# Korean Biological Oceanography Activity in western Arctic Ocean

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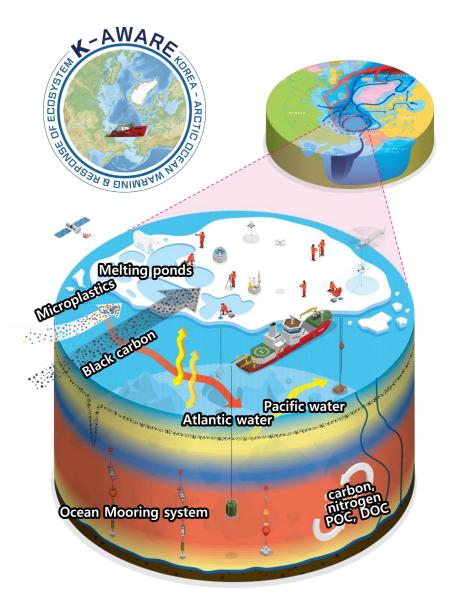
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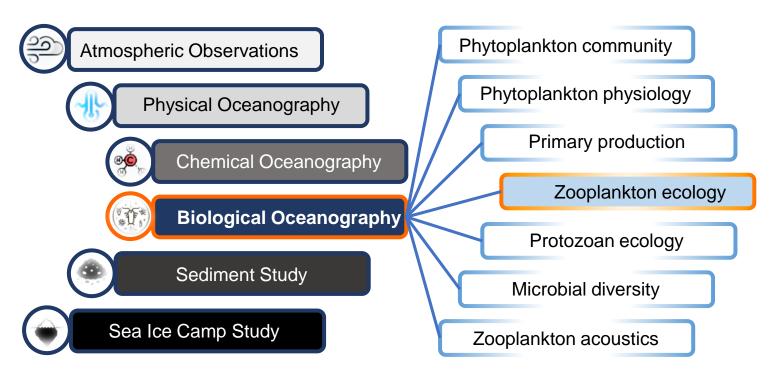
and K-AWARE Team

[2022. 8. 16 Arctic Ocean Expedition]

### 1. Arctic Research Area of K-AWARE by ARAON



- Korea-Arctic Ocean WArming & Responses of Ecosystem (K-AWARE, ~2026)
- Western Arctic Ocean; Chukchi Sea, Chukchi Borderland, East Siberian Sea



# Phytoplankton community & physiology

- Total and size-fractioned Chl-a
- Picophytoplankton (FACs)
- Flowcytobot & Microscopy (species)
- Pigments (HPLC)
- Physiology (FIRe)





#### Ichthyoplankton and Fish

- Frame trawl net, and hand net
- eDNA sampling from water depth
- Deep sea Camera system





# Carbon & Nitrogen Uptake rates

- Six depths for PP and NP
- 4-24h incubation with stable isotopes (<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>15</sup>NH3 and <sup>15</sup>NH4)



#### **Benthic fauna**

 Benthos samples were collected with a dredge (3cm mesh) for 1 hr on the East Siberian and Chukchi shelves





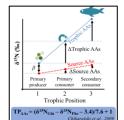
# Protozoa community & Grazing

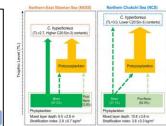
- Abundance of heterotrophic protists (4-5 depths)
  - -> Microscopy
- 1- 2 days incubation for grazing rate (deck incubation)



#### Marine Food web

 Amino acid δ<sup>15</sup>N analysis to determine its trophic position





AA  $\delta^{15}N$  enrichment pattern

[Choi etal., 2021]

# Mesozooplankton community & production

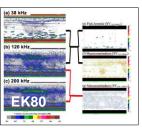
- Community (Bongo Net 150 & 330um)
  - -> Microscopy & UVP 6
- Respiration
- Grazing Exp (deck incubation)





#### **Bio- and Fishery acoustics**

- Zooplankton and fish distribution with ship-based echosounder (EK80)
- Soundscape for marine mammals on the East Siberian Shelf





## 3. Preliminary results: Phytoplankton community

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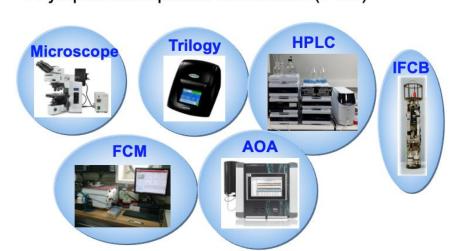
- Surface Chl-a concentrations were relatively higher in the Bering Strait and Chukchi Shelf than those in the Arctic Ocean.
- In the NCS and the NESS, the surface <u>Chl</u>-a concentrations were similar with the low values, but size-fractionated <u>Chl</u>-a exhibited large spatial variations, indicating different phytoplankton community structures in these regions.

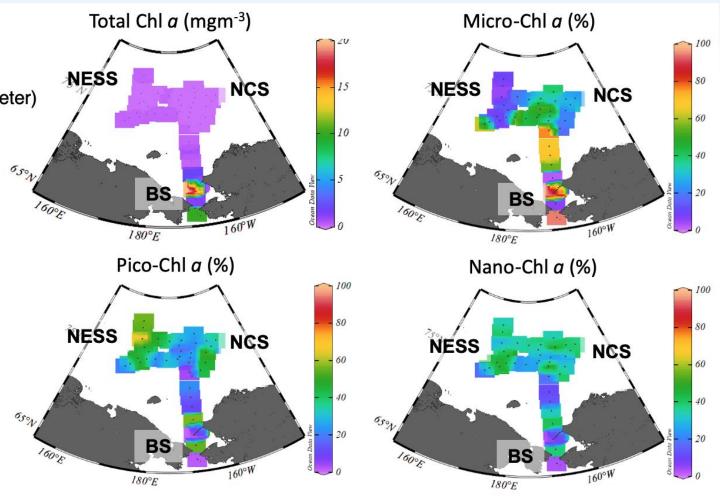
#### **Discrete samples**

- Phytoplankton species abundance (Microscope)
- Total and size-fraction Chl-a concentrations (Fluorometer)
- Phytoplankton group biomass (HPLC)
- Picophytoplankton abundance (FCM)

#### **Continuous underway measurements**

- Phytoplankton group fluorescence (AOA)
- Phytoplankton species abundance (IFCB)



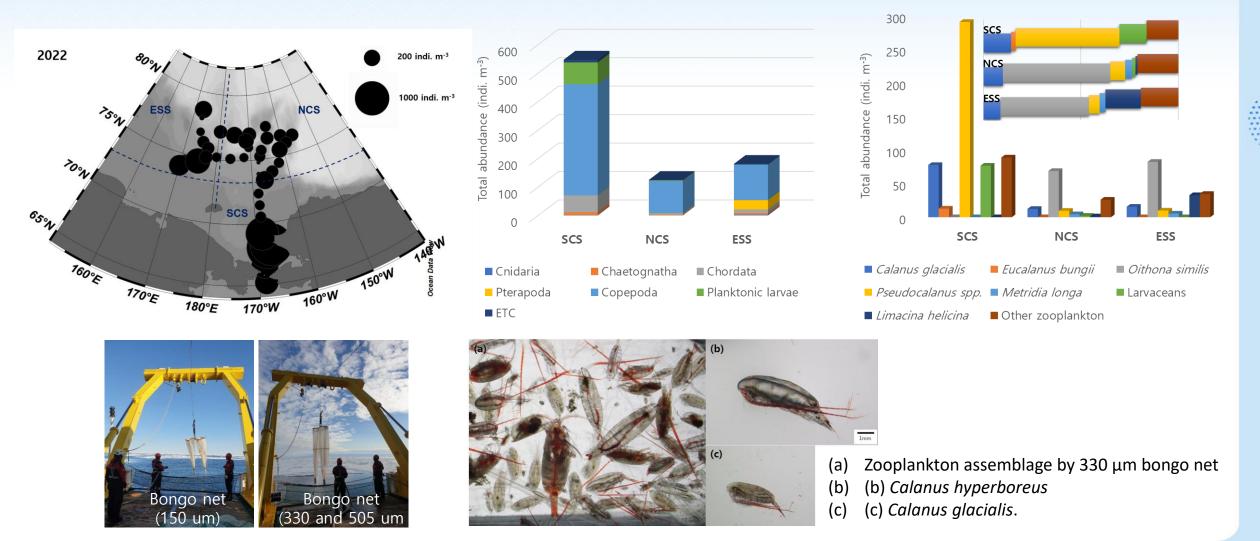


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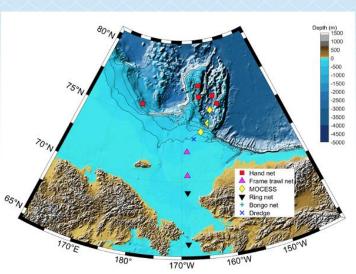
■ The mesozooplankton abundance ranged from 13 to 1,481 ind. m <sup>-3</sup>, and the predominant group was copepods at 7–1,392 ind. m <sup>-3</sup>

■ Pseudocalanus spp. were the predominant copepods in the Southern Chukchi Sea (SCS), Oithona similis was the predominant copepod in the Northern Chukchi Sea (NCS) & East Siberian Sea (ESS)



# 3. Preliminary results: Fish sampling

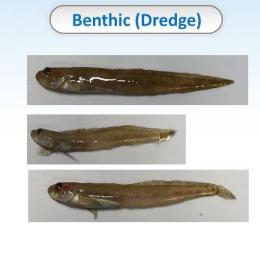
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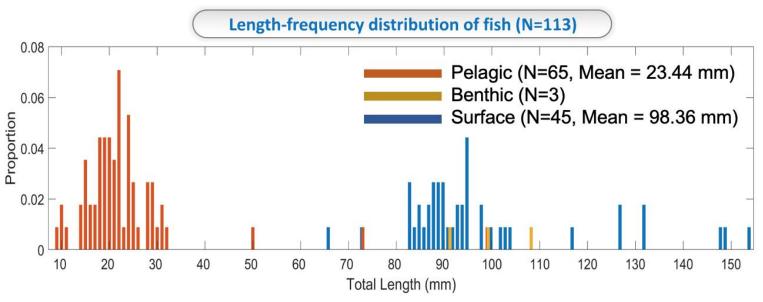








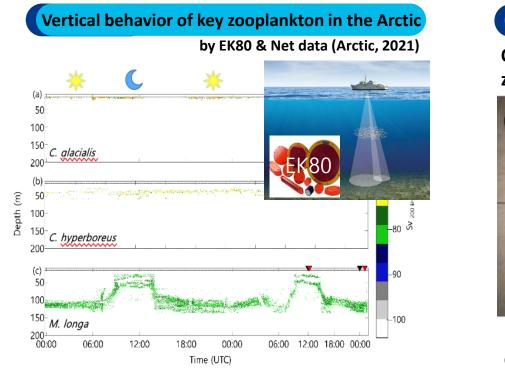


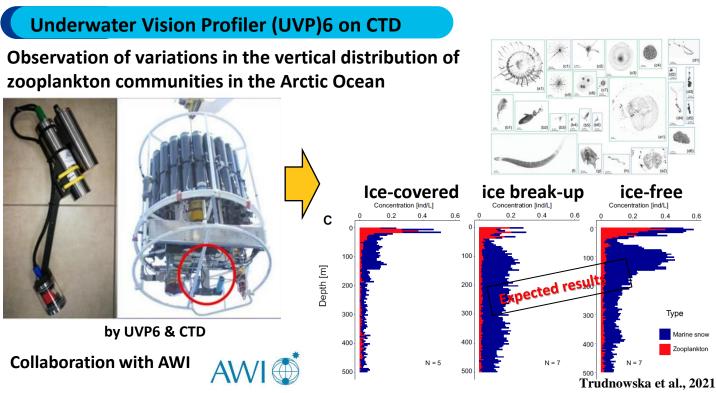


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#### Vertical behavior of key zooplankton in the Arctic

by EK80 & Net data (Arctic, 2021)



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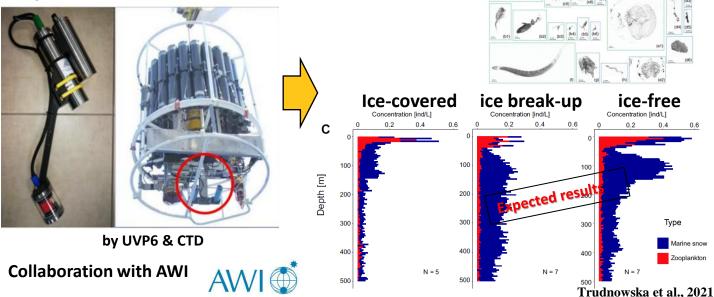
Distinct vertical behavior of key Arctic copepods following the midnight sun period in the East Siberian continental margin region, Arctic Ocean

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#### **Underwater Vision Profiler (UVP)6 on CTD**

Observation of variations in the vertical distribution of zooplankton communities in the Arctic Ocean



Son et al. 2023

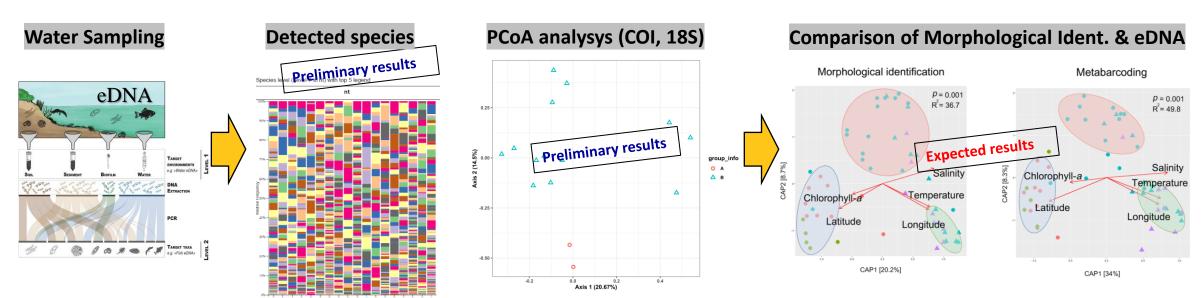
# Further Evidence by "Environmental DNA"

- Larvae & nauplii make up more than half of zooplankton, and most are morphologically difficult to identify
- **■** eDNA metabarcoding techniques can capture data from whole communities from water and soil
- More than 600 species (in Eukaryote, 400 species in Metazoan) were detected in the Arctic Ocean

#### Diversity of Metazoan Larvae

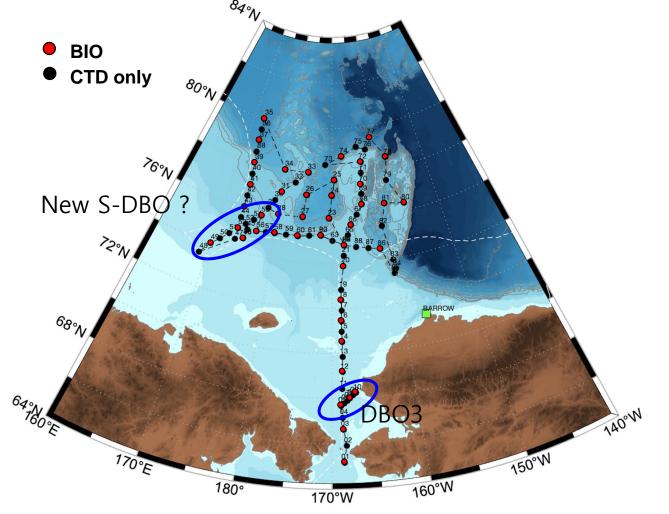


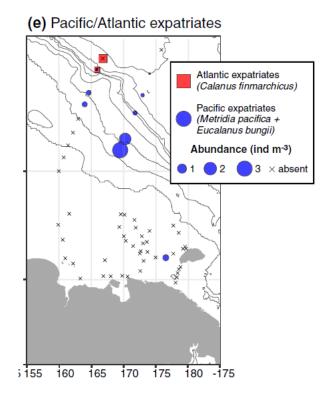
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- **■** Key Issues in biology: Invasion of Atlantic species and community changes due to influx of Atlantic waters



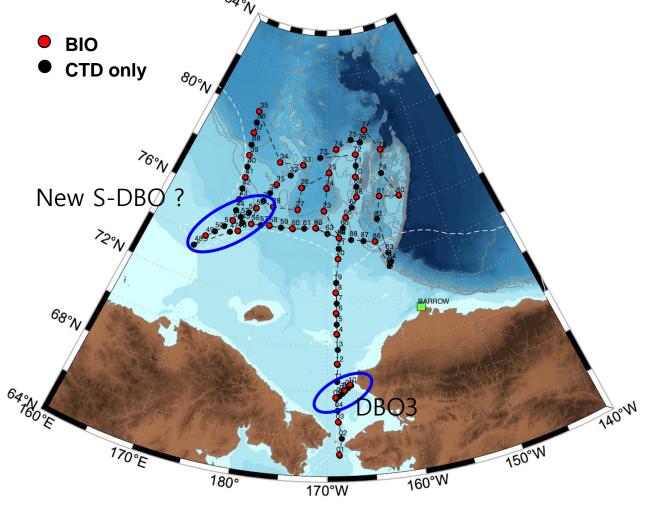


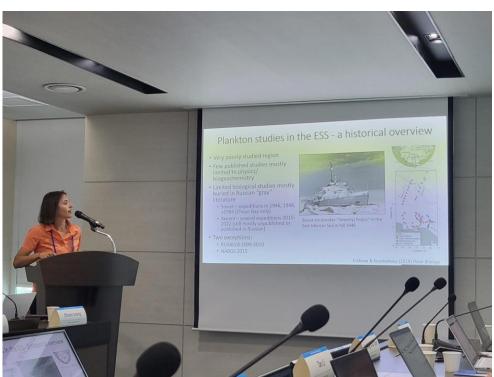
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## Korea-Japan visit for collaboration and synthesis paper

- Preparing a collaborative paper on the zooplankton community in the western Arctic Ocean
- Study of zooplankton community change in summer by synthesizing July(RV Mirai) and August data(RV ARAON)

<In Hokkaido Univ. 2023. 28<sup>th</sup> May ~ 3<sup>th</sup> June>

< Zooplankton data by RV ARAON + RV Mirai>



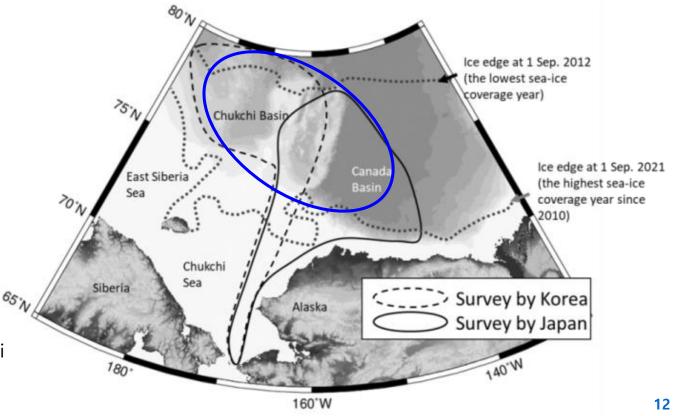
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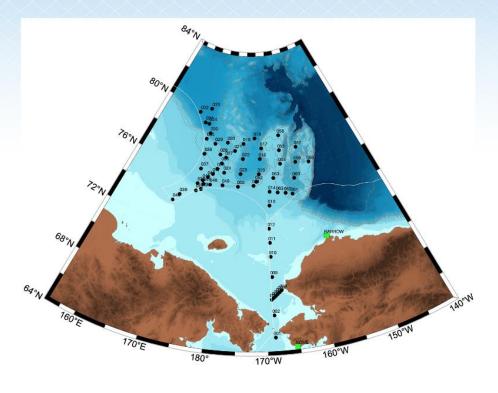
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# 4. Field plan in 2023



- Phytoplankton community structure, primary production, and physiology.
- Microzooplankton community structure and grazing impact.
- Mesozooplankton population and community structure.
- Vertical behavior of zooplankton and micronekton based on acoustic and net.
- Fish distribution with acoustic, net, and eDNA in the CAO.
- Soundscape (marine mammals) in the NESS.





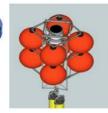


















Water sampler

Nets

Microscopy

**IFCB** Fluorometer

**FIRe** 

UVP6-HF

Sediment trap

**ADCP** 

**IPS** 

**EK80** 

**AZFP** 

Hydrophone

