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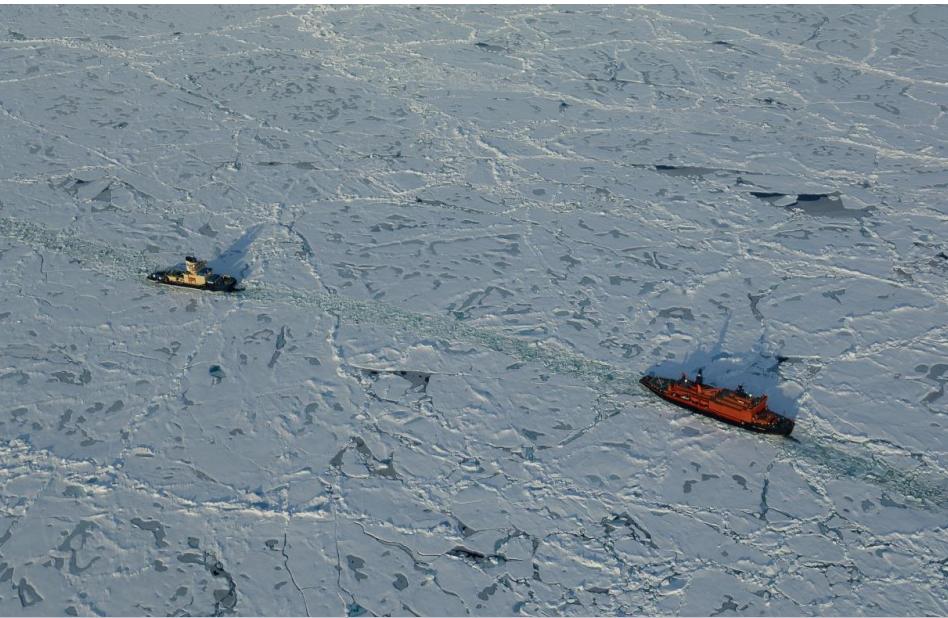


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**Arctic Ocean Bathymetric Mapping:  
Scientific discoveries and future challenges**

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# Mapping in Arctic Ocean Sea Ice



# MAJOR ICEBREAKERS OF THE WORLD

<b>RUSSIA</b> (37) + 4 under construction + 8 planned								

## CHINA

(1)	+ 1 planned	
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Been to the North Pole

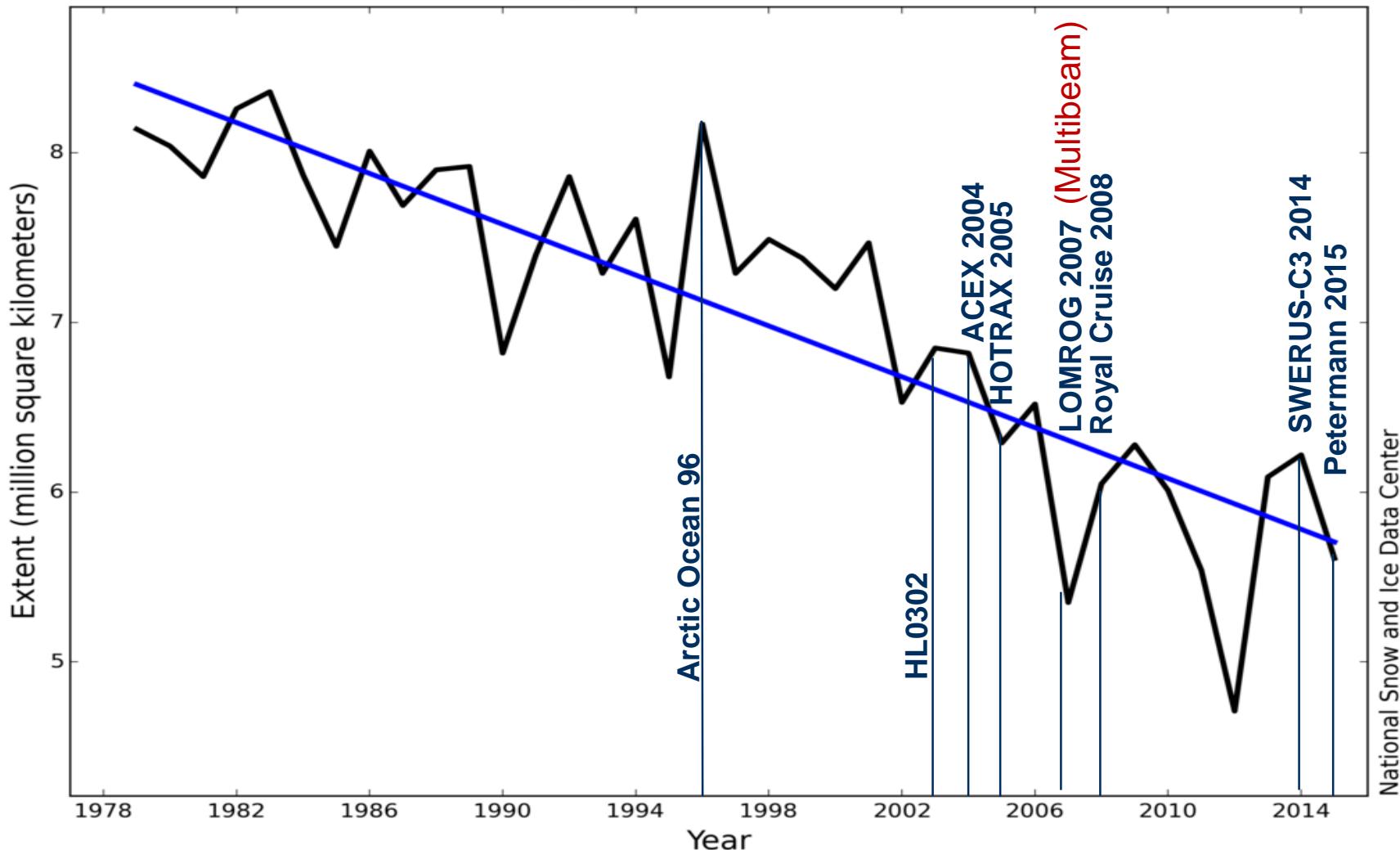


Been North of Greenland



Multibeam

## Average Monthly Arctic Sea Ice Extent August 1979 - 2015



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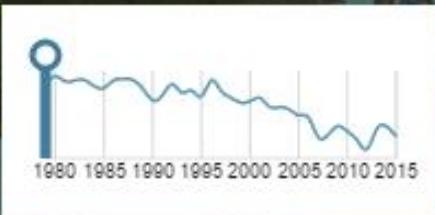


## Ice concentration chart

Toggle on/off

**September 1979**

**Ice area 7.22 million km<sup>2</sup>**



Drag the blue bar to select a year

Sea Ice concentration charts are based on satellite measurements and are provided by the [National Snow and Ice Data Center](#)

IB Oden multibeam

EM 122, 12 kHz,  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$



IB Oden sub-bottom profiler

SBP 120, 2-7 kHz,  $3^\circ \times 3^\circ$

IB Oden mid-water sonar  
EK60, 18 kHz, splitbeam

50-200 m

3-4 x water depth

Financed by:  
Knut and Alice Wallenberg Stiftelse  
Vetenskapsrådet  
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# ***RV Skidbladner***

## **Equipment:**

Multibeam: EM2040, 200/300/400 kHz,  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$

Side-scan: Klein 3000, 100/500 kHz

Sub-bottom profiler: Kongsberg EA600, 15 kHz

## **Boat:**

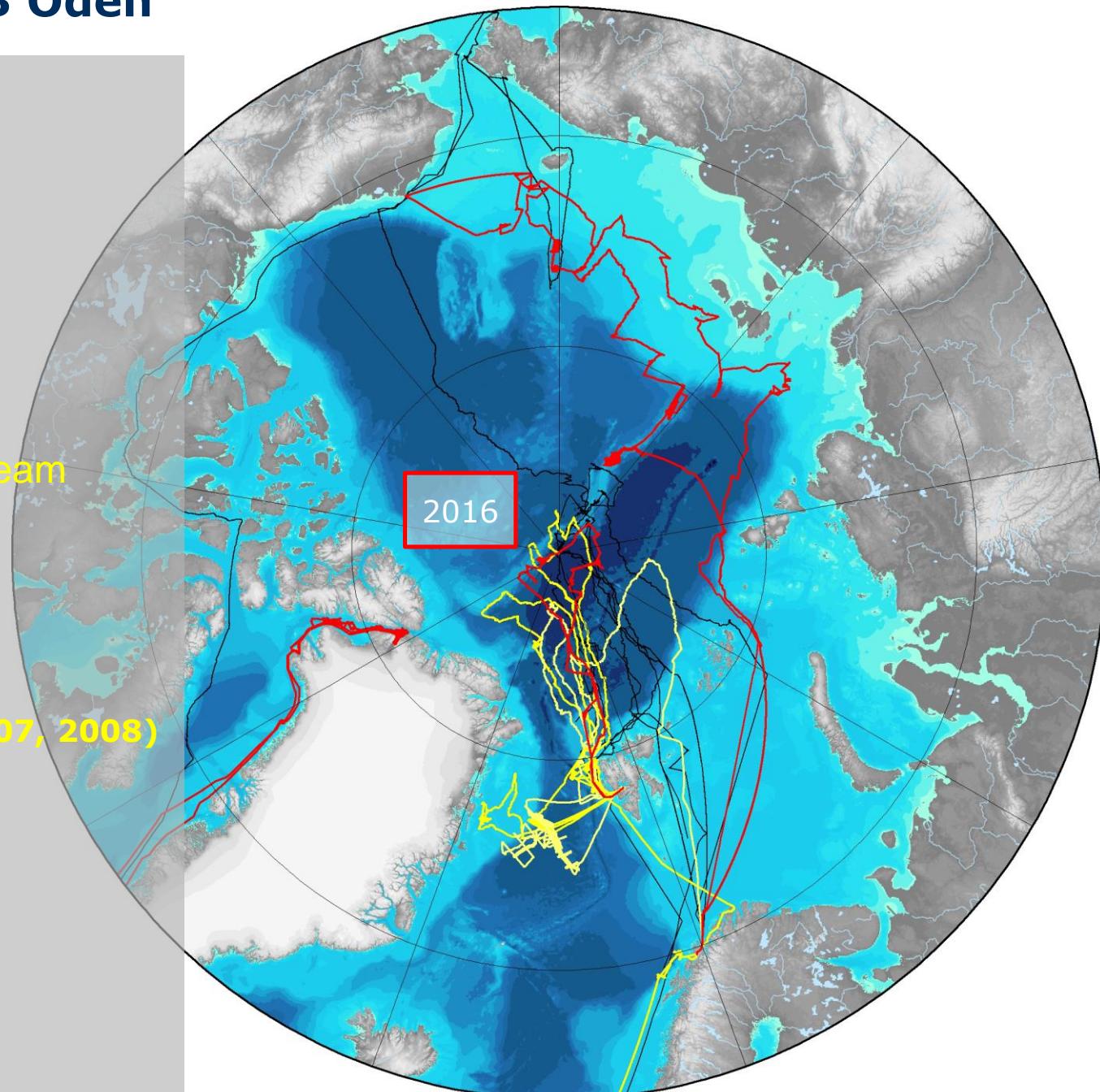
Arronet 20 CS

150 HP, Honda outboard, gasoline



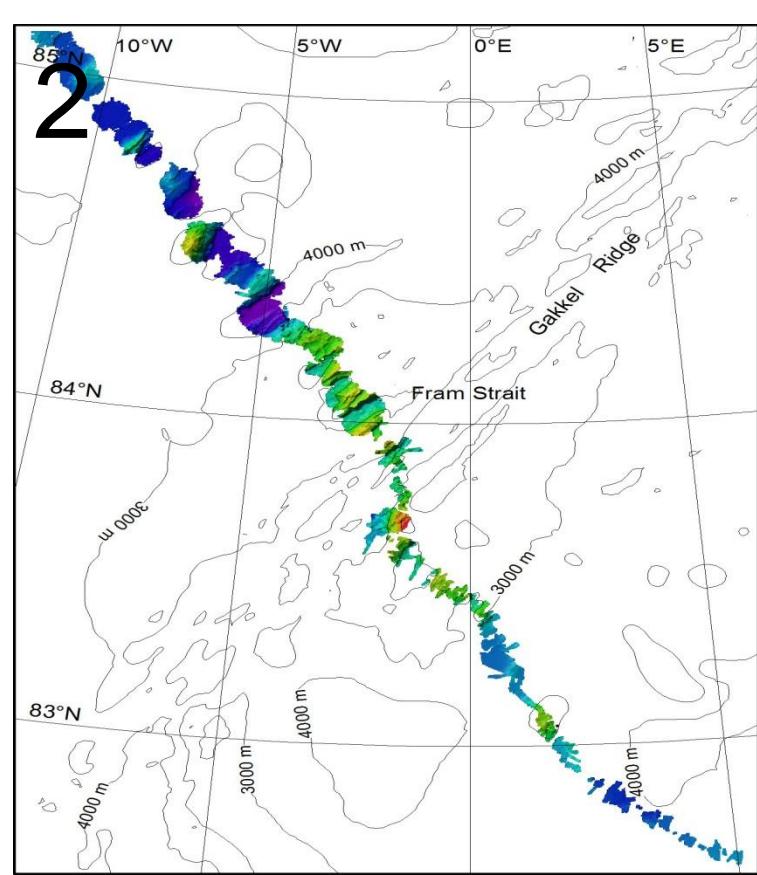
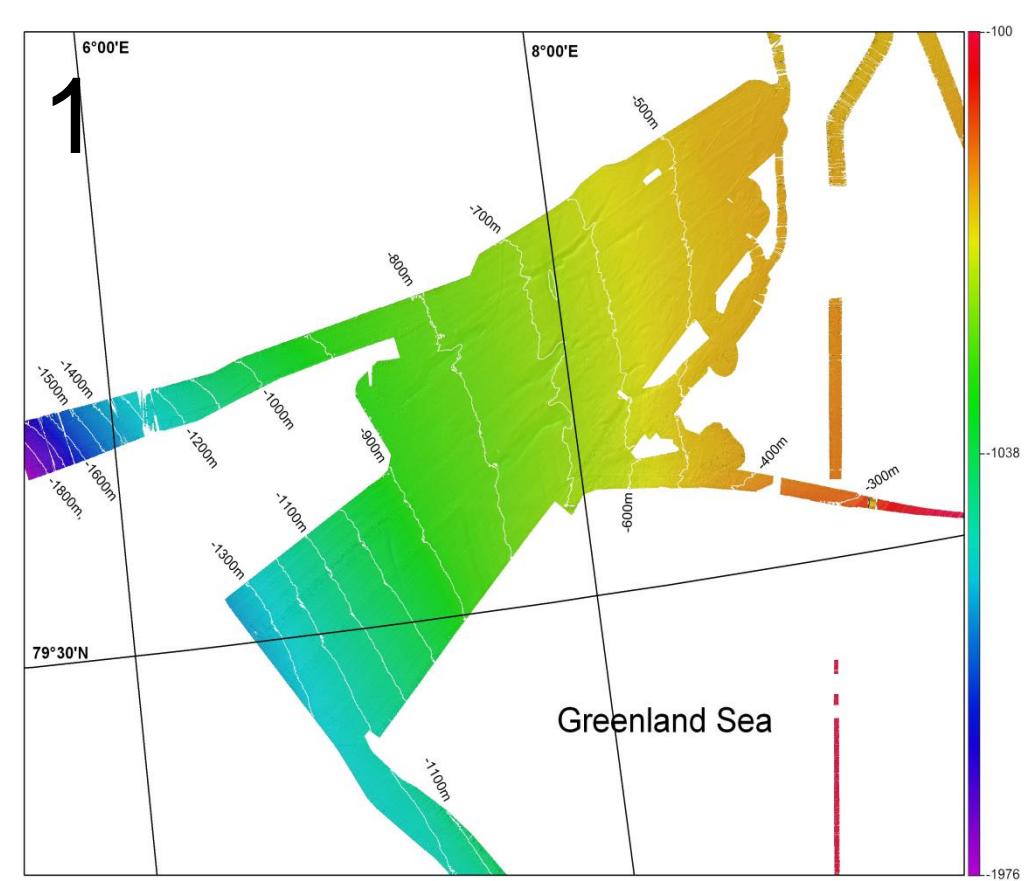
# Mapping with IB Oden

- Arctic Ocean 1991
- Arctic Ocean 1996
- Arctic Ocean 2001
- Arctic Ocean 2002
- ACEX – 2004
- Beringia 2005
- **Multibeam**
- **AGAVE 2007**
- **LOMROG 2007**
- **ASCOS 2008**
- **Multibeam SAT (2007, 2008)**
- **LOMROG 2009**
- **EAGER 2011**
- **LOMROG 2012**
- **SWERUS-C3 (2014)**
- **Petermann (2015)**



# Different polar survey modes in polar waters

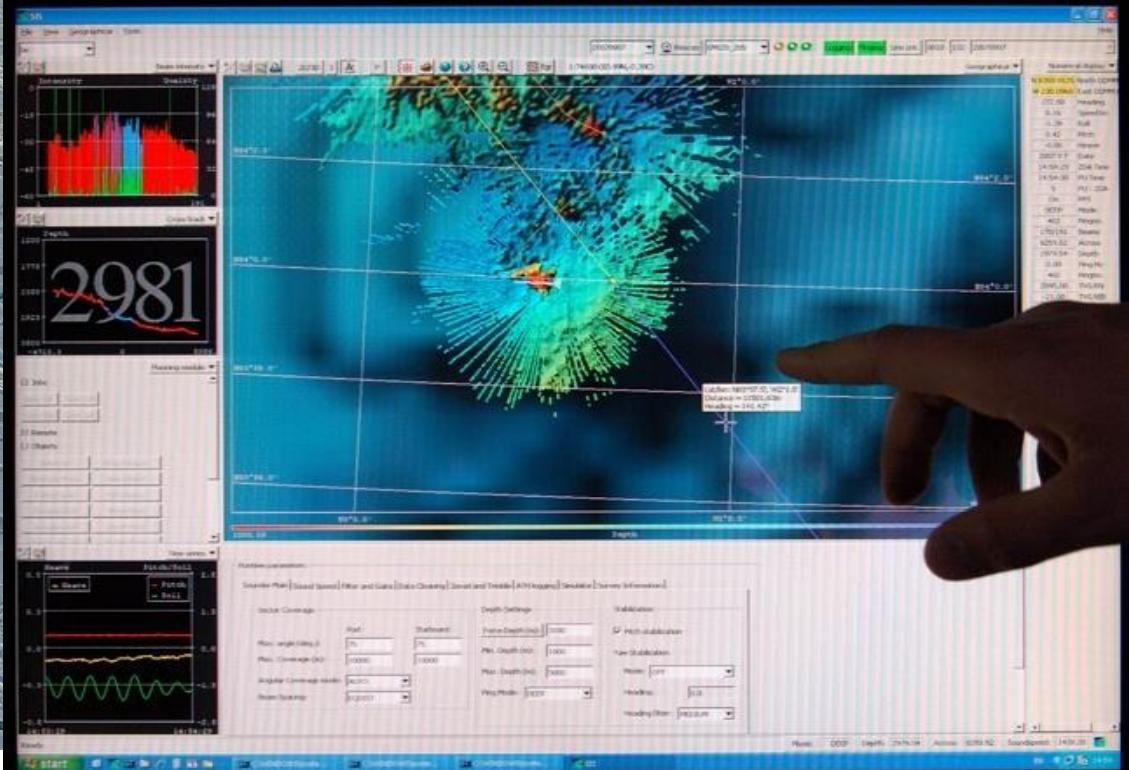




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## 10/10 ice conditions

"Pirouette Survey"



Finding or breaking up an opening large enough to spin the icebreaker around 360°.

Results: Worked superbly in 10/10, 4 m thick, ice conditions. Data can be difficult to process.





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# Scientific discoveries



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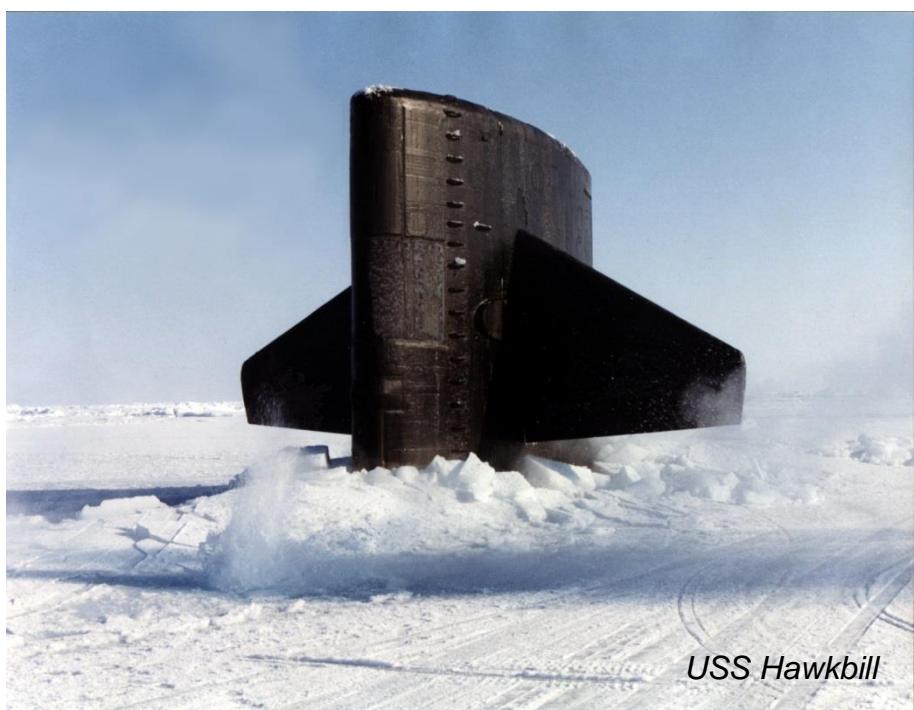
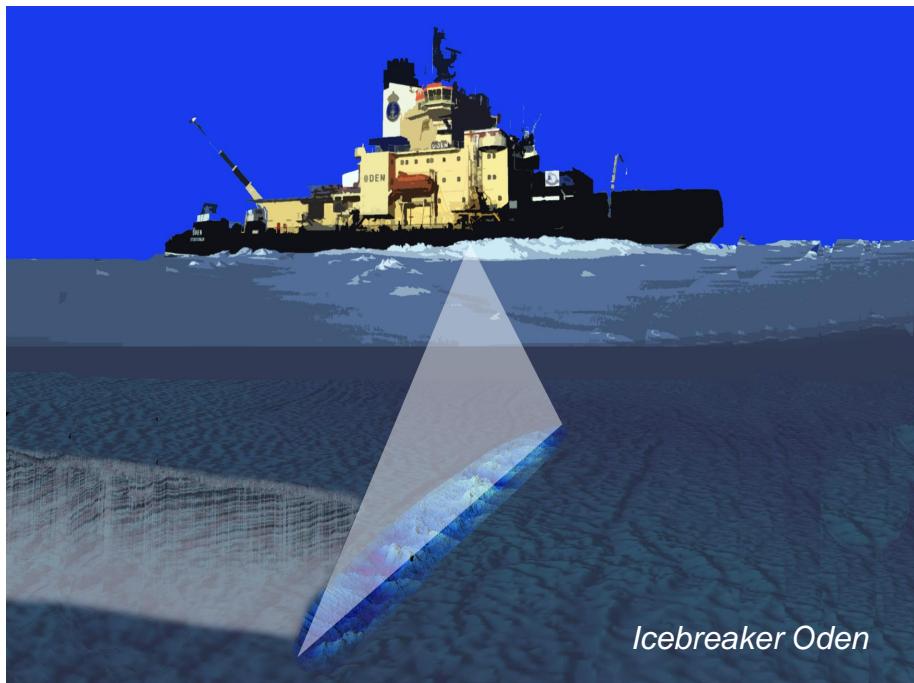
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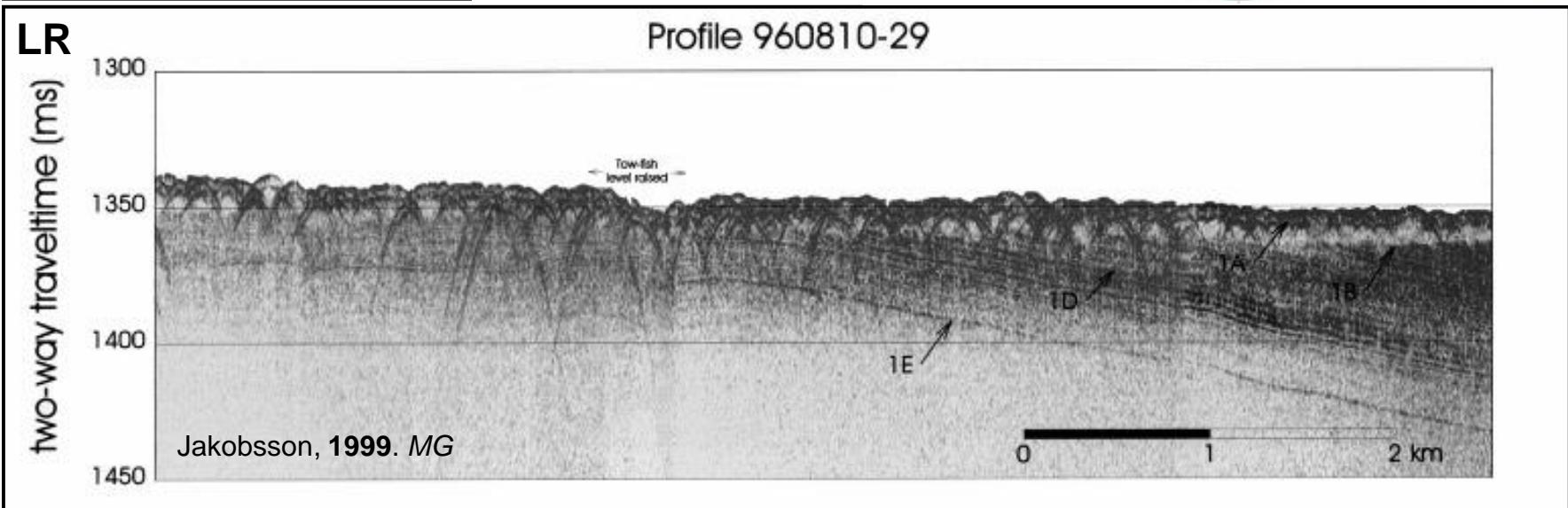
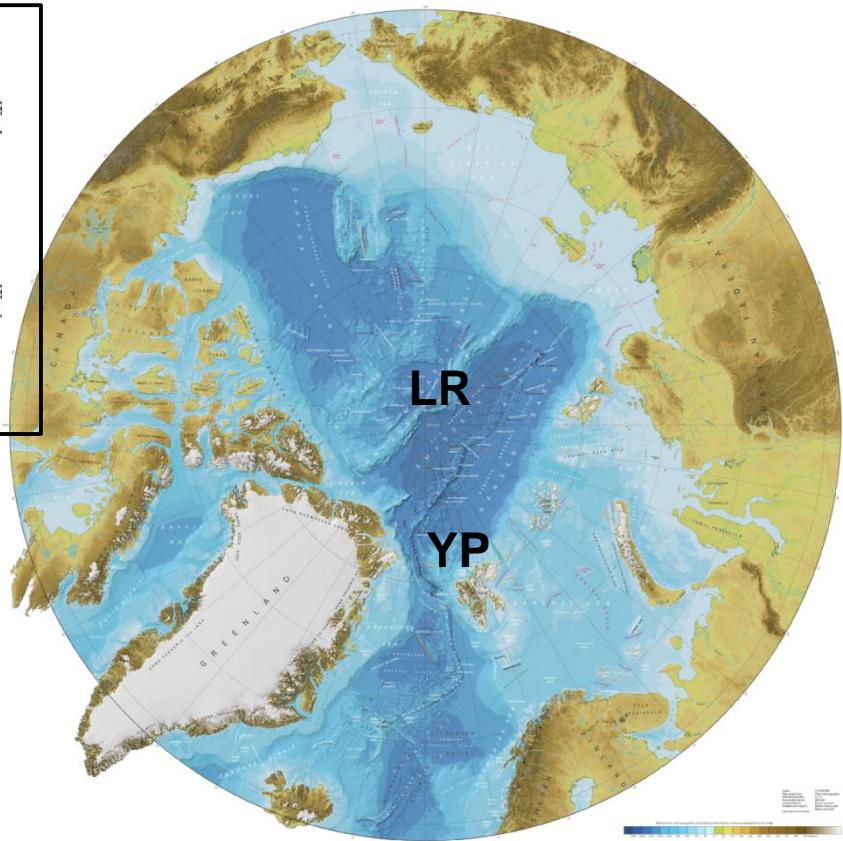
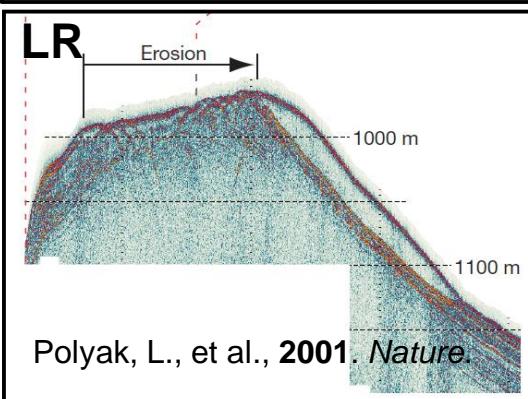
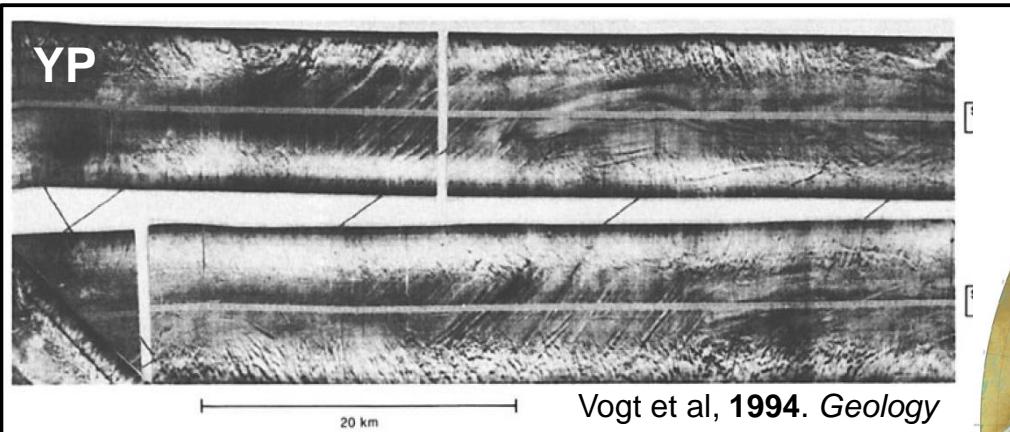
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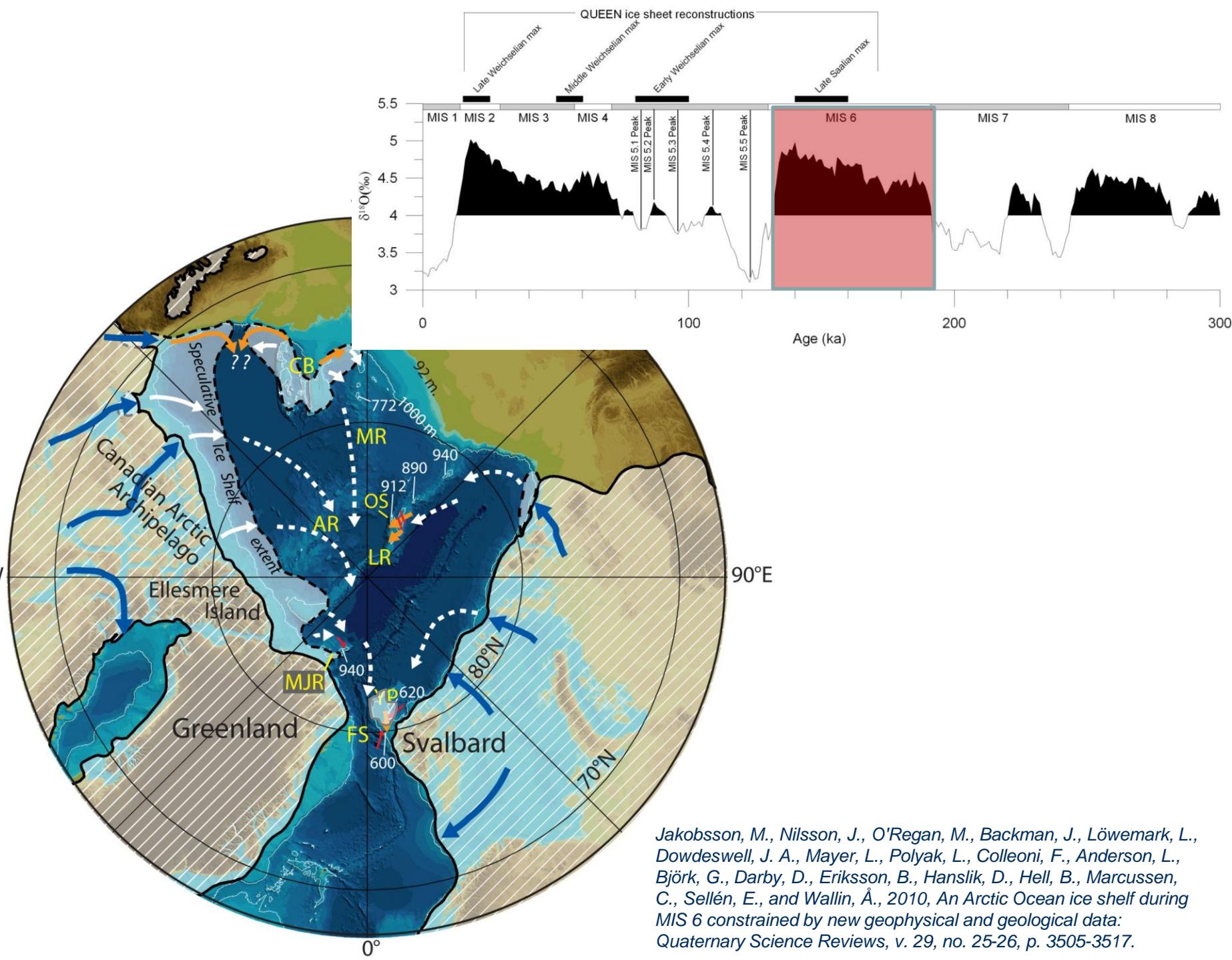
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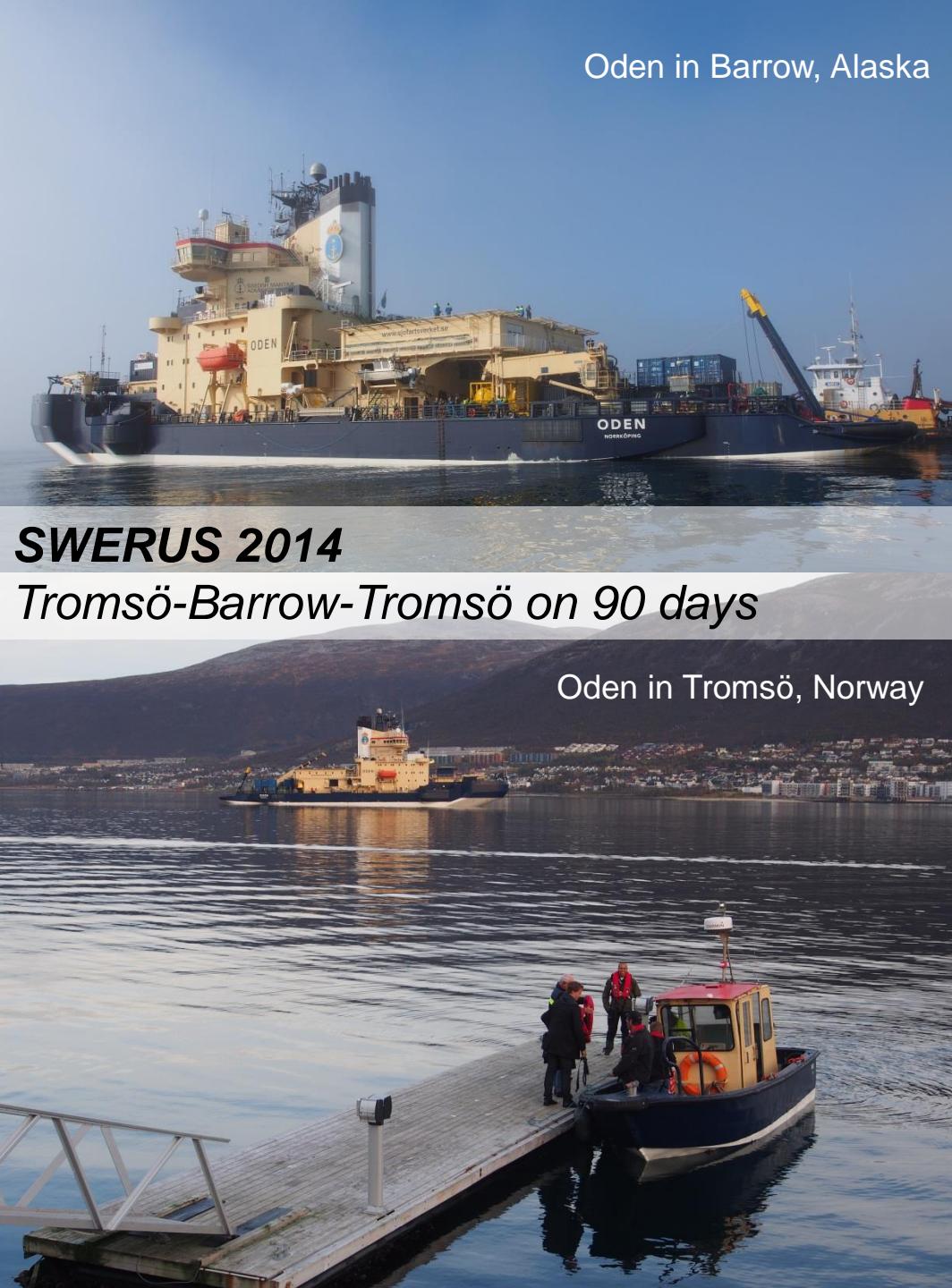
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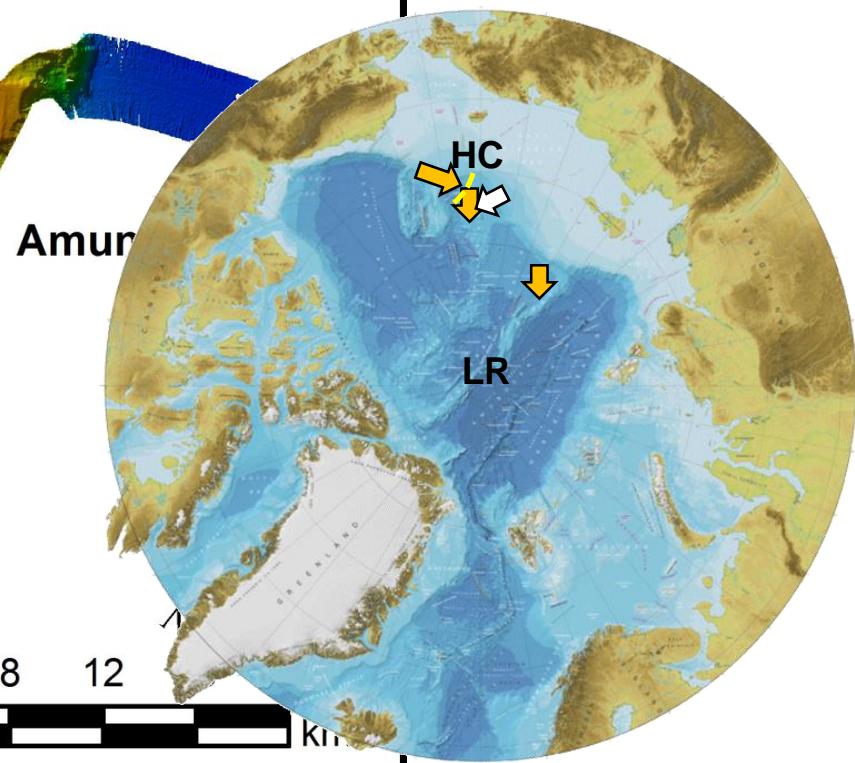
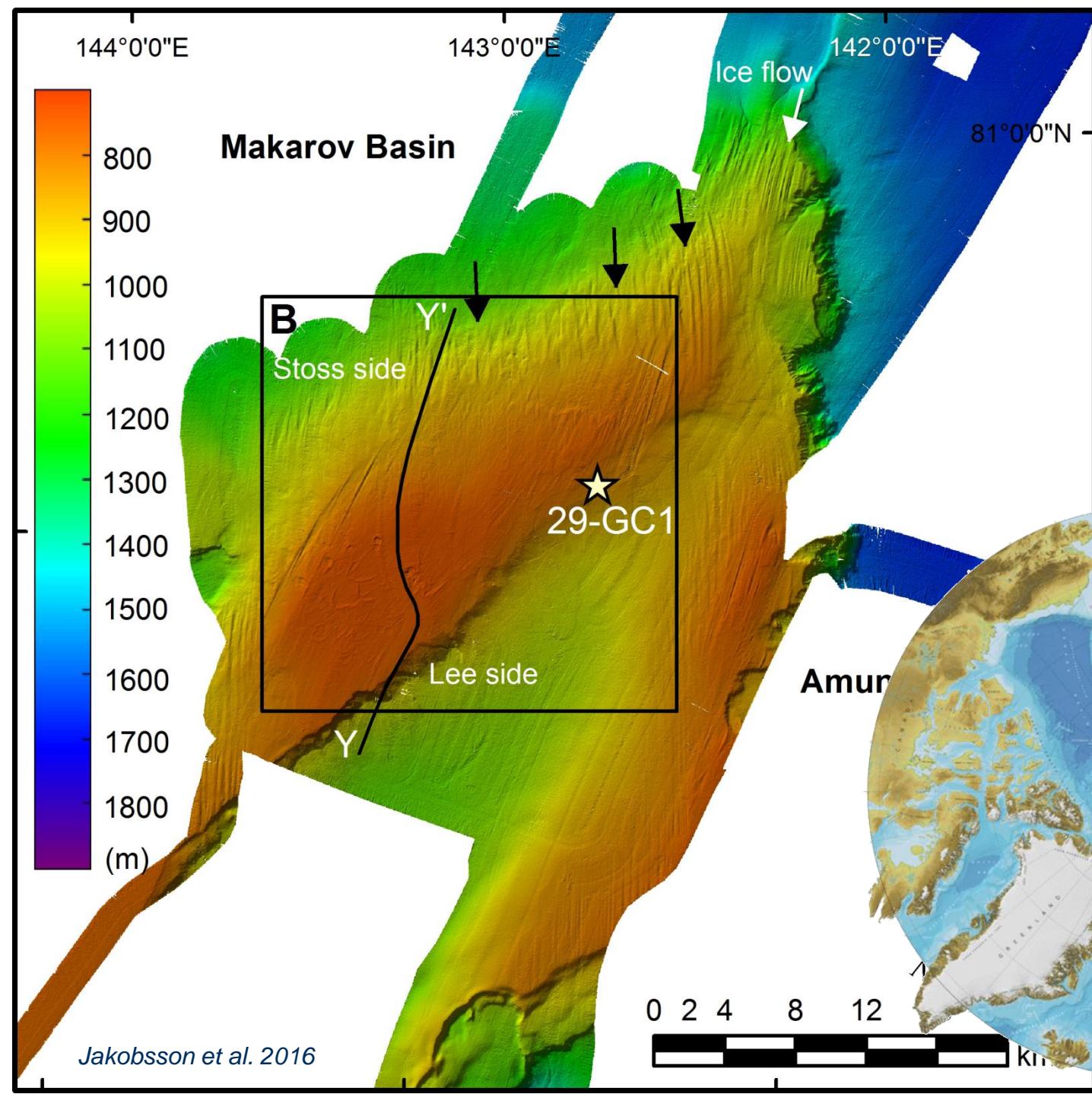
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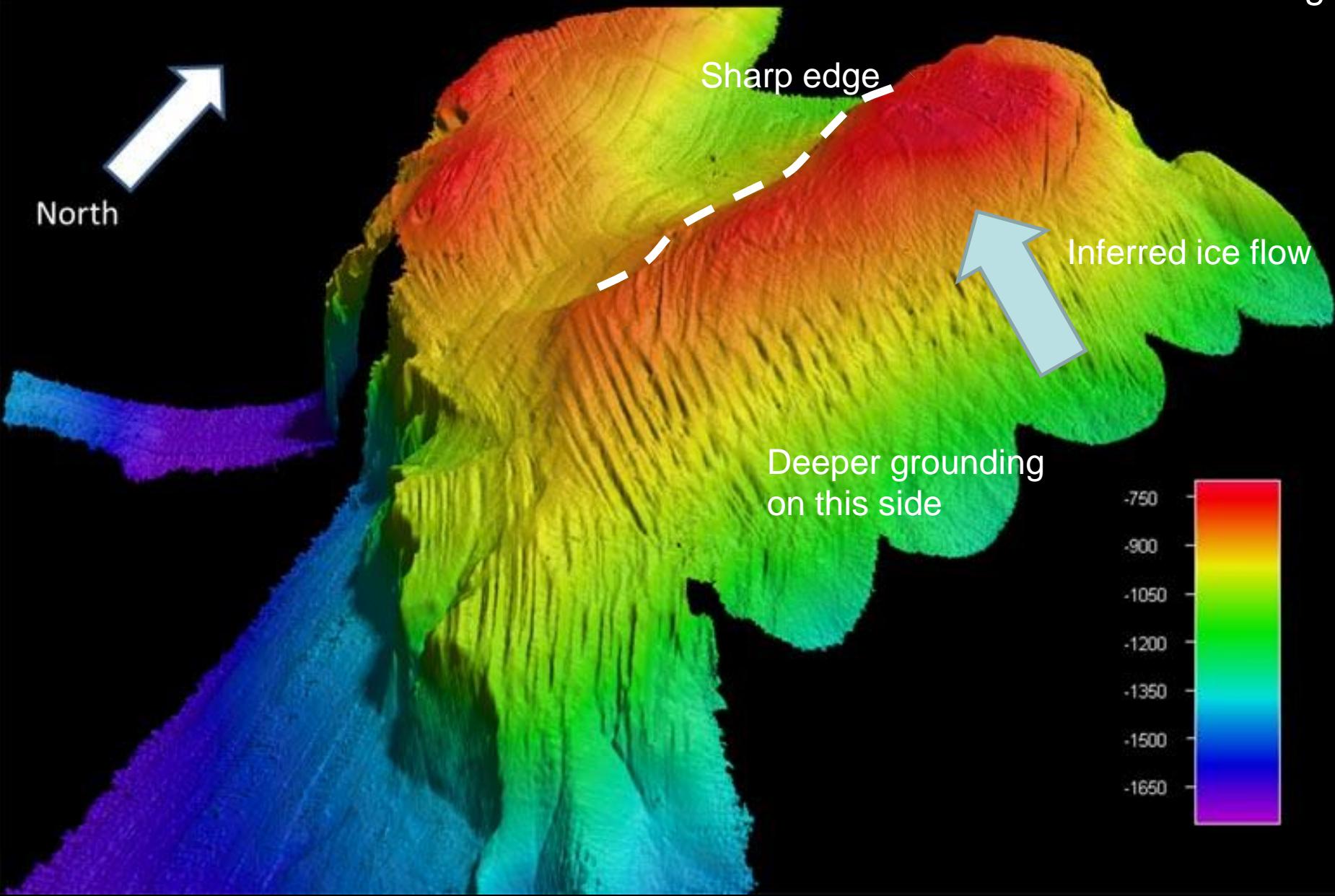


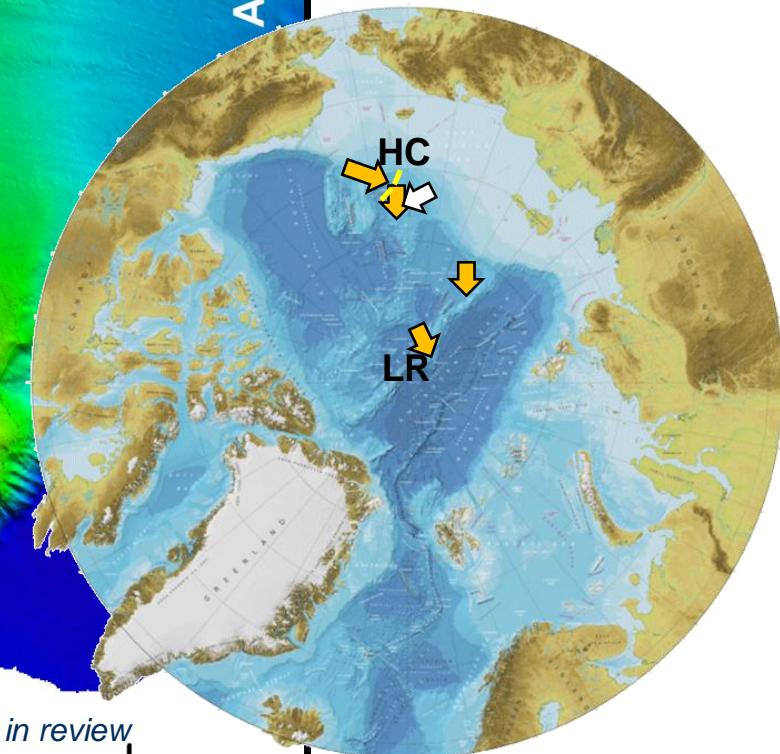
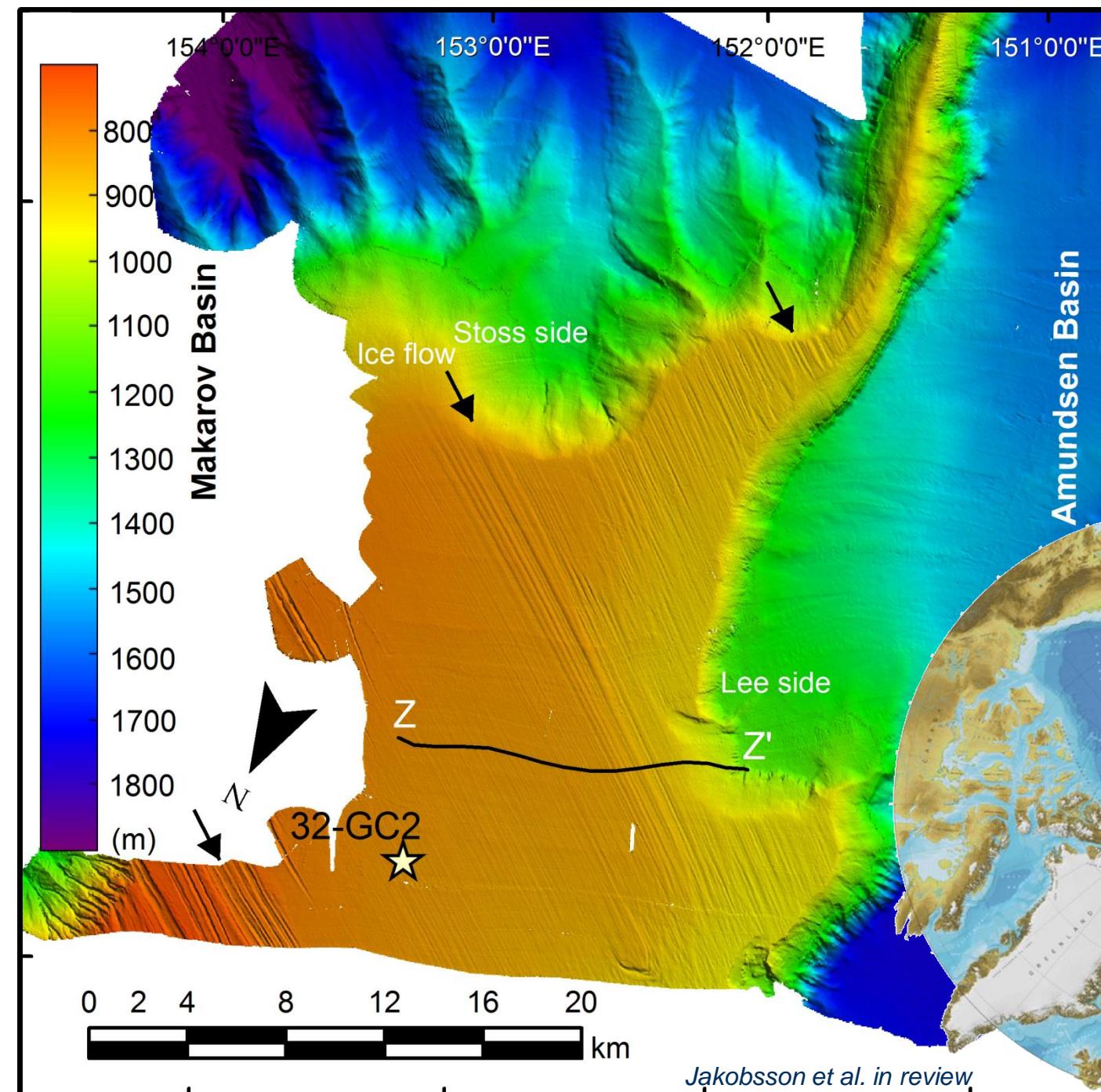
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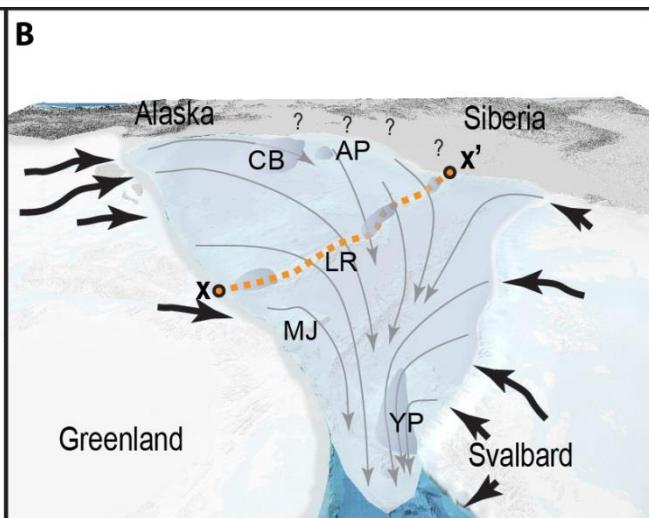
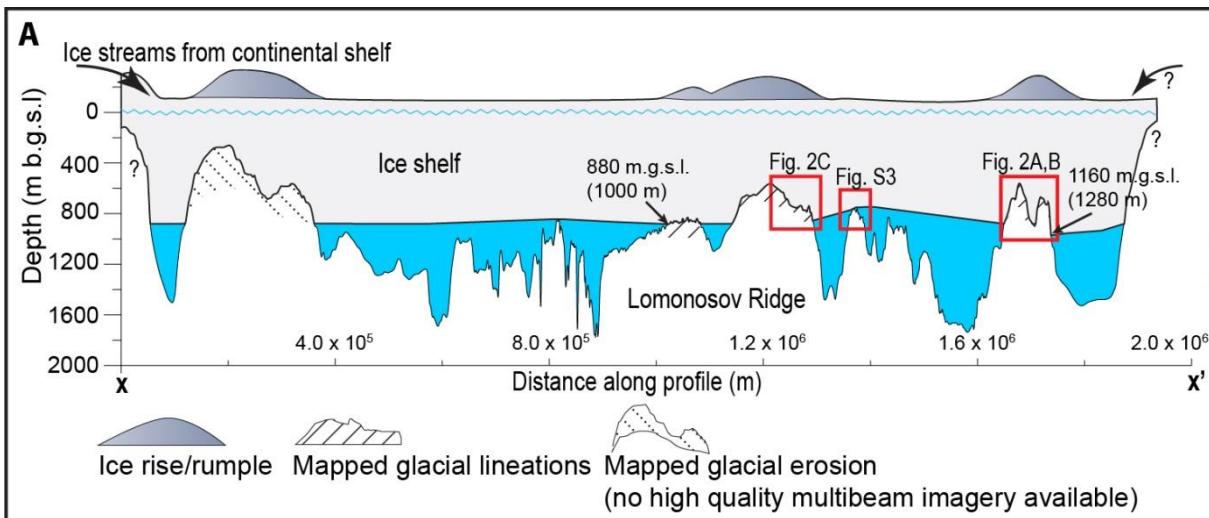
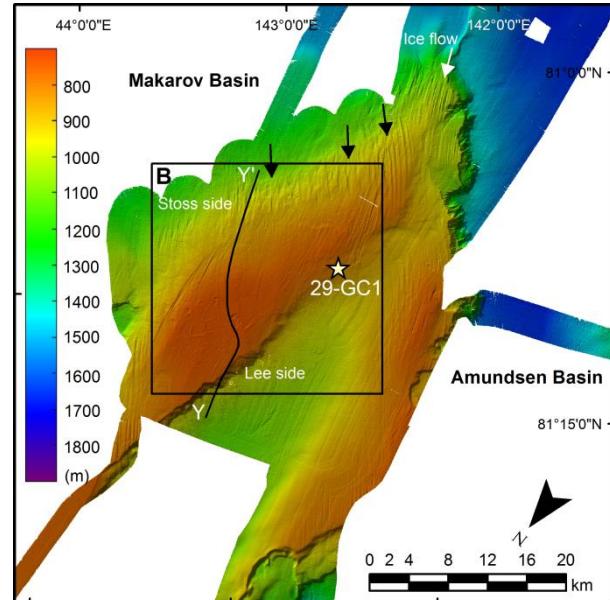
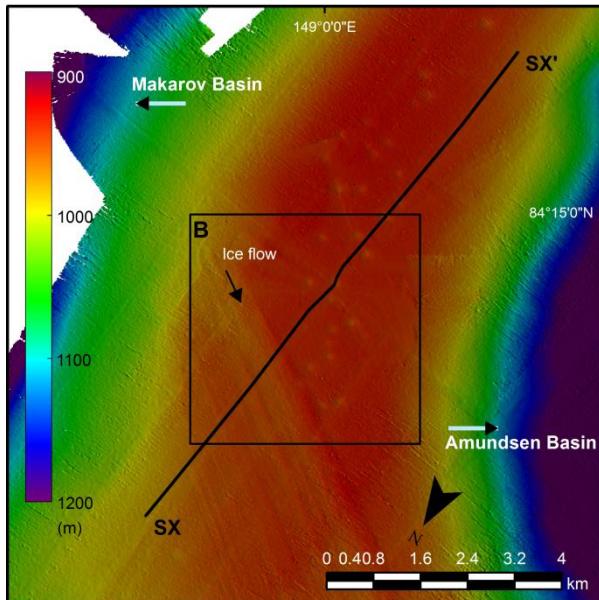
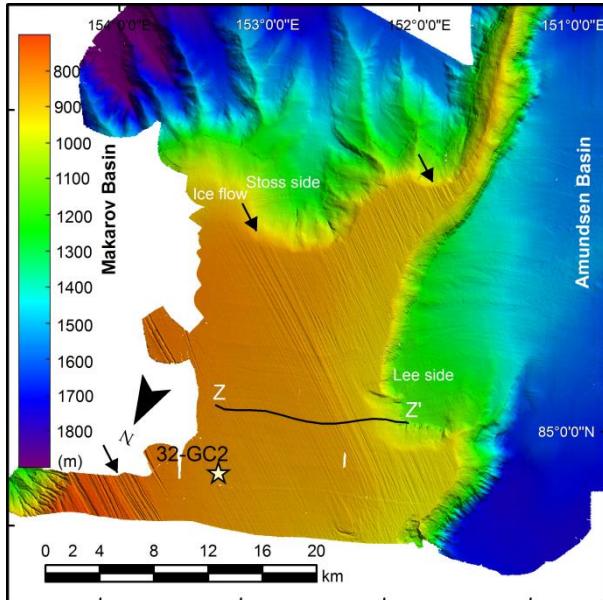




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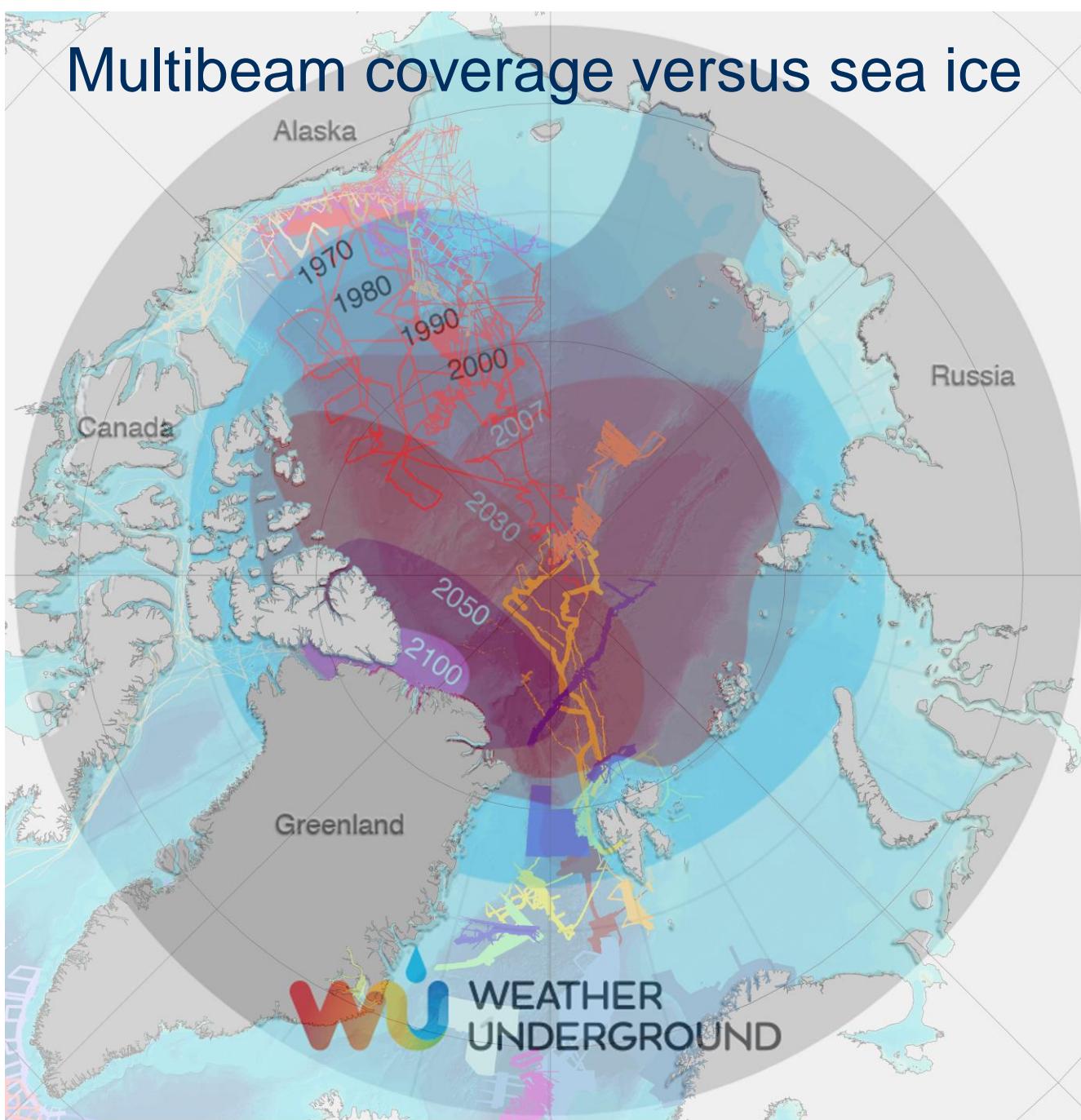
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# Future challenges

# Multibeam coverage versus sea ice



Multibeam data used in IBCAO Version 3.0 and sea-ice extent observations from 1970-2007) and forecasted 2030-2100. The data source is from the NOAA GFDL sea-ice model. The yearly extent represents an average 80% sea ice concentration. The sea-ice map is based on an illustration by Weather Underground.