

**S06: Past, Present and Future of CREAMS program:  
30 years of international research in the North East Asian Marginal Seas**



# **Learning outcomes from the CREAMS 30th anniversary workshop**

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# CREAMS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & CSK-II Joint Workshop

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# Background

## ▪ **Circulation Research of East Asian Marginal Seas (CREAMS)**

- Started in 1993 and now has celebrated its 30th anniversary
- First international program in this region promoting collaboration between marine scientists of border countries as well as their colleagues from other parts of the world
- Part of PICES activity (AP-CREAMS) since 2005
- Initially focused on research of its water circulation and ventilation
- Its biogeochemical and ecosystem research has been involved in more than before
- Now seeking a way to be more socio-economic oriented research on the region
- Heading for 'Creative' Research of the East Asian Marginal Seas (CREAMS) along with other international program 'Healthy, Productive and Sustainable Asian Marginal Seas' (AMS) of the IOC Sub-commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC)
- Targeting one of the most affected areas in the global ocean by climate change and anthropogenic impacts, neighboring the Kuroshio and Eurasia continent



# Workshop program

## Greetings, welcoming remarks, and background/introduction

Chaired by **SungHyun Nam** (09:00–09:30)

- 1) Greetings and messages from Korea, **Kuh Kim**
- 2) Greetings and messages from Japan, **Hong-Ryeol Shin/Tomoharu Senjyu**
- 3) Greetings and messages from Russia, **Vyacheslav B. Lobanov**
- 4) Greetings and messages for CSK and CSK-2, **Kentaro Ando**

## Coffee break

(09:30–10:00)

## Overview and history of scientific programs

Chaired by **Jeomshik Hwang** (10:00–11:40)

- 1) History and Overview of CREAMS, **Kuh Kim**..... 1
- 2) Cooperative Study of Kuroshio and its adjacent region (CSK) from 1964 to 1979 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooperative Study of Kuroshio and its adjacent region (CSK-2) from 2021 to 2030, **Kentaro Ando**..... 2
- 3) Healthy, Productive and Sustainable Asian Marginal Seas: Understanding changes in the marine environment in response to global climate change, **SungHyun Nam**..... 3
- 4) Bridging over the troubled waters: Transnational cooperation in East Asian oceanography, 1990-2001, **Sungeun Kim**..... 4

## Lunch

(11:40–13:30)

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## Future plan 1 – Data management

Chaired by **Vyacheslav B. Lobanov** (13:30–14:30)

- 1) Long-term gridded hydrographic data product shedding light on changes of the intermediate and deep waters in the East Sea, **Young-Gyu Kim**..... 19
- 2) Ocean Biogeochemistry Data Management: Insights on the Radiocarbon Database, **Minkyung Kim**..... 21
- 3) Data Management Plan of the 2nd Cooperative Study of Kuroshio and its adjacent region (CSK-2), **Kentaro Ando**..... 22

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(14:30–15:00)

## Future plan 2 – Integrative/multidisciplinary science

Chaired by **Dong-Jin Kang** (15:00–16:20)

- 1) Beyond disciplinary borders: Proposals for interdisciplinary collaboration on East Asian ocean science, **Sungeun Kim**..... 23
- 2) Past and future collaboration between CREAMS and NOWPAP, **Takafumi Yoshida**..... 24
- 3) Internal waves impact on biogeochemical processes in East Asian Marginal Seas?, **Jae-Hun Park**..... 25
- 4) Pursuing records of phytoplankton biogeography and dominant species in the East/Japan Sea linked to integrated multidisciplinary quality data, **Wonho Yih**..... 26

## Panel discussions for better international collaboration with CREAMS/AMS and CSK-II (and other international initiatives like UNDOS)

Chaired by **SungHyun Nam** (16:30–18:00)

Panel members: **Hanna Na, Xiaopei Lin, Kentaro Ando, Vyacheslav B. Lobanov**



# Greetings

Dear colleagues!  
From Russian oceanographers we send you our best regards and especially to the participants of CREAMS program.

## Greetings from Drs. Yury VOLKOV and Mikhail DANCHENKOV, FERHRI



*Программа CREAMS это прекрасный пример международного сотрудничества. Участники CREAMS не только выполнили хорошую работу по исследованию моря, но и прожили красивый отпуск жизни, когда работали, общались и отдыхали вместе за дружбу.*

*Дорогие ветераны CREAMS  
Кратко емся Вам и всех помним  
с уважением Волков, Данченко.*

CREAMS is a good example of collaboration. CREAMS members not only did a good research of the sea, but they have lived a beautiful period of life, when they worked together, communicated and raised toasts for friendship.

We hope that young generation will repeat our way of joined cruises and will know the joy of joined research and communication.

Dear veterans of CREAMS, we bow to you and remember everyone.

With respect,  
Volkov, Danchenkov

2024년 7월 25일

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### The start of CREAMS

Jonghwan Yoon  
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2024년 4월 제주에서

2024년 5월 도쿄에서

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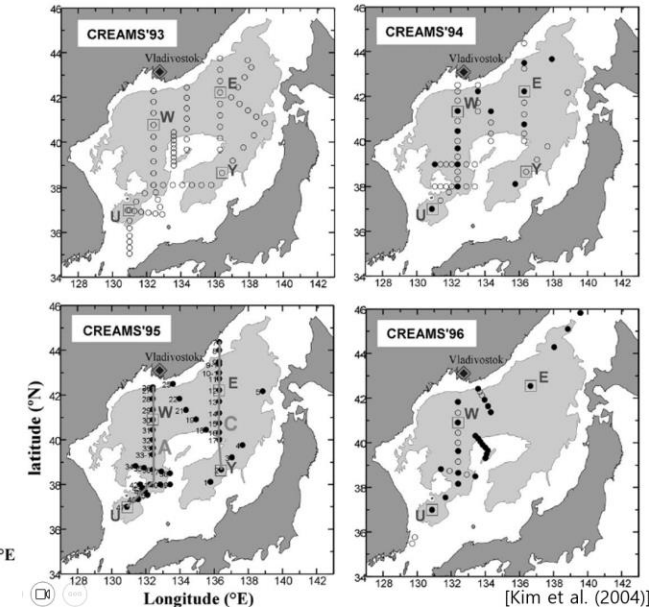
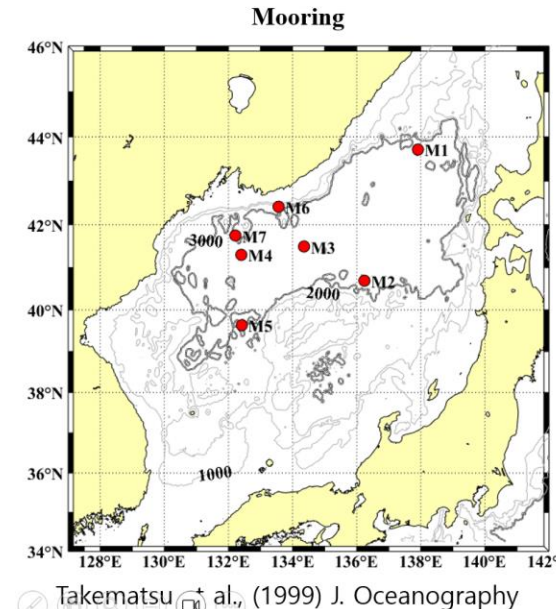


# Overview and History

From K Kim's presentation

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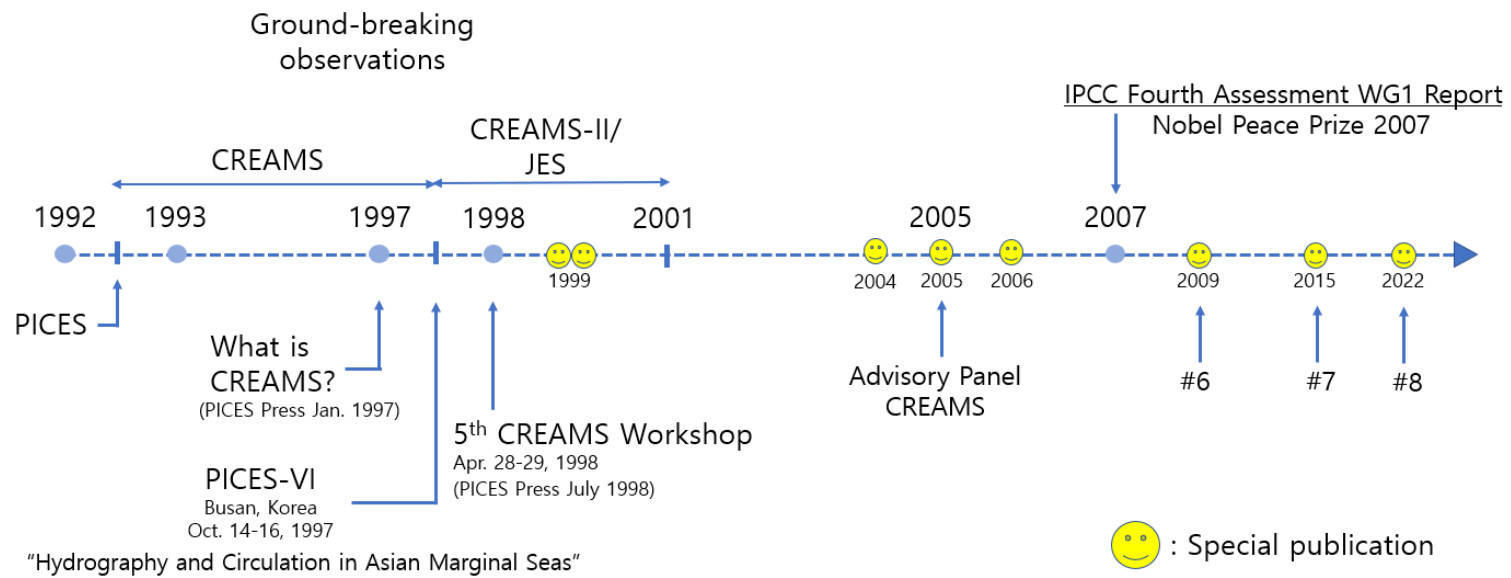
**What is CREAMS?**

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**CREAMS, PICES, and the Exploration of the Japan/East Sea**



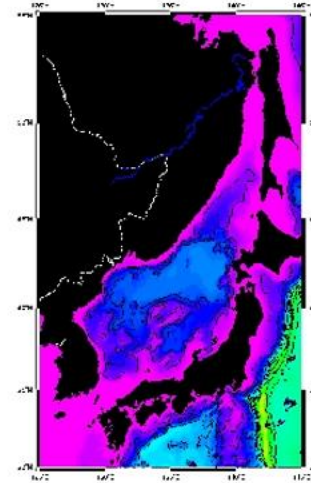
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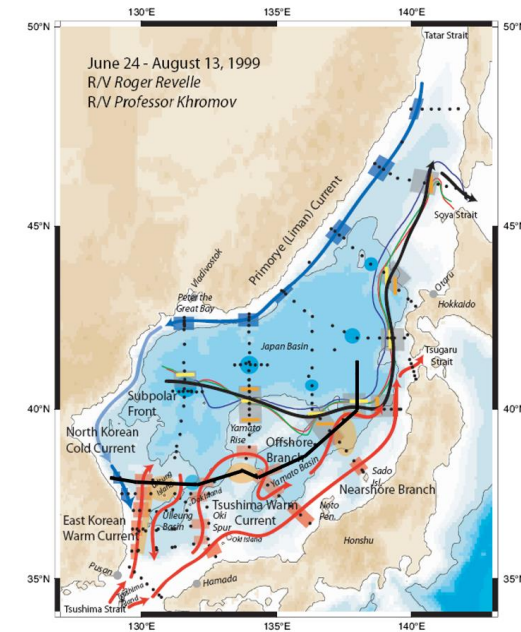
Japan/East Sea DRI  
Office of Naval Research  
1998-2001

The Office of Naval Research is supporting research in the Japan/East Sea during 1998-2000. Field observations include studies of the subpolar front, the Tsushima Current, the Ulleung basin and eddy structures, meteorological forcing, large-scale circulation, and current, optical and hydrographic properties. Modeling includes coupled ocean-atmosphere/physical-biological modeling, oceanic and atmospheric mesoscale circulation, and very high resolution circulation modeling.

The research involves substantial collaboration with Japan, South Korea, and Russia. These countries have been cooperating since 1993 in a research program, Circulation Research of the East Asian Marginal Seas (CREAMS), to understand the water mass structure and circulation in the Japan/East Sea. The ONR JES Program and CREAMS, while separate programs, have a number of common objectives. Hence, the exchange of information between these two projects is expected to enhance understanding of the phenomena of the Japan/East Sea.

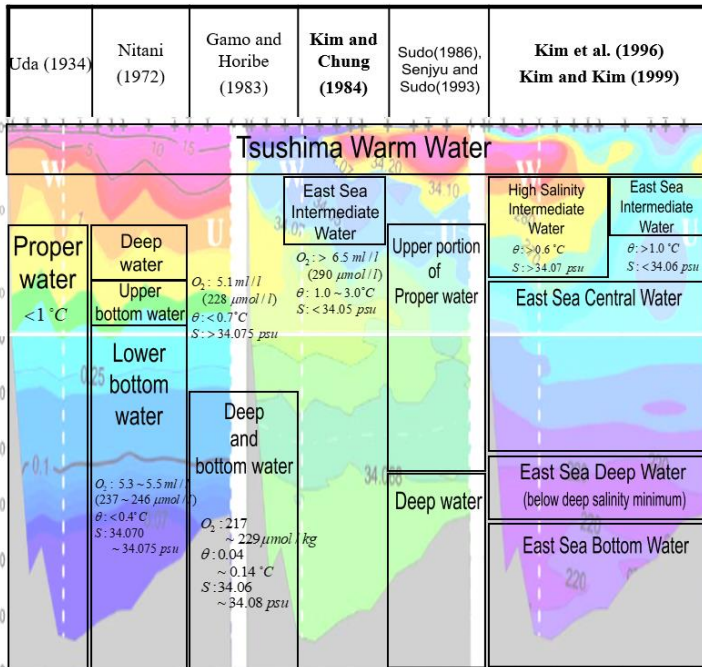


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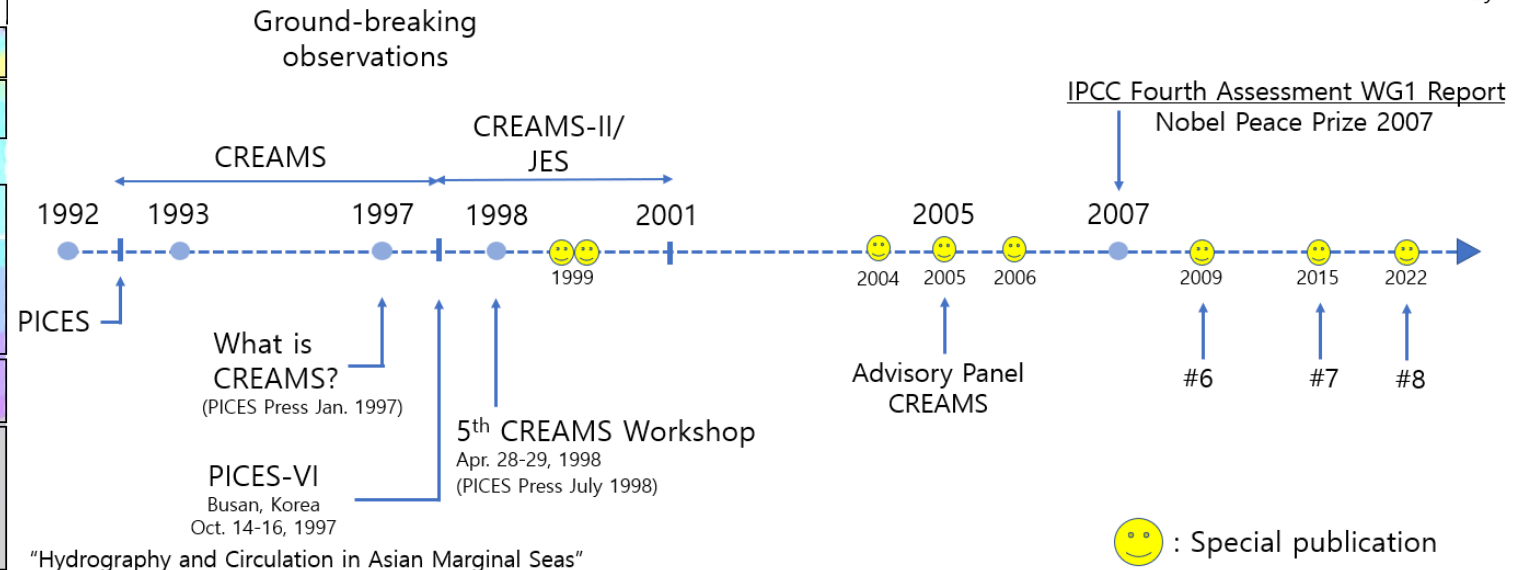


Water Mass
Tsushima Warm Water
East Sea Intermediate Water
Upper Japan Sea Proper Water
High-Salinity Intermediate Water (Upper Japan Sea Proper Water)
Central Water
Low Japan Sea Proper Water
Deep Salinity Minimum (Lower Japan Sea Proper Water)
Oxygen Minimum (Lower Japan Sea Proper Water)
Deep Water (Lower Japan Sea Proper Water)
Bottom Water (Lower Japan Sea Proper Water)
Bottom Adiabatic Layer (Lower Japan Sea Proper Water)

Talley et al., 2006, Oceanography



## Themes





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## IPCC Fourth Assessment WG1 Report

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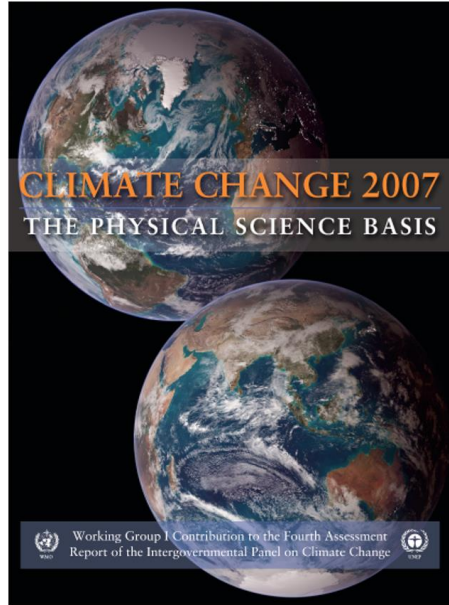


Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)



Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr.

" for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about *man-made climate change*, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change"



### Chapter 5

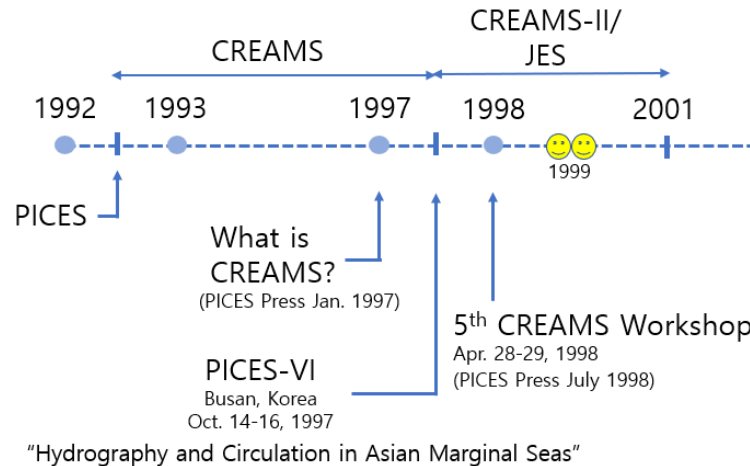
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Ground-breaking observations



"Hydrography and Circulation in Asian Marginal Seas"

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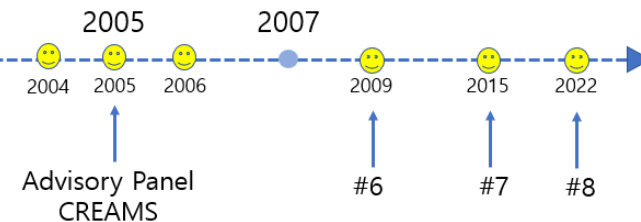
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The marginal seas of the Pacific Ocean are also subject to climate variability and change. Like the Mediterranean in the North Atlantic, the Japan (or East) Sea is nearly completely isolated from the adjacent ocean basin, and forms all of its own waters beneath the shallow pycnocline. Because of this sea's limited size, it responds quickly through its entire depth to surface forcing changes. The warming evident through the global ocean is clearly apparent in this isolated basin, which warmed by 0.1°C at 1,000 m and 0.05°C below 2,500 m since the 1960s. Salinity at these depths also changed, by 0.06 psu per century for depths of 300 to 1,000 m and by -0.02 psu per century below 1,500 m (Kwon et al., 2004). These changes have been attributed to reduced surface heat loss and increased surface salinity, which have changed the mode of ventilation (Kim et al., 2004). Deep water production in the Japan (East) Sea slowed for many decades, with a marked decrease in dissolved oxygen from the 1930s to 2000 at a rate of about 0.8 μmol kg<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Gamo et al., 1986; Minami et al., 1998). However, possibly because of weakened vertical stratification at mid-depths associated with the decades-long warming, deep-water production reappeared after the 2000-2001 severe winter (e.g., Kim et al., 2002; Senjyu et al., 2002; Talley et al., 2003b). Nevertheless, the overall trend has continued with lower deep-water production in subsequent years.

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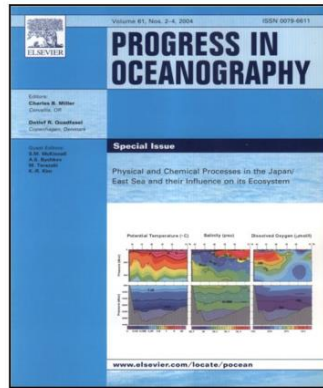
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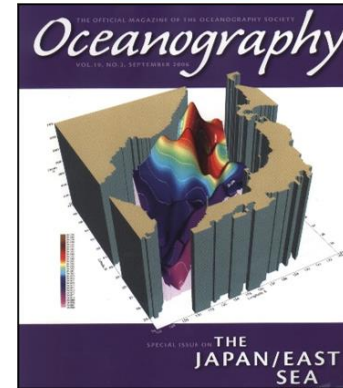
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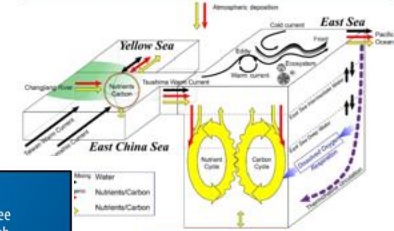
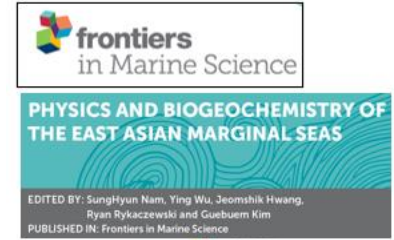
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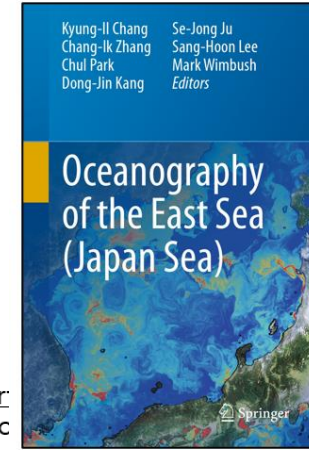
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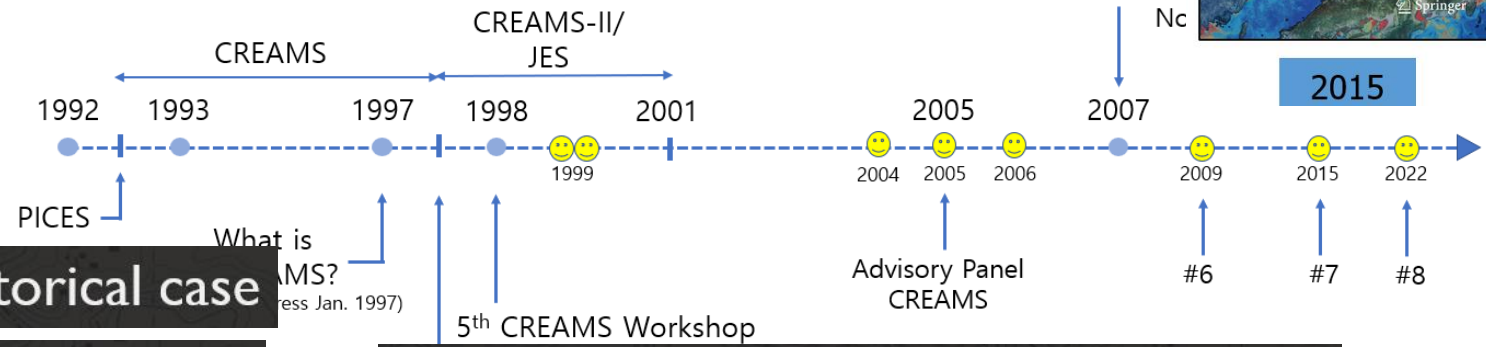
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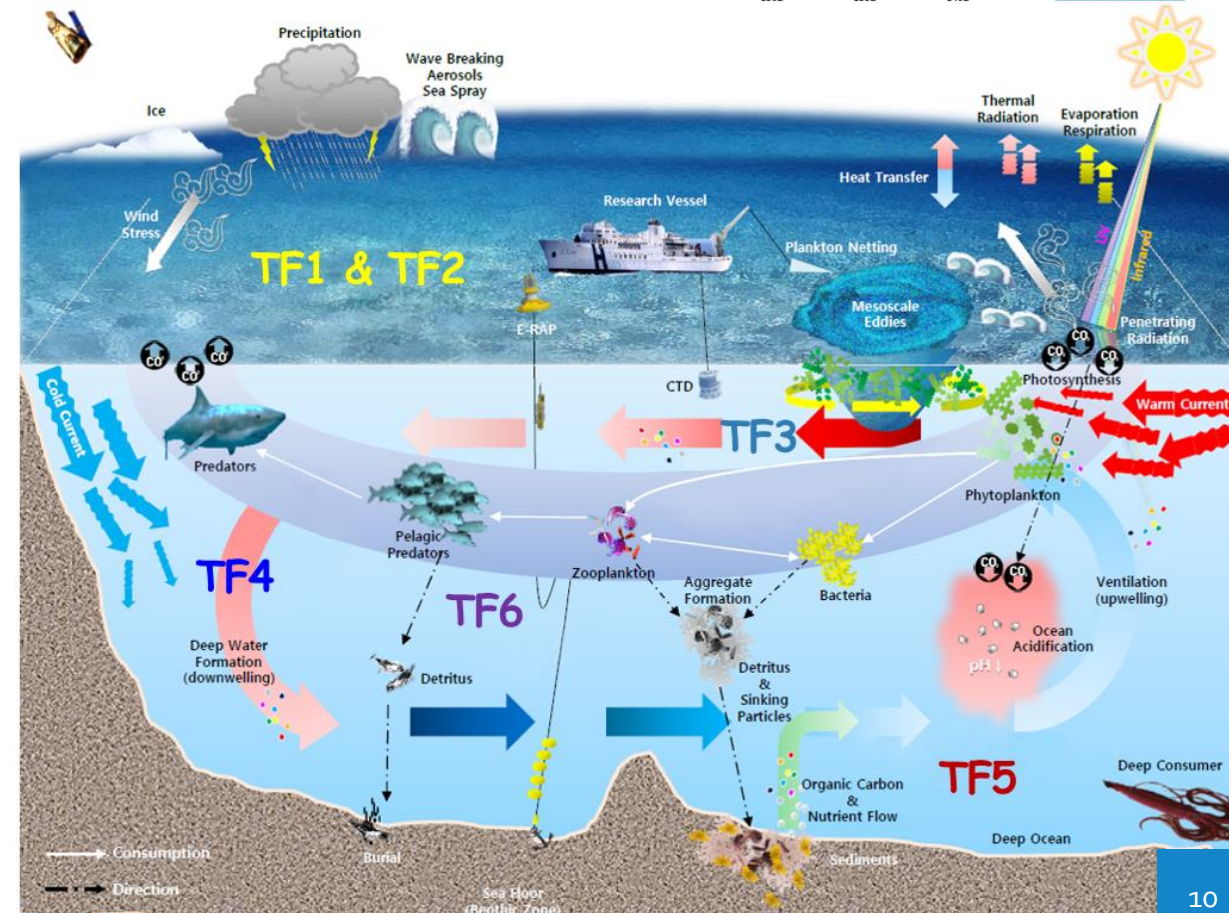
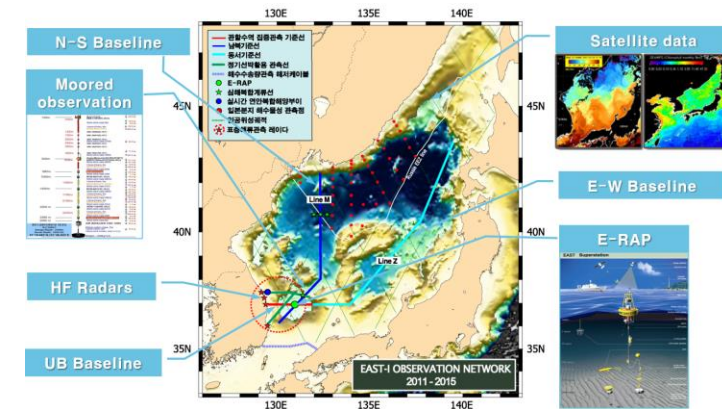
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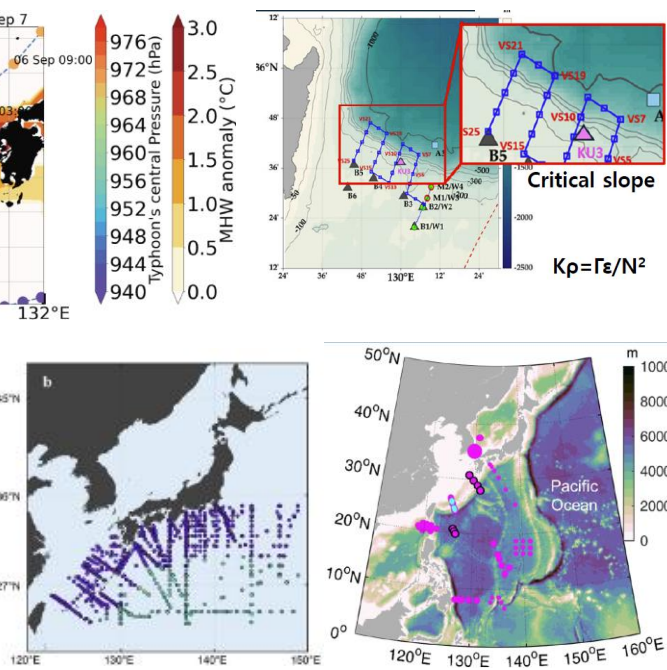
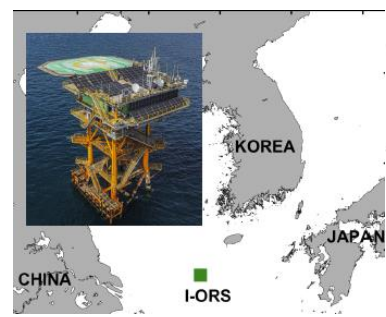
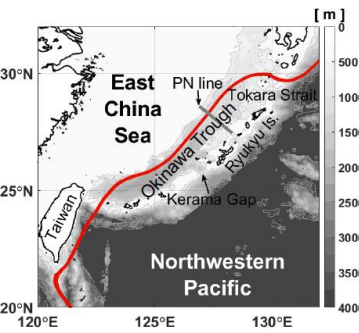
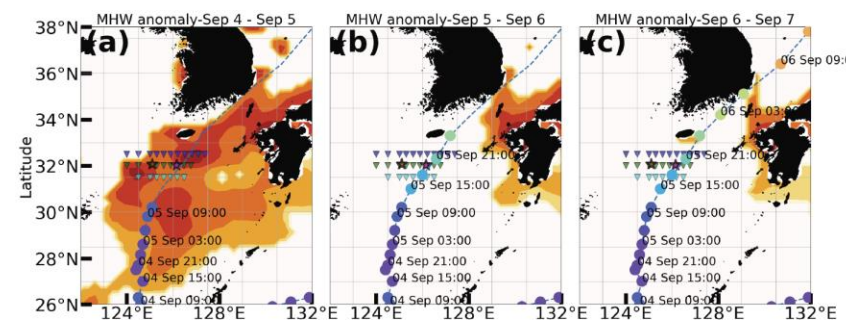
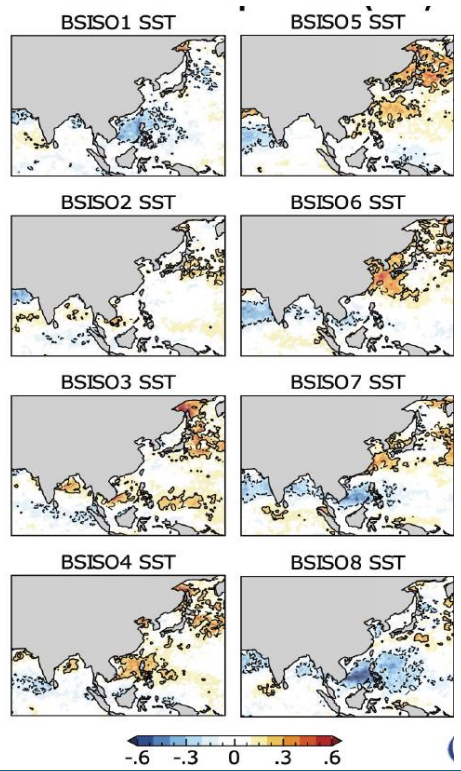
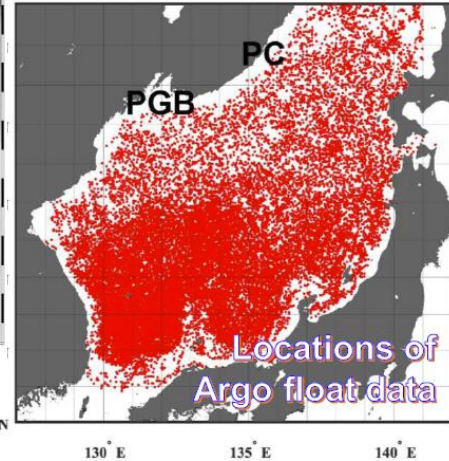
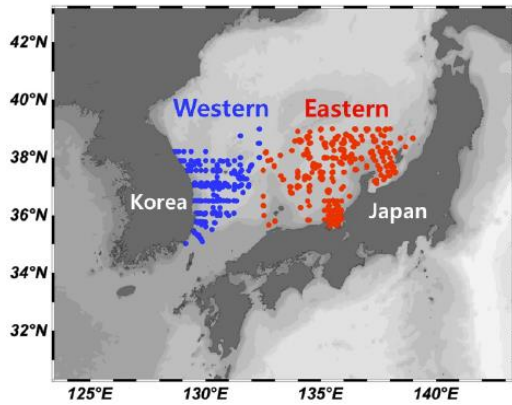
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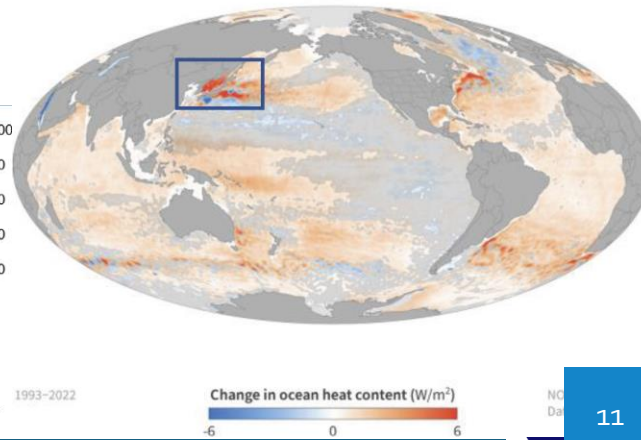
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PC=Primorye coast  
PGB=Peter the Great Bay

**Sojin Park** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Panini Dasgupta** (Postdoc; Seoul National University), **Saranya** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Joongmin Kim** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Seungsoo Kim** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Sihyeong Kim** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Seung Yong Lee** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Hyung-Ju Park** (Graduate student; Seoul National University), **Seung-Tae Yoon** (assistant Professor; Kyungpook National University), **Minkyong Kim** (assistant Professor; Kyungpook National University), **Chanhyung Jeon** (assistant Professor; Pusan National University), **Jae-Hyoung Park** (assistant Professor; Pukyong National University), **Gyeongwoo Go** (Graduate student; Pukyong National University), **Eun-Seo Jeong** (Graduate student; Pukyong National University), **Yoon Song** (Graduate student; Pukyong National University), **Jimin Choi** (Graduate student; Pukyong National University)



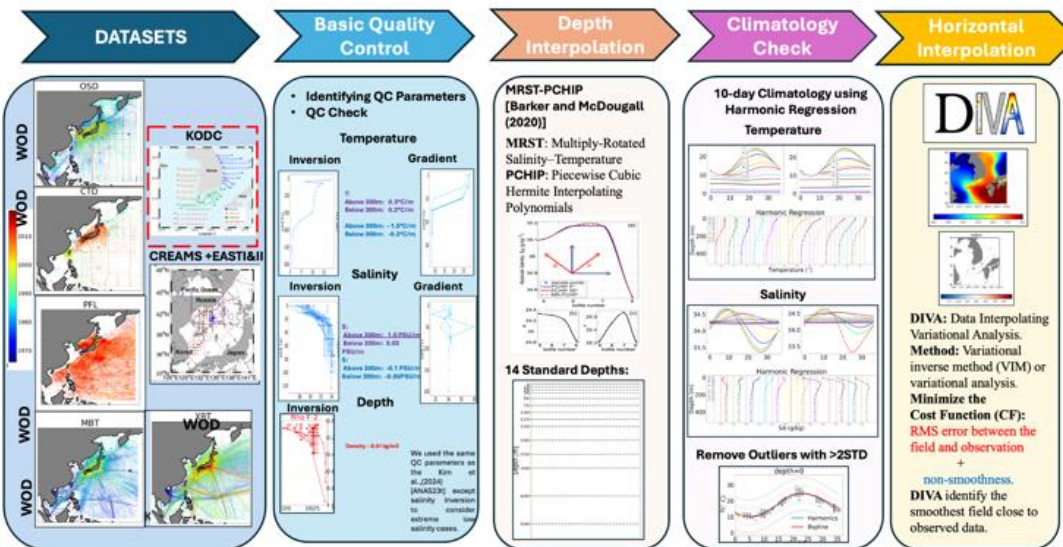
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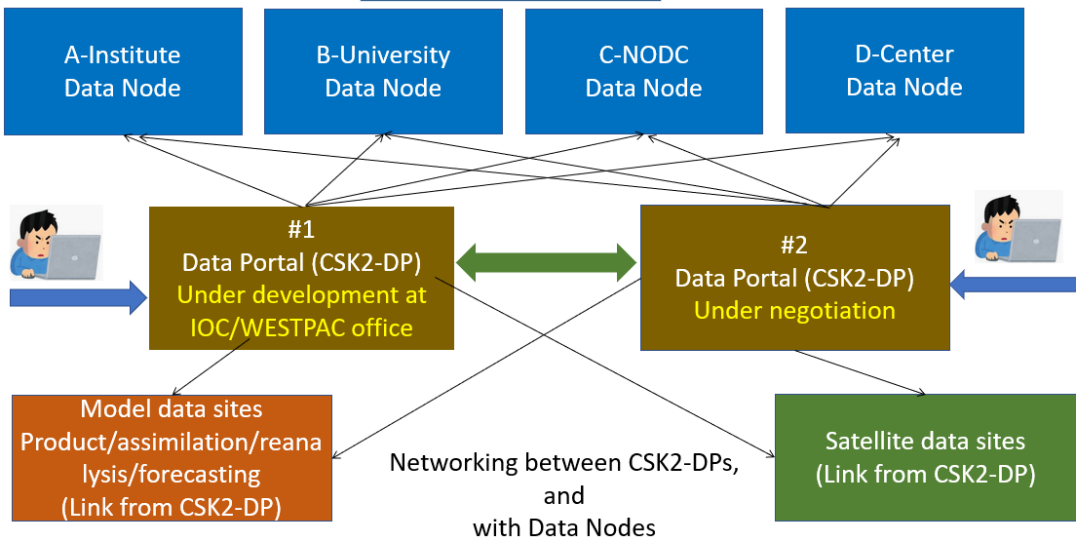


# Future plans 1-2 & Panel discussions

## ● Long-term gridded Database of the East Asian Marginal Seas



### CSK-2 data managements



(Global Ocean Data Analysis Project)

(Modern Ocean Sediment Archive and Inventory of Carbon)



(Bomb Radiocarbon and the Ocean Carbon Cycle: Observations, Legacy and Implications)



(Southern Ocean Observing System)

Data Provider

CREAMS

Data User

NOWPAP

## Beyond Disciplinary Borders

Proposals for interdisciplinary collaboration on EastAsian ocean science

Proposal 1

Oceanography and history of science

Proposal 2

Oceanography and science policy

Proposal 3

Ocean science and science education





# Lessons learned from 30 years of CREAMS experience (personal perspectives)

- **Long-lasting support of CREAMS under changing geopolitics**
- **Scientific findings on EAMS**
- **Data/information management system**
- **SEES (Social-Ecological-Environmental System) approach toward more integrative science**

# Thank you

- **Any Question?**  
Please email to me at [namsh@snu.ac.kr](mailto:namsh@snu.ac.kr)