



Relationship between K_{CO_2} and waves (radar backscatter)

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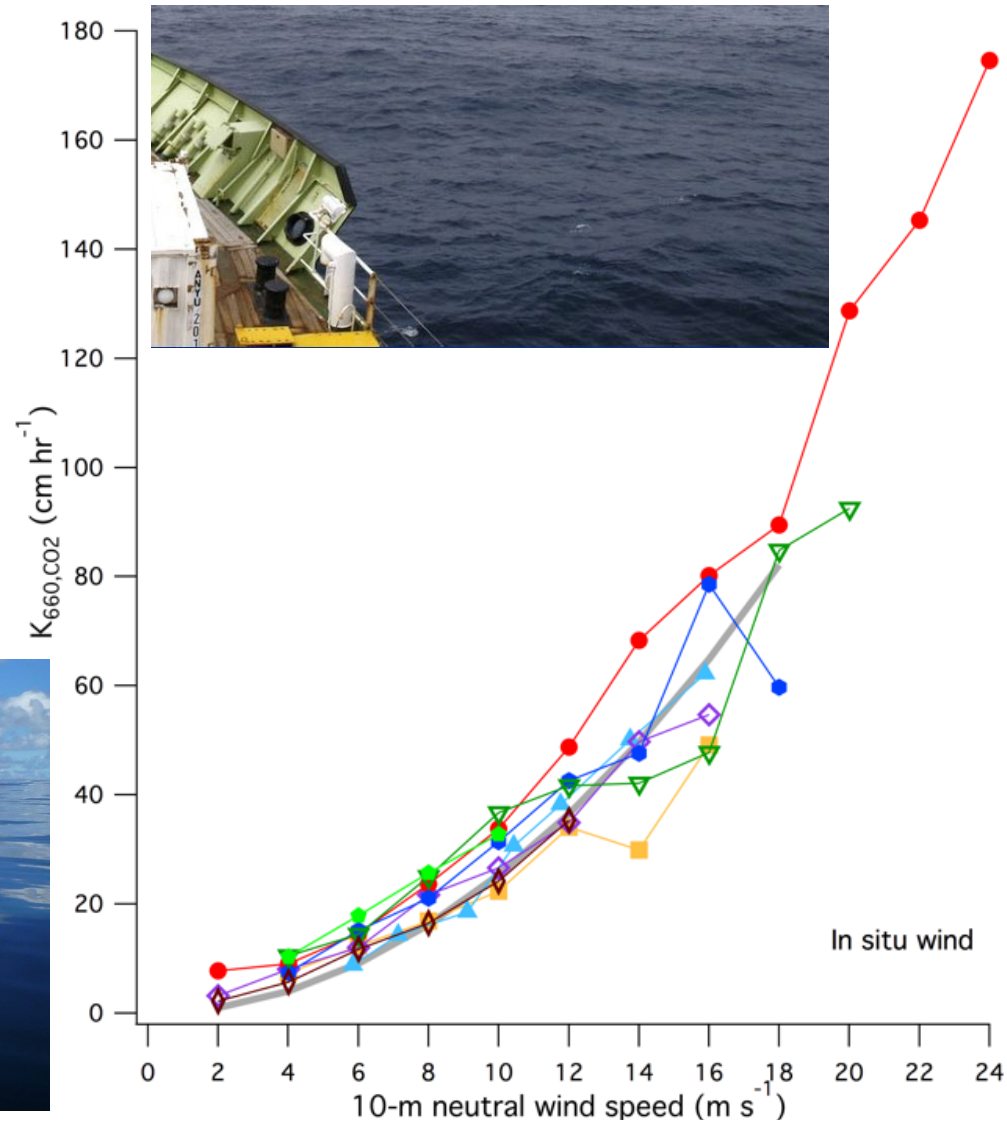


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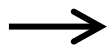


K vs U (sea state)

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calm
(buoyancy)

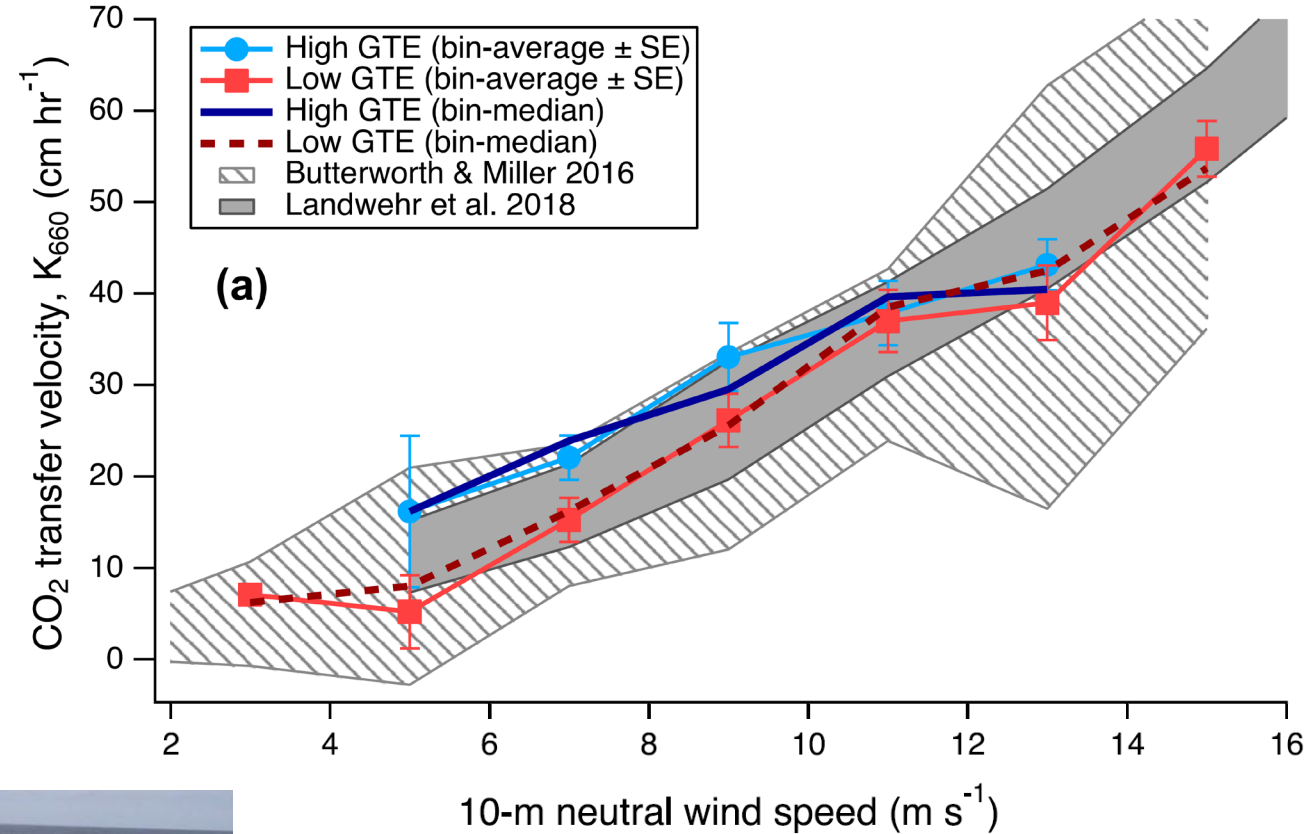
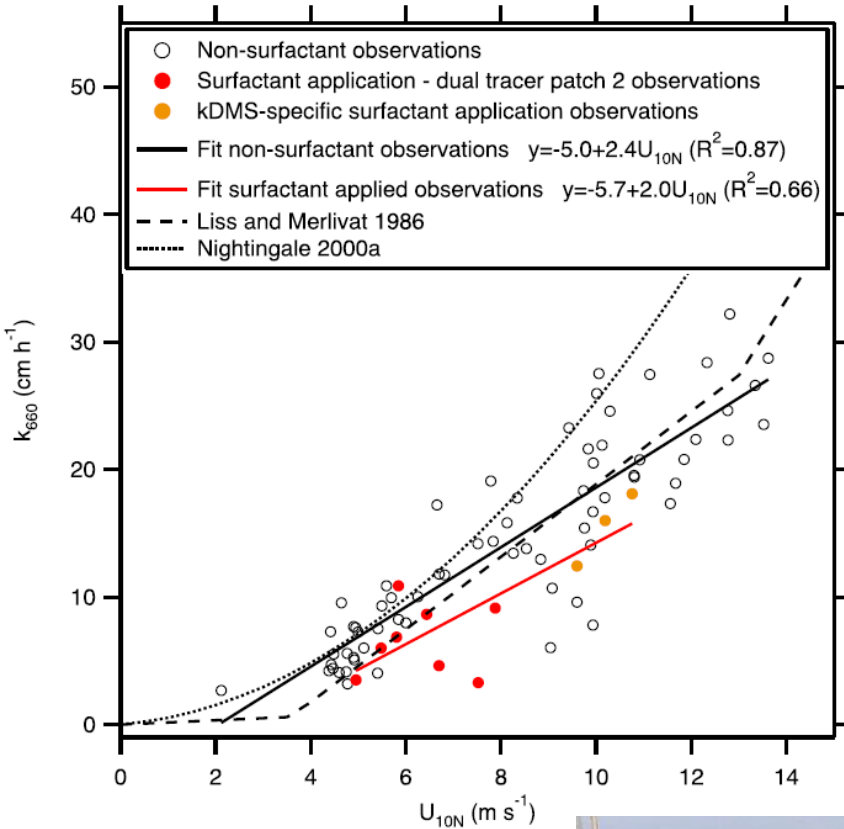


moderate wind
(shear stress)



rough
(waves, bubbles)

Yang et al. (In Review)



Salter et al. (2011)

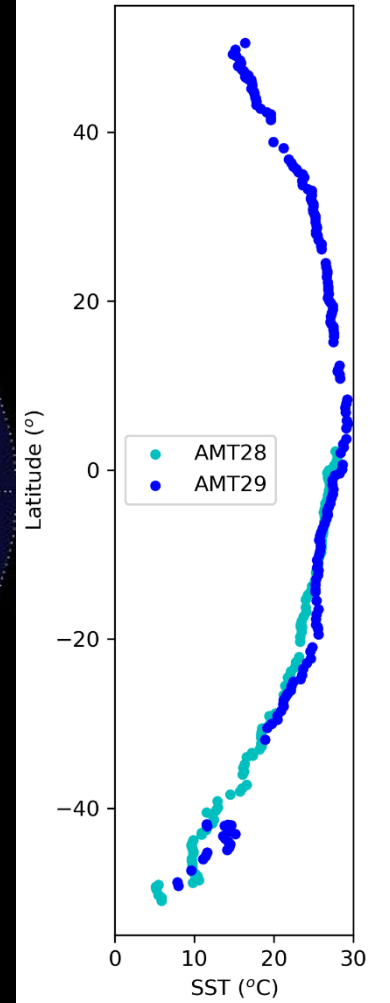


Yang et al., (2021)

See Yang et al. poster

Atlantic Meridional Transect (AMT)

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Eddy covariance CO₂ fluxes



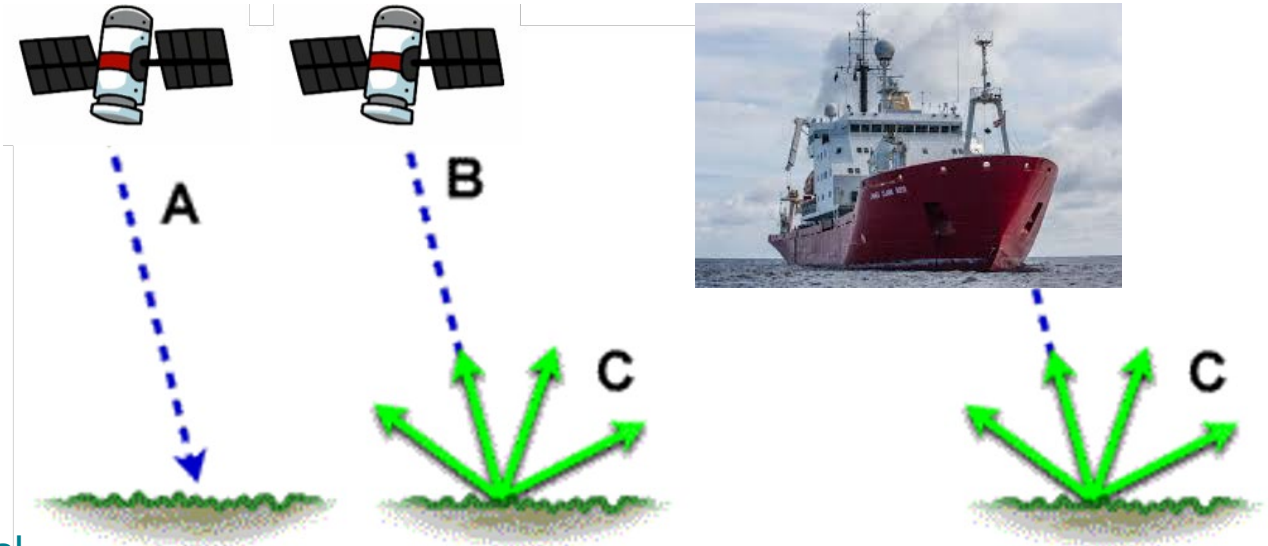
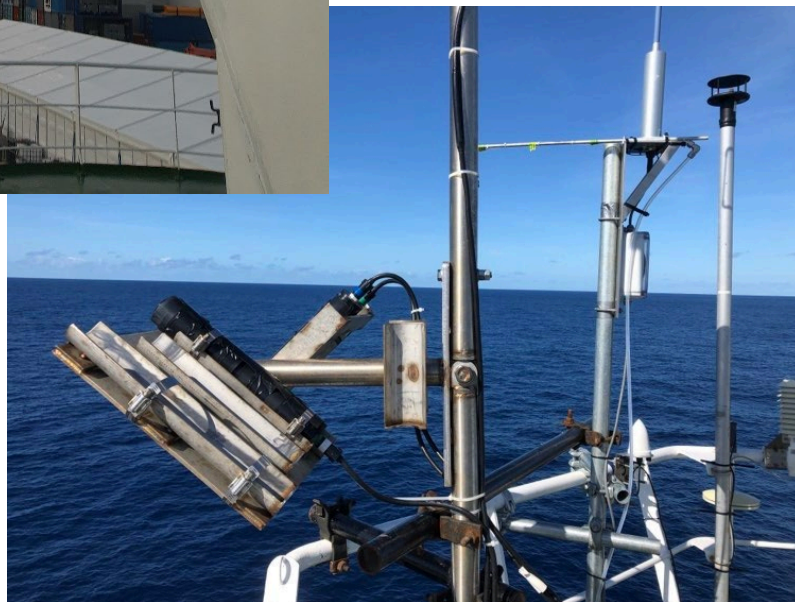
Flux observations:

- Closed path
- Dried
- Licor/Picarro

See Dong et al. poster

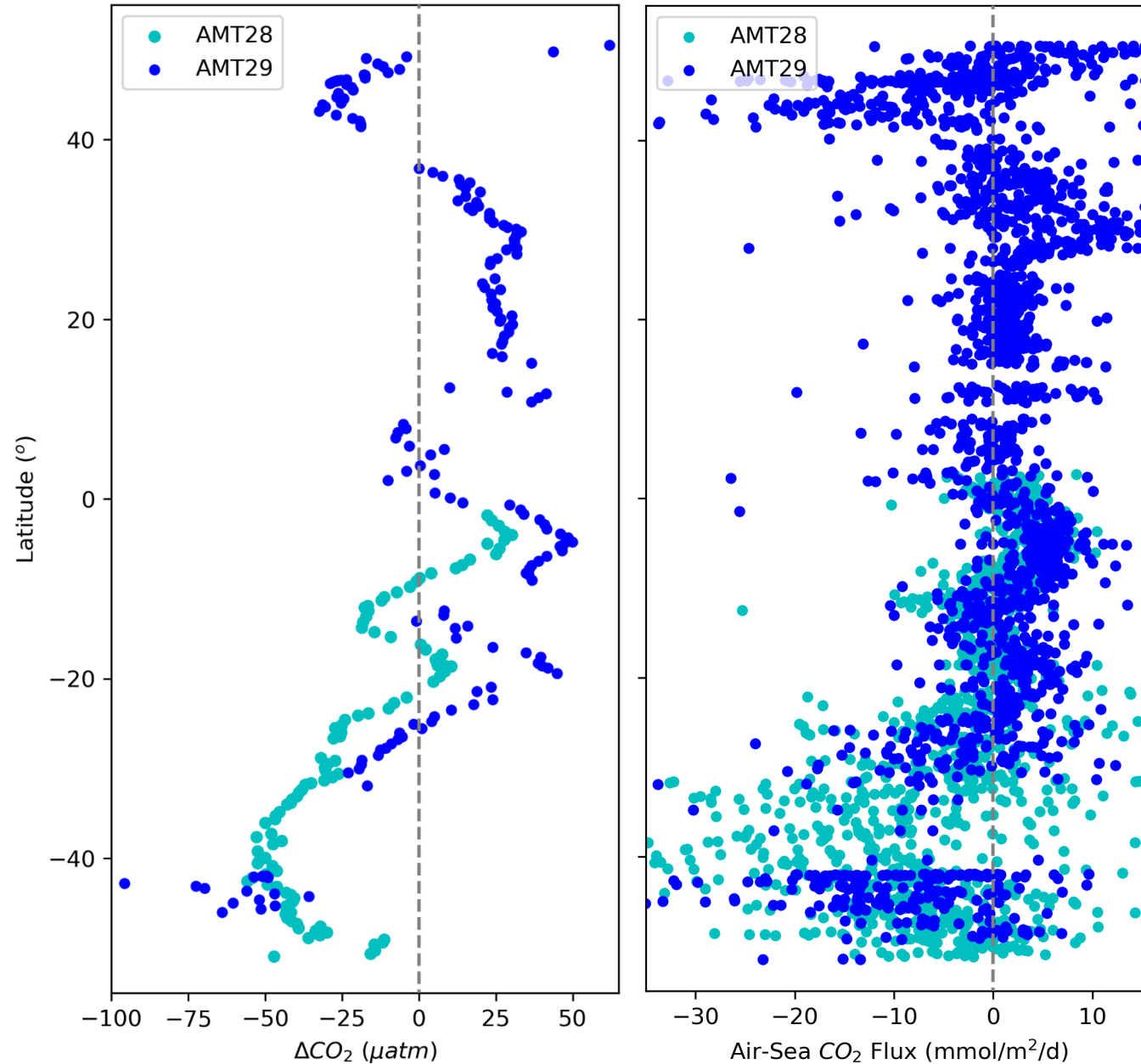


Seawater pCO₂



Kudryavtsev et al. (2014)

- ICBR (C-band radar scattering)
- Cross Polarisation (Horizontal/Vertical)
- Angles: 30° - 50°
- Small scale waves and breaking waves/foam



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20 min average data

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High Precision



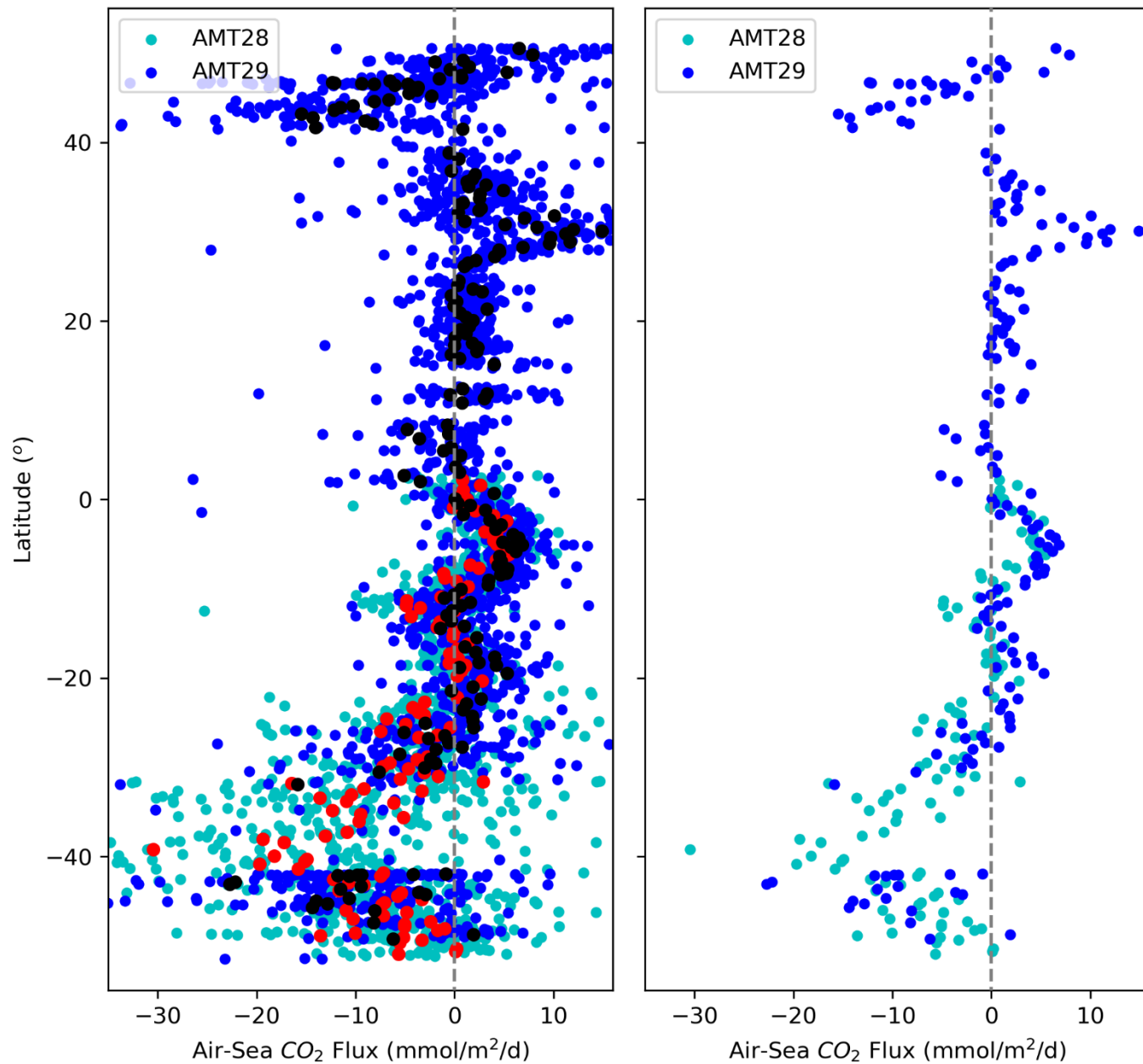
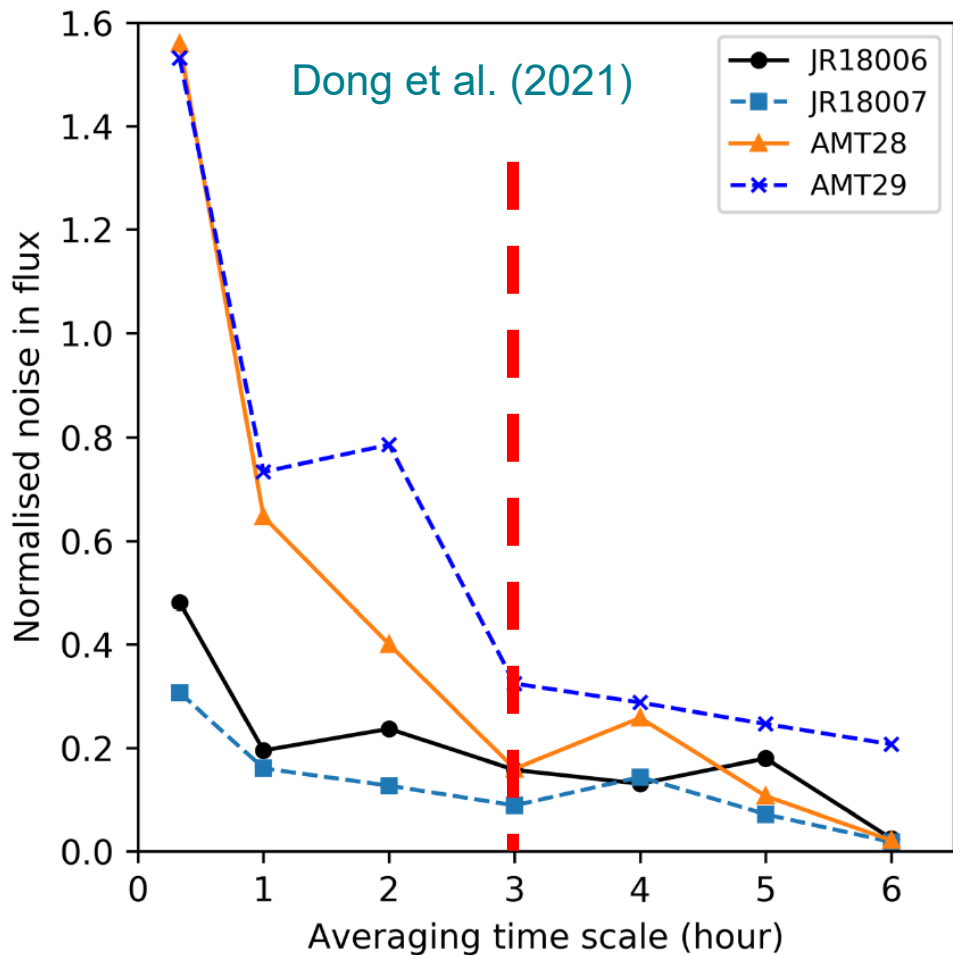
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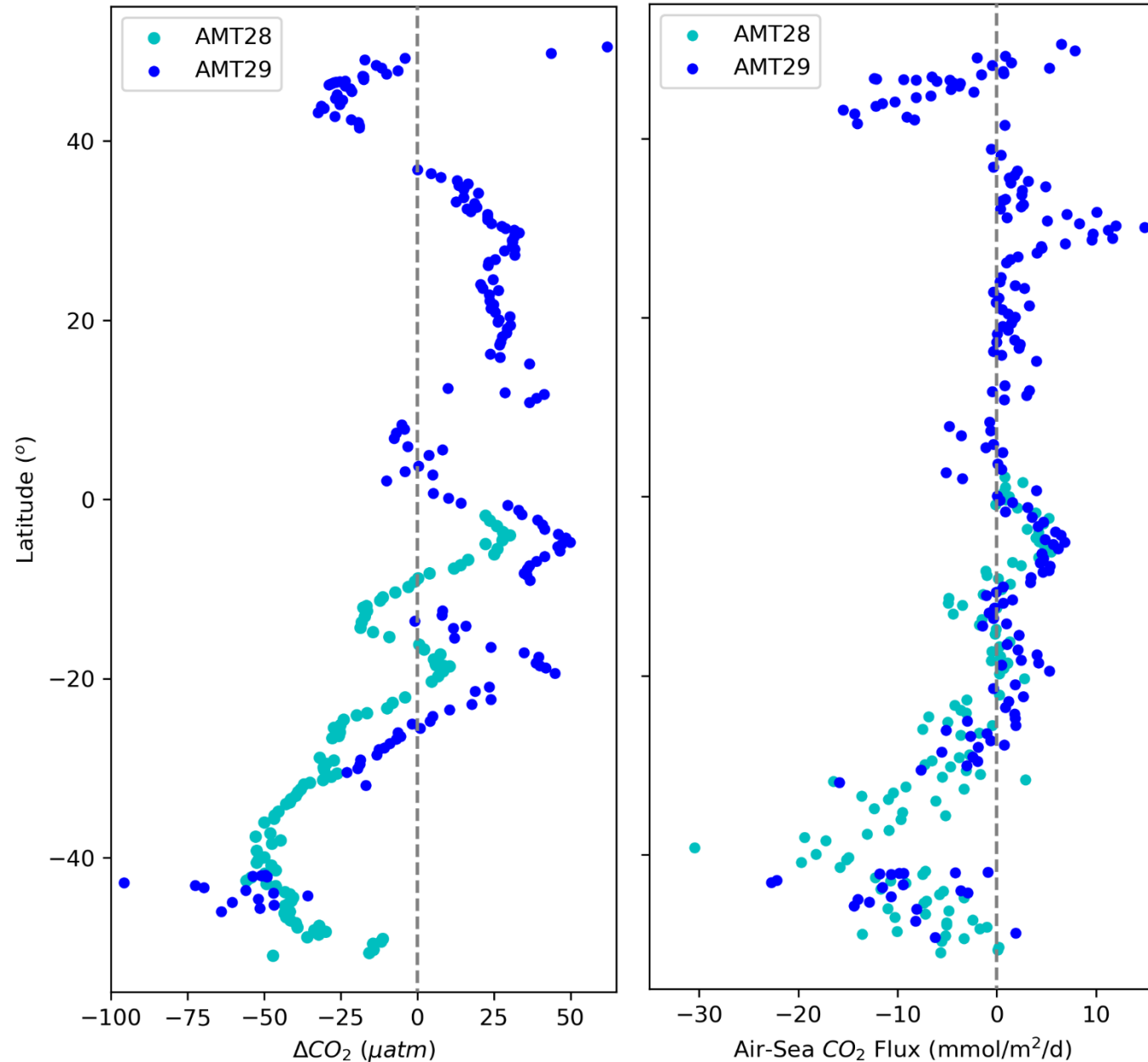


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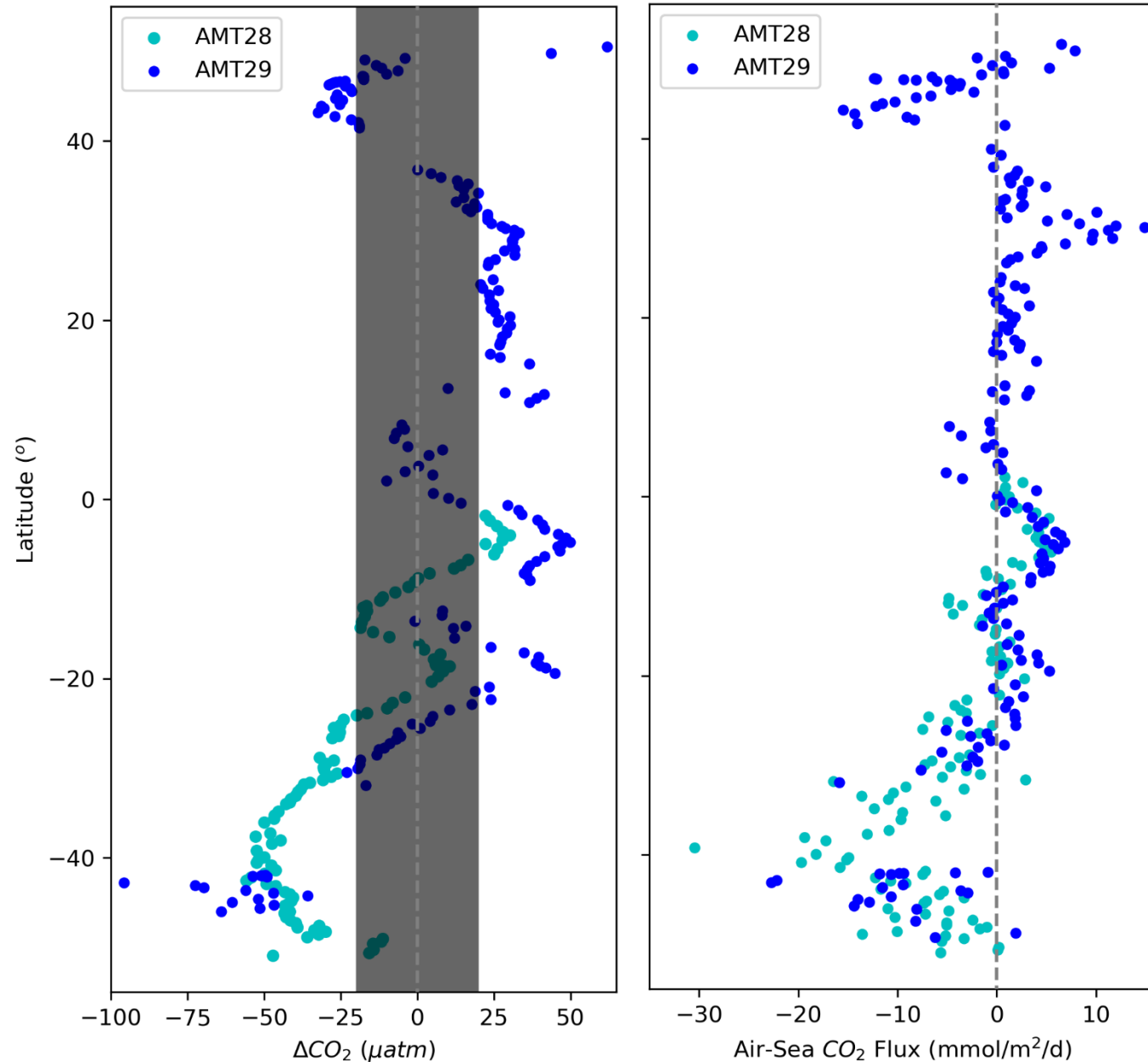


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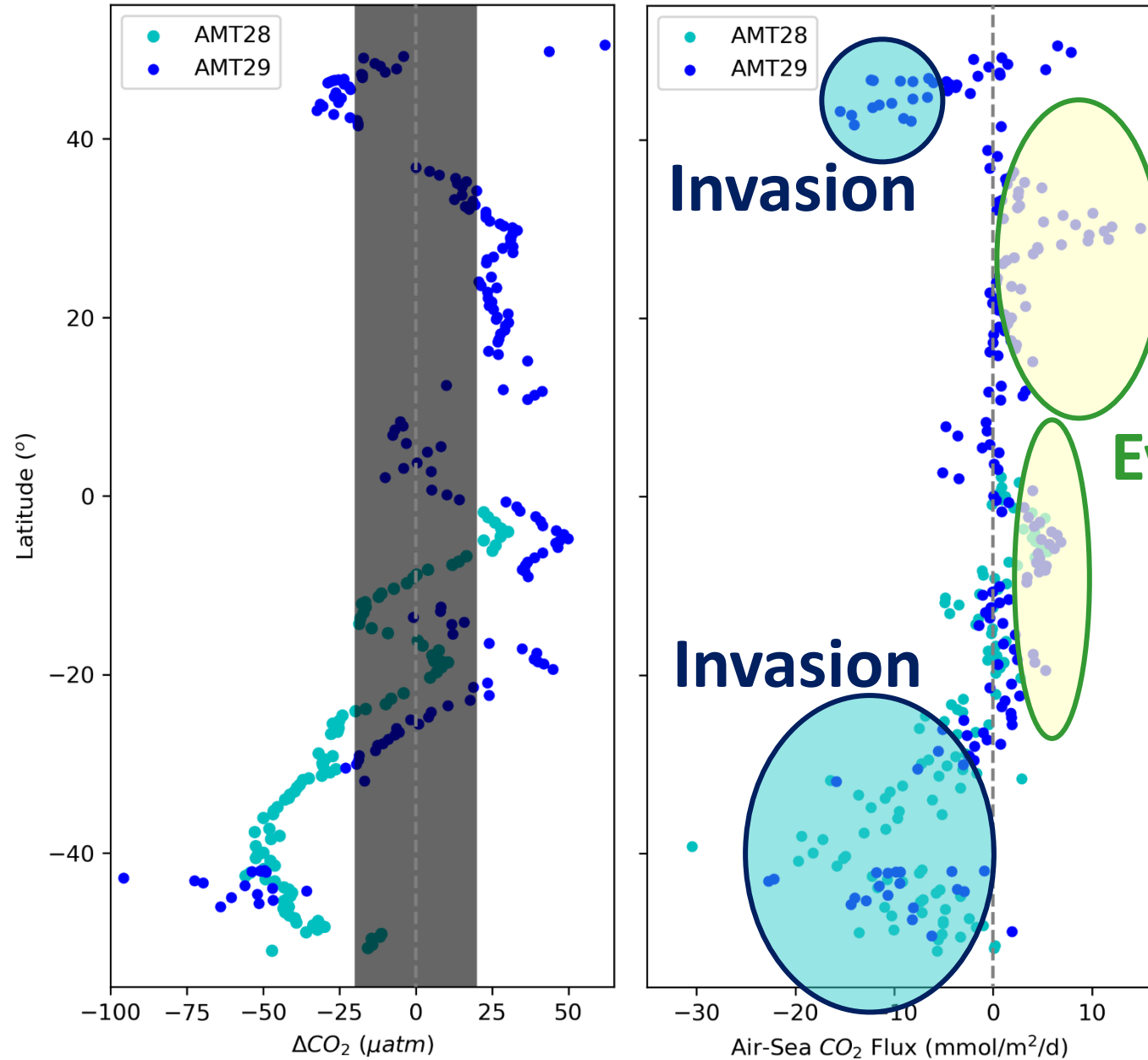
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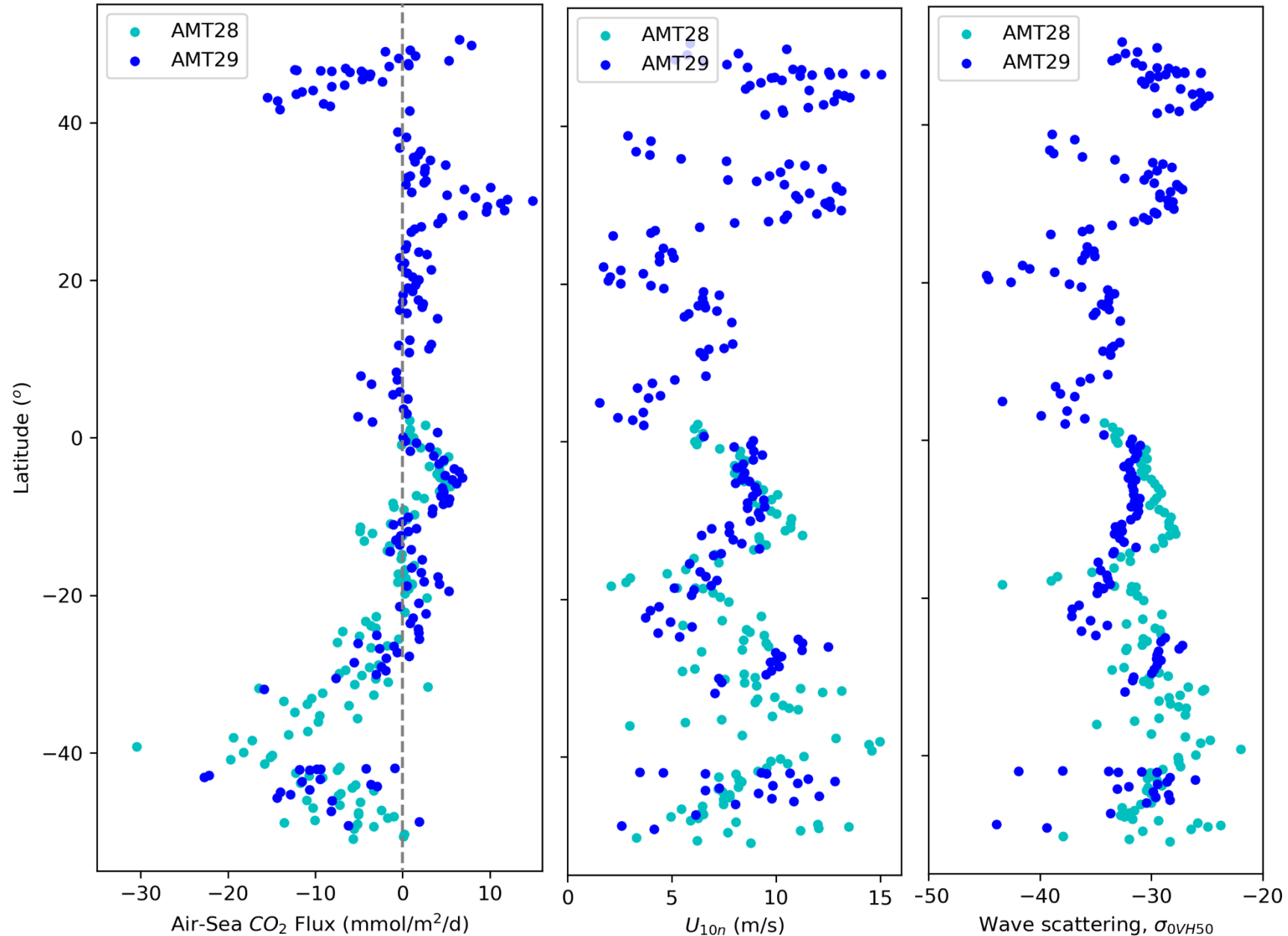
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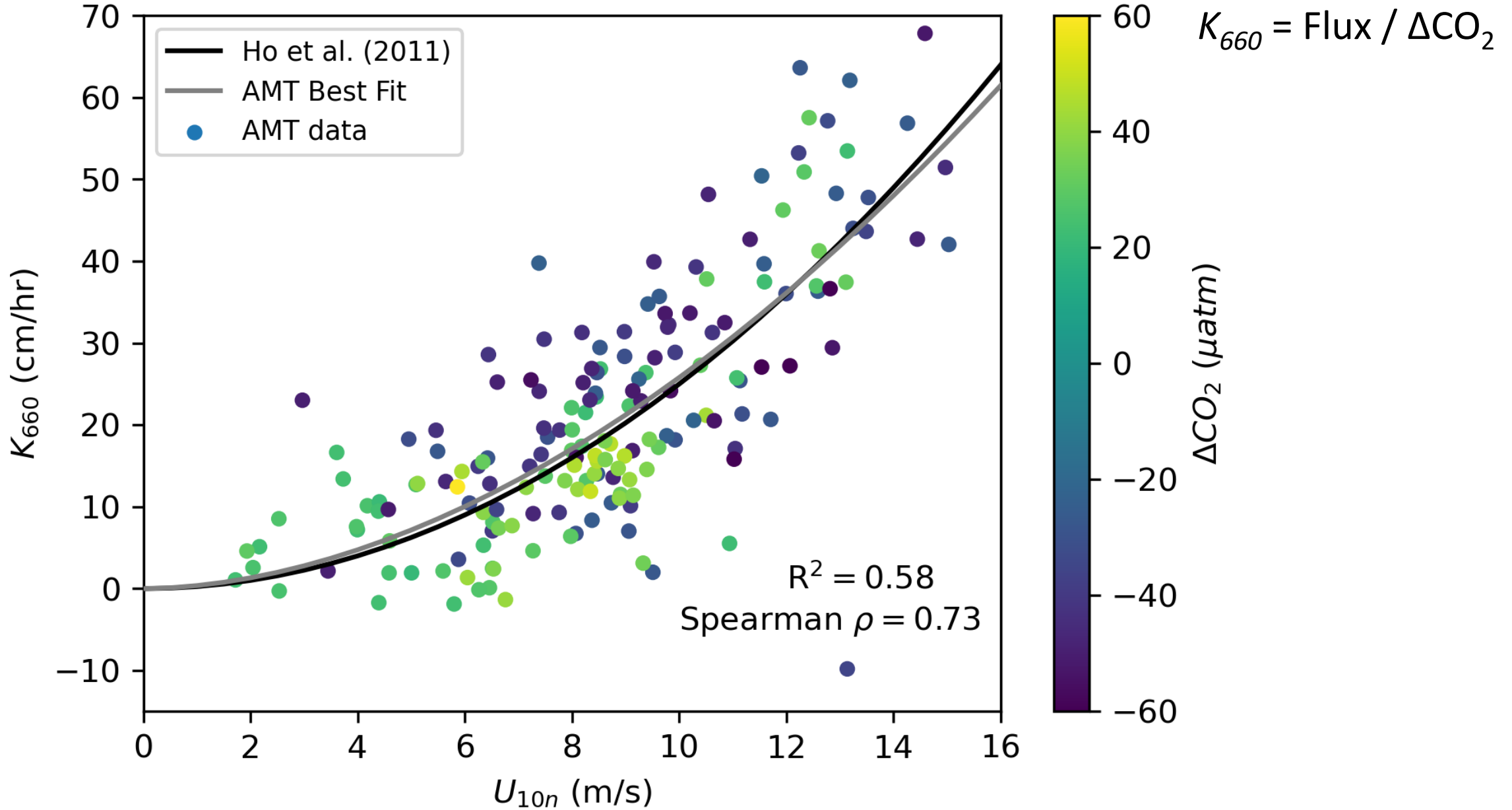
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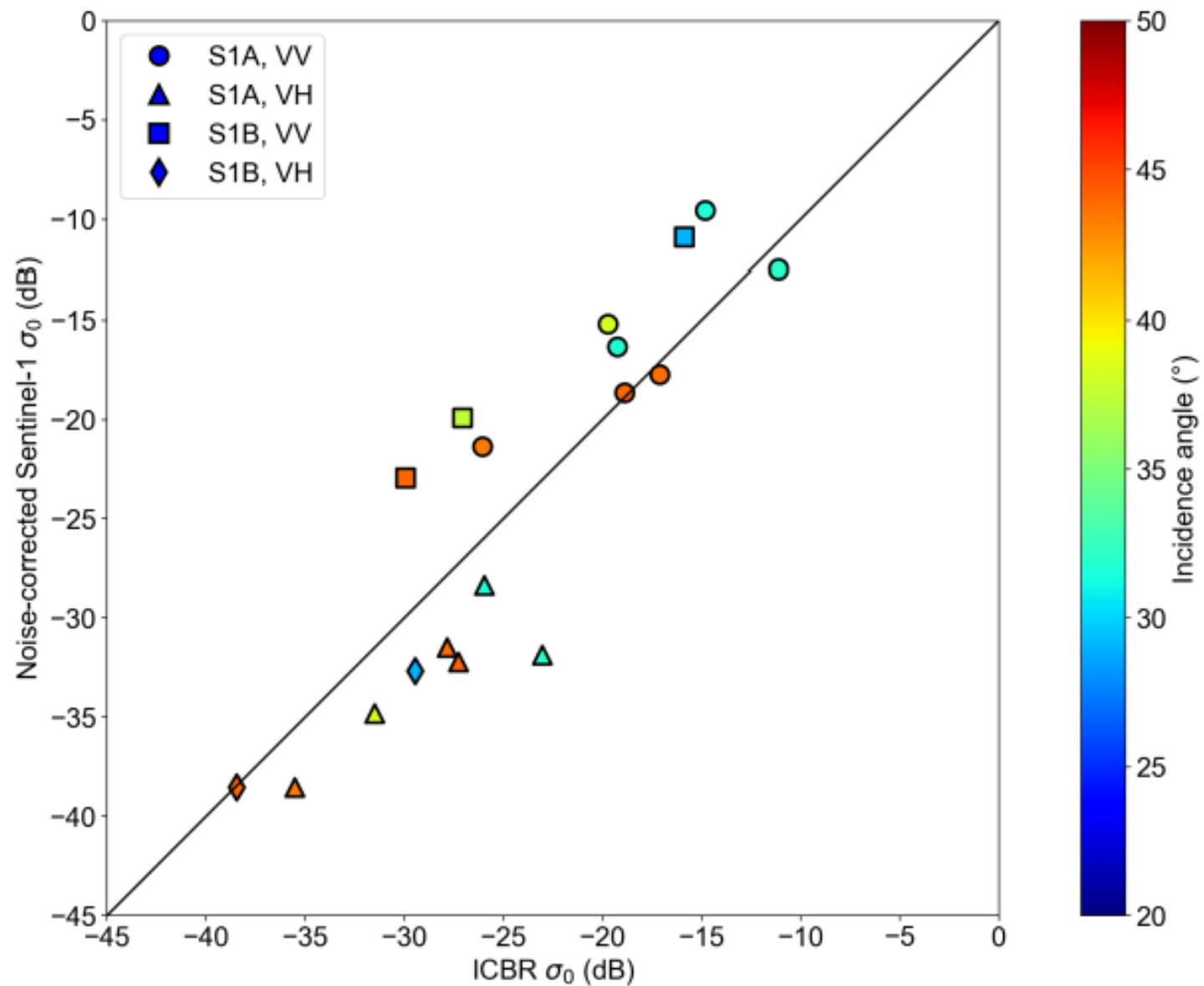
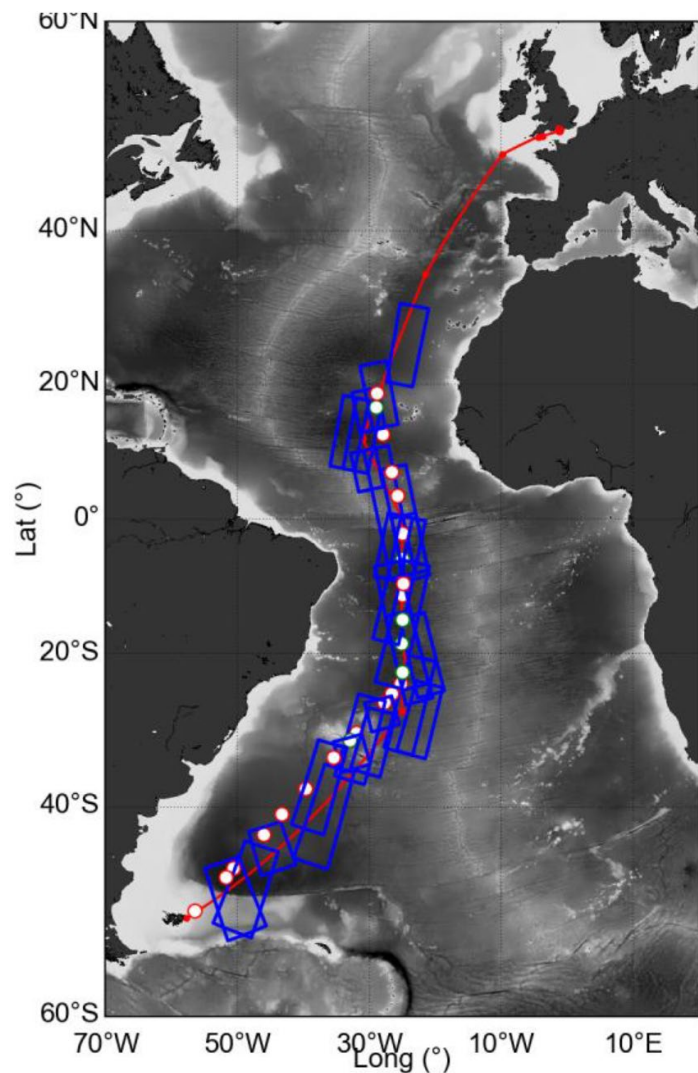
Typically unstable boundary layer on AMT

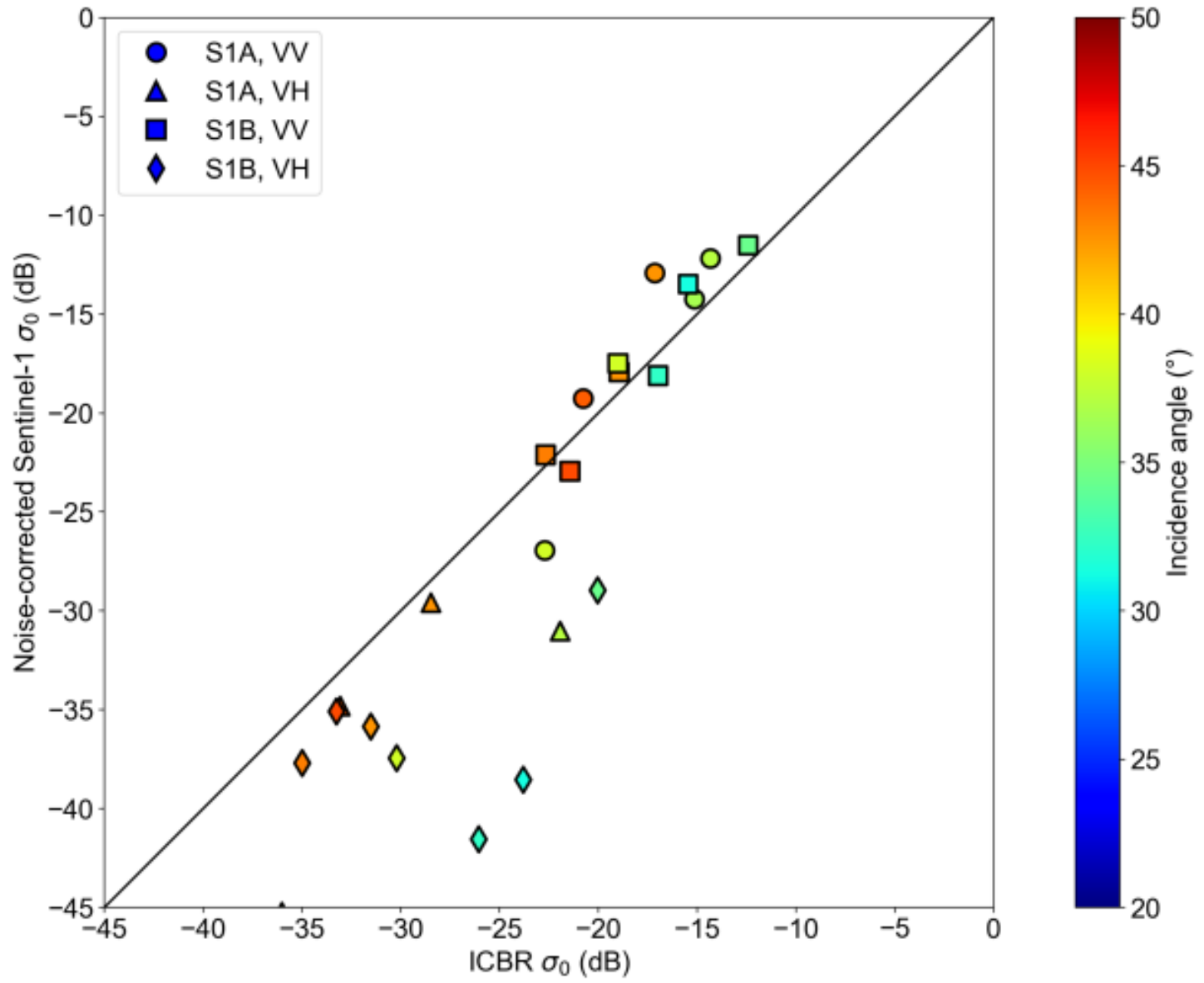
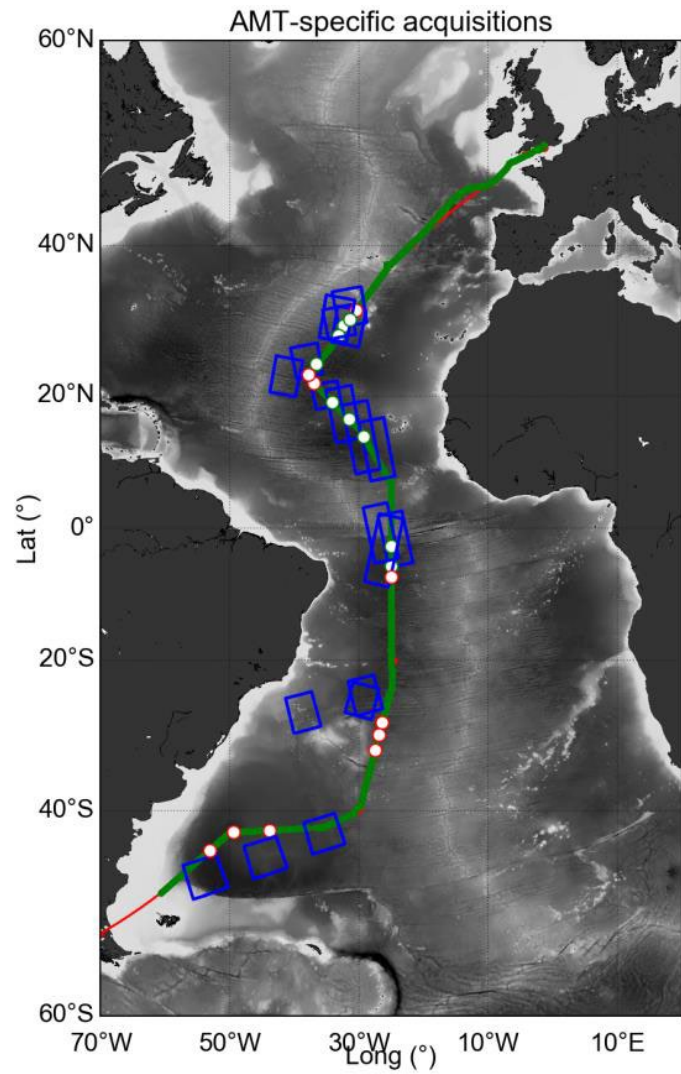


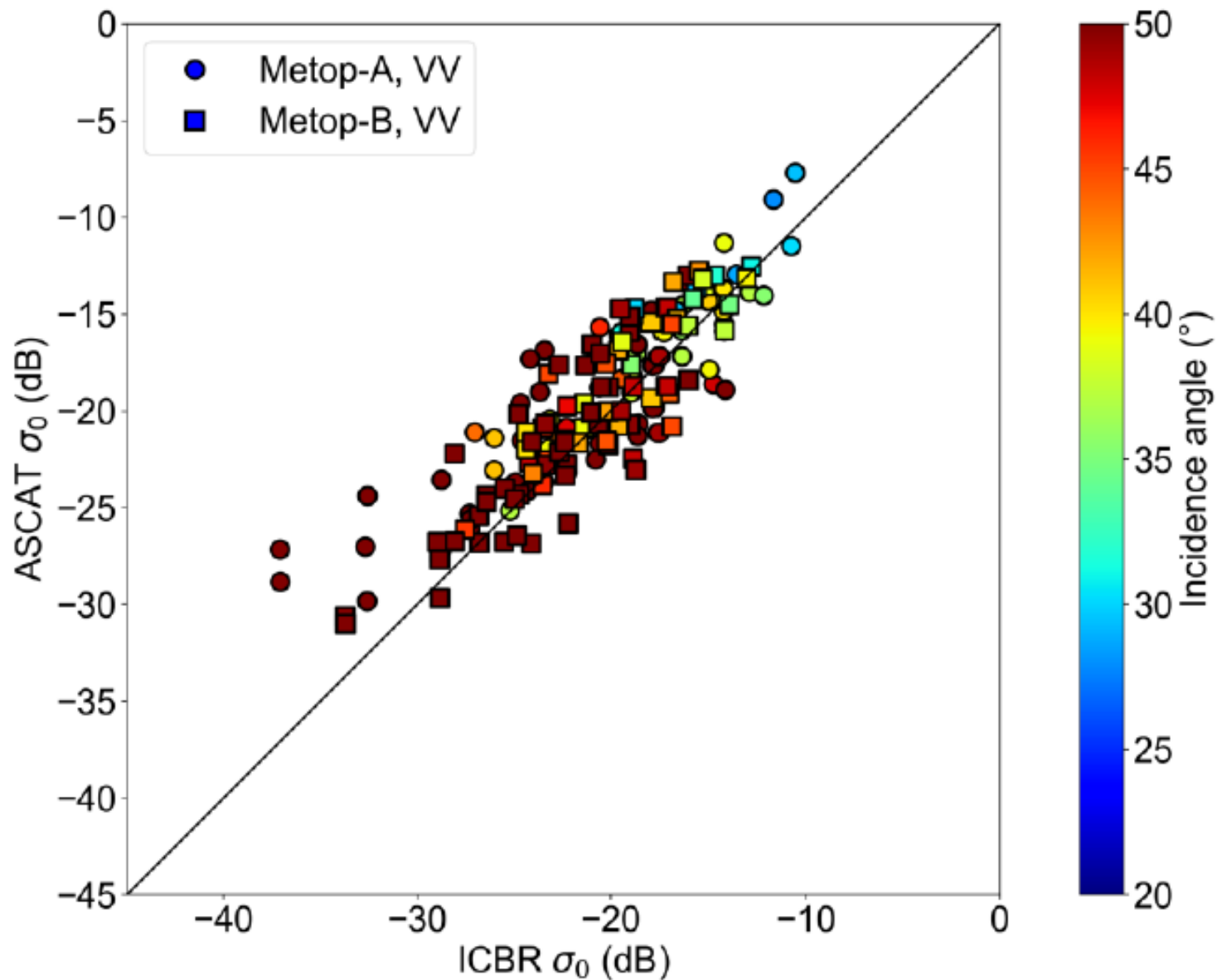
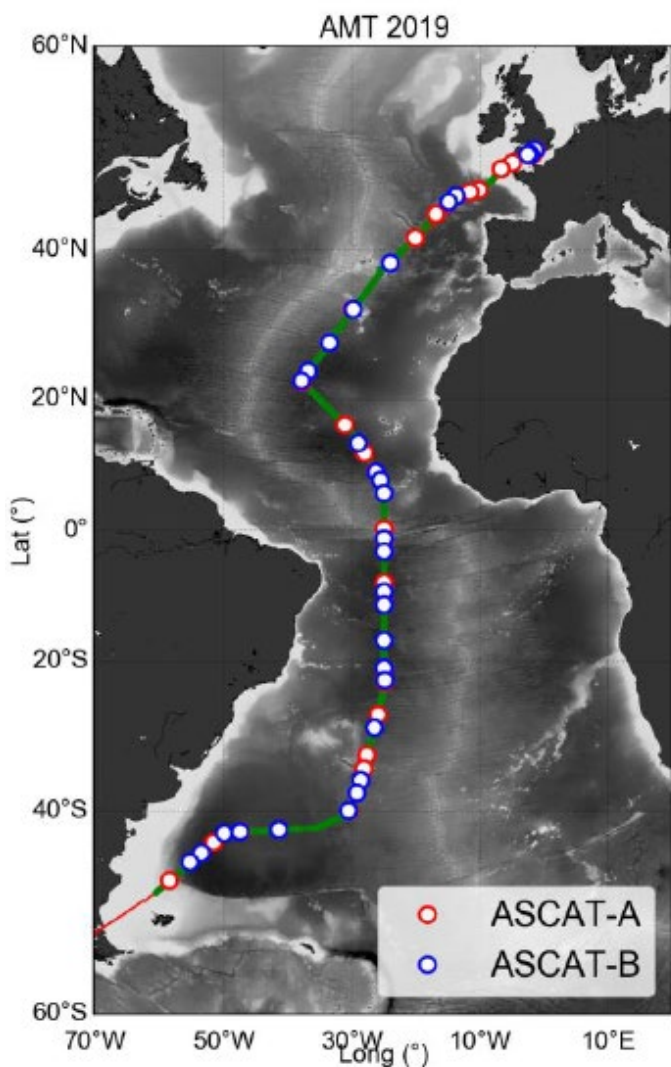


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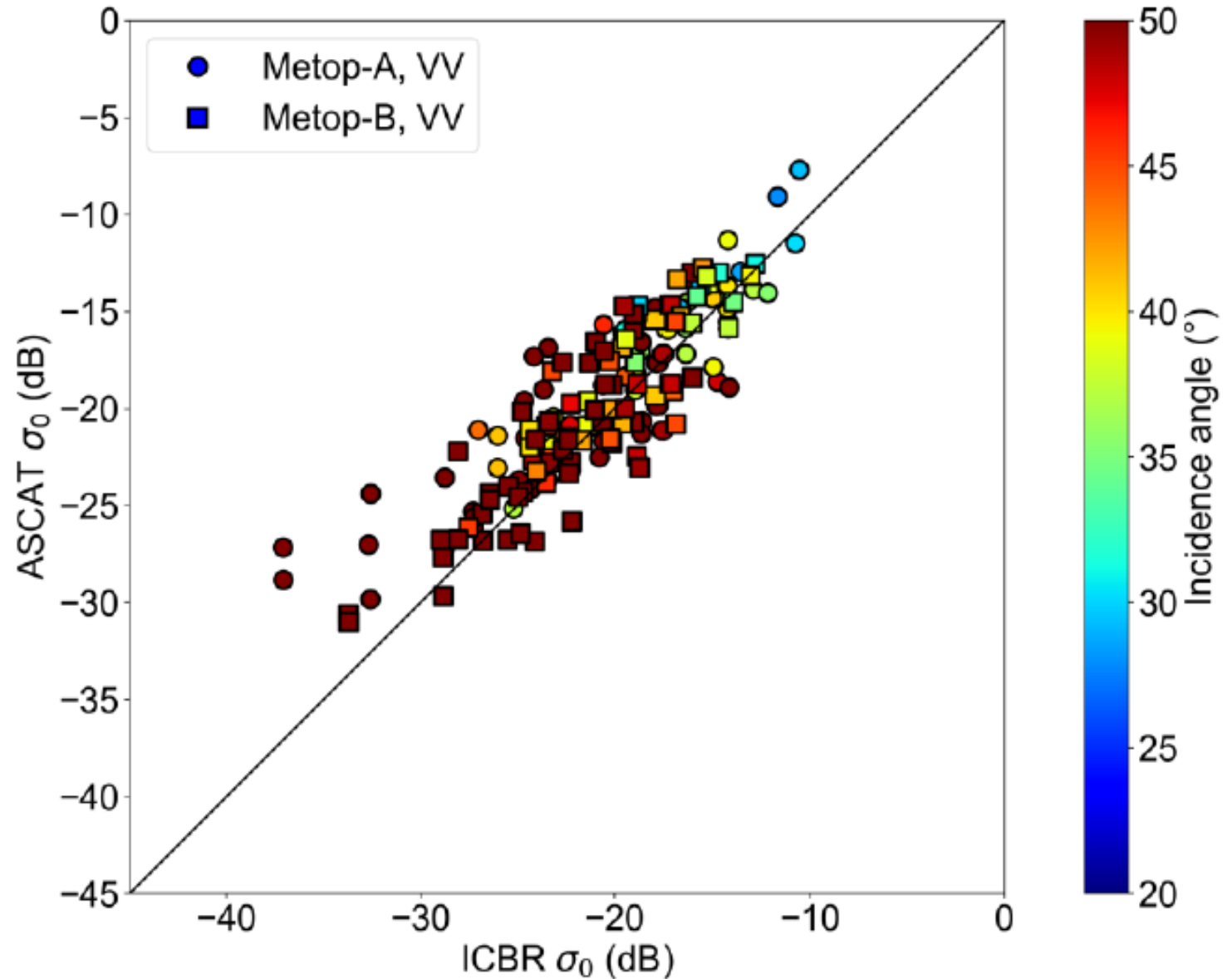






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- Good quality EC CO₂ flux data possible with small fluxes
- Averaging required, but NOT into bins (better for looking at processes)
- ΔCO₂ threshold necessary when estimating K_{660}
- Difference between evasion and invasion K_{660} data?

- Relationship with radar backscatter comparable to relationship with wind speed
- In situ scattering observations compare well with satellite (Sentinel 1A/B and ASCAT) match ups
- Illustrates potential to make K_{660} estimates from satellite with directly-measured observations rather than an empirically-derived property

Future: - More data (next cruise left today, Covid-free!!)
- Link with other wave obs.?
- Higher wind speeds / rougher sea states?

Thanks for your attention