PREDICTABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH PACIFIC OCEAN SUBSURFACE Decadal prediction of hypoxia along the US West Coast

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changes in upwelling and productivity anomalies in source waters that feed mean upwelling











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Observations *Subsurface Oxygen* in the California Current System



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Correlation with Salinity ISO=26.5





Where did these anomalies come from?

































Year lead = -12



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$$\frac{\partial O'_{sub}}{\partial t} = u' \cdot \overline{O}_{gyre} + \overline{u} \cdot O'_{gyre} + v' \cdot \overline{O}_{OMZ} + \overline{v} \cdot O'_{OMZ}$$

changes in gyre circulation changes in poleward flow advection





Diaz and Rosenberg, Science 2008



Oregon Shelf, observations by *Peterson et al. 2013*





Winter (Jan.-Mar.) oxygen [ml/l] at 250 m. depth.



Winter (Jan.-Mar.) salinity [PSS] at 250 m. depth.

ORA3 Bernoulli Stream function ISO=26.5



ORA3 Spice ISO=26.5



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Correlation with NPGO and PDO

















Spice variation along the CCS



Spice = temperature + salinity








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SODA Oxygen Proxy (Station P) Station P Oxygen (Whitney et al., 2011)





Correlation with **CCSI index**







