

Arctic Ocean data in CARINA

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Abstract. The paper describes the steps taken for quality controlling chosen parameters within the Arctic Ocean data included in the CARINA data set and checking for offsets between the individual cruises. The evaluated parameters are the inorganic carbon parameters (total dissolved inorganic carbon, total alkalinity and pH), oxygen and nutrients: nitrate, phosphate and silicate. More parameters can be found in the CARINA data product, but were not subject to a secondary quality control. The main method in determining offsets between cruises was regional multi-linear regression, after a first rough basin-wide deep-water estimate of each parameter. Lastly, the results of the secondary quality control are discussed as well as applied adjustments.

Data coverage and parameter measured

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Available at:

http://cdiac.ornl.gov/ftp/oceans/CARINA/CARINA_Database/CARINA.AMS.V1.2/

Coverage: 60 N to 90 N and circumpolar (0–360°)

Location Name: Arctic Ocean

Date/Time Start: 1980-08-11

Date/Time End: 2005-05-20

The oldest data is from 1980 (77YM19800811) with the Swedish icebreaker Ymer and the latest is a Barents Sea cruise in 2005 (58JM20050520) with a Norwegian ship Jan Mayen. The parameters discussed in this paper include the carbon parameters (total dissolved inorganic carbon (TCO₂), total alkalinity (TA) and pH), oxygen (O₂) and nutrients (nitrate (NO₃), phosphate (PO₄) and silicate (Si)). However more parameters may be included in the data product itself. For the CFCs the reader is referred to the paper of Jeansson et al. (2009) describing the analyses of the Arctic Ocean and Nordic Seas CFCs.

1 Introduction

The CARINA data set contains 28 cruises collected in the Arctic Ocean, in the Arctic Ocean shelf seas including the Barents Sea and in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago (Table 1). For further information (e.g. responsible scientists, references etc.) about the individual cruises, the reader is referred to the following site: http://cdiac.ornl.gov/oceans/CARINA/Carina_table.html.

2 Determining offsets between cruises

The difficulty of investigating the Arctic data is that the cruises are quite few and spread out both in time and location. Also, the separate basins show differences in the N/P ratios, Si concentrations, and oxygen saturation in the deep-water etc. Therefore, the investigations have been done for each individual basin of the Arctic Ocean. The disadvantage of this is of course that the scarcity of data makes it very difficult to quickly see which cruise is offset when there are only two or three others for comparison. Figure 1 shows the locations of all stations with the stations included in the secondary QC marked red.



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Table 1. Cruises and parameters included in the Arctic Ocean synthesis in CARINA listed together with the number of stations and samples (flagged 2 in the CARINA.AMS.V1.2). Note that the number of stations and samples can differ from the ones in the Carina table at CDIAC for that reason.

Cruise #	EXPCODE	AREA	# stations (# samples)	TCO ₂	TA	CRMs used:	pH	NO ₃	PO ₄	Si	O ₂
2	06AQ19930806	Central Arctic	64 (1273)	63 (1087)	NA	NA	NA	63 (1083)	64 (1109)	64 (1103)	64 (1126)
3	06AQ19960712	Central Arctic	102 (2481)	78 (1216)	62 (915)	Yes	82 (1264)	102 (2410)	102 (2421)	102 (2359)	102 (2431)
45	18RD19980404 ^a	North Water Polynya	348 (6757)	72 (737)	63 (567)	Yes	NA	133 (1364)	123 (1275)	129 (1182)	64 (661)
46	18RD19990827	North Water Polynya	40 (464)	40 (387)	40 (316)	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
47	18SN19940724	Central Arctic	39 (1269)	39 (1021)	38 (914)	Yes	NA	38 (1084)	39 (1087)	38 (1034)	39 (1056)
48	18SN19970803	Canadian Arctic Archipelago	24 (424)	24 (327)	24 (326)	Yes	NA	24 (352)	24 (356)	24 (356)	24 (353)
49	18SN19970831	Canadian Arctic Archipelago	26 (379)	26 (328)	26 (298)	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
50	18SN19970924	Central Arctic	16 (475)	16 (352)	16 (319)	Yes	NA	16 (452)	16 (452)	16 (452)	16 (475)
72	32H120020505 ^a	Central Arctic	36 (1579)	28 (330)	28 (330)	Yes	NA	35 (778)	35 (778)	35 (767)	34 (528)
73	32H120020718	Central Arctic	44 (1857)	42 (472) ^c	NA	Yes	NA	44 (861)	44 (861)	44 (861)	44 (721)
74	32H120030911 ^a	Central Arctic	186 (1197)	NA	NA	NA	NA	162 (937)	167 (961)	167 (959)	152 (810)
75	32H120040515 ^a	Central Arctic	35 (1116)	31 (308)	31 (305)	Yes	NA	35 (588)	35 (588)	35 (590)	35 (455)
76	32H120040718 ^a	Central Arctic	60 (2155)	56 (469)	55 (453)	Yes	NA	60 (1309)	60 (1310)	60 (1311)	60 (972)
77	32H120040910	Central Arctic	117 (1555)	NA	NA	NA	NA	113 (829)	113 (833)	113 (833)	113 (782)
82	32PZ20020715	Central Arctic	63 (506)	NA	NA	NA	NA	59 (474)	63 (494)	63 (495)	NA
83	320620030705	Central Arctic	326 (3642)	NA	NA	NA	NA	326 (3446)	326 (3446)	326 (3444)	326 (3427)
123	58AA19991003 ^a	Storfjorden	71 (374)	61 (286)	59 (275)	Yes	NA	71 (369)	71 (366)	71 (372)	NA
124	58AA20000923 ^a	Storfjorden	168 (502)	168 (500)	168 (493)	Yes	NA	168 (498)	167 (496)	168 (499)	168 (492)
126	58AA20010822 ^a	Storfjorden	69 (266)	68 (261)	68 (256)	Yes	NA	NA	NA	NA	69 (259)
145	58JM20030710 ^a	Barents Sea	4 (258)	4 (253)	4 (203)	Yes	NA	4 (246)	4 (244)	4 (245)	NA
146	58JM20040724 ^a	Barents Sea	7 (79)	7 (79)	5 (56)	Yes	NA	7 (76)	7 (78)	7 (78)	NA
147	58JM20050520 ^a	Barents Sea	9 (106)	9 (104)	9 (101)	Yes	NA	9 (104)	9 (104)	9 (105)	NA
148	58LA19860719 ^a	Barents Sea	11 (55)	7 (33)	7 (31)	No	11 (53) Titrated	11 (55)	9 (41)	11 (55)	11 (55)
177	77DN19910726	Central Arctic	54 (1618)	45 (1103)	44 (1121)	No	NA	54 (1599)	49 (1482)	53 (1585)	54 (1502)
178	77DN20010717	Central Arctic	Cruise not included in the final synthesis, data consists of alkalinity data (samples were stored and analysed on shore)								
179	77DN20020420 ^b	Nordic Seas	92 (1569)	91 (1384)	92 (1498)	Yes	92 (1503)	92 (1564)	92 (1564)	92 (1565)	92 (1546)
180	77YM19800811	Central Arctic	63 (1072)	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nutrients not included in the synthesis			
181	90AQ19940706	Central Arctic	75 (137)	14 (69)	29 (91)	NA	NA	NA	NA	29 (91)	16 (76)

^a These cruises have been through primary QC and are in the data product, but they have not been through the repeated primary QC or the secondary QC.

^b One section in the Fram Strait was used for comparisons, for more details of this cruise see Olsen (2009).

^c Samples were stored and analysed on shore.

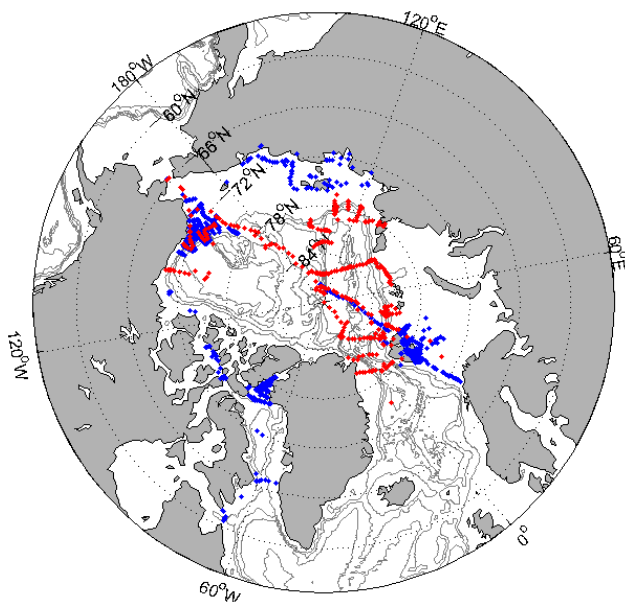


Figure 1. Map of all station locations of cruises included in Table 1, all station locations of the cruises included in the secondary QC are labelled red.

Many, but not all, cruises were investigated in a repeat primary QC fashion, which included examination of depth profiles, property-property plots etc. To see which cruises were not involved repeated primary QC see Table 1. However, only cruises with station depths deeper than 2500 m were involved in the secondary QC. This unfortunately excluded all except 8 cruises and left out many of the shelf cruises that did not have a section extending into the central basin, but these shallower waters show too much variability to make it possible to determine reliable offsets.

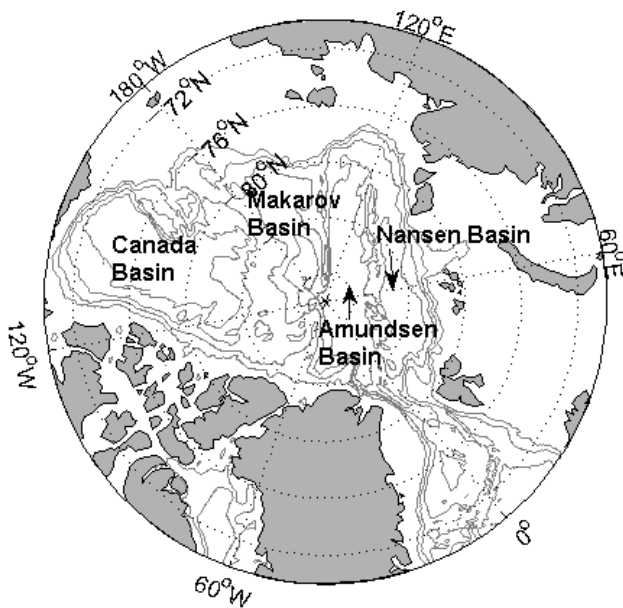
As a first step, deep-water averages of each parameter were calculated for every separate basin in the Arctic Ocean (Fig. 2) for each of the 8 cruises included in the secondary QC (Table 2). This was also done to look at the spread of each parameter in the deep-water. The results show that there likely existed an offset between some of the parameters in different cruises. However, deep-water averages does not take into consideration the natural variability of water masses and other processes and a supplementary method to confirm the offsets found in the deep-water averages was sought.

Crossovers between the Arctic cruises were carried out using the manual approach described by Tanhua et al. (2009), with modifications according to Olsen et al. (2009).

Table 2. Deep-water averages (depth >2500 m).

Cruise #	EXPOCODE	TCO ₂	TCO ₂ -35 ^a	TA	TA-35 ^a	pH	O ₂	NO ₃	PO ₄	Si	Sal
Canada Basin:											
50	18SN19970924	2154 ± 3	2157 ± 3	2299 ± 5	2302 ± 5	NaN	278.3 ± 2.6	14.3 ± 0.1	1.02 ± 0.01	13.4 ± 0.5	34.9554 ± 0.0013
73	32H120020718	2149 ± 1	2152 ± 1	NaN	NaN	NaN	285.0 ± 1.3	14.5 ± 0.1	1.03 ± 0.01	13.2 ± 0.5	34.9549 ± 0.0013
Makarov Basin:											
3	06AQ19960712	2148 ± 2	2150 ± 2	2296 ± 2	2299 ± 2	7.860 ± 0.003	287.6 ± 1.6	13.8 ± 0.1	1.00 ± 0.02	12.6 ± 0.3	34.9519 ± 0.0015
47	18SN19940724	2159 ± 3	2162 ± 3	2328 ± 4	2331 ± 4	NaN	288.7 ± 0.9	14.5 ± 0.04	1.04 ± 0.01	13.4 ± 0.3	34.9531 ± 0.0007
177	77DN19910726	2157 ± 2	2160 ± 2	2289 ± 7	2292 ± 7	NaN	293.2 ± 1.3	14.8 ± 0.07	0.99 ± 0.004	11.9 ± 0.2	34.9544 ± 0.0016
Amundsen Basin:											
3	06AQ19960712	2153 ± 8	2157 ± 8	2298 ± 3	2302 ± 3	7.856 ± 0.004	298.8 ± 0.8	13.7 ± 0.2	0.97 ± 0.02	11.1 ± 0.2	34.9377 ± 0.0054
47	18SN19940724	2163 ± 2	2167 ± 2	2326 ± 2	2330 ± 2	NaN	299.2 ± 0.5	14.5 ± 0.07	1.03 ± 0.01	12.2 ± 0.2	34.9339 ± 0.006
177	77DN19910726	2149 ± 5	2154 ± 5	2291 ± 11	2295 ± 12	NaN	302.1 ± 2.0	14.5 ± 0.1	0.97 ± 0.01	10.9 ± 0.2	34.9361 ± 0.0064
Nansen Basin:											
2	06AQ19930806	2150 ± 3	2154 ± 3	NaN	NaN	NaN	278.9 ± 1.7	13.6 ± 0.4	0.97 ± 0.06	11.4 ± 0.4	34.9327 ± 0.0052
3	06AQ19960712	2155 ± 3	2159 ± 3	NaN	NaN	7.855 ± 0.005	298.5 ± 1.3	14.3 ± 0.3	0.97 ± 0.02	11.3 ± 0.3	34.9381 ± 0.0047
47	18SN19940724	2159 ± 2	2163 ± 2	2320 ± 4	2324 ± 4	NaN	298.9 ± 1.1	14.5 ± 0.04	1.03 ± 0.01	12.9 ± 0.3	34.9374 ± 0.0031
177	77DN19910726	2153 ± 4	2157 ± 4	2298 ± 7	2302 ± 6	NaN	299.3 ± 2.6	14.7 ± 0.2	0.98 ± 0.02	11.1 ± 0.2	34.9399 ± 0.0044
Fram Strait:											
179	77DN20020420	2149 ± 3	2153 ± 3	2304 ± 4	2308 ± 3	7.885 ± 0.005	302.4 ± 2.0	14.7 ± 0.1	0.97 ± 0.02	10.7 ± 0.1	34.9314 ± 0.0074
180	77YM19800811	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	303.2 ± 4.9	12.3 ± 0.2	0.86 ± 0.03	10.3 ± 0.7	34.9313 ± 0.0111

^a Data is normalised to a salinity of 35, TCO₂-35=TCO₂ · 35/S alt. TA-35=TA · 35/Sal.

**Figure 2.** The basins of the Arctic Ocean.

Unfortunately, it was difficult to control which stations were included in the crossover so that all stations chosen were in the same basin. Also, keeping the crossover radius not too large often made the number of stations so few that no standard deviation could be calculated. Due to this, the crossover results will not be discussed. It is noteworthy that the crossover results did not contradict the basin average results.

Trying another approach for the investigations, a regional multi-linear regression (MLR) was applied for each parameter (the MLR was applied to data deeper than 2500). For each basin, data from all the cruises were used to create a

multi-linear regression function for a specific variable. The values calculated from the MLRs for each sample were then compared to the measured values. If the MLR supported the evidence from the basin averages we assumed that there is an offset and the magnitude then determines if a correction is needed. However, care must be taken when choosing the predictor variables of the MLR so that none of these are biased. A number of different MLRs were used for each variable and basin. Since we are not investigating the influence of one individual predictor variable, the MLR can consist of dependent variables. The following are examples of MLRs that were used, but other MLRs were run for every test to check that there was no bias in the results due to an offset in a predictor variable (note: the $\alpha_{1...n}$ -coefficients are individual for each regression):

$$\text{TCO}_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{NO}_3 + \alpha_5 \text{Si} + \alpha_6 \text{AOU}$$

$$\text{TCO}_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{PO}_4 + \alpha_5 \text{Si} + \alpha_6 \text{AOU}$$

$$\text{TA} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{PO}_4 + \alpha_5 \text{Si}$$

$$\text{TA} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{NO}_3 + \alpha_5 \text{Si}$$

Examples of MLRs for oxygen and nutrients (here also other sets of parameters were used):

$$\text{O}_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{NO}_3 + \alpha_5 \text{Si}$$

$$\text{O}_2 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{PO}_4$$

$$\text{Si} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{PO}_4 + \alpha_5 \text{AOU}$$

$$\text{NO}_3 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{Si} + \alpha_5 \text{AOU}$$

$$\text{PO}_4 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \text{Salinity} + \alpha_3 \text{Theta} + \alpha_4 \text{NO}_3 + \alpha_5 \text{Si}$$

For the evaluation of the MLRs, the adjusted R^2 -value is checked as well as the root mean square error and the residuals.

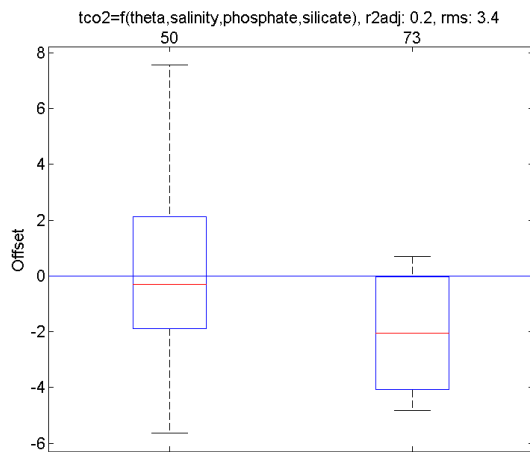


Figure 3. MLR results for TCO_2 in the Canada Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$). The figure contains the predictor function at the top, followed by the adjusted R^2 -value and the root mean square error. The boxes contain lines at the median and upper and lower quartiles. The whiskers extend 1.5 times the interquartile range of the sample. Values outside the whiskers are considered outliers and are marked by red +.

3 MLR-results

For an adjustment to be made, it was determined that the offset should be greater than $4 \mu\text{mol}$ for TCO_2 , $6 \mu\text{mol}$ for TA, 2% for nutrients and oxygen and 0.01 for salinity. For salinity none of the deep-water averages showed any differences larger than 0.01 for any of the cruises in the same basin and salinity was not run with MLRs. The figures in this section showing the MLR results have the offset on the y-axis and the number on the x-axis corresponds to the Cruise # (see Tables 1 or 2) for each cruise involved in the MLR.

3.1 TCO_2

3.1.1 The Canada Basin

The cruises that had TCO_2 measurements in the deep-water in the Canada Basin were: 18SN19970924 (Cruise #50) and 32H120020718 (73). Both cruises used Certified Reference Materials (CRMs), however the TCO_2 samples for 32H120020718 were poisoned and stored for analyses at shore. The deep-water averages of TCO_2 show a $5 \mu\text{mol}$ offset between the cruises. The results from the MLRs showed only smaller offsets. Runs without AOU were also made since the deep-water averages of oxygen showed a discrepancy (Fig. 3). Those results showed a potential offset between the cruises of $\sim 2\text{--}3 \mu\text{mol}$. Since it is difficult to say which of the cruises is offset as compared to the other and 32H120020718 only had three stations in deep-water and had stored samples, as well as the offset being just on the limit, no adjustment is advised.

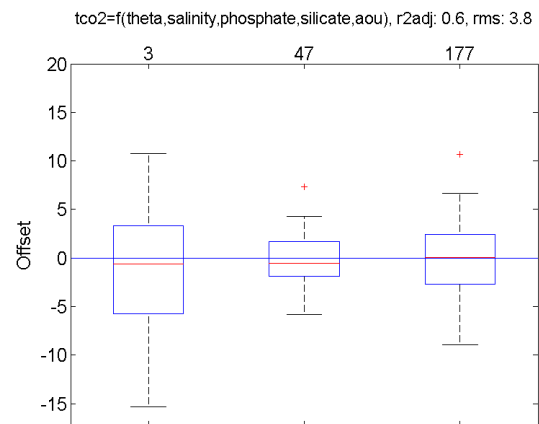


Figure 4. MLR results for TCO_2 in the Amundsen Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

3.1.2 The Makarov Basin

The following cruises were part of the MLR in the Makarov Basin: 06AQ19960712 (3), 18SN19940724 (47) and 77DN19910726 (177). Of these 77DN19910726 did not have CRMs. From the deep averages the 06AQ19960712 cruise seems quite a bit lower than the others ($\sim 10 \mu\text{mol}$). This is not supported in the MLR functions using all three cruises, however when using 18SN19940724 and 77DN19910726 as master cruises for the MLRs the offset increases. As the MLRs are inconclusive and 06AQ19960712 has a greater number of stations in the Amundsen and Nansen basins no adjustments will be suggested at this point.

3.1.3 The Amundsen Basin

Cruises included in the Amundsen Basin MLR: 06AQ19960712 (3), 18SN19940724 (47) and 77DN19910726 (177) (no CRMs). The results show no significant offsets in the MLRs (Fig. 4) even though the spread is quite large, either when all cruises are used in the MLR or when 18SN19940724 and 77DN19910726 are used as master cruises for the MLR.

3.1.4 The Nansen Basin

Cruises included in the Nansen Basin MLRs were: 06AQ19930806 (2), 06AQ19960712 (3), 18SN19940724 (47), 77DN19910726 (177) and 77DN20020420 (179). The deep-water averages for 77DN20020420 and 06AQ19930806 suggested that these cruises had lower TCO_2 than the others; this is only in part shown in the MLR (Fig. 5) with the 77DN20020420 cruise being somewhat lower than the others. For this cruise CRMs were used and it also had stations in the deep Greenland Sea, so any corrections would also have to take into account how it fits the other Nordic Seas cruises. Olsen (2009) investigated the

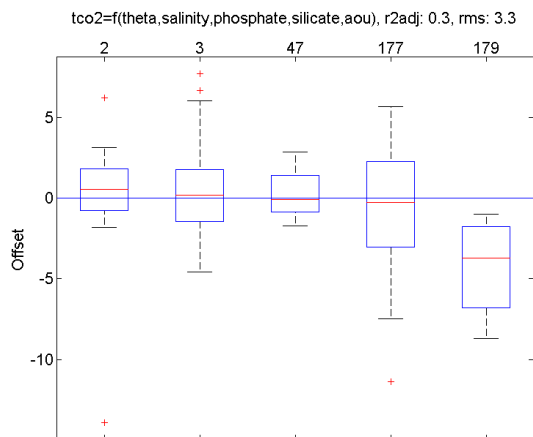


Figure 5. MLR results for TCO₂ in the Nansen Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

TCO₂ data in the Nordic Seas and did not find an offset large enough to validate an adjustment for this cruise. Therefore no adjustment of the TCO₂ data from 77DN20020420 was made.

06AQ19930806 was also excluded in a test run to see the impact on the other cruises (O₂ and NO₃ seemed to be off when considering the deep-water averages), but only small differences resulted from this. The offset suggested by the deep-water averages for 18SN19940724 is not evident in any of the regional MLRs. Since the possible offset found in the Makarov Basin for 06AQ19960712 was not validated in the results for the Amundsen and Nansen basins where the major part of the stations were located, no adjustment was made.

3.2 TA

3.2.1 The Canada Basin

The deep-water averages of TA in the Canada Basin only contain 18SN19970924. CRMs were used on this cruise and the value seems reasonable. No correction of TA is suggested.

3.2.2 The Makarov Basin

Included cruises in the Makarov Basin: 06AQ19960712 (3), 18SN19940724 (47) and 77DN19910726 (177). Deep-water averages show a large discrepancy in alkalinity. The MLRs support this (e.g. Fig. 6) especially with regards to the high offsets in the 18SN1994072 data. These cruises are also included in other basins so the correction must also depend on the results from the Amundsen and the Nansen Basin and will be discussed at the end of the TA results.

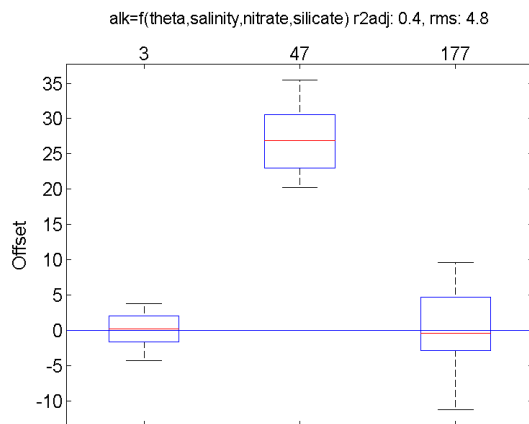


Figure 6. MLR results for TA in the Makarov Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

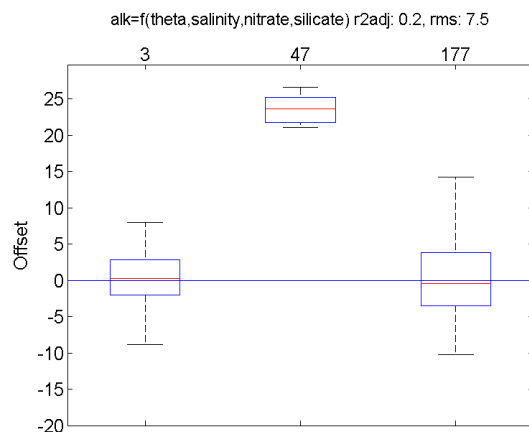


Figure 7. MLR results for TA in the Amundsen Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

3.2.3 The Amundsen Basin

Cruises included in the Amundsen Basin: 06AQ19960712 (3), 18SN19940724 (47) and 77DN19910726 (177). The results are very similar to those found in the Makarov Basin, although there is an even larger spread in 77DN19910726 and 06AQ19960712 data and a decrease in the MLR fit (Fig. 7).

3.2.4 The Nansen Basin

Cruises included in the Nansen Basin: 18SN19940724 (47), 77DN19910726 (177) and 77DN20020420 (179). 06AQ19960712 had a breakdown of the TA system and did not have TA data in the deep Nansen Basin. The MLRs still suggest an offsets for 18SN19940724.

3.2.5 Discussion

TA data for 77DN19910726 seem lower than the other cruises in the Makarov and Amundsen Basins when looking

at the deep-water averages. No CRMs were used on this cruise which suggests that a correction is not surprising. Considering that most of the stations of this cruise were located in the Amundsen and Nansen Basin and only a few stations in the Makarov Basin it makes more sense to trust the Eurasian Basin results. Also, TA data were quite scattered in the deep-waters in the Makarov Basin. The MLRs in the Eurasian Basin do not support the differences found in the deep-water averages, even if there is a large spread in 77DN19910726 data as seen in Figs. 6 and 7. In conclusion, no correction to TA data is suggested for this cruise.

For the 18SN19940724 deep-water averages suggest that this cruise is almost $30 \mu\text{mol}$ higher than e.g. 06AQ19960712. This is supported in the MLRs giving positive offsets between $22\text{--}30 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$. In conclusion it is most likely that 18SN19940724 has a positive offset in TA of about $24 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$.

3.3 pH

Only two cruises had measured pH (and, since they also measured TA and TCO_2 on the same cruise, overdetermined the carbonate system): 77DN20020420 and 06AQ19960712. By doing “round-calculations”, i.e. using TA and TCO_2 to calculate pH, TCO_2 and pH to calculate TA and TA and pH to calculate TCO_2 and then comparing the measured parameter to the calculated, it is possible to get an idea of whether any of the parameters are offset. This was done for the cruises mentioned above (using CO2SYS by Lewis and Wallace, with the constants from Mehrbach et al. (1973) refit by Dickson and Millero, 1987). The results show a difference in TA of about $3 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ between measured and calculated and the same for DIC. ΔpH has an average of 0.008 and in view of this no corrections of pH is suggested. Velo et al. (2009) evaluated the pH data in the CARINA data set, but since there were only three cross-overs for pH in the Arctic Ocean data, the authors drew no conclusions regarding possible adjustments.

3.4 O_2

For oxygen a clear offset in the deep-water averages ($>2\%$ from the average) was seen in one cruise in the Nansen Basin (06AQ19930806) and a smaller offset of just over 2% in the Canada Basin (between 18SN19970924 and 32H120020718).

3.4.1 The Canada Basin

The following cruises were part of the MLR in the Canada Basin: 18SN19970924 (50) and 32H120020718 (73). The results did not differ substantially between different predictor variables; the largest offset between the cruises was only about 2%. Since the deep-water averages and the MLR are on the limit, the suggestion is not to adjust.

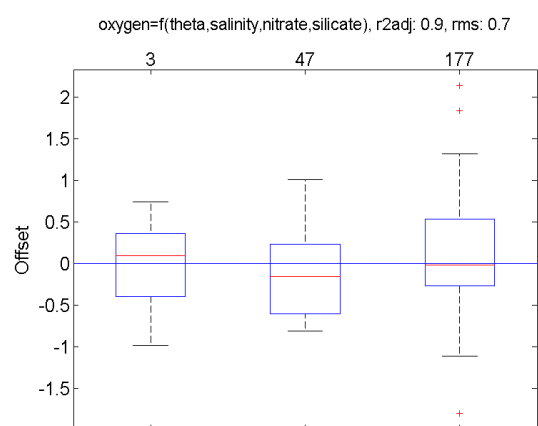


Figure 8. MLR results for O_2 in the Makarov Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

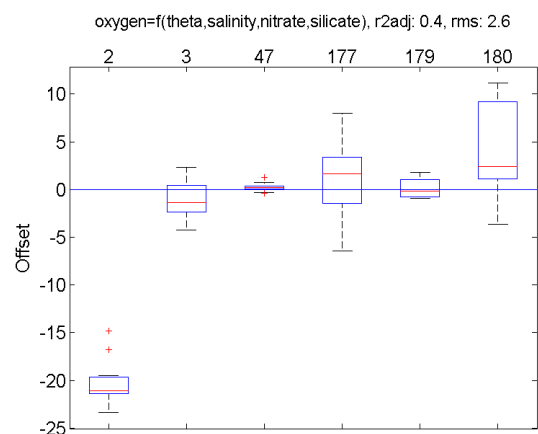


Figure 9. MLR results for O_2 in the Nansen Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

3.4.2 The Makarov and Amundsen Basins

Oxygen MLRs for the Makarov Basin (Fig. 8) and Amundsen Basin were run, although no results diverged from the conclusions of the deep-water averages.

3.4.3 The Nansen Basin

The following cruises were part of the MLR in the Nansen Basin: 06AQ19930806 (2), 06AQ19960712 (3), 18SN19940724 (47), 77DN19910726 (177), 77DN20020420 (179) and 77YM19800811 (180).

Figure 9 shows an offset for 06AQ19930806, which was also indicated in the deep-water averages. However, 77YM19800811 is also somewhat offset. Looking closer at 06AQ19930806 and 77YM19800811 and the predictor variables, the 06AQ19930806 cruise seems to have a lower deep-water average in NO_3 as well as oxygen and 77YM19800811 seem to be low in NO_3 and PO_4 , while the deep-water average for oxygen is not far off from the other cruises. Changing

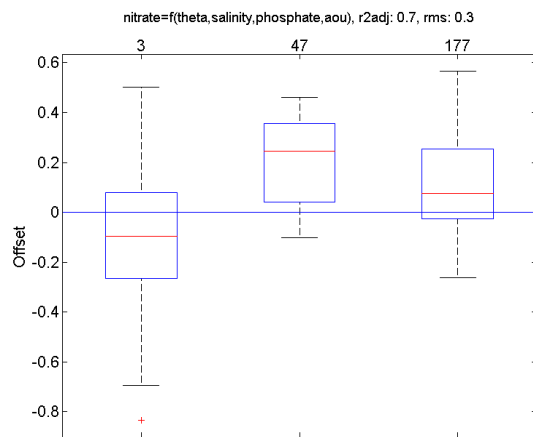


Figure 10. MLR results for NO_3 in the Makarov Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

the predictor variables to exclude NO_3 and also other nutrients was done. The results were similar in the sense that the 06AQ19930806 cruise showed an offset of 14–23 μmol . 77YM19800811 varies between having a small offset (>2%) to having no offset. Excluding NO_3 keeps 77YM19800811 within the limits and it is likely that this seems to be a question about the NO_3 being too low rather than the oxygen being too high for this cruise.

3.5 Nutrients

3.5.1 The Canada Basin

For the Canada Basin the deep-water averages for NO_3 , PO_4 and Si are not significantly (> 2%) offset between the different cruises, as can be seen in Table 2. MLRs in this basin support this. Testing different sets of predictor variables such as AOU/PO_4 , AOU/Si or Si/PO_4 or running MLRs of the other nutrients yielded the same results.

3.5.2 The Makarov Basin

In the Makarov Basin deep-water averages, the NO_3 concentration for 06AQ19960712 is quite a bit lower than the other cruises in this basin. This is also seen in the Amundsen Basin. In the MLR it is instead 18SN19940724 that shows up a little bit on the high side (Fig. 10). Using other predictor variables does not give evidence either for a large enough negative offset for 06AQ19960712 or positive offset for 18SN19940724 to justify a correction of data. The P:N ratios for these cruises are the same: 1:14. The Si concentrations in the deep-water differ quite a bit, however when running MLRs, no conclusive offsets are found.

3.5.3 The Amundsen Basin

In the Amundsen Basin again the 06AQ19960712 cruise has a lower deep-water average of NO_3 than the others and the

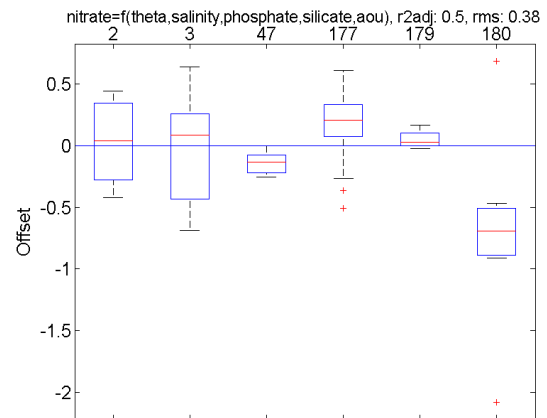


Figure 11. MLR results for NO_3 in the Nansen Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$).

Si values are quite varied. The results are quite similar to the Makarov runs. No conclusive offsets.

3.5.4 The Nansen Basin

In the Nansen Basin the clearest offsets in the deep-water nutrient averages are the NO_3 average of the 06AQ19930806 cruise, the Si average of the 18SN19940724 cruise and the NO_3 and PO_4 averages of the 77YM19800811 cruise. The latter cruise also has rather low Si concentrations. Although this can be explained by the fact that the deep stations are close to Fram Strait and the deep-water concentrations of Si seem to decrease in this area this does not explain the very low NO_3 values. In Fig. 11 the offset in NO_3 for 77YM19800811 is quite clear and changing the predictor variables does not change the offset significantly.

Since 77YM19800811 does not contain any carbon parameters in the CARINA data product, has few deep stations in the Arctic Ocean proper and is clearly offset in NO_3 and PO_4 , the suggestion is to exclude this cruise. Figure 11 does not show an offset for NO_3 from the 06AQ19930806 cruise. However, when removing AOU as a predictor variable, since it was earlier determined to be offset for 06AQ19930806, the result show a clear negative offset of NO_3 for 06AQ19930806. Changing predictor variables between PO_4 and Si does not change this result. Therefore the suggestion is to adjust NO_3 for the 06AQ19930806 cruise. An MLR where the AOU was calculated with adjusted oxygen values for 06AQ19930806 was created to see if the offset in nitrate would show and the result is shown in Fig. 12 where the nitrate is clearly offset. The high Si in the deep-water average for 18SN19940724 does show up to some extent in the MLR, but since this is not the case for the other basins and there are only a few stations for 18SN19940724 in the Nansen Basin there is no suggestion to adjust.

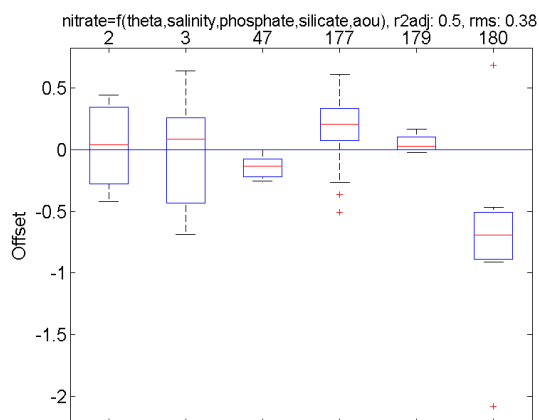


Figure 12. MLR results for NO_3 in the Nansen Basin (offsets in $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$), calculated using adjusted AOU for 06AQ19930806.

4 Applied adjustments

TCO_2 : No adjustments.

TA: 18SN19940724 is offset by $24 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ and was adjusted downwards by this amount in the data product.

pH: No adjustments.

O_2 : 06AQ19930806 was adjusted upwards by 7% in the data product.

Nutrients: Excluded 77YM19800811 from the synthesis, and NO_3 concentrations for 06AQ19930806 were adjusted upwards by 5% in the data product.

Salinity: No adjustments.

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