

China's Arctic observation and research cooperation



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CO2 uptake in ice-free ocean2008







Qi. et al, Nature Climate Change, 2017.

Linkage of the Arctic sea ice retreat and Mid-lat weather anormalies



Wu et al., Monthly Weather Rev, 2013. Wu et al., J Climate, 2013; Li et al., Int. J. Climate, 2014

- Cruise investigations: So far 13 cruises have been carried out with R/V Xuelong & Xuelong 2 since 1999, covering the Pacific, Central and Atlantic Arctic Ocean.
- Research station: Yellow River and CIAO
- Research theme: Arctic Rapid Change and its Tele-impacts on Mid-latitude (ARCTIML)
- International cooperations have been carried out with CHINARE onboard R/V Xuelong, such as the Pacific Arcitc Group (PAG) DBO, EU Damocles, and IASC flagship project MOSAiC etc.
- Important findings: Such as CO2 uptake in ice-free ocean, more rapid acidification in the western than Pacific and Atlantic ocean, and the linkage of the Arctic sea ice retreat and Mid-lat weather anormalies, etc.

Unmanned Ice Station Observing System (UNIS): An example of observing technology and instrument innovation



In order to address how the Arctic sea ice retreats and its impacts on global climate change, making use of the ice buoy technology, two types of Unmanned Ice Station Observing System, namely UNIS-A & B, have been developed, which for the 1st time enabled both of in situ decteting of the sea ice growth/loss and that of the air-ice-sea system, by simultaneous profiling of the atmospheric boundary layer, sea ice and up-layer sea parameters in the central Arctic ocean. The UNIS instrumentation and its technologies can be applied to building oberving networks of the airice-sea coupling system and to other fields such as marine ecology and fishery monitoring in the Central Arctic Ocean, making contribution to the SAON and Central Arctic Ocean Fieshery Agreement implementation.





China-Iceland Joint Auroral Observatory (CIAO): An example of bilateral observing infrastructure cooperation

The cooperation between China and Iceland started since 2012,

- Location: at Kallhor, 66° in magnetic latitude, under the earth magnetosphere's plasmasheet
- Purpose: observing nightside auroras and its conjugacay with those observed at the Antarctic Syowa Station of Japan
- Observation:
 - Fluxgate and induction magnetometers
 - Panchromatic and monochromatic all-sky imaging
 - Imaging Riometers(an 8X8 antenna array)
 - Ionospheric TEC
- Goals: A platform for bilateral / global observation cooperation and museum for space science.





Icelandic institutes:

Arctic Portal Husavik Academic Center The Icelandic Centre for Research(RANNIS) Icelandic Meteorological Office (IMO) Science Institute, University of Iceland University of Akureyri Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network

Chinese institutes:

Polar Research Institute of China National Space Science Center, CAS Institute of Geology and Geophysics, CAS China Research Institute of Radio Propagation National Center for Space Weather, CMA Peking University Wuhan University University of Science and Technology of China Shandong University



Lidar experiments for polar atmosphere detection : New observation at the CIAO

Making use of the metal layers in Mesosphere /Lower Thermosphere (MLT), a sodium fluorescent Doppler lidar has been developed at Zhongshan in Antarcta, the 1st of the kind deployed in polar regions.







Continously profiling for both day and night the wind velocity and temperature of the MLT at the interface bewteen ionized and neutral atmosphere, to study the dayside solar-terrestrial interaction in the cusp region.



Concept of Fe Boltzmann Lidar: The population ratio between two energy levels is determined by temperature of Atomic Fe with Maxwell-Boltzman distribution in thermal dyanmic equilibrium.

Aiming: developing novel Fe Boltzmann Lidar at CIAO to measure the atmospheric temperature in the stratosphere and lower-Mesosphere, temperature & Fe density in MLT for both day and night

Goals: To study on the couping bewteen ionosphere and lower atmosphere, esp. on the influence of space wheather on climate change by the nigside auroral substorms.



China-Nordic Arctic Research Center (CNARC) : A platform for Arctic social science collaboration

CNARC extended from China-Iceland bilateral cooperation to a regional cooperation on Arctic issues. CNARC was established in Shanghai on 10th December 2013 by ten Member Institutes, 4 Chinese and 6 Nordic.

Purpose

To increase awareness, understanding and knowledge of the Arctic and its global impacts
To promote cooperation for sustainable development of the Nordic Arctic and coherent development of China in a global context

Activities

- China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium
- CNARC Fellowship / Internship Program
- Joint Research Projects
- Information sharing and cultural exchange in Arctic context

Research Themes

- •Arctic climate change and its impacts
- •Arctic resources, shipping and economic cooperation
- •Arctic policy and legal studies

CNARC member institutes (18)

- Nordic
- Arctic Center, University of Lapland (Finland)
- Fridtjof Nansen Institute (Norway)
- Icelandic Centre for Research
- Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (Denmark)
- Norwegian Polar Institute
- Swedish Polar Research Secretariat
- Arctic University of Norway, UiT (Norway-2016)
- University of Akureyri (Iceland 2017)
- Umea University (Sweden 2017 with SPRS)
- Nord University (Norway 2018)

China

- Polar Research Institute of China (secretariat)
- Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
- Tongji University
- Ocean University of China
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University (2014)
- Dalian Maritime University (2016)
- Shanghai Ocean University (2018)
- South China Business College (2018)









CNARC was included in the Nordic Council of Ministers' Arctic Cooperation Program in 2018, and recognized as one of cooperation forum in the China's Arctic Policy White Paper in 2016.

Summary : A perspective on China's Artic obserbation and research cooperation

There is great space to further China's Arctic Research cooperation with the Arctic states and other countries,

- to develop coordinated and collaborative observation/investigation on the Atctic land and ocean within the Sustainable Arctic Observing Network (SAON) framework to understand the vulnerability and resilience of Arctic environments and societies.
- to study the role of the Arctic in the global system, its climate dynamics and ecosystem responses, and tele-impacts on mid-latitude region.
- to share the scientific data, disseminate the Arctic knowledge and challenges to the public and bridge between people in China and the Arctic regions.