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Possible impacts of climate change

-from offshore to the coastal and estuarine regions

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1.Background

2. Climate change—Ocean Basins — coastal processes

Ocean circulation& Sea Level

Tropical cyclones & Salt water intrusion



Background: Importance



Background: coastal and climate change



Background: large scale ocean basins and climate change



Hu et al., 2020



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Changes of Western Boundary Current (WBC)



There are strong WBCs in subtropical Oceans : Kuroshio Current, Gulf Stream, East Australia Current, Agulhas Current and Brazial Current.

Under global warming, the KC, EAC and BC is projected to intensified.

> What's the impact?

Wang et al., 2015; Chen et al., 2019



Change of large scale ocean circulation





Wang et al., 2015

Water mass load onto the continental shelves

Chen et al., 2021



Landerer et al., 2007

- More than 90% of the total projected sea level rise over the continental shelves of the China Seas will result from mass contributions and only a minor contribution will result from local steric.
- Mean that global warming tend to push water mass onto the continental shelves from the open oceans.
- So as the shallow sea near Brazil.
- > What's the impact?



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Northward shift of tropical cyclone tracks over the North Pacific



Abnormal salinity increase under strong north wind



Saltwater intrusion in the Changjiang Estuary



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- 1.Although we discuss the coastal processes under climate change today, the linkages among climate change, basin scale ocean and coast are very important.
- 2.We need to pay more attention the ways that the climate change affects coast processes.

