

# Synoptic Arctic *Survey*



«I am best suited to work with systematic observations and to make some sense of them.»  
*H. U. Sverdrup [quotation from Munk, 2000]*



## **Celebrating** the first Synoptic Arctic Survey

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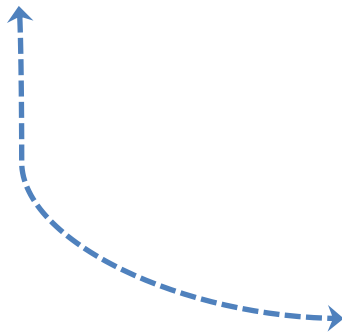
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## Motivations for SAS → 2030

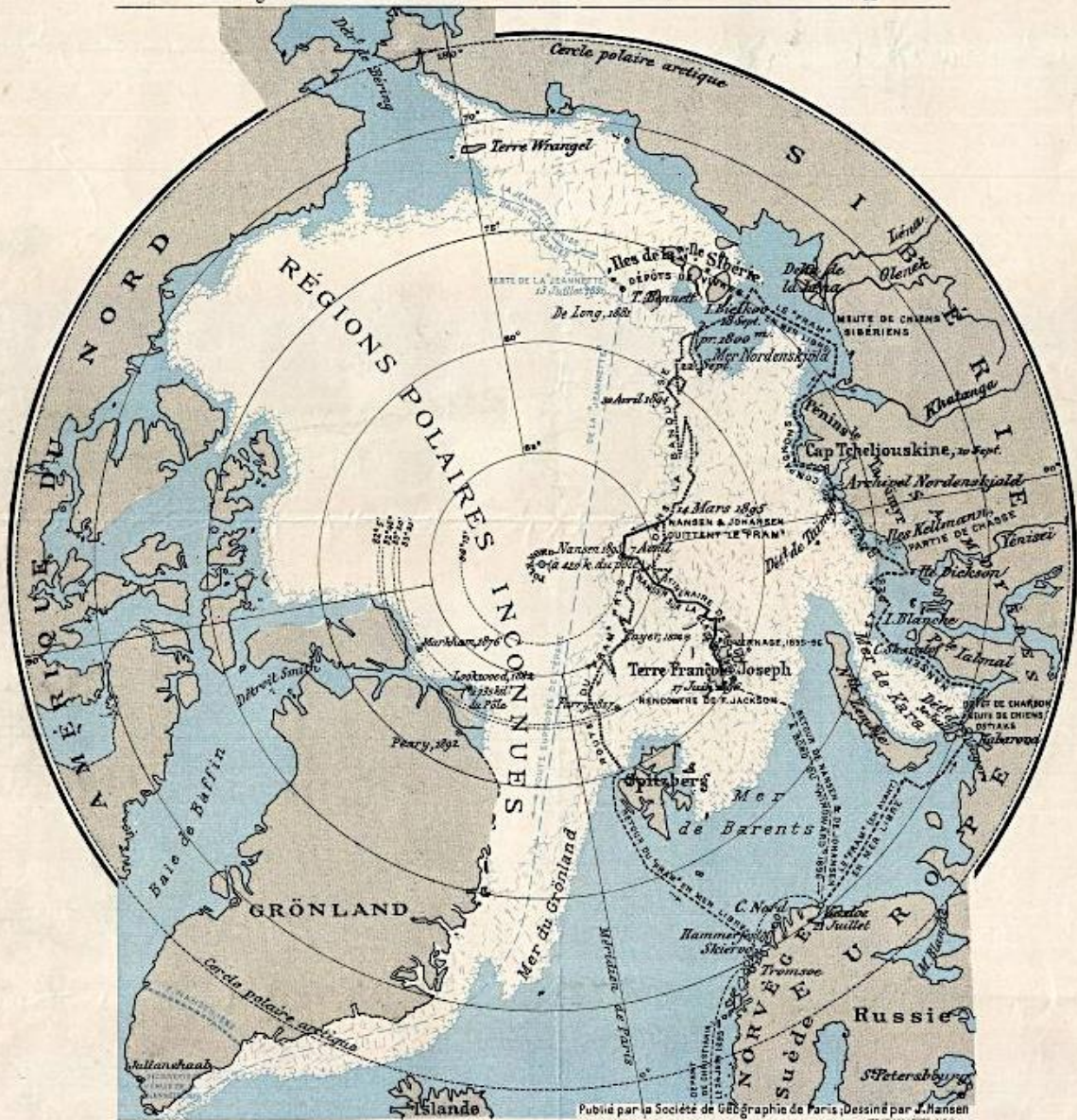
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- SAS accomplishments
- Scientific progress
- Tipping Points
- Synergies ICARP/IPY 2032-33
- Aspiring polar scientists\*
- New infrastructure\*



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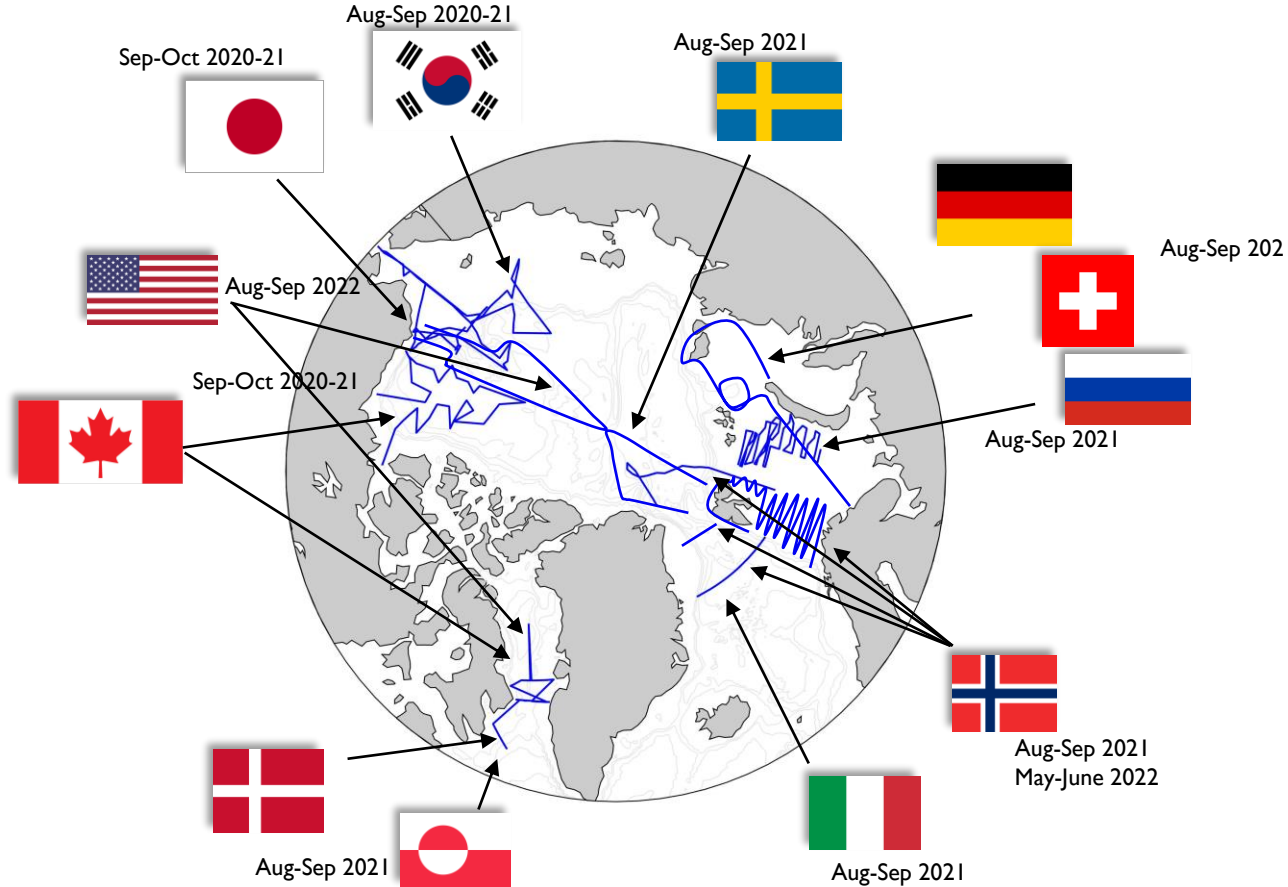
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# SAS accomplishments



2020-2022:  
15 cruises  
12 nations  
Data  
Networks  
Collaboration



• Most cruises completed, missing only US 2022

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Enhanced simulated early 21st century Arctic sea ice loss due to CMIP6 biomass burning emissions



BY PATRICIA DEREPENTIGNY, ALEXANDRA JAHN, MARIKA M. HOLLAND, JENNIFER E. KAY, JOHN FASULLO, JEAN-FRANÇOIS LAMARQUE, SIMONE TILMES, CÉCILE HANNAY, MICHAEL J. MILLS, DAVID A. BAILEY, ANDREW P. BARRETT • SCIENCE ADVANCES • VOL. 8, NO. 30 • 27 JUL 2022

The mechanisms underlying decadal variability in Arctic sea ice remain actively debated. Here, we show that variability in boreal biomass burning (BB) emissions strongly influences simulated Arctic sea ice on multidecadal time scales. In particular, we ...

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Arctic Ocean Amplification in a warming climate in CMIP6 models



BY QI SHU, QIANG WANG, MARIUS ÂRTHUN, SHIZHU WANG, ZHENYA SONG, MIN ZHANG, FANGLI QIAO • SCIENCE ADVANCES • VOL. 8, NO. 30 • 27 JUL 2022

Arctic near-surface air temperature warms much faster than the global average, a phenomenon known as Arctic Amplification. The change of the underlying Arctic Ocean could influence climate through its interaction with sea ice, atmosphere, and the global ...

PERSPECTIVE

## Arctic wildfires at a warming threshold

BY ERIC POST, MICHELLE C. MACK • SCIENCE • VOL. 378, NO. 6619 • 03 NOV 2022 : 470-471

# [The Arctic is still hot!]

REPORT

## Climate change drives rapid decadal acidification in the Arctic Ocean from 1994 to 2020



BY DI QI, ZHANGXIAN OUYANG, LIQI CHEN, YINGXU WU, RUIBO LEI, BAOSHAN CHEN, RICHARD A. FEELY, LEIF G. ANDERSON, WENLI ZHONG, HONGMEI LIN, [...] WEI-JUN CAI **+9 authors** • SCIENCE VOL. 377, NO. 6614 • 29 SEP 2022 : 1544-1550

The Arctic Ocean has experienced rapid warming and sea ice loss in recent decades, becoming the first open-ocean basin to experience widespread aragonite undersaturation [saturation state of aragonite ( $\Omega_{\text{arag}} < 1$ )]. However, its trend toward long-term ...

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Unprecedented fire activity above the Arctic Circle linked to rising temperatures

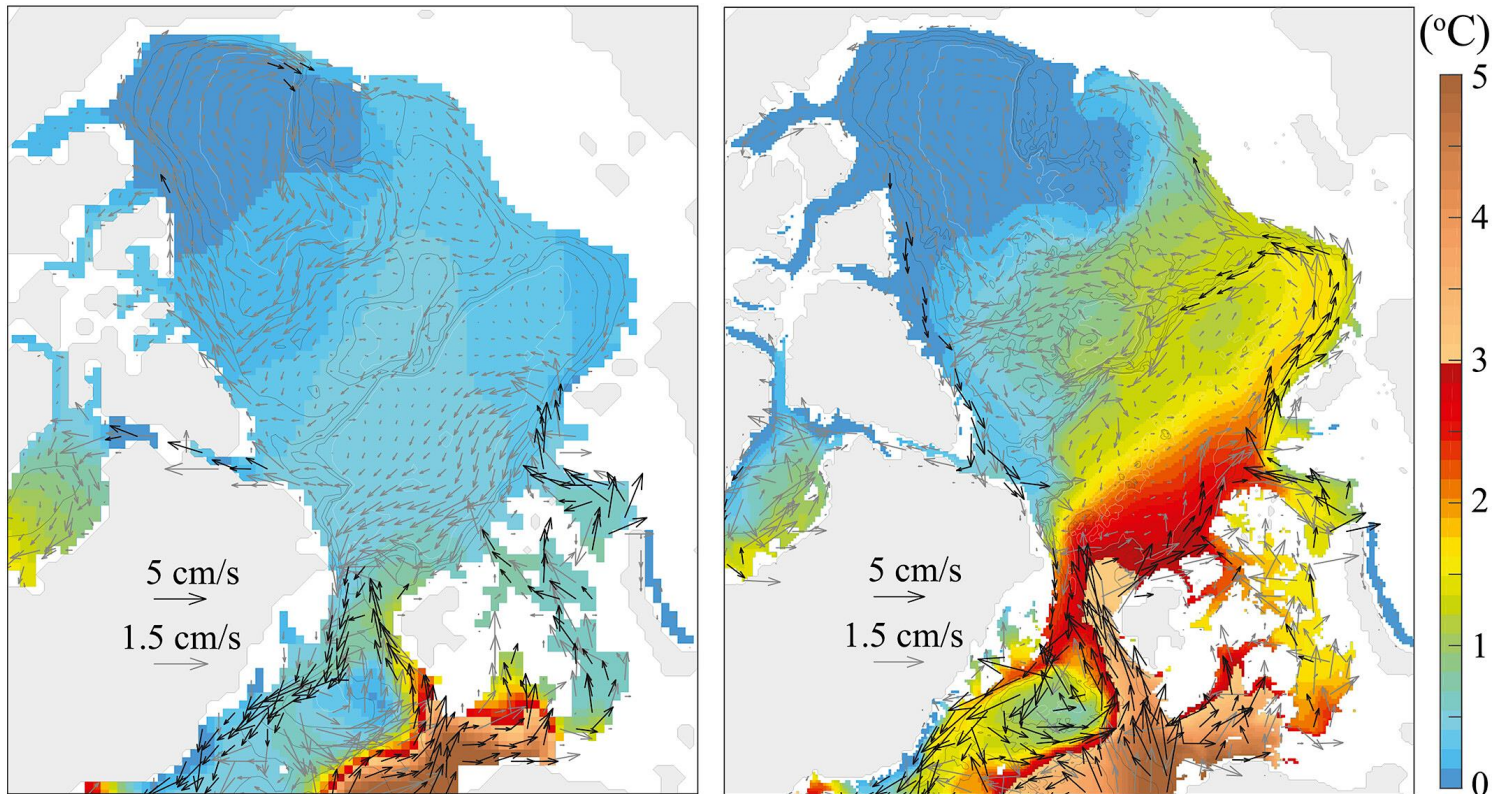


BY ADRIÀ DESCALS, DAVID L. A. GAVEAU, ALEIXANDRE VERGER, DOUGLAS SHEIL, DAISUKE NAITO, JOSEP PEÑUELAS • SCIENCE • VOL. 378, NO. 6619 • 03 NOV 2022 : 532-537

Arctic fires can release large amounts of carbon from permafrost peatlands. Satellite observations reveal that fires burned ~4.7 million hectares in 2019 and 2020, accounting for 44% of the total burned area in the Siberian Arctic for the entire 1982–2020 ...

## Scientific progress

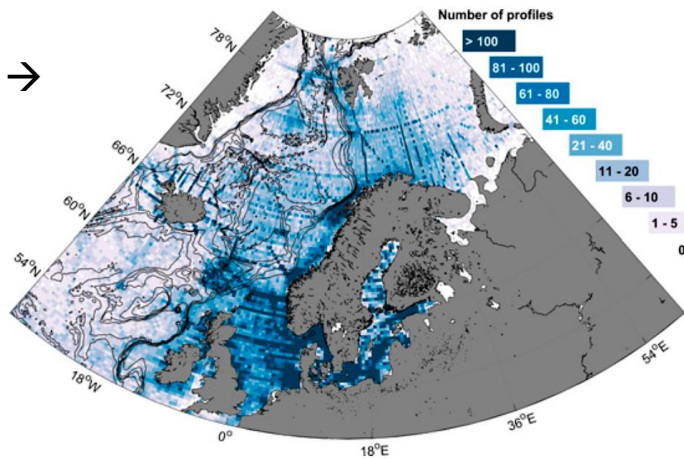
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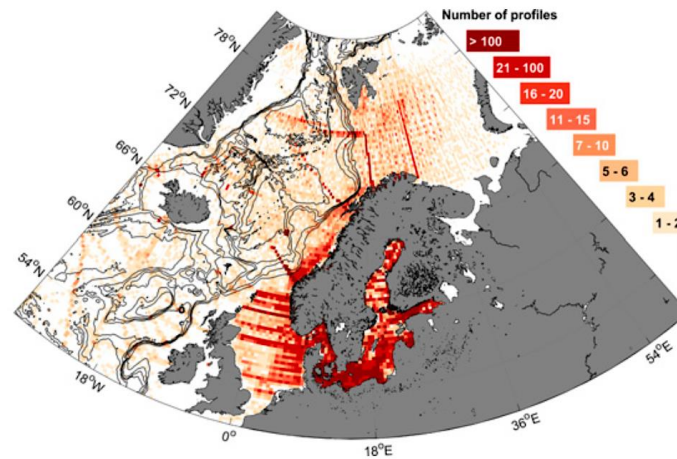
Left: ECCOv4r3 (left, averaged over  $2 \times 2$  grids). Right: ASTE\_R1 (right, averaged over  $6 \times 6$  grids). The color scale shows temperature at the same depth from the two solutions. Vector arrows are grouped into speed ranges of [0–1.5] cm/s (gray) and [1.5–5] cm/s (black), with the vector length scales provided.

# Despite progress: Arctic Ocean data gap

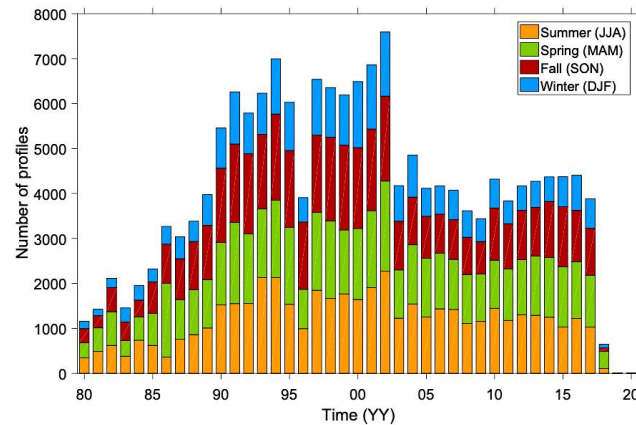
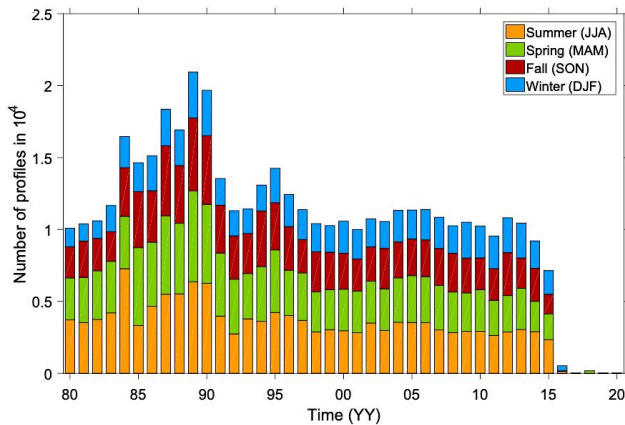
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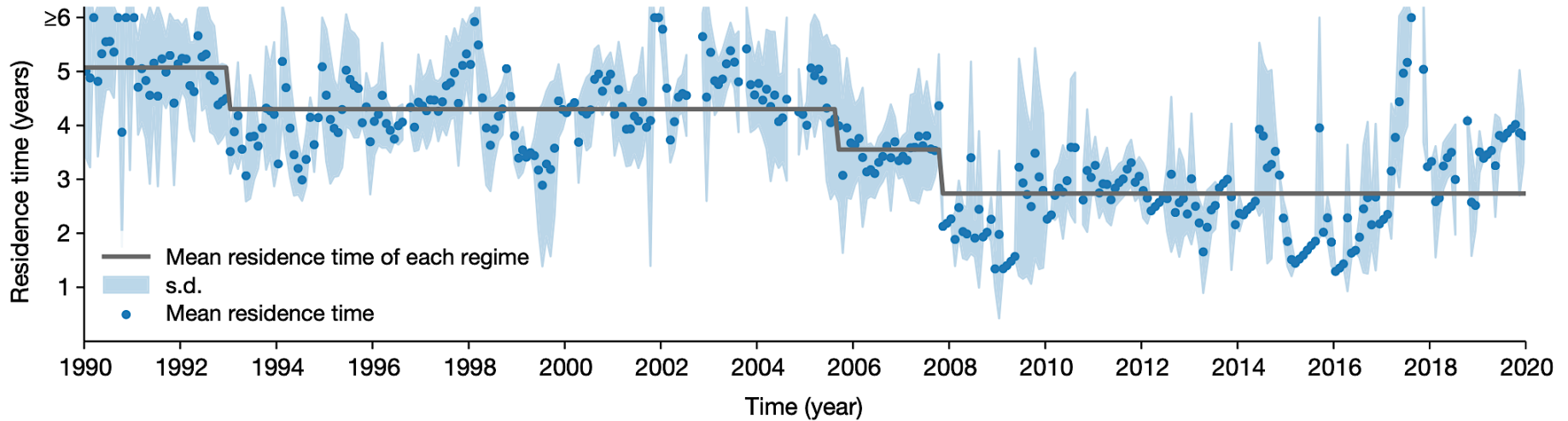
← Salinity



→ Seasonal distribution



# Tipping points in the Arctic Ocean







WORLD  
METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION

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## Building the arctic science community



**YOOPP**  
YEAR OF  
POLAR  
PREDICTION

**MOSAIC**  
International  
Arctic Drift  
Expedition

Geneva, Switzerland 2015

# Synergies with international initiatives (IPY2032/3)



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## The 4th International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP IV) Process (2022 - 2026)

In the lead up to its 35th anniversary in 2025, the [International Arctic Science Committee \(IASC\)](#) is coordinating a **multi-year planning process** for the **Fourth International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP IV)** lasting from **2022 until 2026** that will engage Arctic researchers, Indigenous Peoples, policy makers, residents and stakeholders from around the world to collegially discuss the state of Arctic science, the place the Arctic occupies in global affairs and systems. ICARP IV will

- consider the **most urgent knowledge gaps** and **Arctic research priorities and needs** for the **next decade**, and
- explore avenues to **address these research needs**.

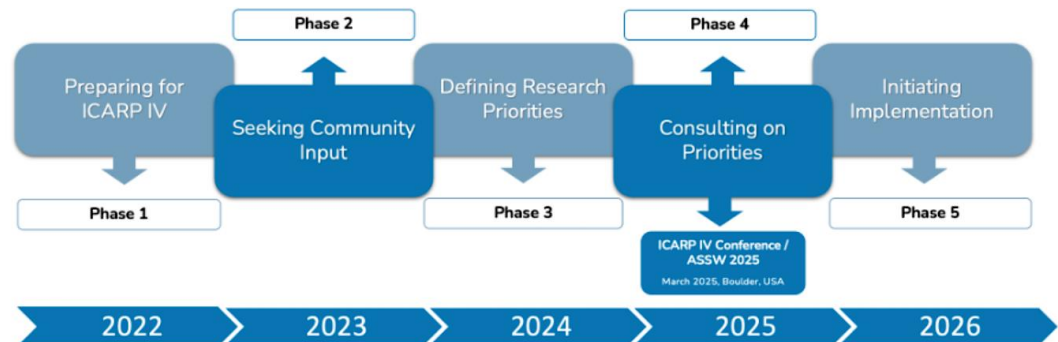
### Phases of the ICARP IV Process (2022 - 2026):

#### Phase 1 - Preparing for ICARP IV (2022):

- ICARP IV [International Steering Committee](#) and ICARP IV [Conference Host Committee](#) formed
- ICARP IV **Engagement and Communication Plan** developed.

#### Phase 2 - [Seeking Community Input](#) (2023):

- Workshops, Townhall Meetings, Community Listening Sessions, Talking Circles, Webinars, Surveys, Assessments, Statements, etc.





## A string of SAS papers?



**ELEMENTA**  
Science of the Anthropocene

Rabe, B, et al. 2022. Overview of the MOSAiC expedition: Physical oceanography. *Elem Sci Anth*, 10: 1. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.2021.00062>

### INTRODUCTION

## Overview of the MOSAiC expedition: Physical oceanography

Benjamin Rabe<sup>1,\*</sup> , Céline Heuzé<sup>2,\*</sup> , Julia Regnery<sup>1</sup> , Yevgeny Aksenov<sup>3</sup> , Jacob Allerholt<sup>1</sup>, Marylou Athanase<sup>1</sup>, Youcheng Bai<sup>4,5</sup> , Chris Basque<sup>6</sup>, Dorothea Bauch<sup>7</sup> , Till M. Baumann<sup>8,9</sup> , Dake Chen<sup>10,11,12</sup>, Sylvia T. Cole<sup>6</sup> , Lisa Crow<sup>13</sup> , Andrew Davies<sup>6</sup>, Ellen Damm<sup>14</sup> , Klaus Dethloff<sup>14</sup> , Dmitry V. Divine<sup>15</sup> , Francesca Doglioni<sup>1</sup> , Falk Ebert<sup>16</sup>, Ying-Chih Fang<sup>1,17</sup> , Ilker Fer<sup>8,9</sup> , Allison A. Fong<sup>1</sup> , Rolf Gradinger<sup>18</sup> , Mats A. Granskog<sup>15</sup> , Rainer Graupner<sup>1</sup>, Christian Haas<sup>1,19</sup> , Hailun He<sup>4,10</sup> , Yan He<sup>20,21,22</sup> , Mario Hoppmann<sup>1</sup> , Markus Janout<sup>1</sup> , David Kadko<sup>23</sup> , Torsten Kanzow<sup>1,19</sup> , Salar Karam<sup>2</sup> , Yusuke Kawaguchi<sup>24</sup> , Zoe Koenig<sup>8,9,15</sup> , Bin Kong<sup>20,21,22</sup> , Richard A. Krishfield<sup>6</sup> , Thomas Krumpen<sup>1</sup> , David Kuhlmeier<sup>1</sup>, Ivan Kuznetsov<sup>1</sup> , Musheng Lan<sup>25</sup>, Georgi Laukert<sup>6,26,27</sup>, Ruibo Lei<sup>25</sup> , Tao Li<sup>28,29</sup> , Sinhué Torres-Valdés<sup>1</sup> , Lina Lin<sup>20,21,22</sup> , Long Lin<sup>4,10</sup> , Hailong Liu<sup>12</sup>, Na Liu<sup>20,21,22</sup> 



# A major conference?

## Welcome and Thank You

Presenting Partners



Leader



Pre-Summit Partner



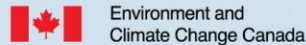
Collaborators



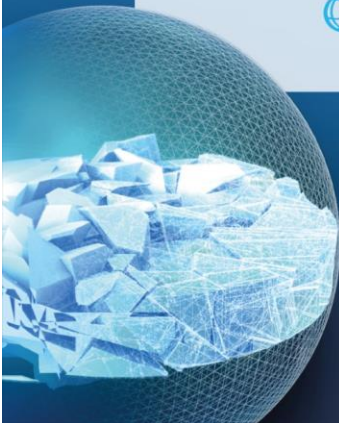
Green Partner



Outreach Mentor



Special Thanks



# Year of Polar Prediction Final Summit



## Lessons learned and ways forward

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(1) **The Arctic Beehive** – numerous organizations and initiatives, still critical to work close with major international organizations like IASC and WMO etc.

- *Still tricky. Who's responsible for what? Where to store data, access data?*

(2) **The Value of Baselines.** 'Baselines' are incredibly important both for past datasets (for comparison), for present understanding and for future studies (and site/cruise selections).

- *Making the SAS 'baselines' are still work in progress.*

(3) **Broaden the scope.** Time is ripe to broaden the disciplinary scope. We started off with three thematic areas – physical oceanography, marine ecosystems and carbon cycle and acidification – now more can be included.

- *Modelling, eDNA, fish, freshwater run-off from land and ice, modelling and Argo', AUV'*

(4) **Data revolution.** Despite a data revolution with autonomous data measurements, empirical data will still be very very important. And many of them cannot be collected in any other way.

(5) **Community.** The Arctic Science Community is a friendly place where international collaboration is the true cog in the machinery. It is our responsibility to carry that tradition on.

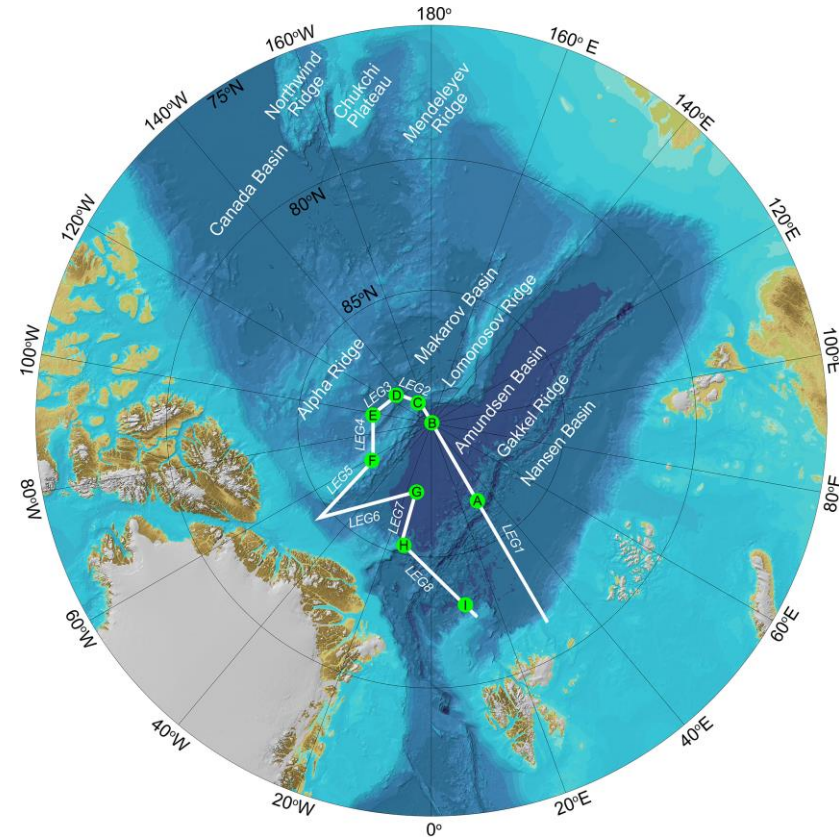


## → What is it? What will it be?

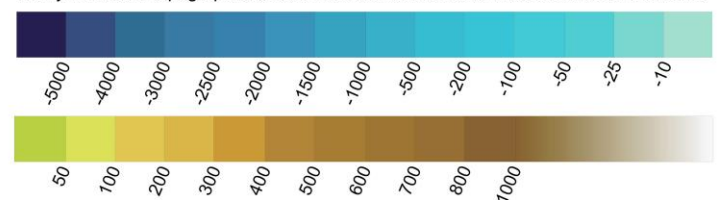
I) **SAS** is a bottom-up, researcher driven, initiative having secured the collection of empirical data from the Arctic ocean in 2020-2022 by the means of research vessels.

II) **THE GOAL** is to generate a comprehensive dataset that allow for an improved characterization of the Arctic Ocean including its (i) physical oceanography, (ii) marine ecosystems and (iii) carbon cycle and acidification.

III) **THE SAS DATASET** will provide unique baselines, which will allow us to track climate change and its impacts as they unfold in the Arctic.



Bathymetric and topographic colours indicate meters above and below Mean Sea Level





## New political premises for Arctic research

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# INTEGRITY AND SECURITY IN THE GLOBAL RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

OECD SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY  
**POLICY PAPERS**

June 2022 No. 130



- New (2020-22) set of policy documents
- For good reasons, but they come with a prize
- They will impact int. projects in ways hard to foresee
- Initiatives like YOPP, SAS and MOSAIC are complex bodies with many nationalities.



*Tackling R&I foreign interference*

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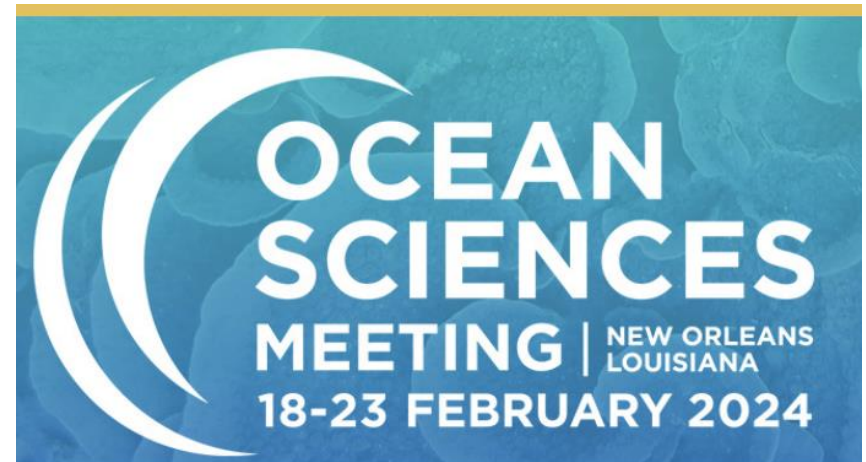
*«Today's allies or friends can quickly be perceived as tomorrow's threats.»*



## Upcoming SAS meetings

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Town Hall Meeting: *The International Synoptic Arctic Survey (SAS) Program – Accomplishments to Date and Planning for SAS2030* has been submitted to the 2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting.







## Towards the Second Synoptic Arctic Survey – SAS→2030

- Continue to build the Arctic Research Community
- Utilize the impressive amount of data collected
- Connect with the modelling community
- The SAS SSC needs to be strengthened and expanded
- Connect with the new International Polar Year initiative

<https://synopticarcticsurvey.w.uib.no>

Thanks