Roles of in-situ profile data obtained by Japanese fishery research agencies in quality of the eddy-resolving ocean reanalysis data: FRA-JCOPE2

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As an application of the real-time ocean forecast activities around Japan, we have recently produced the reanalysis data (JCOPE2 reanalysis data) with horizontal high resolution of 1/12 deg. to describe the oceanic variability associated with the Kuroshio-Kuroshio Extension, the Oyashio, and the mesoscale eddies in the western North Pacific.

Collaboration between JAMSTEC and FRA allowed to include additional in-situ T/S profiles for data assimilation, which were not included in the previous version.

We thus produced a second version of the reanalysis data (FRA-JCOPE2 reanalysis data) for the period from 1993 to 2009 assimilating in-situ T/S profiles provided from Japanese fishery research agencies in addition to the profiles archived in the GTSPP.

Impacts of additional in-situ data on the quality of the reanalysis reveal how in-situ observation network contributes to reproduction of the oceanic conditions.
We have established ocean forecasting methods allowing reproduction of realistic oceanic conditions.

By assimilating the available data including the altimetry data obtained continuously past 15 years, we have created the long-term reanalysis data.

Our reanalysis successfully reproduced the regime shift. Also the large meandering and no-large meandering states of the Kuroshio south of Japan are well represented by the reanalysis.
Collaboration between FRA and JAMSTEC allowed to include the in-situ data obtained by the Japanese Fishery research agencies.

Kuroshio-Oyashio mixed water region → Offshore coverage

South of Japan → Nearshore coverage
FRA-JAMSTEC Cooperative study

Impacts of in-situ T/S data obtained by Japanese Fishery Research Agencies on the quality of Reanalysis/Forecast using ocean forecast systems

Temp.

Sali.

GTSSP
Density of in-situ observation (monthly mean number of in-situ observation report within 1 deg, grid from 1993 to 1999)
JCOPE2 data assimilation system

3-dimensional variational data assimilation

Minimization of the cost function using the conjugate gradient method

\[
J(y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_l \sum_m y_{l,m}^T B_{l,m}^{-1} y_{l,m} \\
+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \left[ H_i x(y) - x_i^0 \right]^T R_i^{-1} \left[ H_i x(y) - x_i^0 \right] \\
+ \frac{1}{2\sigma_h^2} \sum_j \left[ H_j(x(y)) - h_j^0 \right]^2
\]

Estimates gridded temperature and salinity with ¼ degree, 24 levels from 0-1500m by changing the amplitudes of T-S coupling EOF modes (Fujii and Kamachi 2003)

\[
x(y) = x_f + S \sum_l w_l U_l \Lambda_l y_l
\]

Sea surface dynamic height anomaly is compared with sea surface height anomaly obtained by satellite altimetry:

\[
\mathcal{H}(x) = -\frac{1}{\rho_s} \int_0^{z_m} \rho'(x, p) dz
\]
Updated version of data assimilation is quite skilful because of using observation statistics instead of model statistics. Model statistics inevitably introduces model biases into the data assimilation process.
Reanalysis 1993-present

The model is based on the Princeton Ocean Model (POM)
The spatial range is 10.5-62N and 108-180E

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We have conducted two sensitivity experiments with and without the assimilation of the additional in-situ T/S profiles to investigate impacts of the Additional fishery data.
In-situ observation

GTSSPP

GTSSPP+FRA+WOD

144E line: MAY 1997
Inter-annual variation of NPIW

1999 Weak Oyashio Water

2004 Strong Oyashio Water

We have reproduced more evident interannual variation of NPIW.
South of Japan: Kuroshio region
Impacts of nearshore data?
Skill for Kuroshio-Kuroshio Extension path latitude

Comparison of the reproduced path latitude with observed path latitude

Reanalysis 1997
Observation 1997

Ambe et al., 2009
Impacts of near shore data

GTSSPP

GTSSPP + FRA + WOD
Impacts of nearshore data

GTSPP

GTSPP + FRA + WOD
Impacts of nearshore data

Power spectrum of temperature at 100m, 138E, 34N (from 1993.01 to 1999.12)
Summary

To investigate impacts of in-situ temperature/salinity data around the Japan Coasts, we have examined the sensitivity of in-situ T/S data, with emphasis on possible roles of the observation network maintained by Japanese fishery agencies.

In the Kuroshio-Oyashio mixed water region, comparatively offshore coverage of the fishery data is effective to present more clear features such as meso-scale eddies, Kuroshio extension meandering, and Oyashio intrusion.

South of Japan, the coverage of the fishery data is limited to nearshore region. Then inclusion of the fishery data do not much affect the presentation of the Kuroshio path and the offshore eddies.

However, inclusion of the fishery enhances front variability with time scale shorter than 1-month. It is effective to present more active water exchange/material transport between nearshore and offshore region.
Possible impacts of nearshore data on larval dispersal

Enhanced front variability that was reproduced by inclusion of the fishery data may impact the skill of the larval dispersal simulation using the reanalysis velocities.

For example, egg grounds of some fishes are limited in the nearshore region. The front variability affects the early stage of the larval dispersal.

FRA-JCOPE2 data contribute to the investigation of variability in the fishery resources around Japan.

Particle tracking of the sardine larvae using the JCOPE data (Kiyomatsu et al., PICES2009)
FRA-JCOPE2 data distribution (planned)

Our data is being freely distributed to non-commercial users!
http://www.jamstec.go.jp/frcgc/jcope/htdocs/distribution/