

# SEA ICE OUTLOOK

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Executive summary

Monthly mean ice extent in September will be about 4.371 million square kilometers. Our prediction is based on a statistical way using data from satellite microwave sensor. We used the ice thickness (accumulated ice convergence) and ice age on June 30. Predicted ice concentration map from July 1 to September 20 is available in our website:  
[https://www.nipr.ac.jp/sea\\_ice/forecast/2021-07-30-1/](https://www.nipr.ac.jp/sea_ice/forecast/2021-07-30-1/)

Type of Outlook method:

statistical

Dataset

Ice velocity: Daily sea-ice velocity of Kimura Dataset (Kimura et al., 2013), for all AMSR-E/AMSR2 years.

Ice concentration: 10km grid data distributed by Arctic Data archive System (<https://ads.nipr.ac.jp>)

Prediction of September pan-Arctic extent as monthly average in million square kilometers.  
4.371 million square kilometers

Short explanation of Outlook method.

We predicted the Arctic sea-ice cover from coming July 1 to September 20, using the data from satellite microwave sensors, AMSR-E (2002/03-2010/11) and AMSR2 (2012/13-2020/21). The analysis method is based on our research (Kimura et al., 2013). First, we expect the ice thickness distribution on June 30 from redistribution (divergence/convergence) of sea ice during December and June. Additionally, ice age distribution on June 30 was estimated from the backward tracking of sea ice. Then, we

calculated the summer ice concentration by multiple regression analysis based on the derived ice thickness and ice age.

Pan-Arctic sea ice extent anomaly million square km.  
+0.010 (4.371-4.361)

#### Reference

Kimura, N., A. Nishimura, Y. Tanaka and H. Yamaguchi, Influence of winter sea ice motion on summer ice cover in the Arctic, *Polar Research*, 32, 20193, 2013.

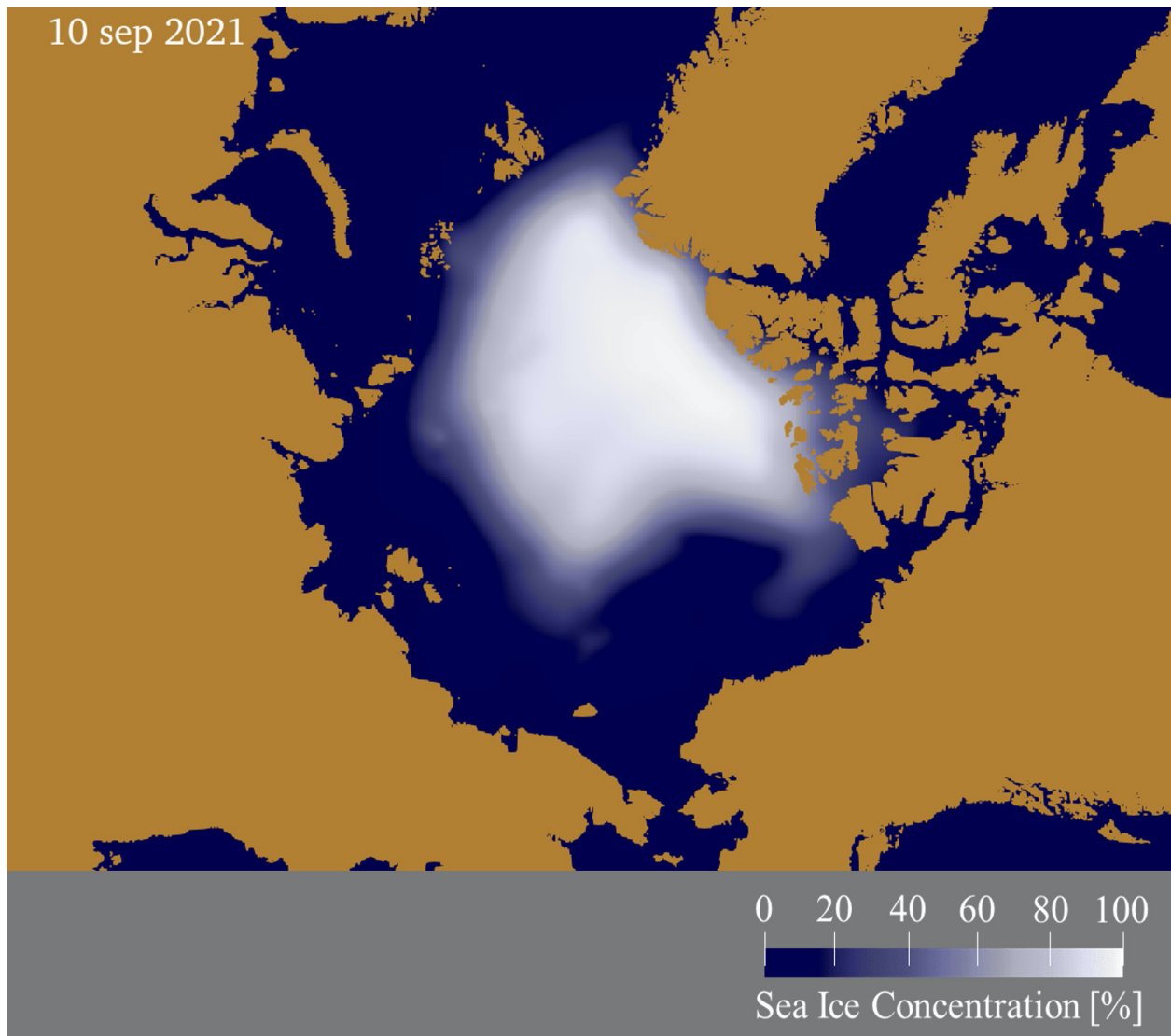


Fig: Predicted ice concentration on September 10, 2021.