## Interdecadal Oscillation of Japan Sea Proper Water related to Arctic Oscillation

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# Japan Sea Proper Water (JSPW)



- Uda, 1934
- 0 °C < θ < 1 °C</li>
- 34.0 < S < 34.1
- Rich Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
- The most homogeneous water of the adjacent seas in the world ocean (Worthington, 1981)

# Long-term variation of JSPW



North Pacific Index (NPI):

- area-weighted SLP over the region 30°N-65°N, 160°E-140°W
- index for the intensity of the Aleutian Low



### How to explain this contradiction?



**Backarou**nd

Background

#### Long-term variation of wind in Japan Sea



## Data



- SST (Minobe et al., 2004)
- DO (PM5)
- Wind (JMA Sta.& Buoy21002)
- AO Index (NOAA)
- NPI (NASA)
  - Winter: Dec, Jan, Feb
  - 5-yr running mean

**Results** 

## North Pacific Index & Arctic Oscillation



Hereafter, AO will be used only.

## AO & DO





**Plate 2.** Monthly mean wind field over the Japan Sea in January 1997, in meters per second. Wind speeds are illustrated by color, and white streamlines are superimposed with arrows. The area off Vladivostok with a wind speed of  $>9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  is shown in red.

Kawamura and Wu (1998)

#### **Results**



#### Wind Validation Testified



**Results** 

#### Wind scale-averaged wavelet spectra



**Results** 

#### Long-term variations of DO, SST, wind and AO



#### Ocean-Atmosphere interaction of Asian marginal sea influenced by AO

- Positive AO:
- low pressure developed on the warm East China Sea advances toward the northern Japan islands, the resultant enhanced atmospheric disturbances would lead to more intense cold-air outbreak.
- vice versa.



### Conclusion

- +AO phase lead to more intense cold-air outbreaks over Japan Sea which could decrease SST largely in the JSPW formation area; Together with the strong wind stirring effect, the dense surface water sinks to deeper part forming the new JSPW.
- Decadal-scale changes of AO could accompany significant changes in the hydrological cycle of Japan Sea, here represented by interdecadal oscillation of JSPW formation.
- Long time series wind data of Japan Sea might be established using data from