Abstract

find the high temperature water mass along 100° W and the low temperature water mass along 135° W. The reason for the appearance of such different water masses can not be explained clearly, but we infer that the distributions of anticyclonic and cyclonic circulations are influenced by the circumpolar current related to the bottom topographical relief.

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THERMAL OSCILLATION IN AN ICE-COVERED OCEAN (Abstract)

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An analytical model of ice-covered ocean is presented to interpret the thermal oscillation in a numerical model of the Arctic Ocean described by SAKAI and IMAWAKI (Mem. Natl Inst. Polar Res., Spec. Issue, 24, 246, 1982). The model is a thermodynamical two-layer one, where the coefficient of the vertical diffusion has two discrete values according to the static stability. The model ocean is driven by three forcings; freshening by the river runoff, cooling through the sea surface, and supplies of heat and salinity from an adjacent basin. The effect of sea ice is parameterized by the surface cooling rate which varies according to the upper layer temperature.

Three qualitatively different solutions are obtained; a stably stratified solution, an unstably stratified solution, and a self-sustained oscillation, where the former two states appear alternately. It is important for the oscillation that the water density nonlinearly depends on the temperature near the freezing point. (Received April 1, 1983)

COMPUTER SIMULATION OF THE ICE SHEET IN THE SHIRASE BASIN, ANTARCTICA (Abstract)

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A three-dimensional numerical model is developed to simulate the time variation of the form of the ice sheet in the Shirase Basin, Antarctica. The model is composed of two-dimensional grids on which the mass flux of ice is computed so as to satisfy the equation of the continuity. Local conditions of the flow of ice, particularly the effect of the depth profile of temperature, are considered. Adopting a simple method for calculating the mass flux developed by the same authors (NAGAO *et al.*: Mem. Natl Inst. Polar Res., Spec. Issue, **24**, 192, 1982), procedures of numerical calculations are simplified. Areal grids of 50 km distances covering the basin are used, paying special attentions to the boundary conditions at its margin and glacier tongue.

Results of the calculations show that a nearly stable form of the ice sheet could