

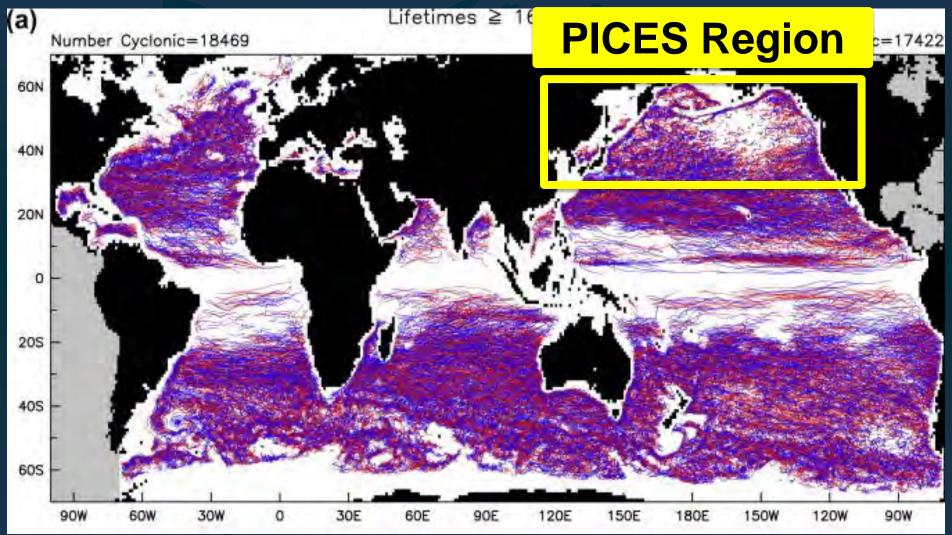


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# Studies on mesoscale eddies in the subarctic North Pacific

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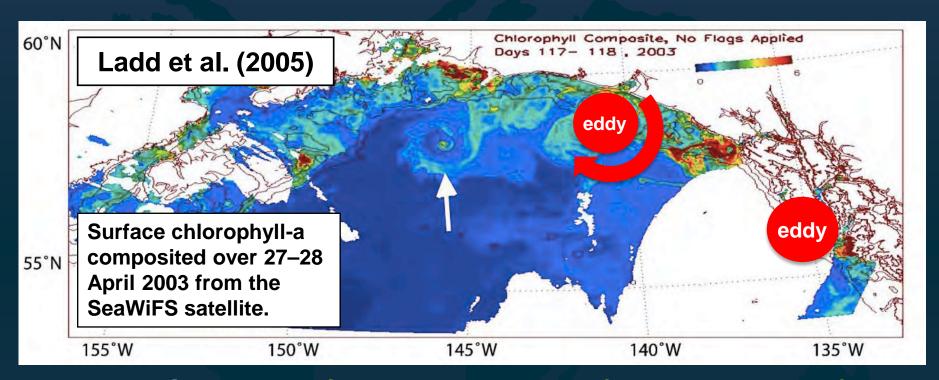
Mesoscale eddies are ubiquitous phenomena over the world ocean.



Chelton et al. (2011)



Mesoscale eddies play an important role in the heat/material transport and marine ecosystem.



Eddies in GoA: heat, freshwater, macro- & micro-nutrient & biota exchange between shelf & off-shore regions by

- Containing shelf water at the eddy center & propargating offshore
- Advection in the outer ring of the eddy.

The Second PICES Workshop on the Okhotsk Sea and Adjacent Areas

> November 9-12, 1998 Nemuro, Japan

Physical oceanography of the Okhotsk Sea Physical oceanography of the Kuril region and La Perouse/Soya Strait: Basin to

basin interaction

Synoptic/mesoscale eddies

Interangual variations and the regime shifts

To receive the Final Announcement for this workshop, please contact the PICES Secretariat a.s.a.p.

How was PICES involved in mesoscale eddies?

Announcement about 2<sup>nd</sup> PICES Workshop on PICES Press in July 1998

### 10th PICES Annual Meeting, Victoria, 2001

## **POC/BIO/FIS Topic Session**

The physics and biology of eddies, meanders and rings in the PICES region. Convenors: William R. Crawford (Canada), Jeffrey J. Polovina (U.S.A.) and Takashige Sugimoto (Japan).

Selected papers from the session were published in a special issue of Journal of Oceanography in 2002.

#### **Physical Characteristics of Haida Eddies**

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(Received 5 November 2001; in revised form 25 March 2002; accepted 26 March 2002)

Haida Eddies are anti-cyclonic features that form in winter along the eastern conti-

#### Behavior of Warm-Core Rings in a Double-Gyre Wind-Driven Ocean Circulation Model

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Numerical experiments have been performed to understand the movement of warm-

Jeju, Korea

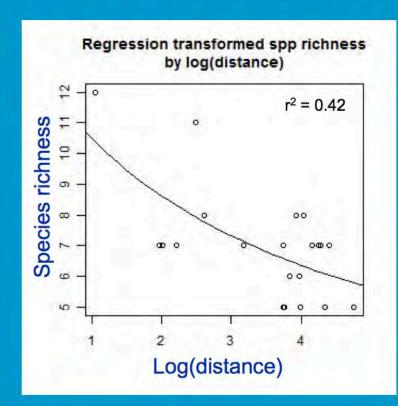
## **W9**

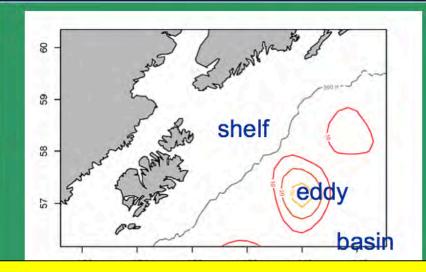
#### POC/BIO Workshop Mesoscale eddies and their roles in North Pacific ecosystems

Co-Convenors: Kyung-Il Chang (Korea), William R. Crawford (Canada), Shin-ichi Ito (Japan) Vyacheslav Lobanov (Russia)

	Friday, October 23 (9:00-18:00)
:00	Introduction by Convenors
0:05	Carol <u>Ladd</u> , Elizabeth Atwood, William Crawford, Phyllis Stabeno and Frank Whitney (Invited) Eddies in the Gulf of Alaska (W9-5588)
9:35	William Crawford and Nick Bolingbroke Cross-shelf exchange by mesoscale eddies in the northeast Pacific Ocean (W9-5656)
9:55	Vincent Combes, Emanuele Di Lorenzo and Enrique N. Curchitser Interannual and decadal variations in eddy-induced cross-shelf transport in the Gulf of Alaska (W9-5598)
10:15	Hiromichi <u>Ueno</u> , William Crawford and Hiroji Onishi Impact of Alaskan Stream eddies on chlorophyll distribution in the central subarctic North Pacific (W9-5792)

- Young eddies in Eastern GOA
  - Species richness increases from eddy edge towards center





Dr. Ladd discussed impact of eddies on ecosystem as well as their physical properties in the GoA.

 Gradients in species richness across eddies (sometimes positive, sometimes negative)

### November 4

## **Last Friday**

## W8 submesoscale B]

Mesoscale and submesoscale processes in the North Pacific: History and new challenges

#### **Convenors:**

Kyung-Il Chang (Korea)

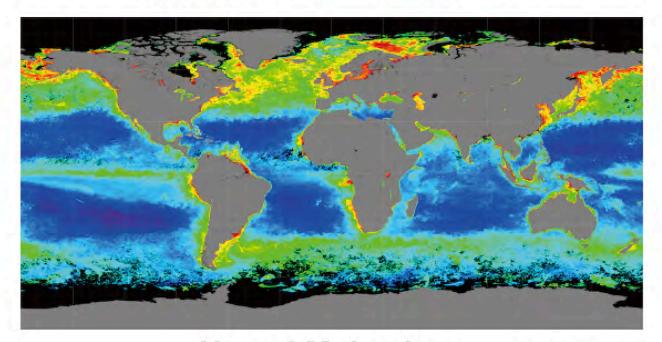
Hiromichi Ueno (Japan)

Annalisa Bracco (USA)

8:55	Introduction by Workshop Convenors
9:00	Sachihiko Itoh (Invited) Finescale variability of isopycnal salinity in the south System

## Life in a Patchy World:

Submesoscale dynamics and phytoplankton growth in the oligotrophic North Pacific



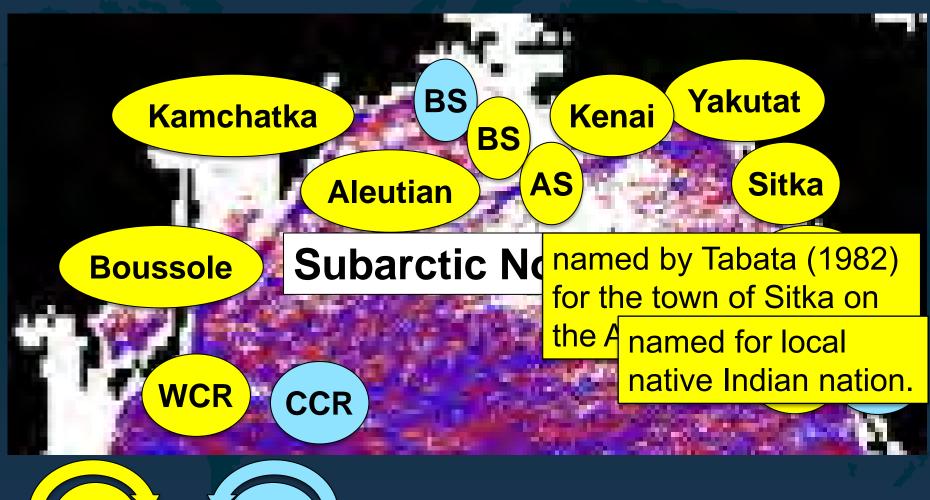
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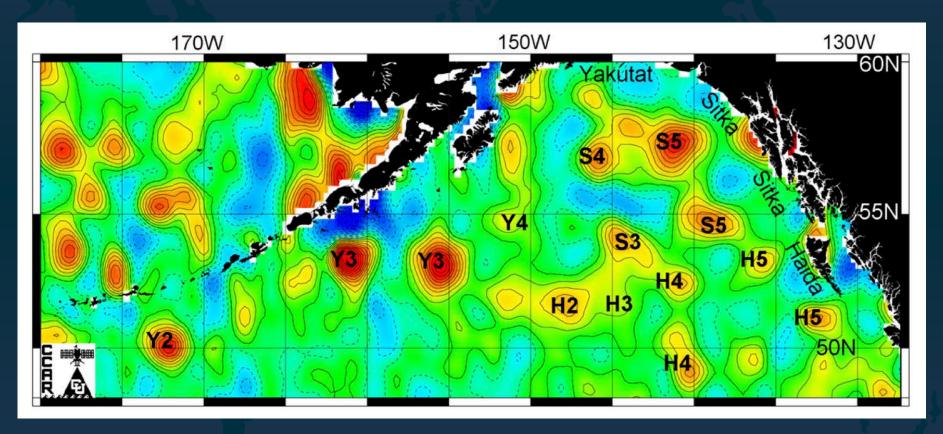






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#### As for GoA, details will be discussed by Dr. Crawford.

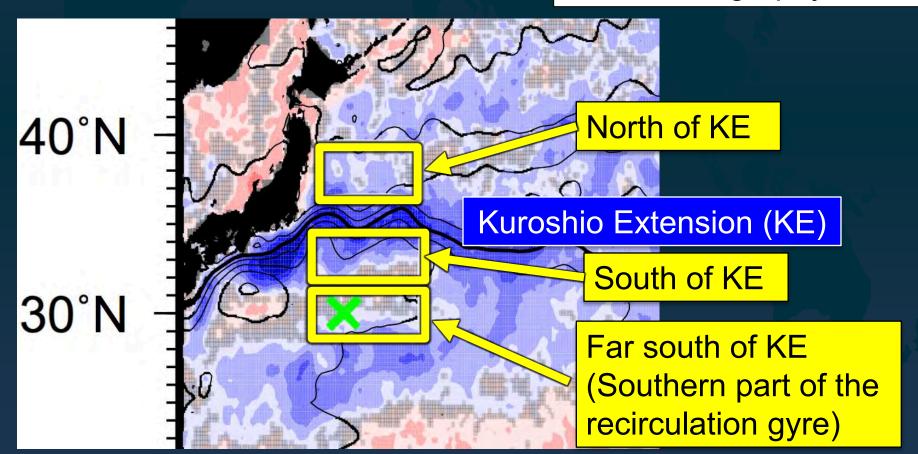


Crawford et al. (2007)

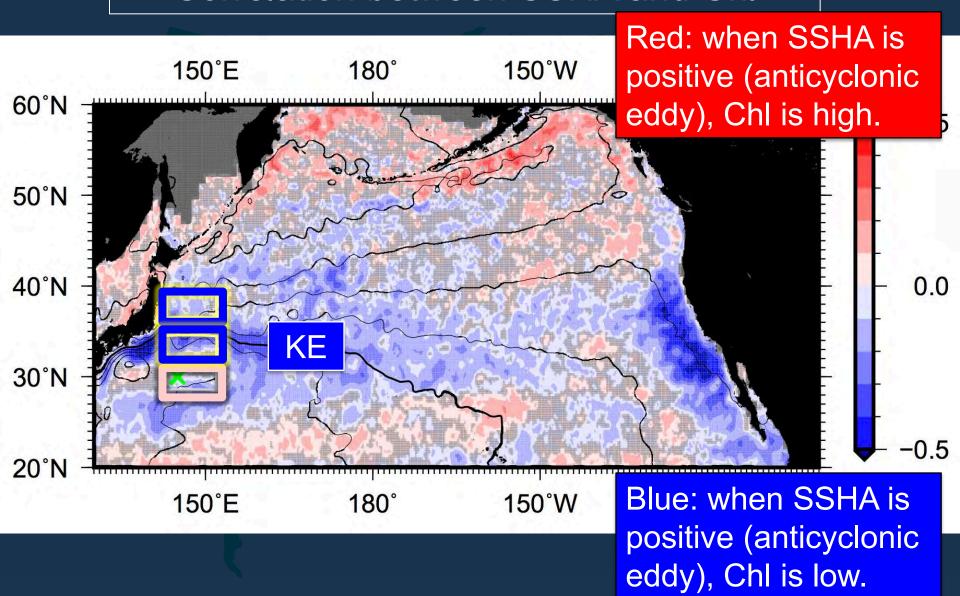
## Mesoscale eddy effects on temporal variability of surface chlorophyll *a* in the Kuroshio Extension

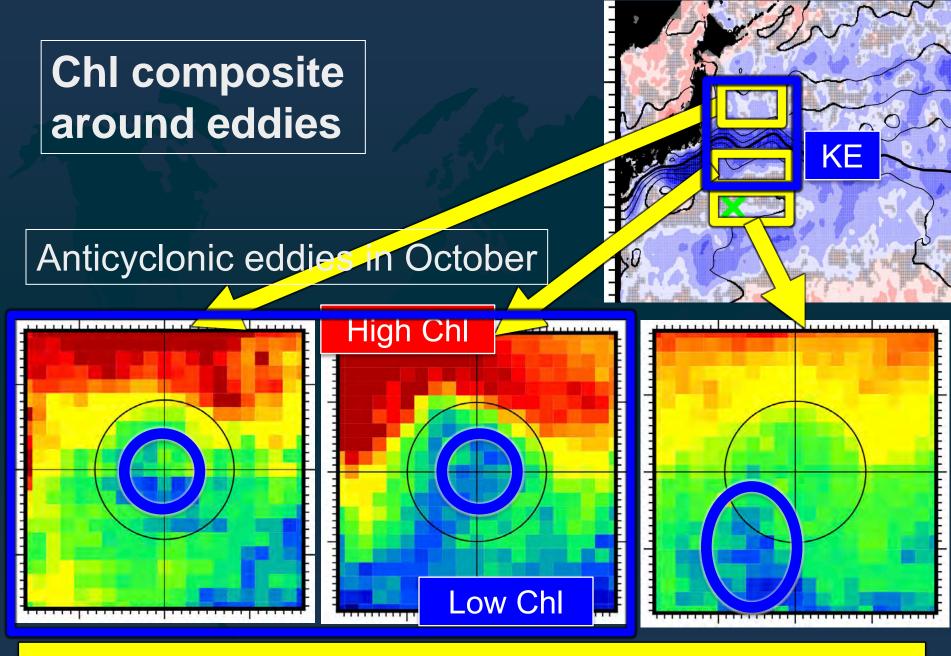
Shinya Kouketsu<sup>1</sup> · Hitoshi Kaneko<sup>2</sup> · Takeshi Okunishi<sup>3</sup> · Kosei Sasaoka<sup>1</sup> · Sachihiko Itoh<sup>2</sup> · Ryuichiro Inoue<sup>1</sup> · Hiromichi Ueno<sup>4</sup>

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#### Correlation between SSHA and Chl

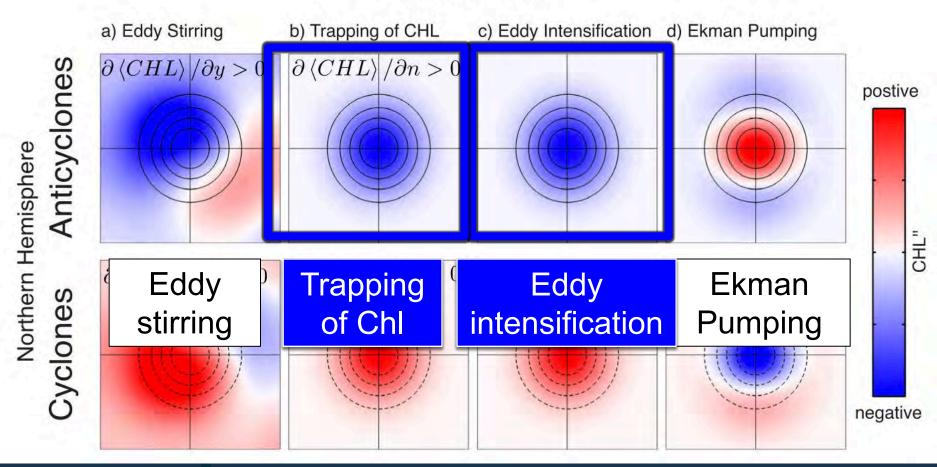




What causes these relations and the difference?

#### Mechanisms by Which Mesoscale Eddies Influence Phytoplankton

Spatial Structure



Gaube et al.

(2014)

#### Anticyclonic eddy

Sea Surface

Chl can be low.

Isopycnals

Week

Downwelling due to eddy intensification can explain low Chl at the eddy center.

Trapping of Chl can also explain low Chl at the anticyclonic-eddy center.

Pinet (2010)

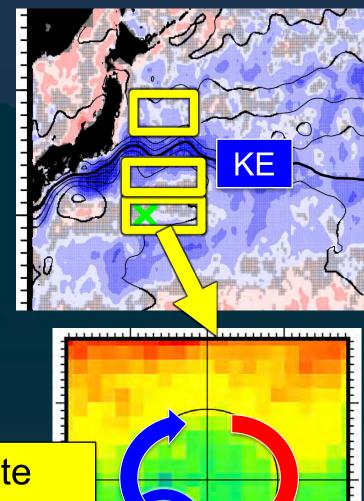
### Chl composite around eddies

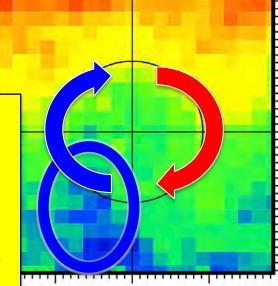
Anticyclonic eddies in October

The Chl distribution is consistent with eddy stirring.

In this area, eddies do not originate from KE, therefore

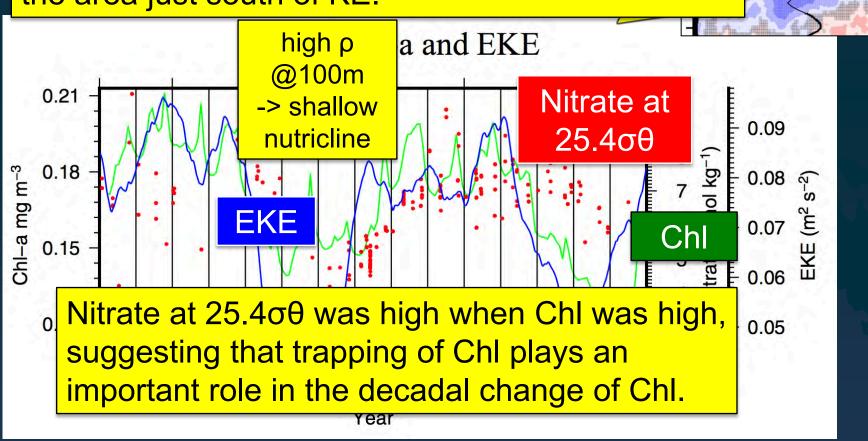
- Trapping of Chl hardly occurs
- Effect of eddy intensification is also weak because eddies are weak.





EKE and Chl changed almost simultaneously in the decadal timescale, suggesting eddies control decadal variation of Chl.

Large scale Rossby wave can also control ChI by changing depth of nutricline, but our additional analysis of densities denied the mechanism in the area just south of KE.



## Summary

- We investigated the relationship between Chl and eddies.
- Around KE, low (high) Chl was observed in the anticyclonic (cyclonic) eddy core.
- Far south of KE, such relation was not observed.
- Decadal-scale changes of Chl around KE were strongly affected by eddy activity.

In the PICES region, many eddies are identified and a lot of information is accumulated.

-> For the better understanding of the impact of eddies on marine ecosystem, it is necessary to perform intercomparison of eddies.

In addition, it is well known that submesocale processes also have a significant impact on marine ecosystem. **Yakutat** Kenai **Kamchatka** BS AS **Sitka Aleutian** Subarctic North Pacific Haida **Boussole** WCR **CCR** Chelton et al. (2011)

# New WG: Mesoscale and submesoscale processes

- Summarize the detection, observation and modeling methods of meso-/submeso-scale processes.
- Classify meso-/submeso-scale features, and identify their spatio-temporal variations.
- Compare the impacts of meso-/submeso-scale processes on heat/material transport and marine ecosystem between areas in the PICES region.

## Thank you.