# Evaluation of the Simulation of Initial Sea Ice Formation in a Coupled Model using DH/TBS Measurements

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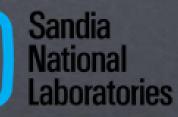
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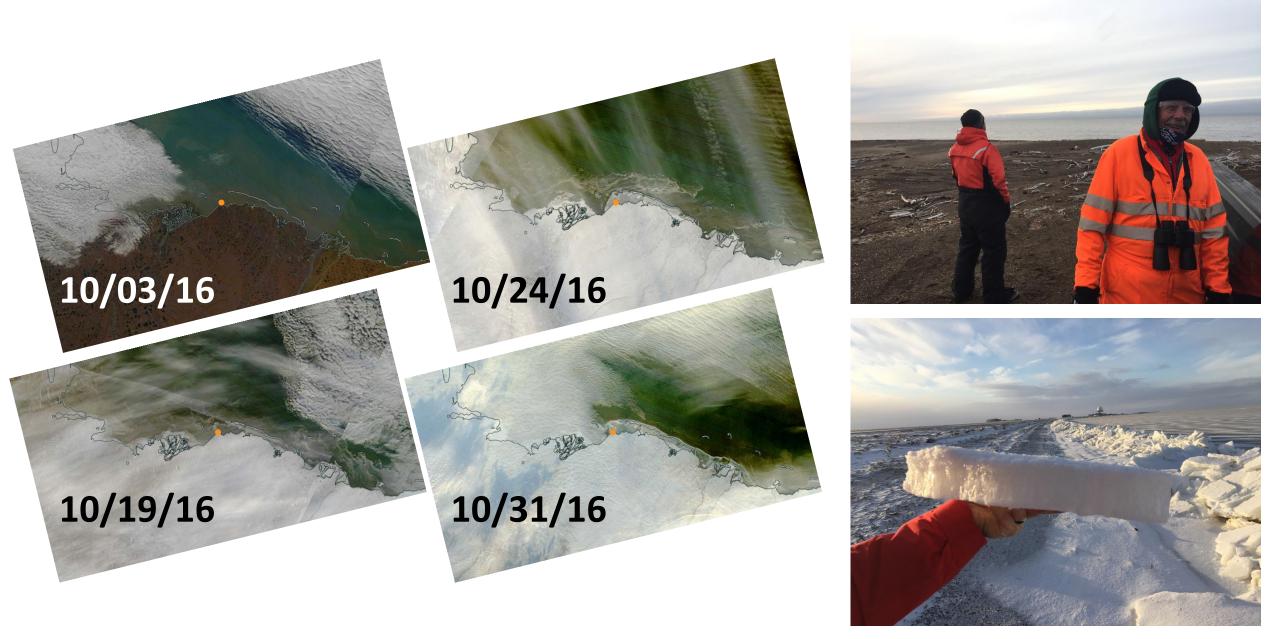








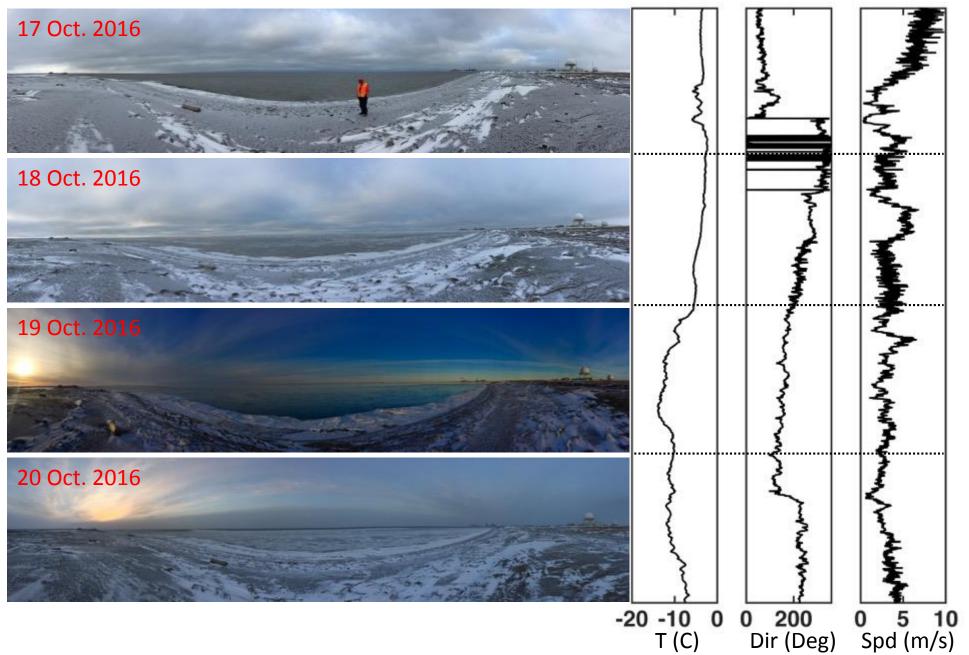
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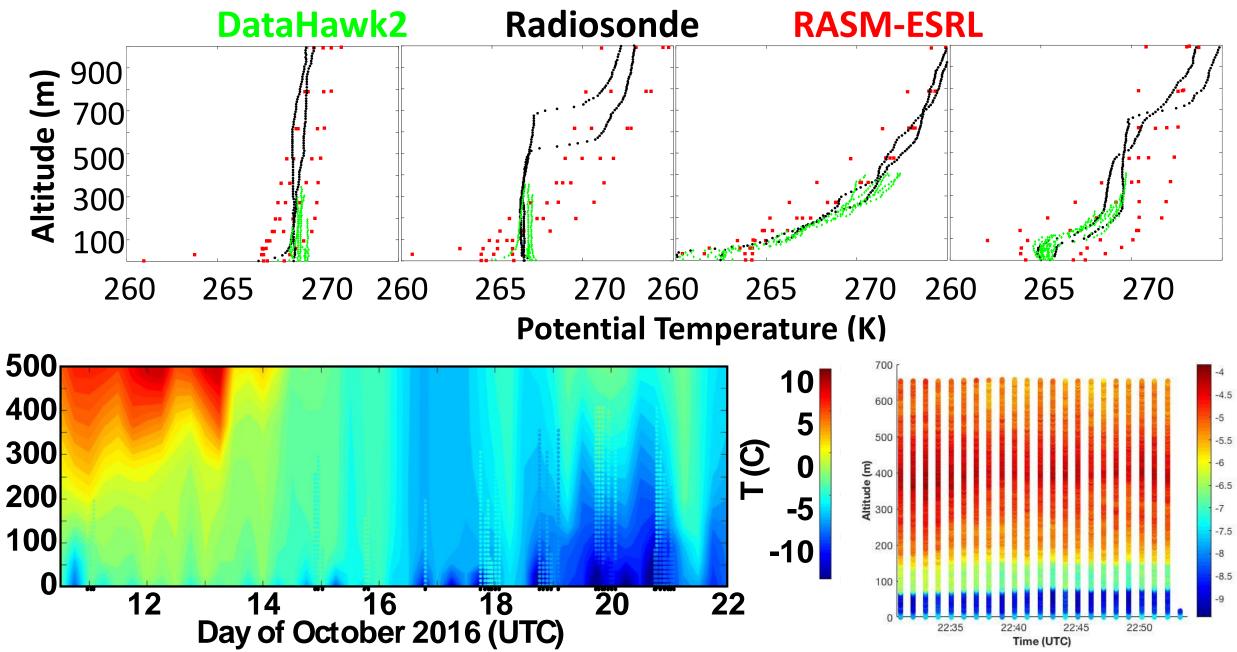
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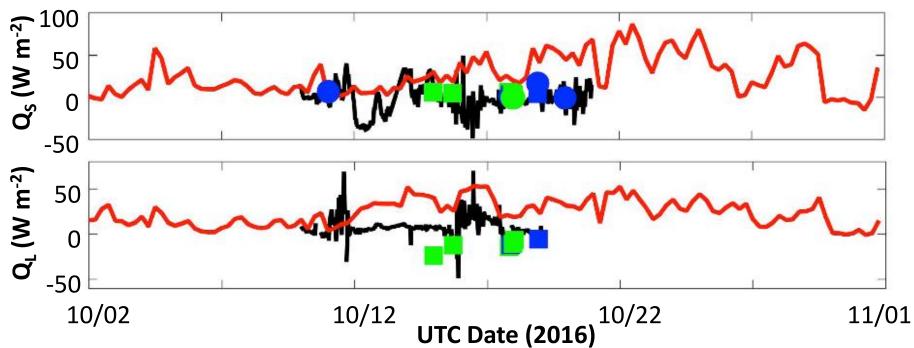
#### **Atmospheric State**



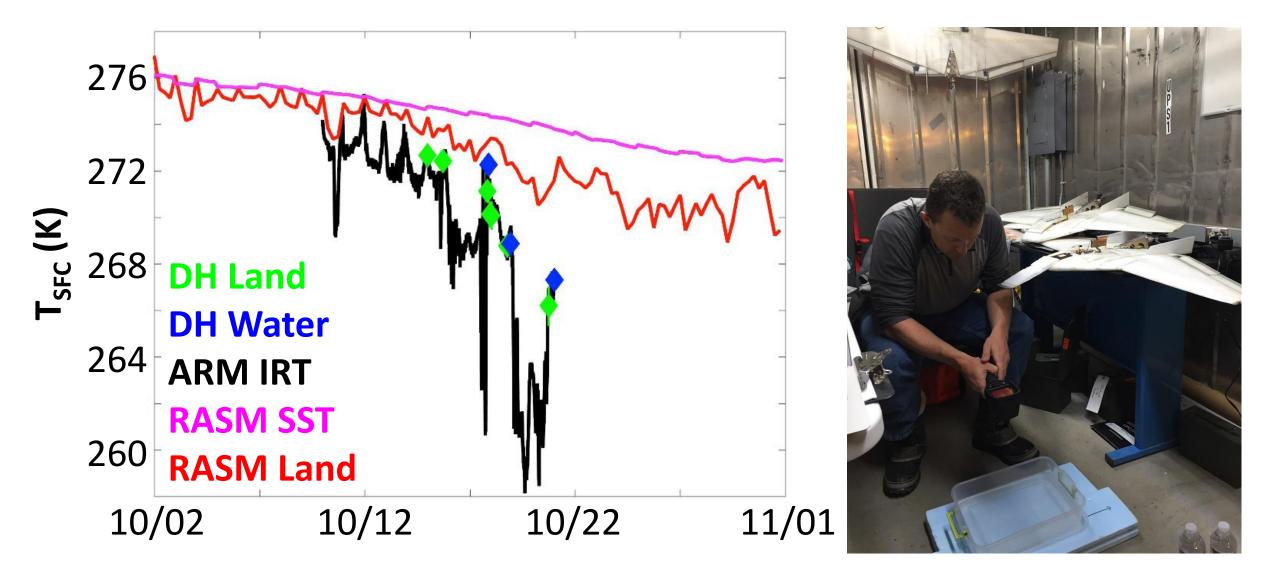


## **Turbulent Fluxes**





#### **Surface Temperature**



# Summary

- DataHawk2 Measurements were used to evaluate the performance of a fully-coupled regional model (RASM-ESRL) during the period of initial sea ice formation around Oliktok Point.
- A comparison of the simulated atmospheric state showed general agreement between the observations and the simulations.
- Turbulent fluxes in the model were shown to be elevated when compared to those measured by the DataHawk2.
- This turned out to be the result of elevated surface/ocean temperatures in the model, which inhibited sea ice formation at the proper time, and demonstrate the importance of data assimilation for the ocean in these short-term forecasts.
- For more details, visit de Boer (17) and Maahn (19) posters on Wednesday!



