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## Pacific Marine Arctic Regional Synthesis Themes 1, 2 & 6: Physics, Hydrography and Contaminants

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# Themes

#### Theme 1. Ice cover – primary production relationships, currents, winds, bathymetry

1a. Will warmer water temperatures and reduced ice cover result in an increase in primary production in Arctic seas, and if so, how will this affect the sequestration of carbon, oceanacidification and food web dynamics?

1b. What is the connectivity to local/regional biogeochemistry and physical oceanography for the Chukchi and Beaufort Sea food web?

#### Theme 2: Phenology of biological production cycles in relation to physical environment

2a. How will a changing climate affect the timing, magnitude, and duration of production cycles?2b. Will changes likely result in successful colonization and replacement of arctic endemics by subarctic populations/species?

#### Theme 6: Chemical contaminants in sediment and biota

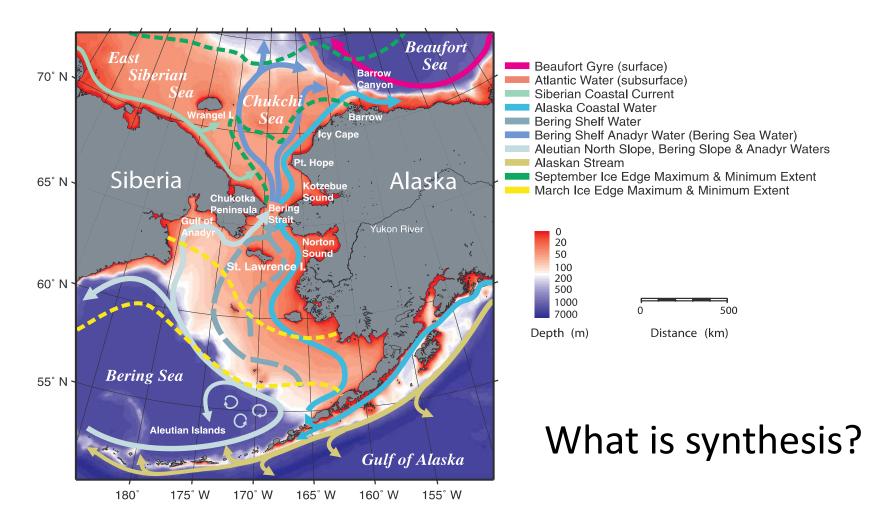
6a. What are the levels of chemical contaminants in sediments and seawater and how do they move through the food chain?

6b. Are there any potential impacts of varying contaminant burdens in sediment and prey on high trophic organisms, including humans?

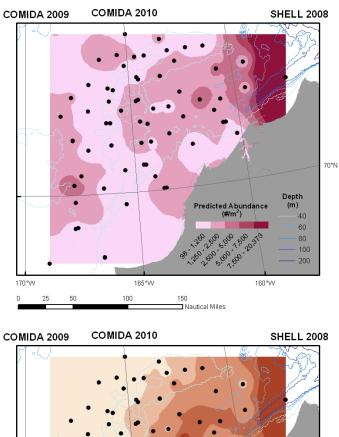


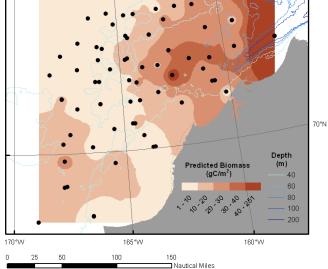






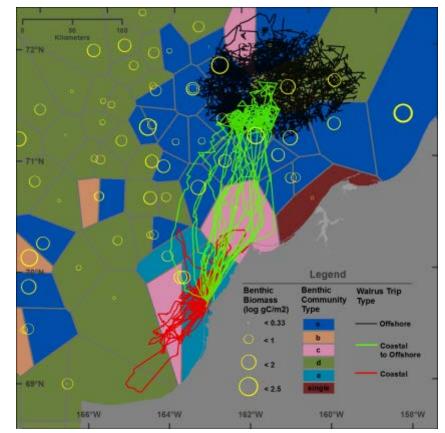
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# Three Chukchi Sea cruises: 2008-2010

USGS Data Thanks to Tony Fischbach and Chad Jay

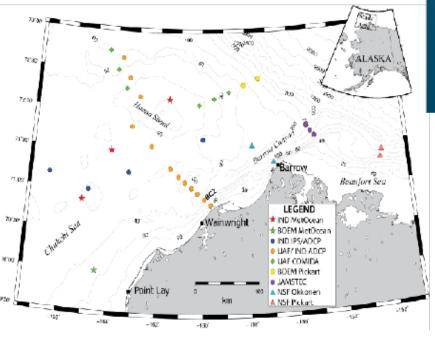


Example: interannual comparison benthic prey base and walrus movement via tracking (Jay, Fischbach and Grebmeier)

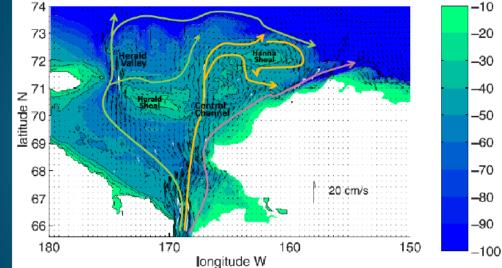




## 2012 Mooring Deployments for BOEM-COMIDA



#### CHUKCHI WATER CURRENT STRUCTURE AT 27.5 m DEPTH



Annual mean horizontal velocity at 27.5 m depth as a function of bottom topography. Net flows denoted by colored arrows. From Spall (2007) and Weingartner (pers. comm)

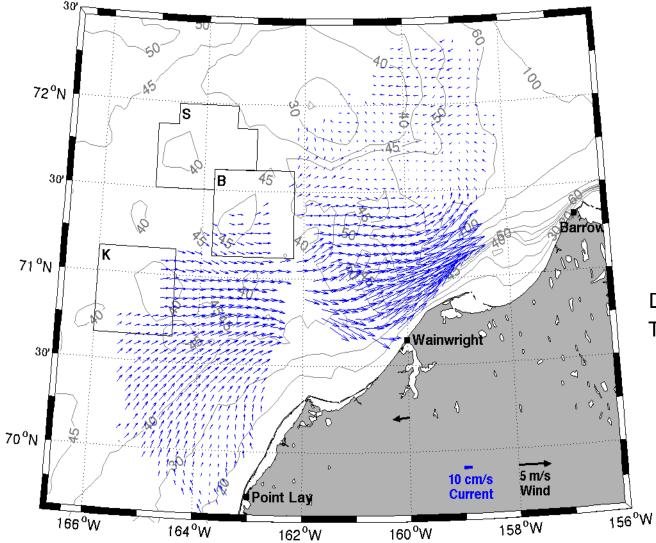
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#### MEAN FLOW WHEN ACC IS NORTHEASTWARD

Coastal Radars: 2008 – 2011



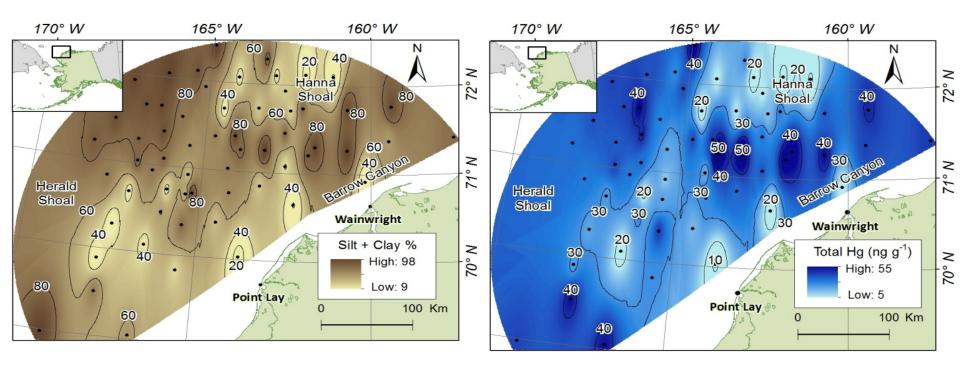
August – October hourly 6km resolution ~100 – 150 km range (Available)

Data courtesy of Tom Weingartner





# Synthesis data for contaminants in sediments will be displayed in GIS format

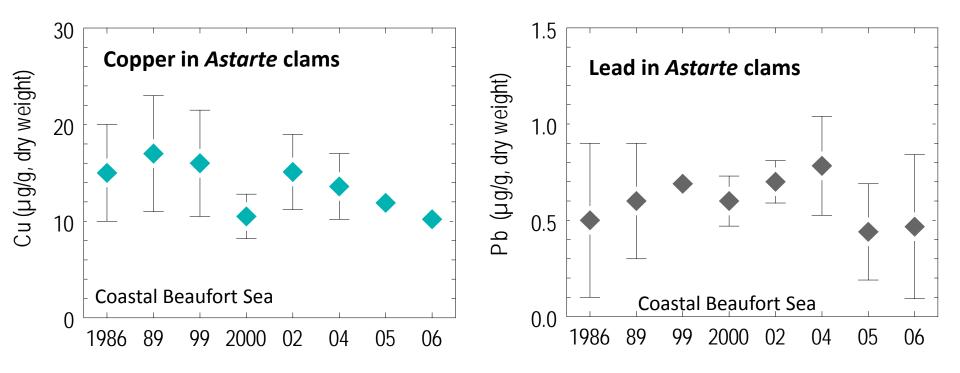


# Location and sediment grain size will be used as key variables for describing contaminant distribution and identifying data gaps





Synthesis data for contaminants in biota will be based on collection date and location and will displayed on graphs and maps.

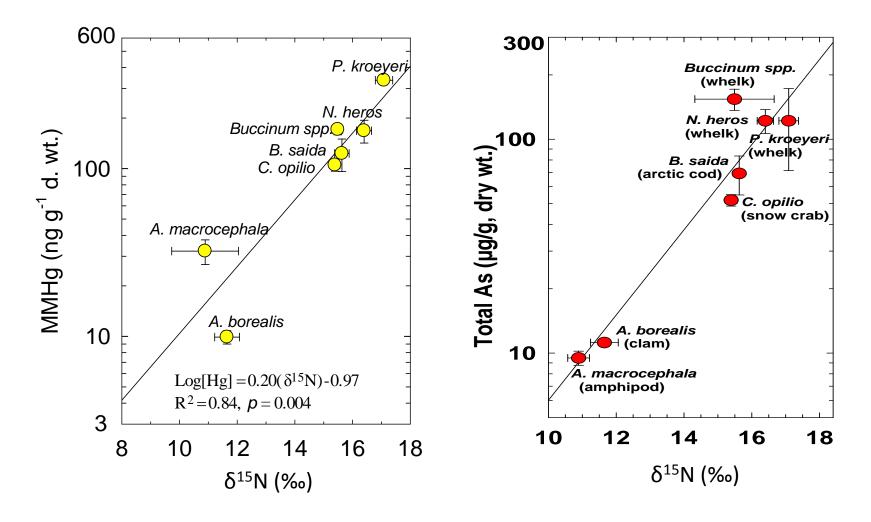




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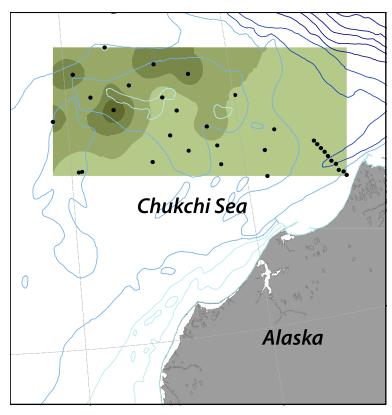
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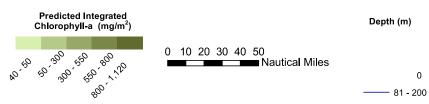


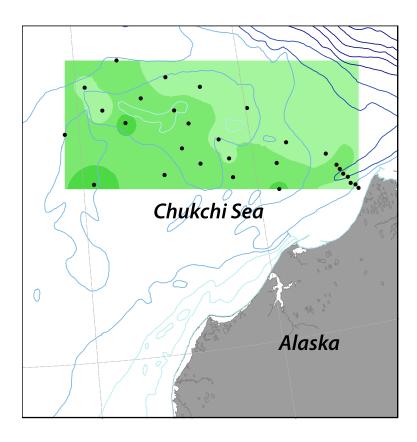




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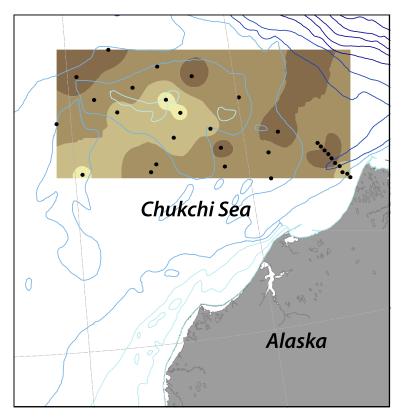


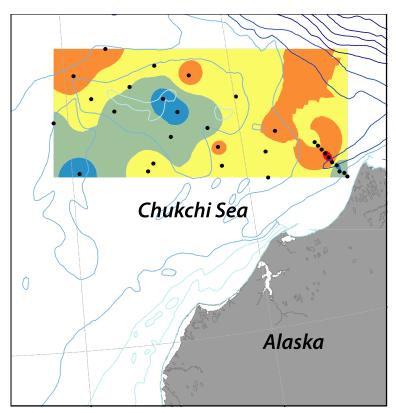


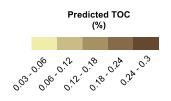


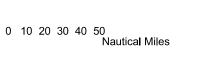
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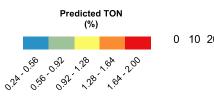
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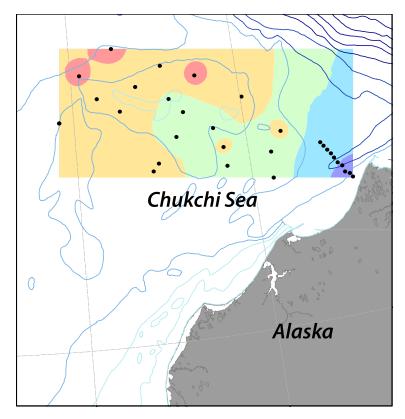


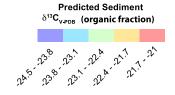
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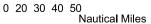


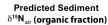
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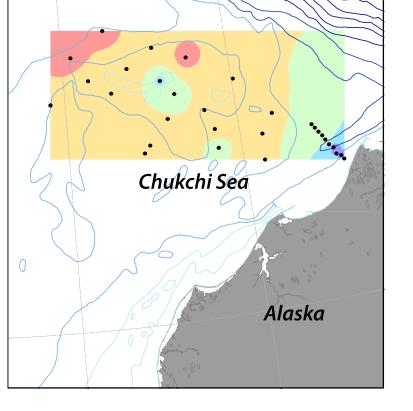


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Data / Project	Description / Long Title	Theme (s)	Link	Evaluation Status & Investigators / Institution / Point of Contact
ANAMIDA	Beaufort Sea BOEM studies, 2004-2007	1-4,6	http://www.duxbury.b attelle.org/cANIMIDA /home/index.cfm	Trefry is lead, Dunton also
AKMAP	Alaska Monitoring and Assessment Program	1-6	http://www.dec.state.a k.us/water/wqsar/moni toring/AKMAP.htm	We will coordinate when able with Doug Dasher and others
AHDR	Arctic Human Development Report	5	http://www.svs.is/AH DR/	On-going; Yamin-Pasternak
ANWAP	Arctic Nuclear Waste Assessment Program	1-6	http://www.nsidc.co	Cooper, some data already archived
	Alaska Department of Fish and Game Subsistence Division Publications Searchable Database	4,5,6	http://www.adfg.alask a.gov/sf/publications/	Sue Moore is going to help with contacts. Yamin- Pasternak annotating Technical Papers for the coastal settlements in the PacMARS region
AON	Arctic Observing Network and the Advanced Cooperative Arctic Data and Information Service	1-4,6	http://www.aoncadis.o rg/	CBL, UAF, EOL, URI, WHOI are all funded investigators via NSF
AOOS	Alaska Ocean Observing System Arctic Assets	1-6	http://data.aoos.org/ma ps/arctic_assets/	McCammon is involved as a collaborator
ArcOD	Species presence or abundance, biomass, benthos, zooplankton, fish, ice	1-4,6	www.arcdiv.org, www.iobis.org	Bluhm, Ashjian, Dunton all are involved
Arctic Biodiversity Assessment	Arctic Biodiversity Assessment	2	http://www.caff.is/aba	Bluhm involved in writing of two chapters
Arctic Eis	Arctic Integrated Ecosystem Survey 2012- 2013 project, funded by BOEM Surface and bottom trawls ArcEIS	2,3,4,5,6	http://www.commerce. state.ak.us/dca/plannin g/cciap/ArcticEcosyste mIntegratedSurvey.ht m	UAF funded investigators will coordinate with: Franz Mueter Bob Lauth Mike Sigler
Arctic ERMA	ERMA (Environmental Response Management Application)	1-6	http://response.restorat ion.noaa.gov/maps- and-spatial- data/environmental- response- management- application- erma/arctic-erma.html	Large general effort, several PacMARS investigators likely to take advantage of this



Identify relevant data sets and evaluate them

Now a table ("Appendix 1")

Convert to an annotated narrative

Living documentcurrently 11 pages





## C3O (Canada's Three Oceans) Data Sets







Sir Wilfrid Laurier cruises, July 1998-July 2012 and beyond (to 2017)

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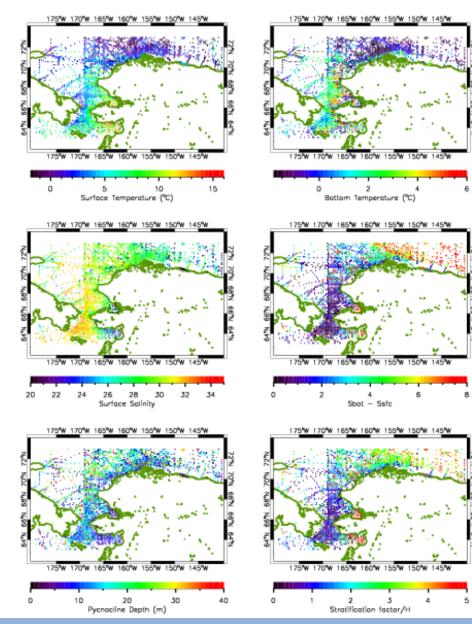
# **Possible Synthesis Expectations**

- Cruise every July, very similar timing each year
  - Have chlorophyll concentrations and total inventories changed?
  - Need to assess water mass position (via nutrients?)
  - Tie-in with current and future DBO





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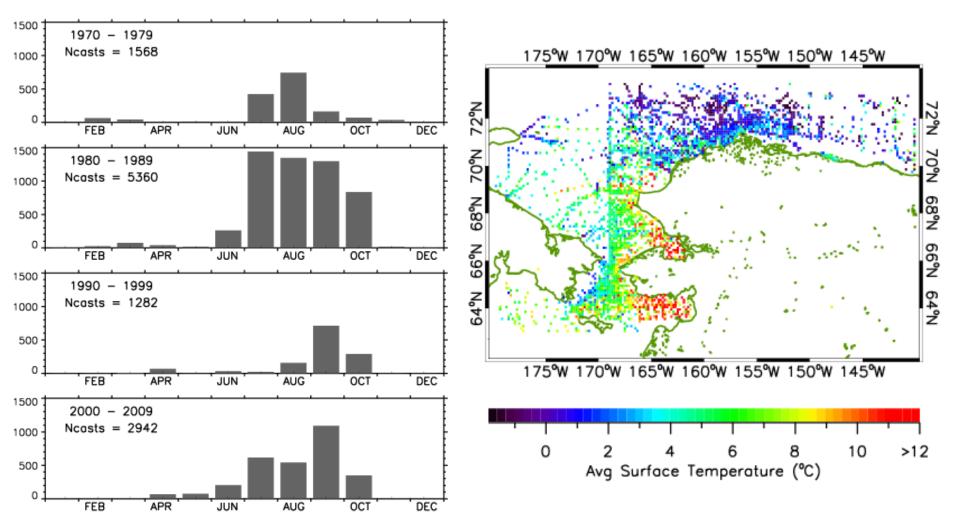
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## **CTD spatio-temporal distribution**



Awaiting CTD data from Chukchi lease area





## **Synthesis of Contaminants in Sediments and Biota**

1. <u>Assimilate available data sets for the following chemical</u> <u>contaminants:</u>

Metals: Hg (including MeHg), Cd, As, Pb, Cu, Pb, Zn, ... Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Pesticides? (DDT, chlordane)?

2. <u>Synthesis paper for Hg (MeHg), Cd, and PCBs (or PAH)</u> in sediments and biota (from plankton to marine mammals and birds) from the perspective of sources of the contaminant and pathways for delivery of those contaminants to target organisms.

Source

Pathway







Synthesis paper will focus on three contaminants of concern

#### Hg (MeHg), Cd, and PCBs (or PAH)

in sediments and biota (plankton to marine mammals and birds)

from the perspective of sources of the contaminant and pathways for delivery of that contaminant to target organisms.

For example:Hg from atmospheric and coastal sourcesCd from deep ocean water and riverine sourcesPCBs from atmospheric and some coastal sourcesPAH from atmospheric, fossil fuel and coastal sources

Knowledge gained from focusing on pathways may then be applied to other contaminants.





## **Summary**

## **Introduction to PacMARS themes**

What is synthesis? (Via Examples)

How will we get it done? (Approaches)

**Examples of Possible End-Products** 









#### **Outreach to Local Communities**

## **Action by Agency Stakeholders**

## **Future Field Research Efforts**





