Introduction to NPOCE
(Northwest Pacific Ocean Circulation and Climate Experiment)

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(Australia, China, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and USA)

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Goals and Objectives of NPOCE

The GOAL of NPOCE is to improve the understanding of the NWP ocean circulation dynamics and its role in warm pool maintenance and low-frequency variability, modulation of ENSO cycle, the EAM variability, and tropical cyclones.
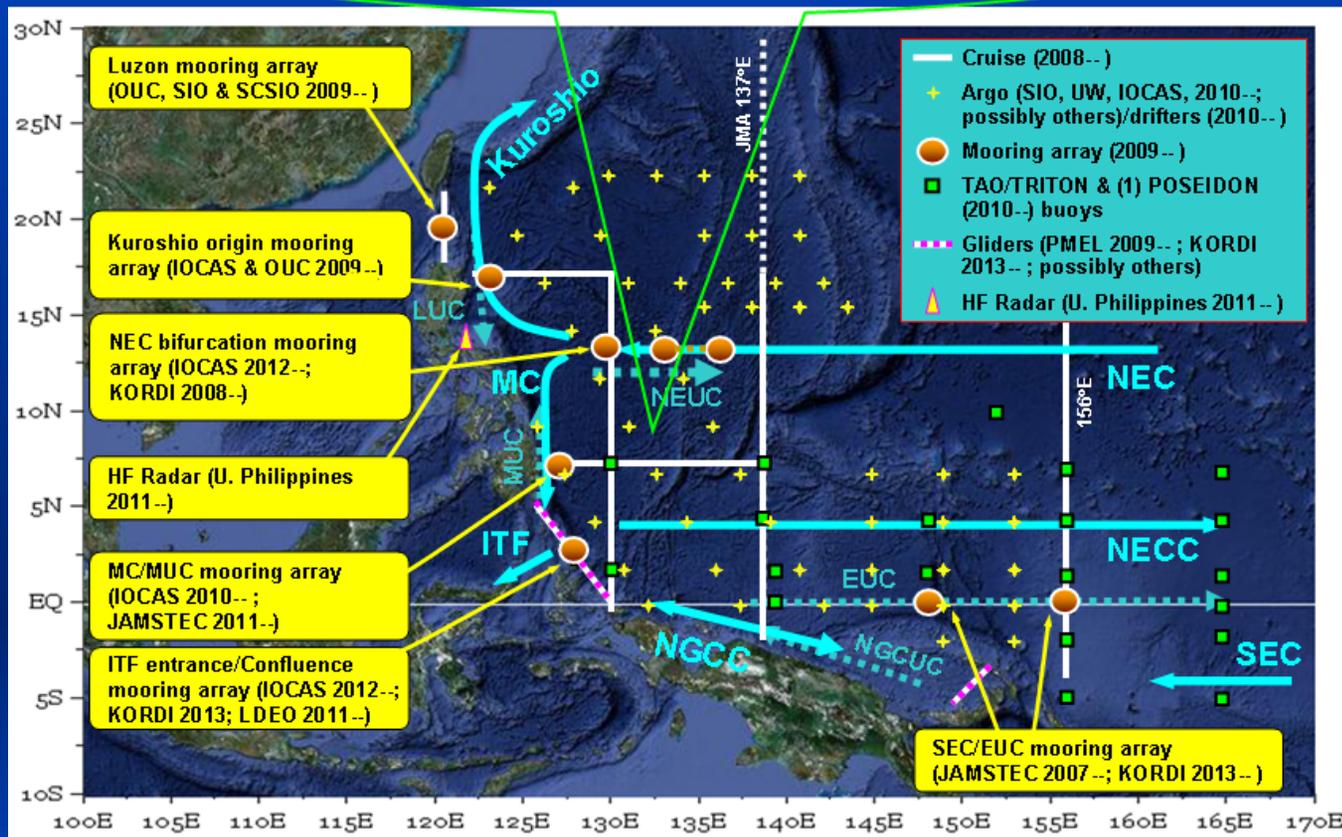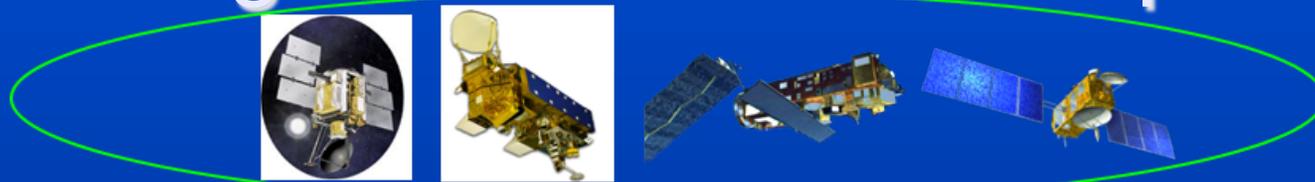
Theme1: Western Boundary Currents

Theme2: Interaction with Ambient Circulation Systems

Theme3: Roles in Warm Pool Maintenance and Variability

Theme4: Regional Air-Sea Interaction and Climatic Impacts

Design of NPOCE field experiment

(From NPOCE Science/Implementation Plan, 2010)

NPOCE Timetable

	2004 --- 2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
PROGRAM PLANNING	NPOCE Workshops Formulation of Scientific Issues Observation Program Design Review, Submission to CLIVAR					Adjustment, Response to New Development			
OBSERVATIONS	Initial Hydrographic Cruise High Frequency Radar		Hydrographic Cruises, Moorings Argo Floats Deployments Gliders Buoys Satellite Remote Sensing						
NUMERICAL MODELLING	Nested Regional Models Data Assimilation High Resolution Models (100m) Coupled Climate Models Analysis of Other Models, Inter-model Comparison								

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well organized study in the whole western Pacific
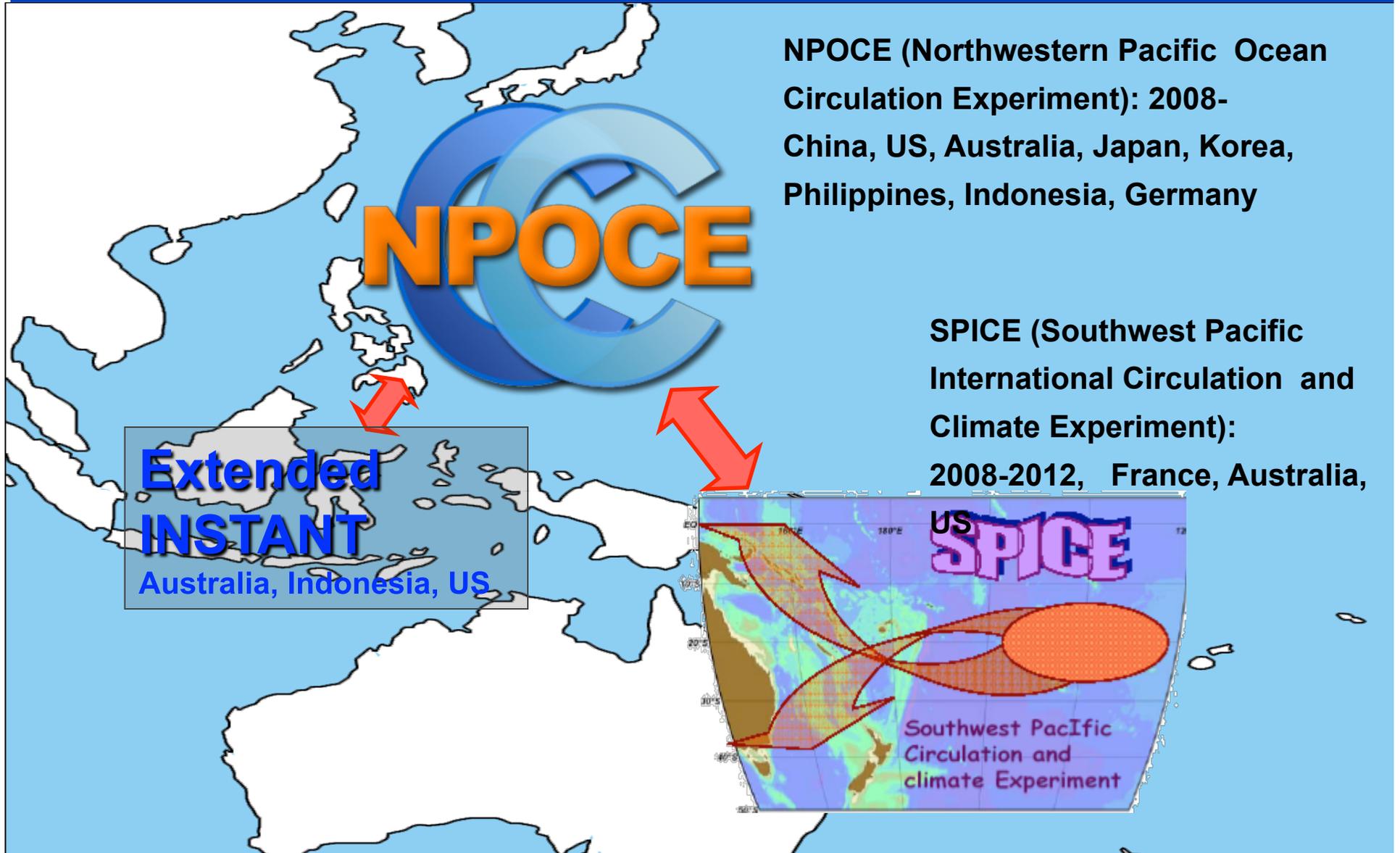
NPOCE (Northwestern Pacific Ocean Circulation Experiment): 2008-China, US, Australia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Germany

SPICE (Southwest Pacific International Circulation and Climate Experiment): 2008-2012, France, Australia, US

Extended INSTANT
Australia, Indonesia, US