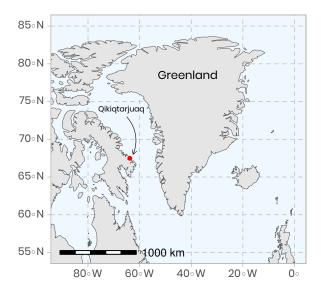
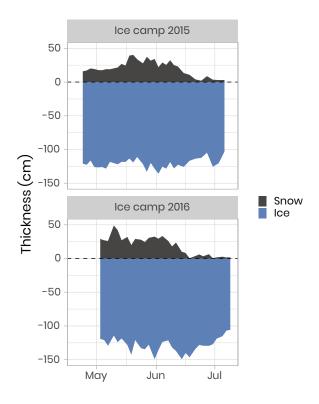
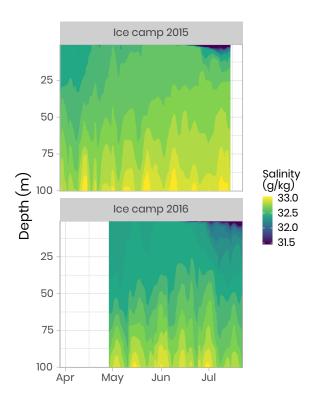
## **Figures**



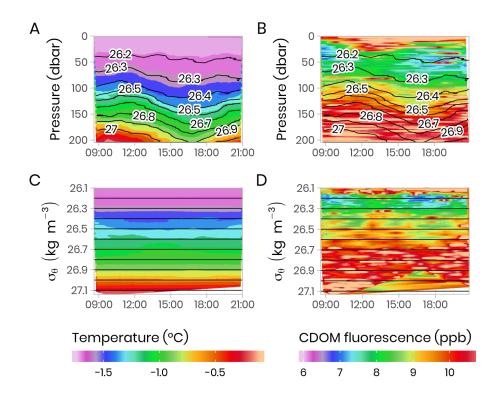
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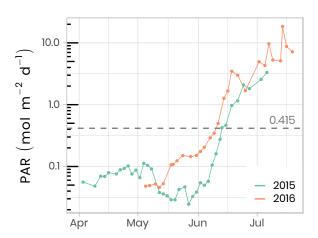
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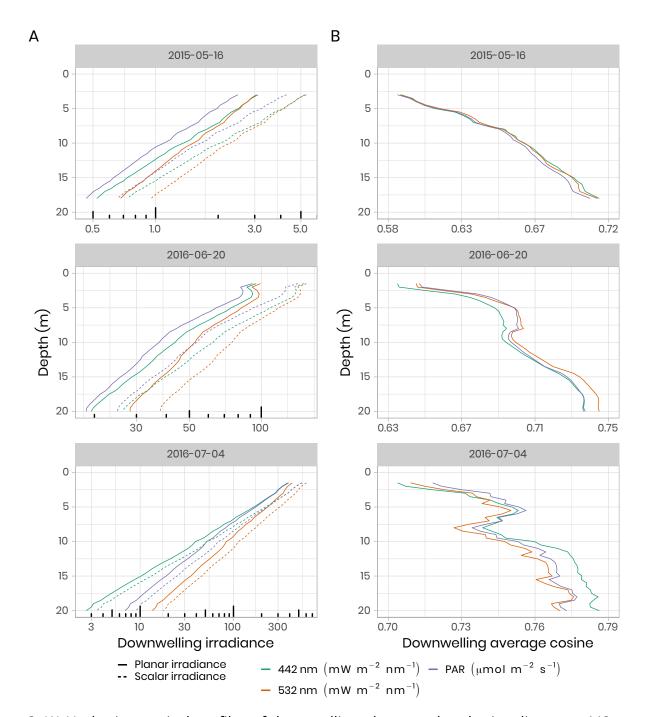
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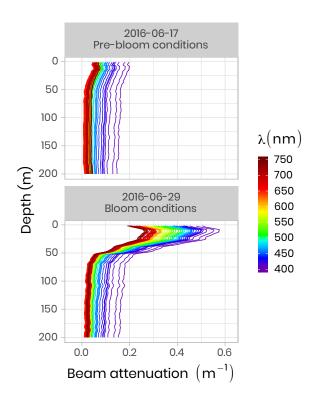
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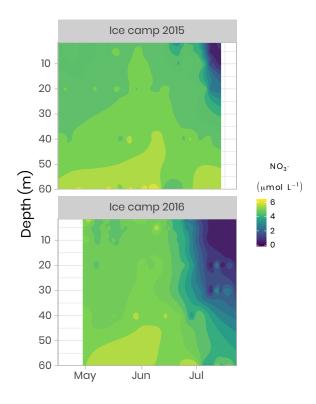
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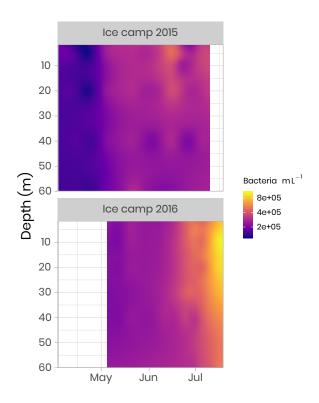
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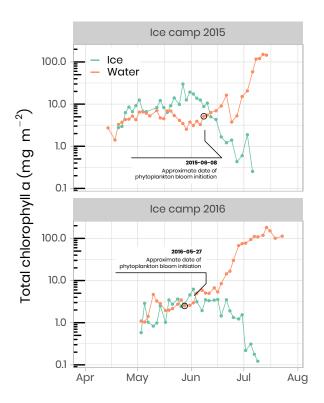
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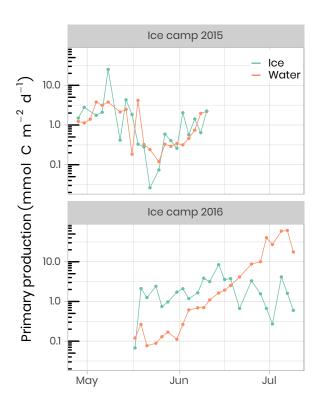
**Figure 8:** Temporal evolution of the nitrates in the first 60 m of the water column for both ice camp missions.



**Figure 9:** Concentration of bacteria in the water column at the ice camp in 2015 and 2016.



**Figure 10:** Temporal evolution of chlorophyll a in ice and water (depth-integrated) for both ice camp missions. Note that the water chlorophyll a have been integrated over the first 100 m of the water column whereas the ice chlorophyll a was measured on the bottom 0-10 cm of the ice cores. The details of the calculations to determine the approximate dates of phytoplankton bloom initiation can be found in Oziel et al. (2019).



**Figure 11:** Temporal evolution of primary production a in ice and water (depth-integrated) for both ice camp missions.

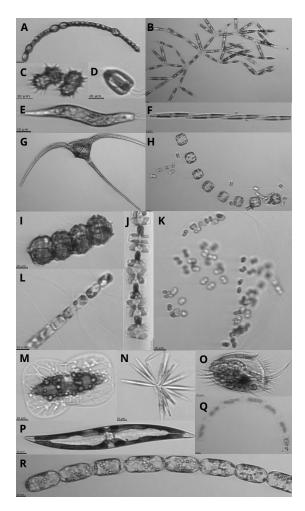
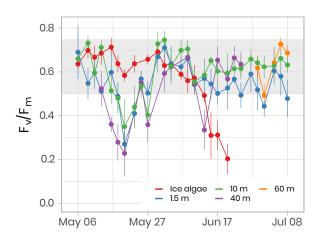
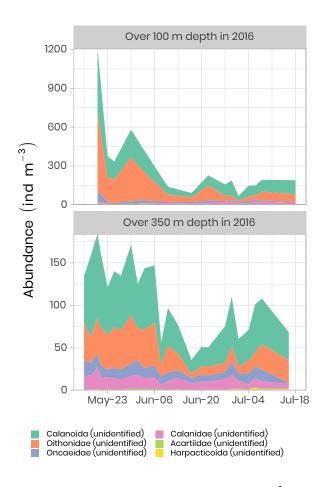


Figure 12: Images of protists sampled with the IFCB. Scale bar on images is 10 μm. Note that images are not to scale. (A) *Anabaena* sp. (B) *Nitzschia frigida* (C) *Polarella glacialis* (D) Flagellate (E) Euglena (F) *Pseudo-nitzschia* sp. (G) *Ceratium* sp. (H) *Thalassiosira nordenskioeldii* with *Attheya septentrionalis* (I) *Peridiniella catenata* (J) *Navicula pelagica* (K) *Phaeocystis* sp. colony (L) *Chaetoceros* sp. (M) *Entomoneis* sp. (N) *Synedropsis hyperborea* (O) Ciliate (P) Pennate diatom (Q) *Eucampia* sp. (R) *Melosira* sp.



**Figure 13:** Temporal evolution of  $F_v/F_m$  for ice (last cm) and water underneath the ice (depths 1.5 m, 10 m, 40 m) samples for the ice camp 2016 between May 6<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>.  $F_v/F_m$  monitoring on ice samples stopped on Day 172-June 20th because the Chl a fluorescence signal was not reliable anymore.  $F_v/F_m$  monitoring on 40 m and 60 m depth samples was limited between May 13th and June 24th and between June 29th-July 08th, respectively. The gray shaded area represents the range at which the algae are optimally growing.



**Figure 14:** Time series of the abundance of the copepods (ind m<sup>-1</sup>) measured over the first 100 m and 350 m of the water column in 2016 using the zooscan. For visualization, only the six most abundant groups are presented in decreasing order of importance. Note the different y-axes in both panels.