

New observing technology and systems in Southern Ocean observations

Notes from the Arctic: Accelerating Science Driven Innovation

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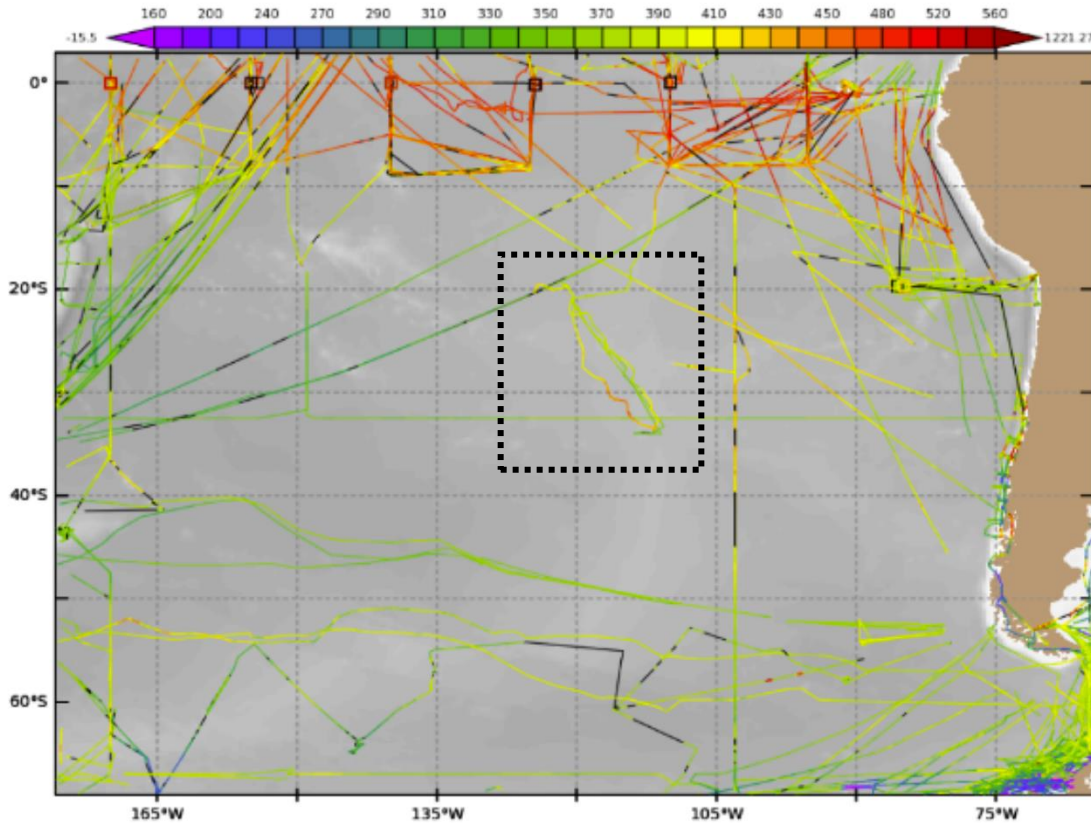
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Filling gaps has impact in other regions of the S. Hemisphere

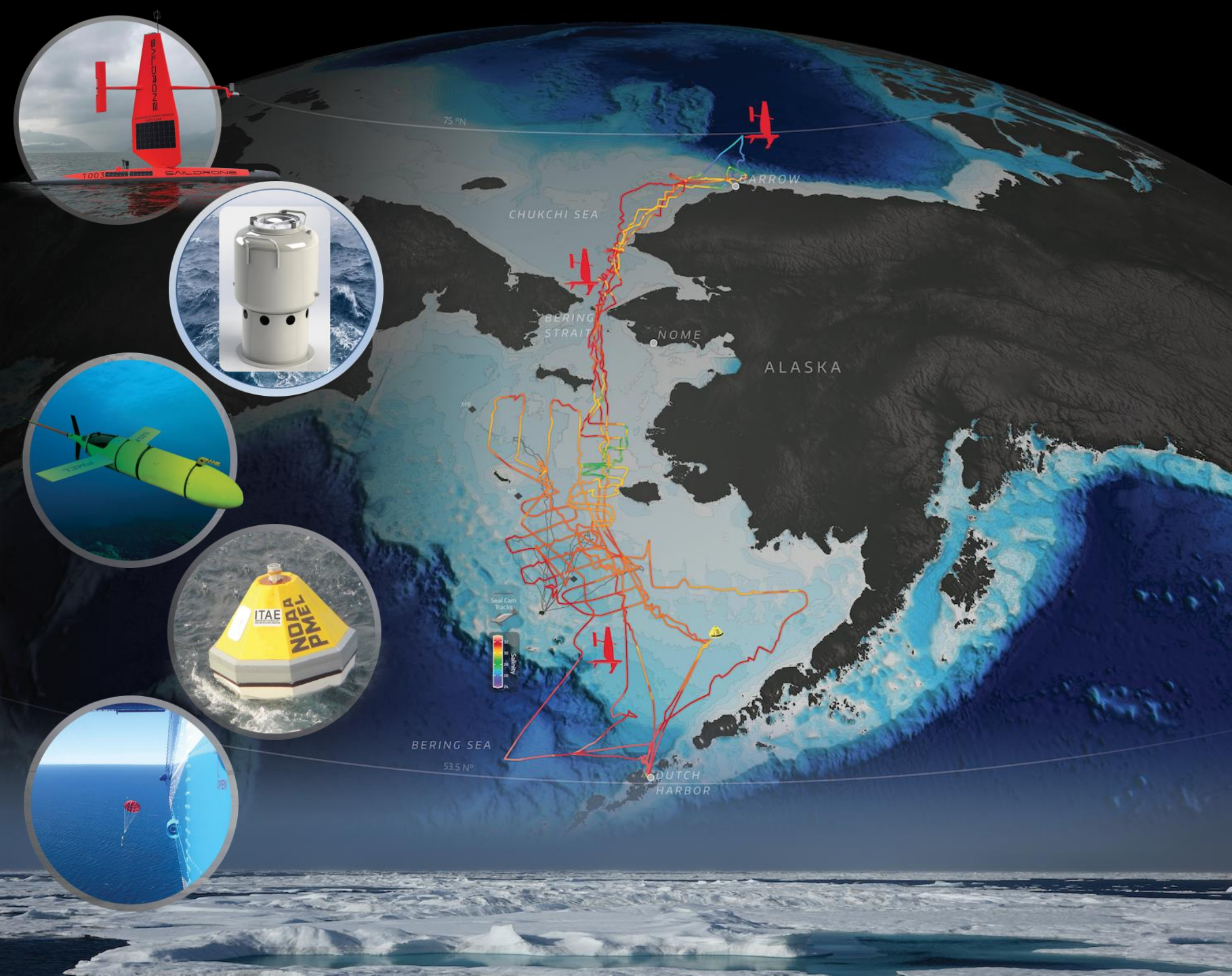
Preliminary work by Dave Munro, Amanda Fay, Stew Sutherland as part of the Takahashi Legacy Project



All $f\text{CO}_2$ observations in the last 20 years

South Pacific Wave Glider USV data set:

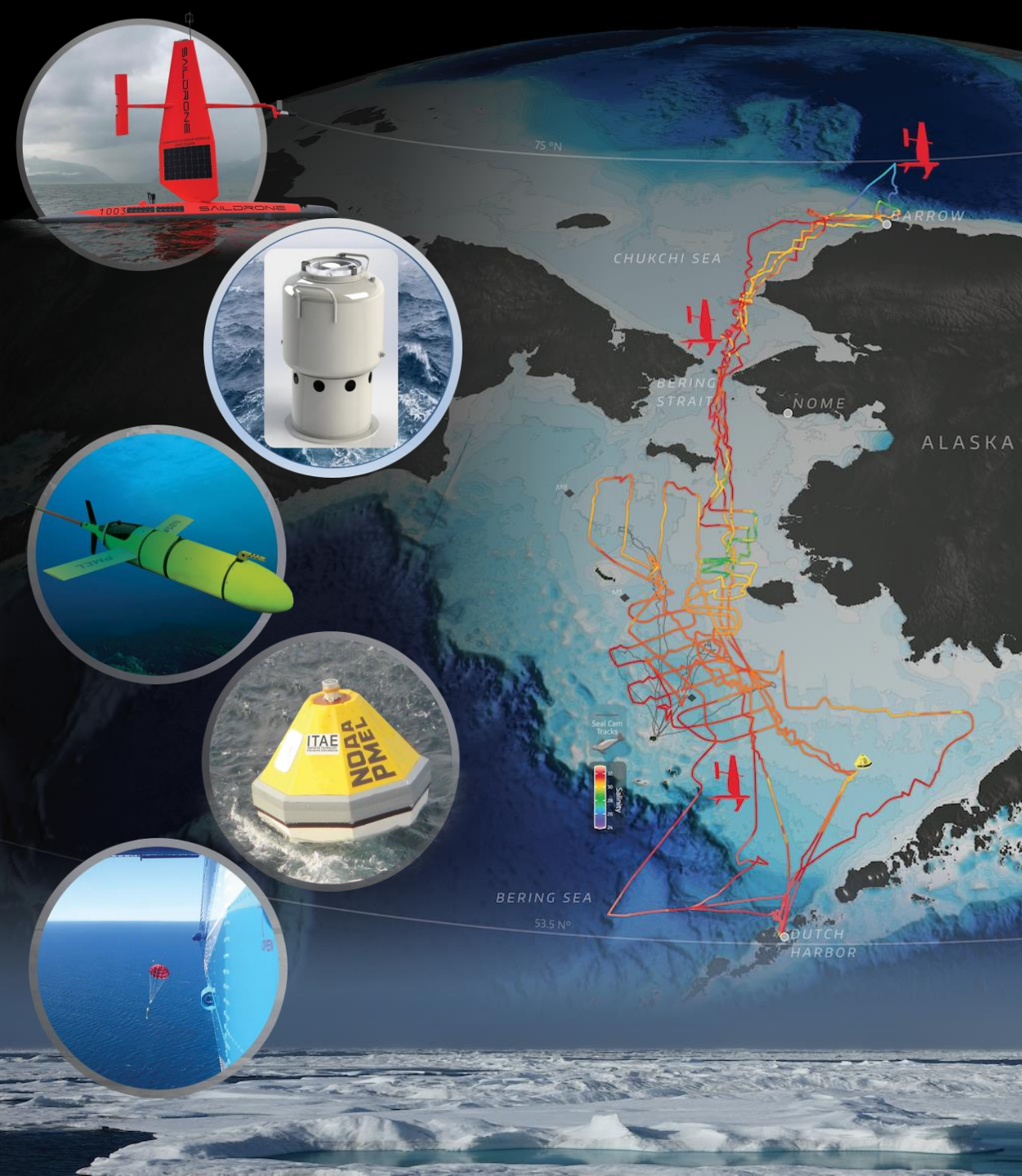
- ~4300 measurements in a climatology of ~30 million
- Changes global CO₂ flux climatology by 0.1 Pg or ~5%



**Remote
Vast
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Changing**

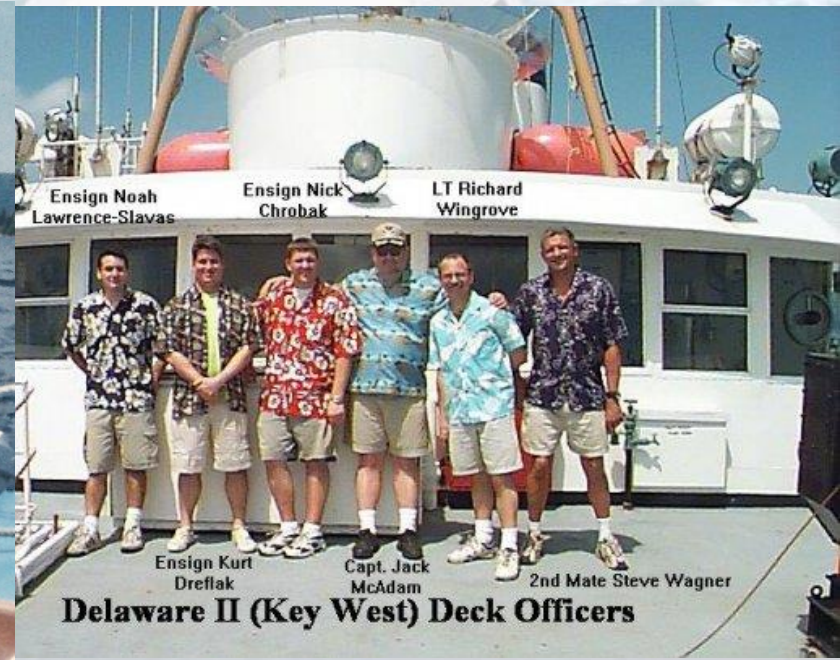
Rapid Change

- My road to here and now
- The case for focused technology development
- Technology development approaches
 - w/ examples



Why?

Societal implications of ocean change $\neq$ capacity of ocean research community

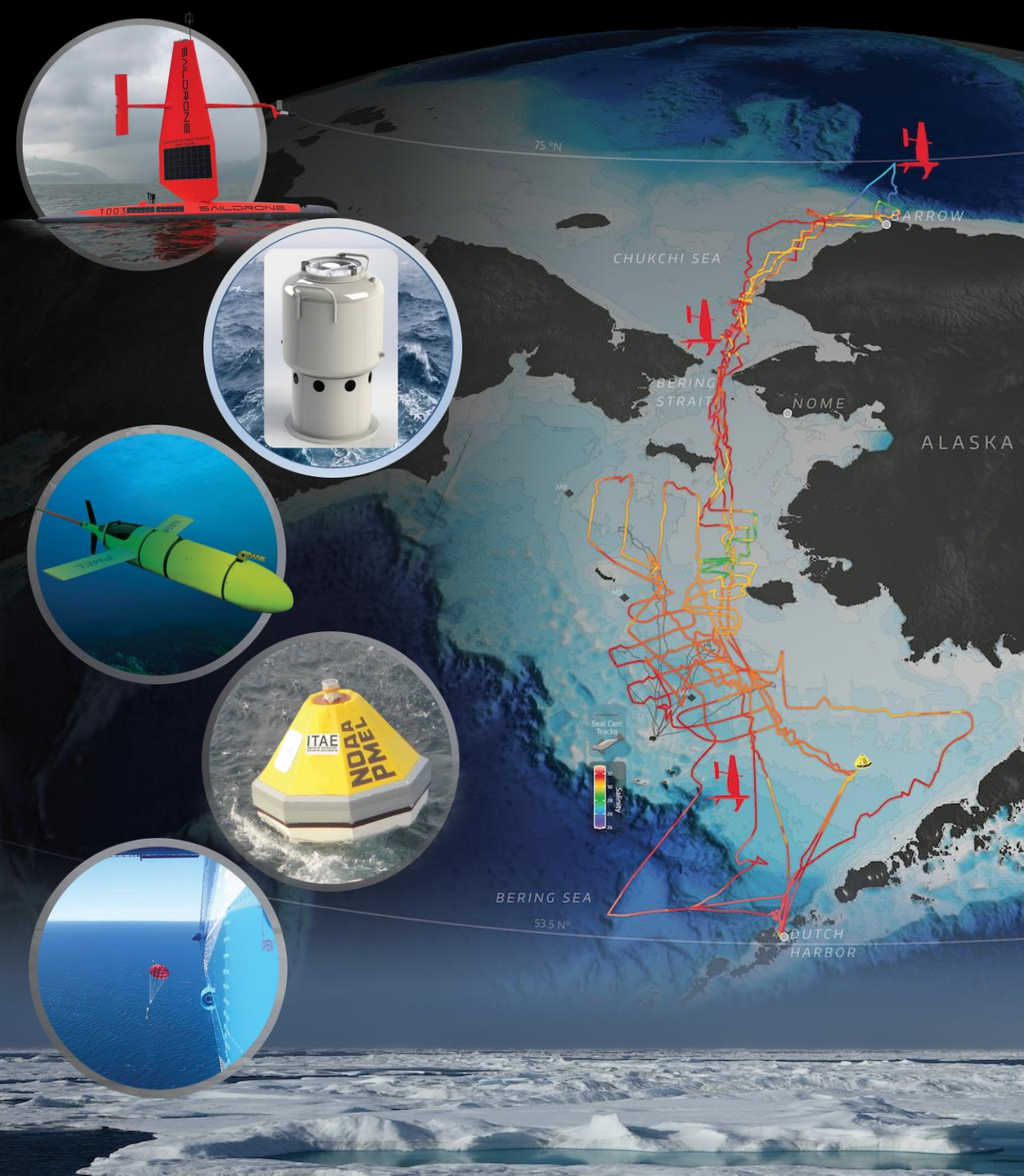




- Conduct R&D to enhance NOAA's observational capabilities.
- Develop and operate large global observational arrays.



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Slido questions for discussion:

1. What are your SOOS scientific questions or engineering challenges that need to be answered?
 1. ?
 2. ?
2. What are the technology limitations that are keeping you from meeting these challenges?
 1. ?
 2. ?



* Please respond with problems and needs, not solutions



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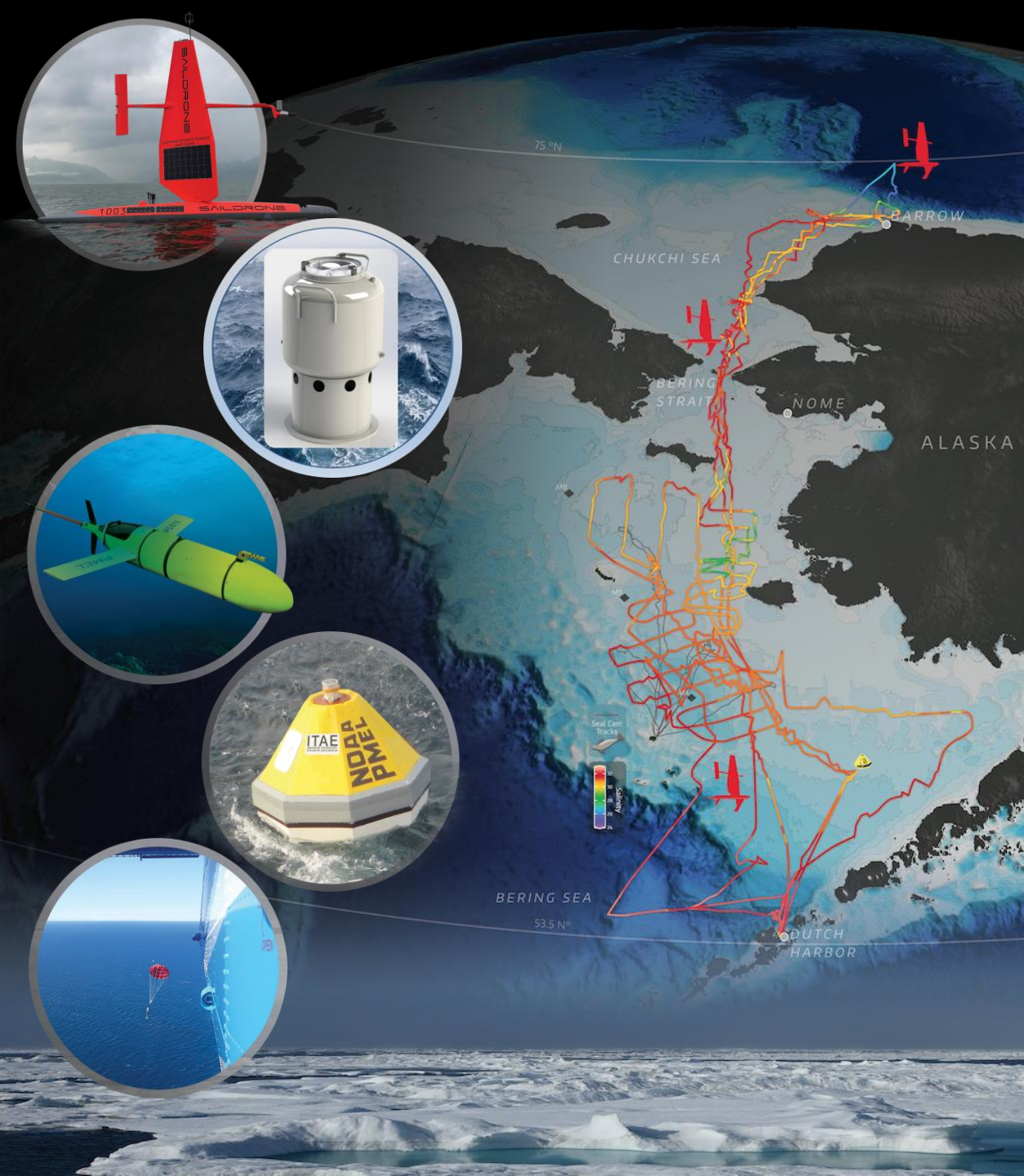
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EDD Arctic Drivers:

- Question #1: Engineering Challenge:
 - The ocean environment is changing faster than our ability to measure and understand it
- Question #2: Technology Limiters:
 - Making ocean observations is too hard
 - Ocean observation technology development is too slow





- My road to here and now
- The case for focused technology development
- Technology development approaches
 - Increasing access
 - Accelerating innovation
 - Targeted funding
 - Leveraging partnerships

Expanding access to ocean carbon technology

Smaller, more flexible,
easier to use...

same quality, endurance



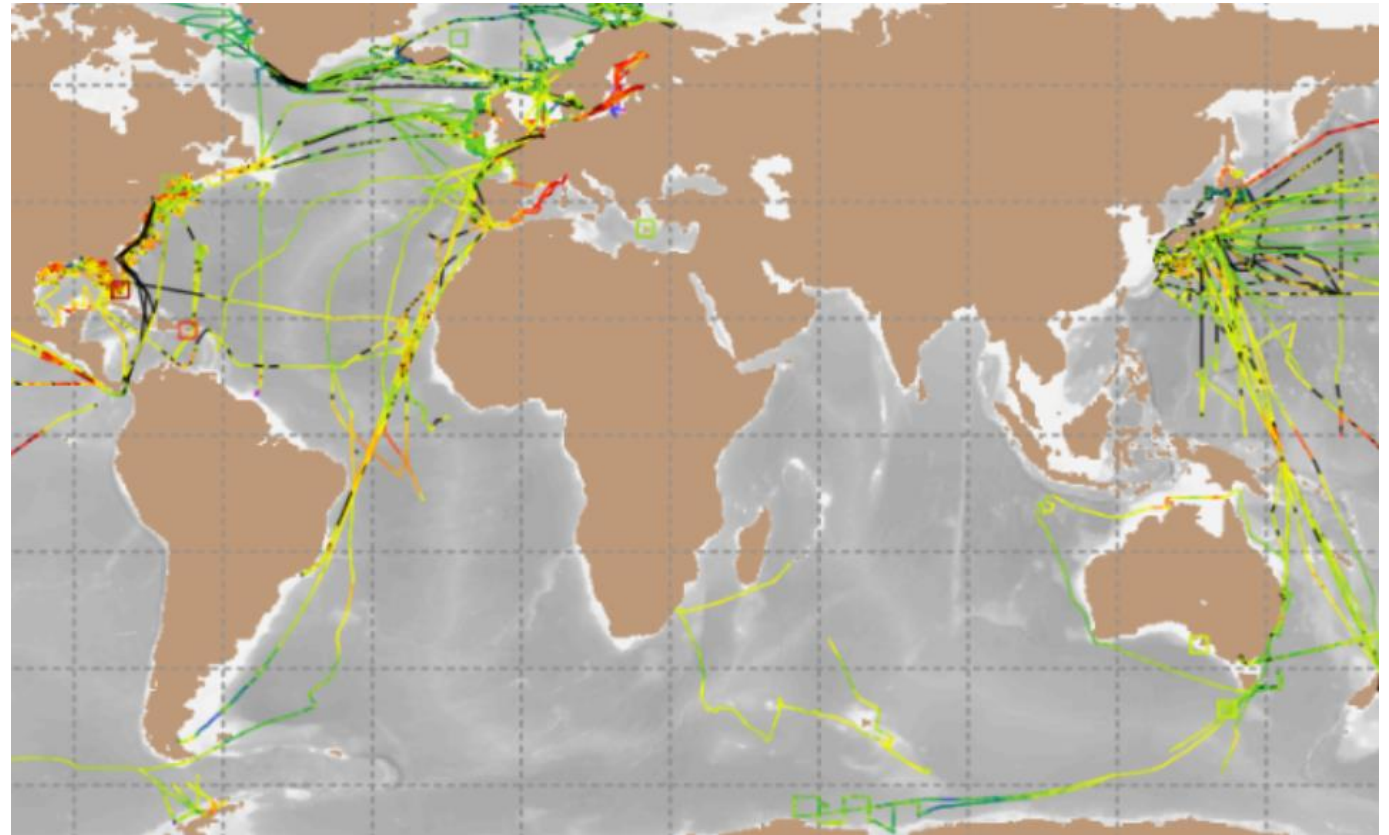
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LATEST OCEAN CARBON DATA ATLAS SHOWS A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN OCEAN CO₂ MEASUREMENTS

News / By Jessica Gwinn / July 12, 2023 / carbon dioxide, global carbon budget, SOCAT

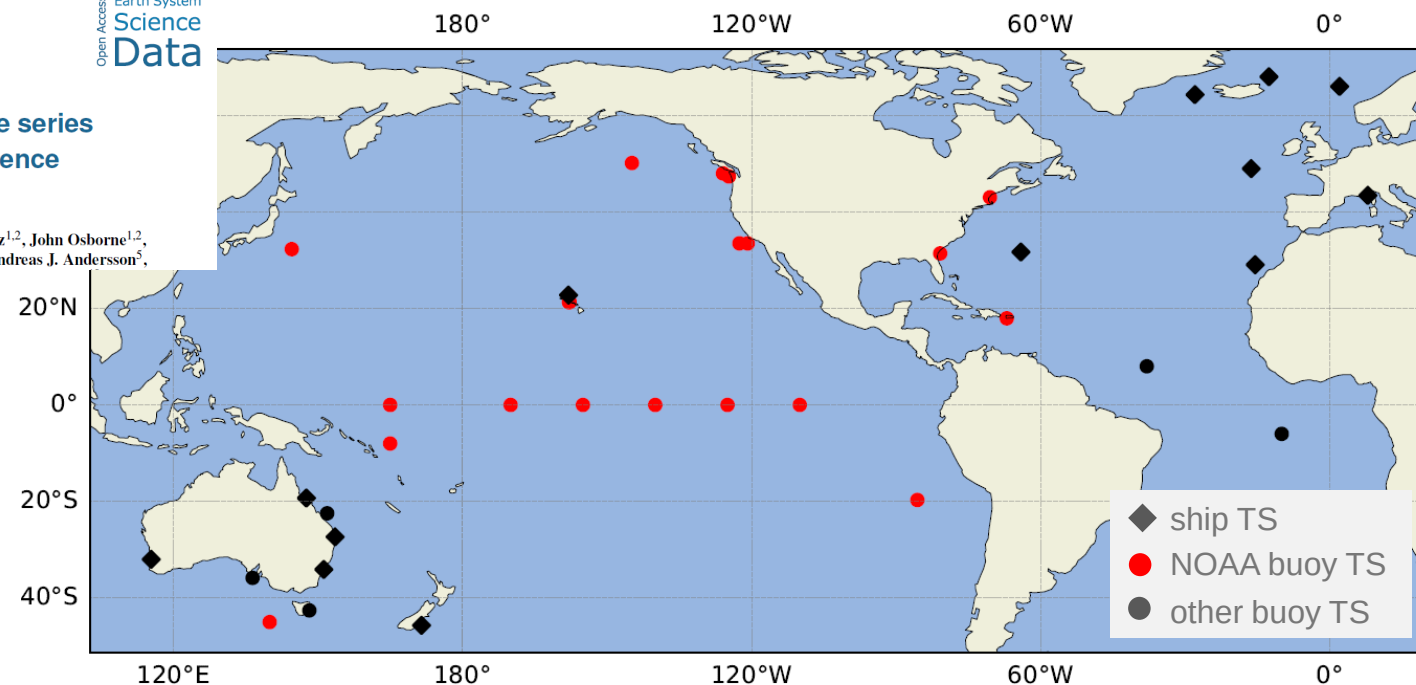


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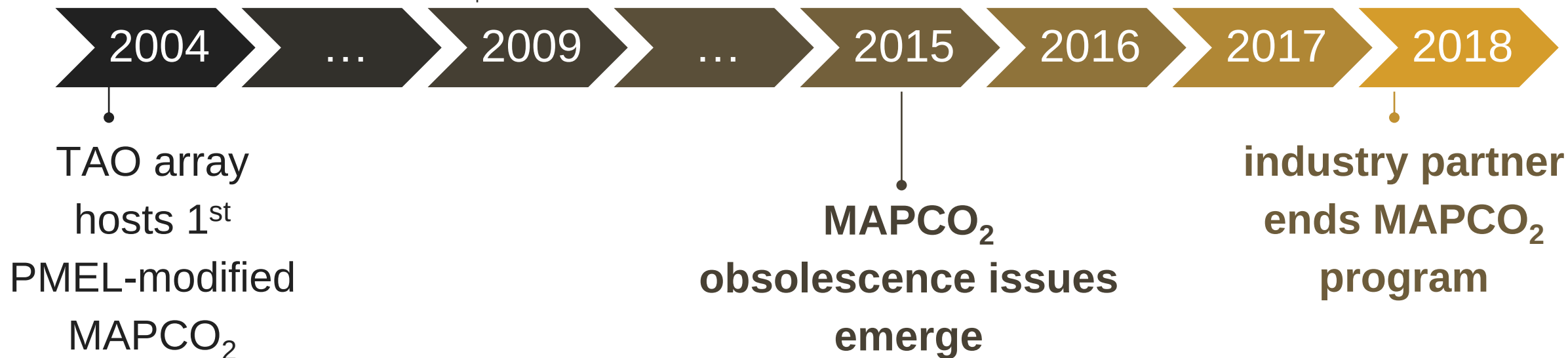
Autonomous seawater $p\text{CO}_2$ and pH time series from 40 surface buoys and the emergence of anthropogenic trends

Adrienne J. Sutton¹, Richard A. Feely¹, Stacy Maenner-Jones¹, Sylvia Musielwicz^{1,2}, John Osborne^{1,2},
 Colin Dietrich^{1,2}, Natalie Monacchi³, Jessica Cross¹, Randy Bott¹, Alex Kozyr⁴, Andreas J. Andersson⁵,

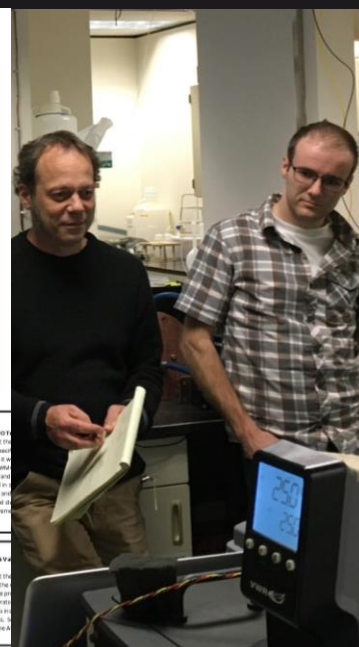
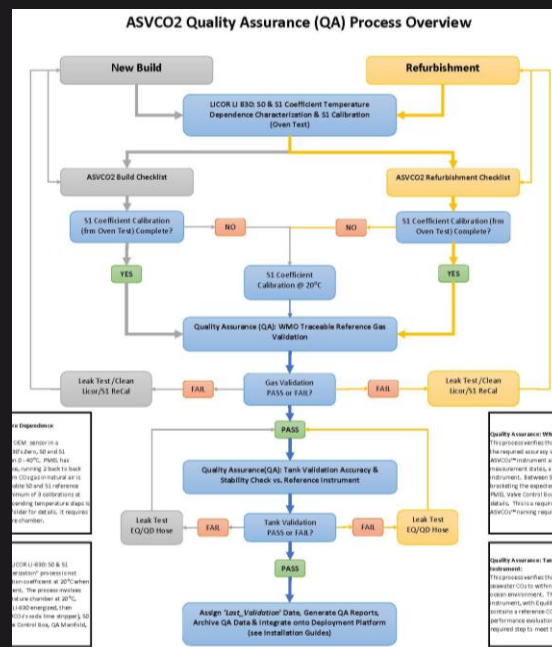
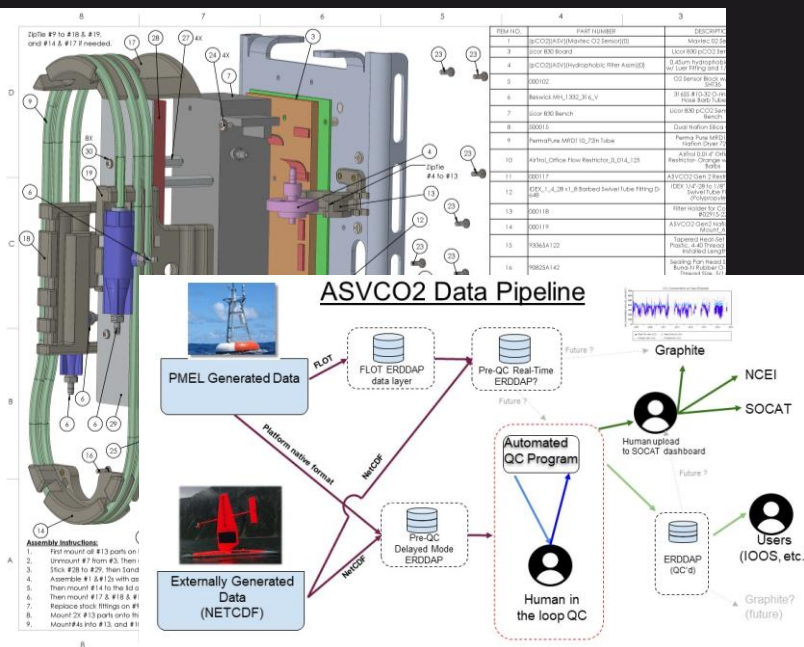


decade-long ocean carbon time series (TS) stations

MAPCO₂
 transferred



Increasing Community Access: Holistic Instrument Development



Science Driven Design

Increase Access

Ease of Use

- Community developed
- QA & QC
- Requirements

Enable Observations:

- Transfer technology.
- Protect data quality:



Arctic 2021 (NOAA-led)

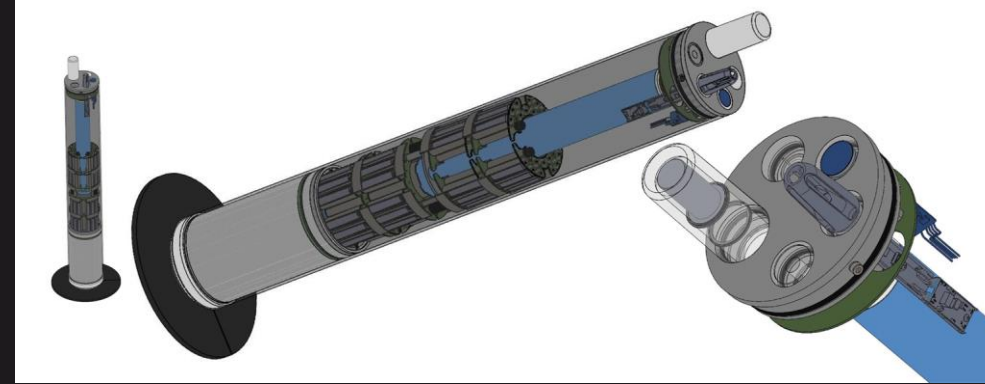
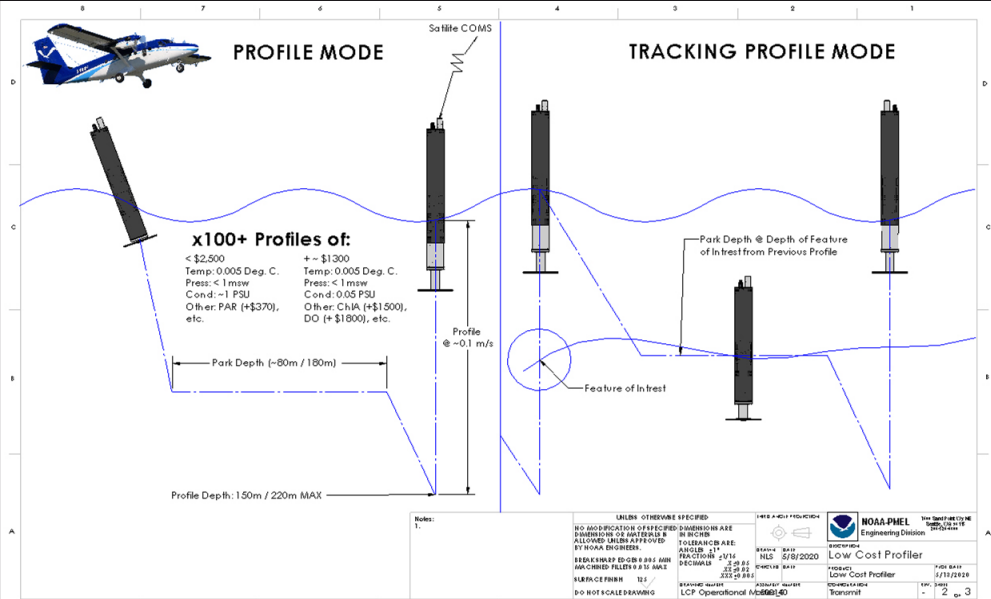
EuroSea 2021 (community-led)

Method	Mission	Duration (days)	CO ₂ (air) accuracy	CO ₂ (sw) accuracy	Compared to
Saildrone	Arctic	90	0.05 ± 0.7 (n=623)	-1.7 ± 10 (n=56)	ASVCO2 g1 LICOR 820
TP Underway	WCOA (US West Coast)	34		-0.04 ± 6 (n=629)	GO LICOR 6252
Lab	OTC inter-comparison	1		-0.6 ± 1.4 (n=248)	GO LICOR 7000

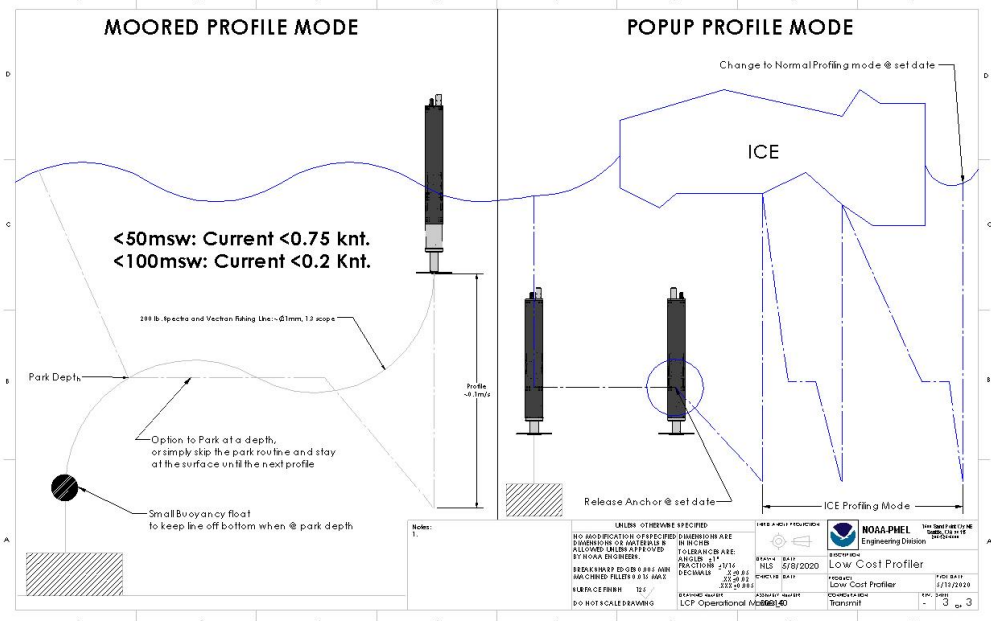
Open Source Instruments: Design for accessibility

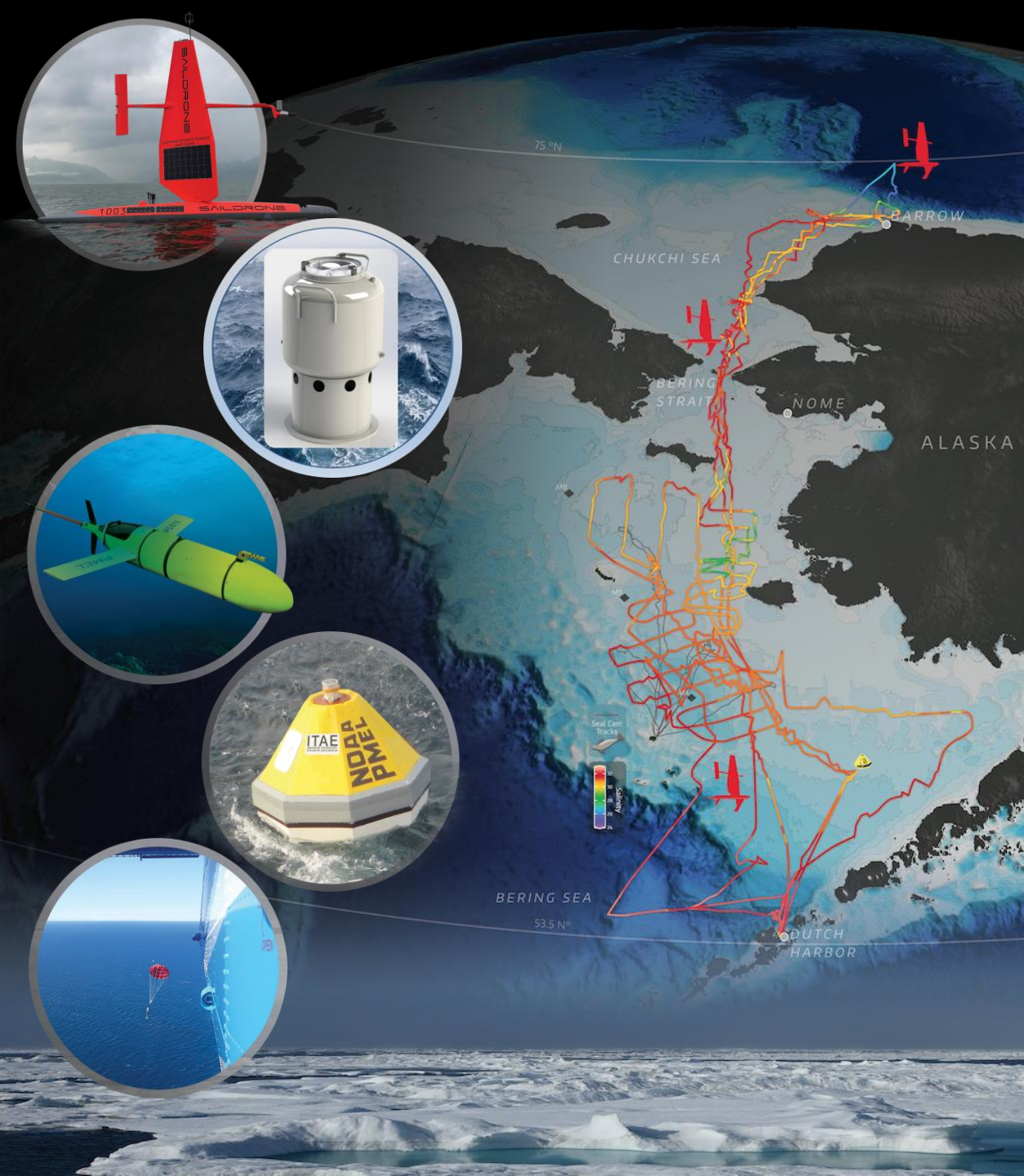
**Increase
Access**

ITAE
Innovative Technology for Arctic Exploration



- Design:
 - True low cost research grade profiler.
 - OEM sensors ensure data quality.
 - Multi-mission capability.
- Community:
 - Researchers can build their own, avoid 4x cost markup.
 - Reduces the burden of support, can assist in system upgrades.

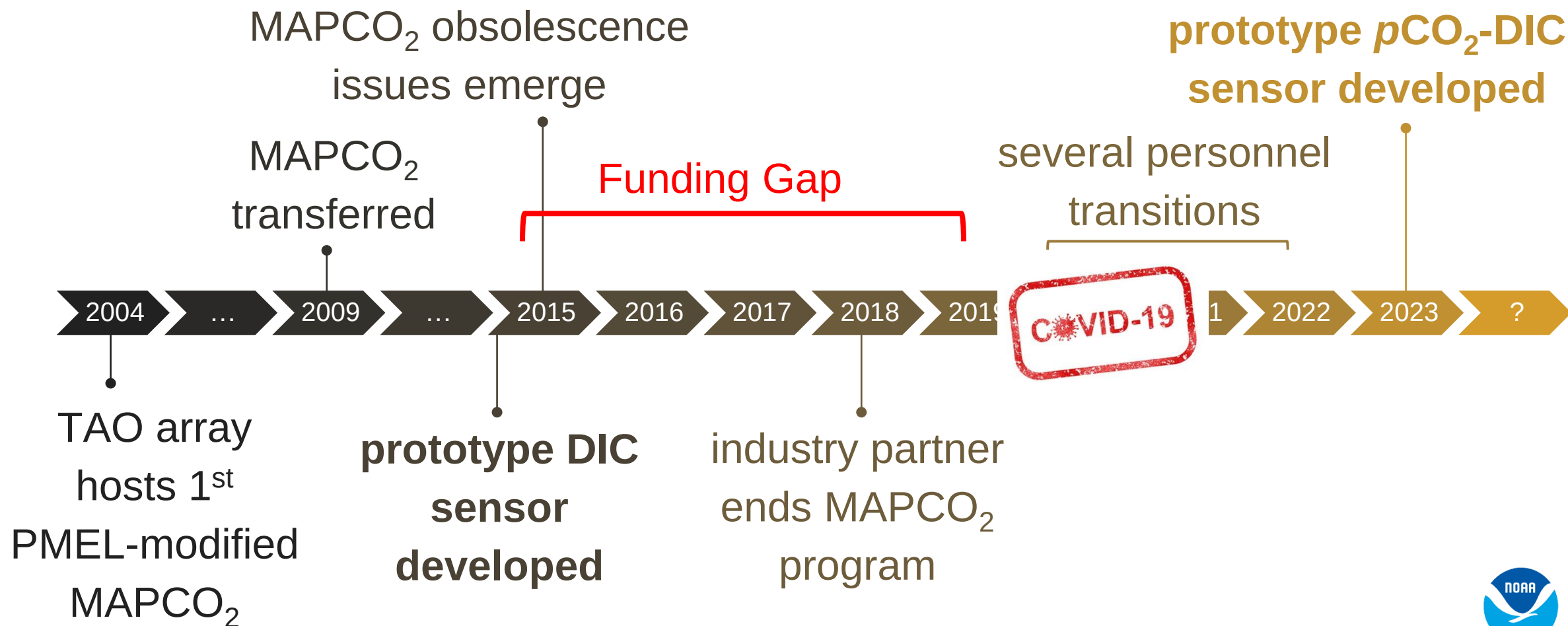




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Societal implications of ocean change ≠ capacity of sensor development community

the MAPCO₂ story as an example





Innovative Technology for Arctic Exploration program (ITAE)

Deliver innovative technologies to support scientific and engineering communities and lead the future of ocean observations pole to pole.

**Calvin Mordy (PI), Scott Stalin (PI), Heather Tabisola (Program Coordinator),
Chris Meinig (PI, PNNL), Jessica Cross (PI)**

**Accelerate
Innovation**



OPPORTUNITY

Identify science driver/gap,
NOAA mission, and funding

Court & form partnerships

+

INNOVATION

EDD & partner innovation and
design

Prototyping & field tests

+

DEMONSTRATION

Fabrication, integration &
collaborative research deployment

Evaluation and feedback

TRANSITION

HOW ITAE WORKS



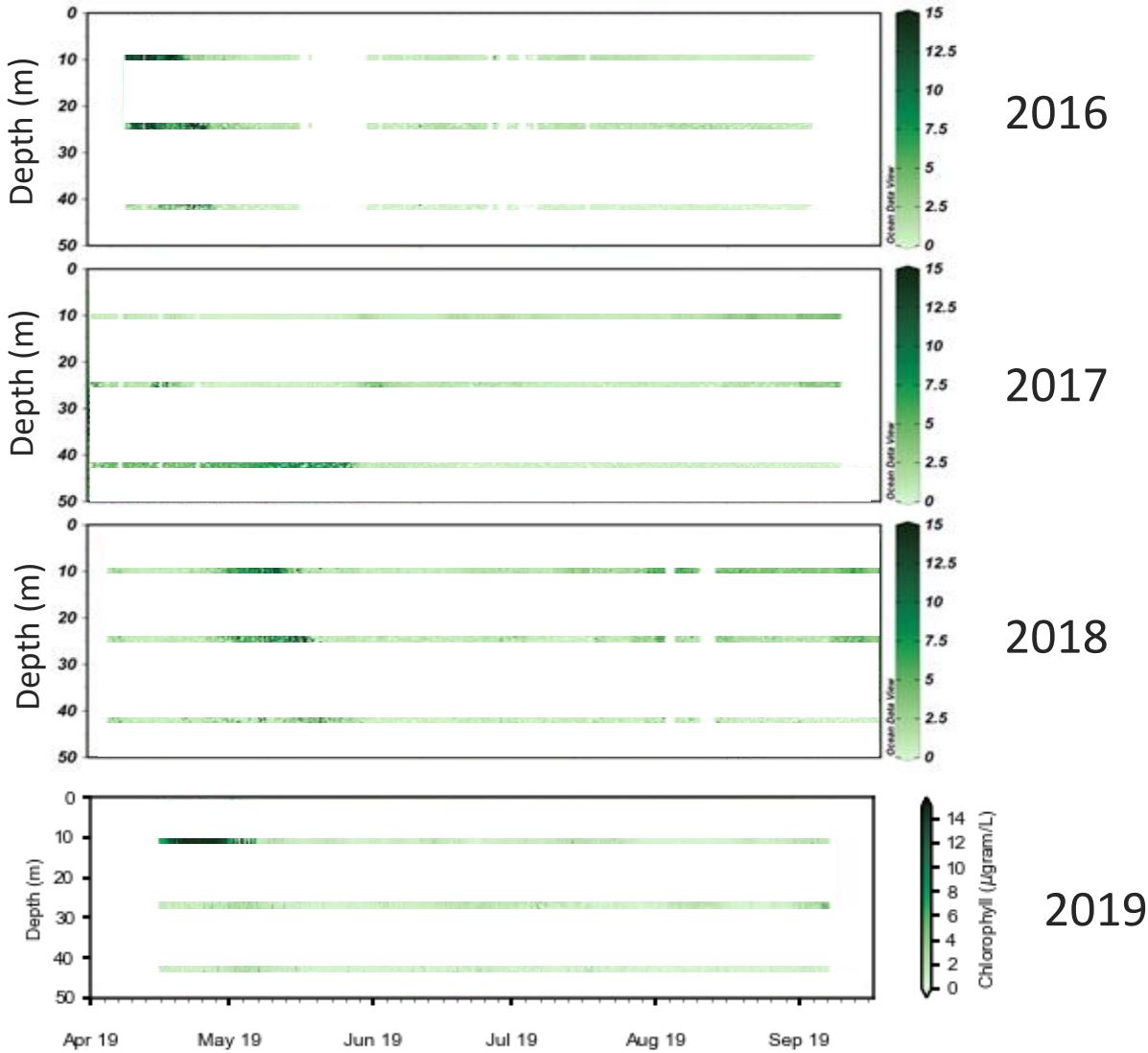
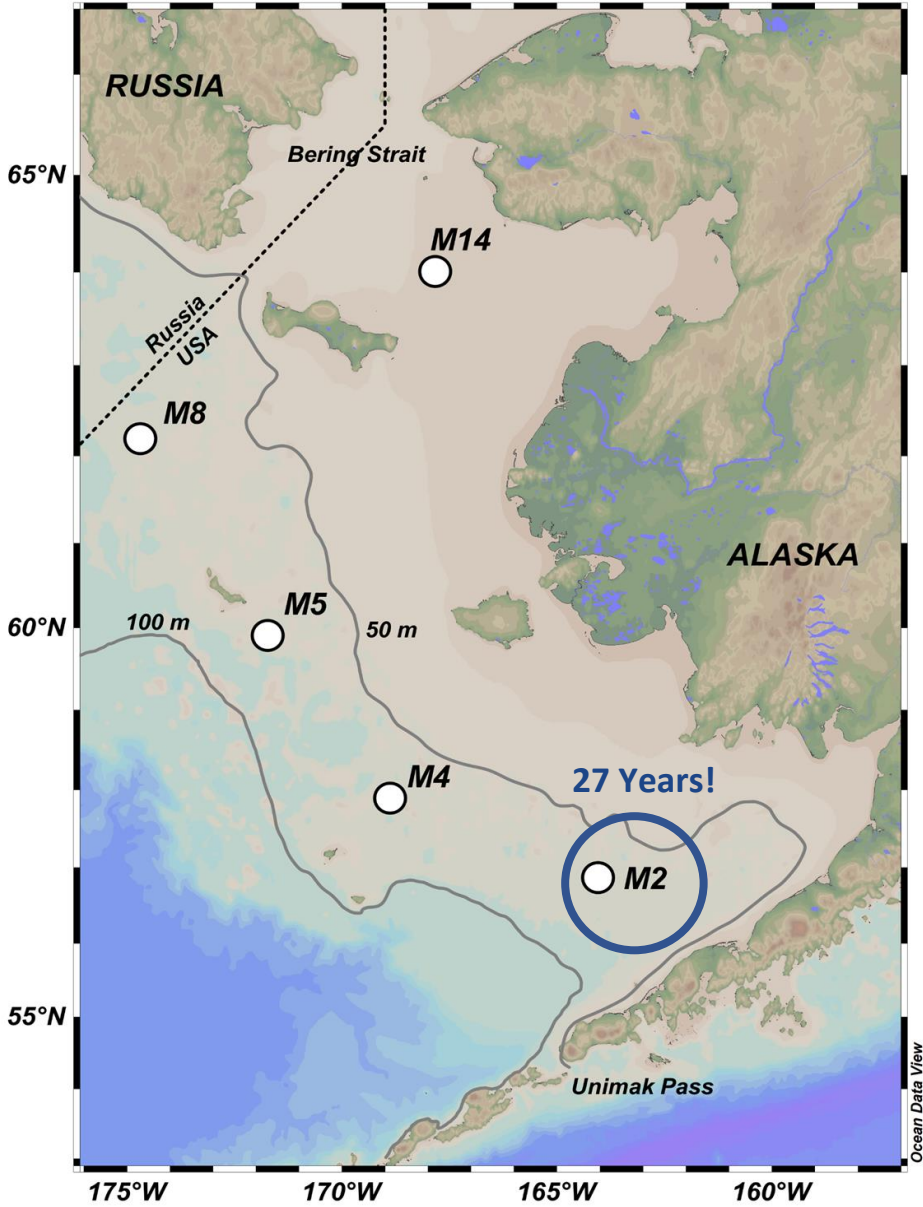
PMEL
Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory



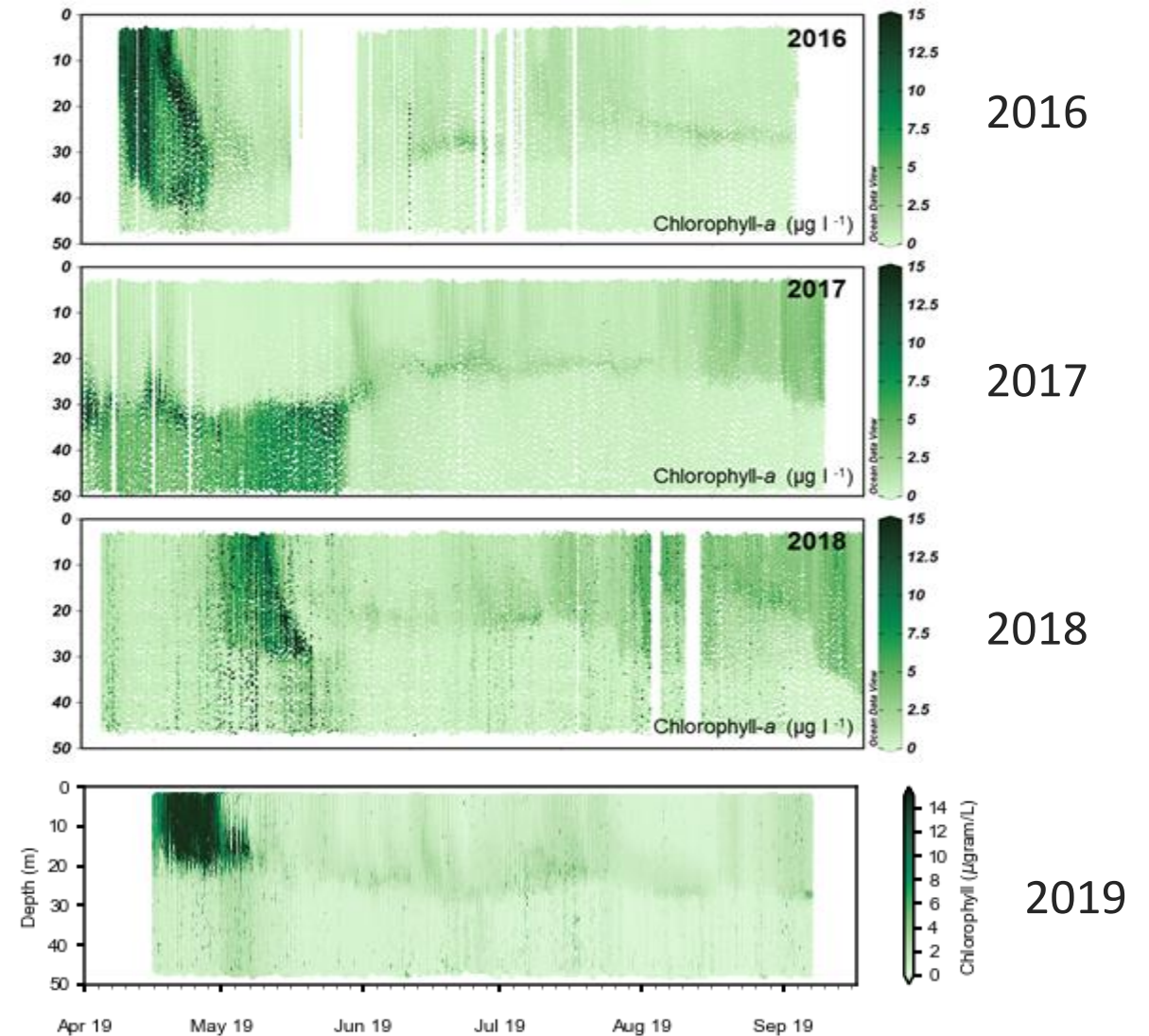
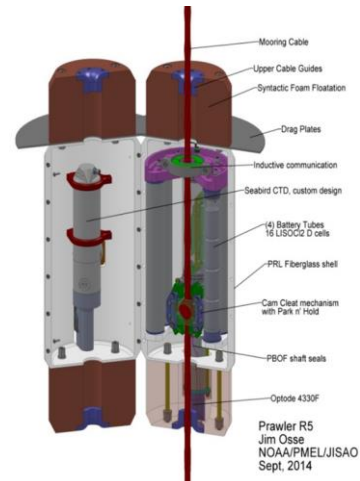
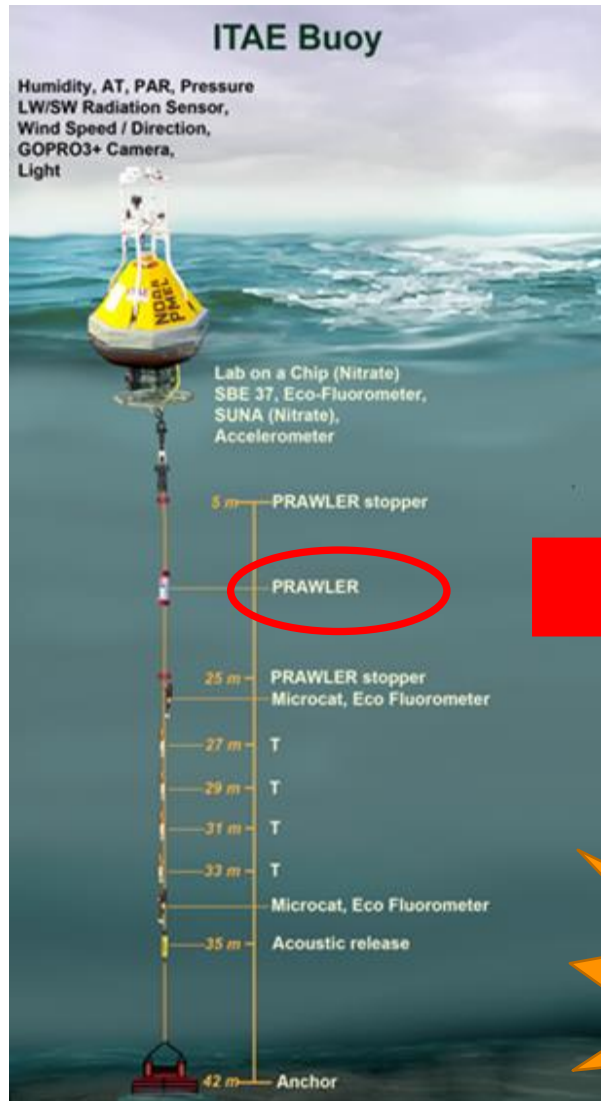
TECHNOLOGY	PUBLIC/PRIVATE	SCIENCE PI
1 FLOATS • ALAMO/LOW COST PROFILER • POP-UP	• MRV / NOAA • NOAA	• J. Zhang (PMEL, CICOES) • P. STABENO (PMEL, NOAA)
2 MOORING • PRAWLER ◦ O₂/N₂ ◦ Indices • ICE PRAWLER // RISE ◦ ACOUSTIC TRIGGER • BENTHIC INCUBATOR // iRAS	• McLane ◦ OSU ◦ NOAA & BIGELOW • NOAA • NOAA • UWashington	EcoFOCI program has operationalized M2 Prawler • L. JURANEK (Oregon State University) • J. NIELSEN, L. EISNER (AFSC) & M. LOMAS (BIGELOW) • P. STABENO (PMEL, NOAA) • R. DZIAK (PMEL, NOAA) • C. Mordy (PMEL, CICOES)
3 VEHICLES • SAILDRONE • OCULUS	• SAILDRONE +40 • U Washington	Operationalized with global applications • STABENO (PMEL, NOAA)
4 MACHINE LEARNING & IMAGING • PHYTOPLANKTON ML • ZOOPLANKTON • FISH • NORTHERN FUR SEAL	• NOAA/UW • PSSC/Lynker • NOAA/WASSOC • NOAA/CATS	• J. GANN, J. NIELSEN, L. EISNER (AFSC) & M. LOMAS (BIGELOW) • D. KIMMEL, D. CROUSER (AFSC, NOAA) • A. DE ROBERTIS (AFSC, NOAA) • C. KUHN (AFSC, NOAA)

HOW ITAE WORKS

Conventional Instrument Spacing

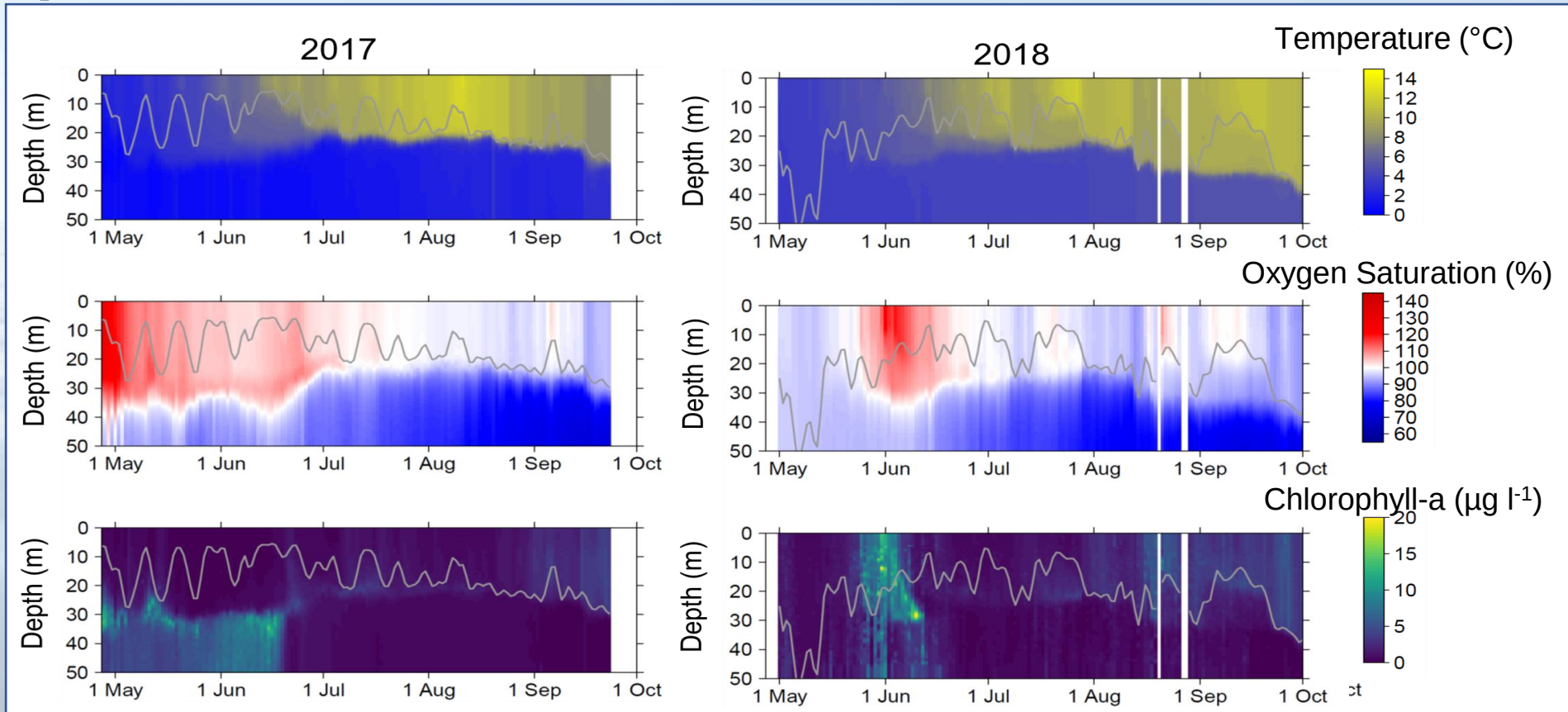


PRAWLER (PRofiler+crAWLER)



M2 PRAWLER Primary Production Time Series (2016-2021)

Multi-method approach to assess seasonal gross, net primary production and net community production

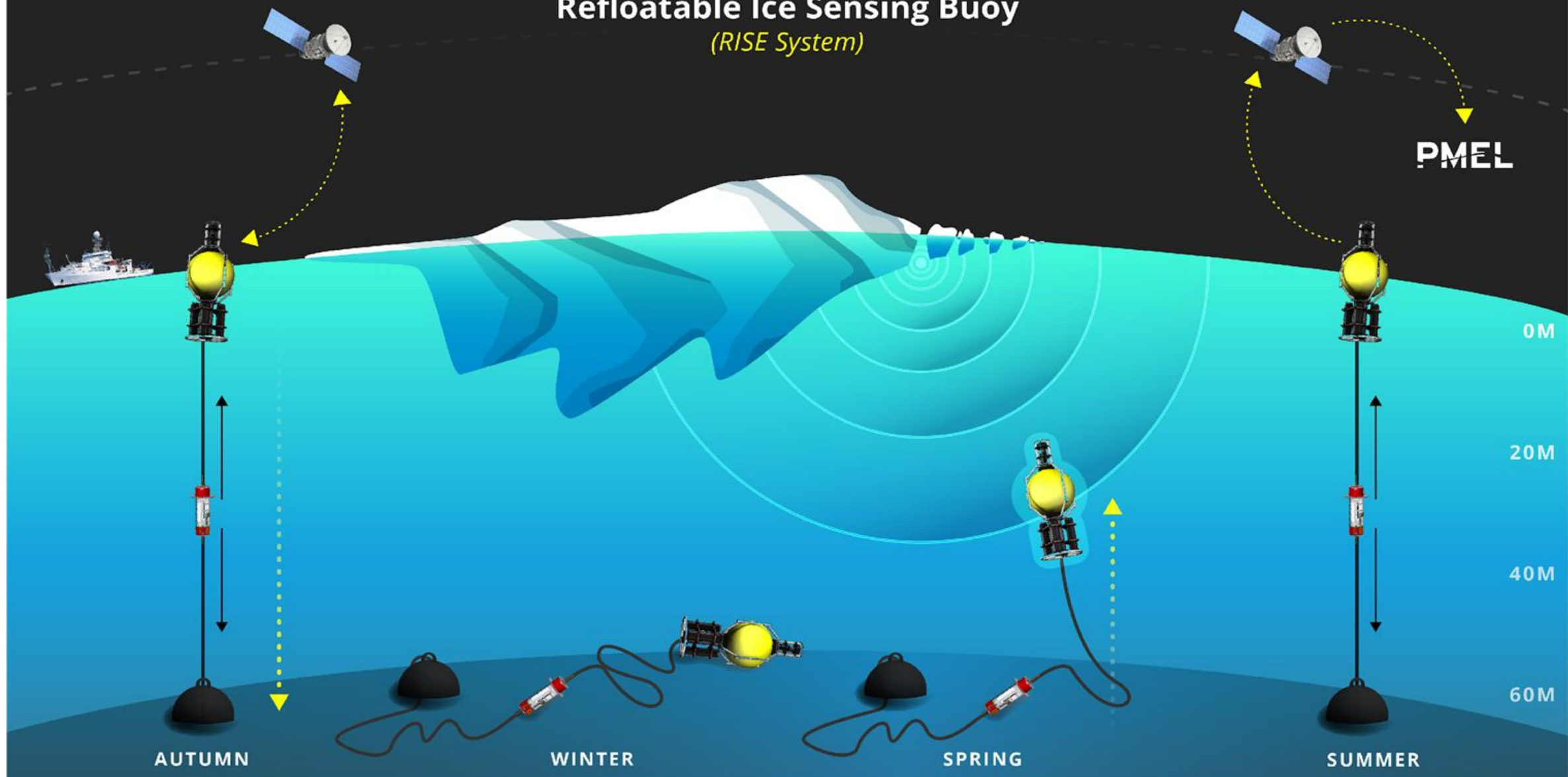


Metrics for the Bering Sea Ecosystem Status Report

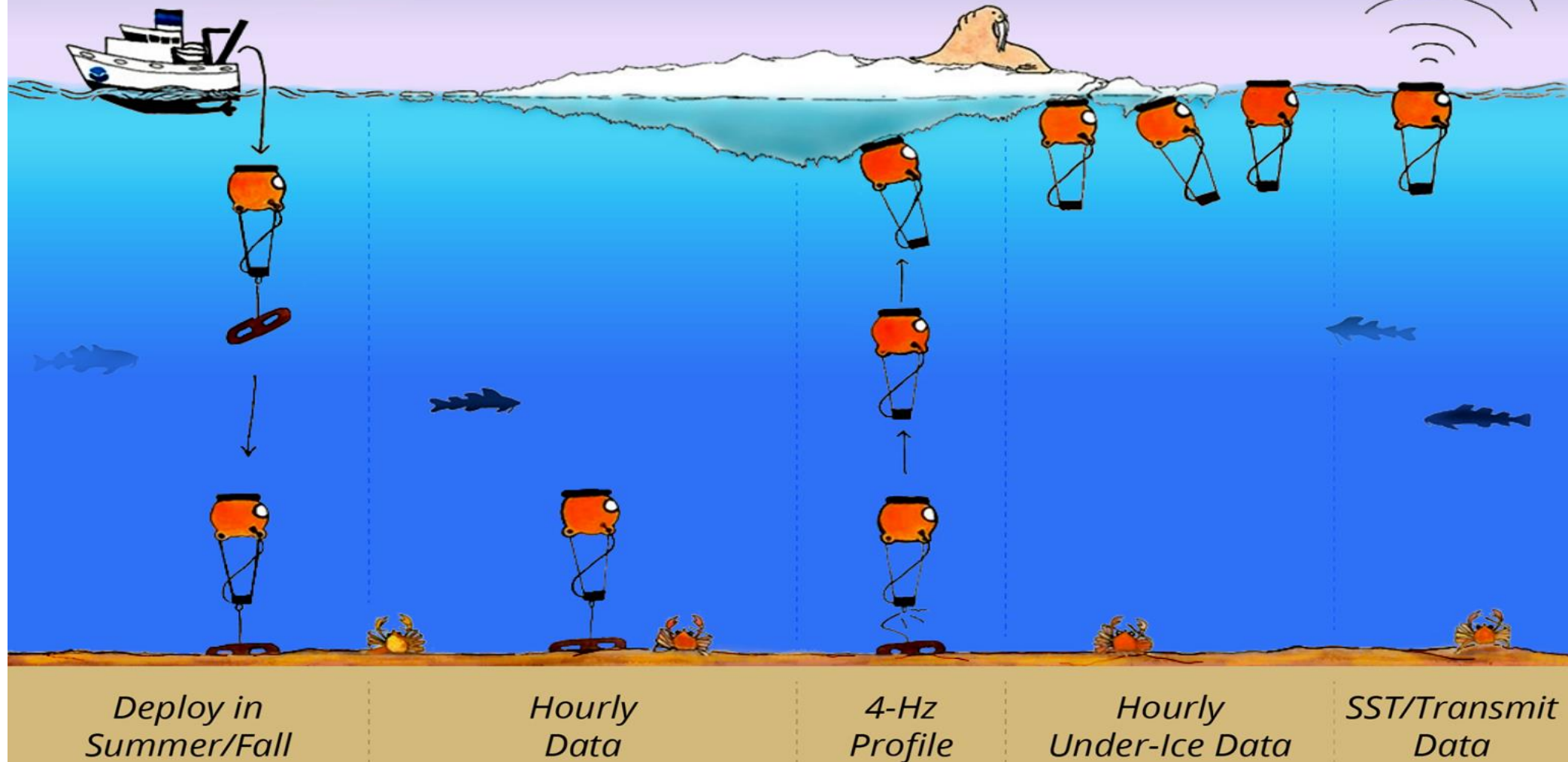
Cynar et al., N_2/O_2 methodology in the arctic, DSR II, Submitted.

Nielsen et al., Multi-method study of seasonal dynamics of primary production, J. Geophys. Res. submitted

Refloatable Ice Sensing Buoy (RISE System)



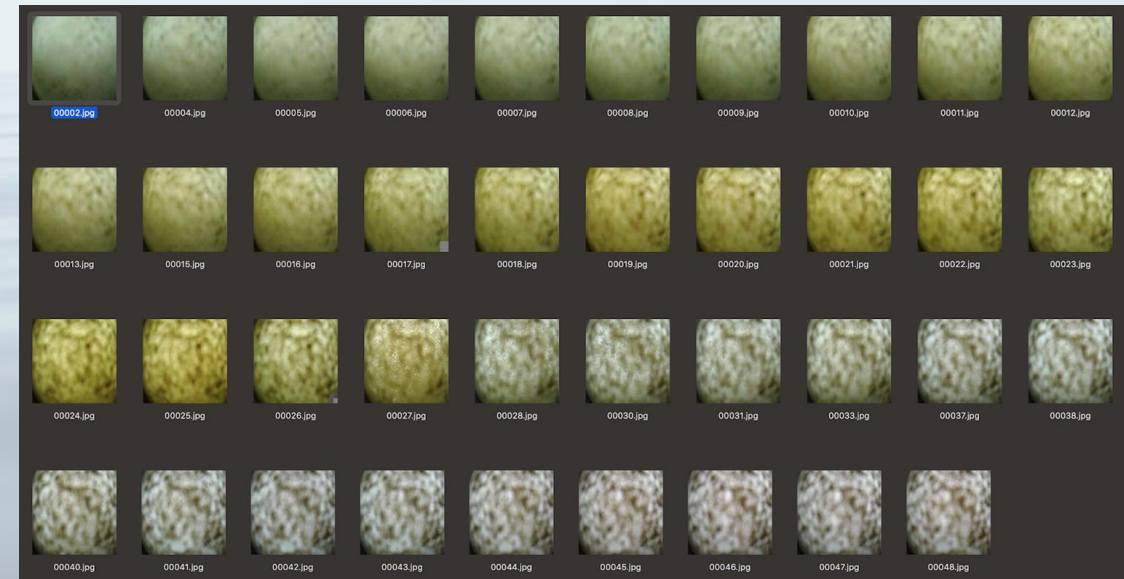
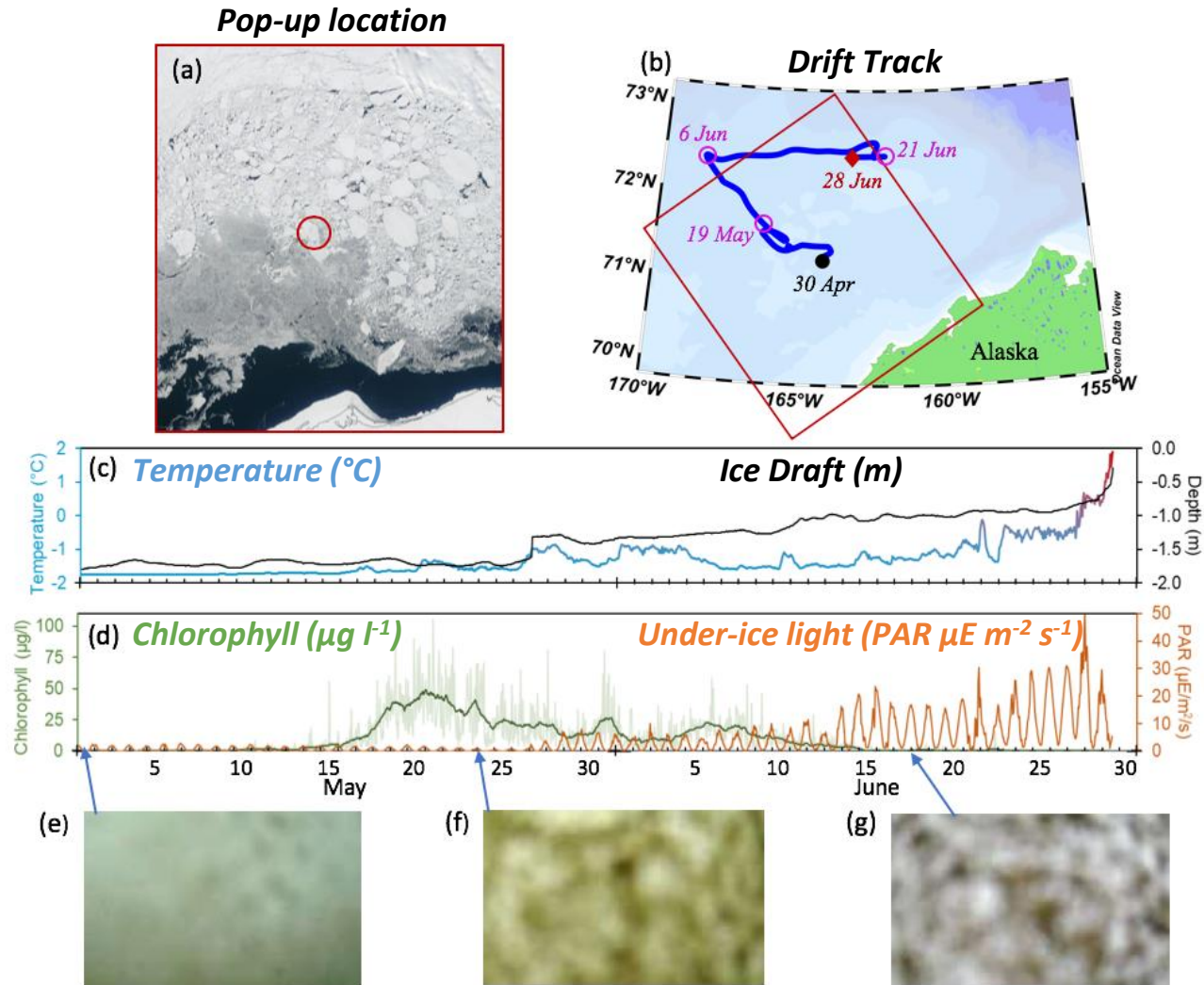
Pop-Up Float



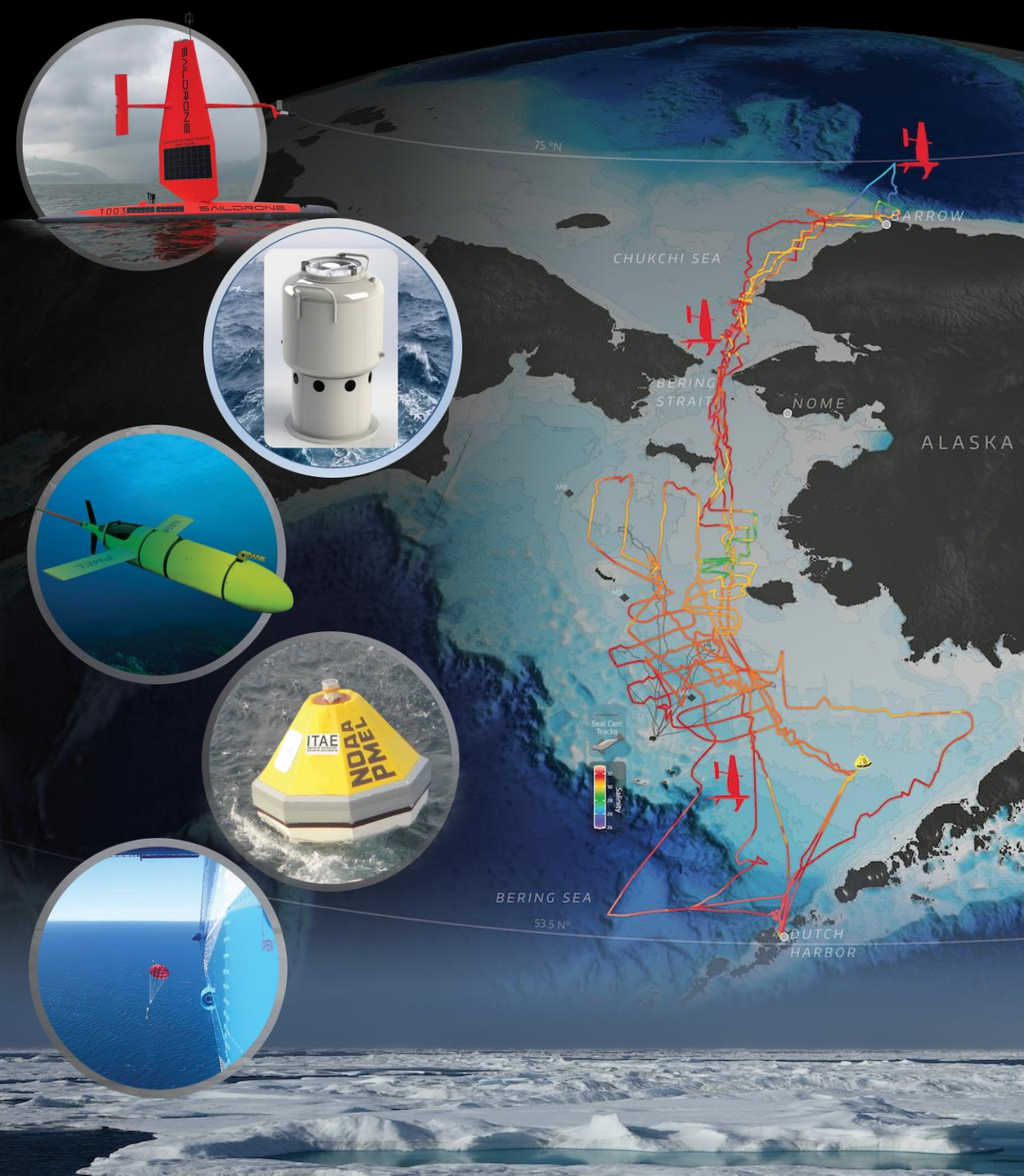
Temperature, Pressure, PAR, Fluorometer, Camera, Tilt, (S)

Sketch by Sarah Donohoe and Sarah Battle

2019 Chukchi Sea Pop-Up Float



Stabeno et al., 2020. Seasonal patterns of near-bottom chlorophyll fluorescence in the eastern Chukchi Sea: 2010–2019. DSR II



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Power of Partnerships: Leverage the community

Sensor Manufacturer
UMS Manufacturer
NOAA Science
NOAA Engineering



**Increase
Access**

- PPP
 - Expertise
 - Rapid development
 - Community access = more data
 - Access alternative funding sources
- Research Organizations
 - Co-develop instrumentation
 - Speed up community acceptance
 - Develop working groups and standards
 - Share successes, failures, expertise

**Accelerate
Innovation**

UMS SCIENCE TOOL: HIGH QUALITY DATA



Saildrone Sensor Suite

Specifications

Length: 7 m

Height: 4.6 m (above water line)

Depth: 2 m

Weight: 545 kg, (fully loaded)

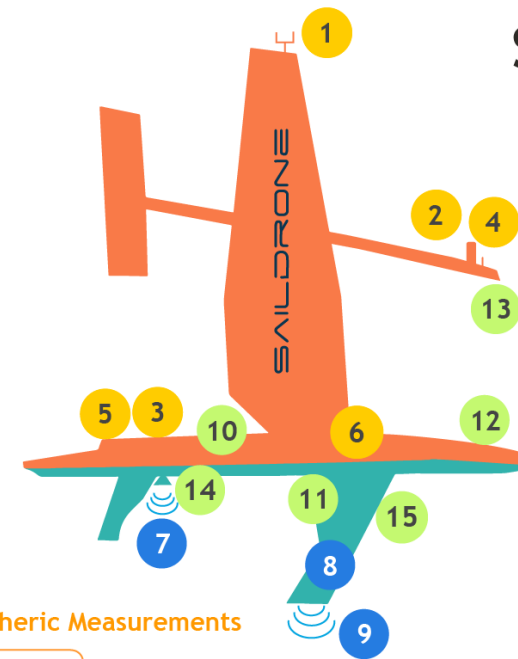
Speed: Transit - 3 Kt, Max - 8 Kt

Payload Power: 30W Steady state

Payload Capacity: 100 kg

Max deployed duration: 12 months

Longest voyage: 16,100 km



Atmospheric Measurements

Wind Speed	1	Anemometer @ +5.0m Gill WindMaster 3D Ultrasonic 20Hz
Wind Direction	2	Sunshine Pyranometer @ +2.5m Delta-T Devices SPN1
Sunlight & Infrared Radiation	3	Pyrgeometer @+0.7m Eppley PIR
Air Temperature	4	Meteorological Probe @+2.4m Rotronic HC2 - S3 with rad shield
Humidity	5	Digital Barometer @ +0.3m Vaisala BAROCAP® PTB210
Air Pressure	6	CO ₂ System @ +0.5m PMEL ASVCO ₂
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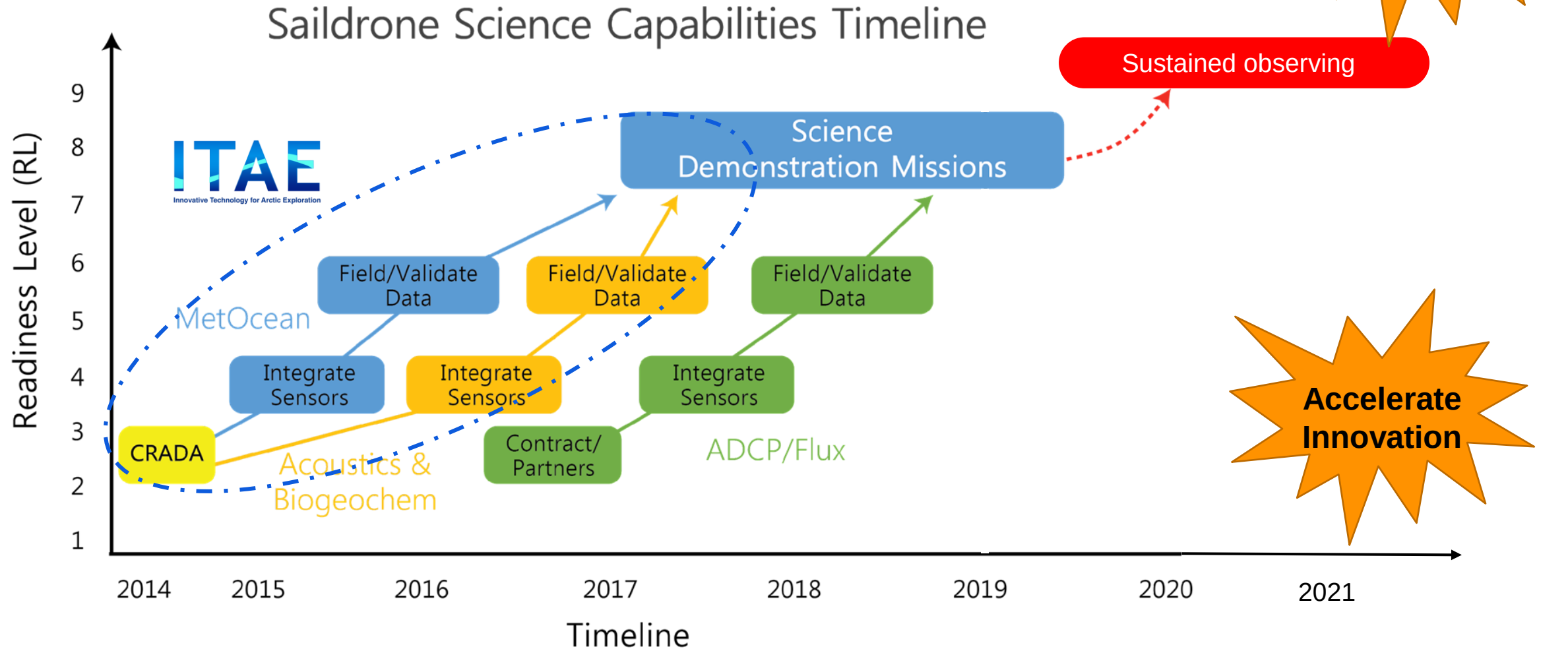
Oceanic Subsurface Measurements

Ocean Current	7	ADCP @ -0.3m Teledyne RDI 300 kHz Workhorse Sentinel
Marine Mammal Presence	8	Passive Acoustic Recorder @ -1.3m Greenridge Sciences Inc. Acousonde
Fish Biomass	9	Scientific Echosounder @ -1.8m SIMRAD WMINI
Bathymetry	9	Multi-beam Sonar @ -1.8m Norbit iWBMS

Oceanic Surface Measurements

Wave Height & Period	10	Dual GPS & IMU Vectronav / KVH
Seawater pCO ₂ & pH	11	CO ₂ System PMEL ASVCO ₂ @ -0.5m Honeywell Durafet @ -0.5m Aanderaa Optode @ -0.5m Sea-Bird Scientific SBE PRAWLER @ -0.6m
Dissolved Oxygen	11	CO ₂ System PMEL ASVCO ₂ @ -0.5m Honeywell Durafet @ -0.5m Aanderaa Optode @ -0.5m Sea-Bird Scientific SBE PRAWLER @ -0.6m
Water Temperature	11	CO ₂ System PMEL ASVCO ₂ @ -0.5m Honeywell Durafet @ -0.5m Aanderaa Optode @ -0.5m Sea-Bird Scientific SBE PRAWLER @ -0.6m
Salinity	11	CO ₂ System PMEL ASVCO ₂ @ -0.5m Honeywell Durafet @ -0.5m Aanderaa Optode @ -0.5m Sea-Bird Scientific SBE PRAWLER @ -0.6m
Magnetic Field	12	Magnetometer Barrington MAG 648
Skin Temperature	13	SST IR Pyrometer @ +2.2m Heitronics KT15 II
Chla	14	Fluorometer and Backscatter @ -0.2m Sea-Bird Scientific WET Labs Eco Triplet
CDOM Concentration	14	Fluorometer and Backscatter @ -0.2m Sea-Bird Scientific WET Labs Eco Triplet
Red Backscatter	14	Fluorometer and Backscatter @ -0.2m Sea-Bird Scientific WET Labs Eco Triplet
Water Temperature	15	Thermosalinograph CTD @ -0.6m Teledyne RDI Citadel TS-NH
Salinity	15	Thermosalinograph CTD @ -0.6m Teledyne RDI Citadel TS-NH

Saildrone PPP Development: Vehicle to Science Tool



SAILDRONE SENSOR SUITE

Atmospheric Measurements

Wind Speed

1

Anemometer @ +5 m
Gill Windmaster 3D ultrasonic 20Hz

Wind Direction

2

Photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) @ +2.2 m
Li-Cor LI-192SA

Radiation

3

Sunshine Pyranometer @ +2.2 m
Delta-T Devices SPN1

4

Pyranometer @ +2.2 m
Eppley PSP & PIR

Air Temperature

5

Meteorological Probe @ +2.2 m
Rotronic HC2 - S3 with rad shield

Relative Humidity

6

Digital Barometer @ +0.2 m
Vaisala BAROCAP PTB210

Pressure

7

Atmospheric pCO₂ @ +0.2m
PMEL ASVCO₂

pCO₂

Physical Measurements

Wave Height & Period

7

Dual GPS aided IMU

Magnetic Field

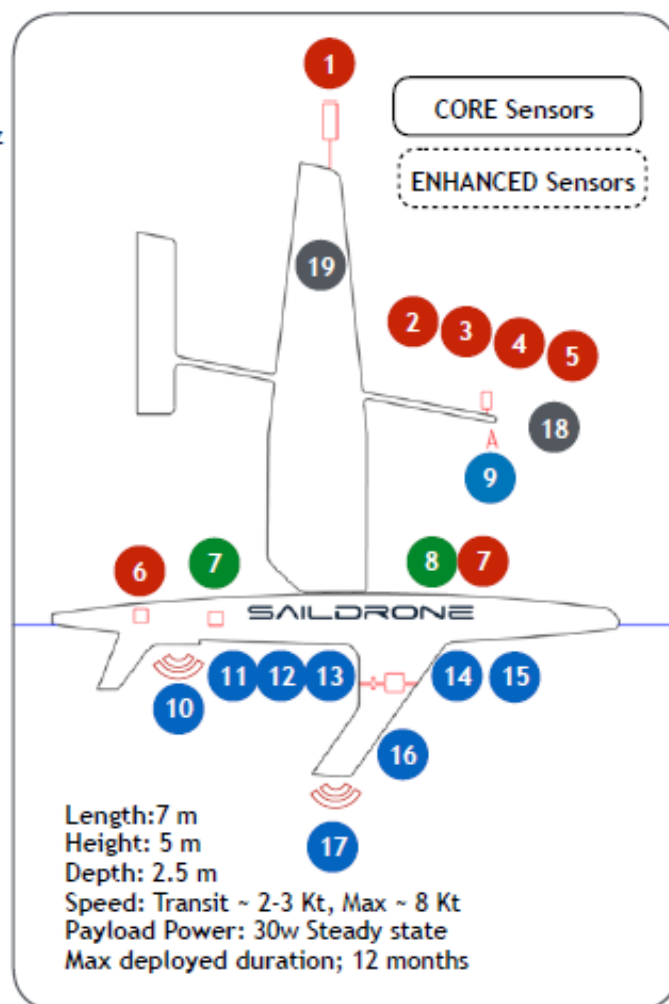
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Magnetometer @ 0 m
Barrington MAG 648

Depth

17

SIMRAD Echo Sounder @ -2.5 m
SIMRAD EK80 (WBT Mini)



Maritime Domain Awareness

Surface cameras

18

360 deg cameras
Saildrone custom

AIS

19

AIS transceiver
SRT Cobalt class B

Ocean Measurements

Skin Temperature

9

SST IR Pyrometer @ +2.2 m
Heitronics CT15.2

Ocean Currents

10

ADCP @ -0.2 m
Teledyne RDI Workhorse 300 kHz

pH

11

pH Sensor @ -0.5m
Honeywell Durafet

Chl - *a*

12

Fluorometer @ -0.2 m
RBR Chl-*a* Fluorometer or
Seabird Scientific WET labs
Eco Triplet

CDOM Concentration

Red Backscatter

Dissolved Oxygen

13

Oxygen Optode @ -0.5 m
Aanderaa 4831 or RBR DO

pCO₂

14

Dissolved pCO₂ @ -0.5 m
PMEL ASVCO₂

Water Temperature

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Thermosalinograph @ -0.5 m
RBR CTD or
Teledyne RDI Citadel TS-NH
or Sea-Bird Scientific CTD

Salinity

Marine Mammal Acoustics

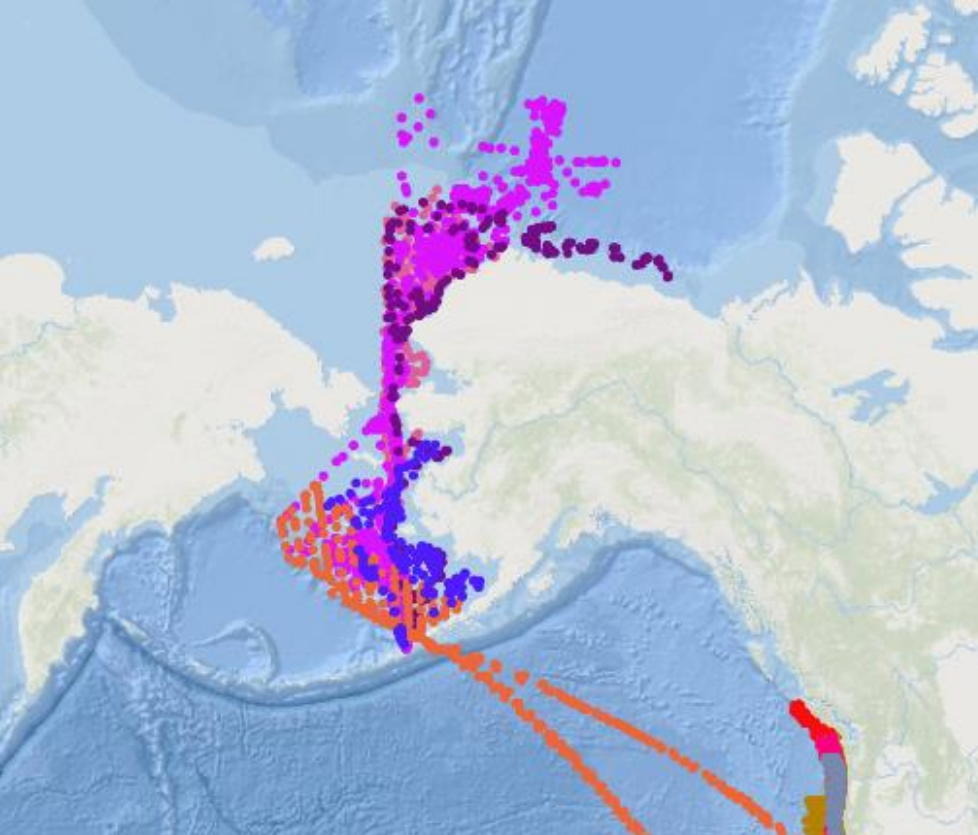
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Passive Acoustic Recorder
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Fish Biomass

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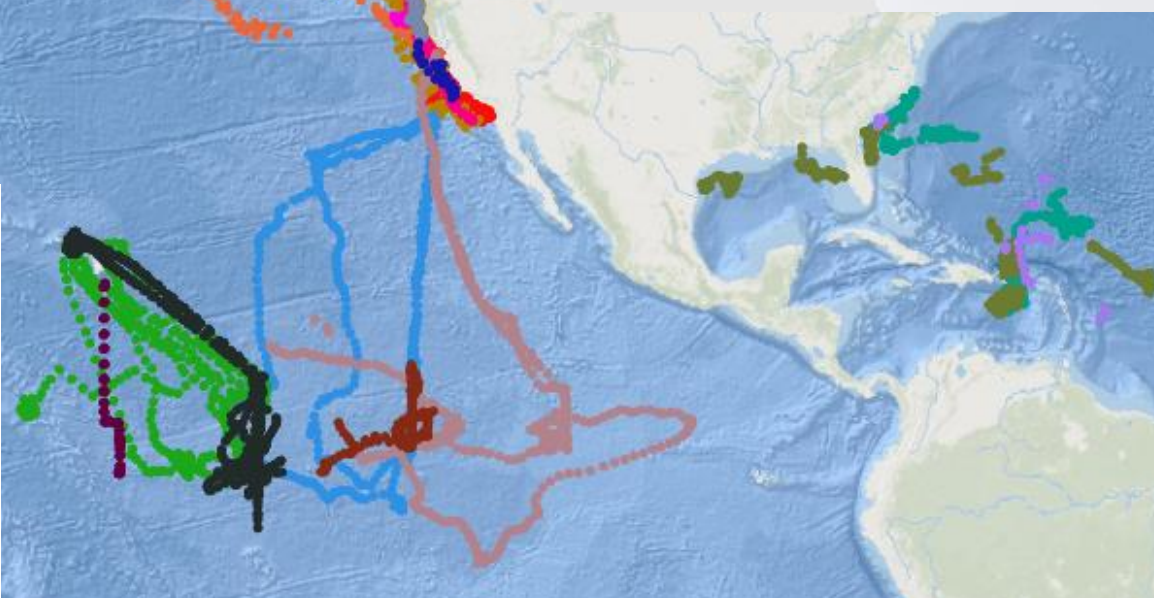
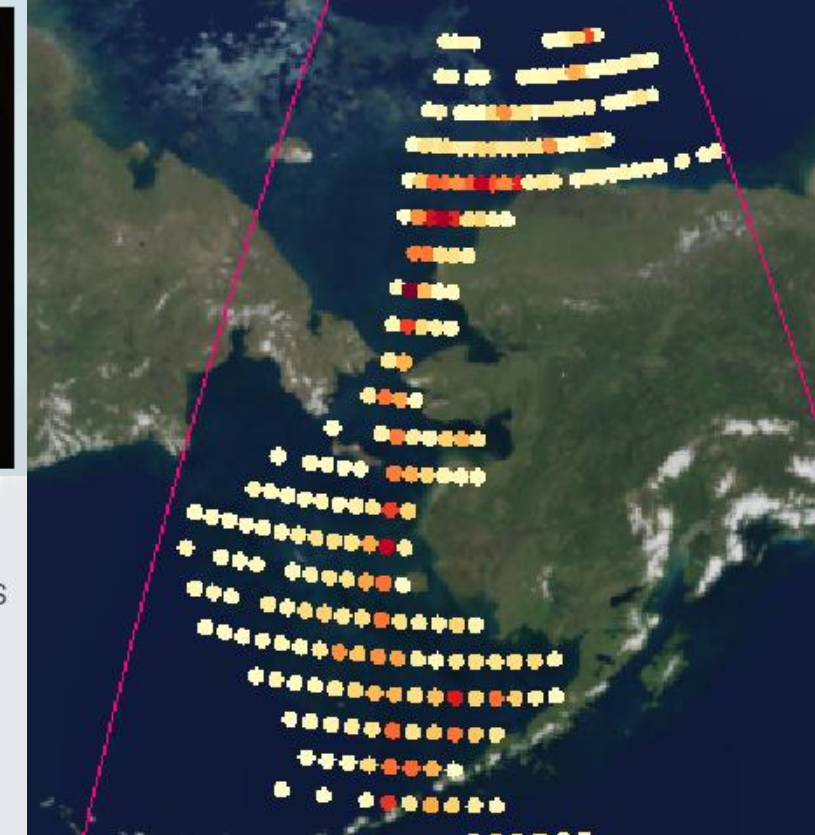
SIMRAD Echo Sounder @ -2.5 m
SIMRAD EK80 (WBT Mini)



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DAYS DATASETS VARIABLES SAILDRONES

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1,440 82,080

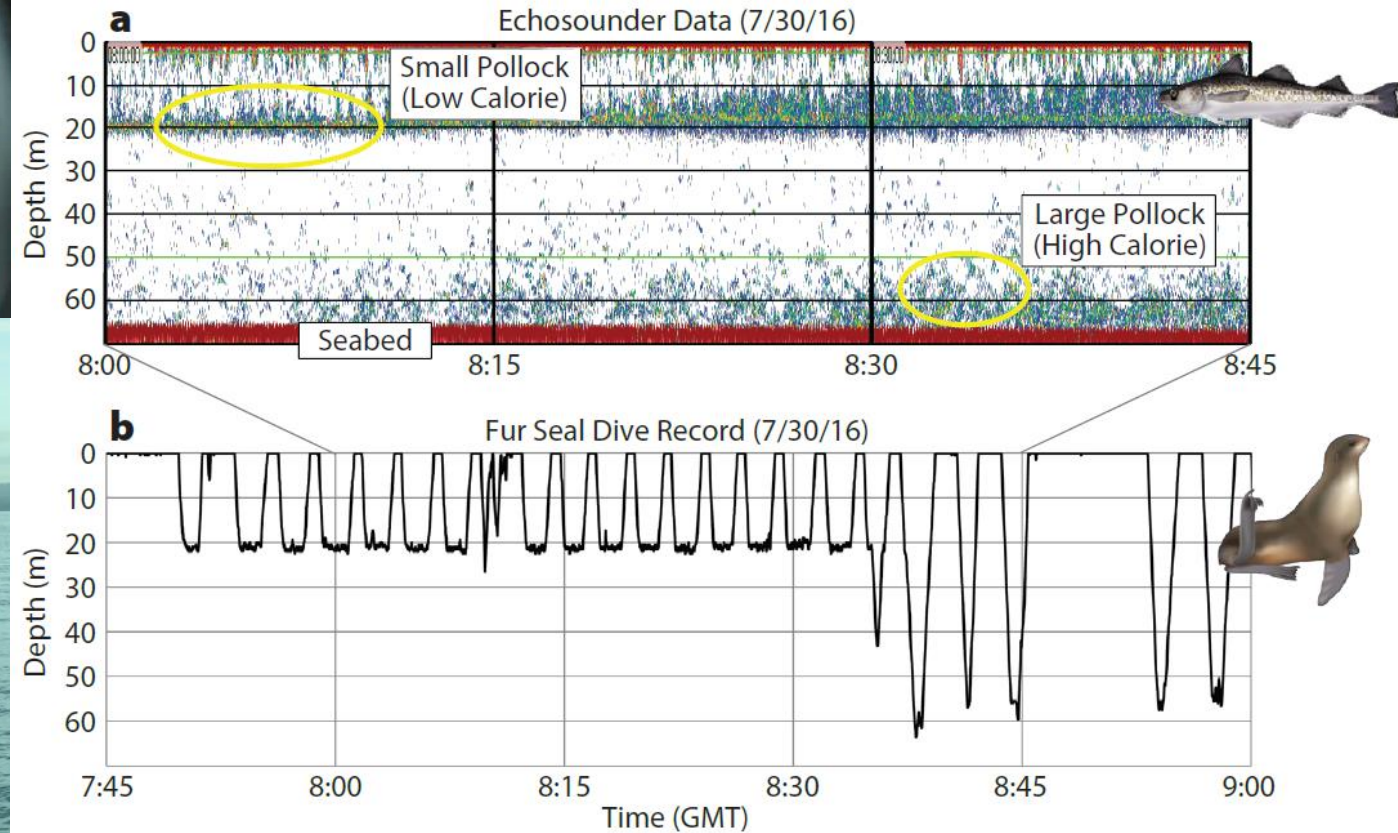
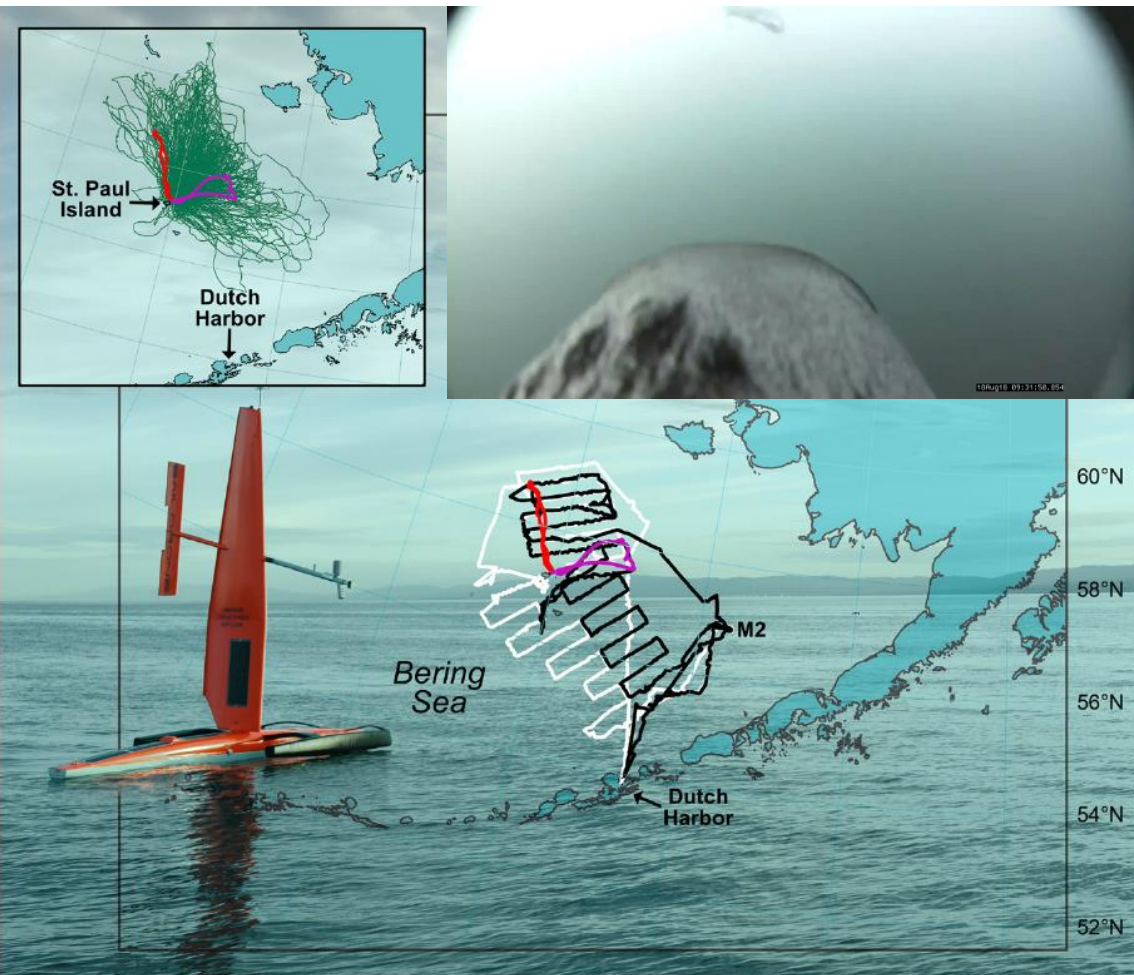


"Saildrone and WHOI buoy meteorological measurements agree to within the acceptable uncertainties for GOOS observations"

-- Dongxiao Zhang

Zhang, D., et al. Comparing air-sea flux measurements from a new unmanned surface vehicle and proven platforms during the SPURS-2 field campaign. *Oceanography*, 2019.

Northern Fur Seals *C. Kuhn, J. Sterling (AFSC)*



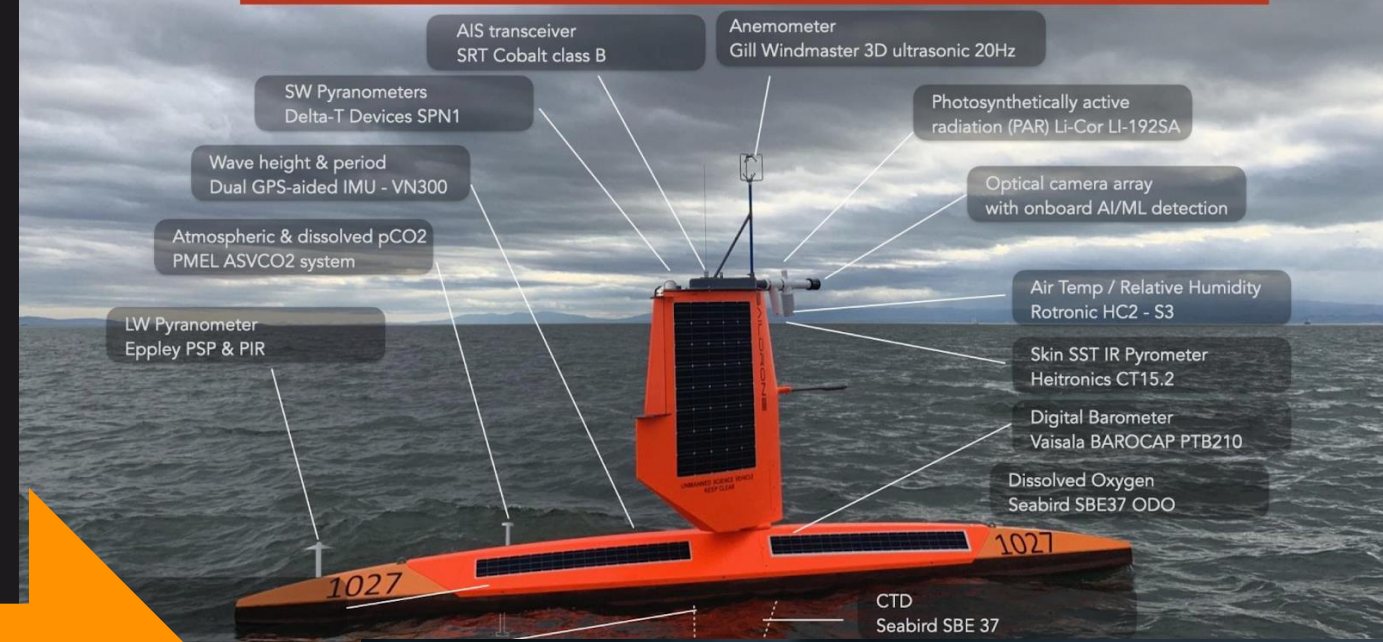
Carey Kuhn, Alex De Robertis (AFSC), Saildrone

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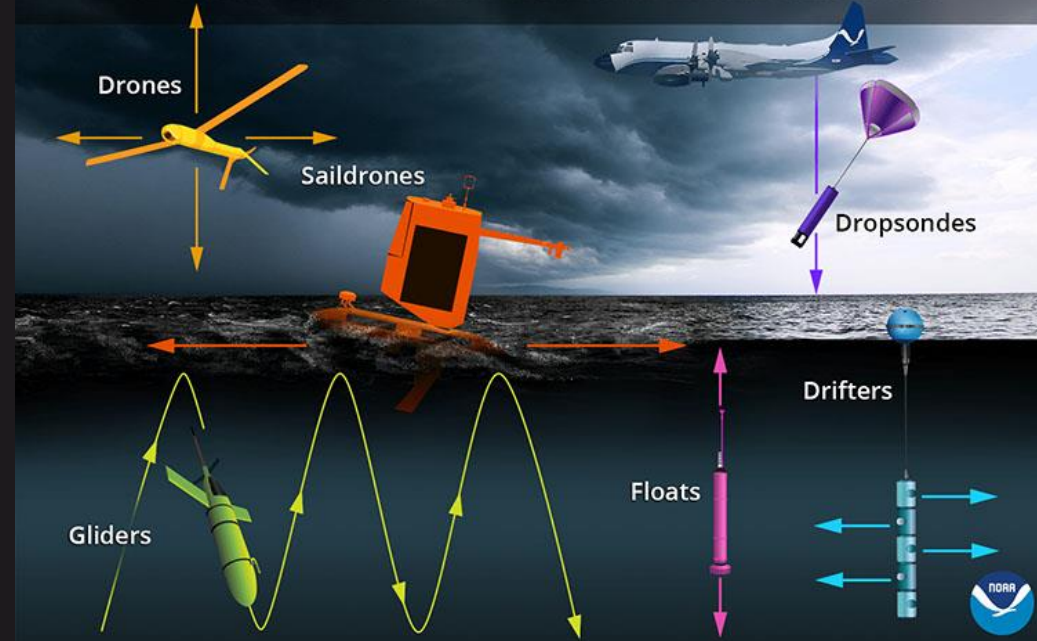


**RAPID PPP
DEVELOPMENT**

Extreme weather Saildrone USV sensor configuration



OBSERVING SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE HURRICANE PREDICTION



Captured by SD 1045's onboard camera during
Category 4 Hurricane Sam, Sept. 30 2021



SAILDRONE



Future Directions Achievements and Impacts

A USV network **FILL GAPS** in space, time, disciplines and complement existing GOOS infrastructure

SPACE AND TIME

- **Remote locations** of global ocean not currently covered by GOOS infrastructure, **including semi-enclosed seas, gulfs, archipelagos and reef networks**
- **Under persistent cloud cover** that can obscure some satellite observations
- **Clusters of USV** that periodically come together to form “**Mesonet**”, then spread apart for greater coverage
- Pairs of USV, in loose **follow-the-leader** or **side-by-side formation** to observe EOY and spatial gradient

DISCIPLINARY

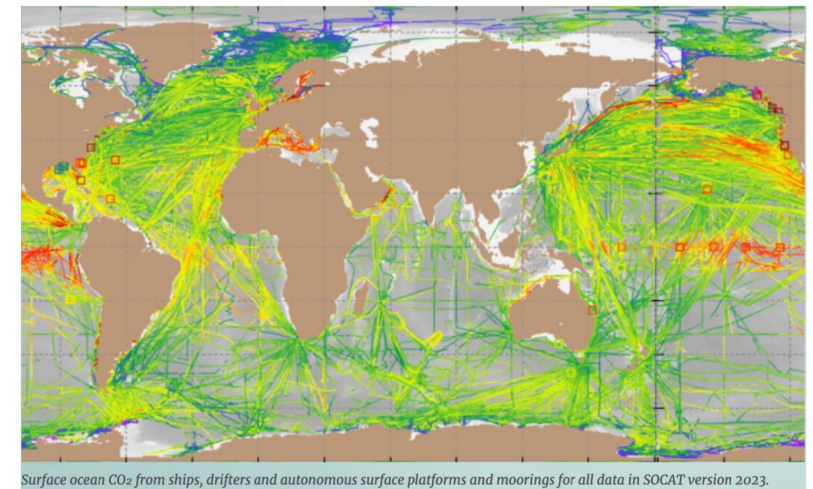
- **In severe weather and developing phenomena**
- **In frontal regions, and near ice edge**
- **In process studies**
- **Air-Sea interface studies at sub meter scale**

COMPLEMENTARY

- **Spatiotemporal coverage around fixed point moorings**
- **Air-sea surface surveys at subsurface moorings or glider profiles**
- **Acoustic gateway data transfers**



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Surface ocean CO₂ from ships, drifters and autonomous surface platforms and moorings for all data in SOCAT version 2023.



**Uncrewed Surface Vehicle Network
for a remote, data-limited
Global Ocean Observing System**

Update on an emerging network for OCG

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Takeaways

- A modest amount of targeted and sustained, technology development funding can accomplish a great deal.
- Public-Private-Partnerships can rapidly accelerate development and increase access to ocean observing.
- Focusing on Fit-for-Purpose designs can accelerate development and scale availability.



Discussion



Jackie McC

Live Q&A

Slido Session Key

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