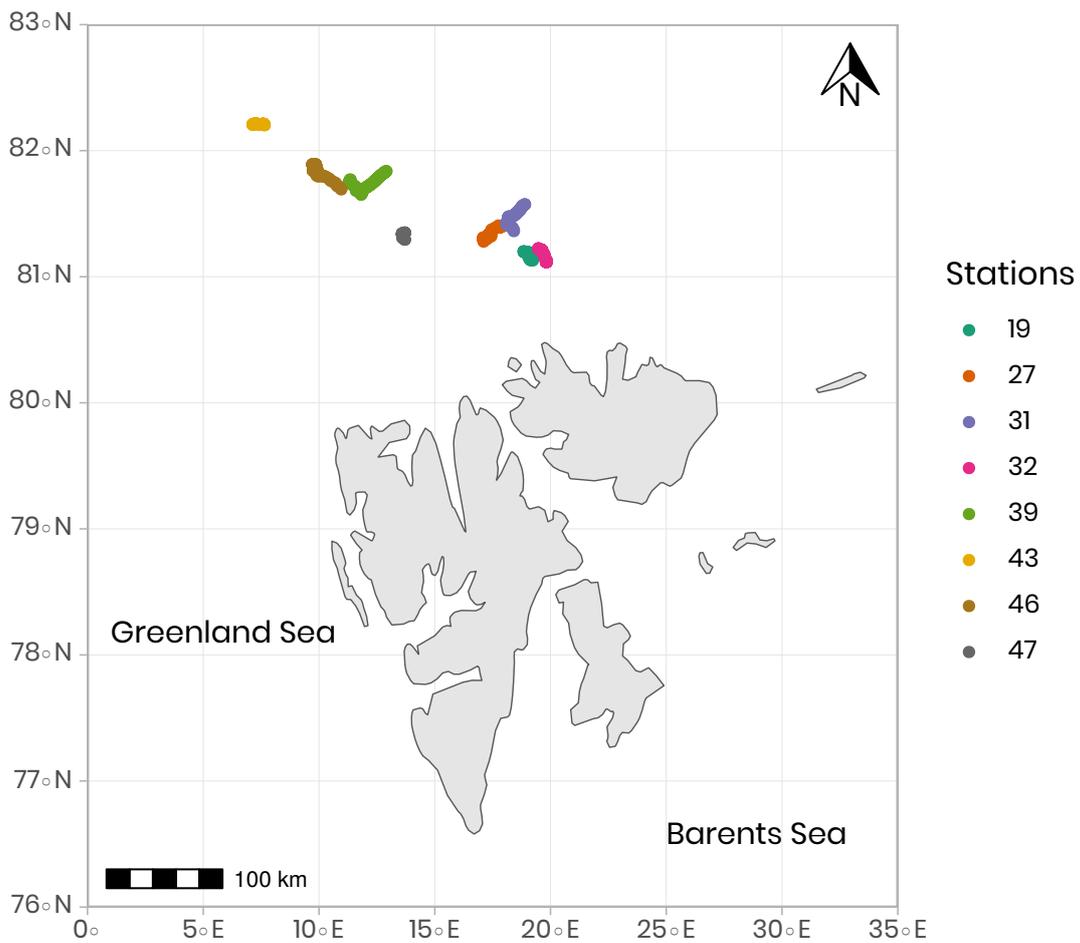
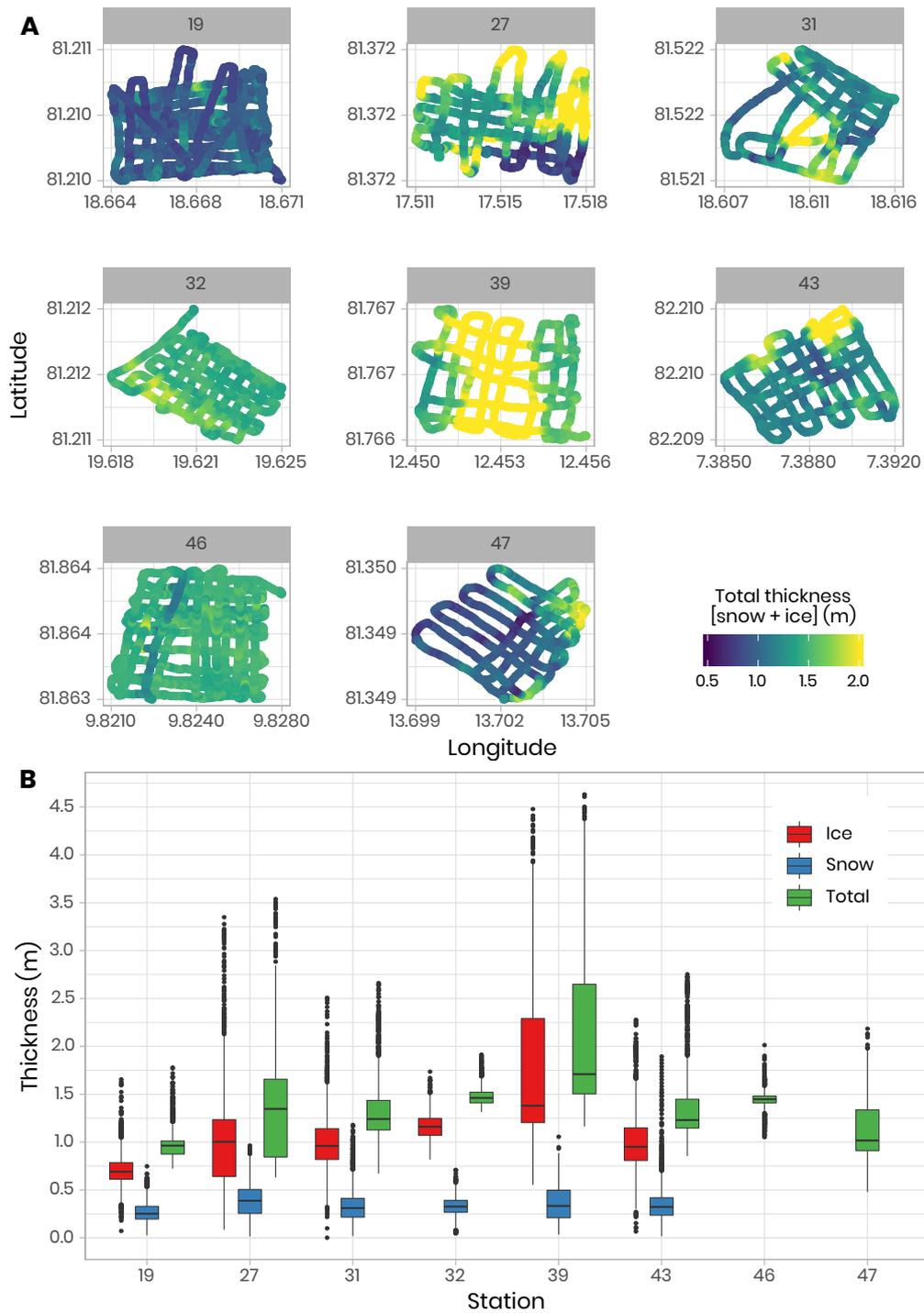


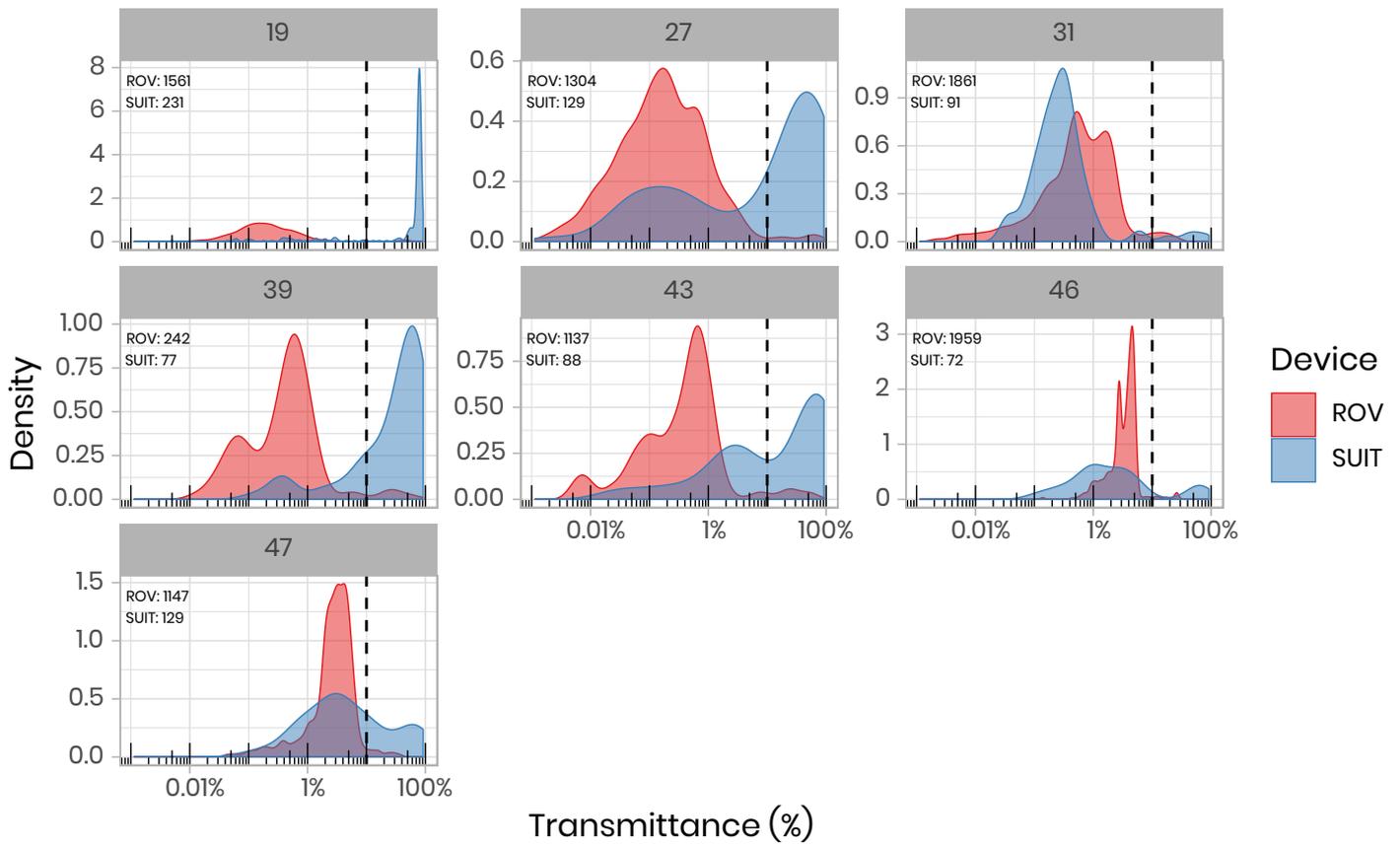
# Figures



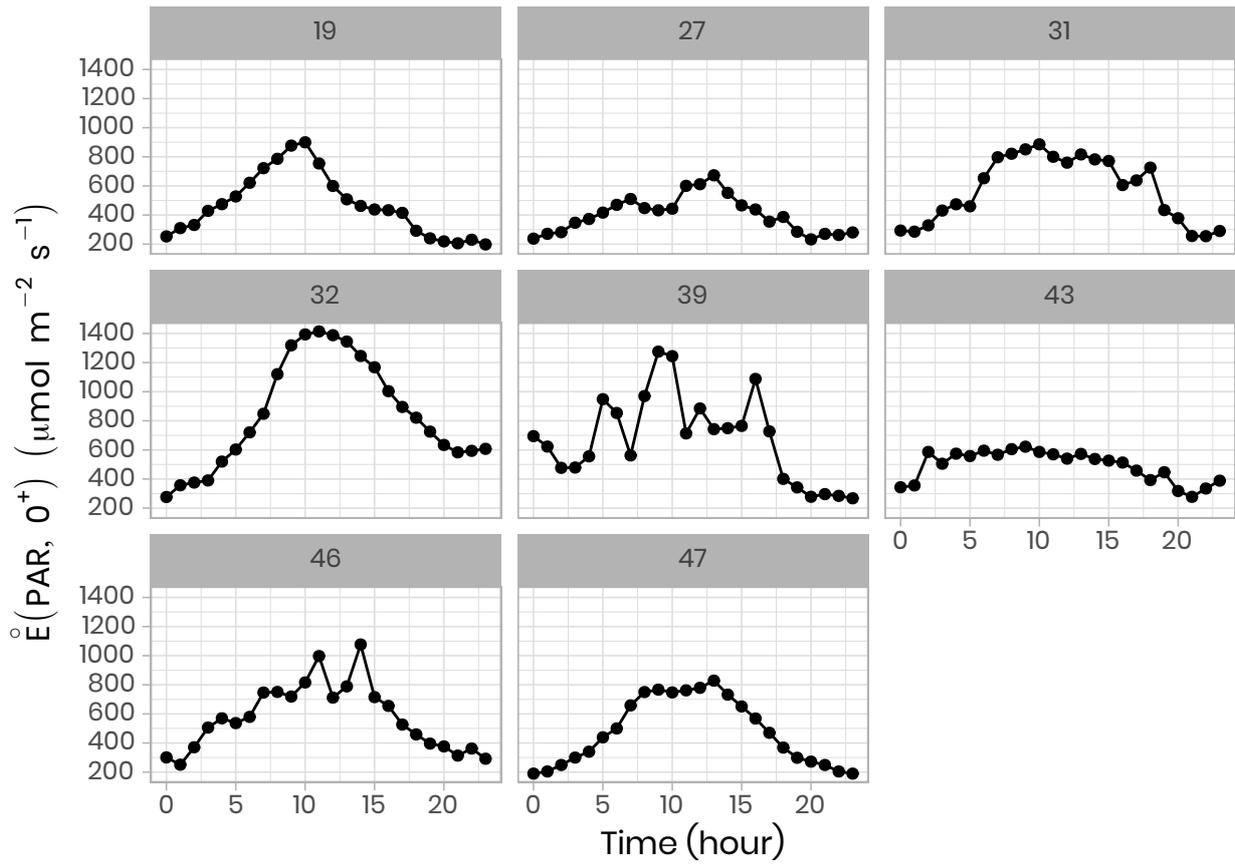
**Figure 1:** Locations of the ice stations sampled during the Transsiz expedition north of Svalbard. The dots reflect the drift of the ship while anchored to an ice floe.



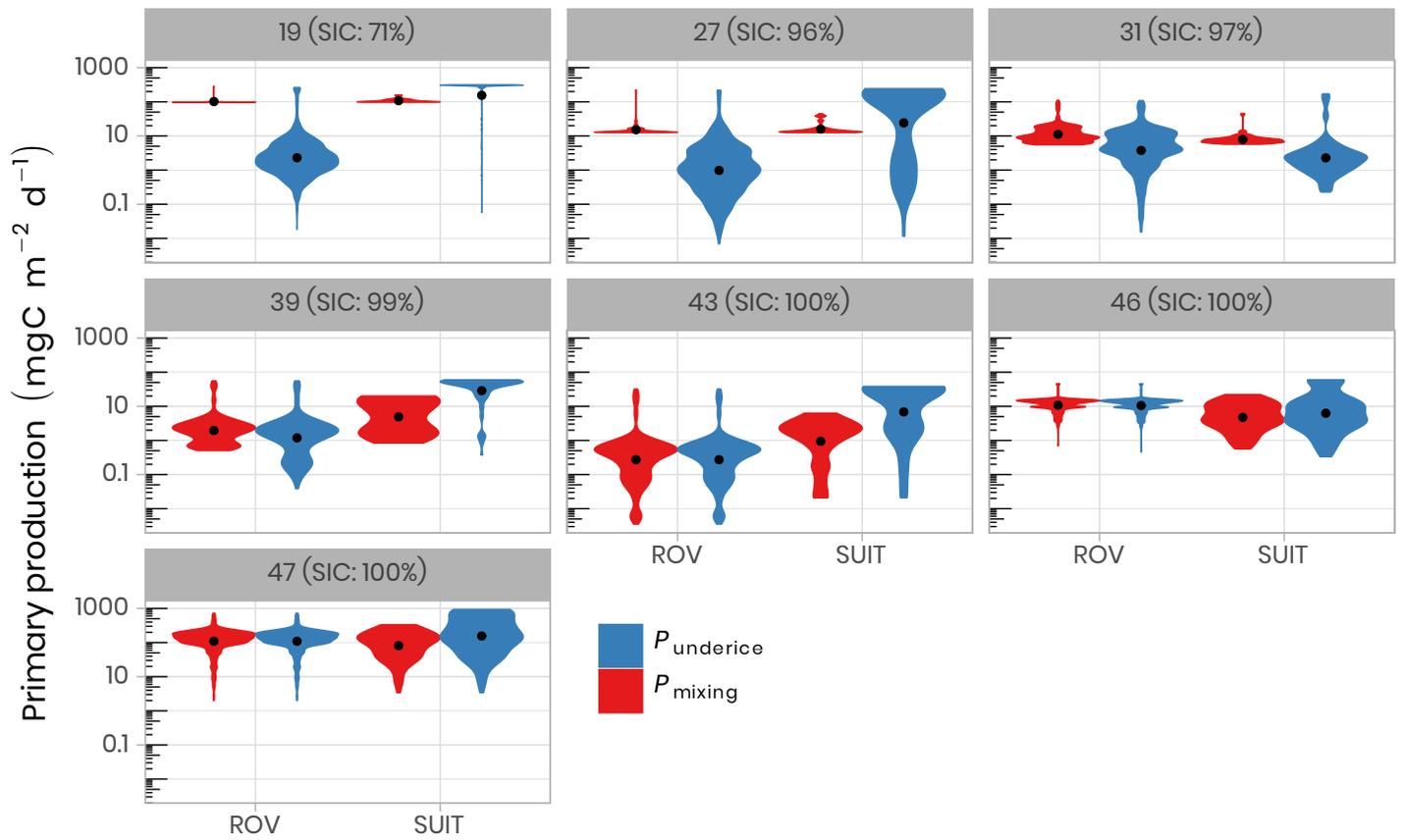
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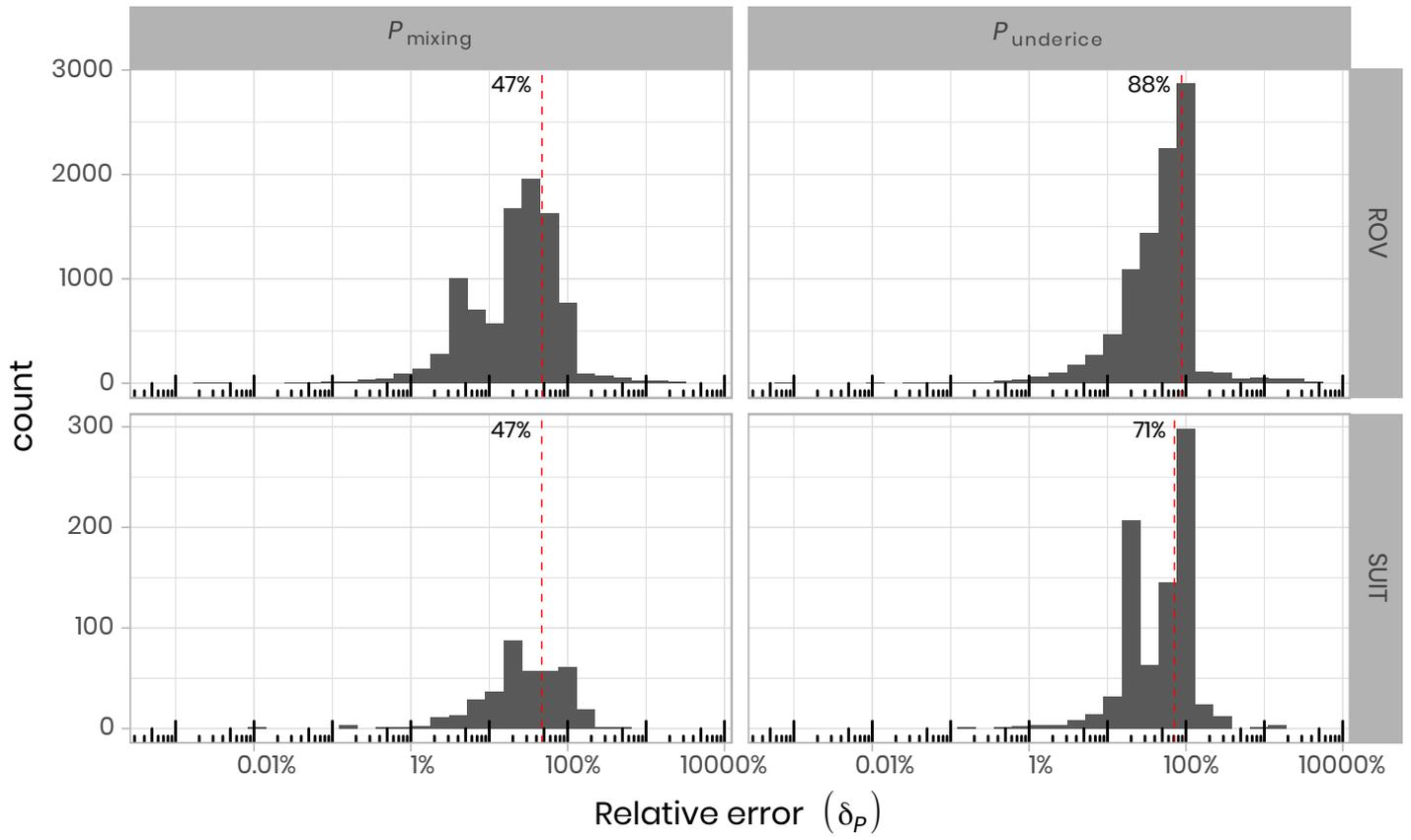
**Figure 3:** Density plots showing the distribution of transmittance values measured by the ROV and the SUI devices. Dashed lines represent the 10% transmittance threshold used to filter out SUI transmittance used in the mixing models. Numbers on top of the gray boxes identify the stations. Top-left numbers in each facet show the number of observations.



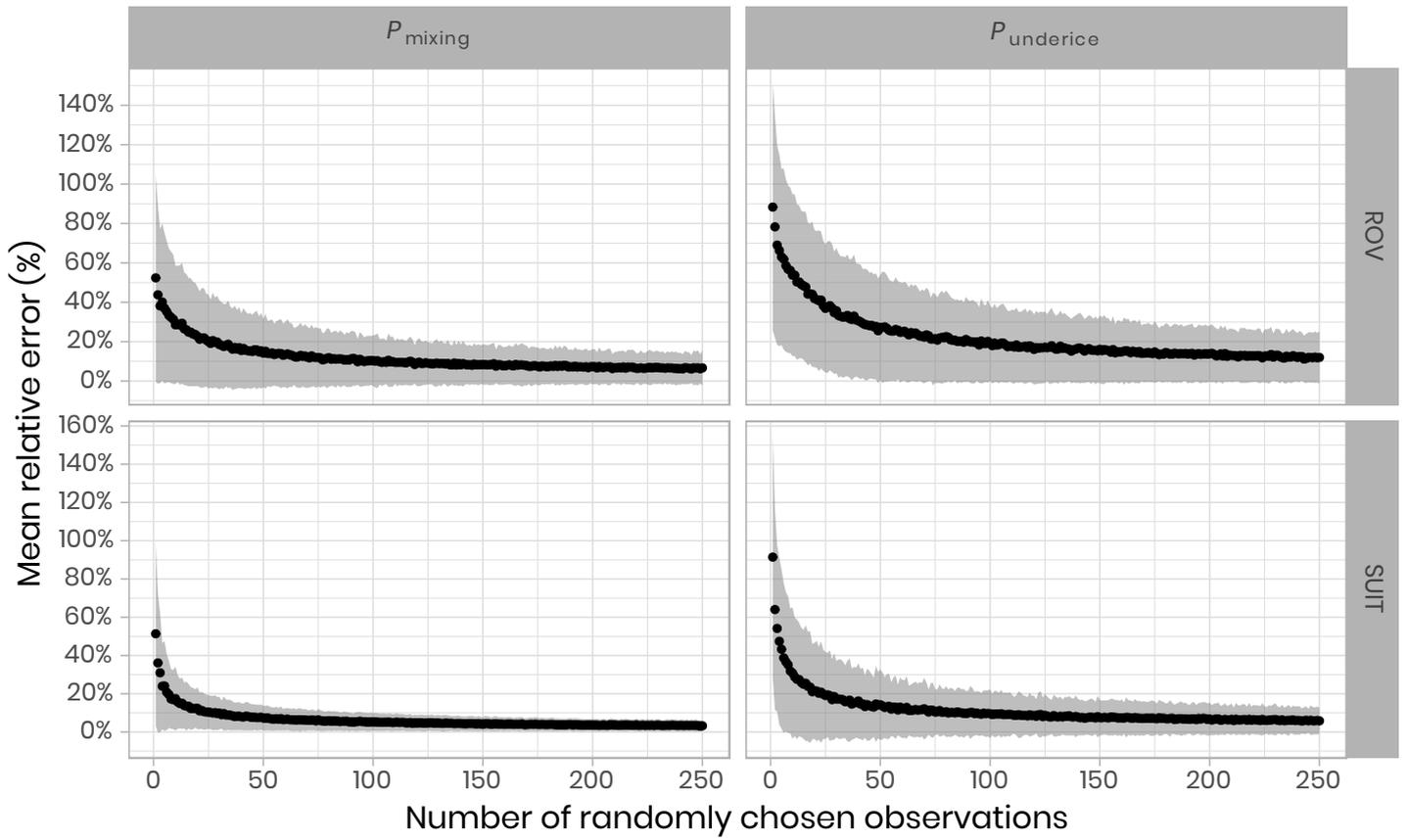
**Figure 4:** Incident hourly photosynthetic active radiation,  $\dot{E}(\text{PAR}, 0^+, t)$ , measured at each station with a pyranometer installed onboard the ship. Numbers on top of the gray boxes identify the stations.



**Figure 5:** Violin plots of primary production calculated from ROV and SUIT transmittance data. For SUIT data, mixing models were calculated using only transmittance  $\leq 10\%$  (see Figure 3) whereas the under ice models were calculated using all transmittance data. Black dots inside the violin plots indicate the average primary production. Numbers on top of the gray boxes identify the stations and satellite-derived sea ice concentrations.



**Figure 6:** Distributions of the relative errors corresponding to the absolute deviation of each individual primary estimations from the average (see equation 7 for details). The red dashed lines and the numbers on the left indicate the mean errors.



**Figure 7:** Average relative errors based on the number of single-spot measurements that one would make when averaging samples randomly sampled over a given area (black dots). The shaded gray areas represent the standard deviation around the mean. The means and standard deviations were calculated from 100 randomly chosen replicates.