# Data Management and Building Community in a Global Synthesis of Under-Ice Productivity

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# What goes on under ice in lakes?



Photo: Ted Ozersky

# Challenges for synthesis

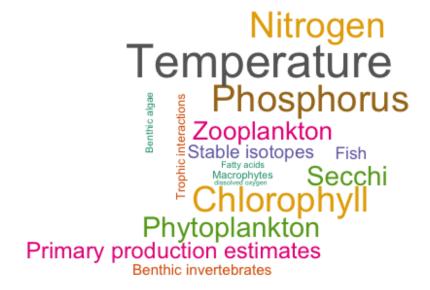
- 1. Managing communications
- 2. Integrating heterogeneous data
- 3. Building a sense of community



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# **Step 1: Gauging Interest**

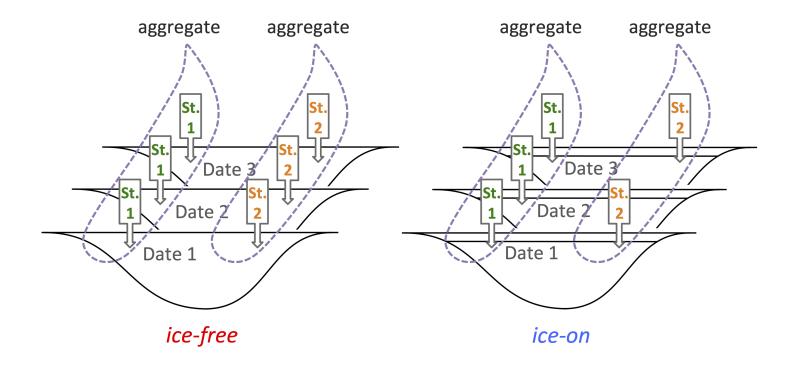
#### >100 survey responses, >80 with data on:



# **Step 2: Data Template**

#### Goals

- 1. Integrate data as seamlessly as possible
- 2. Encourage sharing
- 3. Use researchers' system-specific knowledge



#### **Policies**

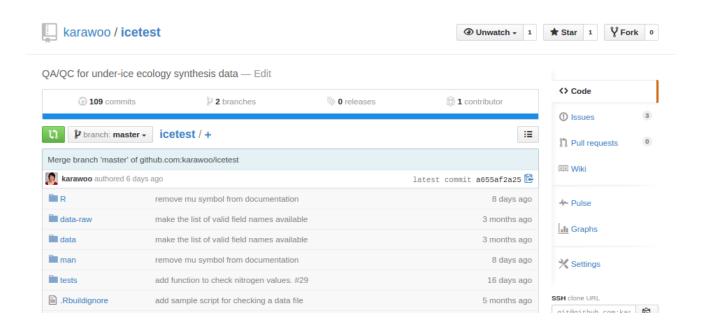
Document describing how data will be used and shared

Internally to collaborators first, then eventually public

# Step 3: Validate Data

#### R package icetest

https://github.com/karawoo/icetest



# Step 4: Lots of Email

# **Step 5: The Fun Part**

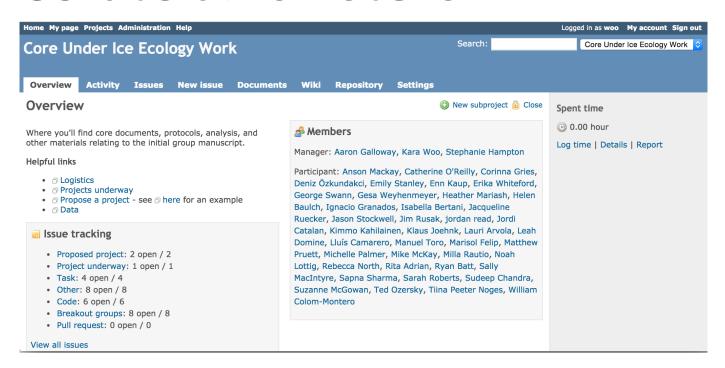
# Workshop at NCEAS



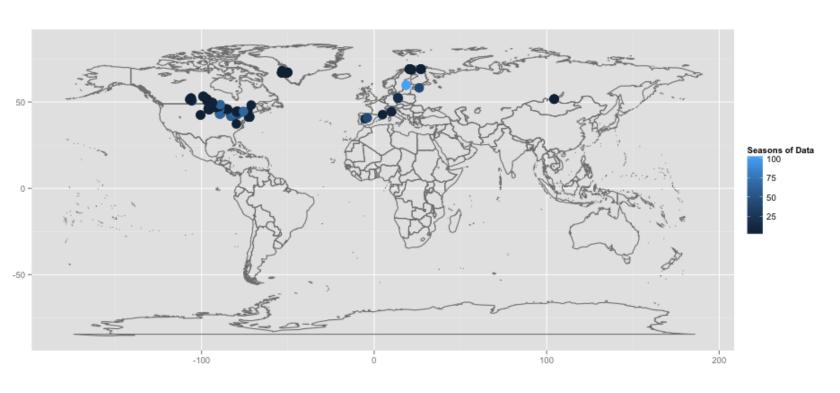


Photos: Stephanie Hampton (left), NCEAS (right)

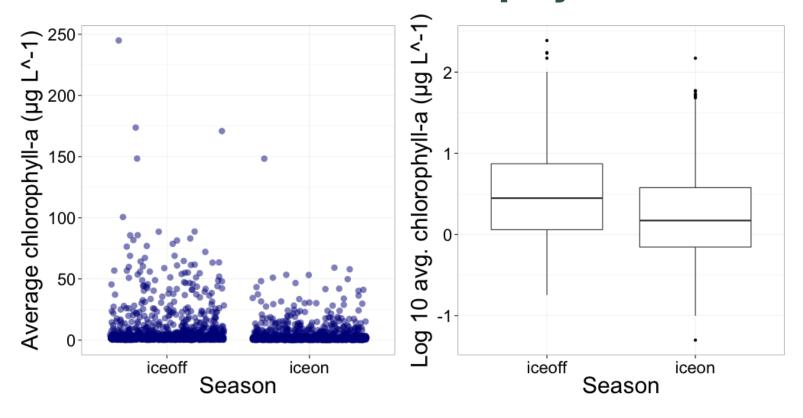
#### **Collaborative website**



# 86 lakes represented (so far)



#### Ice-off vs. ice-on chlorophyll-a



### Conclusions

### Managing communications

- Be responsive
- Centralize communication

# Integrating heterogeneous data

- Plan ahead
- Validate the data

## **Building community**

- Be inclusive
- Communicate expectations early and often

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