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Cruise Report

r/v “Oceania”, AREX2010

Ship	r/v “Oceania”
Cruise	AREX2010
Dates	8.06.2010 – 20.07.2010
Port Calls	Gdansk (Poland), Tromsø (Norway), Longyearbyen (Spitsbergen)
Number of Scientist	14
Chief Scientist	Assoc. Prof. Waldemar Walczowski
Principal Project	EURO-ARGO, AWAKE
Research Area	the Norwegian, Greenland and Barents Seas

Hydrographic conditions in the Atlantic Domain of the Nordic Seas

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1. Observations in 2010

The Arctic Experiment of the Institute of Oceanology, Polish Academy of Sciences (IOPAS), the so-called AREX2010, was performed aboard RV Oceania between 20 June and 19 July, 2010. During this time vertical profiles along standard sections were done. As in previous years the sections were perpendicular to the general direction of the Atlantic Water (AW) inflow according to the West Spitsbergen Current (WSC) location, which is situated between the Barents Sea slope in the south-east area, the west Spitsbergen shelf-break/slope region in the north-east and a system of underwater ridges: Mohn Ridge and Knipovich Ridge on the west. Because of the convergence of the isobaths in the northern part, currents pattern and structure is complicated and forms a wedge, wide in the southern part and narrower on the north. As before, our main effort concentrated in the northern part of the Atlantic Domain where processes controlling the AW inflow into the Arctic Ocean through the Fram Strait and the westward recirculation occur.

All in all, 179 CTD profiles were taken along 11 sections (Fig.1, Tab.1). The Seabird CTD (SBE 911+) system with duplicate temperature and conductivity sensors (temperature sensors SBE3, conductivity sensors SBE4 and SBE 50 digital oceanographic pressure sensor, SBE 43 dissolved oxygen sensor and fluorometer) was used. Temperature and conductivity sensors were calibrated by the Sea-Bird Electronics service.

Currents measurements were performed at all the CTD stations with two (upper and down looking) lowered Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (LADCP) as well. The self-recording 300 kHz RDI devices were used to profile entire water column during the standard CTD casts. Moreover, sustained currents measurements were performed during the whole cruise with the ship-mounted ADCP, RDI 150 kHz.

Additionally, three towed CTD sections, two on the shelf break near the fjords (Hornsund and Kongsfjorden) and one across the mouth of the Isfjorden were done. Four ARGO floats, two belonging to the IOPAS, two to the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) in Bremerhaven were launched under the EURO-ARGO Project. A mooring system (RDCP + CTD) was deployed in the entrance to Hornsund, in connection to the AWAKE Project.

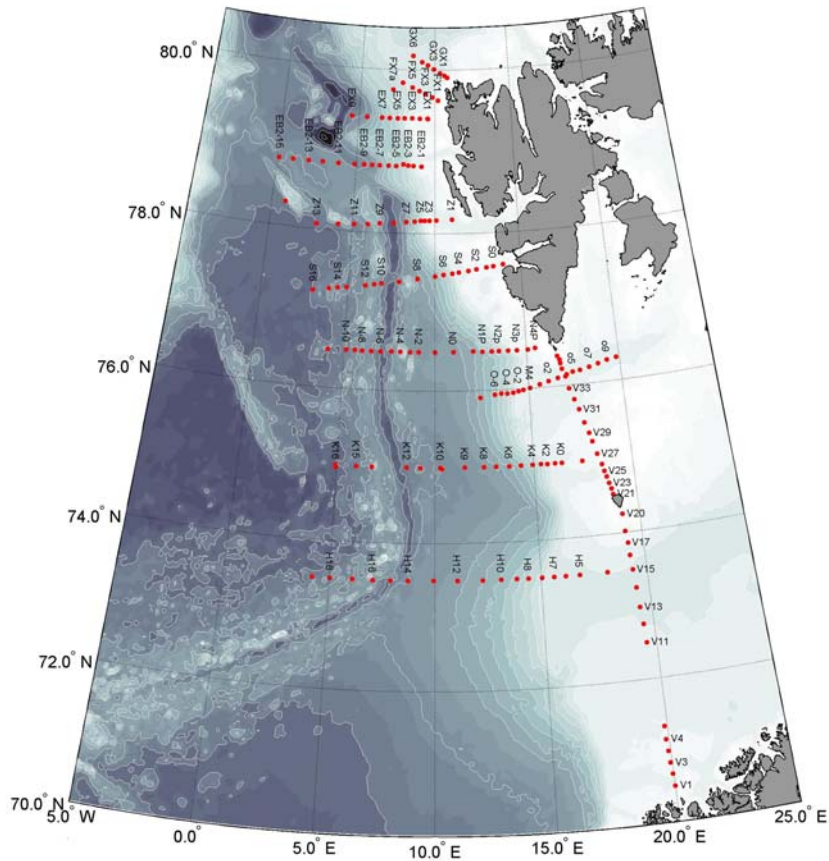


Figure 1: Geographical locations of CTD stations performed during IOPAS Arctic Experiment AREX2010 aboard RV Oceania in summer 2010.

Tabel 1. CTD stations and some of their main parameters. All in all 11 regular sections were performed during the oceanic part of 2010 cruise.

No	Station	Depth	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Time	File/Cast
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6	V6	205	71°20.03N	019°51.90E	21-Jun-2010	07:26	AR10_006
7	V11	390	72°29.99N	019°33.94E	22-Jun-2010	09:50	AR10_007
8	V12	395	72°45.03N	019°31.15E	22-Jun-2010	13:49	AR10_008
9	V13	410	72°58.97N	019°27.97E	22-Jun-2010	18:53	AR10_009
10	V14	450	73°14.99N	019°23.93E	22-Jun-2010	23:53	AR10_010
11	V15	475	73°29.90N	019°20.08E	23-Jun-2010	03:30	AR10_011
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15	H7	480	73°30.03N	015°36.50E	23-Jun-2010	16:20	AR10_015
16	H4	685	73°29.92N	015°02.69E	23-Jun-2010	19:12	AR10_016
17	H8	1020	73°30.00N	014°24.88E	23-Jun-2010	22:42	AR10_017
18	H9	1315	73°30.07N	013°51.50E	24-Jun-2010	01:15	AR10_018
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27	H18	2805	73°29.95N	005°01.76E	25-Jun-2010	12:52	AR10_027
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2. Hydrographic conditions

Distribution of physical parameters at standard section N along the 76°30'N shows the WSC core over the west Spitsbergen slope (Fig.2). High records of the AW temperature and salinity were observed in summer 2006. After that both parameters decreased rapidly in 2007 and 2008, in summer 2009 the AW parameters raised again. According to our measurements, both temperature and salinity anomalies in 2010 were still above the mean, however, compared to the last year salinity was higher but temperature was lower. Temperature at standard section N in July 2010 (50-200 dbar layer) equaled 3.44°C, 0.25°C more than 1996-2010 mean. Salinity reached value of 35.10, about 0.039 more than 1996-2010 mean (Fig.3). Both temperature and salinity trends are positive.

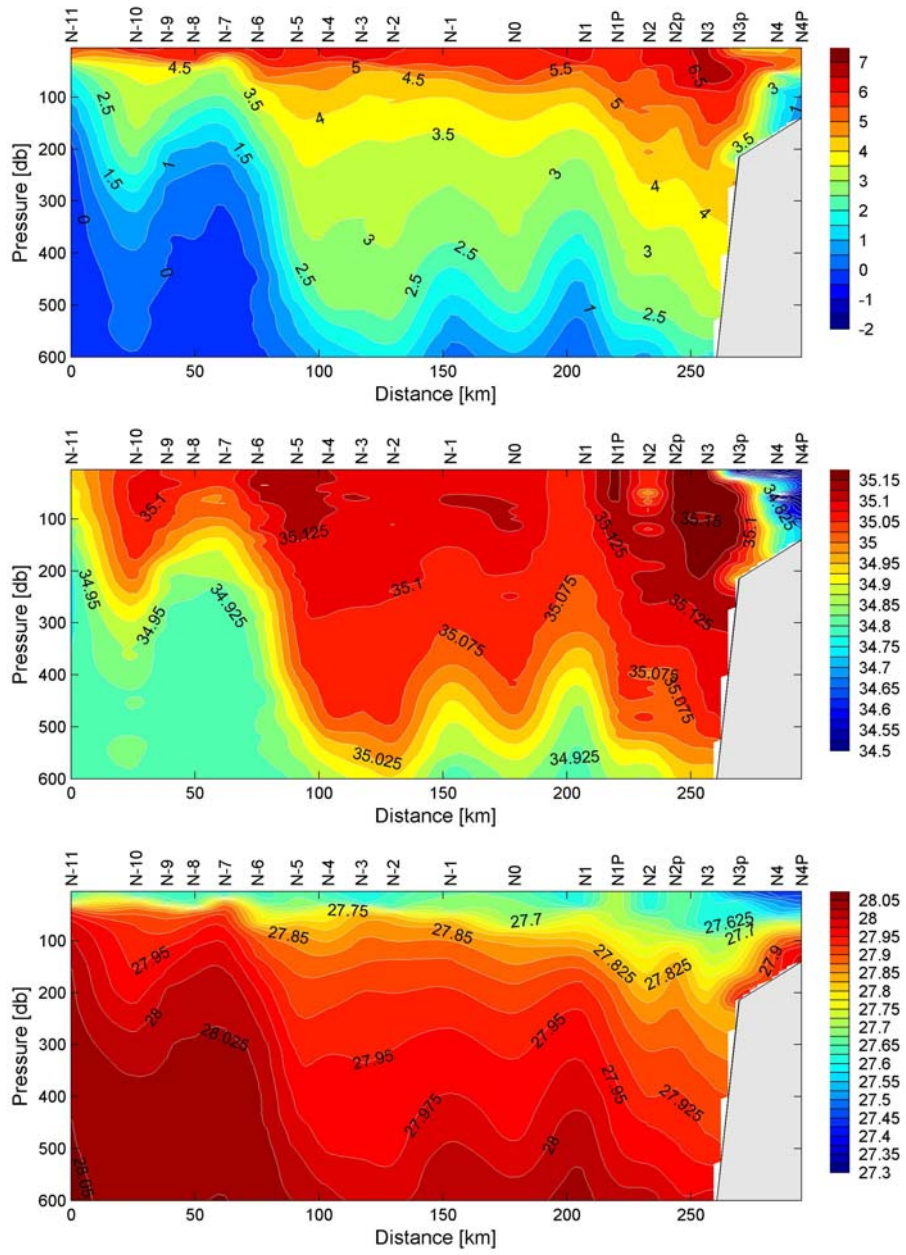


Figure 2: Temperature (θ), salinity and density (σ_θ) distribution along section N ($76^\circ30'N$) in the AW layer.

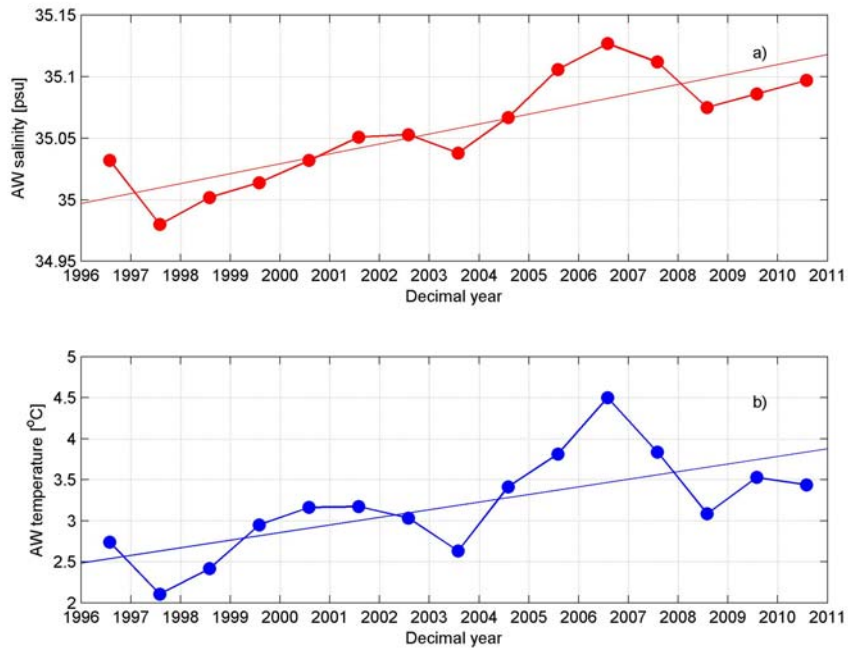


Figure 3: AW a) salinity and b) temperature at the standard section N (76°30'N, between 9°E and 12°E).

3. Dynamics

Distribution of baroclinic currents and temperature at 100 dbar (calculated for the reference level of 1000 m) in summer 2010 is showed in Fig.4. Baroclinic inflow into the Fram Strait is intensive, flow into the Barents Sea seems to be weaker. Two branches of the WSC are clearly visible, as well. Calculation made for AW at standard section N indicates increasing of baroclinic volume and heat transport (Fig.5) during the last fifteen years.

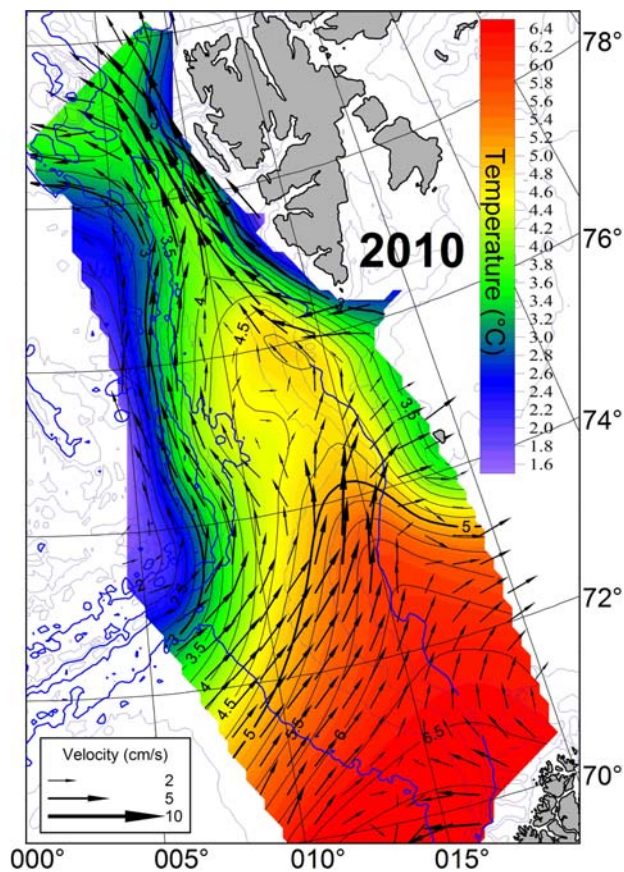


Figure 4: Temperature and baroclinic currents at 100 dbar. Data from Gimsøy section provided by the Institute of Marine Research, Bergen were used.

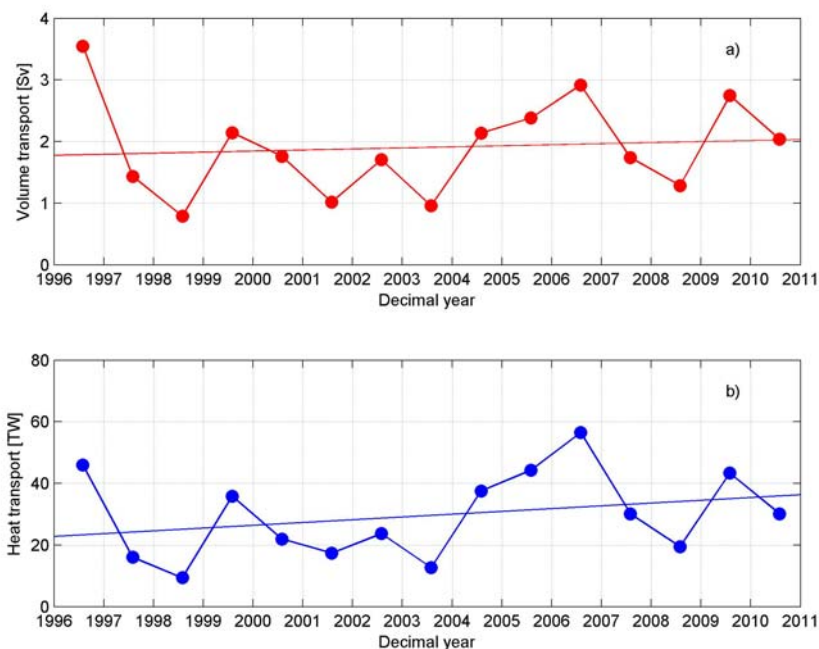


Figure 5: AW baroclinic a) volume and b) heat transport across the standard section N (76°30'N, between 9°E and 12°E).