



Ocean diapycnal mixing is a fundamental physical process that regulates ocean vertical circulations of water, nutrients, carbon and heat; however, its distribution and generation mechanisms have not been known because of the difficulties of observations. This research project will develop efficient observing system of ocean diapycnal mixing and next-generation numerical models, those of which are able to quantify the maintenance mechanism of deep and bio-geochemical circulations and to reproduce observed bi-decadal ocean and climate variability. This new interdisciplinary study on ocean mixing opens the integrated sciences from physical, chemical, biological oceanography to climate and fisheries sciences.

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vertical mixing of seawater and dissolved substances due to turbulent eddies. In deep water, these eddies are caused by breaking internal waves generated by currents as tides over rough bottom topography, inducing ocean vertical water, heat and material circulations.

### A02-4

#### Mixing Processes, nutrient transport, fundamental structure of ecosystem in the Kuroshio and its origin area

In order to quantitatively evaluate energy dispersion in the ocean lateral boundary that partly contributes to the formation of western boundary currents, the Kuroshio, and to understand the role of Kuroshio in supplying nutrients to primary production in the open ocean, we will carry out physical, chemical and biological researches with a special attention on mixing processes in the Kuroshio and its surrounding areas.



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Turbulent mixing in Kuroshio source region, observation and modeling to understand material transport

### A02-3

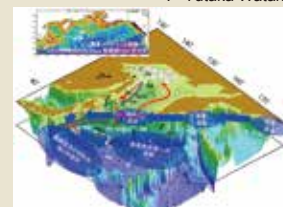
#### Ocean mixing in the sub-polar marginal seas and biogeochemical dynamics in the western North Pacific

The goal of our group is to understand the dynamics of nutrients (including N, P, Si and Fe) and their induced biological production in the western North Pacific. We plan to perform keen international collaborations from ocean observations to the data analyses in the western North Pacific including its marginal seas.



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Biogeochemical cycle observation in Oyashio source region and primary production estimated by satellite observation

### A01-2

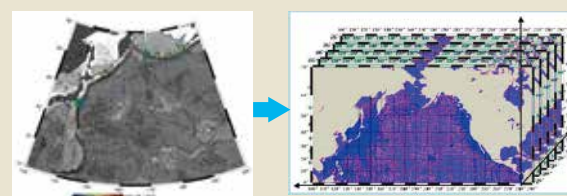
#### Pacific Ocean state estimation and clarification of mechanism of ocean circulation by data synthesis of global observations

Our aim is to synthesise pre-existing ocean data with newly-acquired turbulence data using state-of-art assimilation technique. The new data set provides improved description of ocean circulation, its heat and salt transports, and oceanic ecosystem at lower trophic level.



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4D data produced by observation data and model simulation

### A01-1

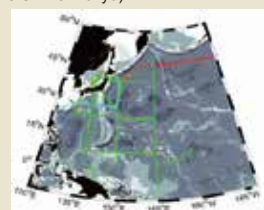
#### Development of methods and systems for vertical mixing and observations

This team develops autonomous observation system of multiple underwater gliders and turbulence estimate with fast response thermistors attached to CTD platform to know distribution of vertical mixing and its generating mechanisms in the western North Pacific and to elucidate its influence on ocean circulations.



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Recovery of a glider (left) and observation stations on JMA CTD network (right)

### A04-8

#### Model development and impact assessment for ocean circulation, marine material cycles and climate by incorporating the effect of oceanic vertical mixing

Our goals are 1) to reveal the three-dimensional structure of the North Pacific circulation induced by ocean mixing and to understand its influence on the climate; 2) to describe the materials cycles in the North Pacific under the influences of physical transport and biogeochemical processes.



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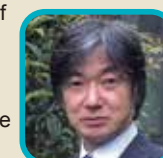


Climate-ocean-bio geochemical cycle model incorporating the effect of vertical mixing

### A04-7

#### Dynamical analysis of diapycnal mixing processes in the ocean toward the formulation of their accurate parameterizations

Our goal is to identify the best performer of the existing turbulent mixing parameterizations for each of layers and whether these parameterizations can be validated and/or improved. Our penultimate goal is to formulate a "seamless" parameterization of diapycnal mixing processes that can be applied throughout the water column, namely, from the ocean surface down to the ocean bottom.



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Observation by multiscale profiler



Simulation by super computer

### A03-6

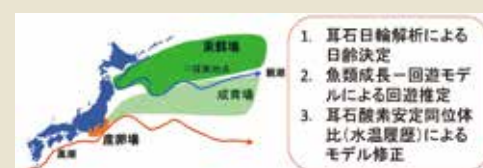
#### Environmental history of living marine resources and fluctuation of fisheries

We aim to elucidate direct and indirect influences of the long-term fluctuation of ocean mixing processes caused by 18.6-year nodal tide on fisheries resources by high resolution isotope analysis of fish juvenile otoliths and marine ecosystem-fish coupled models.



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### A03-5

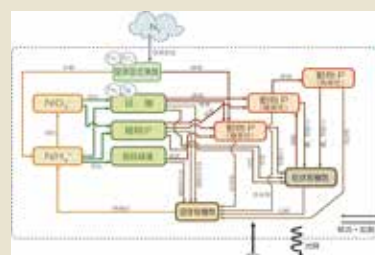
#### Change in lower trophic ecosystem and its complex mechanism in the North Pacific

Aims of this study is 1) to understand how primary and secondary producers response on the nutrient supply processes associated with physical mechanisms, atmospheric dynamics, vertical mixing and ocean current; 2) to clarify the controlling factor of specific nutrient supply to give an impact on productivity



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Scheme of nutrient supply and production

