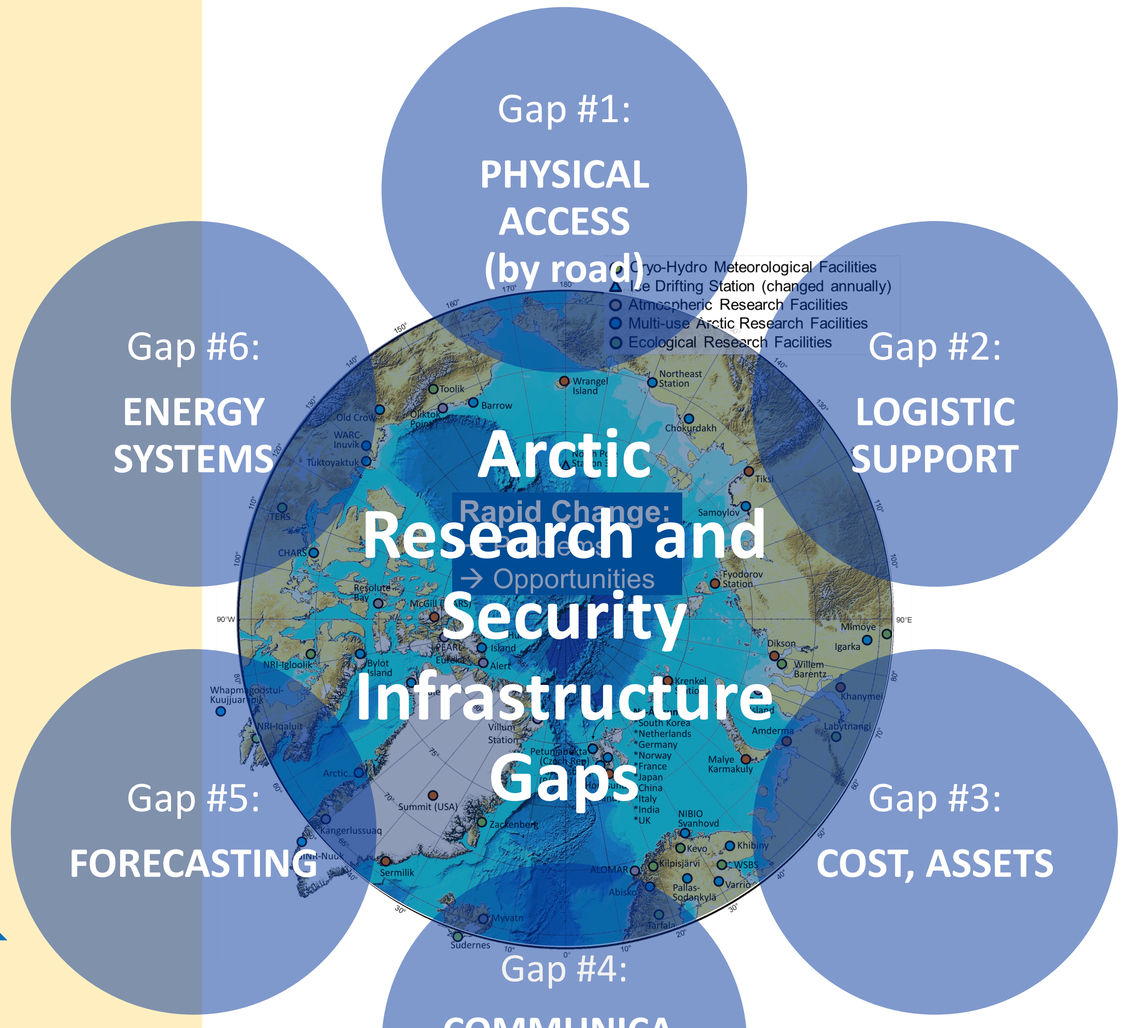
Arctic research requires infrastructure + presence to serve U.S. National interests

What we don't know can hurt us.
Arctic change will affect global economics, ecosystems, public health, resource and supply chains, and national security. Yet, it remains the least observed and least understood U.S. domain. Arctic research and technology development can fill gaps to serve national interests.

A networked, comprehensive High Arctic Research Center is needed to fill infrastructure gaps and enable comprehensive Arctic research.



Public-Private Partnerships Leverage Resources to fill Research, Search and Rescue, Security gaps

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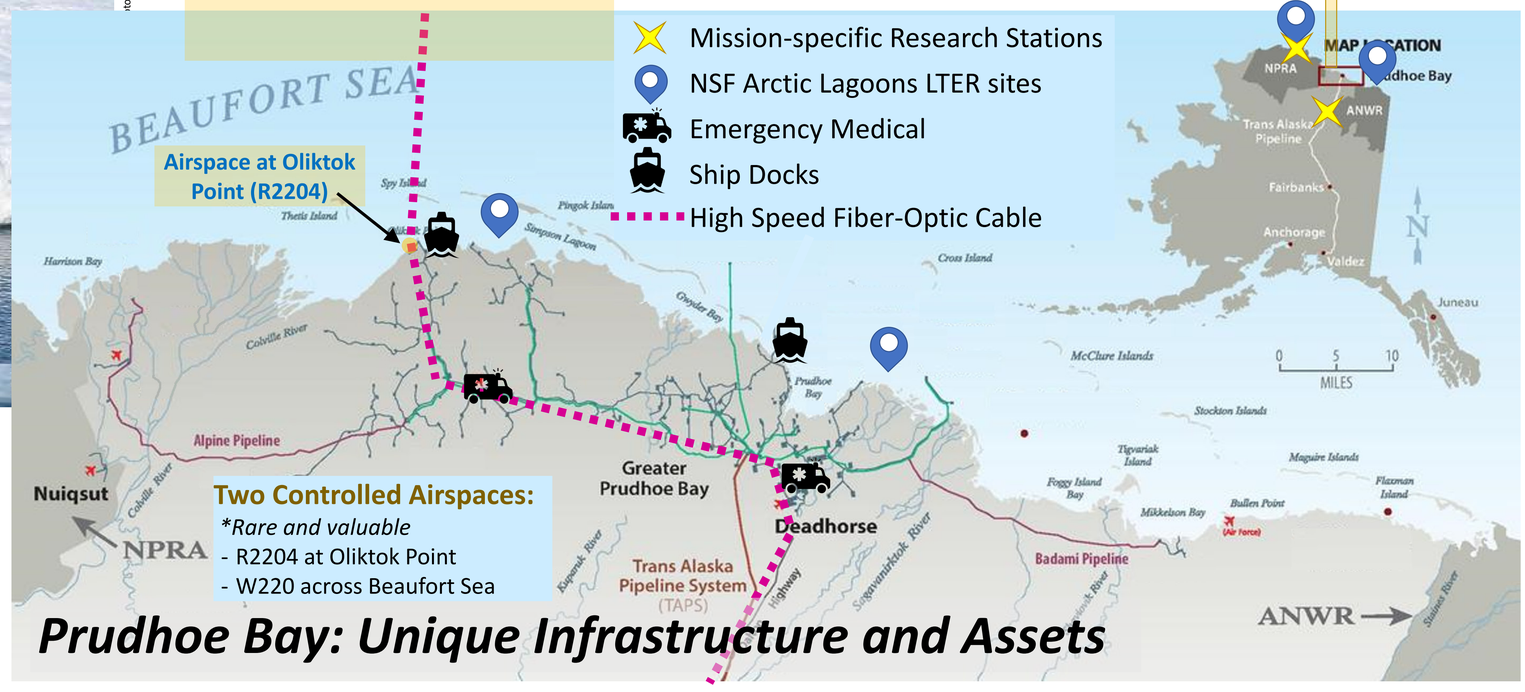
Arctic Shield 2015: The **Oliktok Point site and controlled airspaces** were used to conduct this public-private search and rescue exercise. An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was launched from Oliktok Point, then "handed off" to the USCG cutter Healy to locate "survivors" in ice-covered waters. Manned aircraft and rescue personnel were then dispatched.

Controlled airspace
46 x 775 miles north (W220)



Presence and Operations to Support Arctic Research, Technology, and Security

Support Arctic Camps

Source: Brian Glass, "NASA: Mission Ames", NASA, Posted August 5, 2014; https://blogs.nasa.gov/mission-ames/author/bglass/

Arctic Exercises, Testing and Training

Credit: Sebastian Saarloos, April 2016; https://www.army.mil/article/166773/sled_to_transport_equipment_tested_in_alaskan_cold

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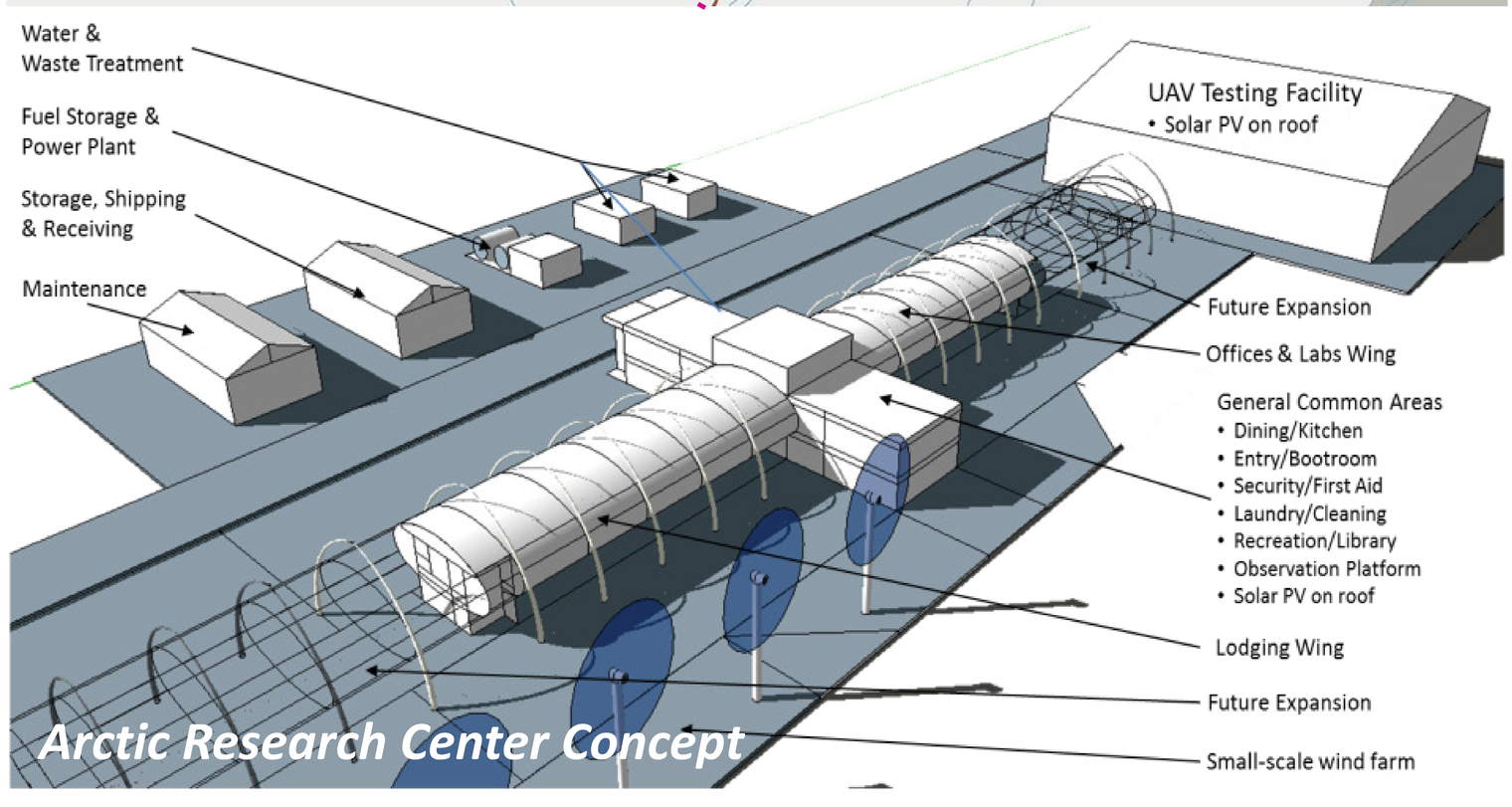

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