

The Climate Ocean and Sea Ice Model (COSIM) project Computational and Theoretical Science Divisions

Gases in Ice

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U.S. DOE SciDAC for Earth System Modeling, Plus Gas Hydrates and IMPACTS methane cycling

OUTLINE: Gases of the Ice Domain

OPENING MONTAGE –volatiles on parade

ECOLOGY first but MINERALOGY close behind

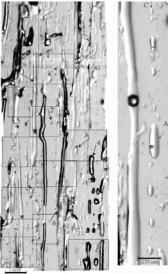
Extreme THERMO and C BUDGETS coming fast

ORGANOSULFUR in ice and surroundings

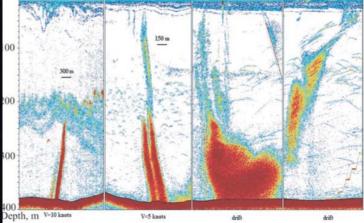
METHANE BUBBLES below and to the pack

OTHER compounds, issues







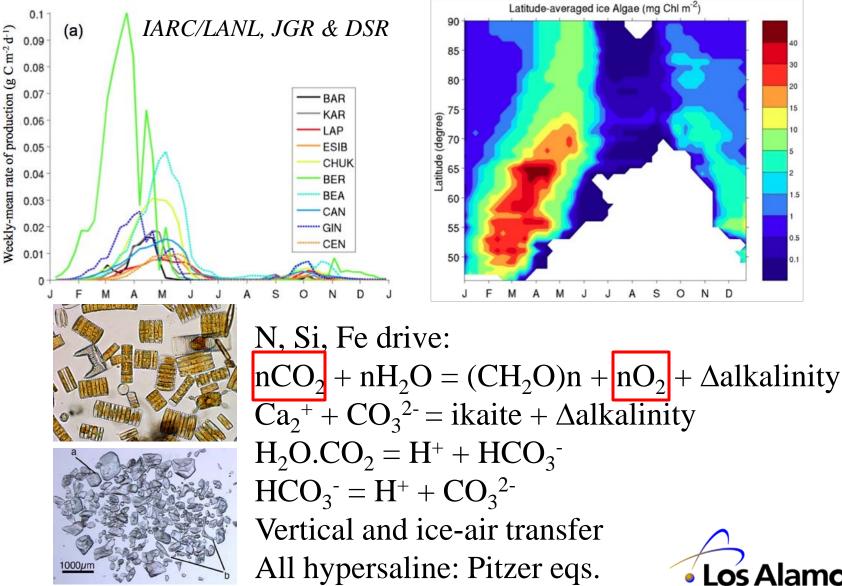




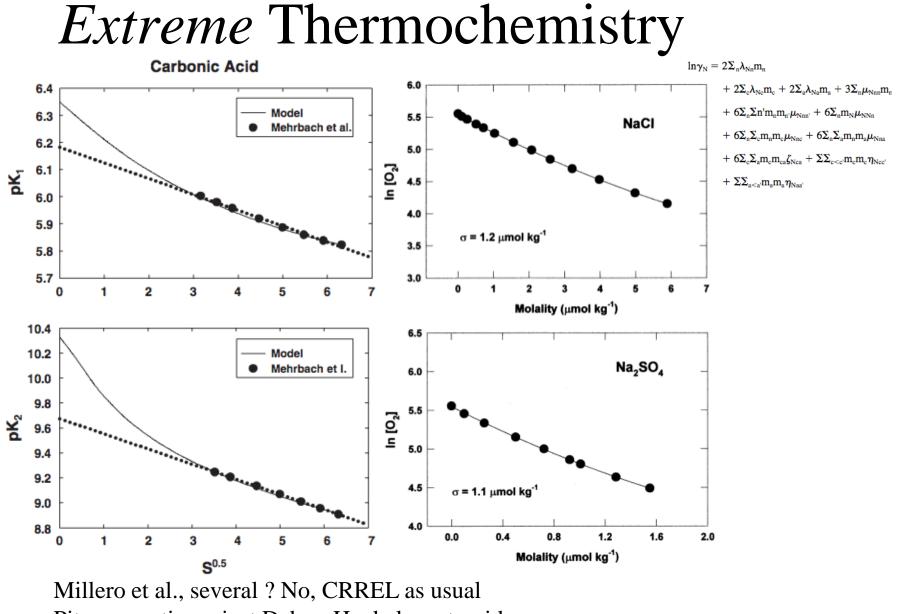
CO₂, DMS, O₂, CH₄

Loose et al. 2011 Deboer et al. 2011 Light et al. 2002 Obzhirov et al. 2004 Shakhova et al. 2009

All roads lead to ecodynamics, but...



LOS AIGITIO:



Pitzer equations -just Debye-Huckel on steroids

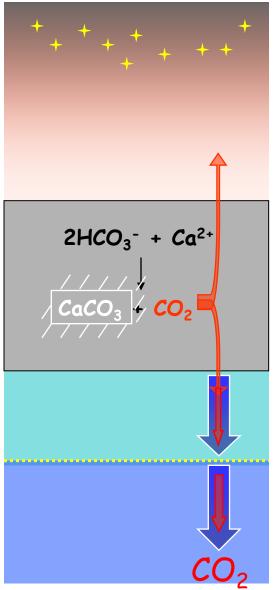
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GAS COMPOSITION IN SEA ICE

A potential abiotic CaCO₃ Carbon pump

fall/winter

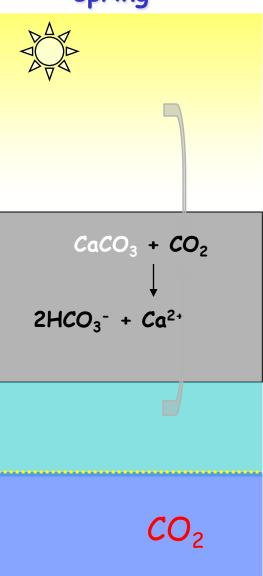




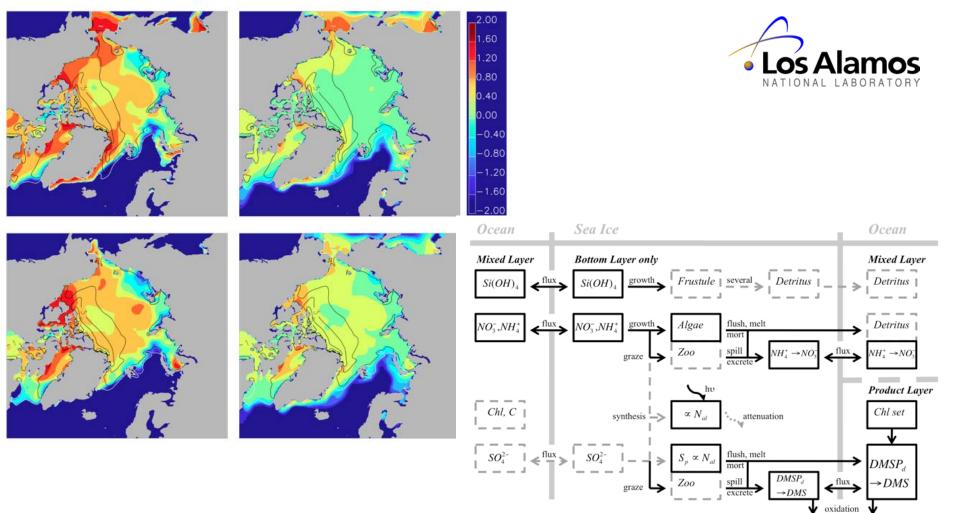
•In spring, CaCO₃ trapped within sea ice dissolves. This process consumes CO_{2.}

Budget of winter and spring processes is a net sink of CO₂. It depends on:

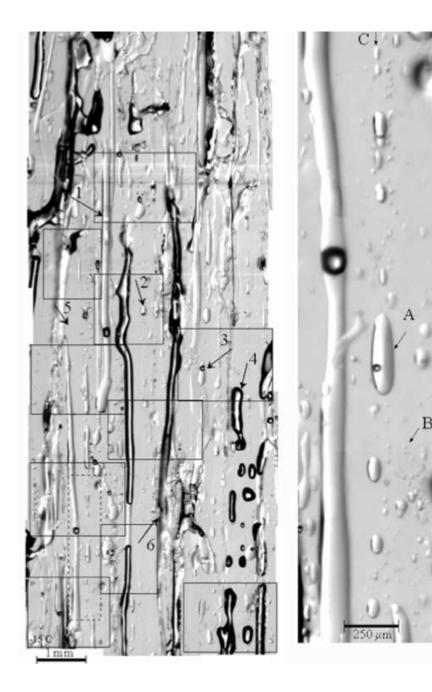
ratio of CaCO₃ trapped vs CO₂ expelled (?)
quantity of CO₂ which pass below the pycnocline during the autumn-winter (?)



Rysgaard et al., 2007, Delille et al., in prep.



DMS via CICE: beneath, residual

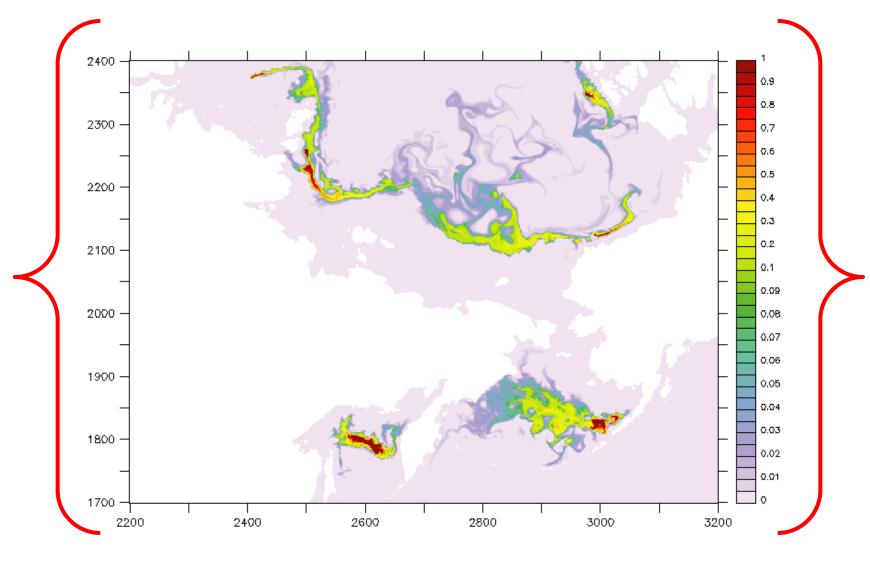


Major Constituents

O₂, photo-radical chemistry -Biological stress Nitrogen redox: -Nitrification, N₂O (Which incidentally... (Points to rest of N system... (Reduced gases too, NH₃/NH₄+)



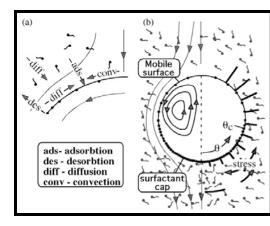
Bubble rise for DOE Impacts and Gas Hydrates

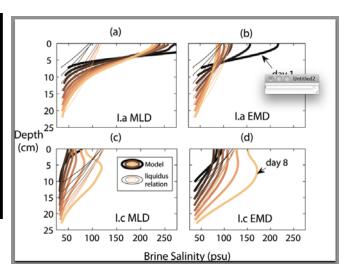


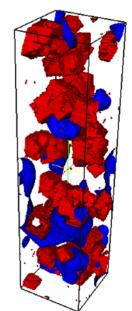
{Swap in latest runs, methane trapped below ice...}

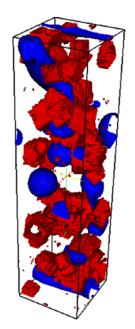
Bubbles and Futures

| Percent CH ₄ , Atlantic Layer to Arctic Mixed Layer (conservative K _x) | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------|-------|------------|--------|--------|
| Bubble Rise (vertical from destabilization at 350) | | | | | | |
| | | 0 m | 100 m | 300 m | 300 m | >300 m |
| | | | | (floor up) | (Δ100) | |
| Circuit | Biology | | | | | |
| 1,000 km | on | JF 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| | off | 0 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 100 |
| 10,000 km | on | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| | off | 0 | 0 | AJ 20 | 40 | 100 |
| >10,000 km | on | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| (GIN mix) | off | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |





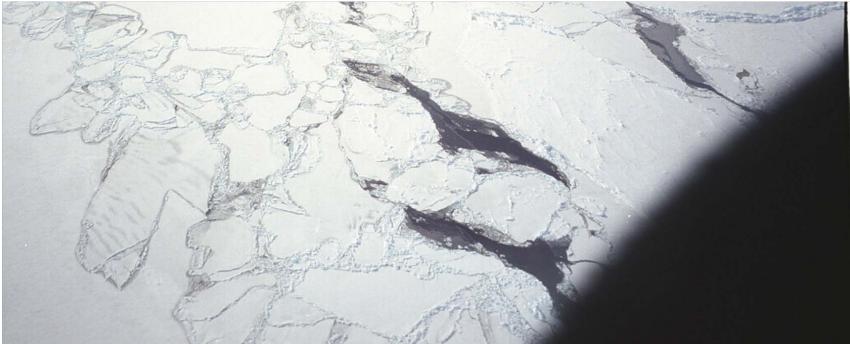


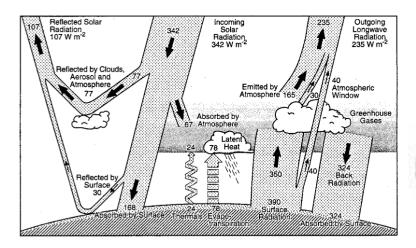




...and (ever) more

Organic surface chemistry Transfer from leads Halogenates, I₂





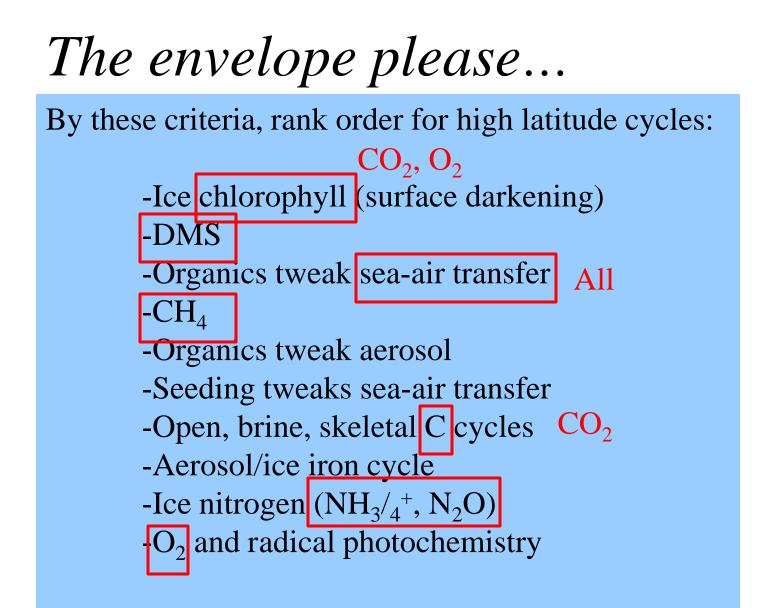


The envelope please...

By these criteria, rank order for high latitude cycles:

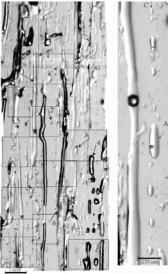
- -Ice chlorophyll (surface darkening) -DMS
- -Organics tweak sea-air transfer
- $-CH_4$
- -Organics tweak aerosol
- -Seeding tweaks sea-air transfer
- -Open, brine, skeletal C cycles
- -Aerosol/ice iron cycle
- -Ice nitrogen $(NH_3/_4^+, N_2O)$
- $-O_2$ and radical photochemistry

Note: Order 10² characters –IPCC does same job in 10⁶

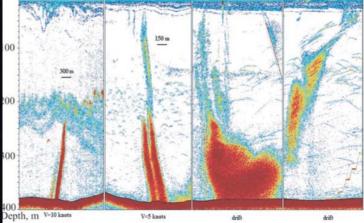


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