# The seasonal contrast of aerosols that can seed ice formation in central Arctic clouds

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### **Importance of Arctic aerosols**



Aerosols impact cloud formation and energy budget globally. Important for light and heat reaching frozen Arctic surfaces, especially over the declining sea ice.

Observations are limited in the central Arctic directly over sea ice pack and particularly of ice nucleating particles (INPs).



### **Biology impacts cloud formation**



## MOSAiC: Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate





### Largest polar expedition IN HISTORY



Mo INP annual cycle in the central Arctic before MOSAiC Overarching objective: Improve understanding of the sources, efficiency, and abundance of INPs in the central Arctic over a full annual cycle.

Targeted questions:

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- 1. How do seasonal changes in sea ice and air masses influence INPs?
- 2. Is marine and sea ice biology a significant source of INPs vs. terrestrial sources?
- 3. Are leads and melt ponds viable sources of INPs and do they exchange INPs with the atmosphere?



### **Discrete sample collection**





### **Measuring INPs at CSU**

### 1. Cold plate



### 2. Ice spectrometer



Processing schematic cred: Kevin Barry

Aerosols collected on filters, seawater, melted sea ice, melted snow



Creamean et al., AMT, 2018; Creamean et al., ACP, 2018; Hill et al., 2014, AEM; Hill et al., 2016, ACP; Beall et al., 2017, AMT



## The MOSAiC INP annual cycle



INPs were generally colder during fall/winter & warmer in the summer.

Warmer INPs were observed during more open water with more biological activity.



Variability in INP sizes



Autumn / spring: coarse INPs (>3 μm) Winter: submicron INPs (< 1 μm) Summer: supermicron INPs (1-3 μm)

Creamean et al., Nat. Commun., 2022.



### Validating sources with transport





- Combo of data corroborate that INPs were likely...
  - Coarse sea spray from lower latitudes in autumn & spring
  - Submicron haze from continental sources in winter
  - Supermicron biogenic materials from local open water in summer



Thanks for funding & logistics:









### New INP data available through ARM!







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See Tom's poster on Thu morning (session 3)!

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