

SUBMARINE HIGHS IN THE CENTRAL ARCTIC OCEAN

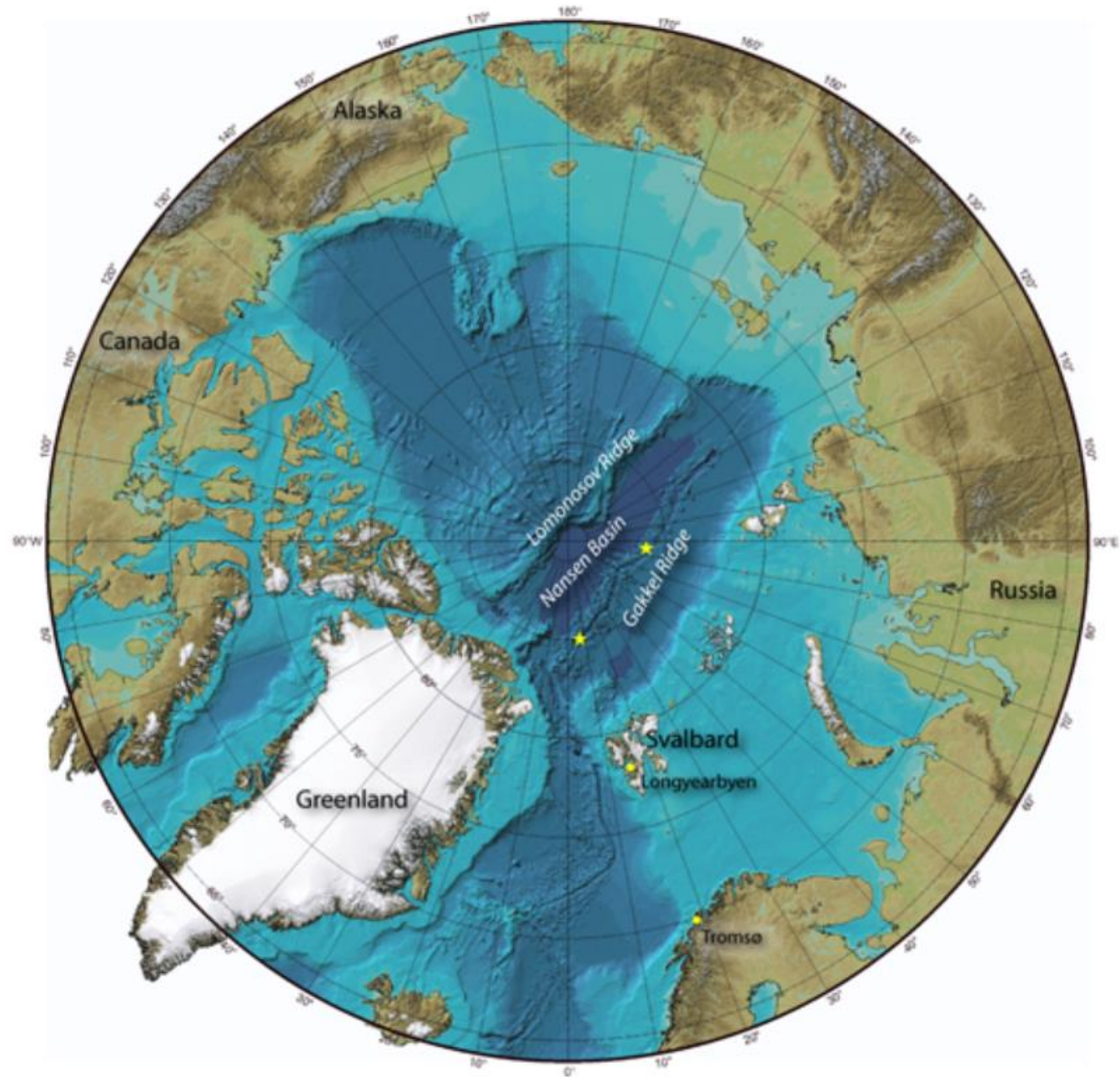
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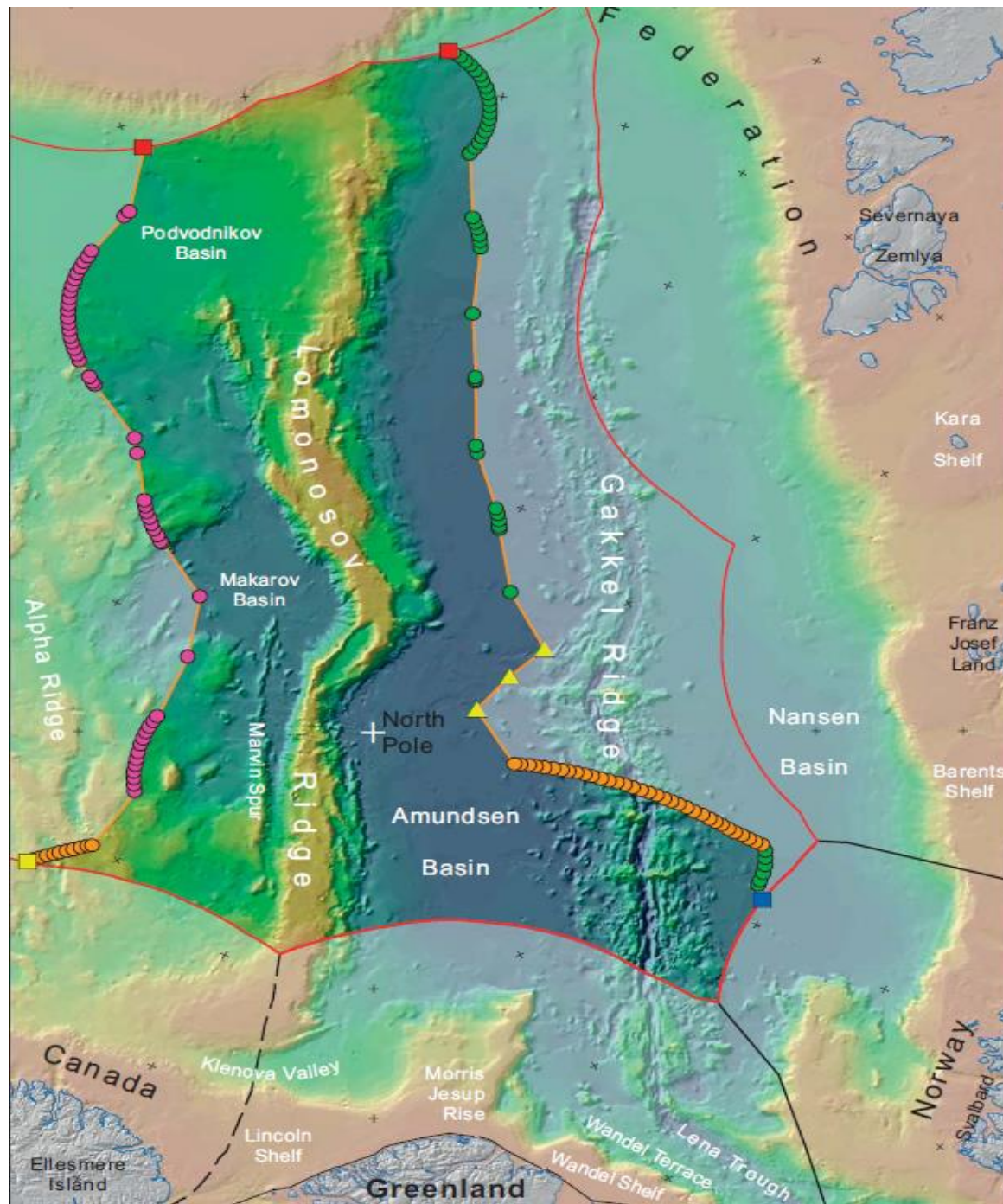
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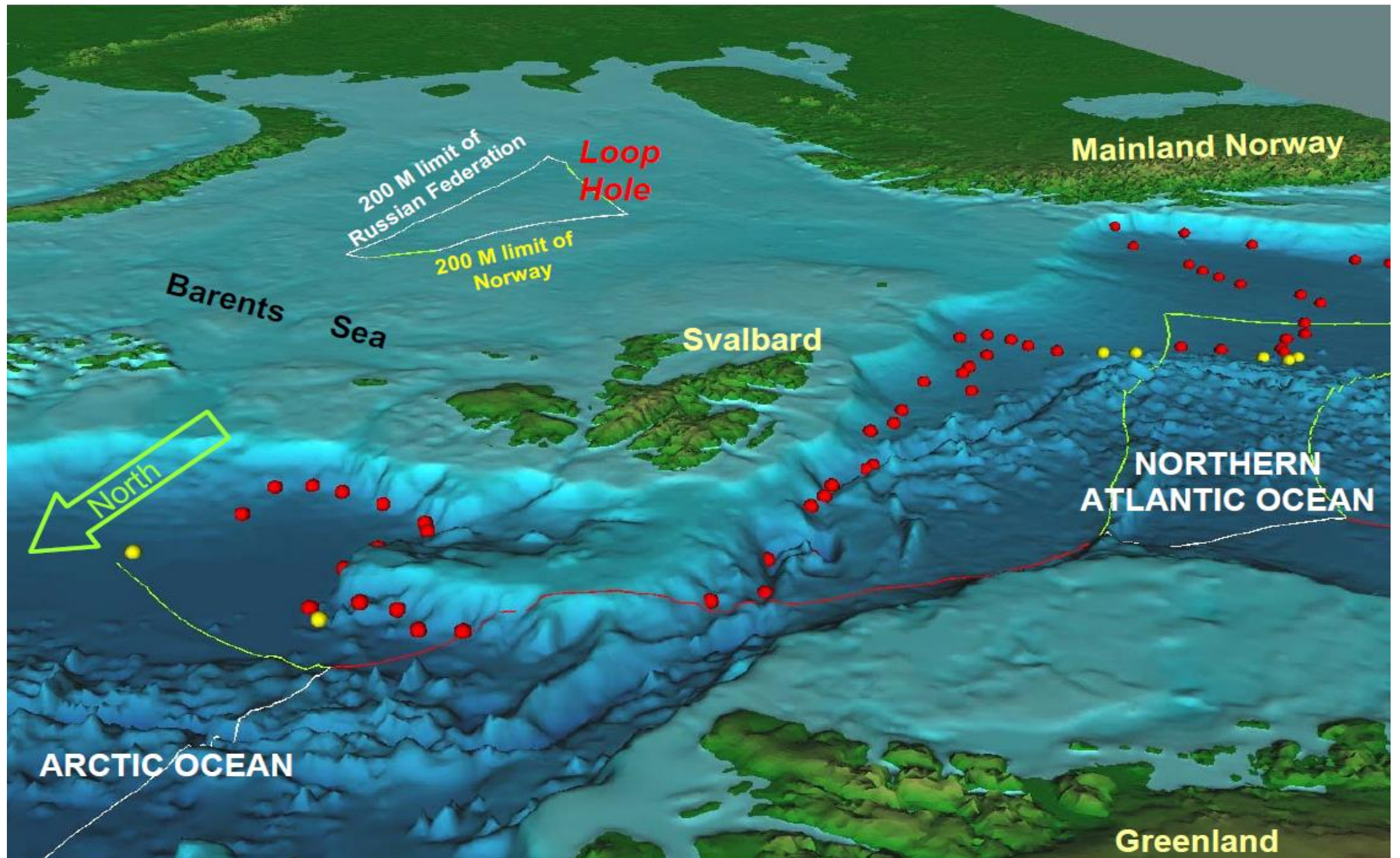
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- 1. Gakkel Ridge**
- 2. Lomonosov Ridge**
- 3. Alpha-Mendelev Rise**
- 4. Bridging**

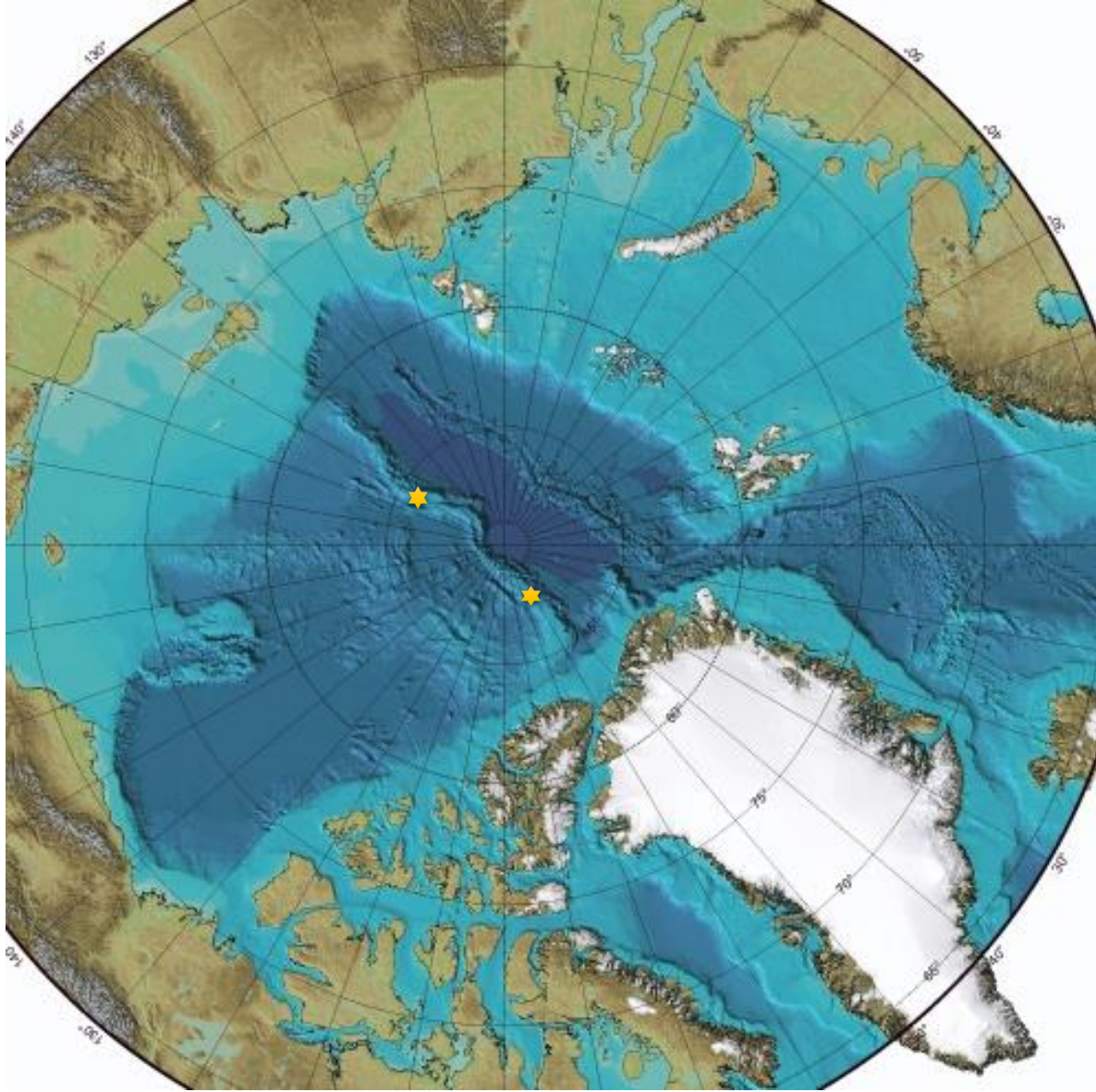
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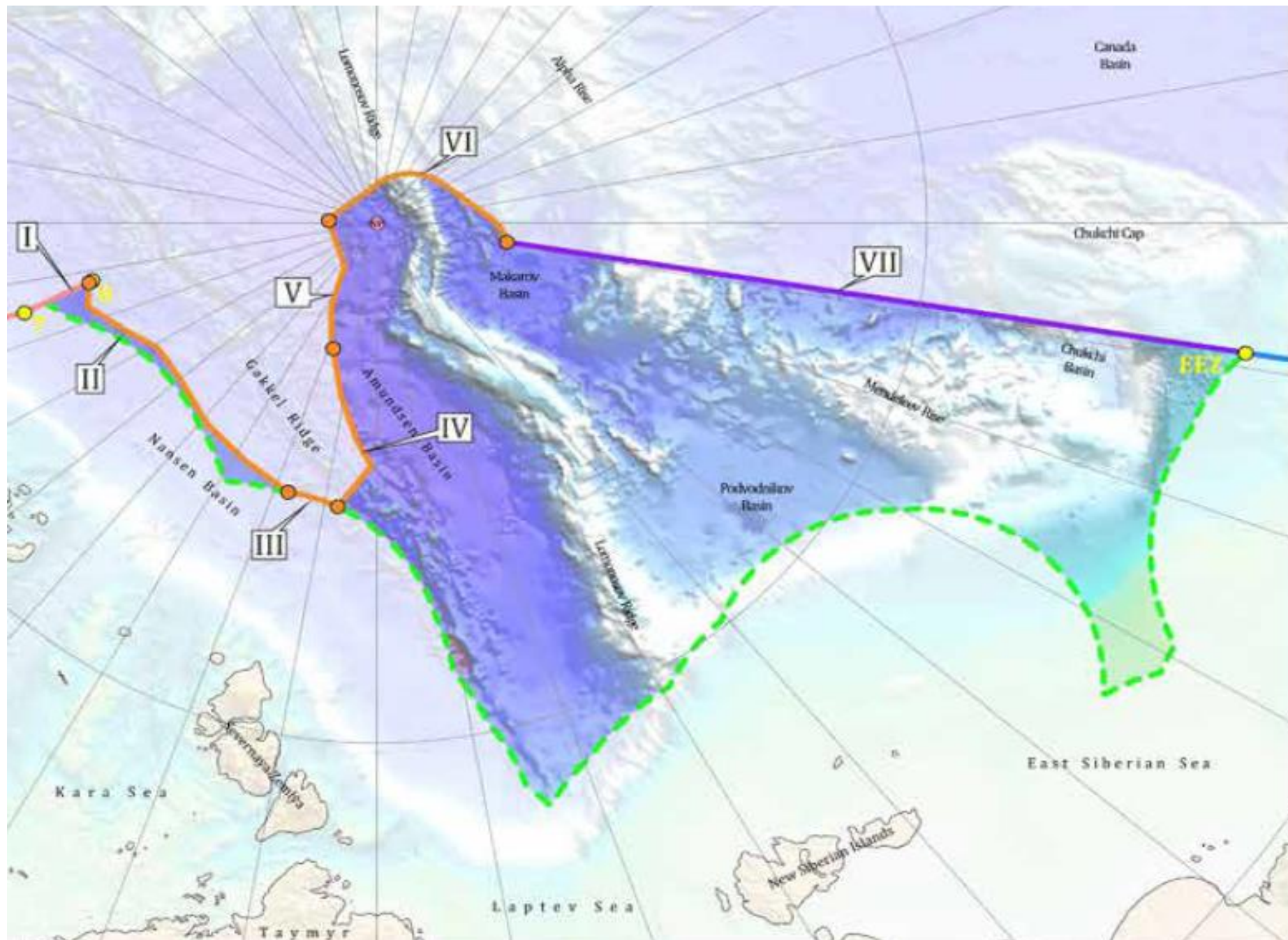


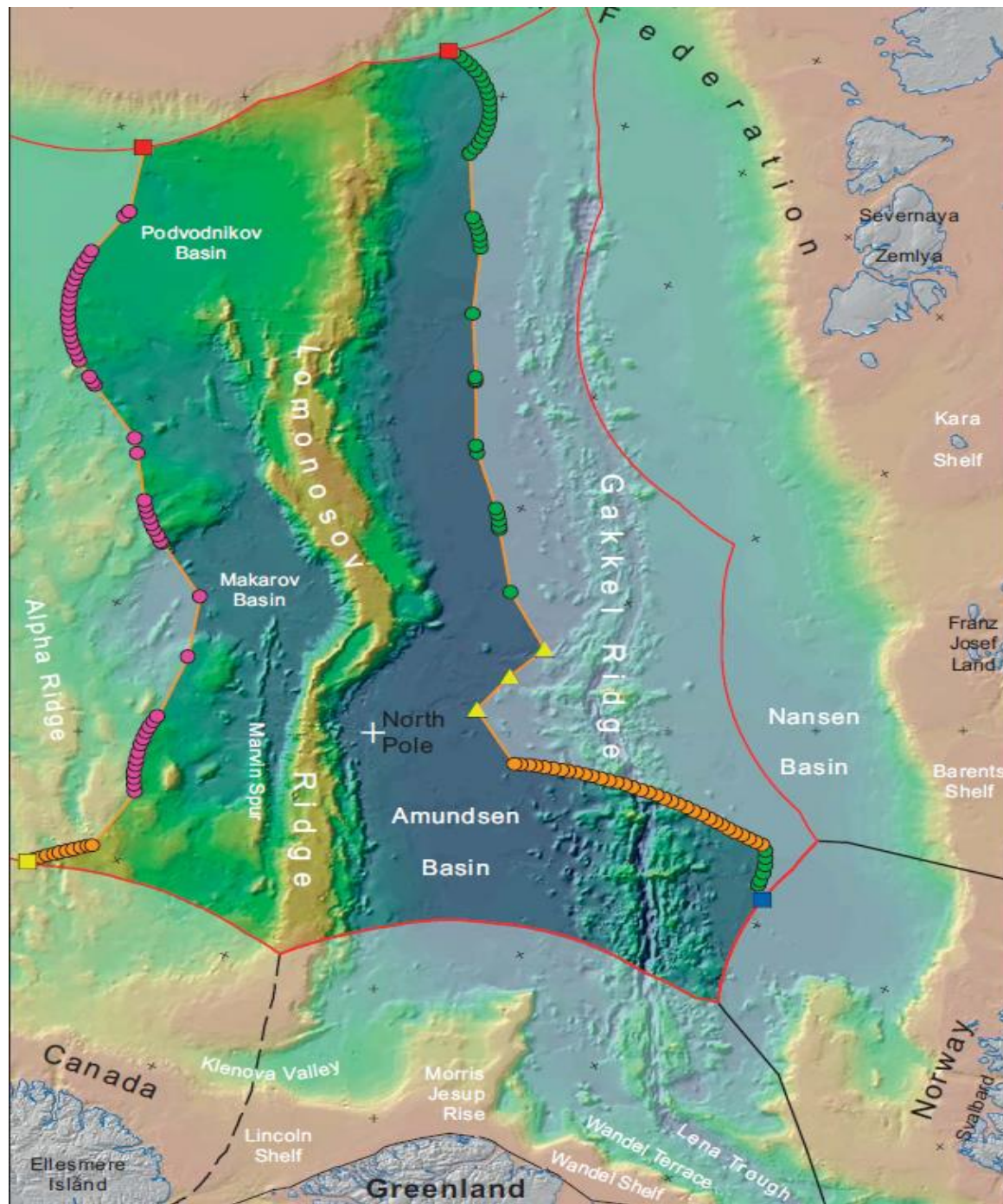




2. LOMONOSOV RIDGE



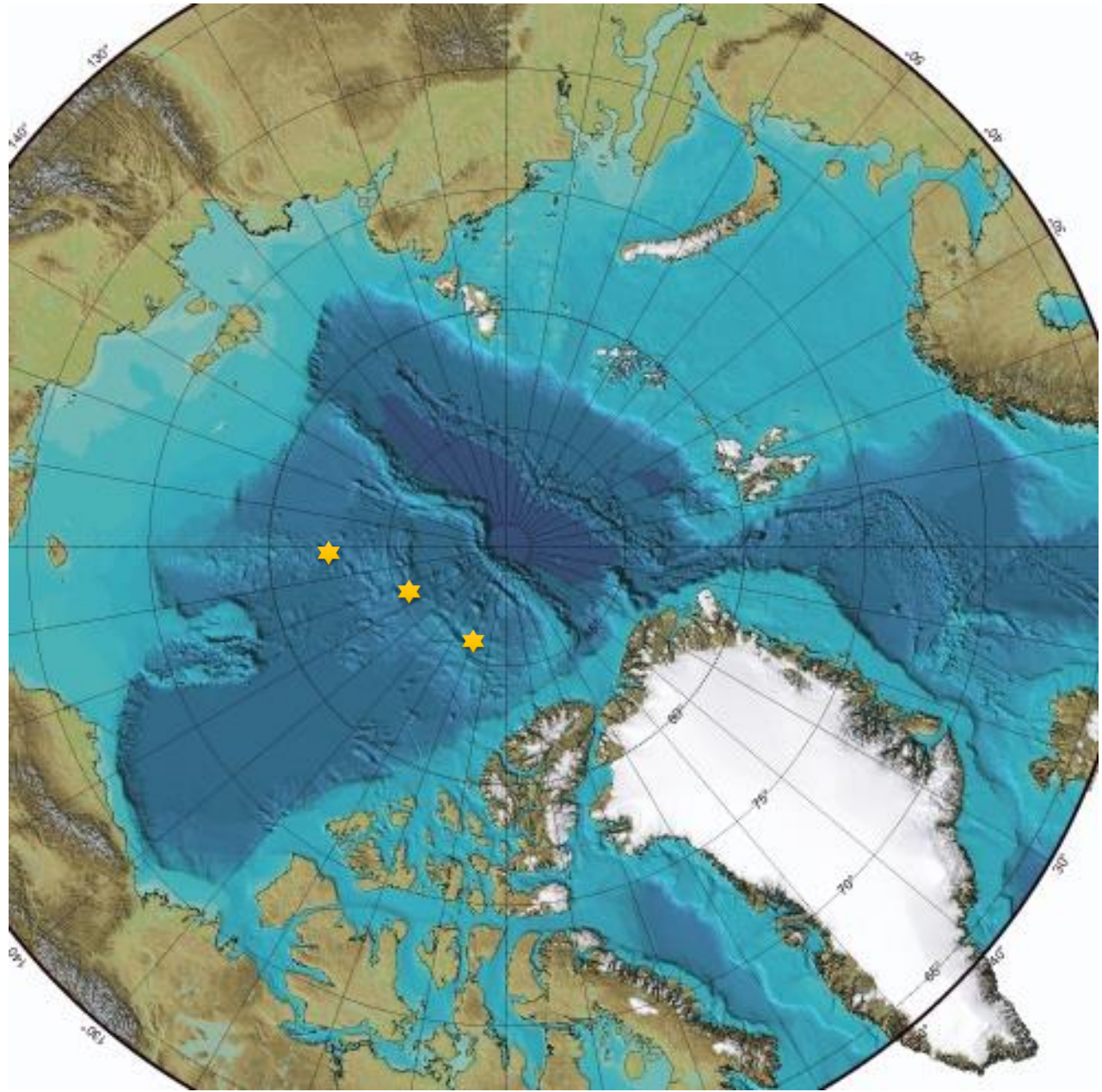


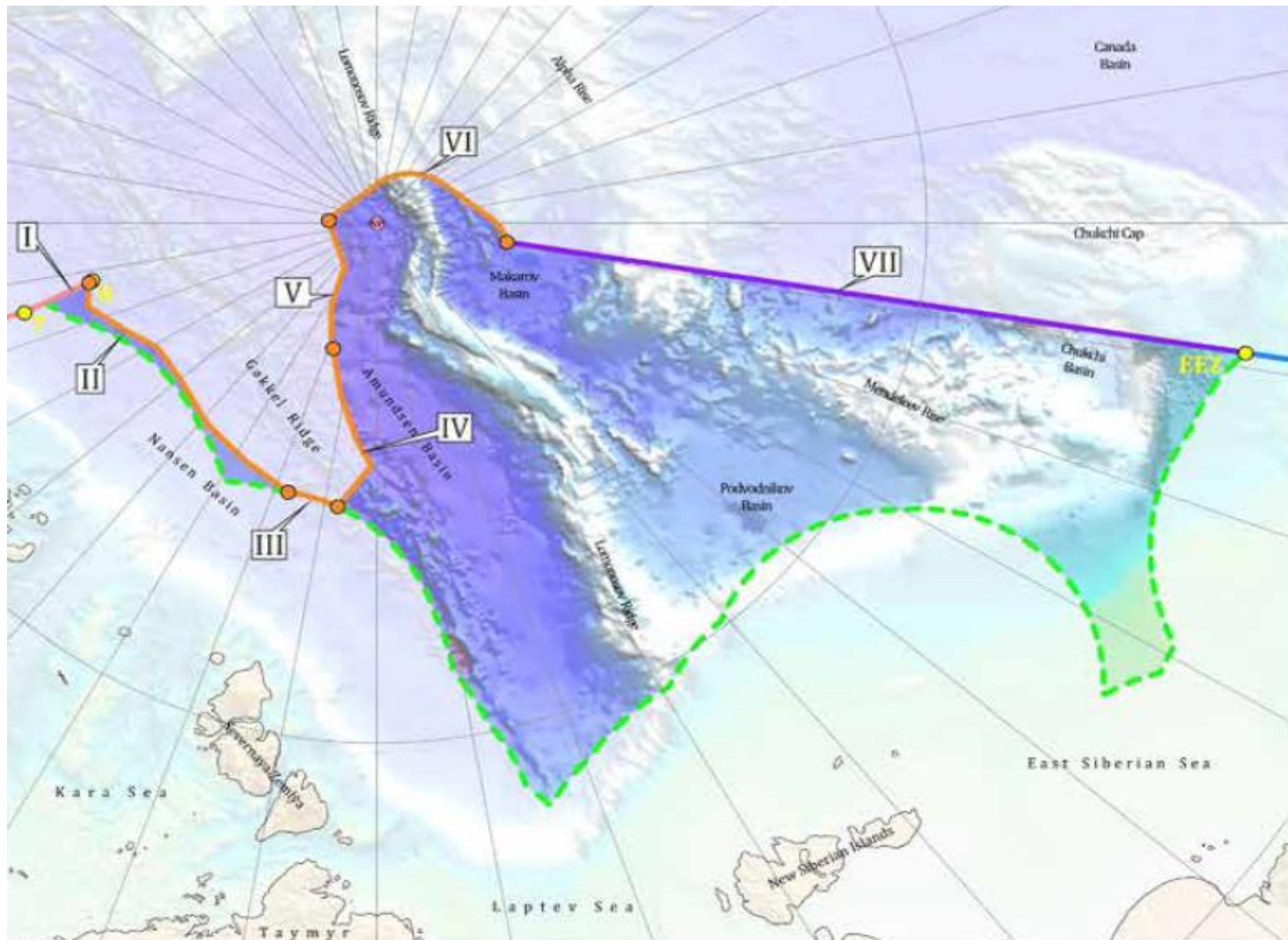


Sources of Law

- Supplementary means of interpretation
- “Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 5, on submarine ridges, the outer limit of the [CS] shall not exceed 350 [M] from the [baselines]. This paragraph does not apply to submarine elevations that are natural components of the continental margin, such as its plateaux, rises, caps, banks and spurs” *Art 76(6)*
- S&TG applies irrespectively of geometry

3. ALPHA-MANDELEEV RISE





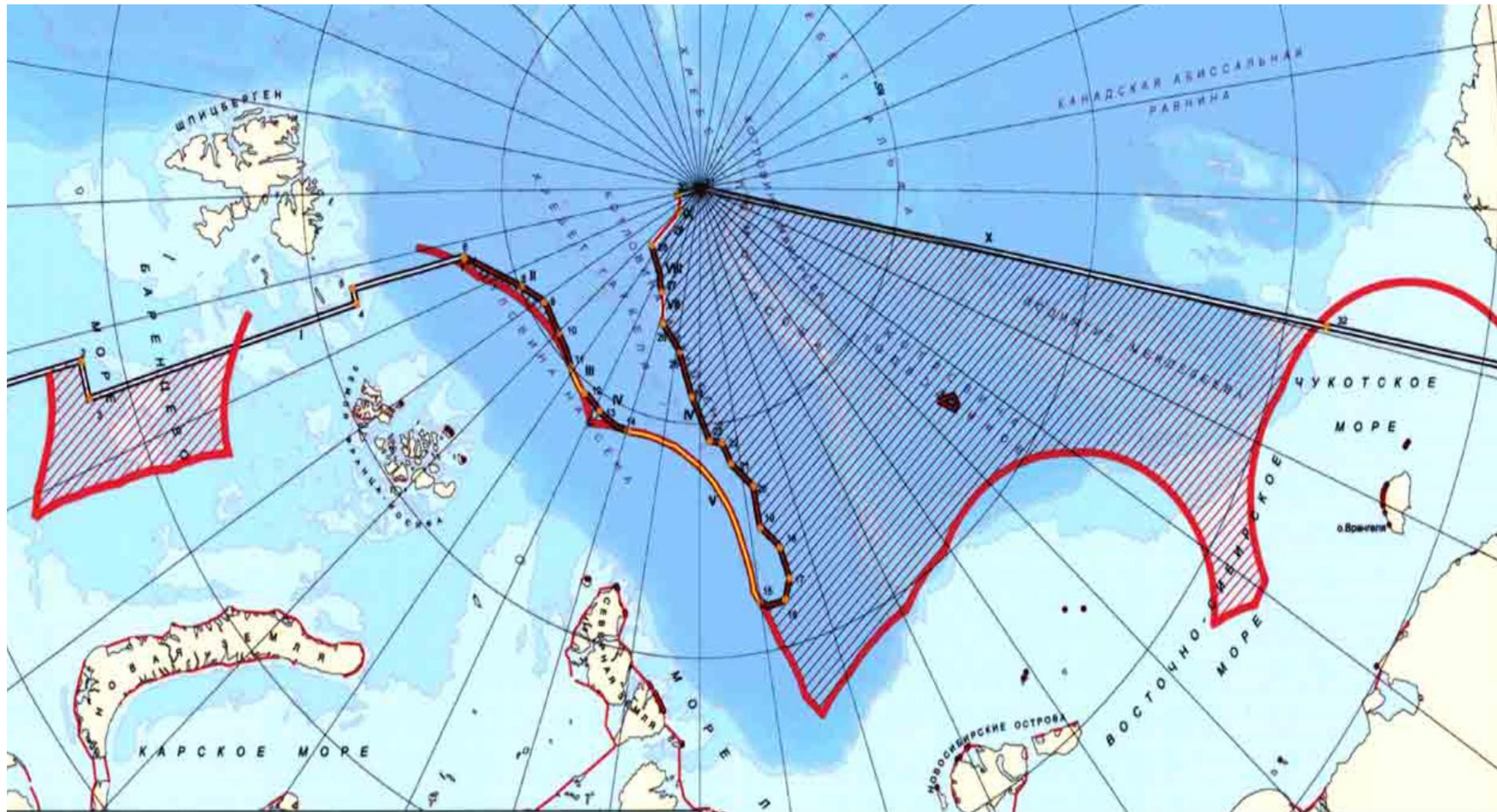
A Semantic Detail

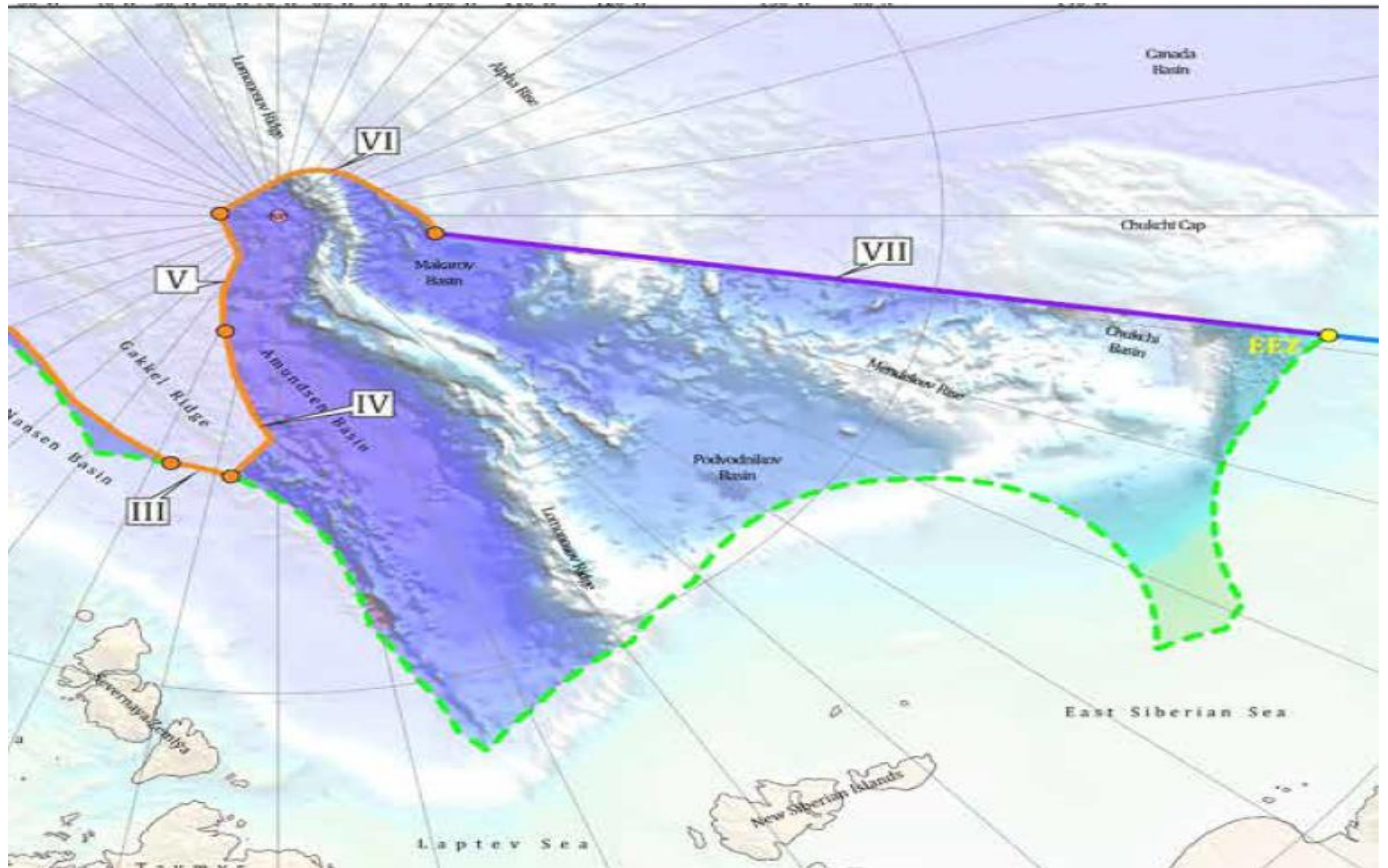
- This paragraph does not apply to submarine elevations, which are natural components of the CM, such as its plateaux, rises, caps, banks and spurs
 - “which are NCCM” → a parenthetical expression implying that there is only one sort of submarine elevations, all of which necessarily are NCCM
- “This paragraph does not apply to submarine elevations that are natural components of the continental margin, such as its plateaux, rises, caps, banks and spurs” Art 76(6)
 - “that are NCCM” → Is a restrictive clause because the notion “submarine elevation” depends upon it

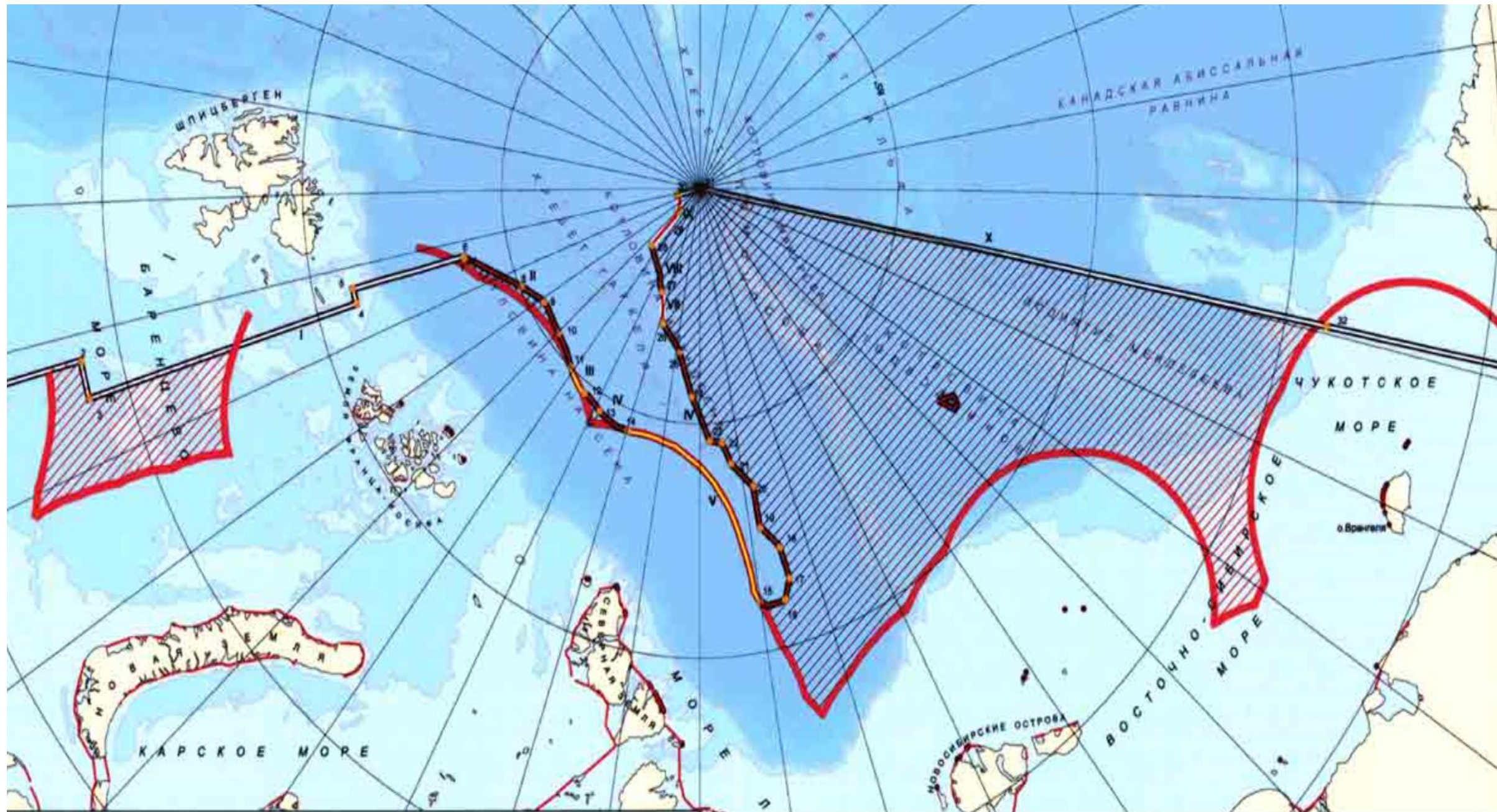
Analogy

- “The Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland, which has three offices, is located in Reykjavik”
 - A parenthetical expression which suggests that there is just one LSII office → in Reykjavik
 - The clause *which has three offices* provides additional descriptive information only
- “The Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland that has three offices, is located in Reykjavik”
 - Suggests that there are several LSII premises, but the LSII premises *with three offices* is located in Reykjavik
 - A restrictive clause

4. BRIDGING







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