Russian Drifting Research stations V.Sokolov and A. Makshtas Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute Hydrographic stations collected in the Arctic Ocean by "North Pole" Drifting research platforms and High Arctic research expedition since 1938 up to present time



"North Pole" Drifting research platforms drift tracks (1937 -2010)



Russian drifting research stations "North Pole" in 2003-2013







CURRENT POSITION OF "NP-40 DRIFTING RESEARCH STATION



"North Pole" Oceanography studies





- Ocean deep sounding
- Sub-ice ocean layer studies
- Current measurements in upper 500 m layer
- Bottom sediments studies
- Acoustic sounding of whole water column

"NP" Atmosphere Studies



WMO standard measurements

TOTAL Ozone and UV-radiation measurements

Gradient temperature and Humidity measurements

Atmosphere sounding

Surface spectral albedo measurements

Balloon measurements in boundary 0-2000 m atmosphere layer

Gas components content in atmosphere studies

"NP" ICE CAMP CONSTRUCTION





"NORTH POLE" FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

To be able to continue scientific research on higher latitudes under the conditions of warming climate, Russia has to develop new technologies and it was suggested that Russia as soon as possible should start developing a self-propelled, ice- strengthened floating platform for scientific research. At this moment the project has a 1,7 billion rubles (app \in 42 million) price tag at the beginning..



ADVANCED PLATFORM PONTOON TYPE FOR DRIFTING RESEARCH IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN



Displacement (т)	4500
Length (м)	60
Width (м)	20
Board hight (м)	12
Draft (м)	8
Power (кВт)	825

Crew - 9 Research team up to 24 Helicopter desk Moonpool Large capacity tanks and holds Stowable propeller unit

NEW AARI'S RESEARCH AND SUPPLY VESSEL "AKADEMIK TRESHNIKOV"

Length max – 133.57м; Width max – 23м; Board height – 13.5м; Draft (in total displacement)– 8.5м; Total displacement – 16900т.



METEOROLOGY

Ozone studies at the drifting stations "North Pole"



Launching of ozone sound at drifting station "North Pole 38"



First instrumental evidence of "Ozone hole" in the Central Arctic (March 2011)



Concentration of ozone in atmospheric surface layer in spring



Vertical distribution of ozone concentration in atmospheric boundary layer in spring

Study of low level inversions in the Central Arctic



z_b, m



Distribution of temperature change trough inversion (DTinv) according to radion and aerostat soundings at drifting station "North Pole-38"



Total cloudiness, estimated from Ceilometer data and visual observations (November 2008)



Time (UTC)



Microwave profiler at the drifting station "North Pole 39" (March 2012): new approach to investigations of boundary layer structure at drifting stations "North Pole"







Spatial variability of spectral albedo on the drifting stations "North Pole-35, 36".

Transect average spectral albedo for day 98 to 215 (NP-36) and day 115 – 191 (NP 35)



Redistribution of solar radiation in the ocean upper layer





SEA ICE

UAS – THE NEW INSTRUMENT FOR STUDY OF SEA ICE COVER

Weight – 3.5 kg, wingspan – 1.4 m, range of flight speed 60 - 100 km/h, altitudes - 50 - 3000 m.

Sea ice floe of drifting station "North Pole 38" in winter



Sea ice floe of drifting station "North Pole 38" in summer



CONTACT SENSOR (RED) AND CALCULATED WITH DATA FROM IR-RADIOMETER (BLUE)







Results of ice thickness measurements (NP-36)



Structure of ridge ("North Pole -38", March 2011)





EASUREMENTS OF ICE FIELD DEFORMATION AND DYNAMIC PROCESSES EFORMOMETERS, TILT INDICATORS, SEISMOMETERS, AND ACCELEROMETERS ON ICE



SPECTRA OF SEMI-OSCILLATIONS IN ICE FIELD



Время, мин



Preliminary results of direct measurements CO2 flux with automatic chamber



Absorption of CO2 from atmosphere by one-year ice, equal approximately to 30 mmol/m2, is the overall result of freezing and melting processes.

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Sound "SBE 19 plus" on the way to ocean

Probe sampling by NISKIN bottles for hydrochemistry analysis











Some examples of utilization experimental data from drifting stations



Statistics of comparison air surface temperature and total cloudiness between NP and NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis data for 2007-2008

Season	T mean NP	T mean NCEP	Correlation	NCEP-NP	
	N	P-35 (2007-2008)			
Winter	-29.4	-30.9	0.84	-1.5	
Spring	-15.3	-13.2	0.97	2.1	
Summer	-1.2	0.5	0.60	1.7	
Autumn	-15.3	-18.1	0.89	-2.8	
NP-36 (2008)					
Autumn	-17.7	-19.6	0.89	-1.9	
Season	N mean NP	N mean NCEP	Correlation	NCEP-NP	
Season	N mean NP	N mean NCEP P-35 (2007-2008)	Correlation	NCEP-NP	
Season Winter	N mean NP N 4.2	N mean NCEP P-35 (2007-2008) 4.0	Correlation 0.48	NCEP-NP -0.2	
Season Winter Spring	N mean NP N 4.2 7.5	N mean NCEP P-35 (2007-2008) 4.0 2.7	Correlation 0.48 0.15	NCEP-NP -0.2 -4.8	
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Total cloudiness and wind velocity from measurements and calculated with HIRHAM





Monthly mean profiles of air temperature from radiosoundings and calculated by HIRHAM and ESMWF





Comparison of modeled and measured snow and ice thicknesses 0.5 Scatterplot (ExpTermoRealAbNP35 51v*6842c) 34 **NP-35** 0.4 3.2 - hi модельная - hs модельная - Мисмеренная hs измеренная 3.0 0.3 hs, M 2 28 0.2 "ñ. 2.8 0.1 24 0.0 2.2 300 350 400 450 500 550 600 300 350 400 450 500 550 600 Юлианский день Юлианскай день 24 0.8 22 0.7 — hs модельная **NP-36** · · hs измеренная — М модельная · · hi комеренная 0.5 2.0 0.5 1.8 hl, M hs, M 0.4 1.6 0.3 1.4 0.2 12 0.1 1.0 1000 600 850 700 750 800 850 950 0.0 900 600 850 700 750 800 850 900 950 1000 Юлианский день Юлизнский день

Comparison of global radiation, calculated with Zilman & Shine parameterizations, with observations for (a) all data, (b) clear sky and (c) total overcast





Comparison of incoming long-wave radiation, calculated with Brent parameterization, and observations for (a) all data and (b) total overcast



Correlation between measured and model calculations of surface temperature (top) and dependence of temperature difference on wind speed (bottom) for overcast (left) and clear sky (right) conditions







Turbulent sensible heat flux, calculated using surface temperature from IR and contact thermometer measurements



Scope of future work

- 1. Study of polar cloudiness
- 2. Detailed investigations of atmospheric surface and boundary layer.
- 3. Comprehensive study of atmospheric ozone (from surface to stratosphere).
- 4. Study of greenhouse gases concentrations (fluxes?).
- 5. Investigations the spatial characteristic and radiation properties of sea ice cover.