Calcium carbonate saturation state and ocean acidification in Tokyo Bay, Japan

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- Shallow, semi-enclosed bay
- Surrounded by highly urbanized areas
- Receives freshwater and nutrients from rivers and sewage treatment plants
- One of the most eutrophicated coastal environments in the world

#### Tokyo Bay

ranked distribution of Primary Production



Red tide Blue tide Hypoxic water

Ocean acidification could give an additional stress to the ecosystem of the bay

[Cloern et al., 2014]

First observations of  $\Omega$  in Tokyo Bay, from 2011 to 2012

[Yamamoto-Kawai et al., Journal of Oceanography, 2015]

# Questions

- Is  $\Omega_{aragonite}$  already < 1 in Tokyo Bay? If not, when will it be reached?
- How does Ω change seasonally?
- What are factors controlling seasonal variation of  $\Omega$  in Tokyo Bay?
- How much did human activity change  $\Omega$ ?

#### Observations

April 2011~January 2012 (every month) Stations A: 23m, Innermost bay B: 26m, Middle bay Sampling and analysis CTD-Rosette, RINKO-O<sub>2</sub> DIC, TA, Nutrients and Chl.a 35.2°I



#### $\boldsymbol{\Omega} \text{ and } \boldsymbol{pCO_2}$ : CO2sys program

(K<sub>1</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>: Lueker et al., 2000; KSO<sub>4</sub>: Dickson, 1990)

 $\Omega_{
m aragonite}$ 

#### Sta. B (Middle bay)

#### Sta. A (Innermost bay)



• Is  $\Omega_{aragonite}$  already < 1 in Tokyo Bay? -NO!

<sup>2</sup>aragonite

- How does Ω change seasonally?
- What are factors controlling seasonal variation of Ω in Tokyo Bay?



#### Temperature & Salinity





#### DIC & TA

#### Sta. B (Middle Bay)

#### Sta. A (Innermost Bay)



TAumol/kg

TAumol/kg



# Chlorophyll *a* & DO %



#### Oxygen Saturation [%]



**Oxygen Saturation [%]** 

# $pCO_2 \& \Omega_{aragonite}$

Sta. B (Middle Bay)









1.55~5.12

- What are factors controlling seasonal variation of  $\Omega$  in Tokyo Bay?
  - Freshwater input (surface) Sta. A >> Sta. B
  - Photosynthesis (surface) Sta. A > Sta. B
  - Remineralization (bottom) Sta. A >> Sta. B

Innermost bay has lower  $\Omega$  and larger seasonal variability

- How much did human activity change  $\Omega$  in Tokyo Bay?
  - 1. Freshwater regulation
  - 2. Eutrophication
  - 3. Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>

### **Freshwater regulation**

Freshwater input to Tokyo Bay

341 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> in 1947-1974

424 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> in 2002-2003 **24 % up** 

introduction of freshwater to the metropolitan region

from outside of the drainage basins [Okada et al., 2007]

$$\Omega_{w/o-FW}$$
 from  $S_{w/o-FW}$   $TA_{w/o-FW}$   $pCO_{2-obs}$  and  $T_{obs}$ 

Increased FW might have lowered  $\Omega$ ar by up to 0.3



### Eutrophication



[Ishii et al, 2008]

### Eutrophication

 $\Delta DO + - 1.5 \text{ ml } L^{-1} (67 \ \mu \text{mol } \text{kg}^{-1}) = \Delta DIC - + 46 \ \mu \text{mol } \text{kg}^{-1}$  $\rightarrow \Delta \Omega ar + - 0.45 \qquad (O_2:C = -170: 117)$ 

Eutrophication has increased Ωar by 0.45 in summer surface water

has <u>decreased</u> Ωar by 0.45 in summer <u>bottom</u> water

 $\Delta \Omega \alpha r + -0.4 \sim 0.6 (O_2/C = 1 \sim 1.58; Fraga et al. 1998)$ 

# Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>

 $\mathsf{DIC} = \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{EQ}} + (\Delta \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{Diseq}} + \Delta \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{Bio}})$ 

- $C_{EQ}$  DIC in equilibrium with atmospheric  $CO_2$  (280 vs 400 ppm)
- $\Delta C_{Diseq}$  air-sea disequilibrium
- $\Delta C_{Bio}$  biological activity

(cf. Gruber et al. 1996; Sabine et al. 2002; Yamamoto-Kawai et al. 2013)

Increased atmospheric  $CO_2$  from 280 to 400 ppm alone could have decreased  $\Omega$ ar by 0.6

- How much did human activity change  $\Omega$ ?
  - 1. Freshwater regulation -0.3
  - 2. Eutrophication +/- 0.45 surface/bottom
  - 3. Anthropogenic  $CO_2$  -0.6

• When will  $\Omega_{aragonite} < 1$  be reached?

 $DIC = C_{EQ} + (\Delta C_{Diseq} + \Delta C_{Bio})$ 



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# Summary and conclusions

- Ω<sub>aragonite</sub> varied from 1.55 to 5.12 in the innermost bay in 2011/2012
- Seasonal variation of  $\Omega_{aragonite}$  was much larger than in offshore waters



- Freshwater regulation, eutrophication and anthropogenic  $CO_2$  have changed  $\Omega_{aragonite}$ by 0.3 (-), 0.45 (+/-) and 0.6 (-), respectively
- Bottom water in innermost bay will reach seasonal aragonite saturation by 2060s (~50yrs earlier than offshore)

**!!** These are based on one-year observation and rough assumptions **!!** 

- Need to continue our observation in Tokyo Bay, as well in other coastal regions of Japan
- Assessment of OA impact on organisms in each region is also required

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Monthly observations of DIC/TA, T, S pH sensor

# 2. Evaluating effects on the fisheries

