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Ice surveys, meteorological and oceanographic data

What is available and up-to-date?

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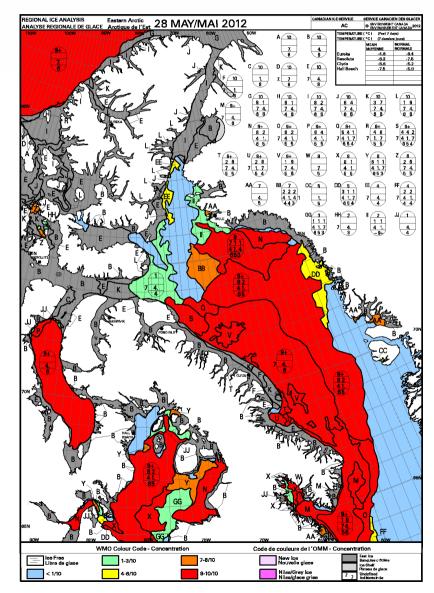
Ice Surveys

- Arctic
 - USA National Ice Center http://www.natice.noaa.gov/
 - Russia Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute http://www.aari.ru/
- European Arctic including Greenland
 - Norway Norwegian Ice Service (met.no) http://polarview.met.no/
 - Denmark Danish Meteorological Institute http://www.dmi.dk/dmi/index/gronland/iskort.htm
- Canadian/American Arctic
 - Canada Canadian Ice Service http://ice-glaces.ec.gc.ca/
- Baltic Sea
 - Many, see Baltic Sea Ice Services web page at http://www.bsis-ice.de/index.shtml
- Antarctica
 - USA
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Canada

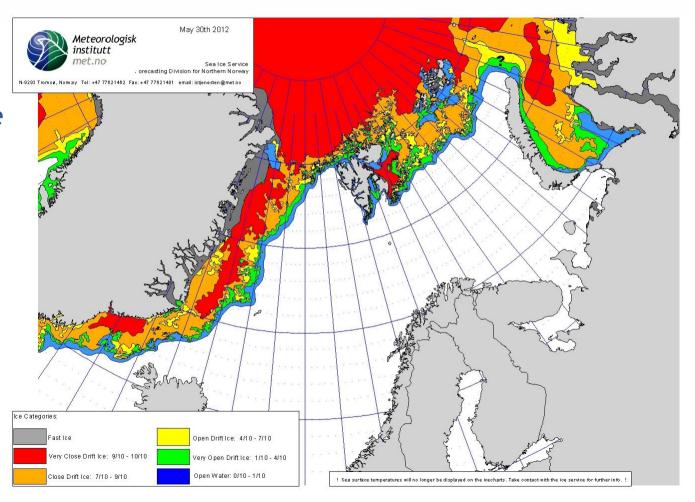
- Typical ice charts using full WMO "Egg" code
 - Includes information on ice concentration, stage of development, and floe sizes
- Various daily, weekly, and monthly charts, plus analysis





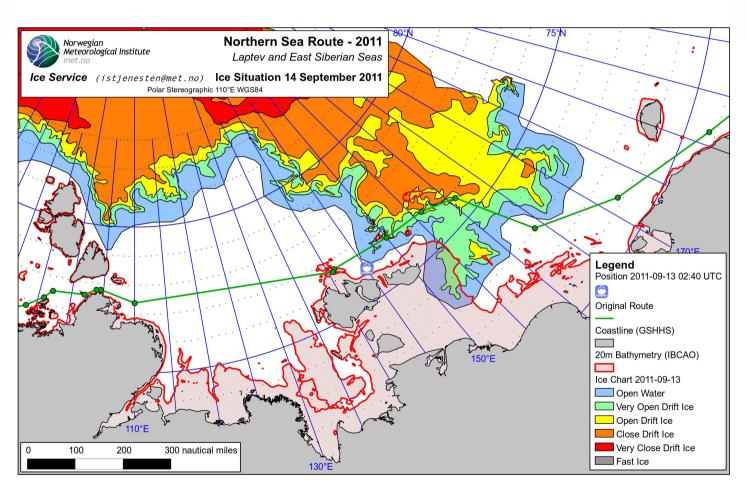
Norway

- Ice concentrations only
- Weekdays (Mon-Fri)
- Analysis focused on detailed mapping of ice in the Svalbard
- Other areas, e.g.
 Northern Sea Route, on request
 - Commercial service





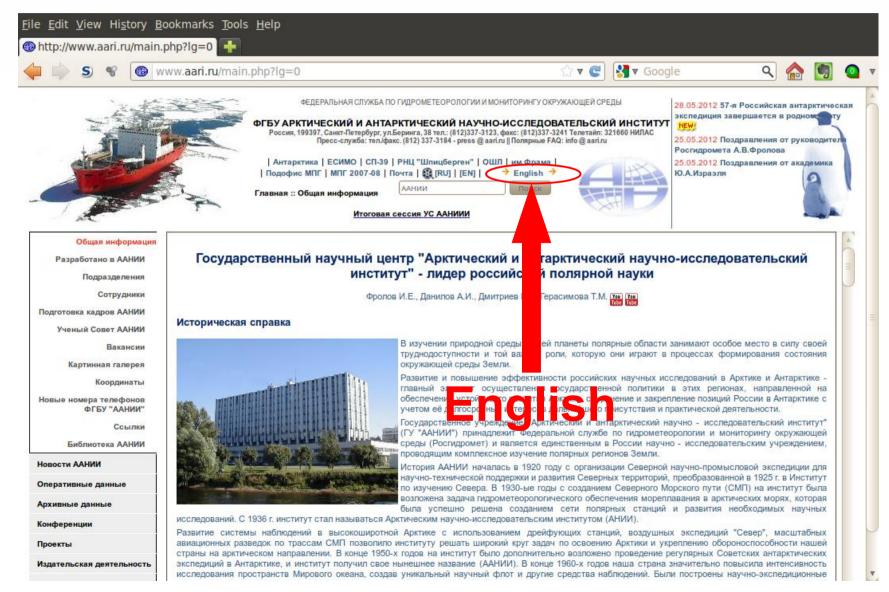
Norway - Northern Sea Route



Northern Sea Route example

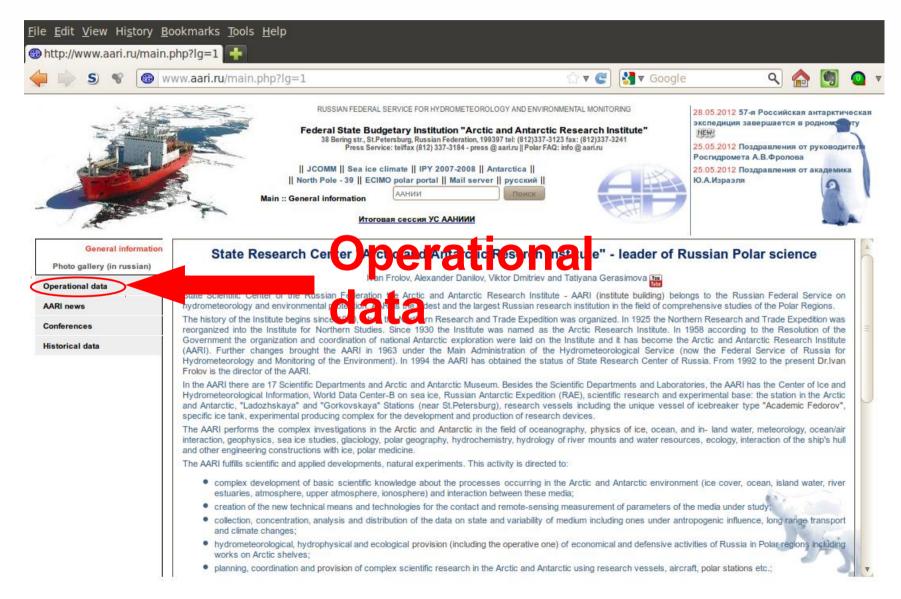


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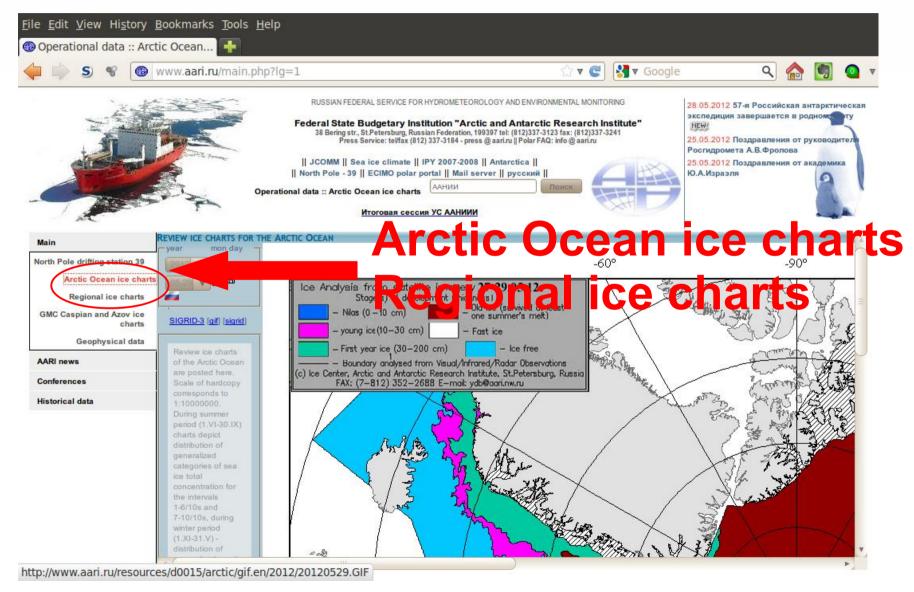


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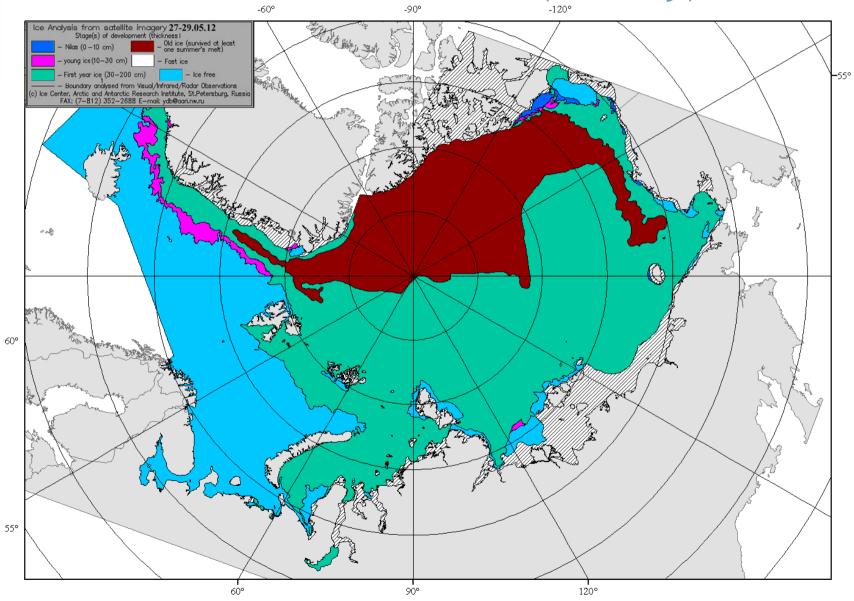


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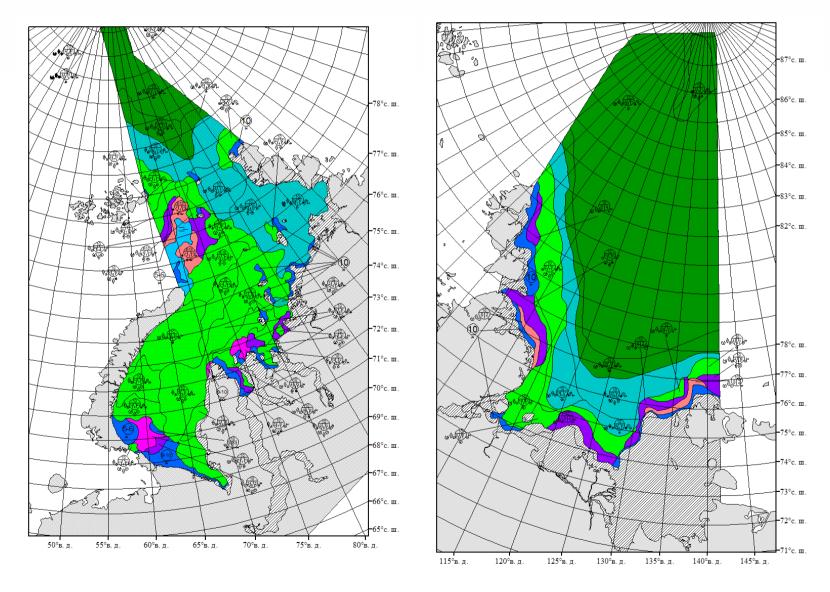


Russia - Arctic Ocean ice chart (weekly)





Russia - Regional ice chart (monthly)



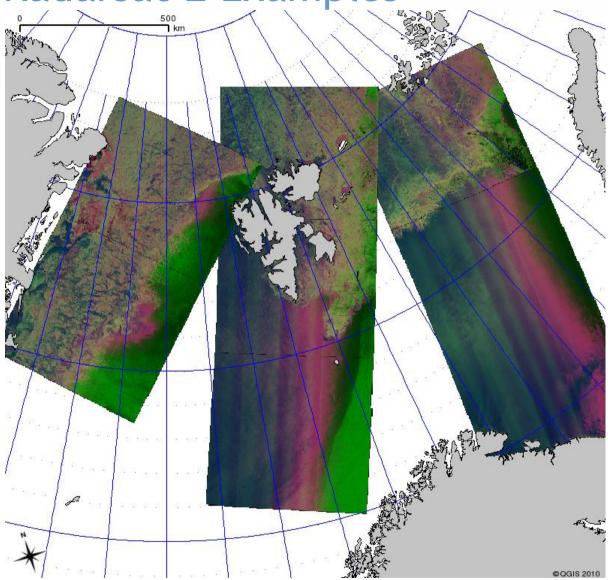


Satellite Images

- All national Ice Services use Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) (active microwave) images
 - Detailed, all-weather images
 - Level of detail determines area covered, e.g.
 - Medium detail (50 metres resolution) 500x500 kilometres
 - High detail (5 metres resolution) 25x25 kilometres
 - Several available systems
 - Availability of data decreased with loss of European Envisat satellite in April, and will not be replaced until Sentinel-1 satellites are launched starting 2013/4
- Commercial SAR satellite systems
 - Images available at a price
 - Useful for targeting a ship stuck in the ice
 - Radarsat-2 (Canada MDA)
 - C-band, high quality images
 - TerraSAR-X (Germany InfoTerra)
 - X-band, 2 satellite constellation
 - Cosmo SkyMed (Italy eGEOS)
 - X-band, 4 satellites in constellation
 - Up to now, C-band has been more common. Ideally sea ice would be mapped by L-band, but this requires a bigger radar antenna so costs more to launch



Radarsat-2 Examples

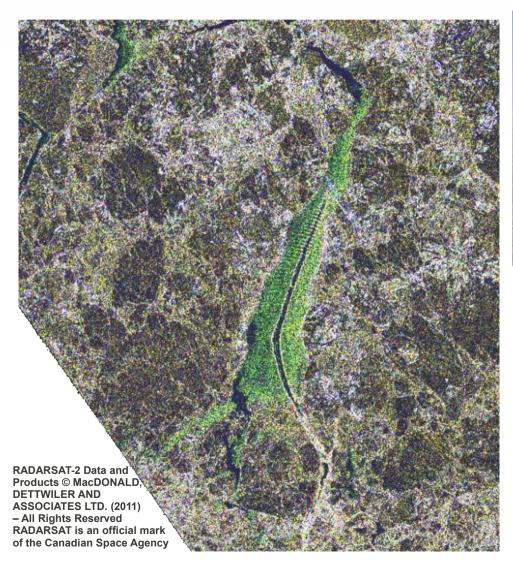


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- Radarsat-2 dualpolarisation images for 15 December 2010
- RGB composite
 - Red = HH
 - Green = HV
 - Blue = HH HV
- Use of RS2 for ice charting started in September 2008
 - HV provides better open water detection
- Image archive
 - > 1,500 images
 - Coverage mostly in the region shown
 - Also datasets for Northern Sea Route, North West Passage, and Antarctica

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Multi-Polarimetric SAR



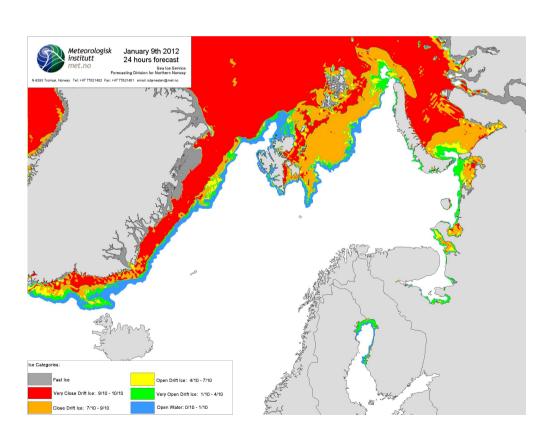


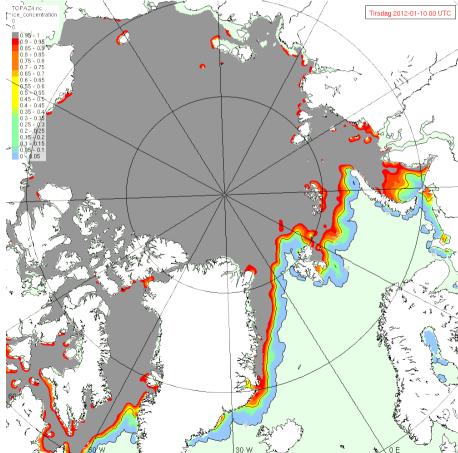
- Radarsat-2
 - C-band Synthetic Aperture Radar
 - 13 April 2011
 - North of Svalbard
 - Quad-pol image
 - 25x25 km, 5 metre resolution
- Norwegian coastguard icebreaker KV Svalbard leaving a wake in a nilas covered lead



Forecast Models

- Used to provide information on future (up to 10 days) ice movement
- Many models, e.g. TOPAZ, FRAMPS, and CICE







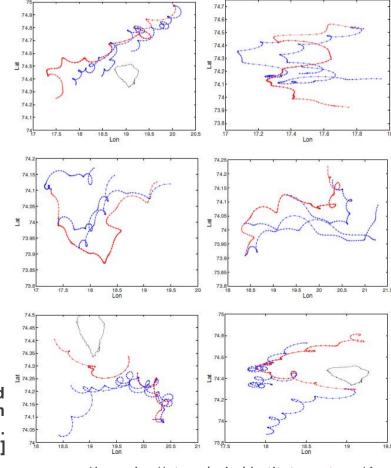
Iceberg Forecasts

- Model licensed from Canadian Hydraulics Centre and refined by met.no
 - Same as used by Canadian Ice Service and International Iceberg Patrol
 - Model barely improved since early 1980's
 - Addition of sea ice forcing by Lichey and Hellmer 2001
 - Needs to be tested against full 3D iceberg survey data
 - Would allow modelling using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) approach
- met.no planning to develop an ensemble model using GPU hardware
- Broström, G., A. Melsom, M. Sayed, and I. Kubat (2009). Iceberg modelling at met.no: Validation of iceberg model. met.no Report -Oceanography, 17/2009,

http://met.no/Forskning/Publikasjoner/Publikasjoner_2009/filestore/report_17_2009.pdf

Observed and modelled trajectories of iceberg 3105. Red is 6 days of observed data and blue is three model runs started at midnight. Each model run continues for 3 days. Blue is for a tabular iceberg size 100 m.

[Source: Broström et al., 2009]





Meteorological Data

- Many providers
 - National weather services, e.g. met.no
 - Commercial companies (i.e. value-added products for shipping and oil/gas industries)
- Traditional weather forecasts and weather windows type output
 - Offshore by met.no



Offshore by met.no

- met.no has delivered weather forecasts for maritime activities in the Nordic Seas for almost 80 years
- Commercial maritime service, based in Bergen, has provided meteorological services to the offshore industry
 - North Sea
 - Exploration activities in West Greenland between Cape Farewell and Disko Bay
 - Also experience with Barents Sea (Norwegian and Russian sectors), Gulf of Mexico, Boston (USA), Vietnam, Australia, West African coast
- Deterministic forecast, quality controlled by an experienced forecaster
 - Time series plot extending up to 5 days (120 hours)
 - Tabulated values
- Web-based user interface for main products which is available to users 24/7
 - Weather Shop
 - Web pages with meteorologist-corrected forecasts and model forecasts
 - Weather information can also be sent out by e-mail, with time series plots and tabular values included



Offshore by met.no

- 7 web page tabs to access information
 - Summary
 - Wind and Weather
 - Waves
 - Temperature
 - Water Level
 - Maps
 - Data Table



Offshore _{by met.no} start web page with summary.







- ESA GMES Marine Core Service
- Provides a "one-stop-shop" for ocean
- data
- Monitoring and Forecasting TAC
 - Sea Ice and Wind (SIW) TAC (WP14) at met.no Oslo
- Provides
 - Greenland Sea Ice Charts (DMI)
 - Arctic Ocean Sea Ice Charts
 - Baltic Sea- Sea Ice Concentration, Thickness and Deformation (FMI)
 - Global Ocean- Arctic and Antarctic Sea Ice Concentration, Edge and Type (OSI-SAF)

http://www.myocean.eu.org



