

SAT north of 65N

Arctic sea ice

NH frozen ground extent

NH snow cover extent

Glacier  
mass balance

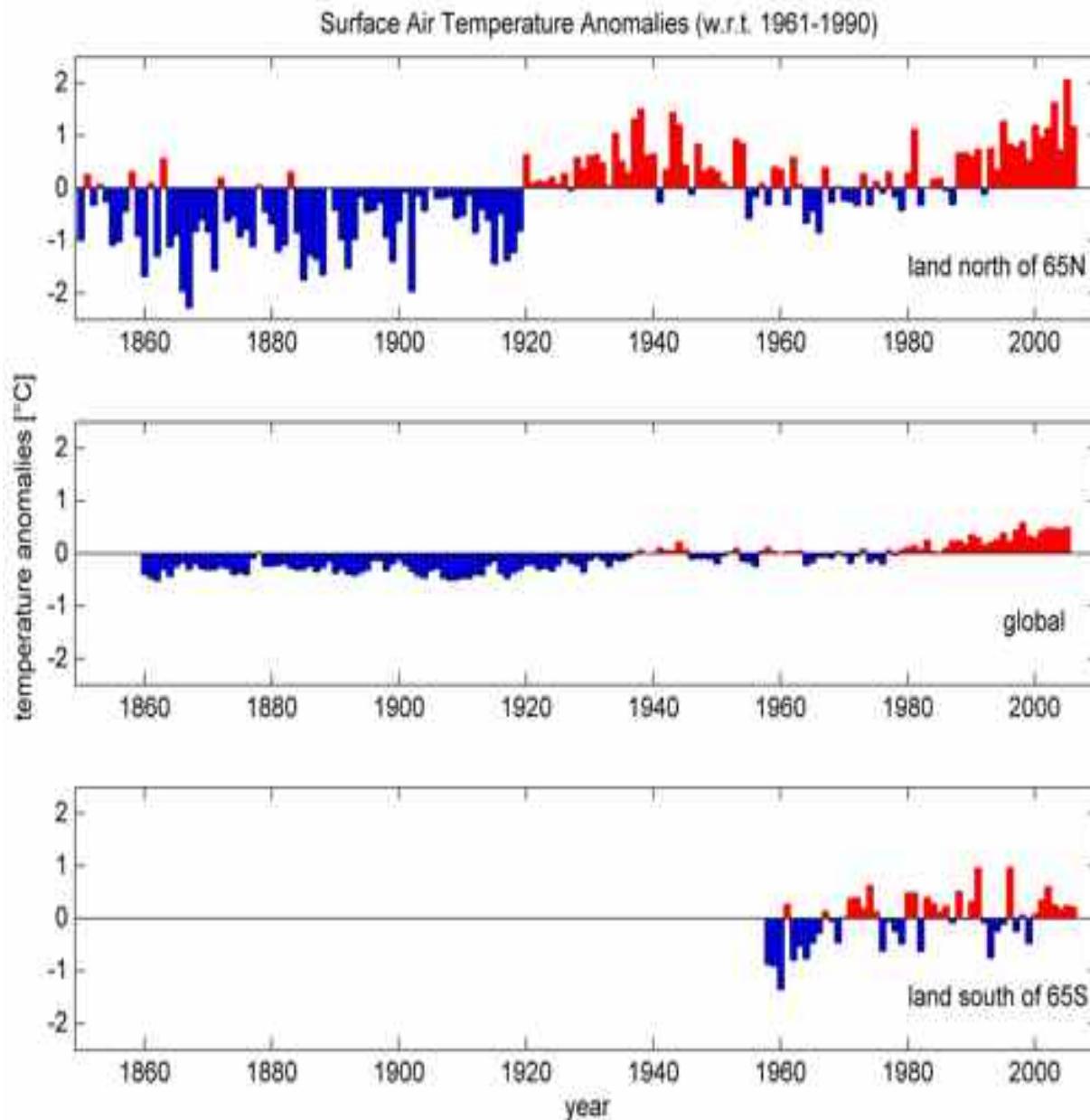
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SAT south of 65S

# Cryospheric Variations

**Question 4.1, Figure 1.** Anomaly time series of polar surface air temperature (A, G, updated from Jones and Moberg, 2003), Arctic and Antarctic sea ice extent (B, F, updated from Comiso, 2003), Northern Hemisphere (NH) frozen ground extent (C, Zhang et al., 2003), NH snow cover extent (D, updated from Brown et al., 2000) and global glacier mass balance (E, Ohmura, 2004; Cogley, 2005; Dyurgerov and Meier, 2005). The solid red line in E denotes the cumulative global glacier mass balance; otherwise it represents the smoothed time series using a 13-point filter (see Chapter 3).

# Temperatures in Polar Regions

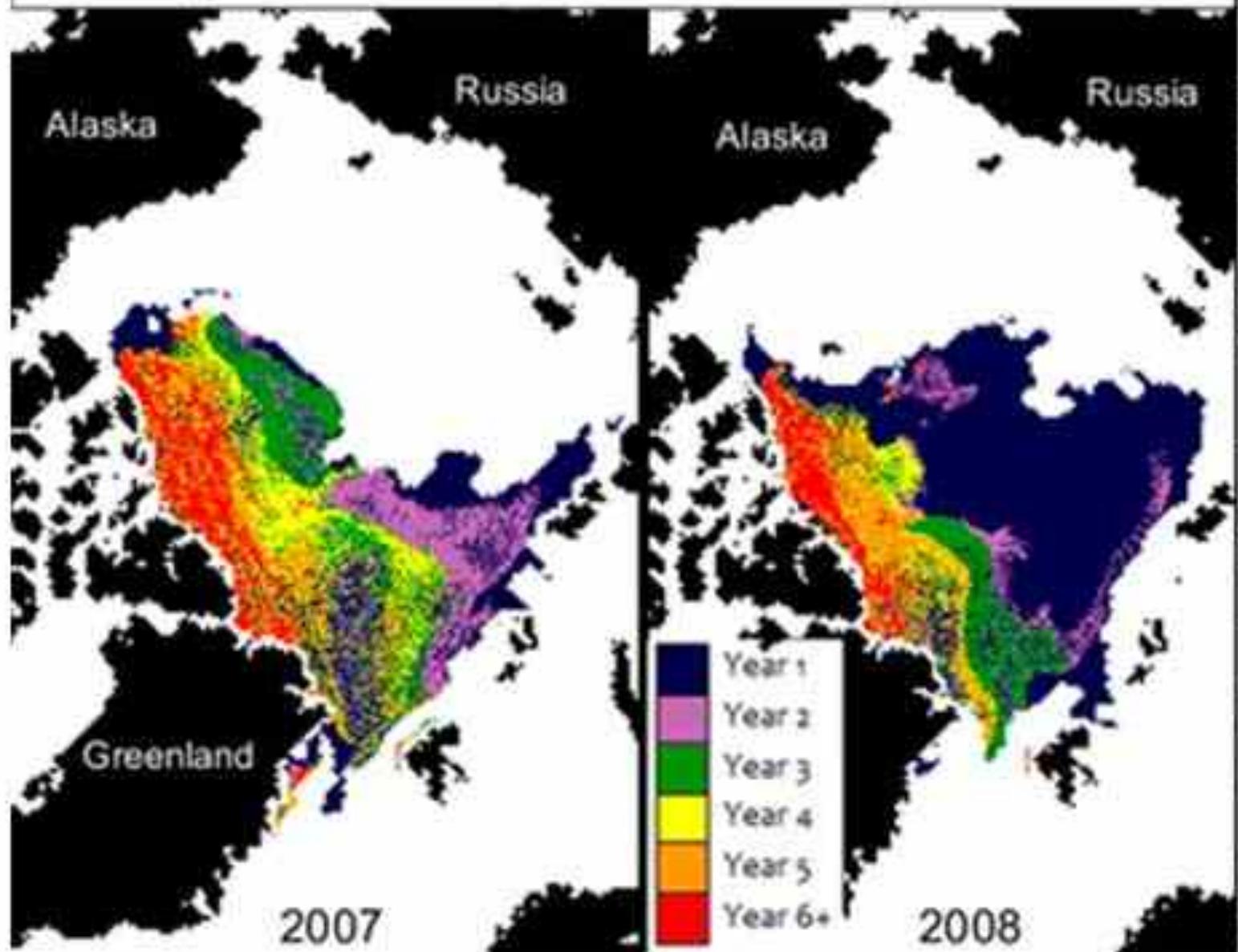


Trend  
(last 50 years):

$T_{\text{Arctic}} = 1,1^{\circ}\text{C}$

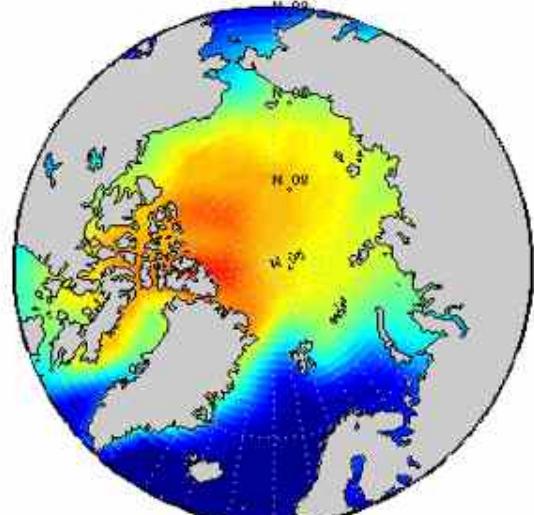
$T_{\text{global}} = 0,6^{\circ}\text{C}$

## Ice age at the end of the 2007 and 2008 melt seasons

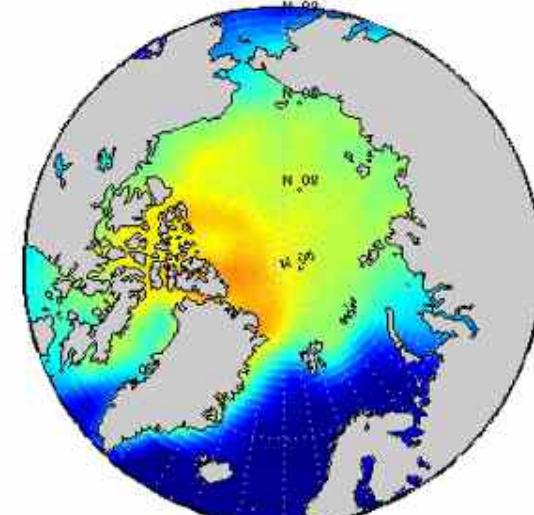


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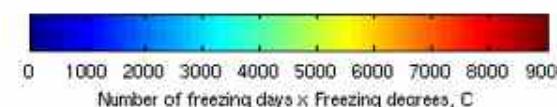
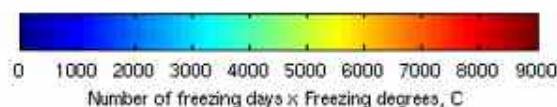
Cumulative number of freezing degree days Sept1986-May1987



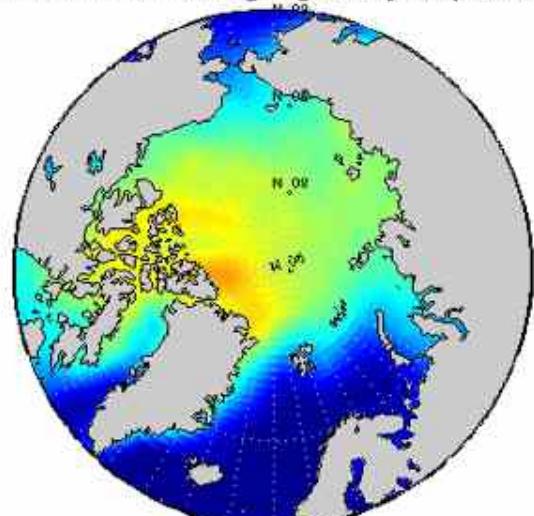
Cumulative number of freezing degree days Sept1994-May1995



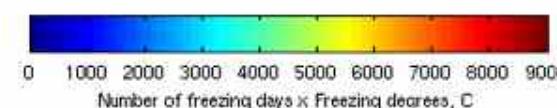
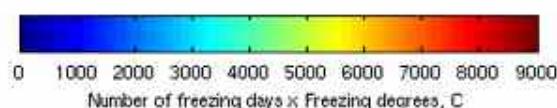
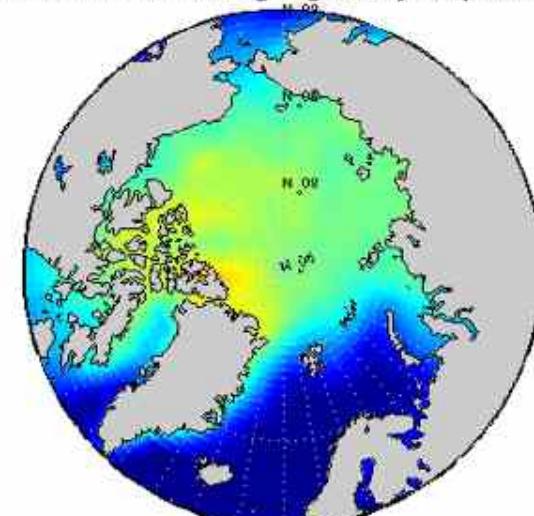
**T<sub>freez</sub> - 1.7C**



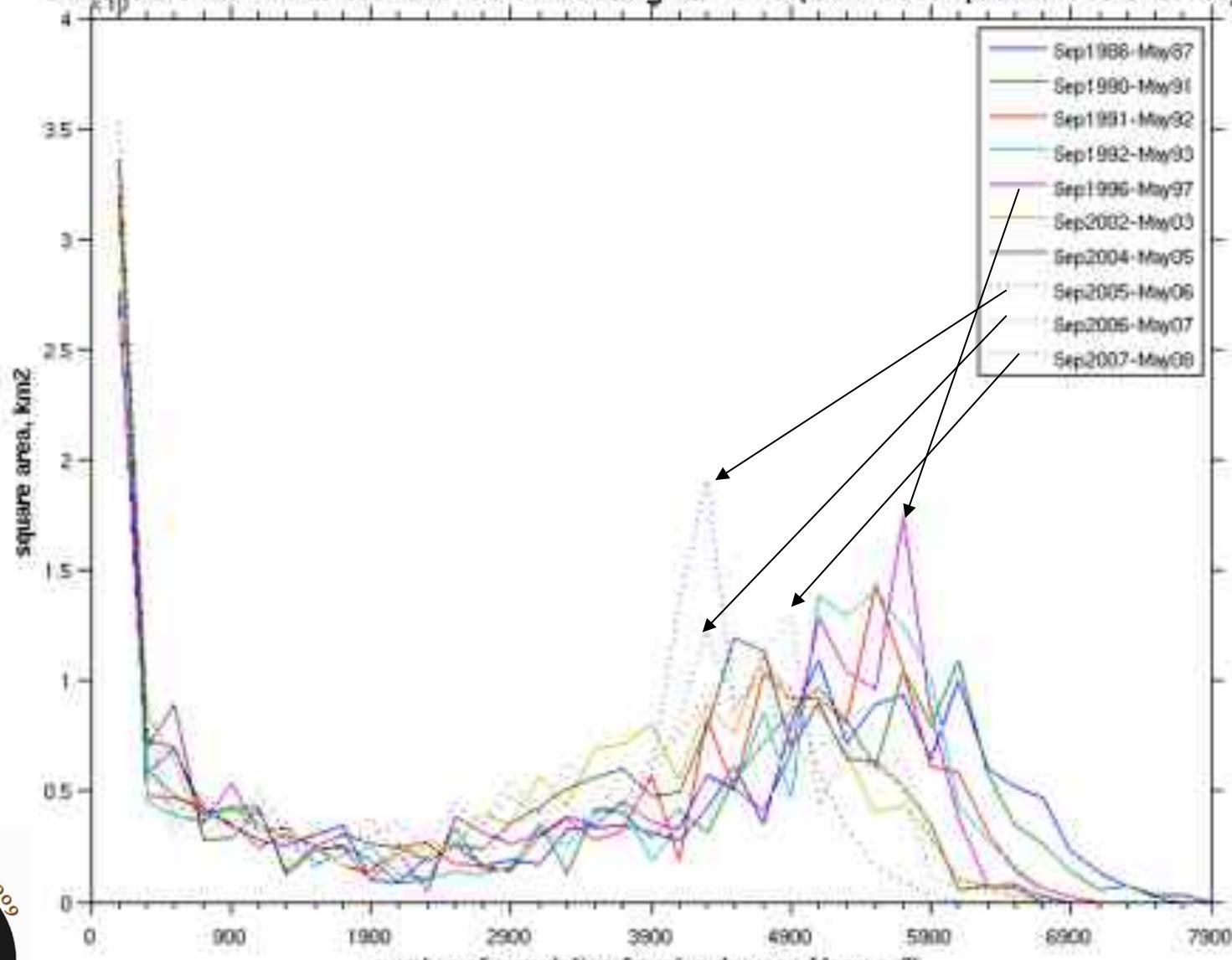
Cumulative number of freezing degree days Sept2004-May



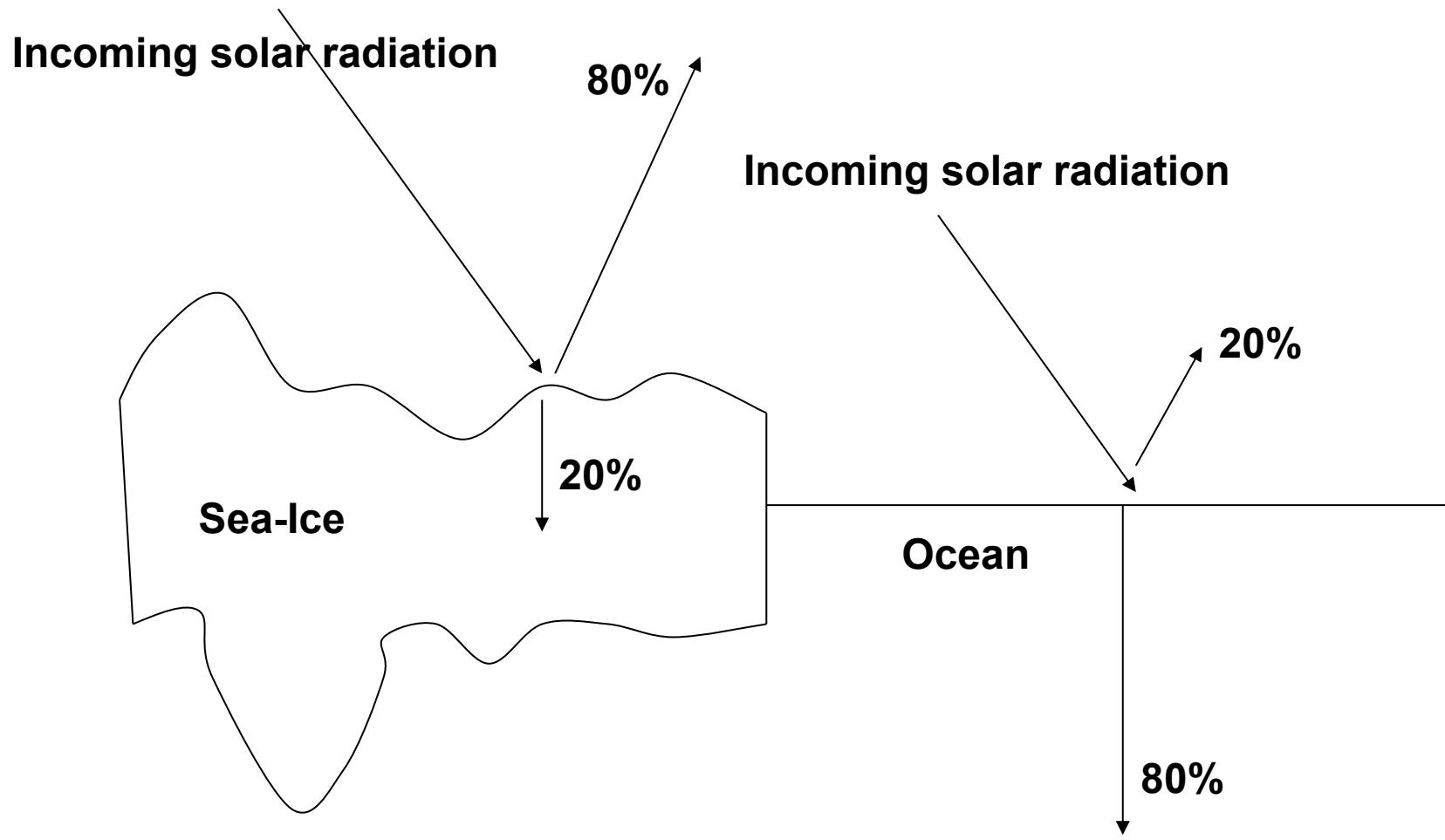
Cumulative number of freezing degree days Sept2005-May2006



Spatial distribution of Cumulative Freezing Degrees ( $\leq -1.7^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  
over the entire Arctic sea area for 10 freezing seasons (from 1st September to 31st May)

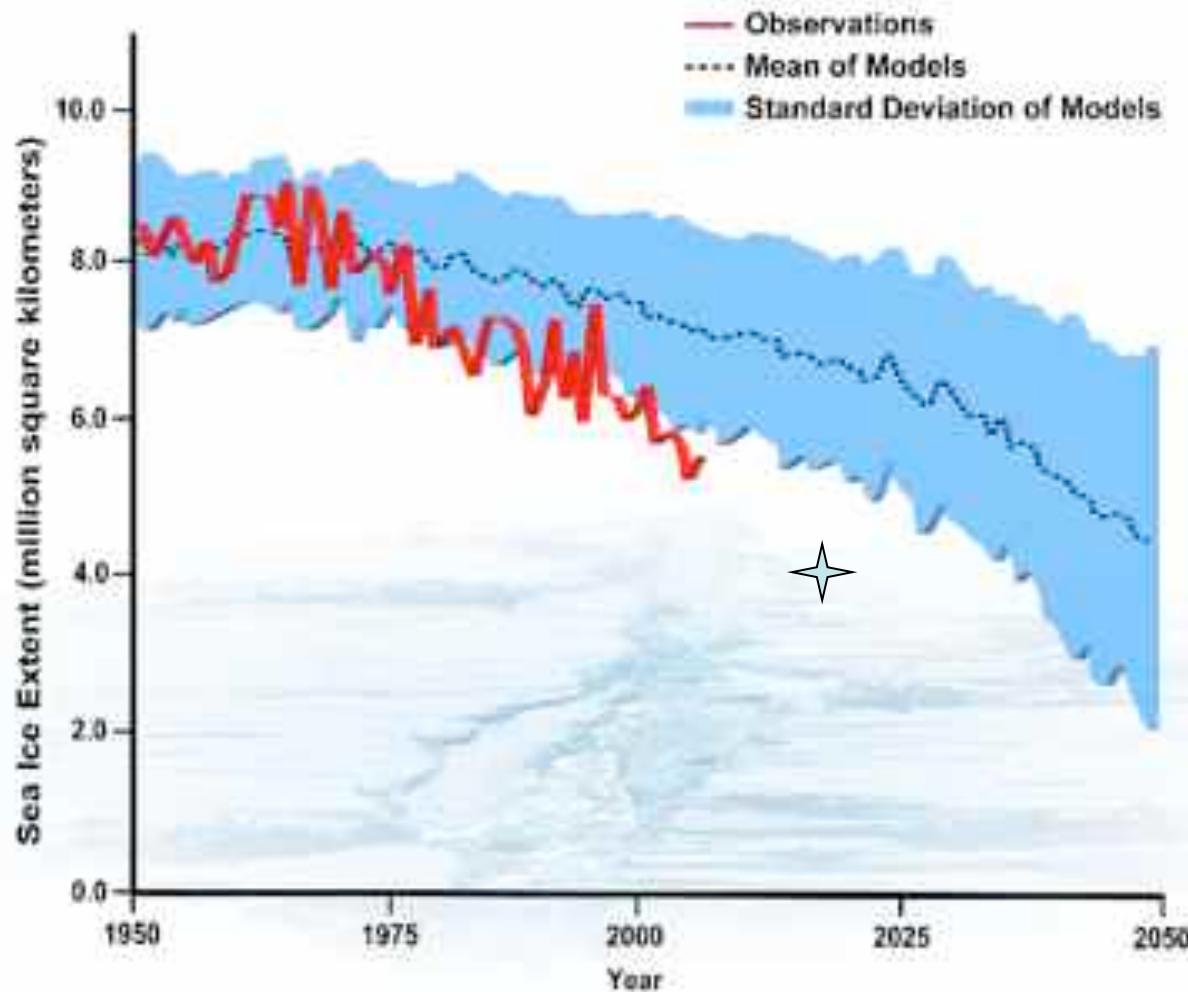


$$\text{Winter index } I = \int x f(x) \text{ units : C.km}^2$$



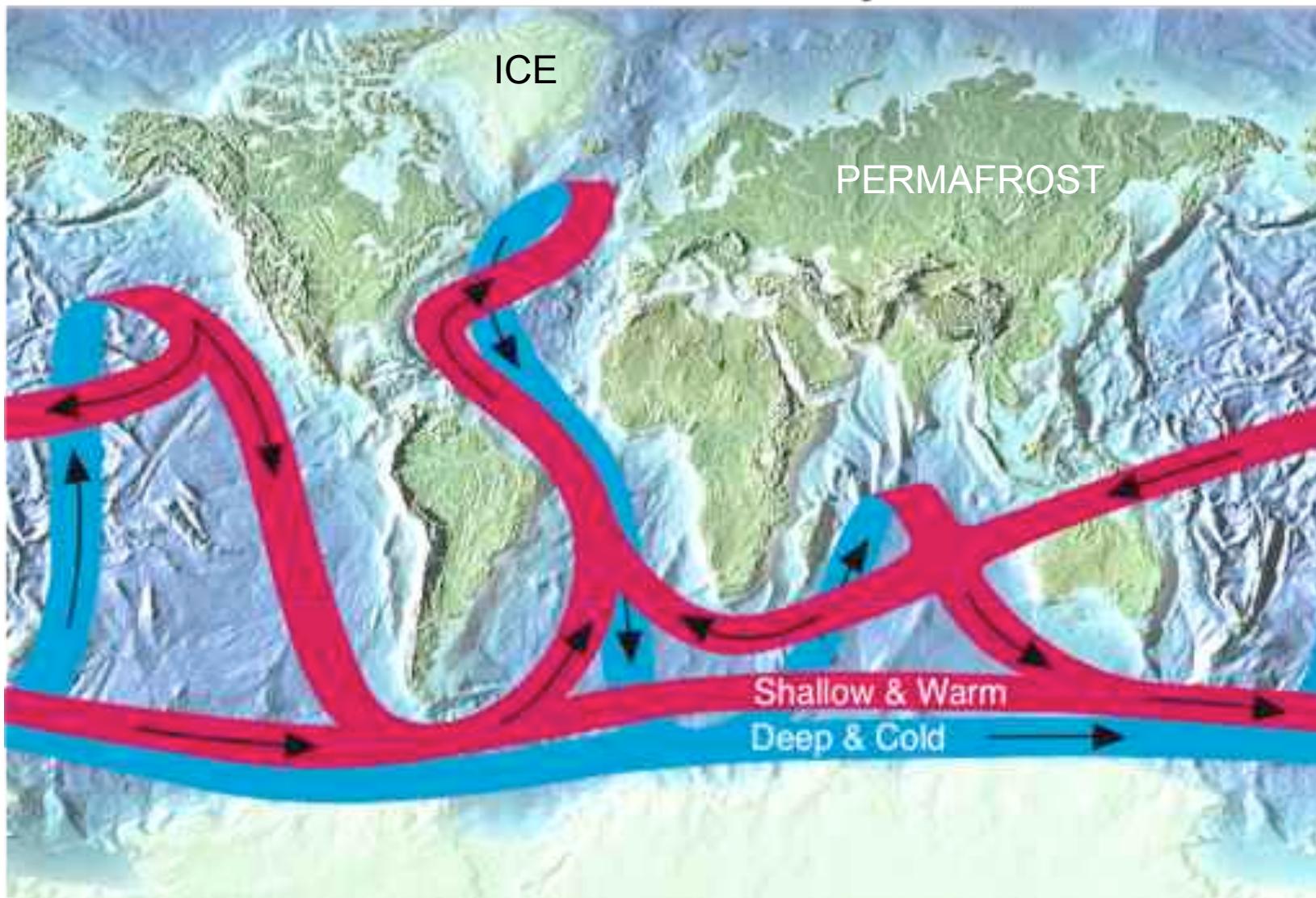
**Sea Ice albedo versus Ocean albedo**

## Arctic September Sea Ice Extent: Observations and Model Runs

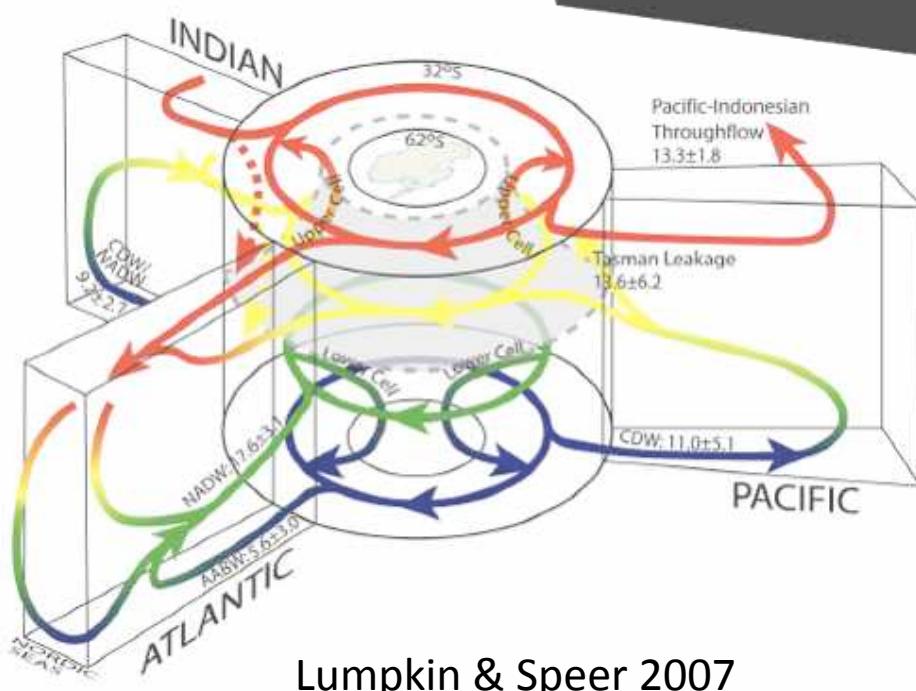
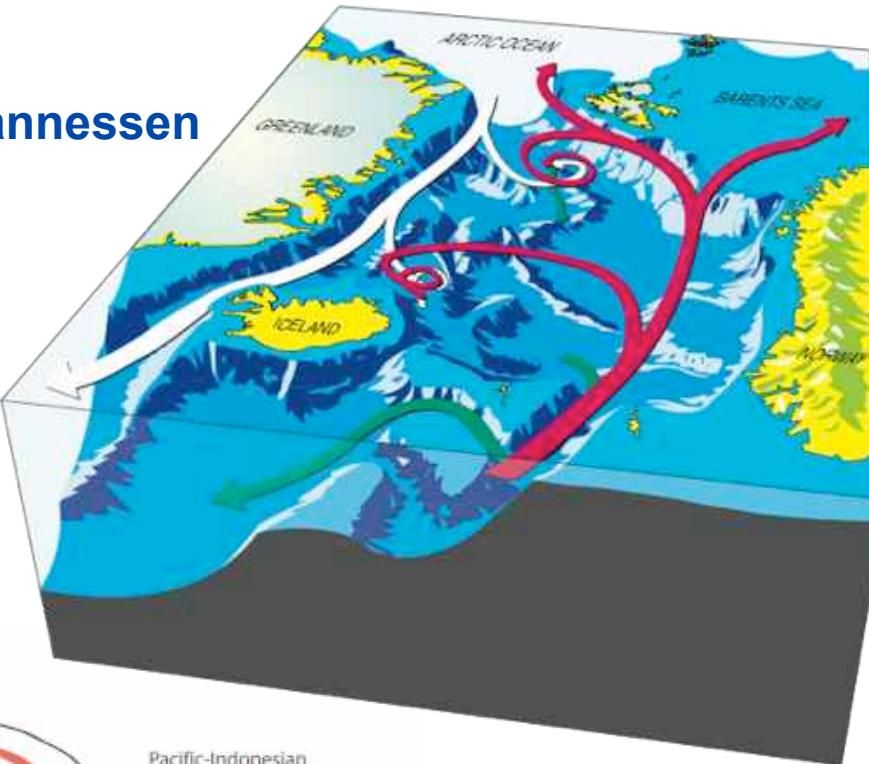


UCAR 2007, Steve Deyo

## The Global Ocean Conveyor Belt

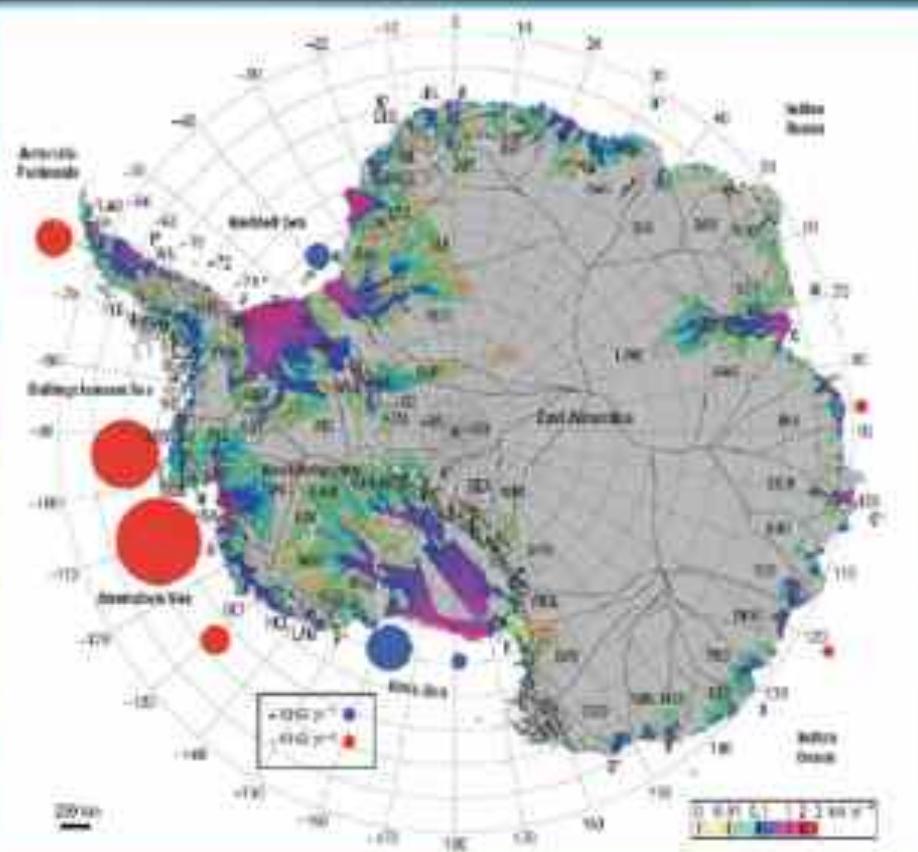


Courtesy: T. Johannessen



Lumpkin & Speer 2007

## Origin of SO freshening: precipitations & loss of Antarctic ice



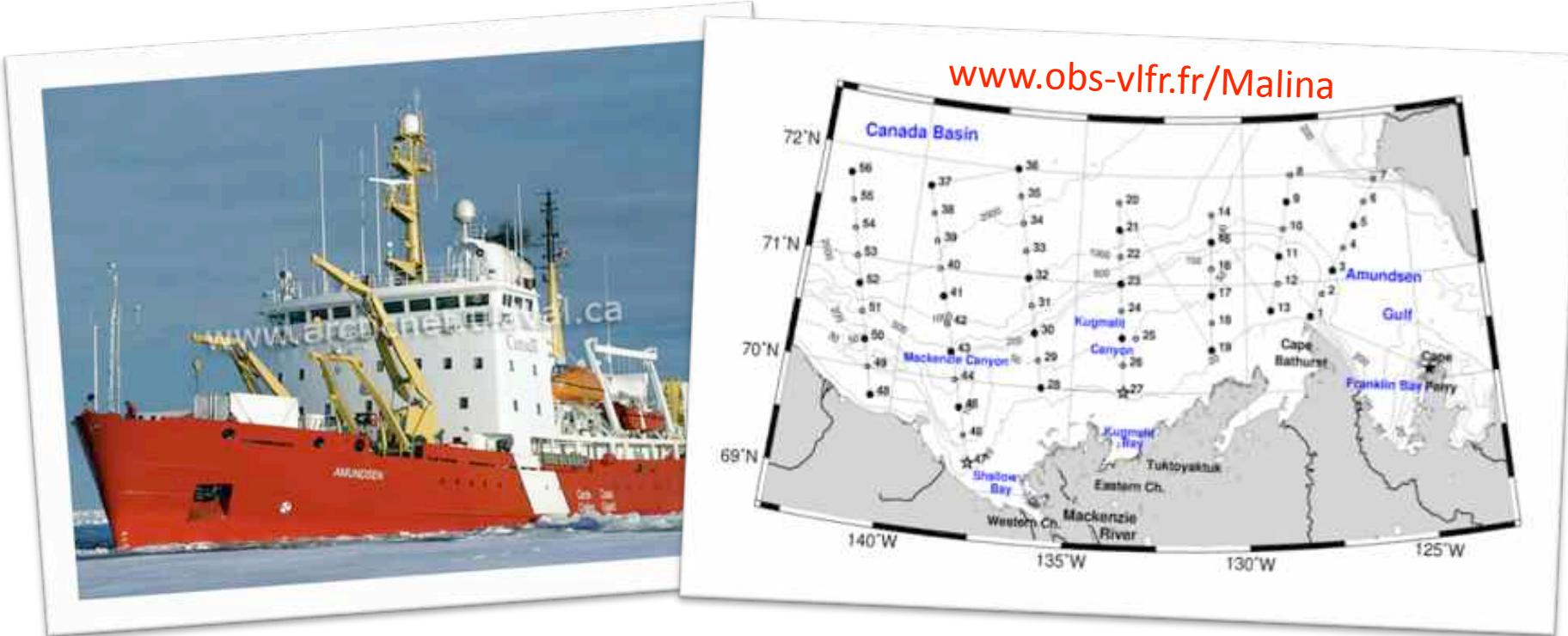
Antarctic mass loss increased by 70% in last decade, as a result of warmer air and sea temperatures

Ocean-ice shelf interaction controls ice-sheet stability

# **ECOSYSTEMS**



**SUSTAINABLE?**



# Projet Malina (2008-2012)

## Question:

Quel est l'impact des modifications du couvert de glace, du permafrost et du rayonnement UV sur la biodiversité, et sur les flux de carbone affectés par la lumière?

## Faits saillants:

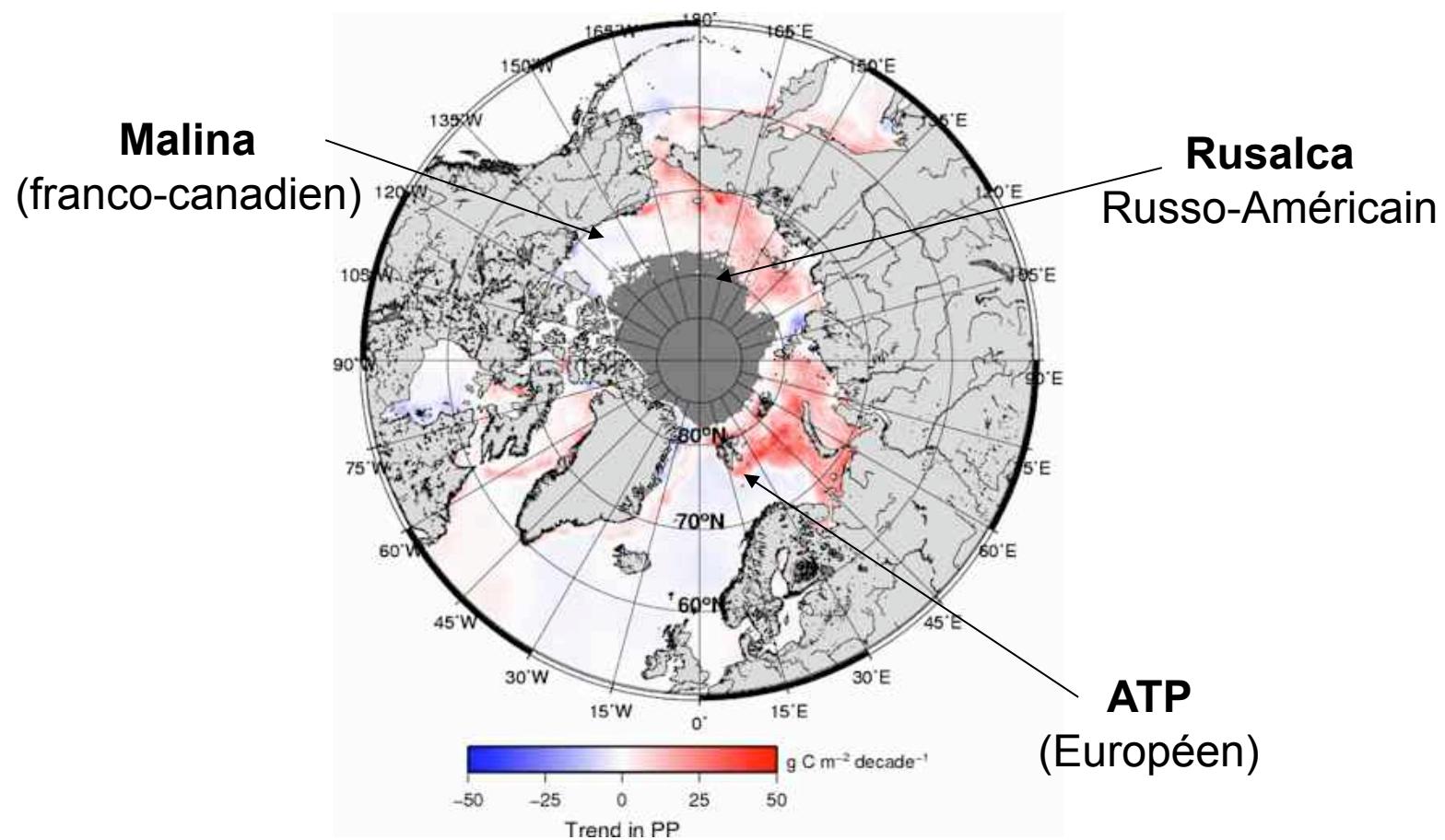
- France – Canada – USA
- Campagne été 2009
- Etudes de processus
- Suivi par télédétection
- Modélisation (présent & futur)
- Paléocéanographie

## Financements:

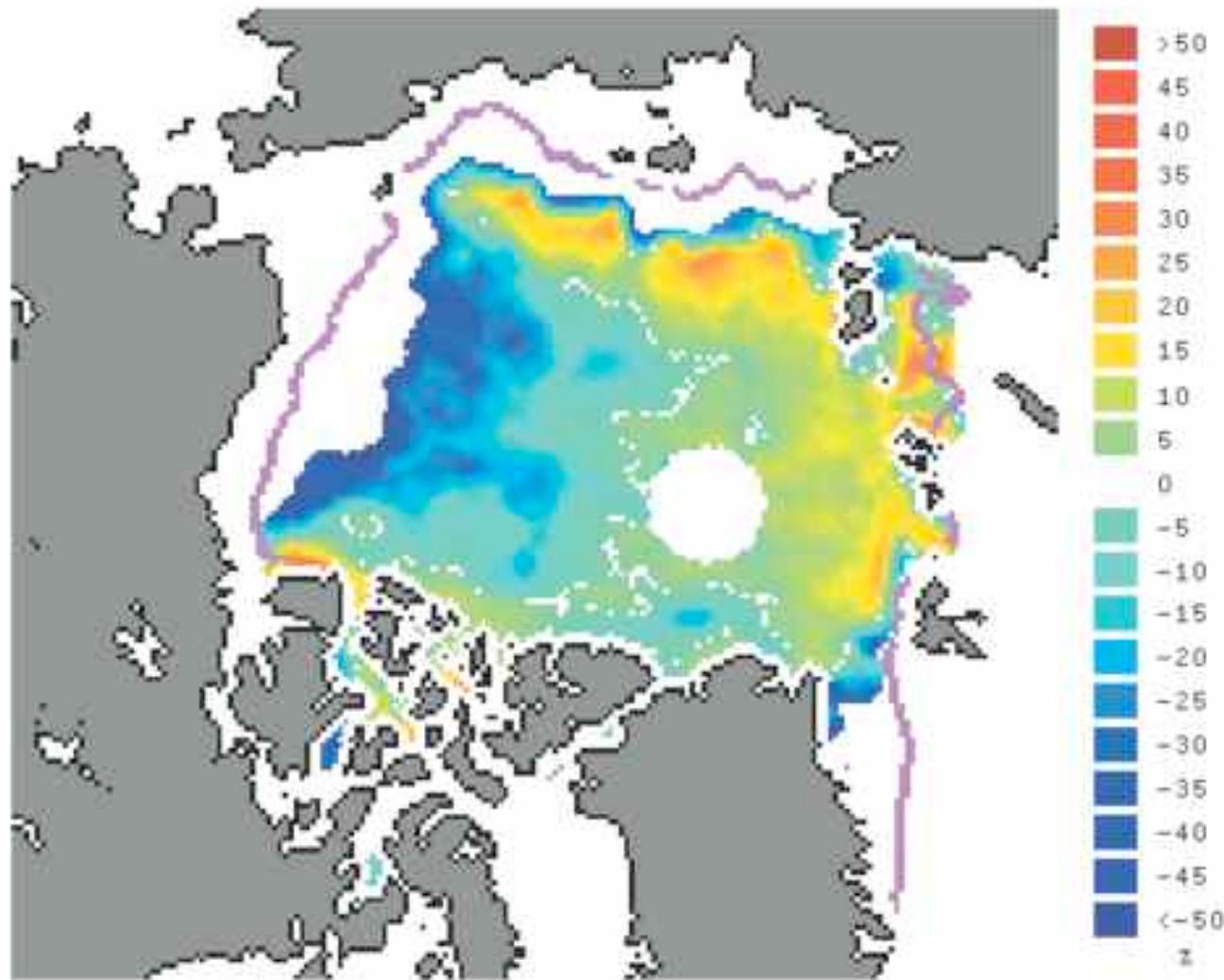
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NSF, Nasa  
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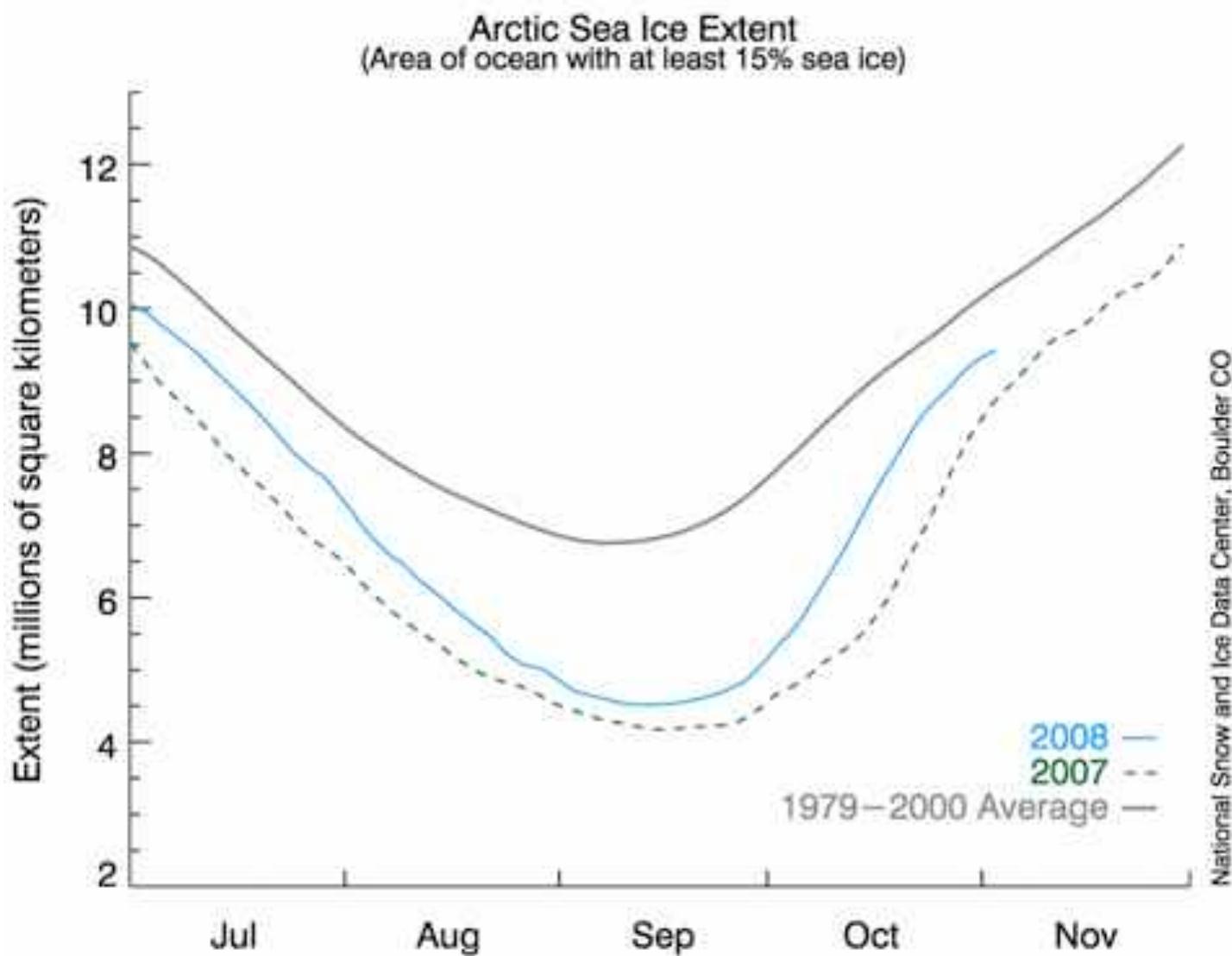
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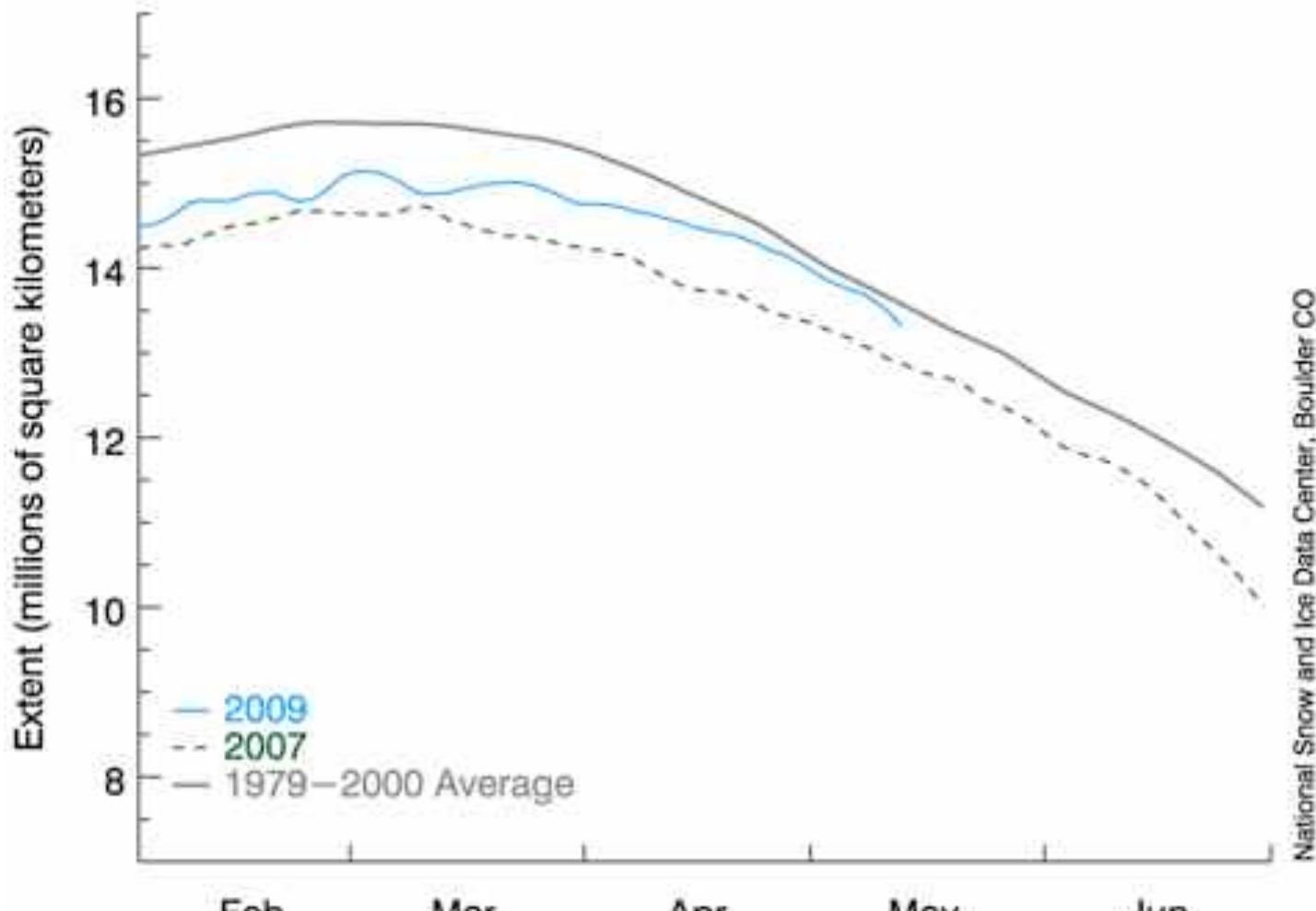
Bélanger & Babin 2008



By September 2002, the Arctic sea-ice concn. anomaly cf 1988-2000 had reached a minimum 'unprecedented in 24 years of passive microwave obs and almost certainly unmatched in 50 years of charting Arctic sea-ice' (Serreze 2003; Fetterer & Knowles, 2004).

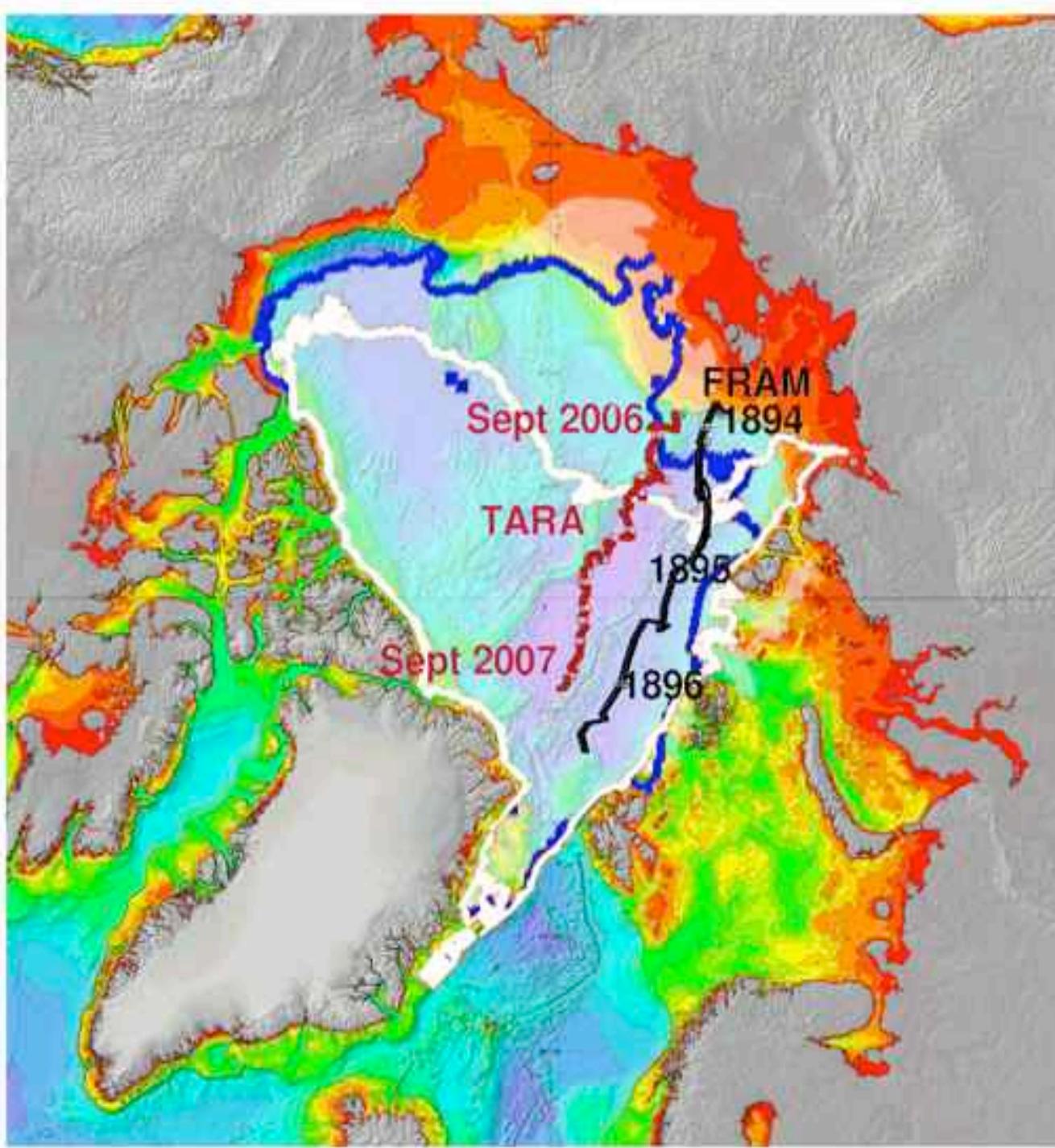


Arctic Sea Ice Extent  
(Area of ocean with at least 15% sea ice)

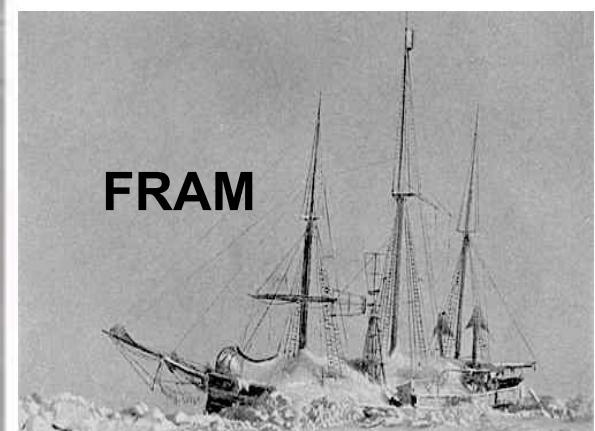


National Snow and Ice Data Center, Boulder CO

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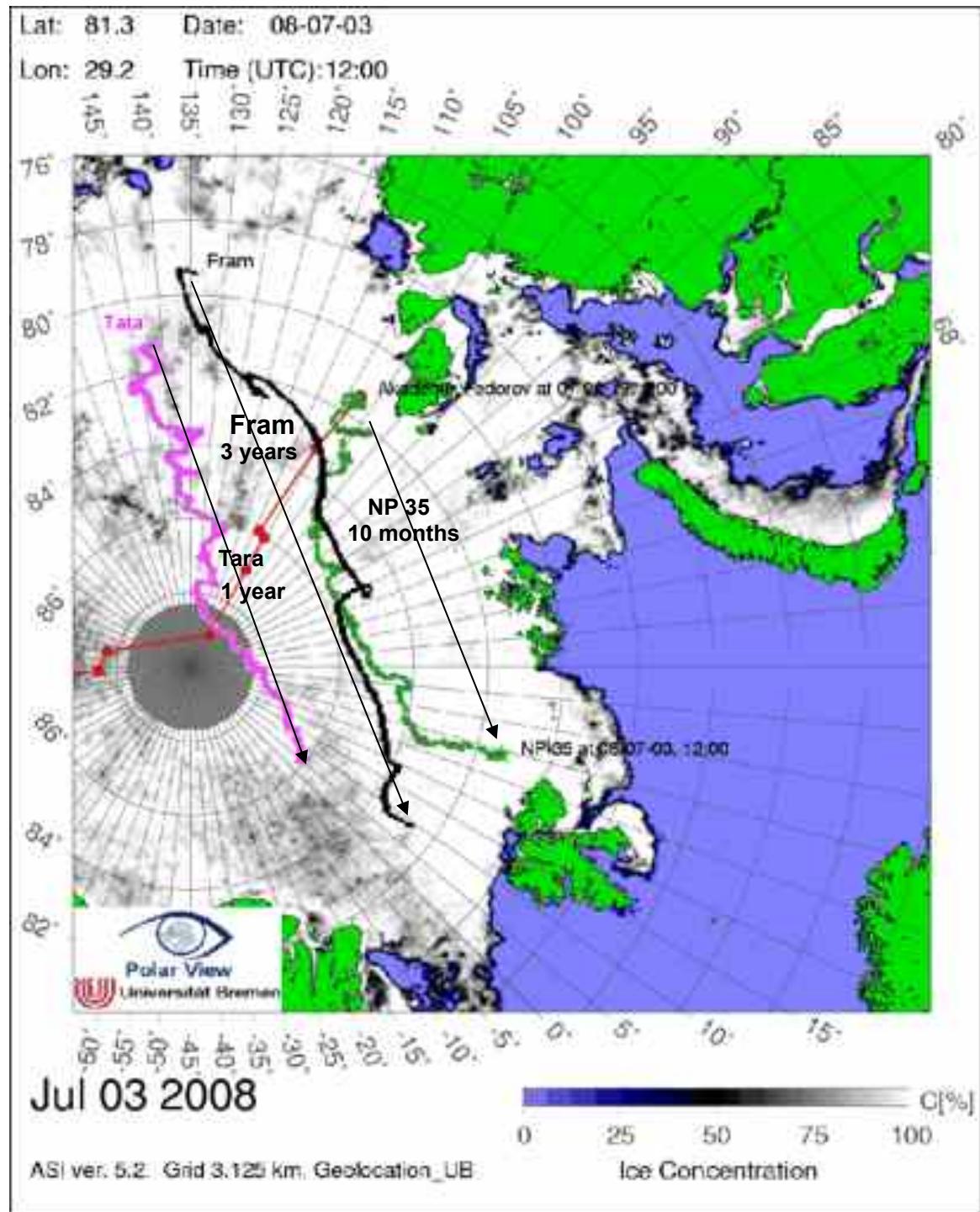


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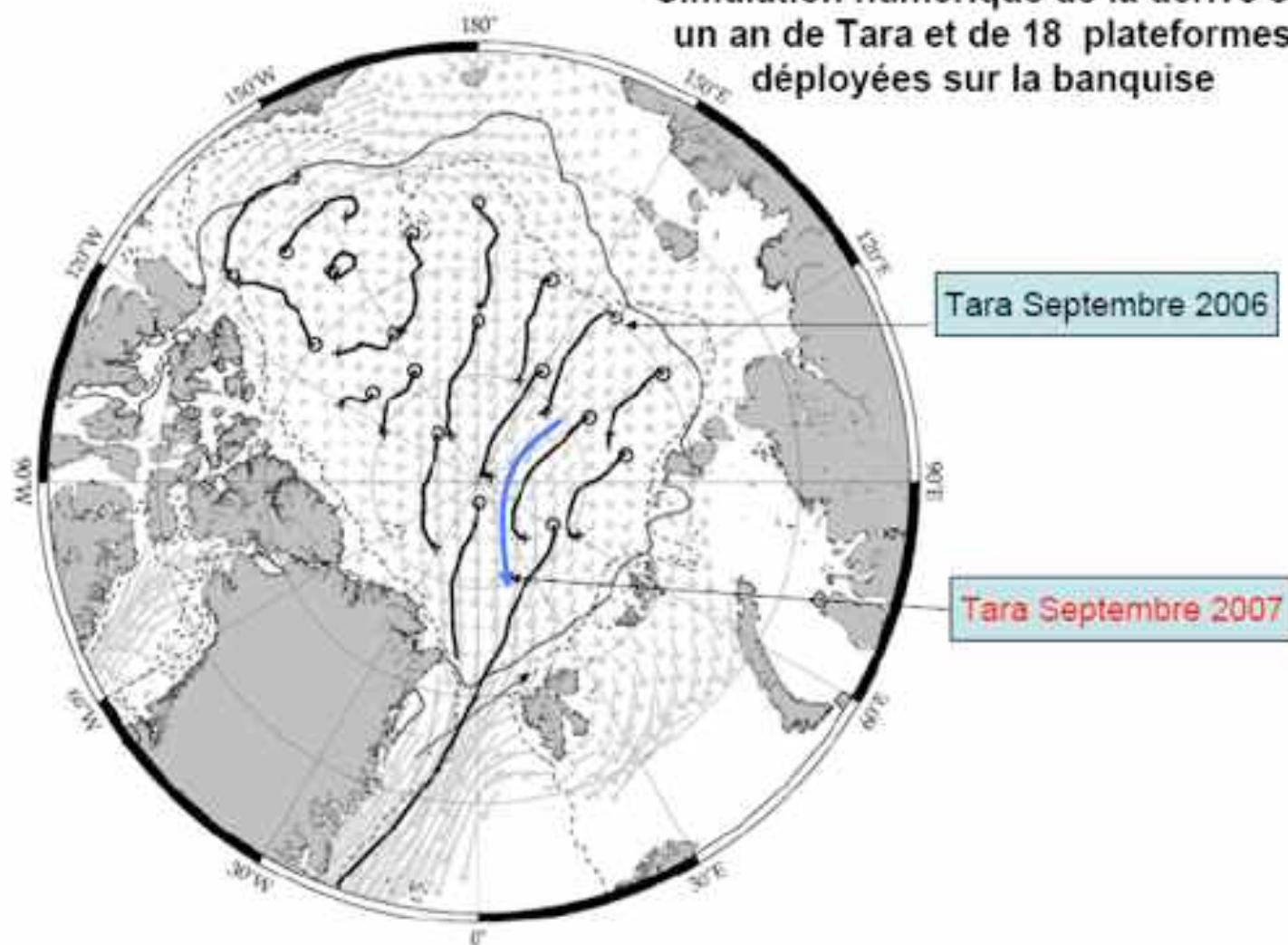


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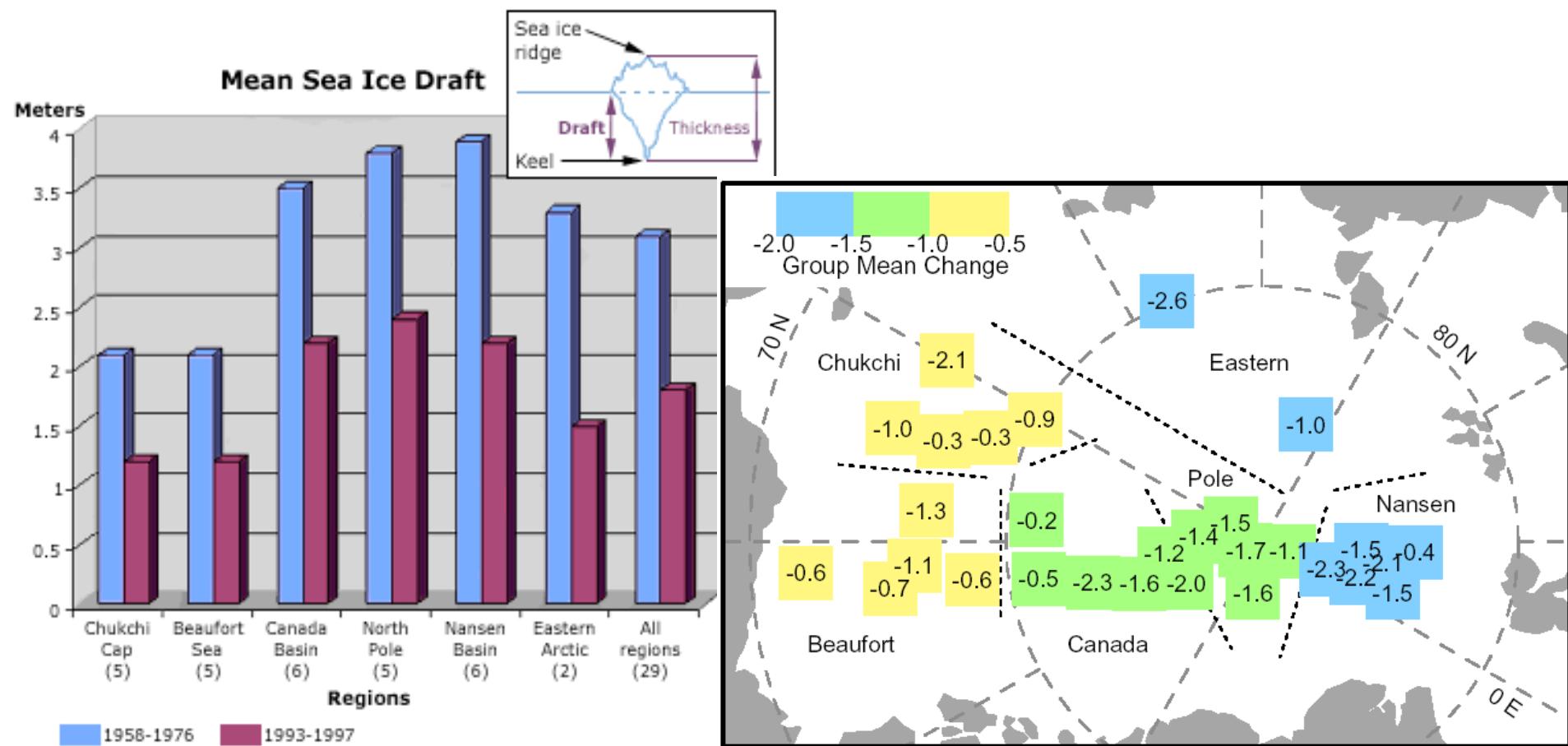




**Simulation numérique de la dérive en  
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déployées sur la banquise**

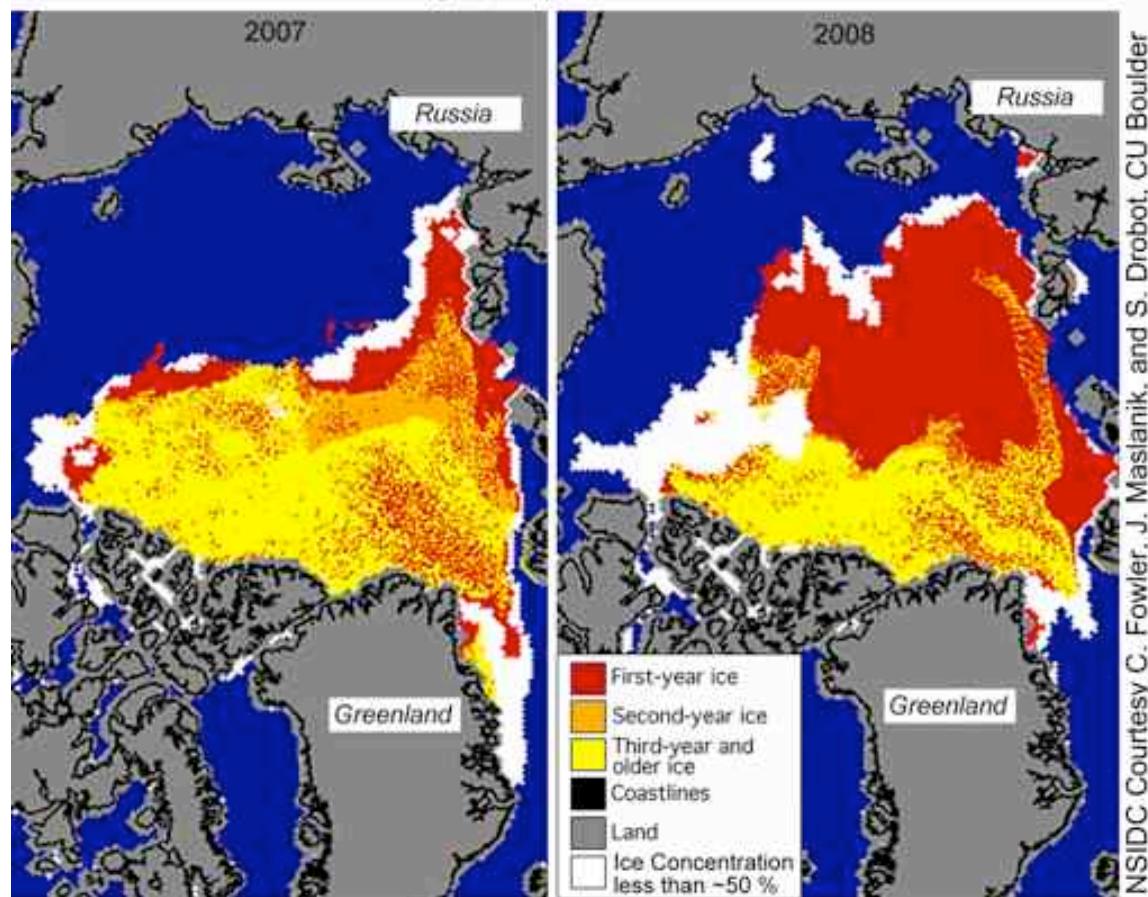


# Ice thickness changes

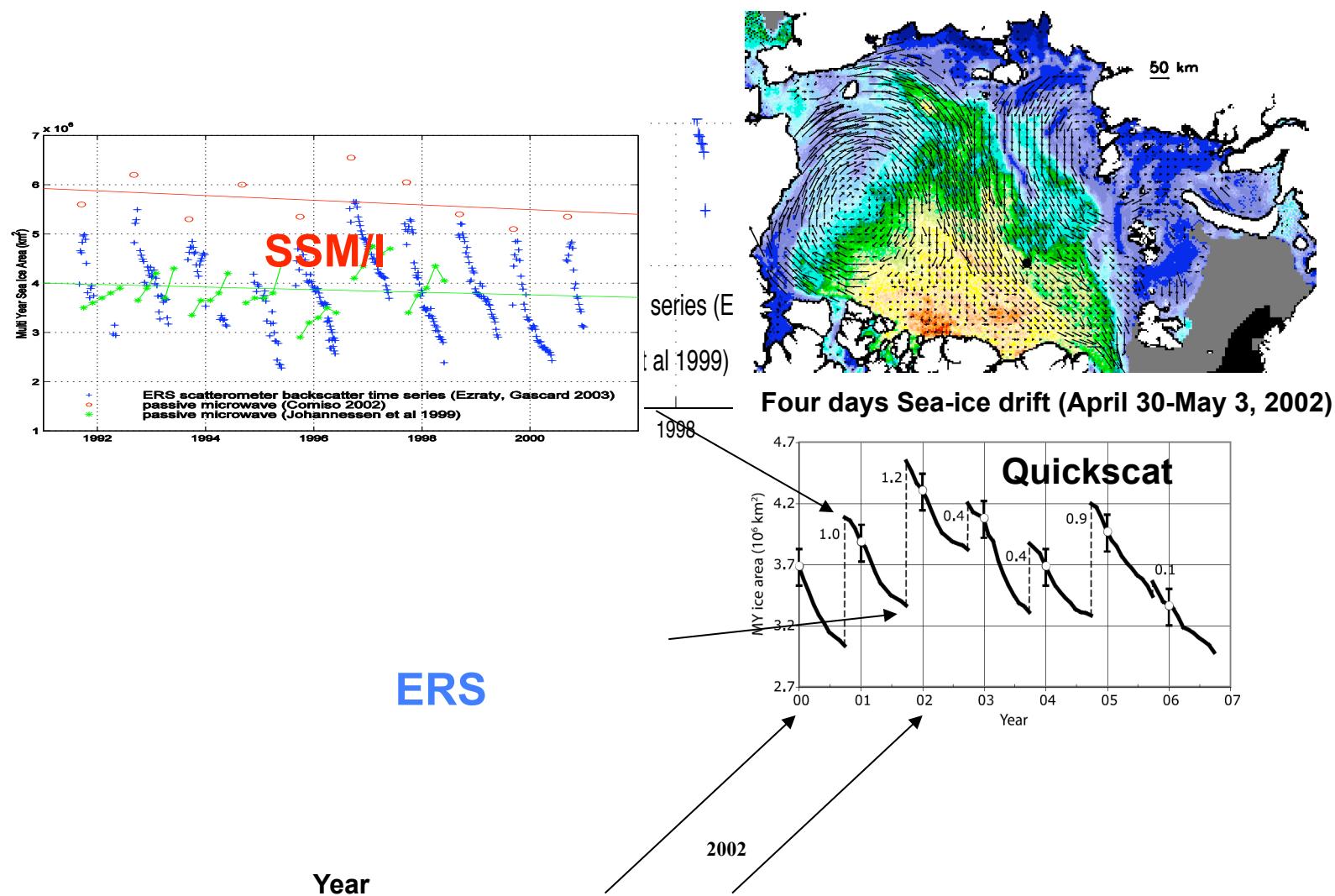


(Rothrock et al. ,1999)

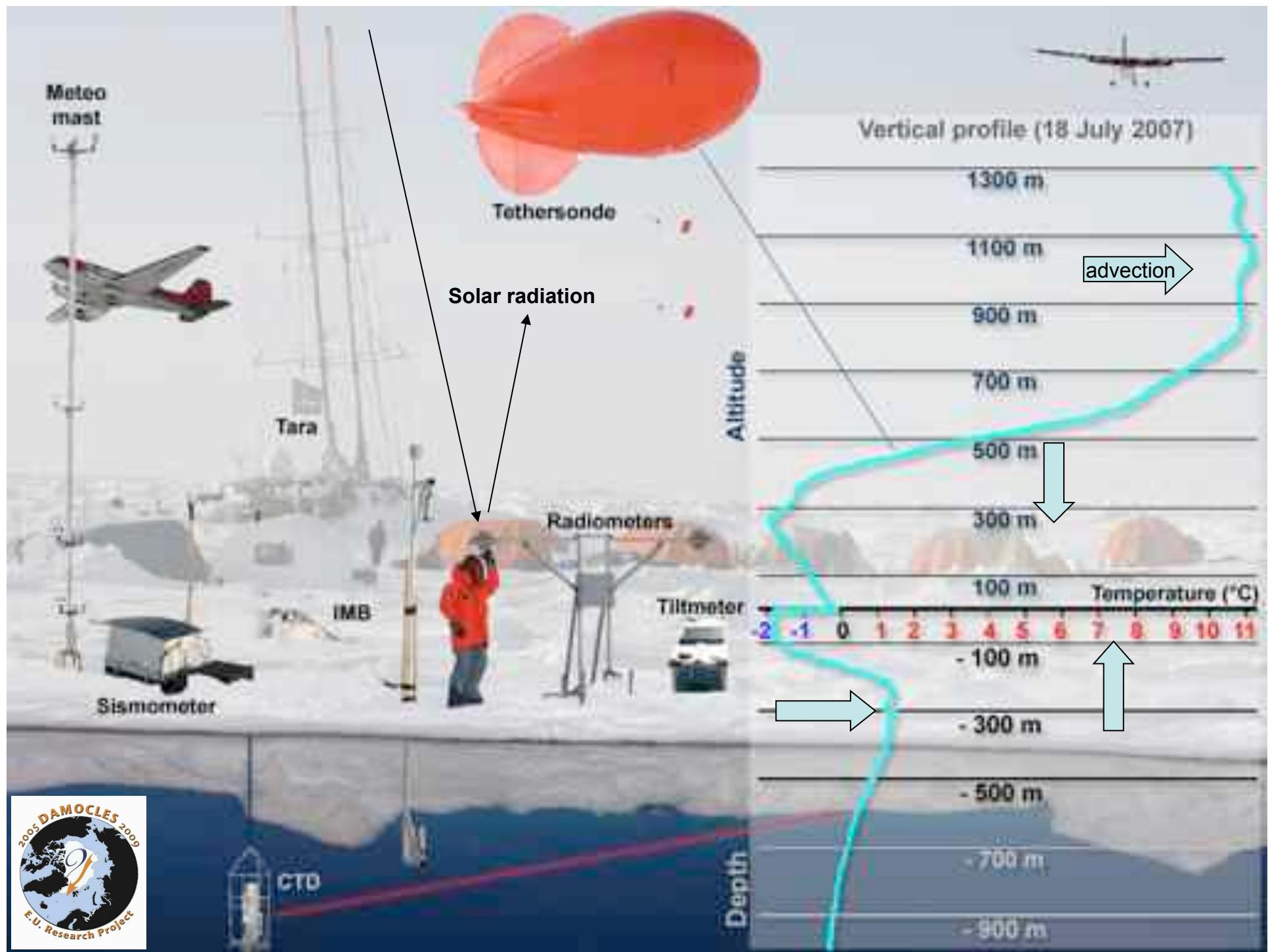
Arctic sea ice age, September 2007 and 2008

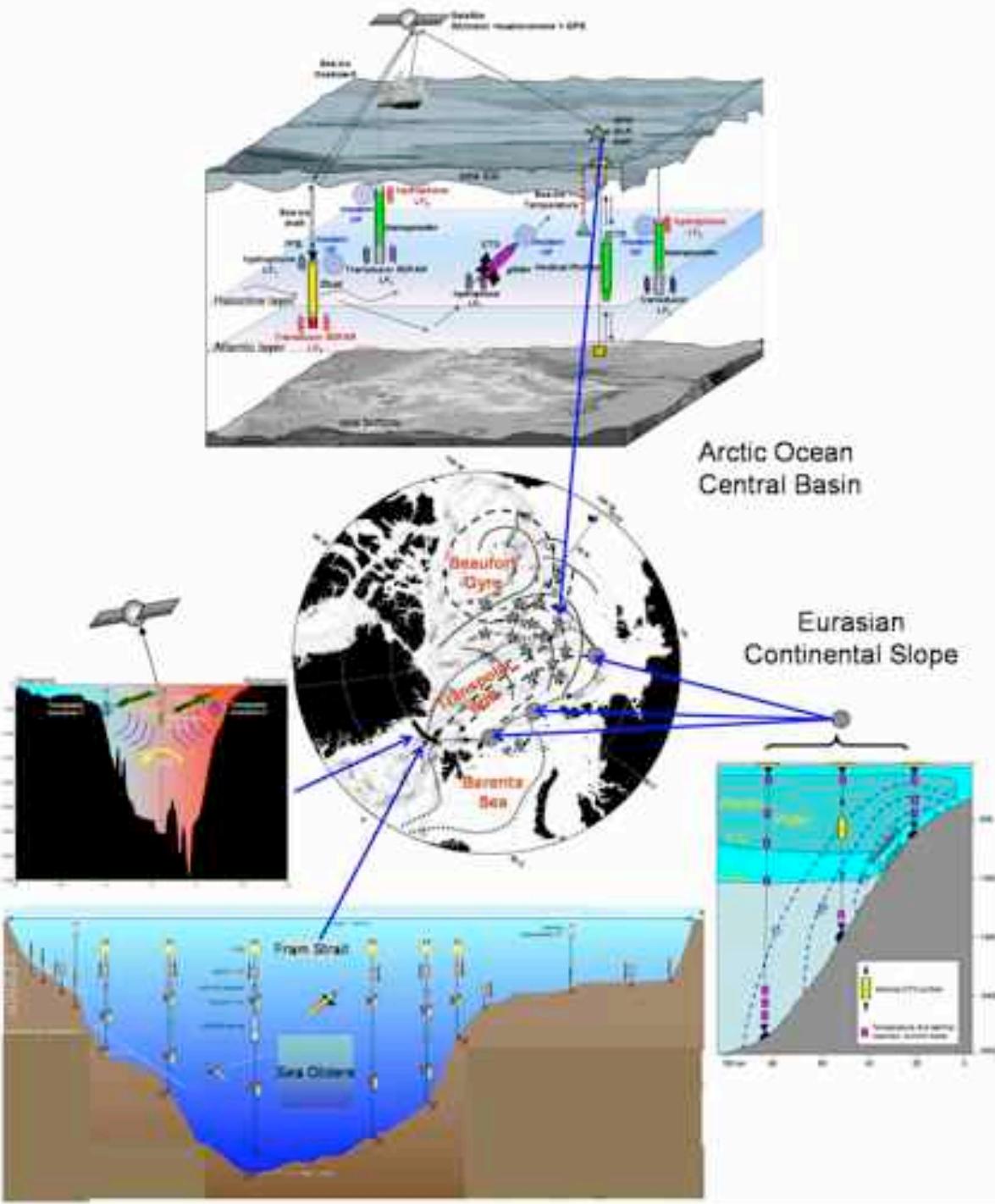
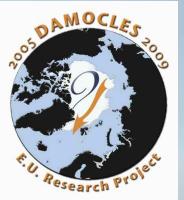


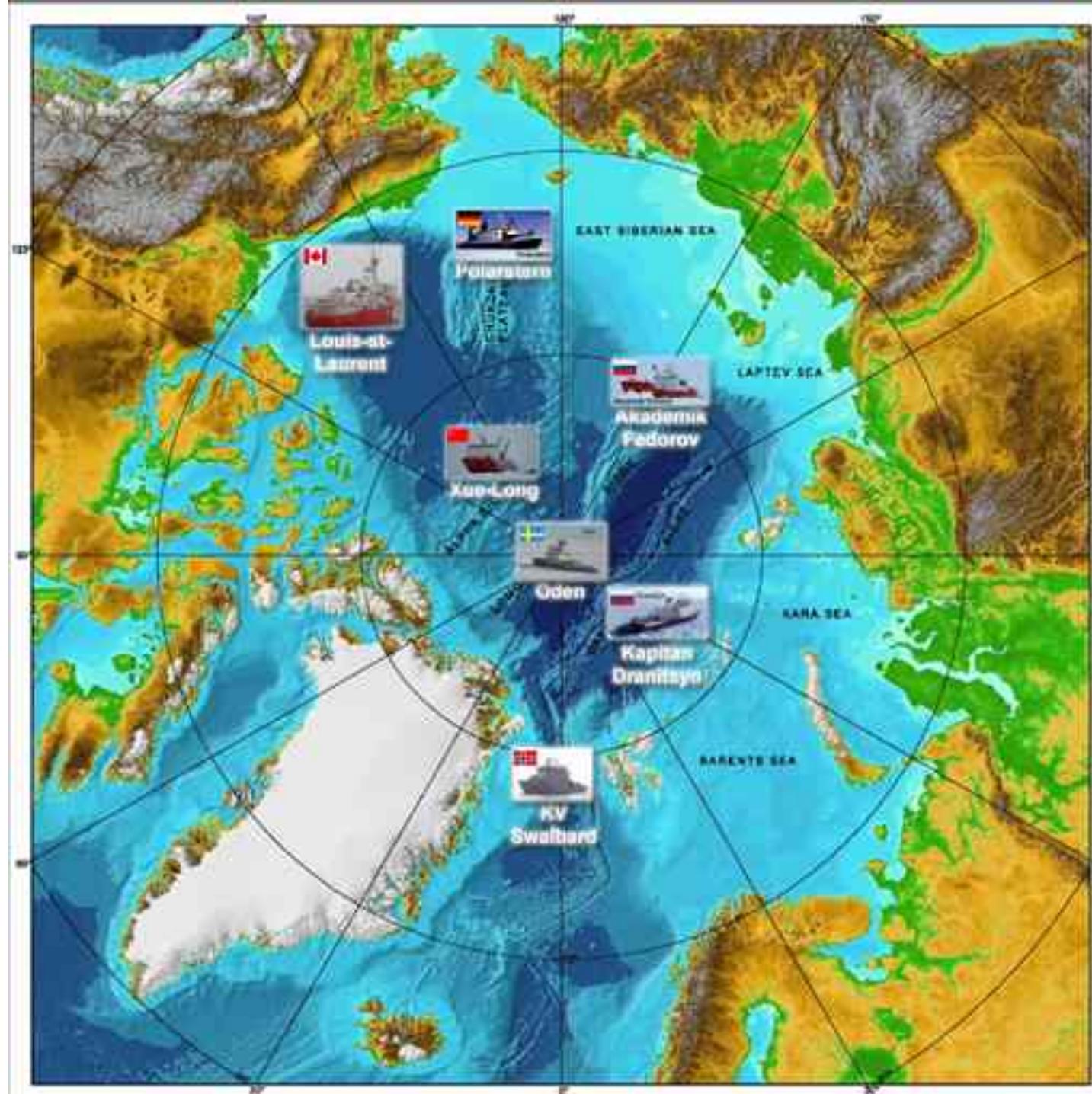
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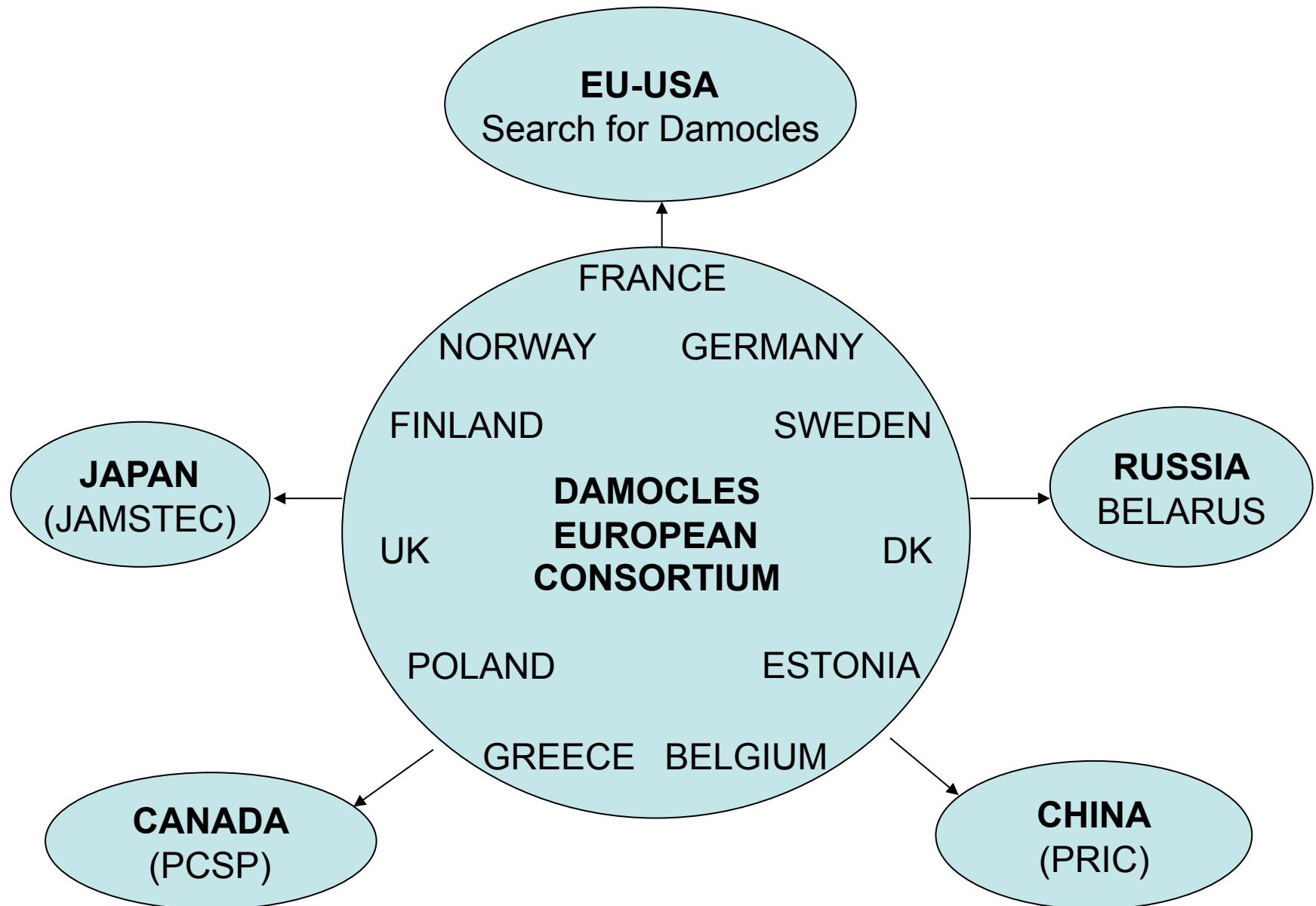


**Time series of arctic perennial sea-ice from ERS and Quickscat scatterometer.  
Backscatter maps and intercomparison with passive microwave data**









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