

Distributions of dissolved oxygen and apparent oxygen utilization in the Cosmonaut Sea and Amundsen Sea in austral summer 2022

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Abstract Dissolved oxygen (DO) and apparent oxygen utilization (AOU) are essential parameters for evaluating the impact of climate change on marine ecosystems. In this study, we utilized data on DO and AOU collected from the Amundsen Sea (western Antarctic) and the Cosmonaut Sea (eastern Antarctic) during the 38th Chinese National Antarctic Research Expedition, along with chlorophyll *a* (Chl *a*) data, to analyze the impact of primary production and the spatial distribution and structural features of water masses in these regions. The findings show that the standard deviation range of parallel DO samples is between 0.1 and 3.9 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, meeting the precision criteria of the survey method. AOU values lower than 0.0 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ were commonly observed in the surface waters of both regions, with the highest incidence in the polynya of Amundsen Sea, indicating a strong influence of high primary production. The Cosmonaut Sea exhibited the highest AOU values (higher than 160.0 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) in the 75–500 m layer, while AOU value in the Amundsen Sea did not exceed 160.0 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, suggesting potential upwelling of Circumpolar Deep Water to 100 m in the Cosmonaut Sea with minimal changes in its properties, whereas significant changes were noted in the properties of upwelling modified Circumpolar Deep Water in the Amundsen Sea. AOU values lower than 125.0 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ were detected in the near-bottom waters of the Cosmonaut Sea, indicating the presence of Antarctic Bottom Water.

Keywords dissolved oxygen, apparent oxygen utilization, Southern Ocean, water mass, chlorophyll *a*

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1 Introduction

Dissolved oxygen (DO) is crucial for the survival of organisms in marine ecosystems (Gilly et al., 2013). Changes in DO concentration are strongly linked to marine productivity, water mass mixing, temperature, salinity, and

organic matter decomposition processes (Böning et al., 2008; Levin, 2018; Matear et al., 2000). The increase of ocean water temperature caused by global warming is expected to result in a continual decline in DO levels (Schmidt et al., 2017). Studies indicate that by 2100, global oceanic DO levels could decrease by 1%–7%, with this downward trend persisting over an extended period (Keeling et al., 2010; Levin, 2018). Moreover, alterations in ocean circulation may impact DO distribution, potentially leading to enhanced vertical mixing in the Antarctic Bottom

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Water (AABW) formation region, facilitating the transport of oxygen-rich surface water to deeper layers (Purkey and Johnson, 2013; Solodoch et al., 2022). Ocean acidification and eutrophication could exacerbate these effects, potentially causing local increases of primary productivity (Schmidtke et al., 2017). This could elevate oxygen consumption during organic matter decomposition processes, resulting in decrease of DO levels in specific water areas. Apparent oxygen utilization (AOU) represents the difference between the theoretical saturated DO and the measured DO concentration, serving as an indirect indicator of organic matter degradation in water bodies. Elevated AOU values typically suggest high biological activity (e.g., organic matter decomposition) and/or longer water residence time. AOU is also a valuable indicator of ocean circulation and mixing, reflecting oxygen consumption from surface to deep water layers (Boyer et al., 1999; Gopinath et al., 2006). Hence, DO and AOU are essential tools for evaluating biogeochemical processes and ecological functions in marine ecosystems. Monitoring these parameters is critical for comprehending the impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems and predicting their future responses.

The Southern Ocean is a crucial region and a sensitive area for global climate change (Park et al., 1998), accounting for 16% of global DO loss, significantly impacting the global distribution of DO (Helm et al., 2011). The Antarctic marginal sea plays a critical role in the formation of global deep ocean currents and exhibits high productivity. Global warming may lead to a reduction in DO in the AABW formation region, linked to changes in glacier melting and precipitation patterns that alter the formation process of Southern Ocean Deep Water and its DO concentration (Schmidtke et al., 2017; Solodoch et al., 2022). Studies have identified local increase processes of oxygen and AOU due to biogeochemical processes and changes in ocean dynamics in the Antarctic marginal sea, related to ocean mixing, upwelling, and seasonal sea ice changes (Arrigo et al., 2008). Surface phytoplankton productivity in this area influences DO distribution across the entire Southern Ocean (Arrigo and van Dijken, 2003; Arrigo et al., 1998). During spring, as sea ice melts, low salinity, iron-rich meltwater is released, forming a lower density freshwater layer conducive to phytoplankton growth (Mendes et al., 2012). In summer, rising sea temperatures and reduced sea ice lead to significant consumption of DO in seawater (Kim and Kim, 2021). Seasonal variations in biological activity can result in notable fluctuations in AOU (McClish and Bushinsky, 2023). Consequently, understanding the complex changes in DO in the Antarctic marginal seas across different seasons and years is essential.

The Amundsen Sea and the Cosmonaut Sea are significant marginal seas in Antarctic. The Amundsen Sea, located in western Antarctic, is experiencing notable warming among the marginal seas of Antarctic (Zhang and Li, 2023). Recent observations show that surface seawater

in the Amundsen Sea is warming, while sea ice coverage is decreasing (Stammerjohn et al., 2008). Conversely, the Cosmonaut Sea in eastern Antarctic has been experiencing decreasing temperatures and an expansion of sea ice extent in recent decades (Ludescher et al., 2019). The Amundsen Sea, a deep-water pathway situated on the western side of Antarctic, plays a crucial role in transporting DO from west to east through the Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC), which helps to minimize DO differences between various ocean basins (Rintoul and da Silva, 2019). However, the accelerated melting of glaciers in western Antarctic due to global warming is leading to an influx of freshwater into the Amundsen Sea, potentially impacting changes in water density and vertical mixing, which in turn influence DO distribution (Biddle et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2022; Xing et al., 2020). The melting of sea ice and the collapse of ice shelves can alter the water column structure, with water column stability being a critical factor in studying phytoplankton in the region (Mendes et al., 2012). The depth of the mixed layer serves as a key indicator of water column structure, where a shallower mixed layer depth indicates water column stability, and the biomass of phytoplankton (chlorophyll *a* (Chl *a*) concentration) often shows a negative correlation with mixed layer depth in the study area (Hewes et al., 2008). Particularly in summer, the freshwater layer formed by glacier meltwater may impede the downward transport of oxygen-rich surface water, resulting in a reduction in DO supply to the deep-water column (Raiswell et al., 2016; Tagliabue et al., 2009).

Compared to the Amundsen Sea, research on DO in the Cosmonaut Sea is relatively scarce. According to data from the BROKE-West survey, the Cosmonaut Sea is characterized by the widespread presence of year-round ice, strong seasonal variations, and a distinct seasonal mixed layer (Martinson and Iannuzzi, 2013; Meijers et al., 2010). Large polynyas periodically appear in the Cosmonaut Sea (Arbetter et al., 2004). On one hand, these polynyas receive ample sunlight, leading to high primary production (Arrigo et al., 2008). On the other hand, the upwelling in the polynyas, driven by sea surface winds, brings deep-water to the surface, significantly influencing the distribution of DO (Arbetter et al., 2004; Geddes and Moore, 2007). Additionally, the wind fields in the Cosmonaut Sea area cause the large-scale seasonal mixed layer to deepen gradually from west to east (Geddes and Moore, 2007; Park et al., 1998; Williams et al., 2010). Guo et al. (2023) found a correspondence between the AOU values at different depths and water mass characteristics based on DO and AOU data from the 37th Chinese National Antarctic Research Expedition (CHINARE-37). The presence of a narrow continental shelf in the coastal areas of the Cosmonaut Sea hinders the upwelling of Circumpolar Deep Water (CDW) (Guo et al., 2023; Moreau et al., 2023). Overall, there is considerable uncertainty in the understanding of DO and AOU in the Amundsen Sea and Cosmonaut Sea, mainly due to limited geographical

observational data in these regions and the complex influences of factors such as climate warming and glacier melting.

In this study, we utilized DO, AOU, and Chl *a* data obtained during the 38th Chinese National Antarctic Research Expedition (CHINARE-38) in the two seas to analyze the main hydrological characteristics and their variations during the summer. The research aims to provide data support for observing the long-term continuous changes in DO of the Southern Ocean and its impact on the marine ecosystem.

2 Materials and methods

2.1 Characteristics of water masses, fronts and currents

The Cosmonaut Sea is situated in the western part of

Enderby Land in East Antarctica, characterized by complex and variable sea ice conditions (Geddes and Moore, 2007). The Amundsen Sea, a marginal sea located along the coast of Marie Byrd Land in West Antarctica, is positioned between the Ross Sea and the Bellingshausen Sea. For detailed geological information, please refer to Guo et al. (2023). The study area of the Cosmonaut Sea for the CHINARE-38 spans between 30°E–60°E and 62°S–68°S. It can be divided into two regions: the area west of 50°E is predominantly influenced by the Weddell Gyre (Park et al., 2001), while to the east of 50°E, the ACC extends from the north into this region. The study area for the Amundsen Sea of the CHINARE-38 covers the area between 110°W–150°W and 72°S–76°S. Sampling stations from 110°W–120°W encompass the entire polynya. The ACC, Antarctic Slope Current (ASC), Southern Boundary (SB) of ACC, Weddell Gyre (WG), and Ross Gyre (RG) are the primary ocean currents that play pivotal roles in this region (Figure 1).

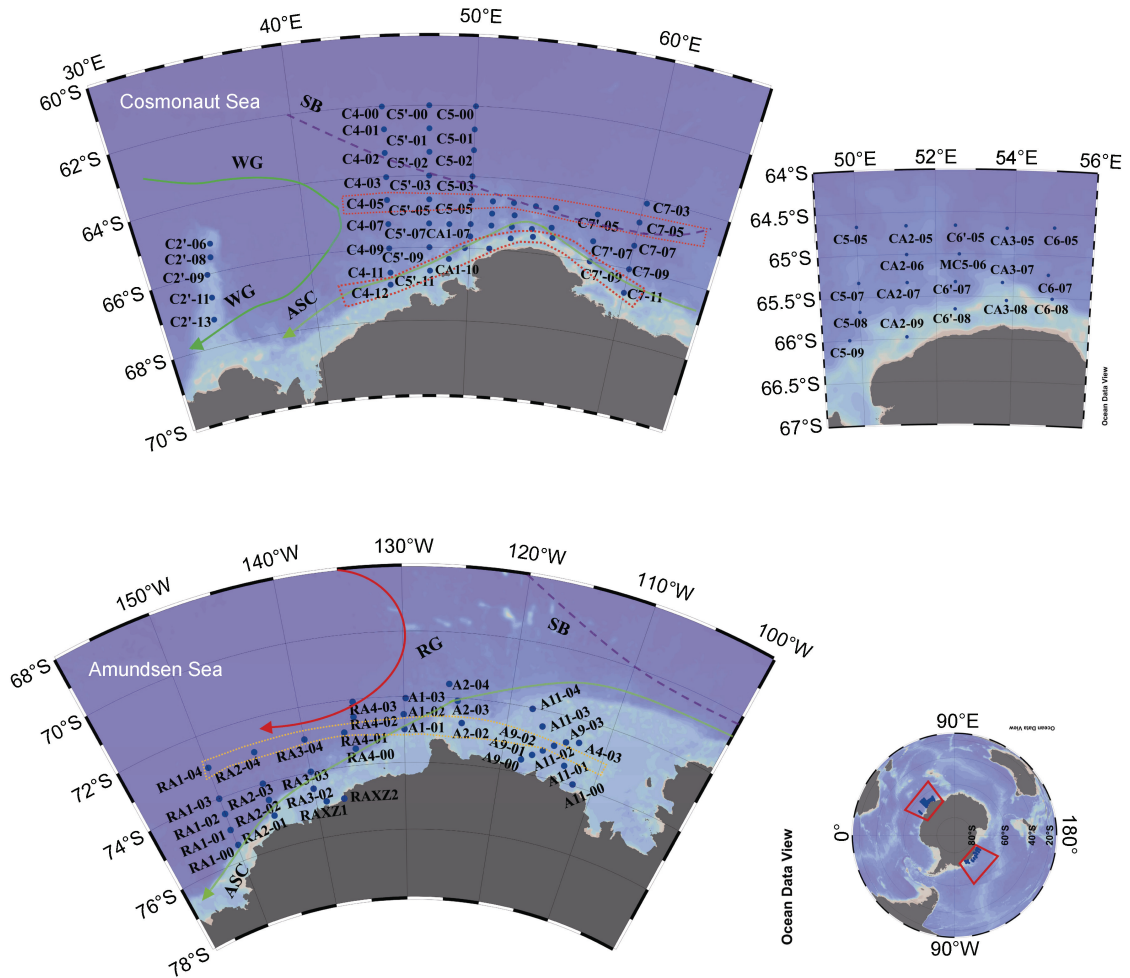


Figure 1 The sampling stations for DO and Chl *a* in the the Cosmonaut Sea and Amundsen Sea during the summer of 2022 in Antarctic. The primary circulation patterns in the Cosmonaut Sea consist of Southern Boundary of ACC (SB, purple dashed line), Weddell Gyre (WG, green solid line), and Antarctic Slope Current (ASC, yellow-green solid line) (Williams et al., 2010). The red dotted frame marks the positions of two cross-transects, one at 64.6°S and the other near the continental shelf. In the Amundsen Sea, the major circulation patterns comprise the Ross Gyre (RG, red solid line), ASC (yellow-green solid line), and SB (purple dashed line) (Arneborg et al., 2012; Nakayama et al., 2018). The orange dotted frame marks the positions of one cross-transect at 73°S.

2.2 Sample collection and determination of DO

The data utilized in this study consist of DO and Chl *a* measurement conducted on-site by the CHINARE-38 in the Cosmonaut Sea and the Amundsen Sea (sampling locations depicted in Figure 1). In the Cosmonaut Sea, comprehensive observations were carried out from 27 January to 26 February, 2022, encompassing a total of 54 sampling sites; whereas in the Amundsen Sea, observations were performed from 24 January to 19 February, 2022, at 34 sampling stations.

Water samples for DO analysis were obtained using a conductivity-temperature-depth (CTD) rosette from standard layers at approximately 2–3 m (logarithmically represented as 5 m), 25 m, 50 m, 75 m, 100 m, 150 m, 200 m, 300 m, 500 m, 1000 m, 2000 m, 3000 m, 4000 m, and the bottom layer, amounting to a total of 66 parallel samples (Table S1). Following collection, the water samples were transferred to brown bottles with a volume of around 120 mL (measured precisely to 0.1 mL). The samples were carefully poured into the bottles through a rubber tube until they filled half the volume of the bottle, ensuring the absence of trapped air bubbles. Subsequently, 1.0 mL of 2.4 mol·L⁻¹ MnCl₂ solution and 1.0 mL of 1.8 mol·L⁻¹ alkaline KI solution (5.4 mol·L⁻¹ NaOH) were sequentially added using a calibrated pipette. Upon addition of the reagents, the bottle was promptly sealed and gently inverted. During this process, O₂ reacted with manganese ions (Mn²⁺) and hydroxide ions (OH⁻) to produce a brown precipitate of high-valent manganese (MnO(OH)₂), which was utilized for subsequent analysis.

The DO titration was completed within 24 h of sampling using the iodometric titration method outlined in “Part 4: Survey of Chemical Parameters in Sea Water” (GB/T 12763.4—2007) (General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People’s Republic of China and Standardization Administration of China, 2007). The titration process was carried out using a calibrated Mettler Toledo T5 automatic potentiometric titrator. Once the precipitate settled at the bottom of the brown glass bottle, 1 mL of 1 : 3 (V : V) H₂SO₄ was added to dissolve the precipitate and convert iodide ions (I⁻) to iodine (I₂). The content of I₂ and the corresponding DO levels were determined through thiosulfate (Na₂S₂O₃) titration. The Na₂S₂O₃ solution (approximately 1×10⁴ μmol·L⁻¹, calibrated with a KIO₃ standard solution) was titrated into the sample using the automatic potentiometric titrator until the endpoint was reached. The DO content was calculated based on the volume of Na₂S₂O₃ solution consumed. The standard deviations for seawater standard samples with DO contents <160 μmol·L⁻¹ and >550 μmol·L⁻¹ should be <±2.8 μmol·L⁻¹ and <±4.0 μmol·L⁻¹, respectively, with an accuracy of DO content determination of 0.6 μmol·L⁻¹.

The formula for calculating the concentration of DO (as O atom) is:

$$c(\text{O}) = \frac{V_n \times c}{(V_1 - V_2) \times 2} \quad (1)$$

where, $c(\text{O})$ is the concentration (μmol·L⁻¹) of DO in seawater samples, c is the calibration concentration (μmol·L⁻¹) of Na₂S₂O₃ solution, V_1 is the volume (mL) of the brown bottle, V_2 is the total volume (mL) of MnCl₂ and KIO₃-NaOH solutions, V_n is the volume (mL) of Na₂S₂O₃ solution consumed during titration.

2.3 Sample collection and analysis of Chl *a*

Water samples for Chl *a* analysis were collected using a CTD rosette from the surface to a depth of 200 m (0 m, 25 m, 50 m, 75 m, 100 m, 150 m, and 200 m). Following sample collection, the water samples designated for Chl *a* analysis were immediately filtered using a glass fiber filter (Whatman, 0.7 μm, GF/F). Subsequently, extraction was carried out using 90% acetone, and fluorescence measurements were taken using a Turner Designs fluorometer. The specific procedures adhered to the guidelines established by Welschmeyer (1994).

2.4 Calculation of AOU

The formula for calculating AOU (as O₂ molecule) is:

$$c_{\text{AOU}} = c_{\text{O}}^{\text{S}} - c_{\text{O}} \quad (2)$$

where, c_{O}^{S} is the saturation concentration of O₂ in the water column at 101.325 kPa atmospheric pressure and 100% humidity, c_{O} is the concentration of O₂ measured on site. AOU<0 indicates that DO is over saturated, and AOU>0 indicates that DO is in a depleted state. c_{O}^{S} is related to seawater temperature (T) and salinity (S), and the calculation formula (see GB/T 12763.4—2007) is:

$$\ln c_{\text{O}}^{\text{S}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ -168.938 + 249.6339 \left(\frac{100}{T} \right) + 143.3483 \ln \left(\frac{100}{T} \right) - 21.8492 \left(\frac{100}{T} \right) + S \left[-0.033096 + 0.014259 \left(\frac{100}{T} \right) - 0.0017 \left(\frac{100}{T} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \quad (3)$$

where, T and S were determined and recorded using a pre-calibrated Sea-Bird SBE-9/11 plus CTD system (SeaBird, USA).

2.5 Statistical analysis

Data plot and statistical analysis were performed with Ocean Data View software and Origin 9.65 software. Pearson correlation analysis was used between AOU and Chl *a*. The independent t -test was used to compare the difference in average values of AOU and Chl *a* in different sea regions. Two-tailed tests of significance were performed using SPSS 25 software (IBM, USA) to identify significant relationships between the measured parameters. The correlations were investigated and considered robust when

$p < 0.05$ for the single areas.

3 Results

3.1 Parallel sample analyses

The range of standard deviation for DO in parallel samples was $<0.1\text{--}3.9\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (Table S1), which meet the requirements outlined in the investigation standard (GB/T 12763.4–2007). Therefore, the parallelism results meet the requirements for experimental precision. In the Cosmonaut Sea, the range of DO concentration and AOU values were $314.9\text{--}790.8\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ and $-35.3\text{--}186.4\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, respectively (Table S2). In the Amundsen Sea, the DO concentration and AOU values ranged from $375.6\text{--}850.0\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ and $-56.1\text{--}156.5\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, respectively (Table S3). Both study areas exhibited well-oxygenated conditions.

3.2 Spatial distribution of DO and AOU in the Cosmonaut Sea

The horizontal distribution of DO and AOU in the Cosmonaut Sea was shown in Figure 2 (and Figures S1 and

S2). The ranges of DO in the surface, 200 m layer, and bottom layer were $662.1\text{--}790.8\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(709.0\pm 27.4)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), $324.3\text{--}672.5\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(483.7\pm 106.8)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), and $403.7\text{--}612.0\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(69.3\pm 57.8)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), respectively. The corresponding AOU ranges in these layers were $-35.3\text{--}31.2\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(7.6\pm 14.7)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), $34.9\text{--}181.0\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(118.8\pm 40.6)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), and $69.3\text{--}155.8\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(127.8\pm 23.6)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$). In the surface layer, AOU was $<0.0\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ in the southwest (C2' transect, stations C4-09 to C4-12, C5-00 to C5-02, and C5'-11). In the 200 m layer, AOU in the north $((163.7\pm 7.1)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1})$ (stations C4-00 to C4-03, C4-07 to C4-09, C5'-00 to C5'-03, C5-00, C5-02, CA3-05, C6-05, C7'-05, and C7-03 to C7-07) was significantly ($p < 0.01$) higher than that in the south $((96.3\pm 30.2)\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1})$. Given that most of the sampling depths in the CHINARE-38 only reached around 1000 m, only on the C4 transect are there 6 stations, on the C5 transect 1 station, and on the C7 transect 1 station where sampling depth reaches the bottom. In the bottom layer, the value of AOU was less than $130.0\ \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ at stations C4-00 to C4-02 and stations C4-07 to C4-09.

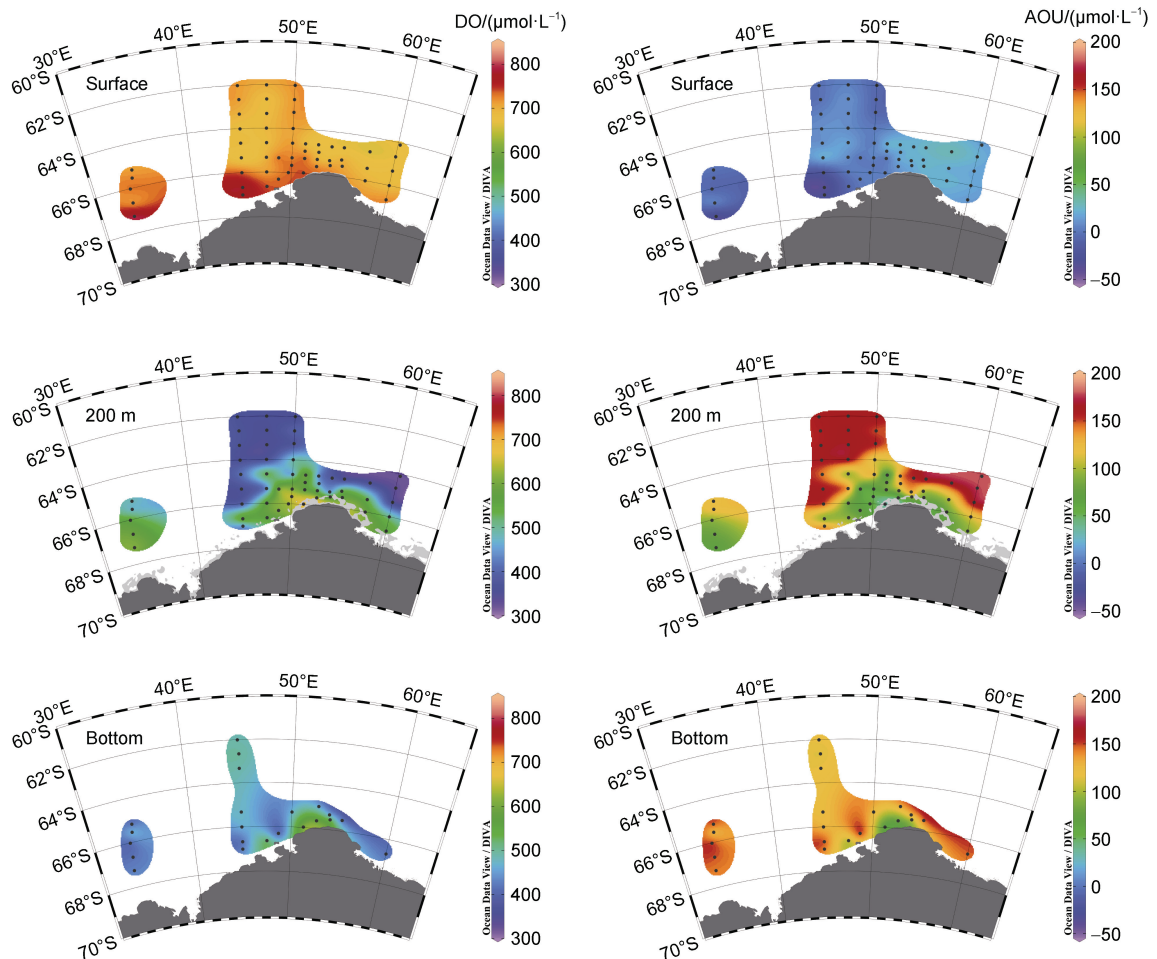


Figure 2 Horizontal distributions of DO and AOU in the surface layer, 200 m layer and bottom layer of the Cosmonaut Sea.

The vertical distribution of DO and AOU in the C2', C4, C5, C7, 64.6°S, and coastal transects of the Cosmonaut Sea was shown in Figure 3. Across all transects, the DO concentration in the euphotic zone declined rapidly with increasing water depth, reaching a minimum between 200

and 1000 m before slightly increasing. At the surface and at a depth of 25 m, AOU remained consistently below $30.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. In the C4 and C5 transects, AOU increased gradually with depth in high-latitude coastal areas, while it rose rapidly in low-latitude open sea areas between 50 and

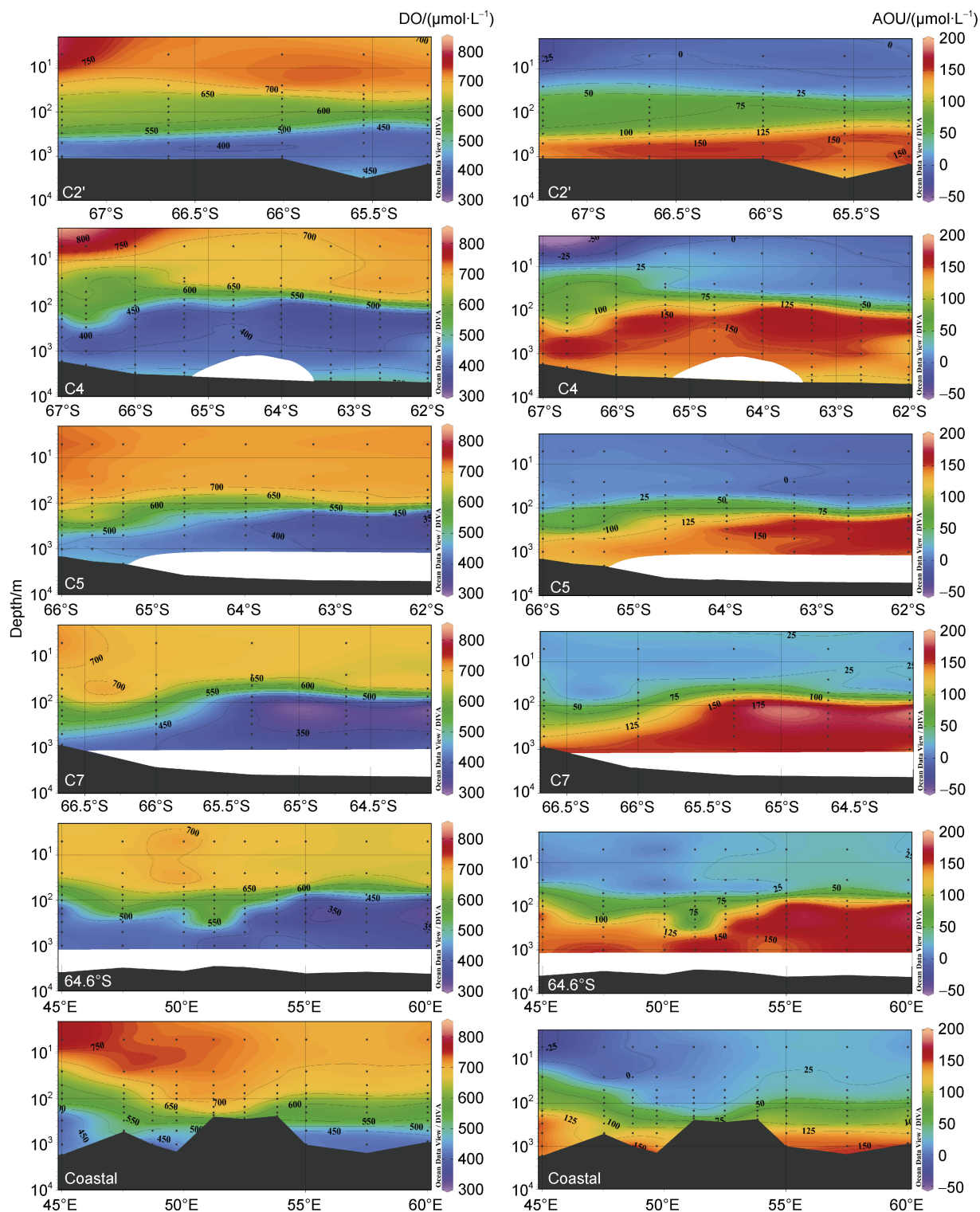


Figure 3 Vertical distributions of DO and AOU along transects C2', C4, C5, C7, 64.6°S and coastal transects in the Cosmonaut Sea. Note: depth was displayed in logarithmic form.

300 m. A comparison with the 64.6°S transects indicated that the surface AOU in coastal transects is below $0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. Additionally, compared to the 64.6°S transect, the AOU in coastal transects, with depths ranging from 100 to 1000 m, was notably lower.

3.3 Spatial distribution of DO and AOU in the Amundsen Sea

The spatial distribution of DO and AOU in the Amundsen Sea was shown in Figure 4 and Figures S3–S4. The concentration ranges of DO in the surface, 200 m layer, and bottom layer were as follows: $721.3\text{--}850.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(776.3\pm34.7) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), $(406.9\text{--}719.7) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(550.1\pm74.6) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), and $(405.0\text{--}634.4) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(451.3\pm40.4) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), respectively. The corresponding AOU ranged at these depths are as follows: $-56.1\text{--}13.4 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(-18.2\pm20.0) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), $12.0\text{--}146.7 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(95.8\pm28.7) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$), and $57.8\text{--}149.7 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (average $(131.2\pm15.5) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$). Regarding the spatial distribution, in the surface layer, $\text{AOU}>0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ was only observed on the west side (stations RA1-01 to RA1-03, RA2-02 to RA2-04, and

RA4-02 to RA4-03). However, in the 200 m layer, the AOU in the deep-sea regions (stations RA1-04, RA2-04, RA3-04, RA4, and A1 transect) ($(130.3\pm14.8) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) was higher than that in the coastal regions ($(81.5\pm19.1) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$). There were no significant differences in the horizontal distribution of DO and AOU in the bottom layer.

The vertical distribution of DO and AOU along transects RA1, RA3, A11, A9, and 73°S in the Amundsen Sea was shown in Figure 5. In the euphotic zone, DO concentration decreased greatly with depth, reaching a minimum between 200 and 1000 m. Subsequently, DO slightly increased with depth, while AOU exhibited the opposite trend. On the RA1 and RA3 transects, AOU increased from $<30.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ at the surface and 25 m depth to over $150.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ between 200 and 500 m, then gradually decreased to $130.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ at depths exceeding 3000 m. The distribution of DO and AOU on the RA1 transect demonstrated a consistent trend from nearshore to offshore areas, with no significant latitude differences. AOU in the euphotic zone on the A11 and A9 transects ($(32.8\pm54.9) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) was significantly lower ($p<0.01$) than that on other transects ($(54.5\pm49.7) \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$). Compared to

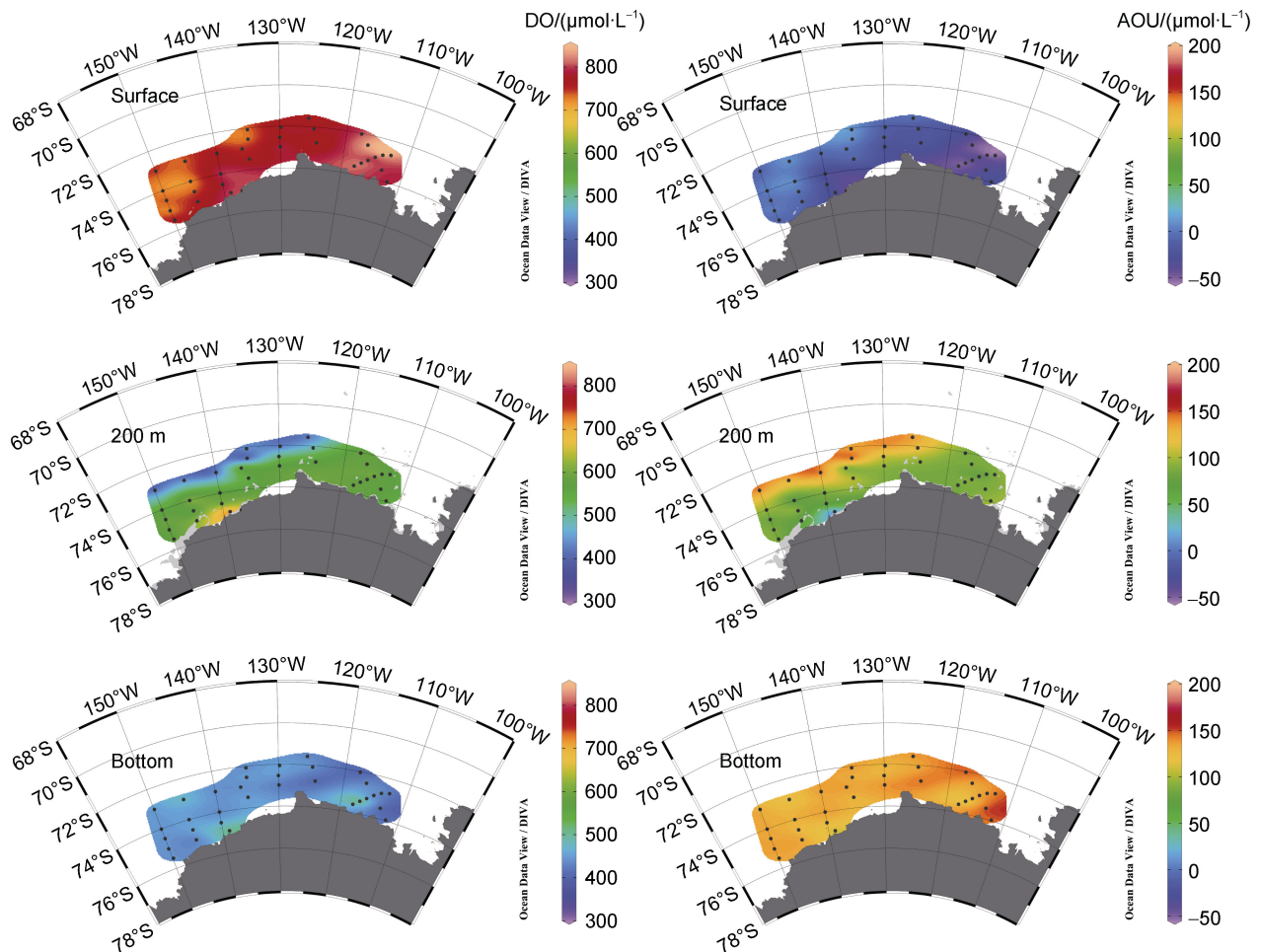


Figure 4 Horizontal distributions of DO and AOU in the surface layer, 200 m layer and bottom layer of the Amundsen Sea.

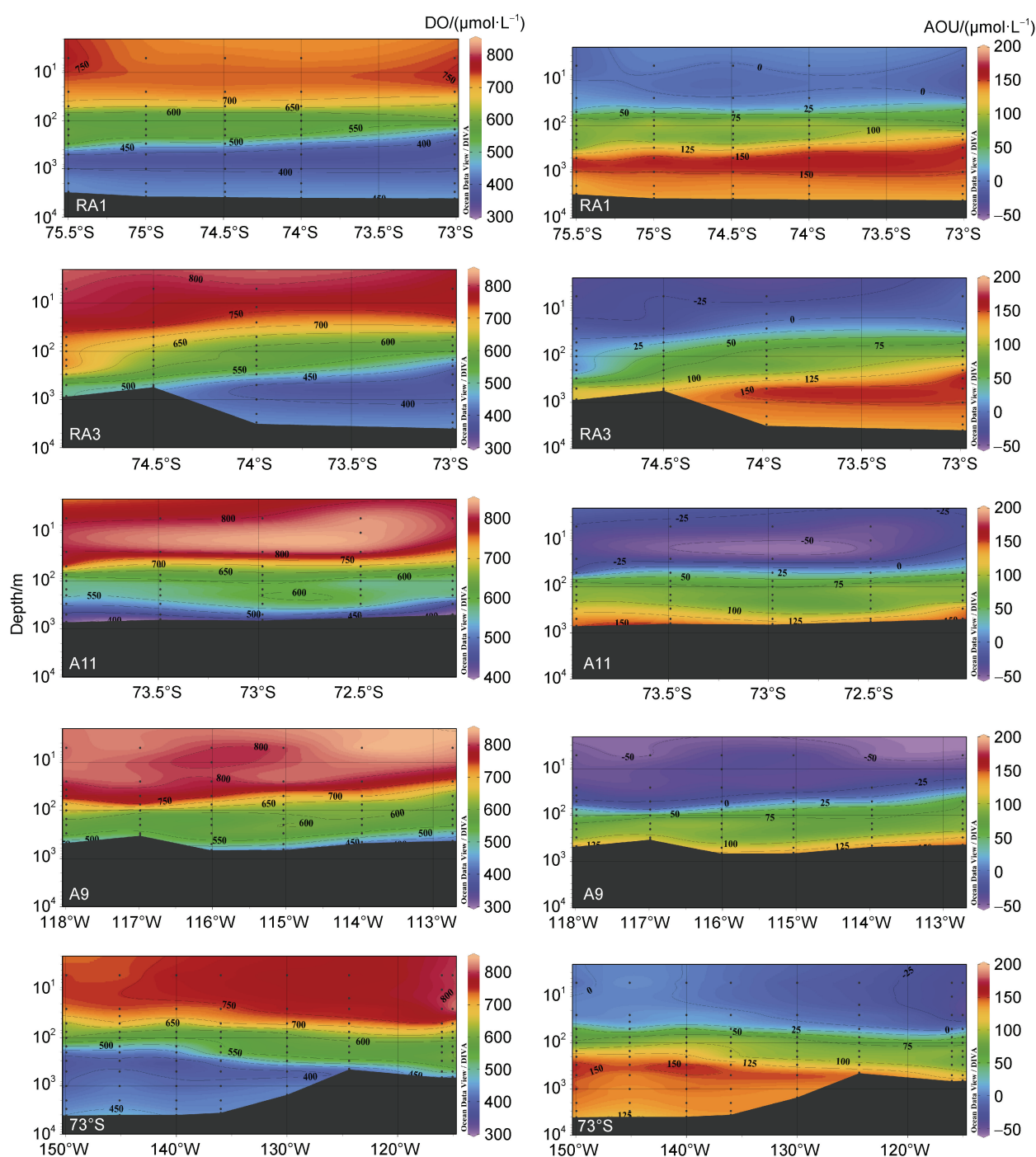


Figure 5 Vertical distributions of DO and AOU along transects RA1, RA3, A11, A9 and 73°S in the Amundsen Sea. Note: depth was displayed in logarithmic form.

non-polynya regions of the Amundsen Sea and the Cosmonaut Sea, the A11 and A9 transects exhibited low AOU ($<0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) down to 75 m depth, likely due to the presence of polynya in the Amundsen Sea. Furthermore, significant differences between the eastern and western parts were observed along the 73°S transect. In the western part, AOU exceeded $150.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ at 300 m depth for stations RA1-04 and RA3-04, while in the eastern part,

stations A9-02 and A11-02 showed AOU of approximately $85.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ at the same depth.

3.4 Spatial distribution of Chl *a* in the Cosmonaut Sea and the Amundsen Sea

The horizontal distribution of Chl *a* in the Cosmonaut Sea was shown in Figure 6. The concentrations of Chl *a* in the surface and 200 m layers range from 0.02 to

$1.22 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ (average $(0.46\pm0.34) \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$) and from 0.00 to $0.61 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ (average $(0.04\pm0.10) \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$), respectively. Elevated Chl *a* values ($>0.65 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$) were observed in the surface layer at stations C2'-13, C4-11 to C4-12, and C5'-11 on the southwest side, with corresponding AOU values all

below $0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. In the $0\text{--}100 \text{ m}$ layer, Chl *a* concentrations near the continental shelf stations were significantly higher ($p<0.05$) compared to those in the northern region. Conversely, in the 200 m layer, Chl *a* exhibited a uniform spatial distribution.

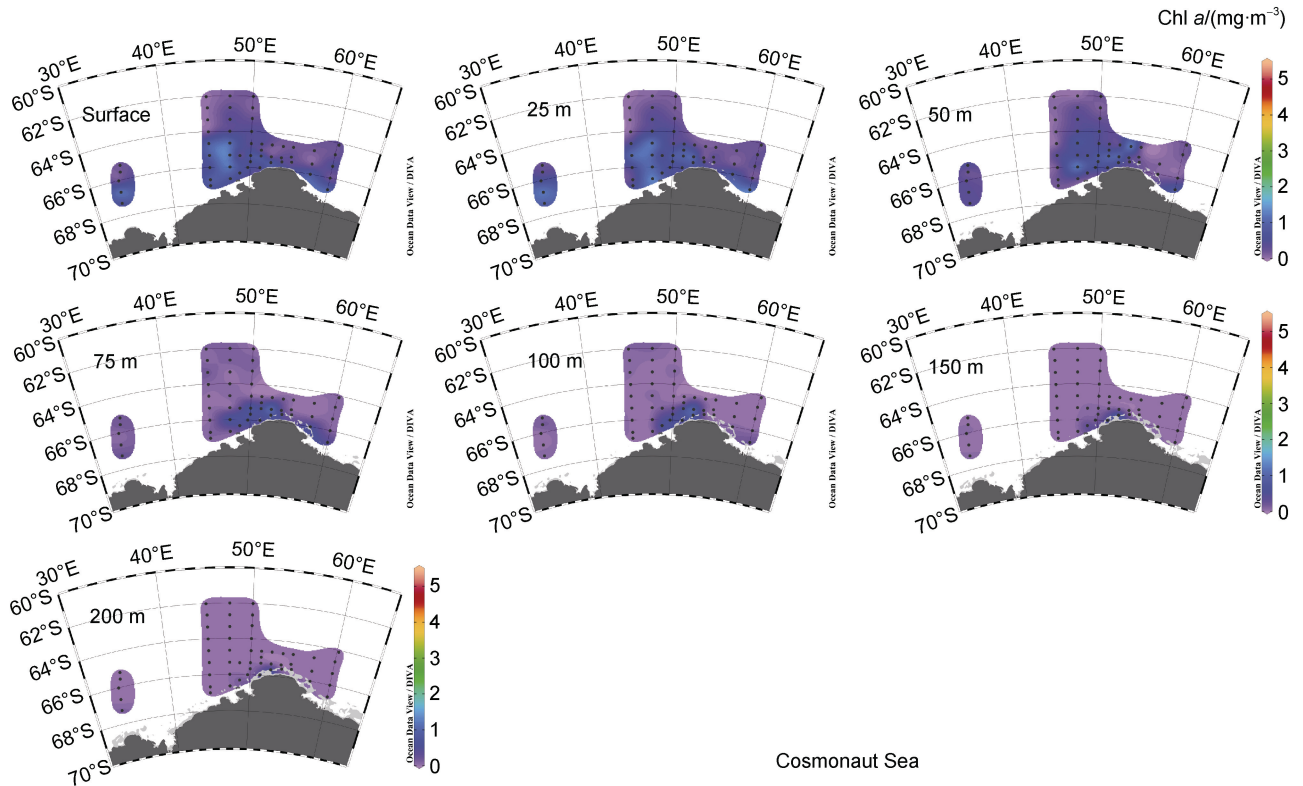


Figure 6 Horizontal distributions of Chl *a* in the Cosmonaut Sea (units: $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$).

The horizontal distribution of Chl *a* in the Amundsen Sea was shown in Figure 7. The Chl *a* range in the surface and 200 m layers were $0.78\text{--}5.16 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ (average $(2.34\pm1.16) \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$) and $0.06\text{--}0.53 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ (average $(0.21\pm0.14) \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$), respectively. In the surface layer, transects A11 and A9, as well as stations RAXZ1 and RAXZ2, had Chl *a* levels $>1.40 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$, with corresponding AOU values $<-25.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. The high Chl *a* ($>1.40 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$) in transects A11 and A9 can extend to depths of up to 75 m . In the 200 m layer, the horizontal distribution of Chl *a* also did not show a clear spatial trend.

4 Discussion

4.1 The AOU indication of water masses

AOU serves as a reflection of the redox state of water masses, making it a crucial parameter in water mass analysis. It also has significant implications to reveal the vertical distribution and stratification of water mass (Iida et al., 2013). Combined with other physicochemical parameters, AOU can help identify specific water mass types (Zhang et al., 2024). In this study, we examined the

vertical AOU profiles in the Amundsen Sea and the Cosmonaut Sea in February 2022 (Figure 8). By utilizing potential temperature (θ) and salinity data collected during the CHINARE-38 and referencing previous studies by Kim and Lee (2005), Kim et al. (2016), Meijers et al. (2010), and Williams et al. (2010), we were able to distinguish various water masses in these regions, including Summer Surface Water (SSW), Winter Remnant Shelf Water (WRSW), CDW, modified Circumpolar Deep Water (mCDW), Warm Deep Water (WDW), and AABW. Additionally, we identified fronts such as SB of the ACC, Antarctic Slope Front (ASF), and Southern Antarctic Circumpolar Current Front (sACCF) (Figures S5 and S6).

Based on the vertical potential temperature and salinity profiles (Figures S5 and S6) in conjunction with AOU, the Amundsen Sea displayed three distinct water masses: SSW, WRSW, and mCDW (Figure 8b). The Amundsen Sea SSW exhibits a broad temperature range ($-1.5^\circ\text{C} < \theta < 2.0^\circ\text{C}$), low salinity ($S < 34.2$), and $\text{AOU} < 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, primarily influenced by processes such as summer ice melt and solar radiation. Increased surface radiation leads to higher SSW temperatures, low summer wind speeds, and shallow mixing depths (Westwood et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2022).

In the Amundsen Sea Polynya (ASP) region, $S < 33.7$, and $\text{AOU} < -25.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. WRSW is situated beneath the shallow layer of SSW, maintaining the thermohaline characteristics of the winter water mass, with $\theta < -1.5^\circ\text{C}$,

$34.2 < S < 34.5$, and $0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1} < \text{AOU} < 100.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. WRSW is observed at depths of 30–50 m in the RA1 and RA3 transects, while in the A11 and A9 transects, WRSW begins at depths of 60–80 m.

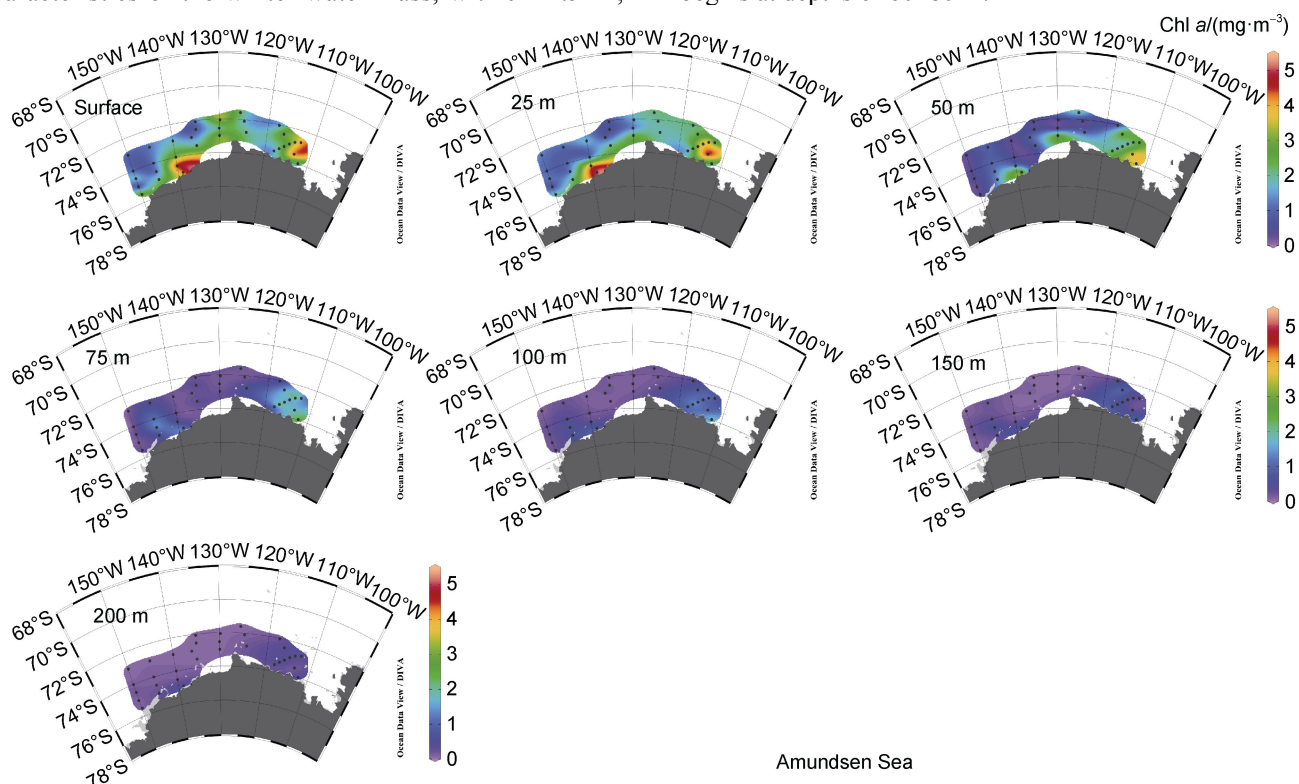


Figure 7 Horizontal distributions of Chl *a* in the Amundsen Sea (units: $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$).

In the surface water layer (0–25 m), the negative AOU values in transects A11 and A9 exhibited a significantly wider depth range compared to transects RA1 and RA3. This difference is attributed to the presence of a thicker SSW. The higher water temperature in the SSW enhances phytoplankton growth, thereby increasing DO levels in the SSW. Furthermore, there is a more pronounced gas exchange between the SSW and the atmosphere, leading to an increased influx of DO and subsequently lowering the AOU values (An et al., 2012). At depths ranging from 150–500 m, the Amundsen Sea continental shelf area (transects RA1 and RA3) displayed AOU values exceeding $150.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, with the potential for CDW ($\theta > 1.5^\circ\text{C}$) from RA3 flowing southward towards approximately 74°S . Concurrently, observations along the 73°S transect reveal elevated AOU values ($>150.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) west of 130°W (Figure 5), indicating characteristics of CDW upwelling. This phenomenon is closely linked to the incursion of warm mCDW in the Amundsen Sea continental shelf region. Previous studies have demonstrated that CDW penetrates through the troughs (Jacobs et al., 2012). The intrusion of warm mCDW into the Amundsen Sea continental shelf region triggers basal ice shelf melting, which is a critical area for West Antarctic Ice Sheet melting (Drijfhout et al., 2024). Additionally, research has shown that mCDW

transports more heat into the ASP, leading to a vertical convergence of water properties and the formation and accumulation of high-density shelf water (Cheng et al., 2022).

This study integrates AOU with water masses and reveals that the Cosmonaut Sea prominently displayed four water masses (Figure 8a). In the surface Cosmonaut Sea, two water mass (SSW and WRSW) characteristics are evident. Notably, at depths of 25–50 m, the AOU corresponding to WRSW is significantly more positive compared to that in the Amundsen Sea. In contrast, at depths of 75–300 m, the AOU values corresponding to WRSW in both sea areas are quite similar, ranging from 50 to $100 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. In the upper to middle layers of the open sea in the low-latitude region of the Cosmonaut Sea, CDW ($\theta > -1.5^\circ\text{C}$) can upwell southward to around 64°S (western transect C4) and even 65.3°S (eastern transect C7) at a depth of 100 m without alteration, with $\text{AOU} > 160.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ during this process. Transects C5 and C7 demonstrate that mCDW continues to intrude into high-latitude areas, correlating with a decreasing trend in AOU. In the continental shelf coastal region, mCDW penetrates beneath the ice shelf edge, generating colder and fresher water masses, ultimately leading to the formation of Antarctic Surface Water through meridional overturning, bringing

substantial nutrients to the surface waters (Williams et al., 2010). Conversely, in the western transects of the Cosmonaut Sea, transects C2' and C4 are influenced by WDW rich in nutrients induced by the WG near 65.5°S. WDW has potential temperatures above 0.6 °C (Figure S5), with a relatively high AOU exceeding 150.0 $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ (Figure 3). This upwelling flow of WDW continuously transports trace elements such as iron upward to the euphotic zone (Moreau et al., 2023). Thus, AOU serves as an indicator that upwelling transports nutrients from deep waters to the euphotic zone.

In the deep-sea region with depths exceeding 3000 m, the presence of AABW was observed in the Cosmonaut Sea. During CHINARE-38, most observation stations were limited to depths over 1000 m, and the minimum depth at which AABW was observed was around 3500 m. This water mass originates from the adjacent area of Darnley Corner Bottom Water, with its temperature gradually decreasing with depth (Kitade et al., 2014; Li et al., 2024). Increased sea ice production in the Darnley Corner Polynya leads to the formation of AABW, which then flows westward (Tamura et al., 2008). The AOU in this area can be as low as $<125.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, suggesting the presence of AABW (with $\theta < 0.0$ °C) (Figures 8 and S6). Within the AABW water mass, AOU decreases with depth, consistent with the gradual increase in DO observed in the western part of the Darnley Corner Polynya between 3200 and 3800 m (Gao et al., 2022).

On the whole, AOU at different depths is influenced by the water mass, along with oceanographic parameters such as potential temperature and salinity, it can provide insights into the characteristics and variations of the water mass.

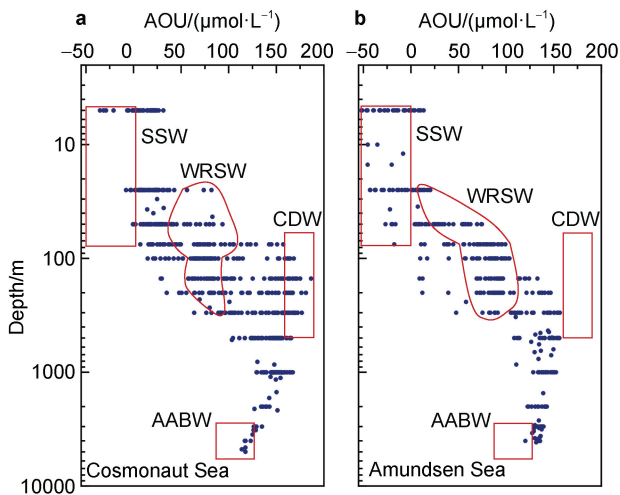


Figure 8 Profile view of AOU of the Cosmonaut Sea (a) and Amundsen Sea (b) in February 2022.

4.2 Impact of primary production on the spatial distribution of surface AOU

The concentration of DO in the upper layer of the

ocean is influenced by factors such as the solubility of oxygen in seawater, biological activities (such as microbial decomposition of organic matter), and the contribution from primary production. A positive AOU value indicates a dominant role of microbial decomposition, while a negative AOU value suggests a greater impact of photosynthesis, which is part of the primary production process (Kostyleva et al., 2022). This research investigated the connection between surface Chl *a* and AOU (Figure 9a). The results revealed a significant negative correlation between surface AOU and Chl *a* within the study area ($p < 0.01$, $r = -0.71$, $n = 87$), indicating a consistent influence of Chl *a* on surface AOU during both summer seasons in the two regions.

The relationship between AOU and Chl *a* in the entire study area can be categorized into three scenarios. The first dataset (green dots in Figure 9a) pertained to stations located west of 120°W in the Amundsen Sea, where AOU and surface Chl *a* exhibited a negative correlation, indicating a decline in AOU values with increasing Chl *a* concentration. This underscored notable spatial variations in AOU and Chl *a* level in the western sector of the Amundsen Sea. The second dataset (yellow triangles) in Figure 9a was situated in the ASP region, showing negative AOU values and elevated Chl *a* concentration. The weak linear association between Chl *a* and AOU implied a more uniform nature of both parameters within polynyas. The negative AOU values were likely attributable to the intensity of phytoplankton photosynthesis. Previous research has demonstrated a positive relationship between Chl *a* and DO in the ASP, linked to phytoplankton primary productivity (Hu et al., 2023). Arrigo et al. (2008) identified the ASP as one of the 37 coastal polynyas in the Southern Ocean with the highest primary productivity. Phytoplankton biomass in the ASP region surpasses that in ice-covered areas (Lee et al., 2012). The elevated Chl *a* level in coastal polynyas in the Southern Ocean may be attributed to increased iron input into surface waters, which stimulates phytoplankton growth (Arrigo et al., 2015). Additionally, prior studies in the Ross Sea polynya (Arrigo et al., 2000) and ASP (Alderkamp et al., 2012) have indicated a negative correlation between Chl *a* and mixed layer depth, ascribed to better light conditions in warmer and shallower mixed layers rather than enhanced phytoplankton growth activity (Arrigo et al., 2015). This indicates that the AOU in the Amundsen Sea is primarily related to photosynthesis.

The third dataset, represented by blue cubes, pertains to the station points in the Cosmonaut Sea during February of summer. This dataset was characterized by Chl *a* concentrations all lower than $1.30 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$, with a narrow range of variation, while the AOU ranges from -35.3 to $31.2 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$. The correlation between AOU and Chl *a* content was not statistically significant ($p > 0.05$, $r = -0.16$, $n = 53$), suggesting that AOU in the Cosmonaut Sea is influenced by factors other than Chl *a*. Previous studies have shown that in the northeastern Black Sea, the lack of correlation between summer AOU and Chl *a* is attributed to

the extensive phytoplankton bloom in spring, resulting in the accumulation of semi-stable organic matter that degrades in summer, thus limiting phytoplankton primary production (Cauwet et al., 2002; Kostyleva et al., 2022). This finding aligns with observations by Nielsen et al. (2023), who noted that due to significant nitrogen consumption, phytoplankton growth in late summer in the Bering Strait is generally constrained (Nielsen et al., 2023). These results suggest the existence of other influencing factors on AOU that warrant further investigation.

Furthermore, this study examined the relationship between surface AOU and Chl *a* levels in various regions of the Antarctic marginal seas (Figure 9b). The results showed that there was a negative correlation between AOU and Chl *a* for the whole dataset, suggesting that surface AOU is primarily controlled by primary production. However,

significant variations are observed among different regions. For the open ocean areas, it is characterized by positive AOU (i.e., $\text{AOU} > 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) and minimal Chl *a* concentrations, indicating a prevalence of microbial consumption over primary production in these regions. For the coastal areas, it is characterized by negative AOU (i.e., $\text{AOU} < 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) and higher Chl *a* concentrations, indicating that primary production is dominant. Especially, for the polynya regions, it is characterized by more negative AOU (i.e., $\text{AOU} < -30.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) and much higher Chl *a* concentrations, where the primary productivity are significantly higher than other coastal areas. We also noted that in certain regions and certain time, such as February in southwest Cosmonaut Sea and ice shelf front of Prydz Bay, it was characterized by negative AOU and very low Chl *a* concentrations. We will discuss this phenomenon in the next section.

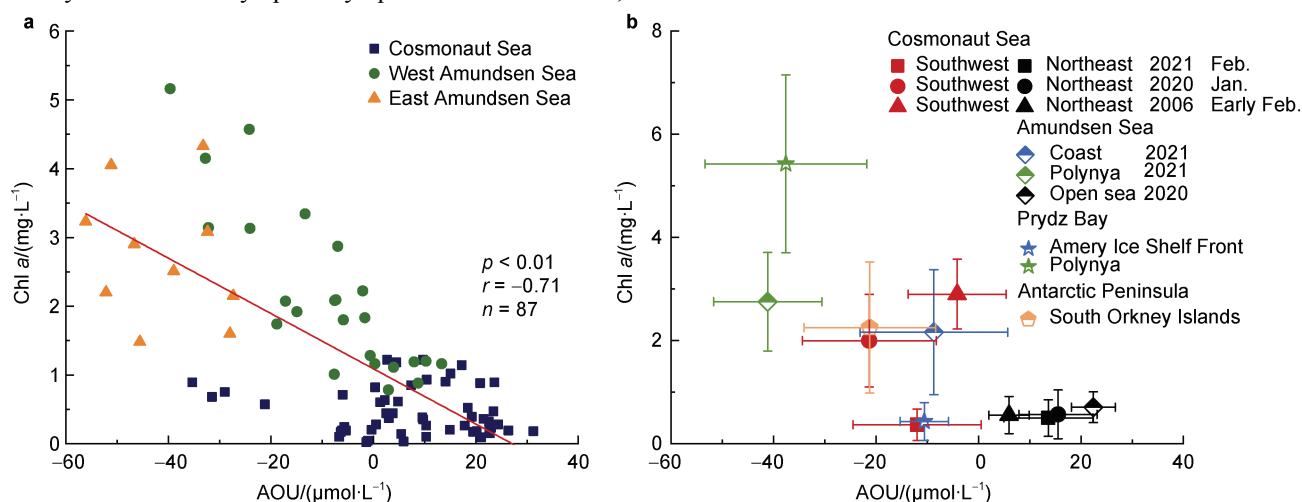


Figure 9 a, correlation analysis between Chl *a* and AOU in surface layer of the Cosmonaut Sea and Amundsen Sea; b, analysis of AOU and Chl *a* concentrations at the surface (0 m) in various regions of the Southern Ocean. Error bars indicate the standard deviation of the data. Data from 2006 were collected during the BROKE-West expedition, data from 2020 were from CHINARE-37, and data from 2021 were from CHINARE-38. Data from Prydz Bay were obtained from Han et al. (2019), while data from the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula were sourced from Feng et al. (2022). The category “coast” pertains to data that excludes specific areas.

4.3 Intermonthly variability of AOU in the Cosmonaut Sea

AOU in the extremely shallow layer is influenced by many factors, such as sea ice melting, solar irradiance and wind mixing. These factors affect the changes in AOU by influencing phytoplankton growth. Primary production was found to be directly related to DO supply, with significant differences in summer months (Hewes et al., 2008).

The Cosmonaut Sea dataset includes comprehensive data from three expeditions, allowing us to analyze the variations in the Cosmonaut Sea specifically during the austral summer months of January and February. The majority of the CHINARE-38 was conducted in February 2022 in the Cosmonaut Sea, which was one month later than CHINARE-37. These two years were at different stages of sea ice retreat. CHINARE-37 took place during the early stage of sea ice melting, while CHINARE-38 was

in the late stage, with minimal sea ice distribution north of 66°S and scattered sea ice in the nearshore areas (Li et al., 2024). During the CHINARE-38, it was observed that the surface waters of the Cosmonaut Sea were warmer in summer compared to CHINARE-37, particularly at the nearshore area of transect C4 (i.e., stations C4-09 to C4-12) (Figure S6), and the AOU was $< 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, attributing to higher primary productivity associated with local sea ice coverage and the inflow of meltwater (Park et al., 1998). Although a similar range of AOU in the southwest Cosmonaut Sea during the three expeditions, the Chl *a* concentrations were significantly lower in February 2022 (Figure 9b). After the flourishing of phytoplankton in summer, zooplankton will come to feed, and this process takes some time to develop (Mou et al., 2021; Swadling et al., 2010). Therefore, low levels of Chl *a* were observed in February, mainly attributed to predation by zooplankton rather than low primary productivity. The situation of low

Chl *a* was also observed at the ice shelf front of Prydz Bay (Yang et al., 2011) (Figure 9b). Notably, the AOU values for February 2022 (CHINARE-38) and February 2006 (BROKE-West) were comparable, but the Chl *a* was significantly higher in the latter than in the former. This indicates that there are significant interannual differences in the grazing of phytoplankton by zooplankton, possibly due to the strong interannual variations in environmental factors in the Southern Ocean (Pinkerton et al., 2020). Therefore, more interdisciplinary field investigations and research are needed to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of environmental changes on ecosystems.

Additionally, we observed that the surface levels of AOU and Chl *a* showed consistent patterns across the three years in the northeastern region of the Cosmonaut Sea ($\text{AOU} > 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, $\text{Chl } a < 1.00 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$, Figure 9b). This indicates that there are no significant intermonthly differences in the surface waters of the open ocean. The cross-transect at 64.6°S (Figure 3) indicated that the CDW extended to 64°S in transect C4, while in transect C7, the CDW reached up to 65.3°S , showing a clear trend of southward intrusion of the CDW. The upwelling depth of warm CDW in February was around 100 m, which is shallower than in January. This was very likely because our AOU values in the surface layer in February were located closer to the high-latitude continental shelf. Furthermore, there were no significant differences in the AOU of bottom waters between three expeditions, indicating a stable structure of the AABW with minimal monthly variations.

5 Summary

This study analyzed the spatial distribution characteristics of DO and AOU in the Amundsen Sea and the Cosmonaut Sea during austral summer, using data collected from CHINARE. The results indicated that in surface waters with $\text{AOU} > 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, biological consumption was the prevailing factor. While for $\text{AOU} < 0.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, primary production was the dominant factor, particularly evident in the values of ASP, highlighting the substantial impact of high primary productivity. A summary of multi-year data revealed that there are no significant seasonal differences in AOU in the Cosmonaut Sea. The highest AOU values ($> 160.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$) in the 100–300 m layer were observed in the Cosmonaut Sea, suggesting that CDW upwells to at least 100 m with minimal changes in properties. Conversely, the AOU in the Amundsen Sea did not exceed $160.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$, indicating notable changes in properties during the CDW intrusion process. Furthermore, AOU value less than $125.0 \mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ was detected in bottom waters of the Cosmonaut Sea, indicating the presence of AABW. Long-term monitoring of DO and AOU is essential to further validate our findings.

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Supplementary Tables and Figures

Table S1 Measured, average concentration, and standard deviation of DO in the samples from the 66 parallel sample stations

Station	Depth/m	Measured A/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	Measured B/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	Average/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	Standard deviation/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
AM4	0	717.5	720.6	719.1	2.2
RA1-00	150	588.8	586.3	587.5	1.8
RA1-01	500	377.5	379.4	378.4	1.3
RA1-02	1000	396.3	396.3	396.3	<0.1
RA1-03	2000	423.8	424.4	424.1	0.4
RA1-04	3000	435.0	435.6	435.3	0.4
RA2-01	200	618.8	618.1	618.4	0.4
RA2-02	200	566.9	565.0	565.9	1.3
RA2-03	200	611.3	613.1	612.2	1.3
RA2-04	200	442.5	440.0	441.3	1.8
RA3-02	500	506.3	507.5	506.9	0.9
RA3-03	75	599.4	601.3	600.3	1.3
RA3-04	50	609.4	609.4	609.4	<0.1
RA4-00	200	545.6	547.5	546.6	1.3
RA4-01	0	750.6	751.9	751.3	0.9
RA4-02	150	485.0	482.5	483.8	1.8
RA4-03	25	715.6	718.1	716.9	1.8
A1-01	200	564.4	566.3	565.3	1.3
A1-02	200	516.9	516.3	516.6	0.4
A1-03	200	430.0	428.8	429.4	0.9
A2-02	200	570.0	569.4	569.7	0.4
A2-03	200	491.9	492.5	492.2	0.4
A2-04	200	427.5	426.9	427.2	0.4
A9-00	200	585.6	586.9	586.3	0.9
A9-01	200	581.9	581.9	581.9	<0.1
A9-02	200	569.4	569.4	569.4	<0.1
A9-03	200	583.8	585.0	584.4	0.9
A11-00	200	556.9	557.5	557.2	0.4
A11-01	200	556.9	557.5	557.2	0.4
A11-02	200	607.5	609.4	608.4	1.3
A11-03	200	583.8	581.9	582.8	1.3
A11-04	200	580.6	583.1	581.9	1.8
RAXZ1	200	718.1	721.3	719.7	2.2
RAXZ2	200	669.4	668.1	668.8	0.9
C2'-06	75	602.9	598.1	600.5	3.4
C2'-08	40	524.4	524.2	524.3	0.2
C2'-11	25	624.5	620.0	622.3	3.2
C2'-13	100	628.2	625.7	626.9	1.8
C4-12	50	600.3	594.9	597.6	3.8
C4-11	75	599.9	596.9	598.4	2.1
C5'-09	100	610.7	608.3	609.5	1.7
C5'-07	150	529.4	526.4	527.9	2.1

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Station	Depth/m	Measured A/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	Measured B/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	Average/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	Standard deviation/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C4-07	150	377.9	373.4	375.6	3.2
C4-03	150	363.4	364.5	363.9	0.8
C5'-02	75	409.2	409.6	409.4	0.3
C5'-00	200	364.7	362.8	363.7	1.3
C4-00	75	668.1	662.6	665.3	3.9
C4-01	150	382.3	383.6	382.9	0.9
C4-02	1000	404.1	408.8	406.4	3.3
C5-00	500	352.1	355.5	353.8	2.4
C5-01	25	709.1	709.5	709.3	0.3
C5-02	100	617.1	617.2	617.1	0.1
C5-03	200	492.6	491.4	492.0	0.9
C5-05	300	461.8	460.1	460.9	1.2
C5-08	150	627.8	624.2	626.0	2.5
CA1-10	25	729.5	725.3	727.4	3.0
CA2-07	1000	439.6	437.1	438.4	1.8
CA1-07	200	624.2	625.3	624.7	0.8
CA2-06	50	681.3	677.0	679.1	3.1
CA2-05	50	677.3	675.1	676.2	1.6
C6'-05	100	582.3	578.9	580.6	2.4
CA3-07	809	457.7	454.6	456.1	2.2
CA3-08	200	564.4	559.5	562.0	3.5
CA3-05	150	438.5	436.8	437.7	1.1
C7'-05	50	543.1	544.2	543.6	0.7
C7-03	1000	400.6	398.7	399.7	1.4

Table S2 The concentrations of dissolved oxygen (DO) and apparent oxygen utilization (AOU) in the Cosmonaut Sea of the whole water depth

Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C2'-06	34.17°E	65.19°S	1503	5	712.8	-0.3
				25	719.3	7.2
				50	662.1	41.9
				75	600.5	77.5
				100	587.6	83.0
				150	544.9	98.2
				200	483.6	120.0
				300	414.0	146.5
				500	406.0	149.2
				1000	406.4	152.1
				1492	415.9	150.1
C2'-08	34.01°E	65.55°S	3215	5	723.5	-5.3
				25	714.0	9.6
				40	696.7	20.8
				50	658.1	45.1
				75	614.7	70.4
				100	602.0	75.7

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C2'-09	33.57°E	66.01°S	1125	150	524.3	103.3
				200	472.4	121.9
				300	404.8	149.0
				500	413.1	146.1
				1000	416.1	146.6
				2000	447.8	135.6
				3000	468.4	127.6
				3215	472.5	125.9
				5	731.7	-6.1
				25	731.6	2.1
				36	683.5	31.7
				50	617.8	69.8
				75	601.3	78.0
				100	601.1	77.9
				150	590.6	82.5
				200	558.8	93.2
				300	448.3	134.9
				500	402.7	152.3
				1000	411.5	152.1
C2'-11	33.50°E	66.65°S	1168	1118	408.1	154.3
				5	720.0	4.5
				25	676.4	37.5
				50	626.0	65.7
				75	622.3	67.7
				100	613.5	72.0
				150	602.4	77.1
				200	593.3	81.1
				300	523.5	106.7
				500	408.5	149.4
C2'-13	33.30°E	67.25°S	1103	1000	412.1	151.5
				1158	417.9	149.5
				5	790.8	-31.5
				25	690.6	22.8
				50	638.8	59.4
				75	630.4	63.5
				100	626.9	65.1
				150	615.0	70.8
				200	610.9	72.2
				300	558.8	91.2
C4-00	44.94°E	62.01°S	4915	500	430.6	139.1
				1000	443.0	137.3
				1096	429.7	143.9
				5	714.1	-1.4
				25	708.4	1.4
				50	693.2	10.2

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C4-01	45.00°E	62.66°S	4631	75	665.3	44.6
				100	575.2	80.2
				150	405.2	145.3
				200	367.6	160.2
				300	373.1	157.6
				500	427.8	131.2
				1000	439.1	129.7
				2000	433.6	138.9
				3000	448.4	134.8
				4000	476.4	123.0
				4990	489.0	117.5
				5	712.4	-1.1
				25	709.3	1.8
				50	694.6	27.7
				75	657.3	48.1
				100	505.8	105.3
				150	382.9	154.4
				200	372.2	158.8
				300	376.6	156.7
C4-02	44.99°E	63.33°S	4528	500	389.7	151.5
				1000	395.1	153.0
				2000	444.2	134.1
				3000	466.2	126.2
				4000	487.8	117.5
				4748	497.3	113.7
				5	698.4	5.9
				25	697.4	7.8
				50	670.7	39.6
				75	544.6	104.5
				100	398.6	158.8
				150	375.8	158.0
				200	370.3	159.7
C4-03	45.00°E	64.01°S	4302	300	368.8	160.6
				500	386.0	153.3
				1000	406.4	147.4
				2000	426.9	142.7
				3000	463.0	127.8
				4000	489.2	116.8
				4573	489.8	117.4
				5	684.0	10.3
				25	678.1	12.0
				37	674.4	14.3
				50	604.4	53.3
				75	409.6	144.8
				100	369.1	162.1

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C4-05	45.00°E	64.66°S	3885	150	363.9	163.3
				200	365.8	162.1
				300	371.5	159.6
				500	386.1	154.1
				1000	405.1	148.9
				5	688.7	10.4
				25	674.5	15.7
				50	592.2	79.9
				75	525.4	105.3
				100	503.2	111.1
				150	402.8	148.9
				200	409.6	145.6
				300	419.5	142.0
				500	409.8	145.7
				1000	415.8	146.7
C4-07	45.01°E	65.33°S	3499	5	674.9	20.9
				25	674.2	23.3
				30	671.7	24.6
				50	578.5	83.8
				75	461.8	128.4
				100	394.1	151.8
				150	375.6	157.9
				200	370.0	159.9
				300	378.9	155.9
				500	393.5	150.2
				1000	407.0	148.1
				2000	435.3	139.8
				3000	463.1	129.1
				3522	474.2	125.0
				5	738.1	-21.1
C4-09	45.00°E	66.00°S	3206	25	593.3	81.8
				50	571.4	93.4
				75	564.8	96.0
				100	507.8	108.7
				150	401.9	149.2
				200	393.4	152.3
				300	380.6	156.7
				500	397.0	150.1
				1000	413.8	146.0
				2000	439.4	138.6
				3000	468.5	126.9
				3224	465.3	128.3
C4-11	45.02°E	66.67°S	2115	5	779.6	-35.3
				25	608.7	73.7
				50	606.2	76.0

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C4-12	45.00°E	67.00°S	1713	75	598.4	80.1
				100	595.8	81.4
				150	569.5	94.4
				200	572.6	92.5
				300	479.0	125.0
				500	386.3	160.8
				1000	380.4	163.7
				2000	448.4	135.6
				2159	418.1	151.1
				5	774.4	-29.0
				25	640.8	56.1
				50	597.6	79.5
				75	588.5	84.2
				100	583.8	85.7
				150	520.3	104.8
				200	445.2	134.5
				300	407.7	147.8
				500	411.0	146.6
				1000	417.3	147.1
C5'-00	47.49°E	62.00°S	4943	1679	431.5	142.5
				5	702.0	5.5
				25	698.3	7.7
				50	693.5	11.0
				75	682.3	30.8
				100	604.8	67.0
				150	389.3	151.9
				200	363.7	162.9
				300	350.9	167.6
C5-00	50.00°E	62.00°S	5106	500	366.4	160.8
				1000	393.4	151.3
				5	720.2	-6.3
				25	713.5	-2.6
				50	709.1	1.1
				75	694.3	27.2
				100	642.8	51.6
				150	411.0	143.3
				200	356.1	165.1
C5'-01	47.50°E	62.66°S	4562	300	347.1	168.7
				500	353.8	165.5
				1000	392.3	149.9
				5	687.3	10.3
				25	681.2	13.6
				50	664.4	23.6
				75	556.3	91.8
				100	393.0	153.0

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C5-01	49.99°E	62.66°S	4982	150	363.4	164.2
				200	356.7	166.4
				300	365.0	162.2
				500	381.3	155.2
				1000	401.2	149.9
				5	716.1	−6.6
				25	709.3	−3.1
				50	697.7	2.0
				75	692.2	7.1
				100	682.0	28.3
C5'-02	47.50°E	63.33°S	4624	150	552.0	84.8
				200	396.2	149.2
				300	381.3	151.8
				500	373.7	156.5
				5	688.7	9.6
				25	681.0	13.6
				50	662.3	23.2
				75	409.4	150.8
				100	367.2	162.4
				150	354.4	167.4
C5-02	50.00°E	63.25°S	4879	200	354.8	166.9
				300	362.4	163.9
				500	371.5	160.7
				1000	391.6	155.7
				5	717.3	−5.7
				25	712.7	−3.3
				50	708.1	−0.6
				75	664.4	45.2
				100	617.1	64.0
				150	376.8	156.6
C5'-03	47.48°E	64.00°S	4347	200	371.1	158.9
				300	373.2	157.5
				500	399.5	145.7
				1000	390.9	155.2
				5	691.3	9.7
				25	677.1	16.7
				50	653.3	30.6
				75	509.4	113.0
				100	541.2	98.4
				150	373.2	162.7
C5-03	49.99°E	63.99°S	4411	200	367.4	164.6
				300	352.7	168.9
				500	363.7	164.8
				1000	387.8	158.1
				5	711.0	2.6

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C5'-05	47.49°E	64.66°S	3068	25	702.1	7.4
				50	686.7	17.6
				75	607.3	72.9
				100	613.0	69.7
				150	535.7	96.6
				200	492.0	114.1
				300	397.1	157.1
				500	402.9	147.7
				1000	436.8	136.2
				5	686.7	17.3
				25	682.7	19.4
				50	666.3	28.6
				75	623.3	66.8
				100	623.5	66.9
				150	601.6	74.4
				200	542.7	96.4
				300	429.0	139.2
				500	416.4	144.3
				1000	401.9	154.8
C5-05	50.00°E	64.66°S	3627	5	715.0	3.0
				25	708.2	7.9
				50	693.5	16.6
				75	617.1	67.8
				100	605.0	67.5
				150	494.5	112.2
				200	443.6	132.1
				300	460.9	124.9
				500	424.4	139.2
				1000	418.7	145.8
C5'-07	47.48°E	65.33°S	2656	5	697.9	9.7
				25	667.6	30.1
				50	626.2	56.3
				75	605.2	75.1
				100	592.6	78.3
				150	527.9	101.9
				200	418.4	141.9
				300	382.4	156.0
				500	388.7	154.6
				1000	404.6	151.6
C5-07	50.00°E	65.33°S	2116	5	720.5	7.4
				25	714.3	10.5
				50	709.1	13.2
				75	703.8	16.4
				100	626.4	64.7
				150	629.2	63.2

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C5-08	50.00°E	65.67°S	1862	200	612.5	69.0
				300	539.4	96.6
				500	467.3	124.0
				1000	436.3	139.6
				2096	469.0	126.9
				5	735.4	1.4
				25	725.8	6.5
				50	718.9	9.9
				75	701.4	19.0
				100	657.2	47.0
				150	626.0	64.8
				200	653.1	50.4
				300	585.0	76.4
				500	447.4	130.2
				1000	457.6	129.2
C5'-09	47.50°E	65.99°S	2634	5	711.5	2.7
				25	693.4	15.8
				50	696.2	14.9
				75	648.7	49.6
				100	609.5	73.6
				150	594.1	79.1
				200	579.0	82.3
				300	378.3	158.2
				500	396.1	150.1
				1000	410.2	147.0
C5-09	49.70°E	66.00°S	1453	5	734.7	4.8
				25	727.6	8.2
				50	709.1	17.9
				75	709.6	15.7
				100	711.4	14.8
				150	639.0	58.1
				200	626.5	63.8
				300	561.1	89.1
				500	486.2	116.9
				1000	446.3	134.2
C5'-11	47.53°E	66.64°S	523.7	5	741.4	-6.0
				25	746.1	-7.9
				50	665.0	40.3
				75	619.9	68.2
				100	607.4	74.3
				150	589.6	82.6
				200	563.7	94.2
				300	526.1	110.1
				500	514.0	111.0
				518	528.7	103.3

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C6'-05	52.5°E	64.66°S	2977	5	674.3	22.7
				25	668.9	25.6
				50	663.0	29.7
				75	596.6	78.6
				100	580.6	85.4
				150	460.3	125.1
				200	429.8	141.7
				300	389.4	155.8
				500	404.0	151.5
				1000	390.3	158.8
C6-05	55.00°E	64.67°S	4096	5	670.5	26.4
				25	661.8	30.8
				50	640.5	41.9
				75	421.7	142.4
				100	387.4	159.3
				150	356.2	169.6
				200	357.5	167.2
				300	350.1	170.0
				500	384.7	153.9
				1000	404.0	149.5
C6'-07	52.50°E	65.33°S	2896	5	694.5	20.2
				25	688.9	23.0
				50	684.1	25.4
				75	672.4	31.3
				100	627.6	60.0
				150	581.4	84.5
				200	549.9	93.8
				300	519.8	100.9
				500	462.1	126.5
				1000	422.5	146.6
C6-07	54.89°E	65.23°S	3482	5	702.0	22.6
				25	693.8	26.7
				50	665.6	39.5
				75	615.3	69.2
				100	599.4	77.9
				150	575.1	88.6
				200	556.9	95.9
				300	537.3	104.6
				500	535.6	104.4
				1000	426.3	144.2
C6'-08	52.49°E	65.65°S	279	5	722.3	14.1
				25	716.4	16.9
				50	712.6	18.7
				75	707.8	20.2
				100	705.4	20.6

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	
C6-08	55.02°E	65.51°S	1020	150	681.8	29.7	
				200	648.7	47.9	
				270	590.3	80.0	
				5	705.4	24.4	
				25	690.3	30.7	
				50	677.5	34.0	
				75	650.9	48.7	
				100	615.0	69.3	
				150	592.6	81.3	
				200	575.0	89.7	
				300	558.6	95.8	
				500	451.3	135.5	
C7-03	60.18°E	64.10°S	4318	1005	424.3	146.5	
				5	676.1	17.8	
				25	662.1	24.7	
				50	659.7	28.7	
				75	525.6	101.2	
				100	373.3	162.3	
				150	314.9	186.4	
				200	324.3	181.0	
				300	332.8	176.6	
				500	357.3	165.2	
C7'-05	57.49°E	64.67°S	3789	1000	399.7	148.9	
				5	662.1	31.2	
				25	653.9	35.4	
				75	481.4	119.5	
				100	431.3	140.3	
				150	372.3	162.0	
				200	362.7	165.1	
				300	357.0	166.4	
				500	372.1	160.6	
				1000	380.6	161.1	
C7-05	60.00°E	64.67°S	4143	5	670.9	23.0	
				25	653.2	31.8	
				50	641.5	39.0	
				75	474.9	122.8	
				100	368.7	164.4	
				150	338.9	174.9	
				200	334.0	176.3	
				300	342.2	172.4	
				500	358.4	165.6	
				1000	366.5	165.3	
C7'-07	57.50°E	65.43°S	3174	5	683.4	21.1	
				25	674.2	25.4	
				50	660.5	32.6	

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
C7-07	60.00°E	65.33°S	3898	75	594.3	80.1
				100	593.1	81.1
				150	584.6	84.2
				200	542.2	102.1
				300	449.7	133.4
				500	421.7	142.7
				1000	426.3	144.8
				5	686.1	18.5
				25	674.8	24.3
				43	573.7	82.8
C7-09	57.51°E	66.00°S	1558	75	385.3	157.2
				100	353.5	168.3
				150	344.7	171.5
				200	352.8	166.7
				300	346.9	170.0
				500	361.2	164.0
				1000	391.1	153.4
				5	698.9	23.7
				25	700.3	22.2
				50	691.3	26.1
C7-09	60.00°E	66.00°S	2674	75	664.1	36.6
				100	637.3	51.9
				150	600.3	77.3
				200	596.6	79.5
				300	561.7	93.2
				500	447.6	133.7
				1000	416.5	149.2
				5	689.6	19.5
				25	678.7	24.9
				50	672.5	28.0
C7-11	60.00°E	66.66°S	888	75	654.0	40.9
				100	592.1	80.7
				150	556.7	95.8
				200	509.7	113.3
				300	470.1	127.7
				500	412.3	149.5
				5	721.1	15.1
				25	693.9	26.4
				50	669.5	34.6
				75	648.3	43.6
				100	620.1	62.6
				150	577.9	88.6
				200	564.8	93.0
				300	536.4	102.7
				500	480.1	123.1

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
CA1-07	48.70°E	65.35°S	2305	854	421.0	147.8
				5	731.8	0.5
				25	721.3	6.1
				50	702.9	15.5
				75	666.0	38.2
				100	629.1	63.0
				150	633.5	61.9
				200	624.7	64.3
				300	556.3	91.1
				500	417.6	142.3
CA1-10	48.72°E	66.31°S	1010	1000	411.8	149.9
				5	735.6	2.3
				25	727.4	6.4
				50	698.7	21.4
				75	686.6	28.2
				100	669.1	37.0
				150	634.3	57.4
				200	609.9	72.1
				300	590.3	81.8
				500	477.6	123.5
CA2-05	51.25°E	64.66°S	2823	1004	403.7	155.8
				5	688.3	23.5
				25	684.9	24.1
				50	676.2	27.5
				75	592.7	79.7
				100	573.6	89.0
				150	618.2	61.3
				200	621.9	55.5
				300	589.3	63.7
				500	419.4	146.8
CA2-06	51.25°E	65.00°S	3046	1000	378.7	167.2
				5	710.4	15.0
				25	697.5	21.2
				50	679.1	30.0
				75	619.9	66.5
				100	624.5	66.3
				150	610.8	71.0
				200	584.6	80.6
				300	480.0	119.8
				500	442.6	134.4
CA2-07	51.25°E	65.33°S	2230	1000	424.2	144.2
				5	736.9	0.4
				25	728.0	4.7
				50	722.8	7.4
				75	695.1	19.8

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
CA2-09	51.22°E	65.98°S	248	100	672.1	33.3
				150	619.4	67.6
				200	575.3	84.5
				300	498.8	113.3
				500	466.5	125.2
				1000	438.4	139.0
				5	741.1	3.8
				25	731.4	8.7
				50	716.9	15.6
				75	711.2	18.0
CA3-05	53.81°E	64.69°S	3464	100	700.3	22.7
				150	686.3	28.6
				200	672.5	34.9
				229	612.0	69.3
				5	673.9	22.8
				25	668.5	25.5
				50	661.6	29.0
				75	572.9	84.5
				100	496.1	114.6
				150	437.7	137.2
CA3-07	53.71°E	65.33°S	809	200	393.5	152.1
				300	378.8	156.8
				500	398.7	149.3
				1000	411.6	147.6
				5	690.0	21.5
				25	647.1	42.7
				50	685.2	24.0
				75	684.0	24.8
				100	591.0	75.1
				150	524.2	105.5
CA3-08	53.83°E	65.55°S	238	200	430.0	140.1
				300	394.7	150.8
				500	455.1	128.1
				809	456.1	130.1
				5	712.8	19.2
				25	705.8	22.6
				50	693.7	26.2
				75	670.6	32.5
				100	649.4	42.1
				150	576.6	88.7
MC5-06	52.60°E	65.00°S	2766	200	562.0	95.8
				240	548.7	100.7
				5	690.0	19.5
				25	680.1	24.7
				50	678.3	25.7

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
				75	668.5	31.1
				100	583.6	81.6
				150	478.4	122.6
				200	458.6	129.1
				300	412.7	145.4
				500	397.7	151.5
				1000	407.0	151.5
				2000	438.2	141.3
				2756	461.7	131.4

Table S3 The concentrations of dissolved oxygen (DO) and apparent oxygen utilization (AOU) in the Amundsen Sea of the whole water depth

Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
A1-01	129.997°W	72.99°S	1533	5	788.8	−24.0
				25	777.5	−14.4
				50	705.0	25.6
				75	588.1	84.3
				100	582.5	87.3
				150	568.1	94.1
				200	565.3	95.3
				300	541.3	105.8
				500	395.6	150.4
				1000	425.0	139.5
				1526	428.1	139.0
A1-02	130.062°W	72.54°S	2895	5	775.6	−14.9
				25	733.8	9.6
				50	644.4	56.8
				75	625.6	66.2
				100	588.8	83.8
				150	553.8	96.7
				200	516.6	108.0
				300	396.3	150.3
				500	391.9	149.1
				1000	428.8	134.7
				2000	453.1	126.8
A1-03	129.846°W	72.05°S	3301	2911	450.0	130.2
				5	779.4	−13.3
				25	723.8	17.1
				50	647.5	55.1
				75	608.8	72.8
				100	578.1	84.7
				150	498.1	114.5
				200	429.4	138.1
				300	388.8	150.6
				500	409.4	140.5

						Continued
Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
A11-00	112.172°W	73.96°S	725	1000	430.6	133.6
				2000	458.8	123.7
				3000	444.4	133.0
				3291	453.1	129.0
				5	791.9	-27.3
				25	795.0	-28.6
				50	770.6	-16.3
				75	606.9	70.2
				100	572.5	88.9
				150	571.3	90.1
				200	557.2	96.7
				300	512.5	113.9
				500	436.9	140.2
				708	415.0	147.3
A11-01	113.527°W	73.49°S	644	5	797.5	-33.2
				25	805.6	-37.2
				50	668.1	39.8
				75	630.6	61.6
				100	586.3	83.3
				150	567.5	92.9
				200	574.4	88.5
				300	521.9	111.8
				500	447.5	135.5
				628	410.0	149.7
A11-02	115.036°W	72.98°S	668	5	797.5	-32.3
				25	818.1	-42.6
				50	687.5	25.0
				75	640.0	55.1
				100	613.1	69.9
				150	590.6	81.9
				200	608.4	73.7
				300	581.9	87.9
				500	510.6	113.5
				647	437.5	136.5
A11-03	116.561°W	72.49°S	582	5	837.5	-46.6
				10	835.0	-45.4
				25	819.4	-37.8
				50	684.4	27.7
				75	640.6	55.9
				100	546.9	103.6
				150	589.4	83.9
				200	582.8	87.4
				300	591.9	82.2
				500	445.0	135.2
				568	434.4	134.6

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
A11-04	117.819°W	72.03°S	509	5	805.6	−28.0
				25	746.3	1.8
				50	664.4	44.6
				75	590.0	83.2
				100	580.0	88.5
				150	571.3	92.2
				200	581.9	87.8
				300	444.4	139.7
				495	405.0	148.1
A2-02	124.388°W	72.75°S	456	5	758.8	−17.1
				15	774.4	−20.3
				25	742.5	−3.8
				50	716.9	9.2
				75	673.8	35.0
				100	621.9	65.3
				150	586.9	84.6
				200	569.7	94.0
				300	531.9	109.4
				442	409.4	145.0
A2-03	124.940°W	72.09°S	2678	5	782.5	−18.8
				25	759.4	−6.2
				50	650.0	53.8
				75	615.6	70.9
				100	575.0	90.3
				150	560.6	95.7
				200	492.2	121.4
				300	405.6	145.5
				500	395.0	146.9
				1000	408.8	143.9
A2-04	125.803°W	71.59°S	3191	2000	453.1	126.7
				2651	441.3	134.4
				5	759.4	−2.0
				25	715.6	20.4
				50	726.9	14.9
				75	615.0	69.2
				100	553.8	95.4
				150	447.5	132.9
				200	427.2	136.9
				300	381.3	154.0
A4-03	112.735°W	72.70°S	431	500	399.4	145.4
				1000	418.8	139.4
				2000	445.0	130.5
				3178	436.3	137.3
				5	833.8	−51.2
				25	732.5	0.2

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
A9-00	117.988°W	73.60°S	476	50	603.1	74.5
				75	603.1	76.0
				100	584.4	84.7
				150	567.5	91.7
				200	566.3	91.2
				300	474.4	128.4
				431	424.4	144.0
				5	813.1	-45.6
				25	803.1	-37.2
				37	772.5	-22.1
				50	786.3	-26.7
				75	669.4	38.5
				100	668.1	39.7
				150	600.0	78.0
				200	586.3	85.5
				300	573.1	91.2
				466	466.9	130.6
				5	823.1	-52.1
				25	811.9	-43.0
A9-01	116.985°W	73.40°S	338	50	769.4	-20.3
				75	771.9	-17.5
				100	610.0	71.8
				150	569.4	93.9
				200	581.9	87.5
				300	533.1	108.4
				327	528.8	110.1
				5	800.6	-39.0
				10	793.1	-35.2
				25	786.3	-30.7
A9-02	116.013°W	73.20°S	678	50	767.5	-19.5
				75	661.9	39.8
				100	621.9	64.2
				150	560.6	95.3
				200	569.4	91.9
				300	591.3	83.3
				500	519.4	111.5
				666	453.8	130.0
				5	850.0	-56.1
				25	783.8	-22.5
A9-03	113.969°W	72.79°S	481	50	716.9	7.8
				75	608.1	72.4
				100	616.3	69.1
				150	598.8	78.3
				200	584.4	83.6
				300	538.1	105.0

Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	Continued	
					DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
RA1-00	149.888°W	75.50°S	3078	451	440.0	136.0
				5	761.3	-6.9
				25	718.1	14.3
				50	679.4	30.3
				75	573.8	91.2
				100	574.4	90.8
				150	587.5	84.2
				200	581.9	86.8
				300	575.6	88.2
				500	390.6	149.8
				1000	403.1	147.8
				2000	440.0	133.6
				3000	436.9	136.6
				3083	441.3	134.4
RA1-01	150.100°W	75.00°S	3749	5	726.3	2.9
				25	720.6	5.0
				50	665.6	35.2
				75	558.8	99.2
				100	559.4	98.7
				150	573.8	90.9
				200	579.4	87.8
				300	466.3	127.2
				500	378.4	155.9
				1000	400.6	148.6
				2000	421.3	142.6
				3000	433.1	138.7
				3726	442.5	135.3
RA1-02	150.024°W	74.49°S	3860	5	740.0	-1.6
				25	730.6	1.9
				50	679.4	28.2
				75	566.9	94.8
				100	566.9	94.7
				150	579.4	87.8
				200	591.9	81.6
				300	503.8	114.0
				500	380.0	154.6
				1000	396.3	150.6
				2000	425.6	140.2
				3000	432.5	138.8
				3850	444.4	134.5
RA1-03	150.035°W	74.00°S	4022	5	721.3	4.0
				25	716.9	6.2
				50	673.8	32.8
				75	563.1	95.9
				100	561.3	97.6

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
RA1-04	149.952°W	73.01°S	4129	150	573.8	90.2
				200	555.6	96.7
				300	409.4	145.6
				500	378.1	155.6
				1000	391.9	152.4
				2000	424.1	140.7
				3000	436.3	137.2
				4021	446.9	133.6
				5	746.9	-7.6
				25	728.8	1.8
				50	630.0	62.6
				75	617.5	70.1
				100	595.6	78.4
				150	495.6	112.7
				200	418.1	140.5
				300	381.3	153.8
				500	385.0	153.0
				1000	396.9	150.3
				2000	421.3	142.7
				3000	435.3	137.9
RA2-01	144.925°W	75.01°S	772	4130	451.3	131.5
				5	763.1	-7.3
				25	766.9	-9.5
				50	715.6	16.5
				75	676.3	37.5
				100	639.4	57.6
				150	618.8	69.0
				200	618.4	69.1
				300	605.6	75.2
				500	509.4	108.7
RA2-02	145.040°W	74.51°S	3445	763	433.1	134.0
				5	740.6	0.3
				25	736.3	2.5
				50	730.0	4.0
				75	588.1	84.4
				100	600.6	77.9
				150	568.8	93.5
				200	565.9	92.8
				300	476.3	121.5
				500	410.0	140.5
				1000	425.0	137.1
				2000	440.0	133.6
				3000	442.5	133.3
RA2-03	145.172°W	73.99°S	3845	3425	457.5	127.3
				5	723.1	8.0

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
RA2-04	145.133°W	73.00°S	4024	25	722.5	8.3
				50	723.8	7.9
				75	595.0	80.8
				100	591.3	81.8
				150	611.3	72.8
				200	612.2	72.2
				300	458.1	128.9
				500	397.5	146.2
				1000	422.5	137.4
				2000	460.6	122.6
				3000	446.3	132.1
				3792	451.9	130.1
				5	737.5	10.3
				25	743.8	7.2
				35	721.9	7.2
				50	715.0	11.4
				75	595.6	79.4
				100	570.0	87.0
				150	486.9	113.7
				200	441.3	127.7
RA3-02	140.036°W	74.50°S	558	300	401.9	143.0
				500	413.8	138.0
				1000	429.4	133.7
				2000	437.5	134.0
				3000	451.3	129.8
				4012	473.1	120.2
				5	784.4	−24.2
				25	772.5	−19.0
				50	699.4	23.6
				75	659.4	44.4
RA3-03	139.977°W	73.98°S	3226	100	636.9	56.5
				150	611.9	70.4
				200	601.3	76.6
				300	576.3	88.7
				500	506.9	114.0
				540	465.0	126.4
				5	798.8	−32.1
				12	754.4	−8.3
				25	721.9	14.0
				50	635.6	59.2
				75	600.3	78.0
				100	582.5	86.6
				150	598.1	78.6
				200	580.0	87.7
				300	502.5	115.9

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
RA3-04	140.004°W	72.99°S	4015	500	383.1	153.7
				1000	406.3	146.6
				2000	424.4	141.6
				3000	438.1	136.0
				5	768.1	-5.8
				25	733.1	11.3
				50	609.4	73.9
				75	582.5	87.4
				100	551.3	100.0
				150	476.9	124.1
				200	418.1	144.3
				300	375.6	156.5
				500	383.8	153.0
				1000	396.3	150.2
				2000	420.6	142.5
				3000	433.1	138.9
RA4-00	135.019°W	73.49°S	3146	4024	441.3	135.6
				5	763.1	-7.5
				25	738.1	5.7
				50	634.4	60.3
				75	610.0	73.3
				100	578.1	88.8
				150	563.8	93.8
				200	546.6	104.3
				300	417.5	144.6
				500	379.4	155.2
				1000	440.6	128.5
				2000	423.8	141.4
				3000	440.0	135.5
				3126	453.8	129.0
RA4-01	135.990°W	72.97°S	3632	5	751.3	-0.6
				25	730.0	13.0
				50	718.8	19.1
				75	585.0	85.7
				100	562.5	94.9
				150	557.5	96.0
				200	565.6	89.8
				300	410.6	146.6
				500	398.8	145.6
				1000	413.8	141.6
				2000	431.3	137.6
				3000	431.9	139.3
				3632	440.0	136.1
RA4-02	134.915°W	72.53°S	3856	5	732.5	8.7
				25	736.9	8.7

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Station	Longitude	Latitude	Bottom depth/m	Sample depth/m	DO/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)	AOU/($\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$)
RA4-03	134.854°W	72.07°S	3853	50	646.3	55.3
				75	588.1	84.3
				100	554.4	95.8
				150	483.8	119.4
				200	406.9	146.7
				300	381.3	153.8
				500	391.3	149.7
				1000	412.5	142.5
				2000	444.4	130.7
				3000	436.9	137.0
				3855	449.4	131.5
				5	733.8	13.4
				25	716.9	19.2
				50	618.1	69.4
				75	571.3	92.0
				100	539.4	102.7
				150	480.6	120.5
				200	439.4	134.6
				300	378.1	156.0
				500	378.8	155.5
RAXZ1	138.876°W	74.94°S	882	1000	395.6	150.5
				2000	423.1	141.2
				3000	435.0	137.9
				3632	440.0	136.2
				5	802.5	−32.8
				25	768.1	−12.8
				50	733.1	5.7
				75	716.3	14.4
				100	710.6	17.0
				150	718.8	12.2
RAXZ2	136.887°W	74.94°S	255	200	719.7	12.0
				300	654.4	47.6
				500	521.9	108.5
				855	508.1	110.7
				5	804.4	−39.6
				15	817.5	−45.5
				25	781.3	−22.7
				50	726.9	8.7
				75	725.0	10.7
				100	725.6	9.8
				150	726.9	9.0
				200	668.8	39.2
				241	634.4	57.8

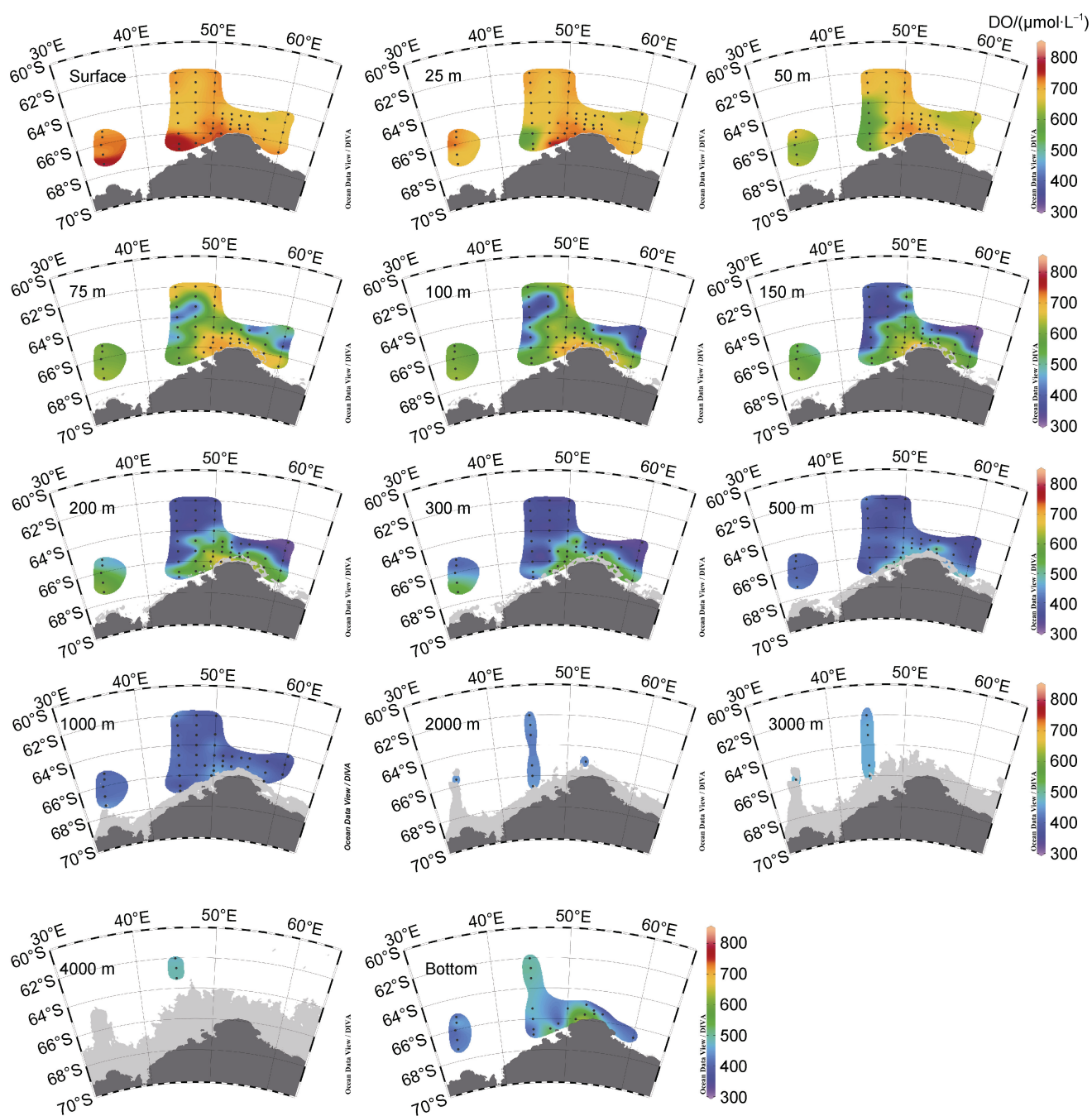
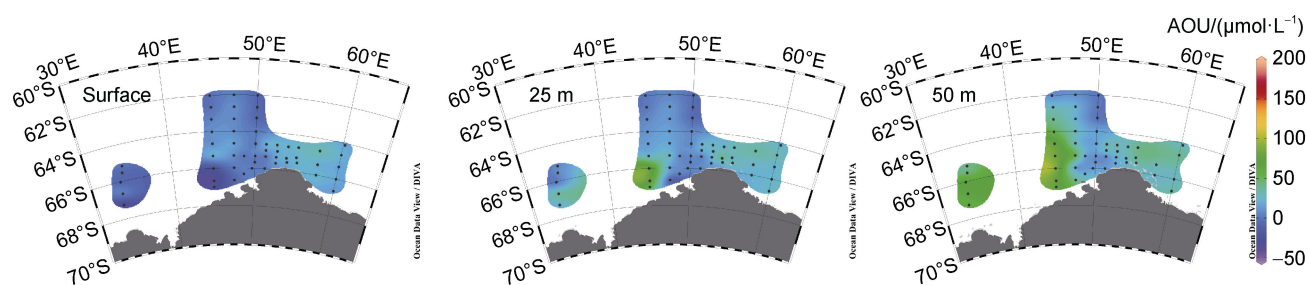


Figure S1 Horizontal distributions of DO in the Cosmonaut Sea of the whole water depth.



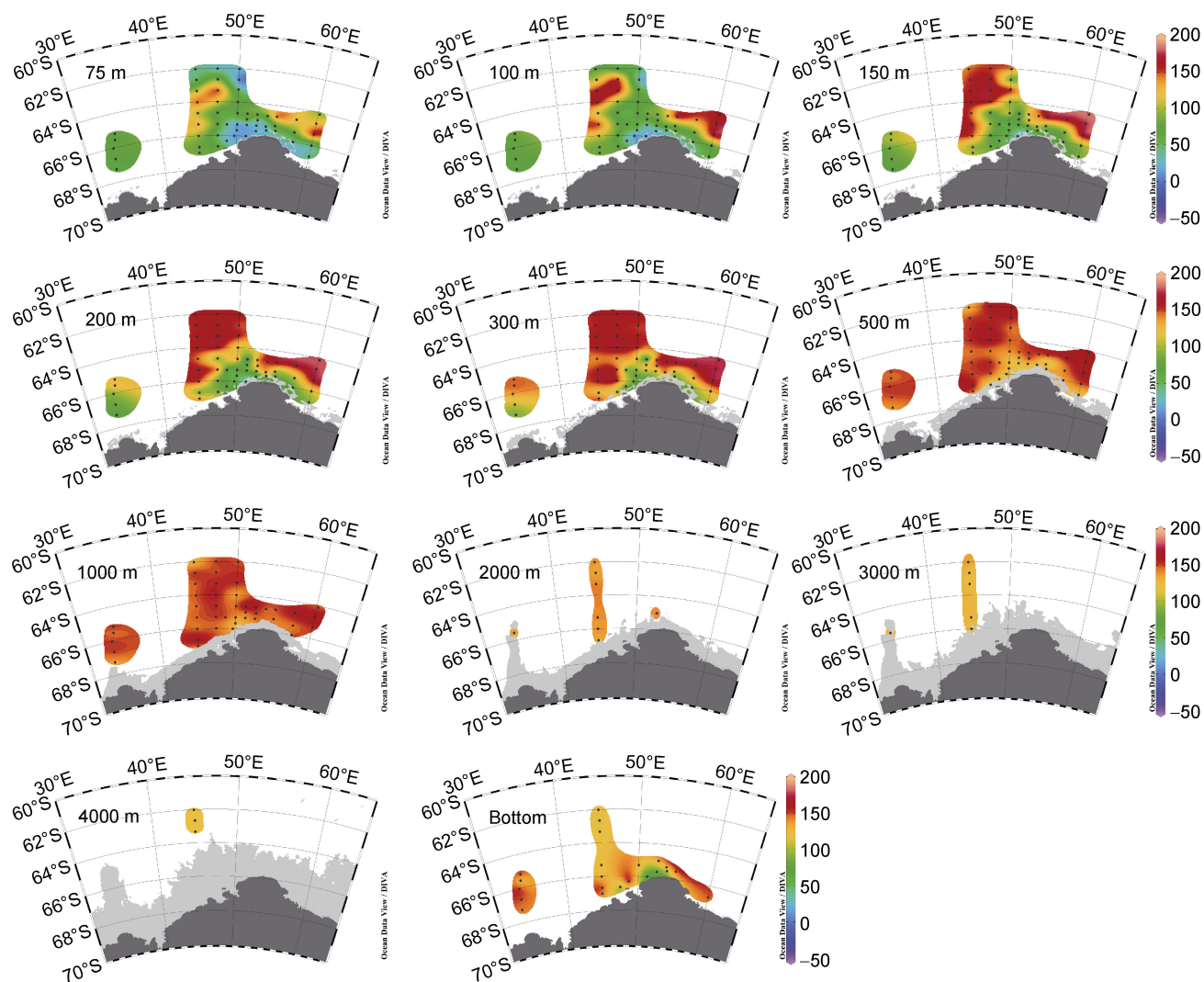
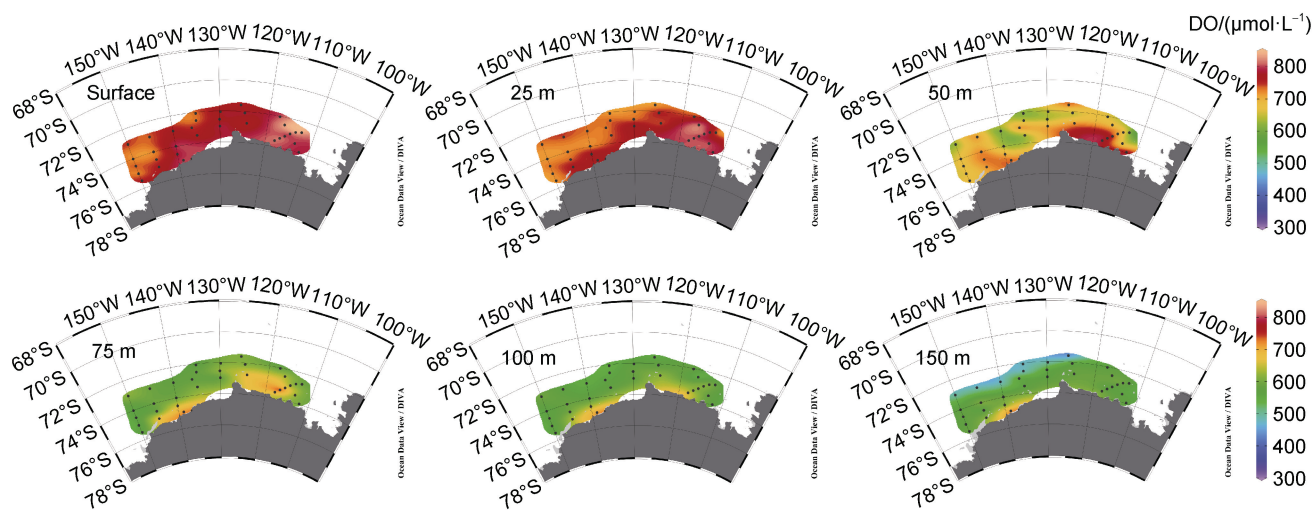


Figure S2 Horizontal distributions of AOU in the Cosmonaut Sea of the whole water depth.



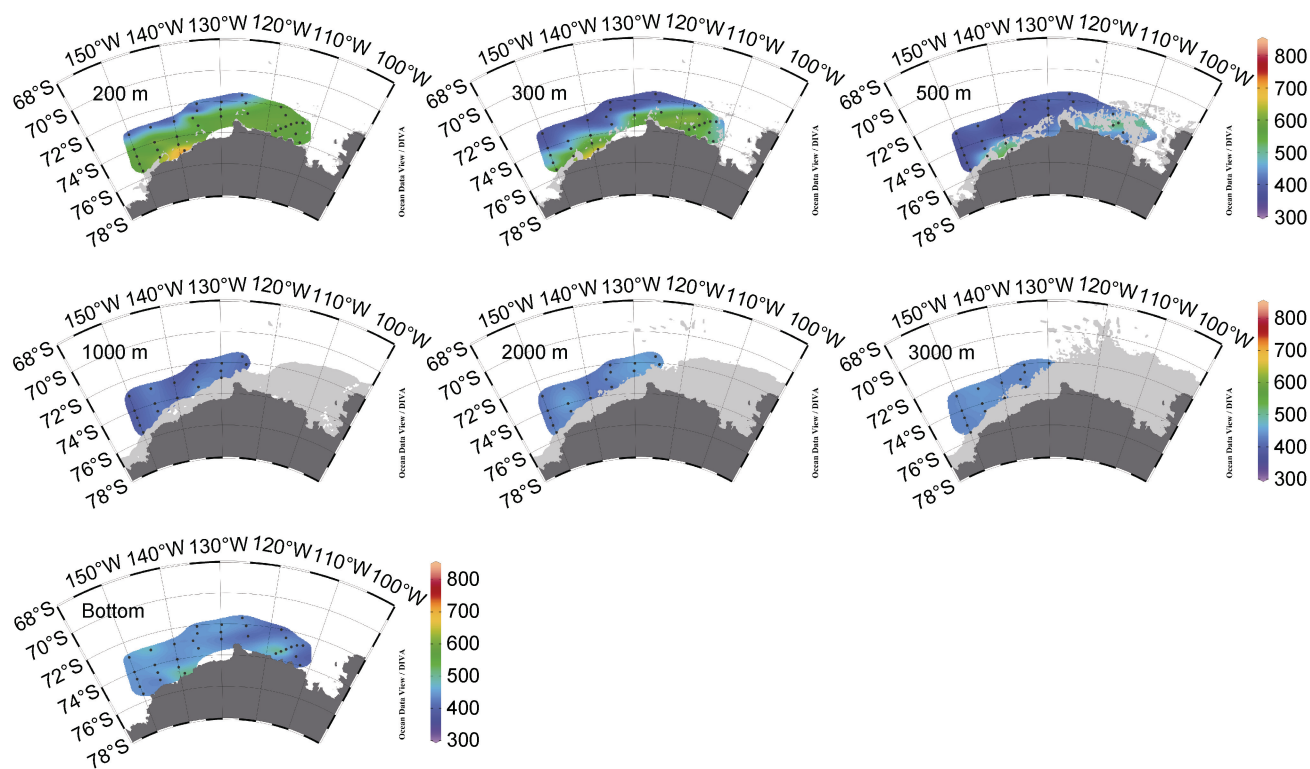
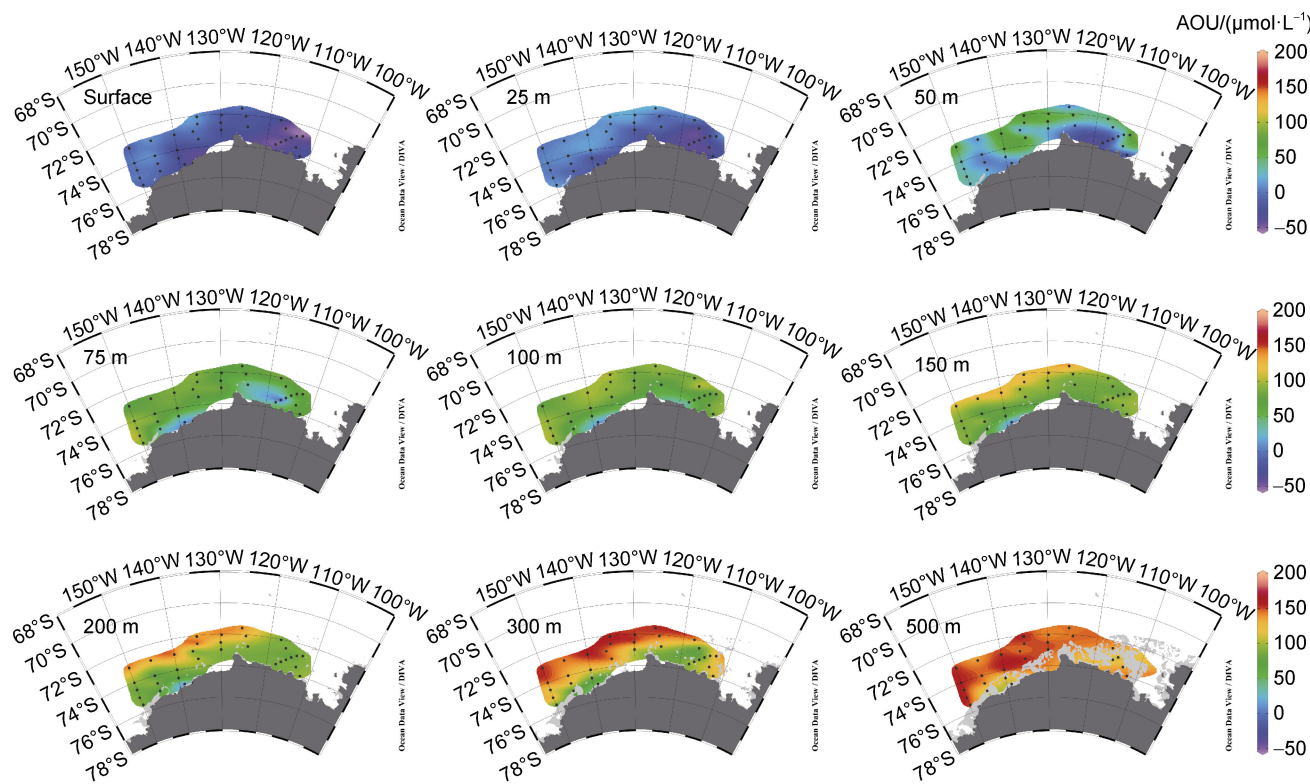


Figure S3 Horizontal distributions of DO in the Amundsen Sea of the whole water depth.



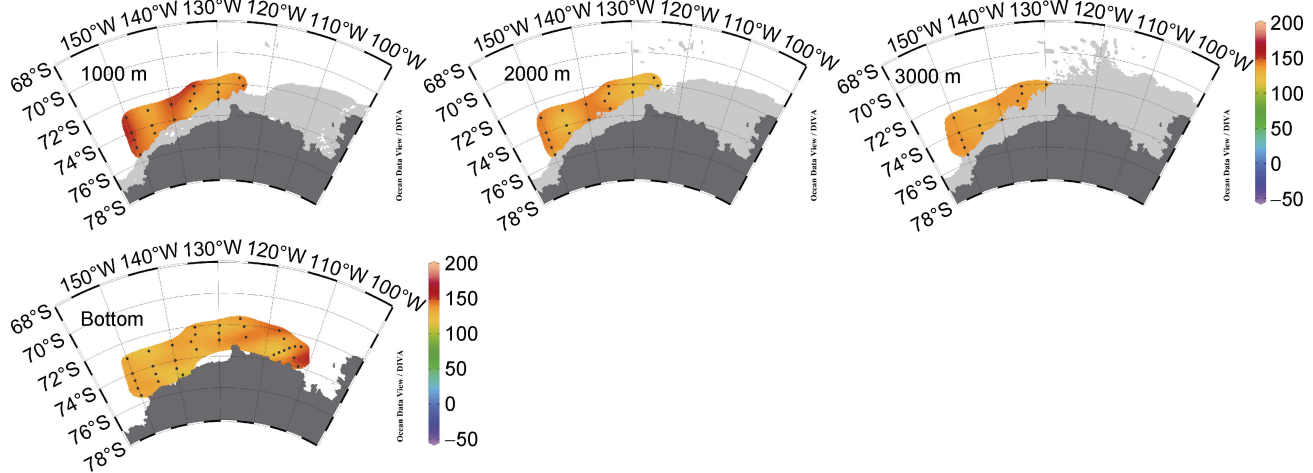


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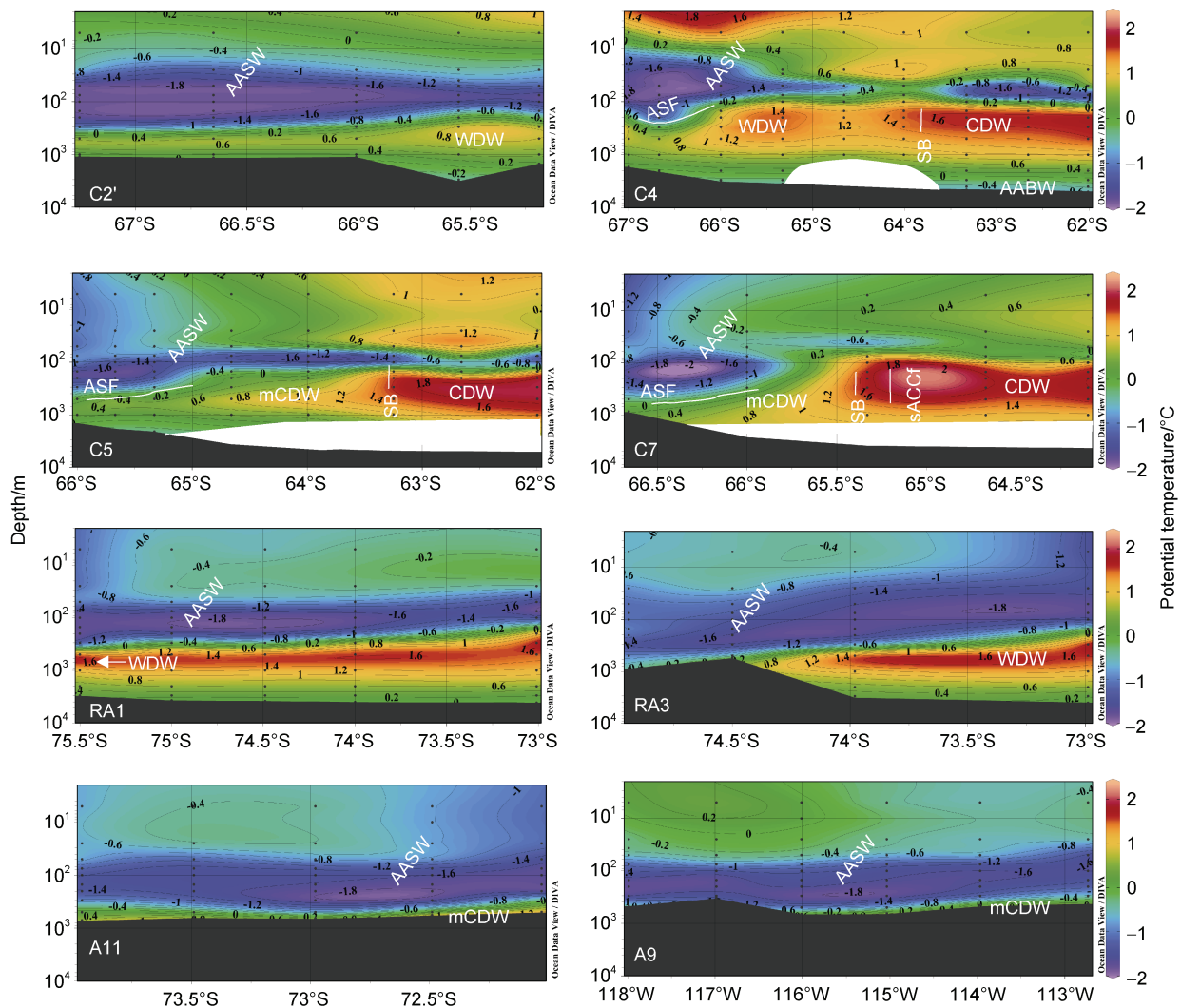


Figure S5 Vertical distributions of potential temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) for the whole water depth along transects C2', C4, C5 and C7 in the Cosmonaut Sea and transects RA1, RA3, A11 and A9 in the Amundsen Sea. Major water masses and fronts are labelled as defined in Williams et al. (2020): AASW, Antarctic Surface Water; WDW, Warm Deep Water; CDW, Circumpolar Deep Water; mCDW, modified Circumpolar Deep Water; AABW, Antarctic Bottom Water; SB, Southern Boundary of Antarctic Circumpolar Current. Note: depth was displayed in logarithmic form.

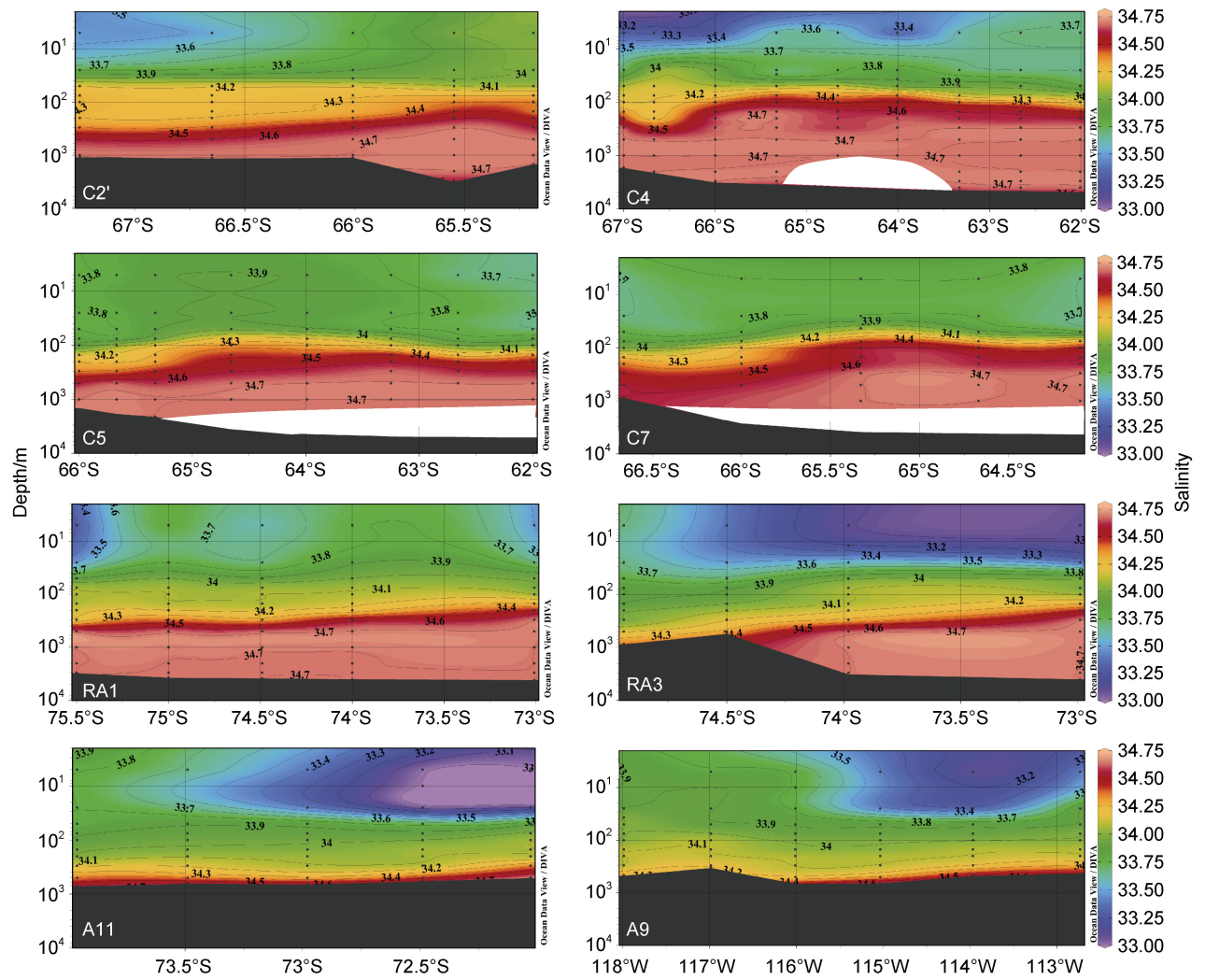


Figure S6 Vertical distributions of salinity for the whole water depth along transects C2', C4, C5 and C7 in the Cosmonaut Sea and transects RA1, RA3, A11 and A9 in the Amundsen Sea.