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

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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



# Mean WOA 02 ISO=26.5



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# Correlation with NPGO and PDO

















# Spice variation along the CCS



Spice = temperature + salinity








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# Correlation with **CCSI index**







