

Funn fra arbeid i Rijpfjorden

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Hva skal jeg snakke om i dag?

- Litt prosjekthistorie.....
- Hvorfor Rijpfjorden?
- Noen nøkkelresultater
- Andre viktige studier i Svalbards fjorder
- Framtidsplaner

On Thin Ice?

Climatic influence on energy flow and trophic structure in Arctic marine ecosystems

Main aim:

Determine the energetic pathways and trophic structure of the Arctic marine ecosystem and to predict its stability vs. sensitivity in the face of predicted future climate changes.

Norwegian Research Council, 2002-2006



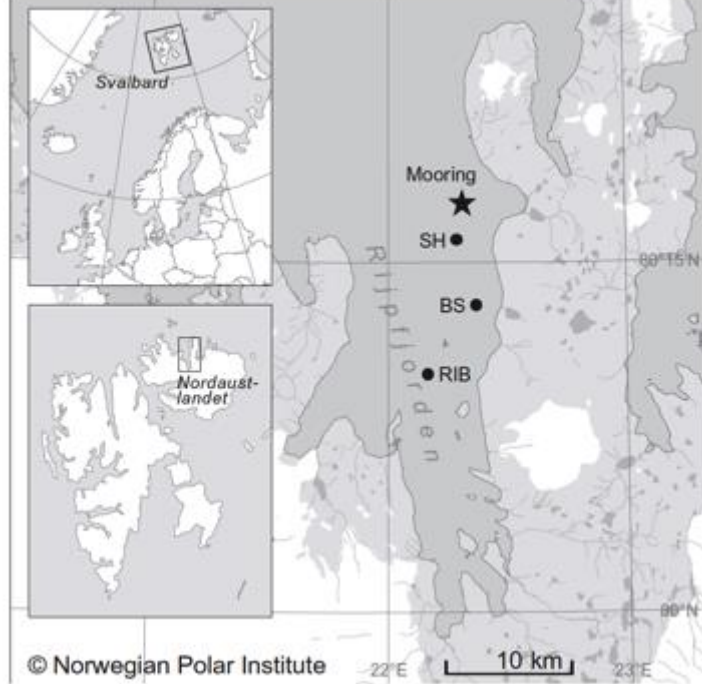
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(later part of the NORDKLIMA program)



CLEOPATRA I: Climate effects on planktonic food quality and trophic transfer in the Arctic marginal ice zone, NFR 2007-2010

2007-2008
POLARARET



The Ice Edge Programme and Arctos research in Rijpfjorden





Ceopatra II

***Climate effects on planktonic
food quality and trophic transfer in the Arctic
marginal ice zone***

NFR (Norklima) 2012-2015



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Unraveling the mysteries of Arctic marine systems

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The alien from the deep



The alien hunt

Up with a tree in Rijpfjorden came a new and surprising inhabitant - a shipworm. Until now we have basically assumed that this group of organisms does not occur in Arctic waters. This new and exciting finding have important implications both for our understanding of the local benthic fauna and not the least for preservation of known and hitherto undiscovered wrecks along the coast of Svalbard!

Read more in [Science, Svalbardposten, Forskning.no](#)



New monster from the deep

First record of a shipworm in Arctic waters

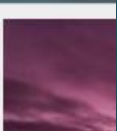


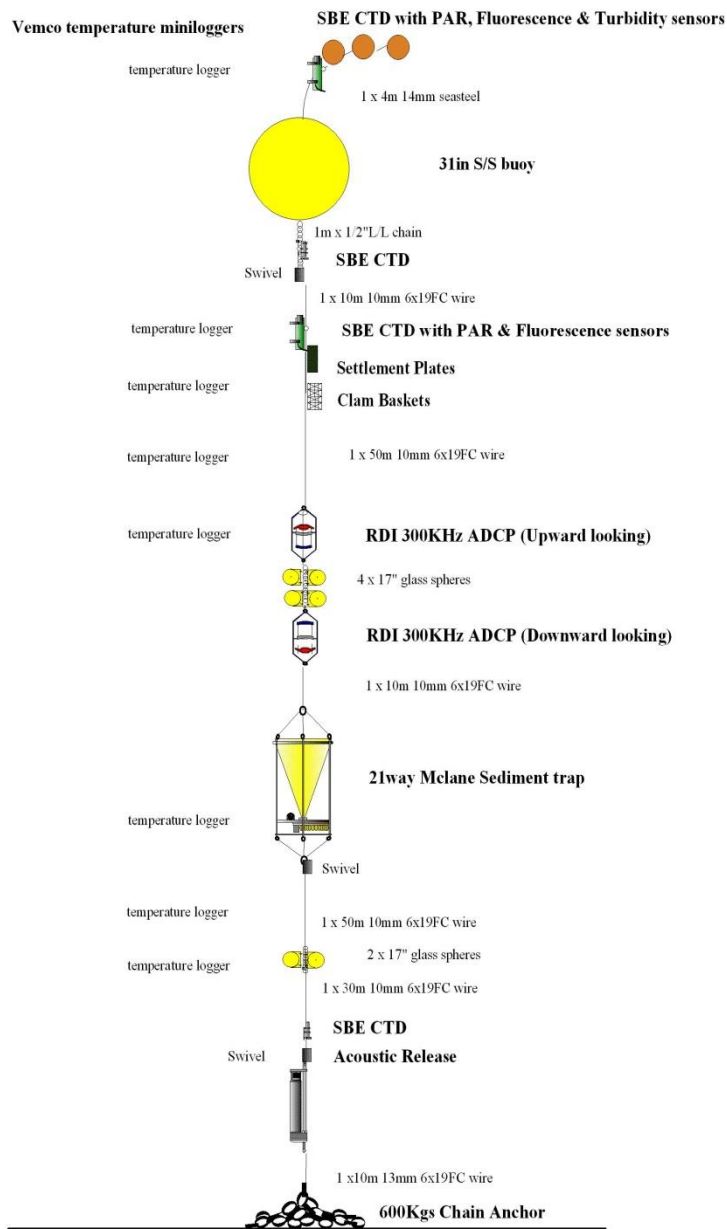
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New year





Svalbard shelf [2009>]

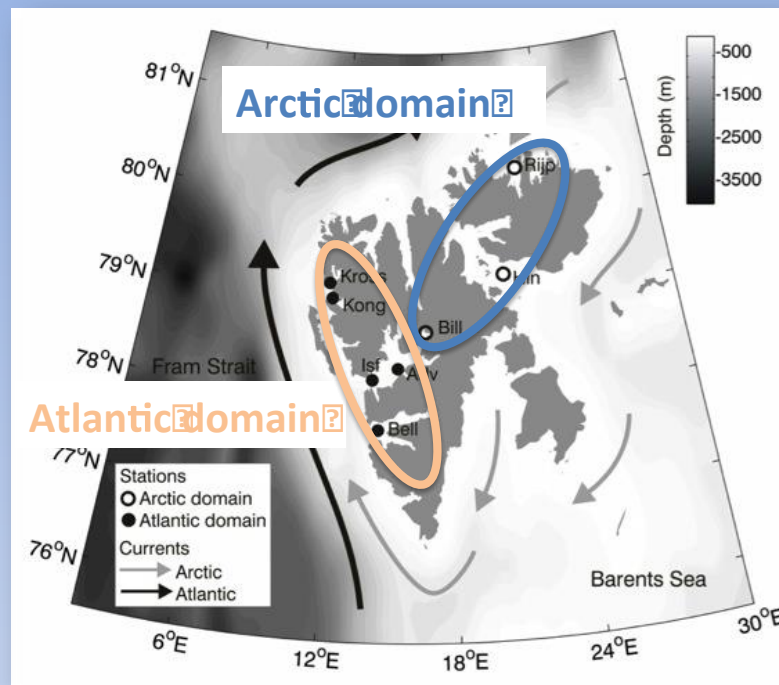
Rijpfjorden [2006->]

Kongsfjorden [2002->]

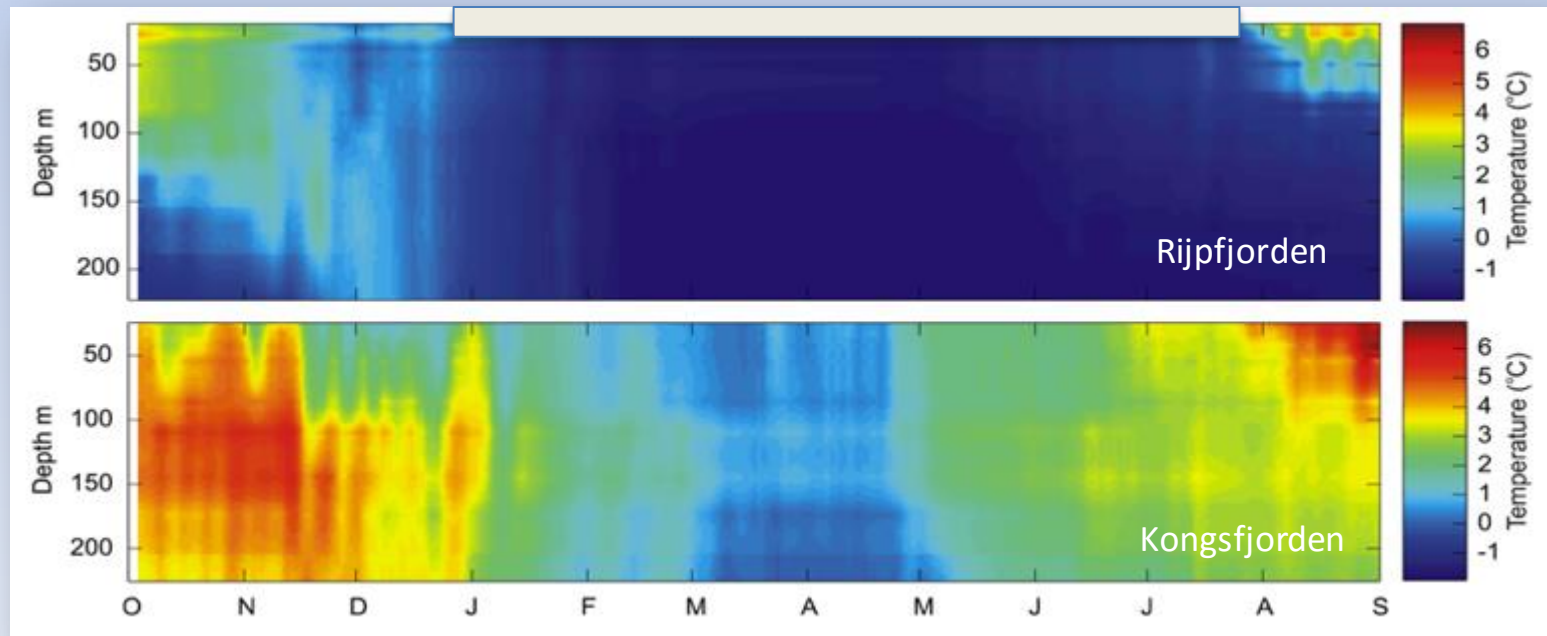
Billefjorden [2007->]

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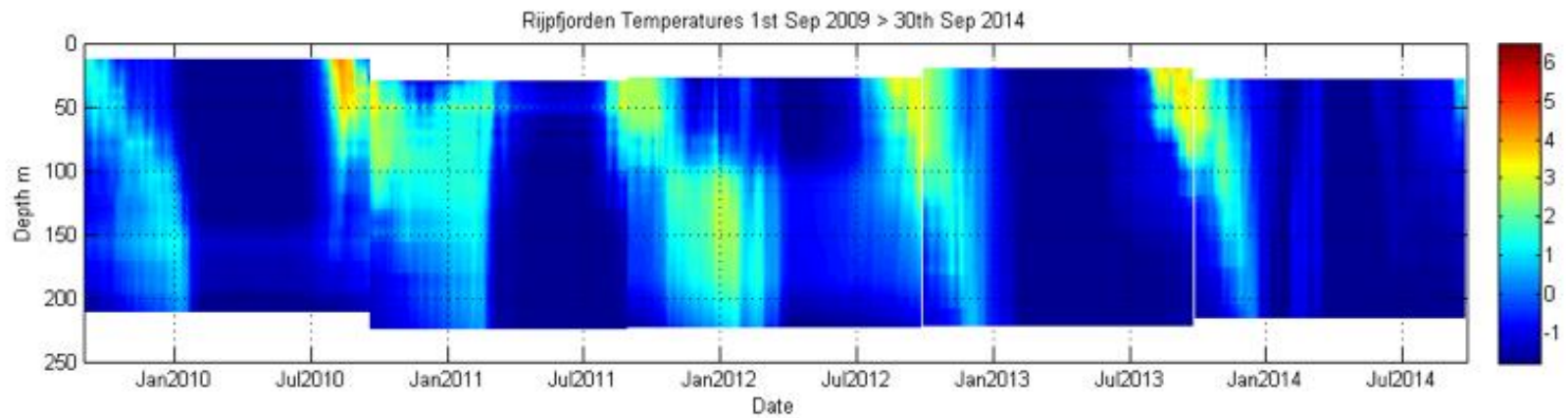
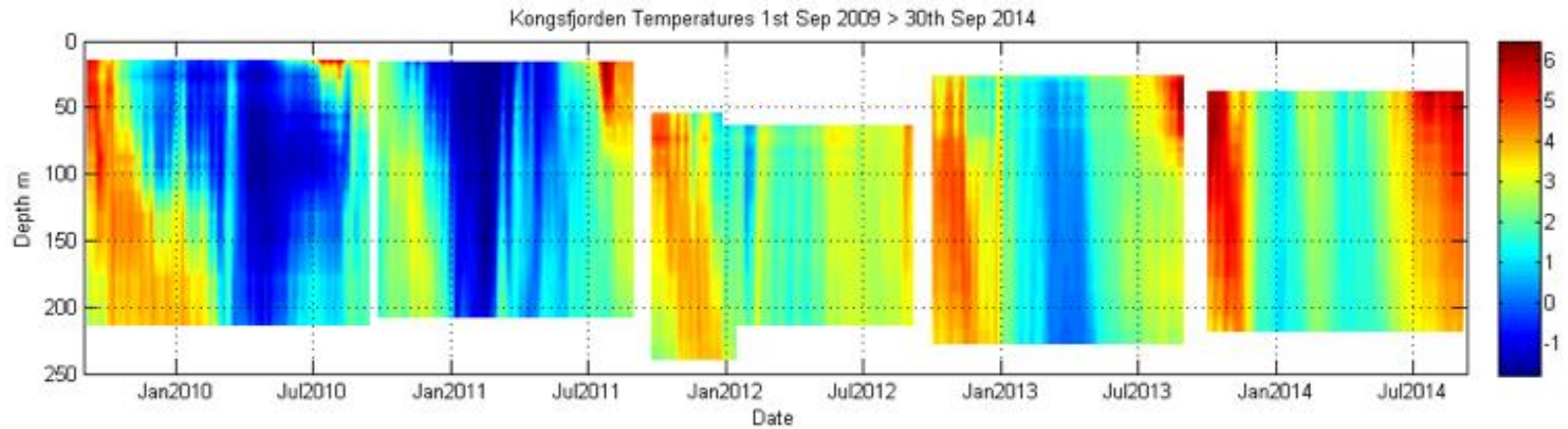
Storfjorden [2007-08]



Seasonal temperature plots



Kongsfjorden



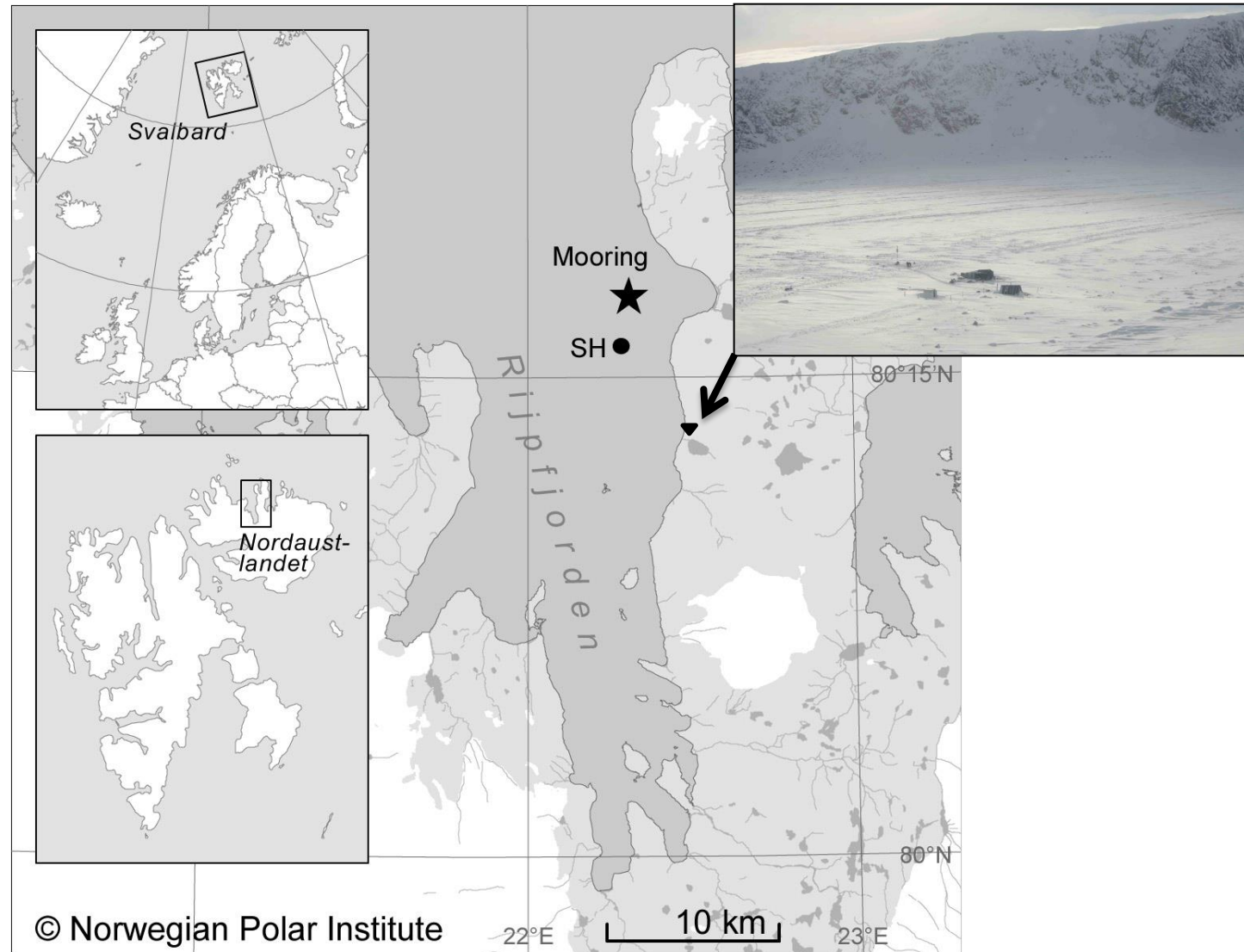
2010-2014

Rijpfjorden



Rijpfjorden July 2007

Rijpfjorden: an ice-dominated ecosystem



Værstasjon



Kontainer & laboratorietelt



Bjørnehiet



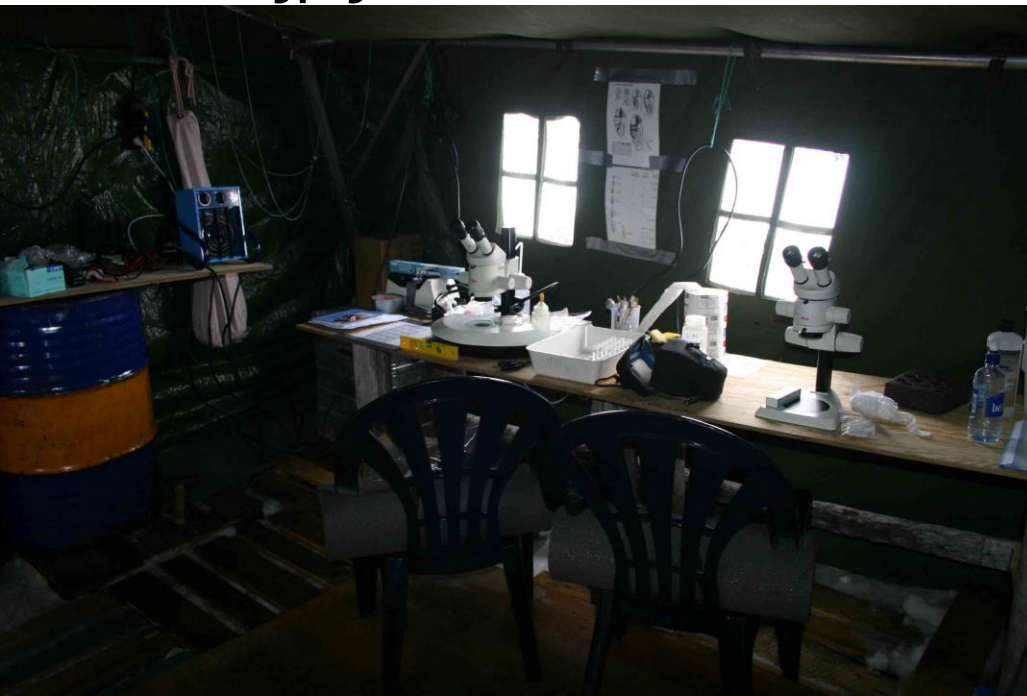
"Sukkerbiten"



Rijpfjorden feltstasjon

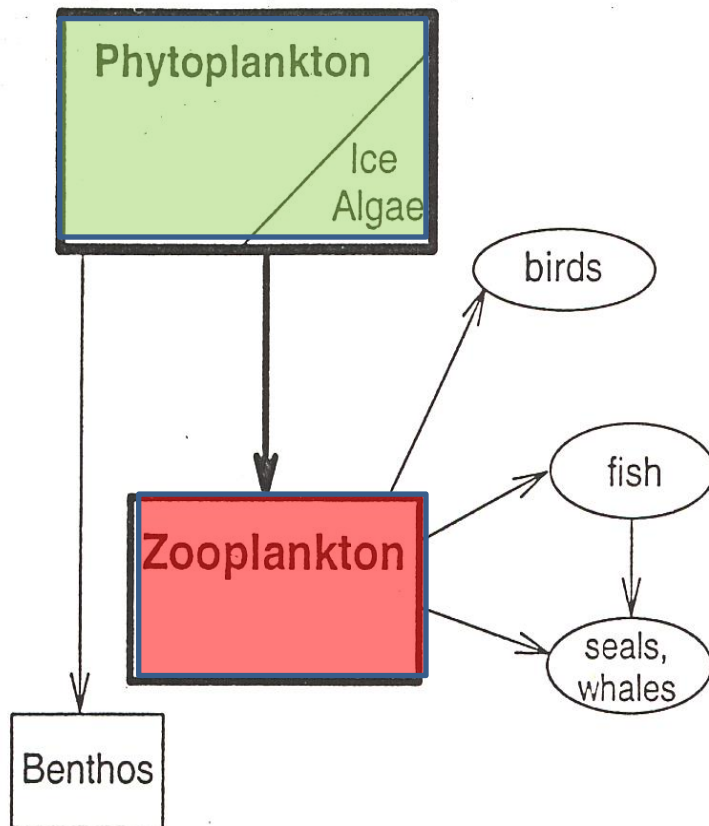


Rijpfjorden laboratorium

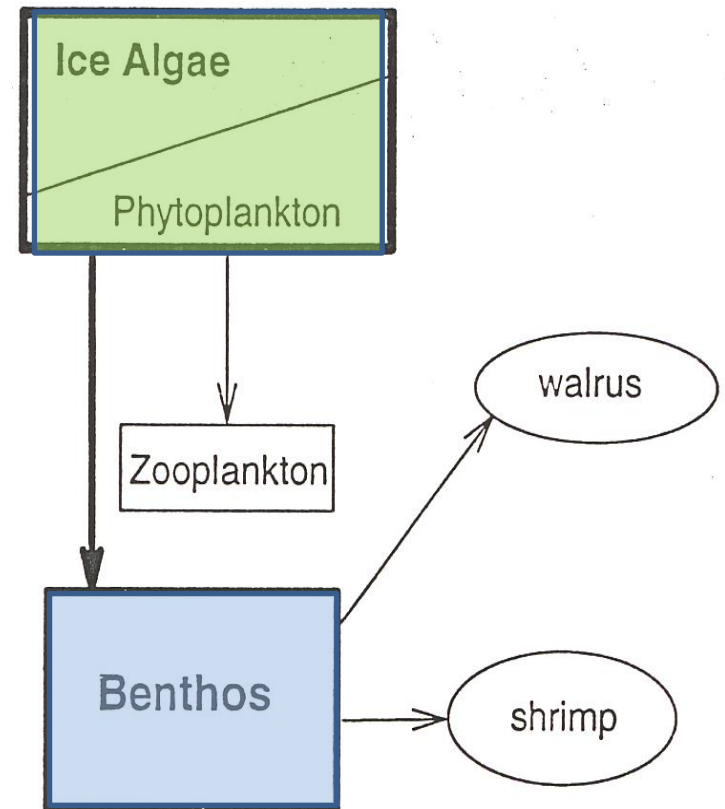


How important are ice algae?

Scenario 1: Limited Ice



Scenario 2: Abundant Ice



Offshore: two food sources in Arctic seas

Ice algae

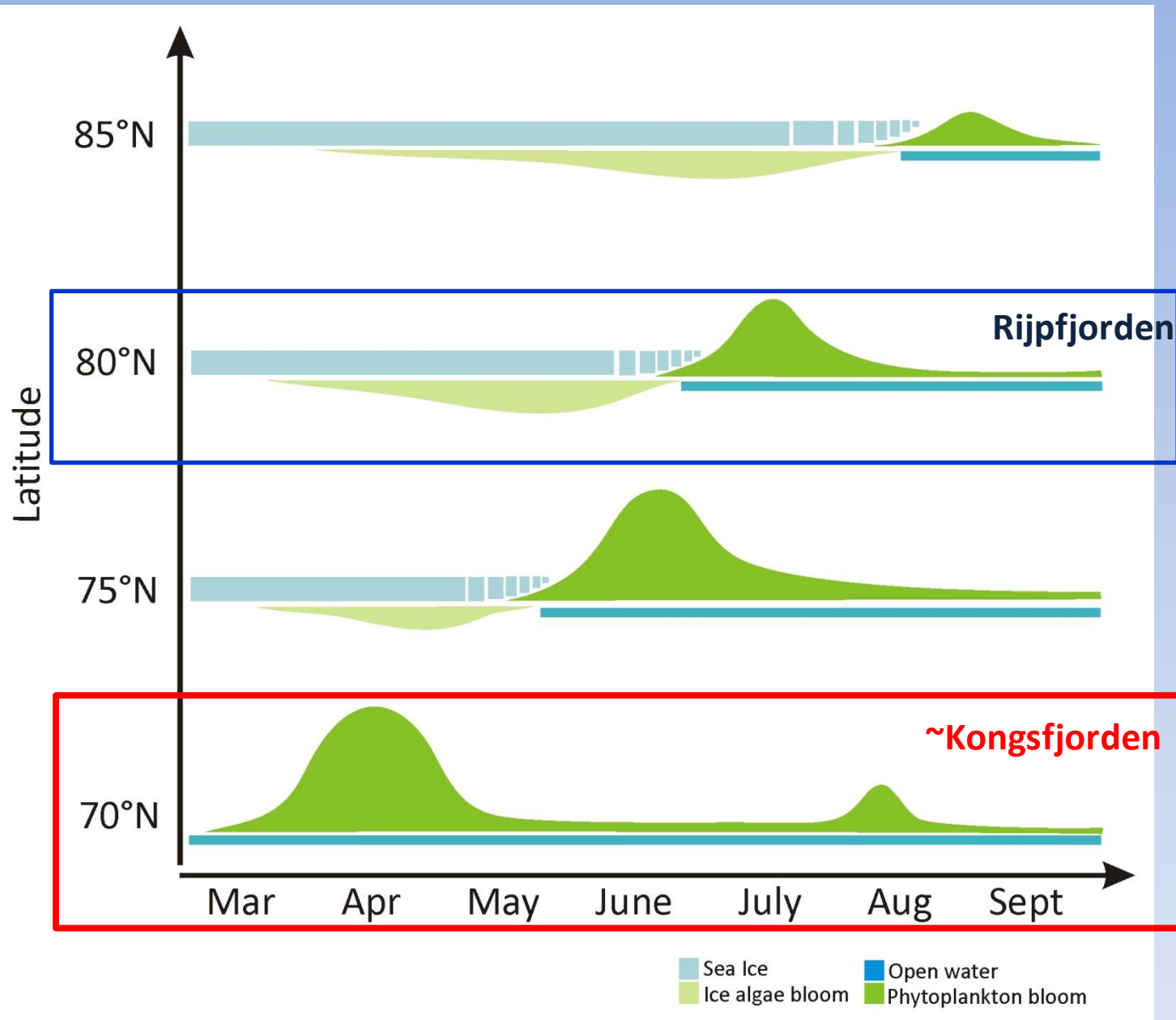


within and on the underside of sea ice

Phytoplankton



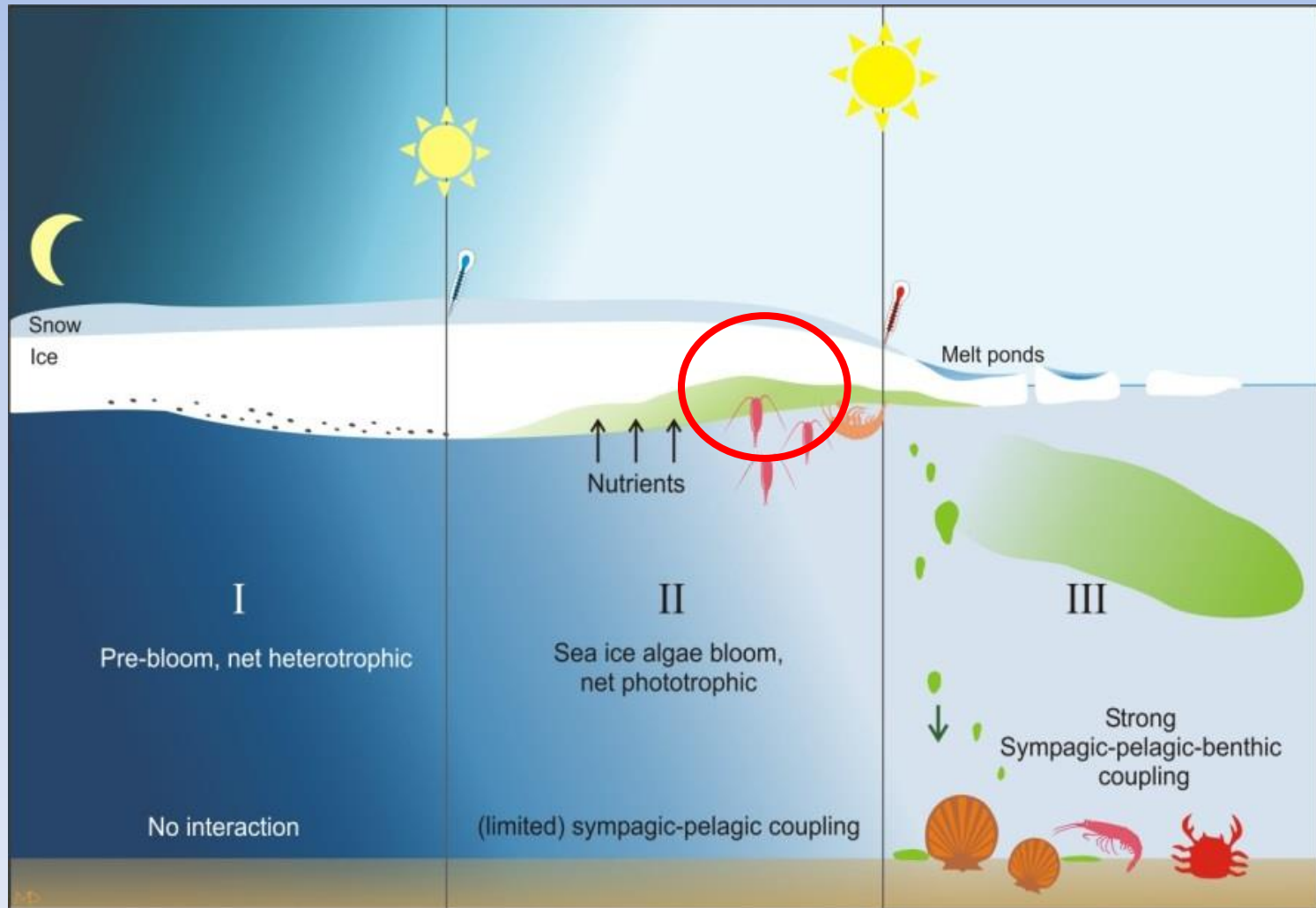
in water



Ice algae <1% to 57% of the total primary production in the Arctic

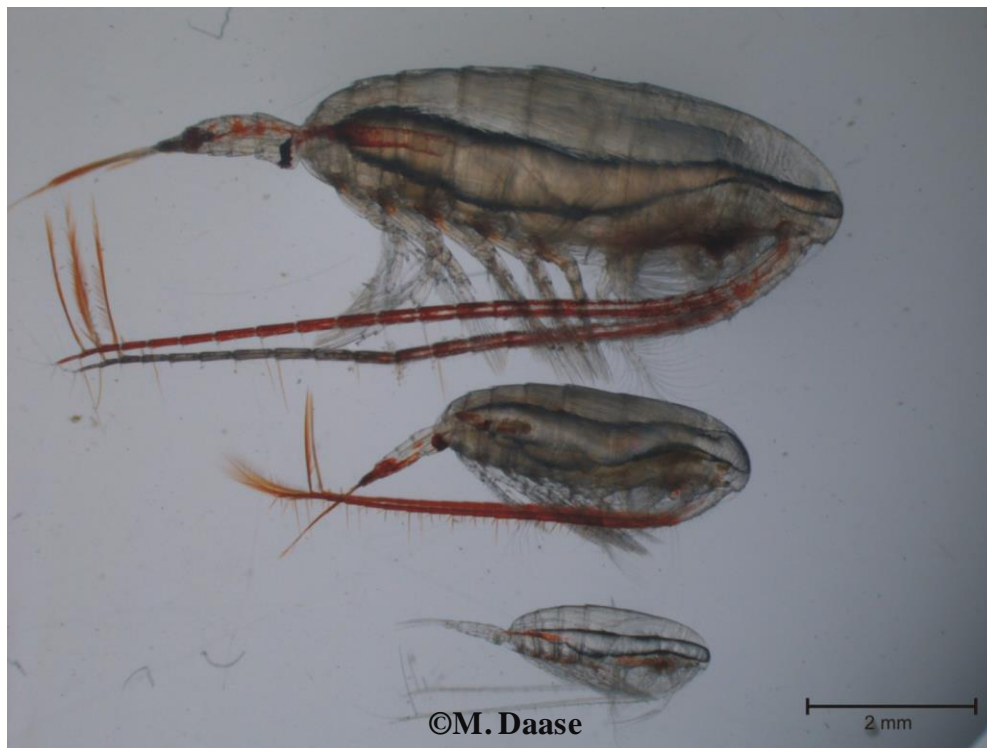
Leu, Søreide et al. 2011

Primary and secondary producers: Match or mismatch? Seasonal adaptation?





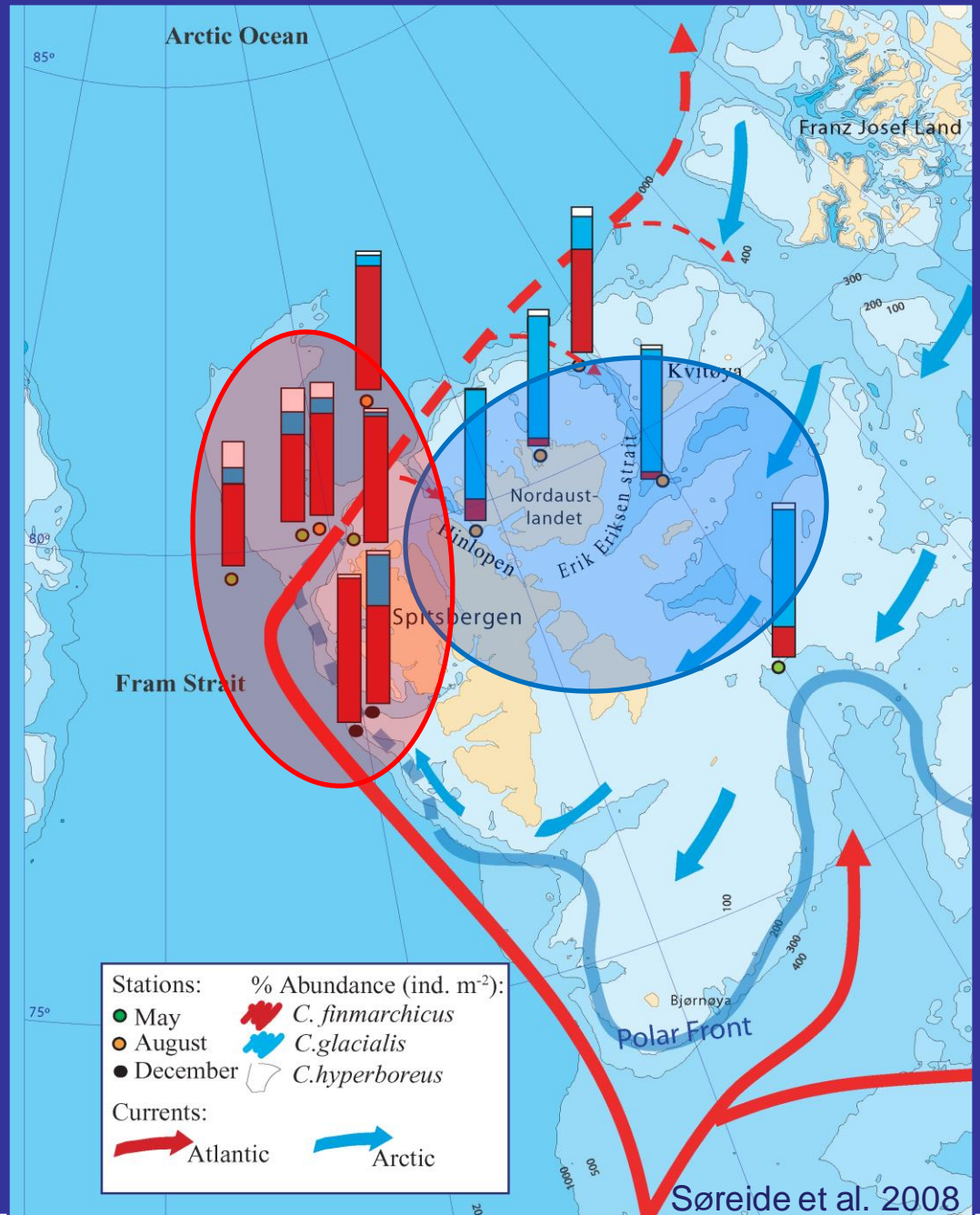
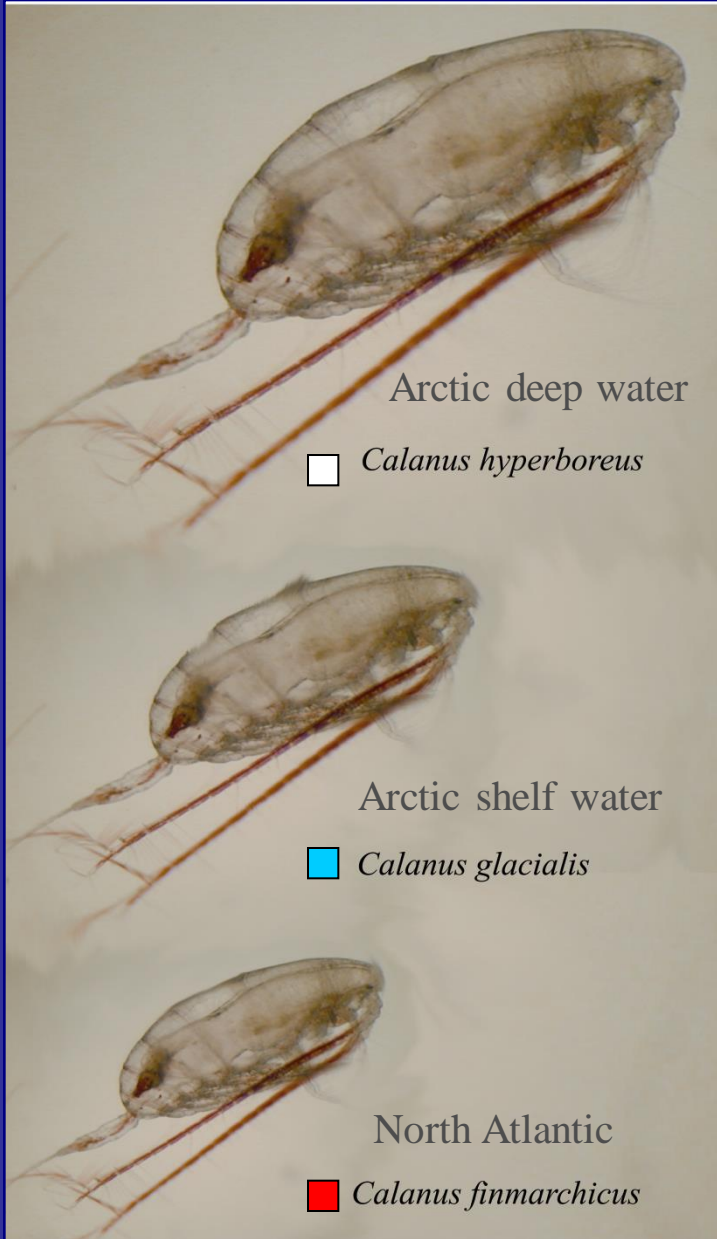
Arctic and North Atlantic *Calanus* species



Calanus spp. account for 50-80% of the total mesozooplankton biomass (dry weight) in the Arctic



% ABUNDANCE

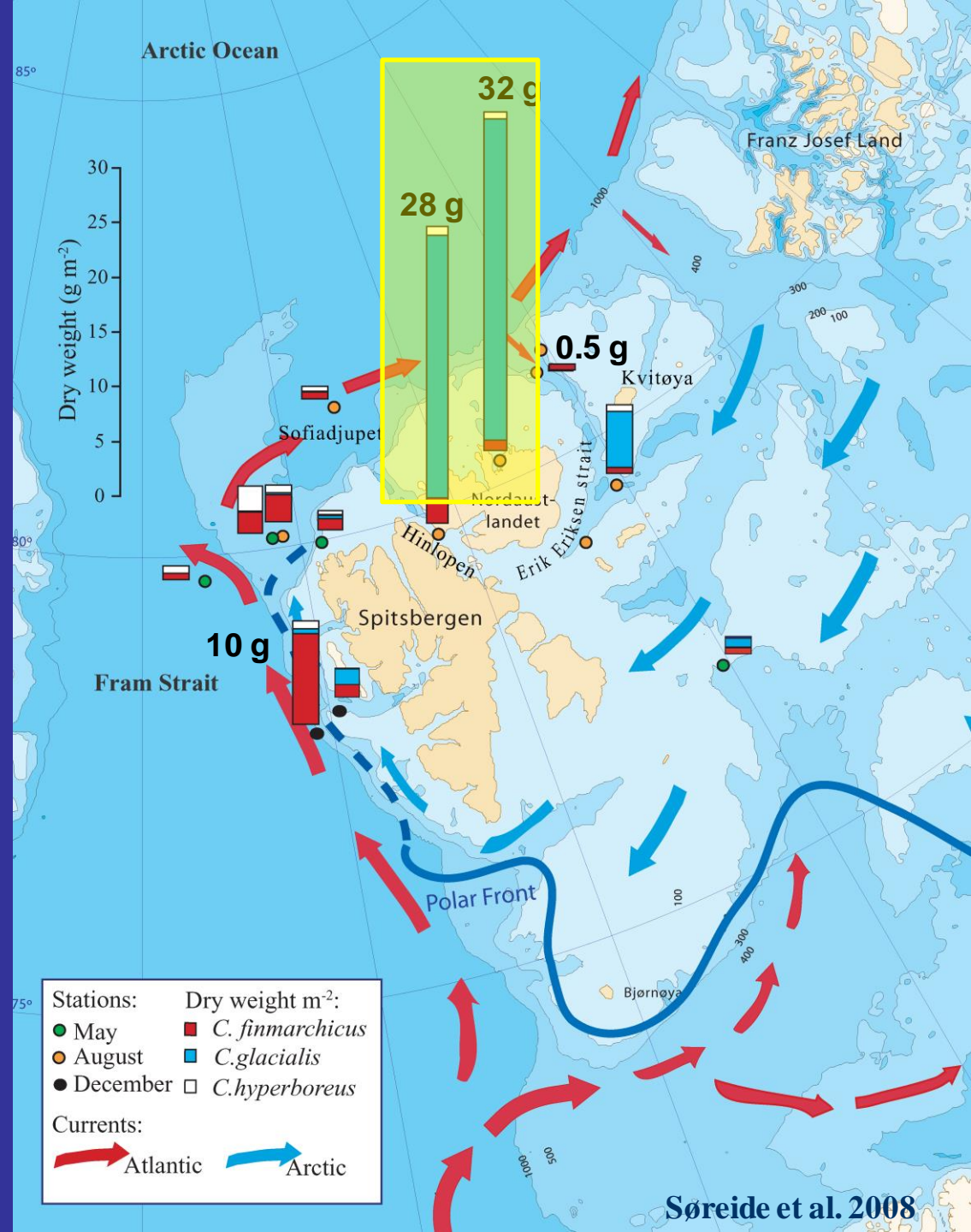
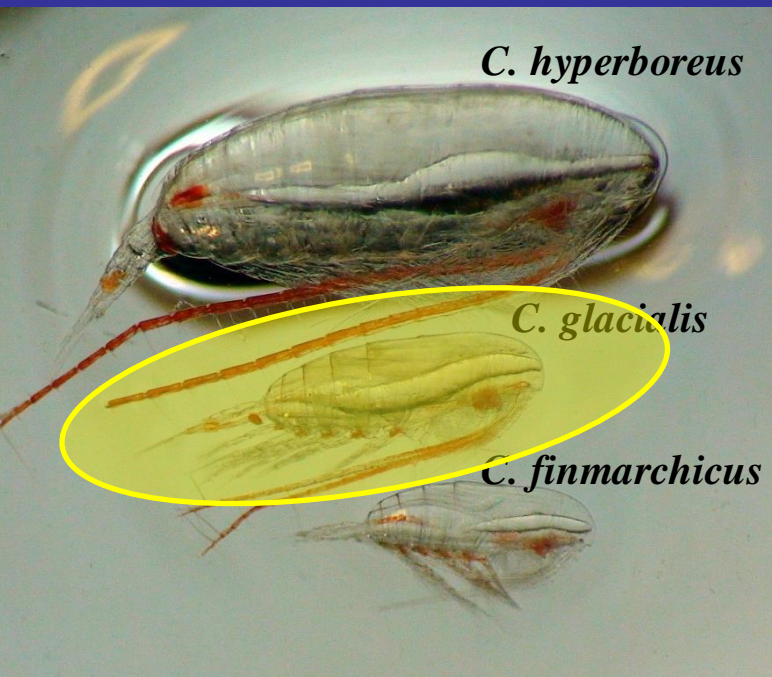


Zooplankton biomass

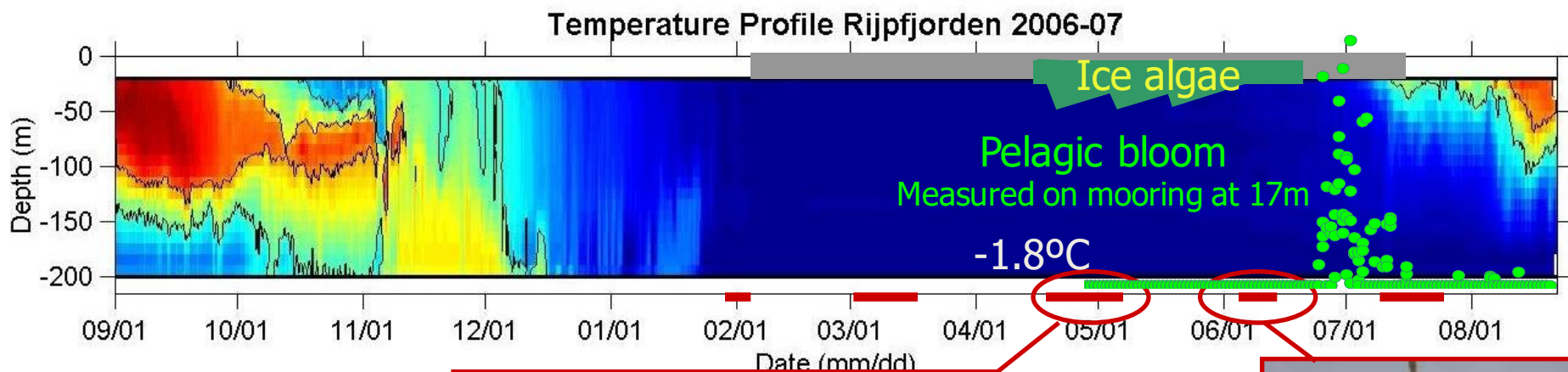
■ *C. finmarchicus*
(0.3 – 8.7 g DW m⁻²)

■ *C. glacialis*
(0.1 – 30.6 g DW m⁻²)

■ *C. hyperboreus*
(0.1 – 2.6 g DW m⁻²)



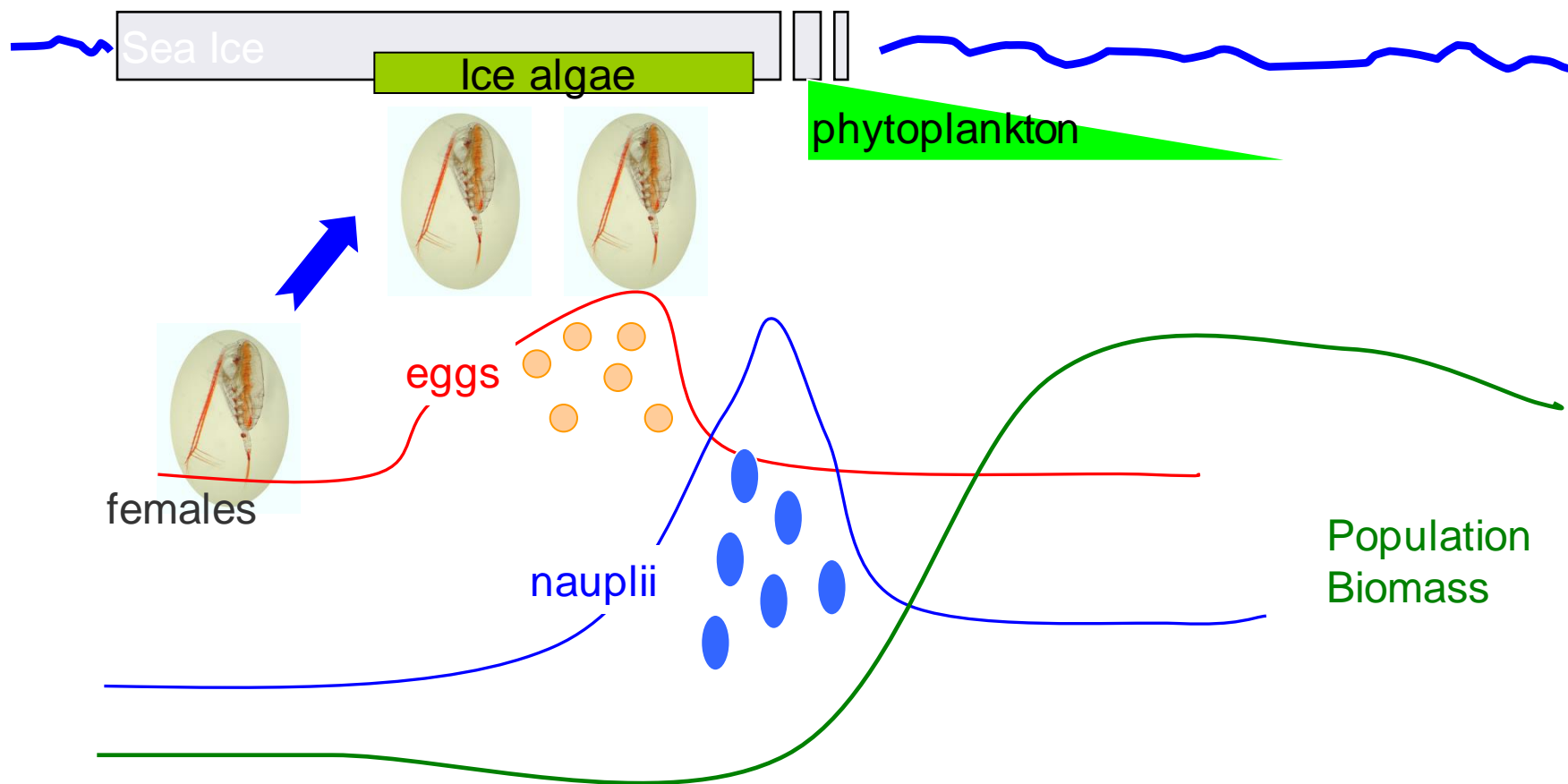
Timing of ice algal vs. pelagic bloom in Rijpfjorden 2006/07



Current

Long growth season

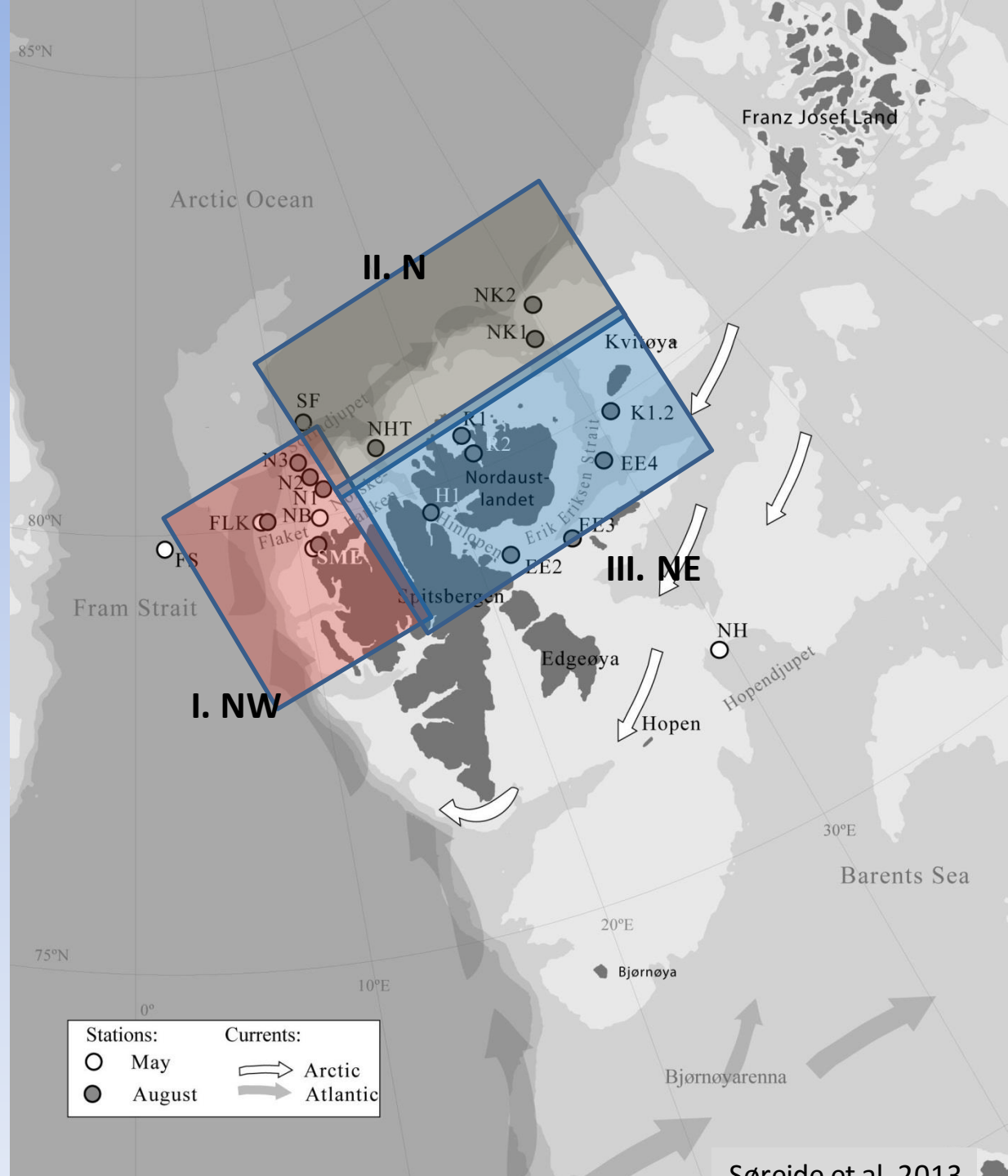
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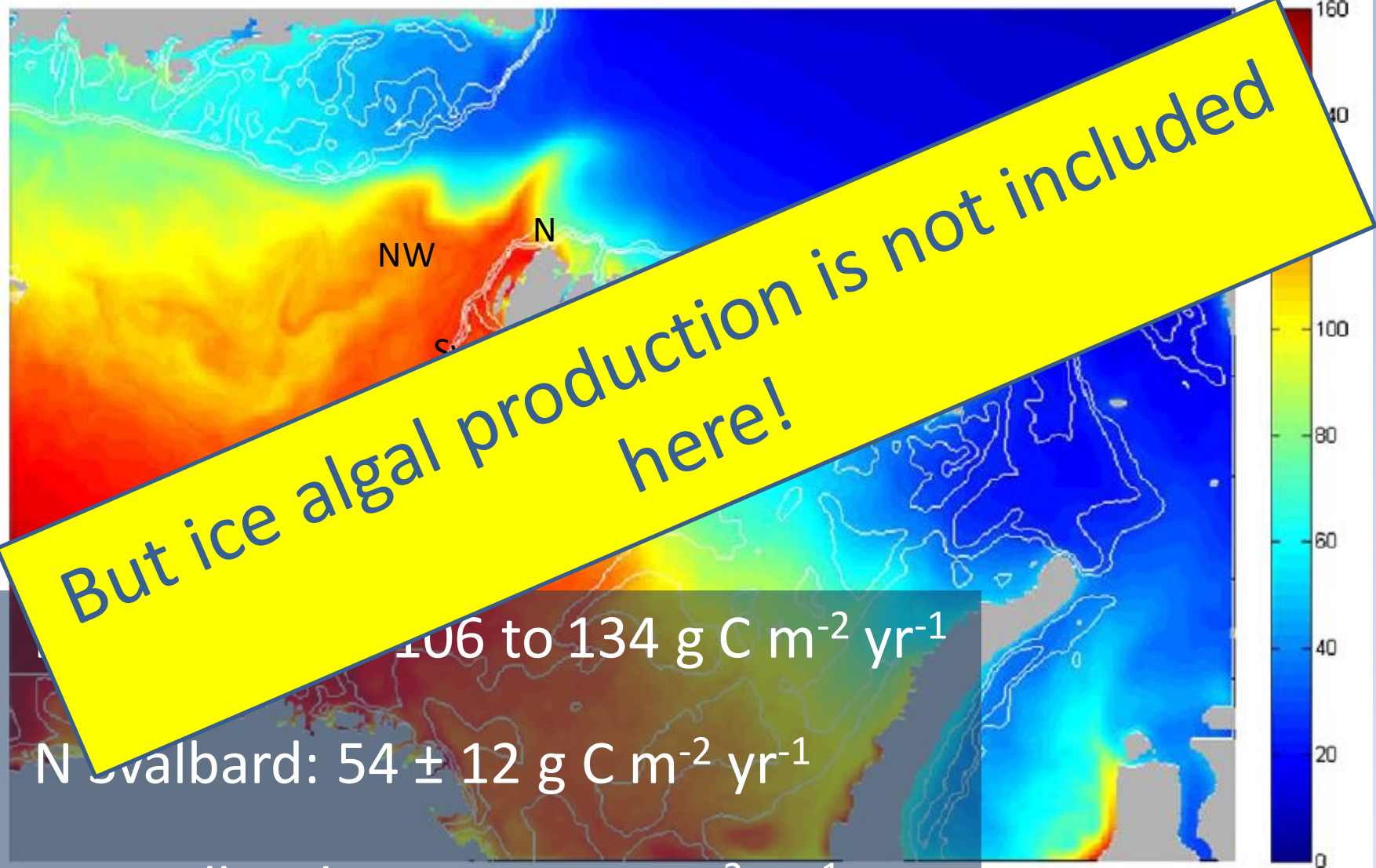
Study area

(2003-04)

- I. NW Svalbard dominated by Atlantic water (AtW) and limited seasonal sea ice (3-5 months).
- II. N Svalbard dominated by AtW and perennial sea ice (10-12 months).
- III. NE Svalbard dominated by Arctic water (ArW) and extensive seasonal sea ice (7-9 months).



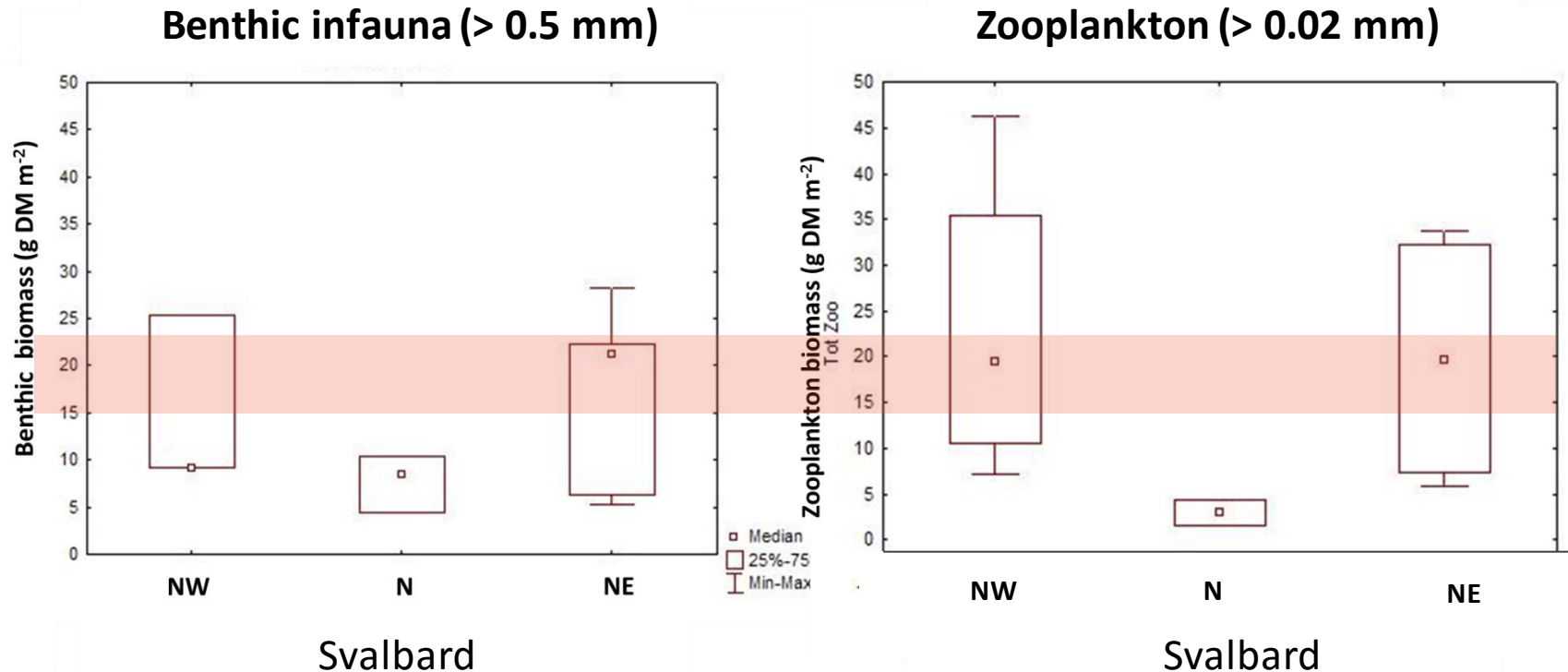
Annual primary production (PP)



- 106 to 134 g C m⁻² yr⁻¹
- N Svalbard: 54 ± 12 g C m⁻² yr⁻¹
- NE Svalbard: 67 ± 12 g C m⁻² yr⁻¹

Source: Reigstad et al. 2011

Biomass (g DM m⁻²)



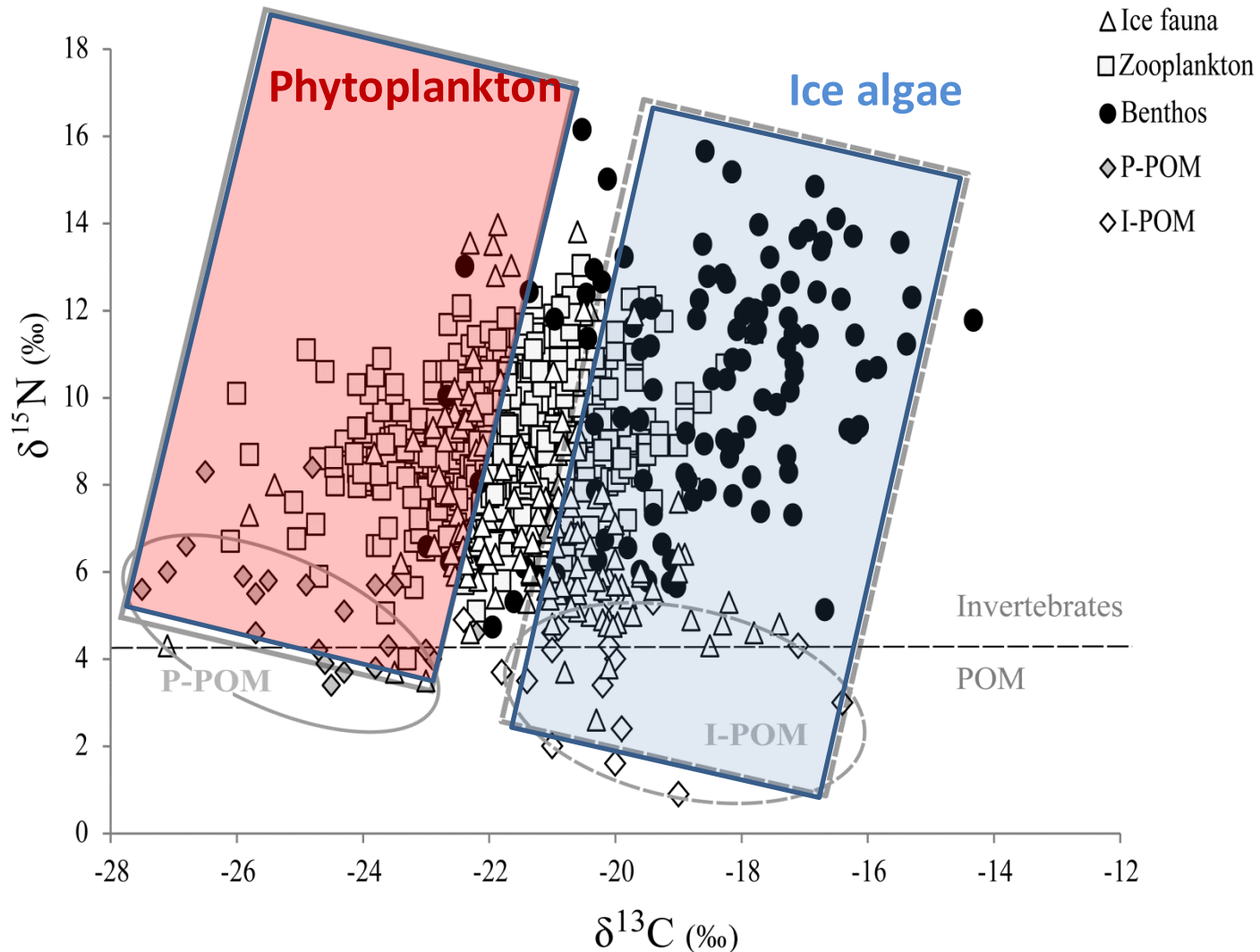
Pelagic and Benthic biomass pos. correlated
($y = 0.54x + 7.29$; $r^2=0.65$, $p<0.05$)



- Biomass (DM g m⁻²)



Available litteratur data from Svalbard and N Barents Sea



Summary - Biomass

- Pelagic and benthic biomass positively correlated ($r^2=0.66$, $p<0.05$) and similarly high in Atlantic vs. Arctic climate regimes
- N Svalbard had particularly low zooplankton and benthic biomass, reflecting the overall low primary production there
- Biological «hot spots» in NE Svalbard (Rijpfjorden and Hinlopen) most likely due to input of ice-derived organic matter and highly specialized Arctic zooplankton (*C. glacialis*).



Summary – Carbon sources

- Ice algae and phytoplankton are both important carbon sources for ice fauna
- Phytoplankton is the most important carbon source for zooplankton, but ice algae are important seasonally (spring).
- Ice algae (and/or refractory material) are the most important carbon source for benthic invertebrates



High winter mortality for temperate/boreal zooplankton Zooplankton community reset back to a more Arctic one over the winter

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Plankton Research

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Ice-related seasonality in zooplankton community composition in a high Arctic fjord

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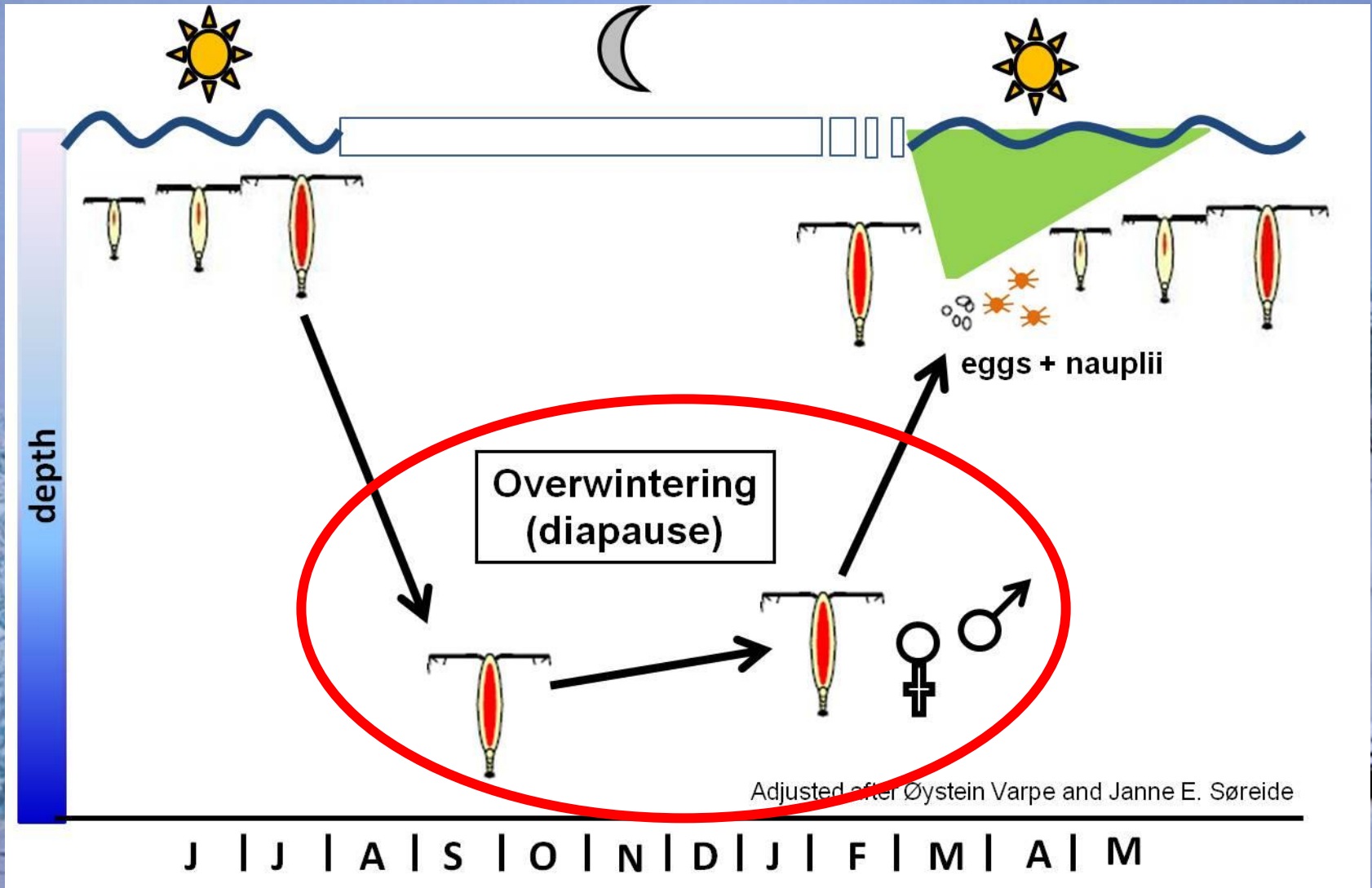
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To predict impacts of climate change
we need more data on how organisms
«cope» with seasonality

establish a seasonal baseline

what is extreme and what is normal?

Life cycle of *Calanus glacialis*



Overwintering strategy

What we know...

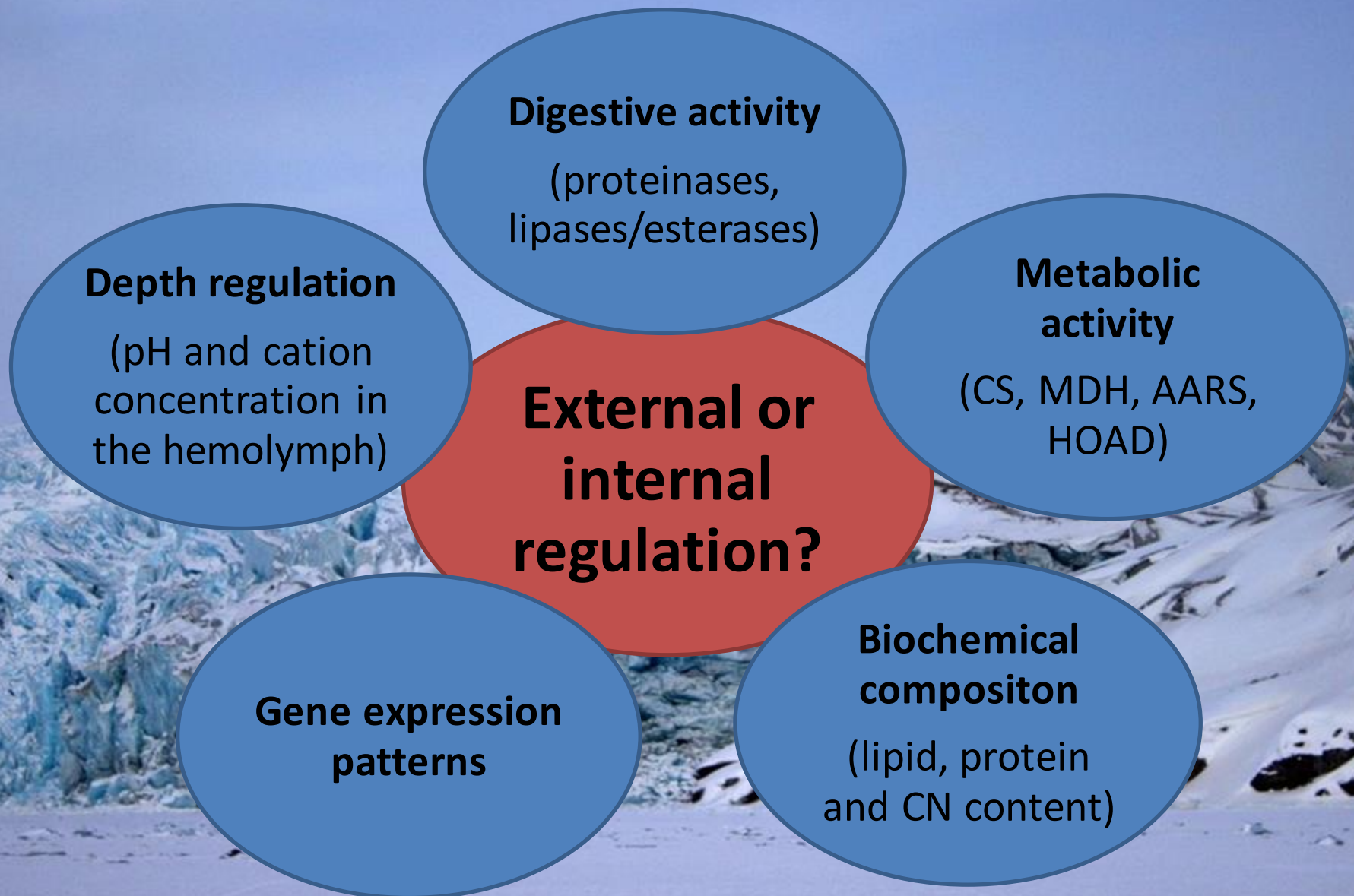
- arrested development
- reduced metabolism
- reliance on internal energy reserves
- lipid reserve fuel reproduction the next spring

Open questions

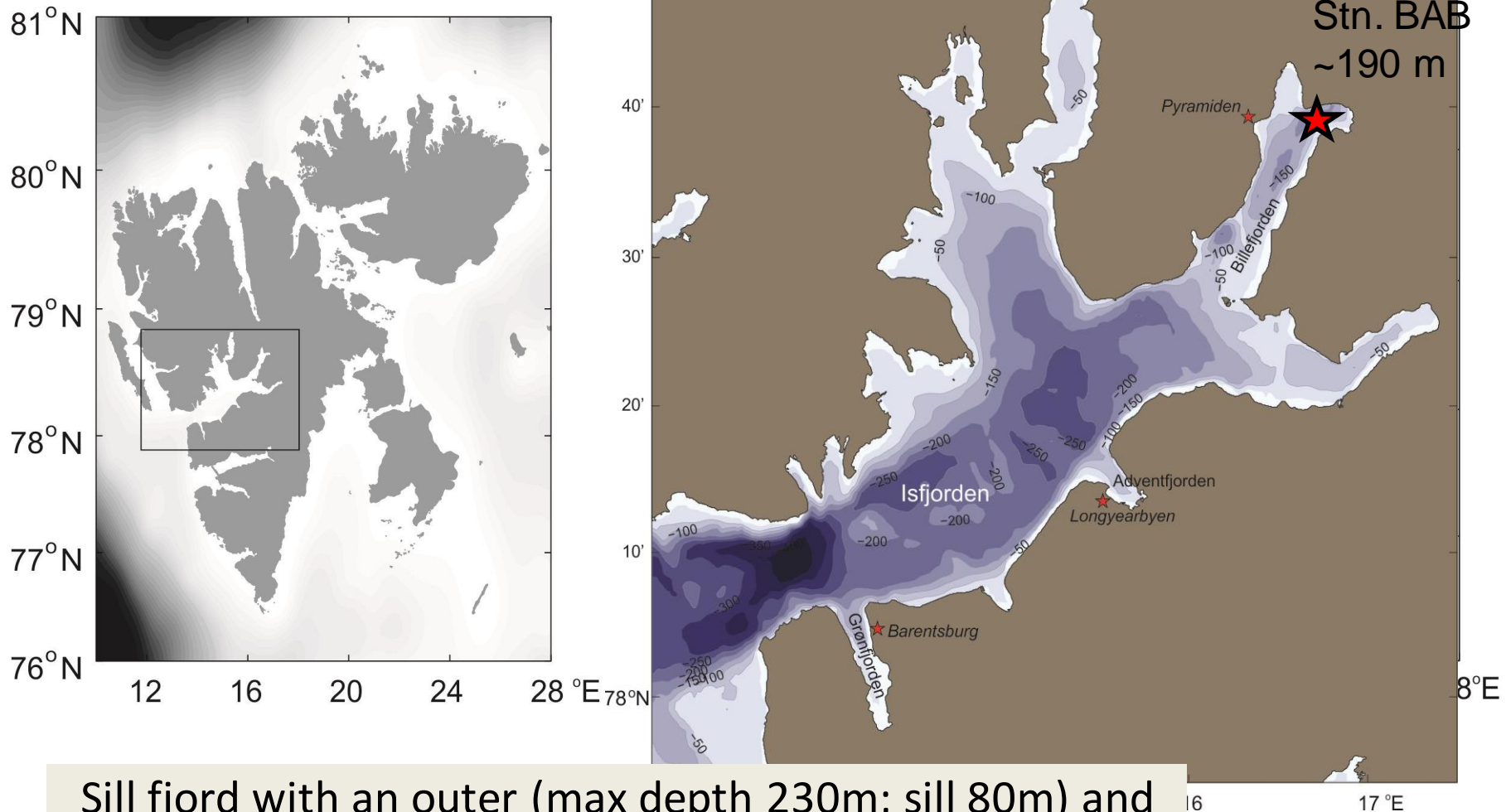
- What happens physiological during overwintering?
- How do changes in external factors (e.g. temperature, food, light) impact the overwintering success?
- What triggers the onset and offset of the overwintering state?



Approach on different physiological levels

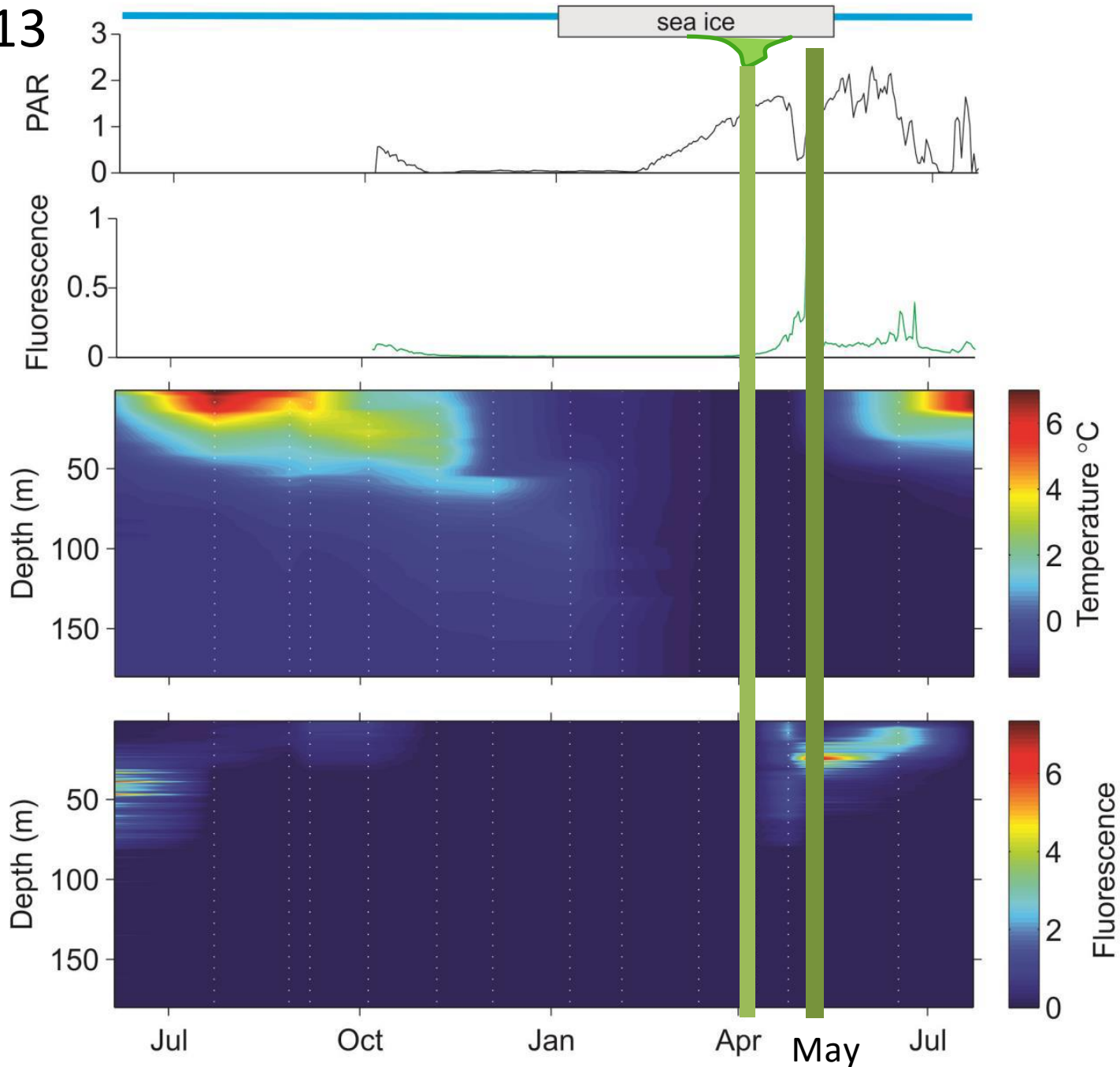


Case study – Billefjorden 78°N



Sill fjord with an outer (max depth 230m; sill 80m) and inner basin (max depth 190 m; sill 45m).

2012-13



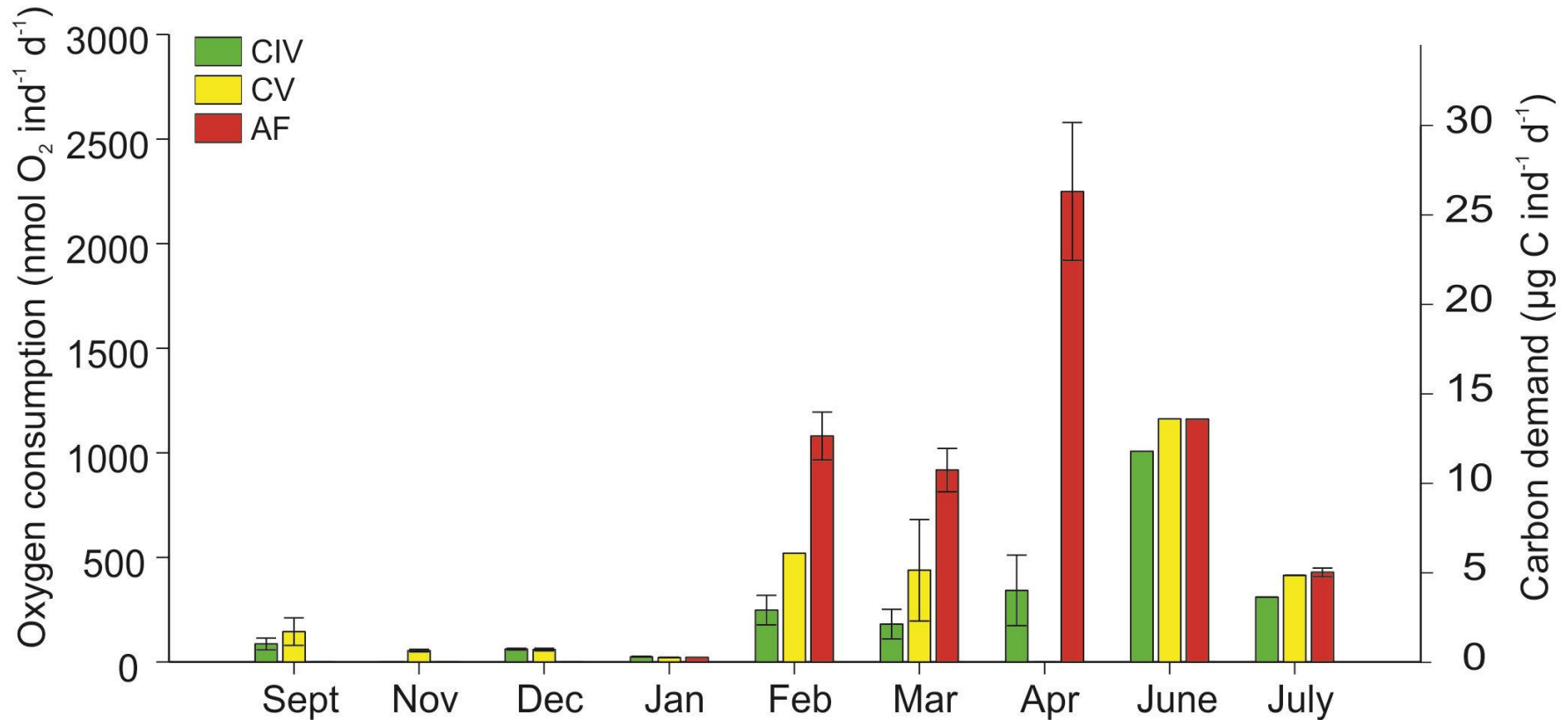
Monthly sampling in Billefjorden

– an unique dataset from a seasonal ice covered location in 2008-2009 and 2012-2013

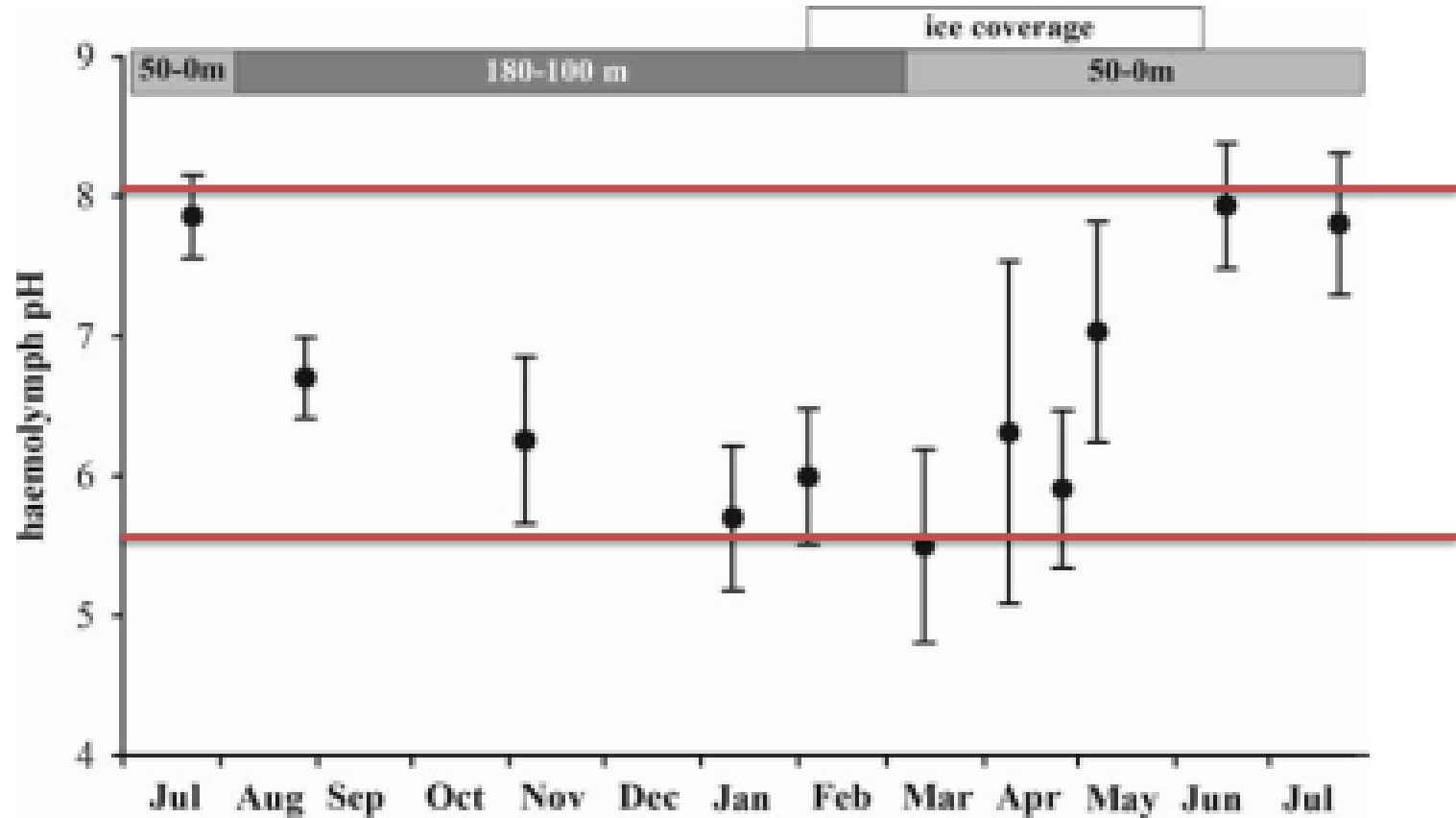




Seasonal metabolism in C. glacialis



pH endringer i kroppsvæsken til *Calanus glacialis*



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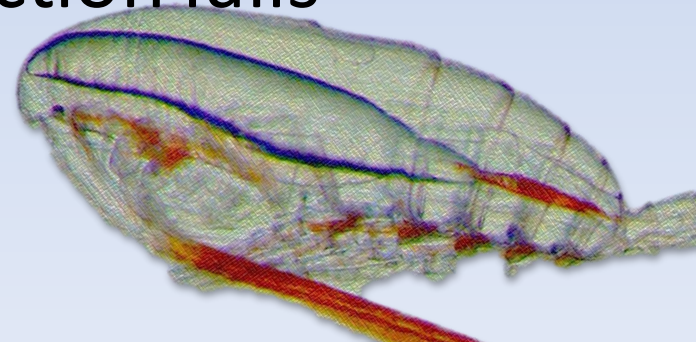
Seasonal patterns in extracellular ion concentrations and pH of the Arctic copepod *Calanus glacialis*

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The fate of *C. glacialis*

- 1- *C. glacialis* is robust and will survive. It is
- M well adapted to dynamic sea ice and food
- Lig conditions
- dormancy
- It ***BUT high winter temperatures is worrying for their overall energy budget***
- CI ***More winter studies needed to identify potential «population bottlenecks»!***
- population guaranty if reproduction falls



Nå og fremover.....

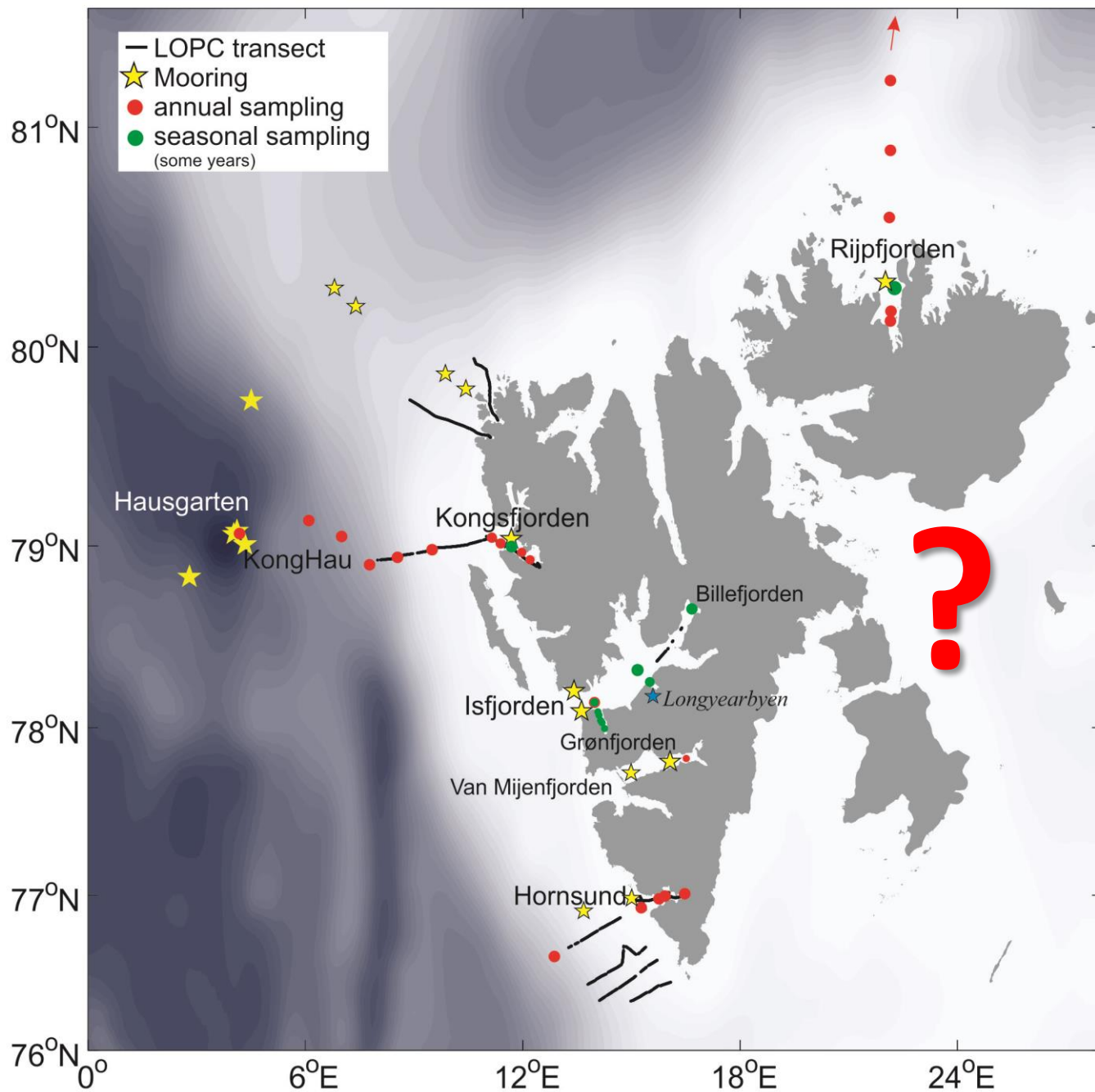
- Fortsette vår biologiske tidsserie i Rippfjorden
- Fortsette den høyoppløselige biologiske «overvåkningen» på hydrografi og plankton i Isfjorden (inkludert Billefjorden)
- Fortsette våre sjøis-biota studier (biodiversitet fokus på alt smått: isalger- og protister og meiofauna)



Plankton Research in Svalbard (PRIS)

All together 40 plankton scientists and data managers from Poland, Germany, Russia, Sweden and Norway met last week during 2 intensive workshop days at UNIS, Svalbard December 2015.







General recommendations

- Long-term funding for the time series of hydrography and zooplankton monitoring in Kongsfjorden and Rijpfjorden should be secured (reference sites for Atlantic and Arctic climate regimes).
- There is a need for better coordination of the zooplankton monitoring in Svalbard
- Monitoring the occurrence of new and boreal plankton species in the waters around Svalbard should be developed.

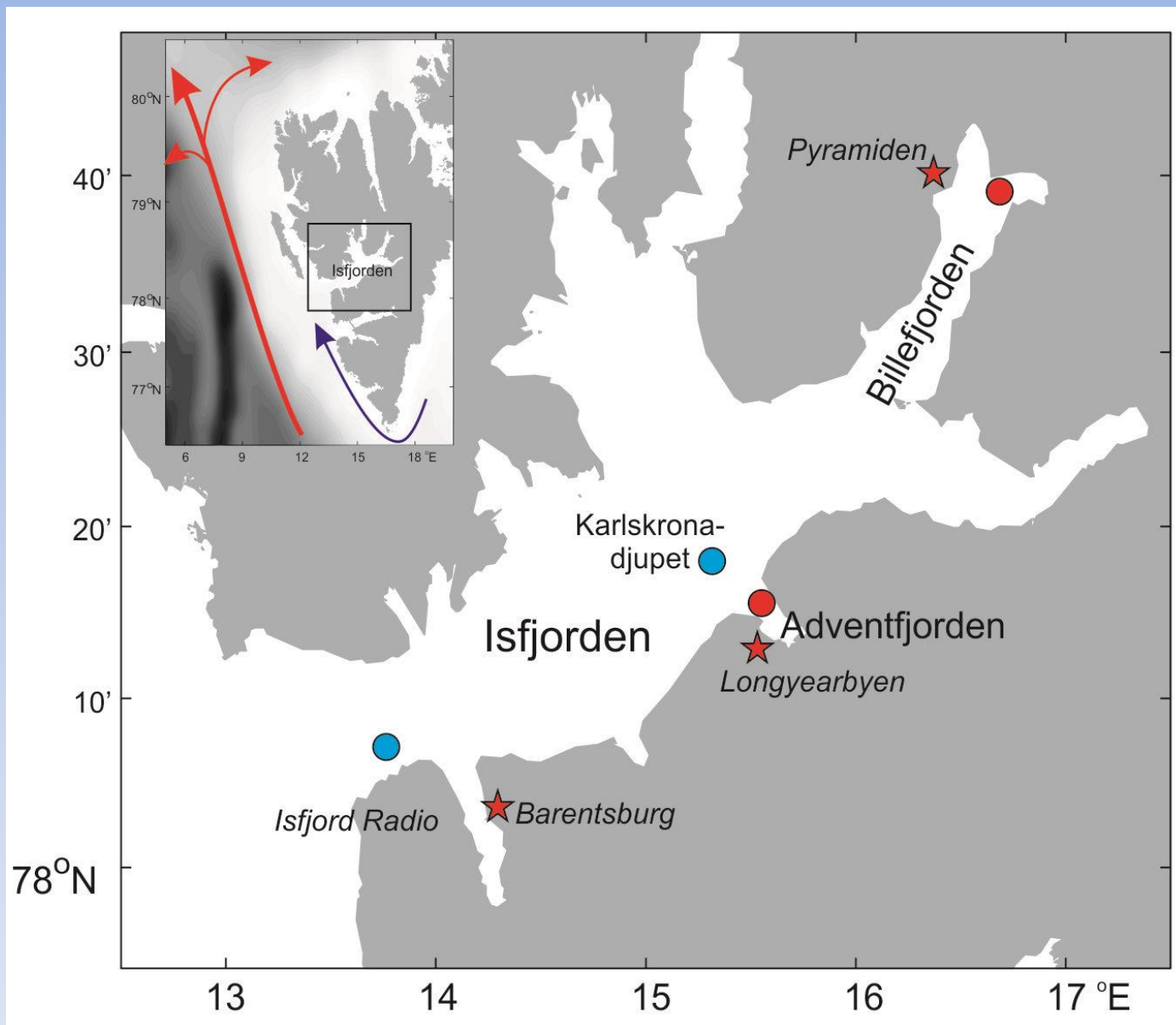
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UNIS and Murmansk Marine Biological Institute (MMBI)

IMOS

2015-2018

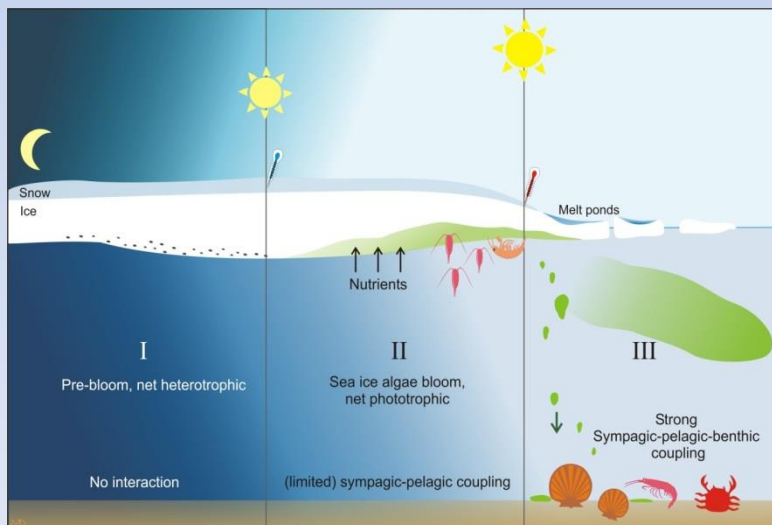
Norwegian Research Council, Polarprog, NOR-RUSS, 2015-2018



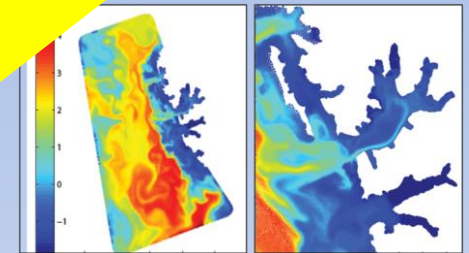
FAABulous: Future Arctic Algae Blooms – and their role in the context of climate change

PI Eva Leu

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Ole Anders Nøst, Andre Staalstrøm,
Vigdis Tverberg, Björn Rost, Clara Hoppe,
Marcel Nicolaus, Martin Graeve, Jozef Wiktor,
Dirk Notz, Finlo Cottier,
Thomas Brown, Michael Greenacre



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- Total budget: 16 (23) million NOK
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 - Germany: AWI, MPI-Met
 - Poland: IOPAS
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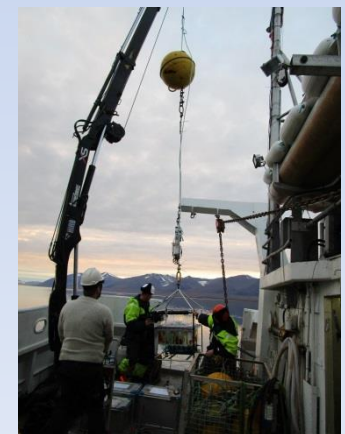
Project aim: To study the joint effects of *light conditions, ocean acidification and increased temperature* on algal bloom development in sea ice in the Arctic.

WP 1: Process studies

- Seasonal field studies in Mijenfjorden and Kongsfjorden (2016/17)
- Autonomous observatories in sea ice and water (2016-2018)

WP 2

Apply the FVCOM for Western Spitsbergen, with special focus on vMF and ...



Field work canceled in 2016!

Consequences of ice



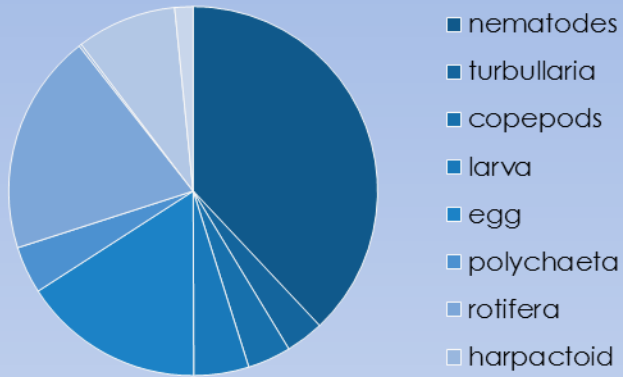
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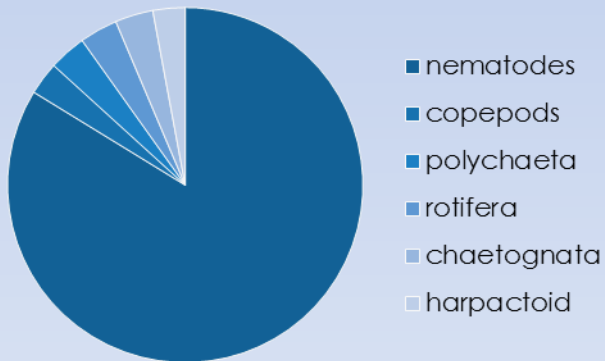
Sea ice meiofauna biodiversity

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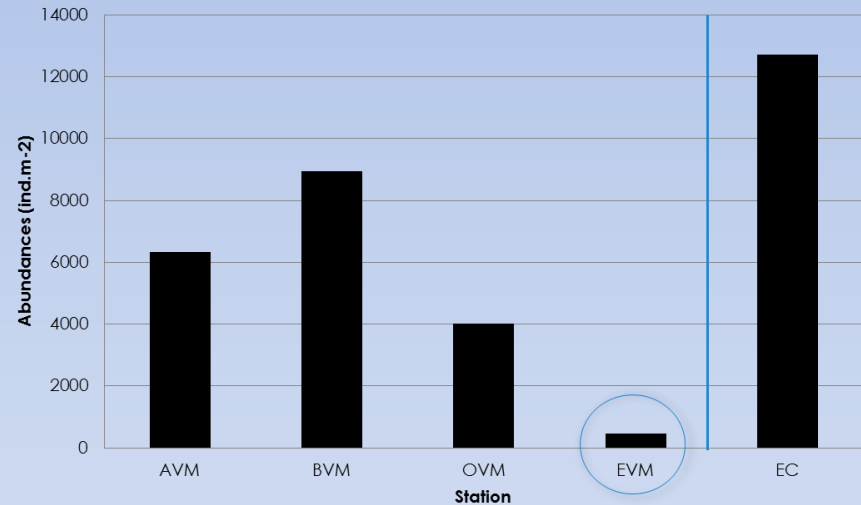
- nematodes
- turbellaria
- copepods
- larva
- egg
- polychaeta
- rotifera
- harpactoid

Van Mijenfjorden **OVM**



- nematodes
- copepods
- polychaeta
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- harpactoid

meiofauna (ind/m²)



Meiofauna

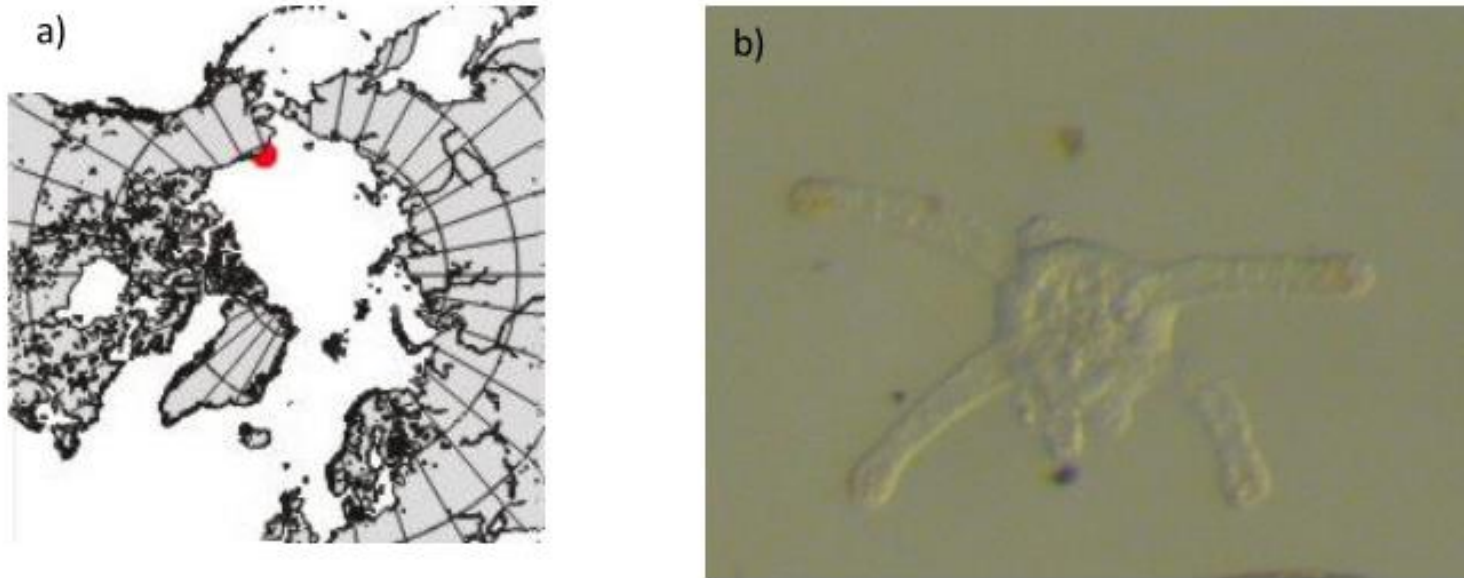


Figure 1. Current distribution map (a) of the cnidaria *Sympagohydra tuuli* (Piraino, Bluhm, Gradinger & Boero, 2008) (http://www.arcodiv.org/seaice/hydroids/Sympagohydra_tuuli.html) and (b) one of several specimens of a Cnidaria we found in Van Mijenfjorden in April 2015 (photo Miriam Marquardt/UNIS) .



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