



ARCTIC SCIENCE PARTHERSHIP

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ARCTIC SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP (ASP)



Vision

The Arctic Science Partnership will be a leading consortium on climate, cryosphere, ecosystems, and human interactions through research, monitoring and education.

Mission

To facilitate and integrate active scientific cooperation between the ASP and its members.

Strategies

- Joint projects, field campaigns, workshops
- Sharing facilities (labs, instruments, field stations, logistics, ships)
- Joint positions (staff, technicians, students, visiting scientists)
- Joint observatories and data sharing
- Joint publications and acknowledgements
- •Education, outreach and capacity building in the Arctic
- Collaborative work on industry relevant assessments
- Development of new environmental Arctic technologies
- Information dissemination

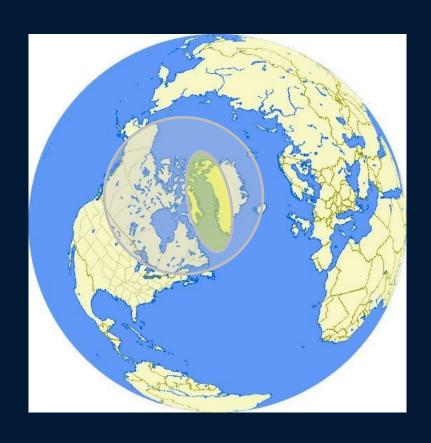
Research questions to be answered:

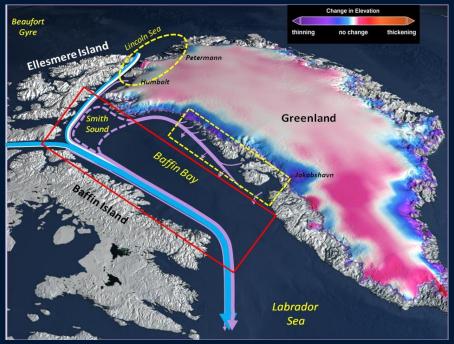
- 1.What controls change in; i) snow, sea ice area extent and thickness? ii) the glacier-sea ice-ocean interactions? iii) the permafrost thaw and the associated atmosphere-land interactions?
- 2. What controls the marine and atmospheric transport of pollutants to the Arctic?
- 3. What are the consequences of these changes for i) biogeochemical cycling and ocean-sea ice-land-snow-atmosphere fluxes, ii) ecosystem ecology, structure and function? iii) chemical contaminants affecting ecosystems and human health?
- 4. How can proxies of paleoclimate/ecology inform us of changes in ocean current and wind systems and future Arctic climates and their ecological consequences?
- 5. What will be the combined effects of natural and anthropogenic forcing on ecosystems, their services and industrial development on human living and health?
- 6. Follow-up studies on the impact of the transition and environmental changes on the Arctic population's lifestyle and changes in disease patterns.
- 7. What are the feedbacks between the Arctic and Earth climate system?

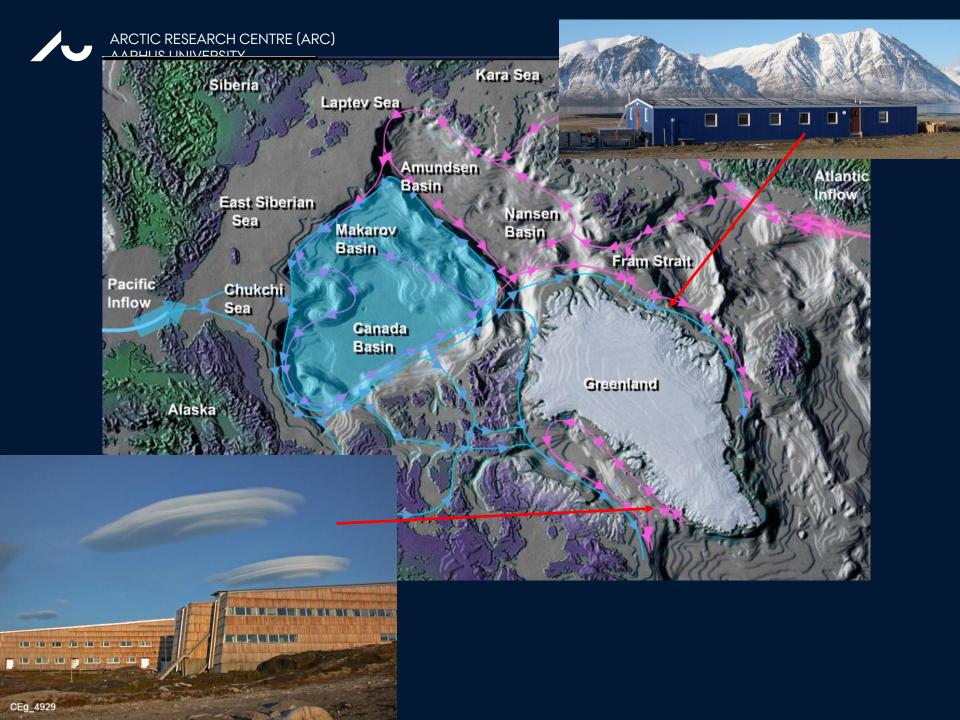




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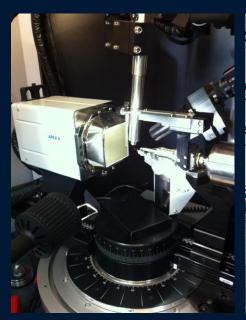








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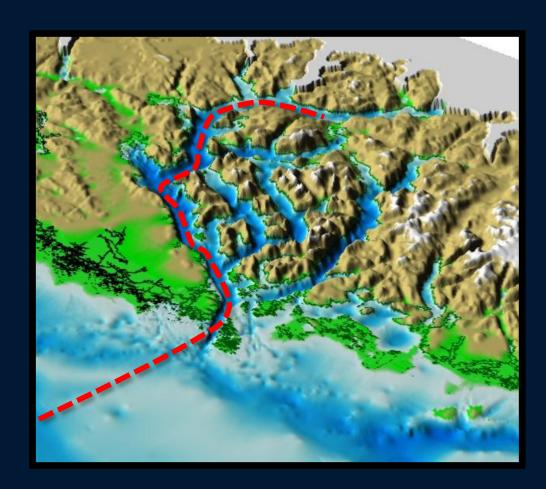






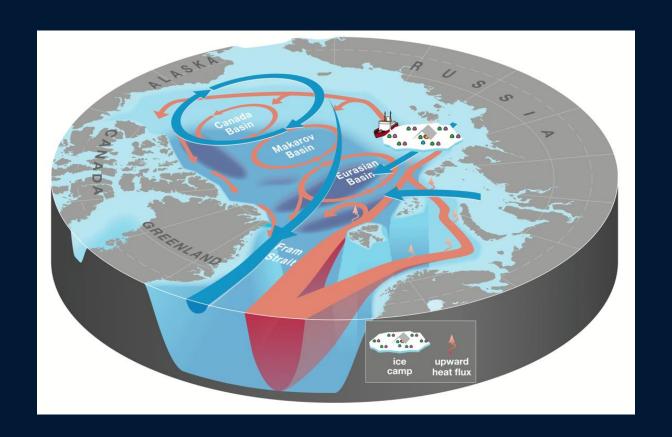
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- Climate gradients
- Ice bergs
- Melt water
- Contaminants
- Food chains
- Health
- Mega industries





ARCTIC OCEAN DRIFT STUDY





EDUCATION

>Build new natural science and medicine educations in the Arctic





Canada continues the IPY generated momentum:!



New Polar Class Icebreaker(s)!



Canadian High Arctic Research Station!