

Curriculum Vitae

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Research topics

Dr. Niwano's current main research interest is to understand the snow-atmosphere interaction in the cryosphere. For this purpose, he performs in-situ meteorological and snow/ice measurements in Japan (e.g., Sapporo, Hokkaido) and the Greenland Ice Sheet (GrIS). He is also well versed in numerical modeling of the snow/ice-atmosphere interaction: The Snow Metamorphism and Albedo Process (SMAP) model, which is a detailed physical snowpack model, was developed by him and his colleagues (the SMAP model is the main outcome of his Doctor Thesis). Recently, he is interested in the GrIS climate system, and has stayed on the ice sheet for more than 100 days since 2012 to conduct field measurements on the atmosphere/snow/ice physical conditions. In 2018, he succeeded in coupling the SMAP model with the Japanese Meteorological Agency's operational regional non-hydrostatic atmospheric model JMA-NHM and constructed the regional climate model NHM-SMAP. Using these original models by him, he has contributed to several international model inter-comparison projects including ESM-SnowMIP and GrSMBMIP.

Education

2016: Doctor of Science (The Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Nagoya University, Japan)

Thesis title:

Development of the physical snowpack model SMAP:

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2004: B.Sc. (Meteorological College, Japan)

Professional career and affiliations

2018–Present: Senior Researcher, Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency

2019 September–Present: Guest Researcher, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience

2020–2025: Guest Associate Professor, National Institute of Polar Research

2018–2022: Visiting scientist, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)

2008–2018: Researcher, Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency

2004–2008: Government official, Japan Meteorological Agency

Service

- 2024–Present: Advisor for observation in Antarctica, National Institute of Polar Research
- 2023–Present: IPERC (International Polar and Earth Environmental Research Center) special collaboration project committee member, National Institute of Polar Research
- 2020–Present: Editor of the journal The Cryosphere (European Geosciences Union; EGU)
- 2020–Present: Editor of the journal SOLA (Scientific Online Letters on the Atmosphere) (The Meteorological Society of Japan)
- 2011–2025: Committee member of information provision of the Japanese Society of Snow and Ice
- 2021–2023: Member of the steering committee of the 6th period Japan Consortium for Arctic Environmental Research (JCAR)
- 2019–2023: Board member of the western branch of the Japanese Society of Snow and Ice
- 2023: Main-convener of “R4: Ice Sheets, Glaciers and Ice Cores” in ISAR-7 (Seventh International Symposium on Arctic Research)
- 2022: Program organizing committee member of annual meeting of the Japanese society of snow and ice at Sapporo
- 2019–2021: Member of the steering committee of the 5th period Japan Consortium for Arctic Environmental Research (JCAR)
- 2021: Executive committee of annual meeting of the Japanese society of snow and ice at Chiba
- 2021: Program organizing committee member of annual meeting of the Japanese society of snow and ice at Chiba
- 2008–2020: Editor of bulletin of the Meteorological Society of Japan “TENKI”

- 2019–2020: Main-convener of “Science in the Arctic Region (A-CG57)” in JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2020
- 2018–2020: The Sixth International Symposium for Arctic Research (ISAR-6) Symposium Organizing Committee
- 2020: Program organizing committee member of annual meeting of the Japanese society of snow and ice (online)
- 2018–2019: Co-convener of “Science in the Arctic Region (A-CG37)” in JpGU Meeting 2019
- 2017–2019: Member of the steering committee of the 4th period Japan Consortium for Arctic Environmental Research (JCAR)
- 2017–2019: Editor of Bulletin of Glaciological Research (BGR) published by the Japanese Society of Snow and Ice
- 2012: Executive committee of annual spring meeting of the Meteorological Society of Japan at Tsukuba

Awards

- 2025: Horiuchi Award by the Meteorological Society of Japan
- 2023: The Japan Meteorological Agency Director-General's Award
- 2022: Meteorological Research Institute Director-General Award
- 2019: Outstanding paper award of the Japanese Society of Snow and Ice (coauthor; Kurosaki et al.)
- 2017: Hirata Award by the Japanese Society of Snow and Ice
- 2015: Outstanding paper award of the Japanese Society of Snow and Ice

Grants

- CI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A), number JP22H00033 (PI: Prof. Koji Fujita, Nagoya Univ.) “Geographical distribution of thermal regime of high mountain Asian glaciers and its impact on future glacier fluctuation”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-22H00033/>
- PI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), number JP21H03582 “Quantifying the effects of polar amplification on the Greenland ice sheet mass balance”
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- CI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), number JP21H01873 (PI: Dr. Hideaki Ohtake, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)) “Clarifying snow physical conditions on solar

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- PI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Research in a proposed research area), number JP 20H04982 “High-precision estimation of the Antarctic ice sheet surface mass balance in the past four decades”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PUBLICLY-20H04982/>
- PI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research on Innovative Areas (Research in a proposed research area), number JP18H05054 “Improving accuracy of the Antarctic ice sheet surface mass balance estimate”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PUBLICLY-18H05054/>
- PI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Fund for the Promotion of Joint International Research (Fostering Joint International Research), number JP17KK0017 “Pioneering the state of the art in the Greenland ice sheet climate system study”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-17KK0017/>
- PI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (B), number JP17K12817 “Investigation of surface mass loss mechanism in the Greenland ice sheet through development of a next generation polar regional climate model and multi-point in-situ measurements”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-17K12817/>
- CI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B), number JP 18H03363 (PI: Dr. Naga Oshima, Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency) “Evaluation of climate effects of black carbon over the Arctic with an advanced earth system model”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-18H03363/>
- CI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A), number JP16H01772 (SIGMA project, 2016–2019) (PI: Prof. Teruo Aoki, National Institute of Polar Research) “Recent surface darkening and abrupt melting of Greenland ice sheet (SIGMA2)”
<https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/en/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-16H01772/>
- CI of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (A), number JP15H01733 (SACURA project, 2015–2019) (PI: Dr. Satoru Yamaguchi, Snow and Ice Research Center, National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience) “Study of advanced cryosphere monitoring using reflectance properties of snow based on application of new measurement technologies and snow physical models (SACURA project)”

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Peer-reviewed publications

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- Lazzara, M. A., Mooney, P. A., Mottram, R., **Niwano, M.**, Phillips, T., Pishniak, D., Reijmer, C. H., van de Berg, W. J., Webster, S., and Zou, X., 2023: Characteristics of surface “melt potential” over Antarctic ice shelves based on regional atmospheric model simulations of summer air temperature extremes from 1979/80 to 2018/19, *J. Clim.*, 1-61, <https://doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-22-0386.1>.
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54. **Niwano, M.**, Suyu, M., Nagaya, K., Yamaguchi, S., Matoba, S., Harada, I., and Ohkawara, N., 2022: Estimation of seasonal snow mass balance all over Japan using a high-resolution atmosphere-snow model chain, *SOLA*, 18, 193-198, <https://doi.org/10.2151/sola.2022-031>.
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45. Aoki, T., Matoba, S., **Niwano, M.**, Kuchiki, K., Tanikawa, T., Takeuchi, N., Yamaguchi, S., Motoyama, H., Fujita, K., Yamasaki, T., Iizuka, Y., Hori, M., Shimada, R., Uetake, J., Nagatsuka, N., Onuma, Y., Hashimoto, A., Ishimoto, H., Tanaka, T. Y., Oshima, N., Kajino, M., Adachi, K., Kurosaki, Y., Sugiyama, S., Tsutaki, S., Goto-Azuma, K., Hachikubo, A., Kawakami, K., and Kinase, T., 2021: Studies on Atmosphere, Snow/Ice, and Glacial Microbes on Greenland Ice Sheet by SIGMA and relevant projects – A linkage to the ArCS II Project –, *Seppyo*, 83, 169-191 (in Japanese with English abstract).
44. Wehrlé, A., Box, J. E., **Niwano, M.**, Anesio, A. M., and Fausto, R. S., 2021: Greenland bare ice albedo from PROMICE automatic weather station measurements and Sentinel-3 satellite observations, *GEUS Bulletin*, 47, 5284. <https://doi.org/10.34194/geusb.v47.5284>
43. **Niwano, M.**, Aoki, T., Hashimoto, A., Oshima, N., Kajino, M., Onuma, Y., Fujita, K., Yamaguchi, S., Shimada, R., Takeuchi, N., Tsutaki, S., Motoyama, H., Ishii, M., Sugiyama, S., Hirasawa, N., and Abe-Ouchi, A., 2021: Review of the current polar ice sheet surface mass balance and its modelling: the 2020 summer edition, *Seppyo*, 83, 27-50 (in Japanese), https://doi.org/10.5331/seppyo.83.1_27.
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- Niwano, M. and J. E. Box (2019): Utilization of satellite-derived surface snow physical properties to

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Fieldwork

At present, Dr. Niwano has stayed on the Greenland ice sheet for total 108 days to perform field measurements since 2012.

- 2023: Northwestern Greenland ice sheet (L.: Dr. Niwano), **7 days on the ice sheet**
- 2022: Qaanaaq ice cap in the northwestern Greenland (L.: Dr. Niwano)
- 2022: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2021: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2020: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2019: Q19 summer south Greenland expedition (L.: Prof. Jason Box), **1 days on the ice sheet**
- 2019: Q19 spring south Greenland expedition (L.: Prof. Jason Box), **11 days on the ice sheet**
- 2019: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2018: EGRIP camp, Greenland ice sheet (L.: Dr. Sumito Matoba), **22 days on the ice sheet**
- 2018: SIGMA-Traversal, a traverse expedition in the northwestern Greenland ice sheet using a traditional Greenlandic style dog-sledge (L.: Dr. Niwano), **13 days on the ice sheet**
- 2018: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2017: Northwestern Greenland ice sheet (L.: Dr. Sumito Matoba), **16 days on the ice sheet**
- 2017: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2016: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2015: Qaanaaq ice cap in the northwestern Greenland (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2015: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2014: Northwestern Greenland ice sheet (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki), **10 days on the ice sheet**
- 2014: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2013: Northwestern Greenland ice sheet (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki), **7 days on the ice sheet**
- 2013: Kitami, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2012: Northwestern Greenland ice sheet (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki), **21 days on the ice sheet**
- 2011: Nakasatsunai, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)
- 2010: Kitami, Hokkaido, Japan (L.: Prof. Teruo Aoki)

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In addition to the above-mentioned fieldwork, Dr. Niwano greatly contributes to maintain automated weather stations installed in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan and the Greenland ice sheet.

Professional societies

- European Geosciences Union (EGU): 2011–Present (Lifetime member)
- Japan Geoscience Union (JpGU): 2009–Present
- American Geophysical Union (AGU): 2008–Present (Lifetime member)
- Japanese Society of Snow and Ice: 2008–Present
- Meteorological Society of Japan: 2003–Present
- International Glaciological Society (IGS): 2010–2022

Review experiences of grant proposals

- Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), The United Kingdom
- The Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS), Belgium
- The Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research KAKENHI, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)
- The National Research Funding Competition FONDECYT, Chile
- The Netherlands e-Science Center (NLeSC) and The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO, the Dutch Research Council)
- The Netherlands Space Office (NSO)
- JSPS KAKENHI
- National Institute of Polar Research, International Polar and Earth Environmental Research Center (IPERC), Special Collaboration Project

Review experiences of scientific papers

- Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics
- Bulletin of Glaciological Research
- Cold Regions Science and Technology
- Communications earth & environment
- Deep Sea Research II
- Earth System Science Data
- Environmental Research Lettre
- Frontiers in Earth Science
- Geophysical Research Letters

- Journal of Disaster Research
- Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres
- Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface
- Nature Climate Change
- Nature Communications
- Polar Data Journal
- Polar Science
- Remote Sensing
- Scientific Data
- Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
- SOLA
- The Cryosphere
- Seppyo (in Japanese)

IT skills

Fortran, Unix, shell scripting, html, python, GrADS, GMT, LaTeX, Windows batch programming

Languages

Japanese (mother tongue), English