

# **A new indicator can assess absorption capacity for carbon dioxide and ocean acidification**

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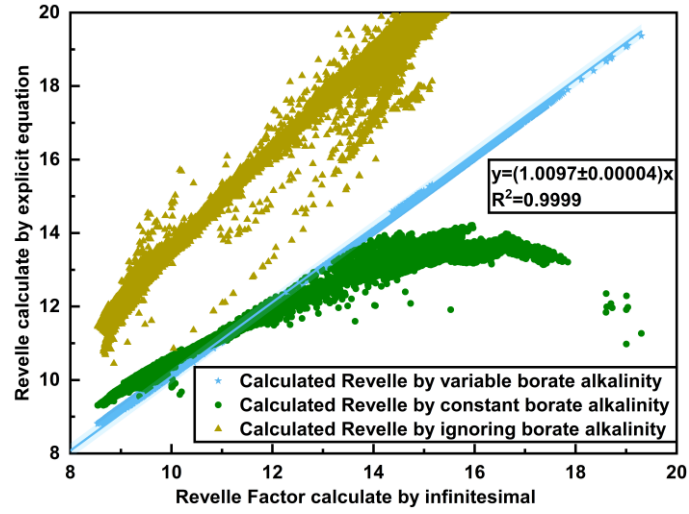
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**Supplementary Method. The equilibrium of the seawater inorganic carbon system.**

The seawater absorption capacity for CO<sub>2</sub> depended on its carbonate system and equilibrium reactions (Eq.S1-S5). The other parameters could be calculated by knowing any two of the following:  $p\text{CO}_2$ , pH, Alk, and DIC, combined with temperature and salinity.

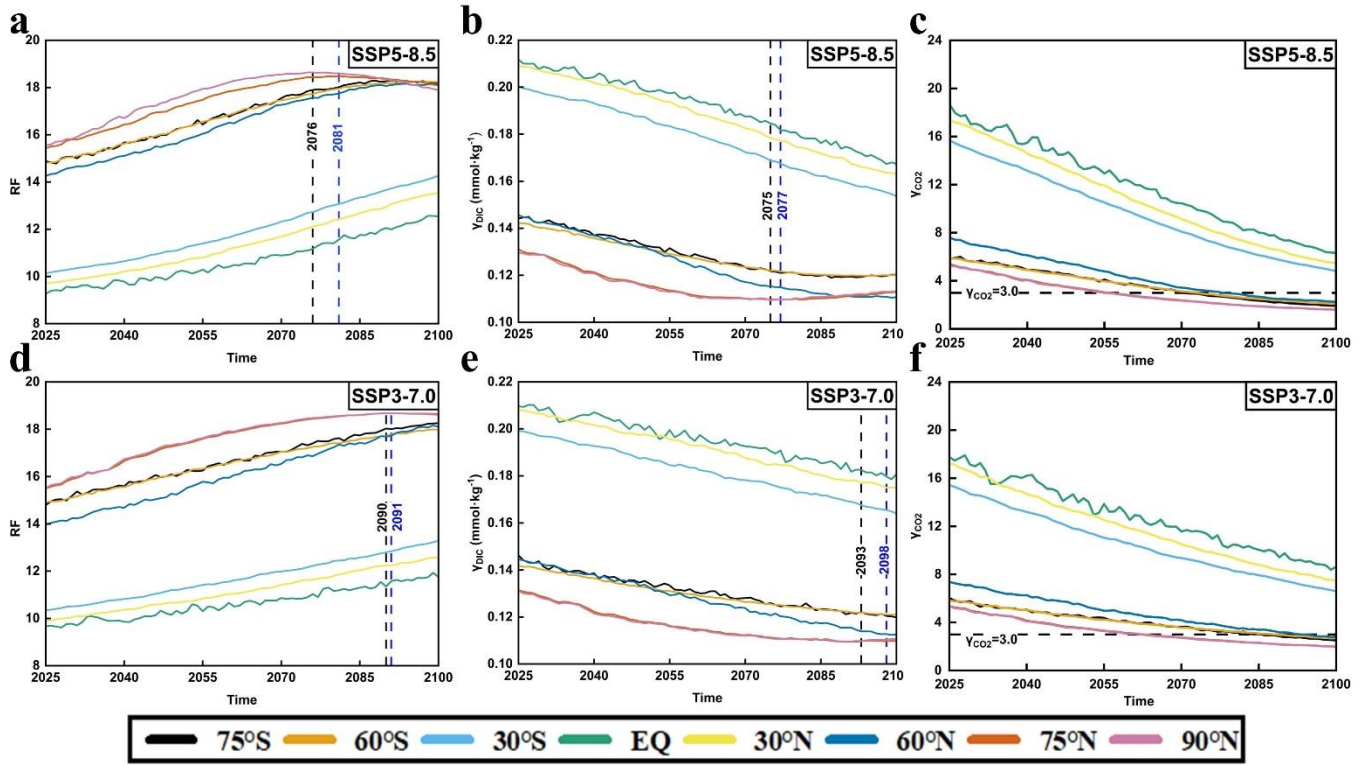
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| $\text{CO}_2(g) \xrightleftharpoons{K_0} \text{CO}_2(aq)$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (S1.1) | $[\text{CO}_2] = K_0 p\text{CO}_2$                                  | (S1.2) |
| $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightleftharpoons{K_1} \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{H}^+$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (S2.1) | $[\text{HCO}_3^-] = \frac{K_1 [\text{CO}_2]}{[\text{H}^+]}$         | (S2.2) |
| $\text{HCO}_3^- \xrightleftharpoons{K_2} \text{CO}_3^{2-} + \text{H}^+$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (S3.1) | $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] = \frac{K_1 K_2 [\text{CO}_2]}{[\text{H}^+]^2}$ | (S3.2) |
| $\text{DIC} = [\text{CO}_2] + [\text{HCO}_3^-] + [\text{CO}_3^{2-}] = [\text{CO}_2] \left(1 + \frac{K_1}{[\text{H}^+]} + \frac{K_1 K_2}{[\text{H}^+]^2}\right)$                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                     | (S4)   |
| $\begin{aligned} \text{Alk} &= [\text{HCO}_3^-] + 2[\text{CO}_3^{2-}] + [\text{B}(\text{OH})_4^-] + [\text{OH}^-] - [\text{H}^+] \\ &= \frac{K_1 [\text{CO}_2]}{[\text{H}^+]} + \frac{2K_1 K_2 [\text{CO}_2]}{[\text{H}^+]^2} + \frac{B_{\text{TOT}} K_B}{(K_B + [\text{H}^+])} + \frac{K_w}{[\text{H}^+]} - [\text{H}^+] \end{aligned}$ |        |                                                                     | (S5)   |

Note:  $K_0$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_B$ , and  $K_w$  are seawater CO<sub>2</sub> solubility (mol·kg<sup>-1</sup>), carbonate primary ionization constant, carbonate secondary ionization constant, boric acid ionization constant, and water ionization constant, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 1. Revelle factor is calculated using explicit equation and infinitesimal method.**

It was calculated from 2020 Grid data. The yellow dots are calculated by ignoring  $\frac{10^{-pH} K_B B_{TOT}}{(K_B + 10^{-pH})^2}$  and the green dots are calculated by constant  $\frac{10^{-pH} K_B B_{TOT}}{(K_B + 10^{-pH})^2}$ . The purple dots are calculated by variable  $\frac{10^{-pH} K_B B_{TOT}}{(K_B + 10^{-pH})^2}$ .



**Supplementary Figure 2. Latitudinal variations in the trends of RF,  $\gamma_{\text{DIC}}$  and  $\gamma_{\text{CO}_2}$  under SSP5-8.5 and SSP3-7.0 scenarios.**

The black dashed lines indicate the years when RF and  $\gamma_{\text{DIC}}$  reach their maximum (minimum) value at 75°N, while the blue curves represent the corresponding years at 90°N.

**Supplementary Table 1. Summary of global ocean acidification parameters in past and future simulations based on historical data and CMIP6.**

| Year/Scenarios (2100)                              | 1992   | 2020   | SSP1-2.6    | SSP2-4.5 | SSP3-7.0 | SSP5-8.5     | Southern Ocean<br>(SSP5-8.5) |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Level of radiative forcing (W/m <sup>2</sup> )     | /      | /      | 2.6         | 4.5      | 7.0      | 8.5          | 8.5                          |
| Development mode                                   | /      | /      | Sustainable | Moderate | Local    | Conventional | Conventional                 |
| Surface temperature (°C)                           | 18.1   | 18.3   | 20.0        | 20.7     | 21.7     | 22.8         | 2.05                         |
| Surface salinity                                   | 34.8   | 34.8   | 34.2        | 34.2     | 34.2     | 34.0         | 33.2                         |
| Surface $p\text{CO}_2$ ( $\mu\text{tam}$ )         | 341.8  | 392.8  | 445.2       | 593.7    | 845.2    | 1109.3       | 1032.5                       |
| Surface DIC ( $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) | 1991.4 | 2048.0 | 2046.6      | 2089.2   | 2138.7   | 2164.5       | 2198.3                       |
| Surface pH                                         | 8.097  | 8.058  | 8.005       | 7.898    | 7.764    | 7.658        | 7.642                        |
| Surface $\Omega_{\text{arag}}$                     | 3.143  | 2.799  | 2.860       | 2.417    | 1.942    | 1.639        | 0.666                        |
| Surface $\gamma_{\text{CO}_2}$                     | 17.78  | 15.50  | 13.64       | 9.71     | 6.40     | 4.71         | 1.99                         |
| $\gamma_{\text{CO}_2}$ compared to 2020            | 2.28   | /      | -1.80       | -5.79    | -9.10    | -10.79       | /                            |