

Recent efforts in sustaining long-term observations, data-sharing and analysis of atmospheric GHGs and ocean variables

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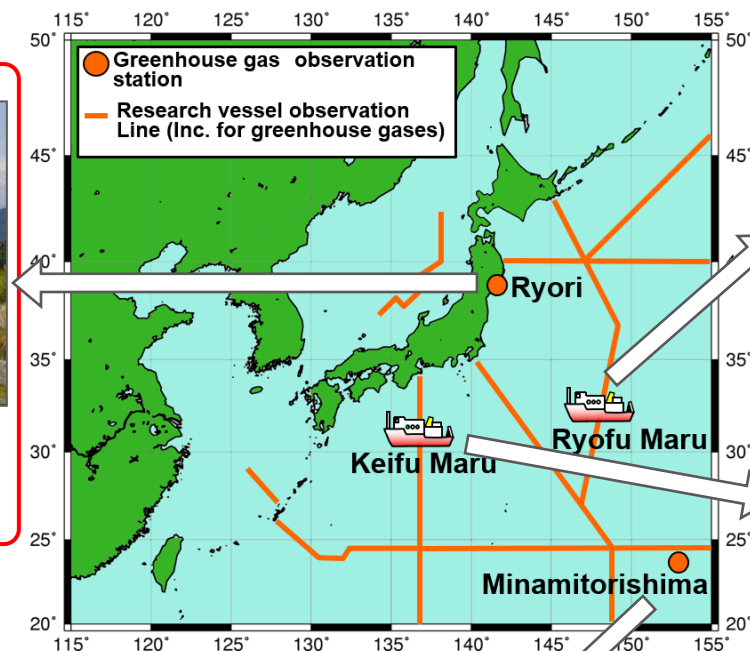
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GHG observation network of JMA

CO_2 , CH_4

Unmanned Remote-Control Station

**WMO-GAW regional station
Ryori (RYO)**



CO_2 , CH_4

CO_2

Research Vessels Observation

CO_2 , CH_4 , CO , O_3
HFCs
CFCs, CCl_4 , CH_3CCl_3

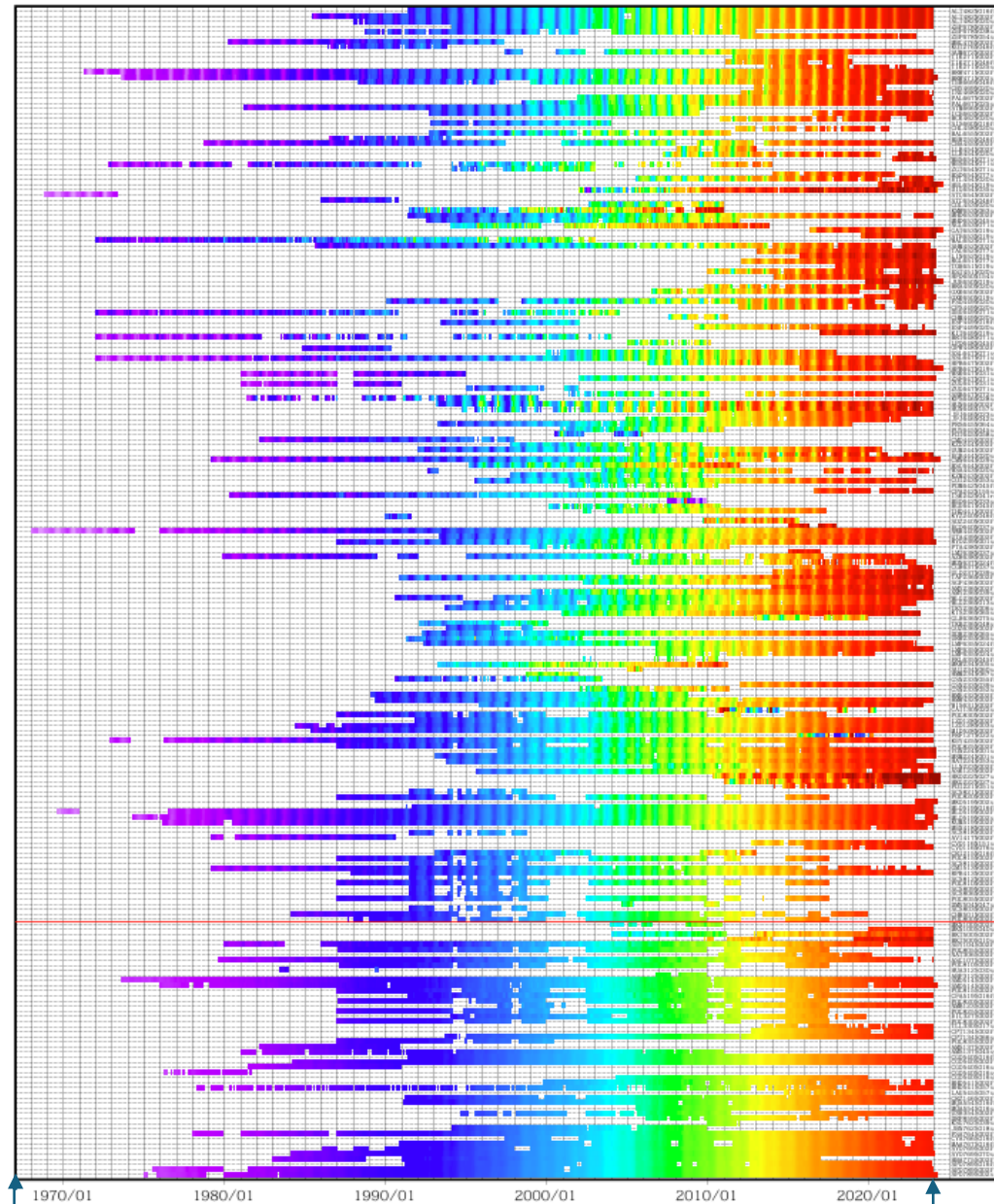
2 staff (2 months shift)

**WMO-GAW global station
Minamitorishima (MNM)**

WMO/GAW-WDCGG (World Data Centre for Greenhouse Gases)

CO₂ Monthly Data

320 340 360 380 400 420 440 ppm



Since 1968

https://doi.org/10.50849/WDCGG_CO2_ALL_2024

End of 2023

<https://gaw.kishou.go.jp/static/publications/summary/sum49/sum49.pdf>

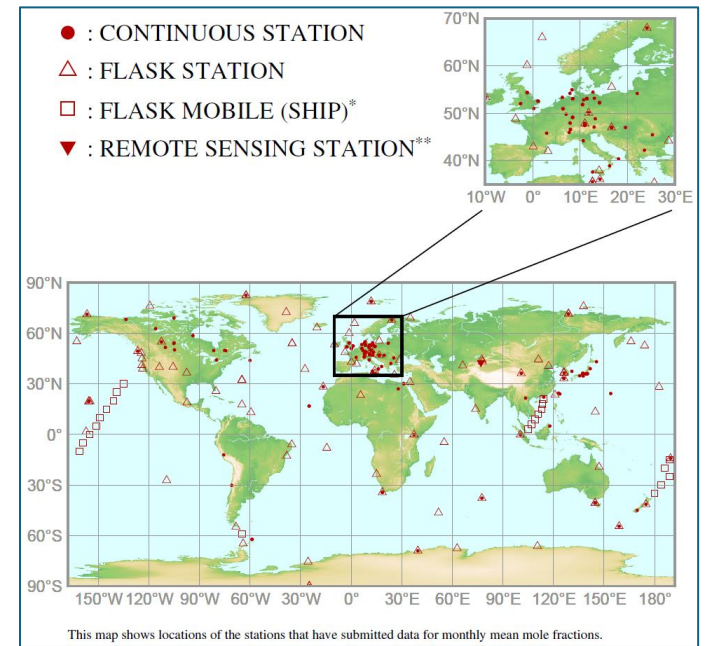


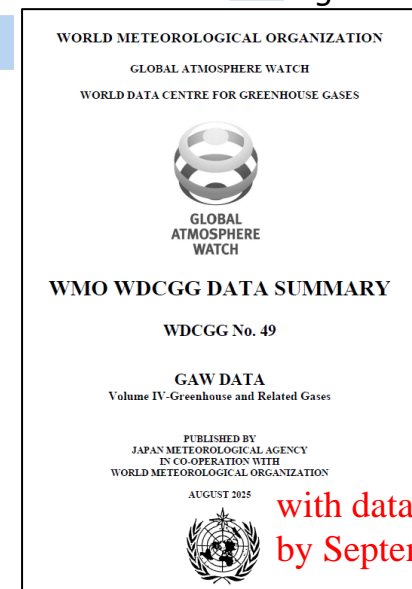
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Northern Hemisphere

Equator

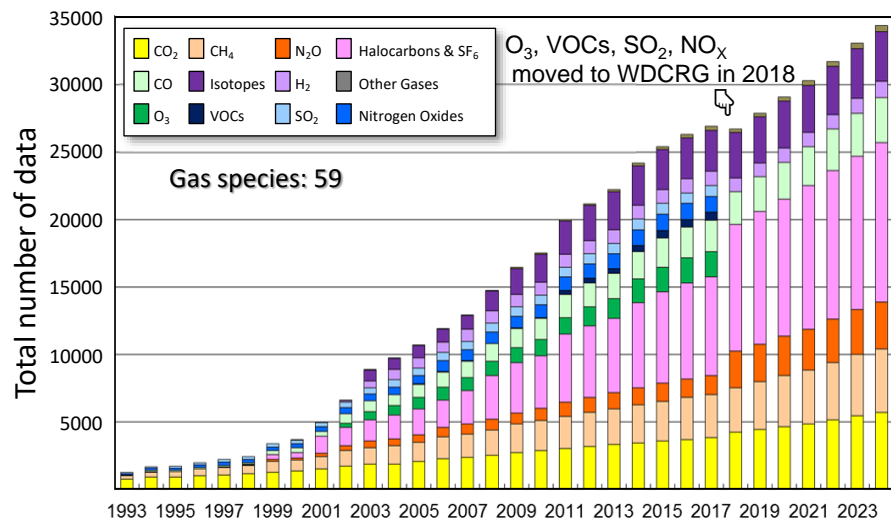
Southern Hemisphere



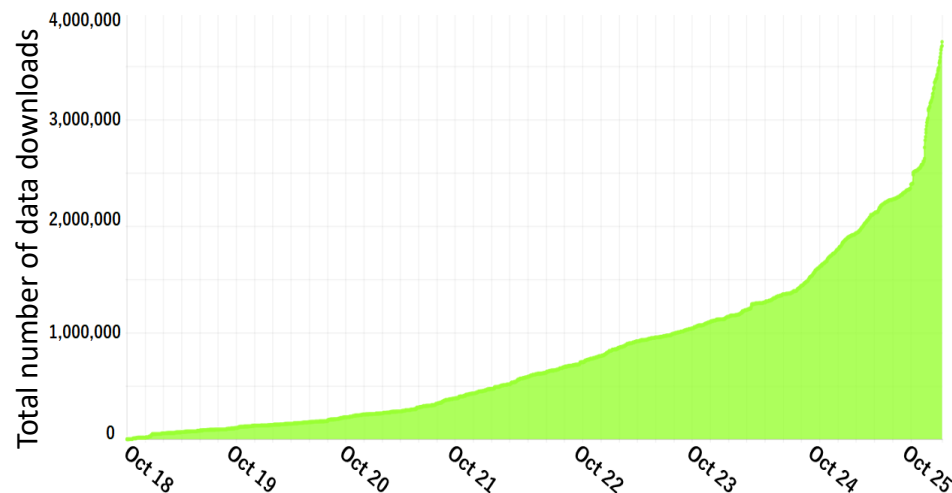
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Increase in total archive data volume and downloads

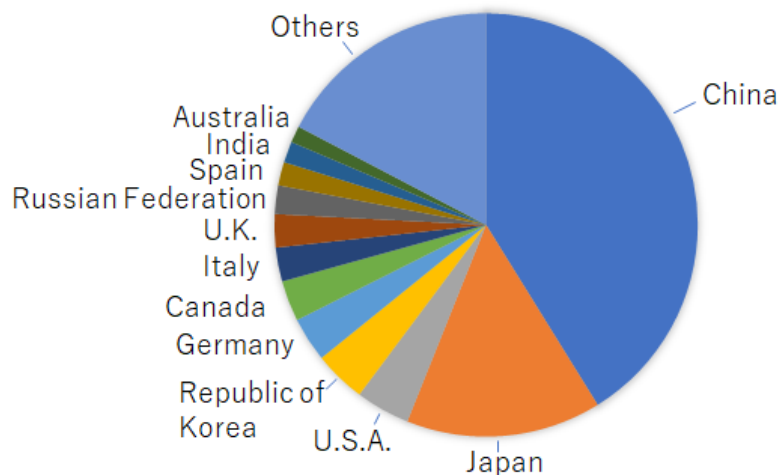
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Total number of downloads since the launch of the new WDCGG website



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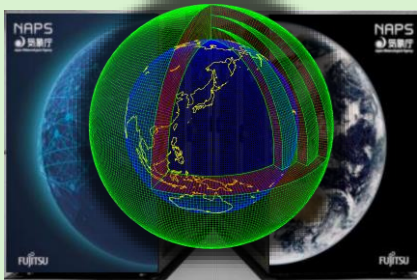


Purpose of Use and Number of Users

Scientific research	2214
Education	1179
Model validation and assimilation	170
Other	107
Satellite calibration	31

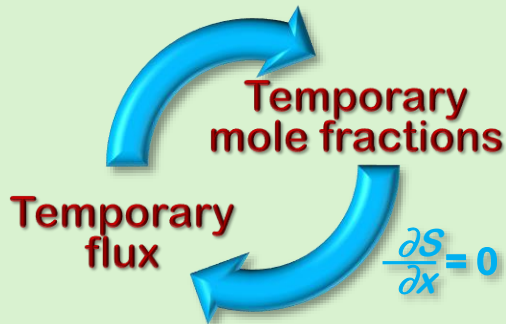
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Global CO₂ distribution analysis by using numerical modelling

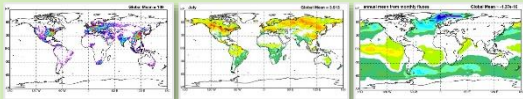


GSAM-TM

Transport model developed based on JMA's numerical weather prediction model

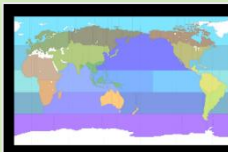
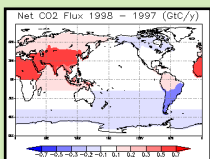


Inversion Analysis
Data assimilation to estimate CO₂ sources

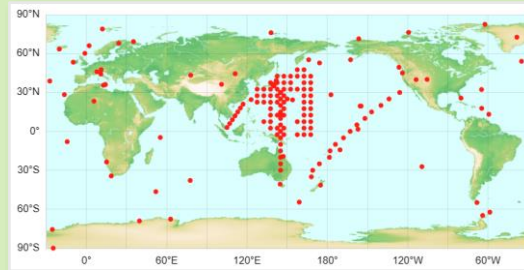


Prior fluxes

Fossil fuel, biosphere, Ocean

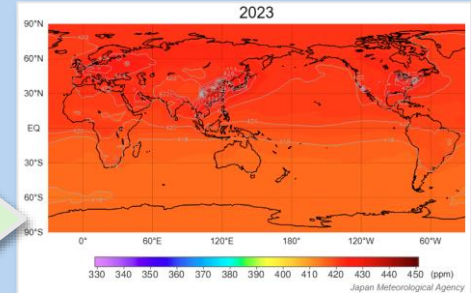


Regional pulse fluxes

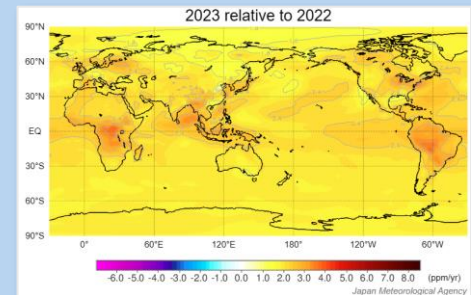


Observation data

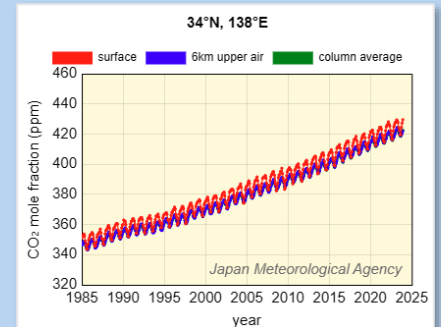
Monthly mean of observed CO₂ mole fractions reported from stations to WDCGG are used



Mole fraction map



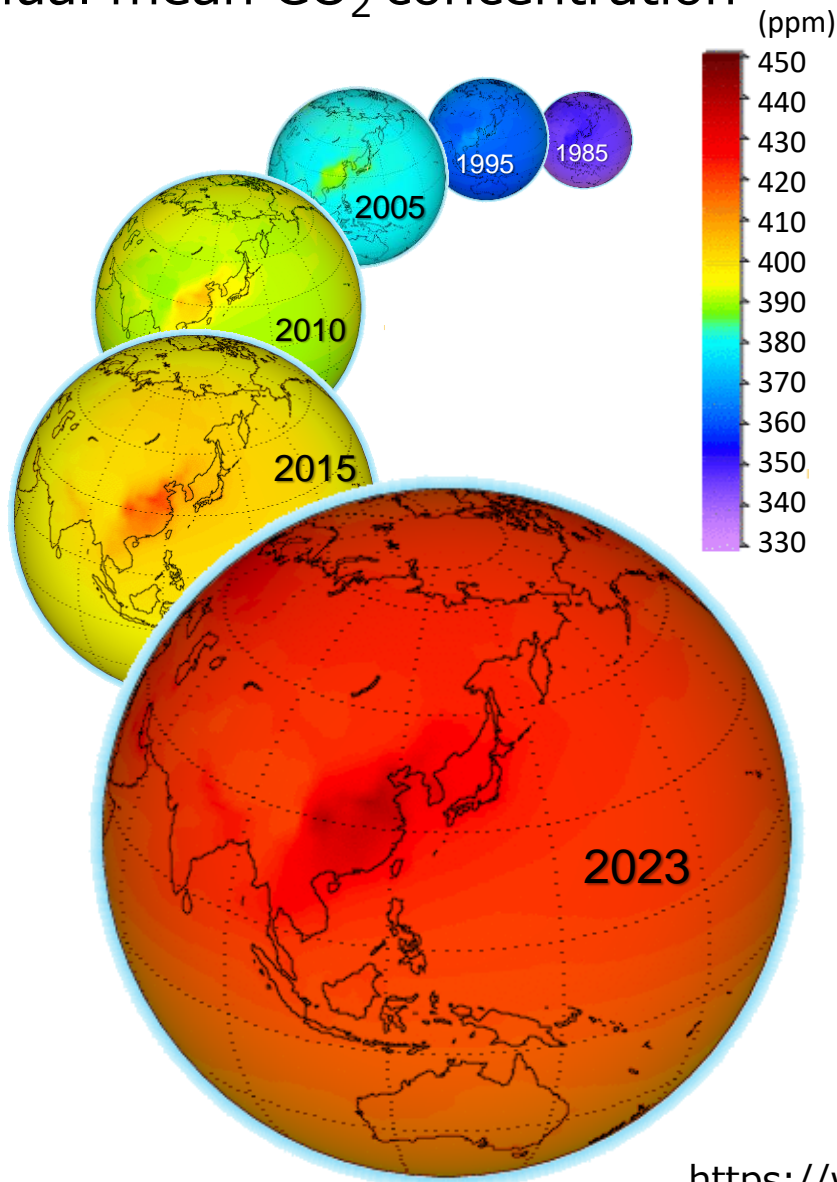
Growth rate map



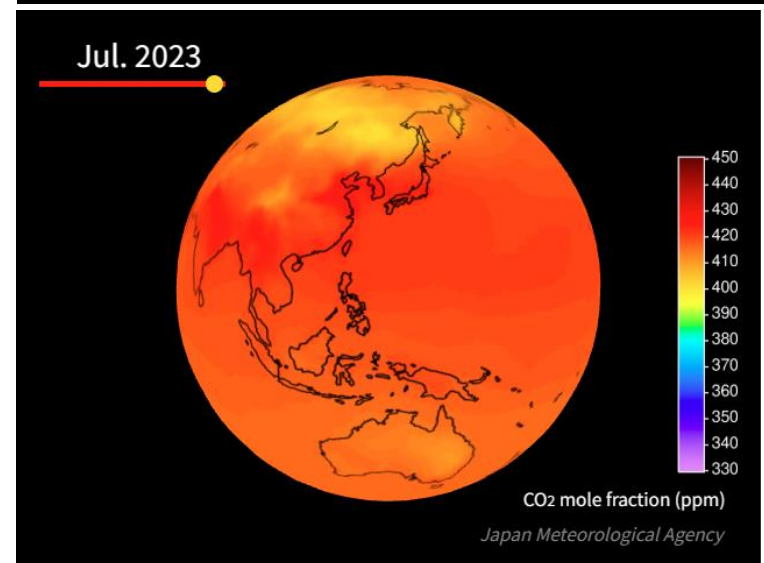
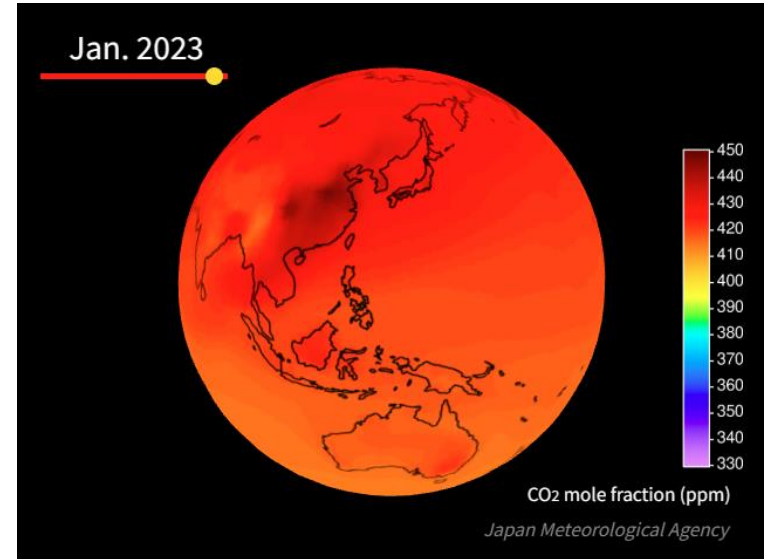
Mole fraction time series

CO₂ distribution maps

Annual mean CO₂ concentration

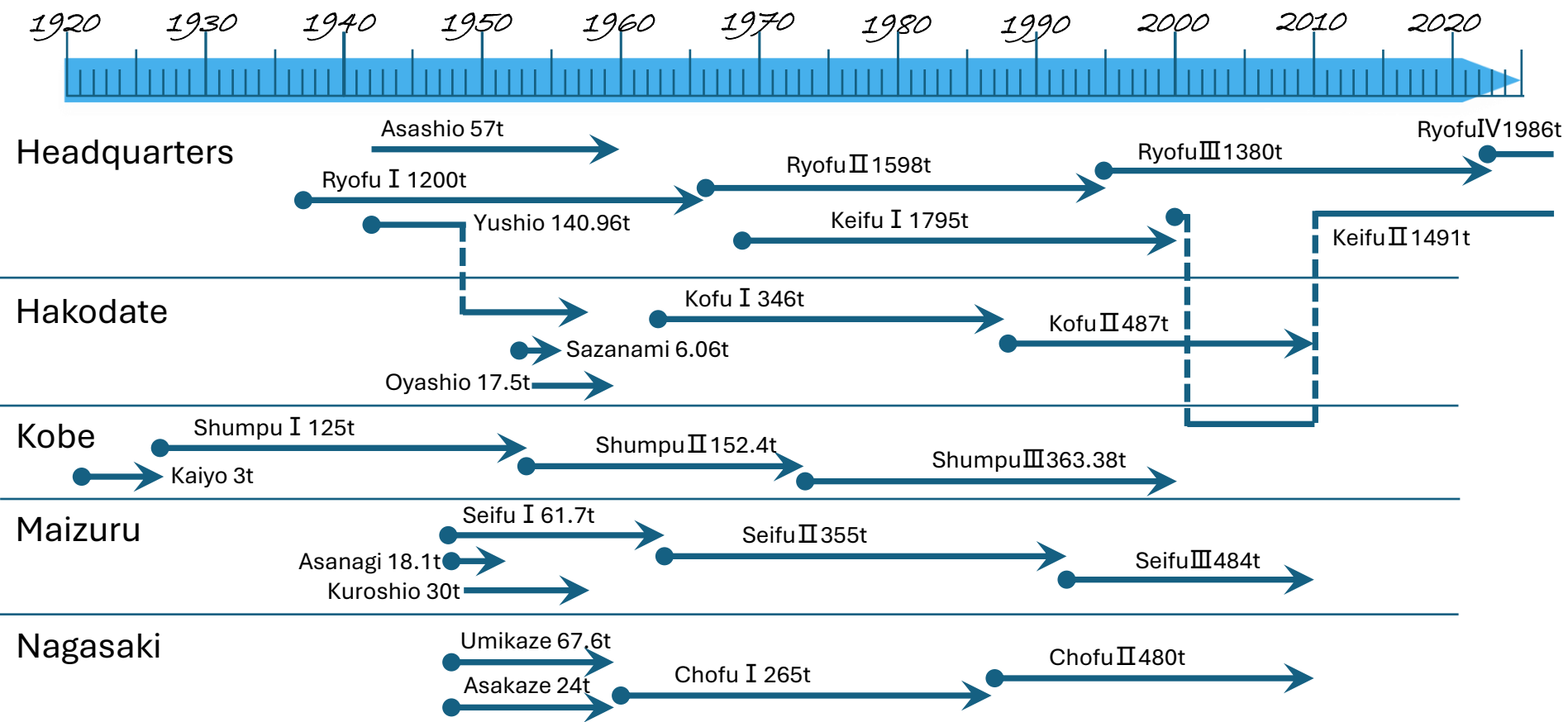


Seasonal variation of CO₂



100 years History of Marine Observation in JMA

Shipboard observation in JMA began before 100 years ago. These observed data, especially in the old age, is very important to clarify the climate change because of lack of data. In addition, JMA began the observation along 137°E in winter from 1967 by Ryofu II. In 2016 we won the PICES ocean monitoring service award for these remarkable long term record and contribution for a lot of researches in the world on the circulation structure and the biogeochemical cycle.



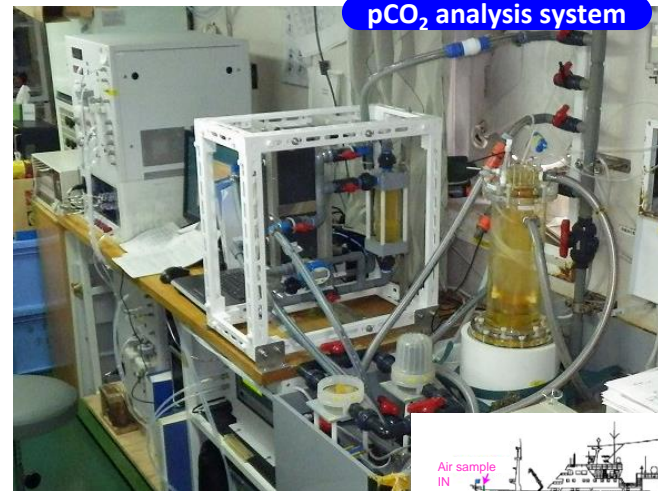
Increase of pCO₂ on the surface sea

Observation of the partial pressure of carbon dioxide (pCO₂) is made by using the non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) analyzer. The sampling system can introduce the ambient air taken from the head of this ship, the standard gases to calibrate the analyzer, and the air mixed with the surface sea water.

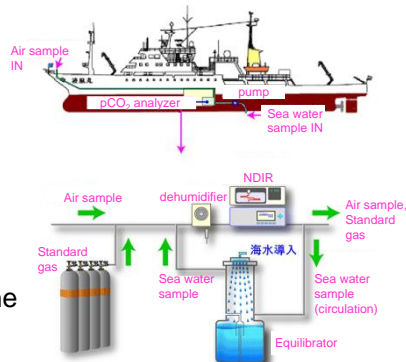
The surface sea water is pumped up under the bottom of this ship and mixed with the air by this equilibrator.

Our pCO₂ data is shared in the international database (SOCAT ver.4). 18% of this database in the north-west Pacific area is our data.

pCO₂ analysis system

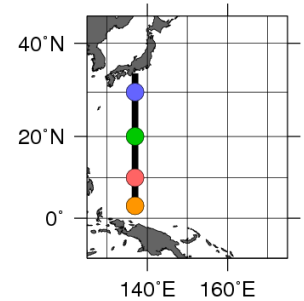
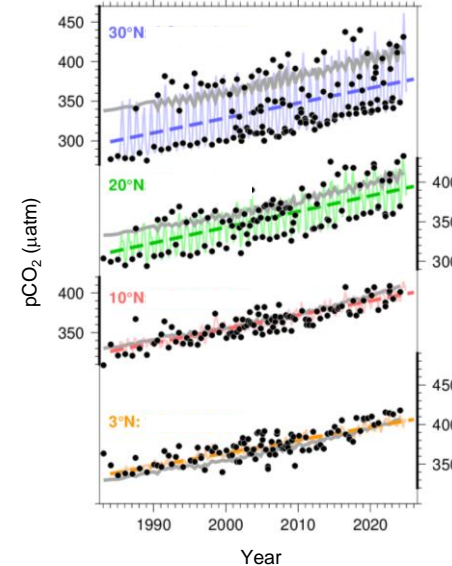


Schematic diagram of the pCO₂ analysis system



Long term trend of pCO₂ in surface sea water along 137°E

pCO₂ on the surface sea water is also increasing, accompanying by increase of pCO₂ in the atmosphere.



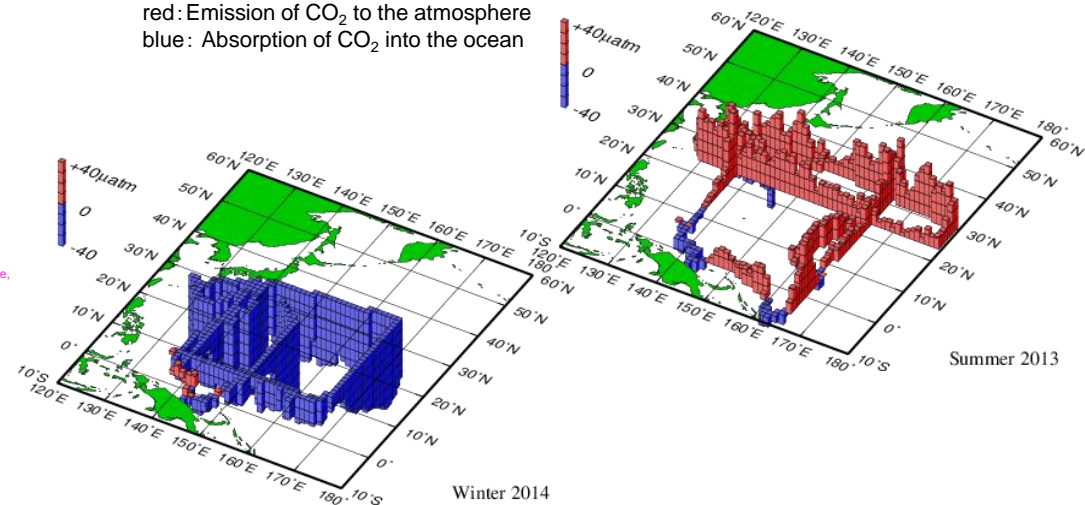
Long term trend of pCO₂ along 137°E.

observed on the surface sea water (dots), estimation (line), long term trend (dashed line) pCO₂ in the atmosphere (gray line)

CO₂ flux on the surface sea water

CO₂ flux is different in season.

red: Emission of CO₂ to the atmosphere
blue: Absorption of CO₂ into the ocean



Summer 2013

Winter 2014

Ocean Acidification – another aspect of CO₂ emissions

Carbon dioxide absorbed in the ocean is accumulated on the surface layer of the ocean and gradually mixed with deeper layer by the vertical convection in the winter season and current under the surface layer. In addition, dissolved carbon dioxide acidify sea water.

Dissolved inorganic carbon

CO₂ absorbed from the atmosphere is observed as dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) in the sea. CO₂ is also generated by decomposition of organic matter in the ocean.



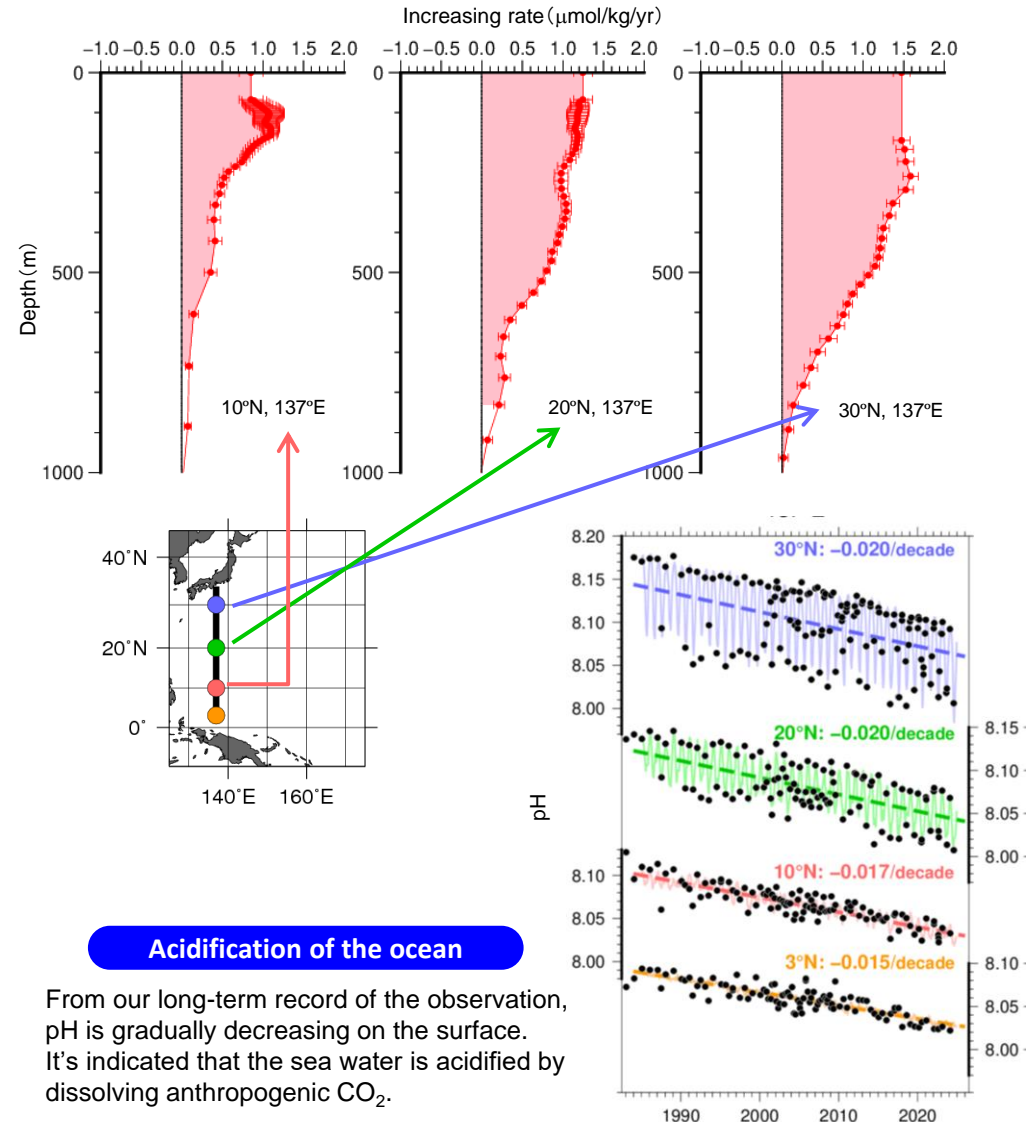
pH spectrophotometer

pH varies with temperature, pressure, biological activity, and dissolved carbon.



Accumulation of anthropogenic CO₂

Accumulation of the anthropogenic CO_2 is estimated from the long-term record of the observed DIC data. It's indicated that large amount of carbon is accumulated around the mid latitude area and mixed at the depth of 1000m.

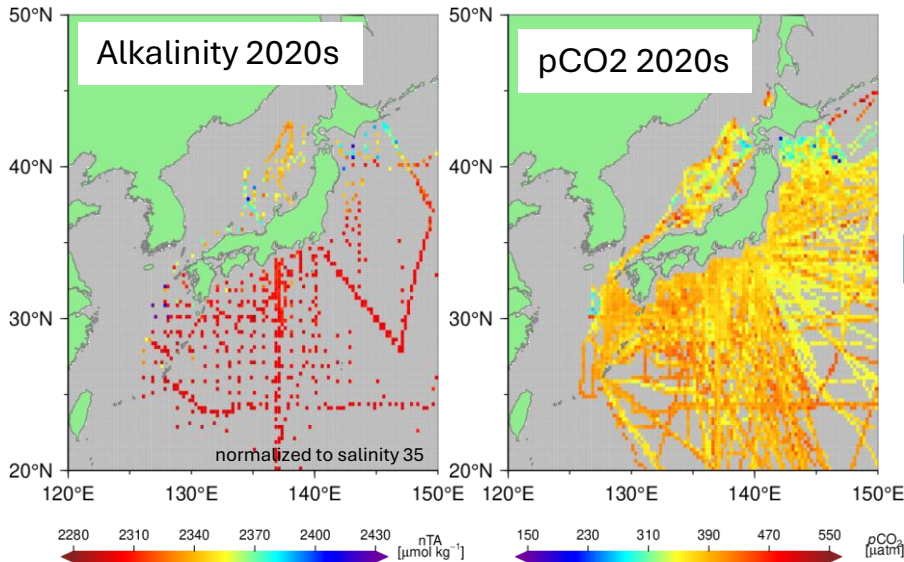


Mapping surface ocean carbonate variables in East Asian marginal seas

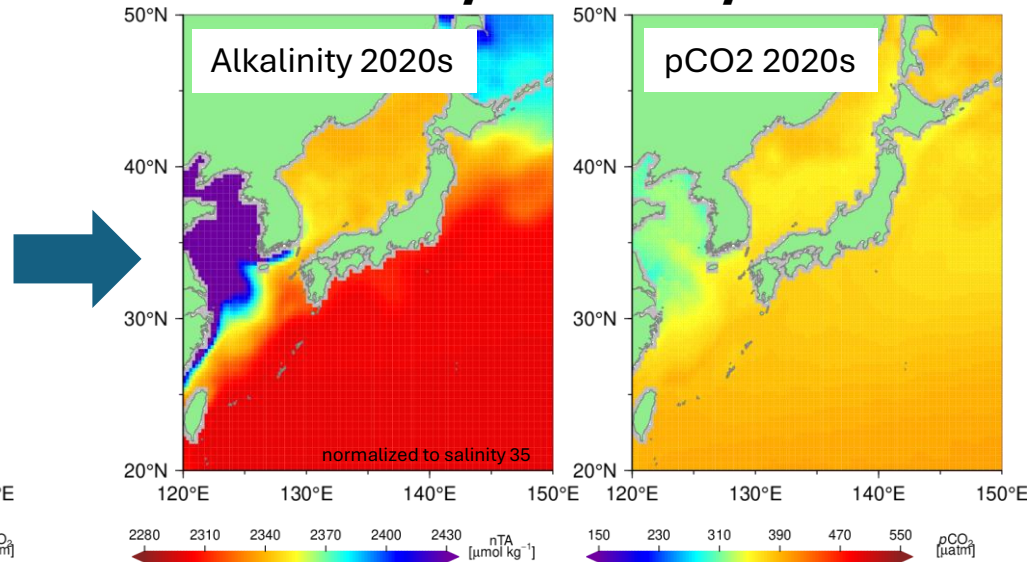
- * Interpolating measurements of surface ocean carbonate variables by using a machine-learning method and then reconstructing monthly maps of carbonate variables.

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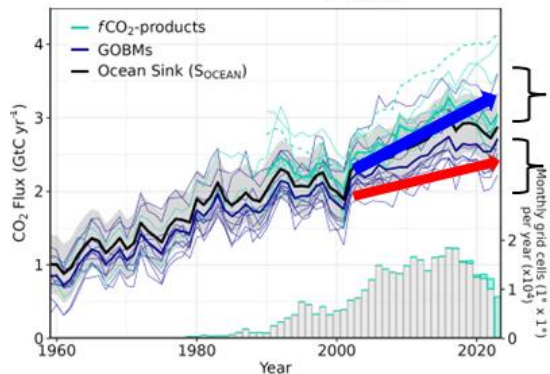
Observation track



Gap-filled maps



Global Carbon Budget 2024 Fig. 11
Ocean Sink (S_{ocean})



Surface ocean observation-based estimates

GCB ocean CO₂ sink estimate (mean of model-based and obs.-based estimates)

Ocean model-based estimates

1. Investigating bias and discrepancy in recent ocean sink trends between model-based and obs.-based outputs.

2. To obtain an appropriate S_{ocean} estimate and uncertainty