



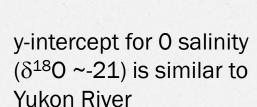
Herald Canyon Dynamics: Oxygen-18 in Seawater, Benthic Macrofaunal Composition and Biomass, Sediment Dynamics and Carbon Cycling

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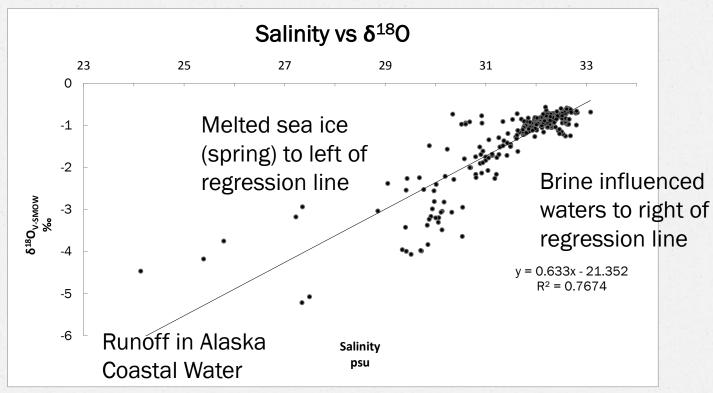
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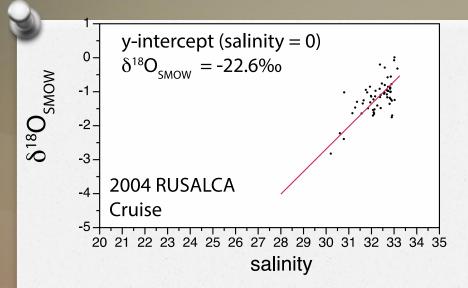


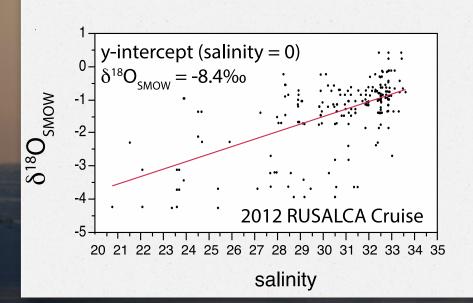


Bering Strait Salinity – δ^{18} O mixing line



Updated (2013) from Cooper et al. 2006, Arctic 59:129-141





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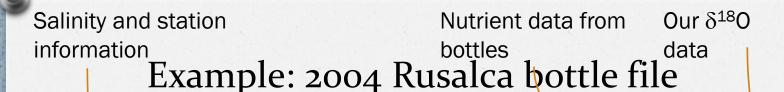


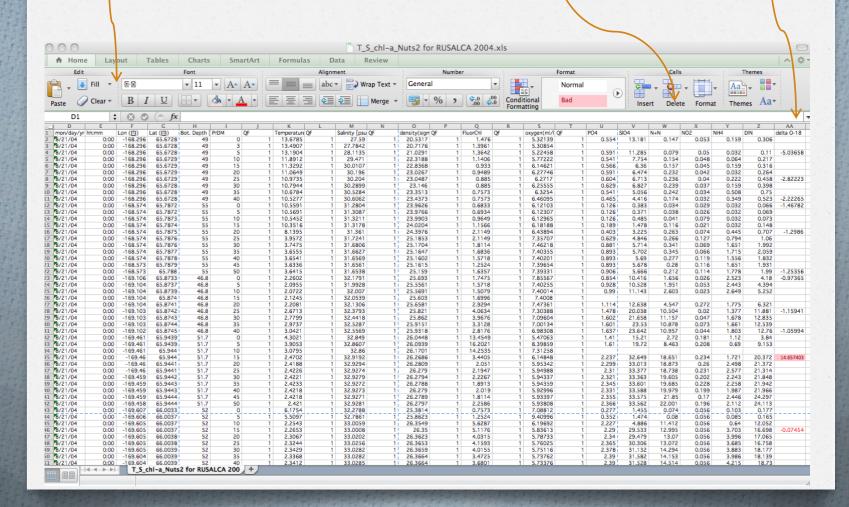


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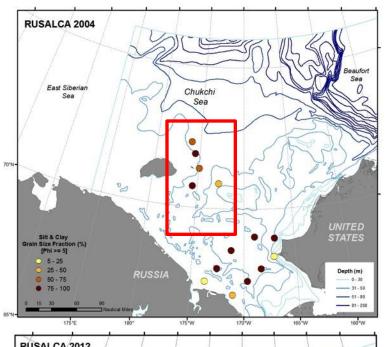
It would help to have a unified, sharable bottle file tabulating physical parameters at the time Niskins were closed.

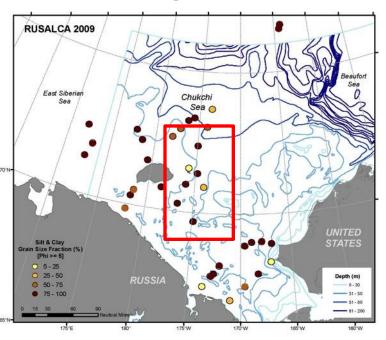
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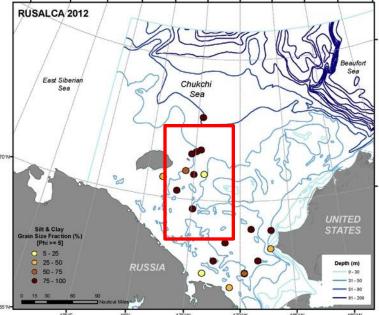




% Silt and clay content-indicator of deposition zones

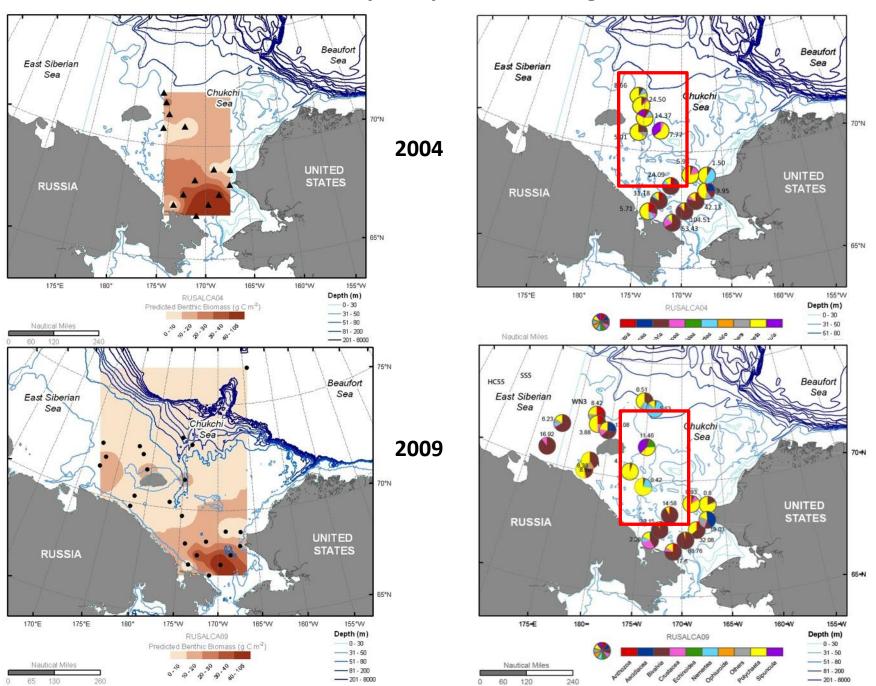






- Higher silt and clay (%) in upper/central Herald Valley and western side of Herald Canyon
- Percent total organic carbon has similar patterns

Infaunal biomass and community composition during RUSALCA04 and 09



Summary

- Oxygen-18: Shift between 2004 and 2012; Freshwater end-member ~ Kolyma River (2004) to mostly melted sea ice (2012)
- Higher silt and clay (%) in upper/central Herald Valley and western side of Herald Canyon
- Benthic macrofaunal biomass range 4-12 gC/m2, with highest mid-Herald Canyon for sub-region
- Community composition dominated by polychaetes