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Data and Method

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(Obs., NCEP2, ERA-Interim, INMCM4)

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Original and detrended data were considered.

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Western Siberia (WS): 55-74 N and 60-90 E.

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Pearson correlation analysis – the correlation coefficients between Siberian snow cover area and the AO index were calculated for the whole time period 1979-2016, as well as for all nested periods.

Wave propagation from surface to atmosphere was considered.

Results and Conclusion

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INTRODUCTION

Influence of autumn snow cover anomalies in the middle and high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere on atmospheric conditions that form in a subsequent winter season has been of considerable interest to the scientific community for many years.

Due to the climatic features of Eurasia, the most extensive snow cover is formed in the Siberian part of Eurasia. According to the satellite observations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Administration (NOAA), the main snow cover formation in Siberia occurs precisely in October, that is associated with the change of seasons and the corresponding change of the atmospheric circulation for this territory.

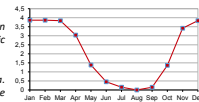


Figure 1. Snow cover area over Western Siberia, min.km², data of the Global Snow Lab of the Rutgers University

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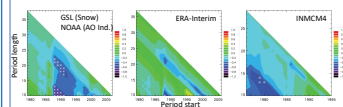
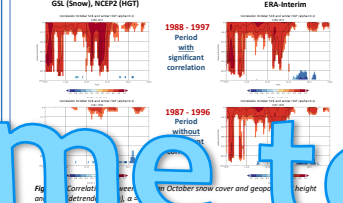


Figure 2. The correlation coefficients between October Siberian snow cover area and following winter mean AO index (detrended data), $\alpha = 0.1$.

Table 1. Generalized assessment of the manifestation of a statistically significant linear relationship

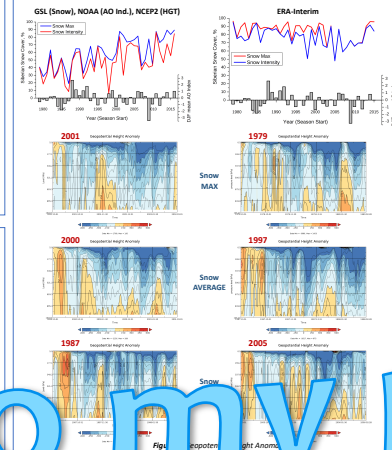
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
GSL (Snow)	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
ERA-Interim	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
INMCM4	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Correlation between Siberian October Snow Cover and Geopotential height



RESULTS

Interannual variability



CONCLUSION

- The obtained result showed the sensitivity of the manifestation of a statistically significant linear relationship between snow cover area in Siberia in October and the AO index in the following winter to the choice of the time interval for the study.
- It can be assumed that the considered mechanism of the interseasonal influence of snow cover variation on atmospheric conditions does not in itself control, but it can be used to explain the nature of the interaction of processes for those periods where a significant linear relationship has been found.

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