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Surface, intermediate, and deep-water processes and their interaction in time and space drive the major ocean circulation of the Mediterranean Sea. All major forcing mechanisms, such as surface wind forcing, buoyancy fluxes, lateral mass exchange, and deep convection determining the global oceanic circulation are present in this body of water. Deep and intermediate water masses are

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formed in different areas of the ocean layers and they drive the Mediterranean thermohaline cell, which further shows important analogies with the global ocean conveyor belt. The Mediterranean Sea: Temporal Variability and Spatial Patterns is a comprehensive volume that investigates the temporal and spatial variability patterns in the ocean basin. Volume highlights include: Discussions of state-of-the-art physical and biogeochemical properties of the Mediterranean Sea Multiple physical ocean circulation processes, both in time and spatial scales (basin, sub-basin, and mesoscale) How different regional

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phenomena in the sea influence the biogeochemistry of the basin and the ocean dynamics Spatio-temporal variability of the surface circulation in the western Mediterranean Deep-water variability and inter-basin interactions in the eastern Mediterranean Sea Understanding the link between global ocean circulation patterns and the global climate The Mediterranean Sea will be a valuable resource for geoscientists, oceanographers, and meteorologists.

An innovative survey of large-scale ocean circulation that links observations, conceptual models, numerical models, and theories.

Volume 1 of a three-volume final

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report describes, synthesizes and
analyzes the results of the four-year
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Integrated Research Project CIRCE

– Climate Change and Impact

Research: Mediterranean

Environment, funded by the EU 6th

Framework Programme. Conducted

under the auspices of the National

Institute of Geophysics and

Volcanology in Rome, Italy, CIRCE

was designed to predict and to

quantify the physical impacts of

climate change in the

Mediterranean, and to assess the

most influential consequences for

the region's population. This

volume incorporates the first two

parts of the report, reviewing

current knowledge of observed

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climate variability and trends in the Mediterranean, and including descriptions of available temperature and precipitation station and gridded data sets. Mounting evidence that human activities are substantially modifying the Earth's climate brings a new imperative to the study of the ocean's large-scale circulation. This textbook provides a concise but comprehensive introduction to the theory of large-scale ocean circulation, as it is currently understood and established. Students and instructors will benefit from the carefully chosen chapter-by-chapter exercises. This advanced textbook is invaluable for graduate

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students and researchers in the
fields of oceanic, atmospheric and
climate sciences and other
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geophysical scientists, as well as
physicists and mathematicians with
a quantitative interest in the
planetary fluid environment.

Ocean Circulation in Three
Dimensions

Ice Drift, Ocean Circulation and
Climate Change

Past, Present, and Future

Drivers, Mechanisms and Impacts

Chapter 13. Western Boundary
Currents

A broad perspective of the
ocean as a key component of
the Earth System and of its
role in the past, present, and

future climate change is provided. The ocean is a huge reservoir of heat, mass, carbon, and many other quantities, and their estimated exchange fluxes suggest characteristic timescales of adjustment ranging from decades to many thousands of years. Surface patterns and meridional fluxes of these quantities highlight the important role of the wind-driven circulation and the deep ocean flow systems through all ocean basins. Ocean-dominated phenomena of natural variability, in particular associated with the tropical oceans, are explained.

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The relevance of the ocean circulation for abrupt climate change, as recorded from a variety of paleoclimate records, is discussed. This includes the bipolar seesaw concept which explains many features of interhemispheric response during the sequence of rapid warmings in the past ice age. Finally, the ocean's role during the anthropocene, the time epoch which is dominated by the human-caused increase in greenhouse gases to levels unprecedented in the past 800,000 years, is explored. Both the warming and the increase in atmospheric transport of water

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polewards create conditions for the ocean that may induce large and irreversible changes in the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation.

The book represents all the knowledge we currently have on ocean circulation. It presents an up-to-date summary of the state of the science relating to the role of the oceans in the physical climate system. The book is structured to guide the reader through the wide range of World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) science in a consistent way. Cross-references between contributors have been added,

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and the book has a comprehensive index and unified reference list. The book is simple to read, at the undergraduate level. It was written by the best scientists in the world who have collaborated to carry out years of experiments to better understand ocean circulation. This chapter focuses on numerical models used to understand and predict large-scale circulation, such as the circulation comprising basin and global scales. It is organized according to two themes. The first addresses physical and numerical topics forming a foundation for ocean

models. We focus here on the science of ocean models, in which we ask questions about fundamental processes and develop the mathematical equations for ocean thermohydrodynamics. We also touch upon various methods used to represent the continuum ocean fluid with a discrete computer model, raising such topics as the finite volume formulation of the ocean equations; the choice for vertical coordinate; the complementary issues related to horizontal gridding; and the pervasive questions of subgrid scale parameterizations. The second theme of this chapter

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concerns the applications of ocean models, in particular how to design an experiment and how to analyze results.

This material forms the basis for ocean modelling, with the aim being to mechanistically describe, interpret, understand, and predict emergent features of the simulated, and ultimately the observed, ocean.

For advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students in atmospheric, oceanic, and climate science, *Atmosphere, Ocean and Climate Dynamics* is an introductory textbook on the circulations of the atmosphere

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and ocean and their interaction, with an emphasis on global scales. It will give students a good grasp of what the atmosphere and oceans look like on the large-scale and why they look that way. The role of the oceans in climate and paleoclimate is also discussed. The combination of observations, theory and accompanying illustrative laboratory experiments sets this text apart by making it accessible to students with no prior training in meteorology or oceanography. * Written at a mathematical level that is appealing for undergraduates and beginning graduate

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students * Provides a useful educational tool through a combination of observations and laboratory demonstrations which can be viewed over the web * Contains instructions on how to reproduce the simple but informative laboratory experiments * Includes copious problems (with sample answers) to help students learn the material.

World Ocean Circulation
Experiment Implementation
Plan, Volume 2
Observing and Modelling the
Global Ocean
Chapter 22. Methods and
Applications of Ocean
Synthesis in Climate Research

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Chapter 2. Paleoclimatic
Ocean Circulation and Sea-
Level Changes

Chapter 17. The Arctic and
Subarctic Oceans/Seas

Observations made during the 1990s and 2000s indicate that the Arctic physical environment and associated ecosystem are undergoing remarkable changes. The observed reduction in Arctic sea ice extent is arguably the strongest, most powerful visual symbol of climate change. The Arctic Ocean is changing as well. Here we discuss, from an observational point of view, the present understanding of the circulation, water masses, and stratification of the Arctic Ocean, highlighting the changes that have taken place during the past few

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decades. Many of these ocean signals evolve rapidly, making it essential that the state of the Arctic/Subarctic is observed continually, using all the recent advances that have been made in high-latitude monitoring and in Earth System understanding. Taking recent investigations of the Arctic atmosphere and sea ice as guides, we deem it likely that signatures of anthropogenic climate change in the Arctic/Subarctic Seas will begin to emerge above the high level of natural variability within the next decade. Observations at and below the surface of the oceans are essential for understanding the ocean system and the role played by the ocean in earth's climate, for documenting changes and for initializing, validating, and

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improving ocean models. It is only since the late twentieth century that, thanks to advances in microelectronics, battery technology, and satellite communication, in situ observations (together with satellite observations) have reached a volume and spatial distribution that allow us to track a wide range of global and regional phenomena. This review traces the development of in situ ocean observations primarily from a physical standpoint and describes the internationally coordinated observing networks that now supply these observations. It considers the enormous changes that have occurred in the volume and distribution of these observations and the implication of these changes for defining the evolving

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state of the global ocean. Finally, there is discussion of the prospects for further improving sustained ocean observations and for the delivery of integrated information from interrelated observing networks.

The World Ocean Circulation Experiment drove the development of estimates of the decadal scale time evolving general circulation that are dynamically and kinematically consistent. A long timescale, and a goal of estimation rather than prediction, preclude the use of meteorological methods called “data assimilation (DA).” Instead, “state estimation” methods are reviewed here and distinguished from DA. Results from the dynamically consistent family of solutions from the project Estimating

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*the Circulation and Climate of the
Ocean based upon least-squares
Lagrange multipliers (adjoints)* are

used to discuss the determination of the dominant elements of the circulation in the period since 1992—which marked the beginning of the satellite altimetric record. Significant changes documented in the Arctic in recent decades now mandate consideration of the coupled ocean-cryospheric state. Sea ice, which covers up to 7% of the planet’s surface, is a major component of the world’s oceans, partly driving ocean circulation and global climate patterns. It provides a habitat for a rich diversity of marine organisms, and is an extremely valuable source of information in studies of global climate change and the evolution of present

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day life forms. Increasingly sea ice is being used as a proxy for extraterrestrial ice covered systems. Sea Ice provides a comprehensive review of our current available knowledge of polar pack ice, the study of which is severely constrained by the logistic difficulties of working in such harsh and remote regions of the earth. The book's editors, Drs Thomas and Dieckmann have drawn together an impressive group of international contributing authors, providing a well-edited and integrated volume, which will stand for many years as the standard work on the subject. Contents of the book include details of the growth, microstructure and properties of sea ice, large-scale variations in thickness and characteristics, its

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*primary production, micro-and
macrobiology, sea ice as a habitat for
birds and mammals, sea ice
biogeochemistry, particulate flux, and
the distribution and significance of
palaeo sea ice. Sea Ice is an essential
purchase for oceanographers and
marine scientists, environmental
scientists, biologists, geochemists and
geologists. All those involved in the
study of global climate change will find
this book to contain a wealth of
important information. All libraries in
universities and research
establishments where these subjects
are studied and taught will need
multiple copies on their shelves. David
Thomas is at the School of Ocean
Sciences, University of Wales, Bangor,
UK. Gerhard Dieckmann is at the*

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Germany*

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World Ocean Circulation Experiment

Implementation Plan, Volume 1

Scientific Background

Mechanisms and Impacts -- Past and

Future Changes of Meridional

Overturning

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Basic Concepts: Composition,

Structure, and State. First and Second

Laws of Thermodynamics. Transfer

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This three-volume set presents entries
and primary sources that will impress
on readers that what we do—or don't
do—today regarding climate change will
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worldwide issue that affects everyone • Suggests remedies for this serious problem, most notably a rapid rise in the implementation of wind power generation and a coming revolution in solar energy • Impresses on readers that what Americans and the citizens and governments of other nations around the globe do over the next decades will determine the future of this planet for many tens of thousands of years to come • Includes primary documents sourced from major scientific journals and from the many reports on recent climate change from governmental organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO), both part of the United Nations; and the

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U.S. government's National Climate
Assessment

The oceans play a crucial role in the Earth's climate system due largely to their ability to store and transport heat. The instrumental record, spanning an order of magnitude of 100 years, is short compared with some of the important timescales of climate variability. To understand the oceans' role in these long-term changes, proxy data from sediments, ice cores, and corals must be used. Using these proxy data, we examine the evidence for past ocean circulation and sea-level changes before instrumental oceanographic measurements began. We discuss what paleoclimatic data can tell us about past ocean states and what can be learned from ocean and climate

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models. Particular foci of the chapter are the ocean circulation and sea-level changes during the Quaternary and the Cretaceous, two particularly interesting periods in Earth's history. The Quaternary covers the past 2.5 million years and is characterized by periodic glaciations, while the Cretaceous, reaching back around 100 million years, had a warm greenhouse climate with a weak temperature gradient between the tropics and the poles. The thermodynamic properties of seawater have recently been redefined as the International Thermodynamic Equation of Seawater—2010 (TEOS-10 for short), and here we summarize the changes to oceanographic practices that are needed to take advantage of this new international standard. A key

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feature of TEOS-10 is that the thermodynamic quantities are functions of a new salinity variable, Absolute Salinity, which incorporates the effects of spatial differences in seawater composition. TEOS-10 also treats the “heat content” of seawater in a more consistent and natural fashion through the introduction of a new temperature variable, Conservative Temperature, which replaces potential temperature. Since TEOS-10 includes fundamental equations of state also for ice and for humid air, thermodynamically consistent and complete relationships now exist between all the thermodynamic properties of fresh water, seawater, ice and humid air.

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Sea Ice

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Strong, persistent currents along the western boundaries of the world's major ocean basins are called "western boundary currents" (WBCs). This chapter describes the structure and dynamics of WBCs, their roles in basin-scale circulation, regional variability, and their influence on atmosphere and climate. WBCs are largely a manifestation of wind-driven circulation; they compensate the meridional Sverdrup transport induced by the winds over the ocean interior. Some WBCs also play a role in the global

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thermohaline circulation, through inter-gyre and inter-basin water exchanges. After separation from the boundary, most WBCs have zonal extensions, which exhibit high eddy kinetic energy due to flow instabilities, and large surface fluxes of heat and carbon dioxide. The WBCs described here in detail are the Gulf Stream, Brazil and Malvinas Currents in the Atlantic, the Somali and Agulhas Currents in the Indian, and the Kuroshio and East Australian Current in the Pacific Ocean.

This book contains articles presenting current knowledge about the formation and renewal of deep waters in the ocean. These articles were presented at an international

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workshop at the Naval

Postgraduate School in Monterey in

March 1990. It is the first book

entirely devoted to the topic of deep

water formation in which articles

have been both selected and

reviewed, and it is also the first time

authors have addressed both

surface and deep mixed layers.

Highlighted are: past and recent

observations (description and

analysis), concepts and models,

and modern techniques for future

research. Thanks to spectacular

advances realised in computing

sciences over the last twenty years

this volume includes a number of

sophisticated numerical models.

Observational as well as theoretical

studies are presented and a clear

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distinction is established between open-ocean deep convection and shelf processes, both leading to deep- and bottom-water formation. The main subject addressed is the physical mechanism by which the deep water in the ocean can be renewed. Ventilation occurs at the surface in areas called the gyres, where water is mixed and oxygenated before sinking and spreading in the abyss of the deep ocean. This phenomenon is a very active area for both experimentalists and theoreticians because of its strong implications for the understanding of the world ocean circulation and Earth climate. This major theme sheds light on specific and complex processes

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happening in very restricted areas still controlling three quarters of the total volume of the ocean. All articles include illustrations and a bibliography. This book will be of particular interest to physical oceanographers, earth scientists, environmentalists and climatologists.

This book presents the views of leading scientists on the knowledge of the global ocean circulation following the completion of the observational phase of the World Ocean Circulation Experiment. WOCE's in situ physical and chemical measurements together with satellite altimetry have produced a data set which provides for development of ocean and

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coupled ocean-atmosphere
circulation models used for
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understanding ocean and climate variability and projecting climate change. This book guides the reader through the analysis, interpretation, modelling and synthesis of this data.

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Dynamics

Regional Assessment of Climate

Change in the Mediterranean

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Chapter 16. The Marine

Cryosphere

Chapter 1. The Ocean as a

Component of the Climate System

This book provides a general

introduction to the popular topic

of climate variability. It explores

various aspects of climate

variability and change from

different perspectives, ranging

from the basic nature of low-

frequency atmospheric

variability to the adaptation to

climate variability and change.

This easy and accessible book

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can be used by professionals and non professionals alike. The issue of global warming and climate change is of continuous concern. Since the 1970s, it has been shown that the pack-ice around the Arctic Ocean is thinning, the margin of permafrost is moving north and the vegetation in the high northern parts of the world is changing (the 'greening' of the Arctic). But are these changes the result of human activity or simply regular variations of the Earth's climate system? Over thousands of years, a continuous archive of iceberg and sea ice drift has formed in the deep-sea sediments,

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revealing the place of the ice's origin and allowing a reconstruction of the surface currents and the climate of the past. However, the drift of floating ice from one place to another is not just a passive record of past ocean circulation. It actively influences and changes the surface ocean circulation, thus having a profound effect on climate change. Ice Drift, Ocean Circulation and Climate Change is the first book to focus on the interactions between ice, the ocean and the atmosphere and to describe how these three components of the climate system influence each other. It

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**makes clear the positive
contribution of paleoclimatology
and paleoceanography and
should be read by anyone
concerned with global warming
and climate change.**

**Ocean Mixing: Drivers,
Mechanisms and Impacts
presents a broad panorama of
one of the most rapidly-
developing areas of marine
science. It highlights the state-of-
the-art concerning knowledge of
the causes of ocean mixing, and
a perspective on the
implications for ocean
circulation, climate,
biogeochemistry and the marine
ecosystem. This edited volume
places a particular emphasis on**

elucidating the key future questions relating to ocean mixing, and emerging ideas and activities to address them, including innovative technology developments and advances in methodology. Ocean Mixing is a key reference for those entering the field, and for those seeking a comprehensive overview of how the key current issues are being addressed and what the priorities for future research are. Each chapter is written by established leaders in ocean mixing research; the volume is thus suitable for those seeking specific detailed information on sub-topics, as well as those seeking a broad synopsis of

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current understanding. It provides useful ammunition for those pursuing funding for specific future research campaigns, by being an authoritative source concerning key scientific goals in the short, medium and long term.

Additionally, the chapters contain bespoke and informative graphics that can be used in teaching and science communication to convey the complex concepts and phenomena in easily accessible ways.

- Presents a coherent overview of the state-of-the-art research concerning ocean mixing**
- Provides an in-depth discussion of how ocean mixing**

impacts all scales of the planetary system • Includes elucidation of the grand challenges in ocean mixing, and how they might be addressed Formation of the deepest waters of the World Ocean occurs in limited regions of the global ocean, primarily in the northern North Atlantic where North Atlantic Deep Water (NADW) is formed, and at a number of sites around the continental margins of Antarctica where Antarctic Bottom Waters (AABW) are formed. The deepwater formation processes play a significant role in determining the large-scale physical and biogeochemical properties of

the deep ocean. These limited regions provide a conduit from the surface into the vast volumes of water in the deep ocean. We report in this chapter on observed physical and biochemical changes in the deep ocean and discuss these in the context of deepwater formation. Intensive observation programs in the North Atlantic during the past decades have demonstrated that there have been significant changes in the volumes and properties of Upper and Lower NADW as well as AABW. Studies have found systematic warming of AABW during the past two decades along a number of its major flow

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pathways, as well as evidence for a reduction in overall volume of AABW in the global deep ocean. Lower NADW, on the other hand, has been undergoing systematic cooling for the past four decades, whereas Upper NADW (primarily Labrador Sea Water) has been exposed to large decadal variability, both in properties and formation rates. In total, the deepwaters of the World Ocean (beneath ca. 2000–3000m) have warmed during the past two decades. Changes in the deep ocean can have enormous influence on Earth's climate. Warming of the deep ocean makes a significant contribution

to global sea level rise. The capacity of the deep ocean to take up and store anthropogenic CO₂ has and will have a major impact on the CO₂ content of the atmosphere now and far into the future. Paleoceanographic studies have provided evidence that despite the century-long timescales associated with renewal of deepwater, rapid, major changes in deepwater formation and deep ocean circulation have occurred in the past, resulting in rapid changes in Earth's climate. Continued monitoring and analysis are necessary to follow and understand the changes in the deep ocean—this is a very

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**important component of Earth's
climate.**

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Ocean Circulation**

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Present Status, and Future
Directions**

Explores the role of the ocean
in fast climate changes in the

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past and conceivable future. The first half of the 16 papers present data interpretation, hypotheses based on data analyses, and ideas that shed new light on past climates and their evolution. The remaining papers describe climate system models that focus on the global ocean, starting with simpler, ocean-only models that develop into full, three-dimensional models of entire climate systems. Topics include the key climate transitions during the Quaternary period, stochastic resonance in the North Atlantic, and the relationship between glacial- to-interglacial

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changes of ocean circulation
and eolian sediment transport.
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The polar oceans interact with both sea ice, formed in situ at the ocean surface, and land ice, flowing under gravity from the land onto the ocean surface. This ice-ocean interaction has profound consequences for the ocean and climate in a number of ways: a change in ocean surface albedo and surface energy balance where there is ice cover compared with open ocean, a change in global sea level when land ice flows into the ocean, and a transformation of water

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masses through melting or freezing of ice which subsequently influences the global conveyor belt. Another type of ice-ocean interaction, less well understood, is that between marine permafrost at the seafloor and the overlying ocean waters. Collectively, we refer to sea ice, land ice, and marine permafrost as the marine cryosphere. In this chapter, we review current understanding of the interaction of the marine cryosphere with the global ocean and discuss emerging technologies to improve observations and numerical modeling of these interactions.

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Projections for the state of the marine cryosphere into the current century and beyond are reviewed.

Ocean Currents is a derivative of the Encyclopedia of Ocean Sciences, 2nd Edition and serves as an important reference on current ocean current knowledge and expertise in one convenient and accessible source. Its selection of articles—all written by experts in their field—focuses on key ocean current concepts. Its topics include ocean currents, the circulation of deep water, the contrasting circulations of the seas, the circulation in fjords,

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estuaries and the effects of rivers, and the intermittency and variability of the oceans. Ocean Currents serves as an ideal reference for topical research. References related articles on ocean currents to facilitate further research Richly illustrated with figures and tables that aid in understanding key concepts Includes an introductory overview of ocean currents and then explores each topic in detail, making it useful to experts and graduate-level researchers Topical arrangement makes it the perfect desk reference In this chapter, we review the

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physical processes that create the mean and variable circulation features along the eastern margins of the ocean basins. Rather than describing the individual systems, we describe the processes and their variability between the systems, dividing the discussion into the low-, mid- and high-latitude regions. We start with the low latitudes, since their signals often move poleward along the coastal wave guides into the midlatitudes, which are the well-known eastern boundary upwelling systems. Our treatment of the higher latitudes is limited to examples

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from the better-studied NE
Pacific Basin (The Alaska
Current).

Ocean Currents

Chapter 21. Dynamically and
Kinematically Consistent Global
Ocean Circulation and Ice State
Estimates

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Precipitation and Water

Oceanobs'19: An Ocean of
Opportunity. Volume II

Relationships Between Coastal
Sea Level and Large Scale
Ocean Circulation

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Geophysical Monograph Series,
Volume 173. The ocean's
meridional overturning circulation***

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(MOC) is a key factor in climate change. The Atlantic MOC, in particular, is believed to play an active role in the regional and global climate variability. It is associated with the recent debate on rapid climate change, the Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation (AMO), global warming, and Atlantic hurricanes. This is the first book to deal with all aspects of the ocean's large-scale meridional overturning circulation, and is a coherent presentation, from a mechanistic point of view, of our current understanding of paleo, present-day, and future variability and change. It presents the current state of the science by bringing together the world's leading experts in physical, chemical, and biological

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oceanography, marine geology, geochemistry, paleoceanography, and climate modeling. A mix of overview and research papers makes this volume suitable not only for experts in the field, but also for students and anyone interested in climate change and the oceans. This volume offers a broad and comprehensive examination of observational, modeling and theoretical aspects of coastal sea level science. The collection of overview articles provides up-to-date information on the causes of coastal sea level variability and change, contributes to better understanding of the influence of large-scale climate signals and open ocean processes on the

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