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海洋は炭素の大きなリザーバーであり、人間活動によって放出された二酸化炭素の 30%以上を吸収している (Sabine et al., 2004)。この吸収により、表層海水の pH 及び鉱物の飽和度は低下する (Kleypas et al., 2006)。今世紀中に海水の pH が 0.3 から 0.5 低下する、海洋酸性化が問題となっている (Caldeira and Wickett, 2003)。これまでの海洋酸性化に関する研究では、上昇する二酸化炭素濃度に対して、生物（主に炭酸塩鉱物を殻に持つ石灰化生物）の生産量や石灰化速度がどのように影響を受けるかということに着目してきた。一方、炭酸塩の溶解については、その影響がより強く出る極域や深海では重要と考えられてきたが、サンゴなどの石灰化生物が棲息する熱帯域の浅海は、アラレ石の飽和度 ( $\Omega_a$ ) が 1 以下になることはないため、炭酸塩鉱物の溶解は考慮されていなかった。しかし近年の観測で、表層海水の  $\Omega_a$  が 1 より大きい過飽和の状態にもかかわらず、夜間に炭酸塩の溶解がサンゴ礁域で起きていることが報告された (Yates and Halley, 2006; Cyronak et al., 2013)。これは、有孔虫や紅藻がつくるアラレ石よりも溶けやすいマグネシウム方解石が溶解している影響だと考えられる。しかし、生物起源のマグネシウム方解石の溶解閾値については正確には定まっていない。さらに、実際のフィールドにおいて、潮位や流れ、光量などを考慮したサンゴ礁砂地の溶解メカニズムは依然として分かっていない。またそもそも、これまでの研究では、現場で起きている溶解反応は、水柱の海水と堆積物の表面における単純な反応として捉えられていた。しかし、実際に溶解反応で表れる水柱の海水のアルカリ度の増加は、堆積物中の間隙水のアルカリ度プロファイルと、流れや水温といった物理要素によって決まる拡

散係数の積によって決まるはずである。すなわち、堆積物中のアルカリ度及び酸素などのプロファイルがどのような条件によって決まるかを明らかにし、自然界における流動環境での拡散係数を求めることが、水柱のアルカリ度の増加のメカニズムを解明するうえで重要となる。

こうしたことを踏まえ本研究では、

(1)  $\text{CO}_2$  添加によって作り出された海水を用いて、生物起源のマグネシウム方解石の溶解の閾値、及び溶解速度と飽和度 $\Omega_a$ の関係を、室内溶解実験によって明らかにすると共に、

(2) フィールドにおける自然条件下でのサンゴ礁砂地の溶解速度を、流速可変チャンバーを使った実験によって測定した。

(3) さらに、渦相関法による水柱-堆積物境界層における酸素フラックスの観測と、微小電極をつかった堆積物中での溶存酸素の鉛直プロファイルから、水柱-堆積物境界層における酸素の拡散係数を求め、この酸素の拡散係数をアルカリ度の拡散係数に適用して、堆積物中の間隙水から求めた炭酸系鉛直プロファイルから、水柱-堆積物境界層でのアルカリ度フラックスを見積もった。

全てのフィールドでの実験及び観測は石垣島の白保サンゴ礁で実施し、室内実験で用いたサンプルも同場所で採取した生物起源のものを用いた。

#### (1) 室内実験

生物起源のマグネシウム方解石の溶解の閾値を求めたところ、堆積物全体のマグネシウム方解石については $\Omega_a \approx 3.8$ 、有孔虫及び紅藻殻のマグネシウム方解石は  $3.0 < \Omega_a < 3.2$ 、サンゴから採取したアラゴナイト鉱物については $\Omega_a \approx 1.0$  の溶解閾値をもつことが明らかになり、 $\Omega_a$  が低下するにつれ、溶解速度は増加することがわかった。この結果、サンゴ礁域における夜間の炭酸塩溶解は、砂地堆積物中の有孔虫や紅藻が持つマグネシウム方解石によって引き起こされることが明らかになった。また、今回の結果を先行研究と比較したところ、Plummer and Mackenzie (1974) で求められた生物起源マグネシウム方解石の溶解閾値に近いことが分かった。

#### (2) 流速可変チャンバー実験

流動可変チャンバーを用いて、様々な  $\text{CO}_2$  条件下で砂地での溶解速度と水柱の $\Omega_a$ の関係を求めた。その結果、昼・夜を問わず、流速の変化が砂地の溶解速度に与える影響はみられなかった。また、海水中に人工的に  $\text{CO}_2$  を添加した場合、溶解速度が自然条件下に比べ、過小に見積もられている可能性が示唆された。これはチャンバー実験では、実験時間が短く、さらに模擬的な高  $\text{CO}_2$  海水が間隙水全体量に対して少ないため、堆積物表層のみが高  $\text{CO}_2$  条件になったに過ぎず、堆積物内部の間隙水まで影響が及ばなかったことが原因と考えられる。このことから、マグネシウム方解石の溶解による水柱のアルカリ度の増加を見積もる上で、堆積物中間隙水の炭酸系鉛直プロファイルと、それによる堆積物-水柱境界層でのアルカリ度フラックスを把握することが重要といえる。

### (3) 溶存酸素及び炭酸系成分の鉛直プロファイルと渦相関法による酸素フラックスの観測

溶存酸素及び pH 微小電極と間隙水の採水から、溶存酸素と炭酸系の堆積物-水柱鉛直プロファイルを観測した。その結果、溶存酸素については、堆積物中の深度 0-10mm 間で昼間は光合成の影響で増加、夜間は呼吸の影響で減少する特徴が顕著にみられた。また pH もそれに対応するように変動していた。そしてそれより深い深度では昼夜を問わず、酸素が完全に枯渇している様子が明らかになった。一方、炭酸系成分については、5mm 以深では常に $\Omega_a \approx 3.0$ であることがわかった。これは(1)で求めた生物起源の有孔虫に対する飽和度( $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$ )の溶解閾値( $\Omega_{\text{fora}} \approx 1$ )に相当する。よって堆積物中では、生物の呼吸や脱窒によって生産された二酸化炭素を、マグネシウム方解石の溶解反応により消費することで、 $\Omega$ が一定に保たれていると考えられる。

一方、同時に渦相関法を用いて水柱-堆積物境界面の酸素フラックスを観測したところ、夜間には生物の呼吸の影響を受け  $5.0\text{--}5.7 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  の酸素の吸収が、昼間には光合成の影響を受け  $14.4\text{--}24.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  の酸素の放出が確認された。さらに、酸素プロファイルの傾きの平均値を用いて拡散係数を求めたところ、水柱-堆積物境界面での拡散係数は  $4.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  と見積もられた。これは酸素の分子拡散の約 30 倍に相当しており、水柱-堆積物境界面では分子拡散ではなく、海水の流れや波、潮位変化による水圧の変化といった物理的プロセスや堆積物中の生物活動による生物学的プロセスが、拡散係数の変化に起因していると考えられる。

この拡散係数と堆積物の間隙水の炭酸系鉛直プロファイルから、夜間の水柱-堆積物境界層でのアルカリ度フラックスは、堆積物から水柱方向に  $1.0\text{--}2.6 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  と見積もられた。

### (4) 考察

採取した間隙水と水柱の炭酸系成分をアルカリ度-全炭酸ダイアグラム上にまとめた。その結果、水柱のアルカリ度の上昇は、従来の研究で言われていた水柱-表層堆積物のマグネシウム方解石の溶解反応として起きているわけではなく、堆積物表面から 10mm の深度間での生物学的な呼吸とそれに伴う非生物学的なマグネシウム方解石の溶解によって高いアルカリ度の間隙水が生じ、それと水柱のアルカリ度との勾配から水柱-堆積物境界層でのアルカリ度フラックスが励起されているという理解に至った。さらに、いちど海水の $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$ が 1.0 を切り、溶解の閾値を過ぎてしまった場合、堆積物から水柱に向けてのアルカリ度フラックスが劇的に大きくなることが示唆された。

本研究によって初めて、水柱で観察されるアルカリ度の増加が堆積物中の炭酸系鉛直プロファイルと拡散係数の関係から明らかにされた。今後、生態系自らの影響が蓄積される特殊なサンゴ礁生態系条件下において、面積的に大部分を占め、且つ海洋酸性化の影響が最初に出るであろうサンゴ礁砂地溶解の効果を、サンゴ礁生態系全体スケールの炭酸系モデルに組み込むことが求められる。

## Abstract

The ocean is a large carbon reservoir and more than 30% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted into the atmosphere by human activities is taken up by the oceans (Sabine et al., 2004), lowering the pH of surface water and decreasing the saturation state of minerals (Kleypas et al., 2006). Future uptake of CO<sub>2</sub> by the ocean is predicted to reduce seawater pH by 0.3 to 0.5 units by 2100 (Caldeira and Wickett, 2003), which is called ocean acidification. Previous studies have mainly investigated the effects of elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  on the net production and calcification of marine organisms. On the other hand, carbonate dissolution is predicted to occur only in polar regions and in the deep sea where saturation state with respect to aragonite ( $\Omega_a$ ) will be  $<1$  by 2100. Recent reports demonstrate nocturnal carbonate dissolution of reefs, despite a  $\Omega_a$  value of  $> 1$  (Yates and Halley, 2006; Cyronak et al., 2013). This is probably related to the dissolution of reef carbonate (Mg-calcite), which is more soluble than aragonite. However, the threshold value of  $\Omega_a$  for the dissolution of natural sediments has not been clearly determined. Moreover, Mg-calcite dissolution at sand area in coral reefs under natural conditions (such as tidal change, current, photon flux and temperature so on) have not been understood. Originally, previous studies considered that total alkalinity ( $A_T$ ) increase in water column was caused by a reaction between seawater in the water column and surface of the sediment. However,  $A_T$  increase in water column should be determined by the  $A_T$  profile in the sediment and diffusion coefficient caused by physical factor such as current and tidal change. Thus, it is important to understand the mechanism that controls the profiles of O<sub>2</sub> and  $A_T$ , and to estimate diffusion coefficient under natural hydrodynamic condition. In this study, (1) the dissolution system with conditions reproducing those of a natural coral reef was designed, and the dissolution rates of aragonite in corals and of Mg-calcite excreted by other marine organisms were measured, under conditions of  $\Omega_a > 1$ , with controlled seawater  $p\text{CO}_2$ , (2) the *in-situ* Mg-calcite dissolution rate under natural condition was measured by flow-controlled chamber

experiment, (3) diffusion coefficient at sediment-water interface was determined by using eddy covariance (EC) technique and  $O_2$  profile in sediment and, (4)  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface was estimated according to the diffusion coefficient and the gradient in  $A_T$  in sediment,.

All field observation was conducted at Shiraho Reef, Ishigaki Island, and samples used by laboratory experiment were also collected at the same site.

## **1. Laboratory Experiment**

By laboratory experiment, dissolution of bulk carbonate sediments at Shiraho reef occurs at  $\Omega_a$  values of 3.7 to 3.8. Mg-calcite derived from foraminifera and coralline algae dissolves at  $\Omega_a$  values between 3.0 and 3.2, and aragonite starts to dissolve when  $\Omega_a = 1.0$ . Dissolution rate increased with the decreases of  $\Omega_a$ . Nocturnal carbonate dissolution of coral reefs occurs mainly by the dissolution of foraminiferans and coralline algae in reef sediments. The solubilities of foraminiferans and coralline algae obtained by this study agreed with those measured by Plummer and Mackenzie (1974).

## **2. Flow-controlled chamber experiment**

In order to understand relationship between dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  in water column, chamber experiment, which can control flow rate, were designed and conducted at Shiraho reef sand area. Data showed that there were no significant differences in dissolution/calcification rate between high-flow and low-flow condition. While dissolution rate increases as  $\Omega_a$  decreased in laboratory experiment, dissolution rate measured by flow-controlled chamber did not change. It would mean that carbonate profiles in sediment was not affected by high  $pCO_2$  in water column because of short duration of experiment or a little amount of water column in chamber relative to sediment pore water. Therefore, understanding of pore water sediment profile under natural condition and estimation of  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface is

important.

### **3. $A_T$ flux estimated by sediment pore water profiles and eddy covariance**

$O_2$  and carbonate profiles in sediment were measured by microelectrode and pore water analysis. Between 0 and 10 mm depth, respiration by organisms consumed oxygen and produced  $CO_2$  and decreased pH at night. On the contrary,  $O_2$  increased by the photosynthesis during day time. Deeper than at least 10 mm,  $O_2$  was depleted even during day time. On the other hand, saturation state of biogenic foraminifera ( $= \Omega_{\text{fora}}$ ), which was determined by my laboratory experiment, was always constant at the value of 1.0. Both organic reaction such as respiration and inorganic Mg-calcite dissolution occur in the sediment and keep  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  constant.

At the same time, DO fluxes measured by EC were  $4.95\text{-}5.66 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  uptake at night and  $14.44\text{-}23.99 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  production during day time. This is because that photosynthesis by microalgae on the upper part of sediment produced  $O_2$ , and on the contrary, respiration during nighttime consumed  $O_2$ . Also, diffusion coefficient at night was calculated from DO flux observed by eddy covariance and  $O_2$  profile, and night average diffusion coefficient was as  $4.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . This value was 30-100 times higher than molecular diffusion. Diffusion coefficient observed by this study was nearly equal to previous studies and diffusion coefficient was mainly caused by physical condition such as flow rate and current and biological condition in the sediment.

According to diffusion coefficient and  $A_T$  profile in sediment,  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface at night was calculated as  $1.6\text{-}2.6 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ .



#### 4. Discussion

Carbonate chemistry in pore water and water column were summarized on the  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram. The exact estimation on Mg-calcite dissolution can be achieved not by the reaction between water column and surface of the sediment but by  $A_T$  profile in the sediment and diffusion coefficient. Both organic reaction such as respiration and inorganic Mg-calcite dissolution occur in the sediment and keep  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  constant. Moreover, once saturation level of seawater in water column passed the threshold of Mg-calcite dissolution, estimated  $A_T$  flux increases drastically.

$A_T$  increase in the water column can be more properly estimated by diffusion coefficient and  $A_T$  profile in the sediment. It is essential to consider diagenetic processes within sediments in reef-scale carbon cycle models and the quantitative evaluation of the buffering capacity of reef sand areas containing Mg-calcite sediments.

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# Chapter 1.

## Introduction

### 1-1. Ocean acidification and carbonate dissolution

The ocean is a large carbon reservoir that absorbs atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, which then equilibrates with bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>) and carbonate (CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) ions. More than 30% of the CO<sub>2</sub>, which is emitted into the atmosphere by human activities, is taken up by the oceans, lowers the pH of surface water, and decreases the saturation state of carbonate minerals (Sabine et al., 2004; Kleypas et al., 2006). Future uptake of CO<sub>2</sub> by the ocean is predicted to reduce seawater pH by 0.3 to 0.5 units over the next few decades (Caldeira and Wickett, 2003), which is called ocean acidification.

The fundamental chemistry of inorganic carbon in seawater has been described by Zeebe and Wolf-Gladrow (2003), and Millero (2006). Dissolved inorganic carbon in seawater occurs mainly in three inorganic forms: free aqueous carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>(aq)), bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), and carbonate (CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>) ions, which are related to each other as follows:



The sum of the dissolved forms CO<sub>2</sub>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> is called total dissolved inorganic carbon (C<sub>T</sub>), and total alkalinity (A<sub>T</sub>) is a measure of the capacity of water to neutralize acids.

They can be described as follows:

$$C_T = [\text{CO}_2] + [\text{HCO}_3^-] + [\text{CO}_3^{2-}] \quad (1-2)$$

$$A_T = [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{B(OH)}_4^-] + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+] + \text{minor components } ([\text{HPO}_4^{2-}] + 2[\text{PO}_4^{3-}] + [\text{H}_3\text{SiO}_4^-] + [\text{NH}_3] + [\text{HS}^-] - [\text{HSO}_4^-] - [\text{HF}] - [\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4]) \quad (1-3)$$

Ocean acidity is measured as pH ( $\text{pH} = -\log_{10} [\text{H}^+]$ ) and can be reported on different scales: National Bureau of Standards ( $\text{pH}_{\text{NBS}}$ ), seawater ( $\text{pH}_{\text{SWS}}$ ), free ( $\text{pH}_{\text{F}}$ ), and total ( $\text{pH}_{\text{T}}$ ). The total scale is used in this study as recommended by Dickson (2010).

Future projected changes in calcification and carbonate dissolution resulting from ocean acidification could be drastic and sufficiently large so that coral reef communities and carbonate ecosystems in general could become subject to a net loss of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  material (Kleypas et al., 1999; Andersson et al., 2009; Gattuso and Hansson, 2011).

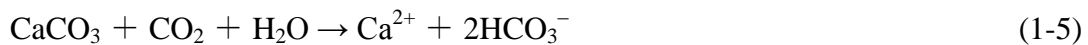
In order to discuss the acidity index of seawater for a given mineral, saturation state is used. It is a measure of the thermodynamic potential of the mineral to precipitate or dissolve; the saturation state of calcium carbonate ( $\Omega$ ) is defined as follows:

$$\Omega = [\text{Ca}^{2+}] \times [\text{CO}_3^{2-}] / K_{sp}^* \quad (1-4)$$

where  $K_{sp}^*$  is the product of the equilibrium concentrations of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ , which differs among mineralogies of calcium carbonate such as aragonite, calcite and Mg-calcite.

Calcium carbonate formation is thermodynamically favorable when  $\Omega > 1.0$ , but is unfavorable when  $\Omega < 1.0$ . Oceanic uptake of  $\text{CO}_2$  causes an increase in hydrogen ion concentration  $[\text{H}^+]$  and a decrease in carbonate ion concentration  $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ , leading in turn to a decrease in  $\Omega$ .

Carbonate dissolution is described as follows:



This indicates that carbonate dissolution would cause increases in  $A_T$ ,  $C_T$ , and  $\Omega$  values. This carbonate–bicarbonate system buffers atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  levels and ocean acidification, indicating that carbonate dissolution causes an increase in the buffer capacity of seawater (i.e., an increase in alkalinity). These links indicate that an accurate understanding of this buffer system is needed to correctly predict future changes in the carbon balance between the atmosphere and the ocean, and the resulting degree of ocean acidification.

## **1-2. CaCO<sub>3</sub>: aragonite, calcite, and Mg-calcite**

### **1-2-1. Property of Mg-calcite organisms**

The most important carbonate minerals in seawater reactions are the CaCO<sub>3</sub> polymorphs of aragonite and calcite, and marine calcite may contain variable amounts (6 to 30 mole %) of MgCO<sub>3</sub> as solid solution, generically termed Mg-calcite or high Mg-calcite (Morse et al. 2007). In this study, “Mg-calcite” indicates high Mg-calcite. Aragonite is both denser and more soluble than calcite, and when the Mg content in calcite is > 8-12 mole%, Mg-calcite dissolves more readily than aragonite (Plummer and Mackenzie, 1974; Bischoff et al., 1987; Morse et al., 2006). Thus, Mg-calcite is the first mineral phase to undergo dissolution as a result of undersaturated conditions caused by ocean acidification, which makes it “the canary in a coal mine” (Morse et al., 2006; Andersson and Mackenzie 2012).

Mg-calcite is mainly formed by foraminifera and coralline algae. Mg components of coralline algae are 6-21 mole% (Goldsmith et al., 1955; Borowitzka, 1982), and the foraminifera as a group display a very large variability in the Mg content of their carbonate shells, ranging between more than 20 mole% to less than 0.1 mole% of MgCO<sub>3</sub> (Figure1-1). Frequently, foraminifera that share the same habitat display significant differences in their Mg concentration, indicating that the Mg content is predominantly determined by biological factors (Blackmon and Todd, 1959). Blackmon and Todd (1959) concluded that the Mg variability in foraminifera shells is related to their taxonomy and phylogenetic relationships. While planktonic foraminifera are members of the low-Mg calcite group (<4 mol % MgCO<sub>3</sub>), benthic foraminifera especially in shallow environment such as coral reefs are mainly member of Mg-calcite group.

Over the course of geologic time, there is considerable evidence that change in seawater chemistry has profoundly influenced biomineralization by marine organisms (Stanley 2008).



A calcite sea is one in which calcite and low-Mg-calcite are the primary inorganic marine calcium carbonate precipitate, whereas an aragonite sea is the alternate seawater chemistry in which aragonite and Mg-calcite are the primary inorganic carbonate precipitates. The Cambrian through the Mississippian and the Jurassic through the Paleogene were predominantly calcite seas, whereas the Mississippian through the Jurassic and the Neogene (including today) are characterized by aragonite seas (Figure1-2).

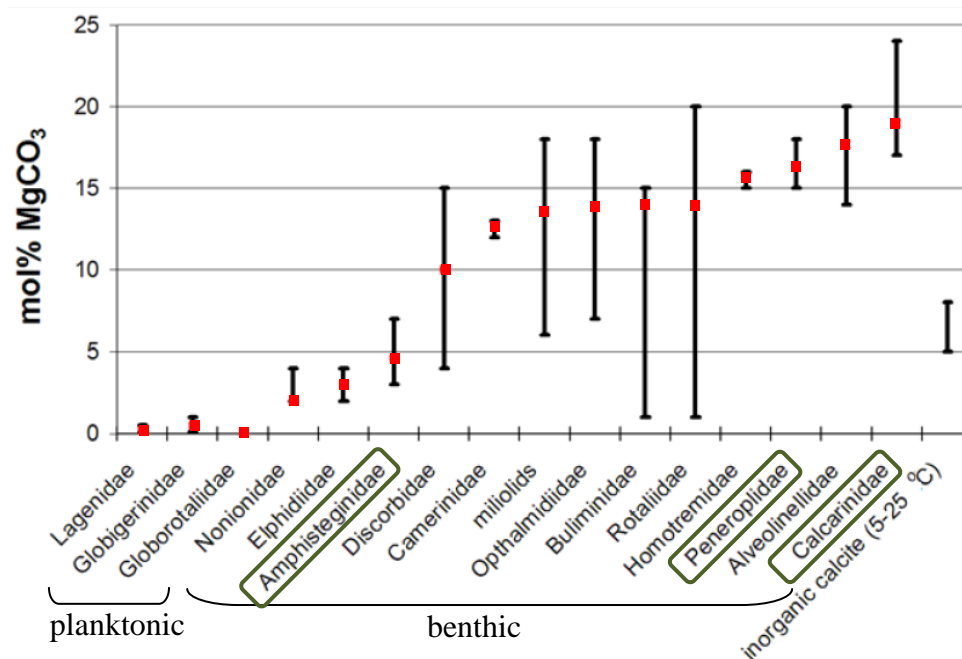


Figure1-1. Mg content of various foraminifera groups cited from Bentov and Erez (2006). The average values are marked by red squares and the ranges are shown by vertical bars. At the right column, the range of values expected for inorganic precipitation of calcite from seawater based on values at 5 and 25 °C is shown. Amphisteginidae, Peneroplidae and Calcarinidae are found at coral reef community.

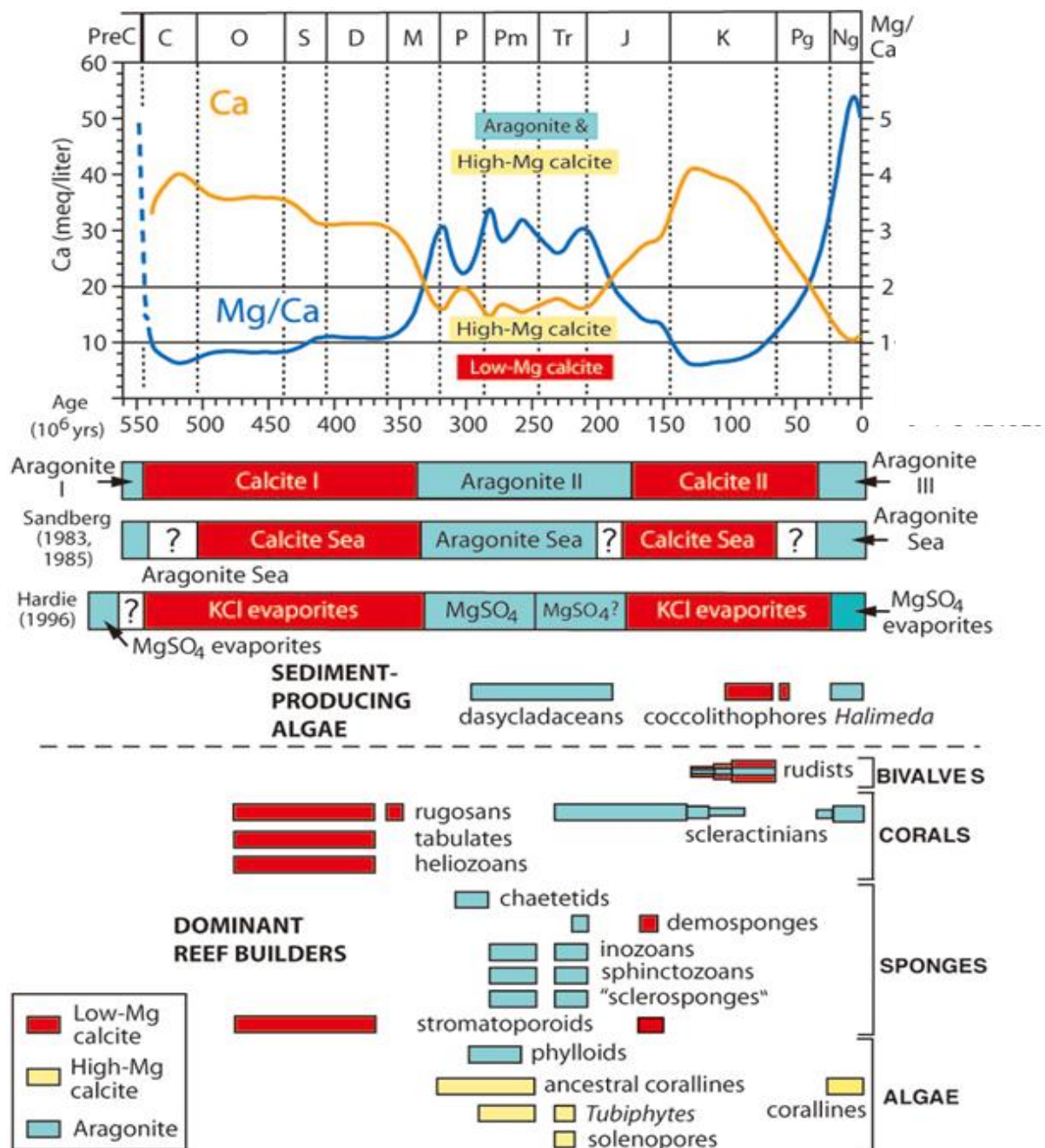


Figure 1-2. Comparison of the temporal distribution of mineralogies and producers of marine sediment cited from Stanley (2008). The large upper diagram shows nonskeletal precipitation of low-Mg calcite, high-Mg calcite, and aragonite as a function of the  $\text{Mg/Ca}$  molar ratio of seawater. The lowermost broad horizontal bar shows temporal oscillations observed in the geologic record between calcitic and aragonitic nonskeletal carbonates and between  $\text{KCl}$  and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  marine evaporates. Shown below are temporal distributions of the carbonate-producing taxa.

### **1-2-2. The relationship between ocean acidification and biogenic calcification**

Saturation state of aragonite is defined as  $\Omega_a$  according to equation (1-4), and Figure 1-3 shows the changes in  $\Omega_a$  that are predicted to occur as atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  concentrations (ppm) increase. Today, in the high latitude region, the value of  $\Omega_a$  ranges from 1 to 2. On the other hand, in the low latitude such as coral reefs, the value of  $\Omega_a$  ranges from 3 to 4.5. When  $p\text{CO}_2$  rises to the level of 650 ppm, in the coral reef, the value of  $\Omega_a$  is still higher than one. Therefore, chemical dissolution of biogenic carbonate such as coral reef at the low latitude had not been expected, and previous studies have mainly investigated the effects of elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$  on the net production and calcification of marine organisms by laboratory experiments.

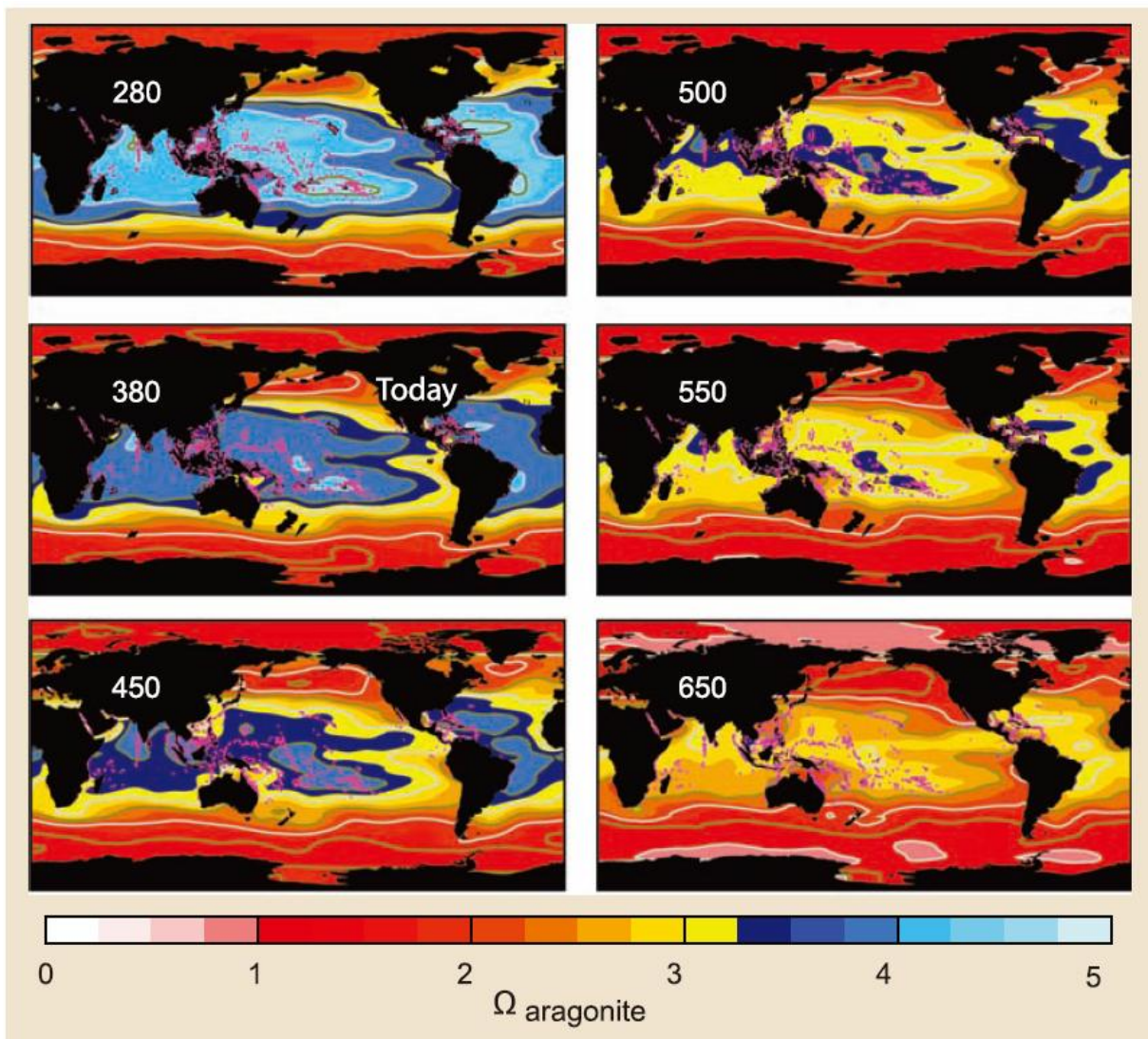


Figure 1-3. Changes in  $\Omega_a$  that are predicted to occur as atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration (ppm) increases (number at top left of each panel) plotted over shallow-water coral reef locations shown as pink dots. Before the Industrial Revolution (280 ppm), nearly all shallow-water coral reefs had  $\Omega_a > 3.25$  (Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2007, Figure 4).

Ries et al. (2009) presented the results of 60 days laboratory experiments in which they investigated the effects of CO<sub>2</sub>-induced ocean acidification on calcification in 18 benthic marine organisms. They showed that 10 of the 18 species studied exhibited reduced rates of net calcification and, in some cases, net dissolution under elevated  $p\text{CO}_2$ . However, in seven species, net calcification increased under the intermediate and/or highest levels of  $p\text{CO}_2$ , and one species showed no change at all (Figure 1-4).

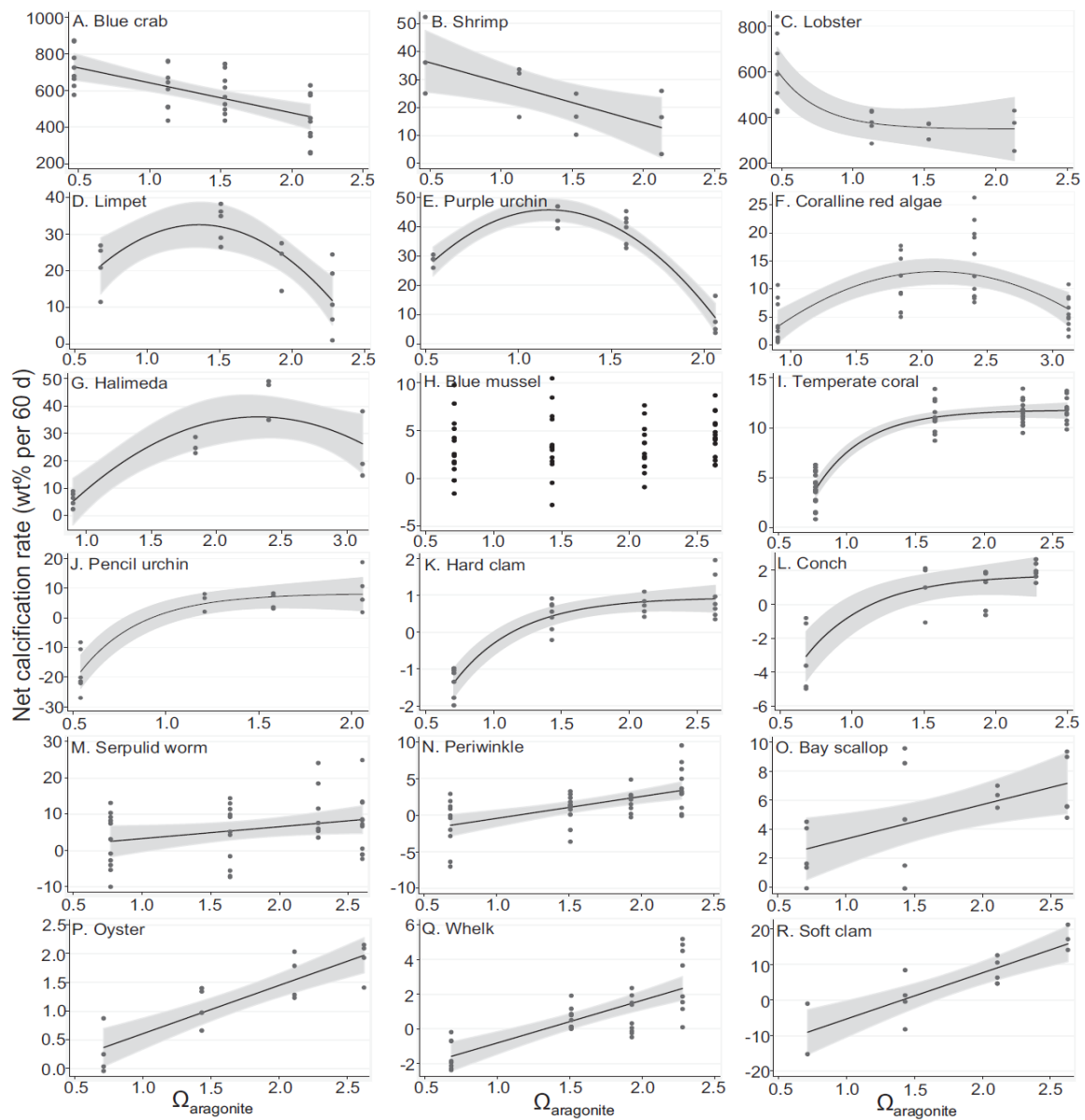


Figure 1-4. Calcification response patterns for 18 species of calcifying organisms subjected to 60 days of  $\text{CO}_2$ -induced reductions in  $\text{CaCO}_3$  saturation state of seawater. Net rates of calcification(+)/dissolution(-) were estimated from buoyant weighing (verified with dry weight measured after harvesting) and are expressed as a percentage of the organisms' initial buoyant weight cited from Ries et al. (2009).

Doney et al. (2009) and Kroeker et al. (2013) summarized the biological responses to increasing  $p\text{CO}_2$  (Figure 1-5). The results reveal decreased survival, calcification, growth, development and abundance in response to acidification when the broad range of marine organisms is pooled together. However, the magnitude of these responses varies among taxonomic groups, suggesting there is some predictable trait-based variation in sensitivity. Furthermore, the results suggest that other factors, such as nutritional status or source population, could cause substantial variation in organisms' responses.

For coralline algae, which excrete Mg-calcite, calcification rate decreased with increasing  $\text{CO}_2$  condition (Kuffner et al., 2008, Comeau et al., 2013). On the other hand, for benthic foraminifera in coral reefs, both negative and positive effects of calcification against ocean acidification were reported. While calcification rate and growth rate decreased when  $p\text{CO}_2$  increased (Kuroyanagi et al., 2009; Hikami et al., 2011; and Uthicke and Fabricius, 2013), calcification of *Calcarina gaudichaudii* and *Baculogypsina sphaerulata* generally increased with increased  $p\text{CO}_2$  (Hikami et al., 2011; Fujita et al., 2011; and Vogel and Uthicke, 2012). They probably reflect different sensitivities among the species to carbonate chemistry, which may be due to different metabolisms of their symbiotic algae.



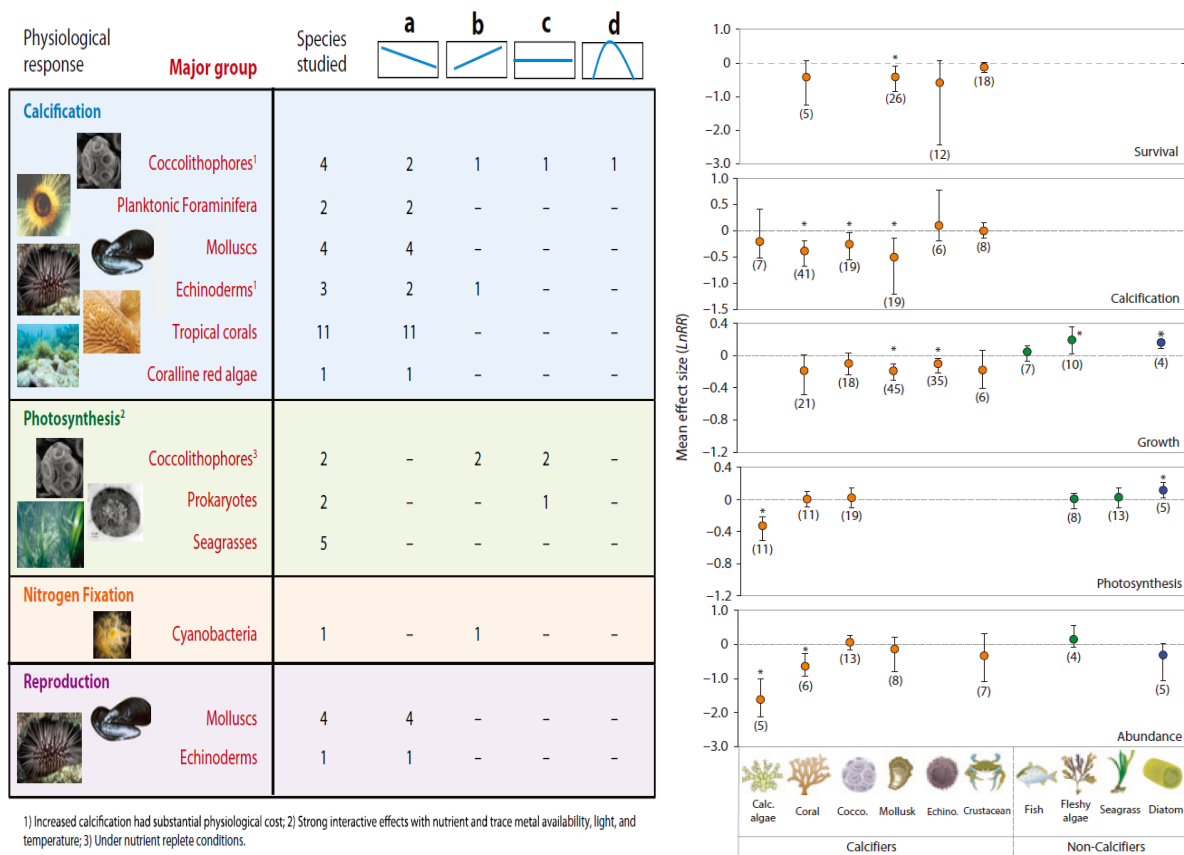


Figure 1-5. The relationship between biological responses and ocean acidification for several species: the left table was summarized by Doney et al. (2009) and the right table was summarized by Kroeker et al.(2013). Variation in effect sizes among key taxonomic groups, divided by major response variables. Means are from a weighted, random-effects model with bootstrapped bias-corrected 95% confidence intervals. The number of experiments used to calculate the means is given in parentheses. \*denotes a significant difference from zero.



Future projected changes in calcification and carbonate dissolution resulting from ocean acidification could be sufficiently large so that coral reef communities and carbonate ecosystems could become subject to a net loss of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  material (Yates and Halley, 2006; Andersson et al., 2007; Silverman et al., 2009; Andersson and Gledhill, 2013). In spite of the fact that carbonate dissolution will increase in response to ocean acidification, the effect of ocean acidification on carbonate dissolution rates has received relatively little attention compared to the effect on the ability of organisms to calcify (Andersson et al., 2009). Since Mg-calcite will be the first responder to ocean acidification, the dissolution of Mg-calcite should be precisely evaluated. Problems of Mg-calcite dissolution will be described in the following section.

### 1-3. Solubility experiment of Mg-calcite

The solubility of Mg-calcite varies according to the magnesium content. Figure 1-6 shows the solubility of Mg-calcite cited from Morse et al.(2007).  $IAP_{\text{magnesian calcite}}$  is the ion activity product of the solution in equilibrium with Mg-calcite, and it indicates thermodynamic equilibrium. In general, carbonate minerals with a higher Mg content show higher solubility, but the solubility of synthetic and biogenic Mg-calcite varies under laboratory conditions, and there is variability in the solubility of biogenic Mg-calcite from different organisms.

Morse et al. (2007) divided the solubilities of Mg-calcite into three major categories: (A) synthetic Mg-calcite solubilities (Bischoff et al., 1987; Mucci and Morse, 1984); (B) the “best-fit” biogenic Mg-calcite solubilities (Bischoff et al., 1987; Walter and Morse, 1984); and (C) “Plummer and Mackenzie (1974) solubility” (Figure 1-6). Of these, category (C) has the highest values for Mg-calcite solubility, with the solubility of 12% to 15% mole Mg-calcite exceeding aragonite solubilities by a factor of five. Category (B) shows significantly higher solubilities than category (A) due to the heterogeneity and instability by biogenic factors, although the overall trend in category (B) is similar to that in category (A). While categories (A) and (B) reflect the thermodynamic solubilities of biotic and abiotic Mg-calcite, it is likely that category (C) may reflect the influence of kinetic, rather than thermodynamic, factors, including the retention of reactive surface particles after minimal sample cleaning and lack of annealing but may also reflect reactivity in nature (Morse et al., 2007).

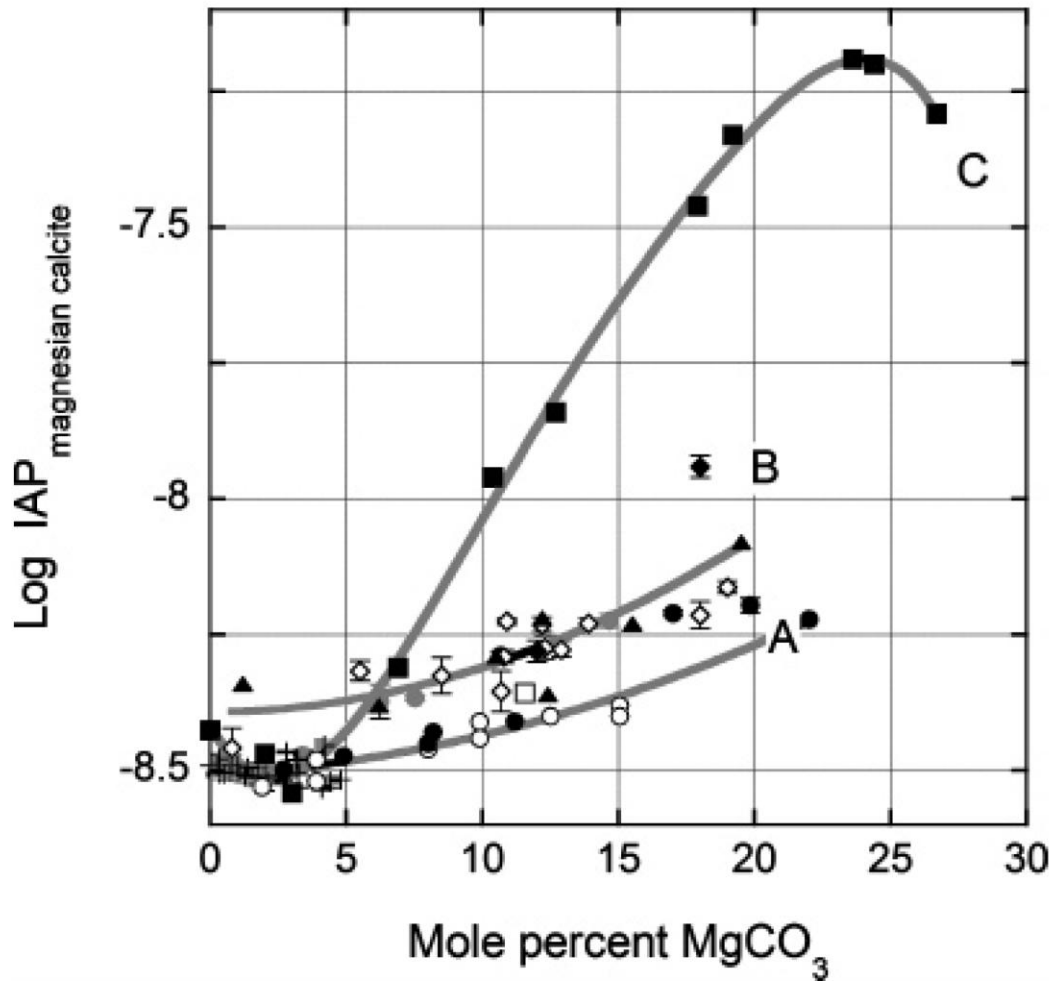


Figure 1-6. Solubility of Mg-calcite cited from Morse et al. (2007): Data are from synthetic (gray solid circles, Busenberg and Plummer, 1989; open circles, Bischoff et al., 1987; black solid circles, Mucci and Morse, 1984, open squares, Lafon, 1990), natural inorganic (crosses, Busenberg and Plummer, 1989), and biogenic phases (open diamonds, Busenberg and Plummer, 1989; closed triangles, Bischoff et al., 1987; closed diamonds, Walter and Morse, 1984; solid squares, Plummer and Mackenzie, 1974, recalculated by Thorstenson and Plummer, 1977).  $IAP_{\text{magnesian calcite}}$  is the ion activity product of Mg-calcite, which indicates thermodynamic equilibrium. Trends (A) is “synthetic Mg-calcite solubilities”, (B) is the “best-fit” biogenic Mg-calcite solubilities, and (C) is “Plummer and Mackenzie (1974) solubility”

The relationship between  $\Omega$  and the dissolution rate of synthetic and biogenic calcium carbonates in the laboratory was studied by Keir (1980). Hales and Emerson (1997) reviewed the result of Keir (1980) and made corrections to the original measurements. The dissolution of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is usually described by this equation:

$$R = k \times (1 - \Omega)^n \quad (1-6)$$

where  $k$  is the dissolution rate constant ( $\text{time}^{-1}$ ),  $n$  is the reaction order, and  $R$  is the dissolution rate ( $\% \text{ time}^{-1}$ ). Published estimates of  $n$  range from 1 to 4.5 (Keir 1980; Hales and Emerson 1997) based on laboratory studies. However, these dissolution rates are not consistent with those obtained from field observations (Gehlen et al. 2005). Moreover, no Mg-calcite dissolution experiments have been performed by using natural seawater, suggesting inhibitors in seawater can not be reproduced. Indeed, it is  $p\text{CO}_2$  that alters  $\Omega_a$  under human induced ocean acidification. Consequently, laboratory studies need to set  $\Omega_a$  values using  $p\text{CO}_2$  to attain consistency with the environment. Although relationship between dissolution rate and  $\Omega$  is variable depending on water conditions such as temperature, pressure, salinity and flow rate condition, it is essential to determine the relationship between biogenic Mg-calcite dissolution rate and  $\Omega$  under typical coral reef conditions with respect to  $p\text{CO}_2$  and flow rate for example, in order to understand and estimate natural buffering systems.

#### **1-4. Dissolution of carbonate sand in the field**

Dissolution of carbonate sand has been discussed in relation to the saturation state of water column (Figure. 1-3) based on the assumption that dissolution would occur on the surface of the sediment. A few model studies, which featured the Mg-calcite dissolution, calculated dissolution rate as the reaction between seawater in water column and surface sediment (Andersson et al., 2003; Morse et al., 2006). These studies did not consider the early diagenetic processes such as respiration and denitrification in the sediment. On the other hand, carbonate dissolution rate in the actual environment are mostly measured by chamber experiment (Nakamura and Nakamori, 2009; Cyronak et al., 2013). This method also does not consider processes in sediment either.  $A_T$  change in water column was considered to occur by the reaction between carbonate minerals on surface of the sediment and seawater in water column.

However, seawater in water column was also changed by the biogenic reaction such as respiration and denitrification in sediment. Pore water is definitely different from seawater in water column. Consequently, we need to understand the Mg-calcite dissolution mechanism not as the simple reaction between surface sediment and seawater in water column, but as the processes in sediment. In this section, chamber experiment method will be introduced at first, and then general understanding of flux at sediment-water interface will be explained. Lastly, Eddy Covariance (EC) method, by which DO flux at sediment-water interface under natural condition can be measured, will be described as a feasible approach to measure  $A_T$  flux between sediment and water column.

### 1-4-1. Chamber experiment

In this chapter, chamber experiment method conducted by previous studies will be introduced. In order to estimate community metabolism involving dissolution at coral reef, *in-situ* chamber experiments were conducted. By a chamber experiment, the target community was closed by a chamber, and net photosynthesis and net calcification rates of the community were estimated based on the changes in the chemical composition of seawater in the chamber. Photosynthesis/respiration and calcification/dissolution rates of each ecosystem component, such as sand area or sea grass area etc., were estimated based on chamber experiments. Figures 1-7, 8 and 9 show the chamber experiment system used at coral sand area (Yates and Halley, 2006; Nakamura and Nakamori, 2009; Cyronak et al., 2013), and Table 1-1 summarizes the information of each chamber experiments.

With the systems shown in Figures 1-7 and 1-8, sand area was covered by a chamber and submarine pump was used to keep seawater homogeneous in the chamber. Thus, flow condition in actual environment can not be reproduced. With the system in Figure 1-9, although flux at sediment-water interface under several current conditions were observed, the simple relationship between carbonate dissolution and ocean acidification was not revealed due to ground water, which has higher  $A_T$  relative to seawater in water column. Also, actual natural hydrodynamics caused by tidal and wave change can not be reproduced even if submarine pump was used to change advection in the chamber. Moreover, as all chamber experiments did not consider processes in sediment, it is hard to understand and estimate carbonate dissolution in sediment. Therefore, firstly, by using flow-controlled chamber experiment, dissolution rate under several flow conditions without ground water should be observed at several  $CO_2$  levels. Secondly, another approach by which we can measure flux under natural condition and observation of vertical profiles of solutes should be challenged.

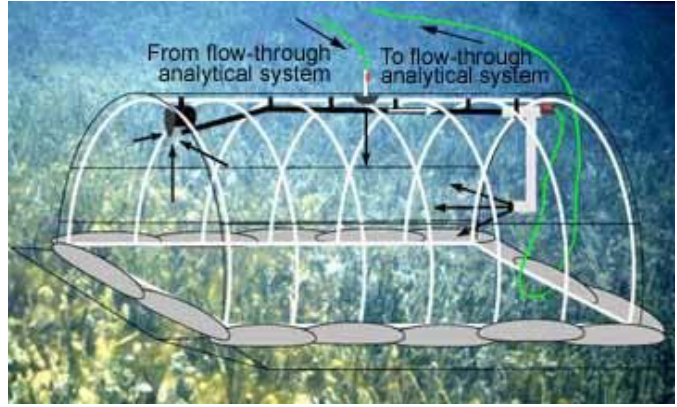


Figure 1-7. “SHARQ” (the Submersible Habitat for Analyzing Reef Quality) chamber system: Yates and Halley (2003, 2006) established “SHARQ” chamber system. “SHARQ” is a large, 4.9 (l) x 2.4 (w) x 1.2 (h)-meter, portable benthic incubation chamber designed to isolate a mass of water over the underlying substrate. A flow through analytical system enables continuous, 24-h monitoring of water chemistry resulting from benthic community processes. They conducted 24-h chamber experiments at Molokai reef, Hawaii. These pictures are cited from <http://gulfsfci.usgs.gov/tampabay/reports/>

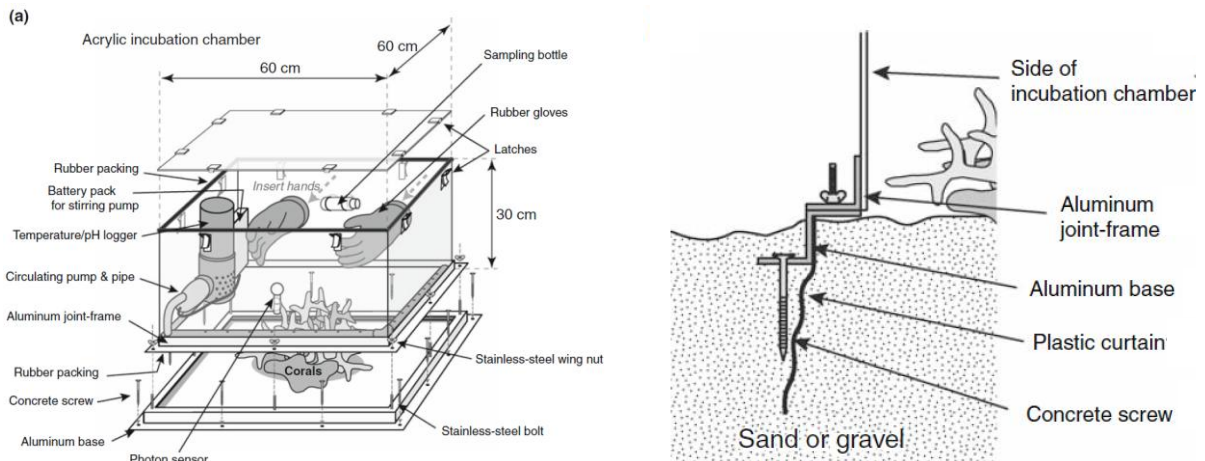


Figure 1-8. Schematic diagram of the incubation chamber (Nakamura and Nakamori, 2009): They measured dissolution/calcification and photosynthesis/respiration rate at Shiraho sand area, which is about 1000 m north to our study site.

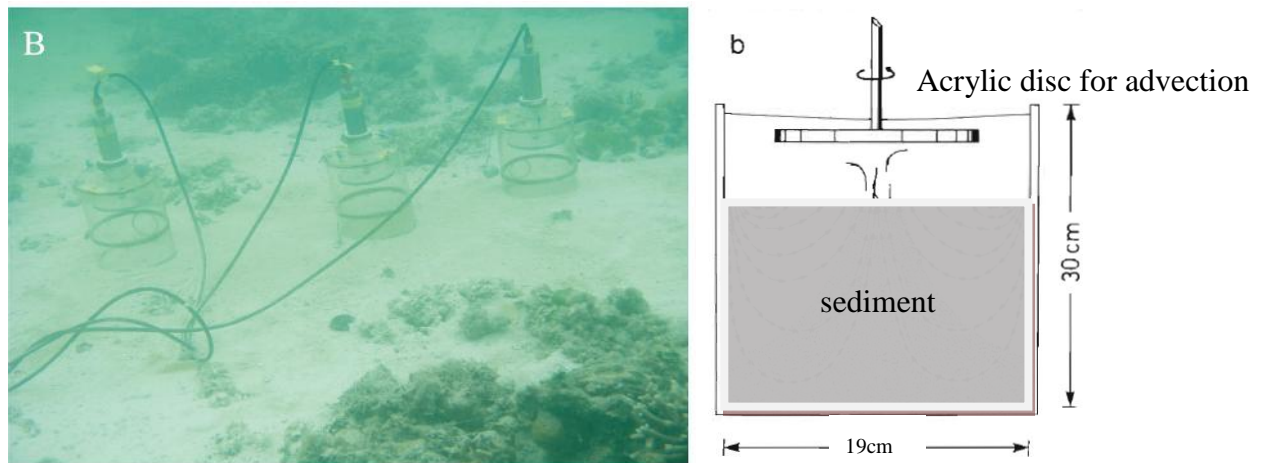


Figure 1-9. A photograph and schematic diagram of the incubation chamber (Cyronak et al., 2013): Chambers with an internal diameter (i.d.) of 190 mm and a height of 150 mm (Huettel and Gust 1992) were inserted into the carbonate sands distributed between outcrops of coral to retain a water column height of 190 to 240 mm. Advection was induced within the chambers based on the spinning rate of the acrylic disk within each chamber (diffusive, 40 rotation per minute (RPM), and 80 RPM). In order to maintain a homogeneous distribution of solutes within the diffusive chamber it was operated with the disk slowly spinning clockwise for one rotation, then, after a pause, spinning counterclockwise for the other rotation and repeating (Glud et al. 2008).

Table 1-1. Information of previous chamber experiment studies

Reference	Location	from the shore line (ground water effect)	flow change	hydrodynamics caused by tidal and wave change
Yates and Halley (2006)	Molokai reef	800m (no effect)	×	×
Nakamura and Nakamori (2009)	Shiraho	300m (less?)	×	×
Cyronak et al. (2013)	Heron Island	75m (large)	○	×



### 1-4-2. General theory of flux at sediment-water interface

The usual approach to calculate the flux of a dissolved species at the sediment-water interface is to treat all mixing processes in terms of diffusion coefficients in combination with Fick's First Law of diffusion for sediments (Berner, 1980), which is expressed as follows:

$$F = -D_T dC/dz + v C$$

, where  $F$  is the total (diffusive plus advective) flux,  $C$  is the concentration,  $z$  is the depth within the sediment,  $v$  is the unidirectional vertical flow relative to the sediment-water interface, and  $D_T$  is the total diffusion coefficient, which is defined as:  $D_T = D_S + D_B + D_I + D_{wc}$  (i.e., the molecular diffusion ( $D_S$ ), biodiffusion ( $D_B$ ), irrigation ( $D_I$ ), and wave and current induced diffusion ( $D_{wc}$ ) coefficients, respectively; Figure 1-10).

In shallow water sediments,  $D_S$  is 10-100 times smaller than other diffusion coefficients (Berner, 1980), and the advection term  $vC$  can be ignored if no unidirectional strong flow such as ground water intrusion exists. This indicates that the  $dC/dz$  slope and the total diffusion coefficient  $D_T$  need to be evaluated in order to estimate the total flux ( $=F$ ) at sediment-water interface, which requires field observations under natural hydrodynamic conditions. Since all chamber experiments did not consider processes in sediment as shown in the previous section 1-4-1,  $dC/dz$  slope and the total diffusion coefficient  $D_T$  under natural hydrodynamic conditions can not be estimated. Thus, field observation technique should be adopted. In the following section, Eddy Covariance technique (EC), which enables to measure oxygen flux at sediment-water interface under natural hydrodynamic conditions, will be introduced.

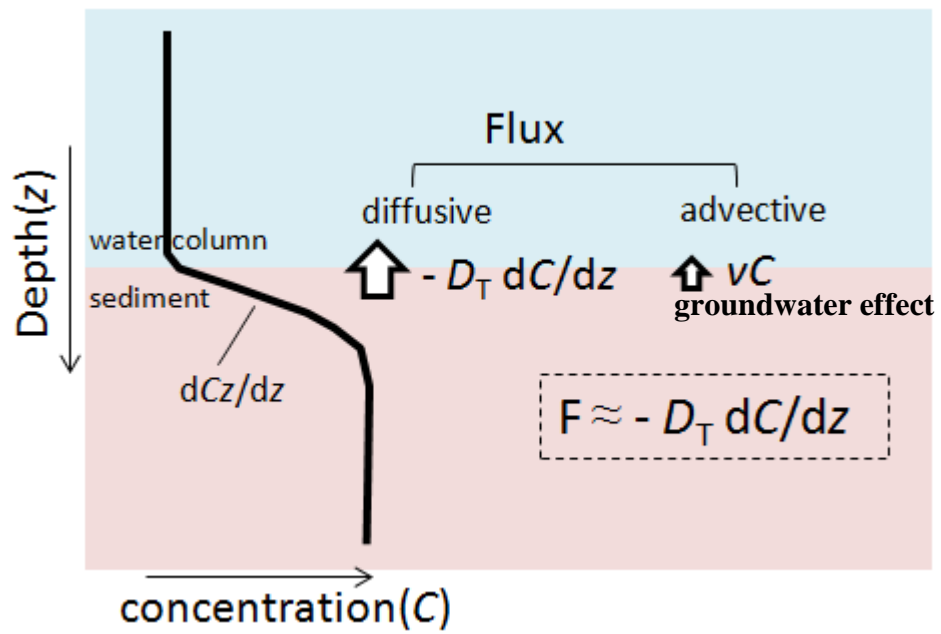


Figure 1-10. Illustration of fluxes of dissolved species at the sediment-water interface

### 1-4-3. Eddy Covariance and vertical profile of solutes in sediment

#### 1-4-3-1. Outline of Eddy Covariance

Another technique to determine fluxes under natural condition is Eddy Covariance (EC). The method analyzes high-frequency current and scalar aquatic concentration data series, and yields values of fluxes of these high-frequency data (theory of EC will be explained in the following section). The EC technique has been employed previously to determine continuous CO<sub>2</sub> and water vapor fluxes within the atmosphere over an area of forest (Verma et al. 1986, Wofsy et al., 1993; Vermetten et al., 1994; Baldocchi et al., 2001), and to study O<sub>2</sub> dynamics within a shallow river bed, two lakes, a variety of near shore marine environments, a deep marine bay, and a coral reef (Berg et al., 2003, 2009; Kuwae et al., 2006; McGinnis et al., 2008; Brand et al., 2008; Berg and Huettel, 2008; Glud et al., 2010; Hume et al., 2011; Long et al., 2013). The advantages of EC are that (1) measurements can be made under natural light and hydrodynamic conditions, (2) sediments are not enclosed or disturbed, and (3) the fluxes derived using the EC method reflect the benthic O<sub>2</sub> exchange processes that occur over sediments with large surface areas (tens of square meters; Berg et al., 2007).

Berg et al. (2003) first applied EC to measure O<sub>2</sub> uptake fluxes under aquatic sediment conditions, and they compared fluxes with those measured by two different methods; *in-situ* chamber experiment and micro-profile method at muddy marine sediment (Aarhus Bay, Denmark). With micro-profiles method, flux at sediment-water interface was calculated by multiplication of gradient and molecular diffusion coefficient. The calculated O<sub>2</sub> uptake by the EC technique is shown in Figure 1-11, as with the result from the *in situ* chambers and from O<sub>2</sub> micro-profiles using the gradients in the diffusive boundary layer. Their data show that the significantly higher O<sub>2</sub> uptake was determined by EC technique than by chamber experiments and micro-profiles methods. Since these two methods tend to underestimate the

O<sub>2</sub> flux, they concluded that EC can overcome the disadvantages of the two conventional methods because of its (1) applicability for *in situ* measurements without creating artifacts (no alterations of in situ environment) and (2) lack of limitations regarding the nature of seabed characteristics such as sediment permeability, topography, and vegetation. The method is analogous to the measurement of near-bottom, turbulence induced heat and momentum fluxes often undertaken by physical oceanographers (e.g., Shaw and Trowbridge, 2001).

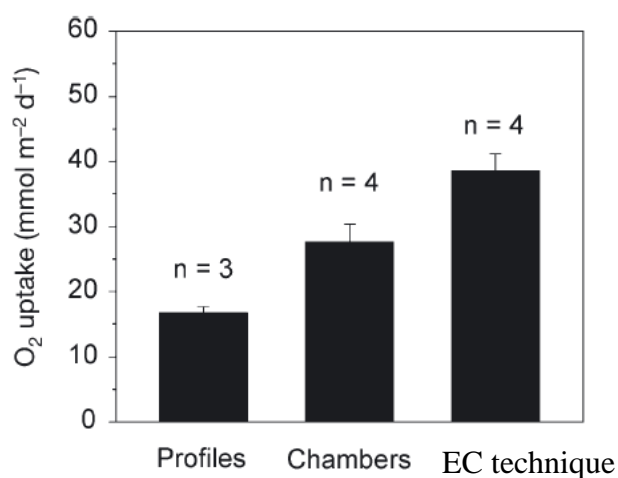


Figure 1-11. Mean (+1 SE) O<sub>2</sub> uptake by muddy marine sediment (Aarhus Bay, Denmark) determined by O<sub>2</sub> micro-profiles, *in situ* chambers and the EC cited from Berg et al. (2003)

### 1-4-3-2. Theory of Eddy Covariance

The theory of eddy covariance (EC) was explained by previous studies (Berg et al. 2003, Kuwae et al. 2006, Burba and Anderson 2010). The mathematical expression for advection and molecular diffusion used to evaluate vertical O<sub>2</sub> flux at sediment-water interface is expressed as follows:

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Flux} = U_z \times C - D_s dC/dz \quad (1-7)$$

where  $U_z$  is the vertical velocity of water,  $C$  is the concentration of O<sub>2</sub> in water,  $D_s$  is the molecular diffusivity of O<sub>2</sub> in water, and  $z$  is the vertical coordinate (e.g. Berner 1980, Boudreau 1997). Figure 1-12 shows the illustration of vertical flux and each parameter. In almost all natural aquatic environments, turbulent advection mainly caused by bioturbation, irrigation, wave and current is the dominant mode of vertical transport within the water column relative to the molecular diffusion at sediment-water interface, meaning that the second term in Eq. (1-7) about molecular diffusion, can be neglected. In addition, modeling of turbulent motions commonly separates instantaneous values of  $U_z$  and  $C$  into two components:  $\overline{U_z} + U'_z$ , and  $\overline{C} + C'$ , where  $\overline{U_z}$  and  $\overline{C}$  are the mean vertical velocity and concentration of O<sub>2</sub>, respectively, and  $U'_z$  and  $C'$  are the vertical turbulent fluctuating velocity and turbulent fluctuating concentration of O<sub>2</sub> (e.g. Reynolds 1895, Boudreau 1997), respectively. This means that equation (5-1) can be converted to

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Flux} = \overline{(\overline{U_z} + U'_z)(\overline{C} + C')} \quad (1-8)$$

which expands to

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Flux} = \overline{\overline{U_z} \overline{C} + \overline{U_z} C' + U'_z \overline{C} + U'_z C'} \quad (1-9)$$

As the averaged deviations from the average are removed (because averaged deviation from an average is zero), equation (1-9) can be simplified to

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Flux} = \overline{Uz' \bar{C}} + \overline{Uz' C'} \quad (1-10)$$

which, combined with a negligible mean vertical current for a horizontal homogeneous field without divergence or convergence, means that equation (1-10) can be simplified as:

$$\text{O}_2 \text{ Flux} = \overline{Uz' \times C'} \quad (1-11)$$

Consequently, the  $\text{O}_2$  flux can be estimated by measuring these two fluctuating components, meaning that high-temporal-resolution  $Uz'$  and  $C'$  data are needed, ideally at a frequency of 15-25 Hz (Berg et al. 2003).

If  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface can be observed by EC directly, it is simple and appropriate because carbonate dissolution increases  $A_T$  while other typical reactions such as photosynthesis or respiration do not change  $A_T$ . However, EC cannot be directly applied to  $A_T$  values, primarily because there is no available  $A_T$  sensor that is able to detect such a high time resolution variations although high-resolution temporal variations in oxygen abundances can be determined using micro-electrodes. In this study, I consider diffusion coefficient measured by DO can be applied to that of  $A_T$ , because it is mainly determined by hydrodynamics such as current or flow and bioturbation. This means that estimation of  $A_T$  fluxes under natural flow conditions requires the determination of oxygen diffusion coefficients using the flux and concentration profile of  $\text{O}_2$  within the sediment. This must be performed with determining the  $A_T$  profile through the sediment and applying this profile to the diffusion coefficient, thereby enabling the estimation of  $A_T$  fluxes under natural flow conditions.

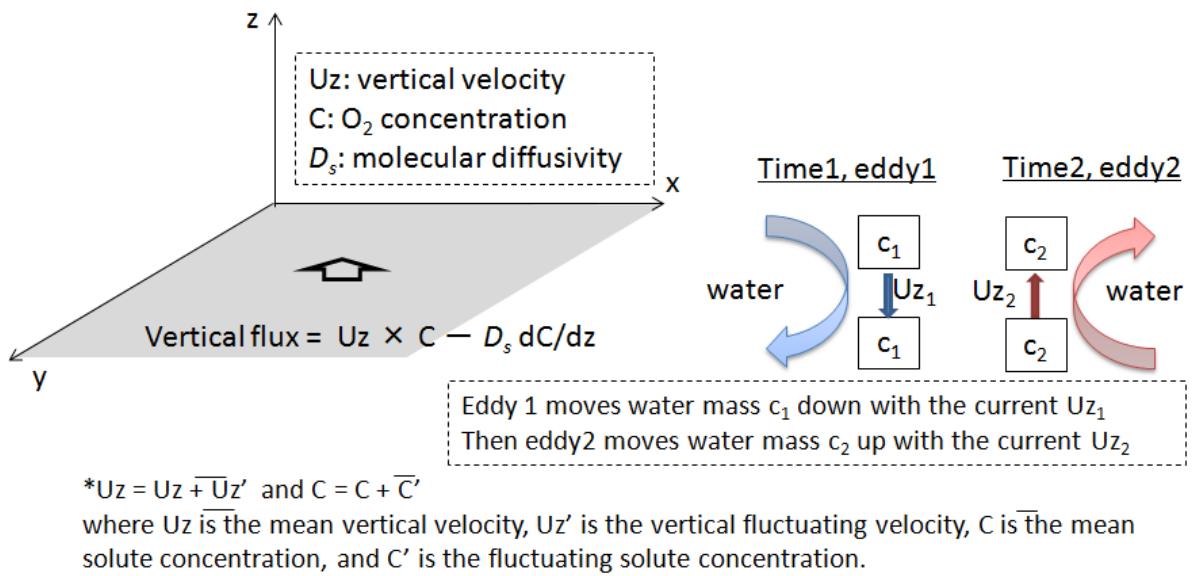


Figure 1-12. Illustration of vertical flux and parameters

### **1-4-3-3. Vertical profile of solutes in sediment**

Figure 1-13 shows a schematic vertical profiles of pore water chemistry on continental margins (Sarmiento and Gruber, 2006). Remineralization of organic matter by aerobic respiration consumes oxygen and proceeds through a series of steps that produce several remineralized inorganic chemicals, including nitrate. The production of nitrate increases concentration of nitrate in the pore water with depth in the zone where oxygen decreases. However, at about the depth in the sediments where oxygen runs out, the nitrate concentration begins to decrease. Properties of pore water are altered by remineralization of organic matter and dissolution/precipitation and adsorption/desorption of chemicals. These chemical and biological processes create large concentration gradients of  $O_2$ ,  $NO_3^-$ , etc. between the pore water and the overlying seawater, and those gradients varied depending on flow condition, permeability, mineral composition, organisms in sediment and time.



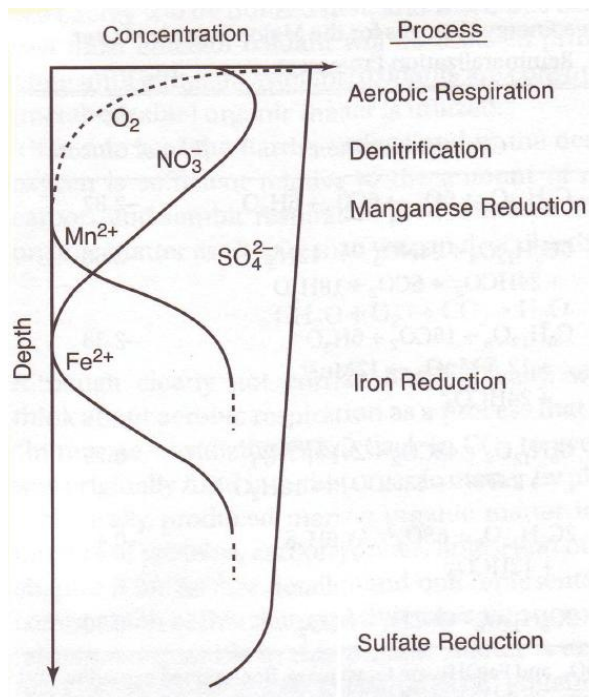


Figure 1-13. Schematic vertical profiles of reactants and products of remineralization reactions in sediments. Also shown are the reduction process zones cited from Sarmiento and Gruber (2006)

Carbonate profiles in coral reefs were measured by previous studies (Alongi et al., 2006; Hu and Burdige, 2007; Burdige et al., 2008; Rao et al., 2012). For permeable sand area in a coral reef, Rao et al. (2012) showed pH, O<sub>2</sub>, calcium, and A<sub>T</sub> profiles in sediment at Heron Reef, Australia (Figure 1-14). Oxygen and pH profiles were measured by micro electrode, and calcium and A<sub>T</sub> were measured by pore water sampling. They revealed the vertical profile of those parameters, and discussed the photosynthesis and respiration rate. However, time series changes in O<sub>2</sub> and A<sub>T</sub> were not discussed because there were few *in-situ* profiles data. Moreover, Mg-calcite dissolution was not focused on at all. In order to estimate Mg-calcite dissolution, vertical and time series change in A<sub>T</sub> must be revealed.

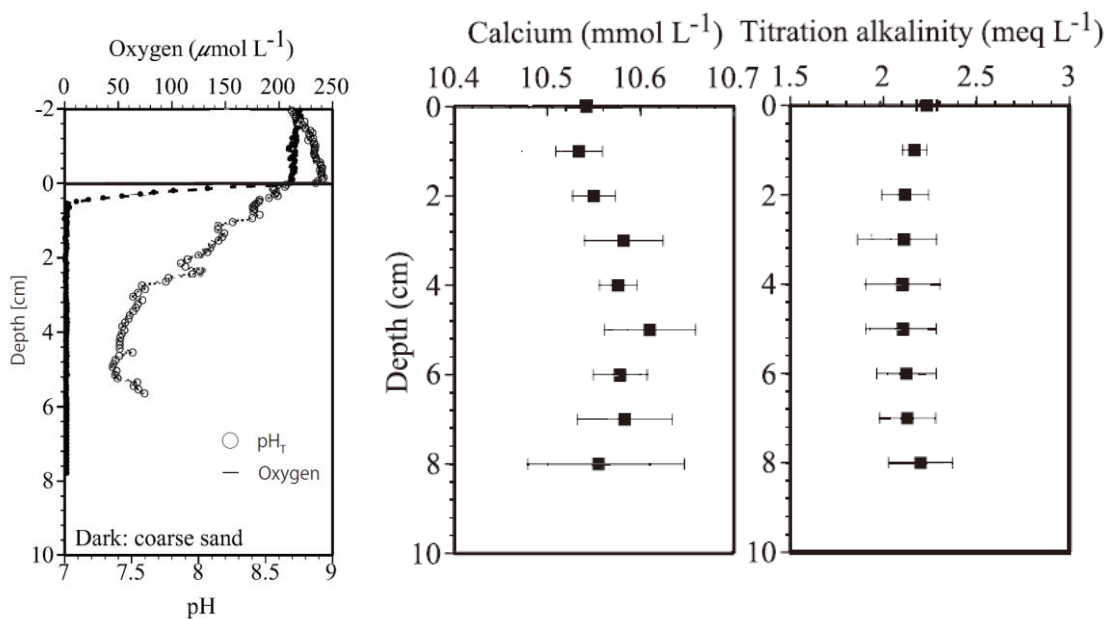


Figure 1-14. Oxygen and pH profiles measured by micro electrode, and calcium and A<sub>T</sub> measured by pore water sampling in Heron Reef sediments cited from Rao et al. (2012). Oxygen and pH were measured at night. Symbols of calcium and A<sub>T</sub> were the mean  $\pm$  1 SD of replicate profiles of calcium and A<sub>T</sub> (n = 3).

## 1-5. Purposes of this study

In order to evaluate Mg-calcite dissolution in coral reef, which will be the first reactor to the ocean acidification, threshold of various biogenic Mg-calcite dissolution and the relationship between kinetic dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  must be resolved in laboratory experiment at first. Then, exact dissolution rate at sand area under natural condition should be understood because sand area in coral reefs consists mainly of biogenic Mg-calcite, which occupies large proportion in coral reef. To achieve this purpose, two approaches are taken. One is a chamber experiment which can reproduce flow condition. The other is the measurement of  $A_T$  profile in sediment and the estimation of diffusion coefficient based on  $O_2$  profile and  $O_2$  flux observed by EC. At last, the mechanism of Mg-calcite dissolution at coral sand area will be examined and future impact against ocean acidification will be predicted.

In Chapter 2, study site and the characterization of sand were described. All field observations were conducted at the Shiraho reef, Japan, and samples used by laboratory experiments also were collected at Shiraho reef. In Chapter 3, laboratory experimental system was established, and threshold of biogenic Mg-calcite dissolution and relationship between kinetic dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  was clarified. In Chapter 4, a flow-control chamber system constructed to measure dissolution rate under reproduced *in-situ* flow conditions was explained. Closed chamber experiments were conducted under several flow rates and  $pCO_2$  levels. In Chapter 5, diffusion coefficient of  $O_2$  at sediment-water interface was calculated from  $O_2$  flux measured by EC and concentration profile of  $O_2$  in sediment. Using this value and  $A_T$  profile in sediment,  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface was estimated. In Chapter 6, results of laboratory experiment and field observation were summarized and mechanism of Mg-calcite dissolution at sand area was discussed.

## Chapter 2.

# Study site and property of sediment

### 2-1. Study site

Field observations, experiments and sampling were conducted at Shiraho reef (24°22'N, 124°15'E) on the southeast coast of Ishigaki Island, SW Japan (Figure 2-1) in 2007, 2010, 2011 and 2012. The study area is a fringing reef with a reef flat 850 m wide from the shore to the reef edge, with reef crests exposed during low tides, separating seawater on the reef from the outer ocean and resulting in a semi-closed system for 2-5 hours each tidal cycle.

Kayanne et al. (1995) first reported diel patterns of CO<sub>2</sub> changes within reef water at the Shiraho reef, indicating that the reef flat area is a net sink for atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. They also studied CO<sub>2</sub> dynamics in this area for a year, showing that *p*CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the reefs were governed by seasonal changes in sea surface temperature (SST) and metabolic processes, as well as by the status of coral reefs (as represented by coral coverage; Kayanne et al. 2005). Nakamura and Nakamori (2009) measured diurnal variations in photosynthesis and respiration (organic production) and calcification and dissolution (inorganic production) within sandy areas, seagrass meadows and coral areas using a closed chamber at the Shiraho reef. These data enabled Watanabe et al. (2013) to develop a carbonate system dynamics (CSD) model for the Shiraho reef; this model indicated large spatiotemporal differences in CO<sub>2</sub> sinks and sources. The abundant carbonate chemistry data for the Shiraho reef means that this area has become a representative site for the study of coral reef carbonate systems.

The organic and inorganic productivity in sandy parts of the study area has yet to be measured, primarily as these areas have low productivity values relative to coral or seagrass areas; however these areas have highly sensitive to ocean acidification, primarily as they are dominated by biogenic Mg-calcite (Andersson et al., 2009). In addition, these sandy areas are three times as large as the coral habitats (Kayanne et al., 2005), indicating that the inorganic dissolution within sandy areas must be considered in order to understand and evaluate carbon cycles within the Shiraho reef.

Suzumura et al. (2002) measured chlorophyll a (Chl a) concentrations in surface carbonate sediments at Shiraho reef sandy area, and reported that sediments had an enriched population of Bacillariophyta (diatoms). Also, they clarified that diatoms were dominant, particularly representatives of the genera *Amphora*, *Nitzschia*, and *Navicula* by microscopic observation of the sediment sample. From my observation conducted on July 2013, polychaete and nematode were observed with a dry weight of 1.2 g in 800 g of bulk sediment. Surface of the sediments were usually flat except soon after typhoon. Our sampling and observation were not affected by typhoons.

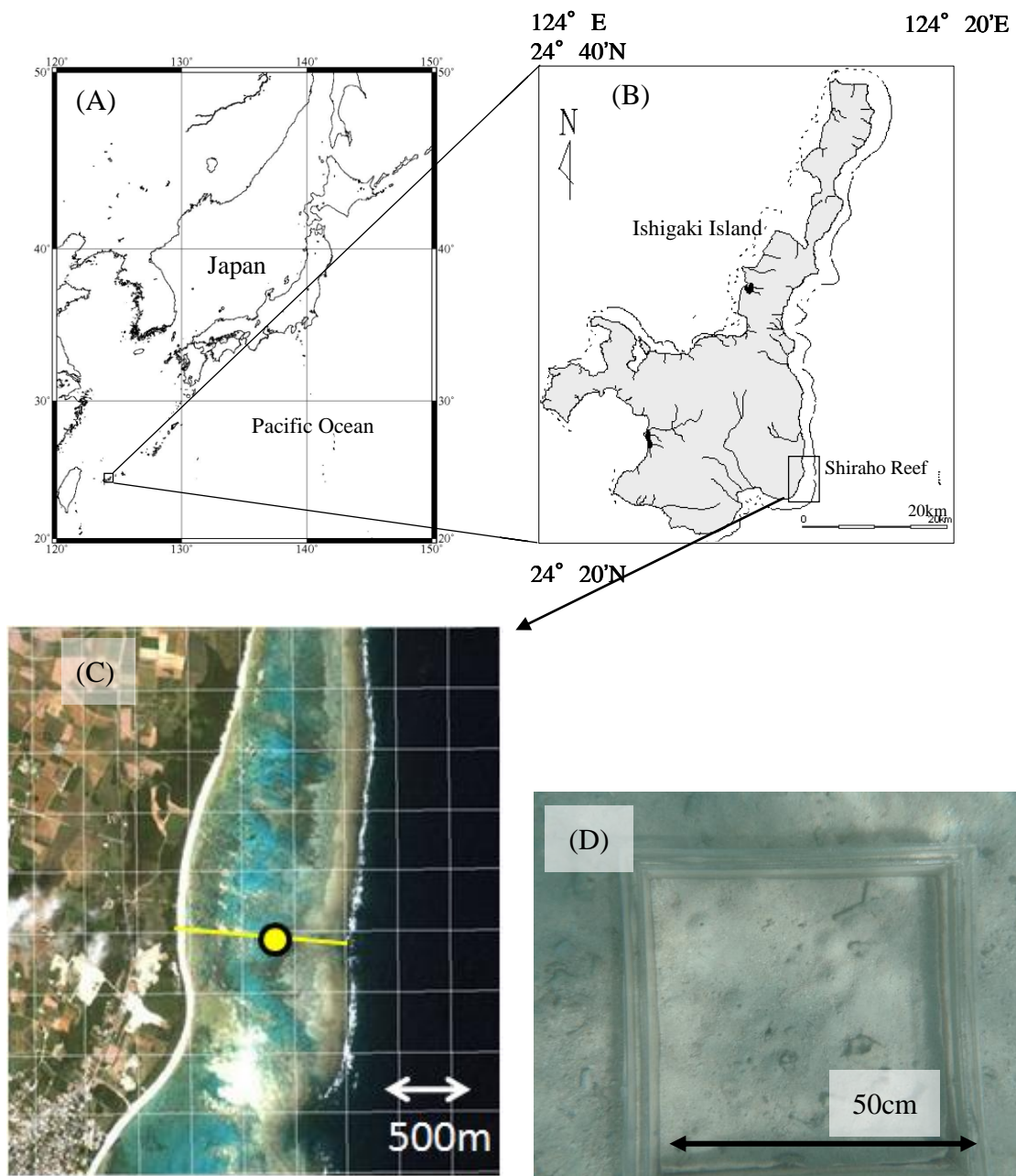


Figure 2-1. Location and aerial photograph of the study site: All field observations were conducted at yellow point. (D) No sea grass and no coral lived in sand area .

## **2-2. Property of sediment**

All the observations, experiments and sampling were conducted at the point 600 meters to the east from the shoreline, in the center of a typical sand area of the shallow lagoon (yellow point in Figure 2-1), where the effect of ground water is minor and neglected.

### 2-2-1. Size fraction, permeability and porosity

Figure 2-2 shows the composition of size fraction, which were measured by using -2~3  $\phi$  sieves. The error bars indicate the standard error (SE) for seven dry sieve measurements. The dominant size fraction of the coral reef sediment in the study area is from -1.0 to 0.0  $\phi$  (1-2 mm), forming 45.6 % of the overall sediment (Figure 2-2). The permeability and porosity of these sediments are  $2.88 \pm 0.01 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m s}^{-1}$  ( $n = 3$ ) and  $0.354 \pm 0.001$  ( $n = 4$ ) respectively. The permeability was measured based on constant head method and the porosity was calculated by water content and sediment density. These two analyses were performed at Port and Airport Research Institute in Kurihama.

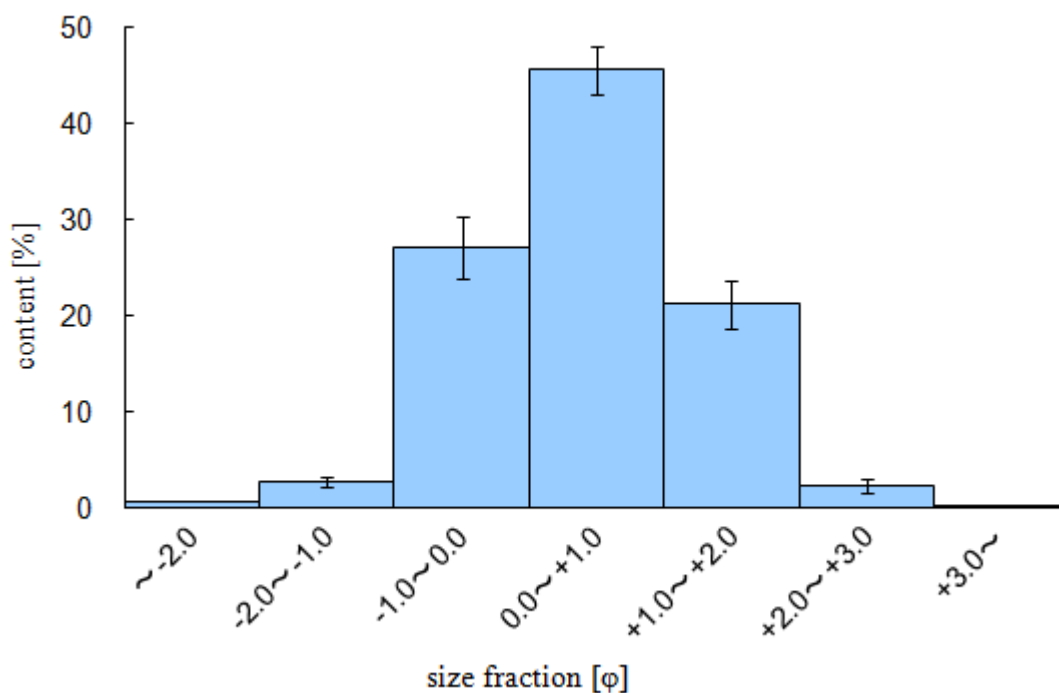


Figure 2-2. Result of size fraction of bulk sediment. Bulk sediments were collected at Shiraho reef sand area and were measured by using -2~3  $\phi$  sieves.



## 2-2-2. Mineralogy

The mineralogy was identified by dyeing method and X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis. These two analyses are explained as follows.

The composition of the sediment samples was determined for 837 sand grains with sizes between 1.0-2.0 mm. Firstly they were boiled and dyed with  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  for 20 minutes. Since only aragonite crystal becomes redpurple, it is easy to identify aragonite (Friedman 1959). After sand grains were identified by using a stereoscopic microscope, the compositions were calculated by weight, which was measured by an electronic balance (MC5, Sartorius KK). Table 2-1 and Figure 2-3 show the results. More than 40 % of the sediment samples consisted of foraminifera.

The  $\text{MgCO}_3$  content for foraminifera and coralline algae were estimated by the position of the peak X-ray strength (Goldsmith and Graf, 1958), which was measured by the X' Part Pro X-ray diffractometer (Panalitical) with Cu target. The tube voltage of 45 kV, the tube current of 40 mA, the scanning interval of 20 to 35° 2 $\theta$ , the time per step(s) of 19.685, and scan speed (°/s) of 0.0167 were used. Table 2-2, Figures 2-4, 5 and 6 show the result of XRD. Foraminifera and coralline algae are calcite crystal system, whose peaks are between calcite and dolomite, suggesting that they are Mg-calcite. The magnesium contents of the coralline algae and foraminifera were  $16.5 \pm 0.4$  and  $13.3 \pm 0.4$  mole%, respectively, and the coral was pure aragonite.

Table 2-1. Results of weight and grain number: 837 sand grains with sizes between 1.0-2.0 mm were counted and weighted. Measured weight had  $\pm 0.0001\text{g}$ .

	weight[g]	count	[%]
Coral	0.5901	120	16.9
Shell	0.2648	60	7.6
calcareous algae	0.0650	25	1.9
other aragonite	0.0653	11	1.9
Foraminifera	1.4592	415	41.7
coralline algae	0.1809	40	5.2
sea urchin	0.0949	16	2.7
Others	0.7758	150	22.2
Total	3.4960	837	100

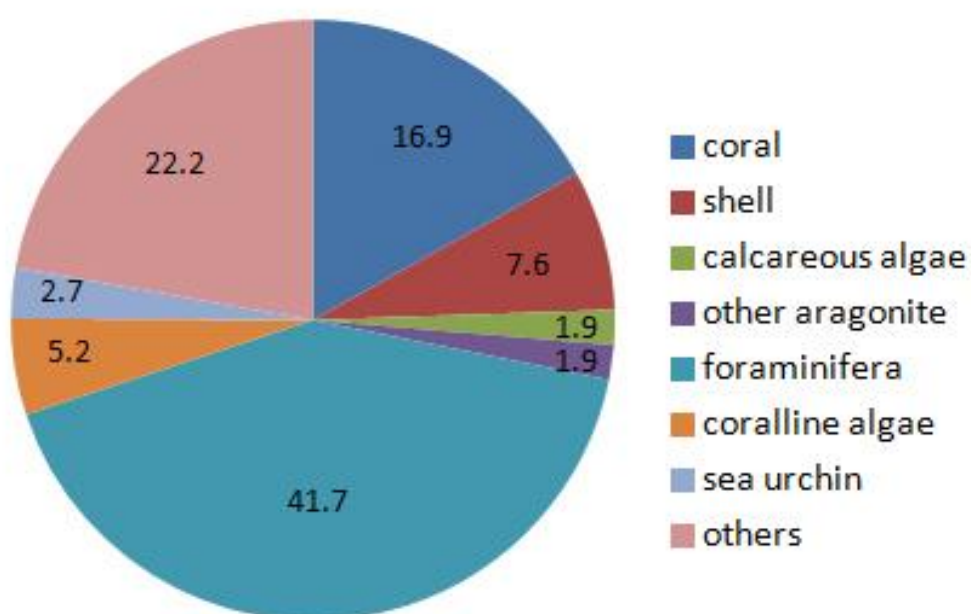


Figure 2-3. Weight composition of sediment samples (%). Sand granis were indentified by dyed with  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and using a stereoscopic microscope

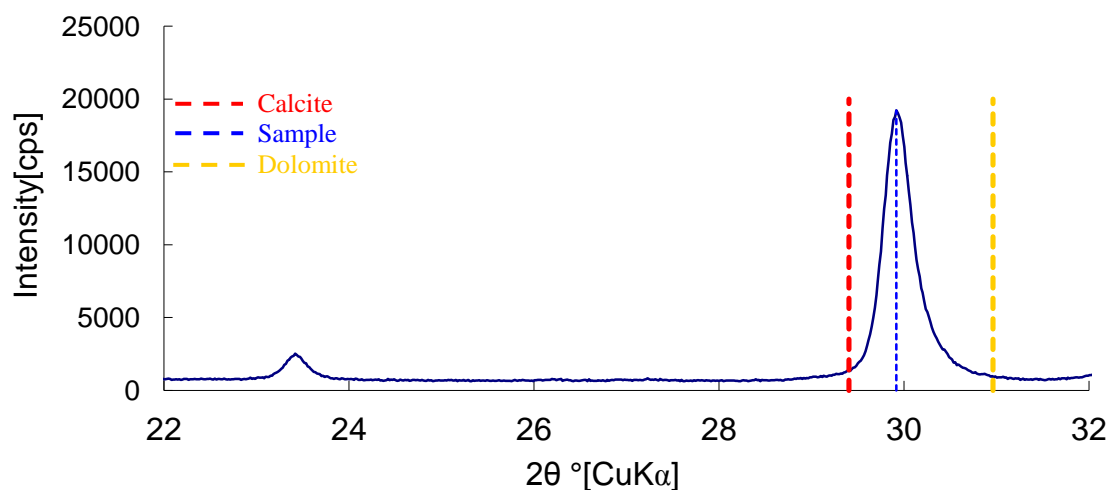


Figure 2-4. Result of XRD (coralline algae). Blue solid line shows the coralline algae result, blue dashed line shows peak position of coralline algae, yellow dashed line shows dolomite peak position, and red dashed lines shows calcite peak position. Mg content was calculated by these three peak positions.

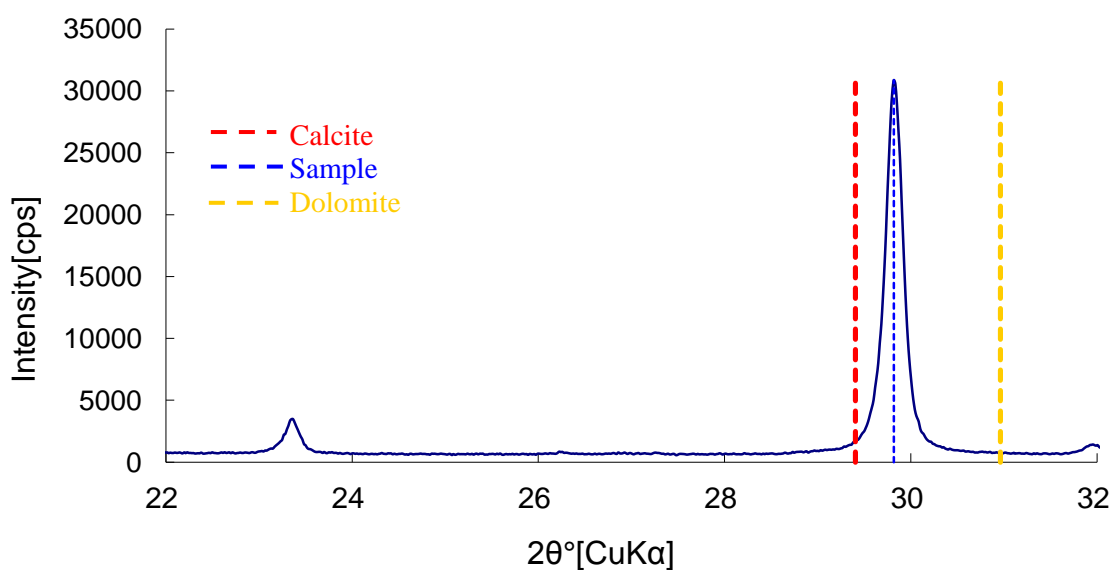


Figure 2-5. Result of XRD (foraminifera). Blue solid line shows the foraminifera result, blue dashed line shows peak position of foraminifera, yellow dashed line shows dolomite peak position, and red dashed lines shows calcite peak position. Mg content was calculated by these three peak positions.

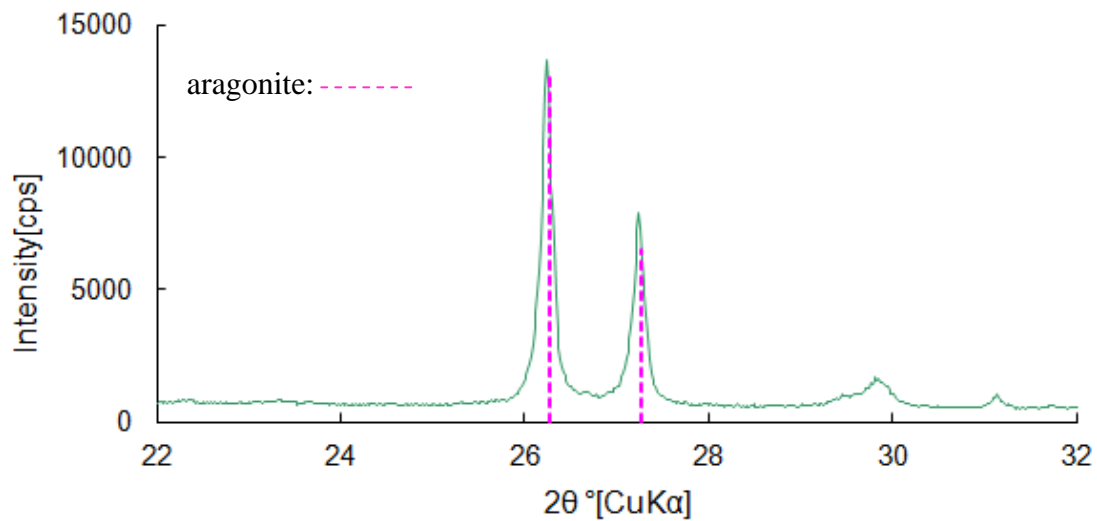


Figure 2-6. Result of XRD (coral). Green line shows the result of coral sample. Two purple dashed lines show aragonite peak positions, suggesting that coral sample is pure aragonite

Table 2-2.  $\text{MgCO}_3$  content for coralline algae and foraminifera, which were calculated by calcite and dolomite peak positions.

sample	2θ	$\text{MgCO}_3$ content
coralline	29.918	$16.5 \pm 0.4 \text{ mole\% MgCO}_3$
foraminifera	29.818	$13.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ mole\% MgCO}_3$
Calcite	29.407	0 mole% $\text{MgCO}_3$
Dolomite	30.961	50 mole% $\text{MgCO}_3$

### **2-2-3. Specific surface area**

Specific surface area (SSA) was analyzed by Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) method using Gas Adsorption Apparatus (BELSORP 28SA, BELL Japan INC) at National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology in Tsukuba. The BET method is widely used for the calculation of surface areas of solids by physical adsorption of gas molecules (Brunauer et al. 1938). Physical adsorption of gas molecules were calculated by the difference of pressure, and high-resolution capacitance manometer was used to measure it. SSA of bulk sediment, foraminifera, coralline algae, coral (before experiment), and coral (after dissolution experiment) were 0.72, 0.93, 2.10, 1.50, and 1.30 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> respectively. Errors of SSA measurements were better than 1%.

## Chapter 3.

# Threshold of Mg-calcite dissolution determined by laboratory experiment

### 3-1. Introduction

The dissolution of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  is usually described by higher-order reaction rate law with respect to undersaturation:  $(1-\Omega)$  and  $\Omega_a$  is generally used for index of ocean acidification (Gattuso and Hansson, 2011). In order to clarify the relationship between  $\Omega_a$  and the rate of Mg-calcite dissolution, I measured the dissolution rate of aragonite from a coral (*Porites* sp) and Mg-calcite excreted by several organisms under conditions of  $\Omega_a > 1$ , using an experiment system that controlled  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater.  $\Omega_a$  threshold of biogenic Mg-calcite dissolution calculated by total alkalinity ( $A_T$ ) and dissolved inorganic carbon ( $C_T$ ) was measured.

## 3-2. Methodology

### 3-2-1. Experimental design

In order to predict the effect of Mg-calcite dissolution against ocean acidification, knowledge of the relationship between biogenic Mg-calcite dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  is essential. Most of the previous studies focused not on biogenic Mg-calcite in nature but on pure minerals (Morse et al. 2007). Moreover, the experimental conditions such as flow rate, the way how to add  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater, sample treatment and mineralogy were differed from actual environment. Here, I designed an experimental system with conditions matching those of a natural coral reef. Carbonate sediments were collected from Shiraho reef and prepared with minimal treatment (ultrasonic cleaning and drying). Natural seawater was used for the dissolution experiment and the  $\Omega_a$  value of the seawater was controlled by  $\text{CO}_2$ , rather than by HCl or NaOH.

The experimental system (Figure 3-1) consists of four components: a seawater tank, a dissolution chamber, a  $\text{CO}_2$  gas unit, and a flow-through analyzer for  $A_T$  and  $C_T$ . The experimental procedure is described below.

First,  $\text{CO}_2$  gas (420 to 2210 ppm) levels were prepared using the  $\text{CO}_2$  gas unit, imitating  $\text{CO}_2$  conditions similar to those close to the present day (420 ppm),  $2 \times$  pre-industrial levels ( $\sim 560$  ppm),  $4 \times$  pre-industrial levels ( $\sim 1120$  ppm), and  $8 \times$  pre-industrial levels ( $\sim 2240$  ppm). Seawater in the tank was circulated through the seawater line (bypass line) for 10 to 12 hours to allow the seawater and introduced  $\text{CO}_2$  to equilibrate. The  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater in the tank was checked with a non-dispersive infrared gas analyzer (NDIR, LI-COR, LI-820) during the experiment. After the  $p\text{CO}_2$  had stabilized,  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were determined using the flow-through analyzer (Kimoto Electric Company Limited) before the experiment began. About 10g of samples were placed in the dissolution chamber (600ml), and seawater was circulated through

the seawater line (dissolution line). The flow rate was about  $5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ .  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were measured again after several hours, both in the middle and at the end of the experiment. The experiment was performed as a time series, and  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were analyzed periodically through its duration (~1.5 h).

The conditions for each experiment are listed in Table 3-1. Temperature in the incubator was maintained at  $26 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the dissolution experiment was performed at seven different  $p\text{CO}_2$  levels for bulk sediment, four levels for coralline algae and foraminiferans, and three levels for coral.



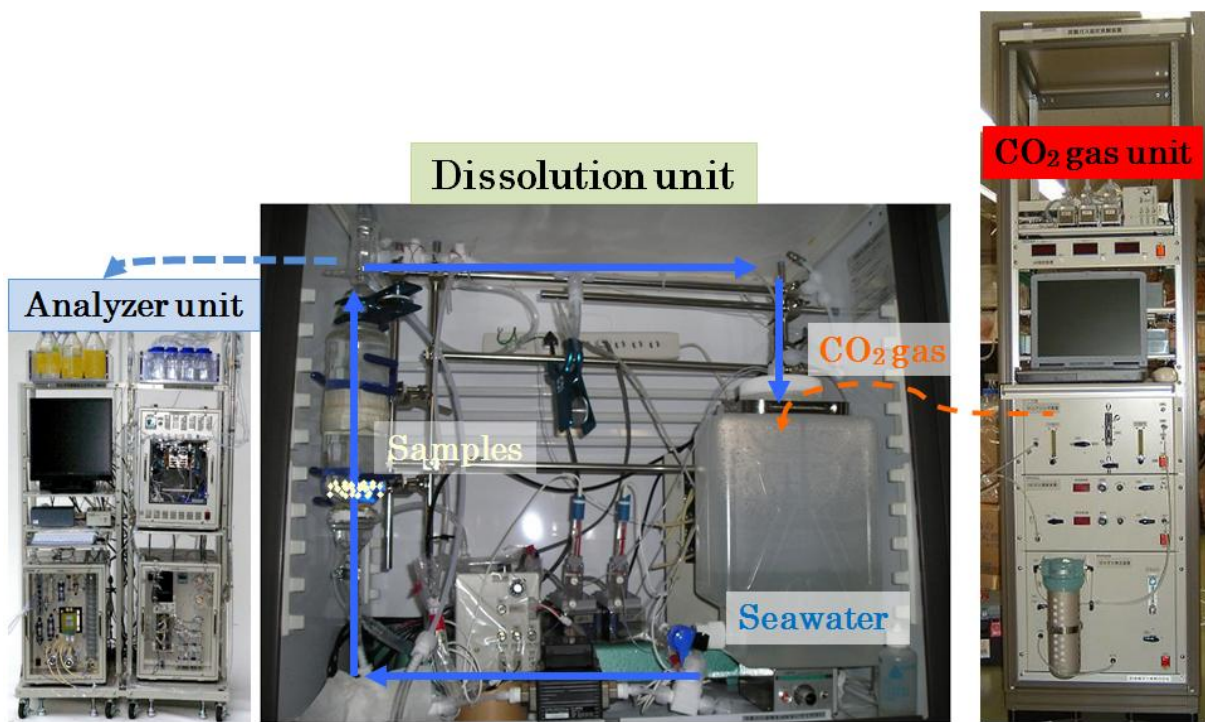
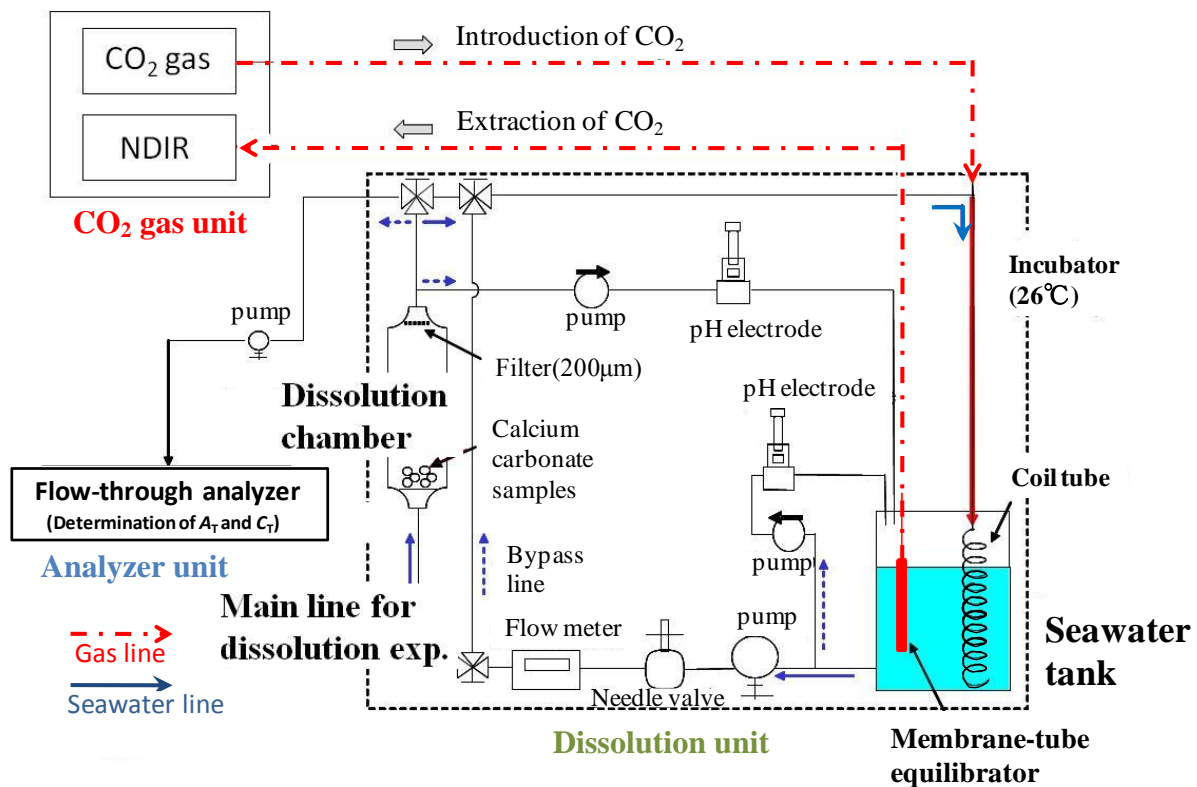


Figure 3-1. Schematics and photographs of laboratory experiment. Experiment systems consist three units: CO<sub>2</sub> gas unit, dissolution unit, and analyzer unit.

Table 3-1. Condition for each experiment

Samples	Incubator temperature	seawater : sample ratio (by weight )	$p\text{ CO}_2$ [ppm]	$\Omega_a$
Bulk sediment	26°C	310:1	420 , 590 , 750 , 820 , 1110 , 1290 , 2030	3.5 , 2.9 , 2.5 , 2.4 , 1.9 , 1.7 , 1.2
Coralline algae	26°C	310:1	570 , 830 , 1070 , 2000	2.9 , 2.3 , 1.8 , 1.2
Foraminifera	26°C	310:1	510 , 570 , 1240 , 2210	3.2 , 2.9 , 1.7 , 1.1
Coral	26°C	310:1	1070 , 1550 , 2100	1.9 , 1.6 , 1.1

### 3-2-2. Specification of system components

Seawater tank: CO<sub>2</sub> gas was introduced to the seawater by using a 3.5 m coiled tube with a single small hole to allow for bubbling and equilibration (Figure 3-1). The coiled tube is made of fluorocarbon polymers and is a closed system. Seawater *p*CO<sub>2</sub> in the tank was monitored continuously by using a membrane tube and NDIR (Non Dispersive InfraRed) similar to the system used by Saito et al. (1995).

Dissolution chamber: By using a pump, seawater was introduced to the dissolution chamber (600 ml) from the seawater tank. Carbonate samples for dissolution experiments were placed in this chamber. Mesh filters (200 µm) were affixed to both sides of the chamber to prevent loss of samples.

CO<sub>2</sub> gas unit: Gas mixtures of CO<sub>2</sub> at concentrations between 420 and 2210 ppm were prepared by mixing CO<sub>2</sub> free gas, which passed through soda lime traps to remove trace CO<sub>2</sub>, with pure CO<sub>2</sub> using two mass flow controllers, and then dissolved in seawater. The gas flow rate monitored in CO<sub>2</sub> gas unit was 400 ml min<sup>-1</sup> in all experiments.

Flow-through analyzer: The sample seawater was introduced directly to the flow-through analyzer (Kimoto Electric Company Limited) by switching the flow line (Kimoto et al., 2001; Watanabe et al., 2004). Certified reference materials (A. Dickson, University of California) were used to calibrate the system. Sodium carbonate solutions were used for the *C<sub>T</sub>* calibration. The analytical accuracies of *A<sub>T</sub>* and *C<sub>T</sub>* were within 3 µmol kg<sup>-1</sup> and standard deviations of *A<sub>T</sub>* and *C<sub>T</sub>* were 1.1 µmol kg<sup>-1</sup> and 2.1 µmol kg<sup>-1</sup> respectively (Kimoto et al., 2002; Watanabe et al., 2004). Since seawater was removed to measure *A<sub>T</sub>* and *C<sub>T</sub>*, water volume during experiment decreased as experiment went on. The seawater volume during the experiment was reported in Supplementary Table 1, and was taken into account for calculating dissolution rate.

### **3-2-3. Sample treatment**

For the dissolution experiment, commercially available seawater (Nihon-Aquarium-Service Co., Ltd.) collected from a depth of 500 m at 34.7°N, 139.4°W (near Izu Islands, Japan) and sterilized by UV rays was used for preservation. The seawater was filtered using a 0.45 µm capsule filter. Carbonate samples used were coral, foraminifera, coralline algae, and bulk sediment sampled from Shiraho reef. The sediments were collected from the surface sediment layer using a scoop in August 2007, and the coral, foraminifera and coralline algae in October 2007. Samples were cleaned in an ultrasonic bath sonicator and dried at 40 °C for about 12 h. Chemical sterilization was not conducted so as not to destroy the micro structure.

### 3-2-4. Calculation

The  $A_T$  of seawater increases by 2 moles for every 1 mole of calcium carbonate dissolution. The carbonate dissolution rate is measured by analyzing the change in  $A_T$ . Salinity changes also affect the  $A_T$ . Salinity change was caused by the evaporation due to (1) dry gas introduced from  $\text{CO}_2$  gas unit and (2) decrease in seawater volume in the dissolution unit. Figure 3-2 shows time series of  $A_T$  without and with two salinity correction models. Since there were no samples and only seawater in dissolution unit, no  $A_T$  change should have been observed. However,  $A_T$  without salinity correction increased with time. Thus, salinity correction should be made. Dry gas flow calibration was calculated according to the relationship between gas flow and salinity change (Table 3-2). Seawater volume calibration was conducted assuming that no  $A_T$  changes were occurred with time in Figure 3-2. Seawater volume calibration was simply calculated by duration time because seawater volume was considered to decrease with duration time. Figure 3-3 shows the both calibration results and there are no significant differences. Since seawater volume were variable among each experiment condition and the change in  $nA_T$  (normalized total alkalinity) according to dry gas flow calibration was about 2 to 3  $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ , a value within the error range of the measurement as mentioned in 3-2-2, dissolution rate in this study was calculated by gas flow correction. Using equation (3-1),  $A_T$  was standardized to a constant salinity, and the dissolution rate was then calculated:

$$nA_T = A_T \times S_{\text{average}}/S_{\text{sample}} \quad (3-1)$$

where  $nA_T$  is the normalized total alkalinity ( $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ), representing the total alkalinity standardized to the salinity;  $S_{\text{average}}$  is the average salinity during all the experiments; and  $S_{\text{sample}}$  is the calibrated salinity according to Table 3-2.  $C_T$  was also standardized to salinity, and  $nC_T$  (normalized dissolved inorganic carbon,  $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ) was obtained. Salinity was

measured using a salinometer (PORTASAL 8410A, Guildline Instruments Limited). IAPSO (International Association for Physical Sciences of the Ocean) standard seawater was used for calibration. The precision of salinity analysis is  $\pm 0.003$ .

Dissolution rates were calculated as follows:

$$R = \Delta nA_T / 2 \times m_W \times M \times 100 / (m_s \times t) \quad (3-2)$$

where  $\Delta nA_T$  is the difference in  $nA_T$  over the course of the experiment,  $m_W$  is the weight of seawater,  $M$  is the molecular weight of calcium carbonate (=100),  $m_s$  is the average weight of the carbonate sample over the course of the experiment, and  $t$  is the duration of the experiment. Due to the design of the system, a small amount of seawater remains in the pump and tubes at the end of each run. However, only a small amount of seawater (10 ml = less than 0.5% of total volume) was remained in the pump at the end of each experiment, and this was corrected for when determining the mass balance of  $A_T$ .

Seawater fugacity of  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $f\text{CO}_2$ ) and  $\Omega_a$  values were calculated from  $A_T$ ,  $C_T$ , seawater temperature, and salinity, using the calculation program CO2sys (<http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/oceans/co2rprt.html>; DOE, 1994). The total scale for pH was used in all calculations, employing the equilibrium constants ( $K_1$  and  $K_2$ ) reported by Mehrbach et al. (1973; refit by Dickson and Millero, 1987).

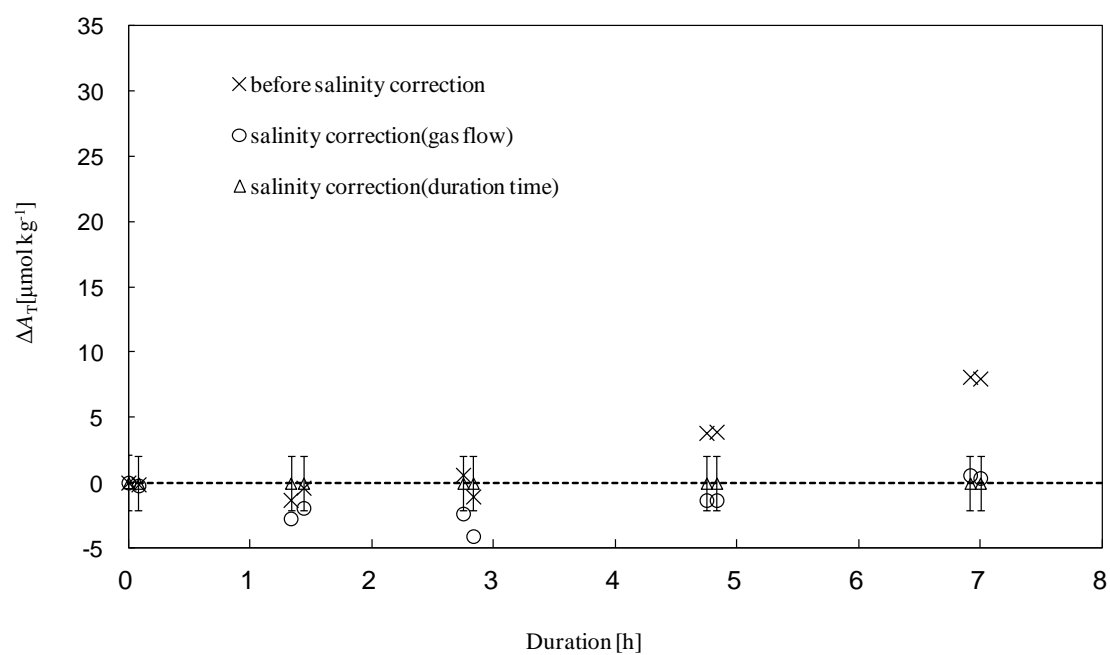


Figure 3-2. Results of blank experiment. X symbols show  $A_T$  changes before salinity correction, circle symbols show  $A_T$  changes after salinity correction according to gas flow, and triangle symbols show  $A_T$  changes after salinity correction according to duration time.

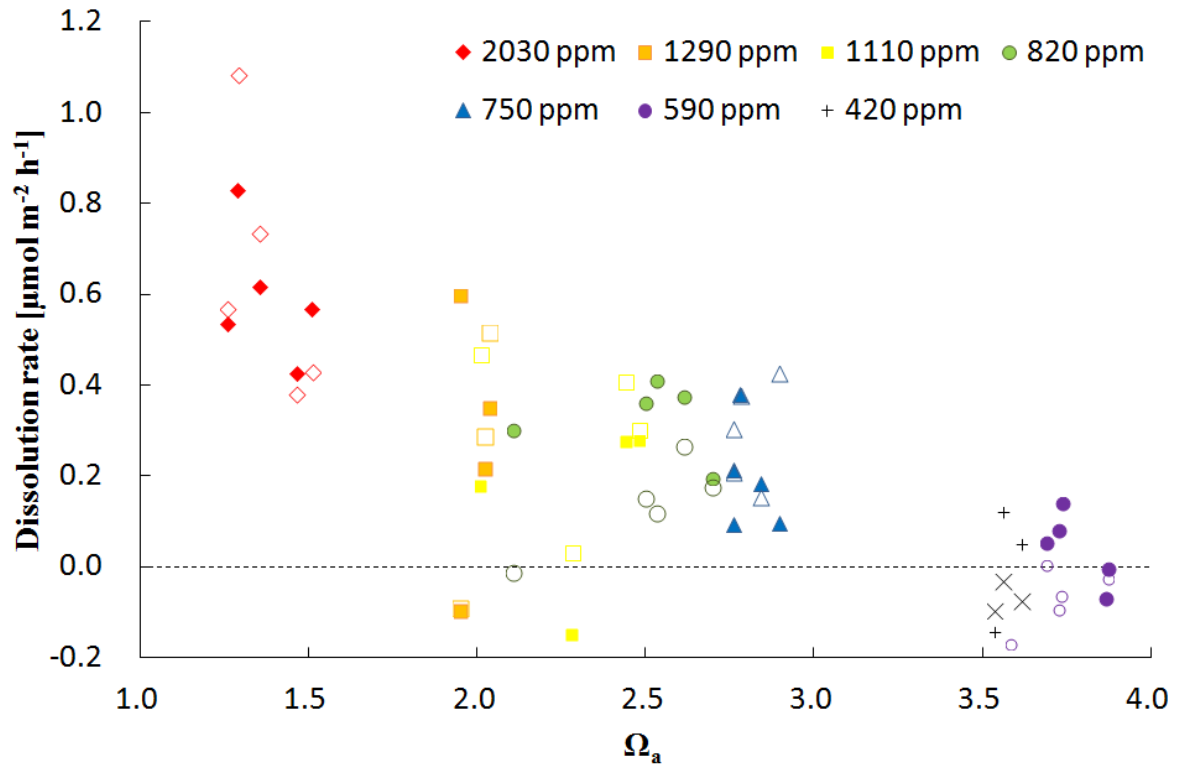


Figure 3-3. The relationship between average dissolution rate and average  $\Omega_a$  for bulk experiment. Solid symbols show gas flow calibration and open symbols show duration time calibration. There are no significant differences between two corrections. Calculated dissolution rate has about  $0.3 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  error bar

Table 3-2. Relationship between change of gas flow, salinity and  $A_T$

Gas Flow [ $\text{ml min}^{-1}$ ]	$\Delta\text{Salinity} [\text{h}^{-1}]$	$\Delta A_T [\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}]^*$
50	0.0045	0.308
300	0.0085	0.584
500	0.0264	1.803

\*Assuming that initial  $A_T = 2350 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$



### 3-3. Results

The conditions for each experiment are listed in Table 3-1 and the results of all experiments are listed in Supplementary Table 1. The results of the bulk dissolution experiment are shown in Figure 3-4. During the experiments,  $nA_T$  varied between 6 and 25  $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ . No increase in  $nA_T$  was observed when  $p\text{CO}_2$  was 420 ppm, and the change in  $nA_T$  was highest when  $p\text{CO}_2$  was 2030 ppm.

Figure 3-5 shows the average dissolution rates during each interval, calculated from  $nA_T$  changes, plotted against averaged  $\Omega_a$ . Although  $\Omega_a$  in seawater varied during experiment, the constant dissolution rate was considered during each interval for analytical limit. The unit of dissolution rate was converted to [ $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ] by specific surface area measured in Chapter 2 with the assumption that specific surface area did not change during experiment. However, specific surface area of coral sample decreased from 1.5  $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$  to 1.3  $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$  before and after the dissolution experiment. The effect of specific surface area for calculating dissolution rate should be considered in the future. The average dissolution rate was fastest ( $0.56 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ) when  $\Omega_a$  was 1.3 and slowest when  $\Omega_a$  was 3.7.

Similarly, Fig. 3-6 shows the results of dissolution experiments on coralline algae, foraminiferans, and coral, together with those of the bulk sediment. In all cases, the dissolution rate increases as  $\Omega_a$  decreases. Dashed lines indicate standard errors for dissolution rate, and  $\Omega_a$  calculated from  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  has an error of 0.05. Since the analytical accuracies of  $A_T$  were 3  $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ , calculated dissolution rate has about 0.3  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  error bar, suggesting that range of threshold of each Mg-calcite dissolution was basically contain analytical error. The threshold value of foraminiferan and coralline algal dissolution is  $3.0 < \Omega_a < 3.2$ , and that of the bulk sediment is  $3.7 < \Omega_a < 3.8$  by using linear fit, and these values

are used for the following discussion chapter. The dissolution rate of the coral shows no significant change when  $1.5 < \Omega_a < 2.0$ .

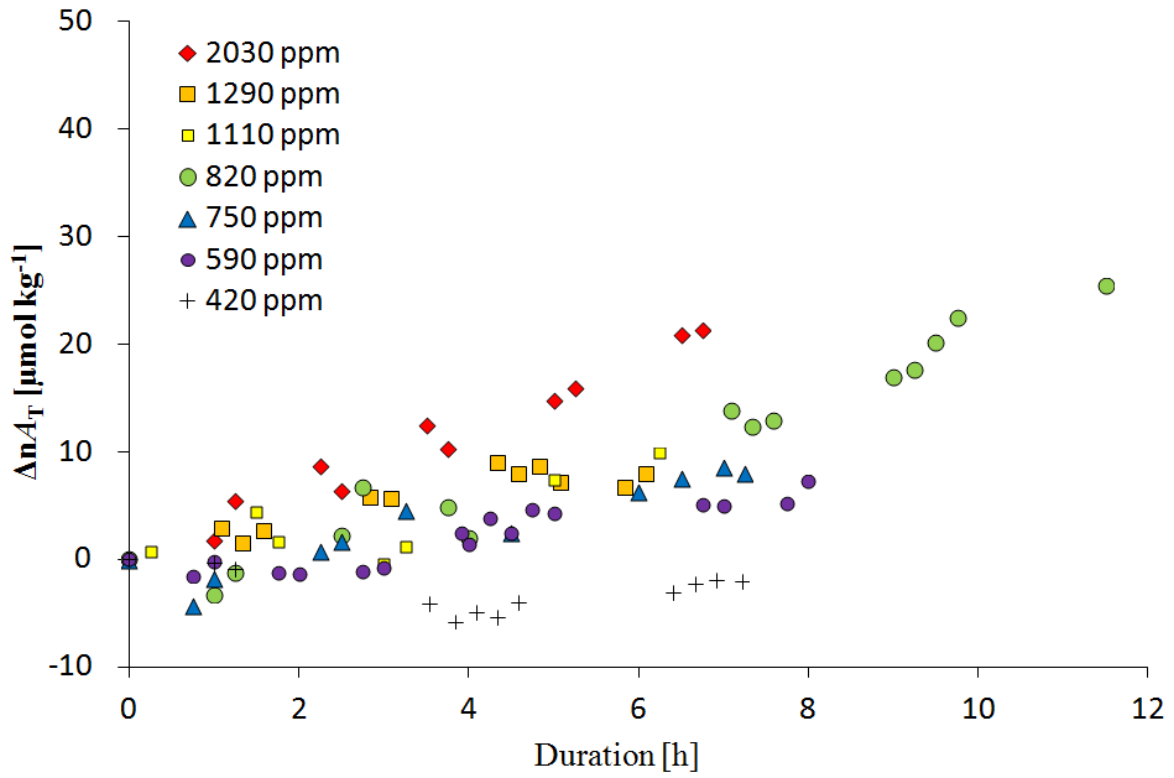


Figure 3-4. The result of bulk dissolution experiment ( $nA_T$  and duration).

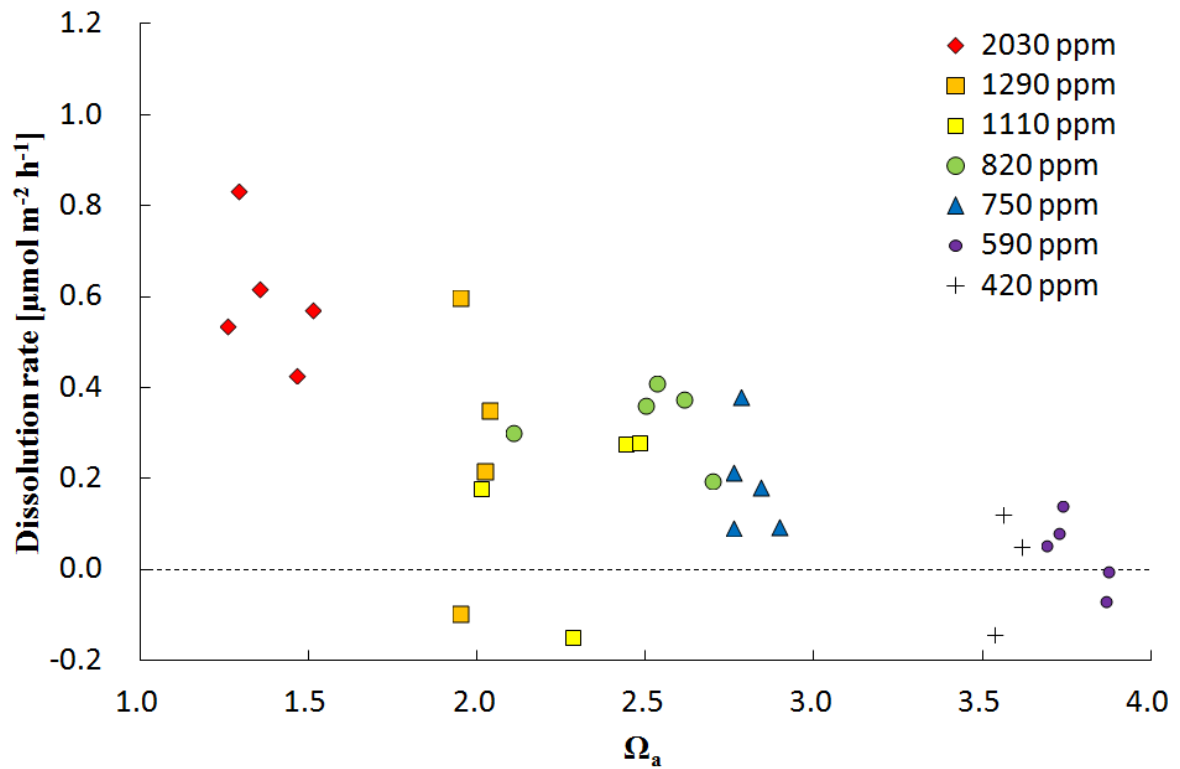


Figure 3-5. The relationship between average dissolution rate and average  $\Omega_a$  (bulk).

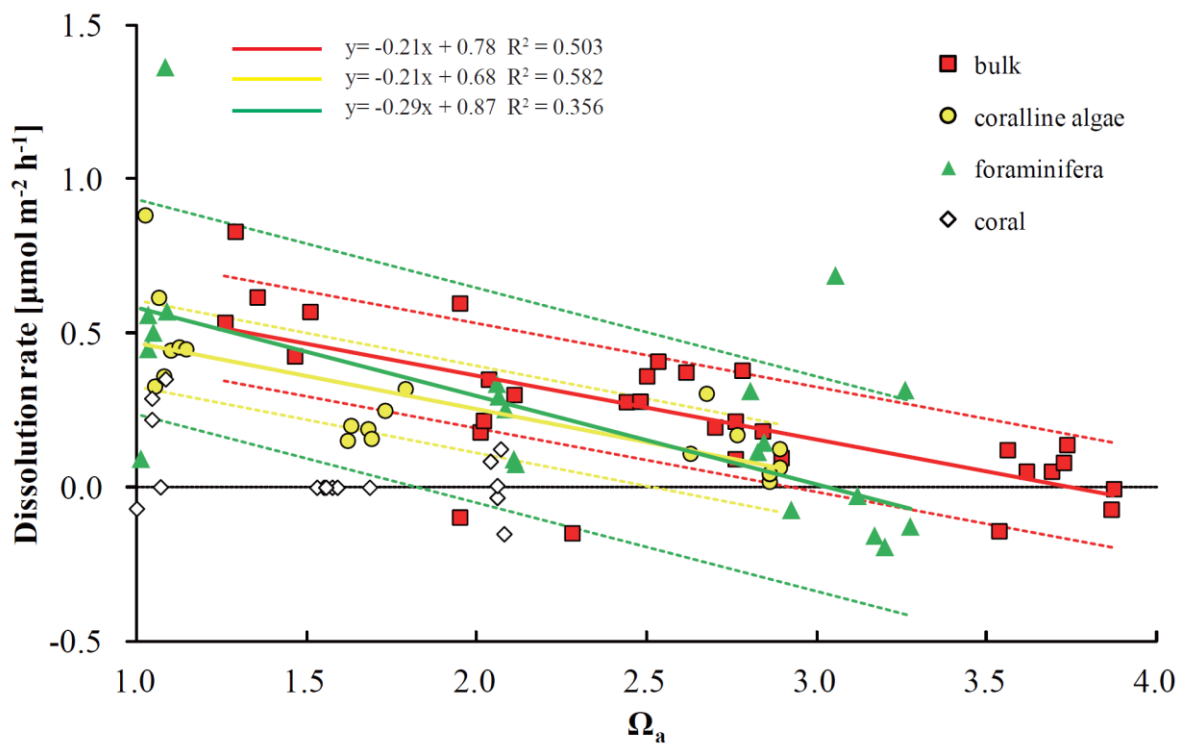


Figure 3-6. The relation between average dissolution rate and average  $\Omega_a$  (for all samples): Solid lines indicate linear regression of dissolution rate on  $\Omega_a$ , and dashed lines indicate each standard errors.

### 3-4. Discussion

As in earlier studies (Bischoff et al., 1993; Morse et al., 2006, 2007), the dissolution rate differences among samples are presumably resulted from the solubility differences of minerals with varying Mg content and specific surface area.

#### 3-4-1. Relationship between solubility and $\Omega_a$

I compared the Mg-calcite solubilities obtained in this study with those measured previously (Morse and Mackenzie, 1990) using the  $\Omega_a$  threshold of coralline algae and foraminifera dissolution. The solubilities of biogenic Mg-calcite obtained by foraminifera are calculated using the results of two different types of experiments: Plummer–Mackenzie solubility (Plummer and Mackenzie, 1974) and biogenic best-fit solubility (Walter and Morse, 1984; Bischoff et al., 1987) as mentioned in Chapter 1. The  $\Omega$  value of Mg-calcite (16 mole % Mg) is 0.2 based on the former method and 0.8 based on the latter, when  $\Omega_a = 1.0$ . This discrepancy originates from differences in pretreatment and the experimental method (Bischoff et al., 1993; Morse et al., 2006). For example, in the Plummer–Mackenzie method, carbonate samples were washed in an ultrasonic bath and then dried, whereas for the biogenic best-fit solubility they were not only washed in an ultrasonic bath, but were chemically treated with  $H_2O_2$  to remove organic matter. That is why solubilities of biogenic Mg-calcite are different among researches, and it is difficult to determine which solubilities should be adopted when evaluating the effect of Mg-calcite dissolution in nature (Morse et al., 2007; Andersson et al., 2009).

In the present work, the  $-\log(K_{sp}^*)$  values of coralline algae ( $16.5 \pm 0.4$  mole % Mg) and foraminiferans ( $13.3 \pm 0.4$  mole % Mg) are 7.80 and 7.82, respectively, and according to Plummer and Mackenzie (1974),  $-\log(K_{sp}^*)$  value of 12.7 mole % Mg is 7.82 (Figure 3-7). Samples used in this study were cleaned only in an ultrasonic bath and dried at 40°C for about

12 h, following Plummer and Mackenzie (1974). The foraminifera and coralline algae solubilities calculated in this study are similar to those reported by Plummer and Mackenzie (1974). On the other hand, a significant dissolution rate of coral was obtained even when  $\Omega_a = 1.1$ . Since  $\Omega_a$  (calculated from  $A_T$  and  $C_T$ ) has an error of 0.05, biogenic aragonite starts to dissolve where  $1.05 < \Omega_a < 1.15$ . Alternatively, biogenic aragonite may be slightly more soluble than synthetic aragonite because of its heterogeneity and instability.

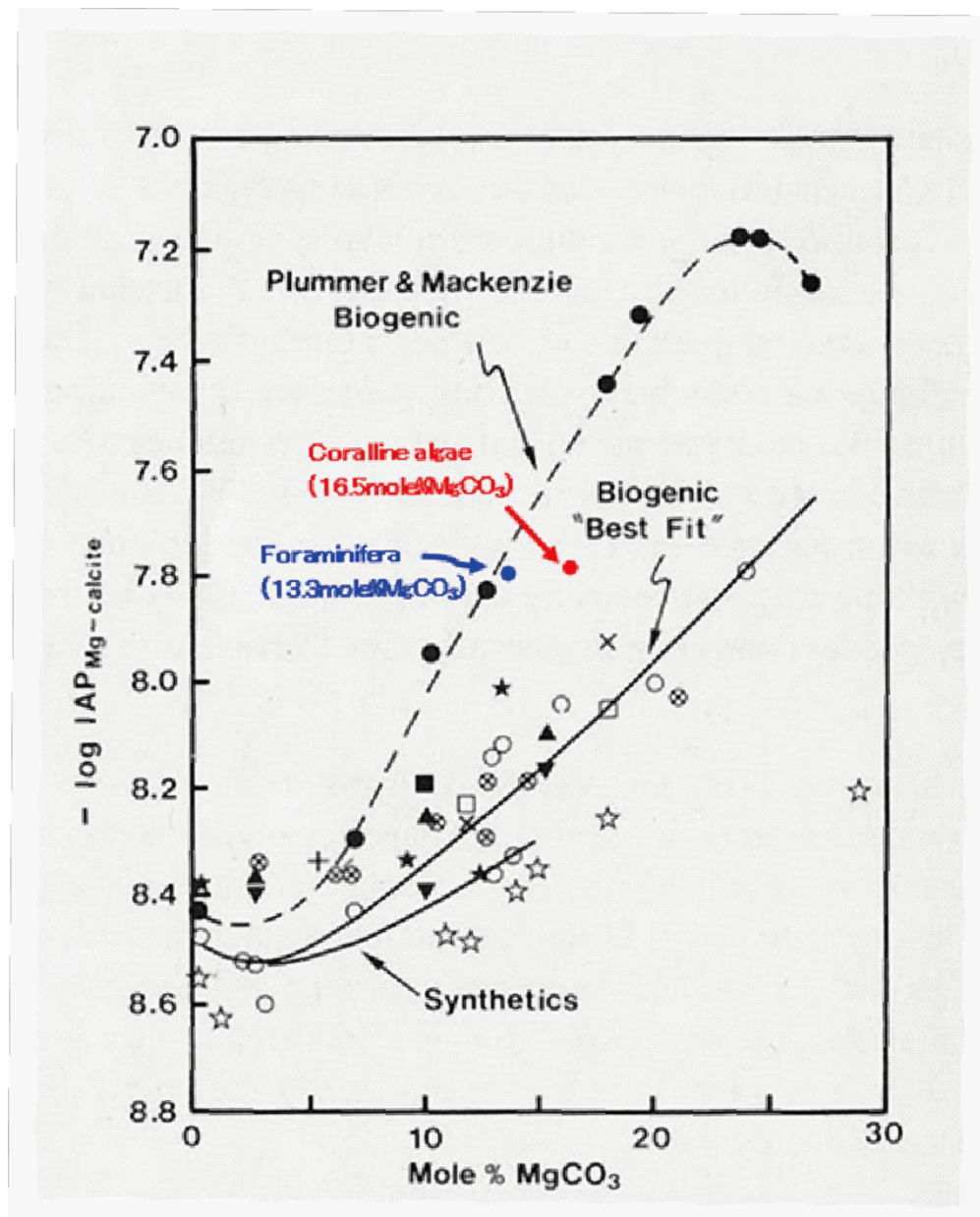


Figure 3-7. Solubility of Mg-calcite cited from Morse et al. (2007): Data from the present experiment are shown by red and blue circles. Logarithm of ion activity product ( $\log IAP$ ) is calculated by threshold of foraminifera and coralline algae dissolution and Morse et al. (2007).

### 3-4-2 Evaluation of Mg-calcite dissolution

The relationship between dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$ , as obtained from the present experiments (Figure 3-6) and surface sediment area (Chapter 2-2-3), is as follows:

$$\text{Bulk sediment: Dissolution rate (i.e. } DR_{\text{bulk}}) [\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}] = -0.21 \times \Omega_a + 0.78 \quad (3-3)$$

$$\text{Foraminifera: Dissolution rate (i.e. } DR_{\text{Fora}}) [\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}] = -0.29 \times \Omega_a + 0.87 \quad (3-4)$$

$$\text{Coralline algae: Dissolution rate (i.e. } DR_{\text{CA}}) [\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}] = -0.21 \times \Omega_a + 0.68 \quad (3-5)$$

Correlation coefficient is  $R = -0.710$  for bulk sediment,  $R = -0.596$  for foraminifera, and  $R = -0.763$  for coralline algae, and relationship between duration rate and  $\Omega_a$  had statistically significant correlation ( $\alpha=0.01$ ) by test for no correlation. According to equations (3-3) to (3-5), the net dissolution of bulk sediment was zero at  $3.7 < \Omega_a < 3.8$  whereas those of foraminifera and coralline algae were zero at  $3.0 < \Omega_a < 3.2$ .

In order to discuss the validity of each estimated Mg-calcite dissolution rate and bulk sediment dissolution rate, total calculated dissolution rate (i.e., the dissolution rate of foraminifera + coralline algae; DR) are considered, and DR is defined as follows:

$$DR = DR_{\text{fora}} \times (\text{Foraminifera/Bulk}) + DR_{\text{CA}} \times (\text{Coralline algae/Bulk}) \quad (3-6)$$

The composition ratio is derived from Figure 2-3; and in the case that  $DR < 0$ ,  $DR=0$  was used, assuming no precipitation of calcium carbonate. If foraminifera and coralline algae are the only dissolving grains in the bulk sediment,  $DR_{\text{bulk}}$  should be equal to the total calculated dissolution rate (DR). Figure 3-8 shows DR plotted against the  $DR_{\text{bulk}}$  (equation 3-3). Dashed line in Figure 3-8 indicates the 1:1 line for DR and  $DR_{\text{bulk}}$ . When  $1.9 < \Omega_a < 3.7$  values assign to equation (3-3) and (3-6), dotted lines are obtained. The result suggests that DR is smaller than  $DR_{\text{bulk}}$ , especially when  $\Omega_a > 3.0$ .



The sediment samples consist of 75% foraminifera, coralline algae, coral, and other aragonite; 3% echinoids, and 22% “indiscernible other minerals”; the latter two components were not included in the calculations because echinoid test is composed of Mg-calcite with a low  $\text{MgCO}_3$  content (8.0 mole % Mg), corresponding to a relatively small contribution to the bulk dissolution rate, and the “indiscernible other minerals” are considered to be calcite or Mg-calcite, because they did not acquire coloration when dyed with  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (aragonite colors red-purple), and over 95% of the sediment in the Shiraho reef is carbonate. Any minerals in the minor fraction such as biogenic heterogenic Mg-calcite or organisms appear to be much more soluble than the foraminiferans and coralline algae, meaning that we may underestimate the dissolution rate. On the other hand, dissolution can be generally explained from foraminiferan and coralline algal dissolution when  $\Omega_a < 3.0$  (Figure 3-8), and this finding is applicable to reef environments where sediment grains consist mainly of these biogenic carbonates.

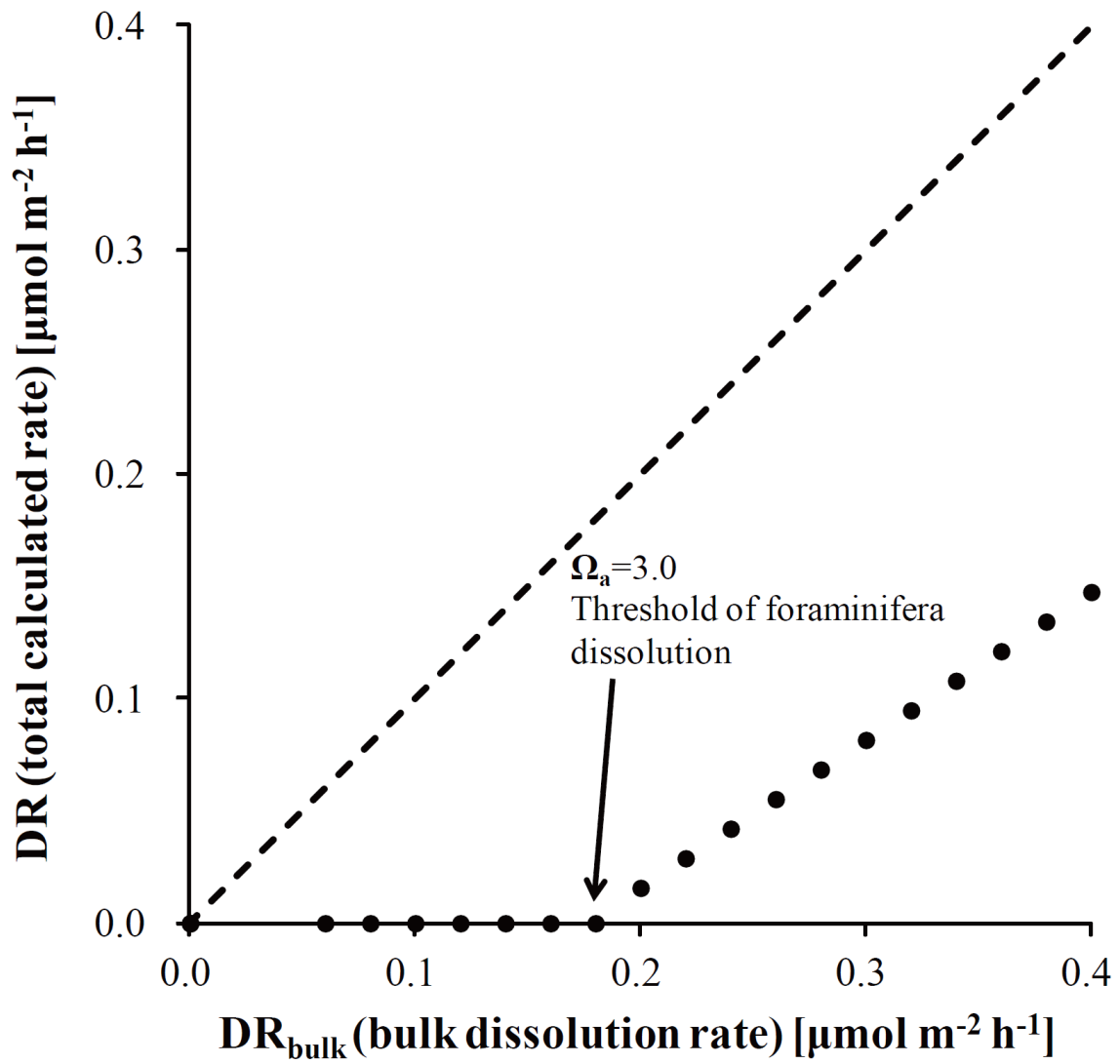


Figure 3-8. Relationship between bulk dissolution rate ( $DR_{\text{bulk}}$ ) and total calculated dissolution rate ( $DR$ ): If bulk dissolution rate is equivalent to total calculated dissolution rate at any  $\Omega_a$  values, the plots should be on dashed line. However, the relationship between bulk dissolution rate and total calculated dissolution rate is shown by dotted line, suggesting that bulk dissolution rate is always higher than total calculated dissolution rate.

## **Chapter 4.**

# **Dissolution/calcification rate at sand area determined by chamber experiment**

### **4-1. Introduction**

In order to estimate *in situ* net dissolution/calcification rate at sand community, two types of chamber experiments were conducted. Flow-controlled chamber was operated under both flow and non-flow conditions. On the other hand, non-flow-controlled chamber was easier to operate but could be used only under non-flow condition. The results of non-flow-controlled chamber experiment and evaluation of both flow chamber experiments are described in appendix. In this section, I discuss net dissolution/calcification rate at sand area obtained by flow-controlled chamber.

## 4-2. Methodology

### 4-2-1. Experimental design for flow-controlled chamber

In order to estimate net dissolution/calcification rate *in situ* at a sand area under flow condition, a flow-controlled chamber was constructed and placed on the bottom (Figure 4-1). The flow-controlled chamber was  $0.8 \times 0.5 \times 0.3$  m, and consisted of five parts: an aluminum baseboard, clear acrylic side panels with aluminum frame, a clear acrylic top, connected vinyl chloride hose (8 cm diameter, 5m length), and a submerged pump (65 DWT 62.2, Ebara Co., Ltd). The submerged pump was controlled by an inverter (FR-D720-3.7K, Mitsubishi Electric Co., Ltd) on the boat, and flow rate inside the chamber was able to be changed up to about  $15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ . To increase  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater inside the chamber, a vinyl chloride large syringe (1.5 L size) was used. This syringe was connected to the chamber by two flanges. Seawater sampling procedure and the curtain to prevent mixture of seawater outside was the same as the non-flow-control chamber.

A photon flux sensor (ALW-CMP, JFE Advantech Co., Ltd), an electromagnetic current meter (INFINITY-EM, JFE Advantech Co., Ltd), and a temperature logger (CO-U22-001, Climatic Co., Ltd) were placed inside the chamber. They were recorded at 10-mins intervals. The procedure of experiments were as follows: (1) closing the chamber and a large syringe filled with  $\text{CO}_2$  saturated seawater was connected to the chamber and injected, (2) turning pump on, (3) after more than 5 min, a sample of seawater in the chamber was collected by a connected tube and syringe. (4) Seawater in the sealed chamber was re-sampled after about 3h. (5-1) When we wanted to continue experiment, procedure (4) was repeated. (5-2) When we wanted to change  $\text{CO}_2$  condition in seawater, the chamber was opened and seawater in the chamber was exchanged with the surrounding water, and (6) after waiting more than 15 min, the procedure (1) was repeated. Seawater samples were collected into 300-mL borosilicate

glass bottles (Duran, Schott) with 0.2 ml of saturated mercuric chloride ( $\text{HgCl}_2$ ) solution for preservation.

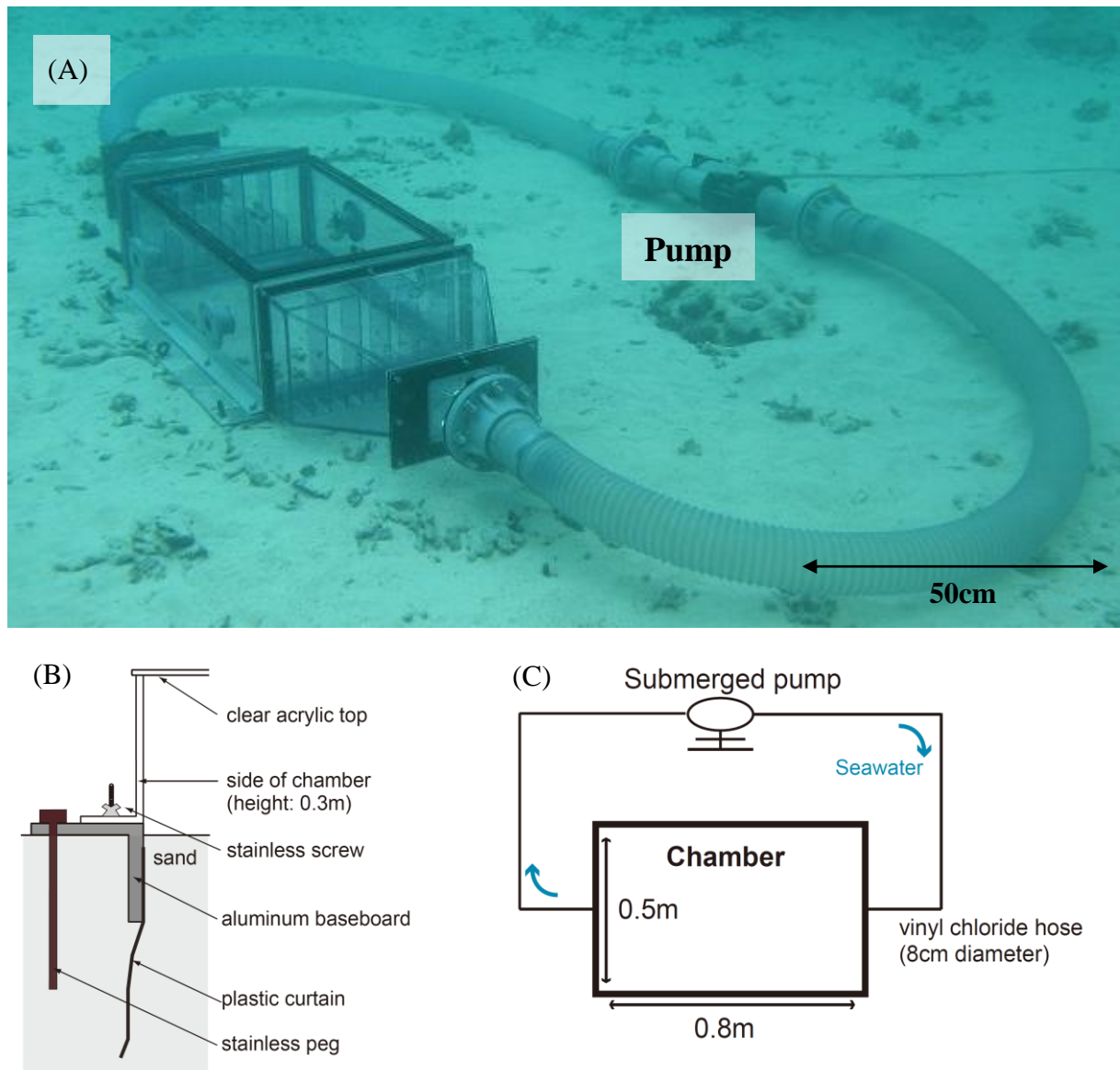


Figure 4-1. (A) Picture of flow-controlled chamber ( $0.8 \times 0.5 \times 0.3$  m) (B) Aluminum baseboard with plastic curtain was fixed by stainless peg, and was jointed with chamber by stainless screw. Top of chamber can be removed and it was attached to the chamber. (C) Schematic design of flow-controlled chamber: Sand area was enclosed by chamber, and seawater in chamber was circulated by submerged pump.

#### 4-2-2. Calculation

Net dissolution/calcification rate of the sand area was estimated based on the changes in the chemical composition of seawater in the chamber. The  $A_T$  of seawater increases by 2 moles for every 1 mole of calcium carbonate dissolution.  $A_T$ ,  $C_T$ , and salinity ( $S$ ) of the samples were measured at the University of Tokyo within two months after the sampling date.  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were obtained by the flow-through analyzer (Kimoto Electric Company Limited). The analytical accuracies of  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were within  $3 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$  and standard deviations of  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were  $1.1 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$  and  $2.1 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ , respectively (Kimoto et al., 2002; Watanabe et al., 2004), which were checked against certified reference materials (CRMs) distributed by A. Dickson (Scripps Institution of Oceanography). Salinity was determined using a salinometer (PORTASAL 8410A, Guildline Instruments Limited). The precision of salinity analysis is  $\pm 0.003$ .

Dissolution rates were calculated as follows:

$$R = \Delta A_T / 2 \times m_W \times M \times 100 / (S_A \times t) \quad (4-1)$$

where  $\Delta A_T$  is the difference in  $A_T$  between start and end of the experiment,  $m_W$  is the weight of seawater calculated on each chamber volume,  $M$  is the molecular weight of calcium carbonate (=100),  $S_A$  is the enclosed area by each chamber, and  $t$  is the duration of the experiment.

## 4-3. Results

### 4-3-1. Relationship between dissolution rate and flow rate

Figure 4-2 shows the average dissolution/calcification rates plotted against averaged  $\Omega_a$  conducted by flow-controlled chamber experiment, and Supplementary Table 3 summarized the experimental conditions. Diamond data indicate under flow condition of  $15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  (fast), square data indicate under flow condition of  $5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  (middle), and circle data indicate under flow condition of  $2 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  (slow). The experiments under fast flow conditions were conducted only in winter, and those under slow flow conditions were conducted under natural  $\text{CO}_2$  conditions (i.e. no  $\text{CO}_2$  added conditions). Although it was expected that dissolution rate increased with the decrease in  $\Omega_a$ , dissolution/calcification rate did not show a significant correlation with  $\Omega_a$ . In order to evaluate multiple effects such as flow rate,  $\text{CO}_2$  addition or natural condition, and  $\Omega_a$  for dissolution/calcification rate, analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) was conducted. Table 4-1 shows the result of ANCOVA test for net dissolution/calcification rate compared by the covariate factors of  $\text{CO}_2$  addition/Natural  $\times \Omega_a \times$  Flow rate. There were no significant differences in dissolution/calcification rate between high-flow, middle flow, and low-flow conditions.

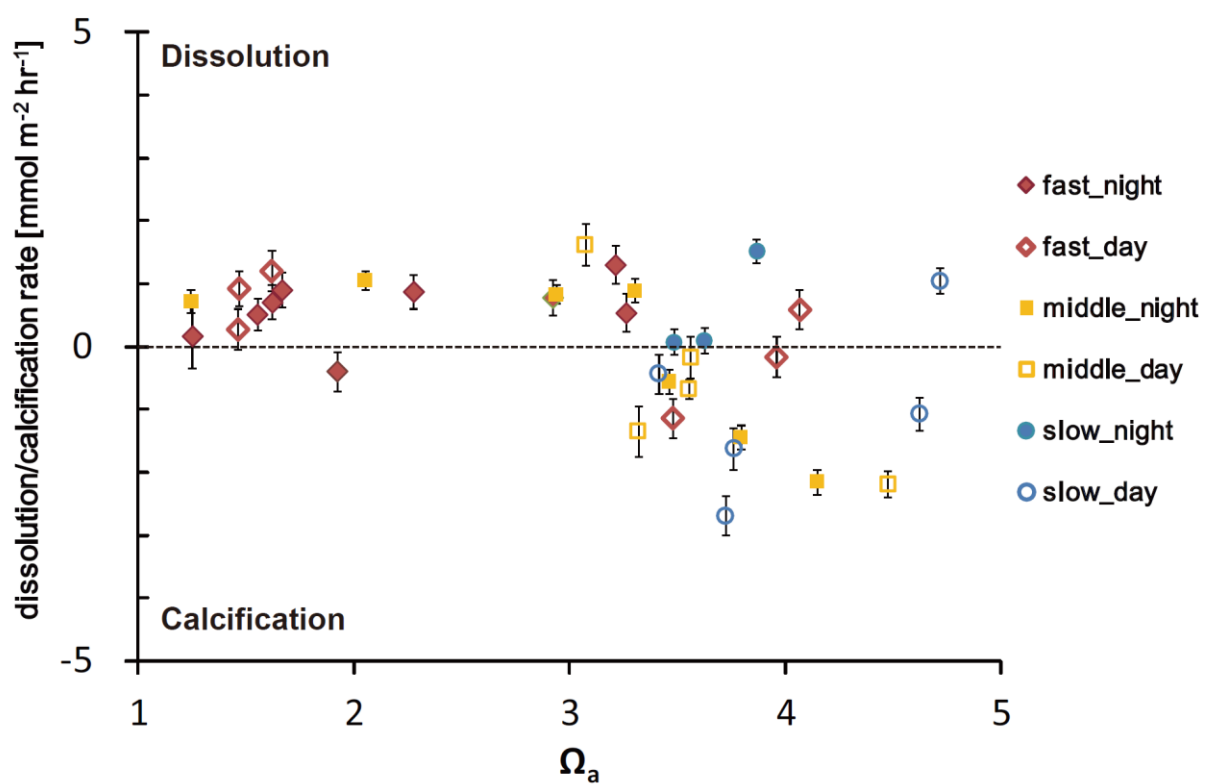


Figure 4-2. The relationship between average dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  conducted by flow-controlled chamber: “fast” corresponds to  $15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  flow rate in chamber, “middle”  $5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ , and “slow”  $2 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$



Table 4-1. *F*-statistics and *p*-values for the results of the analysis of covariance showing the influence on net dissolution/calcification rate for CO<sub>2</sub> addition or natural,  $\Omega_a$ , and flow rate, and their netsted effects (\**p* < 0.01). Only the combination effect of CO<sub>2</sub> addition/natural and  $\Omega_a$  had an influence on net dissolution/calcification rate.

Night	F	Pr (>F)
CO <sub>2</sub> addition / Natural	0.376	0.552
$\Omega_a$	0.026	0.875
Flow rate	1.101	0.317
(CO <sub>2</sub> addition / natural) $\times$ $\Omega_a$	6.327	0.029*
(CO <sub>2</sub> addition/ natural) $\times$ Flow rate	0.263	0.618
$\Omega_a \times$ Flow rate	0.007	0.937
(CO <sub>2</sub> addition/natural) $\times$ $\Omega_a \times$ Flow rate	2.092	0.176

Day time	F	Pr (>F)
CO <sub>2</sub> addition / Natural	1.122	0.314
$\Omega_a$	0.393	0.545
Flow rate	1.173	0.304
(CO <sub>2</sub> addition / natural) $\times$ $\Omega_a$	1.584	0.237
(CO <sub>2</sub> addition/ natural) $\times$ Flow rate	0.227	0.644
$\Omega_a \times$ Flow rate	0.074	0.792
(CO <sub>2</sub> addition/natural) $\times$ $\Omega_a \times$ Flow rate	0.442	0.521

#### 4-3-2. Comparison between natural condition and CO<sub>2</sub> addition condition

While biogenic calcification rate during day time varied with temperature and light intensity, inorganic dissolution rate relatively did not vary by those effects. Thus, nighttime data were used to compare between natural condition and CO<sub>2</sub> addition condition. Figure 4-3 shows the nighttime average dissolution/calcification rates plotted against averaged  $\Omega_a$  under all flow conditions with ambient CO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> addition. Net dissolution rate varied between -2.15 and 1.53 mmol m<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup>, and each green shade represented linear fit and its standard error range. The relationship between dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  under natural condition was different from that under CO<sub>2</sub> addition condition (analysis of covariance (ANCOVA):  $F = 6.327$ ,  $P = 0.029$  and Table 4-1). While net dissolution rate did not increase with  $\Omega_a$  decrease under CO<sub>2</sub> addition conditions, negative correlation between dissolution/calcification rate and  $\Omega_a$  was observed under natural conditions.

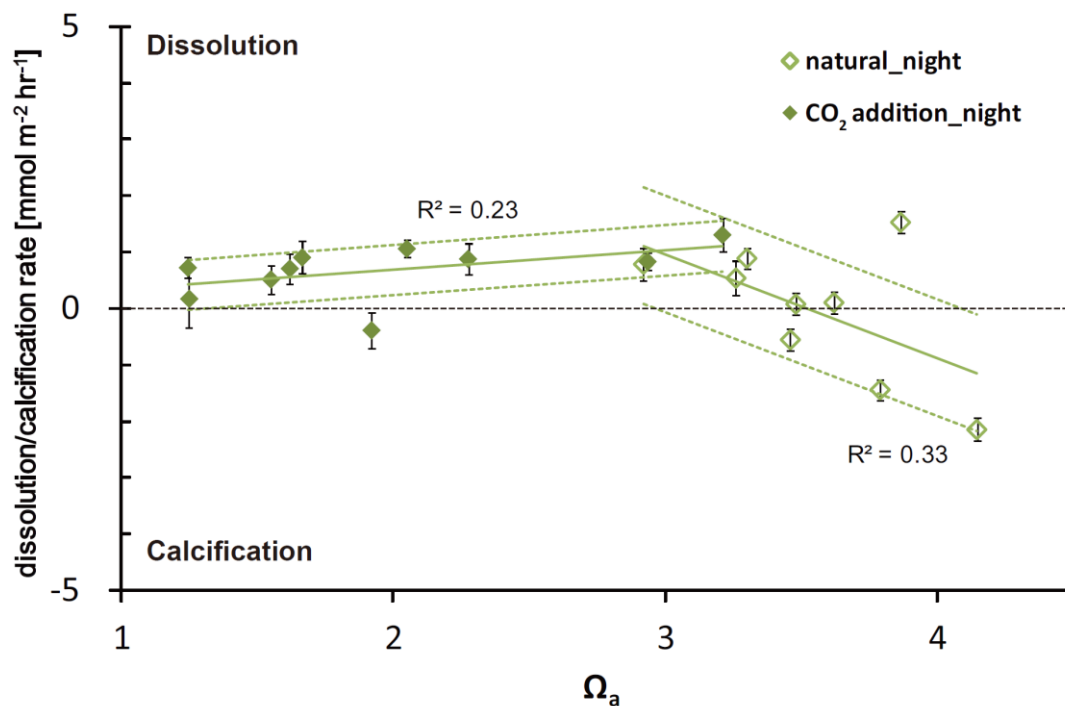


Figure 4-3. The relationship between average dissolution/calcification rate and  $\Omega_a$  under flow condition, comparing natural condition and CO<sub>2</sub> addition: Dashed lines indicate each standard errors

#### 4-4. Discussion

Since previous studies mainly measured a diurnal carbonate changes in a whole coral reef community, relationship between  $\Omega_a$  and dissolution rate especially at sand area has been taken into account in only few studies. Figure 4-4 summarizes the relationship between  $\Omega_a$  and dissolution rate at night. All of data were estimated by chamber experiment. Table 4-2 lists the information of previous studies such as, dissolution rate at sand area, location, and experiment type. In Yates and Halley (2006) and Nakamura and Nakamori (2009) chamber system, a submersible pump was mounted in the chamber to mix seawater and flow rate could not be changed. On the other hand, the chamber systems of our study and Cyronak et al. (2013) could change flow rate. Mean dissolution rates observed at each site are as follows:  $0.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  in Yates and Halley (2006),  $0.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  in Nakamura and Nakamori (2009),  $1.4 \pm 0.9 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  in Cyronak et al. (2013),  $0.3 \pm 1.7 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  in this study. Dissolution rate did not show a significant correlation with  $\Omega_a$  ( $R = 0.09$ ,  $p > 0.01$ ), and similar to the results in this study (4-3-1). Cyronak et al. (2013) showed that flow rate change did not influence dissolution rate.

In general, biogenic calcification rate under flow condition increased as compared to those under zero-flow condition because the mass transfer rate between the ambient seawater and inside the calcifiers increased under the high-flow rate (Veron 1995; Nakamura and Yamasaki 2006; Nakamura et al., 2013). On the other hand, chamber experiment results showed that there was no significant correlation between flow condition and dissolution rate, suggesting that  $A_T$  increase observed in water column was not caused by surface dissolution but by reactions and pore water profiles in sediment. It would mean that carbonate profiles in sediment were not affected by high  $p\text{CO}_2$  in water column because of the short-time experiment or a little amount of water column in chamber. Therefore, understanding of pore

water sediment profile under natural condition and estimation of  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface is important.

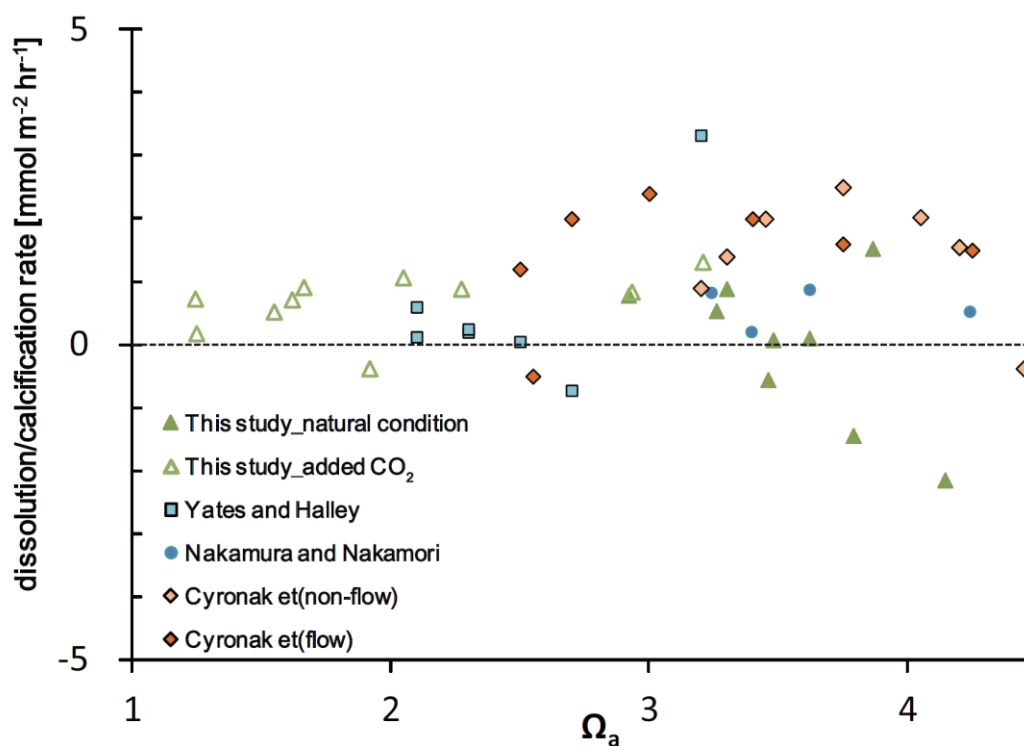


Figure 4-4. The relationship between average dissolution/calcification rate and  $\Omega_a$  at night estimated by chamber experiment: Light blue symbols indicate Yates and Halley (2006), blue symbols indicate Nakamura and Nakamori (2009), light and dark orange diamonds indicate Cyronak et al. (2013) and green symbols indicate this study. Cyronak et al. (2013) showed that there were no differences in dissolution rate between flow condition and no-flow condition.

Table 4-2. Nighttime dissolution rate at sand area estimated by chamber experiment

Reference	Location	Mg-calcite proportion	from the shore line (ground water effect)	flow change	Dissolution rate [mmol m <sup>-2</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> ]
Yates and Halley (2006)	Molokai reef	40%	800m (no effect)	×	-0.7–3.3
Cyronak et al. (2013)	Heron Island	33.1%	75m (large)	○	-0.4–2.5
Nakamura and Nakamori (2009)	Shiraho	46.9%	300m (less?)	×	0.2–0.9
This study	Shiraho	46.9%	600m (none)	○	-2.1–1.5

## **Chapter 5.**

# **$A_T$ flux estimated by sediment pore water profiles and eddy covariance**

### **5-1. Introduction**

In this chapter, profiles of chemical parameters in pore water of the carbonate sediment and oxygen flux between sediments and water under natural flow condition determined by eddy covariance technique (EC) will be reported.  $O_2$ , pH, carbonate and nutrient profiles in the sediment pore water were measured by micro electrode and pore-water sampling. At the same time,  $O_2$  flux was estimated by EC. From  $O_2$  profile and  $O_2$  flux, diffusion coefficient was determined. Using the diffusion coefficient and  $A_T$  profile in sediment,  $A_T$  flux under natural hydrodynamic condition was estimated.

## **5-2. Methodology**

### **5-2-1. Measurements of pore water profiles in sediment**

#### **5-2-1-1. Micro sensor profiling**

In situ O<sub>2</sub> and pH profiles for pore water of the carbonate sediment at Shiraho reef sand area (Figure 2-1) were measured using Unisense A/S OX-N and pH-N micro-electrode sensors mounted on an analogue profiling instrument (Figure 5-1). These micro-sensors were thick-walled with 1.1-mm tip diameters, and a 90% response time of less than 5 s (O<sub>2</sub>) and 1 s (pH). The profiling instrument was placed on the sediment with the micro-sensors initially positioned 1-2 cm above the sediment surface. O<sub>2</sub> and pH profiles to a sediment depth of 4-5 cm were measured at intervals of 0.5 mm per 30 seconds during both night and day with measurements about every two hours over a 12-h period. While O<sub>2</sub> and pH profiles measured by microelectrodes reflected just one stuck profile, their data had high resolution for depth. O<sub>2</sub> and pH profiles at night were obtained on 4 October 2012, those during day time were obtained on 6 October 2012, with conditions on both dates being clear and calm.

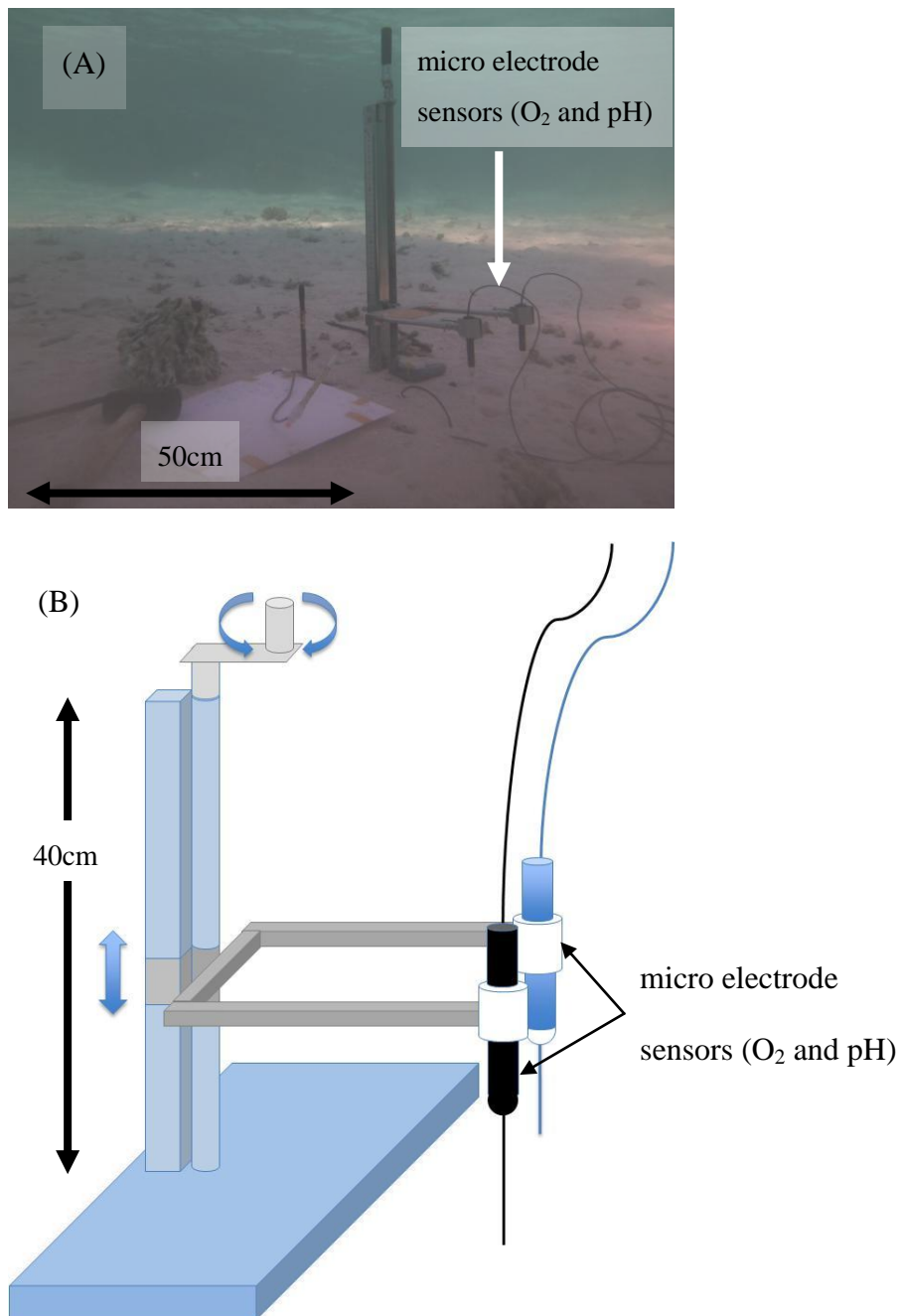


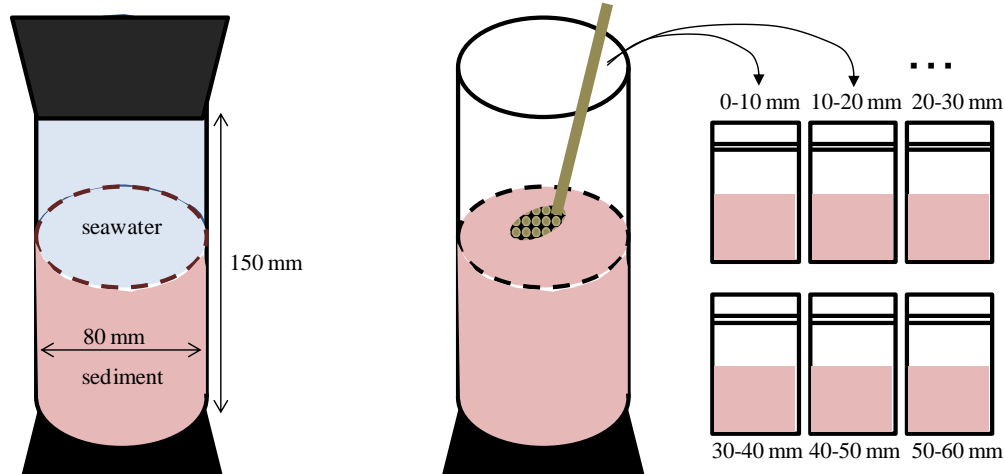
Figure 5-1(A) Underwater photo of analogue profiling instrument and (B) schematic design of analogue profiling instrument: arms can be moved by turning the handle.

### 5-2-1-2. Pore-water sampling

Carbonate and nutrient analysis of pore waters within the sediments was undertaken on five or six acrylic cores (80 mm diameter, 150 mm depth) by diving at Shiraho reef sand area (Figure 2-1). Both ends of the core were sealed with rubber stoppers, and seawater above the sediments was extracted on the boat based on the principle of siphon by using a tube (Figure 5-2-1). The wet sands were sampled using stainless spoon at 10-mm intervals, then they were preserved in a plastic bag to prevent air contact (Figure 5-2-2). Pore water was extracted on the boat using a syringe; the extracted water was passed through a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  filter before bottling (Figure 5-2-3). Their profiles were considered to reflect typical or average profiles in sand area because several cores were used to collect pore water.

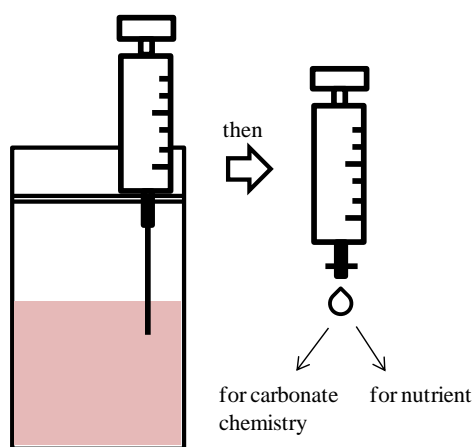
Carbonate chemistry analysis was conducted for pore waters that were collected using 30-ml bottles after mixing with 0.02 ml of saturated mercuric chloride ( $\text{HgCl}_2$ ) solution for preservation.  $A_T$  and  $\text{pH}_T$  values were analyzed using a autoburette titrator (ATT-05, Kimoto Electric; Kimoto et al., 2001). Nutrient analysis was conducted on 10-ml samples that were frozen at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  after sampling, then concentrations of nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ), nitrite ( $\text{NO}_2^-$ ), ammonia ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ), silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and phosphate ( $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) were determined colorimetrically using an autoanalyzer (QuAAtro 2HR, BLTEC).





1. Both sides of the core were sealed with rubber stoppers. Seawater was extracted by tube.

2. Sediment was sampled by 10 mm intervals used a long spoon and preserved in each plastic bag.



3. Pore water in the sediment was collected by using a syringe. Then, it was filtrated with 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$ , and distributed with each bottle.

Figure 5-2. Illustration showing how to collect pore water from sediment

### 5-2-2. Eddy covariance

Current velocity was measured in this study using an acoustic Doppler velocimeter (Vector, Nortek) that measures 3-D velocity using a cylindrical measurement (14 mm height, 14 mm diameter) located on the centerline of the pipe, 157 mm from the surface of the sediment (Figure 5-3). The EC system employed during this study used metallic pipes (~1.5 m height, 1.2 m width) oriented perpendicular to the main direction of tidal currents in order to avoid artifacts in flux estimates during current field disturbances. Velocities were corrected against variations in the speed of sound related to temperature and ambient seawater salinity, and the manufacturers have accuracies of  $\pm 0.1 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$  (Kuwae et al., 2006). Oxygen concentrations were measured using a Clark-type oxygen microelectrode (OX-10, Unisense) with contemporaneous measurements of ambient DO values using a phosphorescent DO sensor (Rinko I, JFE Advantech) for calibration during observation. Figure 5-4 shows the temporal changes of DO concentration measured by micro electrode and phosphorescent sensor. DO in water column varied from 100 to 450  $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ . DO increased due to photosynthesis during day time, and decreased due to respiration during nighttime. From initial to 18:00 on 6 Oct., both results had similar fluctuation, however after that time, time lag between DO measured by phosphorescent sensor and by microelectrode was observed. This means micro electrode was out of order caused by debris or biofouling such as benthic microalgae. Also, from 6:00 to 7:40 on 5 Oct. and from 5:00 to 7:40 on 6 Oct., steep DO change was observed. Watanabe et al. (2013) reported that the reef crest becomes exposed to the atmosphere during low tide and rapid flow transition occurred from peak ebb tide to flood tide. Thus, these data were excluded for calculation because horizontal homogeneity of DO was not established. A photon flux sensor (ALW-CMP, JFE Advantech) and a temperature logger (CO-U22-001, Climatic) were deployed near the EC observation system that recorded data at 10-min intervals from 4 to 7 October 2012.

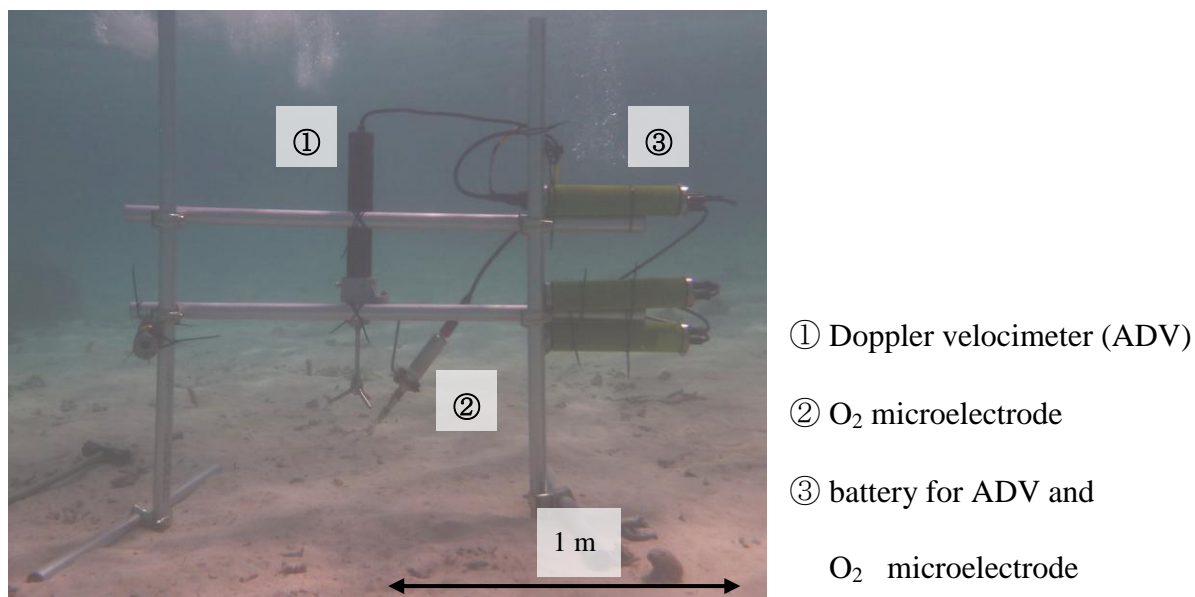


Figure 5-3. Underwater photo of eddy covariance measurement conducted at Shiraho reef. Doppler velocimeter, O<sub>2</sub> microelectrode, and their batteries were located on the pipe.

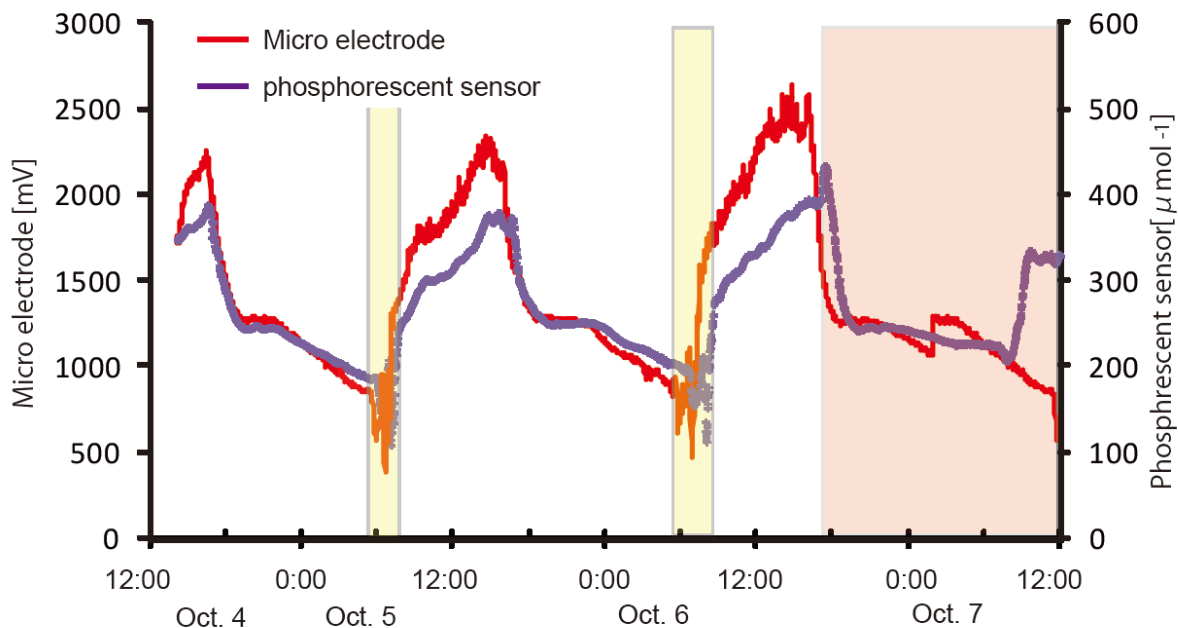


Figure 5-4. DO concentration during EC observation measured by micro electrode and phosphorescent sensor (Rinko I, JFE Advantech Co., Ltd): Yellow area shows steep DO change, and red area shows time lag between microelectrode and phosphorescent sensor.

## 5-3. Results

### 5-3-1. Seawater and environment condition in water column

Figure 5-5 shows the temporal changes of light intensity, water temperature, water depth, DO measured by phosphorescent sensor and microelectrode, as well as  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  in water column. DO measured by microelectrode,  $A_T$ , and  $C_T$  data were obtained only during micro sensor profiling and pore water sampling (as mentioned in 5-2-1) while other data were continuous data. During day time, temperature and DO increased, and  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  decreased because of metabolic community photosynthesis and calcification. On the other hand, during nighttime, temperature and DO decreased, and  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  increased. DO measured by microelectrode were consistent with that measured by phosphorescent sensor.

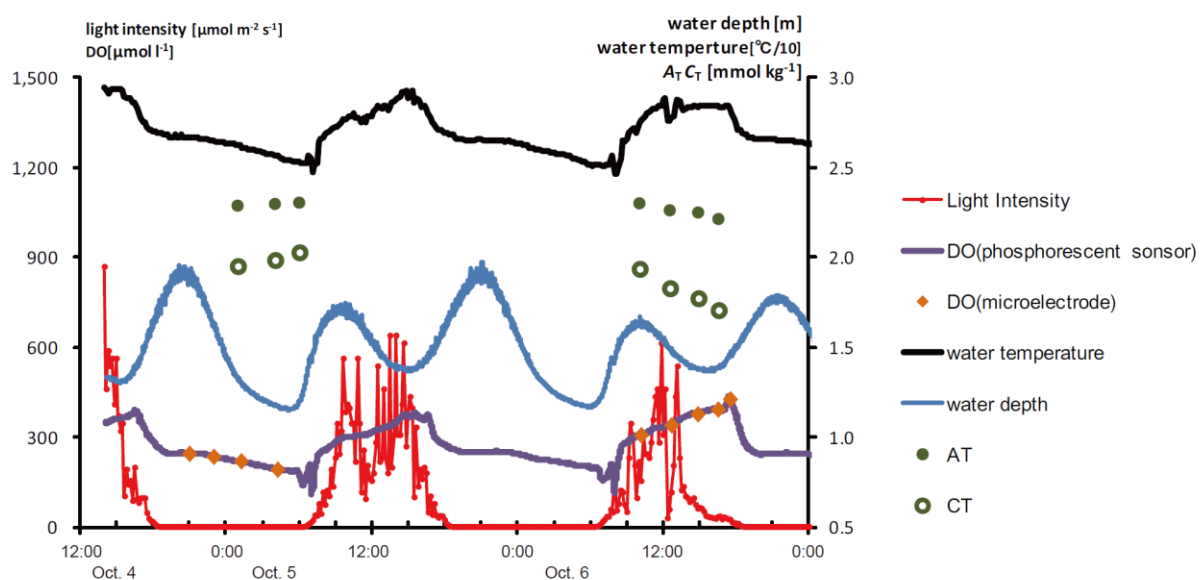


Figure 5-5. Daily changes in environment condition in water column during observation: Light intensity, water temperature, water depth, DO concentration were measured by phosphorescent sensor and microelectrode.  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were measured by pore water sampling.

## **5-3-2. Sediment profiles**

### **5-3-2-1. DO and pH<sub>T</sub> profiles**

In situ O<sub>2</sub> and pH<sub>T</sub> profiles within the upper ~60 mm of sediments measured by microelectrode within the Shiraho Reef sands are shown in Figures 5-6 (A), (B) and 5-7 (A), (B) with zero positions representing the sediment-water interface determined by naked eyes when the microelectrode touched the sediment.

Nighttime DO values and pH values within the water column decreased with time, whereas DO and pH values in the water column were constant throughout bottom 20 mm. DO values within the sediment decreased drastically in the upper 10 mm of the sediment before reaching zero at the depth of 10 mm. In comparison, sediment pH values show a two-step decrease between depths of 0 and 20 mm before reaching an almost constant value at depths of 20 mm especially for data on 21:00 and 1:30.

Daytime DO values and pH values within the water column increased with time, and brighter daytime conditions yielded maximum DO and pH values at a depth of 2–9 mm, although peak DO and pH depths varied with time. Namely, maximum peak observed at 10:30, peak decreased with time, suggesting photosynthesis in the sediment changed in response to light intensity (Figure 5-6). Pore water DO and pH values decreased with the increase in depth within sediments until reaching constant values at depths of 20 mm.

### 5-3-2-2. $A_T$ , $\Omega_a$ , $C_T$ and $pH_T$ profiles

A series of 10-mm-average pore water profiles of  $A_T$ ,  $\Omega_a$ ,  $C_T$  and  $pH_T$  profiles are shown in Figures 5-6 (C), (D), (E), (F) and 5-7 (C), (D), (E), (F). Standard errors of all data are so small that they are within each symbols (e.g. within  $\pm 5 \mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$  for  $A_T$ ). Results of all observation are listed in Supplementary Table 4.

Nighttime  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values within the water column increased with time, whereas  $\Omega_a$  and  $pH$  values within the water column decreased. Pore water  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values reached the maximum at a depth of 5 mm, before remaining constant or undergoing a slight decrease at depths of >15 mm, whereas pore water  $\Omega_a$  and  $pH$  values reached the minimum at a depth of 5 mm and remaining constant at depth below this (Figures 5-6 (C), (D), (E)). Values of  $\Omega_a$  at depths of >15 mm were almost constant at a value of  $\sim 3.0$  during the entire nighttime (Figure 5-6 (F)).

Daytime  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values within the water column decreased with time, whereas  $\Omega_a$  and  $pH$  values increased. In addition,  $\Omega_a$  and  $pH$  values within pore waters were constant at depths of >5 mm, with  $\Omega_a$  values in pore waters at depths of >15 mm being almost constant at 3.0 throughout the day, also observed at night (Figure 5-7 (F)). In comparison,  $A_T$  values within pore waters varied significantly, with  $A_T$  values in the water column being lower than values at a depth of 5 mm at all times except for the case of 10:00 (Figure 5-7(C)).

Night

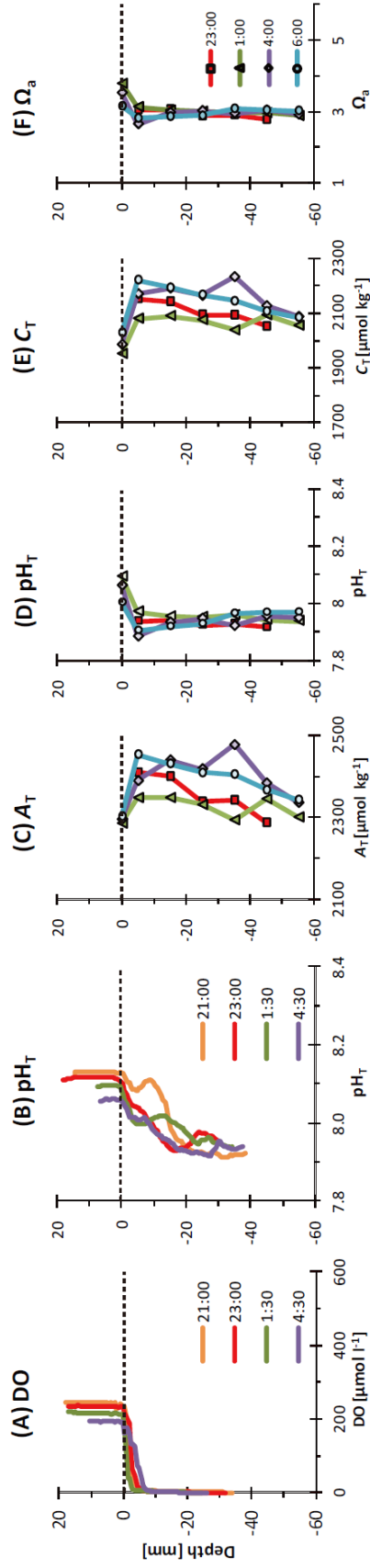


Figure 5-6. (A, B) Results of in situ DO and pH profiling at night measured by microelectrode analysis. (C, D) Results of total alkalinity and pH profiling using pore waters obtained at night. (E, F)  $C_T$  and  $\Omega_a$  profiles calculated using the data shown in C and D.

Day

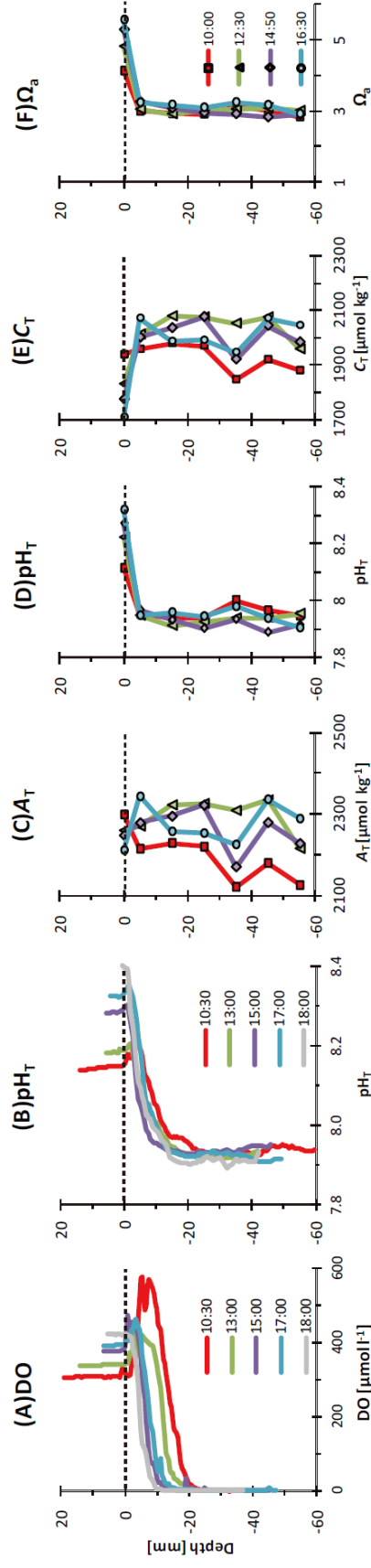


Figure 5-7. (A, B) Results of in situ DO and pH profiling during the day measured by microelectrode analysis. (C, D) Results of total alkalinity and pH profiling using pore waters obtained during the day. (E, F)  $C_T$  and  $\Omega_a$  profiles calculated using the data shown in C and D.

### 5-3-2-3. Nutrient concentration profiles

A series of 10-mm-average pore water profiles of nutrient concentrations ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) are presented in Figures 5-8 and 5-9. Nutrient concentrations in water column were less than those in the sediment except for  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$  at night. Almost all of nutrient concentrations increased with depth. Especially,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{NO}_2^-$  values are lower than  $1 \mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$  and  $0.5 \mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ , respectively, except for the case of 20:15. Difference between night and day time were not significant and no common rule for temporal change pattern were seen.



Night

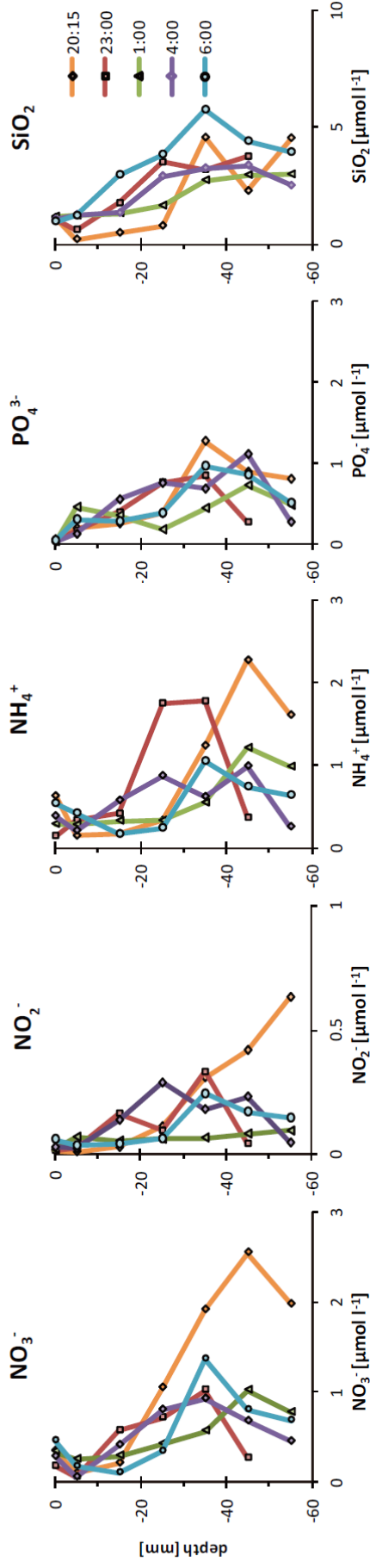


Figure 5-8. Nutrient concentrations ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) profiles at night

Day

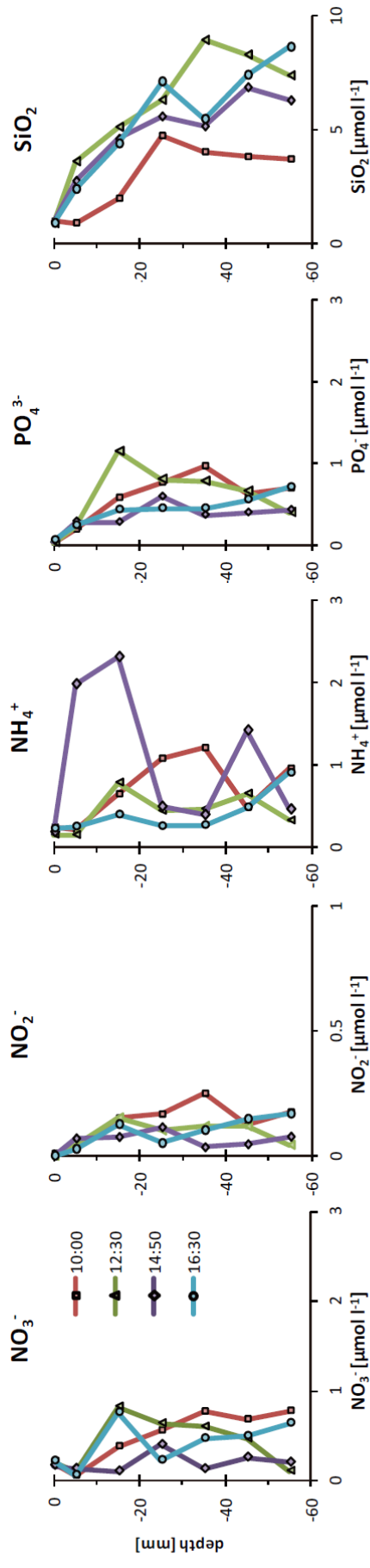


Figure 5-9. Nutrient concentrations ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$ ) profiles at day time

### 5-3-3. eddy covariance

DO fluxes from the high-resolution data for each 20-min interval was undertaken at a frequency of 16 Hz. The eddy flux, as described in Chapter 1-4-3, is defined as  $\overline{(U'_z \times C')}$ , with  $\overline{U_z}$  and  $\overline{C}$  values defined using least square linear fits to  $U_z$  and  $C$  values at a 2-min interval, as determined by calculating a 1-sided cospectrum of  $U'_z \times C'$  (Berg et al., 2003). DO concentrations, seawater velocities, and cumulative flux within each burst were carefully examined to identify nonlinear variations that would typically be caused by floating debris temporarily attached to or obstructed the sensors. An example of the raw data, in the form of velocity components and DO concentrations, derived fluxes for each burst, and the final lumped 20-min flux, is shown in Figure 5-10 according to  $\overline{(U'_z \times C')}$ , with horizontal velocities varying up to  $10 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ , and vertical velocities varying up to  $2 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ .

Figure 5-10 (C) shows the 2-min calculated cumulative flux for each burst, revealing a clear linear trend that indicates the presence of a strong flux signal within the data and a statistically good representation of all eddy sizes that contribute to the flux. In the case that the  $R^2$  value between time and cumulative  $\text{O}_2$  flux values for each time series was higher than 0.5, then the data were used for calculation, whereas low  $R^2$  values indicate data that do not reflect the true flux, primarily because these data included bursts or parts of bursts that contained anomalous data. The 2-min burst eddy flux data were grouped to yield 20-min averaged fluxes and associated standard errors (Figure 5-10 (E)) that were extracted and used in subsequent calculations.

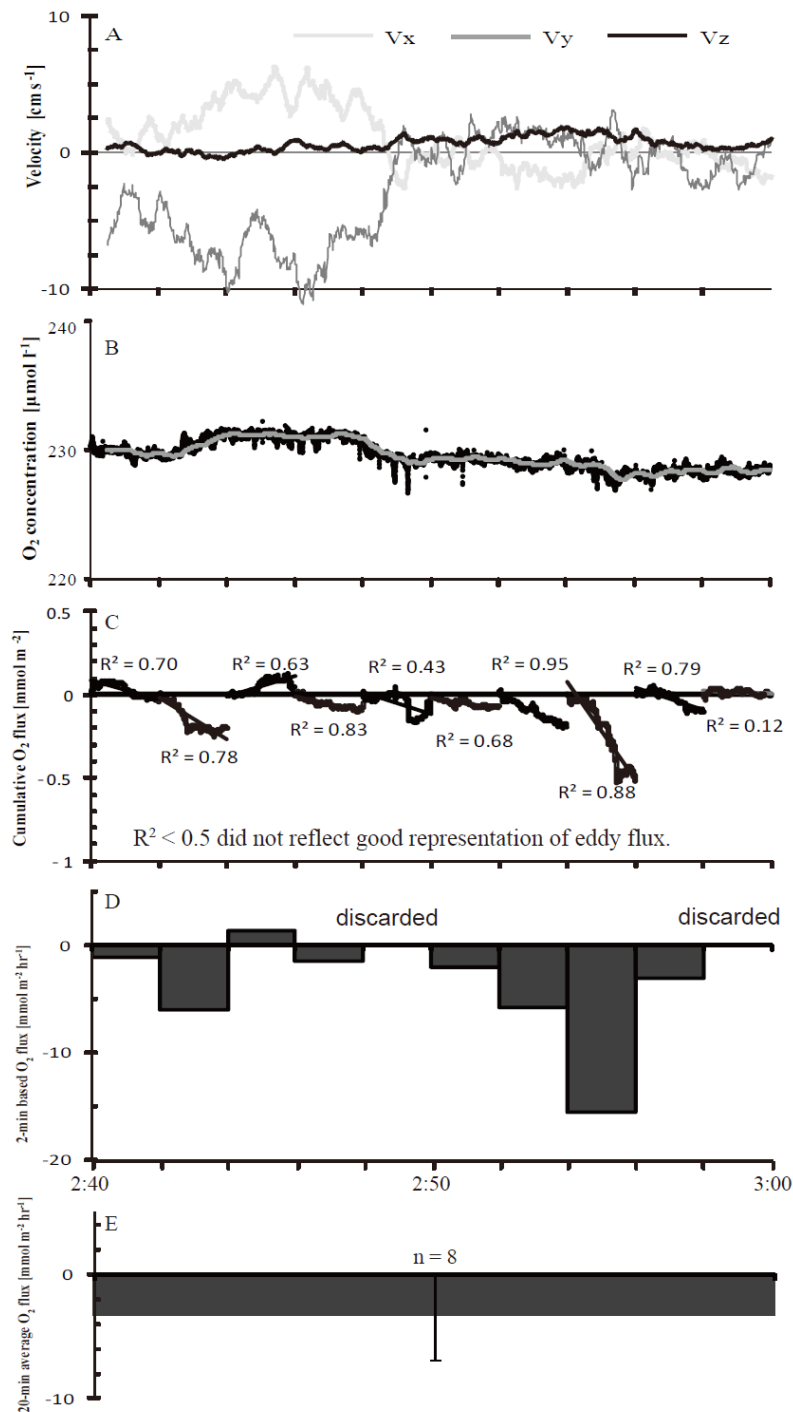


Figure 5-10. Raw eddy covariance data and derived fluxes through one 20-min-long bursts (A) Three mean current velocity (30-s mean) (B) Measured high temporal resolution DO concentration: Noise is not visible in either velocity or DO data. (C) Calculated cumulative DO flux at sediment-water interface for each burst (D) Calculated DO flux for each burst: The negative values represent  $\text{O}_2$  uptake. (E) Averaged DO flux over the ten bursts representing 20-minutes mean value: Error bars are standard errors.

Figure 5-11 shows 20-min-averaged time series changes in O<sub>2</sub> flux; positive values indicate flux of O<sub>2</sub> produced from sediments to water column, whereas negative values represent O<sub>2</sub> flux to sediments from the water column. Nighttime (19:00 to 06:00 local time) O<sub>2</sub> uptake had an average rate of  $4.95 \pm 0.77$  (Standard error; SE) mmol m<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup> on 4 October, and  $5.66 \pm 0.94$  (SE) mmol m<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup> on 5 October. In comparison, the daytime (06:00 to 19:00) was dominated by O<sub>2</sub> production, with an average rate of production of  $23.99 \pm 3.19$  (SE) mmol m<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup> on 5 October and  $14.44 \pm 9.04$  (SE) mmol m<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup> on 6 October.

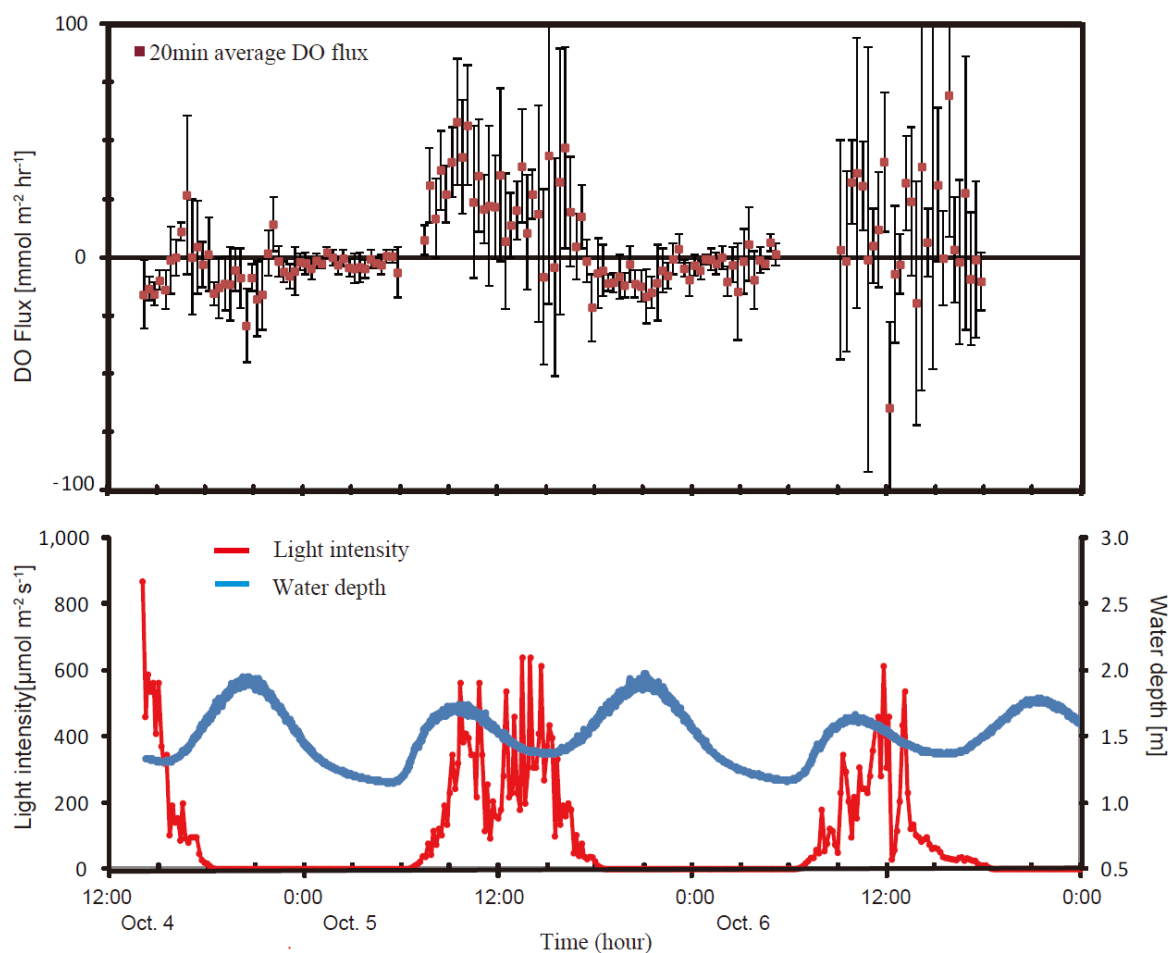


Figure 5-11. Daily changes in twenty minutes average DO flux value at Shiraho reef sand area, water depth, and light intensity from Oct. 4 to Oct. 6

## **5-4. Discussion**

### **5-4-1. Comparison of pH between microelectrode and pore water sampling**

Sediment pore water profiles were measured by both microelectrode and cores. The differences between these two methods should be discussed first. In this chapter, their profiles were examined for comparison since  $\text{pH}_T$  were the only profiles measured by both microelectrode and cores.

Figures 5-12 and 5-13 show daytime and nighttime  $\text{pH}_T$  profiles measured by microelectrode and pore water analysis, respectively. The pH of water column and pore water in the sediment deeper than 25mm depth showed no significant difference between the two methods. However, pH measured by pore water analysis at the depth less than 25 mm was slightly lower than that of microelectrode. This difference is considered due to the following reasons. There were many burrows in the upper 10 mm sediment, and micro topography were not uniform. While microelectrode profile reflects just one sticked profile, pore water analysis reflects averages of six cores. Moreover, two pH profiles were not measured strictly at the same time. Also, since pH microelectrode is very sensitive, the values were not stable if something touched it. Discussion in the following sections are described considering the above factors.

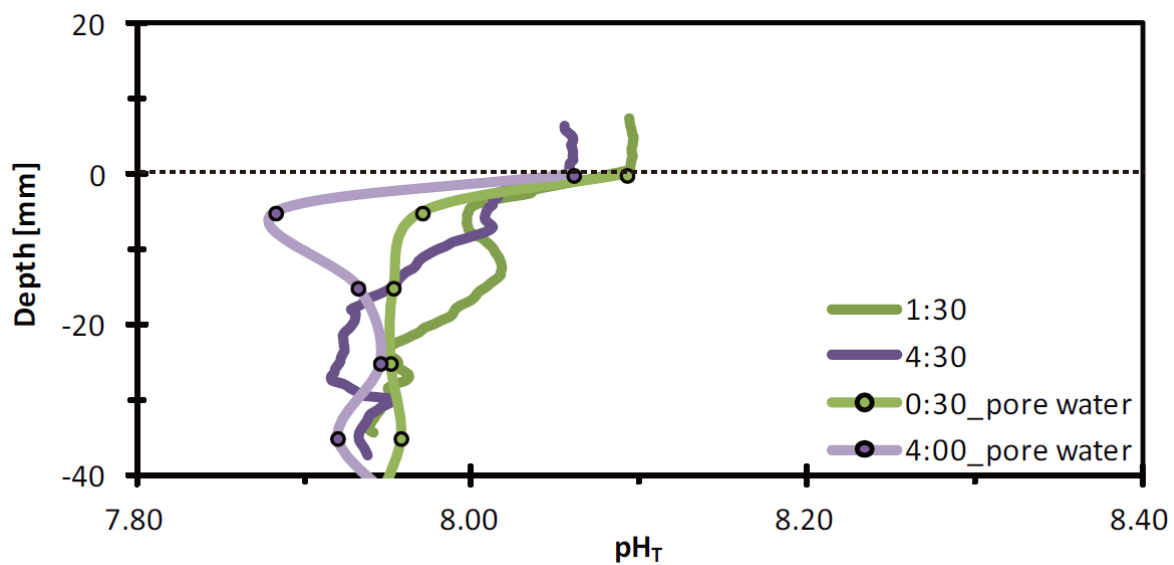


Figure 5-12.  $\text{pH}_T$  profile measured by microelectrode and pore water at night

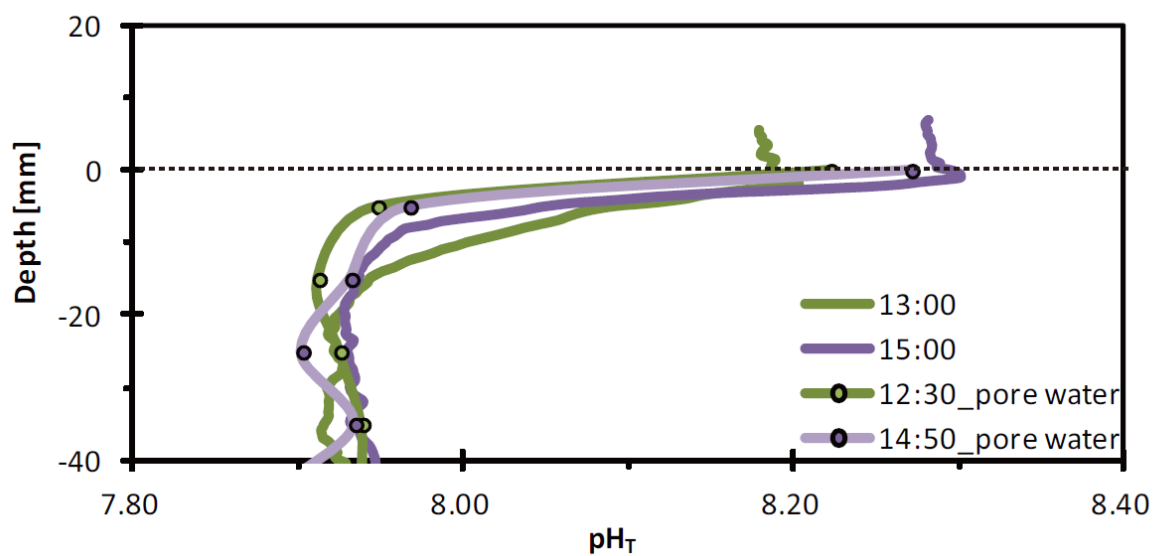


Figure 5-13.  $\text{pH}_T$  profile measured by microelectrode and pore water at day time

#### 5-4-2. Sediment pore water profile

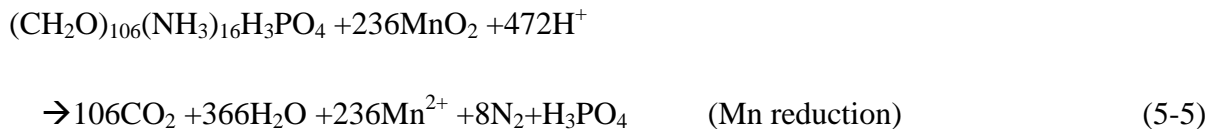
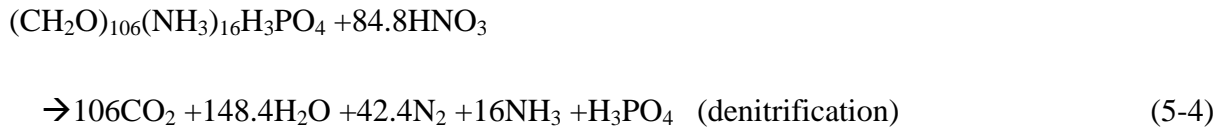
Figure 5-14 shows a summary of DO and carbonate profiles obtained during the study. The saturation state of aragonite ( $\Omega_a$ ) was converted to foraminifera ( $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$ ) values determined by this study (Chapter 3). Using equation (3-4) in Chapter 3, when dissolution rate is equal to zero,  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  is defined to be 1.0.

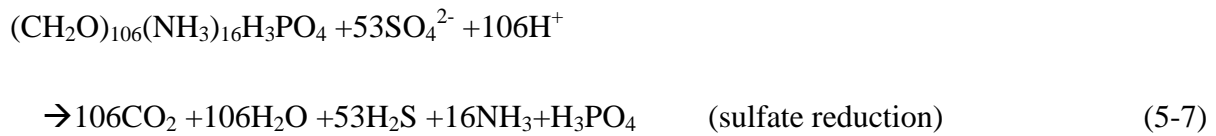
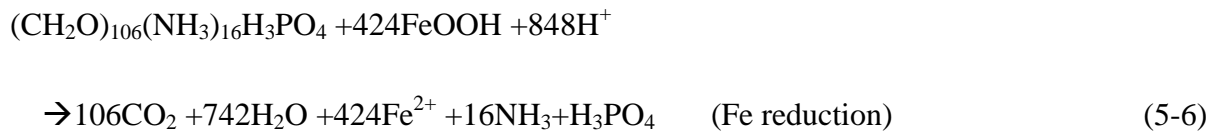
DO and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values in the water column decreased with time during night as a result of nighttime respiration by organisms (Kayanne et al., 2005, Watanabe et al., 2013), with DO decreases with depth defining a downward convex curve at depths of 0-10 mm. When reactions occur in sediment, the profiles of solutes show decrease or increase with convex curve according to Fick's law. Aerobic respiration is described as follows:



Thus, DO decreases with downward convex curve means that pH and  $\Omega_a$  values also decreased as respiration by some organisms in sediment consumed oxygen and produced  $\text{CO}_2$ .

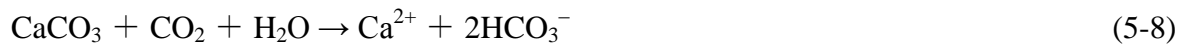
Anaerobic organism-related reaction should occur at depths of >10 mm, as  $\text{O}_2$  concentrations were exhausted at this depth. These  $\text{O}_2$ -depleted conditions may cause, denitrification, Mn reduction, Fe reduction, and eventually sulfate reduction. Chen (2002) summarized these reactions as follows:





with all of these processes producing  $\text{CO}_2$ .

On the other hand,  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values are generally 1.0 at depths of >5 mm, whereas  $A_T$  values are unstable. More than 40 % of the sediment samples consisted of foraminifera (Figure 2-3), and the dissolution of calcium carbonate can be described as follows:



in a reaction that consumes  $\text{CO}_2$ . This indicates that if any organic reactions including aerobic respiration occur, inorganic Mg-calcite dissolution would act to keep  $\Omega$  values constant.

Significant nighttime decreases in DO within the uppermost 10 mm of sediment were coincident with a two-step decrease in pH between depths of 0 and 20 mm (Figure 5-6), as previously observed by Rao et al. (2012), who measured nighttime DO and pH profiles using microelectrodes at Heron Reef, Australia. Although the two study sites are different, the DO values at Heron Reef were depleted in the upper 6 mm of sediment, whereas pH values decreased in the upper 30 mm before reaching a constant value of about 7.5. This indicates that some of the reactions described above (reactions 5-4 to 7) may decrease pH values under anaerobic conditions at depths between 10 and 20 mm. Miyajima et al. (2001) reported that denitrification rate at sandy area in Shiraho reef was  $1.7\text{-}6.5 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$  between 0-15 cm depths. Although this value was 100-1000 times smaller than DO flux at sediment-water interface measured by this study, denitfiration may be one of the most considerable reactions under anaerobic conditions.



In comparison, daytime conditions led to maximum DO and pH values at depths of 2–9 mm, due to benthic photosynthesis and calcification in sunlit surface sediments that promote O<sub>2</sub> evolution and CO<sub>2</sub> uptake, although the depths of these maxima were variable because of light conditions. These benthic organisms were mainly Bacillariophyta (diatoms) in sediment (Suzumura et al., 2002). Deeper sediments have pore-water O<sub>2</sub> and pH values that decreased as a result of organic matter oxidation. In addition, Mg-calcite would dissolve in deeper sediments even during the daytime, as  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values were generally 1.0 at depths of >5 mm.

Rao et al. (2012) also measured concentrations of nutrient (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and SiO<sub>2</sub>) in pore-water. These profiles (Figure 5-15) demonstrate similar trend to my observation except for NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, which is ten times higher at Heron reef than that at Shiraho Reef. This should be because of wastewater and ground water influence to pore water, as Heron reef site was only 20 meter from the shore line.

In Chapter 6, I will focus on profiles at night when drastic and irregular O<sub>2</sub> changes have not been observed between surface sediment, to discuss the mechanism of Mg-calcite dissolution and its future impact by using A<sub>T</sub>-C<sub>T</sub> diagram.

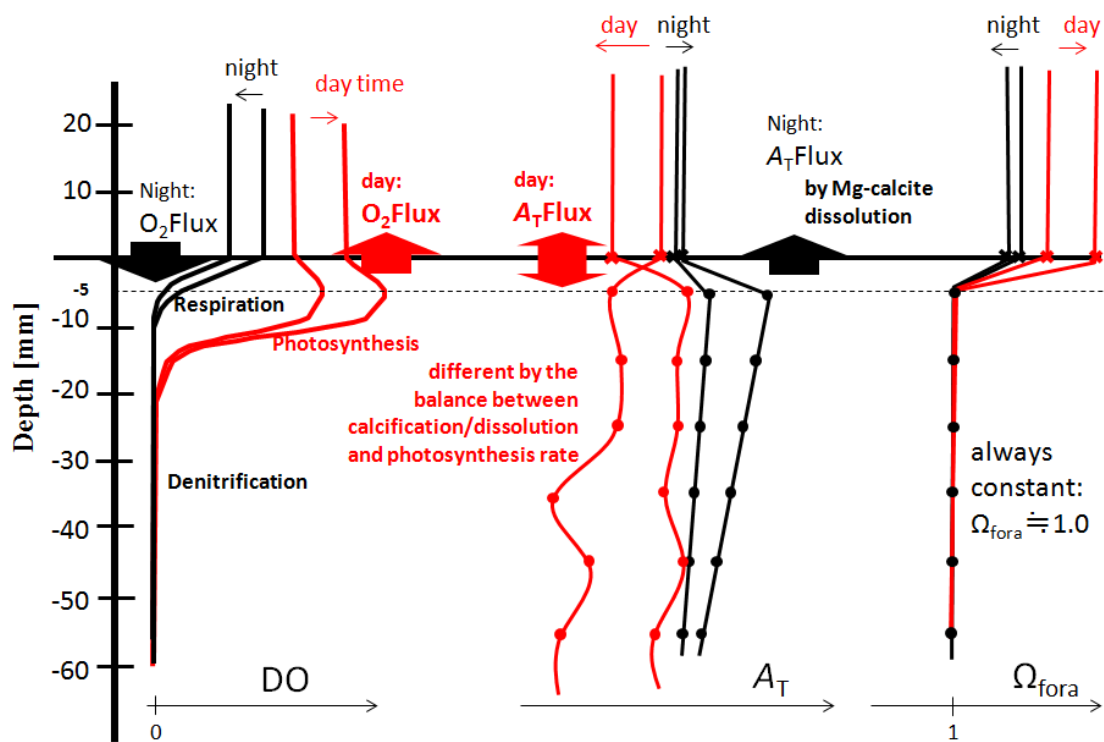


Figure 5-14. A summary of the typical profiles of DO,  $A_T$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  at night and day time: Black lines show night profiles, and red lines show day time profiles.  $A_T$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  were measured by pore water

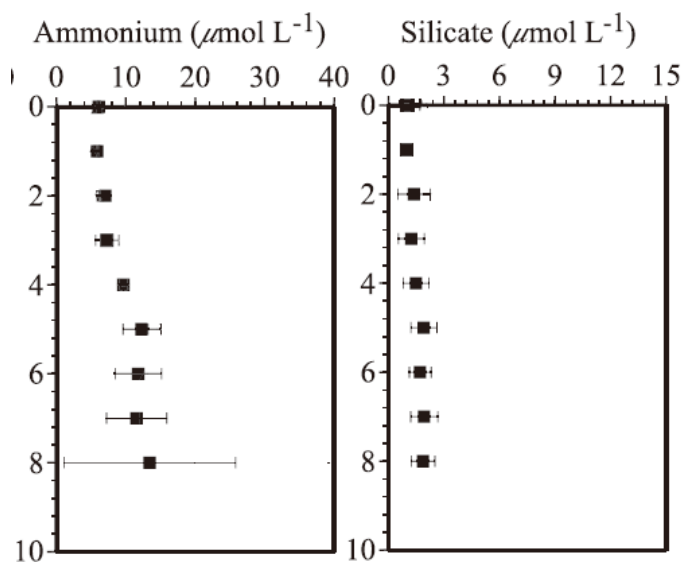


Figure 5-15. Profiles of pore-water solutes in Heron Reef sediments cited from Rao et al. (2012): Symbols represent the mean  $\pm$  1 SD of replicate profiles of ammonium and silicate ( $n = 3$ ).

### 5-4-3. DO flux estimated from eddy covariance

Daily average DO fluxes measured by EC were  $4.95 \pm 0.77$  and  $5.66 \pm 0.94$   $\text{mmol m}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$  uptake at night, and  $23.99 \pm 3.19$  and  $14.44 \pm 9.04$   $\text{mmol m}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$  production during the day. These changes are considered to have been caused by production of  $\text{O}_2$  during daytime photosynthesis by microalgae within the uppermost ~10 mm of the sediments, and respiration during the night that consumed  $\text{O}_2$ . Variations in light intensity as a result of change in cloud cover would explain the observation that the standard deviation of the daytime  $\text{O}_2$  flux was 5-10 times larger than that during the nighttime; microelectrode-derived  $\text{O}_2$  profiles show the similar variations.

The DO fluxes estimated during this study are 1.5-2 times higher during the night and 5-7 times higher during the day than those estimated by chamber experiment by Nakamura and Nakamori (2009). Previous studies have concluded that because chamber experiments and core incubations cannot duplicate hydrodynamic conditions, DO fluxes measured by these methods are underestimated compared with the fluxes measured using EC, even though weather conditions and hydrodynamic conditions differed among the study sites (Hume et al., 2011, Reimers et al., 2012).

In general, DO flux increases with an increase in horizontal current velocity (Hume et al., 2011, Berg et al., 2007). Figure 5-16 shows the relationship between nighttime horizontal velocities and DO fluxes during flood tide from 19:00 to 21:20 and ebb tide from 21:20 to 6:00 at each day. Unlike previous studies, there are no significant correlation between DO flux and horizontal velocity as determined by analysis of covariance (ANCOVA). In comparison, the average DO uptake during the flood tide was significantly different from that during the ebb tide as determined by *t*-test. While the average DO uptake during the flood tide was  $11.3 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ , the average uptake during the ebb tide was  $3.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$ .

The constant nighttime  $O_2$  gradient means that flood and ebb tides would have different hydrodynamic mechanisms, resulting in different diffusion coefficients.

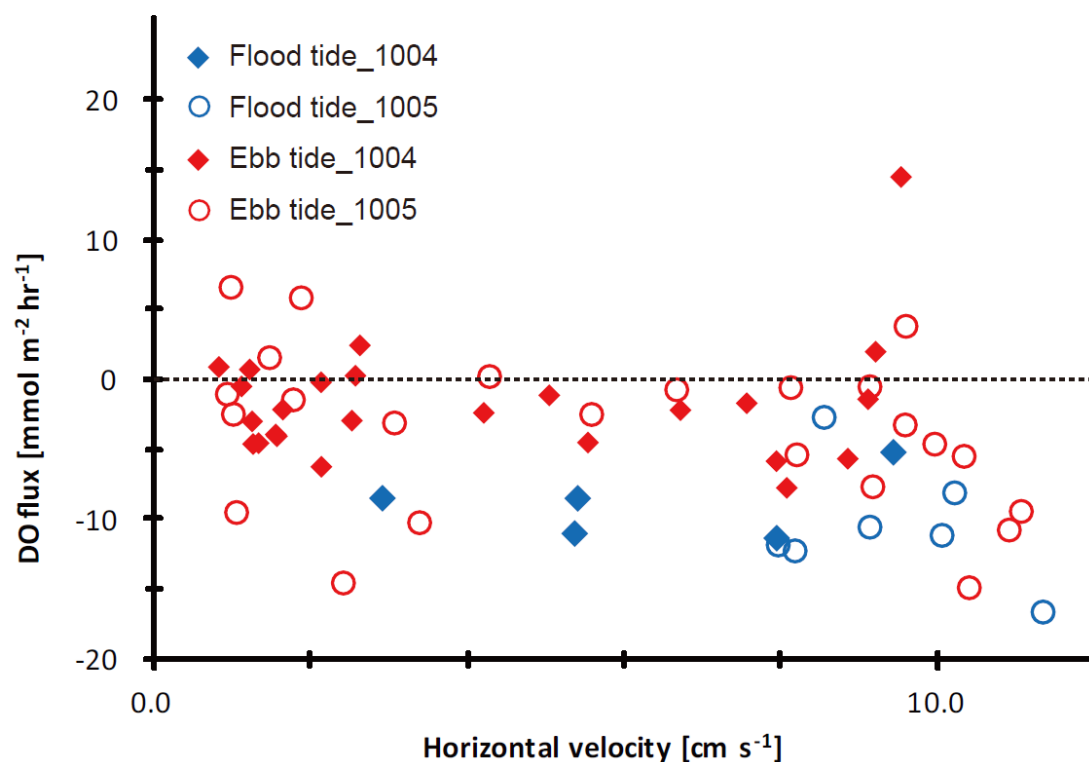


Figure 5-16. Relationship between DO flux and horizontal velocity: Blue symbols indicate flood tide time and red symbols indicate ebb tide time. Solid diamonds were observed on 4 to 5 Oct. at night and open circles were observed on 5 to 6 Oct. at night.

#### 5-4-4. Diffusion coefficient calculated by eddy covariance and DO profile

Nighttime diffusion coefficients is calculated using DO flux observations obtained by eddy covariance estimations and O<sub>2</sub> profiling measured by microelectrode. As described in Chapter 5-4-1, microelectrode analysis does not reflect the average profile of sandy area, but instead yields a specific profile at the observed point. Therefore ideally numerous concurrent profiles should be measured for evaluating the average profile of sandy area. However, since only one profile could be measured at once during this study, diffusion coefficients calculated by average nighttime DO gradients and DO fluxes are discussed.

Table 5-1 summarizes the parameters observed during the night of 4 October, with an average DO flux of  $4.60 \pm 2.50 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  and an average DO gradient at the sediment-water interface of  $53.4 \pm 19.6 \text{ } \mu\text{mol l}^{-1} \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , yielding a nighttime average diffusion coefficient at sediment-water interface of  $4.9 \pm 2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Li and Gregory (1974) determined molecular diffusion of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  as  $11.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and Berner (1980) reported that diffusion coefficient ( $D_T$ ) in shallow water sediments was 30-100 times higher than molecular diffusion ( $D_s$ ). The diffusion coefficients estimated in this study are conformable with those obtained by previous studies.

As mentioned in Chapter 5-4-3, DO flux was different between at flood tide and ebb tide. Indeed, according to Table 5-1, while diffusion coefficient at flood tide was  $9.3 \pm 2.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , mean diffusion coefficient at ebb tide was  $4.2 \pm 2.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  though only a few data was given. Figure 5-17 shows calculated diffusion coefficient on 4 Oct. at night, water depth, and its one minute standard deviation, which indicated the changes in seawater pressure. Diffusion coefficient at day time was not calculated because standard deviation of day time DO flux was large. The value at 21 pm (flood tide) was highest among all four cases, and that at 1:30 am (ebb tide) was lowest among all. Calculated diffusion coefficient seems to

be high when the fluctuation of water depth increases. If fluctuation of water depth increases, pressure in water column changes and diffusion coefficient at sediment-water interface will increase. Precht and Huettel (2004) reported that both wave-induced oscillating flows and horizontal current increase advection of pore water. At Shiraho reef area, diffusion coefficient would be influenced not only by the current but also by some physical process such as pressure change in water column which are different between flood tide and ebb tide. However, as there are only four obtained data, further observation is necessary.

These diffusion coefficient values was combined with  $A_T$  gradients to yield  $A_T$  flux estimates (Table 5-1). All  $A_T$  fluxes estimated from DO profiles and DO fluxes were based on ebb tide time because data in flood tide were not observed. Estimated  $A_T$  fluxes were  $1.07 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  at 01:00 4 October,  $1.62 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  at 04:00, and  $2.60 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  at 06:00. Here, a simple  $A_T$  profile and average values are considered, although in reality the  $A_T$  profile at sediment-water interface may be complex and the precise  $A_T$  flux could be significantly different. However, as discussed in Chapter 5-4-1, the pore water  $A_T$  values represent average values for the  $A_T$  profile across the sandy area, suggesting that those values represented the typical  $A_T$  flux at sand area.

Table 5-1. Observed and calculated parameters on 4 Oct. at night: Values are shown as average and standard error (SE).

4 Oct. Night	DO Flux [mmol m <sup>-2</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> ]	DO slope [μmol kg <sup>-1</sup> mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Diffusion coefficient [10 <sup>-4</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	A <sub>T</sub> slope [μmol kg <sup>-1</sup> mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	Calculated A <sub>T</sub> Flux [mmol m <sup>-2</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> ]
21:00	-11.5±3.4	70.1	9.3±2.7	---	---
23:30	-5.2±4.2	47.8	6.2±4.9	---	---
1:00	---	---	2.0-4.9(assumed)	12.4	0.44-1.07
1:30	-2.4±1.1	67.6	2.0±0.9	---	---
4:00	---	---	4.4-4.9(assumed)	18.8	1.45-1.62
4:30	-2.2±1.0	28.1	4.4±2.0	---	---
6:00	---	---	4.4-4.9(assumed)	30.2	2.33-2.60
average	-4.60±2.50	53.4±19.6	4.9±2.4	---	---

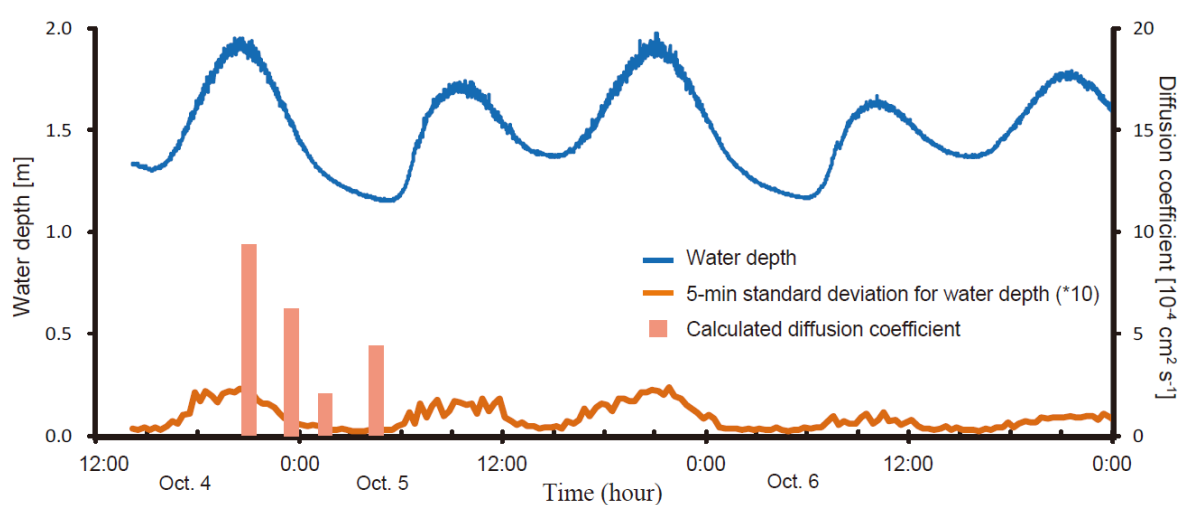


Figure 5-17. Relationship between water depth, its 5-min standard deviation for water depth, and diffusion coefficient calculated by EC and DO slope at sediment-water interface: The values of standard deviation lines are amplified tenfold for easiness to see.

## Chapter 6.

### General discussion

#### 6-1. Comparison of $A_T$ flux estimated by flow-controlled chamber and EC and $A_T$ profile in sediment

Figure 6-1 (A) shows the nighttime  $A_T$  flux plotted against  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  in water column determined by flow-controlled chamber experiment and estimated based on the relationship between EC and  $A_T$  gradient at sediment-water interface.  $A_T$  flux calculated by diffusion coefficient and  $A_T$  profile in sediment was plotted in red symbols, while dissolution rates determined by the flow-controlled chamber experiment were converted to  $A_T$  flux. According to both estimation,  $A_T$  flux could occur even when  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  in water column was higher than 1.0 because  $A_T$  in the pore water was higher than that in the water column, which produced the upward  $A_T$  flux.

On the other hand, flow-controlled chamber experiment showed that  $A_T$  flux did not change with decreasing  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  under  $\text{CO}_2$  added condition. Figure 6-1 (B) shows the relationship between bulk sediment dissolution rate and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  determined by laboratory experiment in this study (Chapter 3), which indicates that  $A_T$  flux increases with decreasing  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$ . On the other hand, this relationship was not observed in the flow-controlled chamber experiment, suggesting that effect of  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  decrease in water column did not affect the  $A_T$  flux at the sand area although dissolution rate of individual Mg-calcite mineral increases as  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  decreases in seawater.

The fact that the  $\text{CO}_2$  increase in the water column did not affect the  $A_T$  flux in the chamber experiment would be related to the imperfect representation of real condition inside the



chamber due to its methodological weakness because pore water processes in sediment were not considered at all in chamber experiment. Indeed, results of chamber experiment especially under CO<sub>2</sub> added condition may not represent what will happen in the actual environment in the future, primarily because only seawater in water column was changed in short-time experiment but the pore water in sediment would not be changed.

I reveal that  $A_T$  flux did not increase if only  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  in water column decreased. It is essential to understand not only the water column chemistry but also the profiles of the pore water chemistry (carbonate and DO) to accurately predict the  $A_T$  flux.

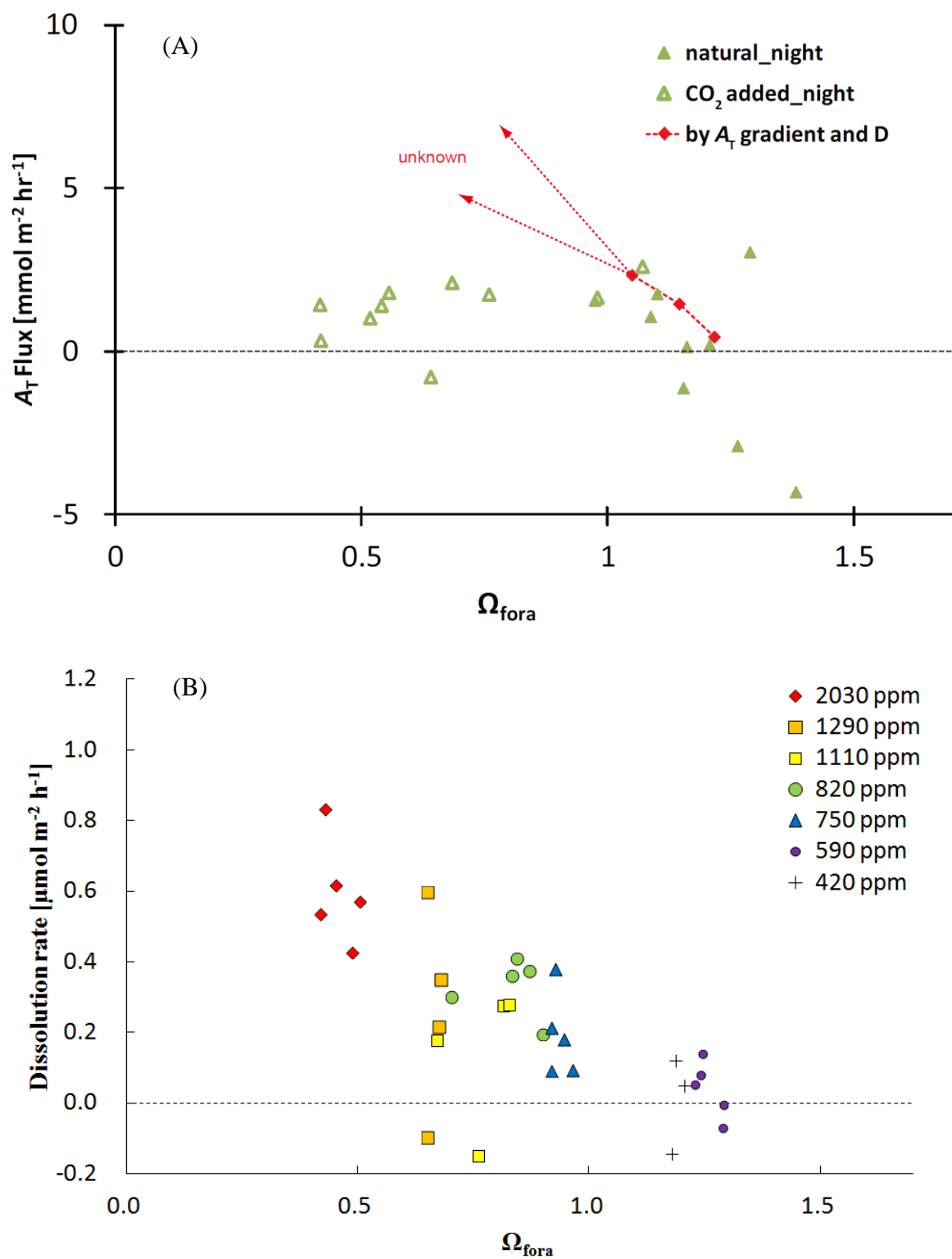


Figure 6-1. (A) The relationship between average  $A_T$  flux  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  at night: triangle symbols indicate flow-controlled chamber, and red symbols indicate values calculated by  $A_T$  profiles and diffusion coefficient measured by EC. (B) The relationship between average dissolution rate and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  (bulk) measured by laboratory experiment in this study.

## 6-2. Mechanism of Mg-calcite dissolution in coral sand area

Figure 6-2 summarizes typical nighttime DO,  $A_T$ , and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  profiles within top 30 mm of the sand. DO profiles within sediments are based on microelectrode observation; other parameters were based on pore water analysis. The sediments can be subdivided into three zones based on DO and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  profiles, with zone I having DO values of  $>0$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values of  $>1$ , zone II having  $\text{DO} > 0$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}} = 1$ , and zone III having  $\text{DO} = 0$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}} = 1$ . At depths greater than “x” mm (i.e. boundary between layer I and layer II),  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  is assumed to be equal to 1.0.

Although the hydrodynamics within the sediment are unknown, diffusion coefficients within the sediment are assumed to be constant with depth. Under this assumption, when reactions such as respiration or carbonate dissolution occur, the profiles of solutes show decrease or increase with downward convex curve according to Fick’s law. Thus, the downward convex decrease in DO observed in zone I suggests that  $C_T$  should also increase with a downward convex curve, whereas  $A_T$  values are expected to increase linearly, primarily as no Mg-calcite dissolution is expected to have occurred. In comparison, zone II, between “x” mm and 10 mm depth, should have downward convex change in both  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  as a result of respiration and Mg-calcite dissolution. Here, the peak values of  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  are assumed to occur at a depth of 5 mm, though only average values between 0 to 10 mm were observed. In depths of  $>10$  mm within zone III,  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values decrease linearly or with downward convex curve; linear decreases indicate that no reactions occurred between 10 and 30 mm depth, and some reactions occurred at deeper than 30 mm, with gradients at depths  $>10$  mm caused by diffusion alone. In comparison, downward convex curves suggest that both denitrification and Mg-calcite dissolution occurred, keeping  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values at 1.0. In addition, a  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  isograms within  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram plots between dissolution and denitrification vectors

(Figure 6-3), indicating that  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values could remain at a constant value of 1.0 as a result of the combined effects of both reactions.

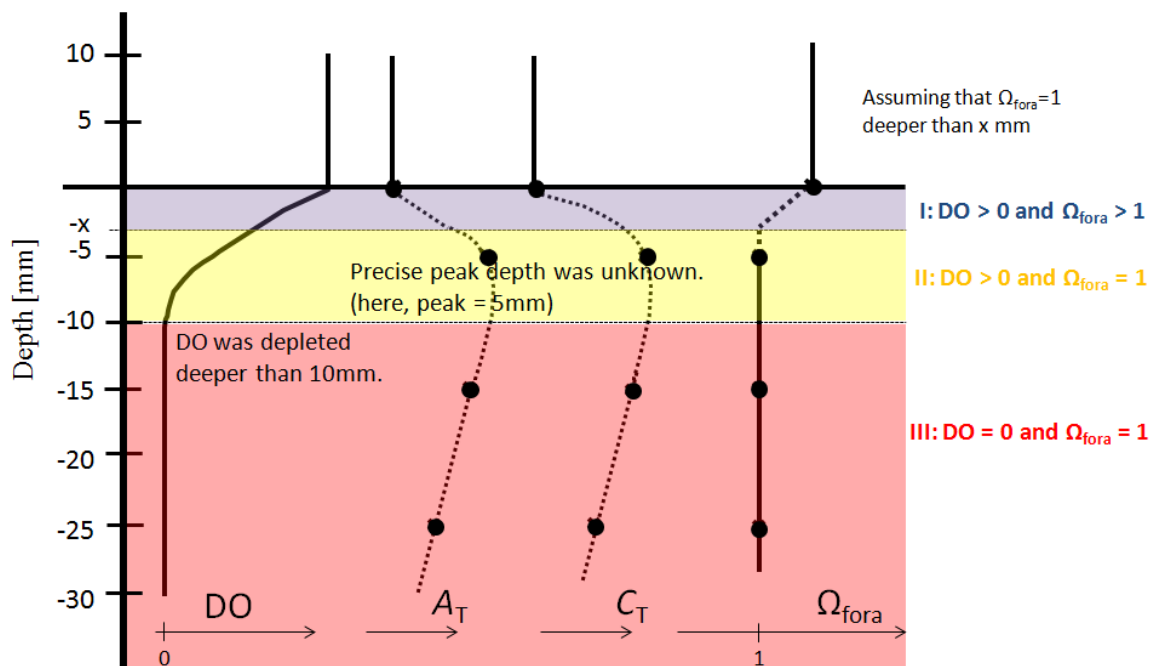


Figure 6-2. A summary of typical profiles of DO,  $A_T$ ,  $C_T$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  at night: Solid lines are based on microelectrode observation and pore water analysis, and dotted lines are considered based on carbonate parameters measured by pore water analysis, which are shown by solid circle symbol.

### 6-3. $A_T$ flux at sediment-water interface in $A_T$ - $C_T$ diagram

Previous studies evaluated Mg-calcite dissolution as a reaction between water column and the sediment surface (Andersson et al., 2003; Morse et al., 2006). However, the data presented here indicate that  $A_T$  increase within the water column were caused by  $A_T$  out flux from the sediments due to  $A_T$  gradient at a depth of 0-5 mm. In addition,  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values in sediments at depths of >5mm are constant, at a value of 1.0. In this section,  $A_T$  flux will be discussed by using water column-sediment pore water  $A_T$ ,  $C_T$ ,  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  and DO profiles and  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram considering above.

Figure 6-3 shows the pore water carbonate chemistry ( $A_T$  and  $C_T$ ) in both sediment and the water column; black dashed lines are  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  contours determined by this study (Chapter 3) and dashed color vectors indicate the changes in  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  caused by chemical reactions (defined by Chen, 2002, Table 6-1). Water column  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values decreased during the daytime as a result of net photosynthesis and calcification with the proportion of about five to one, whereas they increased during the nighttime as a result of net dissolution and respiration with the proportion of about seven to one (Figure 5-5); the rates of these increases and decreases can be calculated by the sum of each vector (Watanabe et al., 2006). In comparison, sediment hosted pore waters almost always have  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values of 1.0 although  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values in sediment were not constant due to respiration and Mg-calcite dissolution.

Figure 6-4 shows the relationship between  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values within both the water column and pore waters in sediments at night. Each vector indicates changes in  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  with depth based on the profiles shown in Figure 6-2; these figures show that  $C_T$  increased with respiration and Mg-calcite dissolved within zone II, leading to an increase in  $A_T$ . This reaction causes a difference between  $A_T$  values within the water column and the pore water within the sediments, causing  $A_T$  flux at the sediment-water interface.

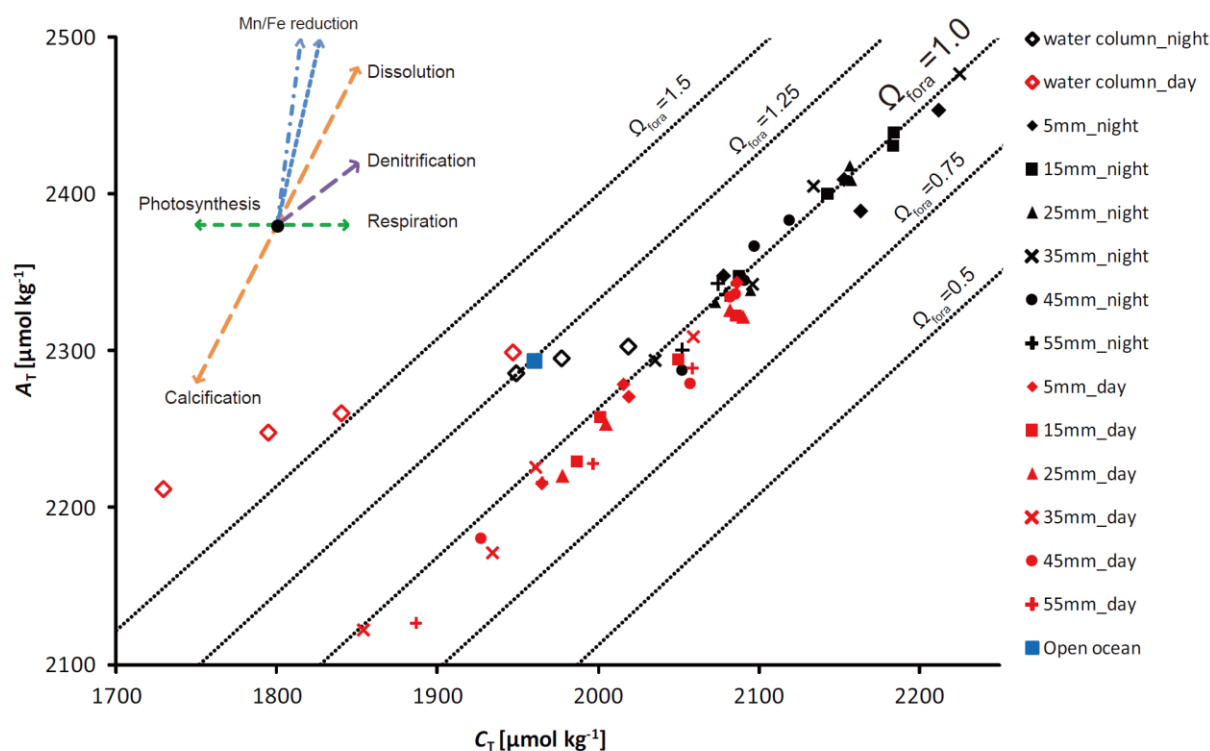


Figure 6-3.  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram: Black dashed lines indicate  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$ . Black symbols indicate night and red indicate day time values. Open diamonds show water column  $A_T$  and  $C_T$ , solids show pore water values in the sediment. Blue solid square indicates typical open ocean value at Shiraho in summer. Several color vectors indicate each chemical reaction shown in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1. The relationship between metabolisms and  $A_T$ ,  $C_T$  changes cited from Chen (2002)

Metabolism	Reaction	$\Delta A_T$	$\Delta C_T$	$\Delta A_T / \Delta C_T^{**}$
<b>Production</b>				
Photosynthesis* (using $\text{NO}_3^-$ )	$106\text{CO}_2 + 122\text{H}_2\text{O} + 16\text{HNO}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \leftrightarrow (\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 138\text{O}_2$	17	-106	-0.16
Photosynthesis* (using $\text{NH}_4^+$ )	$106\text{CO}_2 + 106\text{H}_2\text{O} + 16\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 \leftrightarrow (\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 106\text{O}_2$	-15	-106	0.14
Calcification	$\text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{HCO}_3^- \leftrightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$	-2	-1	2
$\text{NH}_3$ oxidation	$5\text{NH}_3 + 3\text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow 4\text{N}_2 + 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$	6***	---	---
<b>Decomposition/dissolution</b>				
Aerobic respiration (releasing $\text{NH}_4^+$ )	$(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 106\text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow 106\text{CO}_2 + 106\text{H}_2\text{O} + 16\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	15	106	0.14
Dissolution of $\text{CaCO}_3$	$\text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+} + 2\text{HCO}_3^-$	2	1	2
Denitrification	$(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 84.8\text{HNO}_3 \leftrightarrow 106\text{CO}_2 + 148.4\text{H}_2\text{O} + 42.4\text{N}_2 + 16\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	83.8	106	0.79
Manganese reduction	$(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 236\text{MnO}_2 + 472\text{H}^+ \leftrightarrow 106\text{CO}_2 + 366\text{H}_2\text{O} + 236\text{Mn}^{2+} + 8\text{N}_2 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	471	106	4.4
Iron reduction	$(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 424\text{FeOOH} + 848\text{H}^+ \leftrightarrow 106\text{CO}_2 + 742\text{H}_2\text{O} + 424\text{Fe}^{2+} + 16\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	847	106	8.0
Sulfate reduction	$(\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16}\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 53\text{SO}_4^{2-} + 106\text{H}^+ \leftrightarrow 106\text{CO}_2 + 106\text{H}_2\text{O} + 53\text{H}_2\text{S} + 16\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	105	106	0.99
Methanogenesis	$\text{CH}_4 + \text{SO}_4^{2-} \leftrightarrow \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{HS}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1	106	0.01

In this table, TA means  $A_T$ , and DIC means  $C_T$ .

\* Redfield ratio is assumed for the organic matter production/decomposition

\*\* Which is equivalent to the slope on the  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram

\*\*\* When each mole of  $\text{NH}_3$  is oxidized

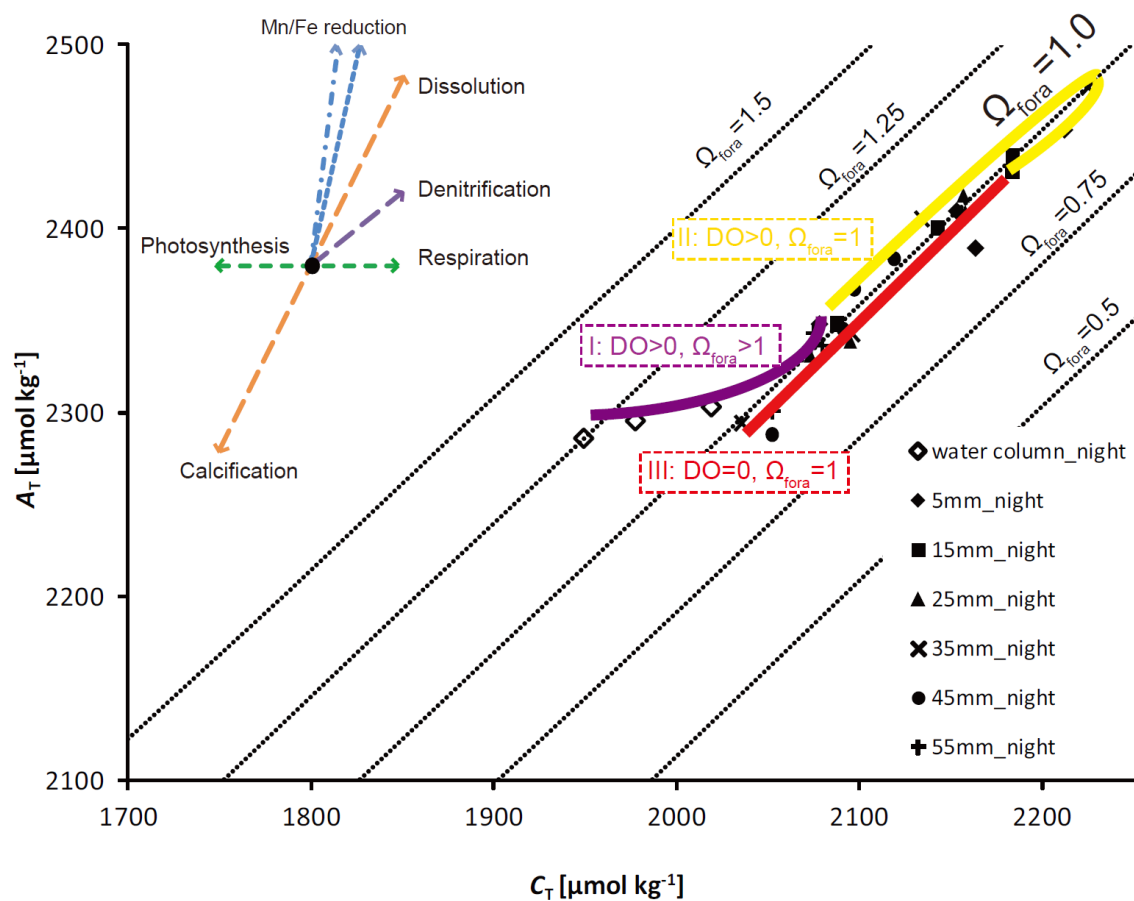


Figure 6-4. A summary of  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  in water column and in sediment at night: Three color lines (purple, yellow, and red) indicate changes in  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  according to profiles in Figure 6-2.

## 6-4. Future impact of ocean acidification on Mg-calcite dissolution

### 6-4-1. Qualitative assessment for ocean acidification

The burning of fossil fuels and future uptake of  $\text{CO}_2$  by the oceans are predicted to reduce  $\Omega_a$  in water column to 2.0 ~ 3.0 by 2100 (Kleypas et al., 2006). Previous studies evaluated Mg-calcite dissolution by using 1) non-biogenic Mg-calcite threshold and 2) relationship between dissolution rate and saturation state in water column (Andersson et al., 2003, 2009, Morse et al., 2006). However, this study shows that the  $\Omega_a$  dissolution threshold of biogenic Mg-calcite in taxa such as coralline algae and foraminifera is 3.0 to 3.2 based on laboratory experiment (Chapter 3-3), and upward  $A_T$  flux is caused by both organic reaction such as aerobic respiration and inorganic Mg-calcite dissolution (Chapter 5-4-2). The result of this study suggests that  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface should be evaluated by diffusion coefficient of  $A_T$  and  $A_T$  gradient at sediment-water interface (Chapter 6-1). In this chapter, future  $A_T$  increase in water column at coral reef community caused by Mg-calcite dissolution in sediment is estimated based on  $A_T$  profile and  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram.

Figure 6-5 shows the predicted  $A_T$  profile accompanying with seawater  $p\text{CO}_2$  increase; this shows that if  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values within the water column become  $< 1.0$  (under-saturated) and if DO profile within the sediment does not change, zone I would disappear, leading to an increase in the expansion of zone II to the sediment surface and Mg-calcite dissolution would occur all over through the sediment. In turn, this would lead to a steepening of  $A_T$  gradient, causing an increase in upward  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface.

Figure 6-6 shows  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram that illustrates the future impact of increasing  $A_T$  flux. There were few occasions during nighttime spring tides when  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values in the water column were  $< 1.0$  under  $\text{CO}_2 = 400$  ppm condition (Figure 6-6: yellow ellipse area). This indicates that only a minor  $A_T$  flux would be observed. However,  $p\text{CO}_2$  increase in seawater without a



change in the rate of biological photosynthesis and/or calcification causes the range of  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  values to move parallel to the change in  $C_T$ , as  $A_T$  values are not changed by increases in anthropogenic  $\text{CO}_2$ . This causes a shift from the yellow to red ellipses area (Figure 6-6). Once  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values within the water column become  $< 1.0$ ,  $A_T$  flux at the sediment-water interface will increase, primarily as the  $A_T$  gradient at depths of 0-5 mm will also increase. This indicates that as  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  values within the water column decrease, Mg-calcite within the sediment will more readily dissolve, suggesting in turn that  $A_T$  flux would also increase drastically, as all of the Mg-calcite within the sediment would dissolve.

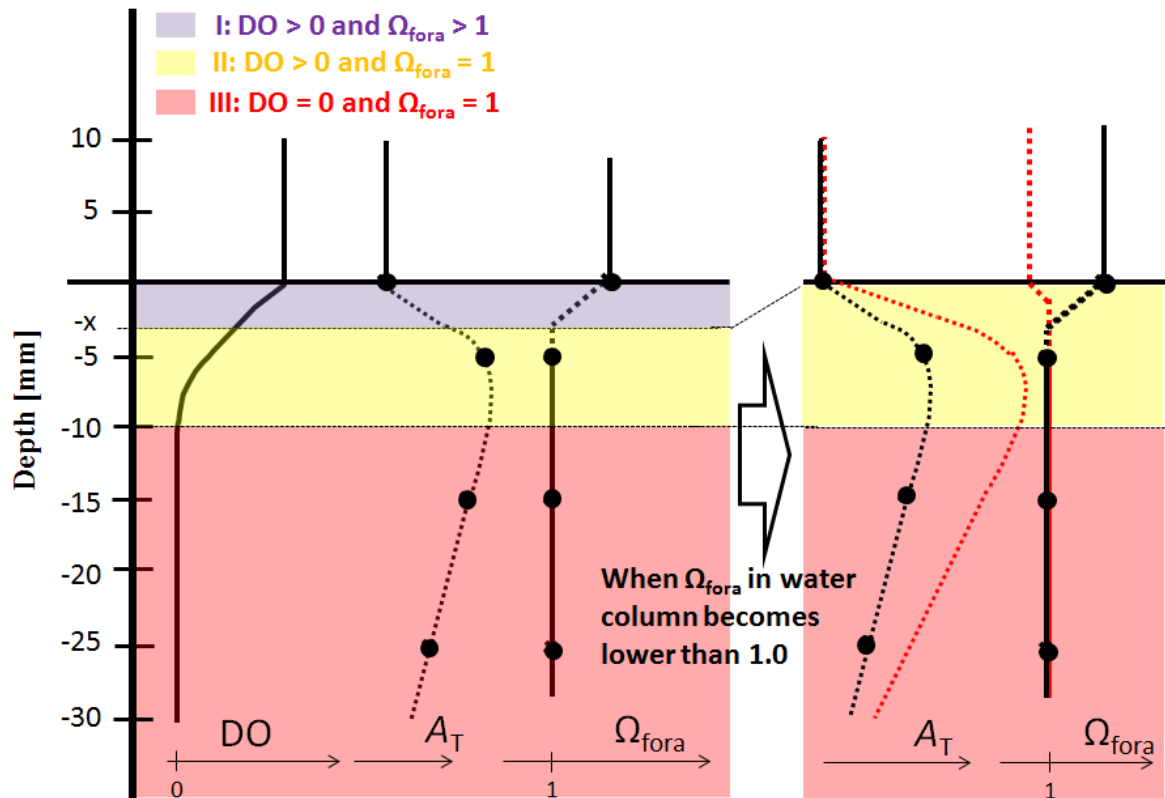


Figure 6-5. Estimated  $A_T$  and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  profiles when  $p\text{CO}_2$  increases by ocean acidification and  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  in water column decreases below 1.0: Solid black lines are based on microelectrode observation and pore water analysis, and dotted black lines are considered based on carbonate parameters measured by pore water analysis, which are shown by solid circle symbol. Red dotted lines are estimated profiles when  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  in water column becomes lower than 1.0.

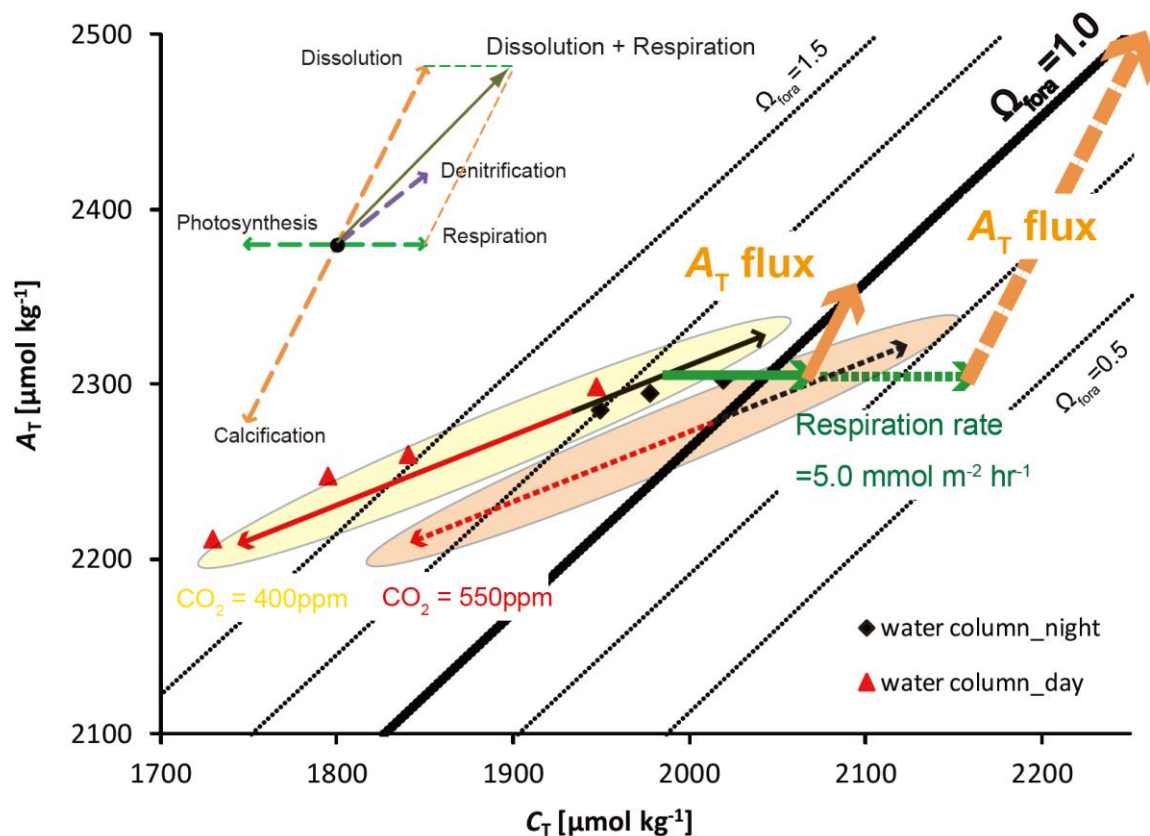


Figure 6-6. Future impact of  $A_T$  flux increase based on  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram: Red and black vectors indicate  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  changes in water column during day time and nighttime, respectively. Oblique lines are isogrms of  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  with  $\Omega_{\text{fora}} = 1$  shown by a thick solid line. Under present  $p\text{CO}_2$  concentration of 400 ppm, the water column chemistry changes by the metabolism of the coral reef community in Shiraho reef within the yellow ellipse area. In sediment, respiration shown by a green vector is compensated by dissolution shown by an orange vector to reach the constant  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  of 1.0 shown by a thick solid line. When  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater increases up to 550 ppm and the metabolism of the coral reef community is not changed, water column chemistry in 550 ppm will be shifted to red ellipse area, and estimated  $A_T$  flux will be shown by dotted orange vector under the assumption that respiration rate is constant (i.e. dotted green vector is equal to solid green vector).

#### 6-4-2. Buffering capacity against ocean acidification

Previous section (6-4-1) shows the qualitative evaluation for Mg-calcite dissolution against ocean acidification. Here,  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram, by which metabolism rate can be shown graphically, is used to quantitatively predict increase in upward  $A_T$  flux from carbonate dissolution in sediments by the ocean acidification, which would act as a buffer against it.

In  $A_T$ - $C_T$  diagram, the water column chemistry changes by the metabolism of the coral reef community in Shiraho reef is shown by yellow ellipse area in Figure 6-6. If chemical reaction within upper 10 mm zone is assumed to be equal to the observed flux at sediment-water interface, solid green vector and solid orange vector in Figure 6-6 indicate the  $O_2$  uptake and upward  $A_T$  flux at nighttime median case. When  $pCO_2$  in seawater increases up to 550 ppm and metabolism of the Shiraho reef community is not changed, water column chemistry in 550 ppm will be shifted to red ellipse area in Figure 6-6. If the respiration rate in sediment is constant, upward  $A_T$  flux will be shown by dotted orange vector. This estimated  $A_T$  flux is at least higher than respiration rate because the equivalent respiration and dissolution corresponds to isograms of  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  (oblique black line in Figure 6-6). Thus, at least dissolution rate of  $5.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  would occur since average nighttime  $O_2$  uptake measured in this study was about  $5.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ ,

Table 6-2 lists the net dissolution rate at sand area or whole of coral reef community and  $\Omega_a$  in water column. When  $\Omega_a$  in water column decreased from 3.1 to 1.0, net carbonate dissolution was observed in all studies. Dissolution rate measured by  $A_T$  difference in water column had wide ranges among different studies because it is difficult to evaluate how the ocean acidification in water column affects to process in sediment. From this study,  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface is shown by the relationship between aerobic respiration and Mg-calcite dissolution, and minimum estimation would be obtained if respiration rate in sediment

is constant. At least  $5.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  Mg-calcite dissolution estimated in this study is larger than previous studies, suggesting that they would underestimate the effect of Mg-calcite dissolution due to ignorance of processes in sediment.

Kayanne et al. (2005) estimated net community calcification rate to be 70 to  $127 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$  for Shiraho reef. At least  $60 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$  Mg-calcite dissolution were estimated under  $\Omega_{\text{fora}} < 1$  condition in water column in this study. This value consists of 47-86 % of net community calcification rate. Because the sandy regions are about three times larger than the coral habitats at Shiraho reef, Mg-calcite dissolution in these sands would decline net ecosystem calcification significantly. Moreover, most calcifiers except foraminifera show negative effect of calcification for ocean acidification (Chapter 1-2-1), which will also promote the decrease of net ecosystem calcification and change the component of sediment. On the other hand, Mg-calcite dissolution increases  $A_T$  in water column, indicating the buffer effect to ocean acidification. If assumed background water has  $\Omega_a$  of 2.93 and  $p\text{CO}_2 = 550$  ppm, the value of  $\Omega_a$  will decrease to 2.8 under average conditions of Shiraho reef ( $5.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  respiration rate with duration time of 4 hr and water depth of 1.4 m).

The effect of Mg-calcite dissolution with global scale is considered by area of shallow carbonate sand and the estimated dissolution rate. Morse et al. (2006) estimated that sediment area which mainly consisted of Mg-calcite in shallow sediment was  $6.9 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$ . Since estimated minimum dissolution rate at sand area was  $5.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$  and it always occurs during only nighttime at everywhere Mg-calcite existed in sediment,  $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ PgC/yr}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  uptake is obtained by multiplication of  $6.9 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$  and  $5.0 \text{ mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ . On the other hand, the world ocean takes up about  $2.0 \pm 0.6 \text{ PgC/yr}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$  emitted by anthropogenic combustion of fossil fuels (Takahashi et al., 2002). Although this  $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ PgC/yr}$  of  $\text{CO}_2$

uptake is still minimum, the effect of Mg-calcite dissolution would have an influence especially to the carbon cycle in each community rather than whole of the global scale.

Table 6-2. Carbonate dissolution rates reported from carbonate environments and mesocosms

Reference	Location	Dissolution rate [mmol m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Omega_a$	Benthic condition
Andersson et al. (2007)	Bahama	0.2 to 0.8	1.2 to 1.9	carbonate sediment (20 to 25 m depth)
Andersson et al. (2009)	Hawaii mesocosm	2.2 to 3.6	1.0 to 2.0	20 to 30% coral cover
Boucher et al. (1998)	Moorea	0.7	—	31% coral cover
Leclercq et al. (2002)	Monaco mesocosm	0.8	Water column: 2.7 to 5.2 Pore water:1.9	sand community
Suzuki et al. (1995)	Ishigaki	3	1.7 to 3.1	19% coral cover
Yates and Halley (2006)	Hawaii	1.4	1.8 to 2.6	patch reef 22%
		1	1.5 to 2.6	patch reef 10%
		1.1	2.0 to 2.5	coral rubble
		0.3	2.1 to 2.6	sand bottom

# Chapter 7.

## Summary and future studies

### 7-1. Summary

Previous studies considered  $A_T$  increase in water column as a dissolution reaction between water column and surface of the sediment, which ignored the process within sediment. However, flux at sediment-water interface must be calculated based on diffusion coefficient and concentration gradient at sediment-water interface. Further, pore water in the sediment has more  $\text{CO}_2$  than that in water column because of respiration and probably denitrification, which influences  $A_T$  slope.

In this study, first, exact threshold of biogenic Mg-calcite dissolution was determined by laboratory experiment. Then, two different field observations, flow-controlled chamber experiment, and the estimation of diffusion coefficient measured by EC and  $A_T$  slope were conducted in order to calculate  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface under natural flow condition. This is the first study to determine  $A_T$  flux based on diffusion coefficient and  $A_T$  slope, which were measured by *in-situ* field observation.

According to laboratory experiment, dissolution of bulk carbonate sediments occurs at  $\Omega_a$  values of 3.7 to 3.8. Mg-calcite derived from foraminifera and coralline algae dissolves at  $\Omega_a$  values between 3.0 and 3.2. The solubilities of foraminiferans and coralline algae obtained by this study agree with Plummer and Mackenzie (1974) solubility.

Chamber experiment which can control flow rate were designed and conducted in order to understand relationship between  $A_T$  flux and  $\Omega_a$  in water column. Data showed that there were

no significant differences in dissolution/calcification rate between high-flow and low-flow. While dissolution rate increases as  $\Omega_a$  decreased in laboratory experiment, dissolution rate measured by flow-controlled chamber did not change. It would mean that carbonate profiles in sediment was not affected by high  $p\text{CO}_2$  in water column because of short time experiment or a little amount of water column in chamber.

$\text{O}_2$  and carbonate profiles were measured by microelectrode and pore water analysis. Between 0 and 10 mm depth, micro organism respiration would consume oxygen and produce  $\text{CO}_2$ , and pH decreased at night. On the contrary,  $\text{O}_2$  increased by the photosynthesis during day time. Deeper than at least 10 mm,  $\text{O}_2$  was depleted even during the day time. On the other hand,  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  was always constant at the value of 1.0. Both organic reaction such as respiration and inorganic Mg-calcite dissolution is considered to have occurred and keep  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  constant in the sediment.

All data were combined,  $A_T$  flux from sediment to water column occurred by the  $A_T$  gradient within the sediment caused by organic  $\text{CO}_2$  production such as respiration or denitrification. Therefore, even when  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$  in water column was higher than 1.0,  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface could be observed. Moreover, once seawater in water column is over the threshold of Mg-calcite dissolution, estimated  $A_T$  flux could increase drastically.

## 7-2. Future studies

Table 7-1 shows problems about Mg-calcite dissolution among laboratory experiment, flow-controlled chamber, and EC +  $A_T$  profile in this study. While threshold of carbonate mineral dissolution and gross dissolution rate of each minerals at several  $p\text{CO}_2$  level can be measured by laboratory experiment, it is hard to apply it to field observation directly because physical condition such as flow rate and biological condition in the sediment were not considered by laboratory experiment. By flow-controlled chamber,  $A_T$  flux at several  $p\text{CO}_2$  level can be calculated but processes in sediment were not considered at all. On the other hand, though processes in sediment can be considered by EC +  $A_T$  profile,  $p\text{CO}_2$  conditions can not be manipulated. All the methodology have pros and cons.

In order to estimate the effect of Mg-calcite dissolution on ocean acidification, model study is a powerful tool. However, mechanism of Mg-calcite dissolution has to be revealed before establishing the model. In this study, both laboratory experiment, field experiment and field observation were conducted. In laboratory experiment, threshold of Mg-calcite dissolution that would occur in actual environment was determined, and it was applied to the field observation result using  $\Omega_{\text{fora}}$ . From this study, it comes out that  $A_T$  increase in water column is caused by the process in sediment, and it is the key for evaluating future impact on buffering effect on ocean acidification.

It is important to estimate  $A_T$  flux at sand area in coral reefs more precisely because coral reef community has long been known to alter their own seawater chemistry, through processes of photosynthesis, respiration, calcification, and dissolution. In this study, while  $A_T$  flux at night was discussed, DO and  $A_T$  fluxes during day time were not discussed particularly because photosynthesis and calcification caused by organisms in surface of the sediment is complex and variable by light intensity. Micro organisms and calcifiers living in sediment



should be identified and its response to light, temperature, and  $p\text{CO}_2$  increase should be clarified.

The first and important task for estimating precise  $A_T$  flux is to determine  $A_T$  profile in sediment more precisely. In this study, carbonate parameters such as  $A_T$  and  $C_T$  were measured by pore water sampling with 10 mm interval because their profiles can not be measured by microelectrode technically. Thus, for example, ex-situ observation of  $A_T$  profile by using a pH planar optode, by which pH distribution can be observed, would be necessary.

Next, diffusion coefficient in sediment should be measured. In this study, diffusion coefficient observed at sediment-water interface was adopted in sediment, and  $A_T$  flux was discussed. However, diffusion coefficient in sediment would decrease with depth because the effect of wave and current becomes weaker with depth.

If those data are obtained, carbonate profiles and  $A_T$  flux at sediment-water interface would be predicted by giving the carbonate values in water column and sediment characteristics. It would enable us to evaluate quantitative feedback by Mg-calcite dissolution in sand area in coral reefs, and to estimate future impact more precisely, and carbonate cycle in coral reef community would be understood more exactly.

Furthermore,  $A_T$  increase in water column is not understood by diffusion coefficient and profile in sediment (i.e. diagenetic model) in previous studies. They evaluated  $A_T$  increase in water column including deep sea and coastal area as the relationship between water column and surface of the sediment. Although biological and hydrodynamic conditions of coral reefs are different from those of other areas, results from this study could be applied to those areas because mechanism of flux is similar. Thus, the effect of carbonate dissolution should be evaluated more quantitatively to further understanding of global carbonate cycle.

Table 7-1. Gaps about Mg-calcite dissolution from this study (Laboratory experiment vs Flow-controlled chamber vs EC +  $A_T$  profile)

	My laboratory experiment	Flow-controlled chamber	EC + profile
current and wave	×	△	○
process in sediment	×	×	○
$p\text{CO}_2$ control	○	○	×
seawater in water column	○	○	○
seawater in sediment		×	○
merit	Gross dissolution rate on each particle can be measured	Net dissolution rate can be measured at several $p\text{CO}_2$ level	$A_T$ flux under natural condition can be measured.
demerit	Physical and biological condition can not be reproduced, and the data should be applied to field.	Only seawater in water column can be measured. Processes in sediment are not considered	Calculated $A_T$ flux is indirect. $\text{CO}_2$ condition can not be manipulated.

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# **Appendix**

**Result of laboratory experiment and chamber experiment**

Supplementary Table 1. Temperature, calculated salinity, total alkalinity ( $A_T$ ), total dissolved inorganic carbon ( $C_T$ ), and water volume: calculated fugacity of  $CO_2$  ( $f(CO_2)$ ) and aragonite saturation state ( $\Omega_a$ ) at experiment temperature, salinity,  $A_T$  and  $C_T$ ; and net dissolution rate between each experimental time interval.

Sampling time(hh:mm)	Temperature (°C)	Salinity (Calculated)	$A_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$nA_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$C_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$f(CO_2)$ ( $\mu\text{ atm}$ )	$\Omega_a$	Water Volume (kg)	Average Dissolution Rate ( $\mu\text{ mol m}^{-2}\text{ h}^{-1}$ )
<b>Bulk sediment Run#1</b> $\rho CO_2=2030\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.68g									
0:00	26.6	34.55	2460	2459	2387	1703	1.36	3757	
1:00	26.1	34.56	2463	2461	2391	1694	1.34	3600	
1:15	26.0	34.57	2467	2465	2409	1856	1.24	3444	0.831
2:15	25.9	34.58	2471	2468	2389	1573	1.43	3288	
2:30	25.9	34.58	2469	2465	2406	1792	1.28	3236	0.618
3:30	26.0	34.60	2477	2472	2414	1806	1.28	3080	
3:45	26.0	34.60	2474	2469	2417	1878	1.24	3028	0.535
5:00	26.0	34.62	2480	2474	2391	1518	1.49	2871	
5:15	26.0	34.62	2482	2475	2398	1579	1.44	2819	0.426
6:30	26.3	34.64	2488	2480	2389	1447	1.58	2663	
6:45	26.3	34.64	2489	2480	2406	1612	1.44	2611	0.570
<b>Bulk sediment Run#2</b> $\rho CO_2=1290\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:15.72g									
0:00	28.8	34.44	2386	2392	2268	1318	1.73	4395	
1:05	27.7	34.45	2389	2395	2251	1093	1.94	4239	
1:20	27.4	34.45	2388	2394	2250	1080	1.93	4082	
1:35	27.1	34.46	2390	2395	2246	1034	1.98	3926	0.598
2:50	26.6	34.48	2395	2398	2243	973	2.04	3770	
3:05	26.5	34.49	2395	2398	2245	980	2.03	3614	0.351
4:20	26.5	34.51	2400	2401	2247	964	2.06	3457	
4:35	26.5	34.52	2399	2400	2246	963	2.06	3301	
4:50	26.4	34.52	2400	2401	2249	973	2.04	3145	
5:05	26.4	34.53	2399	2399	2260	1046	1.92	2989	0.217
5:50	26.5	34.54	2400	2399	2260	1044	1.94	2832	
6:05	26.5	34.55	2401	2400	2259	1026	1.96	2676	-0.097
<b>Bulk sediment Run#3</b> $\rho CO_2=1110\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:11.33g									
0:00	27.8	34.45	2400	2405	2226	935	2.20	3294	
1:30	26.8	34.49	2407	2410	2250	998	2.02	2981	
1:45	26.7	34.50	2405	2407	2249	1004	2.00	2825	0.180
3:00	26.6	34.53	2405	2405	2221	845	2.28	2669	-0.148
5:00	26.5	34.58	2416	2413	2216	777	2.44	2357	0.278
6:15	26.4	34.61	2421	2415	2216	758	2.48	2200	0.279
<b>Bulk sediment Run#4</b> $\rho CO_2=820\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:14.11g									
0:00	27.8	34.55	2374	2372	2146	667	2.77	4098	
2:30	26.8	34.55	2377	2375	2154	661	2.70	3786	
2:45	26.8	34.55	2381	2379	2158	661	2.70	3630	0.196
3:45	26.7	34.56	2379	2377	2165	688	2.62	3473	
4:00	26.7	34.56	2377	2375	2162	688	2.61	3317	0.374
7:05	26.5	34.56	2389	2386	2183	725	2.52	3161	
7:20	26.4	34.56	2387	2385	2185	732	2.49	3005	
7:35	26.2	34.56	2388	2385	2185	724	2.49	2900	0.362
9:00	26.0	34.57	2392	2389	2186	710	2.52	2744	
9:15	26.0	34.57	2393	2390	2184	699	2.55	2588	
9:30	25.8	34.57	2395	2393	2192	714	2.49	2432	
9:45	25.5	34.57	2398	2395	2186	679	2.57	2275	0.409



Supplementary Table 1. (continued)

Sampling time(hh:mm)	Temperature (°C)	Salinity (Calculated)	$A_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$nA_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$C_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$f(\text{CO}_2)$ ( $\mu\text{ atm}$ )	$\Omega_a$	Water Volume (kg)	Average Dissolution Rate ( $\mu\text{ mol m}^{-2}\text{ h}^{-1}$ )
<b>Bulk sediment</b>	<b>Run#5</b>	$\rho\text{CO}_2=750\text{ppm}$	Sample weight:10.65g						
0:00	29.4	34.44	2372	2378	2160	767	2.64	3431	
2:15	27.7	34.51	2378	2379	2136	621	2.90	2764	0.096
4:30	29.5	34.56	2383	2381	2160	734	2.76	2296	0.093
6:00	29.8	34.60	2390	2384	2167	751	2.76	2140	
6:30	30.0	34.61	2392	2386	2168	751	2.78	1983	0.380
7:00	30.2	34.63	2394	2387	2163	733	2.85	1827	
7:15	30.2	34.63	2393	2386	2165	741	2.83	1671	0.183
<b>Bulk sediment</b>	<b>Run#6</b>	$\rho\text{CO}_2=590\text{ppm}$	Sample weight:13.23g						
0:00	26.8	34.47	2400	2404	2104	466	3.47	3962	
0:45	26.4	34.48	2399	2402	2094	440	3.55	3806	
1:00	26.4	34.48	2400	2404	2088	427	3.62	3754	-0.225
1:45	26.3	34.48	2400	2403	2070	389	3.83	3598	
2:00	26.3	34.48	2399	2403	2063	377	3.90	3545	-0.071
2:45	26.4	34.49	2400	2403	2082	412	3.70	3389	
3:00	26.4	34.49	2400	2403	2083	415	3.68	3337	0.052
3:55	26.4	34.49	2404	2406	2089	422	3.66	3285	
4:00	26.4	34.49	2403	2405	2069	387	3.86	3129	
4:15	26.5	34.49	2405	2408	2076	397	3.81	2973	
4:30	26.5	34.50	2404	2406	2063	376	3.94	2816	
4:45	26.5	34.50	2406	2408	2070	386	3.88	2660	
5:00	26.5	34.50	2406	2408	2072	390	3.85	2577	-0.005
6:45	26.4	34.51	2407	2409	2072	385	3.88	2420	
7:00	26.4	34.51	2407	2409	2075	391	3.84	2368	0.081
7:45	26.3	34.51	2408	2409	2076	390	3.84	2212	
8:00	26.3	34.51	2410	2411	2073	383	3.89	2160	0.138
<b>Bulk sediment</b>	<b>Run#7</b>	$\rho\text{CO}_2=420\text{ppm}$	Sample weight:10.25g						
0:00	26.4	34.50	2394	2395	2095	452	3.48	2998	
1:00	25.7	34.51	2394	2395	2094	436	3.48	2842	
1:15	25.7	34.51	2393	2394	2082	415	3.59	2790	-0.141
3:32	25.7	34.52	2390	2391	2084	423	3.54	2603	
3:50	25.7	34.52	2389	2389	2064	389	3.73	2446	
4:05	25.8	34.52	2390	2390	2072	402	3.66	2290	
4:20	25.8	34.52	2389	2390	2078	416	3.60	2134	
4:35	25.8	34.52	2391	2391	2083	423	3.55	1957	0.052
6:24	25.8	34.53	2392	2392	2081	416	3.59	1790	
6:40	25.8	34.53	2393	2393	2091	434	3.50	1634	
6:55	25.8	34.53	2393	2393	2076	405	3.66	1446	
7:13	25.8	34.53	2393	2393	2092	435	3.49	1290	0.122

Supplementary Table 1. (continued)

Sampling time(hh:mm)	Temperature (°C)	Salinity (Calculated)	$A_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$nA_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$C_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$f(\text{CO}_2)$ ( $\mu\text{ atm}$ )	$\Omega_a$	Water Volume (kg)	Average Dissolution Rate ( $\mu\text{ mol m}^{-2}\text{ h}^{-1}$ )
<b>Coralline algae Run#1</b> $\rho\text{CO}_2=2000\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.55g									
0:00	26.3	34.31	2412	2427	2375	2115	1.07	3721	
1:00	26.0	34.32	2423	2437	2393	2206	1.03	3564	
1:15	26.0	34.32	2423	2437	2394	2227	1.02	3512	0.884
2:00	26.1	34.34	2429	2442	2379	1932	1.17	3356	
2:15	26.1	34.34	2430	2444	2404	2287	1.01	3304	
2:20	26.1	34.34	2428	2442	2407	2361	0.98	3200	0.329
3:45	26.2	34.36	2448	2460	2414	2191	1.07	3044	
4:00	26.2	34.36	2448	2460	2415	2203	1.06	2992	0.617
5:00	26.2	34.37	2457	2468	2424	2207	1.07	2835	
5:15	26.2	34.37	2457	2468	2420	2155	1.09	2783	0.361
6:30	26.2	34.39	2471	2481	2434	2159	1.10	2627	
6:45	26.2	34.39	2472	2481	2434	2159	1.10	2575	0.445
8:00	26.3	34.41	2487	2496	2447	2129	1.13	2419	
8:15	26.3	34.41	2487	2495	2447	2145	1.12	2367	0.456
9:00	26.3	34.42	2498	2505	2454	2102	1.15	2210	
9:15	26.3	34.43	2499	2507	2457	2124	1.14	2158	0.449
<b>Coralline algae Run#2</b> $\rho\text{CO}_2=1070\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.33g									
0:00	26.6	33.98	2331	2368	2192	1014	1.87	3651	
2:05	26.0	34.03	2341	2375	2228	1182	1.63	3286	
2:20	26.0	34.03	2341	2375	2211	1058	1.78	3234	0.201
3:18	26.0	34.06	2345	2378	2234	1196	1.62	3114	
3:30	26.0	34.06	2346	2379	2234	1194	1.63	3052	0.152
4:05	26.0	34.07	2351	2382	2221	1067	1.79	2896	
4:20	26.0	34.08	2352	2383	2235	1159	1.67	2843	0.320
5:35	26.0	34.11	2359	2388	2242	1164	1.68	2687	
5:50	26.0	34.11	2359	2388	2240	1155	1.69	2635	0.190
6:35	25.9	34.13	2363	2391	2245	1154	1.69	2479	
6:50	25.9	34.13	2364	2392	2248	1168	1.67	2427	0.159
7:45	26.0	34.16	2371	2397	2249	1133	1.73	2271	
8:00	26.0	34.16	2373	2398	2253	1158	1.70	2218	0.250
<b>Coralline algae Run#3</b> $\rho\text{CO}_2=830\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:10.86g									
0:00	26.5	34.51	2394	2395	2222	877	2.20	3242	
1:40	26.0	34.52	2397	2398	2181	671	2.63	3086	
1:55	25.9	34.52	2398	2399	2172	639	2.72	3033	0.305
3:57	25.6	34.52	2403	2404	2179	637	2.71	2846	
4:15	25.6	34.52	2405	2406	2170	604	2.82	2794	0.171
5:06	25.5	34.53	2406	2407	2190	665	2.62	2648	
5:20	25.5	34.53	2407	2407	2192	669	2.62	2492	0.110
5:35	25.6	34.53	2410	2410	2187	645	2.70	2336	
5:50	25.6	34.53	2413	2413	2202	691	2.57	2185	0.488
<b>Coralline algae Run#4</b> $\rho\text{CO}_2=570\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.55g									
0:00	26.2	34.33	2369	2382	2107	522	3.08	2677	
1:00	26.2	34.34	2371	2384	2131	585	2.86	2521	0.019
1:15	26.2	34.34	2369	2382	2129	584	2.86	2469	
2:45	26.2	34.34	2375	2388	2133	578	2.89	2313	0.126
3:00	26.2	34.34	2375	2387	2132	577	2.89	2261	
4:15	26.3	34.35	2376	2389	2138	594	2.85	2105	0.044
4:30	26.3	34.35	2377	2390	2137	588	2.87	2053	
5:45	26.3	34.35	2379	2392	2137	583	2.90	1896	0.065
6:00	26.3	34.35	2380	2392	2139	588	2.88	1844	
7:00	26.3	34.36	2382	2394	2143	594	2.86	1688	0.045

Supplementary Table 1. (continued)

Sampling time(hh:mm)	Temperature (°C)	Salinity (Calculated)	$A_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$nA_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$C_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$f(\text{CO}_2)$ ( $\mu\text{ atm}$ )	$\Omega_a$	Water Volume (kg)	Average Dissolution Rate ( $\mu\text{ mol m}^{-2}\text{ h}^{-1}$ )
<b>Foraminifera Run#1</b> $p\text{CO}_2=2210\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:11.64g									
0:00	29.2	34.52	2424	2425	2375	2109	1.23	3482	
1:15	26.6	34.54	2432	2431	2393	2127	1.10	3326	
1:30	26.6	34.54	2434	2433	2400	2208	1.07	3269	1.363
2:15	26.4	34.55	2438	2436	2388	1968	1.17	3112	
2:30	26.3	34.56	2438	2436	2413	2337	1.01	3029	0.571
3:55	26.3	34.58	2446	2443	2417	2270	1.04	2873	
4:10	26.3	34.58	2447	2443	2419	2299	1.03	2821	0.559
6:15	26.3	34.61	2459	2453	2428	2247	1.06	2665	
6:30	26.3	34.61	2458	2452	2429	2292	1.04	2613	0.502
7:20	26.3	34.63	2464	2457	2434	2268	1.05	2508	
7:35	26.3	34.63	2463	2456	2437	2342	1.02	2456	0.449
8:10	26.3	34.64	2463	2455	2441	2414	1.00	2352	
8:25	26.3	34.64	2468	2460	2442	2342	1.03	2300	
8:30	26.3	34.65	2465	2457	2442	2380	1.01	2144	0.092
<b>Foraminifera Run#2</b> $p\text{CO}_2=1240\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:10.23g									
0:00	27.5	34.51	2436	2437	2262	925	2.26	2889	
0:45	26.6	34.53	2437	2437	2273	947	2.15	2733	
1:00	26.6	34.53	2438	2438	2281	988	2.08	2681	0.076
2:00	26.2	34.55	2442	2440	2285	977	2.08	2524	
2:15	26.2	34.55	2442	2440	2287	993	2.05	2472	0.294
3:30	26.2	34.58	2447	2443	2288	970	2.10	2316	
3:45	26.2	34.59	2447	2443	2291	986	2.07	2264	0.253
4:30	26.1	34.60	2449	2444	2289	958	2.11	2108	
4:45	26.1	34.61	2450	2444	2289	959	2.11	2056	0.091
5:30	26.1	34.63	2455	2448	2278	878	2.27	1899	
5:45	26.1	34.63	2454	2447	2278	880	1.85	1847	0.335
<b>Foraminifera Run#3</b> $p\text{CO}_2=570\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:11.49g									
0:00	26.4	34.08	2326	2356	2086	563	2.86	3387	
0:45	26.0	34.08	2326	2356	2083	546	2.88	3231	
1:00	26.1	34.08	2325	2355	2081	546	2.88	3179	-0.141
3:00	26.3	34.09	2325	2354	2081	552	2.88	3022	
3:15	26.3	34.09	2325	2355	2073	528	2.97	2970	-0.073
4:15	26.3	34.09	2332	2362	2069	500	3.10	2866	
4:30	26.3	34.10	2331	2361	2075	520	3.01	2731	0.687
6:15	26.3	34.10	2334	2364	2094	566	2.85	2575	
6:30	26.3	34.10	2334	2363	2096	570	2.84	2522	0.145
7:45	26.4	34.11	2337	2366	2099	575	2.84	2366	
8:00	26.5	34.11	2336	2365	2102	587	2.80	2210	
8:15	26.5	34.11	2336	2365	2098	576	2.84	2054	0.115
9:30	26.5	34.11	2341	2370	2109	597	2.78	1897	
9:45	26.5	34.11	2342	2371	2106	585	2.83	1845	0.312
<b>Foraminifera Run#4</b> $p\text{CO}_2=510\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.47g									
0:00	26.5	34.37	2403	2414	2135	527	3.18	3694	
1:00	26.2	34.37	2399	2409	2136	532	3.11	3537	
1:15	26.1	34.38	2398	2409	2133	524	3.14	3485	-0.861
2:00	26.0	34.38	2401	2411	2139	533	3.09	3329	
2:15	26.0	34.38	2402	2412	2125	496	3.25	3277	-0.157
4:10	26.0	34.38	2400	2410	2138	530	3.11	3121	
4:25	26.0	34.38	2402	2412	2137	525	3.13	3069	-0.028
5:10	26.0	34.39	2401	2411	2129	507	3.20	2912	
5:25	26.0	34.39	2399	2409	2127	506	3.20	2853	-0.194
6:45	26.1	34.39	2406	2415	2133	509	3.21	2697	
7:00	26.1	34.39	2403	2412	2121	484	3.31	2645	0.315
9:00	26.3	34.40	2402	2411	2125	499	3.26	2333	
9:15	26.3	34.40	2402	2411	2123	494	3.29	2281	-0.127

Supplementary Table 1. (continued)

Sampling time(hh:mm)	Temperature (°C)	Salinity (Calculated)	$A_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$nA_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$C_T$ ( $\mu\text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ )	$f(\text{CO}_2)$ ( $\mu\text{ atm}$ )	$\Omega_a$	Water Volume (kg)	Average Dissolution Rate ( $\mu\text{ mol m}^{-2}\text{ h}^{-1}$ )
<b>Coral Run#1</b> $p\text{CO}_2=2100\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.94g									
0:00	26.3	34.50	2436	2437	2390	2017	1.14	3684	
1:00	26.0	34.51	2435	2436	2412	2302	1.00	3528	
1:15	25.9	34.51	2437	2438	2392	1977	1.14	3476	0.001
2:10	25.7	34.52	2442	2442	2412	2207	1.03	3320	
2:25	25.7	34.53	2442	2442	2397	1980	1.14	3268	0.352
3:30	25.5	34.54	2442	2441	2418	2252	1.01	3111	
3:45	25.5	34.54	2442	2441	2421	2293	0.99	3059	-0.069
4:30	25.4	34.55	2447	2446	2396	1871	1.18	2903	
4:45	25.3	34.55	2448	2447	2425	2261	1.00	2747	
5:00	25.3	34.55	2447	2446	2428	2308	0.98	2590	
5:15	25.2	34.55	2450	2448	2425	2220	1.02	2434	0.289
6:30	25.2	34.57	2454	2452	2433	2265	1.00	2278	
6:45	25.2	34.57	2455	2452	2421	2071	1.09	2226	0.220
<b>Coral Run#2</b> $p\text{CO}_2=1550\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.72g									
0:00	26.5	34.84	2579	2556	2473	1470	1.68	3773	
1:00	25.9	34.85	2582	2558	2461	1311	1.80	3617	
1:15	25.8	34.85	2581	2557	2486	1549	1.57	3565	0.242
2:30	25.7	34.86	2582	2557	2482	1483	1.62	3408	
2:45	25.7	34.86	2583	2558	2493	1589	1.53	3356	0.000
4:10	25.6	34.87	2583	2557	2495	1604	1.51	3200	
4:25	25.6	34.88	2583	2557	2485	1499	1.59	3148	-0.032
5:40	25.5	34.89	2585	2558	2487	1506	1.59	2992	
5:55	25.5	34.89	2587	2560	2491	1519	1.59	2940	0.115
7:00	25.6	34.90	2583	2556	2488	1526	1.58	2783	
7:15	25.6	34.90	2582	2555	2498	1645	1.48	2731	-0.207
9:10	25.6	34.91	2585	2557	2487	1503	1.60	2523	
9:30	25.6	34.91	2586	2558	2488	1507	1.60	2367	
9:45	25.6	34.92	2586	2558	2504	1662	1.47	2210	0.055
<b>Coral Run#3</b> $p\text{CO}_2=1070\text{ppm}$ Sample weight:12.97g									
0:00	26.4	34.41	2411	2419	2233	853	2.26	3852	
0:50	26.0	34.44	2409	2416	2250	930	2.08	3652	
1:05	25.9	34.44	2412	2419	2249	908	2.12	3600	-0.151
3:50	26.0	34.50	2418	2420	2263	967	2.04	3076	
4:05	26.0	34.51	2419	2421	2265	969	2.04	3024	0.084
5:20	26.1	34.54	2421	2420	2264	959	2.06	2868	
5:35	26.1	34.54	2420	2419	2266	974	2.04	2816	-0.033
6:20	26.0	34.56	2423	2421	2265	952	2.07	2659	
6:35	26.0	34.56	2424	2422	2266	952	2.07	2607	0.124
7:20	26.0	34.58	2425	2421	2268	961	2.06	2453	
7:35	26.0	34.58	2426	2422	2268	953	2.08	2401	0.006

Supplementary Table 2. Salinity, temperature, total alkalinity ( $A_T$ ), total dissolved inorganic carbon ( $C_T$ ): calculated  $pH_T$ , fugacity of  $CO_2$ , and aragonite saturation state ( $\Omega_a$ ): and dissolution rate between each chamber experiment

Time		$CO_2$ added or natural	Salinity	Temperature [°C]	$A_T$ [ $\mu$ mol $kg^{-1}$ ]	$C_T$ [ $\mu$ mol $kg^{-1}$ ]	$pH_T$	$f(CO_2)$ [ $\mu$ atm]	$\Omega_a$	Dissolution Rate [mmol $m^{-2}$ $hr^{-1}$ ]
<b>Non-flow-control chamber experiment at night</b>										
2010/9/5 19:32	Start	natural	33.3	30.52	2228.5	1805.0	8.189	250.4	4.86	
2010/9/5 22:51	↓	natural	33.3	30.22	2233.4	1804.4	8.200	243.0	4.91	0.36
2010/9/6 3:10	↓	natural	33.5	28.70	2235.4	1846.1	8.163	274.3	4.44	0.12
2010/9/6 6:08	End	natural	33.7	28.60	2235.9	1953.8	7.988	454.6	3.29	0.04
2010/9/5 19:45	Start	natural	33.3	30.42	2230.9	1804.6	8.194	247.0	4.89	
2010/9/5 22:59	End	natural	33.3	30.12	2236.5	1811.2	8.196	246.8	4.87	0.43
2010/9/5 19:52	Start	natural	33.3	30.42	2229.9	1808.6	8.187	252.6	4.83	
2010/9/5 23:12	End	natural	33.3	30.17	2233.1	1806.0	8.199	244.3	4.89	0.23
2010/9/6 0:01	Start	added	33.7	29.44	2183.2	1868.5	8.041	380.5	3.62	
2010/9/6 3:18	↓	added	33.7	28.99	2188.6	1951.7	7.906	558.3	2.81	0.41
2010/9/6 6:16	End	added	33.7	28.71	2202.4	1994.5	7.849	656.4	2.52	1.16
2010/9/6 0:10	Start	added	33.7	29.44	2181.7	1922.3	7.943	501.2	3.05	
2010/9/6 3:28	↓	added	33.9	28.32	2238.9	1983.8	7.940	519.7	3	4.33
2010/9/6 6:24	End	added	33.8	28.57	2231.8	1952.5	7.983	460.0	3.26	-0.61
2010/9/10 19:47	Start	natural	34.2	29.74	2199.2	1804.7	8.153	273.9	4.45	
2010/9/11 2:02	End	natural	34.2	29.77	2199.3	1821.0	8.128	295.0	4.29	0.00
2010/9/10 19:56	Start	added	34.2	29.72	2202.7	1866.9	8.061	360.2	3.84	
2010/9/11 2:12	End	added	34.1	29.32	2166.0	1894.3	7.964	467.3	3.14	-1.46
2010/9/10 20:04	Start	added	34.2	29.79	2196.8	1880.5	8.030	392.9	3.63	
2010/9/11 2:20	End	added	34.2	29.59	2202.2	1992.3	7.835	678.9	2.54	0.21
2010/9/11 2:42	Start	added	34.3	29.37	2194.8	1888.4	8.018	405.9	3.52	
2010/9/11 5:24	End	added	34.3	29.22	2194.7	1911.1	7.981	451.6	3.28	-0.01
2010/9/11 2:49	Start	added	34.3	29.27	2203.2	1944.4	7.934	517.1	3.03	
2010/9/11 5:31	End	added	34.3	29.17	2201.2	1973.9	7.875	607.7	2.7	-0.19
2010/9/11 2:58	Start	added	34.3	29.14	2198.8	2018.5	7.776	791.7	2.24	
2010/9/11 5:39	End	added	34.3	29.12	2236.1	2067.2	7.747	871.0	2.14	3.47
2010/9/11 3:31	Start	natural	34.1	29.92	2187.9	1856.5	8.055	363.6	3.79	
2010/9/11 6:09	End	natural	34.1	29.77	2189.5	1862.0	8.051	368.9	3.75	0.15
2010/9/11 19:13	Start	added	34.3	30.07	2156.5	1833.9	8.041	372.2	3.67	
2010/9/12 2:24	End	added	34.3	30.02	2173.9	1867.2	8.013	407.7	3.52	0.60
2010/9/11 19:20	Start	added	34.3	30.04	2154.7	1936.7	7.850	635.7	2.6	
2010/9/12 2:33	End	added	34.3	29.99	2190.6	1993.5	7.802	736.2	2.41	1.24
2010/9/12 3:43	Start	added	34.1	29.79	2192.7	1898.9	7.993	435.9	3.4	
2010/9/12 6:17	End	added	34.1	29.69	2196.5	1898.9	8.001	427.3	3.44	0.37
2010/9/12 3:51	Start	added	34.1	29.57	2185.9	2071.0	7.616	1199.1	1.63	
2010/9/12 6:24	End	added	34.1	29.72	2197.7	2071.7	7.641	1129.4	1.74	1.15
2010/9/13 4:41	Start	natural	34.2	30.42	2158.9	1871.0	7.978	446.8	3.33	
2010/9/13 6:41	End	natural	34.2	30.39	2159.7	1874.3	7.974	452.0	3.3	0.10
2010/9/13 4:50	Start	added	34.2	30.12	2157.8	2072.5	7.528	1480.2	1.37	
2010/9/13 6:48	End	added	34.2	30.22	2165.2	2073.8	7.543	1428.6	1.43	0.94
2010/9/13 5:00	Start	added	34.2	30.17	2157.0	2011.5	7.687	984.1	1.9	
2010/9/13 6:56	End	added	34.2	30.29	2170.6	2016.9	7.704	947.8	1.99	1.76
2011/5/19 22:15	Start	natural	34.5	25.18	2253.9	1957.2	8.050	383.9	3.35	
2011/5/20 1:15	↓	natural	34.6	25.16	2242.2	1966.5	8.015	421.5	3.13	-0.97
2011/5/20 3:00	End	natural	34.6	25.11	2263.3	1982.5	8.022	417.9	3.19	3.01
2011/5/19 22:50	Start	added	34.5	25.23	2253.2	1993.8	7.983	463.3	2.97	
2011/5/20 1:35	End	added	34.5	25.23	2265.2	2079.2	7.834	698.6	2.25	1.09
2011/5/19 23:05	Start	added	34.6	25.14	2253.9	2002.2	7.970	481.0	2.89	
2011/5/20 1:45	↓	added	34.6	25.14	2249.5	2030.0	7.907	569.2	2.57	-0.42
2011/5/20 3:15	↓	added	34.5	25.09	2270.0	2077.0	7.850	669.8	2.32	3.42
2011/5/20 5:50	End	added	34.6	24.9	2248.7	2096.8	7.762	837.5	1.92	-2.05
2011/5/20 1:55	Start	added	34.6	25.14	2259.4	2123.1	7.719	940.5	1.78	
2011/5/20 3:07	↓	added	34.6	25.14	2263.5	2167.1	7.613	1234.1	1.44	0.86
2011/5/20 5:40	End	added	34.5	25.09	2257.0	2199.6	7.503	1623.9	1.13	-0.64
2011/5/21 0:00	Start	natural	34.5	24.82	2251.5	1968.6	8.032	403.9	3.2	
2011/5/21 1:40	↓	natural	34.5	24.85	2259.7	1969.4	8.044	392.7	3.28	1.22
2011/5/21 5:25	End	natural	34.4	24.73	2245.9	1996.0	7.976	472.0	2.87	-0.92

Supplementary Table 2. (continued)

Time		CO <sub>2</sub> added or natural	Salinity	Temperature [°C]	A <sub>T</sub> [μ mol kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	C <sub>T</sub> [μ mol kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	pH <sub>T</sub>	f(CO <sub>2</sub> ) [μ atm]	Ω <sub>a</sub>	Dissolution Rate [mmol m <sup>-2</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> ]
2011/5/21 0:10	Start	added	34.5	24.92	2246.3	2038.8	7.887	600.7	2.45	
2011/5/21 1:47	↓	added	34.5	24.95	2264.7	2059.2	7.880	617.1	2.44	2.85
2011/5/21 5:35	End	added	34.5	24.82	2262.1	2081.9	7.828	708.1	2.19	-0.17
2011/5/21 0:20	Start	added	34.5	24.82	2252.4	2154.5	7.624	1196.1	1.44	
2011/5/21 1:57	↓	added	34.5	24.85	2265.3	2171.7	7.610	1244.0	1.41	1.99
2011/5/21 5:45	End	added	34.5	24.73	2302.7	2220.8	7.577	1375.5	1.33	2.46
2011/8/17 20:26	Start	natural	34.4	31.38	2125.7	1710.5	8.170	247.7	4.64	
2011/8/17 23:29	↓	natural	34.4	31	2124.0	1735.9	8.136	275.4	4.35	-0.15
2011/8/18 2:54	↓	natural	34.4	30.37	2200.5	1848.5	8.075	343.5	4.01	5.60
2011/8/18 5:39	End	natural	34.4	30.19	2188.2	1863.9	8.036	383.0	3.71	-1.12
2011/8/26 19:50	Start	natural	34.5	30.65	2214.8	1832.3	8.114	307.1	4.35	
2011/8/26 22:30	↓	natural	34.5	30.09	2208.0	1856.7	8.075	344.5	4	-0.64
2011/8/27 0:40	↓	natural	34.4	29.99	2224.0	1898.8	8.033	392.6	3.74	1.85
2011/8/27 2:42	End	natural	34.5	29.92	2224.6	1922.0	7.996	436.9	3.5	0.07
2011/8/26 20:35	Start	added	34.5	30.52	2217.8	1934.0	7.956	487.0	3.31	
2011/8/26 22:40	↓	added	34.5	30.17	2204.7	1937.7	7.933	516.6	3.13	-1.57
2011/8/27 0:50	End	added	34.4	30.04	2218.8	1986.7	7.868	624.2	2.77	1.62
2011/8/27 1:20	Start	added	34.4	29.92	2235.3	2074.9	7.714	947.9	2.07	
2011/8/27 2:55	End	added	34.4	29.94	2261.0	2122.5	7.660	1105.5	1.88	4.07
2011/9/1 21:30	Start	natural	34.5	29.72	2231.2	1857.4	8.111	313.7	4.24	
2011/9/1 23:35	↓	natural	34.5	29.32	2239.7	1877.5	8.098	327.8	4.12	1.02
2011/9/2 1:30	↓	natural	34.5	29.27	2231.6	1876.8	8.090	335.3	4.03	
2011/9/2 3:30	↓	natural	34.6	29.19	2246.8	1904.4	8.067	360.3	3.91	1.90
2011/9/2 5:40	End	natural	34.5	29.04	2223.9	1902.1	8.041	385.0	3.68	-2.63
2011/9/1 21:50	Start	added	34.5	29.49	2247.5	1992.7	7.914	556.8	3.01	
2011/9/1 23:45	↓	added	34.6	29.24	2265.7	1983.0	7.963	488.9	3.3	2.37
2011/9/2 1:45	↓	added	34.5	29.17	2257.1	1974.4	7.967	481.9	3.3	-1.07
2011/9/2 3:45	↓	added	34.5	29.07	2249.3	2004.2	7.901	577.1	2.9	-0.98
2011/9/2 5:52	End	added	34.6	28.89	2263.1	2003.9	7.927	540.9	3.05	1.63
2011/9/2 20:10	Start	natural	34.5	29.37	2227.1	1903.6	8.038	388.3	3.7	
2011/9/2 23:03	↓	natural	34.5	29.44	2258.5	1922.7	8.051	378.9	3.85	2.72
2011/9/3 1:15	↓	natural	34.5	29.41	2254.6	1938.6	8.020	413.8	3.64	-0.44
2011/9/3 3:15	↓	natural	34.6	29.29	2257.8	1948.6	8.010	427.1	3.57	0.40
2011/9/2 20:22	Start	added	34.5	29.34	2249.4	2085.5	7.728	919.7	2.1	
2011/9/2 23:20	↓	added	34.5	29.39	2271.9	2026.8	7.893	595.9	2.92	1.90
2011/9/3 1:30	↓	added	34.5	29.34	2279.2	2028.0	7.904	580.1	2.99	0.85
2011/9/3 3:25	↓	added	34.6	29.22	2270.5	2037.3	7.872	630.5	2.79	-1.14
2011/9/3 6:05	End	added	34.6	28.99	2288.4	2059.4	7.865	648.5	2.76	1.68
<b>Non-flow-control chamber experiment at day time</b>										
2010/9/3 10:28	Start	natural	34.7	29.49	2209.3	1907.8	8.000	428.7	3.46	
2010/9/3 14:14	End	natural	34.3	30.62	2201.4	1885.4	8.015	409.8	3.65	-0.52
2010/9/3 10:43	Start	natural	34.3	29.37	2205.8	1898.8	8.017	408.9	3.53	
2010/9/3 14:29	End	natural	34.3	30.6	2199.4	1881.6	8.019	404.9	3.67	-0.42
2010/9/3 11:01	Start	natural	34.3	29.64	2201.6	1879.2	8.039	382.9	3.69	
2010/9/3 14:47	End	natural	34.4	30.7	2191.5	1856.1	8.046	372.1	3.84	-0.66
2010/9/4 13:18	Start	natural	33.9	29	2191.2	1838.1	8.105	316.4	4.01	
2010/9/4 16:18	End	natural	34.0	29.16	2196.5	1845.4	8.098	323.6	3.99	0.44
2010/9/4 13:25	Start	natural	33.9	28.84	2189.3	1843.6	8.096	325.1	3.92	
2010/9/4 16:25	End	natural	33.9	29.09	2198.7	1848.1	8.098	323.9	3.99	0.78
2010/9/4 13:32	Start	natural	33.9	28.84	2194.0	1837.8	8.112	310.8	4.04	
2010/9/4 16:32	End	natural	33.9	29.19	2202.6	1839.6	8.115	308.4	4.12	0.71
2010/9/7 11:13	Start	natural	34.2	30	2221.4	1886.7	8.052	372.6	3.85	
2010/9/7 14:08	↓	natural	34.2	31.33	2210.0	1857.2	8.063	356.7	4.06	-0.98
2010/9/7 15:53	End	natural	34.2	31.05	2210.4	2016.1	7.780	788.9	2.42	0.06
2010/9/7 11:22	Start	added	34.2	29.92	2217.9	2020.5	7.801	747.9	2.43	
2010/9/7 14:17	↓	added	34.2	31.31	2215.6	2029.4	7.758	838.8	2.34	-0.20
2010/9/7 16:04	End	added	34.2	30.52	2204.8	1868.6	8.049	371.5	3.86	-1.52
2010/9/7 11:29	Start	added	34.2	30.27	2215.8	1918.0	7.988	446.5	3.46	
2010/9/7 14:25	↓	added	34.2	31.3	2204.7	1881.3	8.018	406.3	3.75	-0.95
2010/9/7 16:13	End	added	34.2	30.57	2201.5	1847.7	8.077	342.0	4.05	-0.44
2010/9/8 12:47	Start	natural	34.3	30.39	2214.7	1833.3	8.119	304.1	4.34	
2010/9/8 15:38	End	natural	34.3	31.28	2211.2	1813.1	8.131	291.3	4.54	-0.31
2010/9/8 12:55	Start	added	34.3	30.2	2213.2	1960.3	7.908	557.7	2.99	
2010/9/8 15:44	End	added	34.3	31.15	2208.3	1985.3	7.837	675.4	2.7	-0.43

Supplementary Table 2. (continued)

Time	CO <sub>2</sub> added or natural	Salinity	Temperature [°C]	A <sub>T</sub> [μ mol kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	C <sub>T</sub> [μ mol kg <sup>-1</sup> ]	pH <sub>T</sub>	f(CO <sub>2</sub> ) [μ atm]	Ω <sub>a</sub>	Dissolution Rate [mmol m <sup>-2</sup> hr <sup>-1</sup> ]
2010/9/8 13:03 Start	added	34.3	30.37	2212.0	1919.1	7.977	458.5	3.41	
2010/9/8 15:50 End	added	34.3	31.26	2199.1	1889.4	7.995	432.4	3.6	-1.16
2010/9/9 13:12 Start	natural	34.3	29.87	2224.1	1839.4	8.130	296.3	4.37	
2010/9/9 15:57 End	natural	34.2	30.39	2215.1	1822.5	8.136	289.0	4.46	-0.82
2010/9/9 13:25 Start	added	34.2	29.87	2216.9	1870.6	8.073	350.0	3.96	
2010/9/9 16:03 End	added	34.2	30.14	2205.8	1819.8	8.132	291.7	4.38	-1.05
2010/9/9 13:30 Start	added	34.2	29.79	2214.7	1991.9	7.856	644.7	2.68	
2010/9/9 16:09 End	added	34.2	30.19	2205.9	1999.6	7.818	711.6	2.52	-0.83
2011/8/23 15:55 Start	natural	34.4	31.87	2195.5	1779.9	8.149	272.7	4.72	
2011/8/23 18:20 End	natural	34.5	31.56	2207.8	1998.4	7.801	743.0	2.57	1.27
2011/8/23 16:15 Start	added	34.5	31.97	2204.4	1908.6	7.958	479.9	3.46	
2011/8/23 18:35 End	added	34.4	31.46	2186.5	1773.5	8.153	268.7	4.67	-1.92
2011/8/24 15:35 Start	natural	34.6	31.89	2191.0	1782.4	8.138	280.8	4.63	
2011/8/24 17:40 ↓	natural	34.5	31.64	2200.9	1781.2	8.156	267.3	4.75	1.19
2011/8/24 19:27 End	natural	34.4	30.85	2189.6	1778.1	8.159	264.7	4.64	-1.58
2011/8/24 15:45 Start	added	34.5	32.02	2210.0	1849.3	8.062	355.9	4.15	
2011/8/24 17:45 ↓	added	34.5	31.61	2220.2	1921.9	7.965	474.7	3.49	1.28
2011/8/24 19:40 End	added	34.5	30.8	2223.3	1927.1	7.973	465.7	3.45	0.41
2011/8/24 15:55 Start	added	34.5	31.82	2194.5	1941.3	7.885	586.0	3.01	
2011/8/24 17:55 ↓	added	34.5	31.43	2229.6	2049.2	7.739	886.0	2.29	4.38
2011/8/24 19:50 End	added	34.5	30.8	2227.8	2058.3	7.723	923.4	2.17	-0.23
2011/8/25 14:02 Start	natural	34.4	32.12	2157.7	1705.8	8.204	225.1	5.07	
2011/8/25 16:07 ↓	natural	34.5	32.05	2164.0	1720.7	8.191	235.1	4.98	0.75
2011/8/25 18:41 End	natural	34.5	30.93	2186.2	1752.6	8.189	241.0	4.86	2.16
2011/8/25 14:10 Start	added	34.5	32.02	2169.4	1869.3	7.971	455.2	3.49	
2011/8/25 16:16 ↓	added	34.4	31.92	2179.7	1913.9	7.910	543.2	3.14	1.22
2011/8/25 18:50 End	added	34.4	30.85	2203.9	1897.5	7.993	435.6	3.55	2.36
2011/8/25 14:18 Start	added	34.5	32.1	2172.1	1913.7	7.894	565.2	3.06	
2011/8/25 16:25 ↓	added	34.4	31.89	2201.9	2026.6	7.725	909.0	2.23	3.52
2011/8/25 18:58 End	added	34.5	30.93	2201.1	1995.7	7.803	737.0	2.51	-0.07

## Experimental design for non-flow-controlled chamber

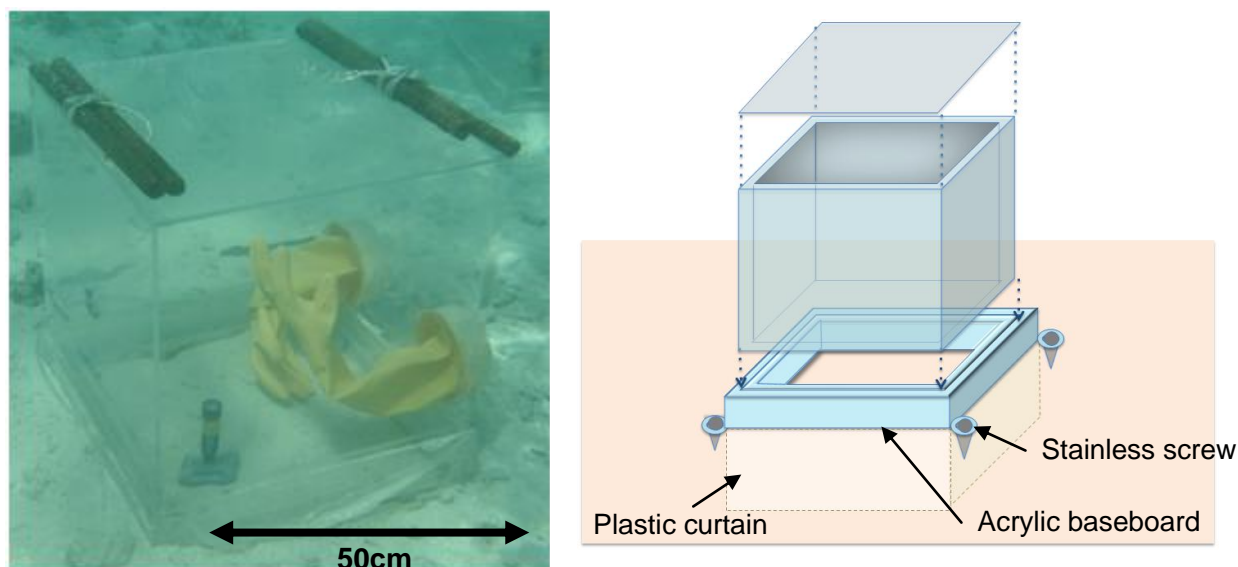
In order to estimate net dissolution/calcification rate *in situ* at a sand area without flow condition, a closed chamber was constructed and placed on the bottom (Supplementary Figure 1). The chamber was  $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$  m, and consisted of three parts: an acrylic baseboard, clear acrylic side panels, and a clear acrylic top. The seawater inside the chamber could be exchanged by opening the top. In order to collect seawater inside the chamber, 30cm long tube (6 mm diameter) was connected with its outside end sealed by a cock. Two rubber gloves and 1L bottle(s) were installed into the chamber in order to increase  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater within the sealed chamber. One litter bottles were filled with  $\text{CO}_2$  saturated seawater beforehand. By opening these bottles,  $p\text{CO}_2$  in seawater within the chamber was able to be increased. A plastic curtain (30 cm length) was attached to the bottom of the acrylic baseboard by a bond to prevent seawater from passing through gaps between the base and the seafloor. The curtain and base were buried in the sediment. These techniques created a closed system within the chamber.

Light intensity was indicated by  $[\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}]$  and recorded by a photon flux sensor (ALW-CMP, JFE Advantech Co., Ltd). This sensor and a temperature logger (CO-U22-001, Climatic Co., Ltd) were deployed inside the chamber. They recorded at 10-mins intervals.

The procedure of experiments was as follows: (1) 1L bottle(s) filled with  $\text{CO}_2$  saturated seawater was placed inside the chamber, and the chamber top was closed, (2) opening the 1L bottle cap inside the chamber using two rubber gloves, (3) a sample of seawater in the chamber was collected by a connected tube and syringe at the beginning. (4) Seawater in the sealed chamber was re-sampled after about 3h. (5-1) When we wanted to continue experiment, procedure (4) was repeated. (5-2) When we wanted to change  $\text{CO}_2$  condition in seawater, the chamber was opened and seawater in the chamber was exchanged with the surrounding water,



and (6) after waiting more than 15 min, the procedure (1) was repeated. Seawater samples were collected by 300-mL borosilicate glass bottles (Duran, Schott) with 0.2 ml of saturated mercuric chloride ( $\text{HgCl}_2$ ) solution for preservation.

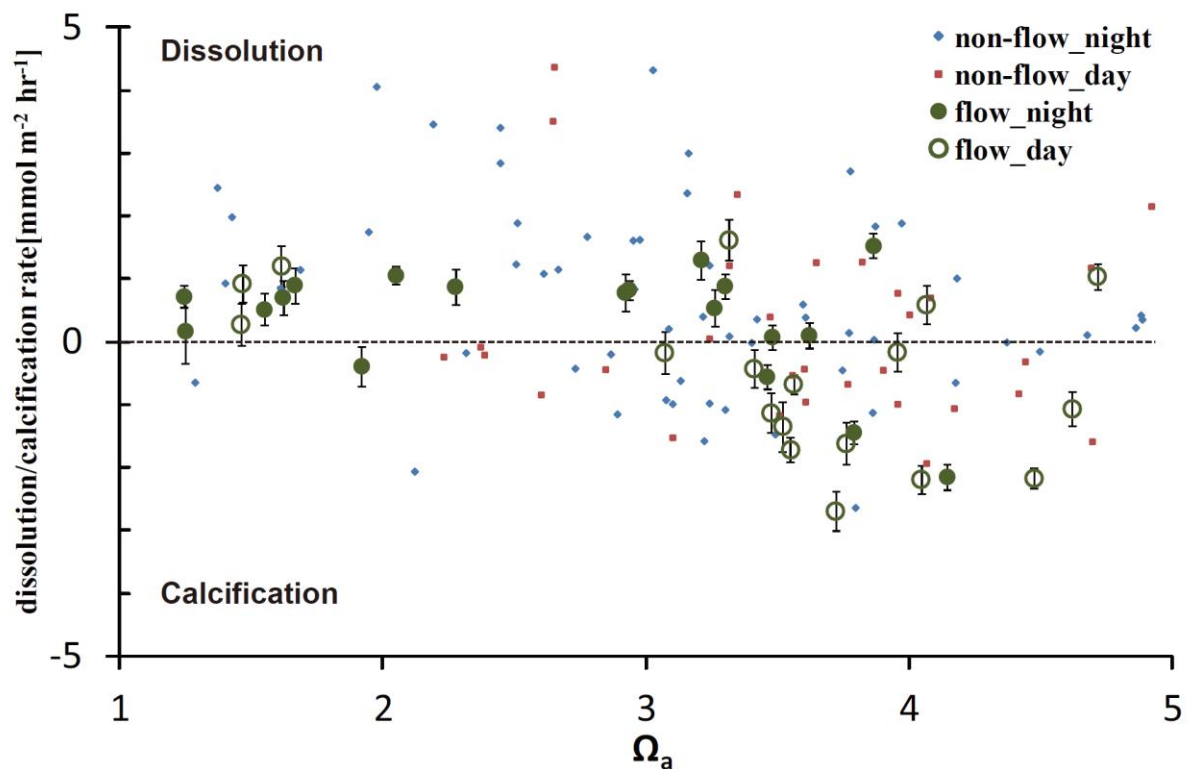


Supplementary Figure 1. Picture and schematic design of non-flow-controlled chamber ( $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$  m): Acrylic baseboard with plastic curtain was fixed by stainless screw, and was jointed with chamber. Top of chamber can be removed and it can be attached to the chamber.

## Evaluation of the chamber experiment system

The conditions for each experiment and the results of all experiments are listed in Supplementary Tables 2 and 3. Supplementary Figure 2 shows the average dissolution/calcification rates, calculated from  $A_T$  changes (equation 4-1), plotted against averaged  $\Omega_a$  calculated by initial and end values assuming that constant dissolution rate during experiment duration. Calcification is denoted by negative values, and dissolution is denoted by positive values. From flow-controlled chamber experiment, either day or

nighttime dissolution/calcification rate did not show a significant correlation with  $\Omega_a$  ( $R = -0.44$  and  $R = -0.36$ , respectively,  $p > 0.05$ ). When  $\Omega_a > 3.1$  during day time, net calcification mainly caused by biological calcifiers were observed for 12/15 cases, whereas  $\Omega_a < 3.1$  during night, net dissolution were observed for 9/10 cases. On the other hand, from non-flow-controlled chamber experiment, their data had wider ranges. Because there are no flow in non-flow-controlled chamber, seawater in the chamber was not fully mixed, and thus dissolution rate could not be correctly measured. In order to evaluate sand dissolution rate under several current conditions, results of flow-controlled chamber were mainly used hereafter.



Supplementary Figure 2. The relationship between average dissolution rate and  $\Omega_a$  (all chamber experiments): Only error bars for flow-controlled chamber were shown. Error bars for non-flow-controlled chamber were almost the same as flow-controlled chamber.

Supplementary Table 3. Salinity, temperature, total alkalinity ( $A_T$ ), total dissolved inorganic carbon ( $C_T$ ): calculated pH, fugacity of  $\text{CO}_2$ , and aragonite saturation state ( $\Omega_a$ ): and dissolution rate and flow rate between each chamber experiment  
 "Slow" corresponds to about  $2 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ , "Middle" about  $5 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ , and "Fast"  $15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$

Time	$\text{CO}_2$ added or natural	Salinity	Temperature [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]	$A_T$ [ $\mu \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ ]	$C_T$ [ $\mu \text{ mol kg}^{-1}$ ]	pH <sub>T</sub>	f( $\text{CO}_2$ ) [ $\mu \text{ atm}$ ]	$\Omega_a$	Dissolution Rate [ $\text{mmol m}^{-2} \text{ hr}^{-1}$ ]	flow rate
<b>Flow-control chamber experiment at night</b>										
2011/5/20 2:40 Start	added	34.5	25.51	2256.4	2107.4	7.745	877.7	1.90		Middle
2011/5/20 5:22 End	added	34.5	25.90	2270.7	2091.1	7.809	747.5	2.20	1.06	Middle
2011/5/20 23:50 Start	added	34.5	25.22	2263.4	2262.4	7.329	2492.0	0.79		Middle
2011/5/21 2:05 End	added	34.4	25.90	2271.5	2146.9	7.679	1050.3	1.70	0.72	Middle
2011/5/21 2:35 Start	added	34.3	25.03	2228.9	1974.8	7.982	460.1	2.91		Middle
2011/5/21 5:15 End	added	34.3	25.71	2240.0	1982.9	7.977	469.4	2.96	0.83	Middle
2011/8/26 20:22 Start	natural	34.5	32.00	2227.2	1852.9	8.079	340.8	4.31		Middle
2011/8/26 22:20 ↓	natural	34.4	32.00	2206.1	1861.5	8.038	381.1	3.98	-2.15	Middle
2011/8/27 0:30 ↓	natural	34.5	32.00	2190.5	1881.3	7.983	444.3	3.60	-1.44	Middle
2011/8/27 2:30 ↓	natural	34.5	32.00	2184.9	1901.5	7.939	501.3	3.32	-0.55	Middle
2011/8/27 4:35 End	natural	34.3	32.00	2194.2	1916.5	7.930	518.3	3.28	0.89	Middle
2011/9/1 21:15 Start	natural	34.5	29.54	2241.0	1888.1	8.081	345.2	4.03		Slow
2011/9/1 23:20 ↓	natural	34.5	29.24	2256.9	1935.0	8.033	400.1	3.70	1.53	Slow
2011/9/2 1:20 ↓	natural	34.5	29.19	2257.9	1951.6	8.007	430.6	3.54	0.11	Slow
2011/9/2 3:22 End	natural	34.5	29.16	2258.7	1964.4	7.988	455.7	3.42	0.08	Slow
2012/2/22 19:45 Start	added	34.6	23.31	2216.8	1917.4	8.088	340.1	3.28		Fast
2012/2/22 21:45 End	added	34.6	26.52	2225.5	1939.9	8.015	417.3	3.14	1.30	Fast
2012/2/22 22:10 Start	natural	34.6	23.20	2266.0	1963.2	8.087	348.6	3.34		Fast
2012/2/23 0:10 End	natural	34.6	26.49	2269.6	1982.7	8.011	431.1	3.18	0.54	Fast
2012/2/23 0:50 Start	added	34.6	23.77	2268.0	2151.3	7.686	1023.9	1.56		Fast
2012/2/23 3:12 End	added	34.6	27.15	2272.1	2158.2	7.633	1185.3	1.54	0.52	Fast
2012/2/23 3:45 Start	added	34.5	23.65	2275.5	2114.5	7.798	769.5	1.96		Fast
2012/2/23 5:40 End	added	34.5	26.63	2273.0	2121.1	7.735	909.6	1.88	-0.39	Fast
2012/2/25 19:28 Start	added	34.4	23.14	2263.5	2139.0	7.718	941.2	1.63		Fast
2012/2/25 21:34 End	added	34.4	26.36	2269.8	2137.7	7.693	1015.1	1.70	0.91	Fast
2012/2/25 21:50 Start	natural	34.5	22.91	2265.4	1988.5	8.048	390.4	3.08		Fast
2012/2/25 23:55 End	natural	34.5	26.15	2270.9	2010.5	7.969	485.0	2.92	0.79	Fast
2012/2/26 0:20 Start	added	34.5	22.62	2267.4	2076.6	7.882	613.7	2.24		Fast
2012/2/26 2:28 End	added	34.5	25.71	2273.7	2076.0	7.852	668.5	2.31	0.88	Fast
2012/2/26 3:08 Start	added	34.5	22.52	2278.7	2180.6	7.654	1115.3	1.41		Fast
2012/2/26 5:20 End	added	34.5	25.29	2283.9	2161.6	7.679	1053.4	1.62	0.71	Fast
2012/2/26 5:50 Start	added	34.5	21.50	2283.4	2219.0	7.570	1374.5	1.15		Fast
2012/2/26 7:00 End	added	34.4	23.36	2284.0	2194.1	7.620	1220.8	1.35	0.17	Fast
<b>Flow-control chamber experiment at day time</b>										
2011/8/23 15:35 Start	natural	34.5	32.05	2183.8	1775.2	8.137	280.1	4.63		Slow
2011/8/23 17:35 ↓	natural	34.5	33.61	2194.3	1775.3	8.128	287.5	4.80	1.05	Slow
2011/8/23 19:05 End	natural	34.5	33.44	2186.3	1800.0	8.084	327.3	4.44	-1.06	Slow
2011/8/24 15:10 Start	natural	34.4	31.89	2176.6	1766.1	8.145	273.3	4.65		Middle
2011/8/24 17:30 ↓	natural	34.4	31.03	2151.3	1769.6	8.120	292.6	4.30	-2.17	Middle
2011/8/24 19:20 End	natural	34.5	30.24	2131.2	1795.1	8.063	344.1	3.79	-2.19	Middle
2011/8/25 13:54 Start	added	34.5	32.21	2152.5	1852.2	7.971	450.5	3.48		Middle
2011/8/25 15:56 ↓	added	34.5	32.30	2135.1	1820.4	7.997	414.5	3.62	-1.71	Middle
2011/8/25 18:30 End	added	34.5	32.40	2126.5	1823.2	7.977	436.8	3.50	-0.67	Middle
2012/2/13 12:10 Start	natural	34.6	23.33	2270.9	1956.0	8.105	332.5	3.47		Fast
2012/2/13 14:05 End	natural	34.6	26.93	2263.7	1947.3	8.055	378.4	3.48	-1.13	Fast
2012/2/13 14:20 Start	natural	34.6	23.73	2247.8	1883.7	8.181	263.0	3.95		Fast
2012/2/13 16:15 End	natural	34.6	27.48	2246.8	1881.8	8.127	304.2	3.96	-0.16	Fast
2012/2/13 16:27 Start	natural	34.6	24.01	2217.3	1840.7	8.202	243.7	4.05		Fast
2012/2/13 18:25 End	natural	34.6	24.57	2221.2	1842.2	8.196	247.5	4.08	0.59	Fast
2012/2/14 11:55 Start	natural	34.6	23.08	2248.2	1944.1	8.095	338.8	3.35		Slow
2012/2/14 13:50 End	natural	34.6	24.00	2245.5	1928.6	8.103	330.0	3.47	-0.42	Slow
2012/2/14 14:02 Start	natural	34.7	23.72	2250.0	1907.5	8.147	291.3	3.73		Slow
2012/2/14 15:55 End	natural	34.6	24.40	2233.1	1892.3	8.138	296.0	3.71	-2.69	Slow
2012/2/14 16:10 Start	natural	34.6	24.07	2226.0	1877.5	8.156	280.2	3.78		Slow
2012/2/14 17:58 End	natural	34.6	24.36	2216.3	1871.0	8.148	284.8	3.74	-1.62	Slow
2012/2/20 12:05 Start	added	34.7	21.47	2255.3	2000.4	8.028	410.7	2.85		Middle
2012/2/20 13:55 End	added	34.7	23.13	2254.3	1955.9	8.081	352.6	3.29	-0.17	Middle
2012/2/20 14:25 Start	added	34.8	21.81	2210.6	1914.2	8.104	324.5	3.24		Middle
2012/2/20 16:15 End	added	34.8	23.20	2220.6	1909.3	8.107	322.2	3.39	1.62	Middle
2012/2/20 16:35 Start	added	34.7	21.94	2258.7	1929.3	8.151	290.5	3.60		Middle
2012/2/20 18:05 End	added	34.7	22.90	2252.0	1938.2	8.111	323.3	3.44	-1.34	Middle
2012/2/21 11:35 Start	added	34.6	22.47	2277.8	2171.5	7.676	1053.2	1.48		Fast
2012/2/21 13:40 End	added	34.6	26.17	2284.2	2182.2	7.613	1249.6	1.45	0.93	Fast
2012/2/21 14:05 Start	added	34.5	22.61	2242.8	2155.0	7.625	1179.1	1.31		Fast
2012/2/21 15:55 End	added	34.5	26.08	2244.5	2121.2	7.675	1049.2	1.61	0.28	Fast
2012/2/21 16:20 Start	added	34.6	23.17	2251.9	2140.8	7.681	1028.9	1.51		Fast
2012/2/21 18:10 End	added	34.6	25.87	2259.3	2124.5	7.704	977.6	1.72	1.21	Fast

Supplementary Table 4. Pore water chemistry and environment information:  $C_T$  and  $\Omega_a$  were calculated by  $A_T$ ,  $pH_{total}$ , Temperature, and salinity. Salinity of all data were 34.5.

Time	Depth [mm]	Temperature [°C]	Light Intensity [ $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ]	$A_T$ [ $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ]	$pH_{total}$	calculated $C_T$ [ $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$ ]	calculated $\Omega_a$	$\text{NO}_2$ [ $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ ]	$\text{NO}_3$ [ $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ ]	$\text{NH}_4$ [ $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ ]	$\text{PO}_4$ [ $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ ]	$\text{SiO}_2$ [ $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ ]
2012/10/4 20:15	0.0	26.7	0.0	---	---	---	---	0.017	0.344	0.625	0.058	1.123
2012/10/4 20:10	-5.0	26.7	---	---	---	---	---	0.012	0.095	0.142	0.196	0.199
2012/10/4 20:10	-15.0	26.7	---	---	---	---	---	0.029	0.206	0.167	0.254	0.478
2012/10/4 20:10	-25.0	26.7	---	---	---	---	---	0.113	1.042	0.326	0.378	0.776
2012/10/4 20:10	-35.0	26.7	---	---	---	---	---	0.310	1.907	1.234	1.274	4.556
2012/10/4 20:10	-45.0	26.7	---	---	---	---	---	0.420	2.542	2.271	0.892	2.267
2012/10/4 20:10	-55.0	26.7	---	---	---	---	---	0.633	1.970	1.606	0.804	4.530
2012/10/4 22:50	0.0	26.5	0.0	---	---	---	---	0.017	0.172	0.140	0.041	1.045
2012/10/4 23:00	-5.0	26.5	---	2409.3	7.937	2153.2	3.05	0.025	0.053	0.329	0.168	0.610
2012/10/4 23:00	-15.0	26.5	---	2400.2	7.940	2142.8	3.06	0.166	0.567	0.409	0.394	1.745
2012/10/4 23:00	-25.0	26.5	---	2338.6	7.923	2095.0	2.88	0.097	0.710	1.748	0.764	3.501
2012/10/4 23:00	-35.0	26.5	---	2342.5	7.928	2093.3	2.91	0.333	1.018	1.773	0.849	3.179
2012/10/4 23:00	-45.0	26.5	---	2287.7	7.915	2052.2	2.78	0.044	0.261	0.362	0.274	3.738
2012/10/5 0:56	0.0	26.2	0.0	2285.7	8.092	1951.8	3.78	0.021	0.335	0.285	0.035	1.172
2012/10/5 0:55	-5.0	26.2	---	2347.9	7.970	2080.5	3.13	0.071	0.249	0.276	0.457	1.216
2012/10/5 0:55	-15.0	26.2	---	2347.9	7.953	2090.1	3.03	0.055	0.287	0.324	0.356	1.318
2012/10/5 0:55	-25.0	26.2	---	2330.9	7.951	2075.4	3.00	0.063	0.420	0.326	0.181	1.640
2012/10/5 0:55	-35.0	26.2	---	2293.9	7.957	2037.9	2.98	0.068	0.563	0.544	0.445	2.729
2012/10/5 0:55	-45.0	26.2	---	2345.1	7.942	2093.3	2.96	0.083	1.016	1.208	0.728	2.955
2012/10/5 0:55	-55.0	26.2	---	2300.7	7.937	2054.7	2.88	0.095	0.769	0.981	0.482	2.980
2012/10/5 4:00	0.0	25.6	0.0	2295.2	8.060	1985.2	3.52	0.030	0.279	0.383	0.027	1.035
2012/10/5 4:00	-5.0	25.6	---	2389.2	7.882	2170.0	2.65	0.024	0.052	0.206	0.124	1.252
2012/10/5 4:00	-15.0	25.6	---	2439.4	7.932	2191.0	2.97	0.139	0.406	0.572	0.551	1.325
2012/10/5 4:00	-25.0	25.6	---	2418.0	7.945	2163.9	3.02	0.289	0.798	0.870	0.753	2.906
2012/10/5 4:00	-35.0	25.6	---	2476.6	7.919	2232.2	2.95	0.182	0.921	0.617	0.683	3.249
2012/10/5 4:00	-45.0	25.6	---	2383.4	7.955	2126.1	3.03	0.233	0.674	0.988	1.110	3.372
2012/10/5 4:00	-55.0	25.6	---	2336.0	7.947	2086.7	2.92	0.048	0.447	0.252	0.272	2.500
2012/10/5 6:00	0.0	25.3	0.0	2302.8	8.002	2028.6	3.15	0.062	0.457	0.537	0.046	0.966
2012/10/5 6:00	-5.0	25.3	---	2453.5	7.904	2221.2	2.81	0.037	0.170	0.417	0.306	1.210
2012/10/5 6:00	-15.0	25.3	---	2431.0	7.918	2192.8	2.86	0.043	0.101	0.164	0.281	2.963
2012/10/5 6:00	-25.0	25.3	---	2408.8	7.927	2167.0	2.88	0.064	0.339	0.238	0.384	3.832
2012/10/5 6:00	-35.0	25.3	---	2405.0	7.964	2143.8	3.08	0.245	1.363	1.049	0.966	5.746
2012/10/5 6:00	-45.0	25.3	---	2366.8	7.967	2106.7	3.04	0.172	0.800	0.739	0.855	4.402
2012/10/5 6:00	-55.0	25.3	---	2343.1	7.968	2084.2	3.02	0.147	0.682	0.636	0.509	3.934
2012/10/6 10:00	0.0	27.6	216.9	2299.0	8.114	1936.6	4.12	0.009	0.189	0.243	0.023	0.978
2012/10/6 10:00	-5.0	27.6	---	2215.4	7.954	1956.7	2.99	0.033	0.055	0.216	0.184	0.909
2012/10/6 10:00	-15.0	27.6	---	2229.6	7.938	1978.4	2.92	0.150	0.381	0.646	0.570	1.983
2012/10/6 10:00	-25.0	27.6	---	2220.4	7.938	1969.6	2.91	0.166	0.557	1.077	0.757	4.727
2012/10/6 10:00	-35.0	27.6	---	2122.1	8.002	1845.3	3.12	0.249	0.767	1.206	0.957	4.018
2012/10/6 10:00	-45.0	27.6	---	2180.6	7.965	1918.6	3.00	0.122	0.681	0.483	0.623	3.806
2012/10/6 10:00	-55.0	27.6	---	2126.5	7.947	1878.6	2.83	0.174	0.775	0.956	0.686	3.703
2012/10/6 12:30	0.0	27.6	57.4	2260.3	8.222	1828.8	4.81	0.000	0.206	0.157	0.023	0.892
2012/10/6 12:30	-5.0	27.6	---	2270.8	7.948	2010.7	3.04	0.040	0.099	0.151	0.228	3.600
2012/10/6 12:30	-15.0	27.6	---	2322.5	7.912	2077.6	2.91	0.152	0.823	0.788	1.137	5.104
2012/10/6 12:30	-25.0	27.6	---	2326.0	7.926	2073.8	2.99	0.102	0.638	0.445	0.798	6.285
2012/10/6 12:30	-35.0	27.6	---	2309.0	7.939	2050.9	3.04	0.118	0.599	0.467	0.773	8.910
2012/10/6 12:30	-45.0	27.6	---	2334.5	7.940	2073.6	3.08	0.117	0.467	0.655	0.652	8.269
2012/10/6 12:30	-55.0	27.6	---	2216.1	7.955	1956.8	3.00	0.043	0.108	0.328	0.391	7.362
2012/10/6 14:50	0.0	28.5	63.8	2247.9	8.271	1772.9	5.28	0.000	0.169	0.188	0.042	0.956
2012/10/6 14:50	-5.0	28.5	---	2278.7	7.968	1999.9	3.25	0.069	0.134	1.981	0.281	2.737
2012/10/6 14:50	-15.0	28.5	---	2294.7	7.932	2034.4	3.07	0.074	0.106	2.311	0.274	4.579
2012/10/6 14:50	-25.0	28.5	---	2321.8	7.903	2075.4	2.94	0.114	0.401	0.495	0.585	5.560
2012/10/6 14:50	-35.0	28.5	---	2171.3	7.934	1919.5	2.91	0.033	0.131	0.396	0.361	5.130
2012/10/6 14:50	-45.0	28.5	---	2279.3	7.890	2042.8	2.82	0.045	0.260	1.421	0.391	6.839
2012/10/6 14:50	-55.0	28.5	---	2228.2	7.915	1982.2	2.89	0.076	0.204	0.463	0.425	6.263
2012/10/6 16:30	0.0	28.5	33.5	2211.9	8.319	1707.0	5.56	0.000	0.221	0.229	0.054	0.899
2012/10/6 16:30	-5.0	28.5	---	2343.5	7.948	2070.5	3.23	0.027	0.063	0.254	0.234	2.387
2012/10/6 16:30	-15.0	28.5	---	2257.8	7.959	1985.6	3.17	0.126	0.759	0.399	0.427	4.379
2012/10/6 16:30	-25.0	28.5	---	2253.6	7.945	1989.5	3.09	0.050	0.228	0.259	0.442	7.092
2012/10/6 16:30	-35.0	28.5	---	2225.8	7.979	1945.3	3.24	0.102	0.471	0.272	0.442	5.454
2012/10/6 16:30	-45.0	28.5	---	2336.4	7.937	2069.8	3.16	0.147	0.497	0.488	0.549	7.382
2012/10/6 16:30	-55.0	28.5	---	2289.0	7.904	2044.0	2.91	0.168	0.640	0.906	0.702	8.605