The 'black' Arctic Ocean: Very clear water

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The 'black'Arctic Ocean: New ice (nilas) formation (~ 1 cm thin) and rafting





Dynamic Ice Deformation, Nares Strait 2012

Ridged multi-year ice with melt ponds Nares Strait 2009

Black Ocean --> albedo ~ <0.1 White Snow --> albedo ~ >0.8 Blue Pond --> albedo ~ 0.4



Ponded 9/10 ice-cover Nares Strait 2009







From radar backscatter: NASA's Quick and ESA's Advanced Scatterometers





Figure 5. March ice thickness, in m, for (a) 1976, (b) 1986, (c) 1996, and (d) 2006 overlain with ice age contours in black (2-year increments), 15% area concentration contours from the model (white), and passive microwave satellite data (red).

Hunke and Bitz (2009)



Ice Surface Temperature

Nares Strait

Jan.-17, 2009



Multi-year Ice Coring Nares Strait 2009 Richard Lanthier "... Holes were drilled with a 2" auger at 5-m intervals across the entire floe of approximiately 1250-m width ..."



Fig. 1. Ice and snow thickness along the profile across the ice floe. The Water level is at 0 m.

Fram Strait May-1988



Eicken and Lange (1989)

Ice Profiling Sonars after impact with Petermann Ice Island 2010



Record-breaking ice floe in Nares Strait



Oct.-25, 2006: Ice Floe moves over fixed sonar 03:04-03:29 UTC

Multi-year ice floes in Nares Strait August 2007



Ice Thickness from Bore Holes

Dr. Michelle Johnston



Autonomous Underwater Vehicle operating under ice







Vertical Profiles of First-Year ice in April and June



Spectral intensity distribution of Planck's black-body radiation as a function of wavelength for different temperatures



http://physics.schooltool.nl/irspectroscopy/images/plank_black-body_radiation.png

Trenberth et al (2009)





Ice Surface Energy Balance

Incoming shortwave radiation F_{sw} Reflected shortwave radiation albedo α $-\alpha F_{sw}$ Net influx of radiation passing into the interior of the ice $+F_{Iw}$ Incoming longwave radiation $-F_{E}$ $F_F \sim T^4$ emitted longwave radiation +F_s +F, $F_s \sim u^*(T_a-T)$ sensible heat flux $+F_{c}$ $F_L \sim u^*(q_a-q)$ latent heat flux = () $F_{c} \sim (Tf-T)/H$ conductive heat flux

Maykut (1978)



Perovich (2008)



Model output:



Model input:

 $\begin{array}{ll} F_r(t) & \text{shortwave radiation} \\ T_{air}(t) & \text{air temperature} \\ F_{lw}(t) & \text{longwave radiation} \\ \text{lots of empircal constants} \end{array}$

Maykut (1978)



Perovich (2008)