

Southern Ocean Cruise

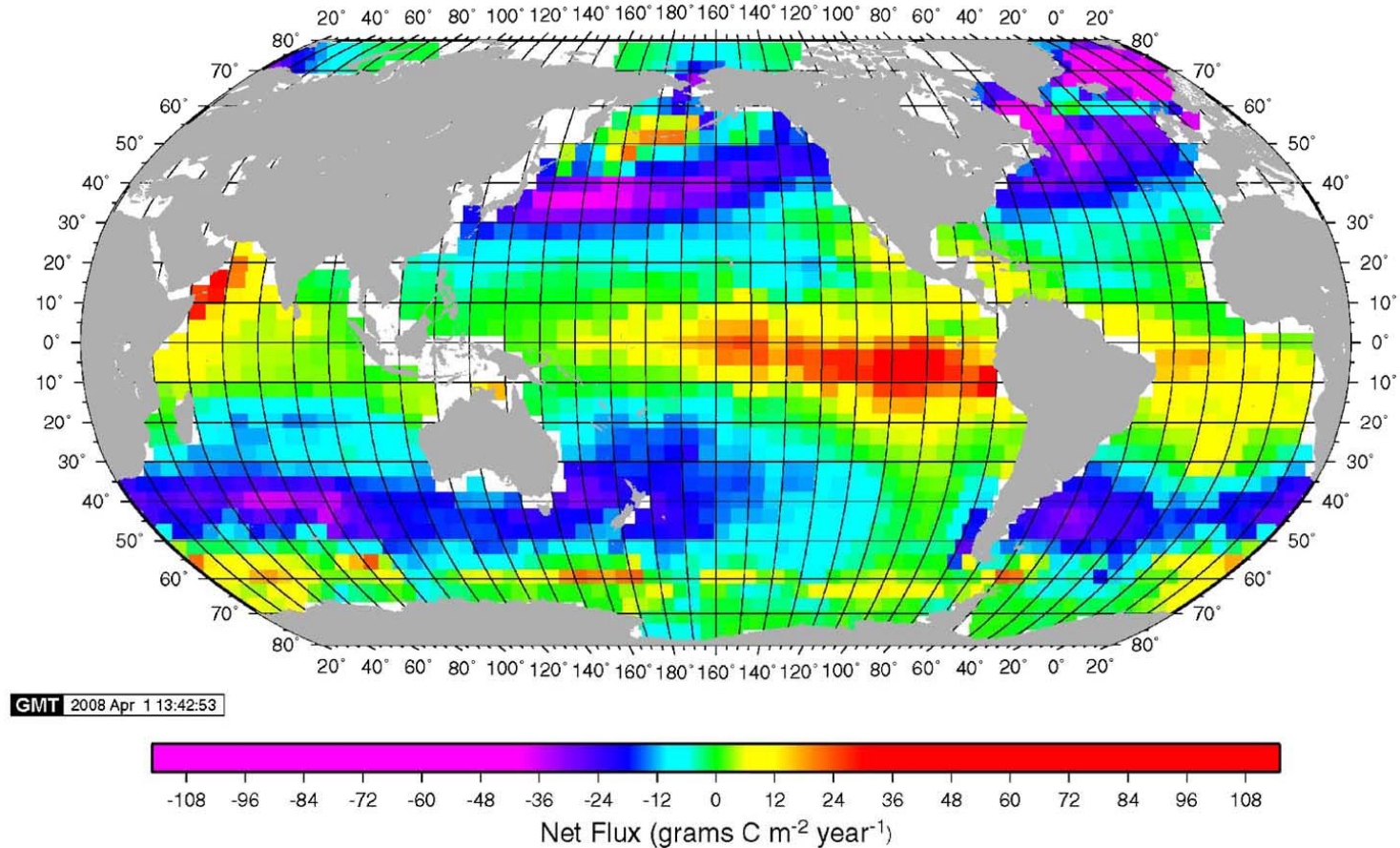
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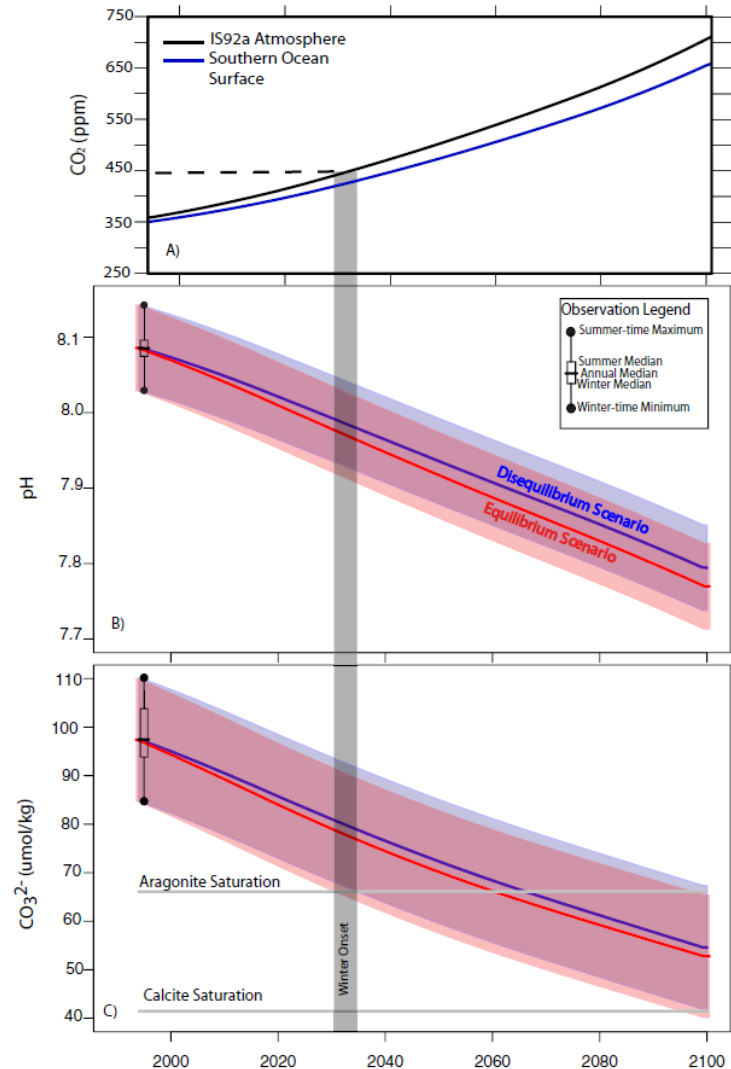
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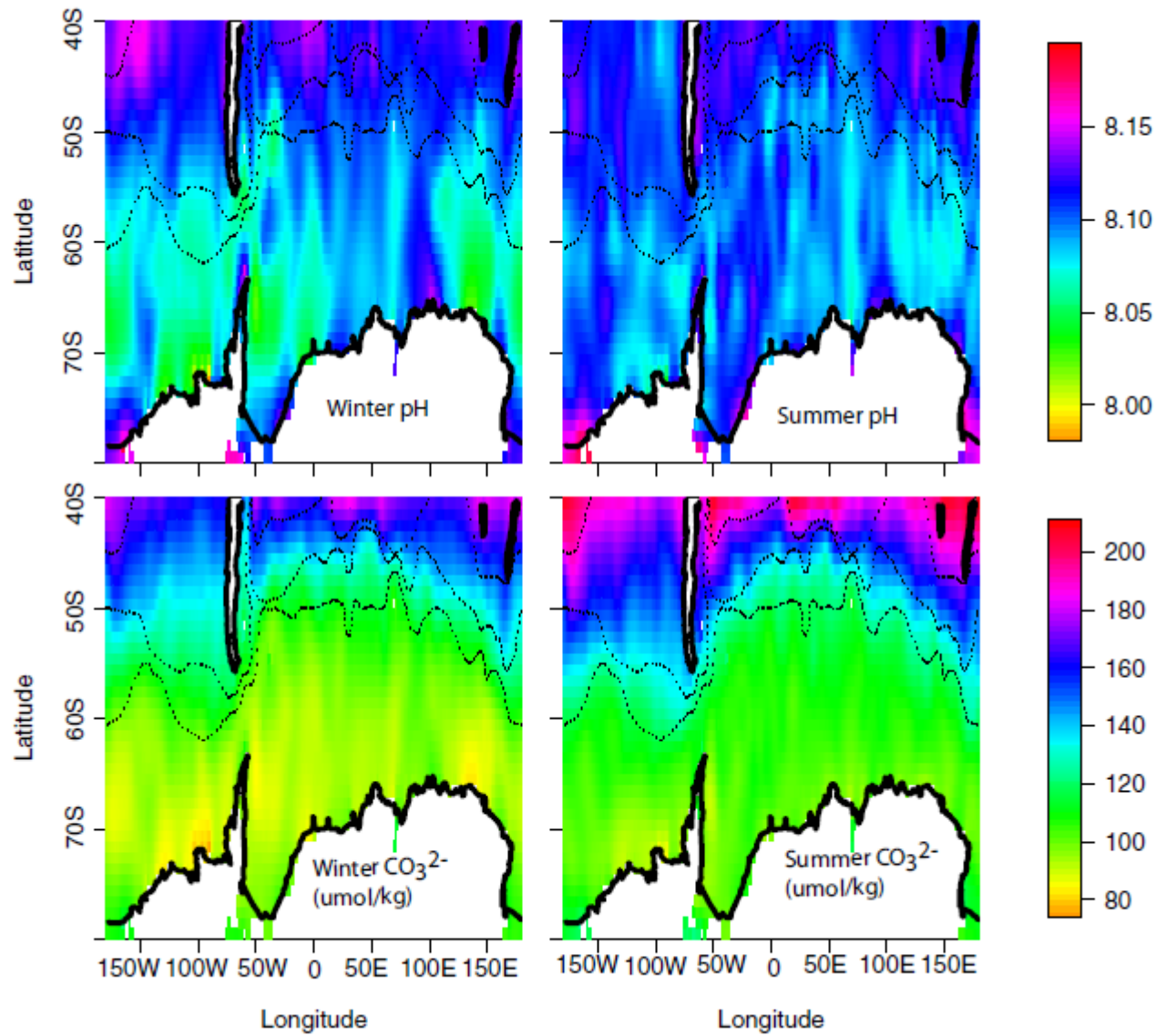
Climatological mean annual sea–air CO₂ flux (gC m⁻² yr⁻¹)



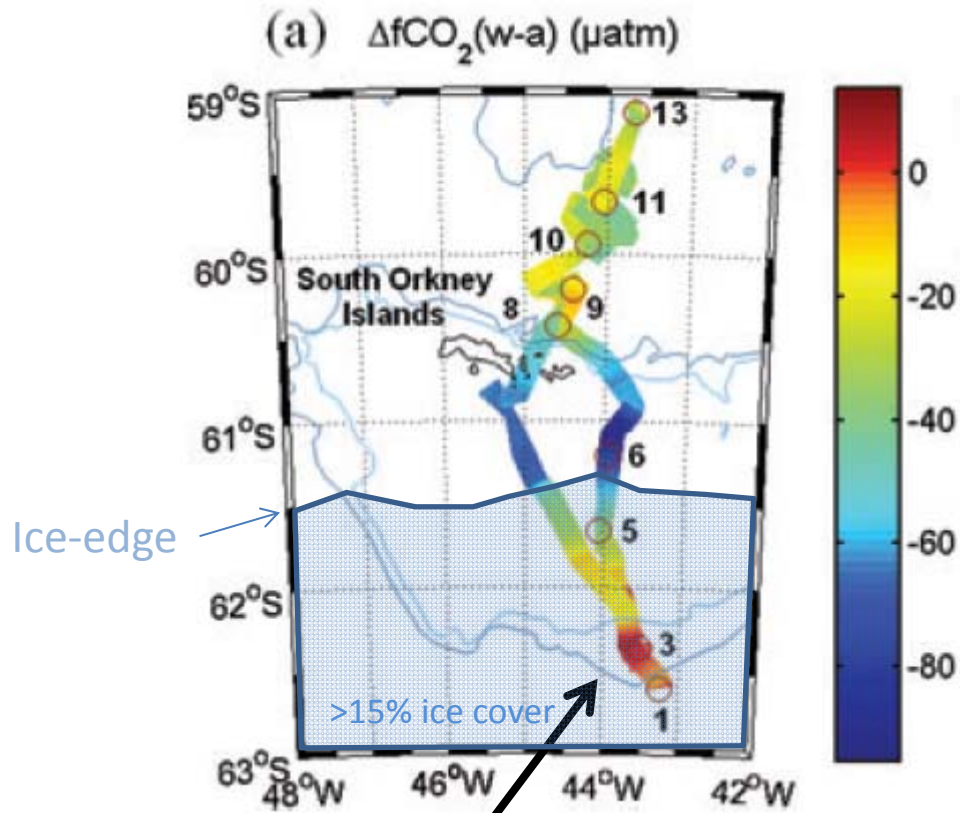
Aragonite undersaturation in winter predicted for 2030 in Southern Ocean surface water



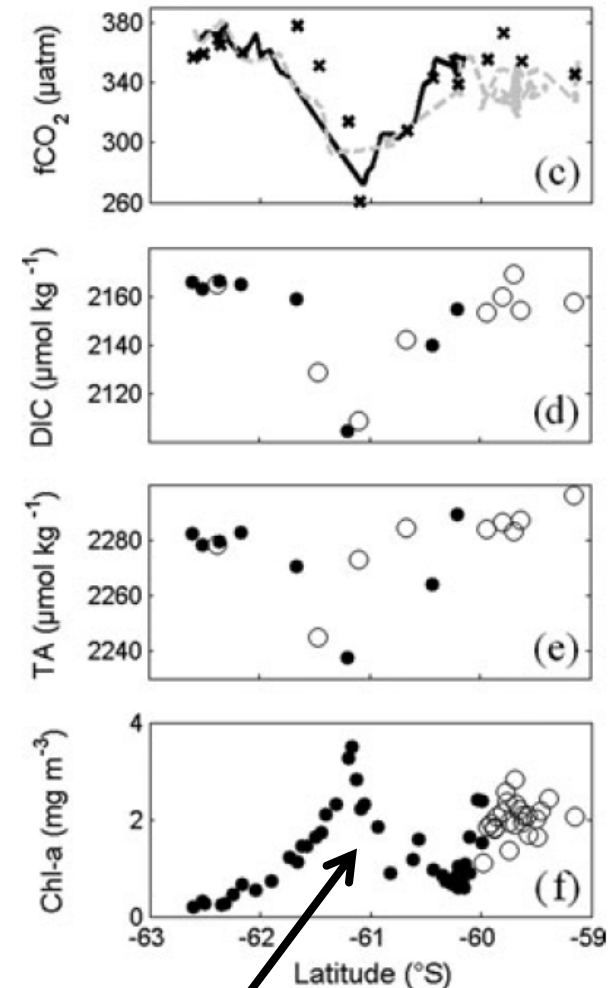
Spatial heterogeneity in pH and CO_3^{2-} concentrations



$f\text{CO}_2$ and DIC are strongly influenced by ice-edge effects

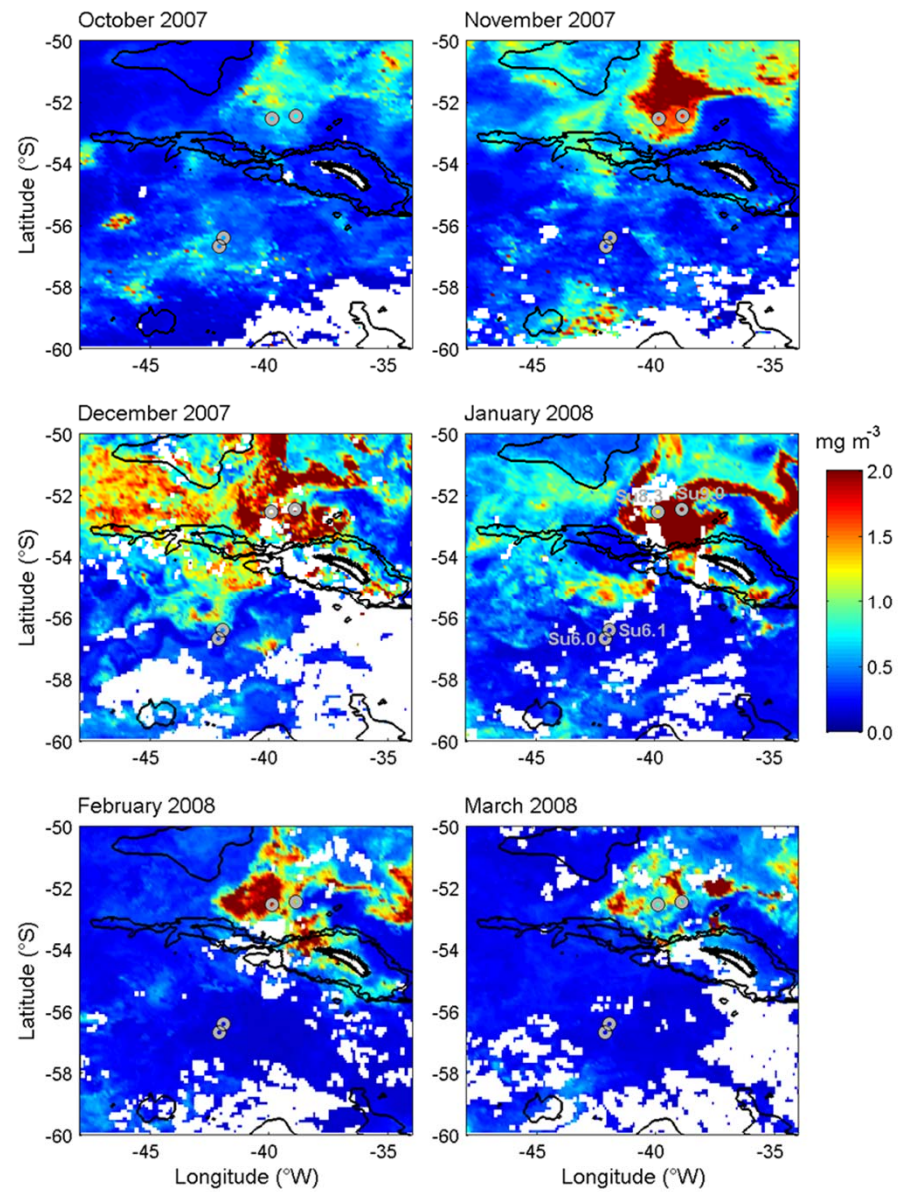


Melt of brine precipitates carbonate minerals (e.g. ikaite)
- decreases DIC and TA and increases $f\text{CO}_2$



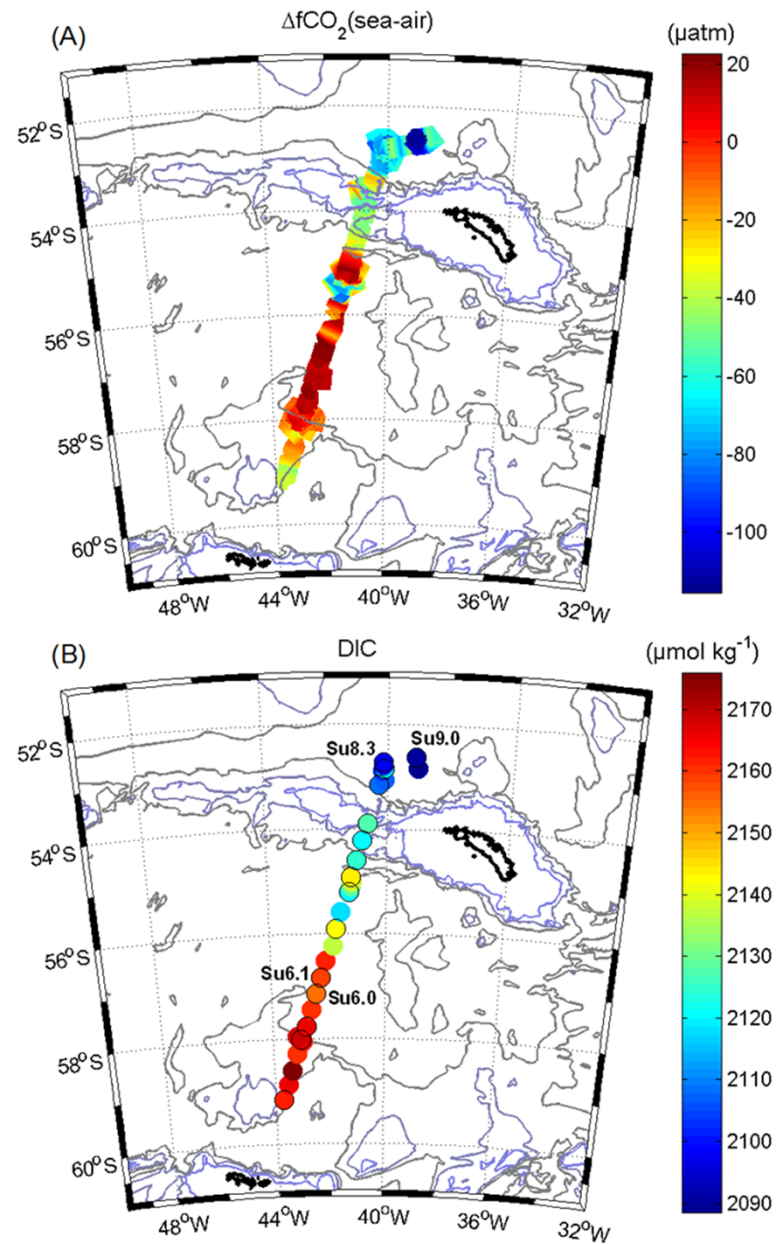
Ice-edge blooms lead to large DIC deficits

Scotia Sea contains both HNLC and iron-fertilised environments

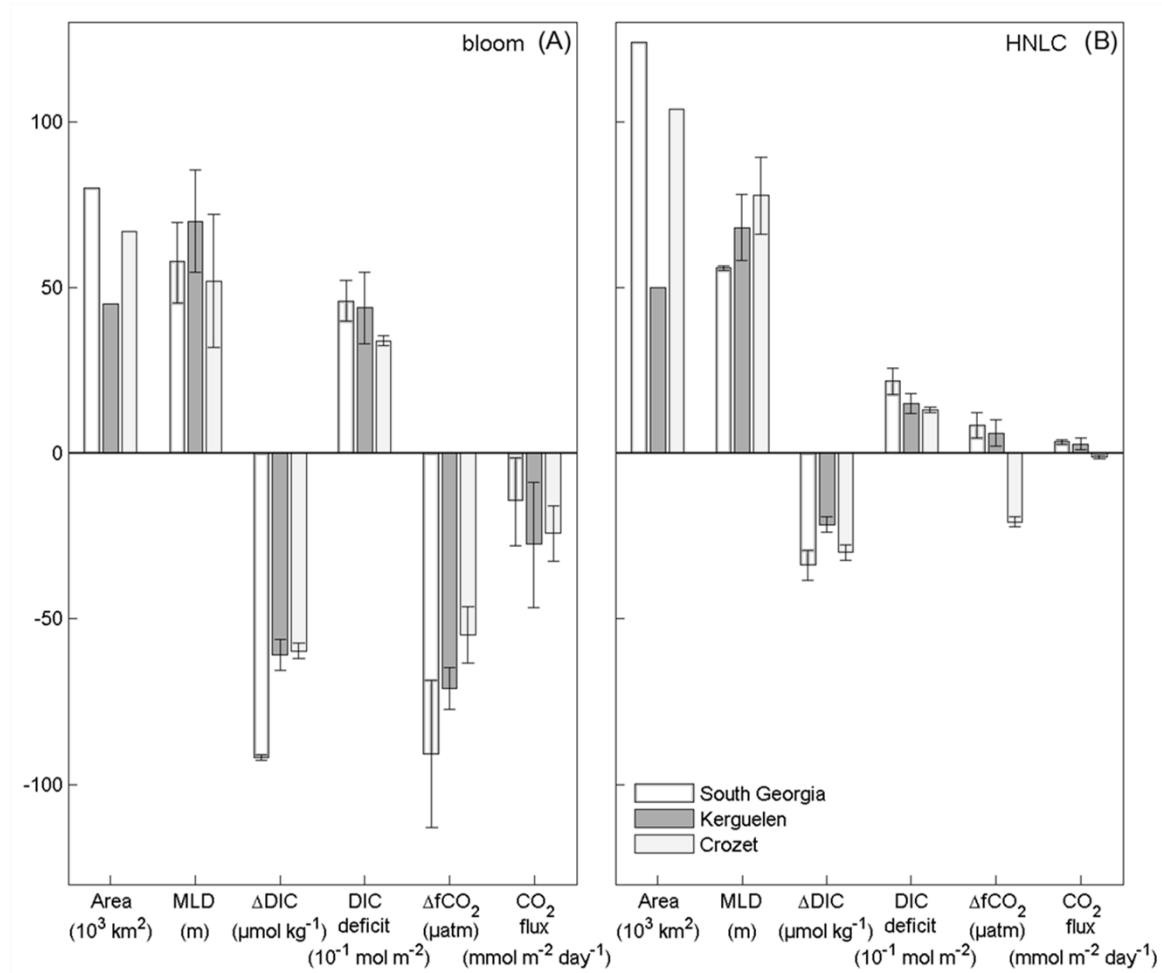


Monthly composite images of daily MODIS-Aqua chlorophyll a (mg m^{-3})

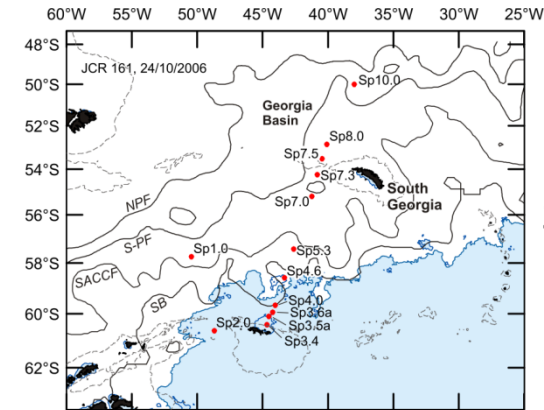
Diversity of $f\text{CO}_2$ and DIC conditions in open waters of Scotia Sea



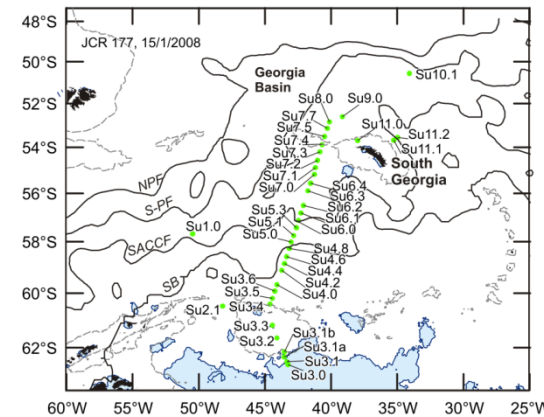
South Georgia contains the strongest observed seasonal carbon uptake in ice-free waters of the Southern Ocean



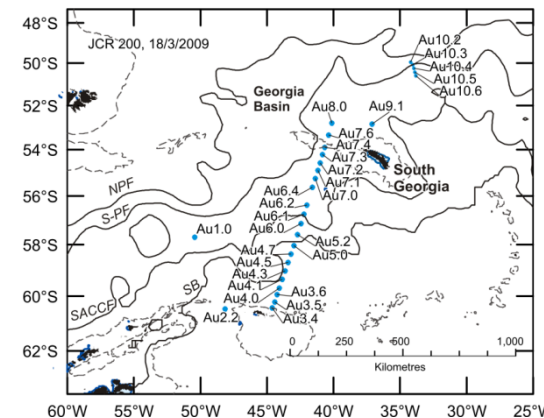
Context: seasonal open-ocean sampling programme (2007-2009)



Spring

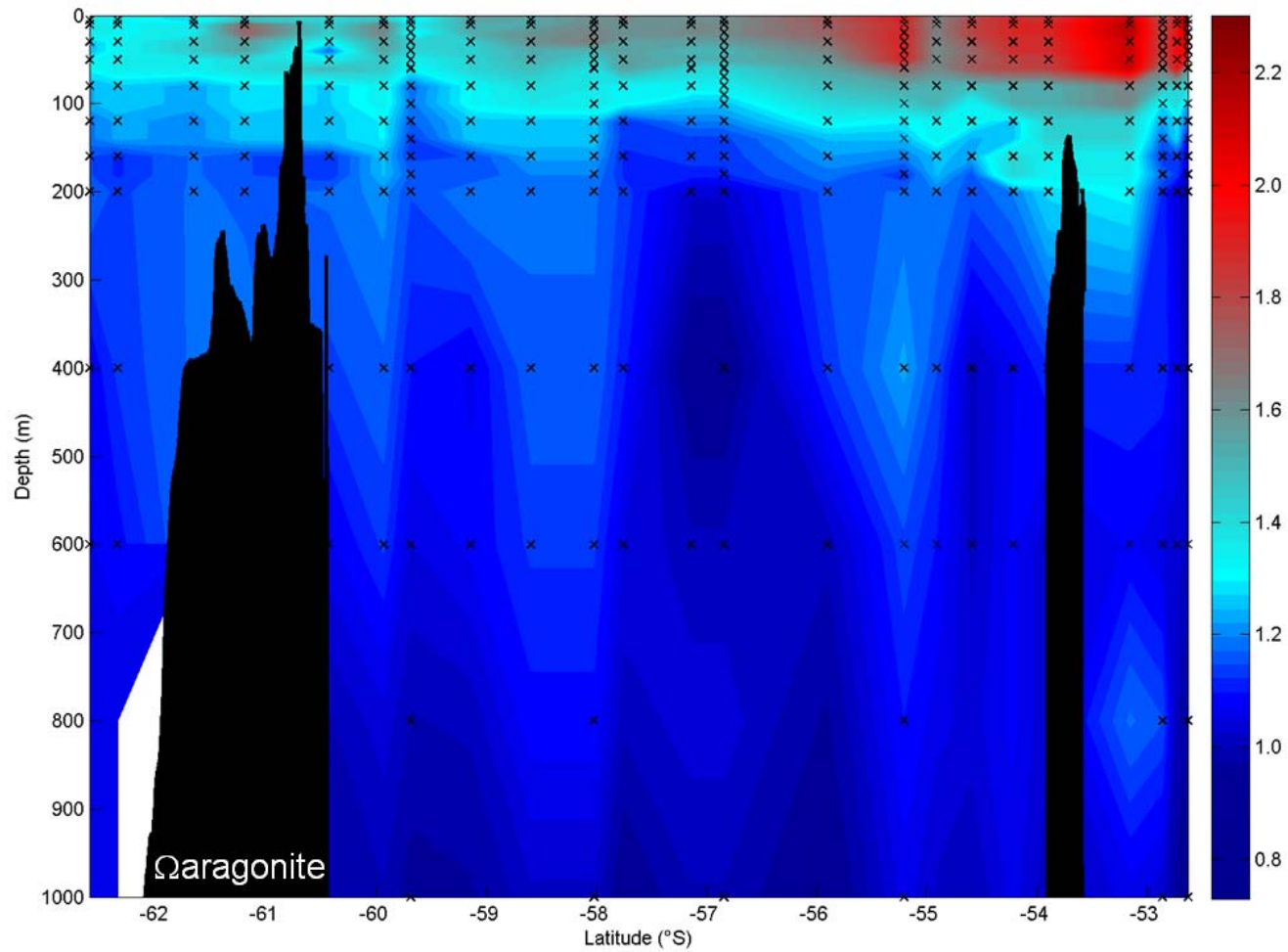


Summer



Autumn

Areas of upwelling bring aragonite undersaturated waters to within 200 m of surface

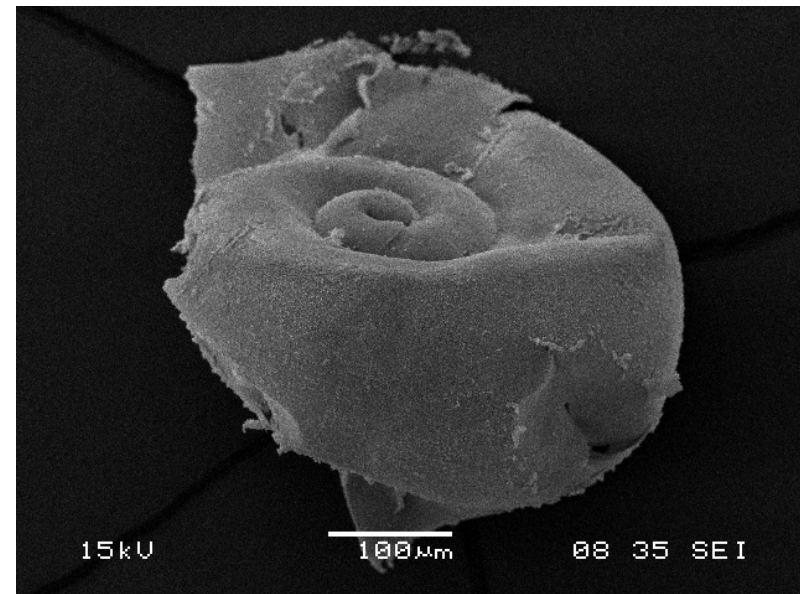
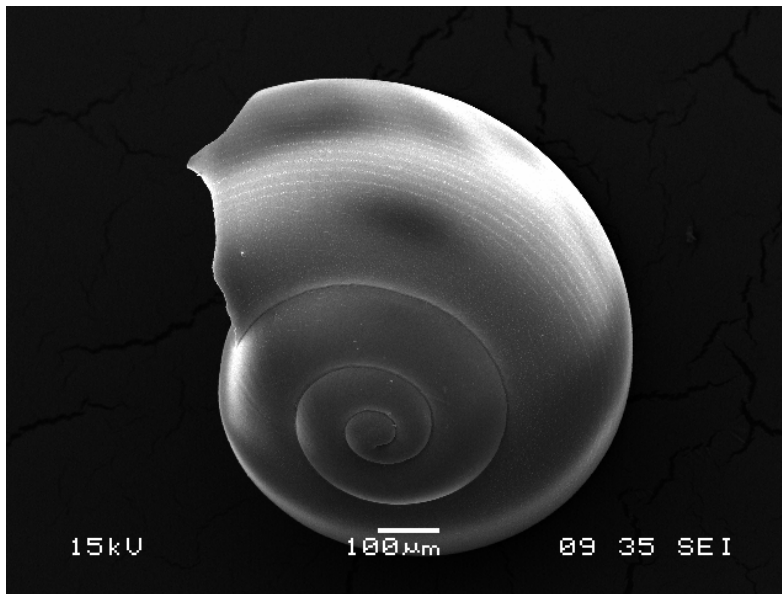


Poster

Pteropods dissolve in response to anthropogenic acidification of the Southern Ocean

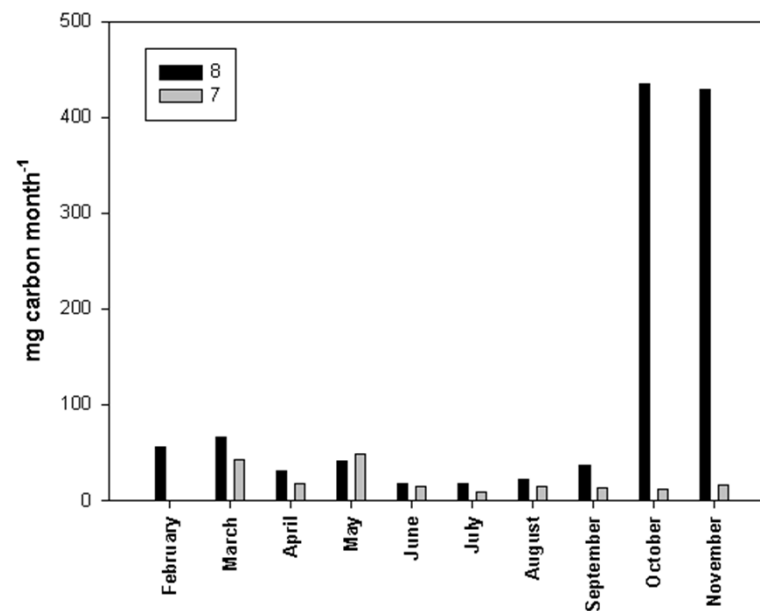
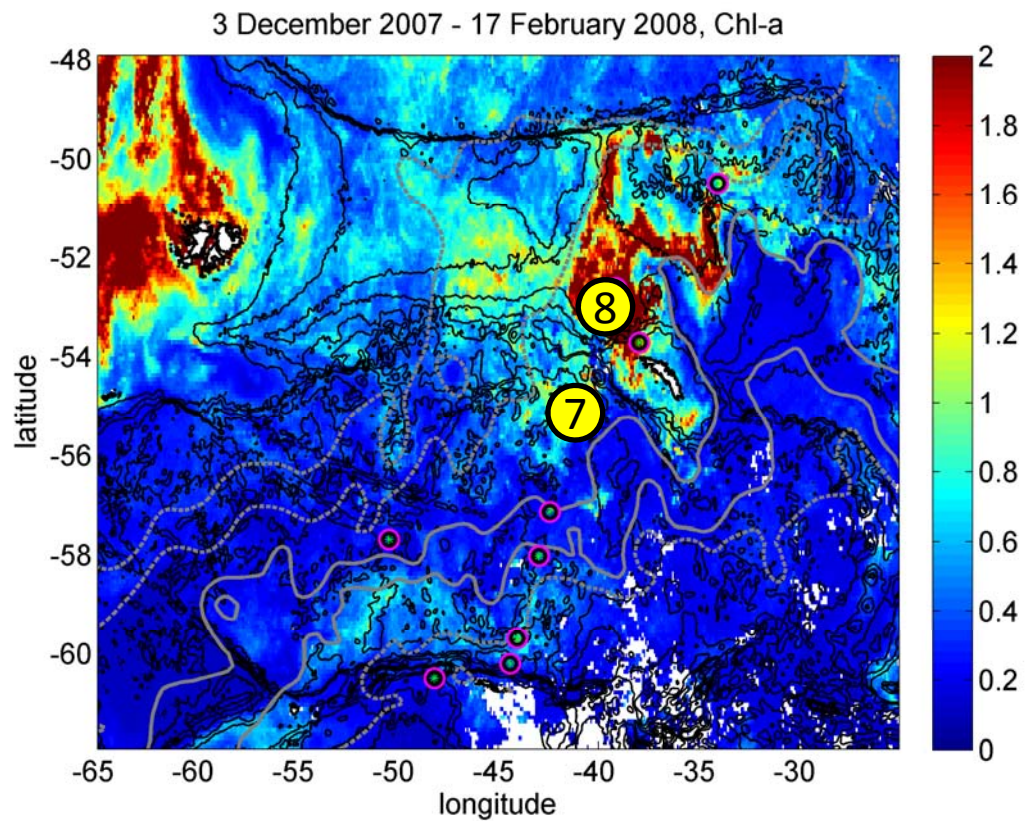
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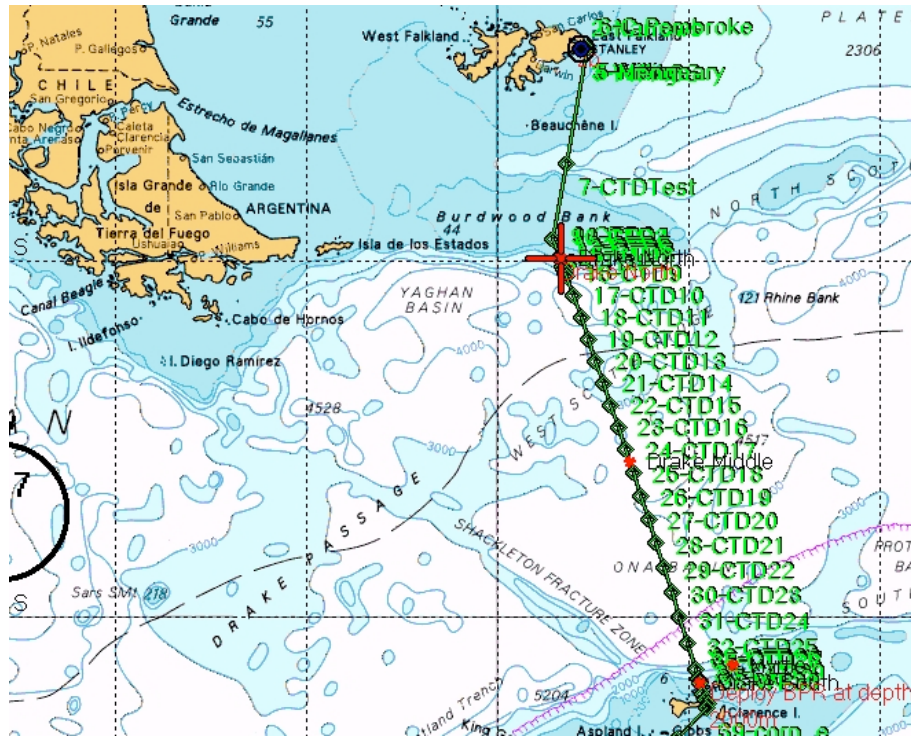


Limacina helicina antarctica visualised by SEM. *Left*: fully intact shell; *Right*: Level III dissolution resulting from 8 d exposure to $\Omega_A \approx 1$

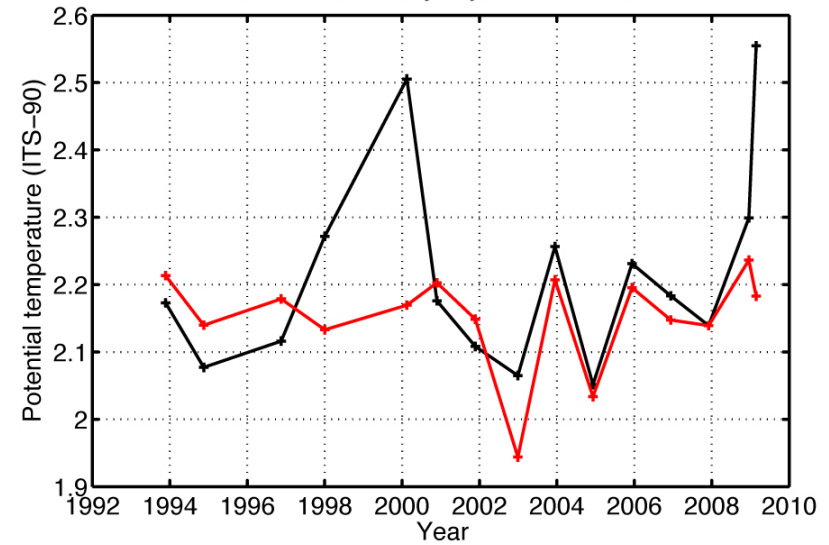
Context: Oceanographic moorings in northern Scotia Sea (2006 to present)



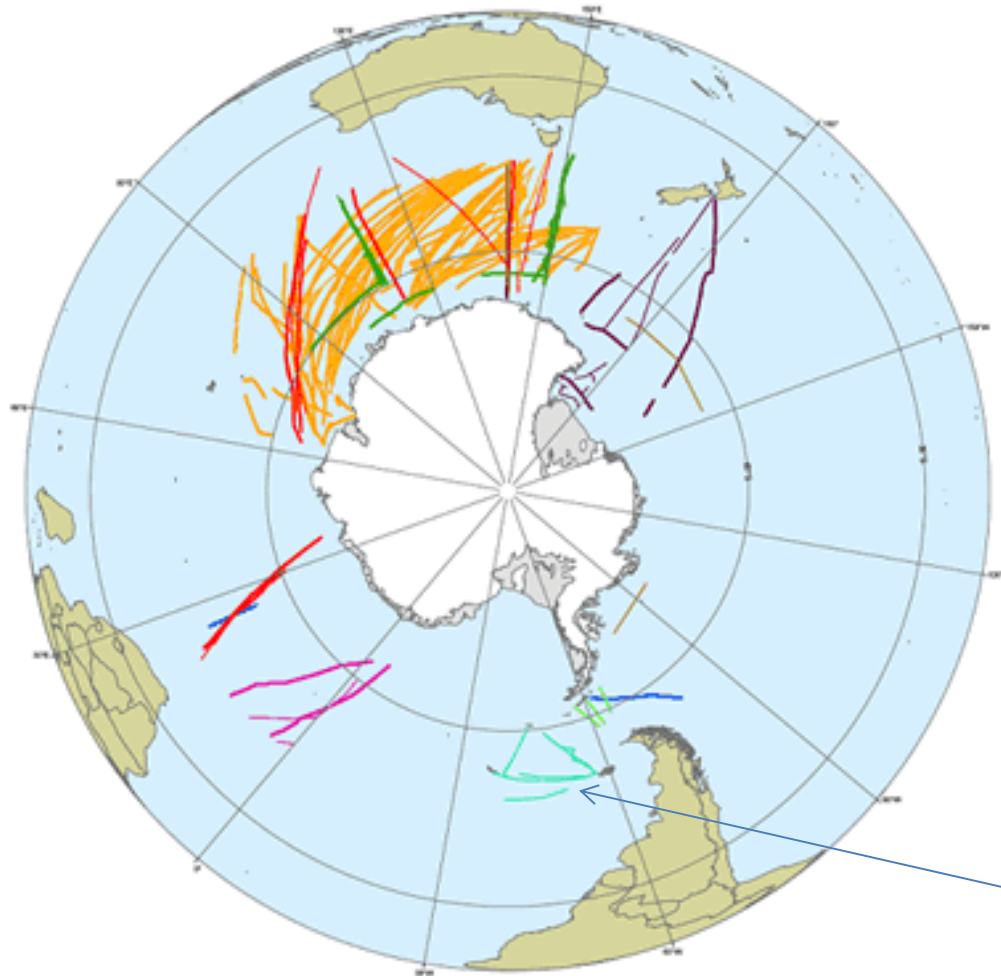
Context: Drake passage transect (1993-present)



Drake Passage SR1b 1993–2009
 Transport-weighted mean temperature
 Black – observed value
 Red – seasonally adjusted to 1 Dec



Context: Continuous plankton recorder



BAS/FI Fisheries transect:
2005 to present

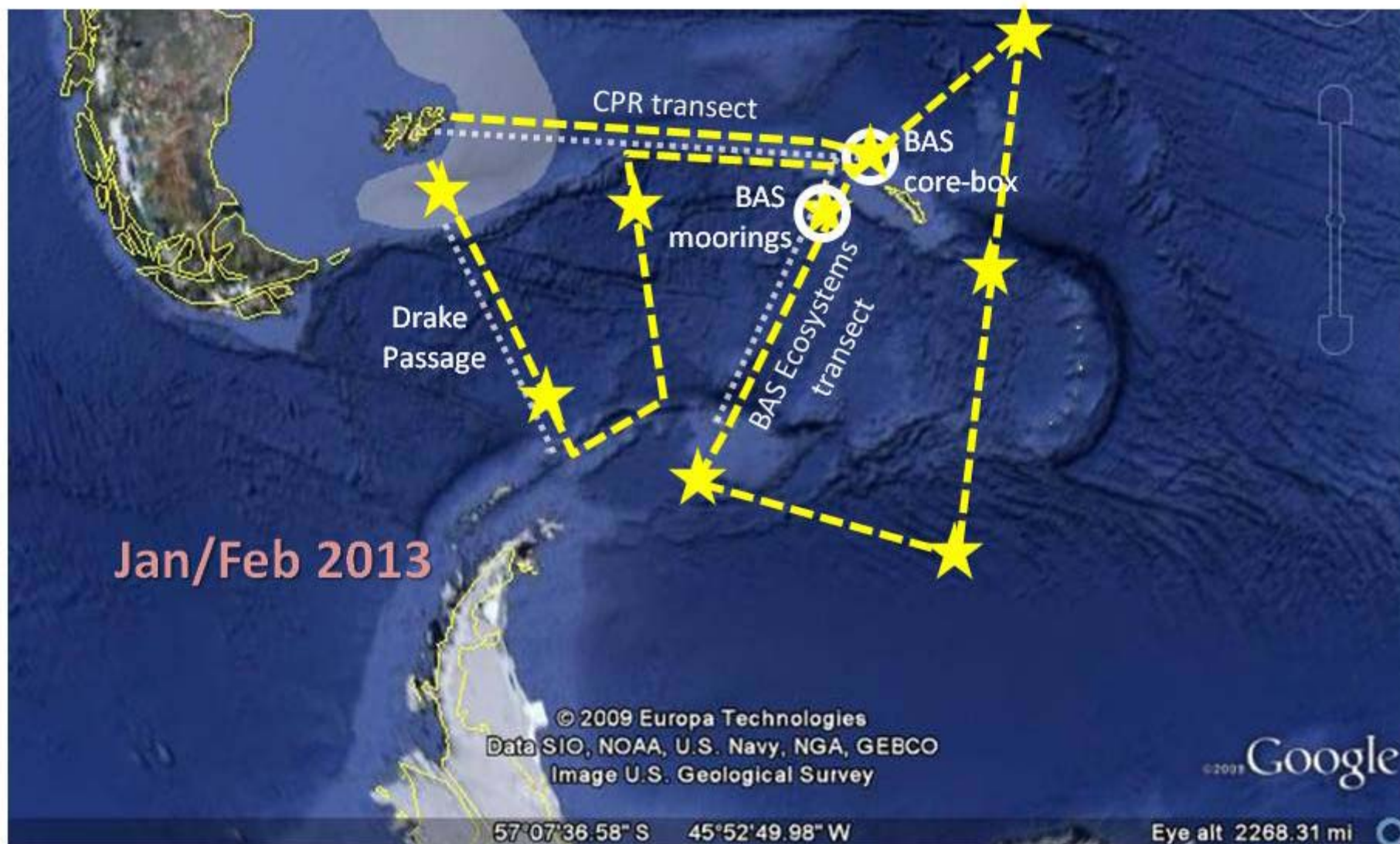
Continuous plankton recorder tows conducted between 1991 and 2008

JR274 Cruise objectives



- To cover the regularly sampled Drake Passage (recent cruise found surface Ω aragonite from 1.25 to >2)
- Strong gradients in Ω CaCO₃ will be covered along multiple N-S transects at different longitudes, in ice edge regions and on moving into high productivity (raising pH and Ω CaCO₃ but not SST) waters NW of S Georgia.
- Previous BAS transects will be traversed, allowing repeat observations (incl. carbonate system) particularly upwelling regions where surface Ω aragonite \sim 1.

JR274 Cruise plan (35 days at sea)



JR274 Sampling strategy



- ~30 sampling stations
- Water sampling mainly to ca. 300 m with occasional full depth CTDs. Zooplankton and microplankton collected between 0 and 200 m.
- Additional casts using the Ti rosette with trace metal clean OTE bottles for dissolved iron measurements.
- Underway sample collection for a suite of biogeochemical variables will be undertaken using a trace metal clean sampling system. CPR used for zooplankton
- Perturbation bioassay experiments performed at 8 contrasting locations

