

Sopot 27-30 September 2014

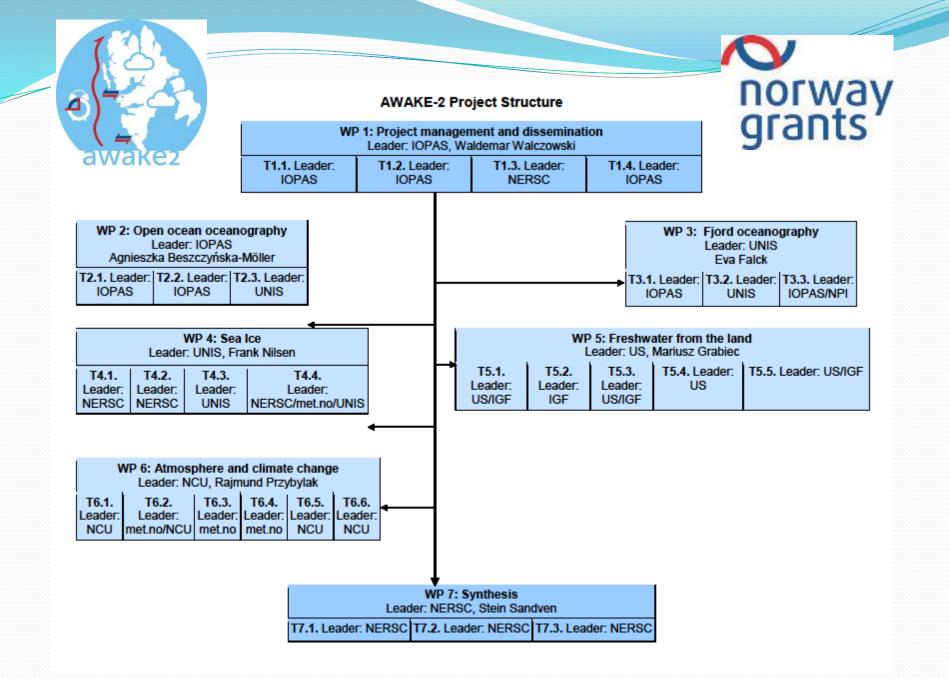


# AWAKE-2 Arctic climate system study of ocean, sea ice and glaciers interactions in Svalbard area.

Midterm meeting



- **1.** Introduction
- Organisation of meeting
- 3. AWAKE-midterm
- 4. Measurements 2014
- 5. Time series
- 6. Necessary additional measurements
- 7. Data
- 8. Databases
- 9. WPs deliverables, milestones
- 10. Synthesis
- 11. Papers !!!!!
- 12. GROCE
- 13. ASSW
- 14. Financial issues (Sylwia)
- 15. WP1 (Gosia)



| Time          | Session           | Торіс  | Responsible |
|---------------|-------------------|--|-------------|
| 09:00 - 10:30 | Session 4,        | Introduction<br>WP1 Project management and dissemination | Waldemar    |
| 10:30         | Coffee break      |  |             |
| 11:00 12:00   | Session 5         | WP2 Open ocean oceanography                              | Agnieszka   |
| 12:00-13:00   |                   | WP3 Fjord oceanography                                   | Eva         |
| 13:00-14:00   |                   | WP4 Sea Ice  | Frank       |
|               | LUNCH             |  |             |
| 15:00:16:00   | Session 6         | WP5 Freshwater from the land                             | Mariusz     |
| 16:00:17:00   |                   | WP6 Atmosphere and climate change                        | Rajmund     |
| 17:00-18:00   |                   | WP7 Synthesis  | Stein       |
| 19:00         | Conference Dinner |  |             |



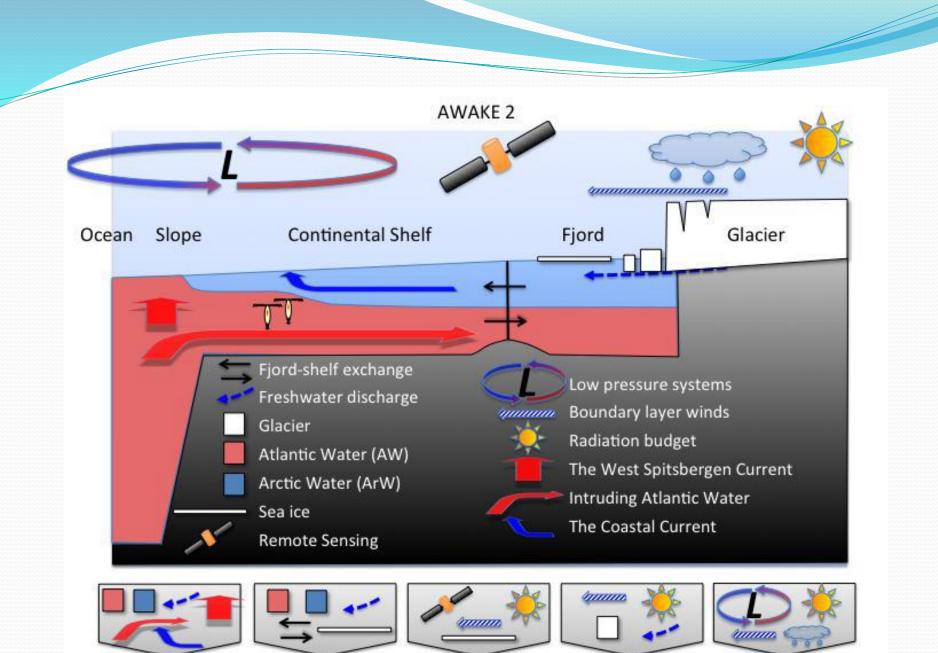
The aim of the AWAKE-2 is to understand the interactions between the main components of the climate system in the Svalbard area: ocean, atmosphere and ice to identify mechanisms of interannual climate variability and long-term trends.





- The significant role of the ocean (Westspitsbergen Current) for creating a climate of Western Spitsbergen;
- The significant role of the Atlantic origin waters inflow in the shaping of the physical conditions in the fjords (temperature, salinity);





Open ocean (WP 2)

Fjords (WP 3)

Sea ice (WP 4)

FW from land (WP 5) Atmosphere (WP 6)





#### Ocean – glacier - atmosphere

The leading hypothesis is that the acceleration and retreat of glaciers is a response to forcing in the maritime part of the glacier due to the variability of oceanic, atmospheric forcing, or both. Mechanisms:

- The increase in the intensity of the underwater melting on the border of the ice/ocean.
- Reduction and weakening of the ice pack on the forehead of the glacier;
- Increasing the number of cracks, reduced structural integrity of glacier due to increased surface heating and melting.

# For verification

#### Mechanisms:

- Check that the Atlantic water directly interacts with the glacier;
- If so how it contributes to the intensification of glaciers calving;
- How important is the ocean-atmosphere heat exchange (dominant, subsidiary?)
- What is the importance of freshwater runoff from the land.



AWAKE-2 will focus on specific processes in the Svalbard area using historical data, new observations and dedicated model runs

- Impact of the Atlantic Water variability in the West Spitsbergen Current on the adjacent shelf- and fjord ocean climate;
- Exchange processes between shelf and fjord;
- Freshwater input and distribution in an Arctic fjord (Hornsund);
- Sea ice variability and its impact on fjord circulation;
- Glaciers dynamics and interactions between ocean and glaciers;
- Atmospheric climate variability and trends in the coastal areas of the western Spitsbergen.





- Own vessel (Oceania);
- Base in Hornsund;
- WSC observations time series;
- Time series of hydrographic surveys in Hornsund;
- Time series of meteorological observations in Hornsund;
- Time series of glaciological observations in Hornsund (Hans Glacier);
- The diverse conditions in different parts of Hornsund.

### deficiencies

- Time series do not overlap;
- No oceanographic measurements outside the summer season;
- Difficult access to Hornsund outside the summer season;
- The high cost of field research;
- Difficulties of research because of the Norwegian national park

# AWAKE-2 is divided into four phases

# **2013 Preparatory Phase**

- Field measurements to extent the main meteorological, glaciological and oceanographic time series OK
- Analysis of historical data OK
- Preparatory phase for the core campaign OK
- Recognition of a main features of the Hornsund hydro-glaciological basin OK



The main campaign in fjords and in the open ocean

2014

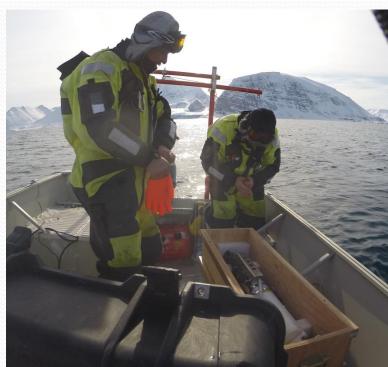
The main goal is to achieve a complete picture of all climatic components in Hornsund and in the region potentially influencing the Hornsund conditions, i.e. the West Spitsbergen Current, slope and shelf, the Spitsbergen Coastal Current.

The main observed processes will include:

- exchange of water masses between open ocean, shelf area and fjords;
- ocean-atmosphere fluxes in the open ocean, shelf and in fjords;
- melting and calving of glaciers, river discharge and precipitation/evaporation;
- variability of sea-ice concentration on the shelf and in fjords.

#### 2015

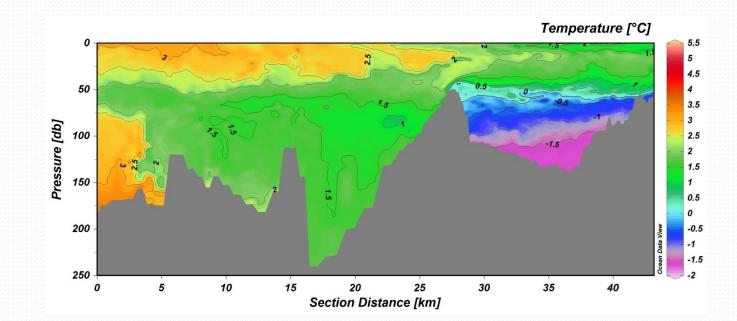
- Further extension of the core parameters time series.
- Analysis and synthesis of the new data provided by the core field campaign.
- Potential possibility to repeat measurements failed in 2014.



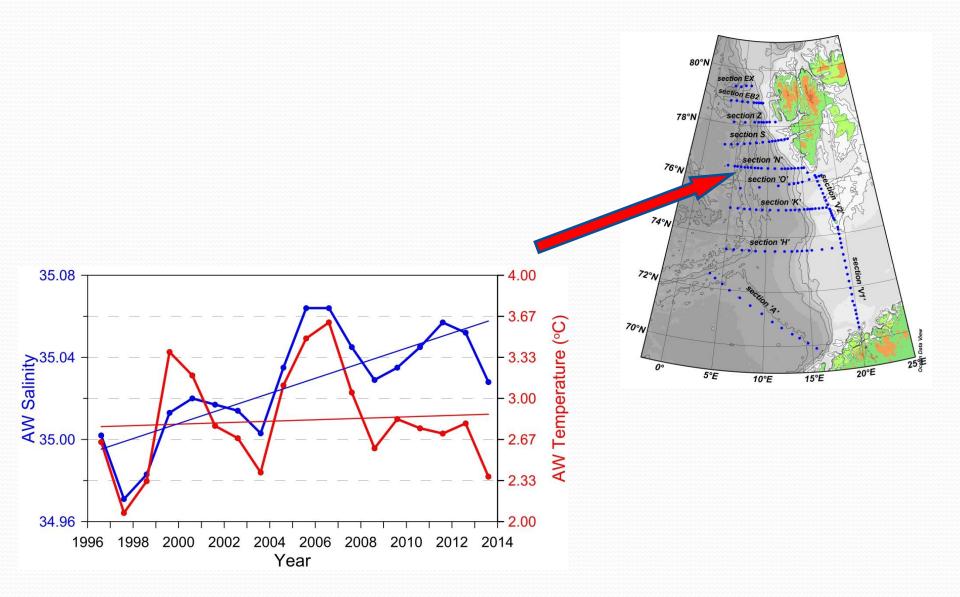


#### 2016

 Joint analysis of the project data and a synthesis of the new results obtained in different spheres (hydro-, cryo- and atmosphere) of the studied fjord system.

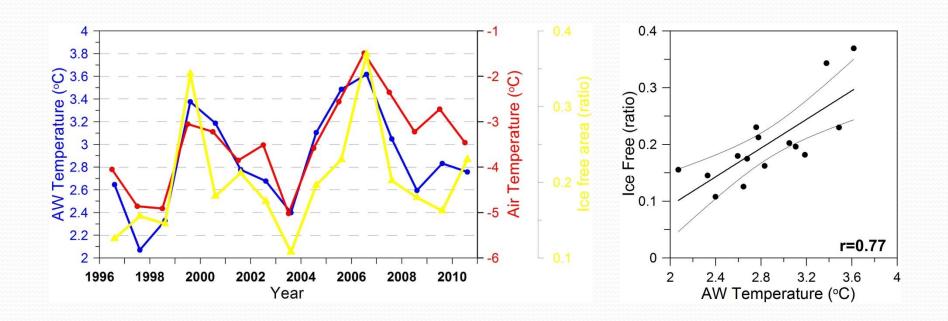


# N, Temperature and salinity at section

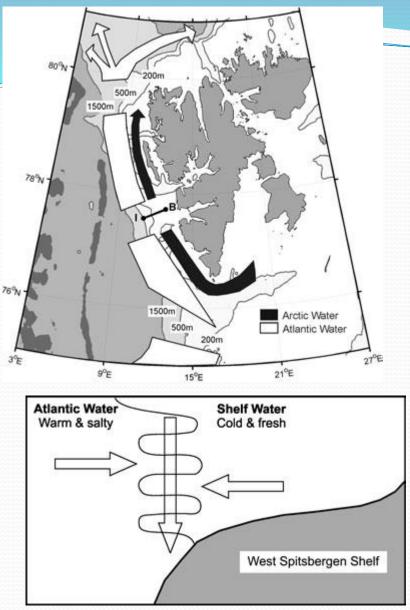


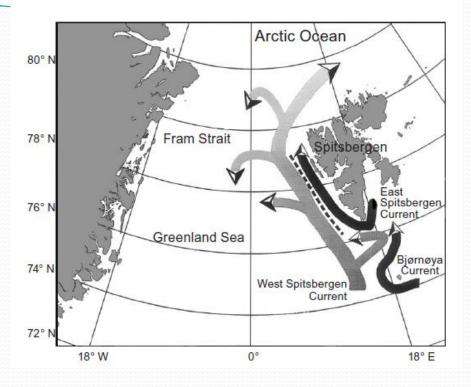
Inflow of the Atlantic Water

shapes the Svalbard climate and ice conditions

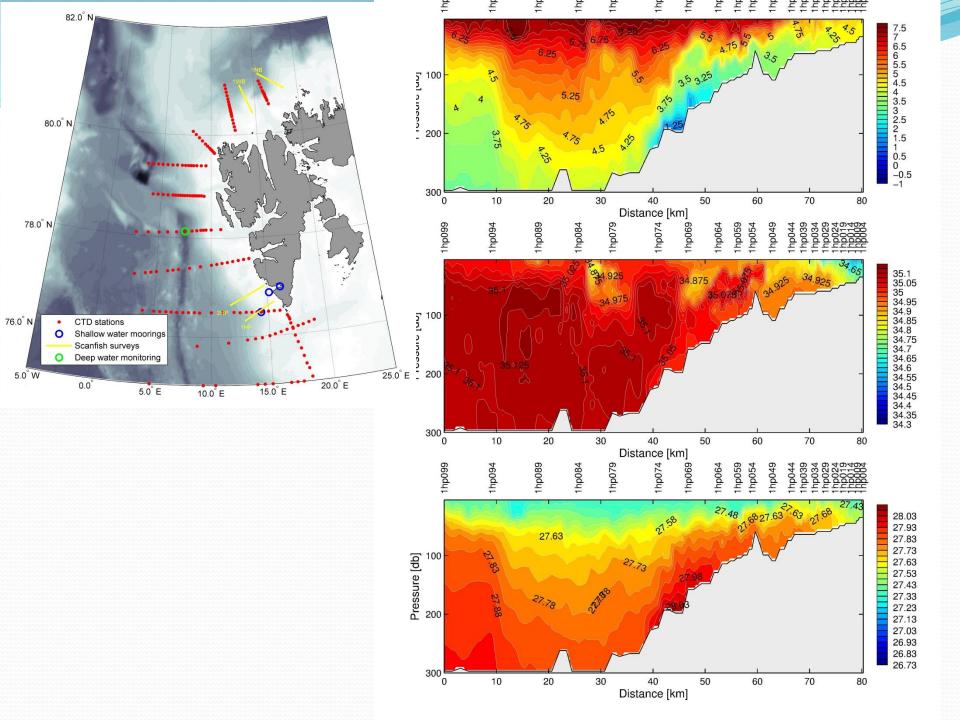


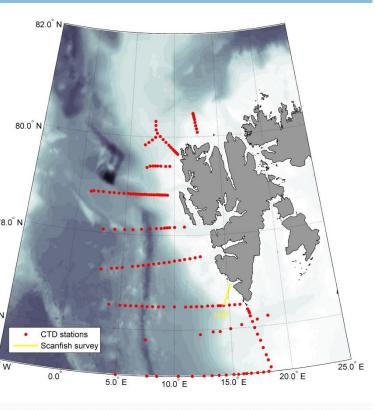
Temperature of Atlantic Water at section along the 76°90' N parallel (blue), yearly mean air temperature in Polish Polar Station in Hornsund (red), and ice free area (ratio) north of Svalbard.

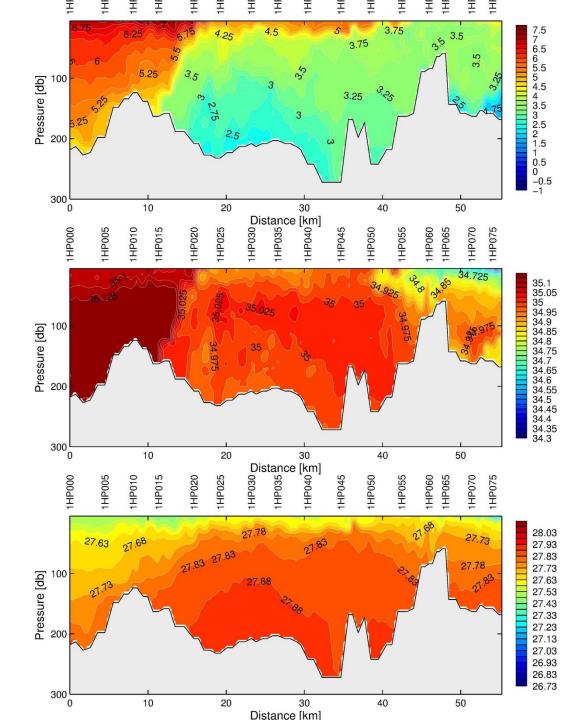


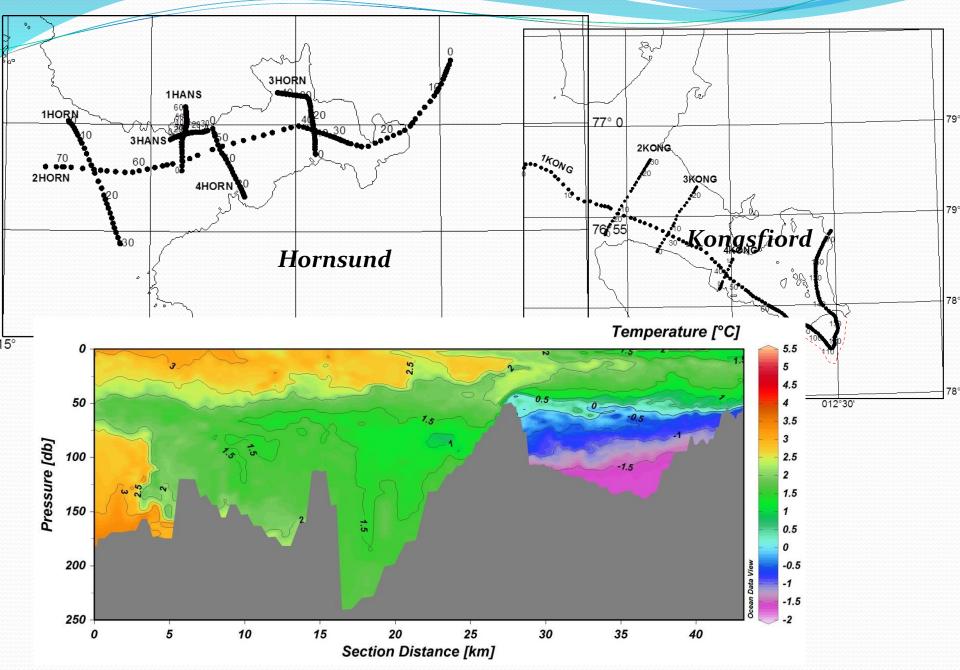


On the double-diffusive and cabbeling environment of the Arctic Front, West Spitsbergen Finlo R. Cottier & Emily J. Venables

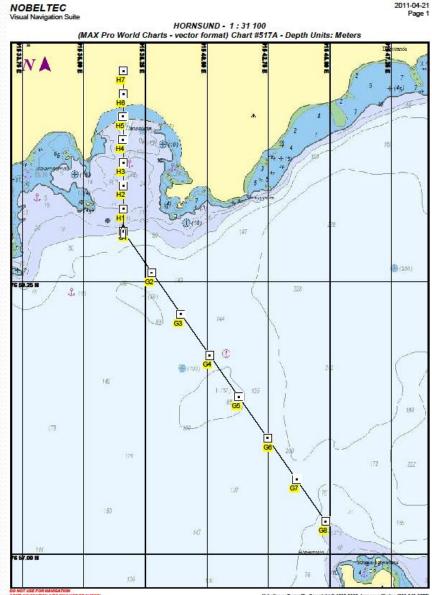




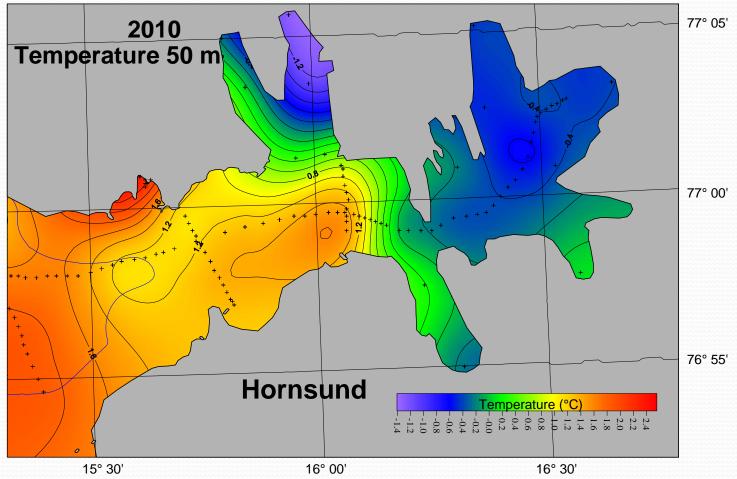




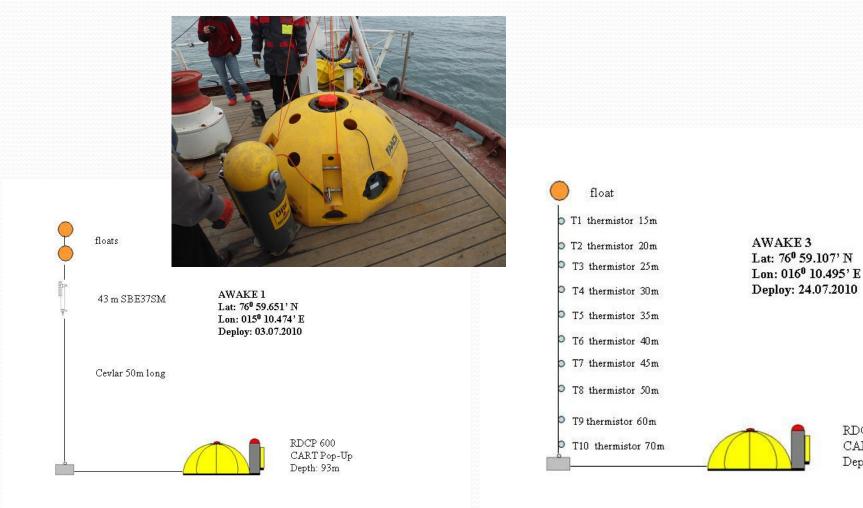
#### Serie czasowe w Hornsundzie uzyskane w ekspedycjach Fiordowych (2010-2013)



#### Zdjęcia synoptyczne w Hornsundzie



#### Moorings



RDCP 600 CART Pop-Up Depth: 77m





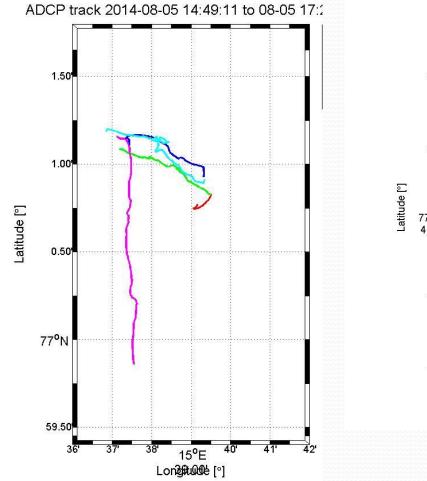


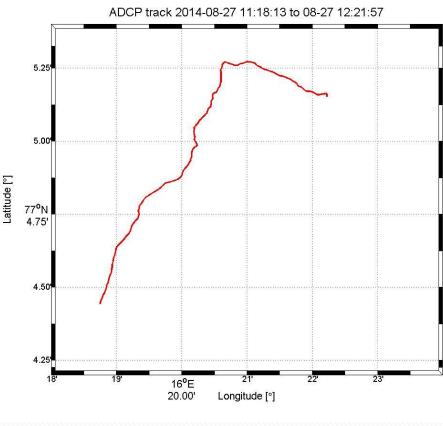
#### **ADCP** sections

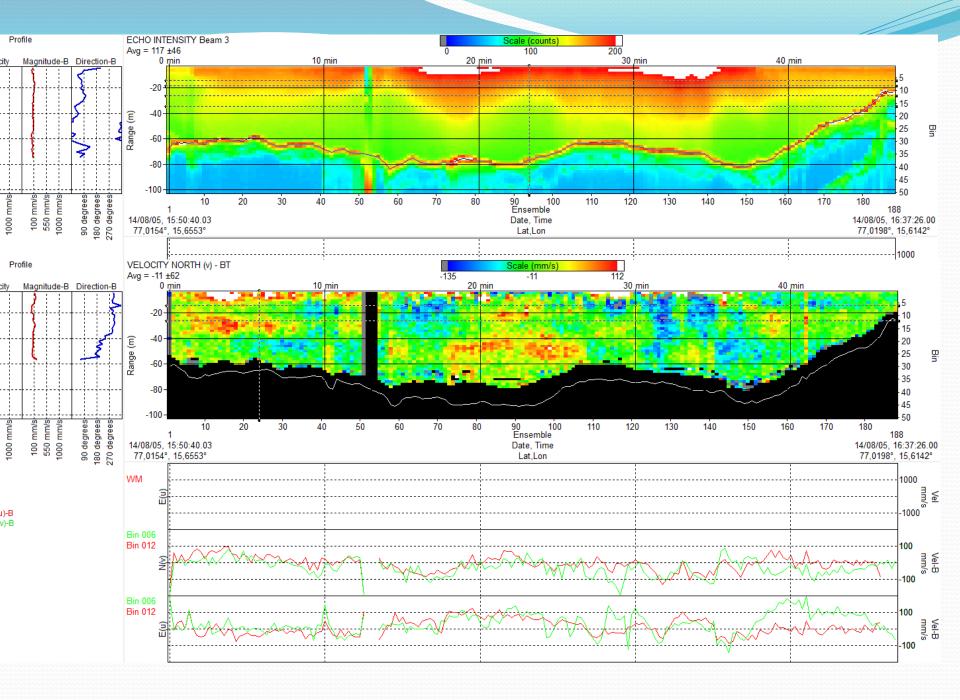


# Hansbreen

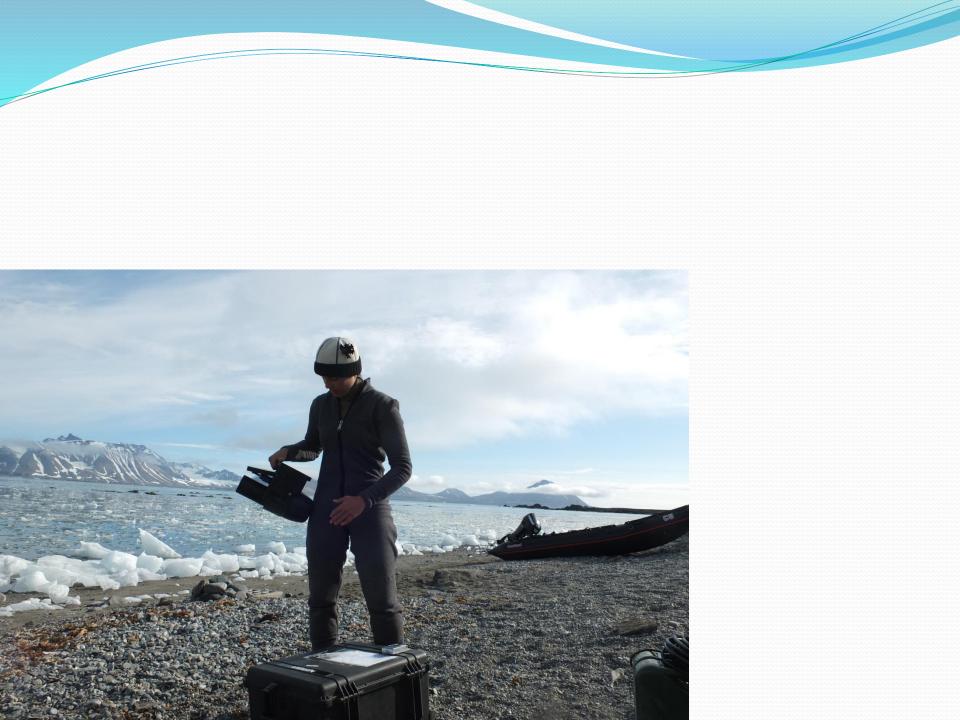
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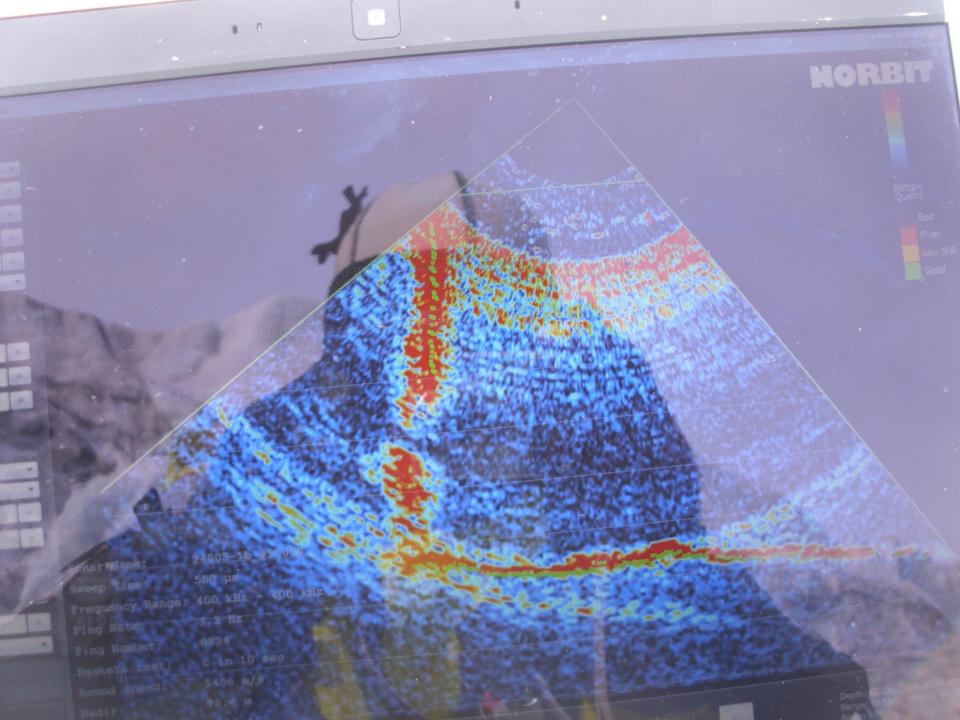


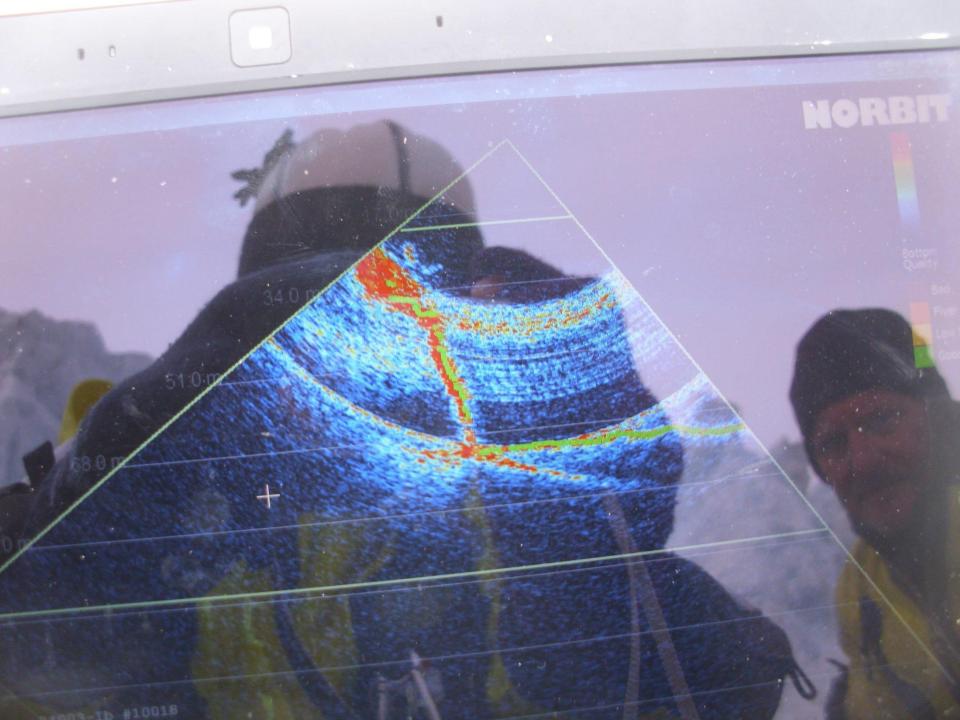


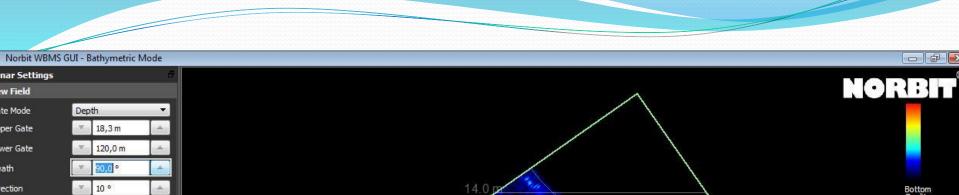


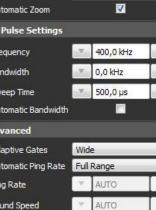




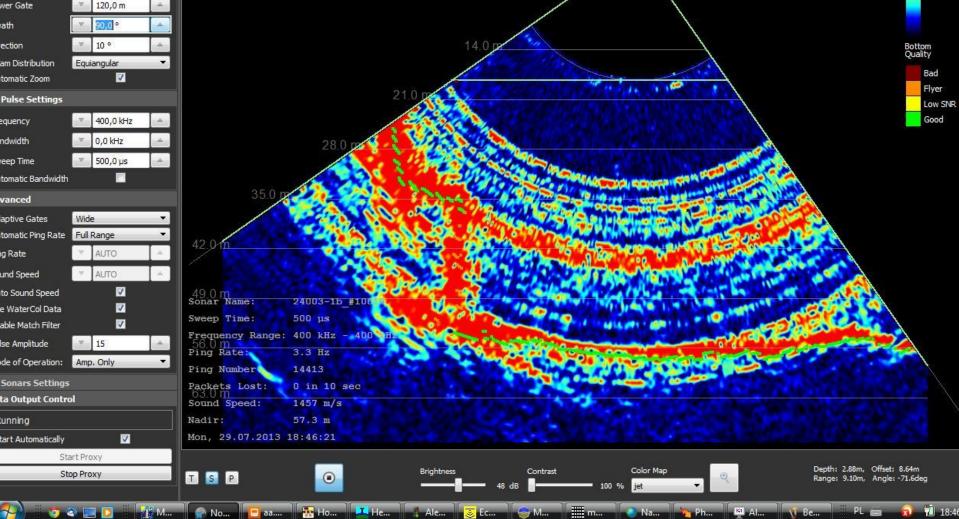








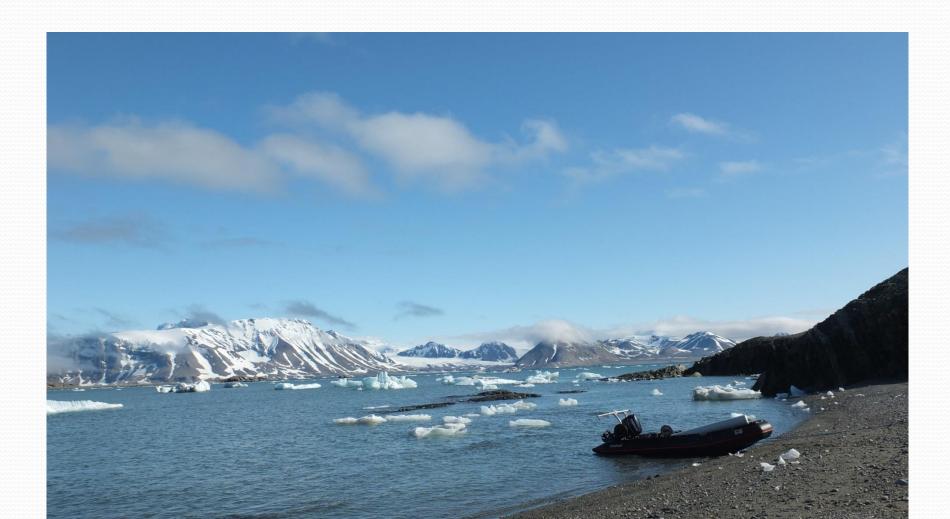
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# Where are we ?

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## Where are the others ?

- Evidence suggests maritime boundaries glaciers, as a region, where changes propagate toward the land;
- The rapid weight loss of Arctic glaciers may be caused by disturbances on the contact zone of ocean water;
- Oceanic forcing and glaciers dynamic reaction mechanisms must be included in global climate models;
- This concerns mainly the Greenland ice sheet

A White Paper by the U.S. CLIVAR Working Group on Greenland Ice Sheet-Ocean Interactions (GRISO), 2012



### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING THE RESPONSES OF GREENLAND'S MARINE-TERMINATING GLACIERS TO OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC FORCING

Challenges to improving observations, process understanding and modeling

June 4-7, 2013 Wylie Inn & Conference Center Beverly, Massachusetts



The community's leading hypothesis is that changes in submarine melting or in the ice mélange (mixture of icebergs and sea ice typically found in fjords near the glacier termini) may have triggered the retreat of Greenland's glaciers. However, our present understanding of how glaciers respond to these forcings is too rude to draw any conclusions.

There are very few observations to test the parameterizations due to the difficulty of accessing the base of ice shelves and the challenges in sampling near a calving ice face. Observational capabilities need to be improved, in particular with respect to measuring ice-ocean boundary processes of tidewater glaciers.

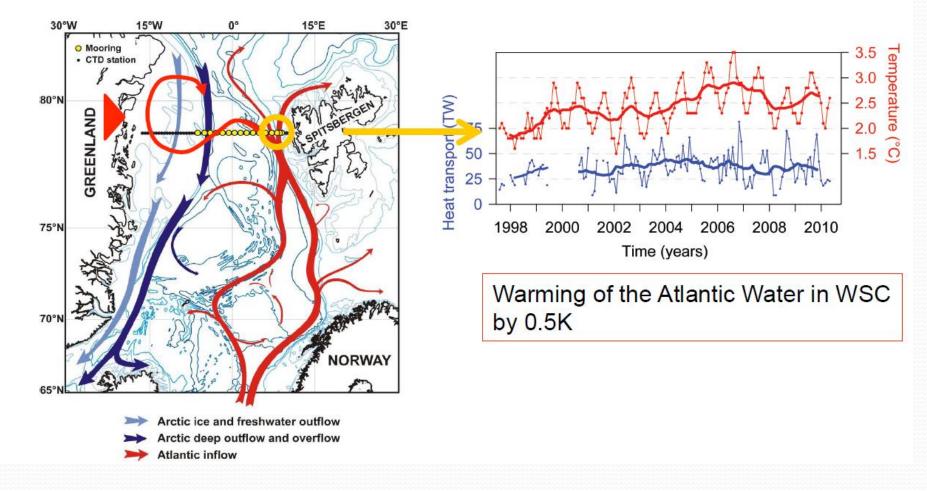
## Where are the others ?

# **GROCE** project

## **GREENLAND ICESHEET/OCEAN INTERACTION**

The mass loss from the Greenland ice sheet has increased rapidly over the last few decades. One candidate for the ice sheet mass loss is the dynamics of marine terminating outlet glaciers which have a direct link to warming ocean waters. Uniting national and disciplinary studies towards better understanding the interaction between Greenland ice sheet and ocean will therefore be one challenge of future Arctic research.

### Temperature of Atlantic Water in Fram Strait



Ursula Schauer GROCE workshop, Bremen 2014

## • Greenland Glacier-Ocean Interaction

- 1. Atlantic waters reach glaciers and drive melting
- 2. Submarine melt rate varies with
  - Subglacial discharge
  - Fjord stratification
  - Circulation
- 3. Fjord circulation is complex
  - -Shelf-driven flows
  - -Glacier-driven flows

### Fiamma Straneo

#### Arctic Science Summit Week

### Session Themes (A: ISAR-4, B: ISAR-4 / ICARP III, C: ICARP III) A1: Understanding the Arctic climate change and its global influences: Japan's contributions and suggestions for the future A2: Paleoclimatic perspective on Arctic changes and polar amplification A3: Ice mass loss in Greenland and Arctic glaciers under the influence of changing atmosphere and the ocean A4: Geospace over and related to the Arctic region A5: The climatic threat from Arctic offshore methane A6: Climate and ecosystem vulnerability in the terrestrial northern high-latitudes **B1:** Arctic climate change and potential mid-latitude weather linkages: large-scale atmospheric circulation and storm track dynamics **B2:** Current and future observing strategies for understanding the evolving Arctic climate and ecological system B3: Changing permafrost and its impact on the physical, ecological, economic and cultural Earth system **B4:** Arctic snow cover changes and their consequences **B5:** Remote sensing of the Arctic system B6: A pan-Arctic challenge: predicting the future of marine biota and ecosystem connectivity through field studies and data integration B7: Atmosphere-ocean-ice interactions and aspects related to a future, seasonally ice free Arctic Ocean **B8:** From human security to geopolitical dynamics in the Global Arctic:

the global implications of rapid environmental, economic, and societal change

- B9: Arctic governance, sustainable development of local communities and non-Arctic state's contribution
- C1: Sharing Arctic data, observations and knowledge: understanding the global system through international exchange
- C2: Arctic in rapid transition future research directions from the perspective of early career scientists
- C3: Emerging questions in Arctic geoscience
- C4: Co-design, co-production, co-communication of scientific knowledge how to frame concerted research for sustainable development in times of change
- C5: Advances in transdisciplinary Arctic research: progress on building collaborative agendas for research supporting solutions for sustainability
- C6: Understanding sustainability in the Arctic: from patchwork to framework
- C7: Arctic freshwater system, changes and effects with emphasis on Arctic freshwater ecosystems
- C8: Circumpolar Arctic Coastal Communities Observatory Network: knowledge hubs for northern coastal sustainability
- C9: Navigation and fisheries in the Arctic: prospects, problems and international policies
- C10: Consulting Arctic communities on research planning

The call for abstracts closes November 10, 2014.



A3: Ice mass loss in Greenland and Arctic glaciers under the influence of changing atmosphere and the ocean

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