

# **Application of 3D-NEMURO to an eddy permitting general circulation model for global domain**

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# Outline

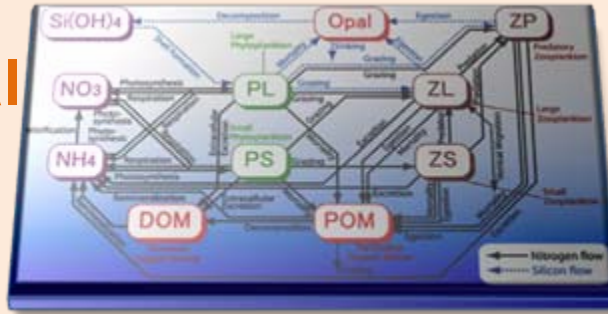
- 1. Motivation**
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- 4. Summary and future plans**

# Motivation

1. Construct a basis of integrated ocean models connecting lower to higher trophic levels.
2. Further understanding of relation between inter-annual variability of biogeochemical cycles and climate.
3. Quantify effects of eddy transport on basin-scale biogeochemical cycles
4. Preparation of ocean ecosystem model for next IPCC report.

# Model overview

## Biogeochemical Part



**Biogeochemical Ecosystem Model**  
**3D-NEMURO**

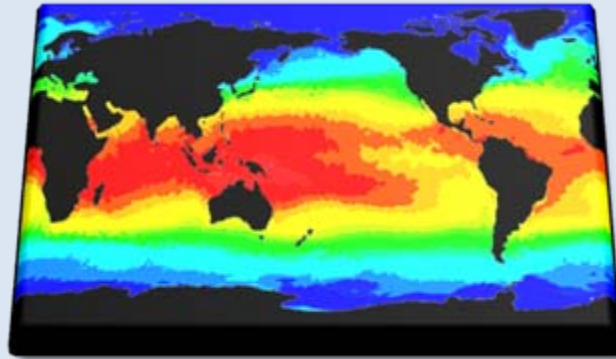
Nitrogen and Silicon cycles with 2 types of phytoplankton and 3 types of zooplankton.

Offline-coupling



5days mean T, S, U, V, SH, SWA,  $A_{HV}$  and frequency of convective ad

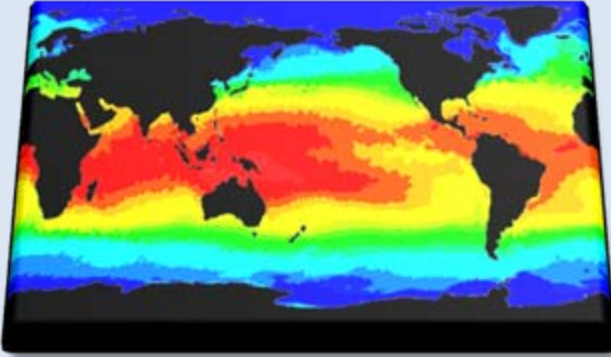
## Physical Part



**Ocean General Circulation Model**  
**IcedCOCO4.3**

Eddy permitting OGCM with multi-category Sea-Ice,  $1/4^\circ \times 1/6^\circ$  resolution with 51 vertical levels . (including Bottom Boundary Layer)

# Physical model experiment



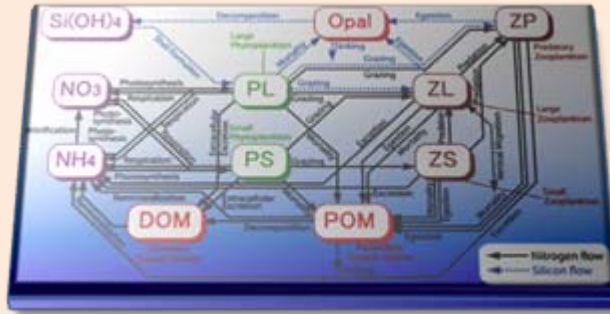
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## Hindcast Experiment: 46 years historical run (1959-2004)

- **Initial condition:** December climatology of WOA01
- **Sea surface forcing:** Common Ocean-ice Reference Experiments (CORE)
- **Spin-up time:** 20 years (11 years CORE climatology forcing and 9 years of 1958 forcing)

# Biogeochemical model experiment



Biogeochemical Ecosystem Model  
3D-NEMURO

Nitrogen and Silicon cycles with  
2 types of phytoplankton,  
3 types of zooplankton.

All compartments are treated as passive tracer of physical field

## Hindcast Experiment: 46 years historical run (1959-2004)

- **Initial condition:** WOA05 annual mean of  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{Si(OH)}_4$ ,  
constant value for  $\text{NH}_4$  ( $0.5 \mu\text{mol/l}$ ), phyto- and zoo-  
plankton  
( $0.1 \mu\text{mol/l}$ ), and DOM, POM ( $0 \mu\text{mol/l}$ )
- **Physical forcing:** 5days mean of physical-model output data  
( $T$ ,  $S$ ,  $U$ ,  $V$ ,  $SH$ ,  $SWA$ ,  $A_{HV}$ , frequency of convective

# **Preliminary Result**

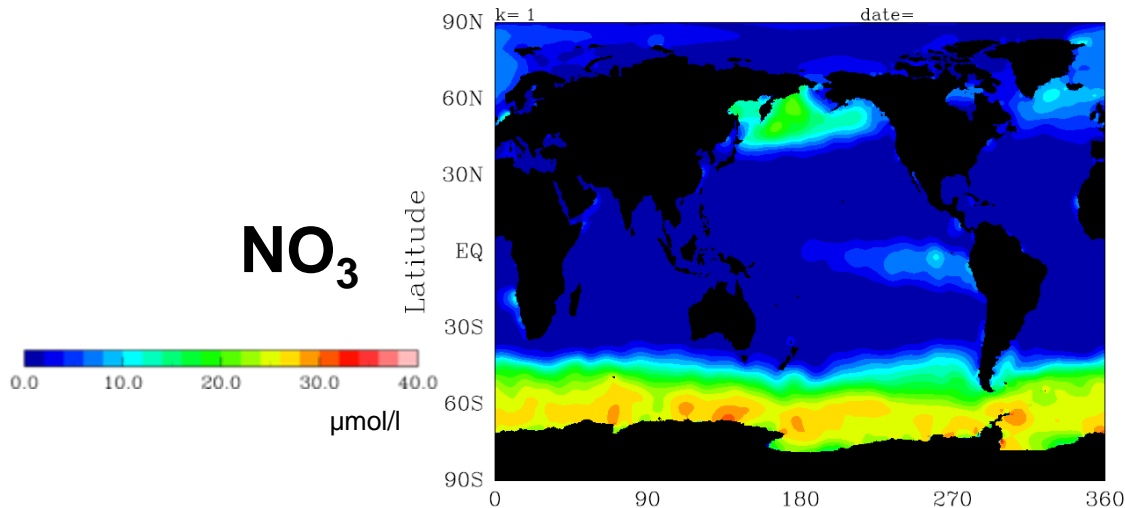
- 1. Modeled Nutrient distribution**
- 2. Modeled seasonal cycles of Chlorophyll-a and plankton biomass**
- 3. Modeled Inter-annual variability of plankton biomass**

# Annual mean Nutrient distribution

## WOA05

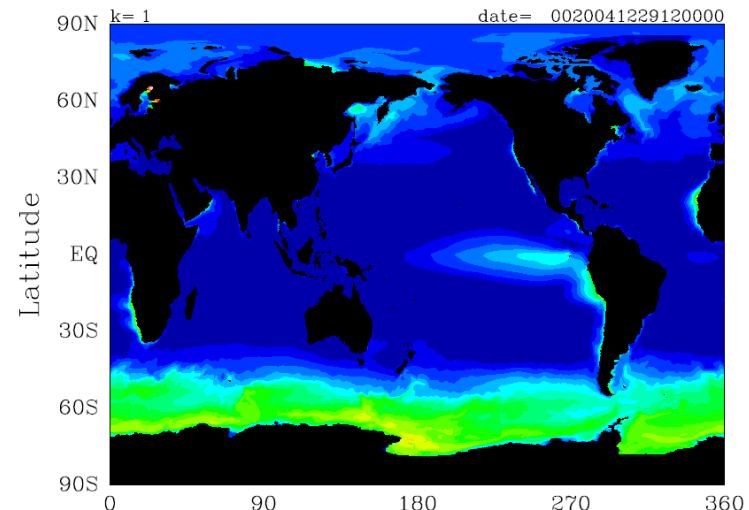
NO<sub>3</sub> concentration [ $\mu\text{molN/l}$ ]

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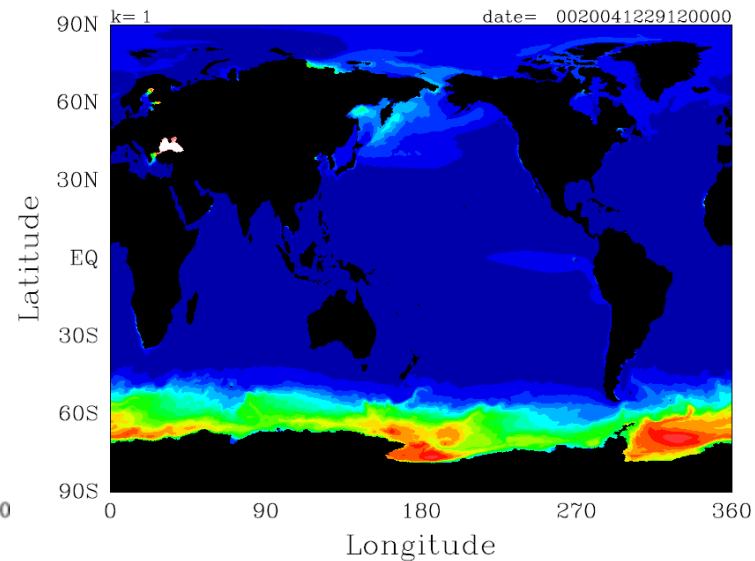
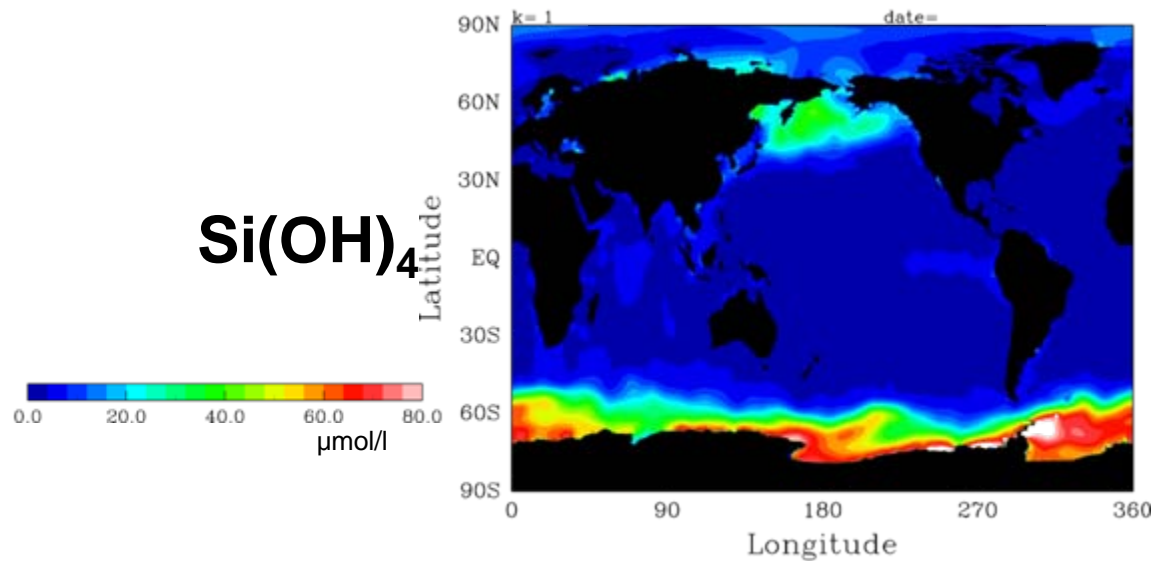


## Model: 1959-2004 mea

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Si(OH)<sub>4</sub>



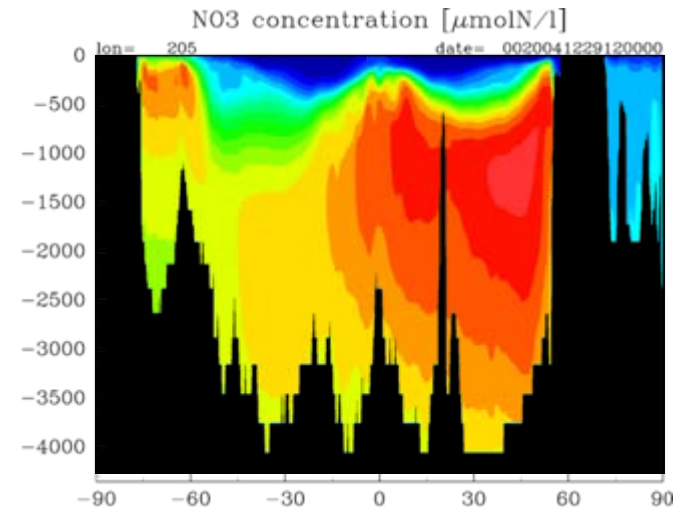
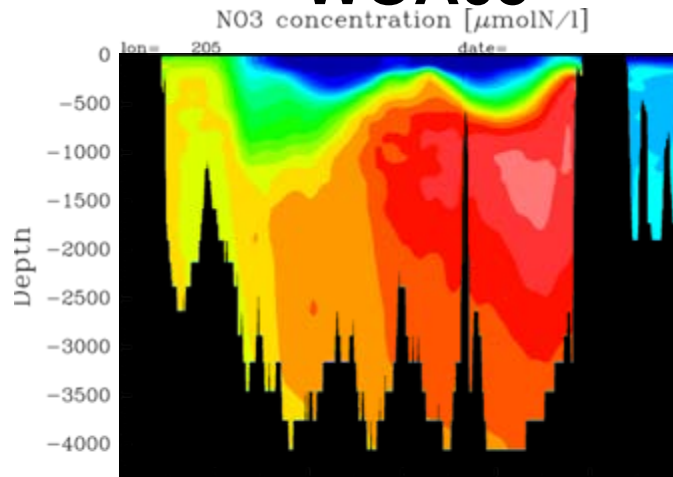


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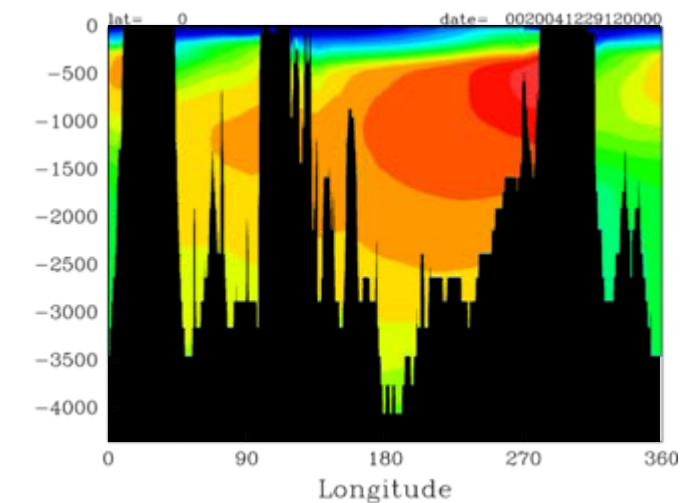
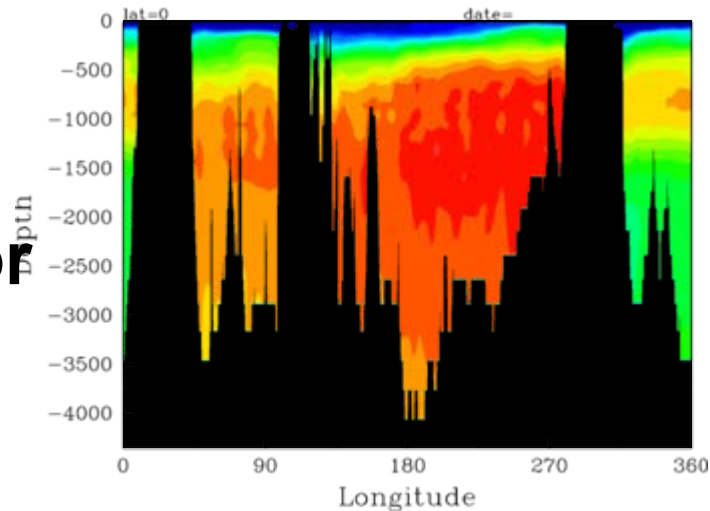
## WOA05

## Model

**NO<sub>3</sub>  
155W**



**NO<sub>3</sub>  
Equator**

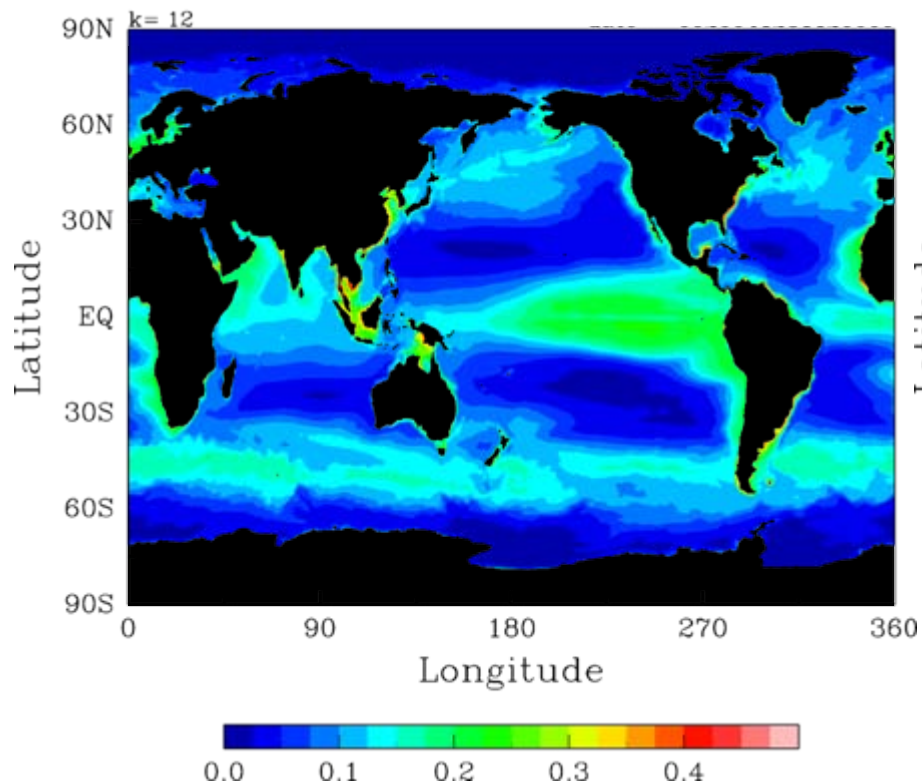


[ $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ]

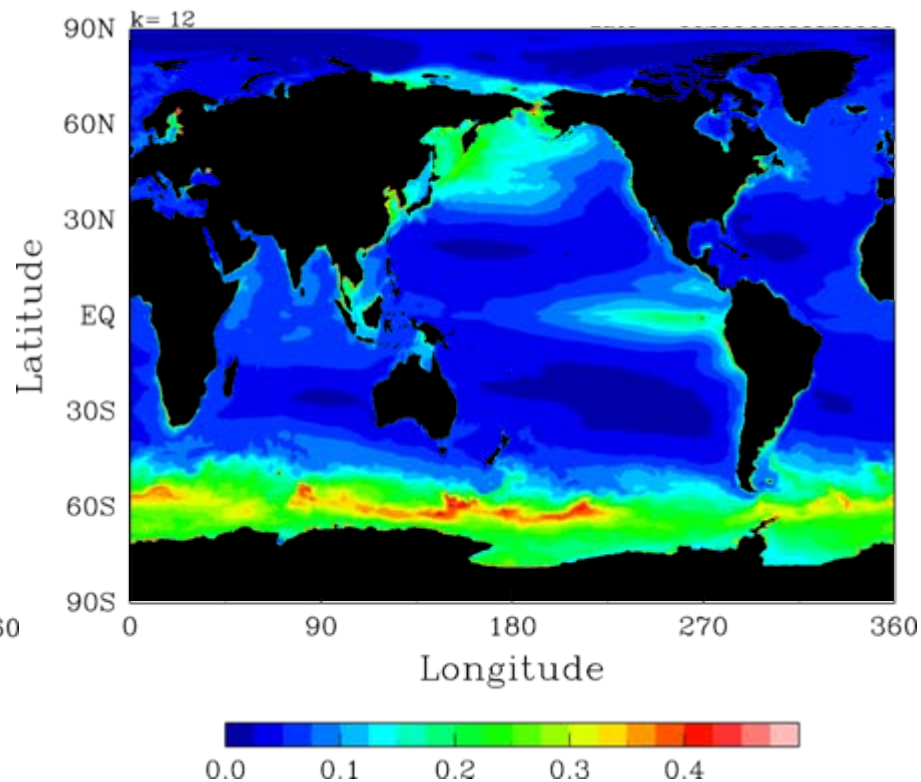


# Modeled Phytoplankton biomass 1959-2004 annual mean (0-110m mean)

## Annual mean PS



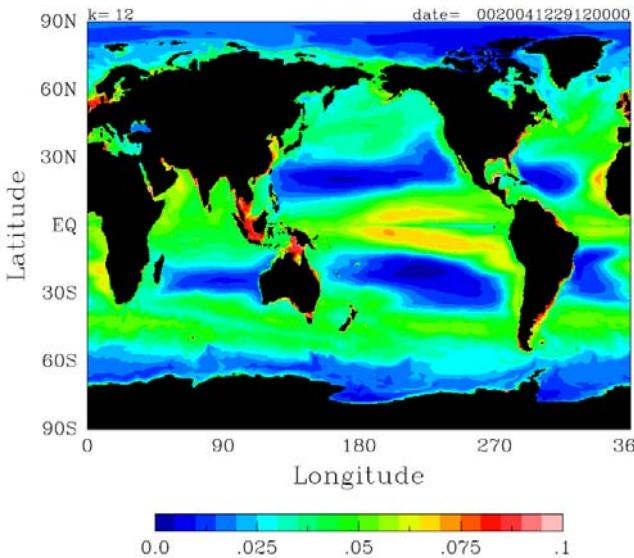
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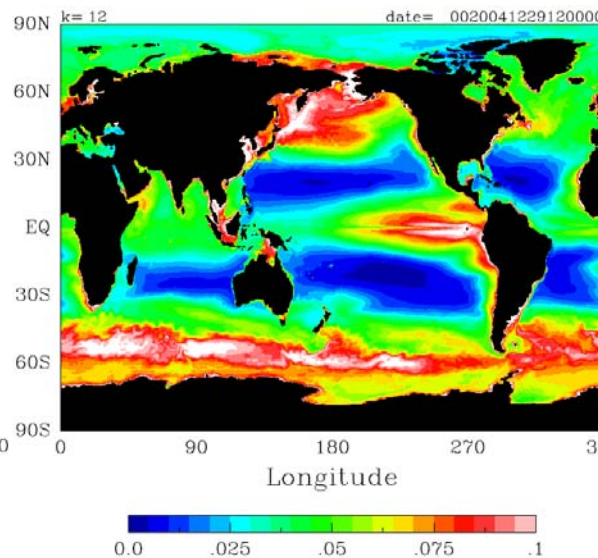
**The model well captures plankton biomass distribution  
except for the Southern Ocean**

# Modeled Zooplankton biomass 1959-2004 annual mean (0-110m)

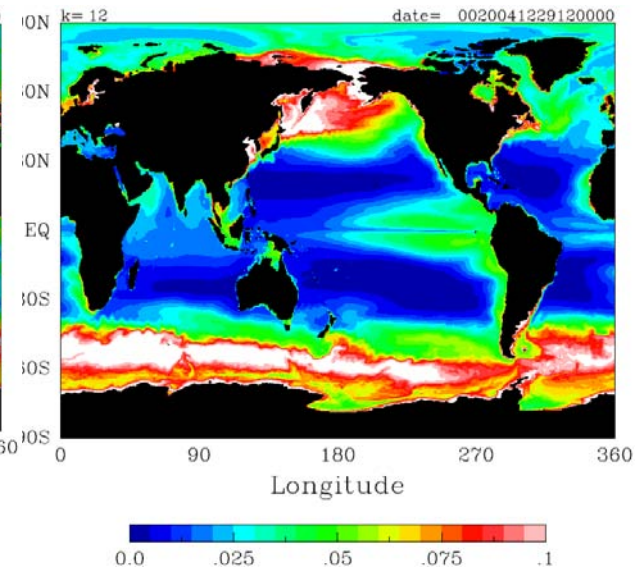
**ZS**



**ZL**



**ZP**

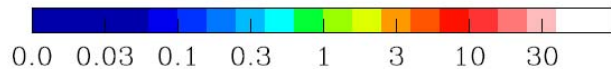
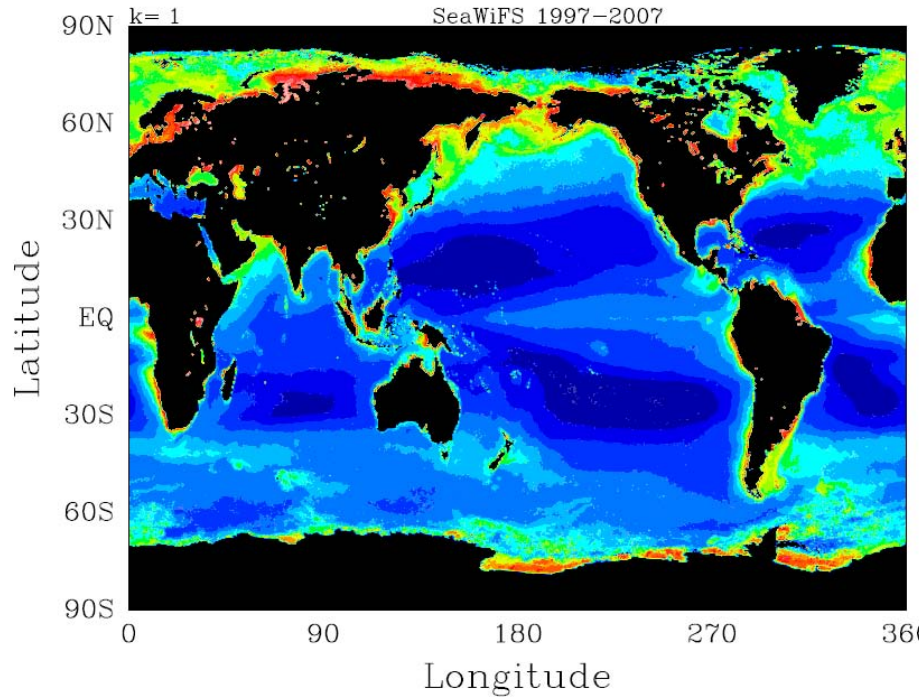


**The model also captures zooplankton biomass distribution  
except for the Southern Ocean**

# Annual mean Chlorophyll-a (0-12m mean)

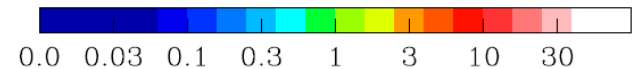
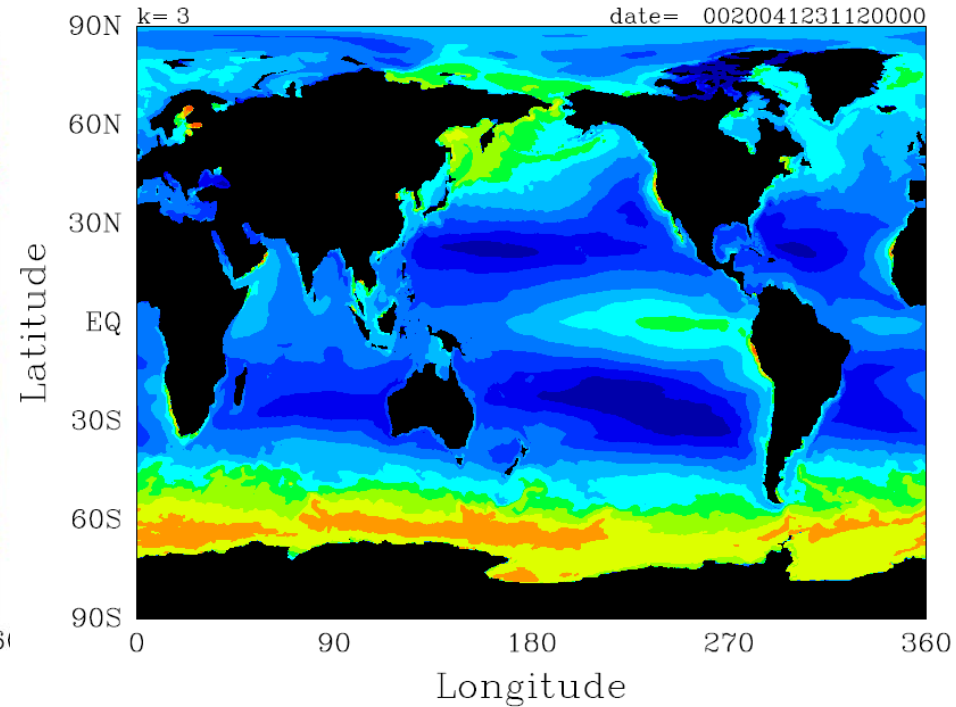
## SeaWiFS (1997-2007)

Chl-a concentration [ $\text{mgChl}/\text{m}^3$ ]



## Model (1959-2004)

Chl-a concentration [ $\text{mgChl}/\text{m}^3$ ]

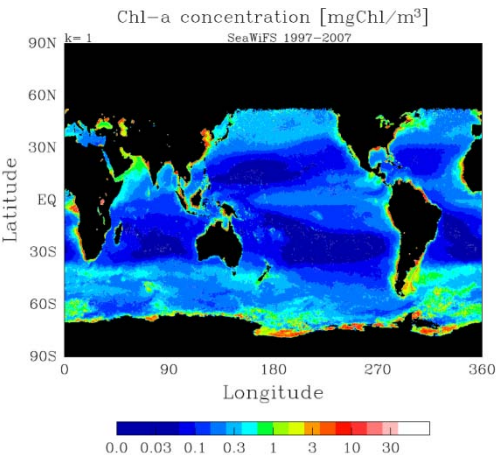


**The model well reproduces chlorophyll distribution of SeaWiFS observation except for the Southern Ocean**

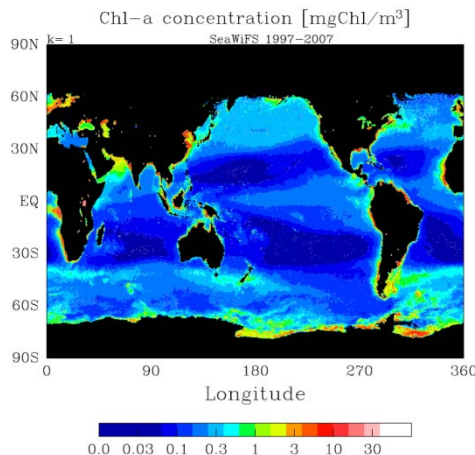


# Seasonal cycles of Chlorophyll-a

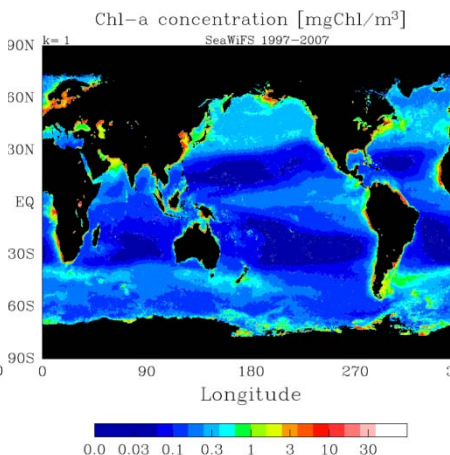
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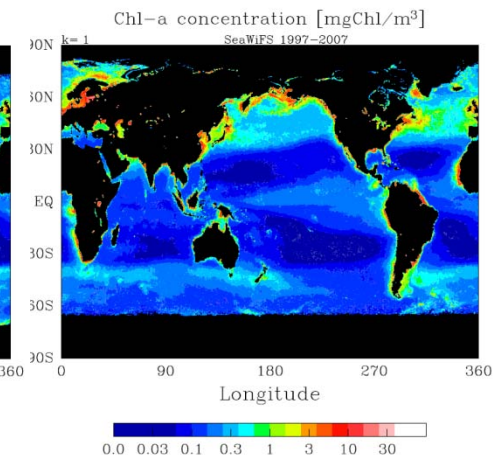
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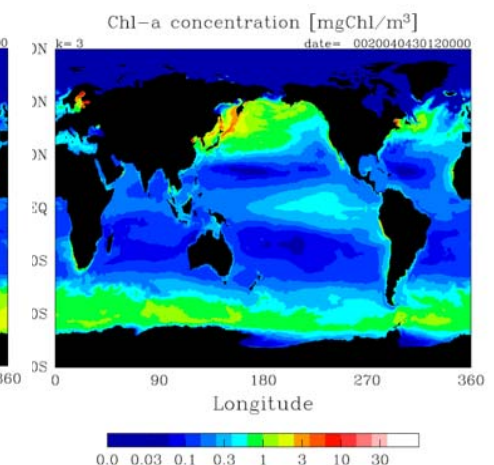
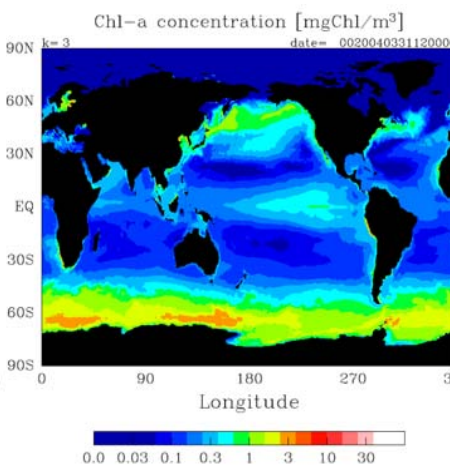
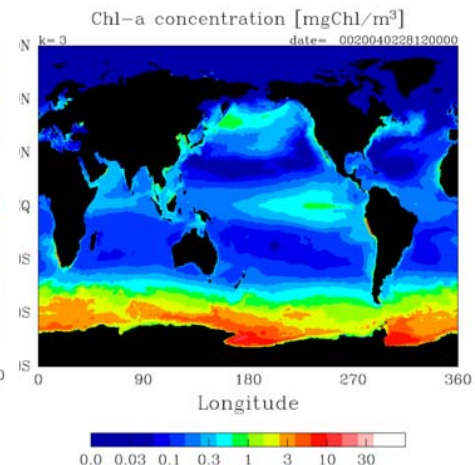
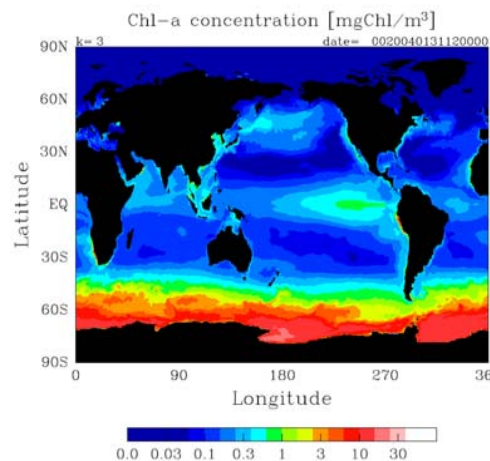
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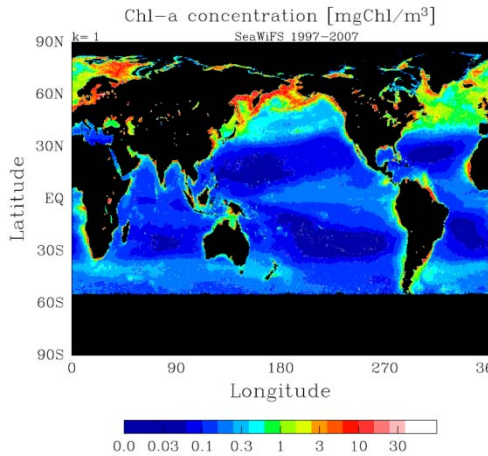
**Model**



**The model roughly captures initiation of spring bloom in the North Pacific**

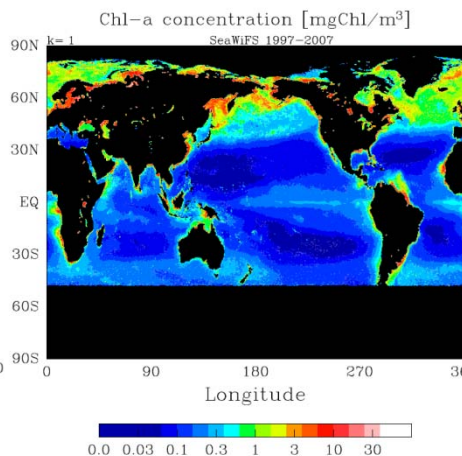
# SeaWiFS

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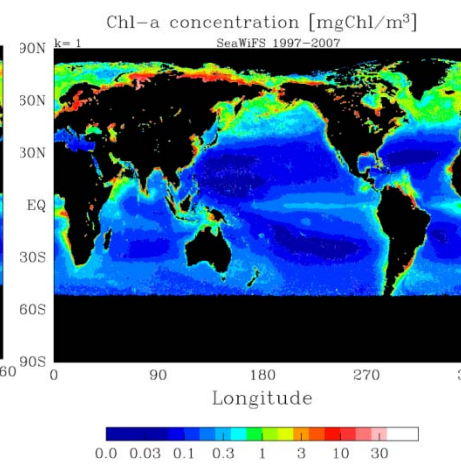


## Spring to Summer

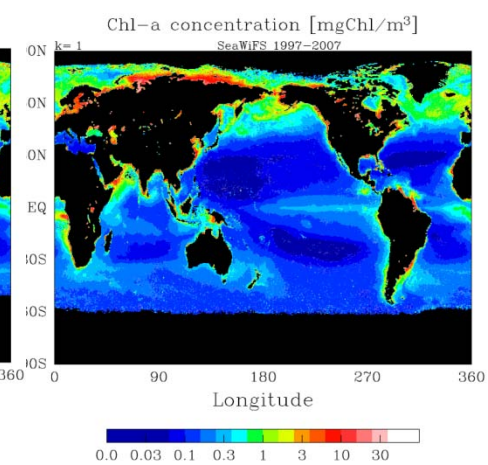
### Jun



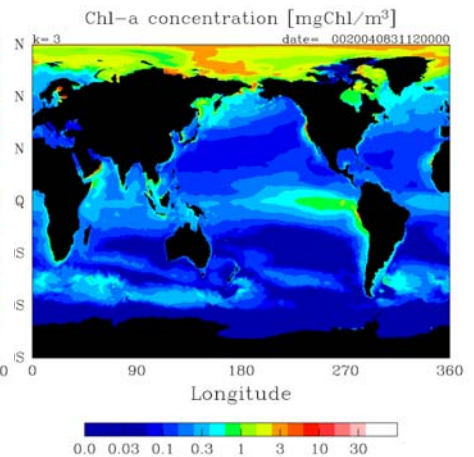
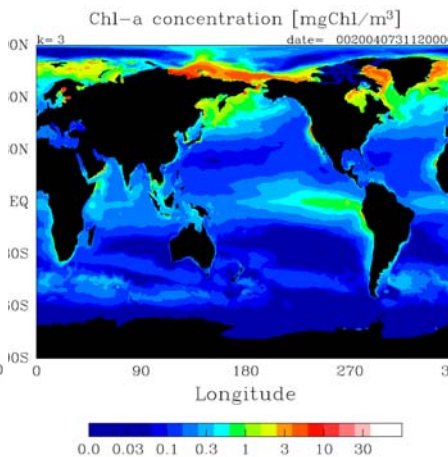
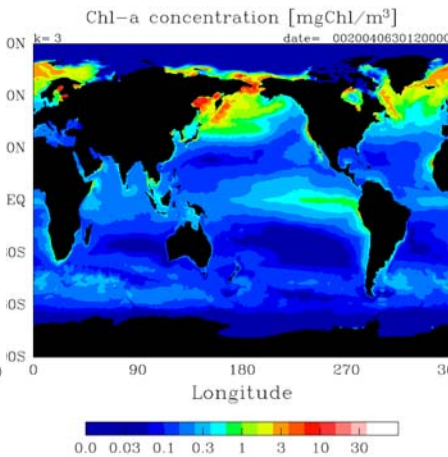
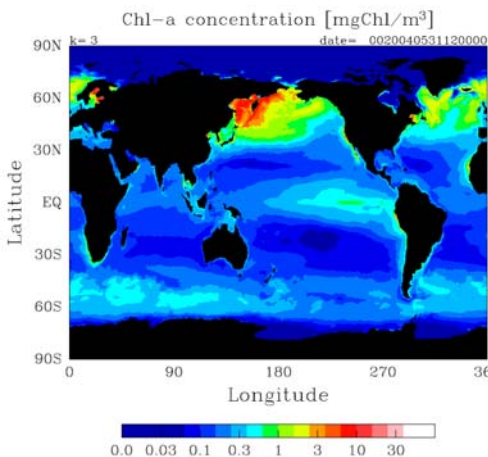
### Jul.



### Aug.



## Model

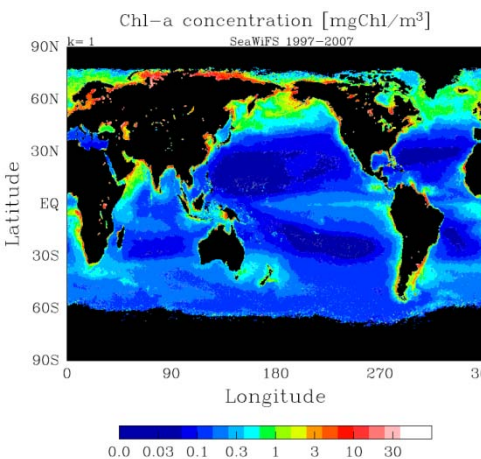


The model captures spring bloom in May, and also termination of bloom in July and August.



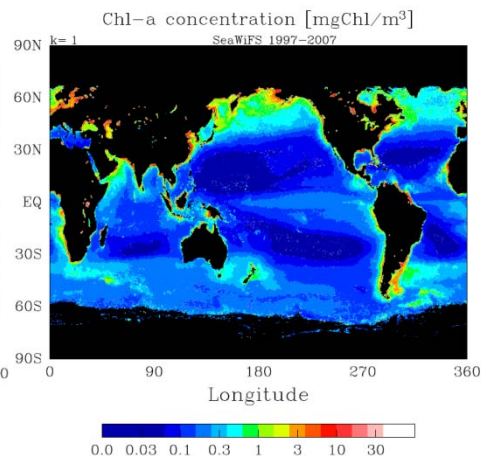
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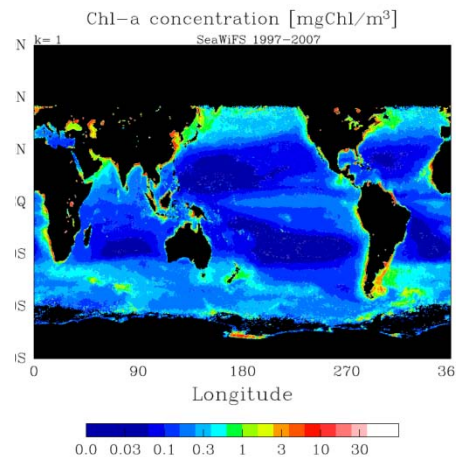


# Autumn to Winter

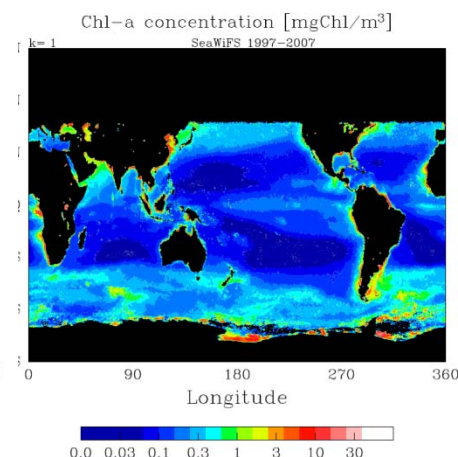
## Oct.



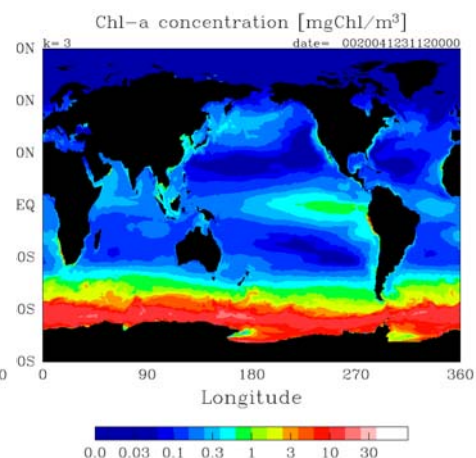
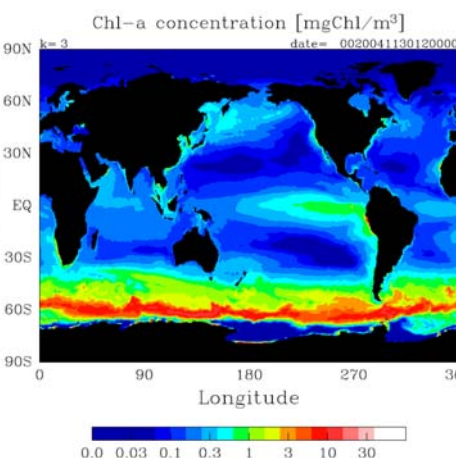
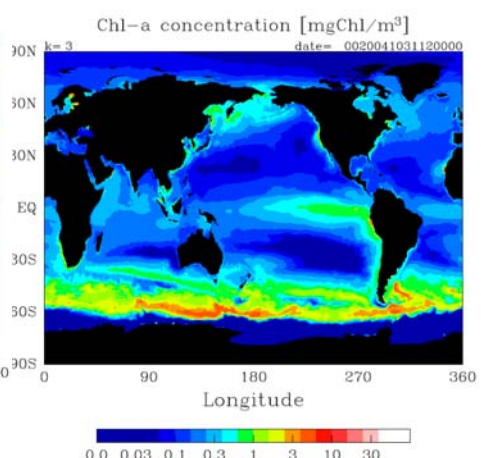
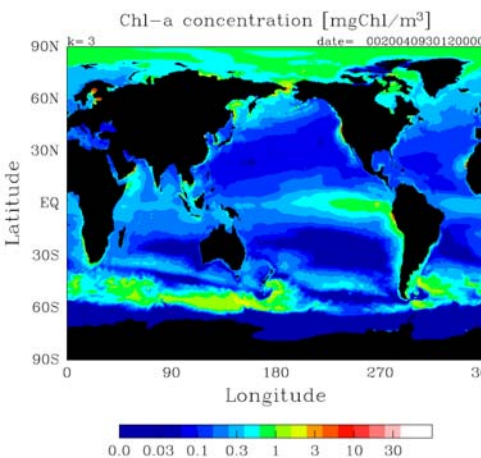
## Nov.



## Dec.



# Model



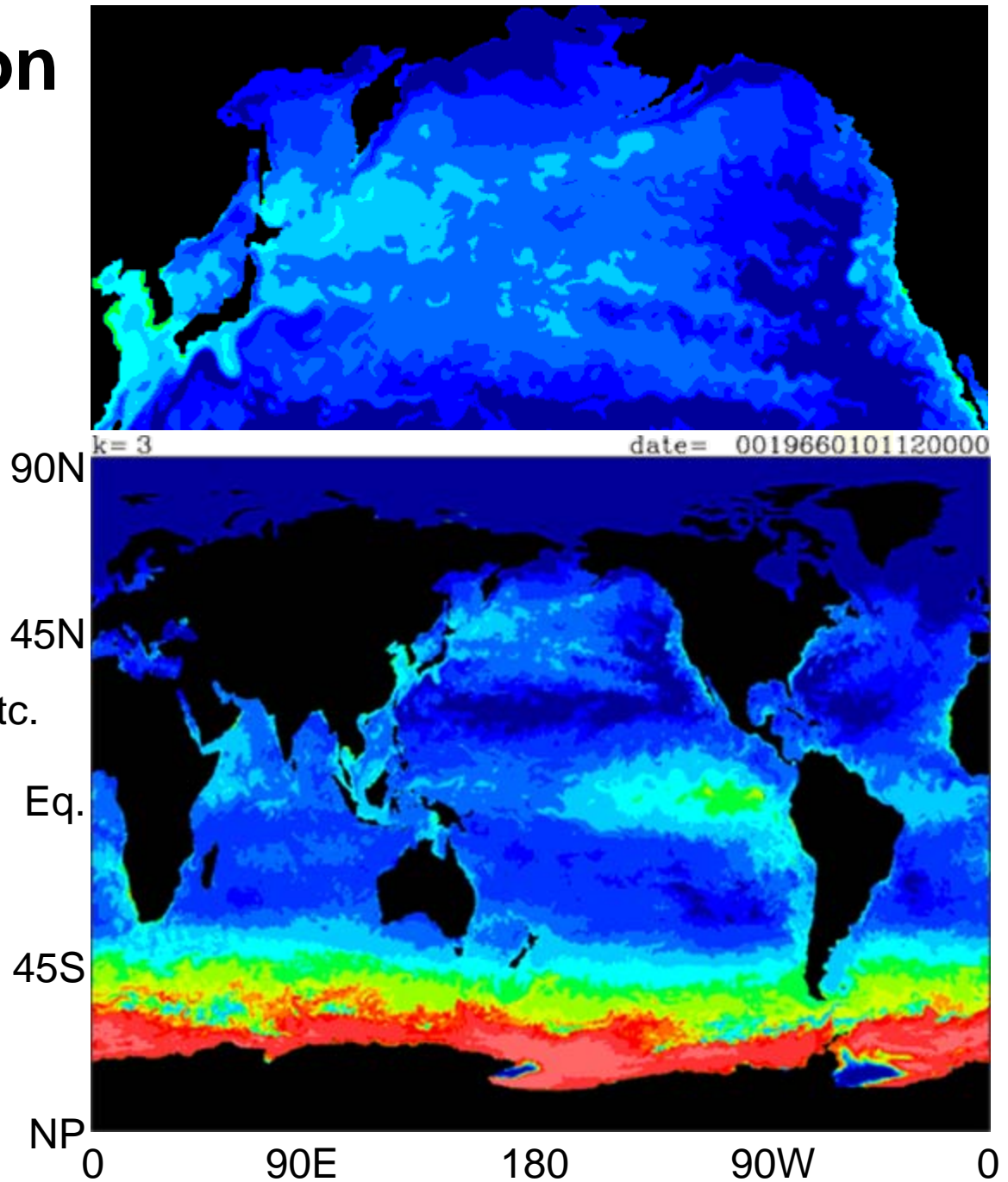
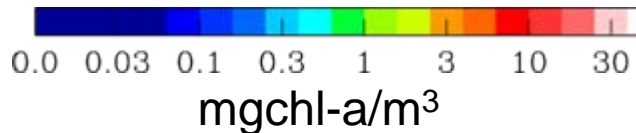
From Autumn to Winter, the model also well reproduces the observed seasonal transitions.

# Seasonal variation of modeled surface Chlorophyll-a in 1966

1/4° x 1/6° with global domain

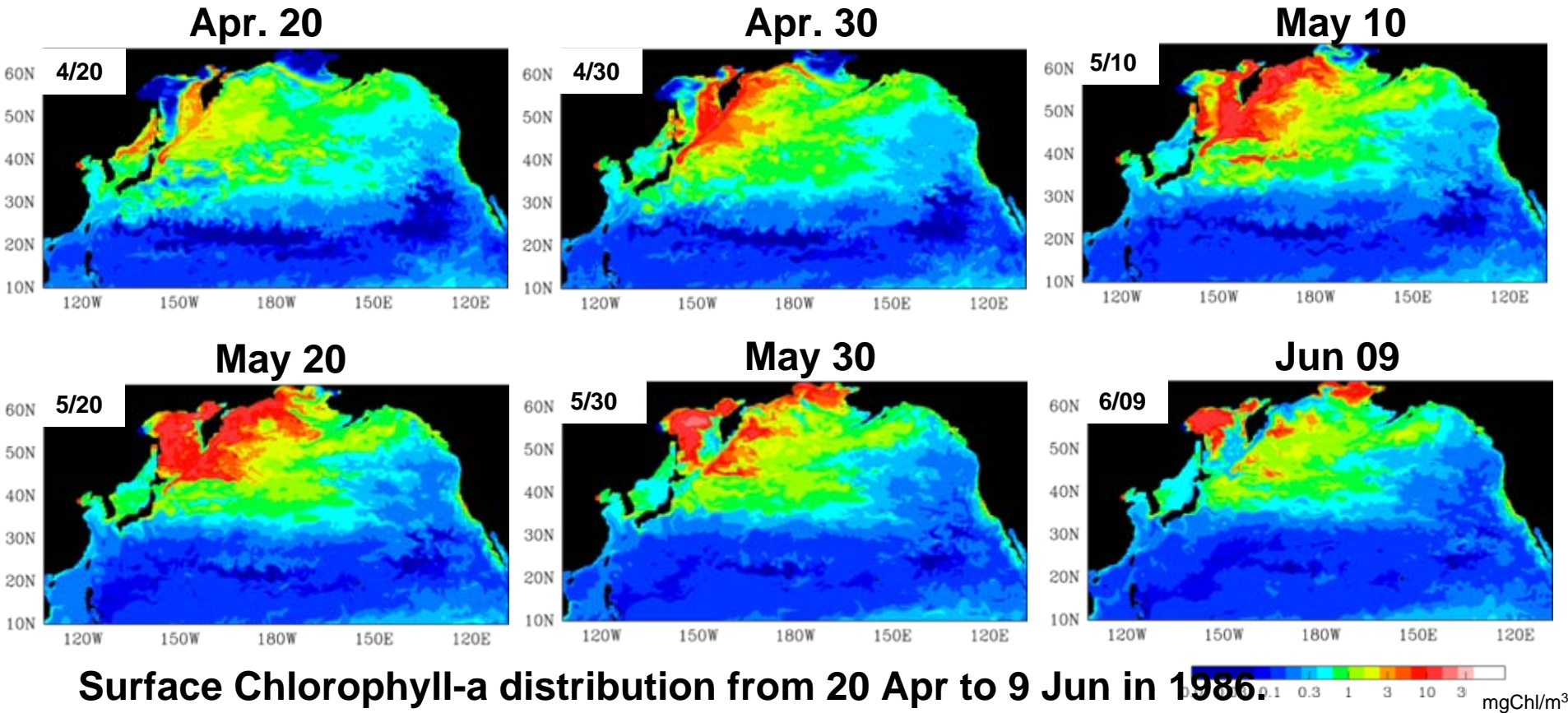
The model well reproduces

- eddying field of chl-a,
- western boundaries,
- Coastal upwelling region, etc.





# Sequence of modeled Spring bloom



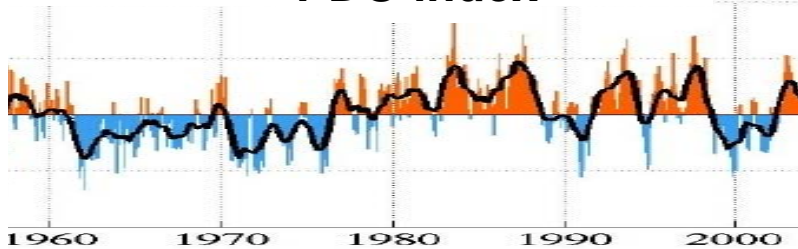
Surface Chlorophyll-a distribution from 20 Apr to 9 Jun in 1986.

Okhotsuk Sea ← Along Kuril Island → Western North Pacific → Bering sea

East of Tohoku ↗ ↘ Kuroshio Extension

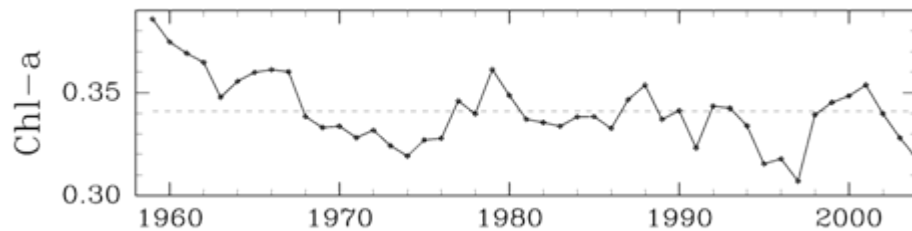
# Interannual variation of annual mean

**PDO index**

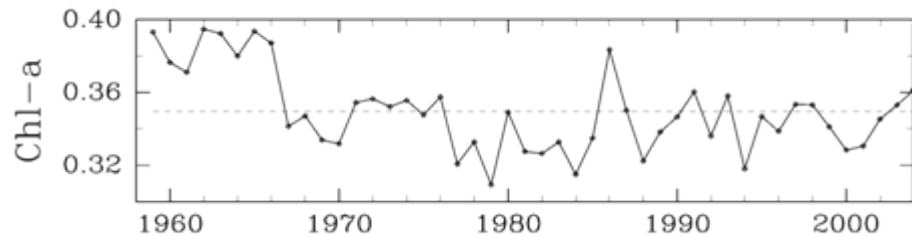


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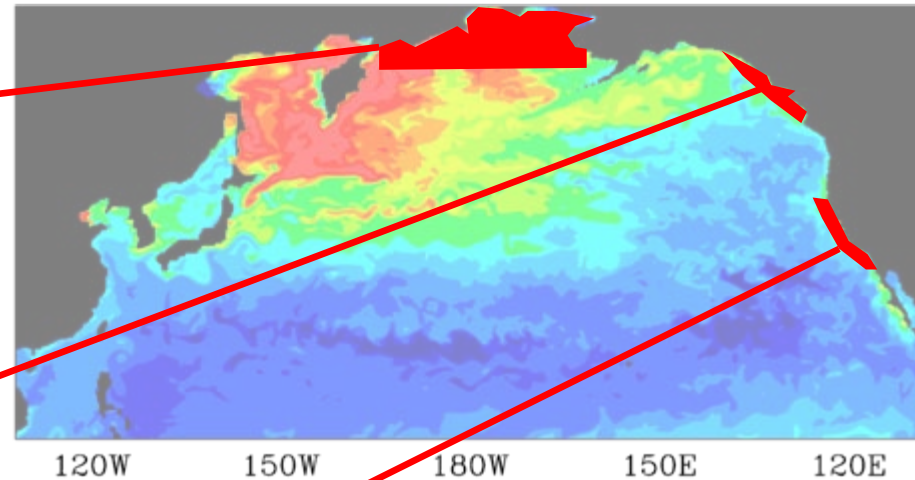
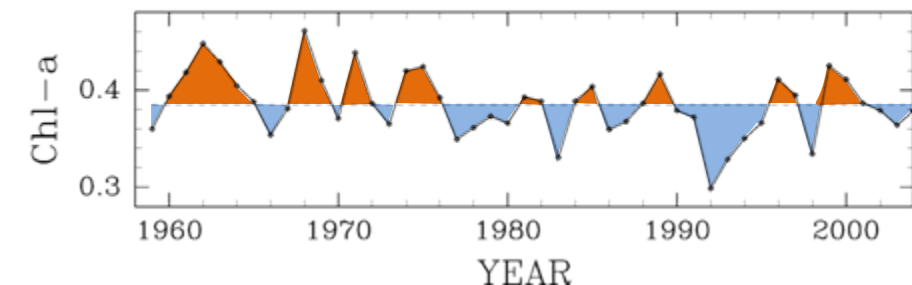
**Bering Sea**



**east of Gulf of Alaska**



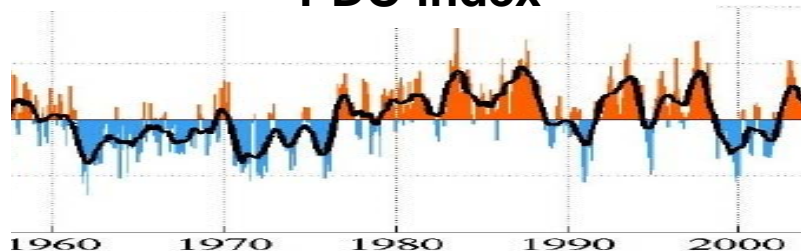
**California current system**



- Decadal variation of Chl-a over Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska
- Negative correlation between PDO index and Chl-a on CCS region

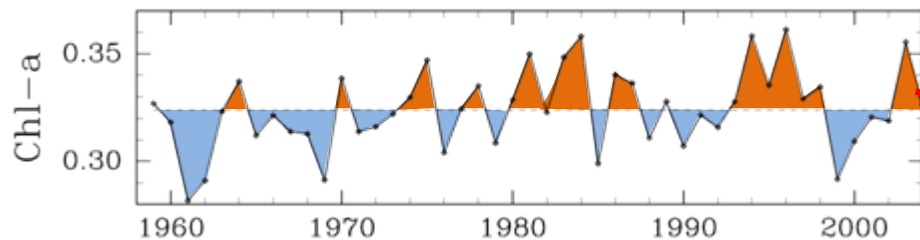
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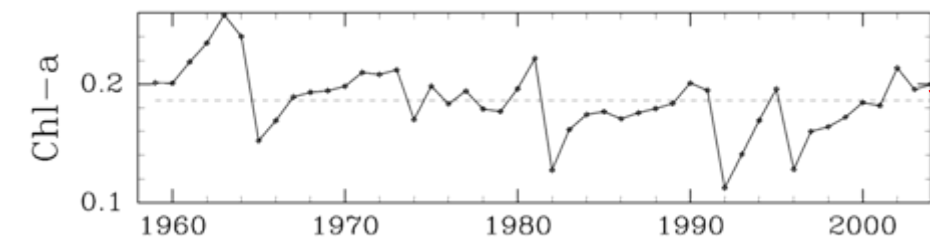


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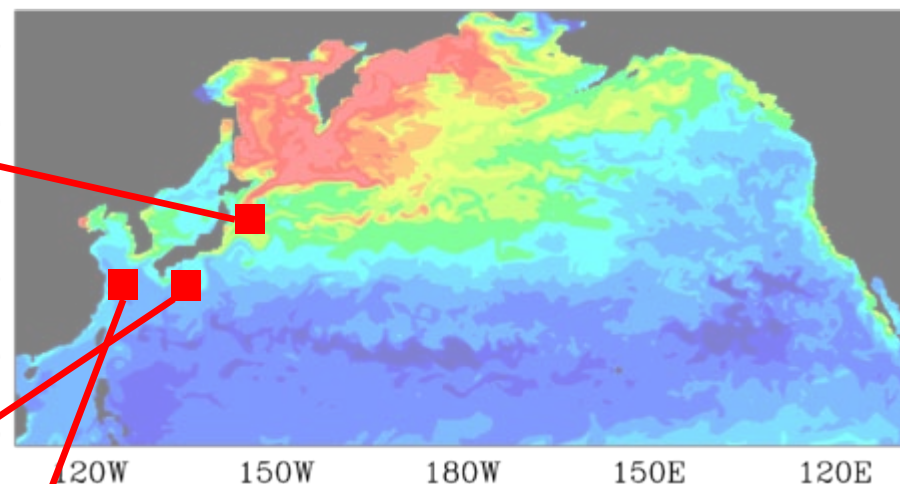
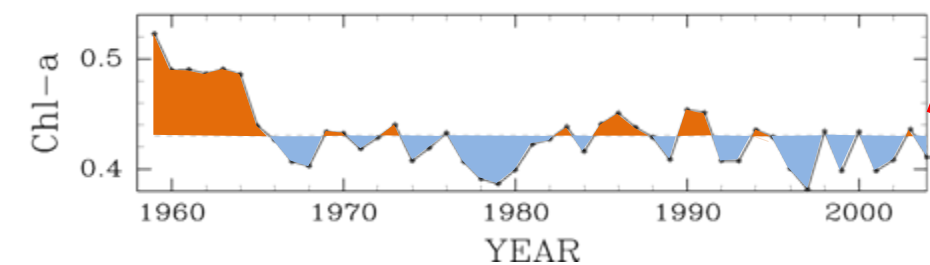
## Southern edge of Oyashio



## South of Shikoku



## East China Sea

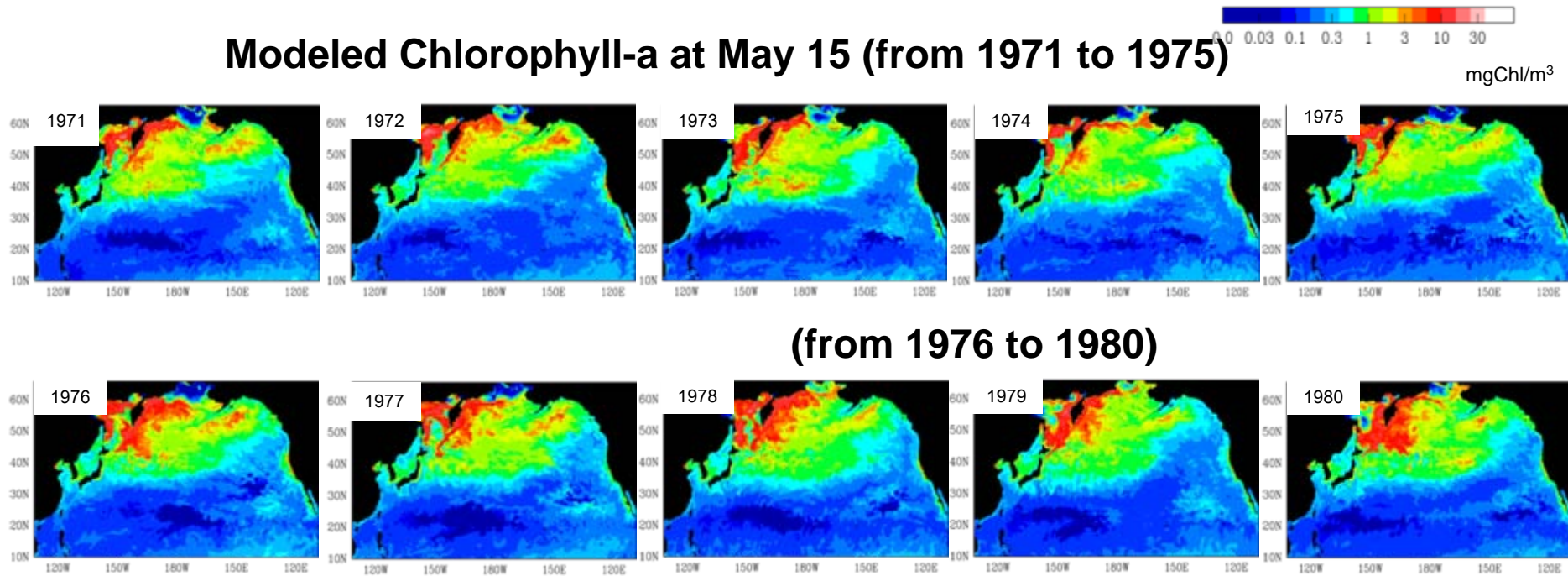


- Positive correlation between PDO index and Chl-a on east Tohoku
- Decadal scale Chl-a variation in south of Shikoku and East China Sea



# Interannual variation of Spring bloom

Modeled Chlorophyll-a at May 15 (from 1971 to 1975)



**Climate shift in 1970's affects timing or maximum strength of spring bloom?**

**We are going to examine Interannual variation of**

- annual cycles of plankton biomass
  - strength (or maximum) of spring bloom
  - sequence of blooming location
- and their relation to ocean physics**

# Summary and Future plans

**We performed 3D-NEMURO with an eddy permitting OGCM.**

1.The model adequately simulates Nutrient distribution except for the Southern Ocean, where iron limitation is important.

2.Seasonal cycles of plankton biomass in the Northern Hemisphere is appropriately simulated.

**Future plan:** we are going to examine..

1.Mechanisms that connecting inter-annual variability of plankton biomass and climate indices such as ENSO, PDO and NPGO.

2.Effects of eddy transport on basin-scale biogeochemical cycles.

3.Introduce iron limitation to the model. (Fe-NEMURO)

**We are willing to collaborate with regional studies and model inter-comparisons.  
We can provide our model data if you want.**

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