

Sea Ice Outlook  
2018 August Report  
Individual Outlook

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**Is this contribution from a person or group not affiliated with a research organization?**

false

**Name and organization for all contributors. Indicate primary contact and total number of people who may have contributed to your Outlook, even if not included on the author list.**

**Do you want your June contribution to automatically be included in subsequent reports?  
(If yes, you may still update your contribution via the submission form.)**

false

**What is the type of your Outlook projection?**

Statistical

**Starting in 2017 we are accepting both pan-Arctic and pan-Antarctic sea ice extent (either one or both) of the September monthly mean. As in 2016, we are also collecting Alaskan regional sea ice extent. To be consistent with the validating sea ice extent index from NSIDC, if possible, please first compute the average sea ice concentration for the month and then compute the extent as the sum of cell areas > 15%.**

**a) Pan-Arctic September extent prediction in million square kilometers.**

4.52

**b) same as in (a) but for pan-Antarctic. If your method differs substantially from that for the Arctic, please enter it as a separate submission.**

**c) same as in (b) but for the Alaskan region. Please also tell us maximum possible extent if every ocean cell in your region were ice covered.**

0.5

**"Executive summary" of your Outlook contribution (using 300 words or less) describe how and why your contribution was formulated. To the extent possible, use non-technical language.**

This statistical model forecast is based on inverse modeling techniques applied to the regional Arctic Sea Ice Extent (SIE).

**Brief explanation of Outlook method (using 300 words or less).**

This statistical model forecast is based on Data-adaptive Harmonic Decomposition (DAHD) and Multiscale Stuart-Landau Models (MSLM) inverse modeling techniques applied to the regional Arctic Sea Ice Extent (SIE) from Sea Ice Index Version 3 dataset. The daily SIE data were aggregated to provide weekly-sampled dataset over eight Arctic sectors. DAHD-MSLM predictive model has been derived from SIE anomalies with annual cycle removed. The MSLM model is initialized from latest SIE conditions (July 2018) by ensemble of stochastic noise realizations to provide probabilistic regional Arctic forecasts in September, as well as pan-Arctic ones. Ensemble mean is submitted for SIO.

References:

1. Kondrashov, D., M. D. Chekroun, and M. Ghil, 2018: Data-adaptive harmonic decomposition and prediction of Arctic sea ice extent, *Dynamics and Statistics of the Climate System*, 3(1), doi:10.1093/climsys/dzy001.
2. Chekroun, M. D., and D. Kondrashov, 2017: Data-adaptive harmonic spectra and multilayer Stuart-Landau models, *Chaos*, 27, 093110: doi:10.1063/1.4989400

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Concentration (SIC).**

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Thickness (SIT) used. Include name and date.**

**If you use a dynamic model, please specify the name of the model as a whole and each component including version numbers and how the component is initialized:**

Not specified

**If available from your method.**

**a) Uncertainty/probability estimates:**

**Median**

**Ranges**

**Standard Deviations**

0.26 (million square kilometers) for Pan-Arctic extent

**b) Brief explanation/assessment of basis for the uncertainty estimate (1-2 sentences).**

Spread of MSLM ensemble

**c) Brief description of any post processing you have done (1-2 sentences).**