

Observational Oceanography II: *in-situ* Process Studies + Goals for the next decade

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With slides from Mike Patterson, Director of US CLIVAR

What are Observations used for?

From Lecture 1....

- **Observations for mapping fields, initiating or nudging models**
 - Timely (available through the Global Telecommunication System (GTS) in near realtime)
 - Geographically distributed in coherent array, with known uncertainty and quality
- **Observations for validation**
 - Independent obs (e.g. not assimilated)
 - High quality, of known uncertainty that is smaller than error of model.
- **Observations for improving model physics, parameterizations and understanding of processes**
 - Oversampled, high quality observations (e.g. Process Studies)

How many errors can I have?

- Mistakes and Miscalculations
- Mean bias errors & Random uncertainty due to noise
- Systematic biases due to sampling issues
- Systematic biases due to field errors
- Systematic biases due to calibration errors, model physics errors, etc.
- **Error in representation of a mean value by a spot observations.**

Motivation for Process studies

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What are the key mechanisms and processes controlling the climate system? How are these modulated by large-scale variability and general circulation? *Improved understanding of these processes can lead to better predictability in the climate system.*

If this process cannot be resolved by model, can it be parameterized?

Does the parameterization improve the model state estimates & forecasts?

What are minimum observations/variables needed to resolve and monitor this process? *Improved monitoring of these processes can lead to better predictability in the climate system.*

About US CLIVAR

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US Climate Variability and Predictability (CLIVAR) is a national research program with a mission to foster understanding and prediction of climate variability and change on intraseasonal-to-centennial timescales, through observations and modeling with emphasis on the role of the ocean and its interaction with other elements of the Earth system, and to serve the climate community and society through the coordination and facilitation of research on outstanding climate questions.

US CLIVAR research is currently supported by participating programs within five Federal agencies including the [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) (NASA), the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) (NOAA), the [National Science Foundation](#) (NSF), the [Department of Energy](#) (DOE), and the [Office of Naval Research](#) (ONR). A US CLIVAR [Inter-Agency Group](#) of program managers from these five agencies coordinates and targets funding and resources to support the research activities of the program. **Four of these agencies, NASA, NOAA, NSF, and DOE sponsor the US CLIVAR Project Office to work with the SSC and its Panels in coordinating science planning, implementing research activities, communicating research advances and needs, and supporting international engagement and collaboration.**

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Panel Descriptions

Phenomena, Observations, and Synthesis Panel

The Phenomena Observations and Synthesis Panel's (POS) mission is to improve understanding of climate variations in the past, present and future, and to develop syntheses of critical climate parameters while sustaining and improving the global climate observing system.

Predictability, Predictions, and Applications Interface Panel

The Predictability, Predictions and Applications Interface Panel's (PPAI) mission is to foster improved practices in the provision, validation and uses of climate information and forecasts through coordinated participation within the U.S. and international climate science and applications communities.

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Process Study and Model Improvement (PSMI) Panel		
Member name	Institution	Term through
Victoria Coles, Co-chair	University of Maryland	Dec. 2020
Kevin Reed, Co-chair	Stony Brook University	Dec. 2020
Amy Butler	NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory/University of Colorado	Dec. 2021
Antonietta Capotondi	University of Colorado/NOAA	Dec. 2022
William Collins	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab/University of California Berkeley	Dec. 2020
Charlotte DeMott	Colorado State University	Dec. 2022
Gregory Foltz	NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory	Dec. 2019
Samson Hagos	Pacific Northwest National Lab	Dec. 2020
Taka Ito	Georgia Institute of Technology	Dec. 2019
Hyodae Seo	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Dec. 2019
Janet Sprintall	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	Dec. 2019
Patrick Taylor	NASA Langley Research Center	Dec. 2022
Liping Zhang	Princeton University/NOAA	Dec. 2022

Consider getting on this panel!

Terms of Reference

- Review, prioritize, and coordinate US scientific plans for, and programmatic support of, relevant process studies, [Climate Process Teams](#) and other investigations that lead to improved parameterizations of critical climate processes, better quantification of climate model uncertainties, improved climate model fidelity, and validation of observing systems aimed at increasing their global utility, as necessary to achieve the goals of CLIVAR. Through its review process, US CLIVAR encouragement of nascent process studies does not imply a formal endorsement.
- Develop and encourage mechanisms (e.g. community workshops, commissioned studies, Working Groups) to further the development and implementation of timely and relevant process studies and a research strategy, including filling gaps.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PROCESS STUDIES

BY MEGHAN F. CRONIN, SONYA LEGG, AND PAQUITA ZUIDEMA

PROCESS STUDY “BEST PRACTICES”

- Modelers and observationalists should be integrated in the study from the planning stage onward.
- Integrated and synthesized datasets should be generated from the process study observations to provide model-comparable data that can be used as benchmarks for assessing and validating models. Furthermore, diagnostics shown in much-cited published figures should be provided in digital format as “synthesis products.”
- Broad use of the data should be encouraged through
 - open data policies;
 - centralized access to all components of the experiment; and
 - data archiving in a user-friendly format, and with sampling information (“metadata”) that is necessary for understanding the measurement.

Meghan Cronin was co-chair of the US CLIVAR Process Study and Model Improvement Panel from 2005-2008

Sonya Legg was co-chair of US CLIVAR PSMIP from 2007-2009

Paquita Zuidema was co-chair of US CLIVAR PSMIP from 2009-2011



<https://usclivar.org/climate-process-teams>

US CLIVAR has also promoted concept of Climate Process Teams (CPTs).

See their Aug 2016 US CLIVAR CPT White Paper: “[Translating Process Understanding to Improve Climate Models](#)” and their “[CPT Best Practice Tip Sheet](#)”

For a decade and a half, US CLIVAR has promoted the concept of Climate Process Teams (CPTs). CPTs improve the fidelity of coupled climate models by facilitating the transfer of knowledge from observational and process-oriented research to the development of physical process representation in component ocean or atmosphere global climate models (GCMs). A CPT, as defined by US CLIVAR, is a:

funded multi-institutional project that assembles observation-oriented experimentalists, process modelers, process diagnosticians, theoreticians, and climate model developers from two or more modeling centers into a single project that focuses on a specific process or set of processes to assess model sensitivities to process uncertainties, establish observation and model metrics, and develop, test, and implement parameterization improvements.

NSF and NOAA have co-sponsored two rounds of [CPT projects](#), with the latest projects completing in 2015/16.

In 2015, the US CLIVAR Process Studies and Model Improvement (PSMI) Panel organized a review of CPTs to assess the effectiveness and lessons learned from the CPT approach, main sources of errors/biases in models, opportunities for future model improvement, and potential payoff for future CPT projects. The review committee collected input through questionnaires of seven US modeling center and numerous observational programs, process studies, CPT projects, and US CLIVAR Working Groups, followed by an open community workshop held at NOAA GFDL in September 2015. The information collected informed a 2016 US CLIVAR [White Paper](#).

Below are the key findings from the white paper, best practices for a CPT, and how best to propose a CPT project to the US CLIVAR funding agencies.

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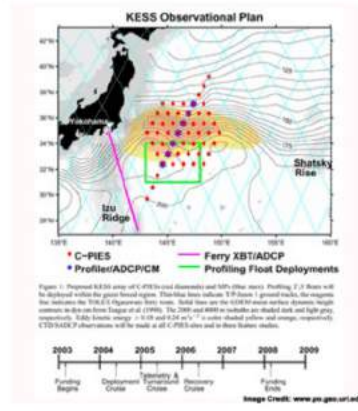
Using data from historical process studies

- Learn about process studies by going to US CLIVAR website & process study website.
- Access data from process study website or from national data archive (e.g. NOAA's NCEI, NASA's EOSDIC & PODAAC, NSF's NCAR EOL).
- Reach out to the process study PIs.

Kuroshio Extension System Study

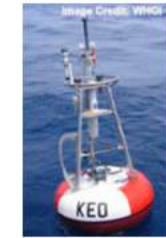
The warm, northward-flowing waters of the Kuroshio western boundary current leave the Japanese coast to flow eastward into the North Pacific as a free jet — the Kuroshio Extension. The Kuroshio Extension forms a vigorously meandering boundary between the warm subtropical and cold northern waters of the Pacific. A recirculation gyre exists to the south of the Kuroshio Extension. Another may exist to the north. This is also one of the most intense air-sea heat exchange regions on the globe, where the warm Kuroshio waters encounter the cold dry air masses coming from the Asian continent. The Kuroshio Extension system exhibits variations which strongly affect North American climate. Among the diverse fields that will benefit from this work are fisheries and climate research, and understanding storm tracks.

Understanding the processes that govern the variability of and the interaction between the Kuroshio Extension and the recirculation gyre is the goal of this study. Processes coupling the baroclinic and barotropic circulations will be examined by case studies of the local dynamical balances, particularly during strong meandering events. The mechanisms by which water masses are exchanged and modified as they cross the front will be characterized. The objective is to determine the processes governing the strength and structure of the recirculation gyres in relation to the meandering jet.



Science Highlights

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KEO mooring carries a suite of meteorological sensors to measure winds, air temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, and solar and longwave radiation.

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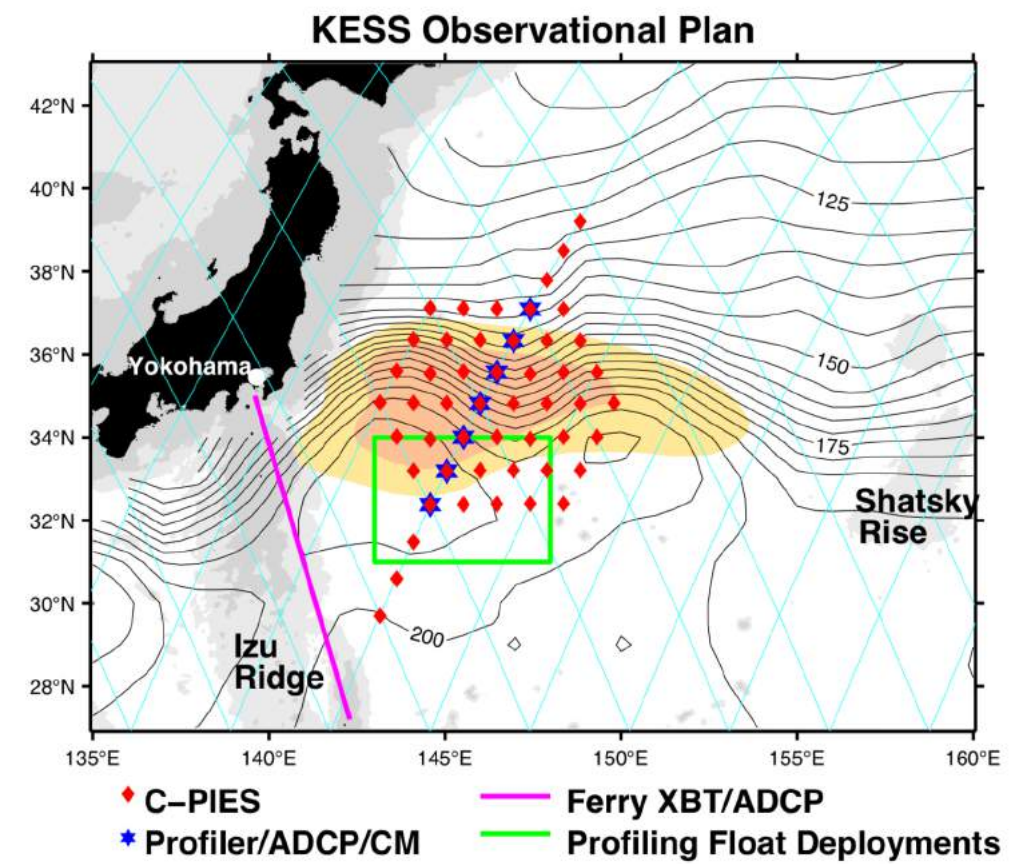
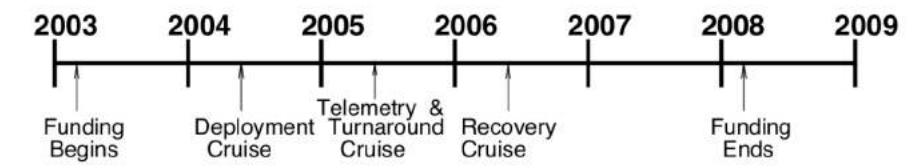


Figure 7: Proposed KESS array of C-PIESs (red diamonds) and MPs (blue stars). Profiling T,S floats will be deployed within the green boxed region. Thin blue lines indicate T/P-Jason 1 ground tracks, the magenta line indicates the TOLEX Ogasawara ferry route. Solid lines are the GDEM mean surface dynamic height contours in dyn cm from Teague et al. (1990). The 2000 and 4000 m isobaths are shaded dark and light gray, respectively. Eddy kinetic energy > 0.18 and $0.24 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$ is color shaded yellow and orange, respectively. CTD/SADCP observations will be made at all C-PIES sites and in three feature studies.



Objectives:

1) To understand processes coupling the baroclinic and barotropic circulation and variability.

Hypotheses: ...

What's needed: Density and velocity time series, with mesoscale resolution to calculate d/dx , d/dy and d/dt of density and velocity. Sufficient vertical resolution to quantify structure of upper-jet baroclinic front and the deep nearly barotropic fields. "Case-studies" of the local dynamical balances, particularly of large-amplitude events.

2) To determine and quantify cross-frontal exchange processes in the Kuroshio Extension.

Hypotheses:...

What's needed ...

3) To determine the processes that govern the strength and structure of the recirculation gyre – its position, elongation, stratification, and subtropical mode water formation within the gyre.

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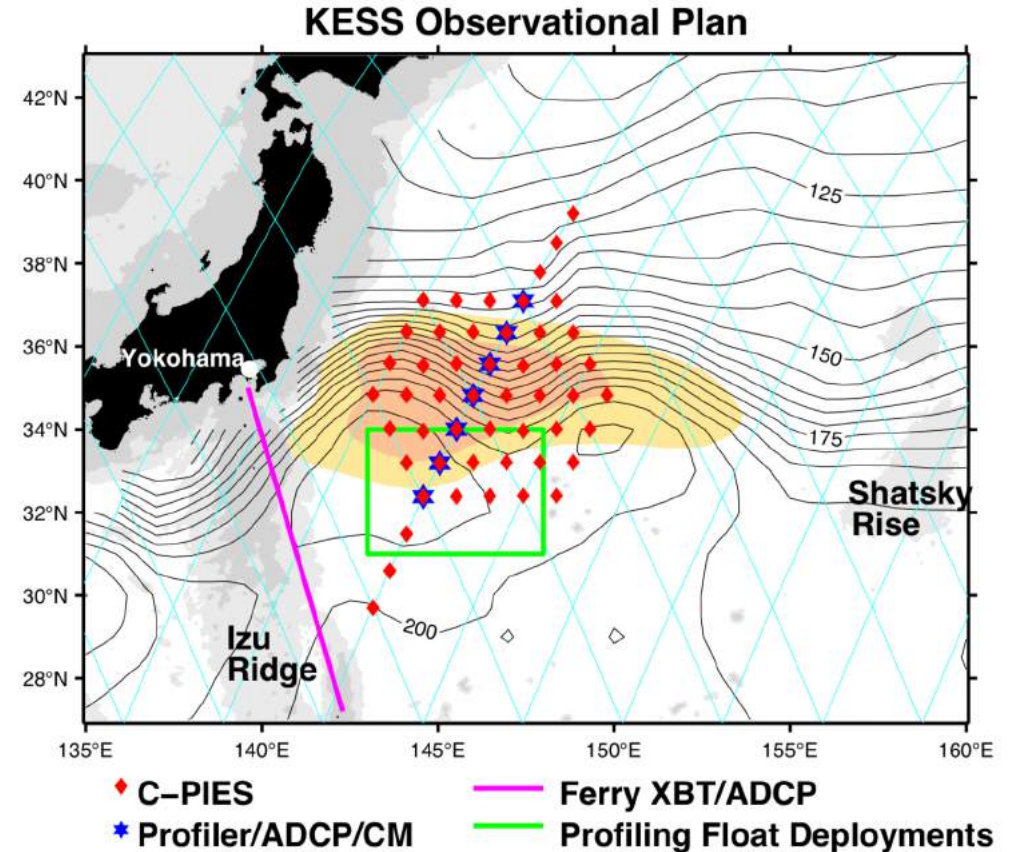
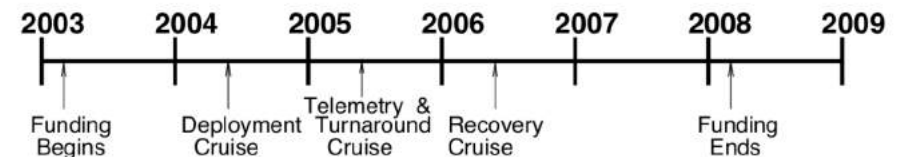


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Data Products

Argo Profiling Floats

University of Hawaii Argo Profiling Floats Data Page

CPIES Data from GSO/URI

Shown below is the KESS CPIES/PIES array superimposed on Smith and Sandwell bathymetry contoured every 1000 m. The CPIES/PIES were moored in water depths ranging from 5300 m on the western side of the array to 6300 m in the east. Data is available for 46 sites. Site designator is given in the upper left hand corner and IES serial number is listed under the triangles. Black is for CPIES sites, red for PIES sites, magenta specifies sites where only telemetry was taken, and yellow designates where instruments were CPIES in 2005, but PIES in 2006. The measurements were made during April 2004 to July 2006 under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation. The measured quantities include pressure, vertical acoustic round-trip travel time, and currents. All data files in the CPIES archive are provided in ASCII format.

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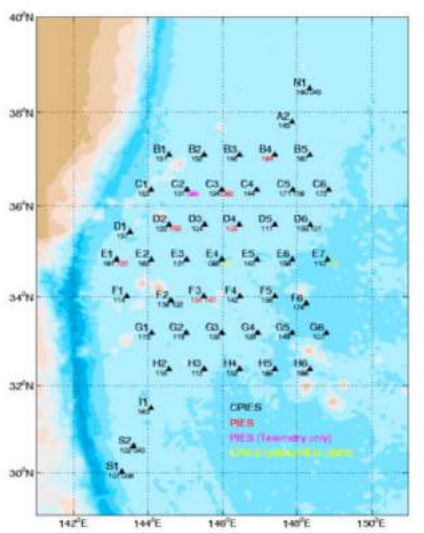
- prs/XX_SNYYY.dat — pressure in decibars
- tau/XX_SNYYY.dat — vertical acoustic travel time in seconds
- currents/XX_SNYYY.dat — u,v velocities in cm/sec

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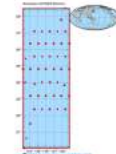
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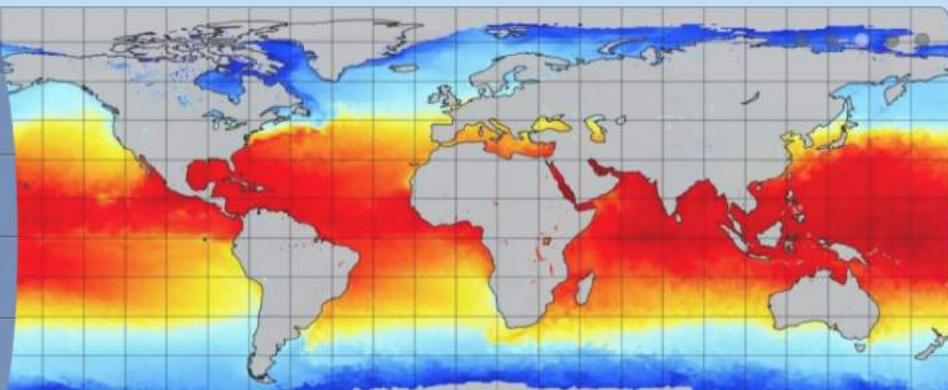
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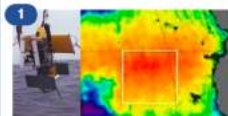
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Seasoar CTD data for the SPURS-1 N. Atlantic field campaign (SPURS1_SEASOAR)

Ocean Temperature, Salinity/Density, Salinity/Density

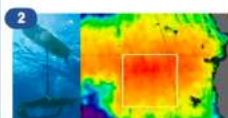
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Start/End Date: 2013-Mar-22 to 2013-Apr-8

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Waveglider data for the SPURS-1 N. Atlantic field campaign (SPURS1_WAVEGLIDER)

Ocean Winds, Ocean Temperature, Ocean Temperature, Salinity/Density, Ocean Circulation, Ocean Pressure, Salinity/Density

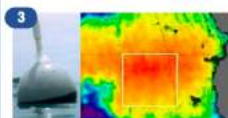
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Start/End Date: 2012-Sep-1 to 2013-Mar-25

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Drifter data for the SPURS-1 N. Atlantic field campaign (SPURS1_DRIFTER)

Ocean Temperature, Salinity/Density

Platform/Sensor: Drifter/CTD

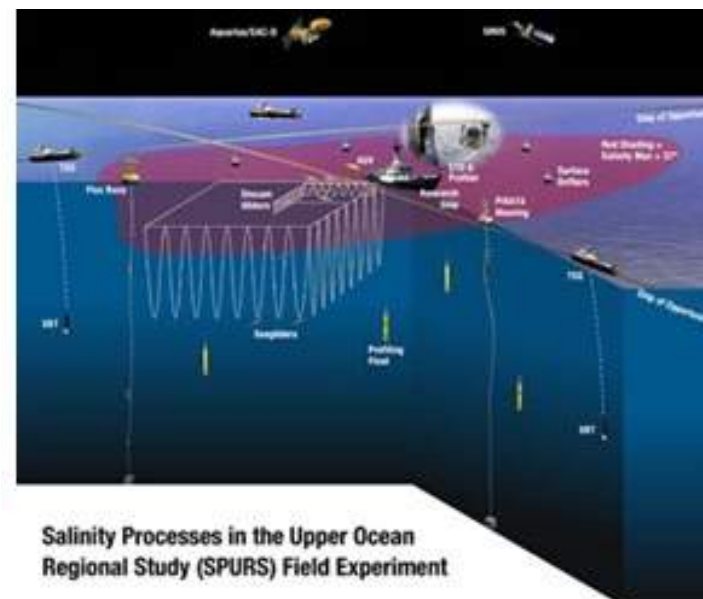
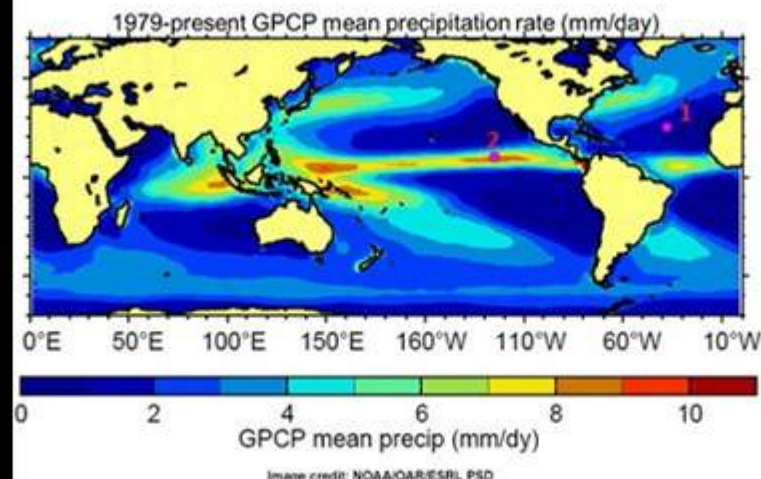
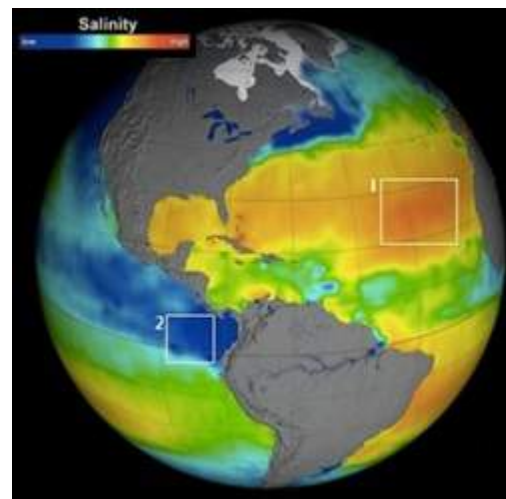
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Searching on “SPURS” in PODAAC brings up 3 pages of data from SPURS-1 and SPURS-2. Notice nice organization of data in left bar !



Salinity Processes in the Upper Ocean Regional Study (SPURS) Field Experiment

SPURS (Salinity Processes in the Upper Ocean Regional Study) aimed to resolve key mechanisms responsible for near-surface salinity variation.



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All Field Projects and Deployments

Below is a comprehensive list of all of EOL's field projects and deployments with links to Data Archive pages and Field Catalogs where appropriate. Please see the [Data Management & Services Facility](#) home page for more information on Data Services we provide, as well as a comprehensive [list of all the project field catalogs](#).

Name ^	Full Name	Date	Data Access	Field Catalog
3CPO	3CPO Trace Gas Measurements Program	05/31/1988 to 06/20/1988	Data Access	
ABLE-2B	Amazon Boundary Layer Experiment - 2B	03/28/1987 to 05/15/1987	Data Access	
ABLE-3B	Arctic Boundary Layer Expedition -3B	06/09/1990 to 08/31/1990	Data Access	
ACADIS	Advanced - Cooperative Arctic Data and Information Service	07/15/2011 to 04/15/2016	Data Access	
ACE-1	Southern Hemisphere Marine Aerosol Characterization Experiment	10/01/1995 to 12/25/1995	Data Access	Field Catalog
ACE-ASIA	Asian Pacific Regional Aerosol Characterization Experiment	03/15/2001 to 05/10/2001	Data Access	Field Catalog
ACE-ENA	Aerosol and Cloud Experiment - Eastern North Atlantic	06/15/2017 to 02/28/2018	Data Access	
ACLAIM	Airborne Coherent Lidar for Advanced In-flight Measurements	03/24/1998 to 04/09/1998	Data Access	
ACME	Airborne Carbon in the Mountains Experiment	05/14/2004 to 08/02/2004	Data Access	
ACME07	Airborne Carbon in the Mountains Experiment 2007	03/01/2007 to 09/30/2007		
ADELE-SPRITE	Airborne Detector for Energetic Lightning Emission Sprite Spectra (ADELE-SPRITE)	08/13/2009 to 09/09/2009	Data Access	
ADRT	Airborne Doppler Radar Tests	05/15/1982 to 07/07/1982		
AESOP/TEXASAQS	Texas Air Quality Study	08/15/2000 to 09/15/2000	Data Access	
AFCGOC	Atmospheric Forcing of Circulation in Gulf Of California	07/14/1983 to 08/04/1983	Data Access	
AFCGOC-II	Atmospheric Forcing of Circulation in Gulf of California - II	03/01/1984 to 03/27/1984	Data Access	
AHATS	Advection Horizontal Array Turbulence Study	06/09/2008 to 08/16/2008	Data Access	
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NESDIS Ocean Surface Products [(NESDIS-STAR)]	2012-04-24	Document
NOAA P-3 Airborne eXpendable Bathythermographs (AXBT's) [Wang, Q. (NPS)]	2013-09-23	Document
NOAA P-3 Airborne eXpendable Conductivity Temperature and Depth Probe (AXCTD) Data [Wang, Q. (NPS)]	2013-09-23	Document
NOAA P-3 Corrected Radiometric SST Data [D. Khelif (University of California-Irvine)]		
NOAA POES SST and Anomaly Imagery [(NCAR-EOL)]	2012-11-20	
OSCAR Ocean Surface Current Data [(NASA-PO.DAAC)]	2012-08-30	Document
R/V Baruna Jaya SST Data [Yoneyama, Kunio (JAMSTEC)]	2012-08-02	Document
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R/V Mirai ADCP Sub-surface Mooring Data [Katsumata, M. (JAMSTEC)]	2013-02-28	Document
R/V Mirai Biogeochemical Sampling Data [Yoneyama, K. (JAMSTEC)]	Updated 2013-06-06	Document
R/V Mirai CTD Data [Yoneyama, K. (JAMSTEC)]	2013-02-28	Document
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R/V Roger Revelle Expendable Bathythermograph (XBT) Data [Moum, J. (Oregon State University)]	2015-09-04	
R/V Roger Revelle Flux, Near-Surface Meteorology, and Navigation Data [Edson, Jim, Chris Fairall, Simon De Szoeke (U. Conn, ESRL-PSD, OSU)]	2012-08-07	Document
R/V Roger Revelle Seaglider Data [Matthews, A. J. (UEA)]	2012-08-02	
R/V Sagar Kanya CTD Data [Kumar, S, Prasanna (NIO)]	2013-02-28	Document
Shipboard Automated Meteorological and Oceanographic System (SAMOS) Data Center [(FSU)]		Document
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GTS LDM Ship and Buoy Observation Data (Global, ASCII) [(NCAR-EOL)]	2012-08-09	Document

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Selecting a specific field project takes you to the list of accessible data sets by category, platform, data type, lead scientist, and institution.

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This example shows data from DYNAMO (Dynamics of Madden Julian Oscillation) process study that took place in the tropical Indian Ocean in 2011-2012.

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Using data from historical process studies

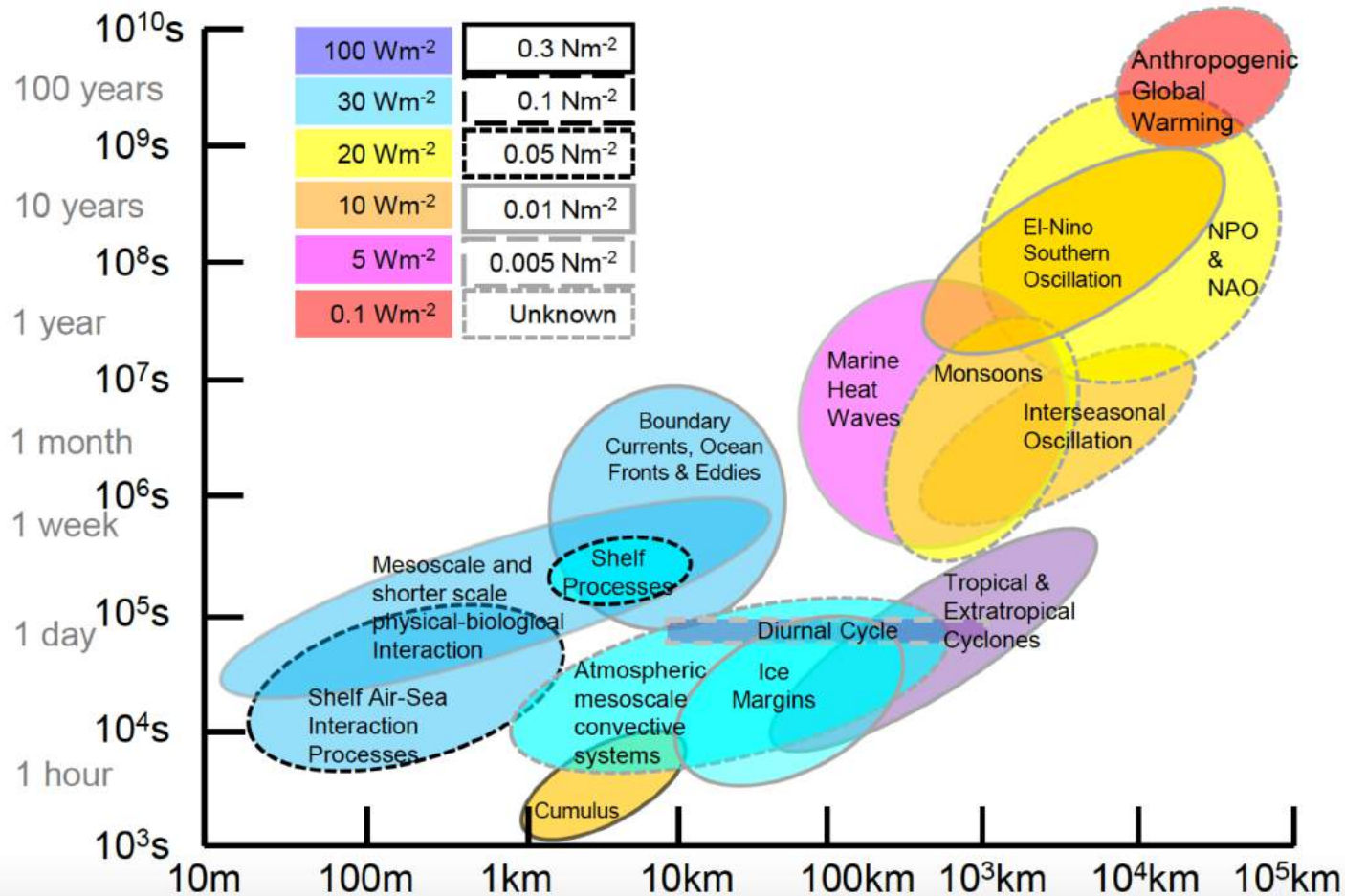
- Learn about process studies by going to US CLIVAR website & process study website.
- Access data from process study website or from national data archive (e.g. NOAA's NCEI, NASA's EOSDIC & PODAAC, NSF's NCAR EOL).
- Reach out to the process study PIs.



Air-Sea Fluxes with a focus on Heat and Momentum

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Flux Accuracies and Processes



Goals for 2030:

Gridded Air-Sea fluxes with
1-day random uncertainties of:
15 W m⁻² (5%) & 0.01 N m⁻² (5%)

And Biases less than:
5 W m⁻² & 0.005 N m⁻²

For: 3-hourly at 25 km

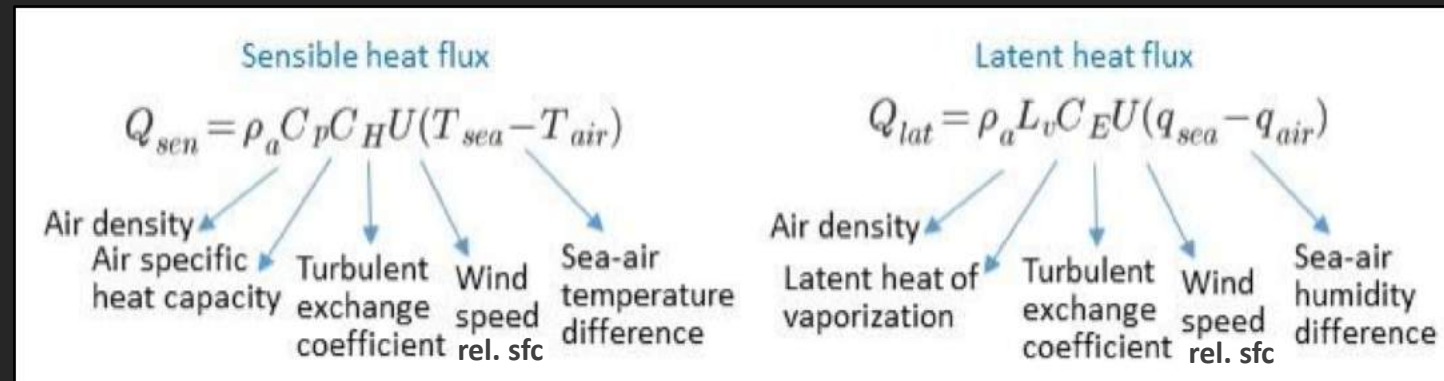
Aspirational goal: 1-hrly at 10km

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Need more than 10 essential ocean & climate variables to compute air-sea heat fluxes.

$$Q_{net} = Q_{SW} - Q_{LW} - Q_{lat} - Q_{sen}$$





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Two Big Asks:

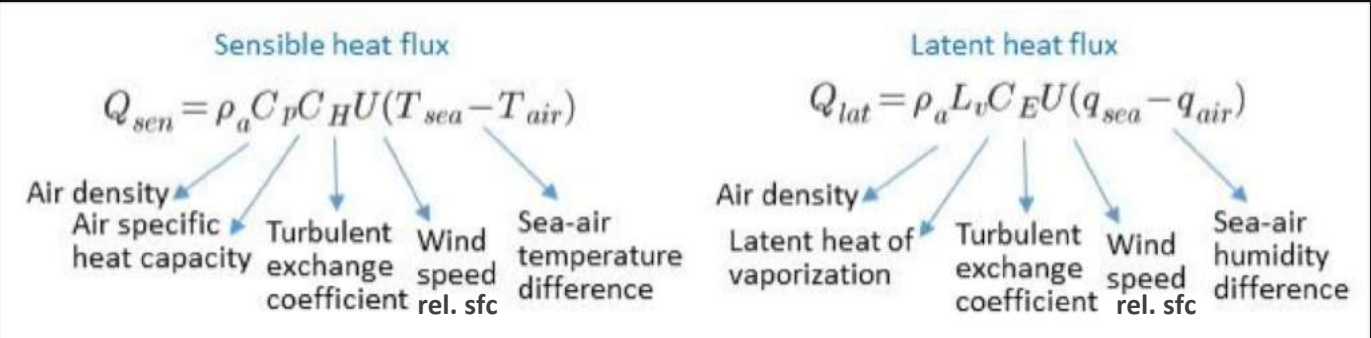
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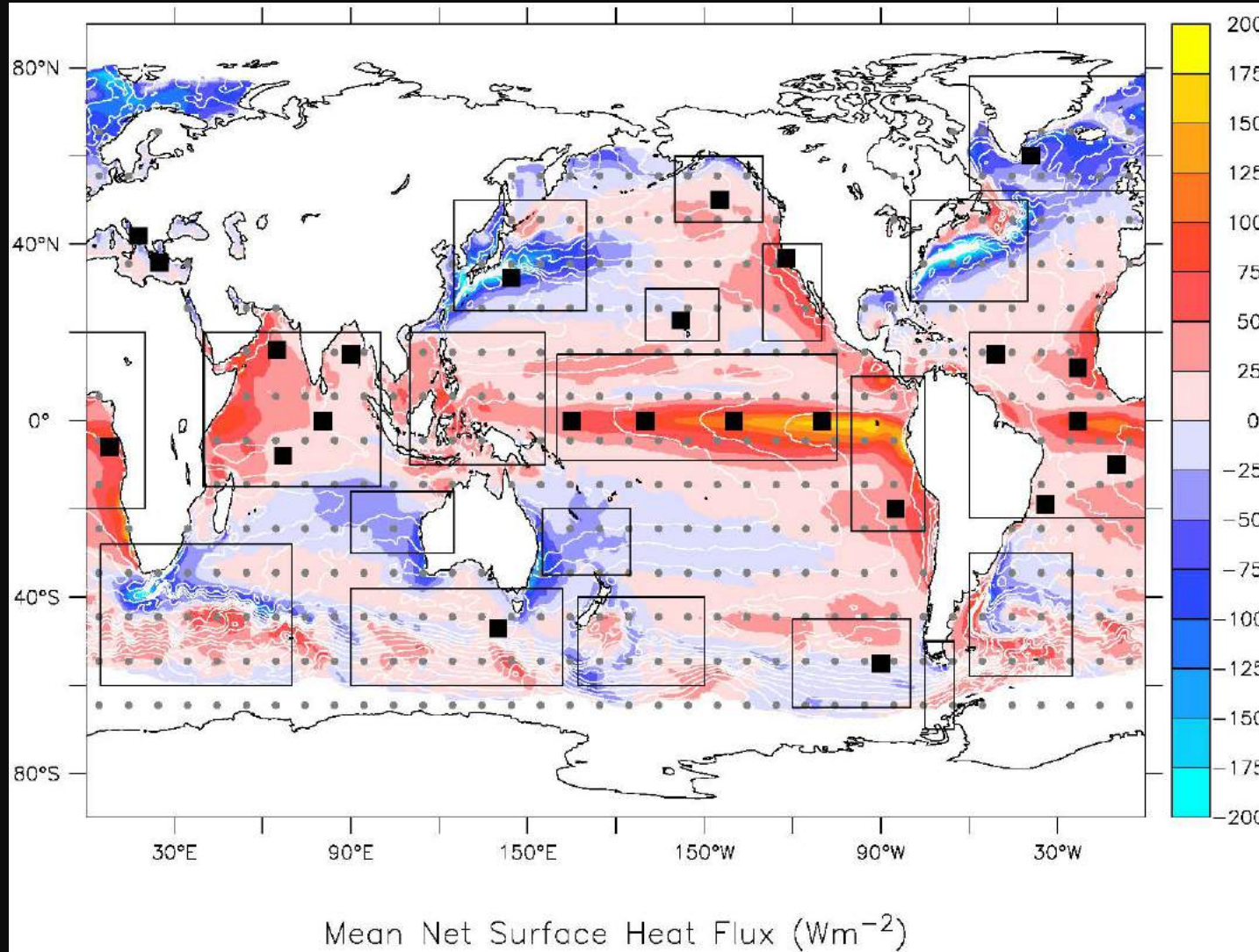
Improved vertical resolution and accuracy of temperature and humidity profiles. *This could be done for example by combining a 5-channel C- to Ka-band digital radiometer with a 50 and 183 GHz hyperspectral digital sounder.*

Improved algorithms relating near-surface retrievals to surface humidity and air temperature.

Simultaneous retrievals of SST, surface wind speed and direction, and profiles of near-surface air temperature and humidity (as well as rain, water vapor, soil moisture, sea ice concentration).



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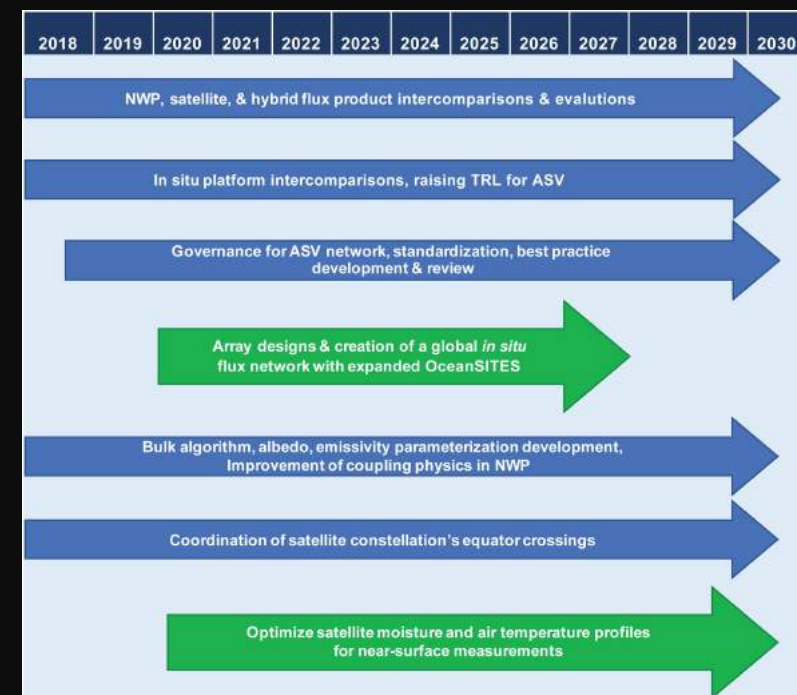
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