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Changes in the Arctic Ocean







SHEBA/ARM 1997-1998



Major pathways of Pacific Summer Waters were identified.





Ocean controled the sea ice reduction in the Pacific Sector



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IPY2007-2008



Sea ice extent : 1979~2012

Arctic Sea Ice Area





Ice edge in September

Yoshizawa et al., (2014)

Heat content (20-150m)



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Background color: dynamic height at 100dar relative to 800bdar (Oceanic Beaufort Gyre) Black vectors: average sea ice motion vectors for November – April.

Yoshizawa et al., (2015)

Heavy Ice

Less Ice







This is principal "Oceanic Beaufort Gyre" established by surface forcing and wave dynamics.

It is different from Beaufort High and Beaufort Ice Gyre.

Sumata & Shimada (2007)



Background color: dynamic height at 100dar relative to 800bdar from Mirai and Louis S. St-Laurent 2008 cruises (Oceanic Beaufort Gyre)

Black vectors: average sea ice motion vectors for Nov. 2007- Apr. 2008 (Sea Ice Beaufort Gyre)

Simbols: Mooring array in 2012-2013 (TUMSAT/KOPRI/NIPR & WHOI)





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Application for Arctic Sea Routes



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- As the results, heavy ice bands were formed Alaskan coast and northern Chukchi area.
- Presence of this ice bands is important for Arctic Sea routes.





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2012 northern Chukchi Sea

Rafting of thick sea ice is important for growth of sea ice thickness & Sea Routes

2006 northern Chukchi Sea

Photo by Koji Shimada



• Calculate convergence if GR is less than critical value (-0.02) and sea ice concentration is greater than 98%.

 \Rightarrow effective convergence for rafting: ECR

 Integrate ECR along drift track of sea ice from November to April.



Correlation between "integrated effective convergence of sea Ice along drift track (Nov. ~ Apr.)" and "sea ice concentration in the following summer (Jun. ~ Sep.)". Box shows a key area of the Northwest passage area (70 - 74°N, 135 - 157°W).

regression

Spring GR only (using just thickness in spring, without sea ice motion)

$$SIC_{GR} = 4.3542 \times GR + 0.2556.$$
 ($r = 0.2717$)

GR and integration of effective convergence for rafting (iECR)

$$SIC_{Yoshi} = 0.6924 \times iECR + 0.1547$$
 ($r = 0.6924$)

