# Title: Monitoring the motion of the land-fast ice in Lützow-Holm bay, Antarctica

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APPLIED PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY

## Syowa station & Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE)



#### Syowa station

Located on East Ongul Island in Lützow-Holm bay

**D** Built-in 1957

#### JARE

□ 64 expeditions since 1957 (JARE1 to JARE64)

#### Shirase

Icebreaker, 20,000t, L138m, B28m, D9.2m

Capable of continuous ice-breaking up to 1.5 m ice thickness

**D** Ramming ice breaking over 2.0 m total ice thickness



### The Southern Ocean sea ice conditions

Mean SIC in austral summer months during Shirase outbound (to Syowa) (Dec) and homebound (Feb) legs.







JARE61 2019-20



Shirase's ship route and Sea Ice Concentration (AMSR2) since JARE 51

Sea ice condition changes year by year. The difficulty of navigating through the ice changes accordingly. Particularly the JARE53 & 54

Ishiyama, bachelor's thesis 2023, UTokyo

### Motivation: Consequence of a failure to berth close enough to Syowa station



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# Inter-annual variability of the number of ramming maneuver



ラミング回数の変遷

### 2016 Fast ice break-up in Lützow-holm bay

# Possible cause of inter-annual variability



<u>Snow-ice hypothesis (Ushio & Toyota)</u>: As the ratio of the snow-ice increases, the sea ice loses its material strength and becomes easier for the propagating swells to break the ice.

### Optimum routing for Shirase and the mechanism of MIZ, PIZ, and fast-ice variability

#### JARE64 – 69 (Xth term of JARE) (PI: Waseda)

- The objective is to monitor the waves propagating into the sea ice and to monitor the motion of the sea ice.
- The Marginal Ice Zone and the Packed Ice Zone prevent the waves to propagate into the fast ice.
  - Propagation and attenuation of waves in the MIZ and PIZ
- □ The breakup of fast ice
  - Causes: wind, current, and wave
  - Fracture vs. fatigue
- □ Long-term trend: climate variation, storm

In-house buoys: Kodaira, T., et al.. OCEANS 2022, CEJ (2023) Rabault, J., et al. Sci. Data 10, 251 (2023) Nose, T. (2023). Polar Research, CEJ



JARE64: Waseda, Tateyama, Uchiyama

# Key technology: Sensor development – a community effort



#### Article

#### OpenMetBuoy-v2021: An Easy-to-Build, Affordable, Customizable, <u>Open-Source</u> Instrument for Oceanographic Measurements of Drift and Waves in Sea Ice and the **Open Ocean**

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> Table 2. A representative list of components needed to build an instrument monitoring drift (GNSS) and wave activity (9-dof sensor). The assembly time for a single instrument, when assembling a series of 10 instruments in bulk, is about 0.5 h once the user is familiar with the design.

| Component                 | Function                       | Price (USD) | Assembly Steps                         |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Artemis Global Tracker    | main board, MCU, GNSS, Iridium | 375         | ready to use                           |  |
| GNSS + Iridium antenna    | passive antenna                | 65          | screw on SMA cable                     |  |
| SMA extension cable 25 cm | extension cable for antenna    | 5           | screw on tracker                       |  |
| Qwiic power switch        | power on and off 9-dof         | 7           | disable LED, connect 9-dof and tracker |  |
| ISM330DĤCX + LIS3MDL      | 9-dof sensor                   | 18          | connect to power switch                |  |
| Qwiic cables $(x2)$       | connect tracker, 9-dof, switch | 3           | connect power switch and 9-dof         |  |
| 3.3V Regulator S7V8F3     | 3.3 V buck converter           | 10          | solder to battery and tracker          |  |
| $2 \times D$ cell holders | house and connect batteries    | 15          | solder to 3.3 V regulator              |  |
| $2 \times SAFT LSH20$     | power supply                   | 35          | put in cell holders                    |  |
| reed MDRR-DT-20-35-F      | magnetic switch                | 3           | solder between battery and regulator   |  |
| magnet                    | turn magnetic switch on/off    | 1           | mount outside housing                  |  |
| housing box               | housing, IP68                  | 20          | mount the electronics inside           |  |
| misc: glue, wire          | small extras                   | 5           | get the design assembled               |  |
| total                     | fully functional instrument    | 562         | 0.5 h/instruments, producing 10        |  |



Takachi box.



Figure 6. Zeni-v2021 and SPOT-1386 deployment location on 15 September 2021. The 2021 NA-BOS observation locations also shown in green markers and AMSR2-derived 0.15 and 0.80 Sea Ice Concentration (SIC) contours for the same day are overlaid.



Comparison against commercial product (Spotter)

# Findings from the NABOS 2021 cruise and data release

Resolving thin ice; a crucial factor in waves in polar region



scientific data

Check for update

#### OPEN A dataset of direct observations of DATA DESCRIPTOR sea ice drift and waves in ice

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| Deployment time  | location                                      | ice conditions           | number & kind of instrument       |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2017-04          | Arctic, Barents Sea, 76.4 N 22.5E             | drift ice: 8/10 to 0/10  | GPS drifter: 8                    |
| 2018-03a         | Arctic, East Greenland Sea, 73.5 N 15.5E      | drift ice: 6/10 to 10/10 | GPS drifter: 5                    |
| 2018-03b         | Arctic, Beaufort Sea, 72.3 N 148.4 W          | pack ice: 8/10 to 10/10  | IWR: 2                            |
| 2018-04          | Arctic, Barents Sea, 75.3 N 19.5E             | drift ice: 8/10 to 0/10  | GPS drifter: 1                    |
| 2018-09          | Arctic, Barents Sea, 82 N 20E                 | MIZ: 1/10 to 10/10       | v2018: 4                          |
| 2020-01          | Antarctic, outside Davis station, 69 S 76E    | landfast ice (breakup)   | v2018: 2 + Sofar Spotter: 2       |
| 2020-03a         | Arctic, Grønfjorden, Svalbard, 78 N 14E       | landfast ice (intact)    | v2018: 3                          |
| 2020-03b         | Arctic, Beaufort Sea, 71.2 N 141.5 W          | pack ice: 8/10 to 10/10  | IWR: 2                            |
| 2020-07          | Arctic, Yermak Plateau, Barents Sea, 82 N 15E | MIZ: 3/10 to 10/10       | v2018: 6                          |
| 2020-11          | Antarctic, outside Casey station, 66 S 110E   | landfast ice (intact)    | v2018: 2                          |
| 2021-02          | Arctic, Barents Sea, east Svalbard, 77 N 30E  | MIZ: 5/10 to 10/10       | v2018: 6+v2021: 11 (6 with waves) |
| 2021-03          | Arctic, Beaufort Sea, 71.5 N 148WE            | pack ice: 7/10 to 10/10  | IWR: 3                            |
| 2021-04          | Arctic, Utqiagvik, 71.3 N 156.6 W             | landfast ice             | IWR: 6                            |
| 2021-09          | Arctic, Laptev Sea, 82 N 118E                 | MIZ: 1/10 to 10/10       | v2021: 1 + Sofar Spotter: 1       |
| 2022-03          | Arctic, East Greenland sea, 70 N 20E          | MIZ: 2/10 to 10/10       | v2021: 2 + commercial beacon: 5   |
| total nbr tracks |   |                          | total: 72; with waves: 48         |

 Table 2.
 Overview of the deployments, their locations and time spans, the sea ice conditions, and the kind and number of instruments deployed.

Nose et al. 2023 Polar Research: model fails to represent a wave event.

# Waves propagating under ice for a 1000 km (JARE63)



Figure 2.: Medusa-766 trajectory between 4 Feb 2022 and 3 Jan 2023 overlaid on the ADS-AMSR2 SIC on 1 Feb (top) and 1 Aug (bottom) 2022. The brown line is the trajectory, and the brown marker shows its location on the respective dates. SICs are shown in colours. The 1 Feb panel also has Sentinel-1 SAR images overlaid.

![](_page_11_Figure_3.jpeg)

Frequency (Hz)

# Prototyping the buoys

Drifters: 3D printing + wave sensor (FZ) FZ XFZ XFZ XFZ-V2

![](_page_12_Picture_2.jpeg)

42cm (16.4m)

09/08

09/08

09/08

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09/10

09/11

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09/12

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09/13

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09/13

#### Buoy on ice: JARE63, 64

![](_page_12_Picture_5.jpeg)

#### New design for JARE65

- SPOT1730

SPOT1803XFZ36

- SPOT1732

- XFZ02

---- ERA5

XFZ28

ERA5

ERA5

![](_page_12_Picture_7.jpeg)

### JARE64: Buoy deployment on ice from Shirase (Feb. 14, 2023)

![](_page_13_Picture_1.jpeg)

# JARE64: 15 buoy deployments on Fast-ice (Dec. 26, 2022)

![](_page_14_Picture_1.jpeg)

### JARE64: Landing on ice: Measuring ice thickness (Feb.7, 2023)

![](_page_15_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_15_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_15_Picture_3.jpeg)

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![](_page_16_Figure_0.jpeg)

### The motion of the buoys from Dec. 26, 2022 to May 2023

Dec. 26: 15 buoys deployed on fast-ice

Jan. 3: landed on ice to measure ice thickness

Feb. 7: landed on ice to measure ice thickness

Feb. 11: 6 buoys deployed on drift-ice

Feb. 12 to Feb. 15 deployed 10 buoys from Shirase

Yellow disk: current location of the buoy Yellow circle: initial location of the buoy Orange line: the trajectory of the buoy Yellow line: a day-long trajectory of the buoy

![](_page_17_Picture_7.jpeg)

# Waves detected by the buoys $H_{S(m)}$

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_18_Figure_3.jpeg)

Red marks indicate when the buoy started to drift.

![](_page_19_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_20_Figure_0.jpeg)

Incoming wave field (ERA5: Significant height of combined wind waves and swell, mean wave direction, mean wave period)

![](_page_21_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

Red vertical lines indicate when the buoy started to drift.

Represents where the wind speeds are sampled.

# Trigger of the breakup is the swell propagating into the fast-ice – *the wind is from the south*

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Summary JARE64 observations:

![](_page_24_Picture_1.jpeg)

- 23 wave buoys were successfully deployed on the fast-ice and the drift-ice in the Lützow-Holm bay during the JARE64.
- The ice thicknesses of the fast-ice were measured at 13 locations near the deployed buoys.

### Fast-ice breakup in 2023:

- In March, the fast-ice started to breakup and the breakup continued until the beginning of May when all the buoys drifted out of the bay.
- 3/30 event was triggered by an incoming wave from the WNW.
- The buoys started to drift when the wind changed to southerly
- Causes of the breakup
  - The analysis of the buoy motion reveals that the combined effect of wave and wind is the precursor to the drift but the direct cause of the breakup and drift may depend on each event.
  - There is also a signature of semi-periodic oscillation of the sea-ice likely due to an <u>ocean current field</u>, which possibly relates to a fatigue.

### Beginning of the end? 2023 recorded the lowest sea ice extent. Can the multi-year ice in the Lutzow-Holm bay disappear?

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

National Snow and Ice Data Center, Boulder, CO

#### Sea Ice Extent, 29 Sep 2023

![](_page_25_Figure_6.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Figure_0.jpeg)

Red vertical lines indicate when the buoy started to drift.

Represent where the wind speeds are sampled.

![](_page_27_Figure_0.jpeg)

Breakup events are indicated by vertical lines.

![](_page_29_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Impact of ocean current

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_0.jpeg)

仮説:静振 Seiche  

$$L(湾の長さ) = \lambda(波長), \frac{\lambda(波長)}{2}, \frac{\lambda(波長)}{4}$$
  
 $\lambda(波長) = \sqrt{gH}(位相速度) \times T(時間)$   
 $H(水深) = 200 \text{ m}$   
 $\sqrt{gH}(位相速度) = 44.3 \text{ m/s}$ 

|    | T (hours) | λ (km) | λ/2 (km) | λ/4 (km) |
|----|-----------|--------|----------|----------|
| 南北 | 5.56      | 886    | 443      | 222      |
|    |           |        |          |          |
| 東西 | 7.11      | 1,133  | 567      | n/a      |
|    | 4.41      | 702    | 351      | n/a      |

e.g. Nagano, A., Michida, Y., Odamaki, M., Suzuki, K., & Ogata, J. (2010). Seiches in Lützow-Holm Bay, Antarctica. *Polar science*, *4*(1), 34-41.

→ Observed 3.1 hour topographically constrained mode

### Appendix: Detecting buoy drift

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Figure_3.jpeg)