Average seasonal cycles of atmospheric potential oxygen (APO) in the Pacific region: possible autumn ocean O₂ emissions

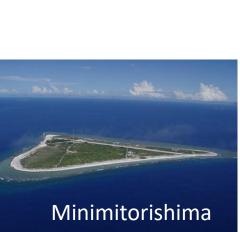


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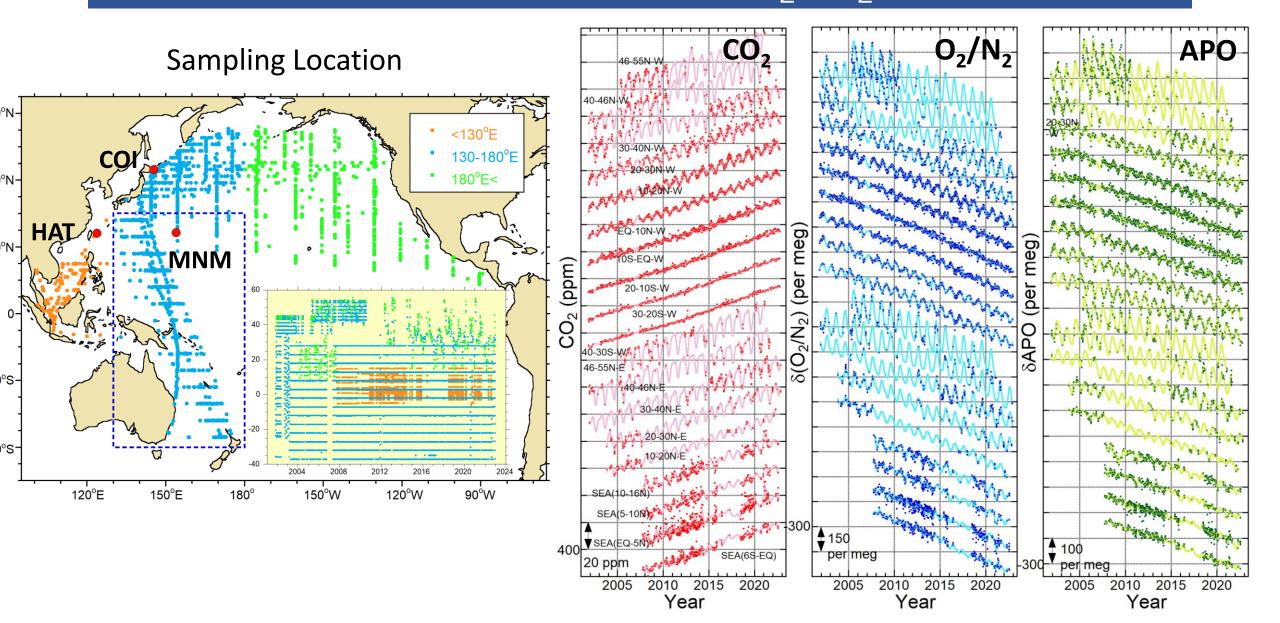








Observed time series of CO_2 , O_2 , and APO



Global carbon budgets based on observed APO

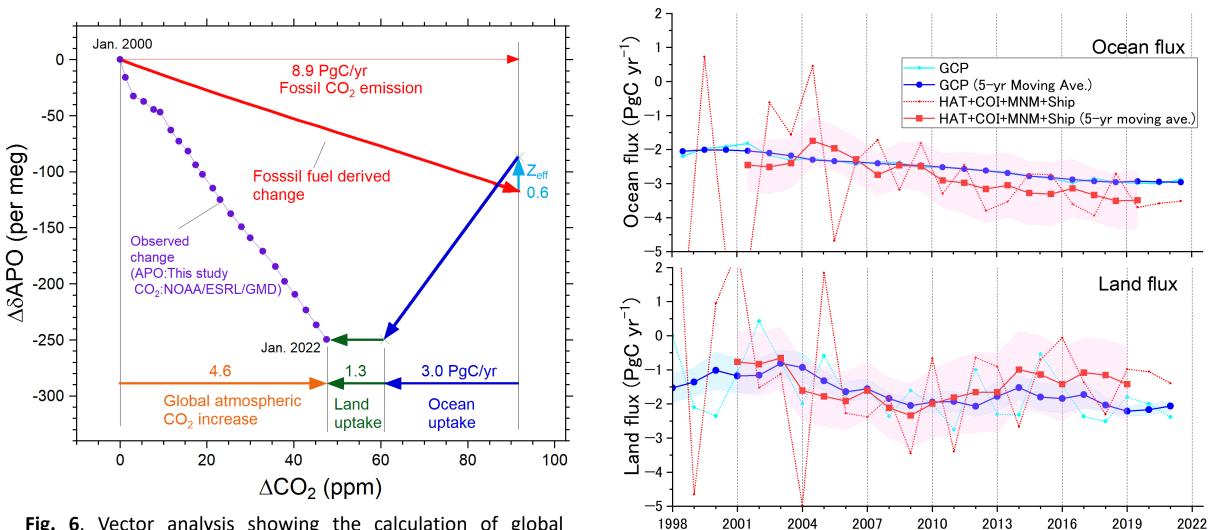
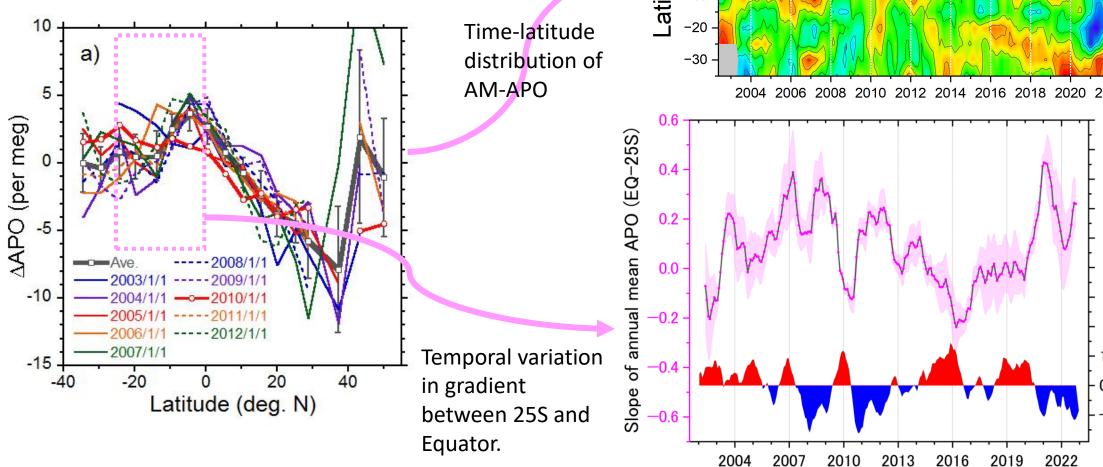


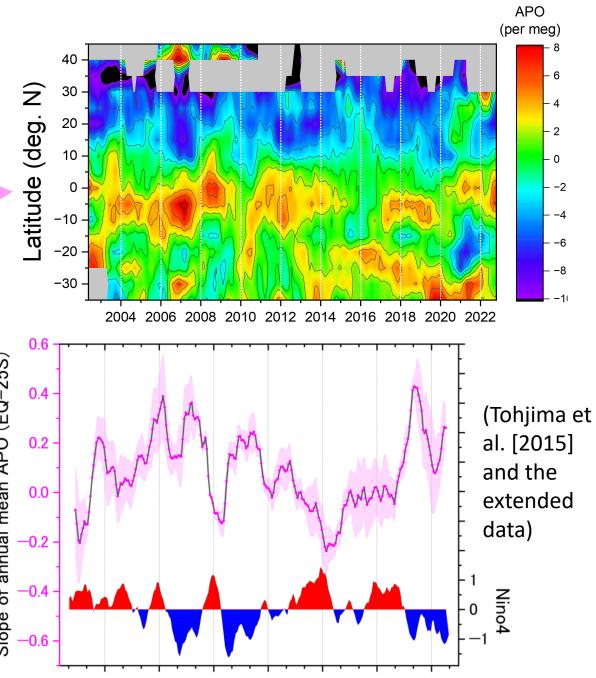
Fig. 6. Vector analysis showing the calculation of global carbon budget based on the atmospheric CO_2 and APO changes for the period from Jan. 2000 to Jan. 2022.

(Tohjima et al. [2019] and the extended data)

Year

Temporal variation in the latitudinal distribution of annual mean APO (AM-APO)





Outline of today's presentation ...

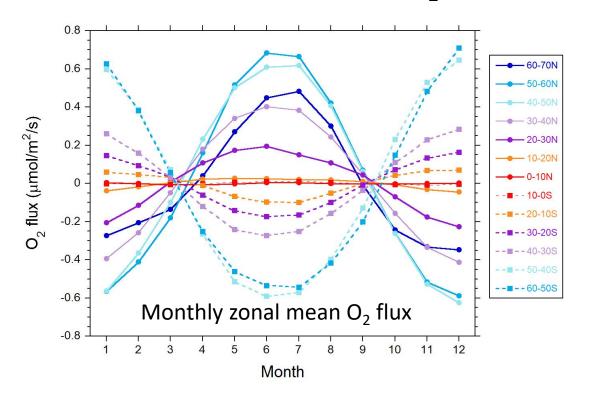
- $\begin{pmatrix} 80 \\ 60 \\ 40 \\ 20 \\ 0 \\ -20 \\ -40 \\ -60 \\ -80 \\ 0 \\ 61 \\ 122 \\ 183 \\ 244 \\ 304 \\ 365 \\ \end{pmatrix}$
- Calculate average seasonal cycles of APO in Pacific region based on the flask samples.
- Compare seasonal cycles between observation and simulation.

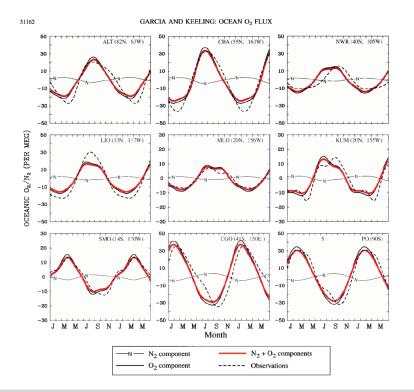
Climatological ocean O₂ fluxes from Garcia and Keeling (2001) was used to simulate APO.

• Examine the difference from the viewpoint of airsea O₂ fluxes.

Garcia & Keeling (2001): Global monthly climatology of air-sea O₂ fluxes

Air-sea O₂ fluxes were estimated from ocean heat flux anomalies and linear regressions between the heat flux anomalies and air-sea O₂ flux.



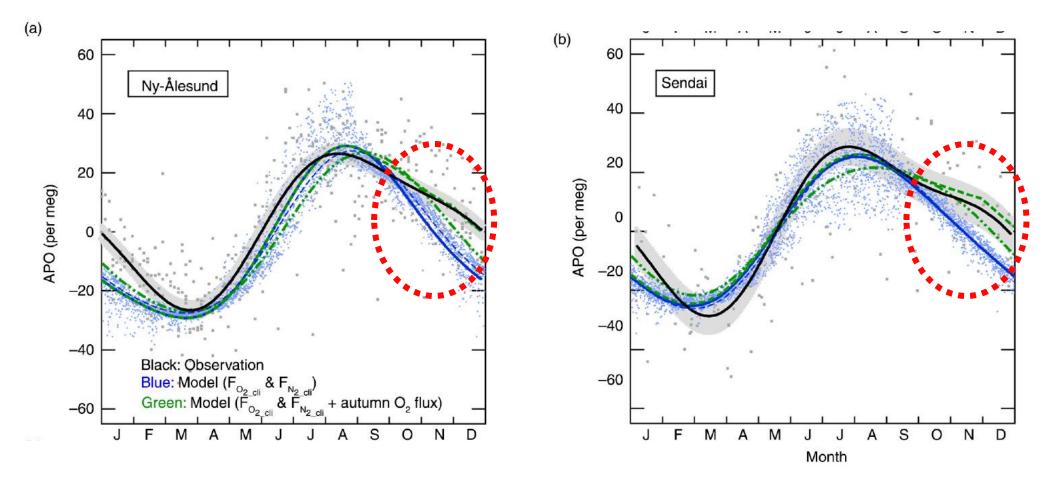


"The simulated O_2/N_2 variations ... lead the atmospheric observations by slightly less than a month. ... some phase lag is expected on the basis of mixed layer equilibration time for O_2 of a few weeks..." (Garcia and Keeling, 2001)

Garcia and Keeling (2001)

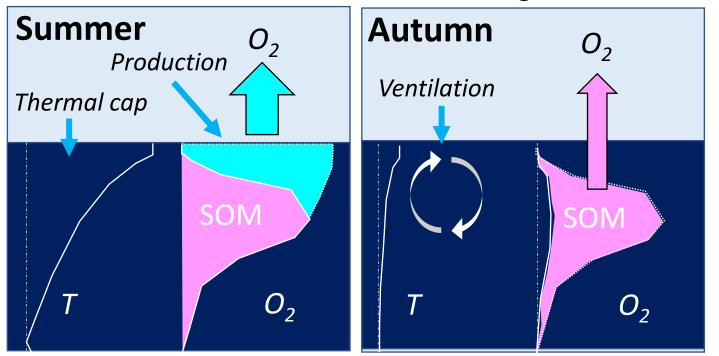
Discrepancy in APO seasonal cycle between observation and model in fall

(Ishidoya et al., 2016)



Potential mechanisms for ocean O₂ emissions in fall

O₂ emission from SOM associated with fall overturning

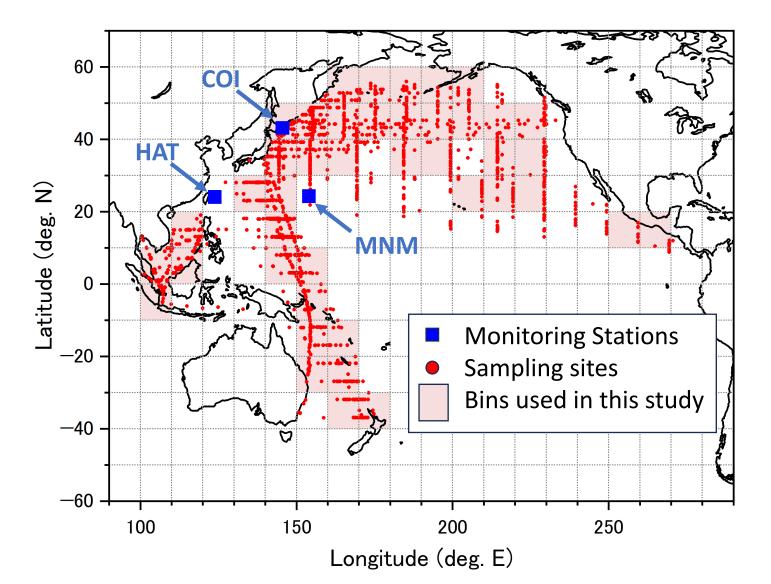


Mechanisms of formation and disappearance of subsurface shallow oxygen maximum (SOM)

 \Box O₂ emission associated with fall blooming Ν latitude S 1996 1997 Dec.1 Dec. 1998 1997 Apr 1 Apr.

Chlorophyll *a* concentration from satellite

Average APO seasonal cycles for three fixed sites and 42 10°x10° bins



Fixed sites:

HAT (Hateruma Island, Jul. 1997~) COI (Cape Ochiishi, Dec. 1999~) MNM (Minamitorishima, 2011~)

Onboard cargo ships: North America route (Dec. 2001~) New Zealand/Australia route (Dec. 2001~) Southeast Asia route (Sep. 2007~)

The APO data from the cargo ships were binned into $10^{\circ} \times 10^{\circ}$ bins (see left figure). The 42 bins, that have enough data number for the seasonal analysis, were used in this study.

Model simulation and regression analysis

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Table 1 Model and data used in simulation

Data sources & model	References
Atmos. Trans. model Meteorological data Calculation period	NIES-TM JRA55 reanalysis data 2000-2016
Ocean fluxes O_2 annual mean N_2 annual mean O_2 seasonal anomaly N_2 seasonal anomaly O_2 monthly mean	Gruber et al. (2001) Gloor et al. (2001) Garcia & Keeling (2001) Blaine (2005) Takahashi et al. (2009)
Fossil fuel O_2 and CO_2 fluxes	CDIAC(2016) CO ₂ _ff x -1.4

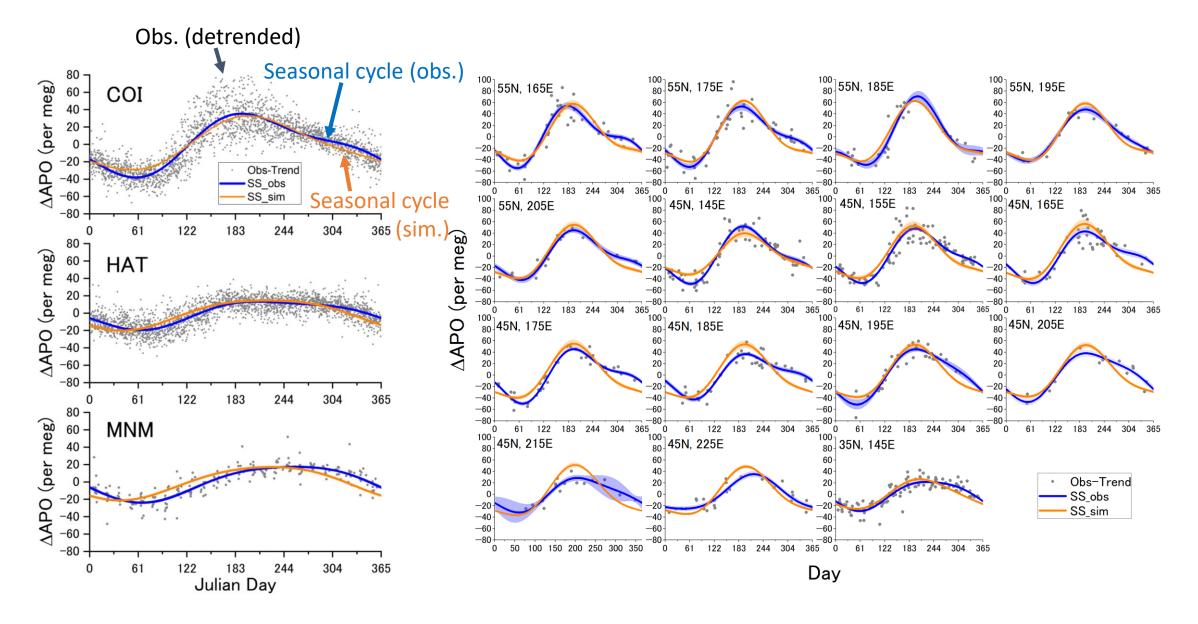
Calculation of seasonal cycle

- 1) Remove the long-term trend (quadratic polynomial) from the data of the fixed site or the 10x10 bin.
- 2) Prepare the dataset of the same size as the original dataset of the detrended APO by random sampling with replacement.
- 3) Fit the above dataset with a function of sum of first and second harmonics by a least square method.

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \{a_i sin(2\pi i t) + b_i cos(2\pi i t)\}$$

Repeat above procedure (n=10000).

Average seasonal cycles in Pacific region



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15S, 165E

35S, 175E

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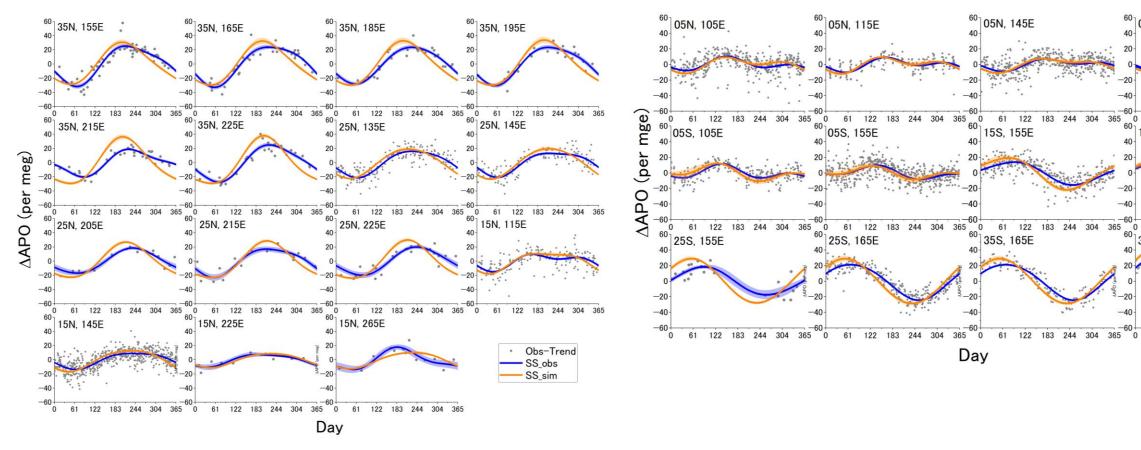
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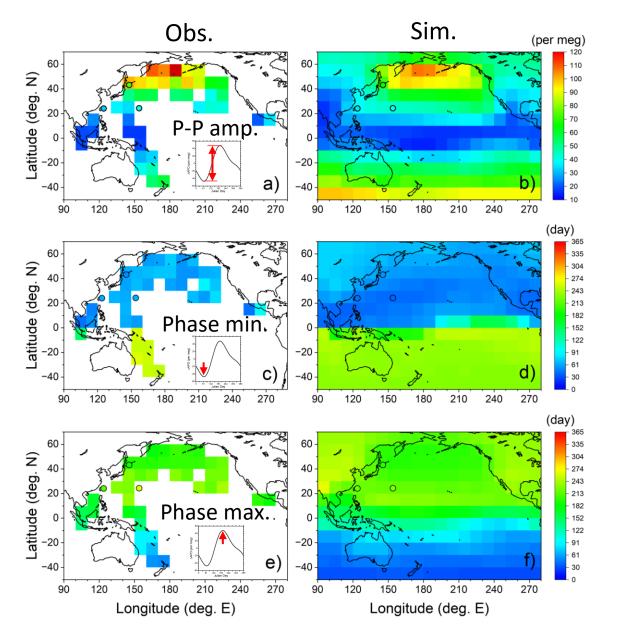
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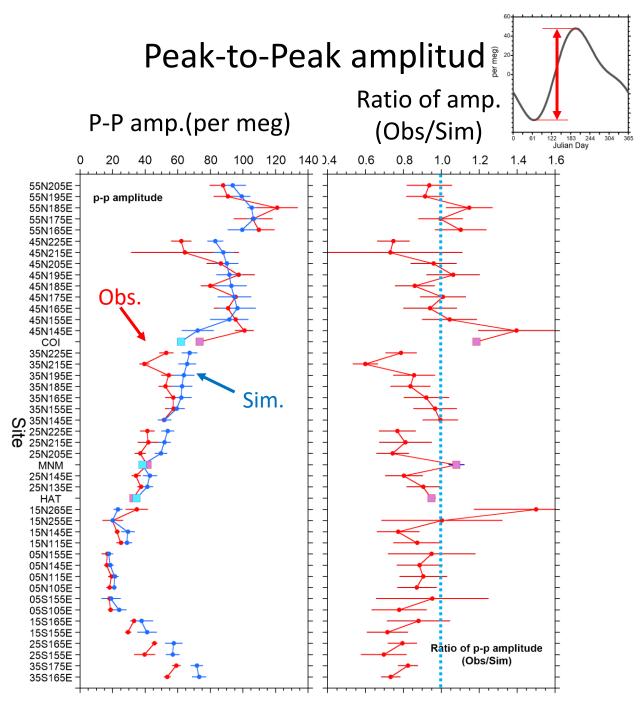
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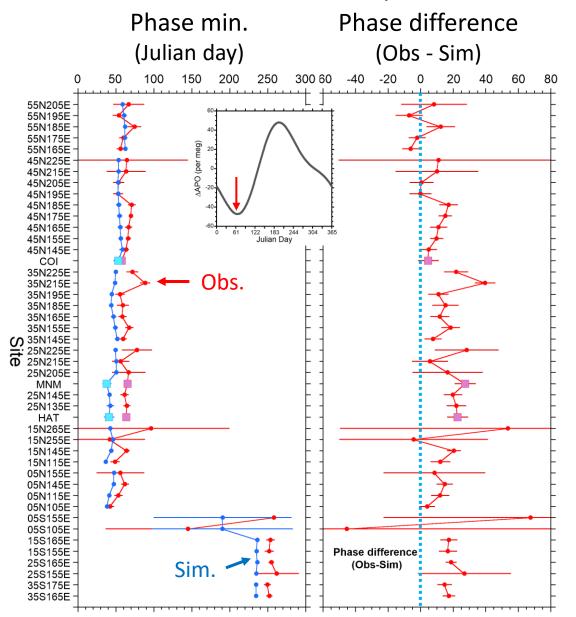


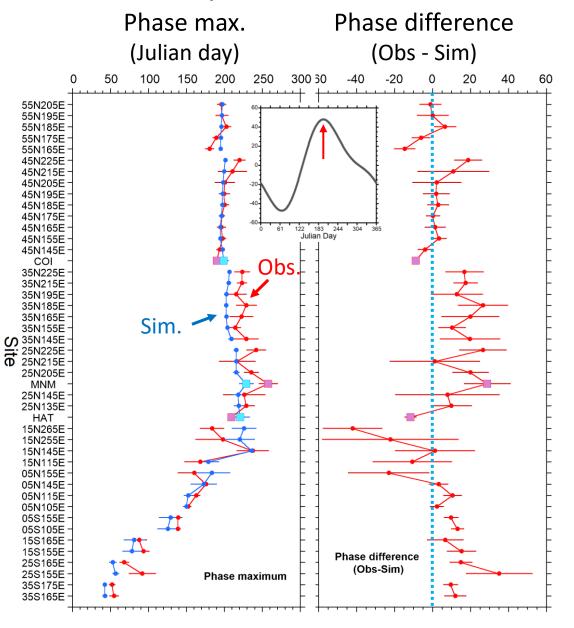
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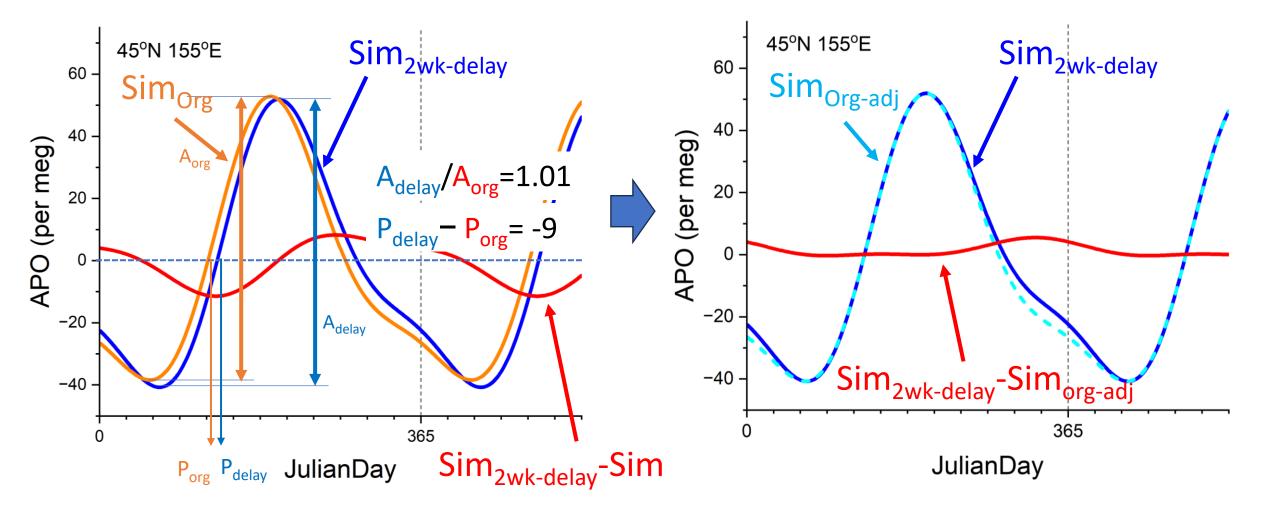


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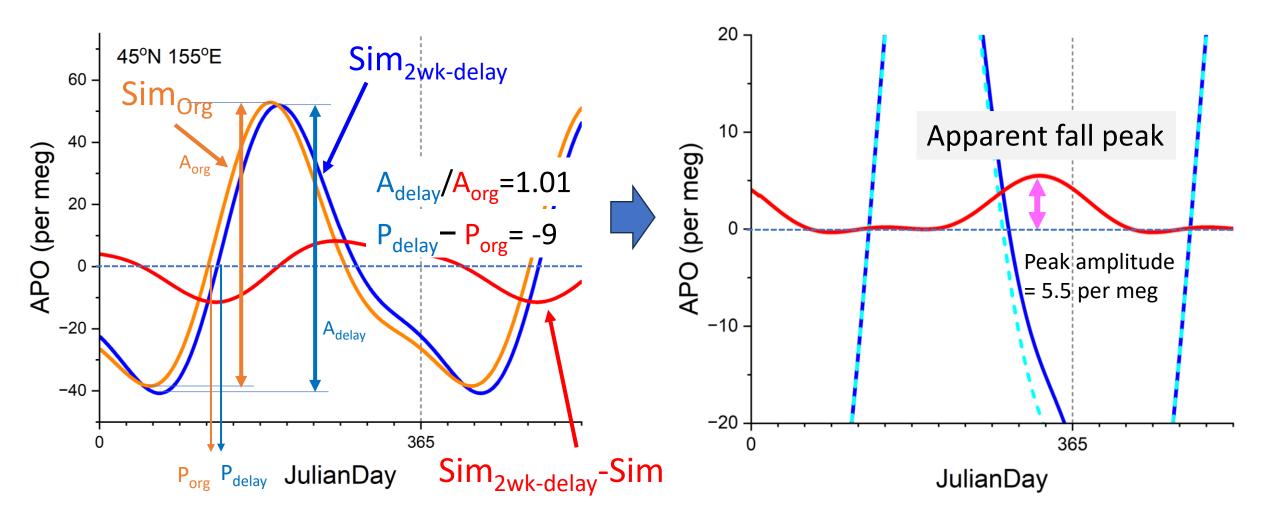




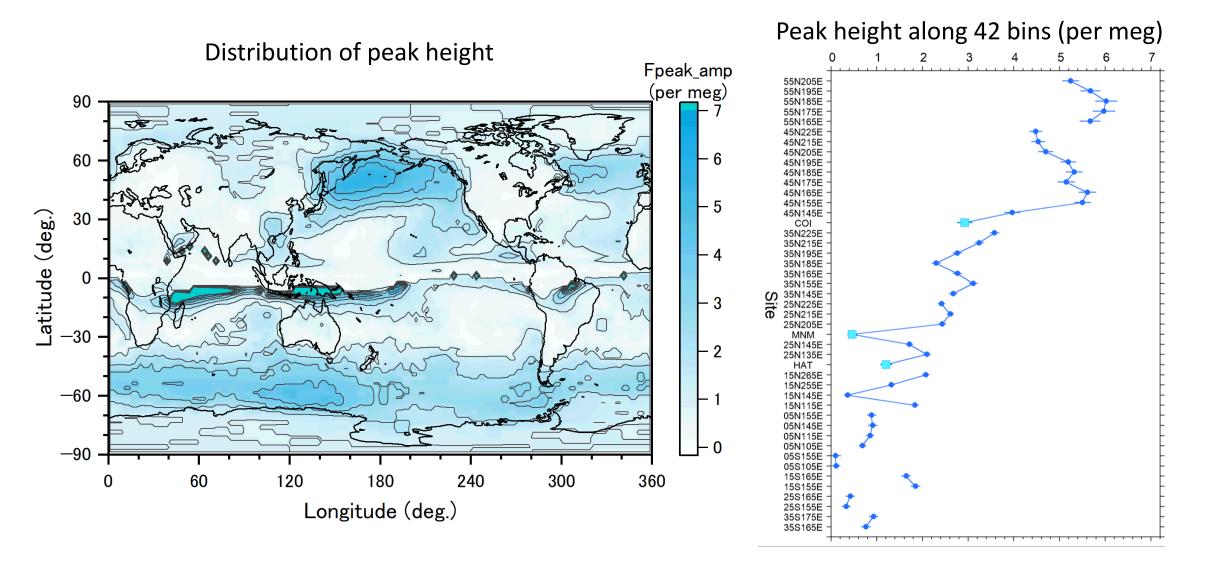
Simulated APO seasonal cycles vs. those based on 2-week delayed O₂ fluxes



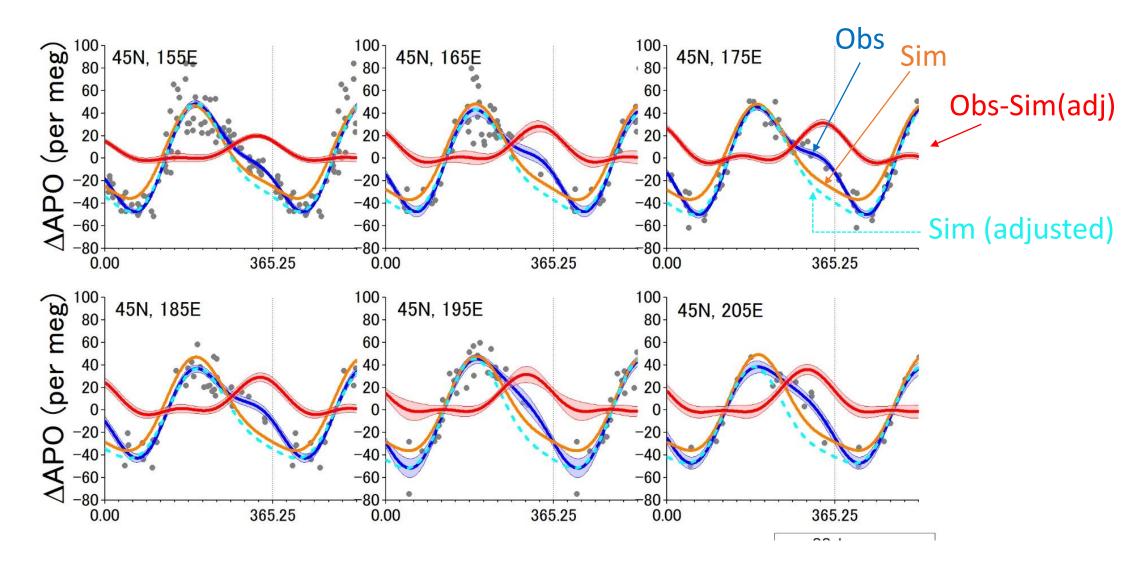
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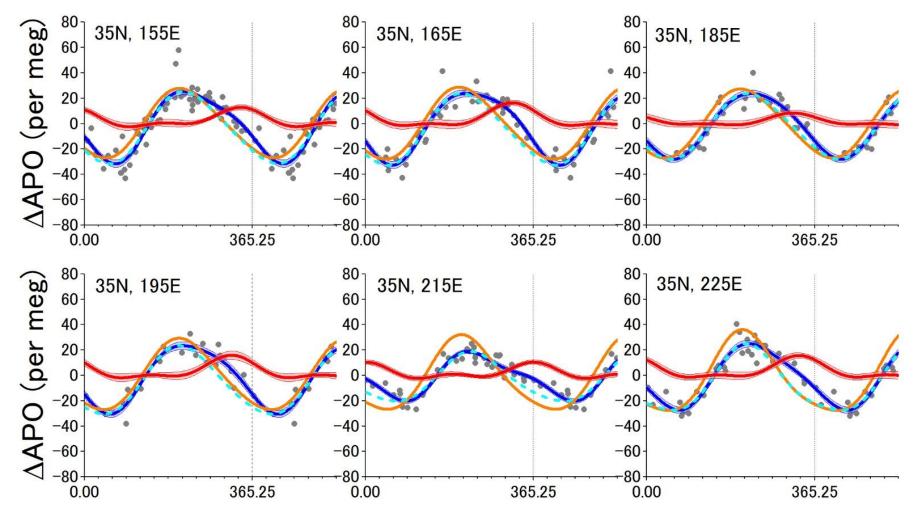
Distribution of peak height of the apparent fall peak derived from 2-week delayed air-sea O₂ fluxes



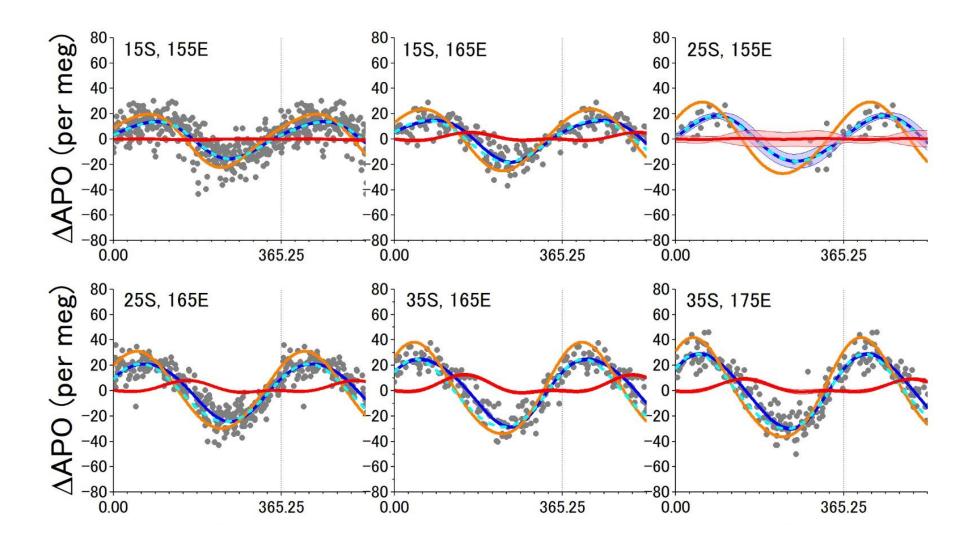
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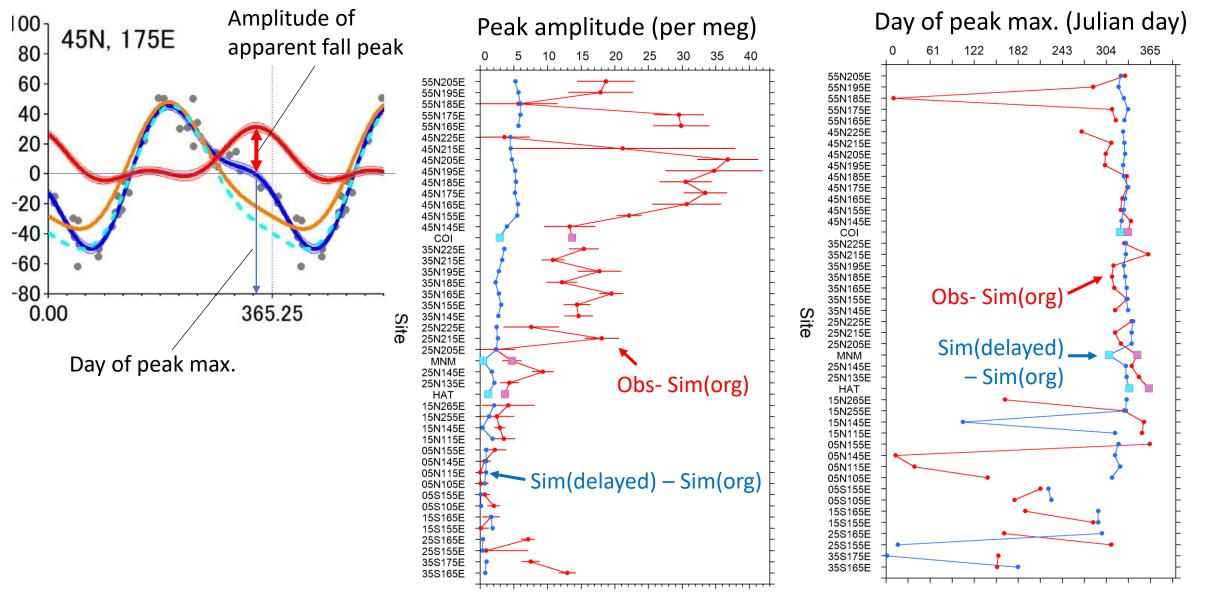
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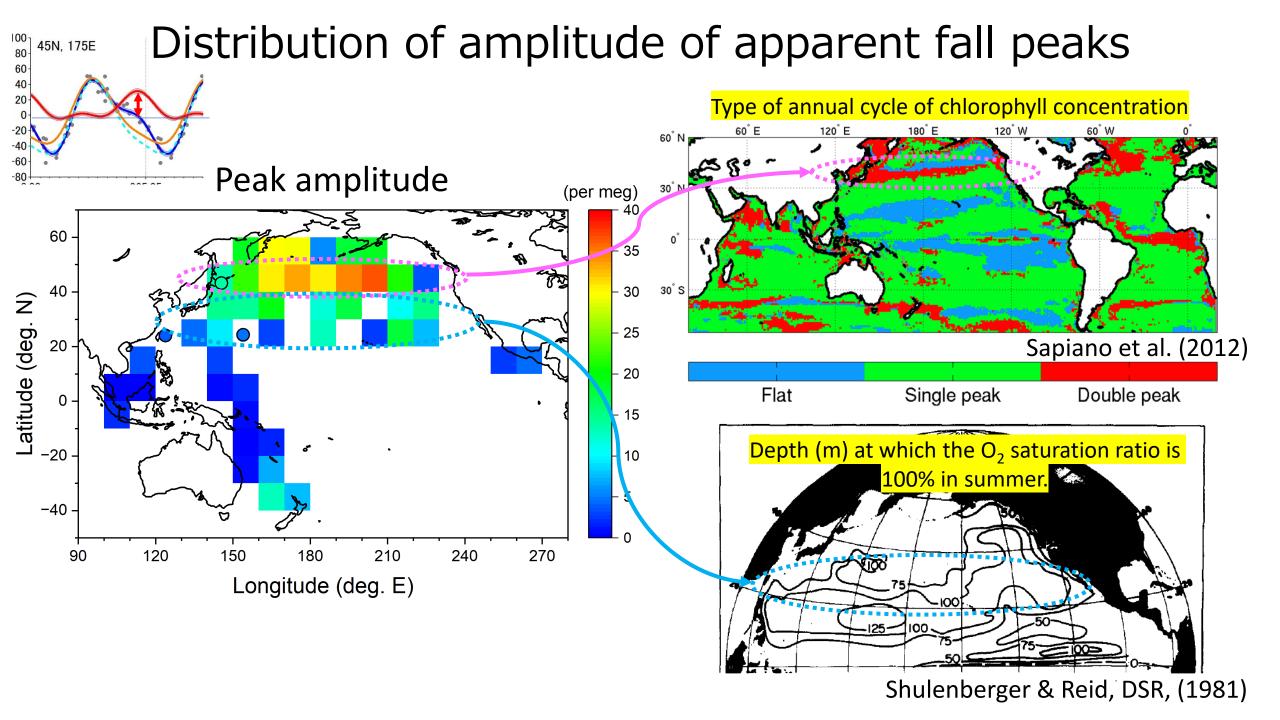


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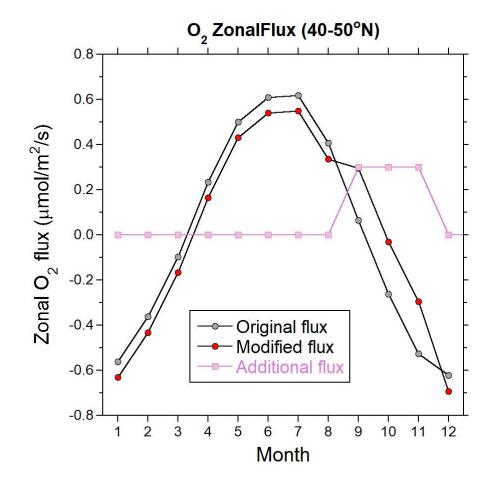


Apparent fall peak derived from observation and simulation





Experimental simulation: modified air-sea O₂ flux

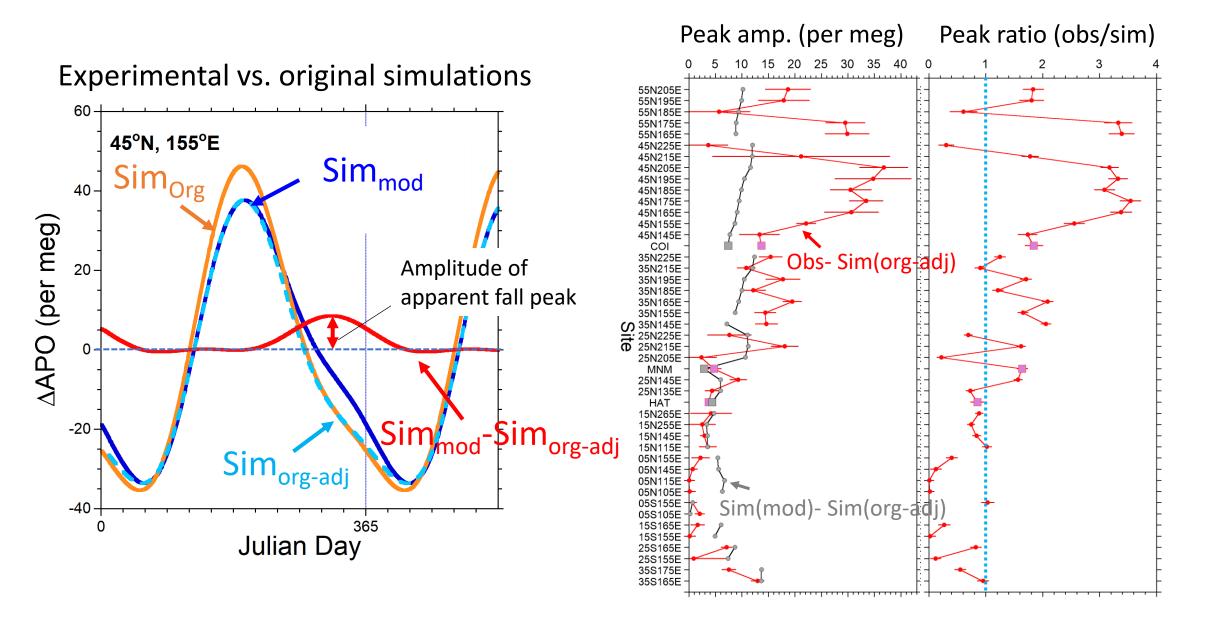


Following flux is added to the original air-sea O₂ fluxes from Garcia and Keeling (2001)

0-60°N Sep.-Nov. +0.3µmol/m²/s 60°S-0 Mar.-May +0.3µmol/m²/s

The O₂ fluxes were vertically shifted so that the annually integrated O₂ flux is zero.

Comparison of apparent fall peaks



Summary

- Simulated seasonal cycles based on climatological air-sea O₂ flux (Garcia and Keeling, 2001) and NIES-TM transport model were compared.
- The differences in the seasonal cycles (obs-sim) showed enhancements during fall-winter (apparent fall peaks).
- The amplitude of the apparent fall peaks are markedly high in latitudinal band of 20-60°N, especially in that of 40-60°N.
- Above fall APO enhancements may be attributed to the oceanic O₂ emissions associated probably with fall blooming in the northern North Pacific and with disappearance of SOM in the mid-latitudinal North Pacific.
- Additional air-sea O₂ fluxes of 0.3μmol/m²/s for 0-60^oN in Sep.-Nov. seem not to be enough to explain the above fall peaks in 30-60^oN.

Important notice (last message)

- Because of my retirement in this fiscal year, the measurements of the flask samples from NIES's network will be taken over by Ishidoya-san (AIST) from next April.
- Therefore, Ar/N_2 measurement coverage will also be expanded as well as O_2/N_2 measurement coverage.
- The O₂/N₂ data for the previous NIES's flasks are now available via NIES's Global Environmental Database (GED).

<u>https://db.cger.nies.go.jp/ged/ja/</u>

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