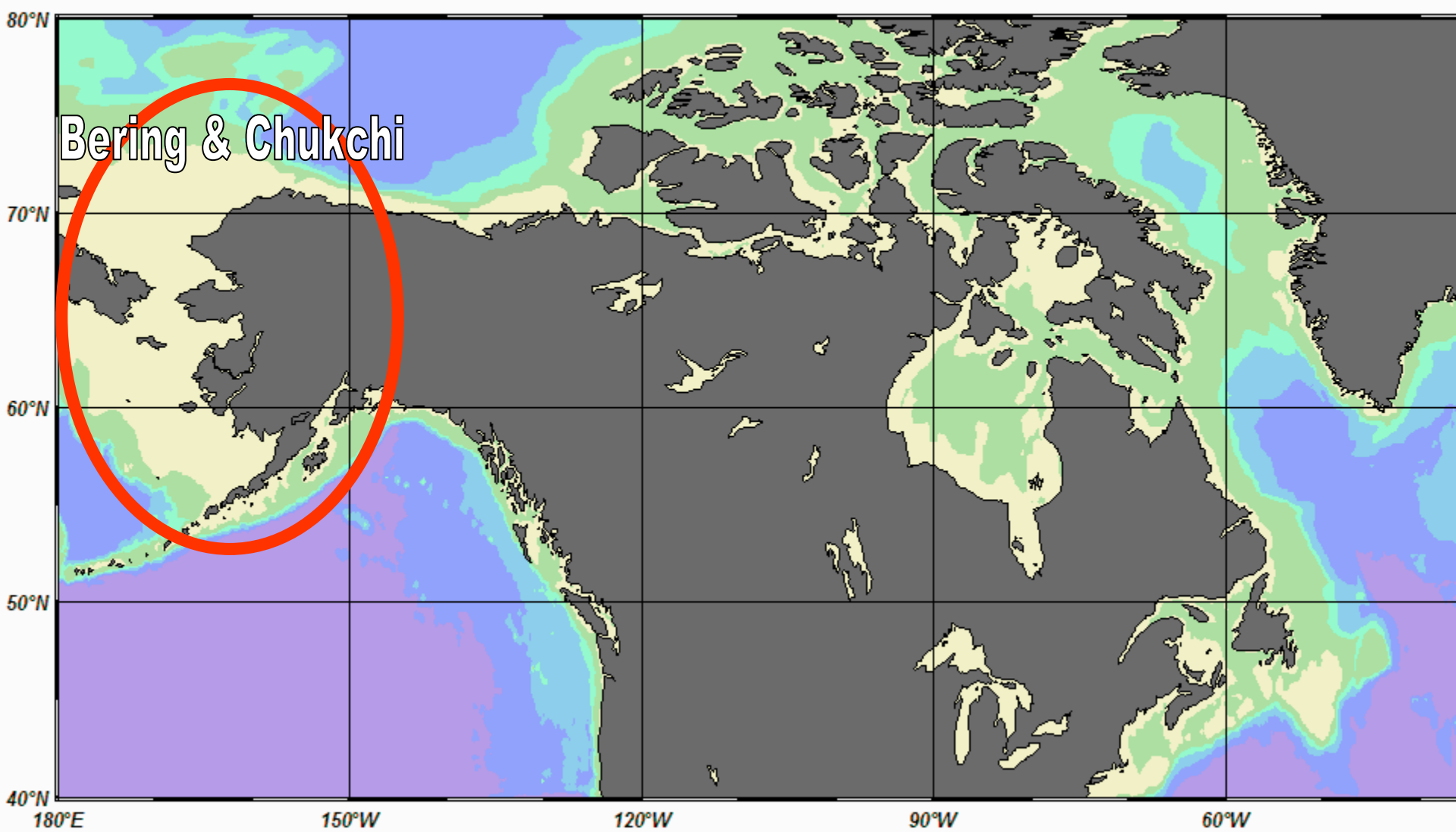
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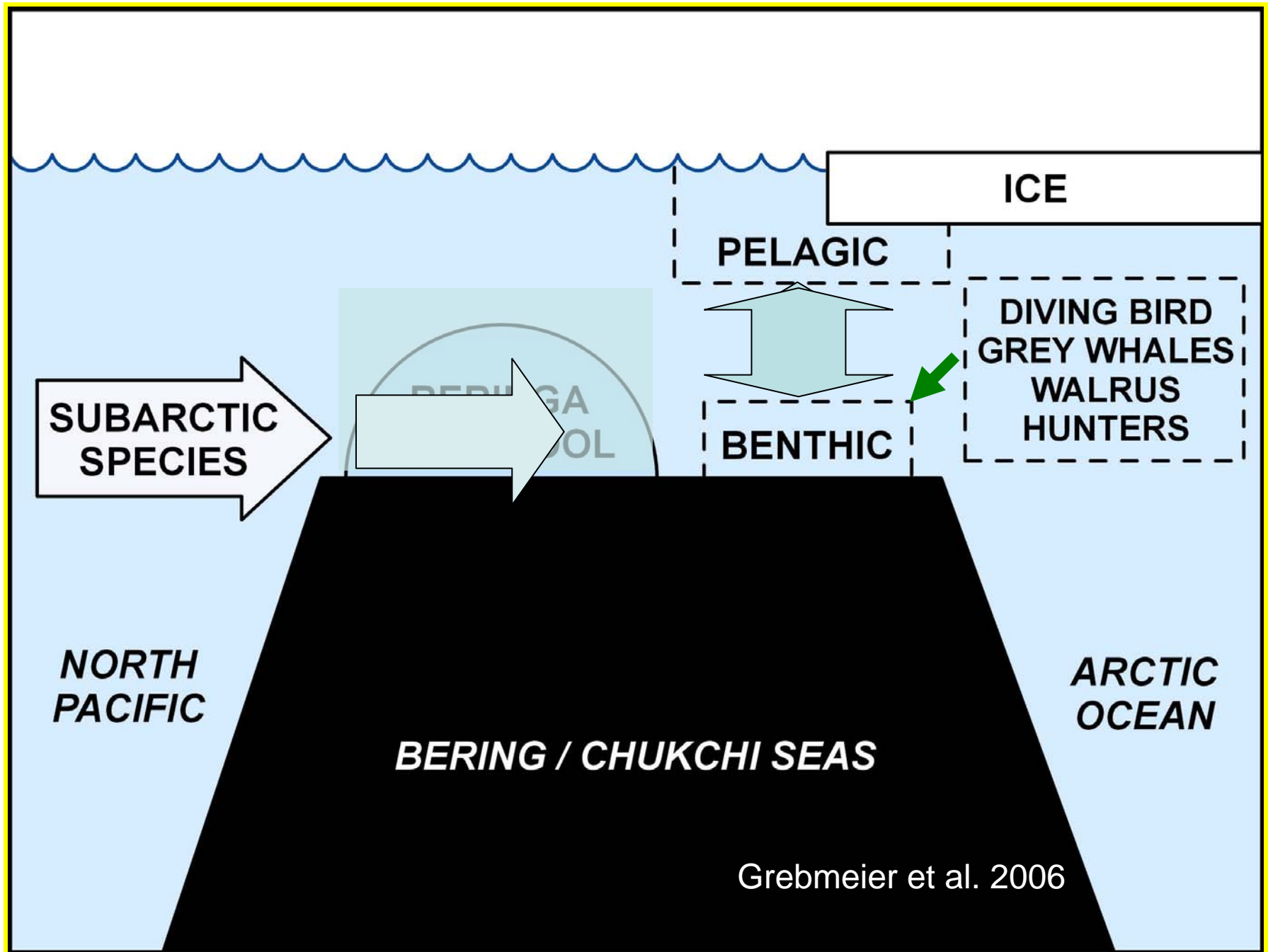
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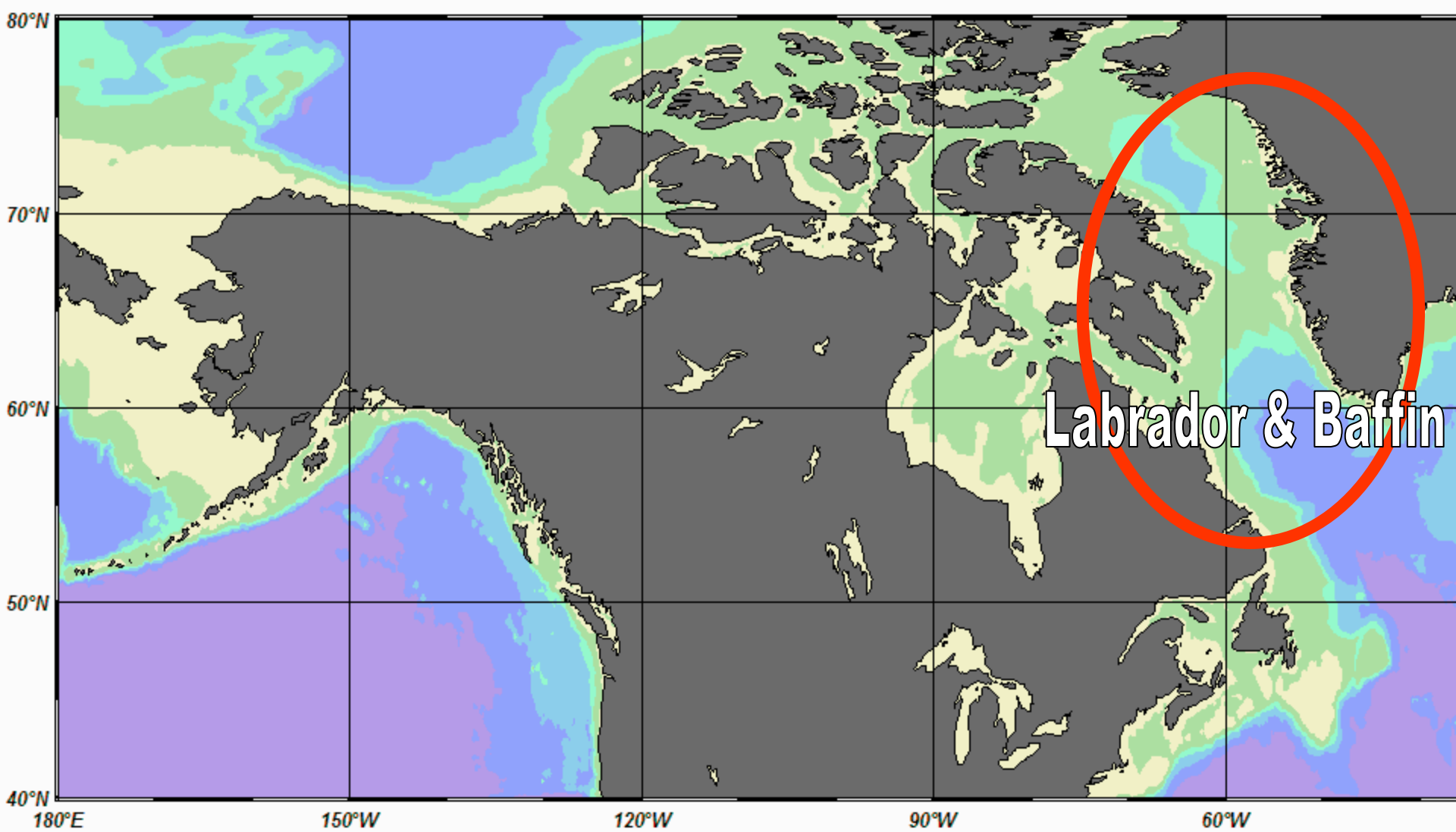
SEA ICE

pH

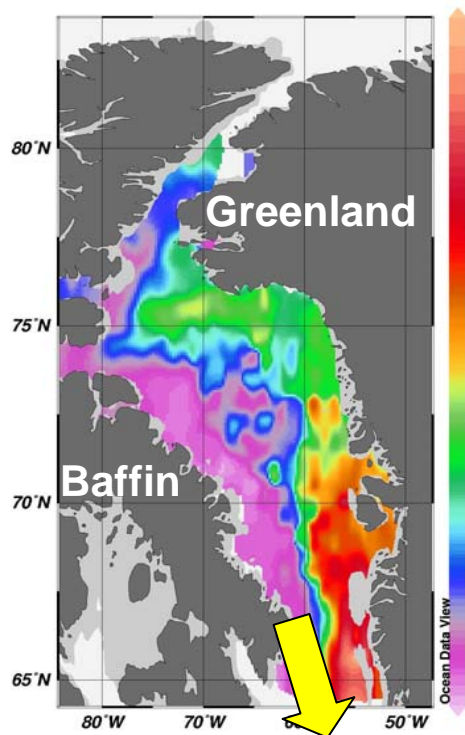




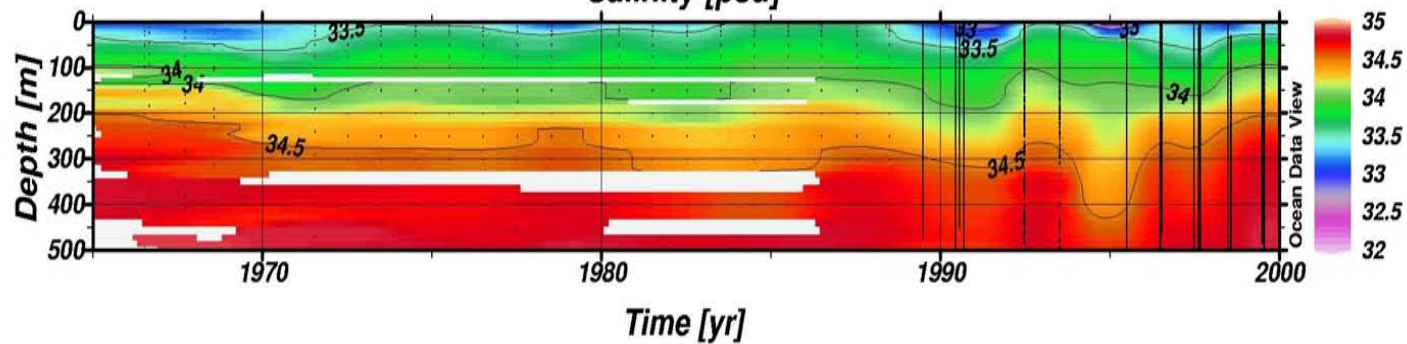




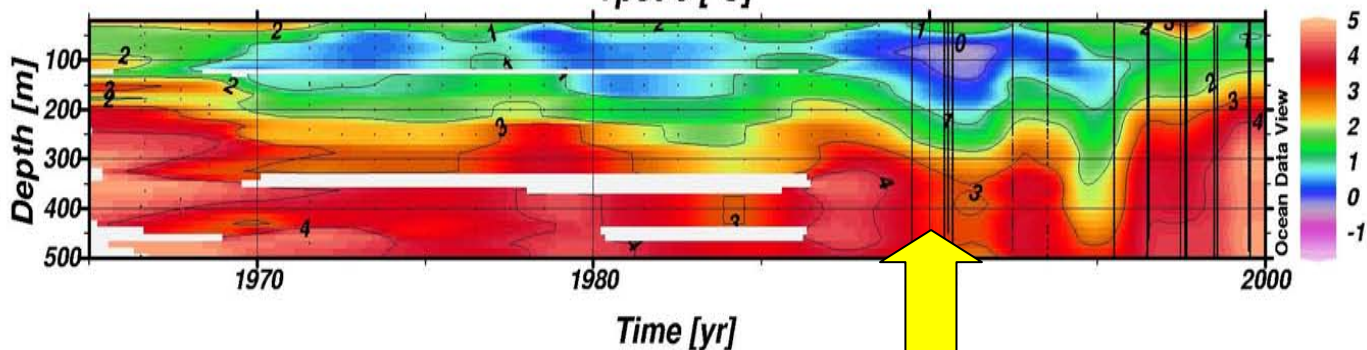
Tpot-0 [$^{\circ}$ C] on Depth [m]=200



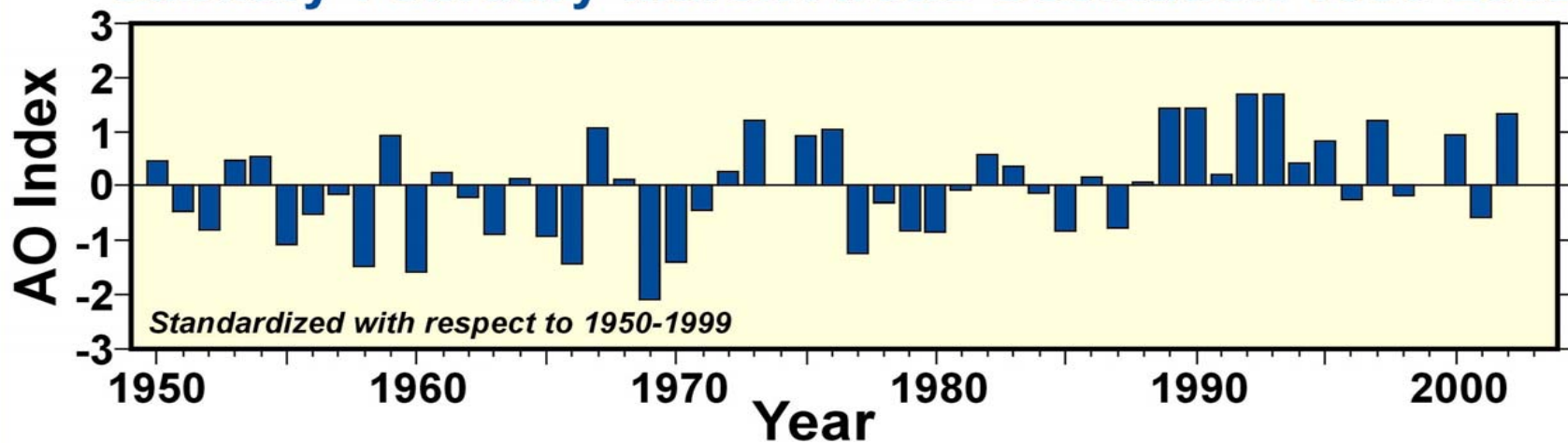
Salinity [psu]



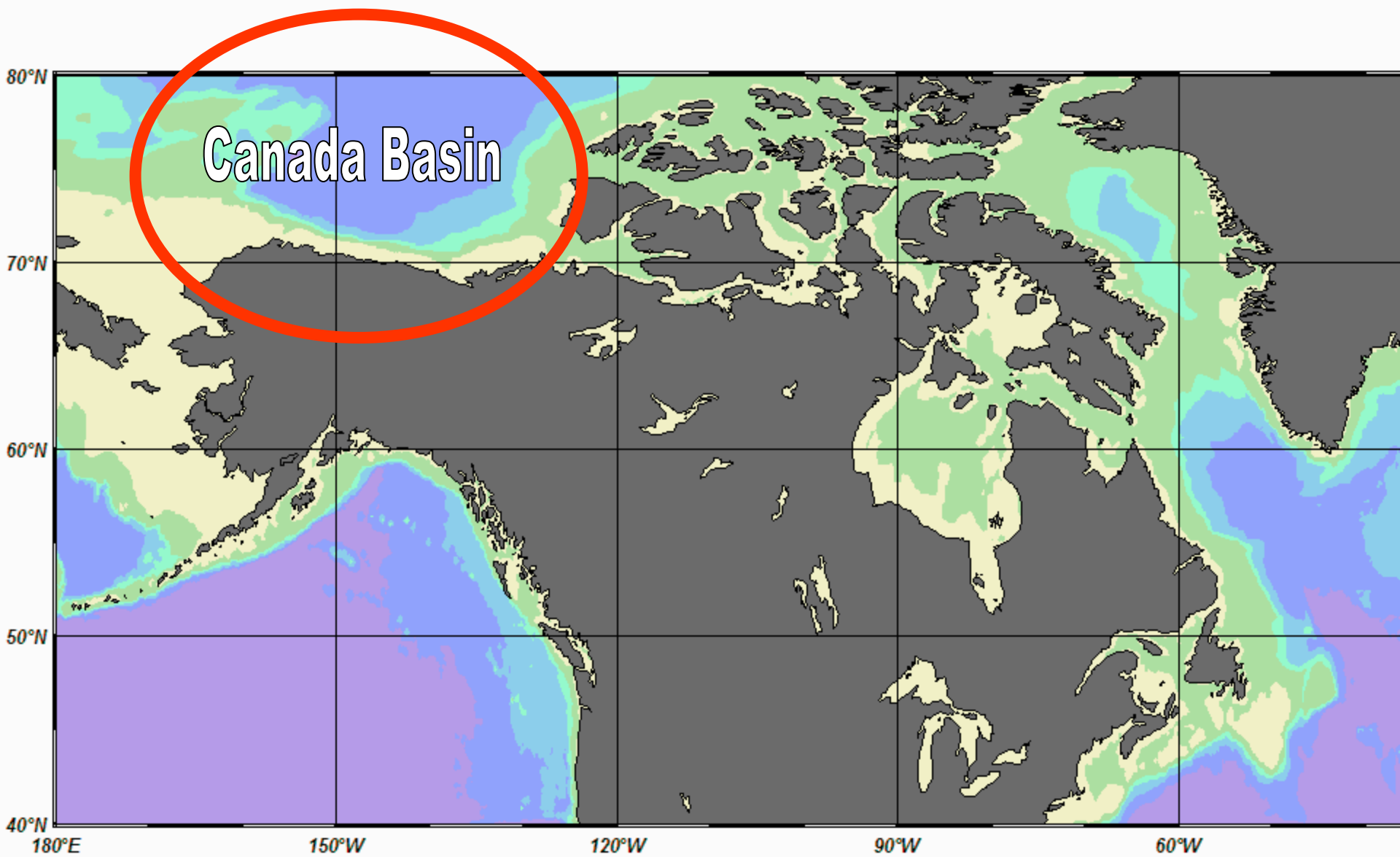
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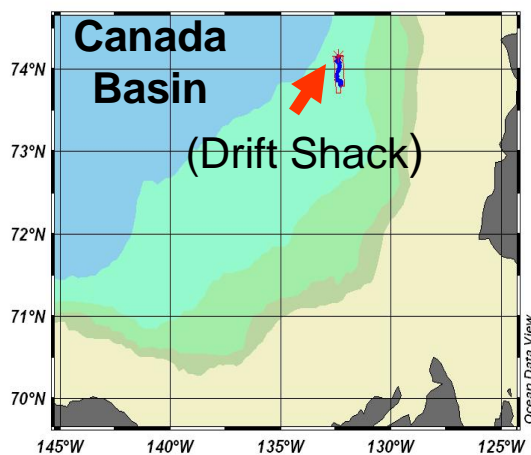
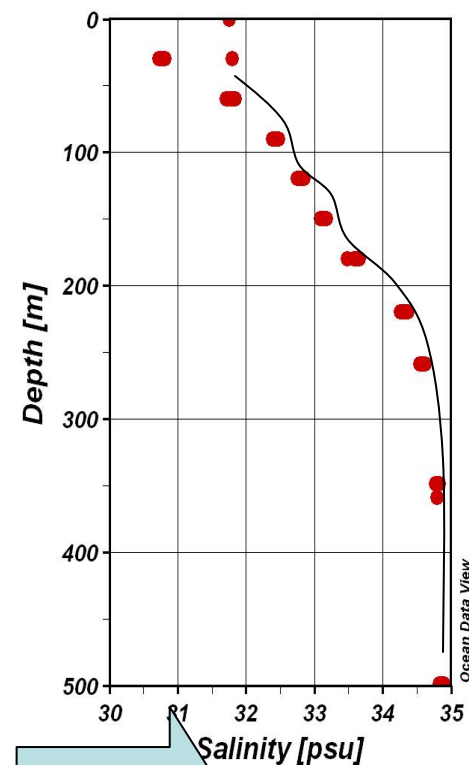
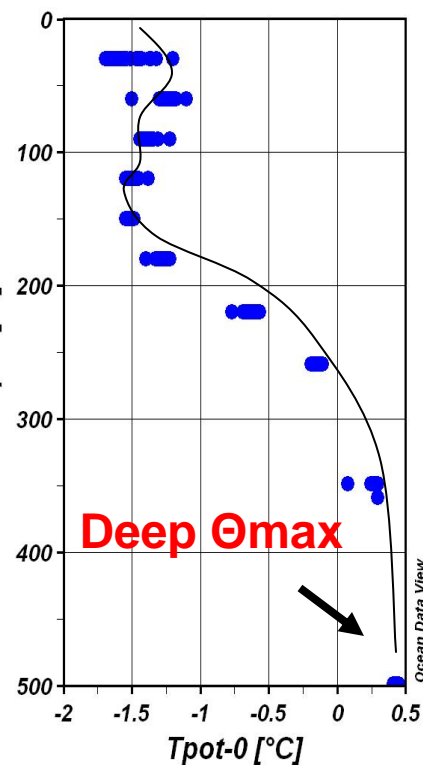
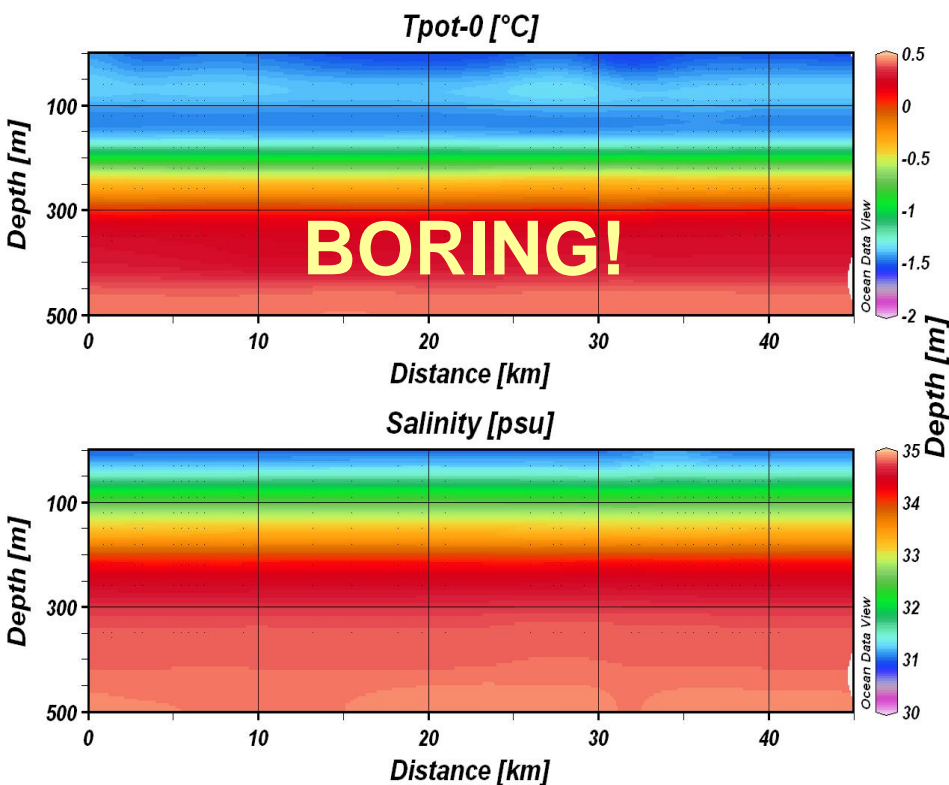
January-February-March Arctic Oscillation 1950-2002



Lobb (2004)



CANADA BASIN: PRE-INVASION DAYS



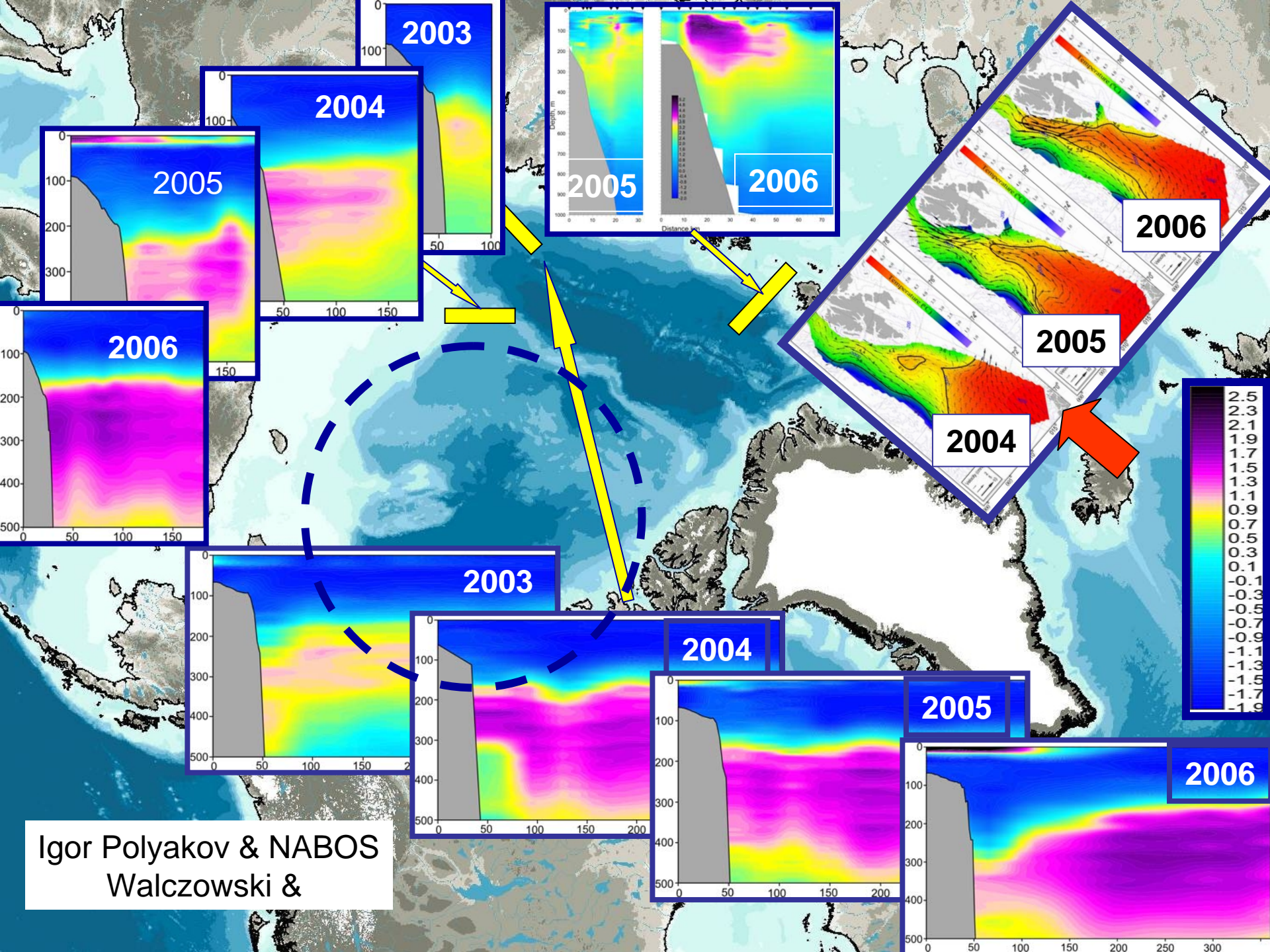
Canada
Basin
1971

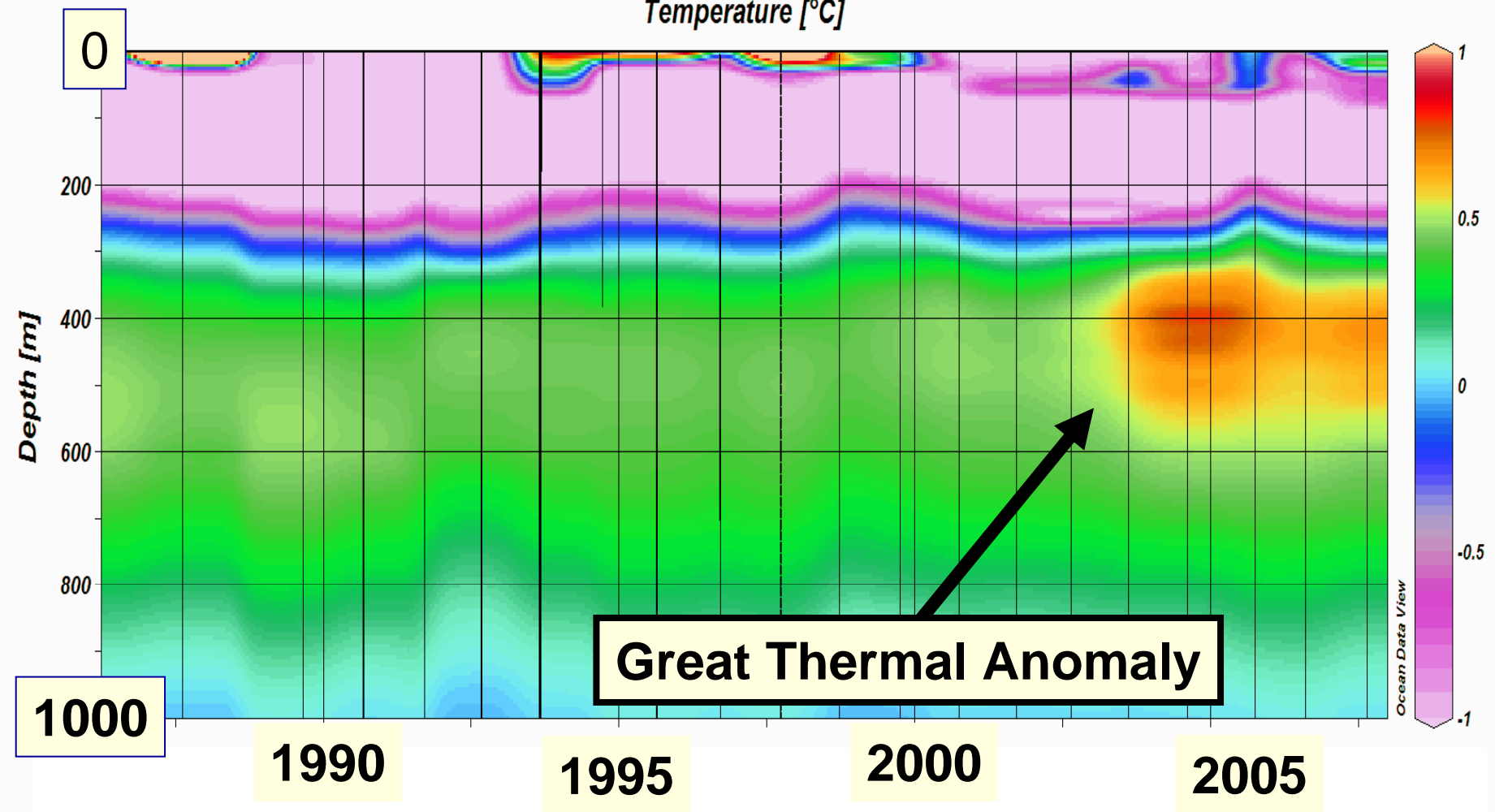
Student

Nansen Bottle

Aagaard



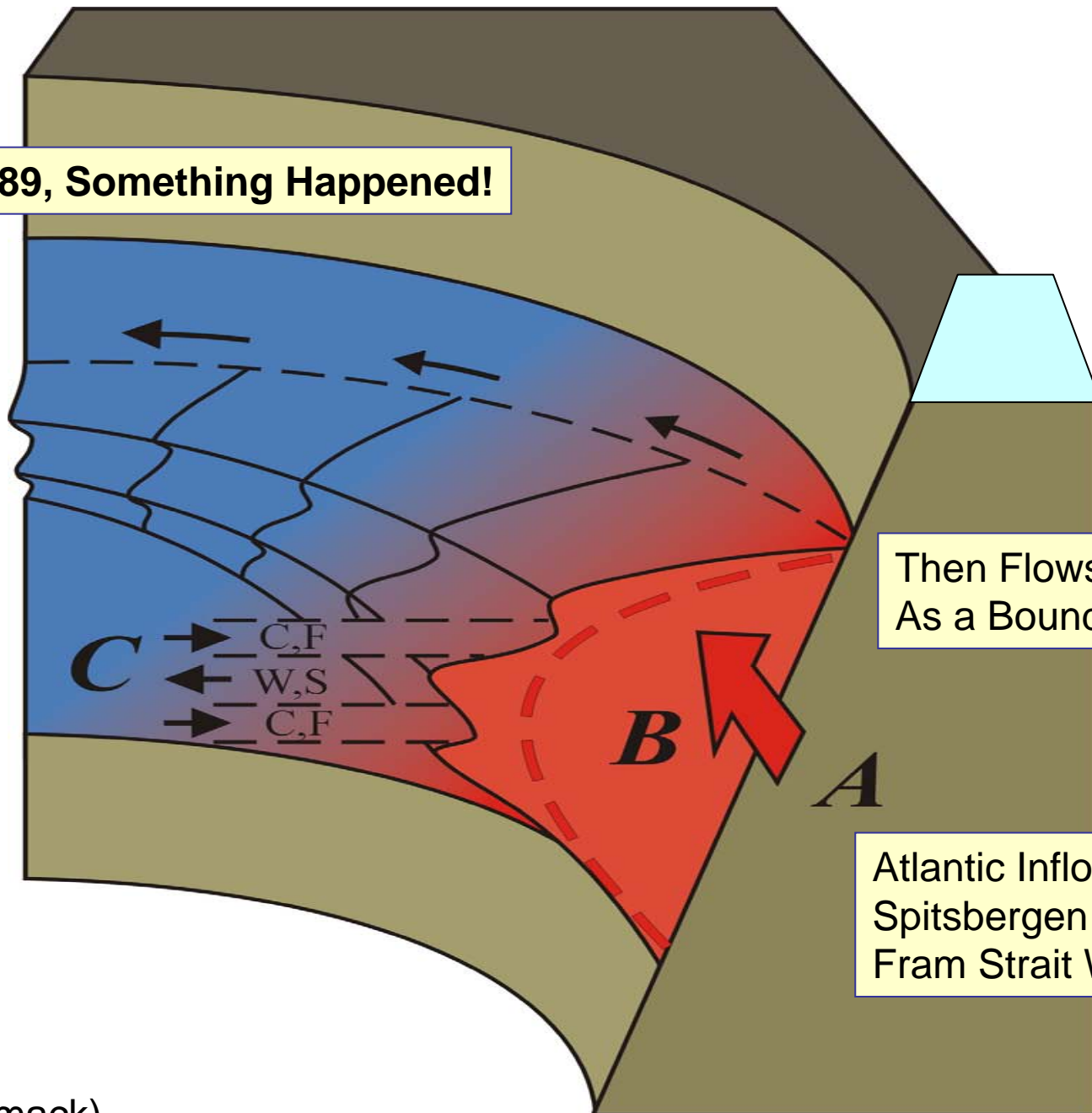




Atlantic Waters

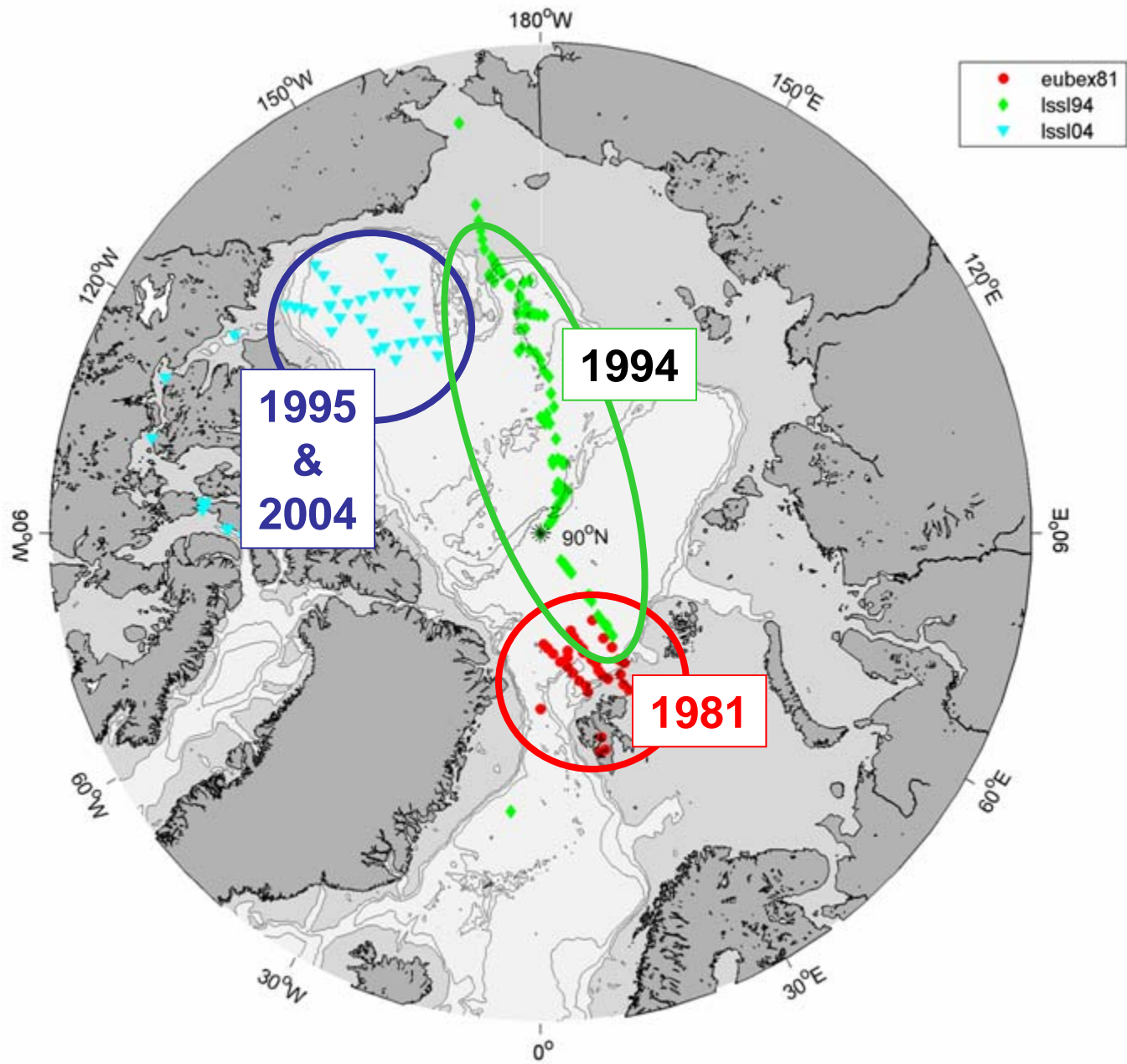
(The ‘End of the Line’ for the Gulf Stream!)

Then, In 1989, Something Happened!

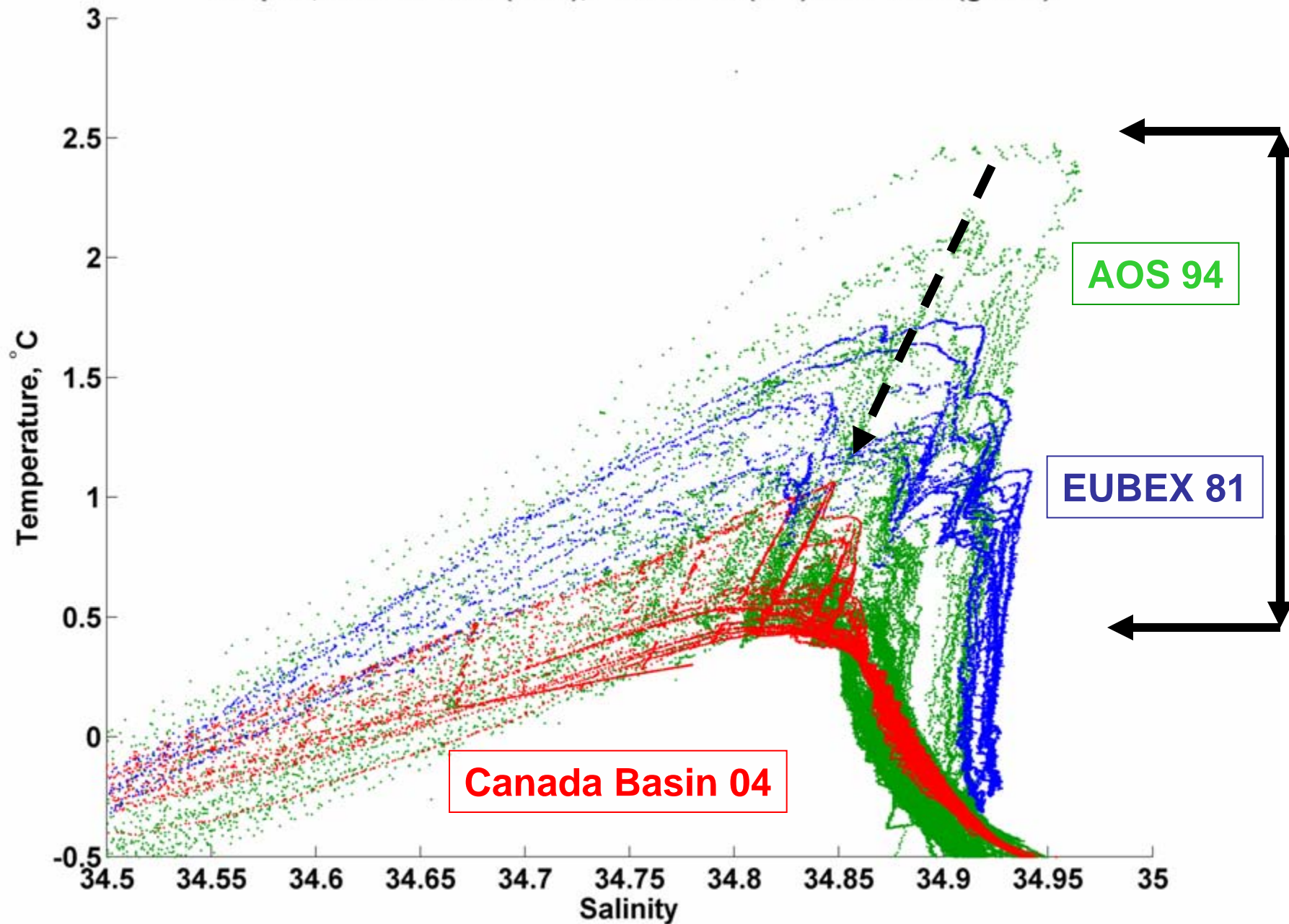


Then Flows Cyclonically
As a Boundary Current

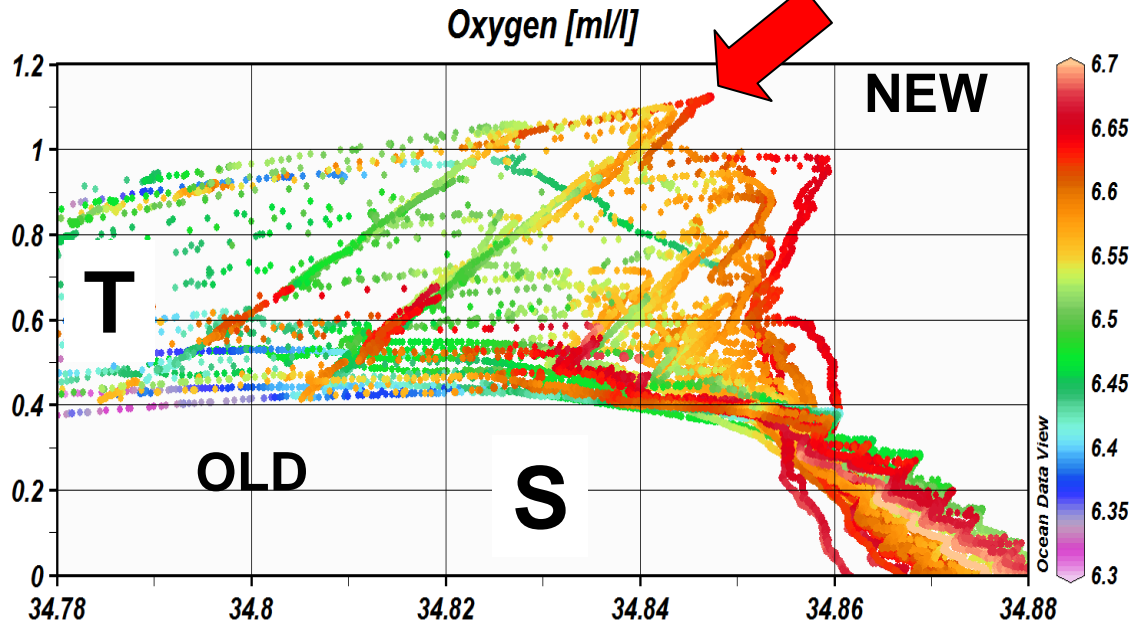
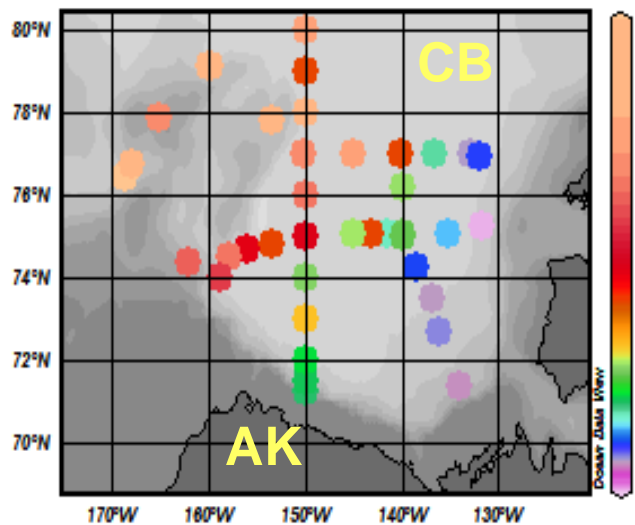
Atlantic Inflow Around
Spitsbergen Through
Fram Strait Warmed!



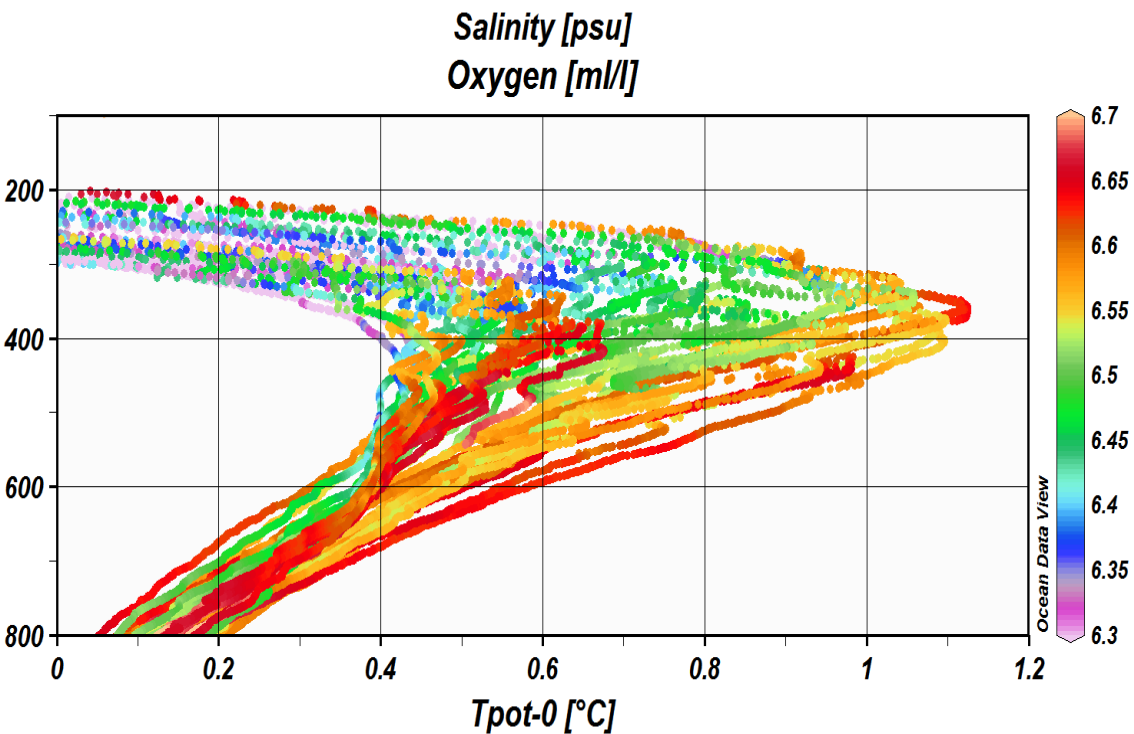
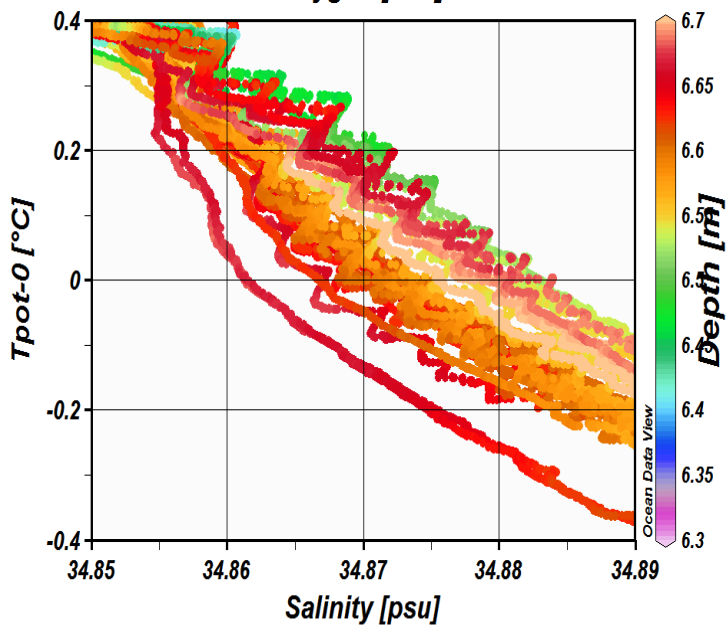
T-S plot, EUBEX 1981 (blue), LSSL 2004 (red) AOS 1994 (green)



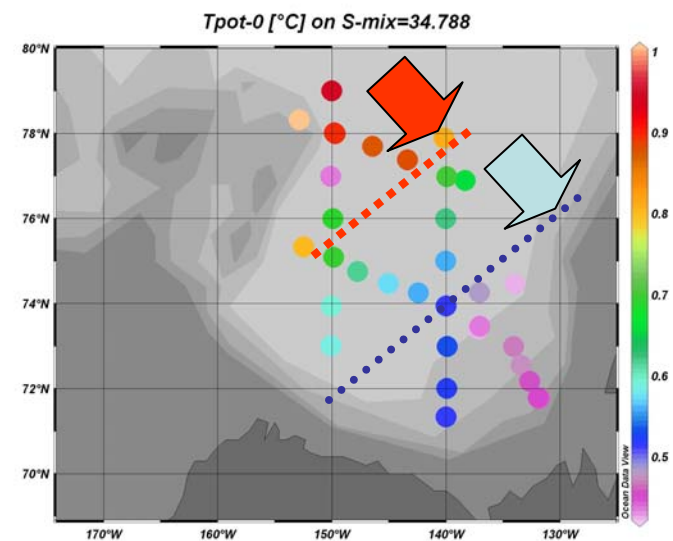
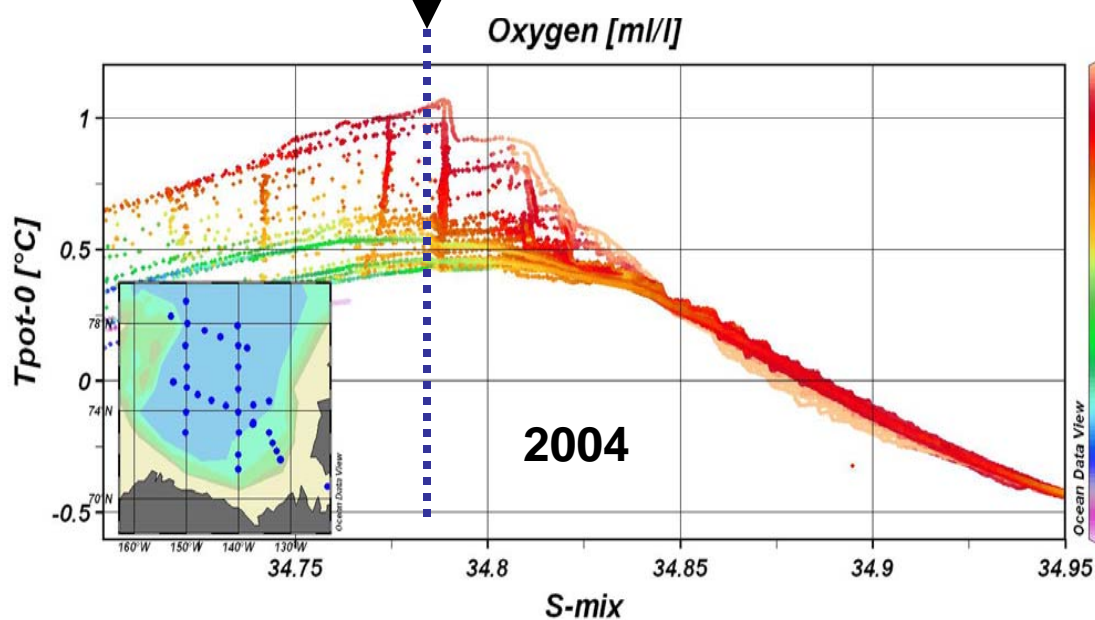
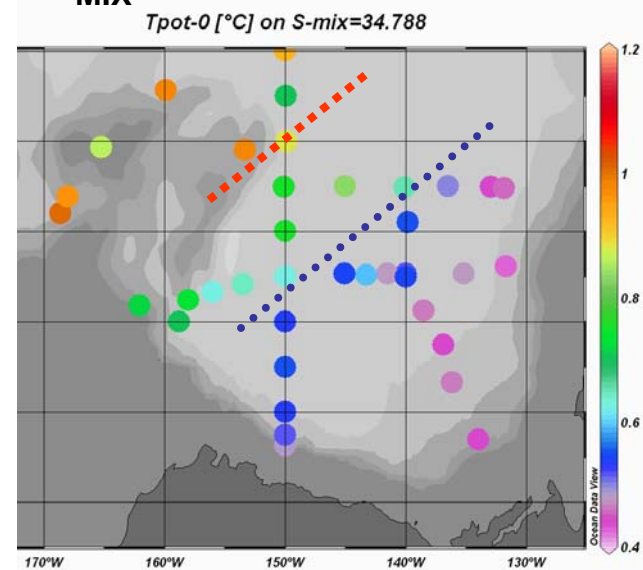
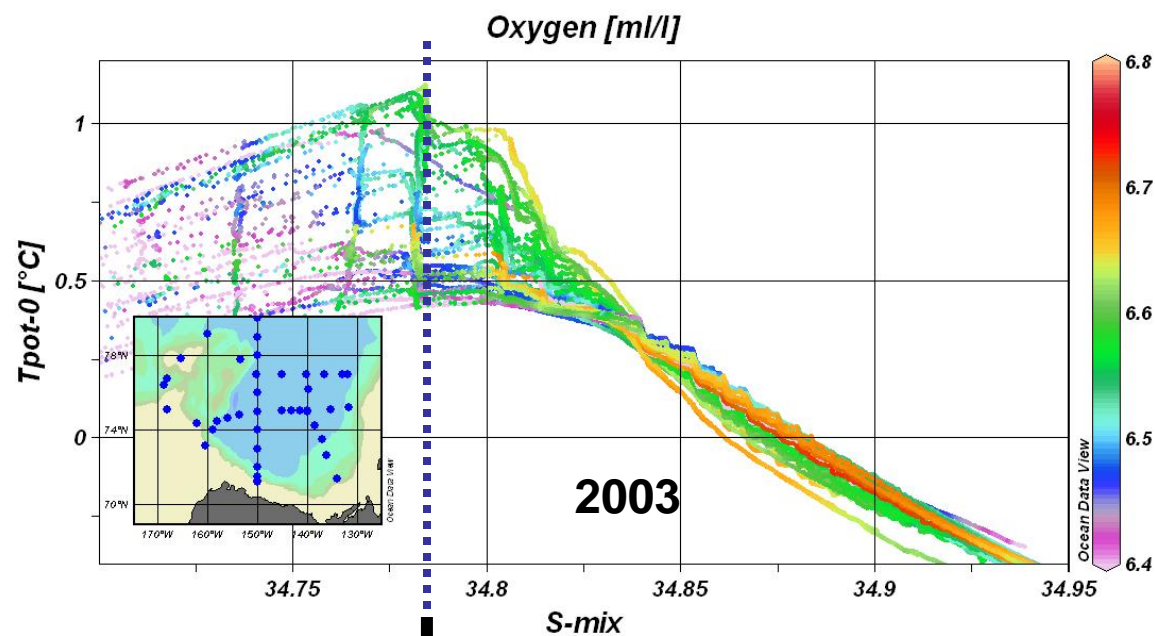
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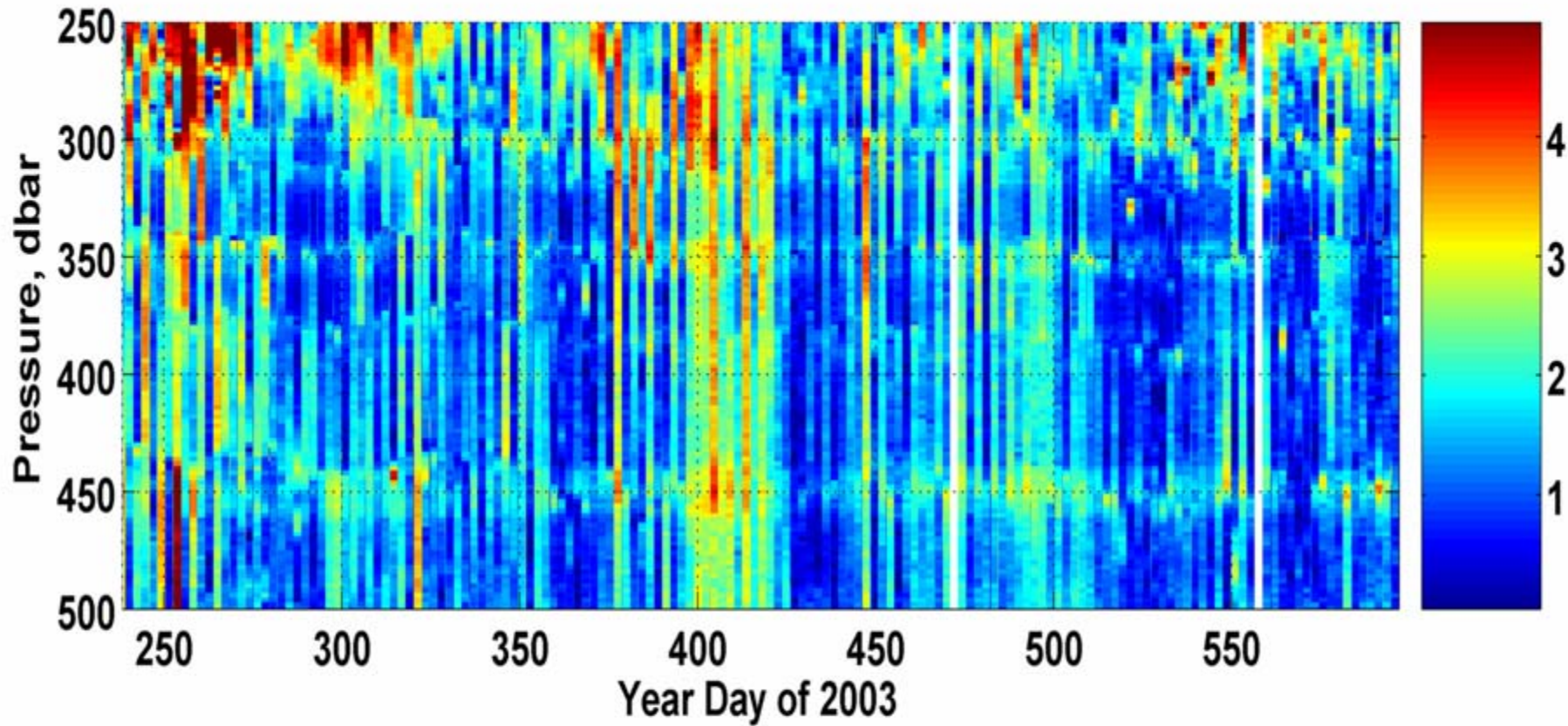
Oxygen [ml/l]



POTENTIAL TEMPERATURE ON S_{MIX}



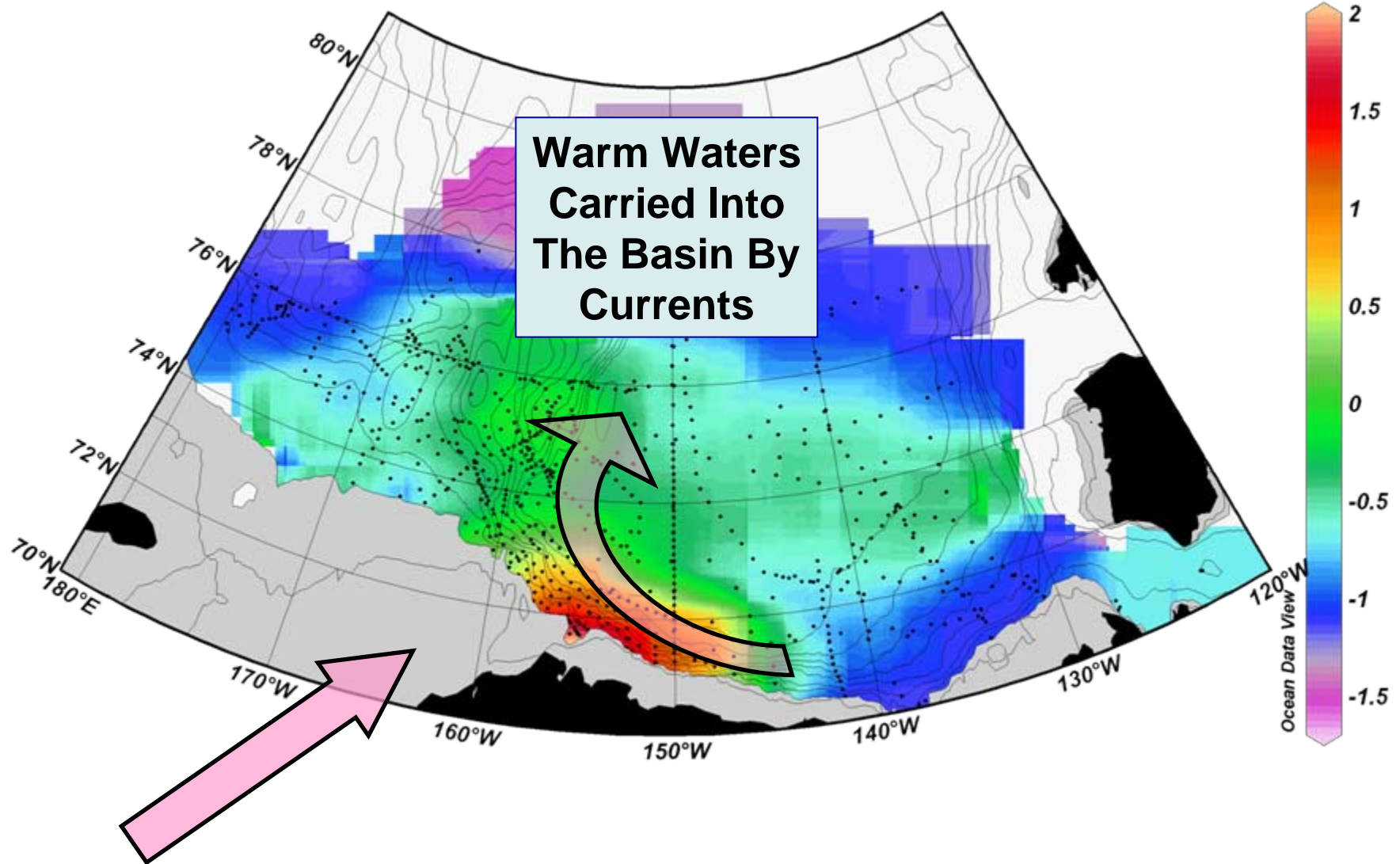
BGEP Mooring C – 77N 140 W



Self-Propelled?

Williams, et al.

T_{pot-0} [°C] on Salinity [psu]=31.3

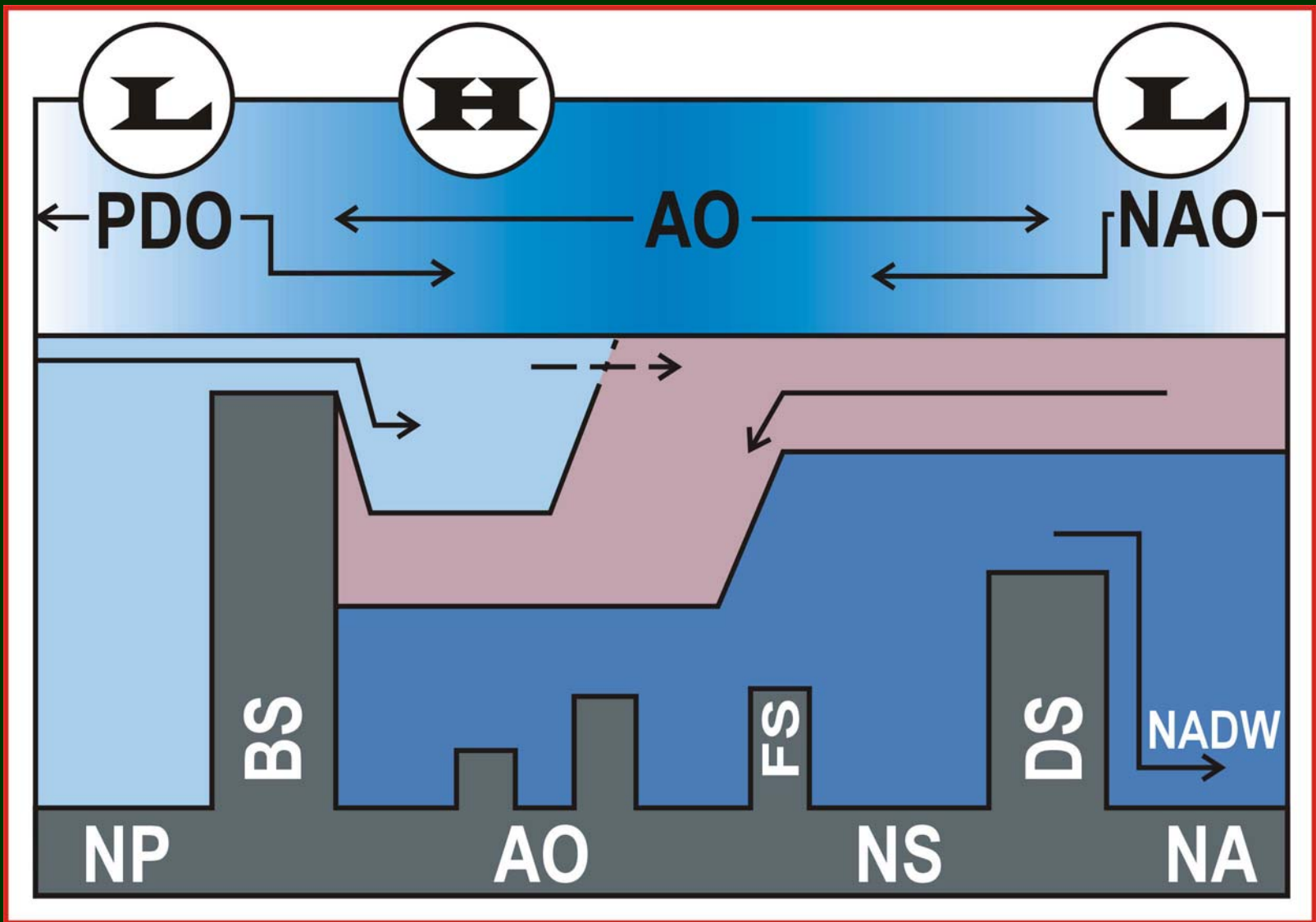


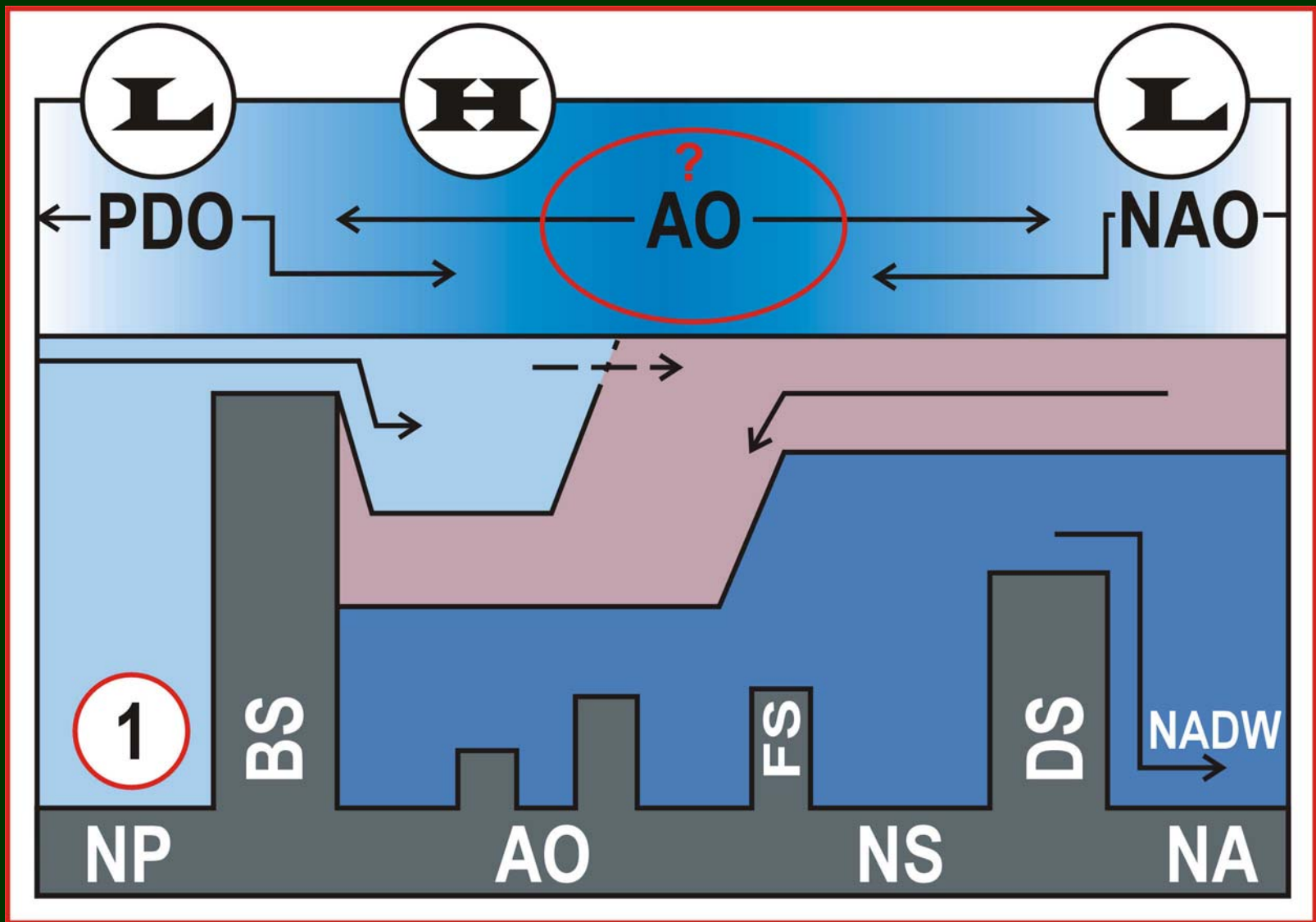
The Pacific Inflow (40 to 220 m)

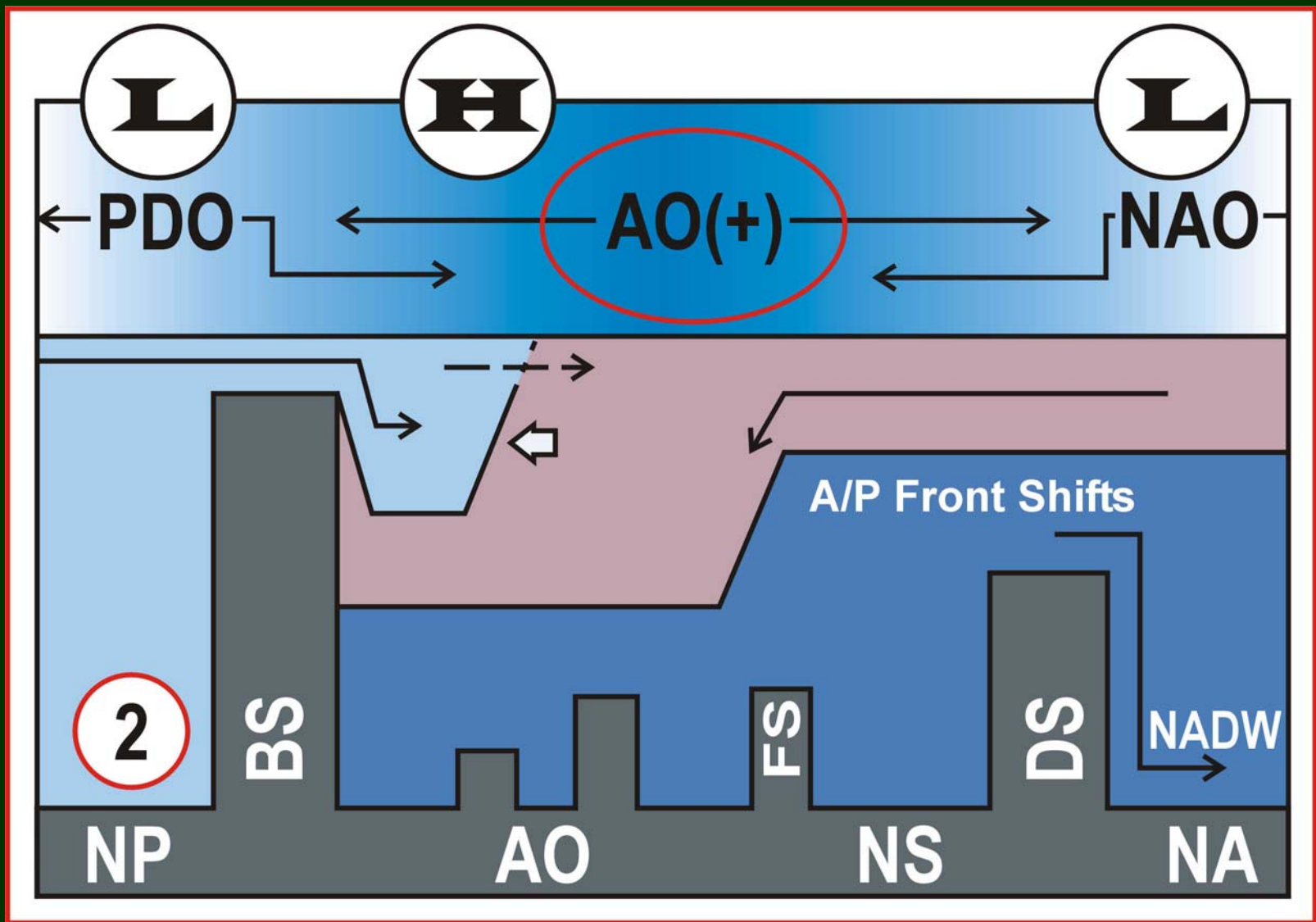


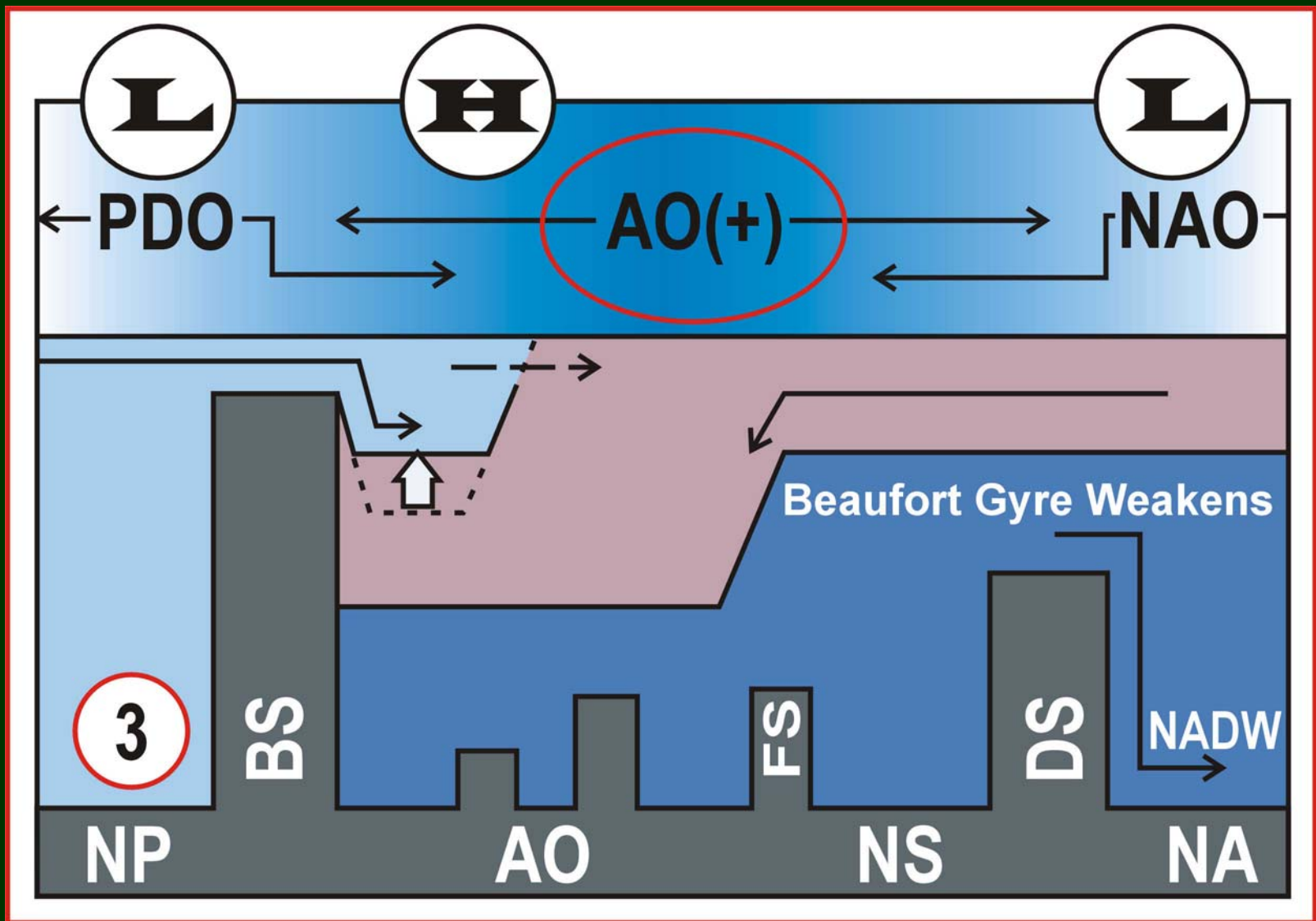
Summary of the Pacific/Atlantic Showdown (1989-2006)

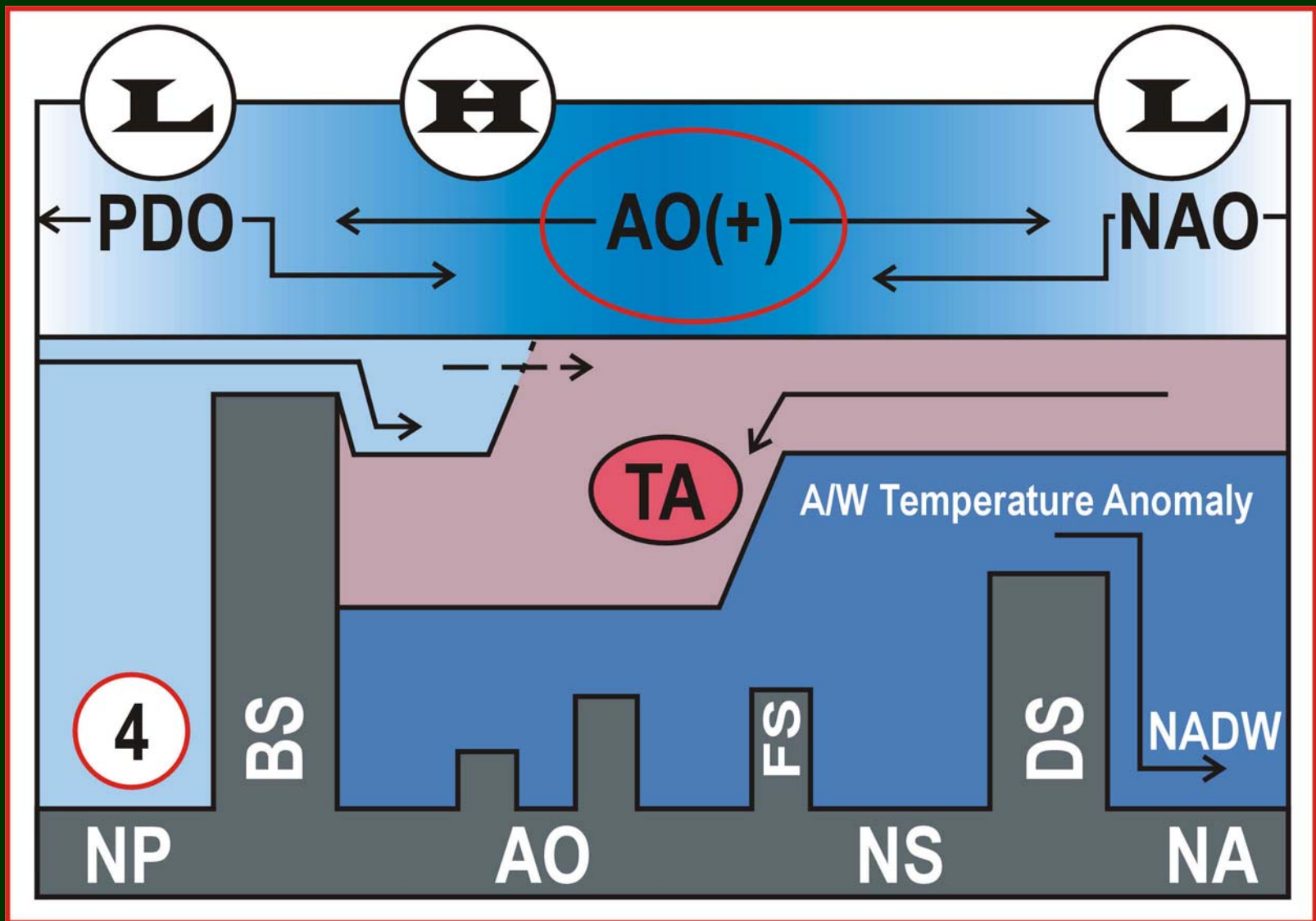


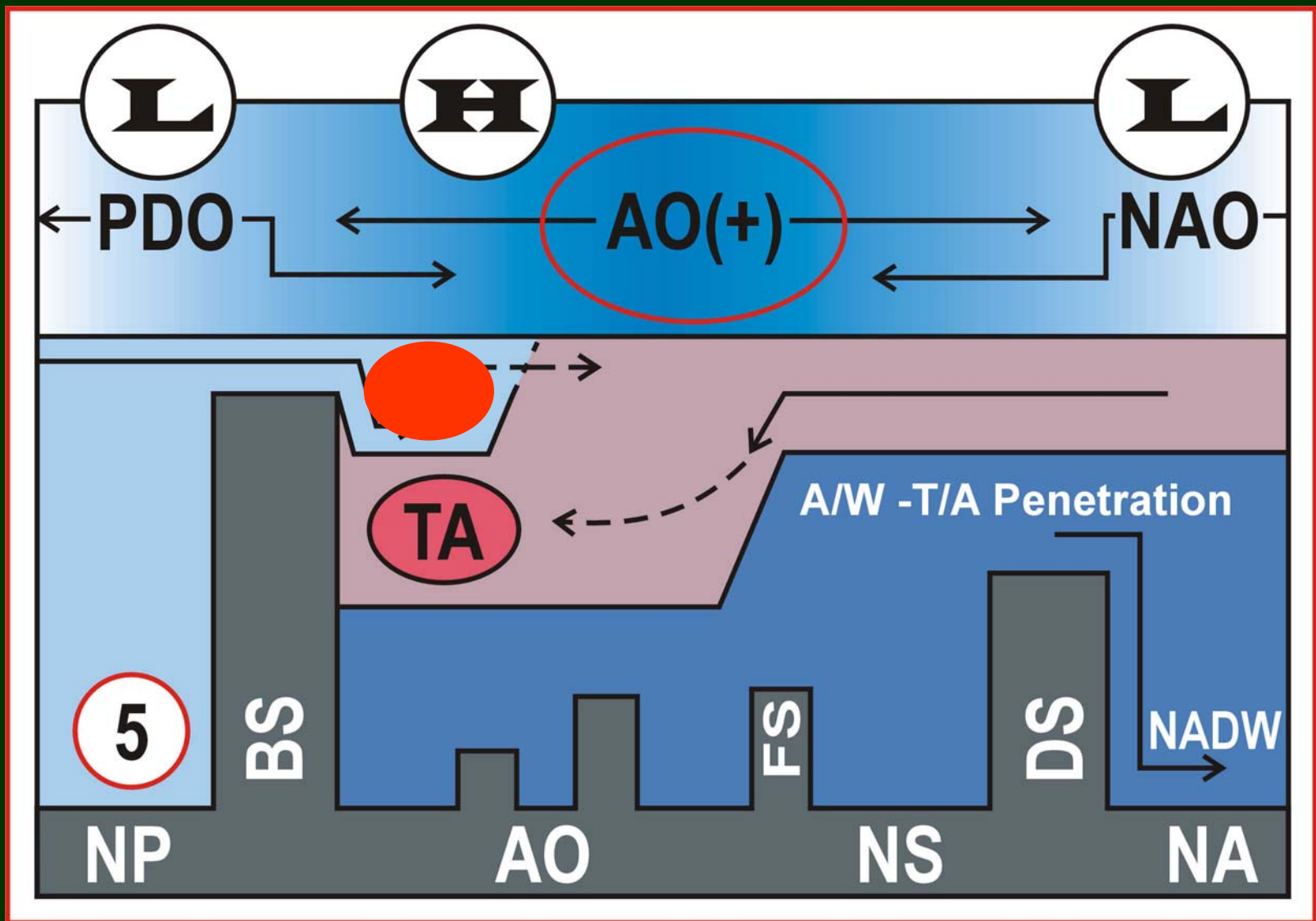












The Louis St-Laurent Heading North Between 75 - 80 °N



CHANGING ICE?

HISTORICAL AVERAGE

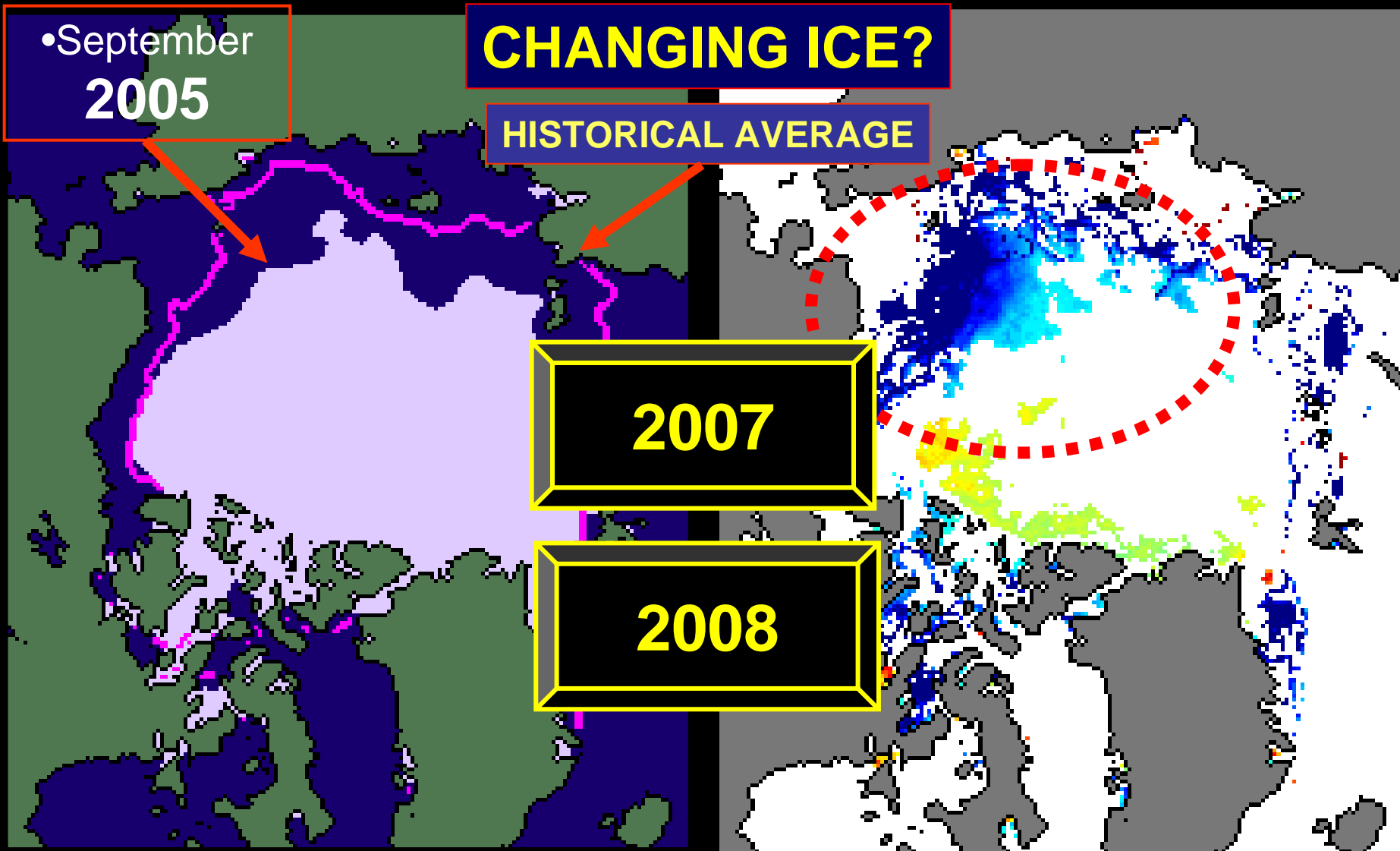
•September
2005

2007

2008

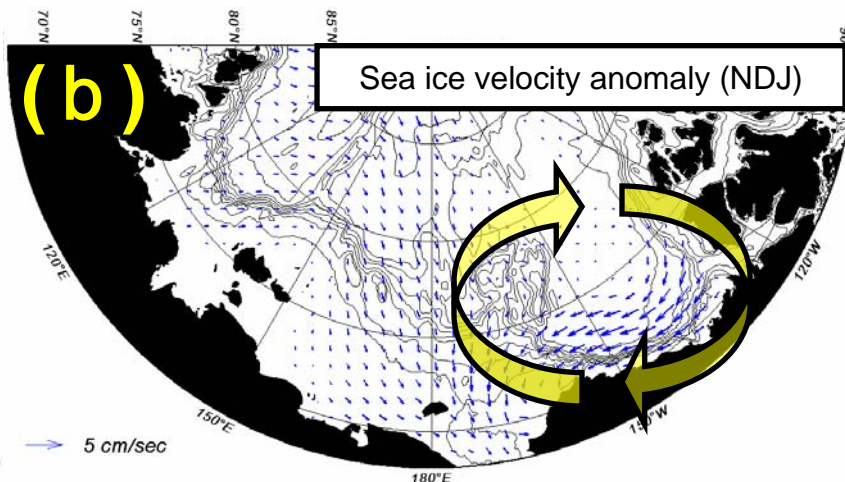
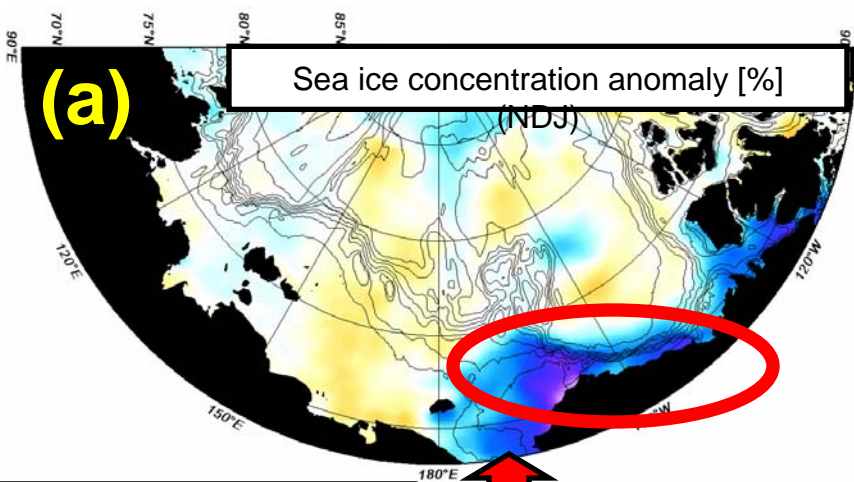
Largest decline in September

Trend varies by region



① change in lateral boundary condition
for sea ice motion

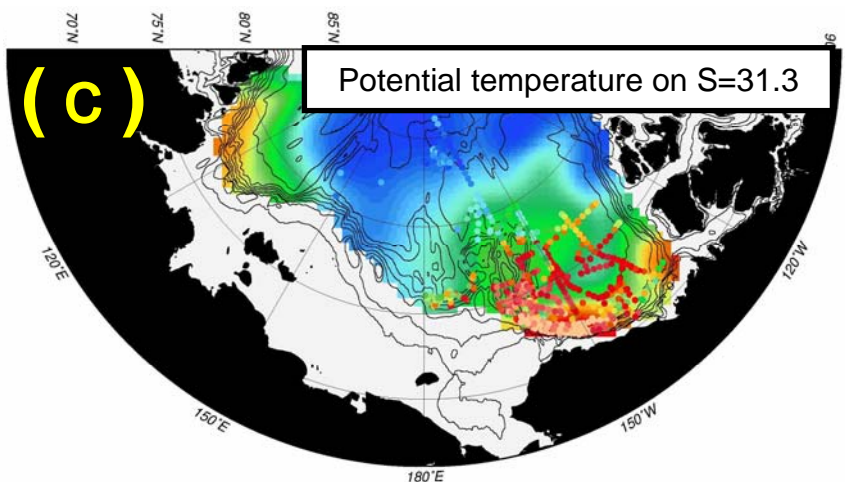
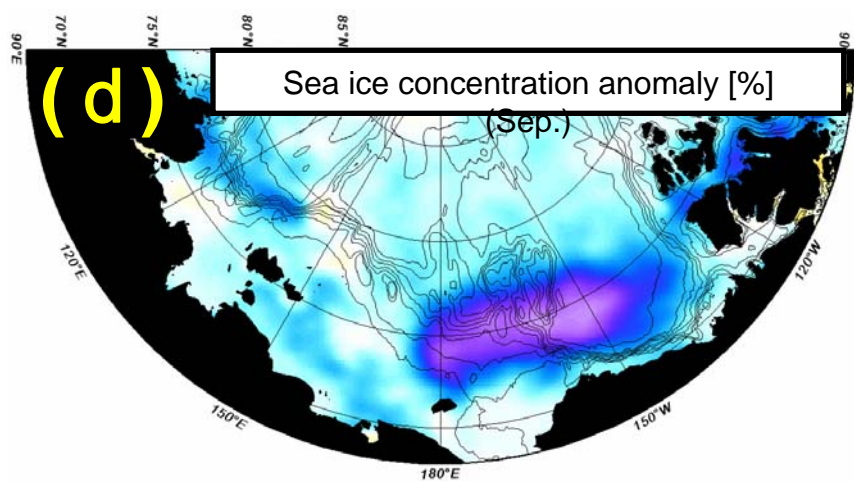
② strengthening of sea ice motion and
upper ocean circulation



⑥ retarding of sea ice
formation near coast

**Warm Pacific Summer
Water inflow**

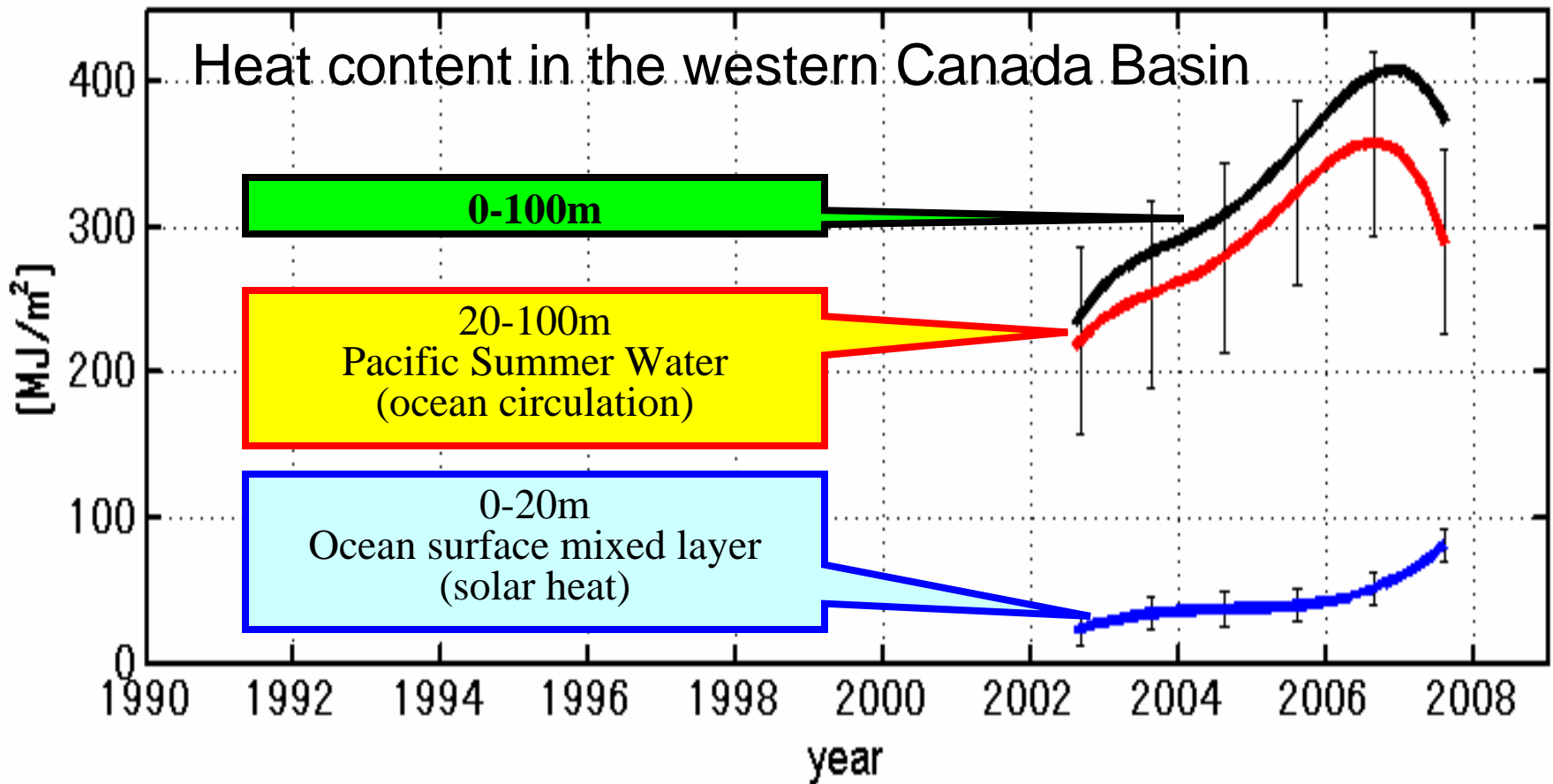
③ increase in oceanic
heat transport



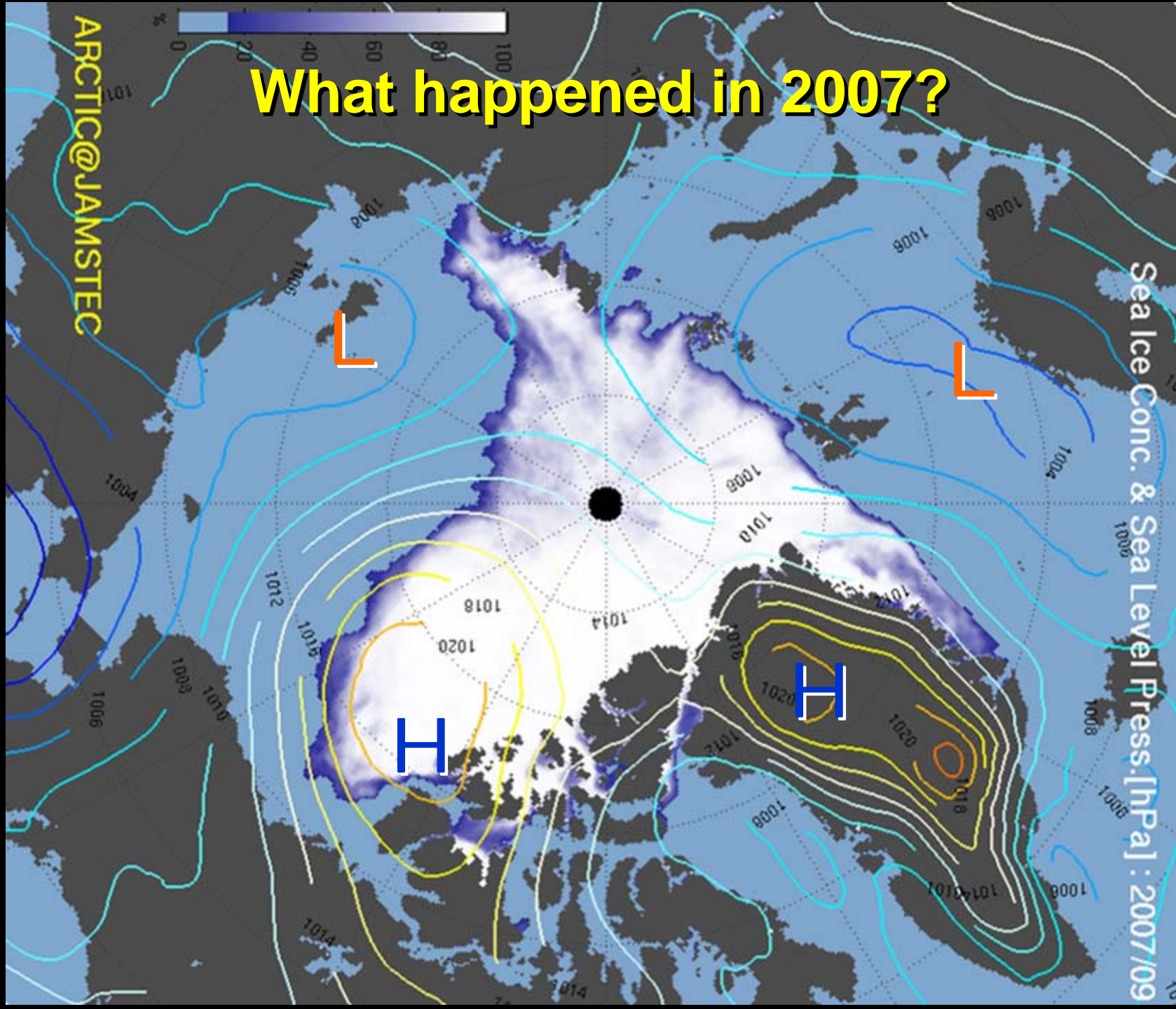
⑤ ice reduction

④ warming of the upper ocean

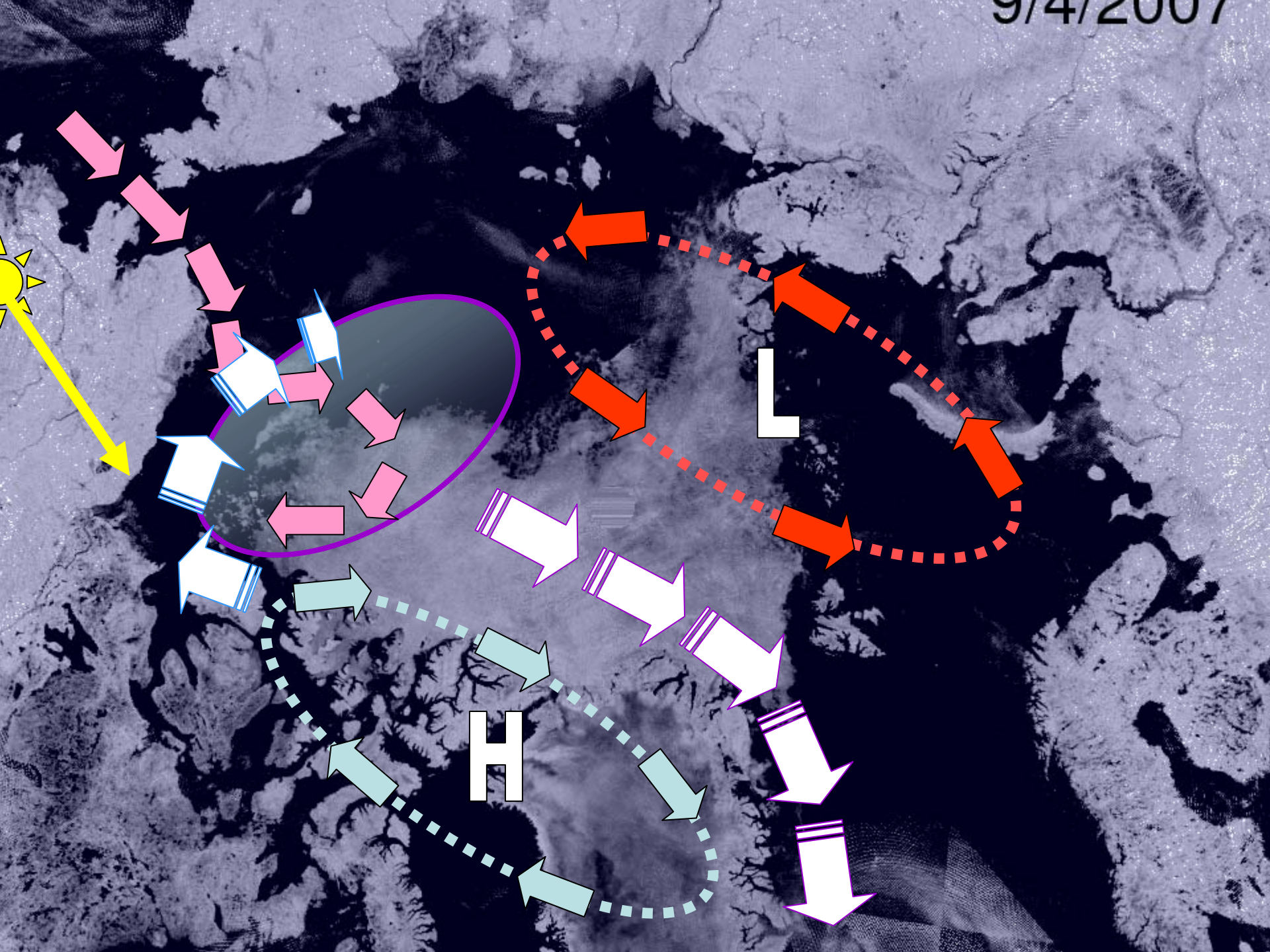
Ocean warming was sustained ocean-ice feedback > ice-albedo feedback



What happened in 2007?



9/4/2007



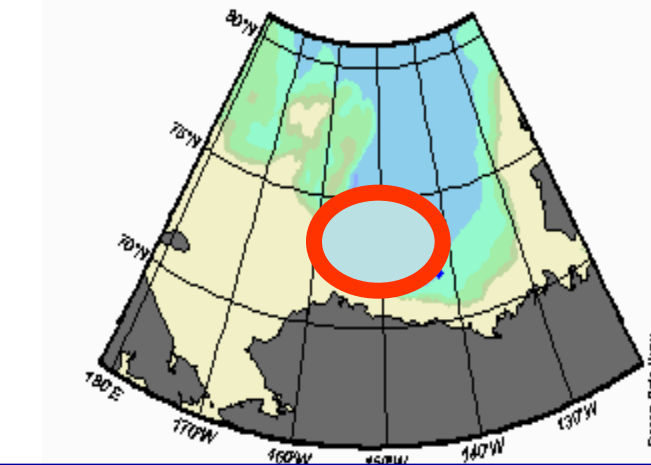
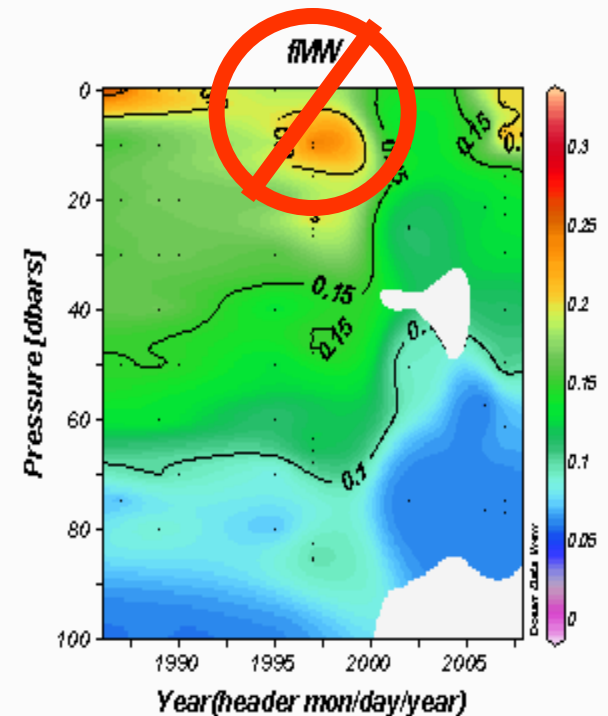
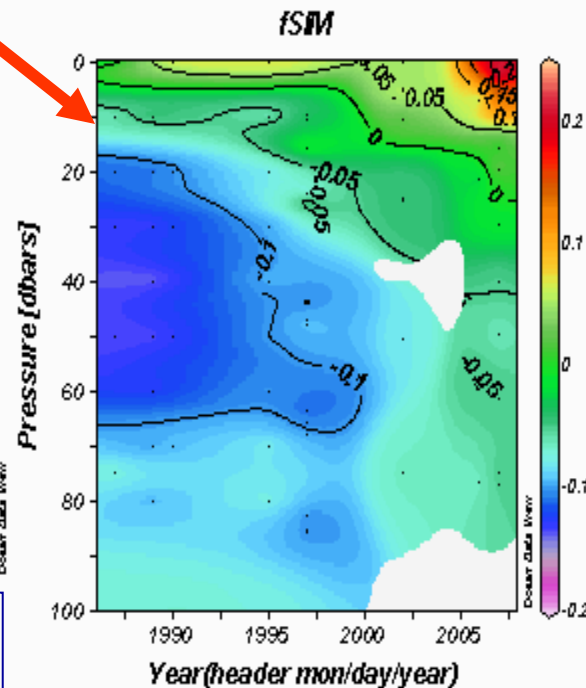
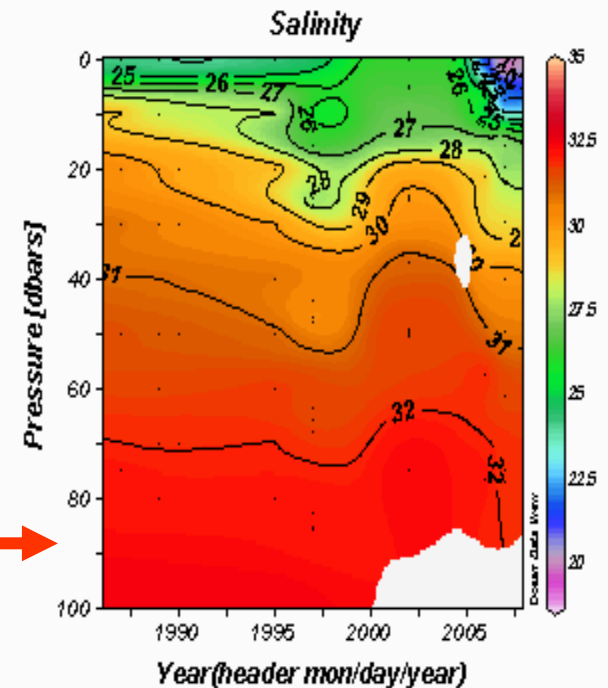
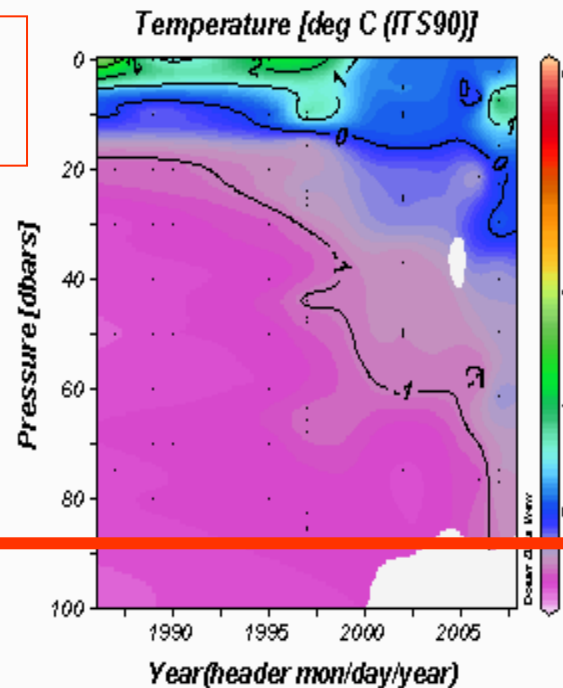
Canada Basin (0 - 100m) Time Series: 1987-2007

Using 18-O ratio to find
freshwater compositions

1. Warmer

2. Fresher

3. More Sea Ice Melt

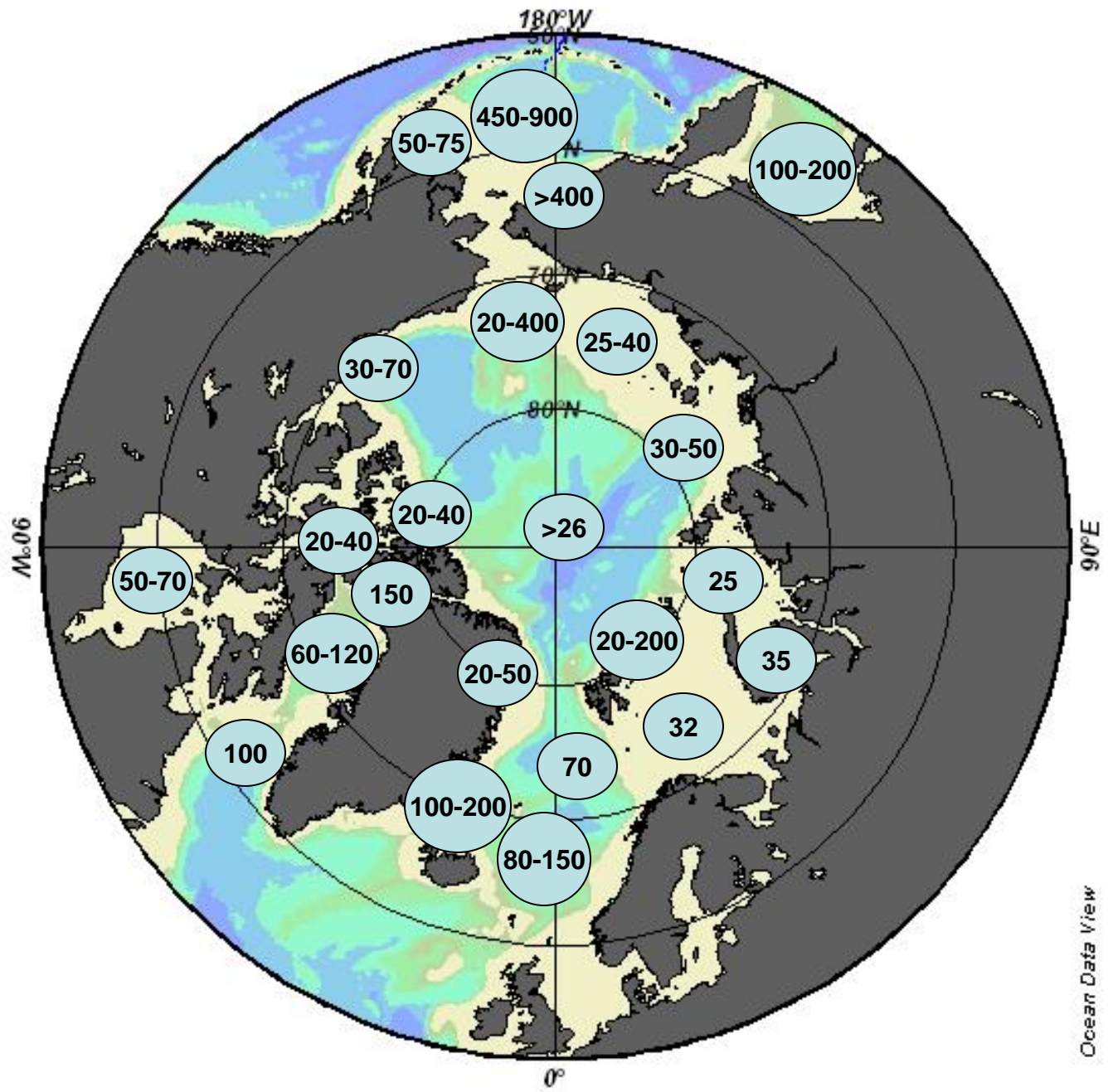


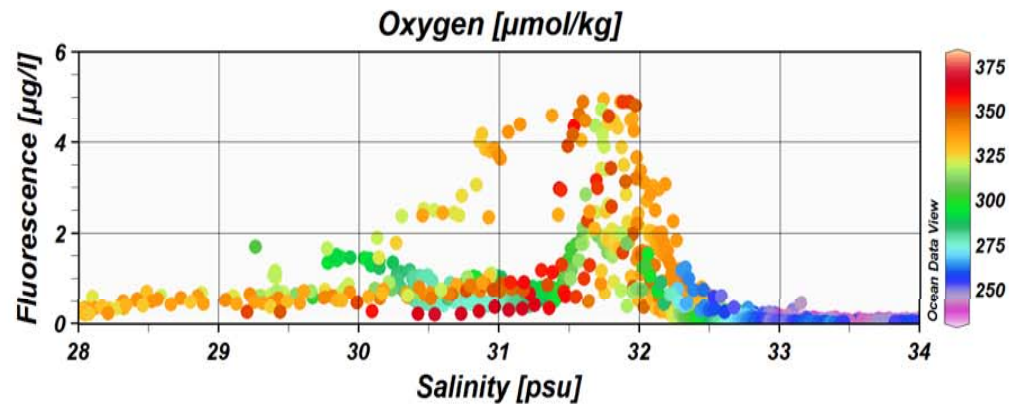
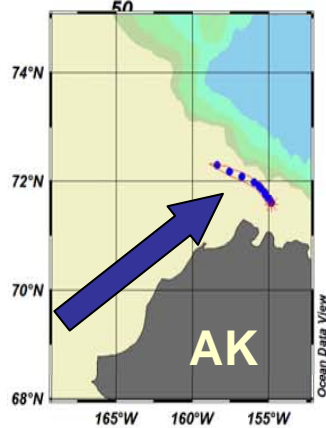
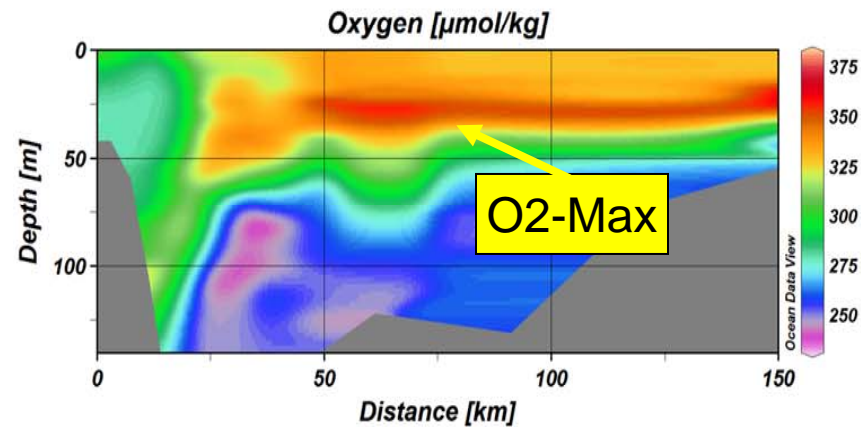
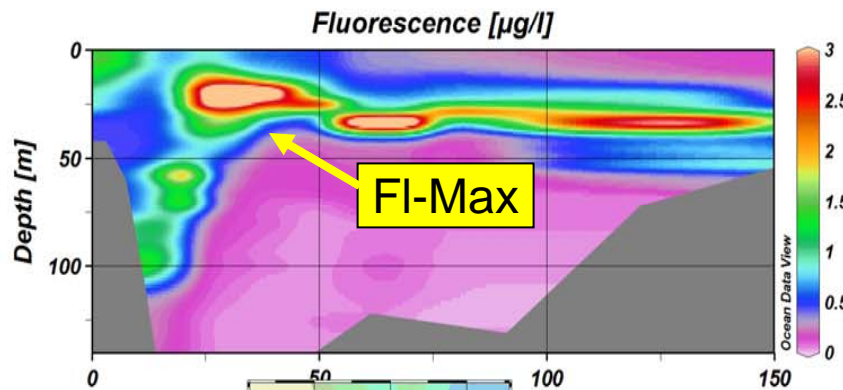
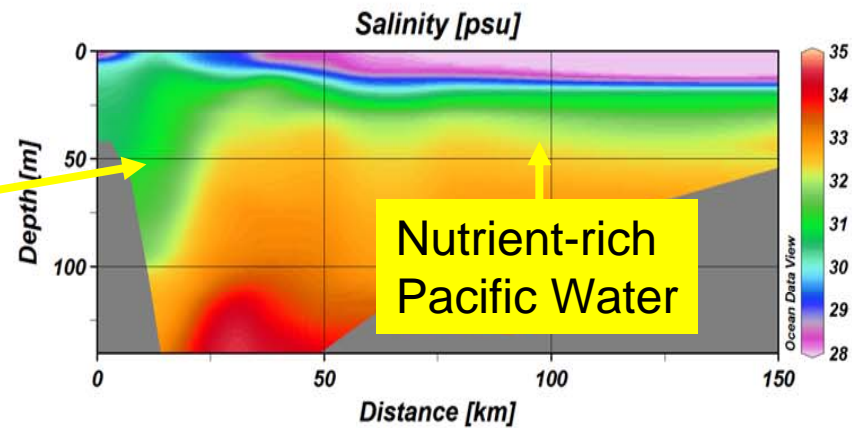
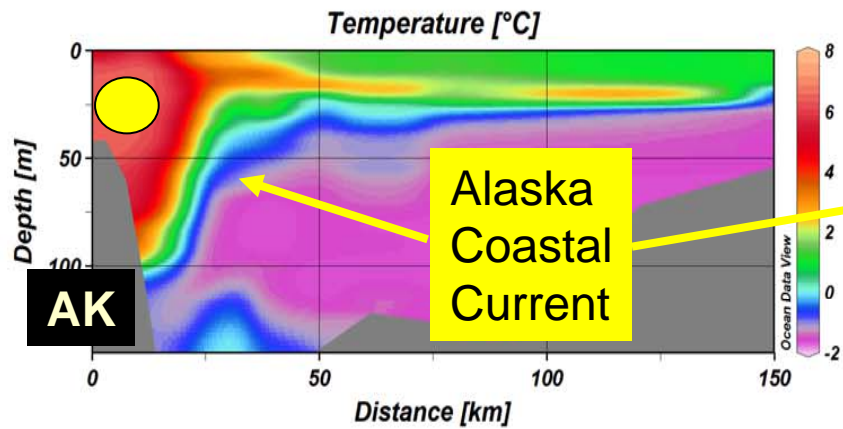
Yamamoto-Kawai

A polar bear is standing on a small, isolated ice floe in the middle of a dark, open ocean. The bear is looking directly at the camera. A speech bubble originates from the bear's head, containing the text "What About Me?". The scene is dramatically lit, with the bear and the ice floe being the primary light sources against the dark background of the water.

**What
About Me?**

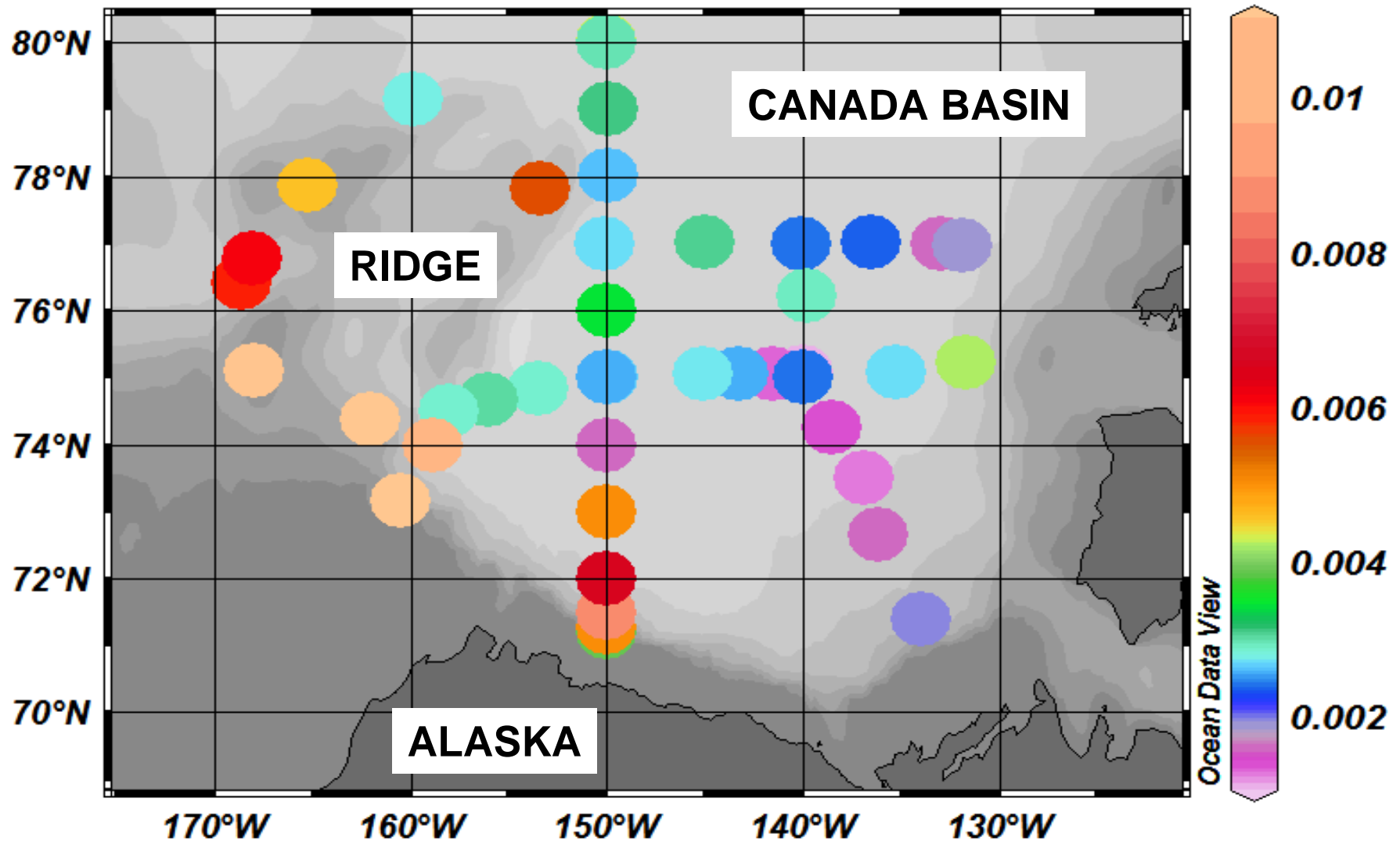
B. Van Hardenberg





PACIFIC PASTURES

òFluorescence dz [ug/L*km] on Depth [m]=40



Retreat of Sea Ice



**Shelf-break Upwelling
Wind-Generated Mixing
Increase Light**

Changing pH ?



An aerial photograph of a massive iceberg floating in the ocean. The iceberg's surface is jagged and white, while its submerged edges reveal a deep blue-green interior. The surrounding water is dark, and the foreground is filled with numerous smaller ice floes. The text "Sea Level Rise?" is overlaid in yellow at the bottom center.

Sea Level Rise?

Arctic Version of the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse



**Warming
Seas and
Melting Ice**

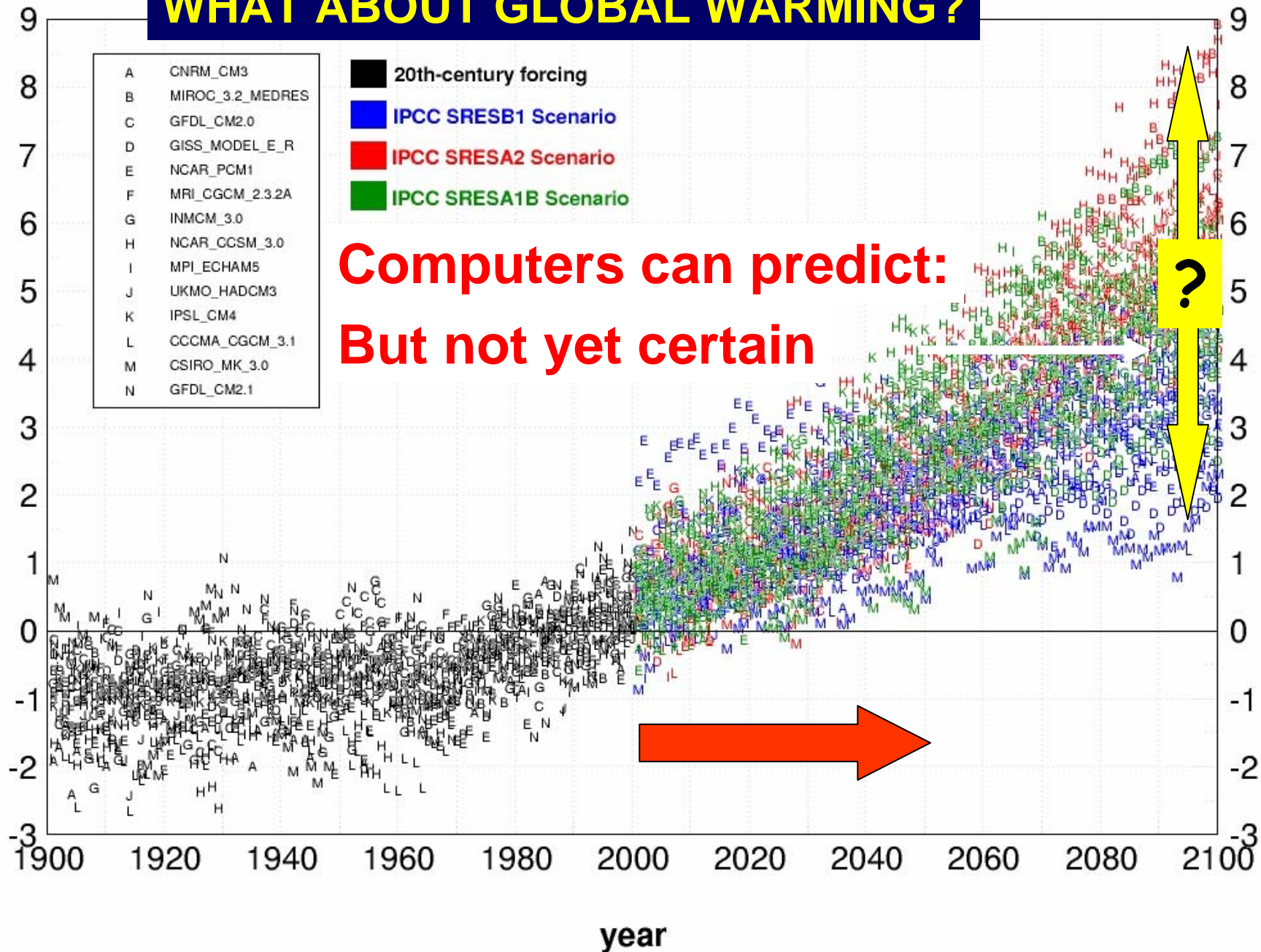
**Changing
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**Sea Level
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**Southern
Invasion**

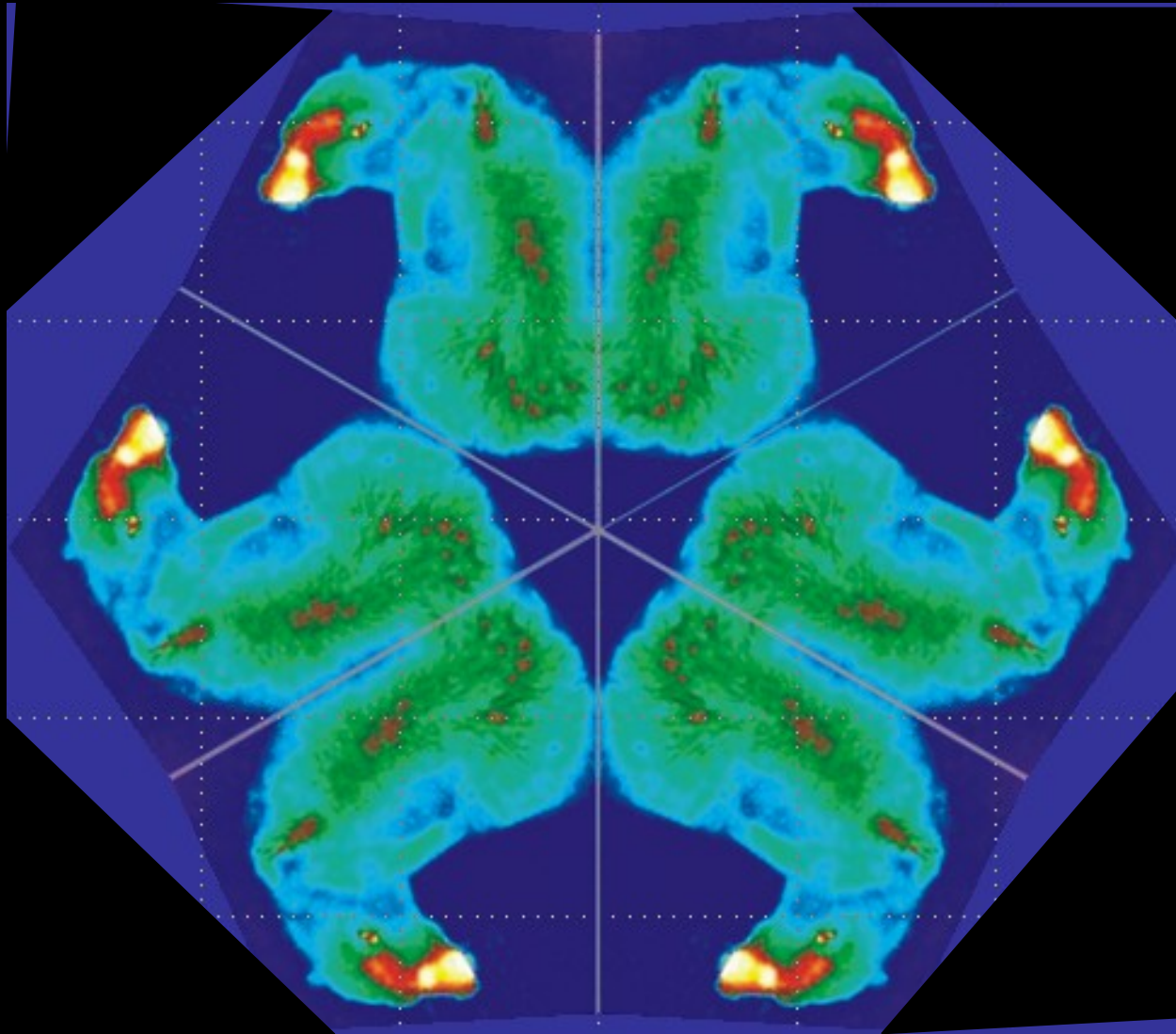
WHAT ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

surface air temperature (°C)





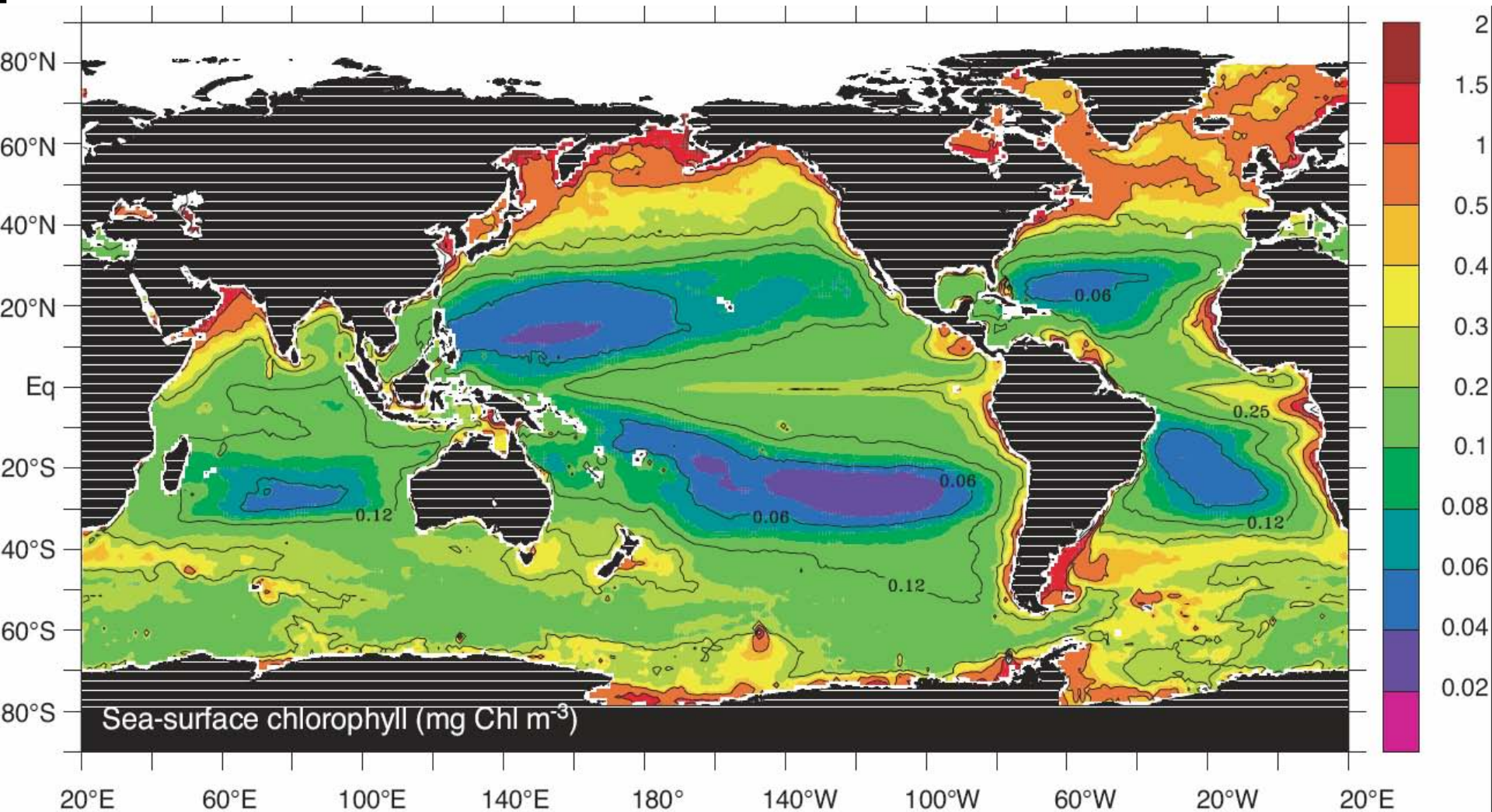
III. Observing the Northern Ocean (Strategy)



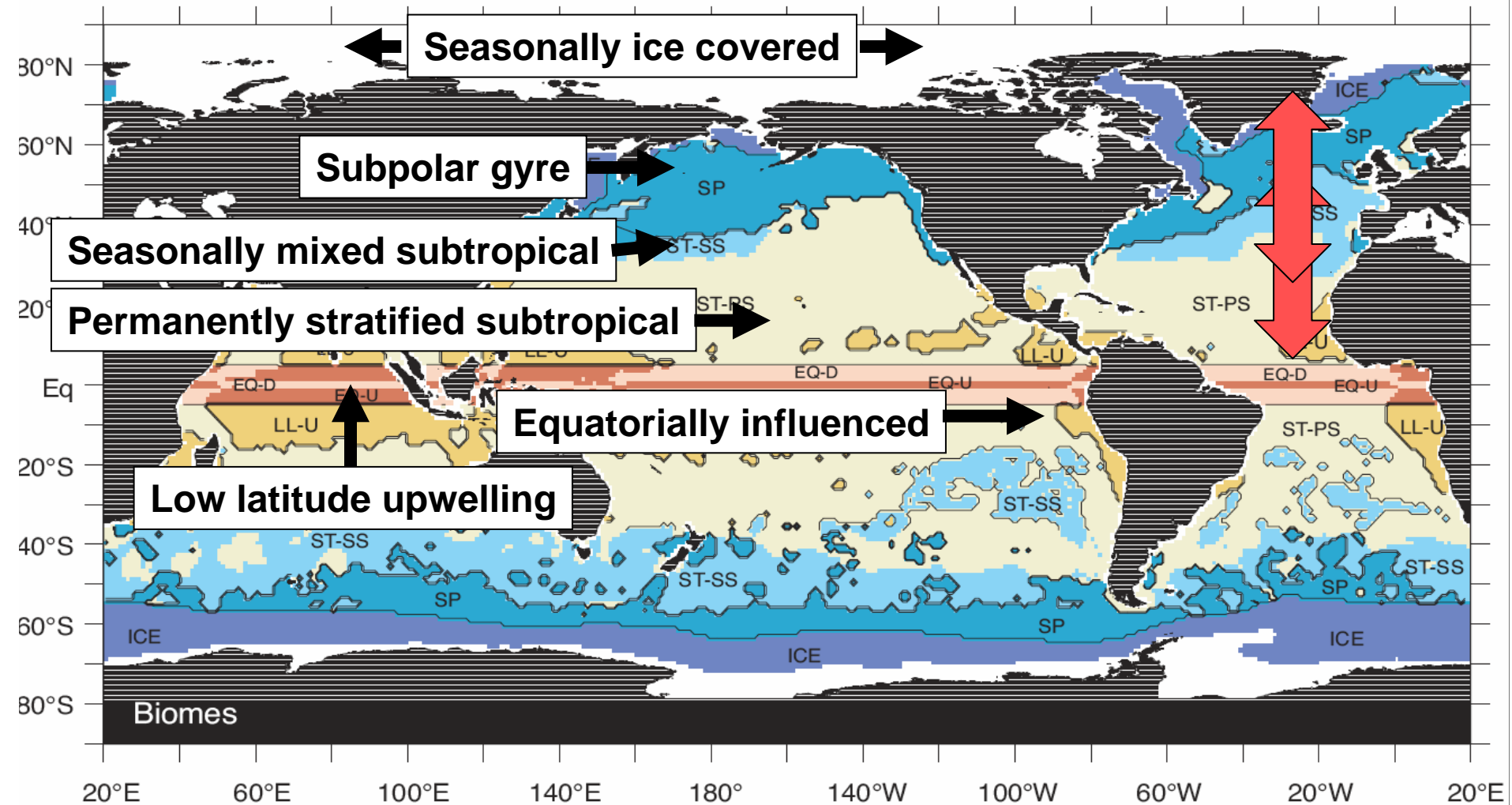
Biome definitions

(From Sarmiento et al., 2004)

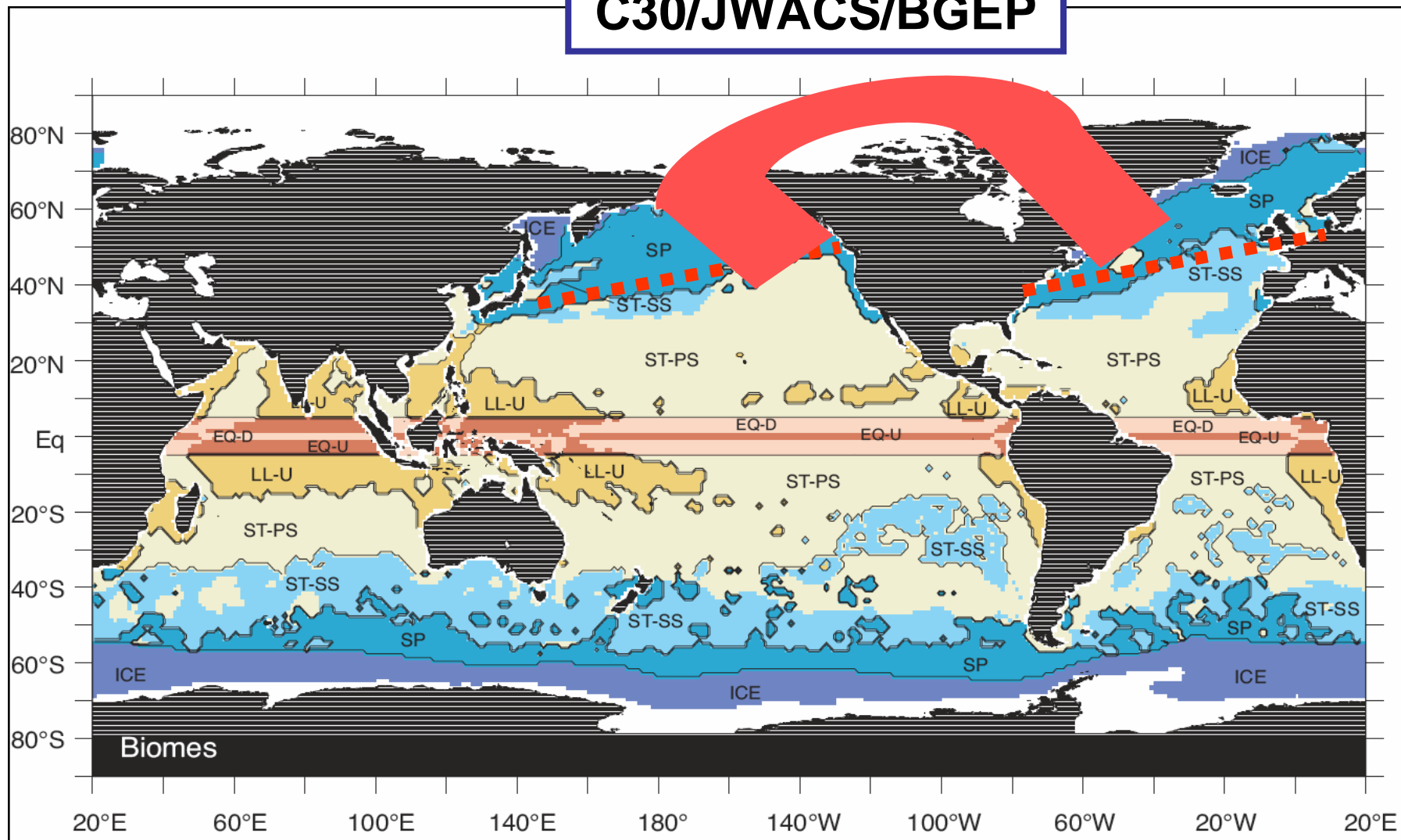
The chlorophyll distribution and ocean physics motivate breaking the world up into six “biomes”



DIAGNOSTICS



Canada/Japan/USA C30/JWACS/BGEP



CONSIDER FOODWEBS



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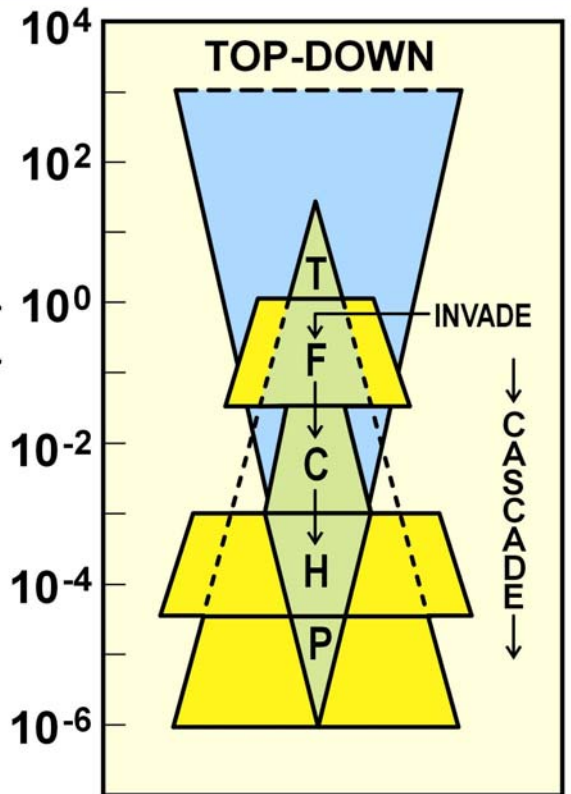
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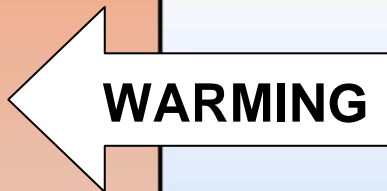


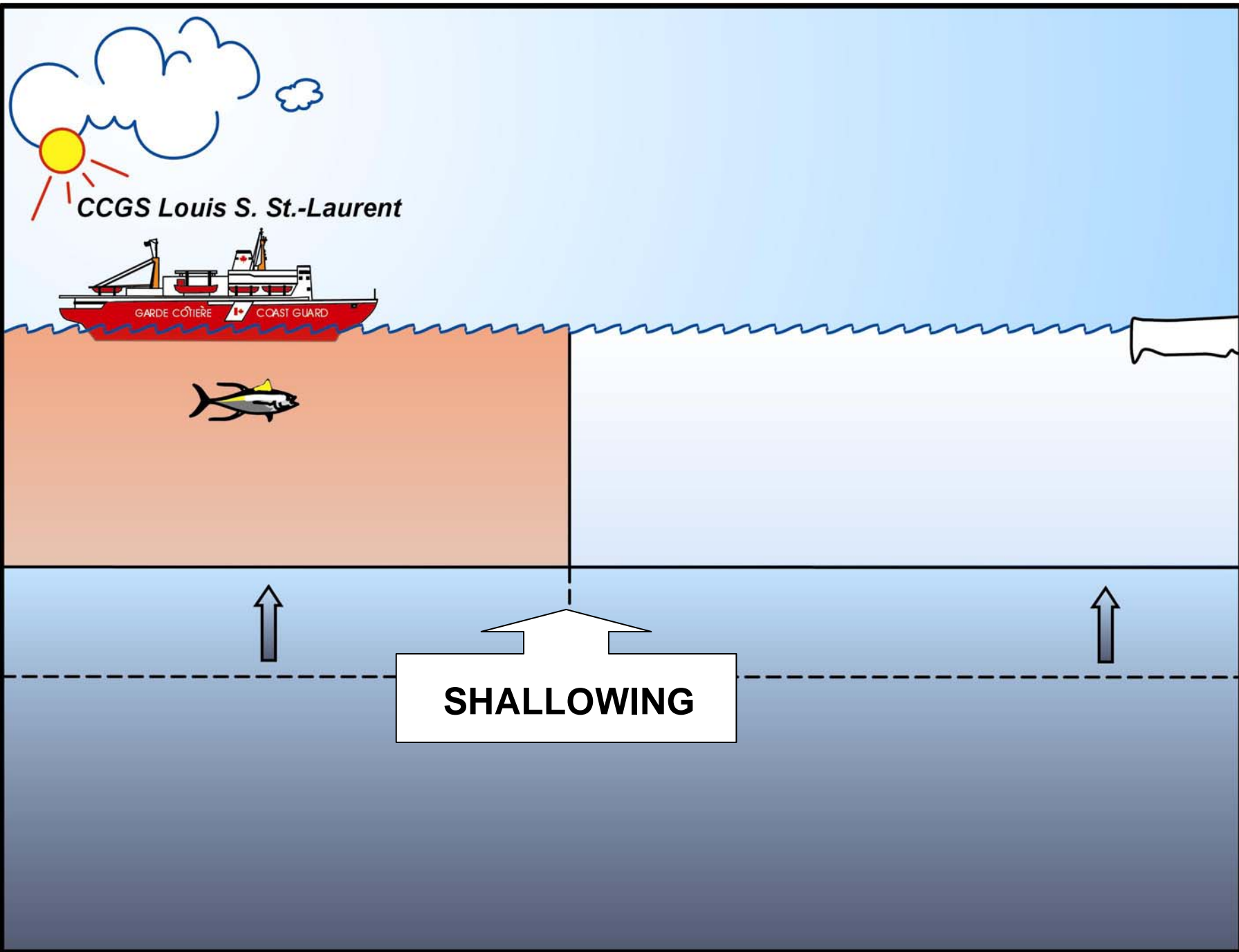
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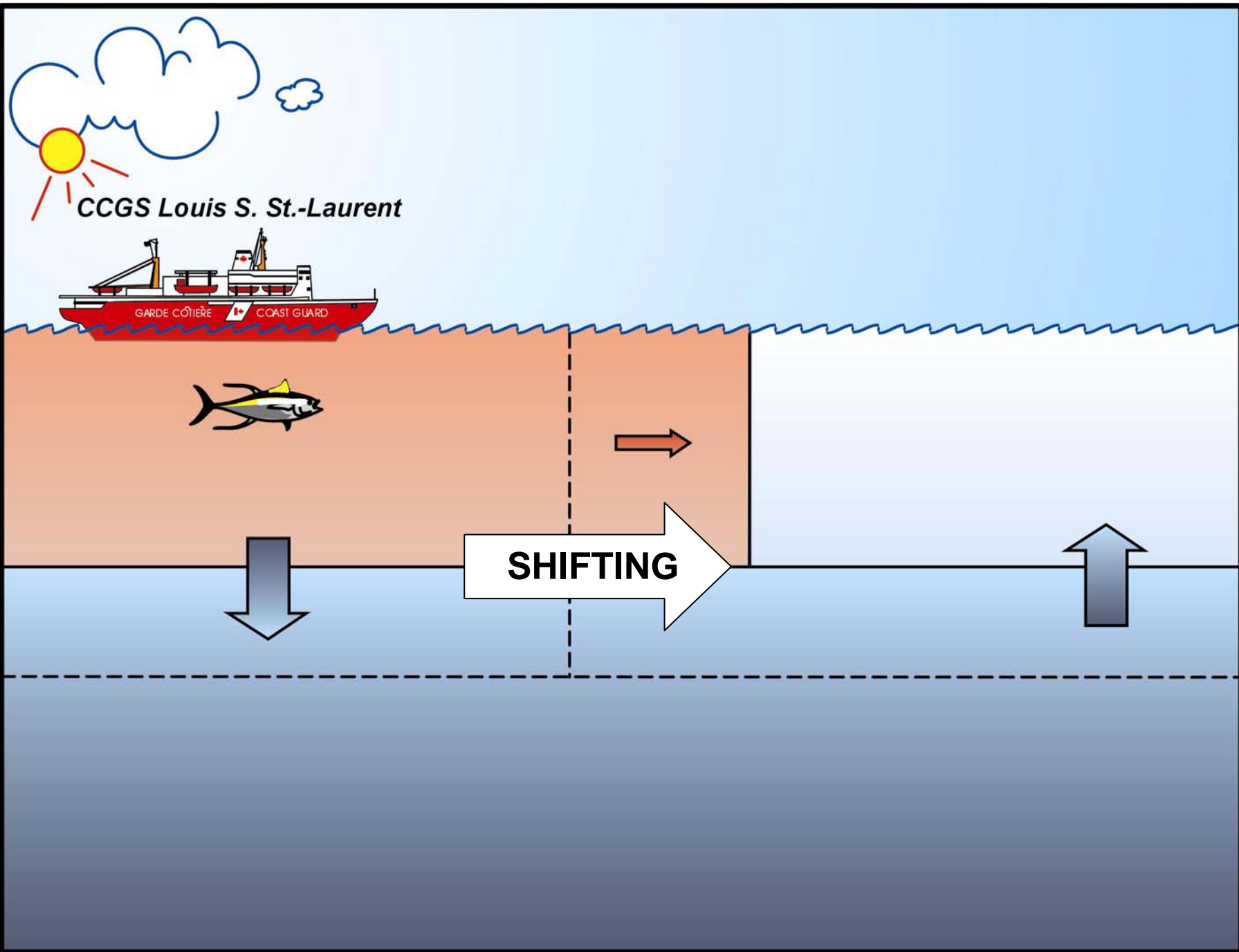


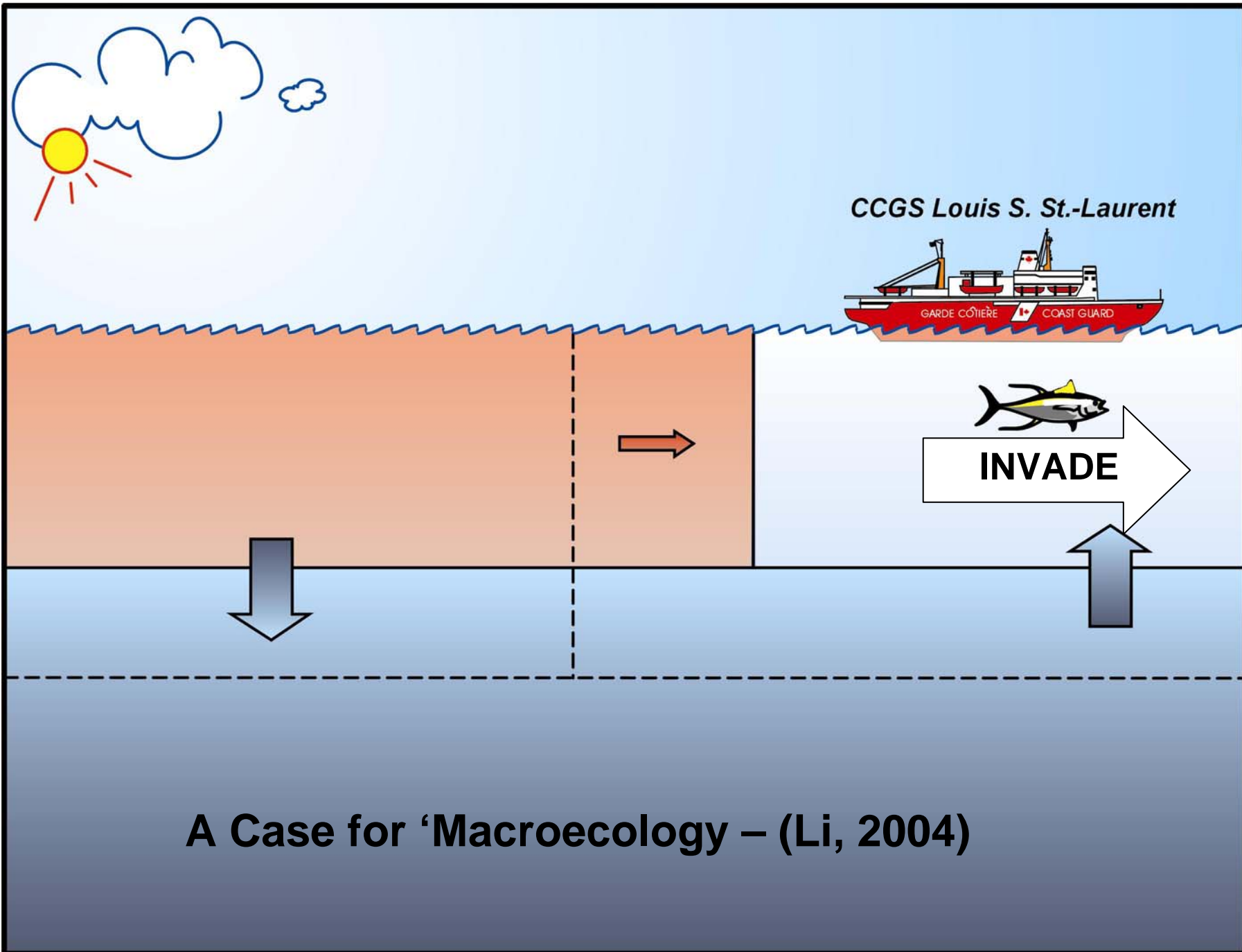


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The International Polar Year



The Canada's 3 Oceans Project

C30 Requirements...

A black and white photograph of three US Coast Guard icebreakers sailing in formation on the ocean. The ships are viewed from the front, showing their bows and masts. The ship on the left is the USCGC Healy (WMEC-903), the middle one is the USCGC Healy (WMEC-905), and the right one is the USCGC Healy (WMEC-907).

**COAST
To
COAST**

**TOP
To
BOTTOM**

**VIRUS
To
WHALES**



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ICE CONDITIONS

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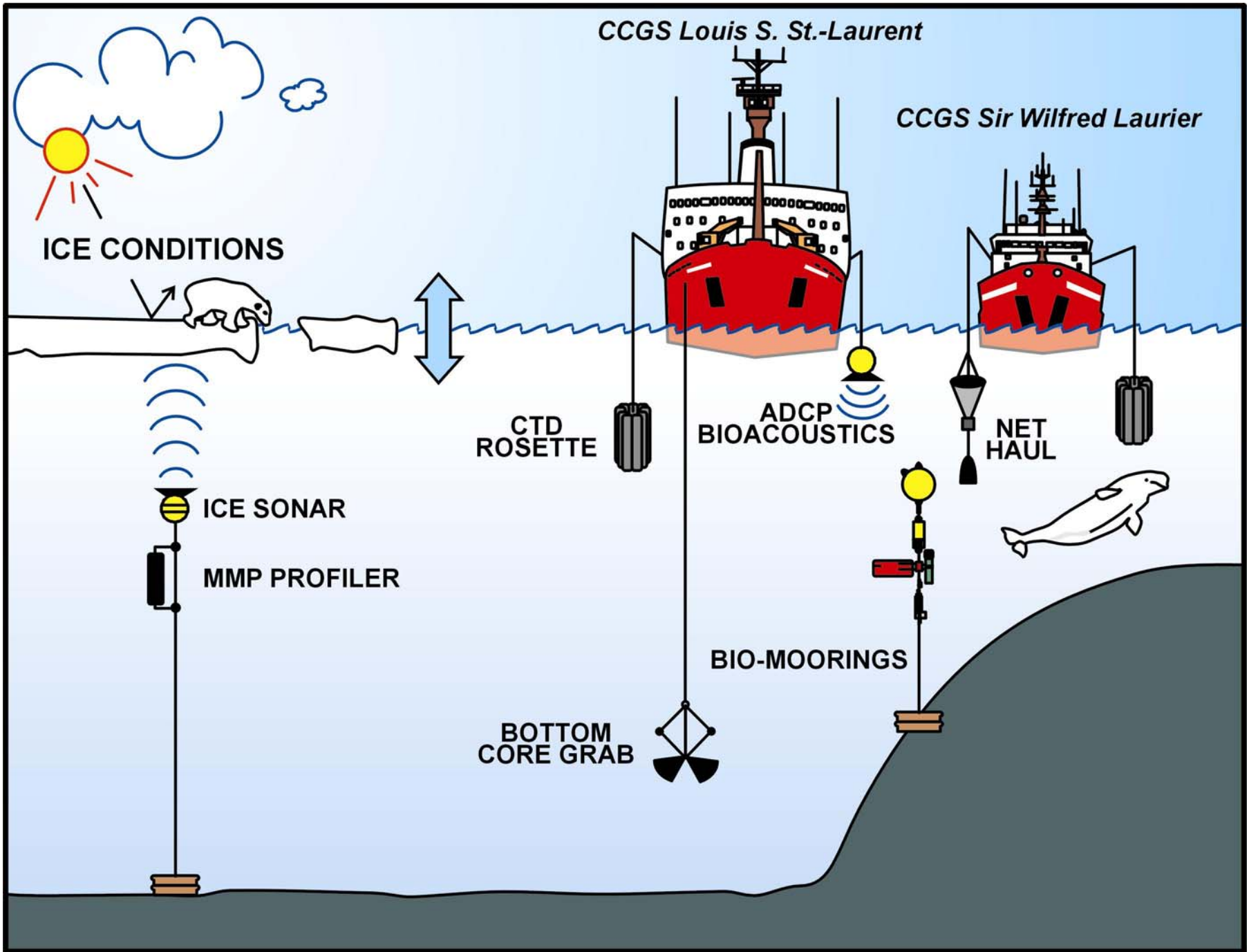
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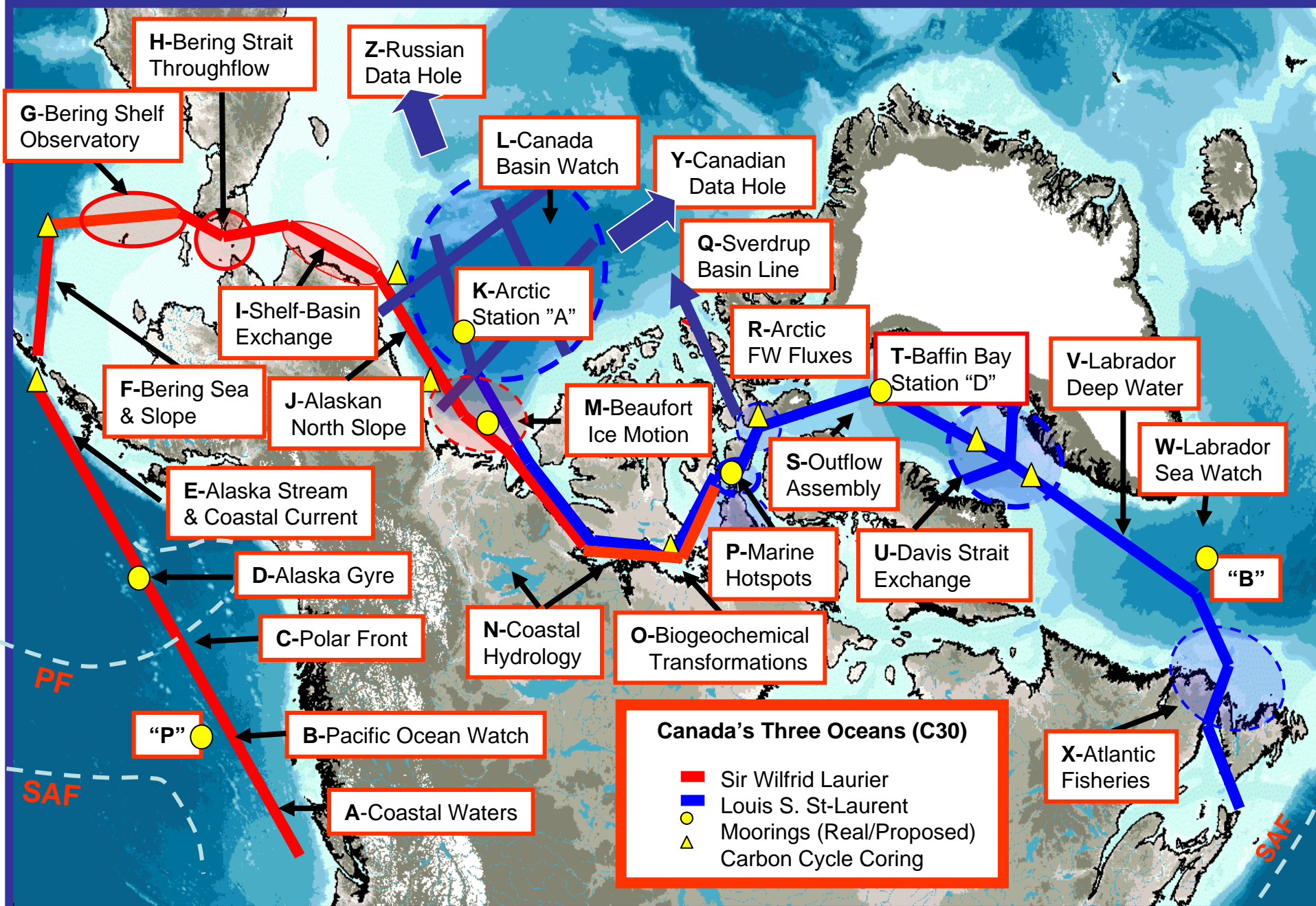
MMP PROFILER

BIO-MOORINGS

BOTTOM
CORE GRAB



Marine Canada Eh to Zed: 26 Regional Foci for Biogeographical Monitoring





Ship Work



Moorings

WATER SAMPLING



PLANKTON SAMPLING



LAB WORK



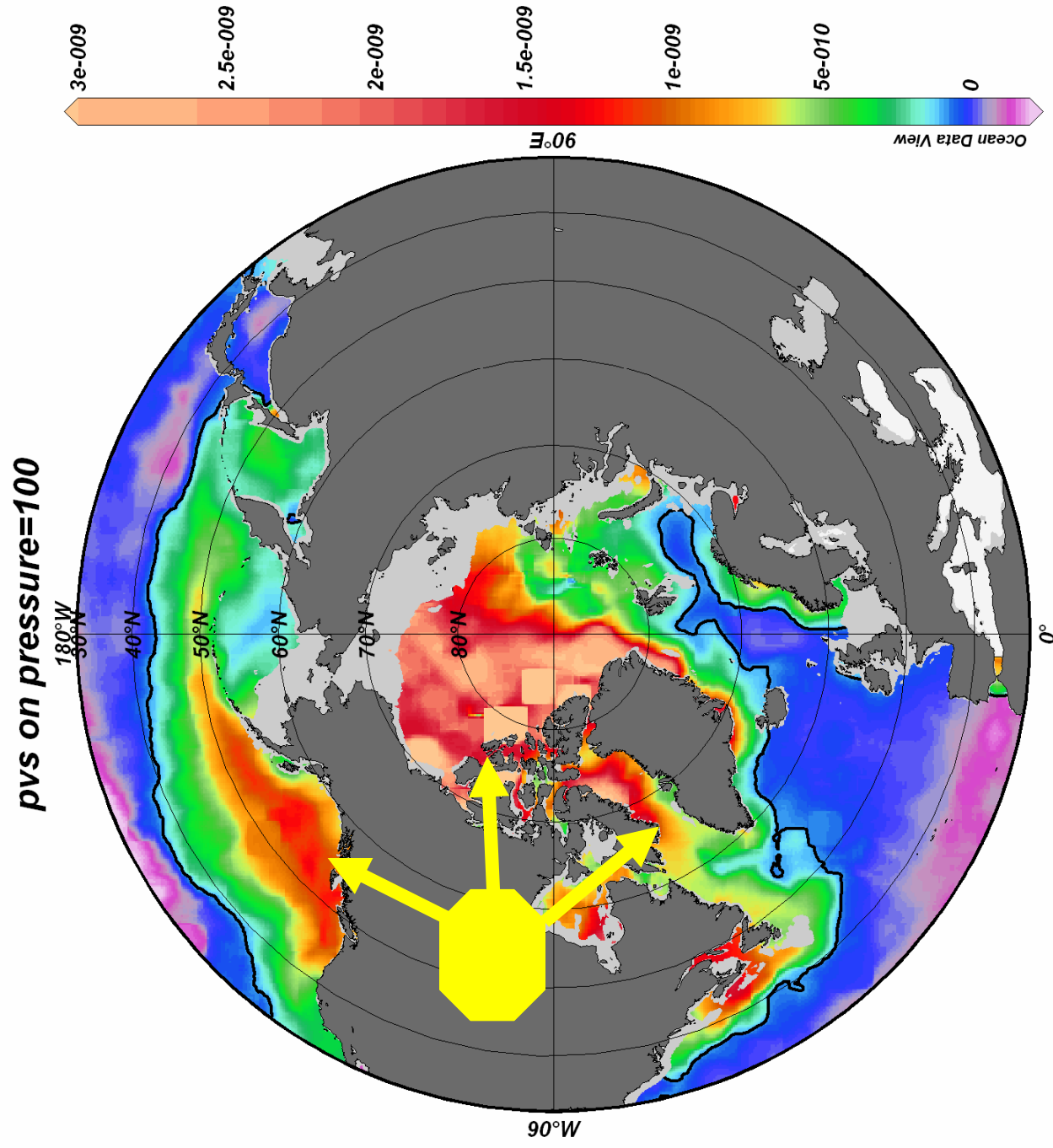
ICE WORK

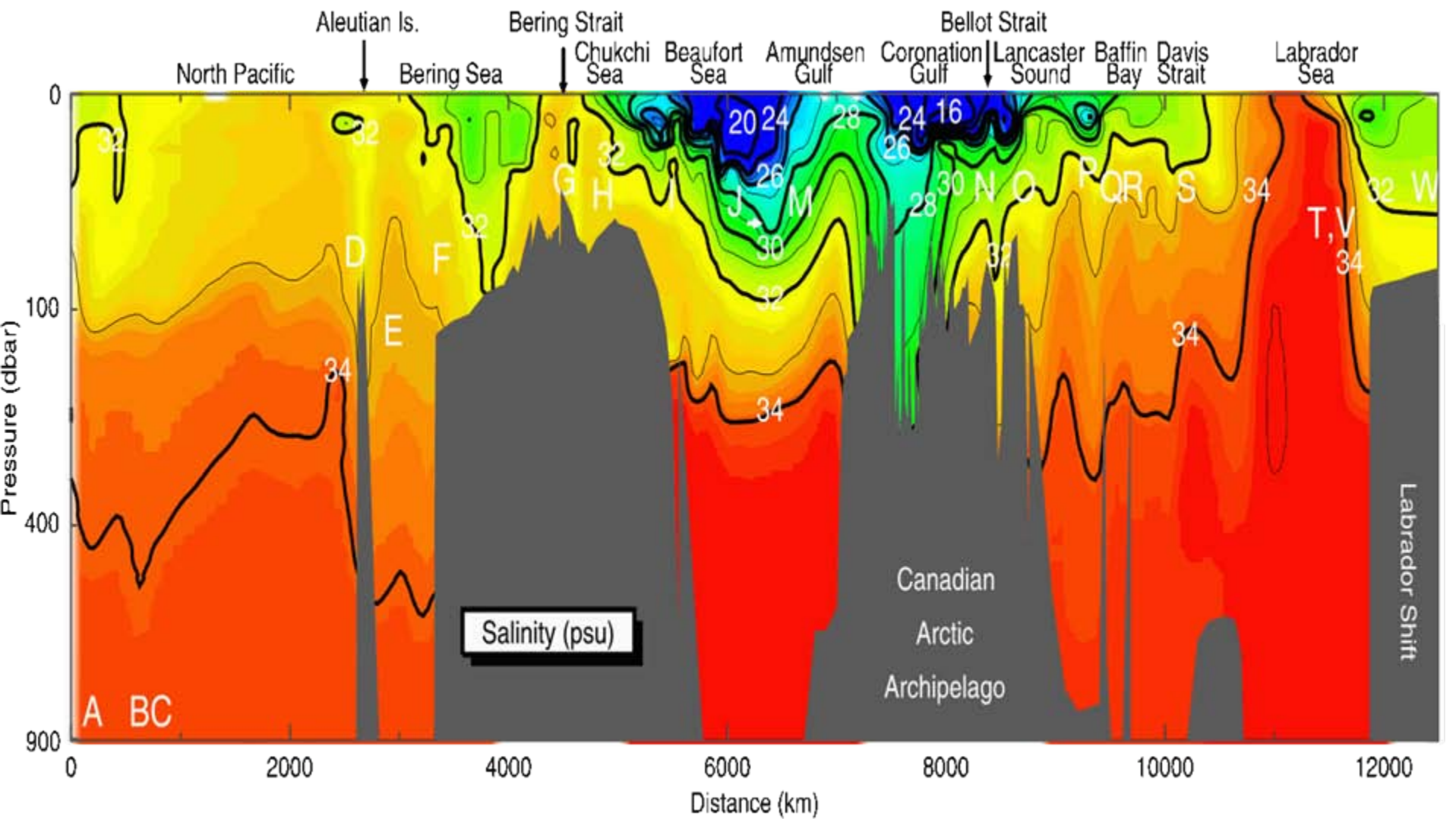


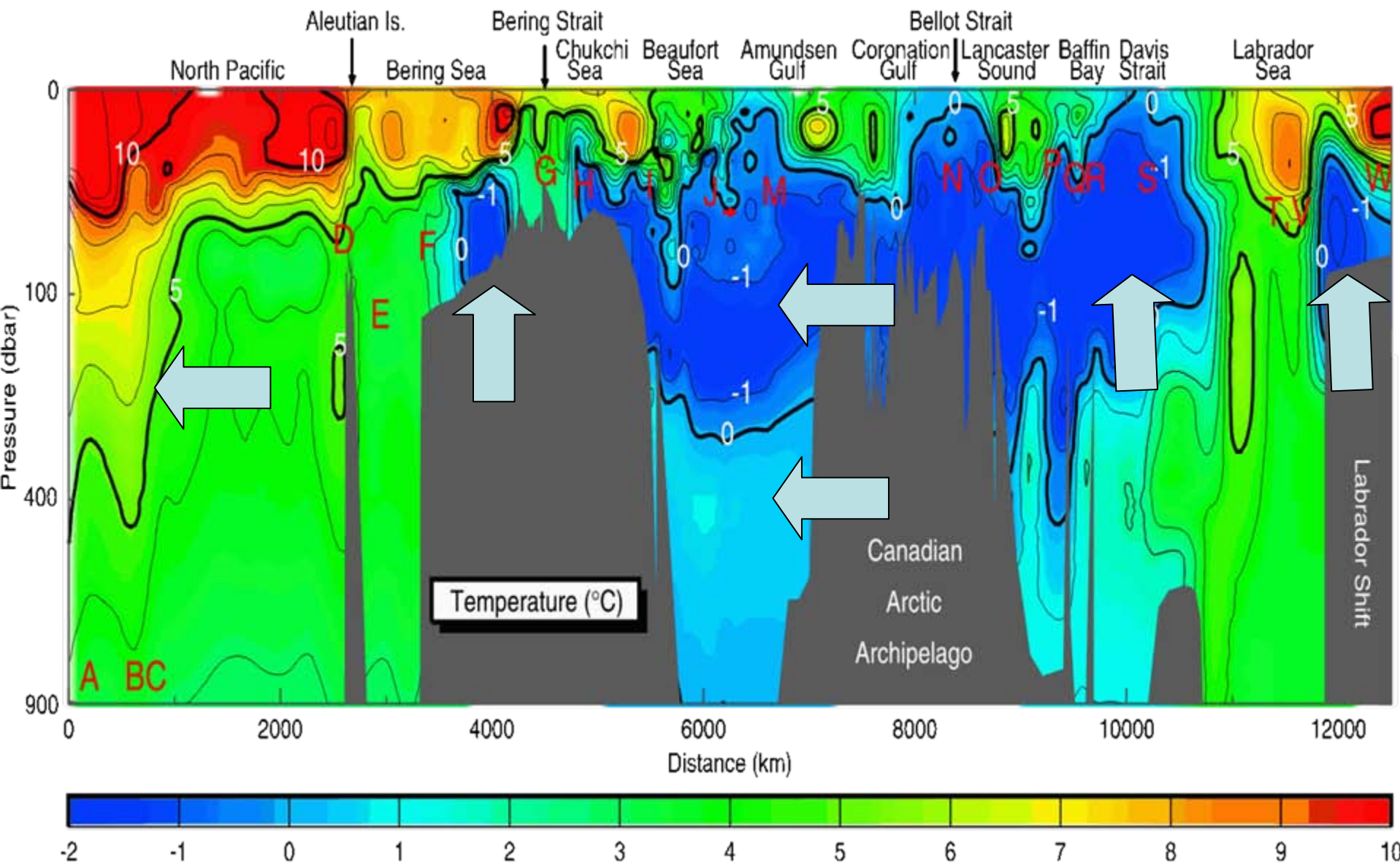
Zooming-in ... Hot Spots

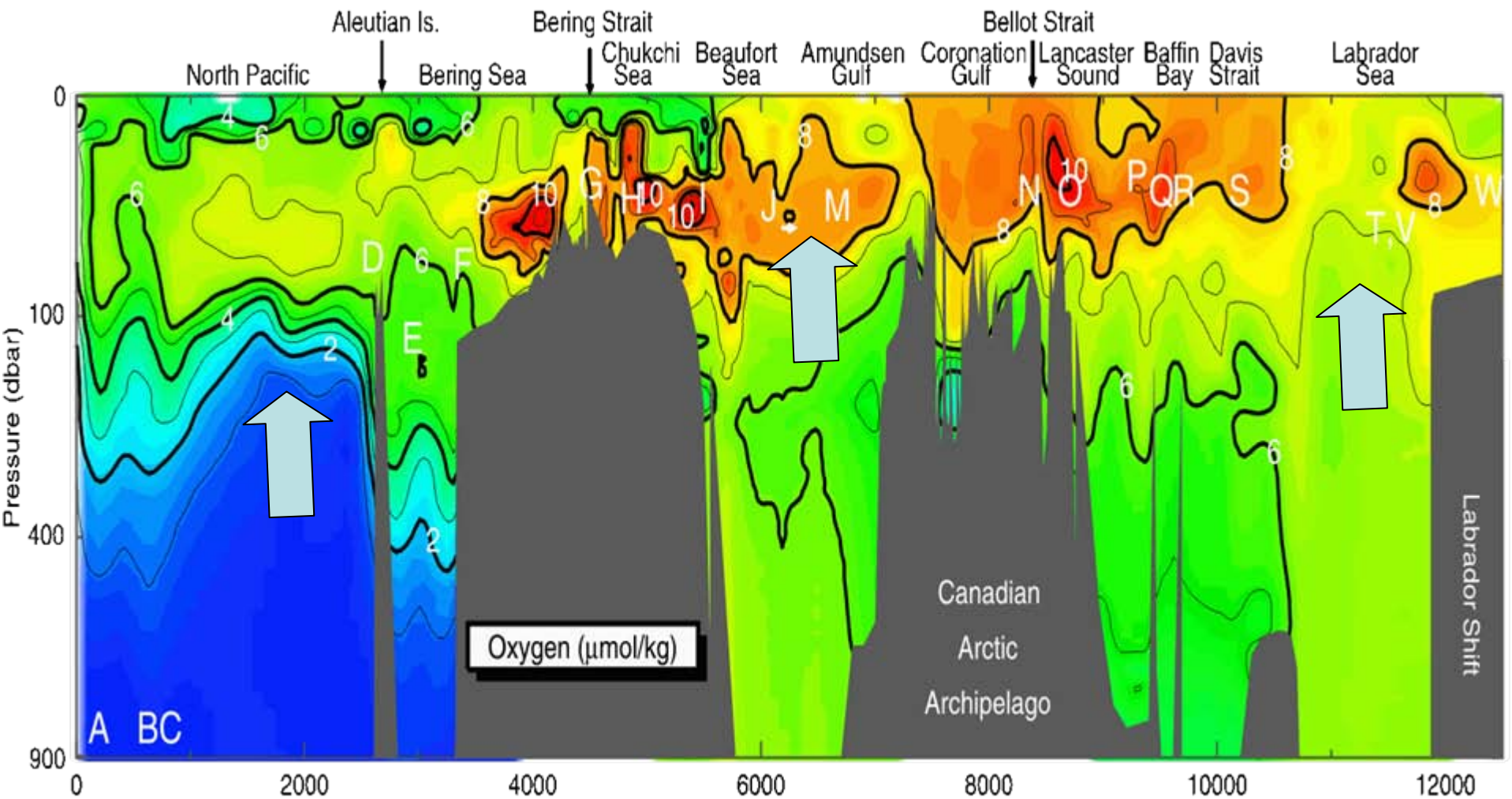


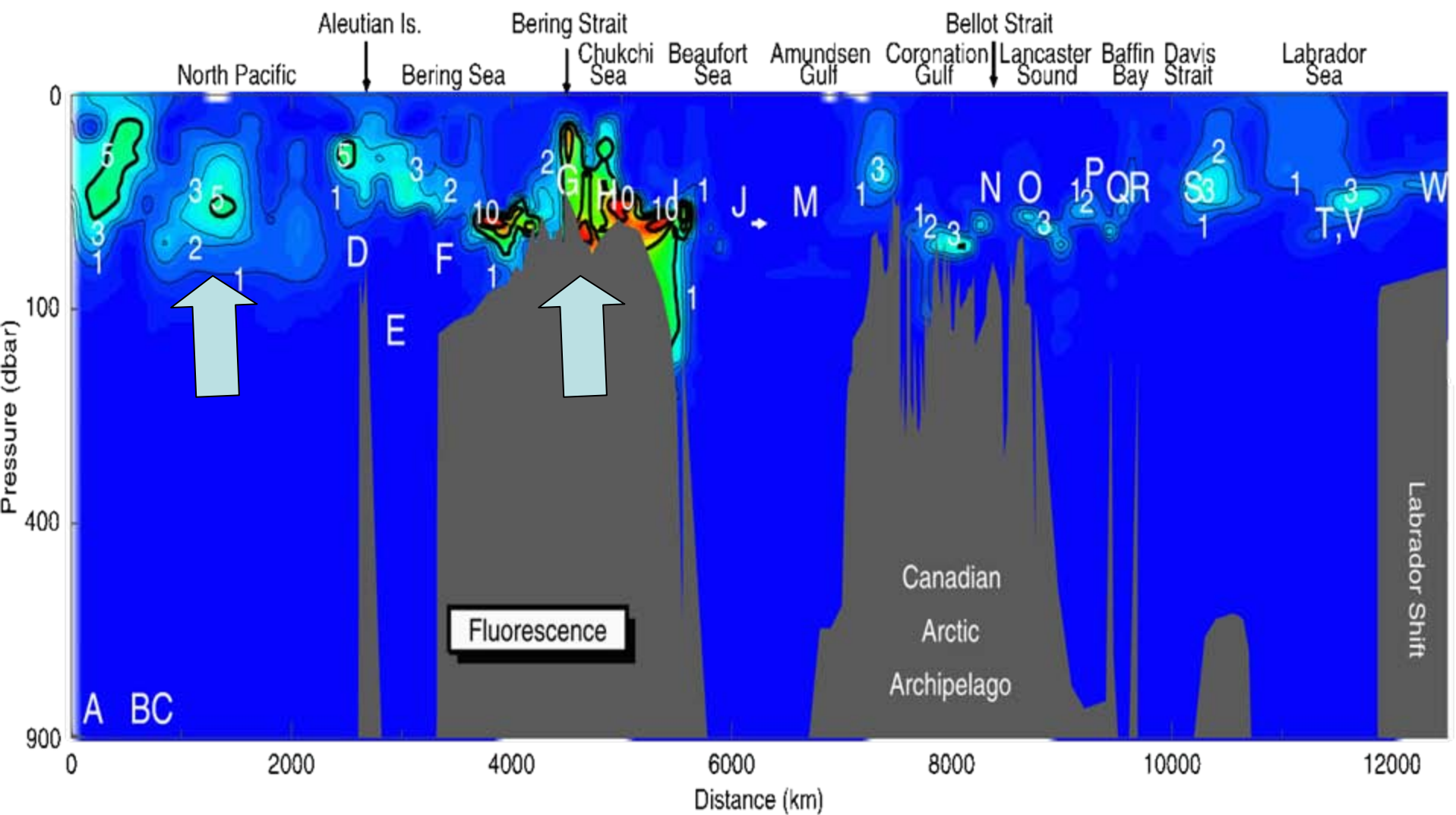
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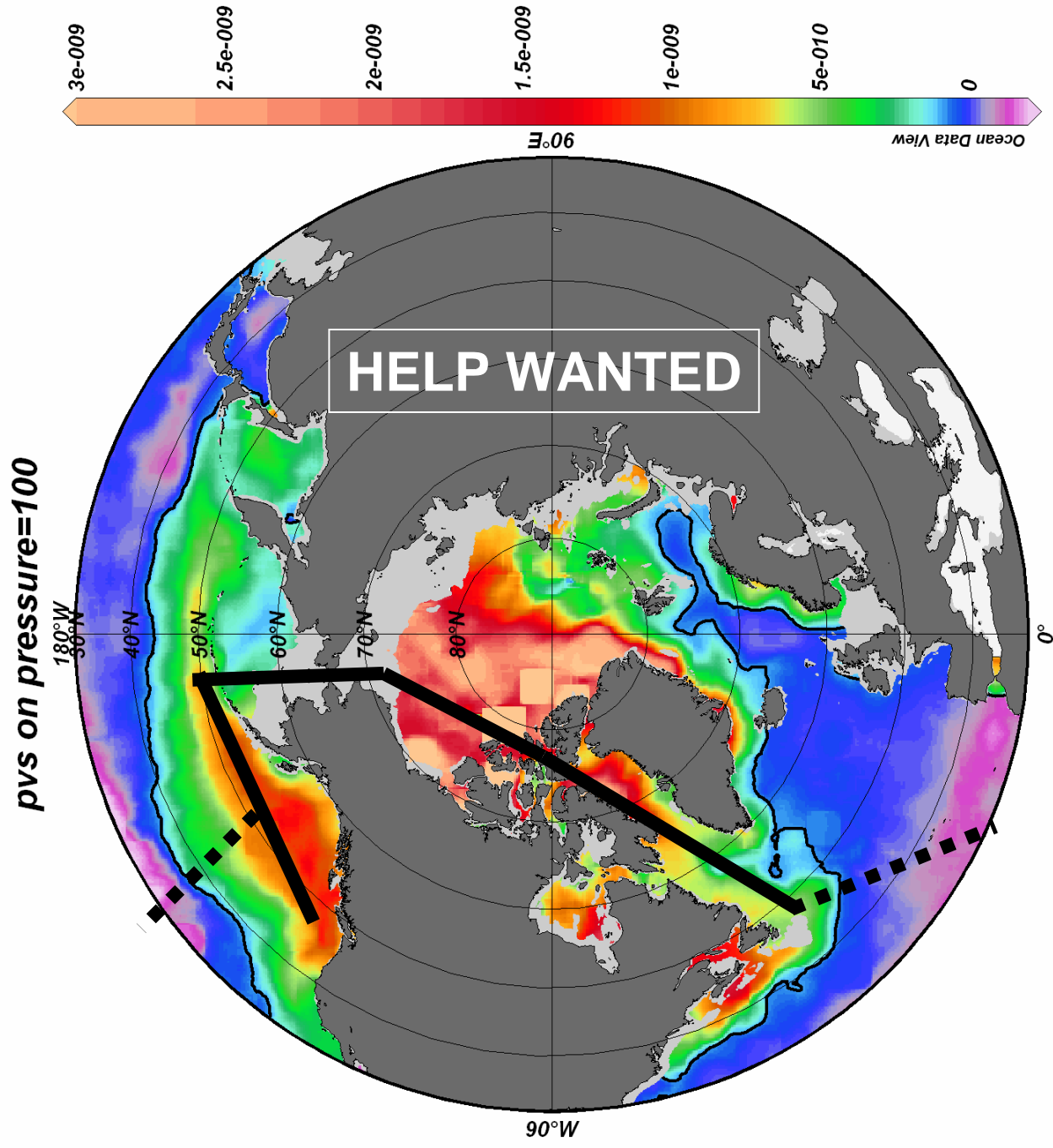












A SHORT HISTORY OF
PROGRESS *by* RONALD WRIGHT

One Ocean?



Fact: Science *must* take its *social* obligation seriously

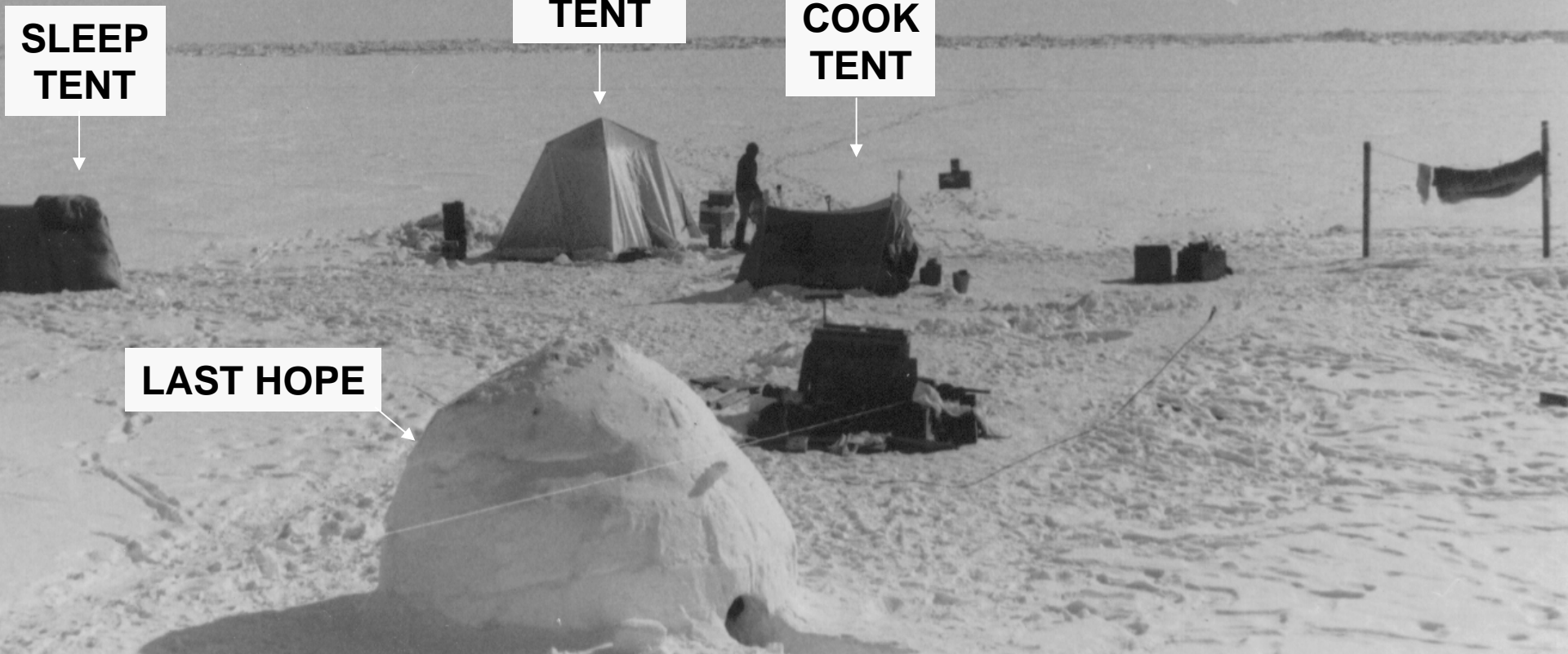
**Two Points from the 2004
Massey Lectures ...**

Ronald Wright

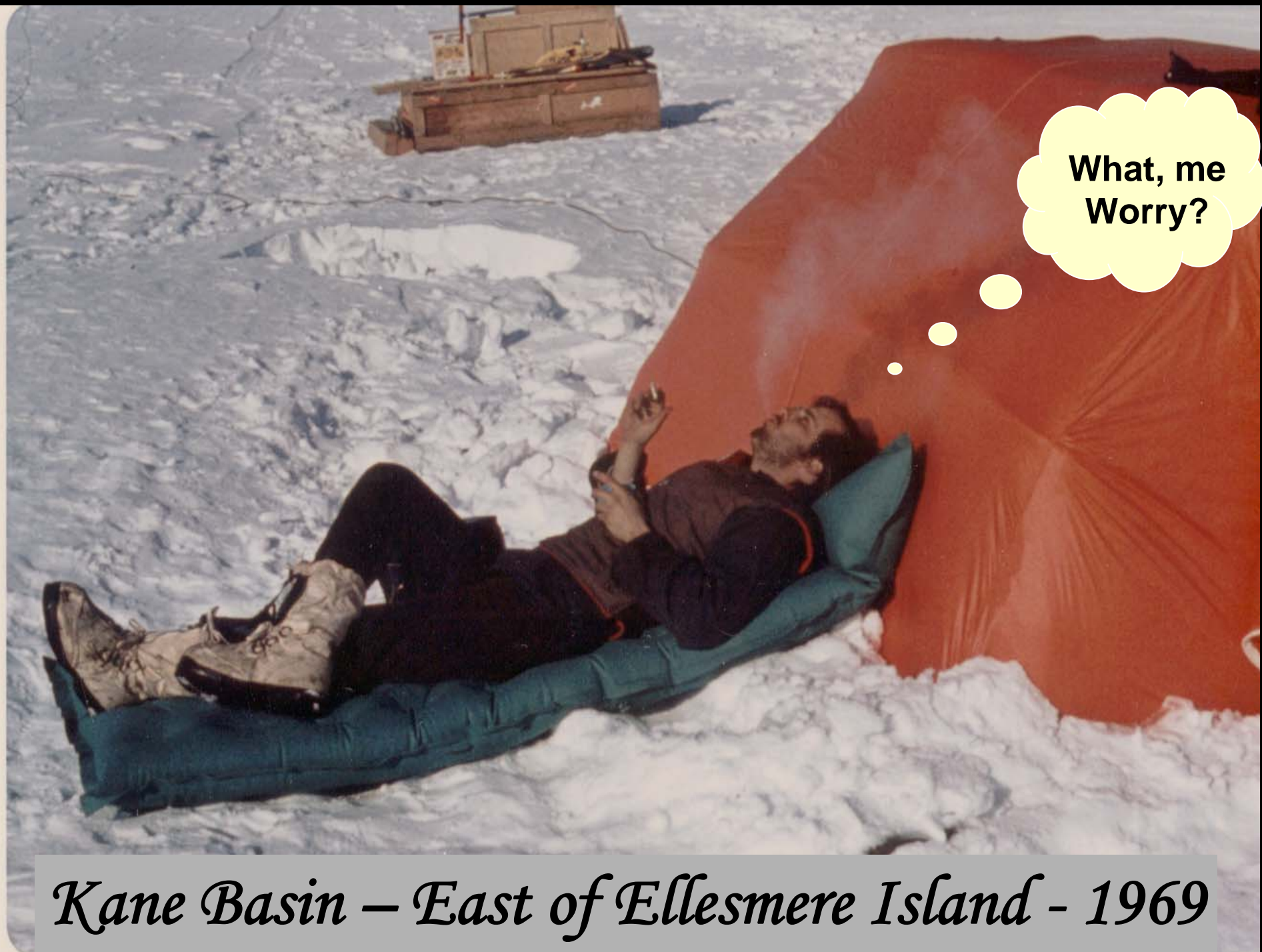
- The pattern of cultural progress, followed by over-consumption & societal collapse, has been repeated time and time again by societies that failed to *look ahead* and adjust accordingly
- When cultures finally enter the last stages of social collapse, the young of that final generation harbour *deep anger* towards the former generations that fouled the nest, and they thus behave as such.



MUSINGS...

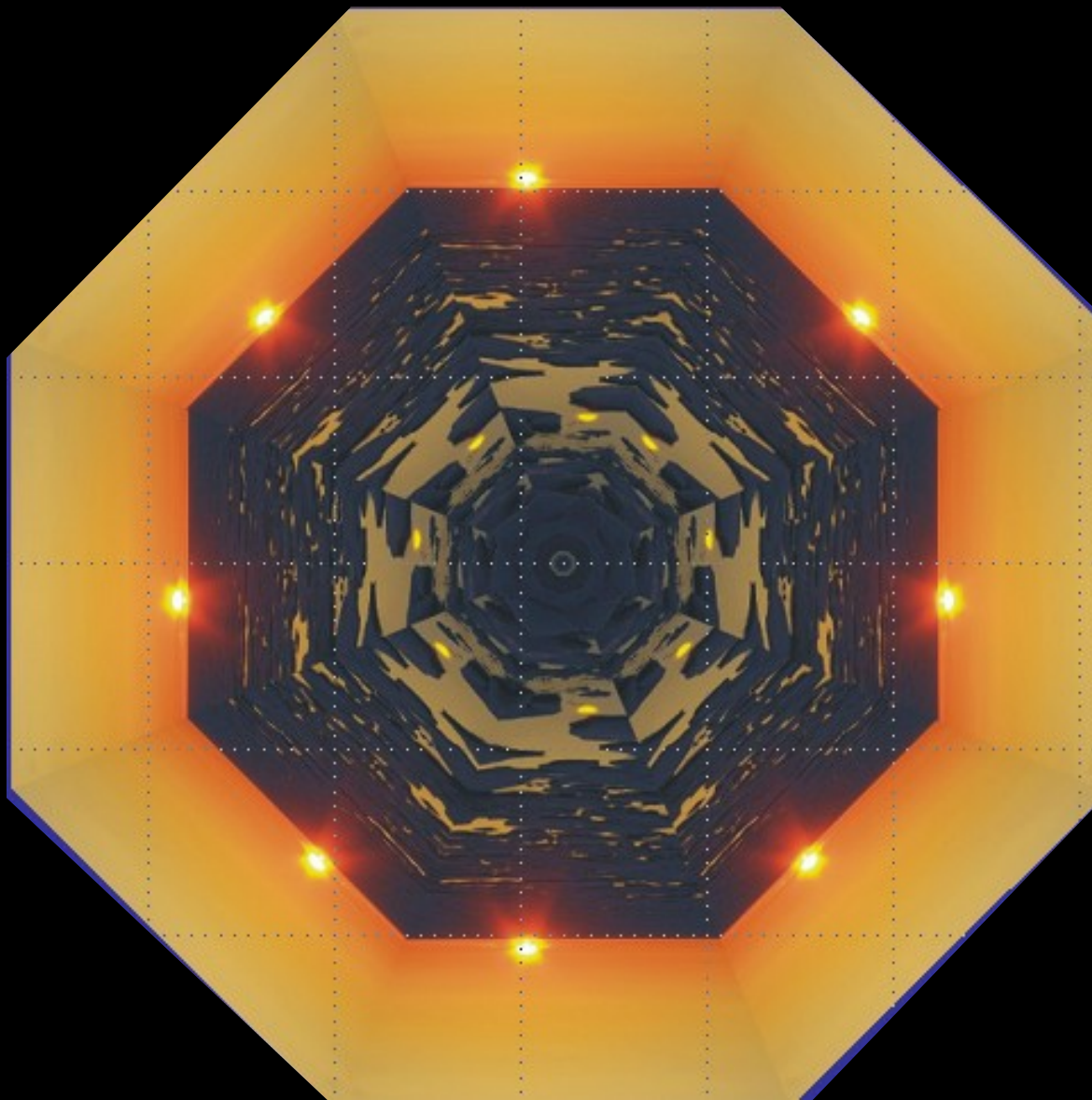


Kane Basin – East of Ellesmere Island - 1969



Kane Basin – East of Ellesmere Island - 1969

CONCLUSIONS



**The Arctic Ocean is fully connected
to the Global Ocean System; and
must be studied accordingly**

**The High-Latitudes are Changing Fast;
We Must Prepare; We Must Observe**

Biogeography deserves Our Most Serious Attention



A photograph of a ship at night with the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) visible in the sky. The ship's lights and structure are visible on the left side of the frame. The text is overlaid in yellow.

In Other Words...

THE ARCTIC IS A TREASURE

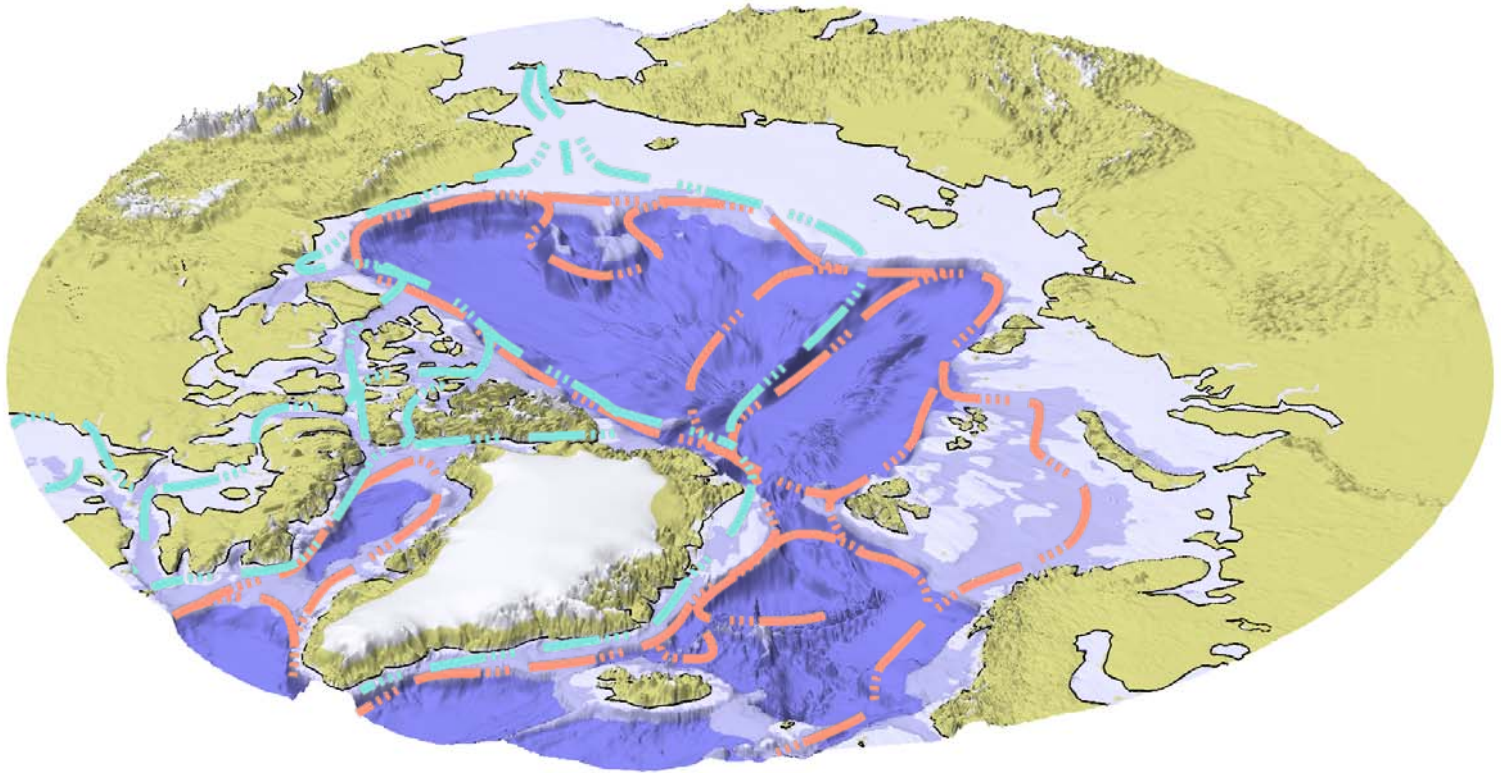
CLIMATE IS FOR KEEPS

THANK YOU

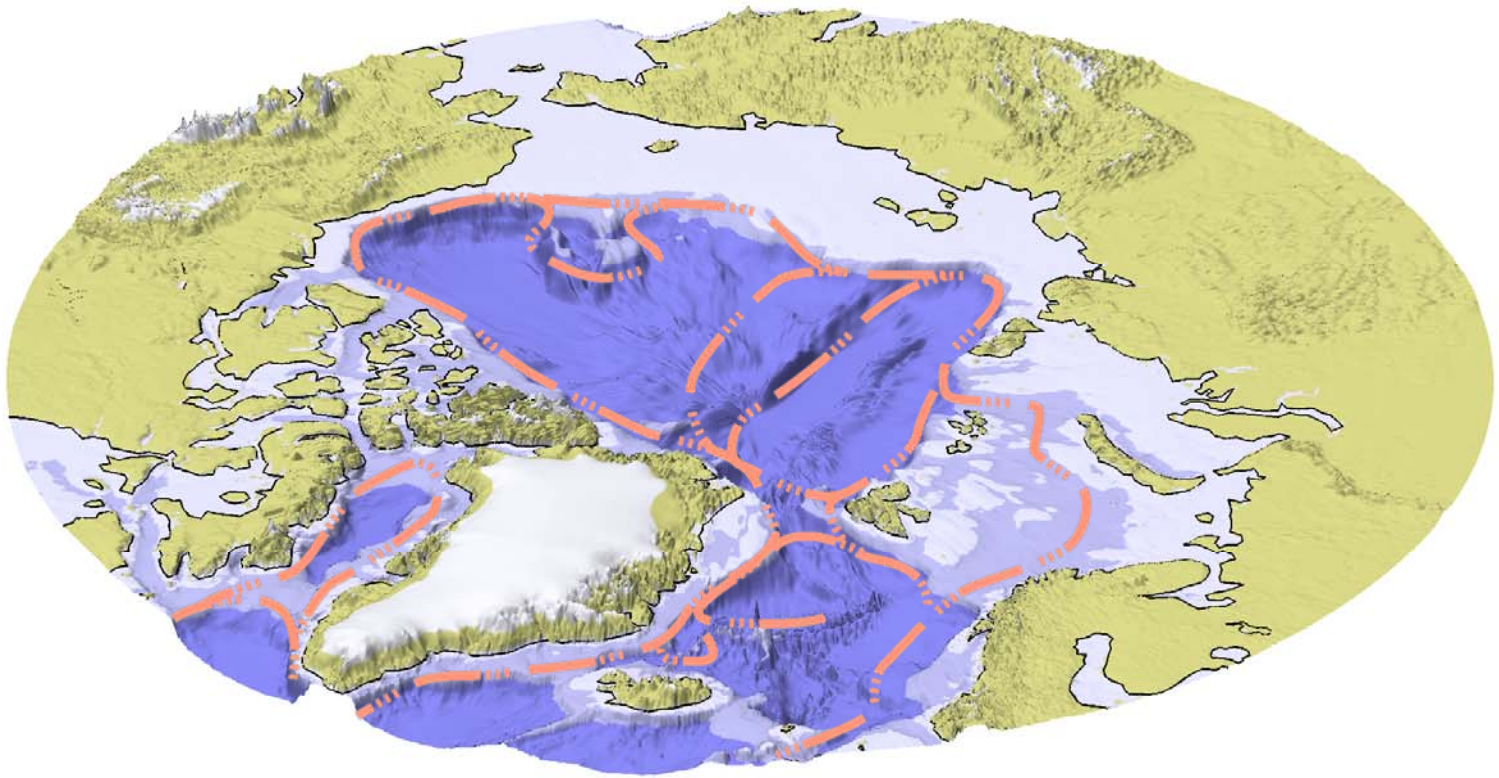


QUESTIONS

ARCTIC BASIN CIRCULATION



Atlantic Water Circulation



LESSONS FROM THE PAST



CLIMATE SEEMS TO
BE CHANGING...MAYBE
WE OUGHT TO
CHANGE TOO ??

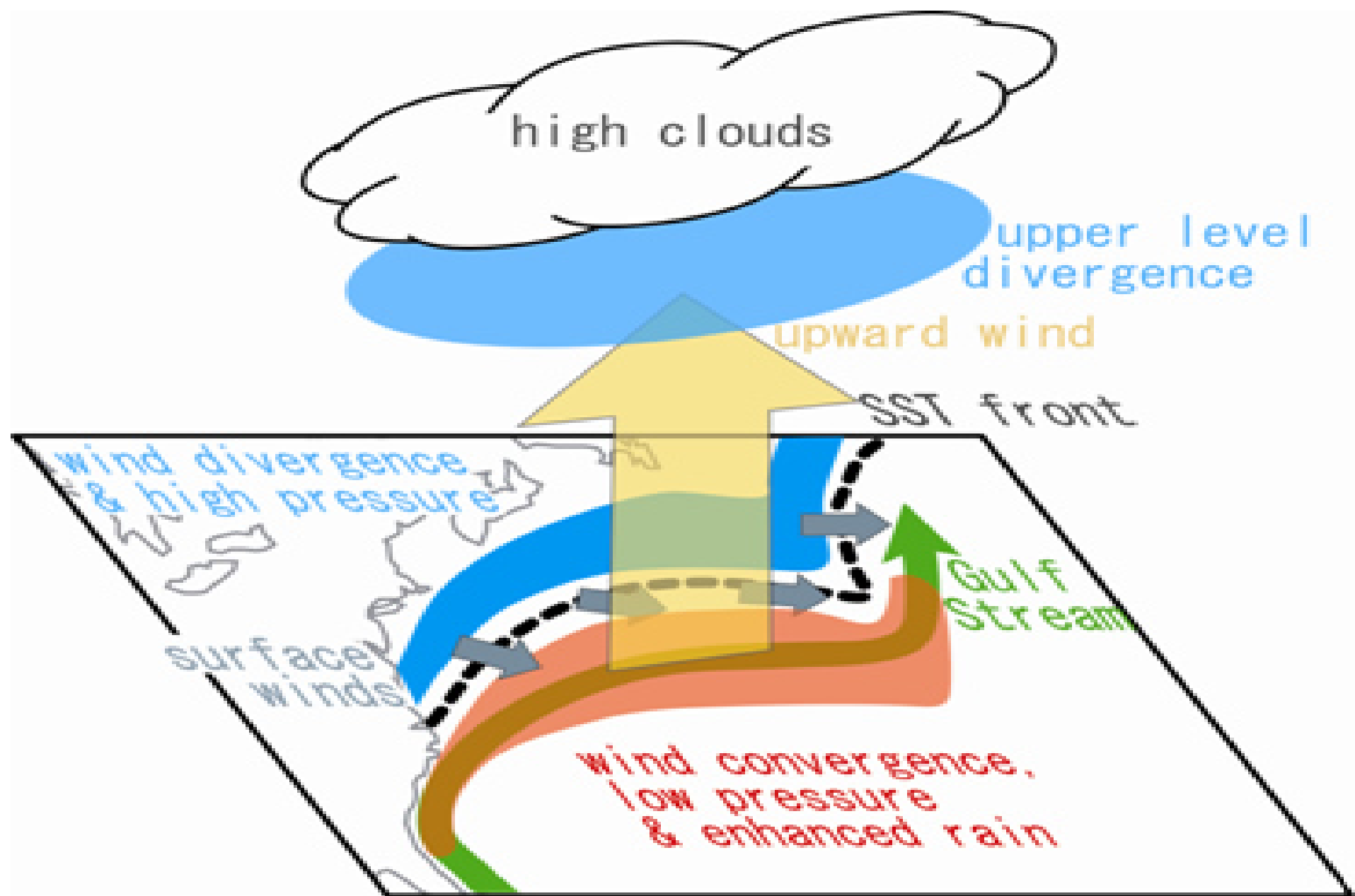
I'M NOT GOING
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MY PYRAMID !!

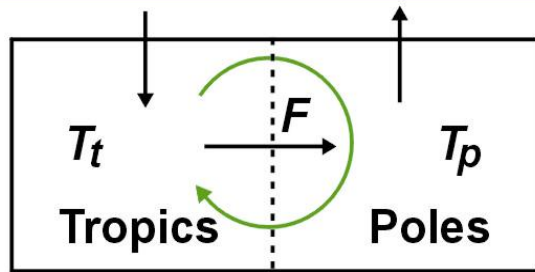
THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY

SO – IF EVEN “NATURAL” VARIABILITY CAN BRING DOWN KINGDOMS ...



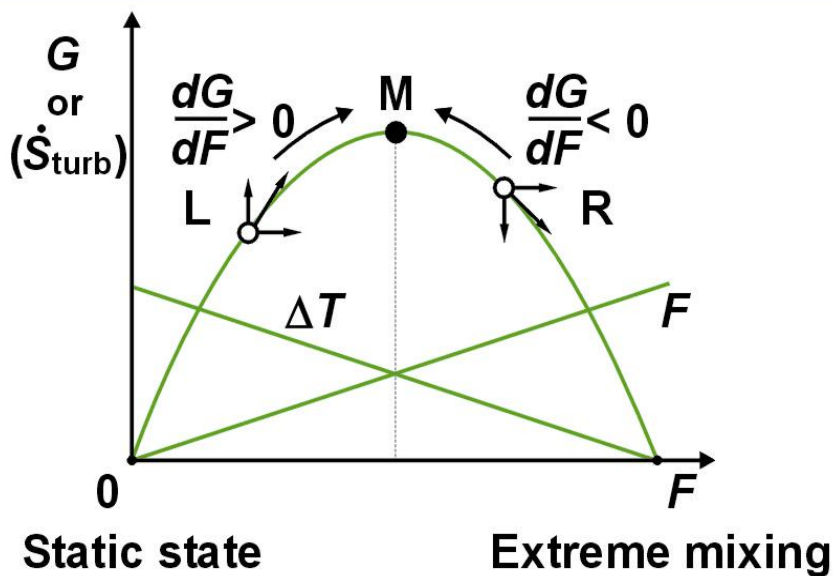
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP ...



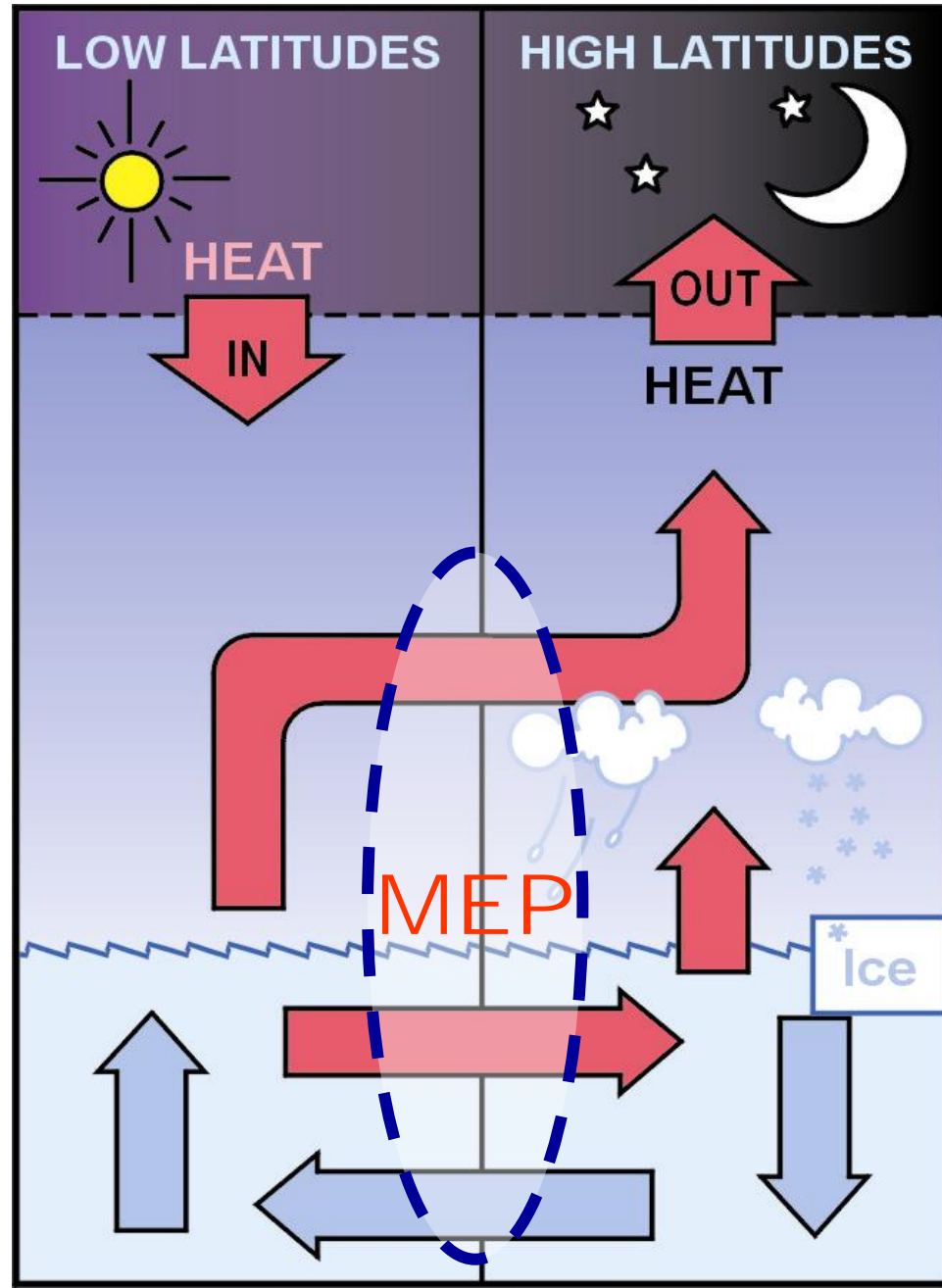


$G \propto F \Delta T \rightarrow \text{APE} \rightarrow \text{wasted by thermal dissipation}$

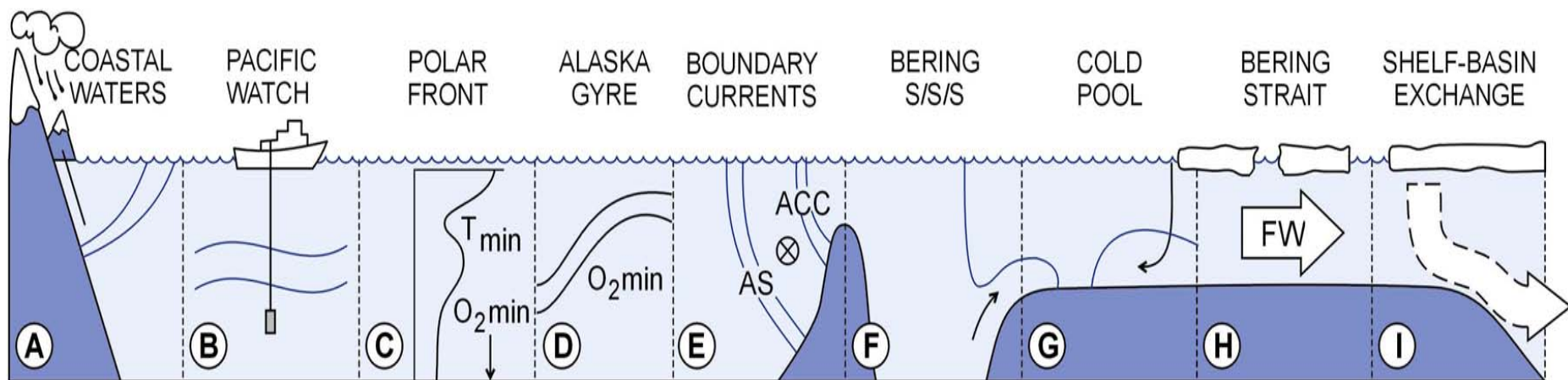
positive feedback



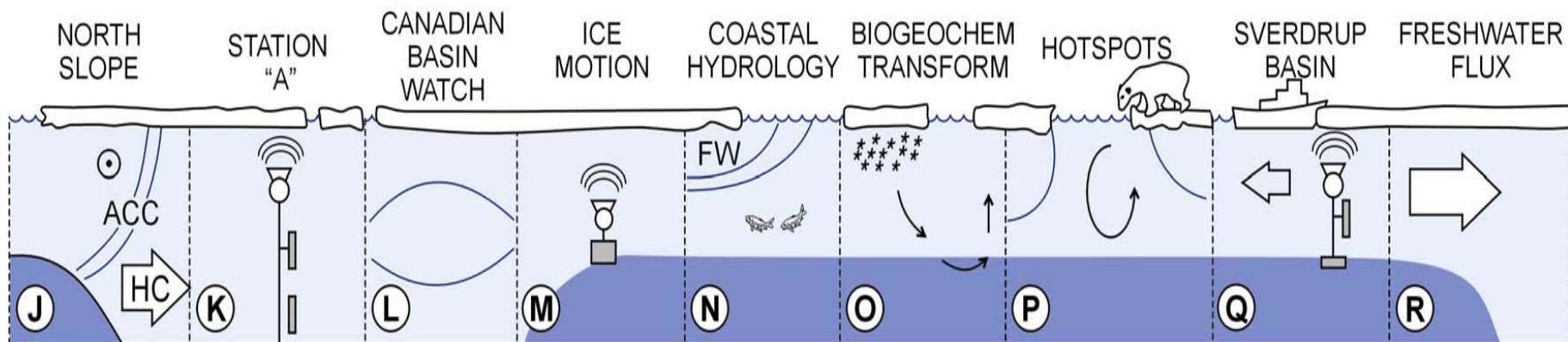
Shimokawa & Ozawa (2007)



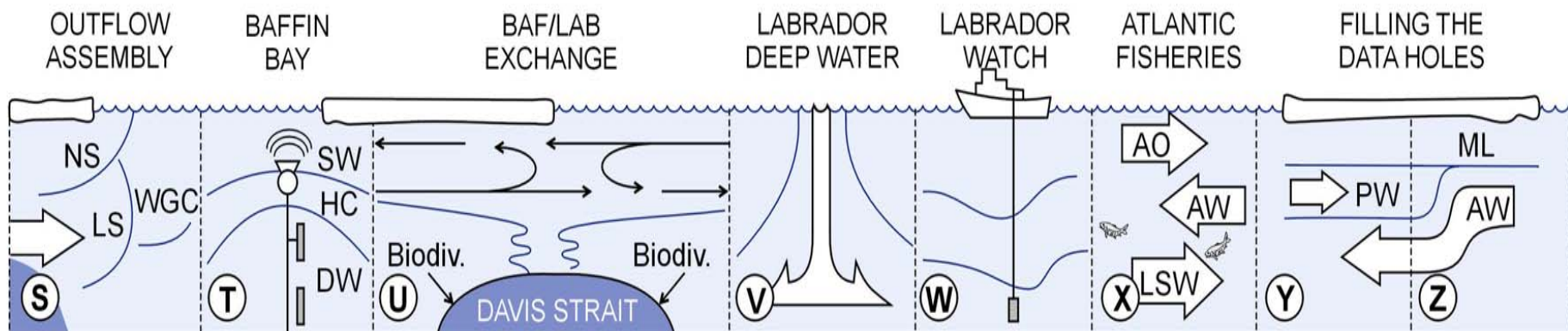
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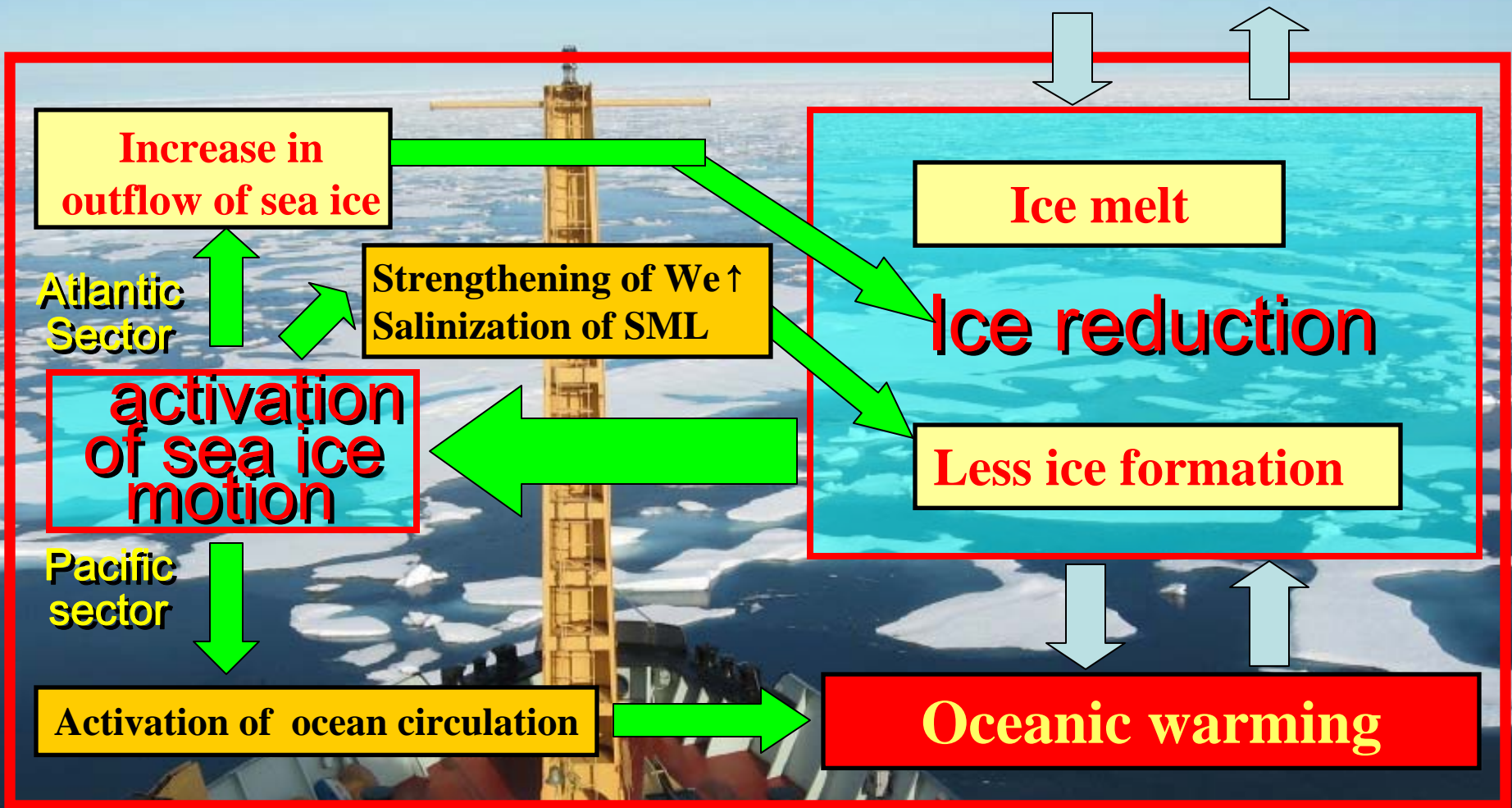
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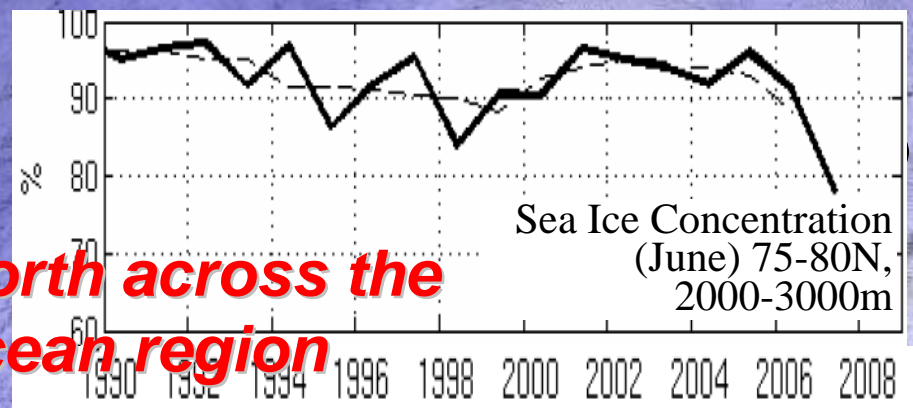


Atmospheric warming & circulation



New Positive feedback

Aug 6, on Northwind Ridge, from CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent



***New ice toward north across the
warmest upper ocean region***

**Further acceleration
of sea ice reduction**

***Rapid movement of heavy ice
toward warm
southern Beaufort Sea***

Warmest water
under the ice in
the Canada Basin

June 9, 2007

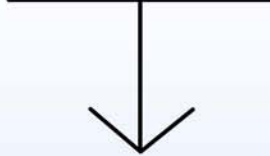
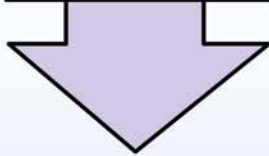
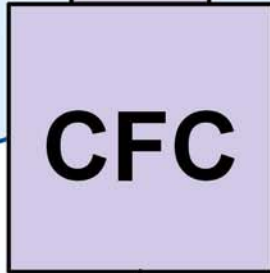
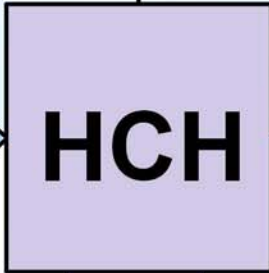
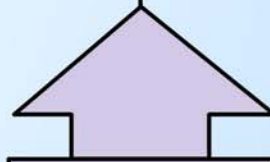
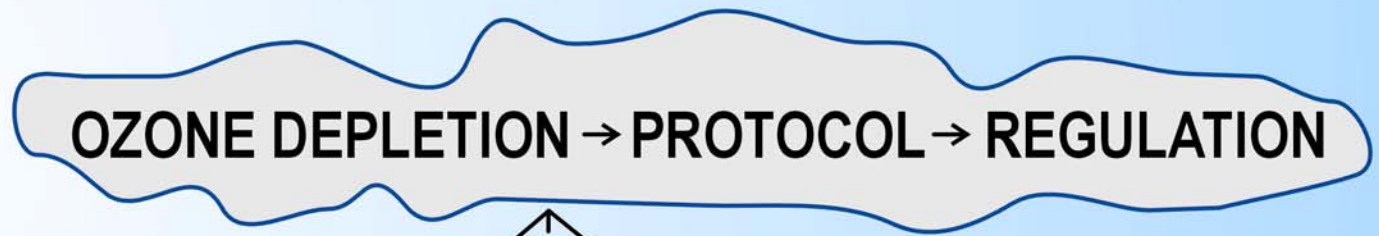


OZONE DEPLETION → PROTOCOL → REGULATION



HCH

CFC





OZONE DEPLETION → PROTOCOL → REGULATION



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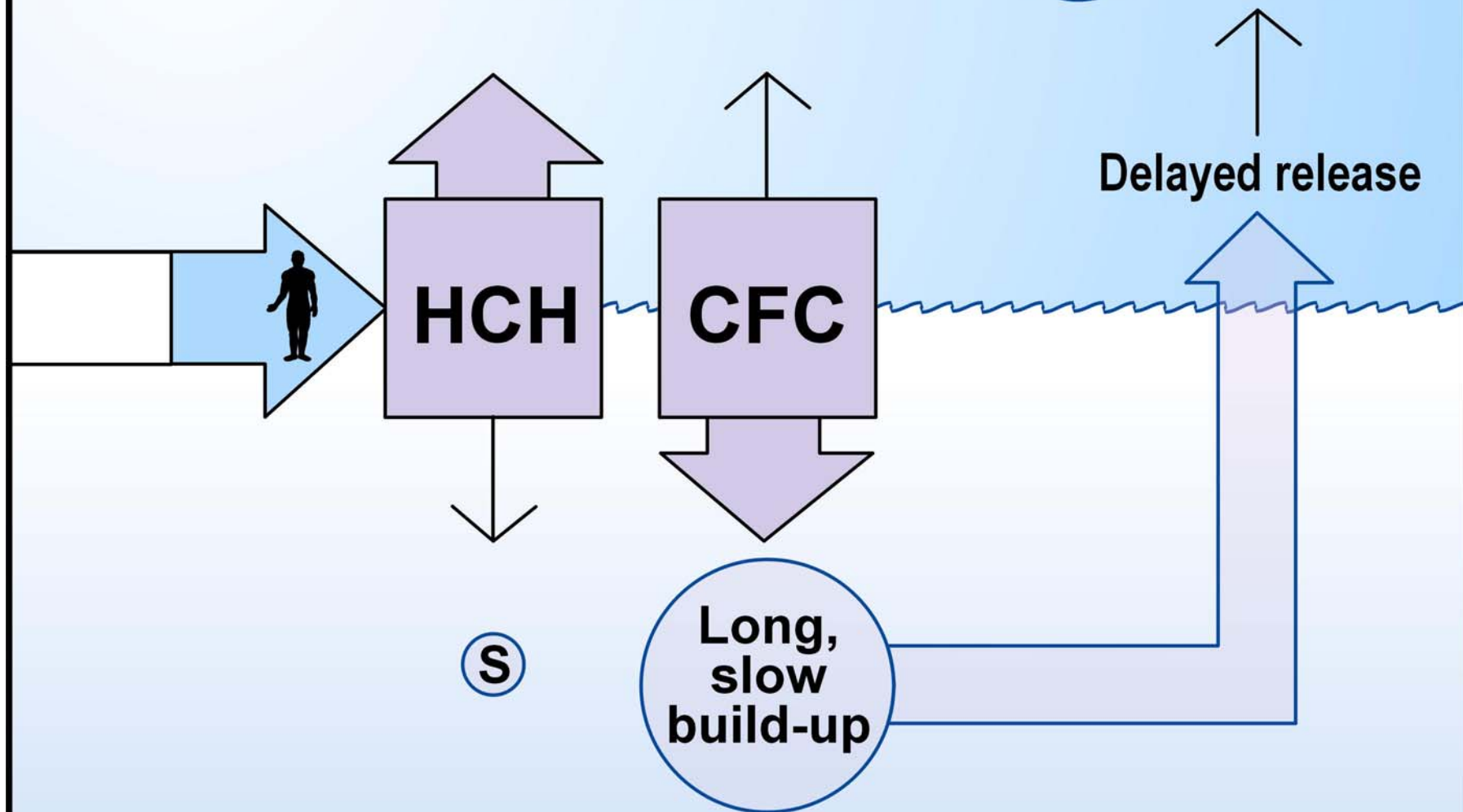
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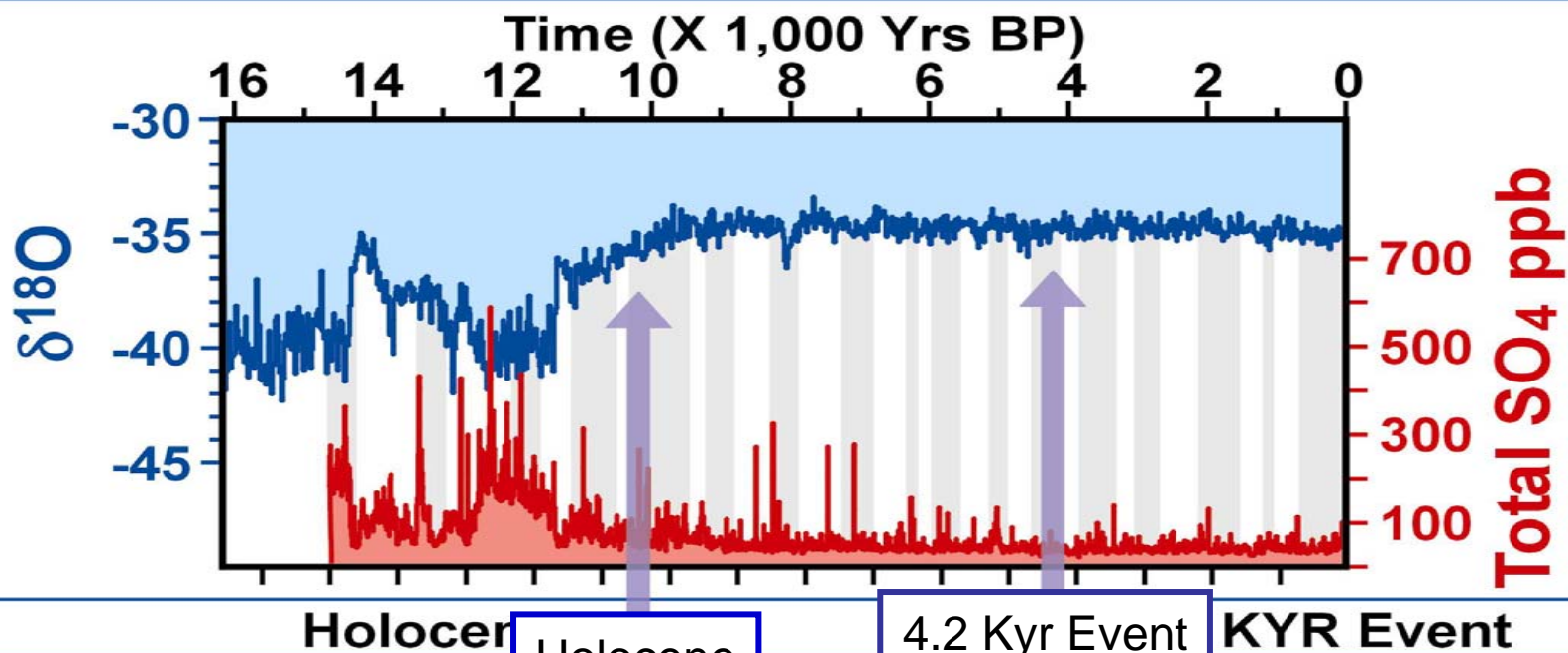
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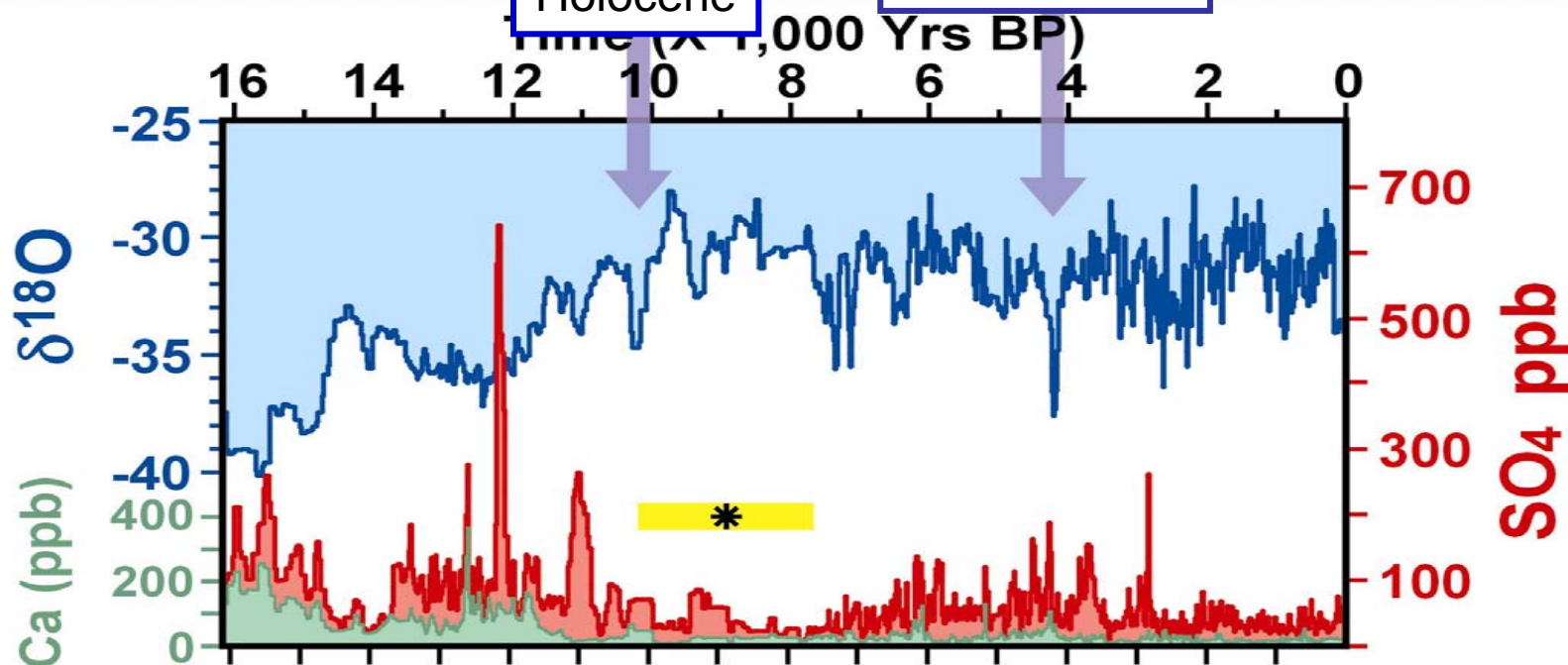
UNDETECTED → NO PROTOCOL → TOO LATE



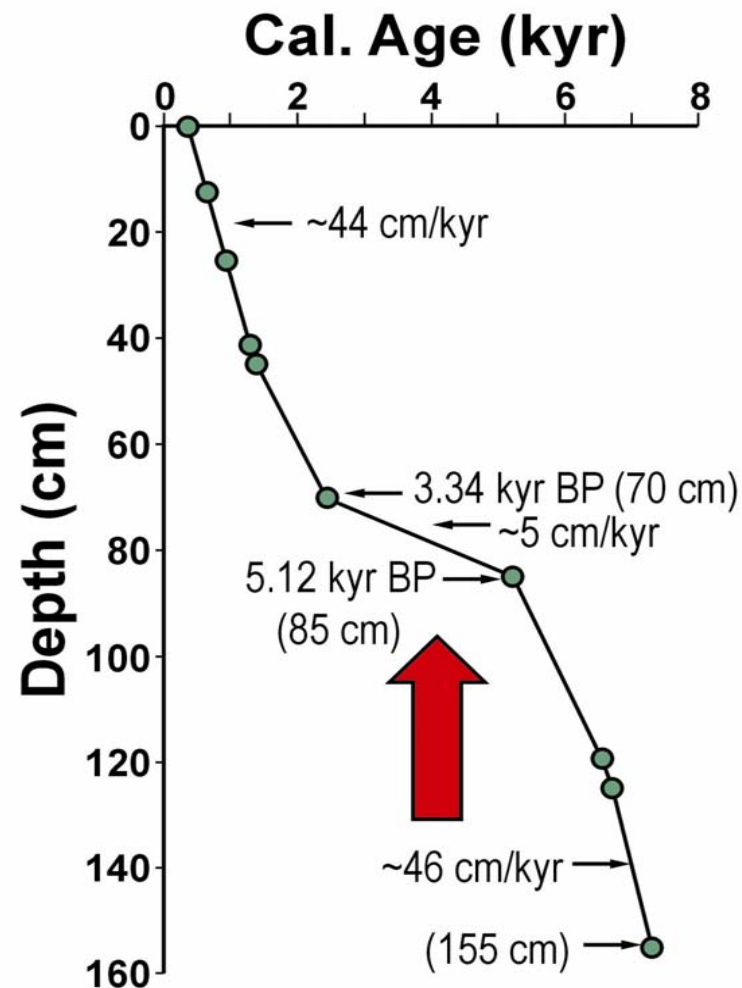
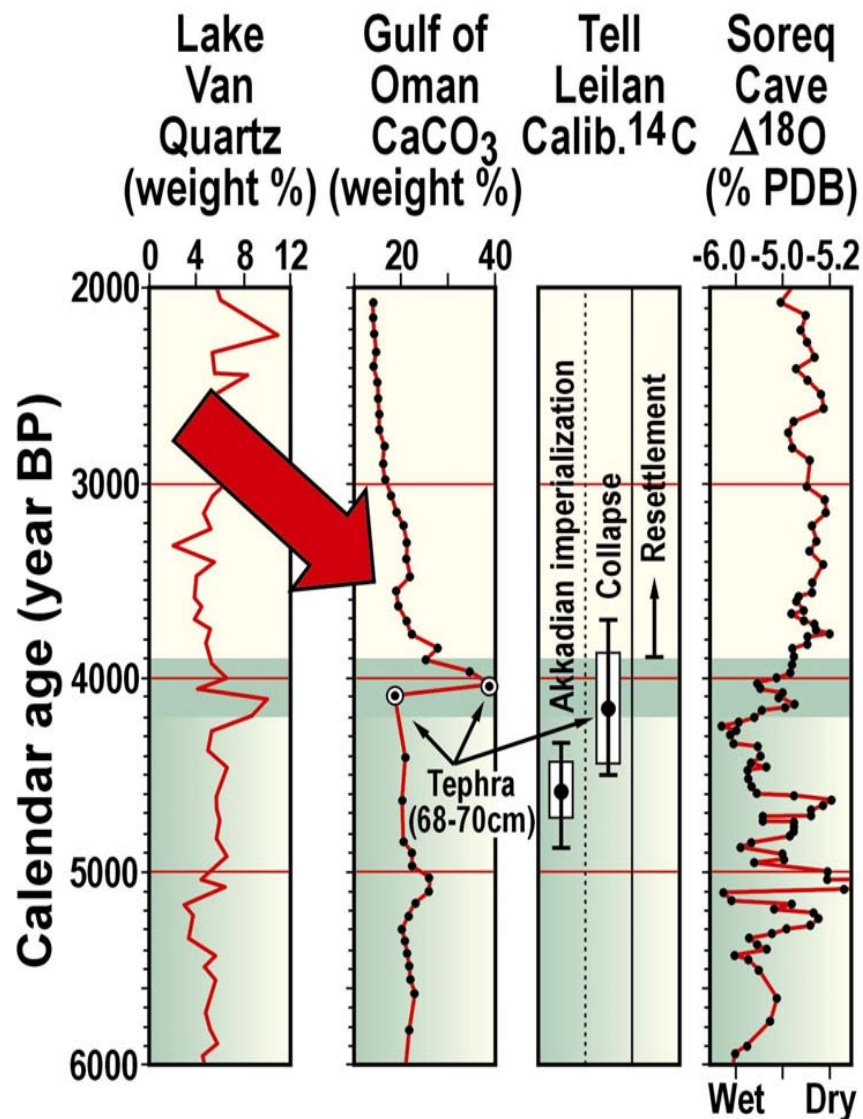
Summit Greenland



Mount Logan PRC

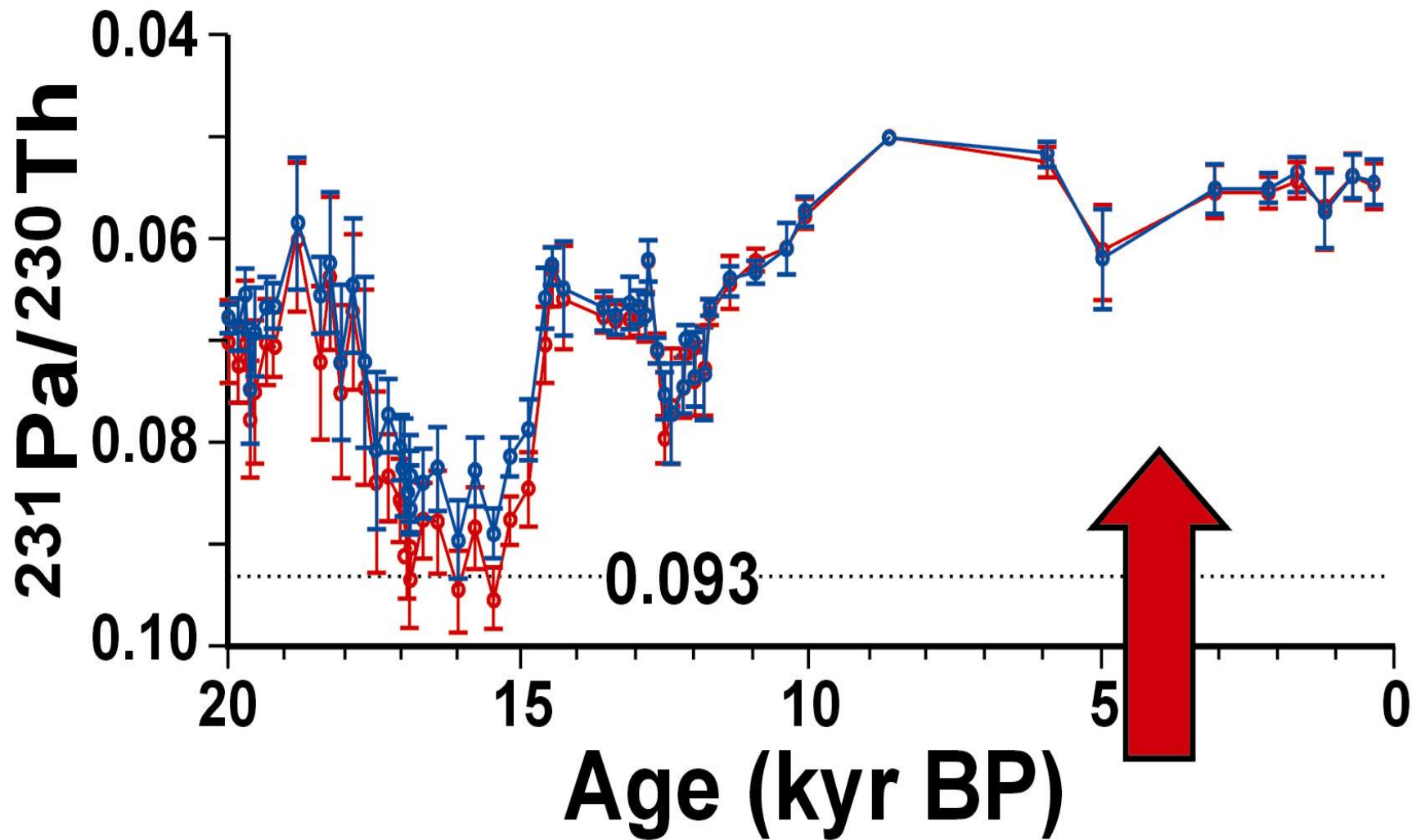


Weiss & Bradley, Science, 2001: collapse of the Akkadian Empire was due to widespread drought between 3-5 kyr BP.



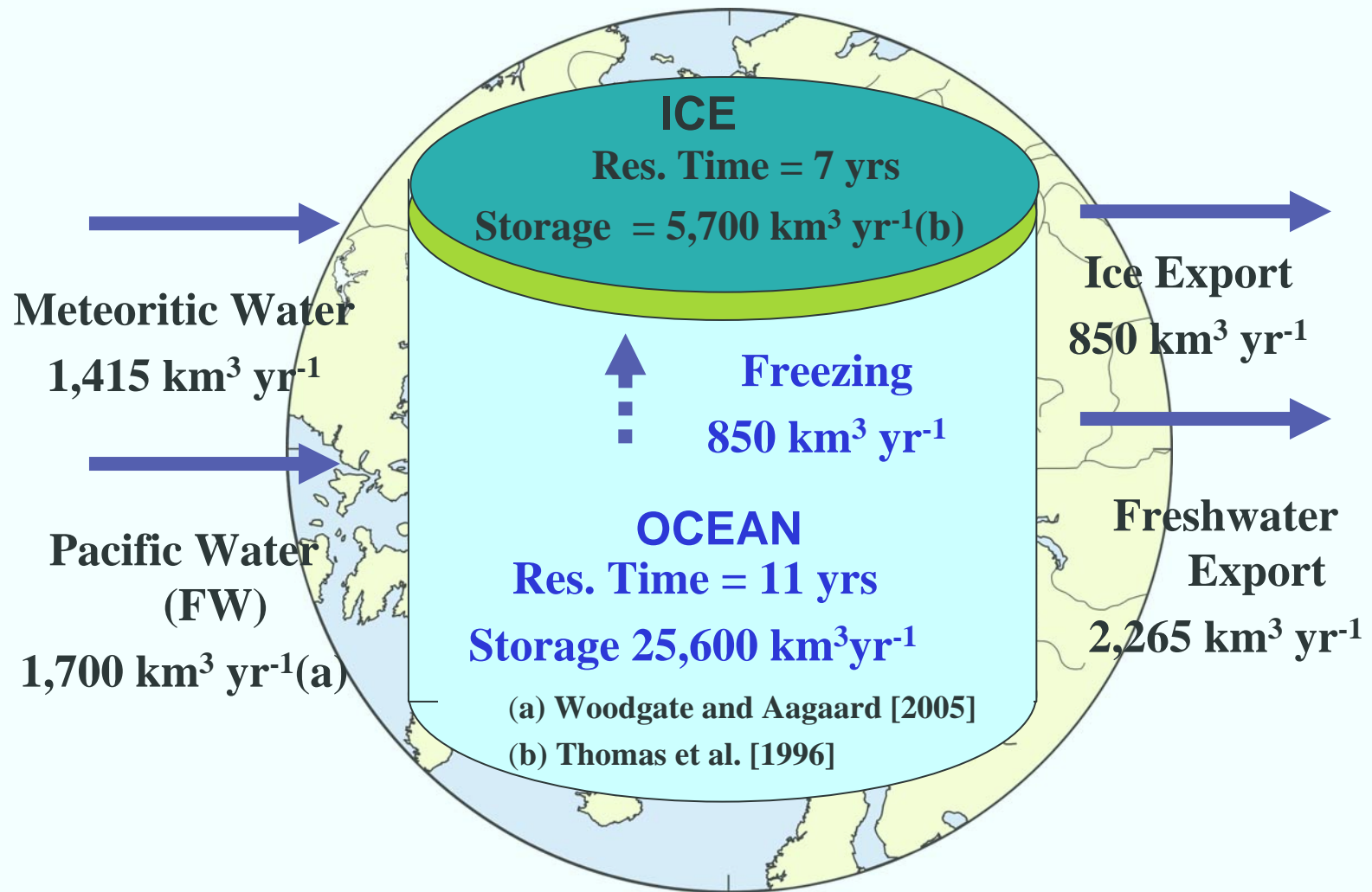
Darby & Bischof (2004): 6-8 fold decrease in sedimentation in the Beaufort; perhaps a shift towards more ice export to NA.

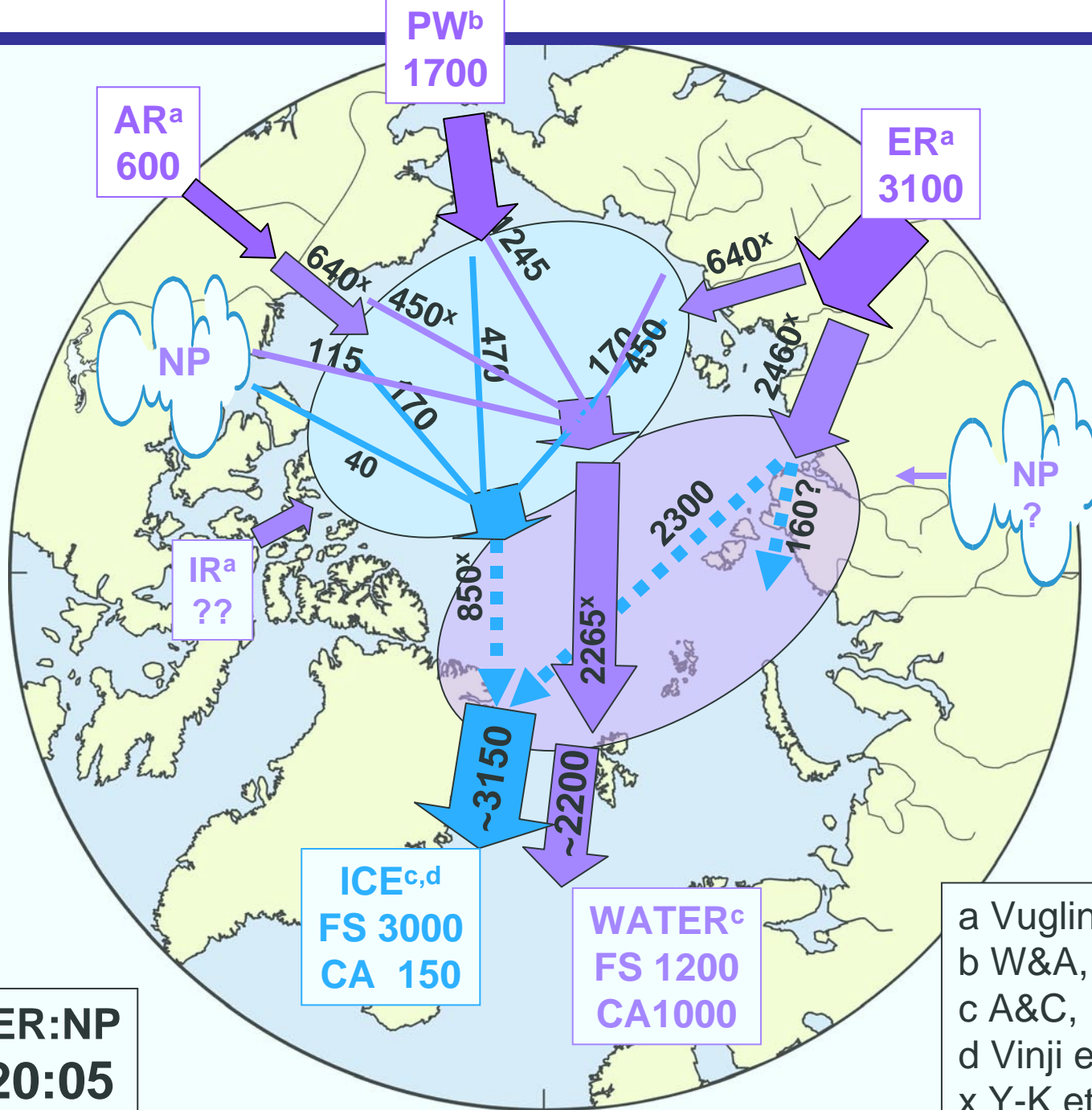
Under +AO the Transpolar Drift increases; so Ice Export increases; perhaps the THC slows



Francois (2004): using decay of Uranium daughter products, examined MOC rate.

Canada Basin





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a Vuglinsky, 1997
 b W&A, 2005
 c A&C, 1989
 d Vinji et al., 1998
 x Y-K et al., 2006