

## ASPECT STUDY ON CARBON DIOXIDE (CO<sub>2</sub>) FLUX IN THE GLOBAL OCEAN USING SATELLITE

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### ABSTRAK

**Latar Belakang:** Peningkatan dari CO<sub>2</sub> di atmosfer dan berpotensi menghasilkan pemanasan global telah menjadi suatu perhatian besar pada umat manusia. Sepertinya sangat sulit untuk melaksanakan pengamatan atas CO<sub>2</sub> perubahan terus menerus antara udara-laut. Samudra berisi lebih dari lima puluh kali karbon di atmosfer dan dapat sebagai penyangga yang membatasi konsentrasi CO<sub>2</sub> di dalam atmosfer. Perubahan terus menerus Gas CO<sub>2</sub> antara udara dan samudra adalah konsentrasi CO<sub>2</sub> di dalam samudra dikendalikan oleh proses fisika, kimia dan biologi. Dengan perbedaan konsentrasi CO<sub>2</sub> udara-laut terjadi pertukaran konsentrasi gas CO<sub>2</sub> antara udara-laut, yang kaya nutrisi. **Metode:** Data dari WOCE ship dianalisis dengan linier regresi,  $Y = ax - b$ , sehingga R<sup>2</sup> dapat ditentukan koefisiennya, dihitung menggunakan program math lab, Net sea-air CO<sub>2</sub> Flux sehingga perubahan Gas CO<sub>2</sub> terus menerus dapat dihitung dengan Rumus :  $F = K \Delta PCO_2$ . **Tujuan:** Mendeteksi hubungan perubahan terus menerus gas CO<sub>2</sub> dengan pemanasan global dan mendeteksi perubahan tekanan CO<sub>2</sub> (pCO<sub>2</sub>) yang berhubungan dengan perubahan iklim. **Hasil:** PCO<sub>2</sub> di dalam perairan permukaan samudra yang global bervariasi secara musiman, di atas suatu cakupan yang luas dan di bawah kontrol pCO<sub>2</sub> di atmosfer sampai sekarang. Efek pemanfaatan biologi CO<sub>2</sub> adalah membedakan perubahan temperatur musiman. Amplitudo air permukaan yang musiman pCO<sub>2</sub> di dalam perairan di garis lintang tinggi pada daerah kutub pada garis lintang 40° dan katulistiwa efek biologi mempengaruhi, daerah yang hangat/ dingin dipengaruhi oleh temperatur. Efek ini adalah sekitar 6 bulan pergeseran fase. Maka, sepanjang batasan-batasan antara dua rejim ini, cenderung untuk batal satu sama lain, membentuk suatu zone pCO<sub>2</sub> amplitudo kecil. Dengan data satelit pCO<sub>2</sub> yang tinggi penyebab pengurangan koefisien pertukaran gas CO<sub>2</sub> antara udara-laut dan menghasilkan TCO<sub>2</sub>, suhu permukaan laut penyebab utama berkurangnya TCO<sub>2</sub> tetapi di zone equatorial TCO<sub>2</sub> yang tinggi disebabkan oleh pencampuran vertikal dan mengalir atas. **Kesimpulan:** Disamping proses biologi seperti pernapasan dan fotosintesis untuk mengurangi CO<sub>2</sub> secara alami untuk mengurangi pemanasan global sebagai sumber bencana karenanya kita harus melaksanakan, berhenti melakukan penebangan hutan, pembakaran hutan, pemakaian bahan bakar fosil sehingga tidak mengganggu biodiversitas sebagai penunjang ketahanan pangan dan kestabilan alam.

**Kata Kunci:** Kecepatan Angin, PCO<sub>2</sub>, TCO<sub>2</sub>, Suhu Permukaan Laut, bencana alam, pemanasan Global, biodiversitas.

### ABSTRACT

**Background:** The increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and the potentially resulting global warming has been a great concern for human society. As it extremely difficult to perform observations of CO<sub>2</sub> flux between air-sea. Ocean contains more than fifty times carbon in the atmosphere and can be taken as buffer limiting the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in atmosphere. Carbon dioxide flux between air and ocean is CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in ocean is controlled by physical, chemical and biological processes. It can be determined from air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> concentration differences and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) exchange between air-sea, in these rich in nutrients. **Method:** Data from WOCE ship is analysis with linier regresion,  $Y = ax - b$ , get R<sup>2</sup> determint coefferisien, calculated with math lab, Net sea-air CO<sub>2</sub> Flux Calculated with Flux =  $K \Delta PCO_2$ . **Objective:** The objective of the present study is as the followings: to detect carbon dioxide flux relations with global warming and to detect partial pressure CO<sub>2</sub> (pCO<sub>2</sub>) relations with climate change. **Result:** The pCO<sub>2</sub> in surface waters of the global oceans varies seasonally over a wide range above and below the current atmospheric pCO<sub>2</sub>. The effect of biological utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> is differentiate from that of seasonal temperature changes using seasonal temperature data. The seasonal amplitude of surface water pCO<sub>2</sub> in high latitude waters locate pole ward of about 40° latitude and in the equatorial zone is dominate by the biology effect, whereas that in the temperate gyre regions is dominated by the temperature effect. These effects are about 6 months out of phase. Accordingly, along the boundaries between these two regimes, they tend to cancel each other, forming a zone of small pCO<sub>2</sub> amplitude. Within satellite data the high pCO<sub>2</sub> cause of decrease of coefficient air-sea of gas exchange and resulting the increasing of TCO<sub>2</sub>, SST high cause to decrease TCO<sub>2</sub> but in the equatorial zone TCO<sub>2</sub> high that cause by vertical mixing and up welling. **Conclusion:** Beside the biological process as respiration and photosynthesis to lessen CO<sub>2</sub> in nature so that do not as source of disaster hence we have to execute, lessening the source of disaster for example; deforestation, combustion of forest, usage of fossil fuel so that do not bother biodiversity as food resilience supporter and balanced of nature.

**Keywords:** Wind speeds, pCO<sub>2</sub>, TCO<sub>2</sub>, SST, disaster, Global Warming

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## INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the industrialization and urbanization tend to cause more problems in our living environment. The human and societal dimensions of environmental changes are the most important for environmental protection and conservation.<sup>[1]</sup> Specially, ocean waters are major resources for fish and biodiversity life for human life as they contribute ninety percent of world ocean Resources.<sup>[2]</sup> Human population and activities in the world are generally concentrated near the coast, over sixty percent of the human population lies in the coastal zone.<sup>[1]</sup> Human recreational activities, commercial and sport fishing and tourism are concentrated in coastal waters. For coastal waters, assessment of environmental component will be based on a number of receiving ecological characteristics, nature of the food chain, level of productivity and water temperature. They are potential for the increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and the magnitude of the net CO<sub>2</sub> flux across the sea surface are important understanding the global carbon cycle. Based on approximately 2.5 million measurements made for the pCO<sub>2</sub> in surface waters of the global ocean since 1960, the climatologically distributions of monthly sea-air pCO<sub>2</sub> difference,  $\Delta p\text{CO}_2$  and the net air-sea have been estimated for a reference year 1995.

The increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and the potentially resulting global warming has been a great concern for human society. As it is extremely difficult to perform accepted in a form as below.<sup>[3,4,5]</sup> Global Warming is:

1. It is growing for an international consensus scientist that the warming of the earth's climate is realizing and has been caused by an increase in emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and the other greenhouse gases.
2. Ocean contains more than fifty times carbon in the atmosphere and can be taken as a buffer limiting the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in atmosphere.

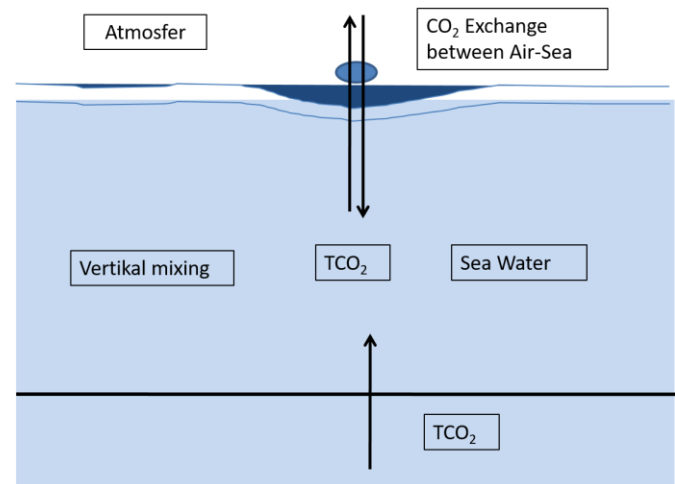


Figure 1. Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Exchange between Air-Sea

Since the late 18th century, the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere has been increased by emission from fossil fuel combustion, deforestation and cement production.<sup>[6,7]</sup> Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) flux between air and ocean:

- 1). CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in ocean is controlled by physical, chemical and biological processes and all these processes have been not well understood until now.
- 2). Much effort has gone into determining the relationship between gas transfer and wind speed.
- 3). CO<sub>2</sub> gas flux between ocean and air can be determined from air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> concentration differences and CO<sub>2</sub> gas exchange air-sea shows in figure 1.

**Table 1. Global Warming and Ocean CO<sub>2</sub> Budget**  
IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

| Sumber                  | Total Carbon Gt/yr |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Fossil fuel             | 5.4 ± 0.5          |
| Deforestation           | 1.6 ± 1.0          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>7.0 ± 1.2</b>   |
| <b>(Sink)</b>           |                    |
| Remaining in atmosphere | 3.4 ± 0.2          |
| Absorption of ocean     | 2.0 ± 0.8          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>5.4 ± 0.8</b>   |
| <b>Missing sink</b>     | <b>1.6 ± 1.4</b>   |

We can see major resources problem in our living environment as; fossil fuel, deforestation, sink is remaining in atmosphere and absorption of ocean (Table 1).

The research problems are formulated as the followings:

1. Within satellite data, why Carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) flux relationship with global warming?
2. Within parameterize partial pressure  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $\text{pCO}_2$ ), Why  $\text{CO}_2$  flux relations with climate change?

The objectives of this study are application of study on carbone dioxide flux relations with climate change in the Indonesia using satellite data. The more detailed objectives of the present study are as the followings:

1. To detect carbon dioxide flux relations with global warming.
2. To detect partial pressure  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $\text{pCO}_2$ ) relations with climate change.

The research result would give information's regarding to the following aspects:

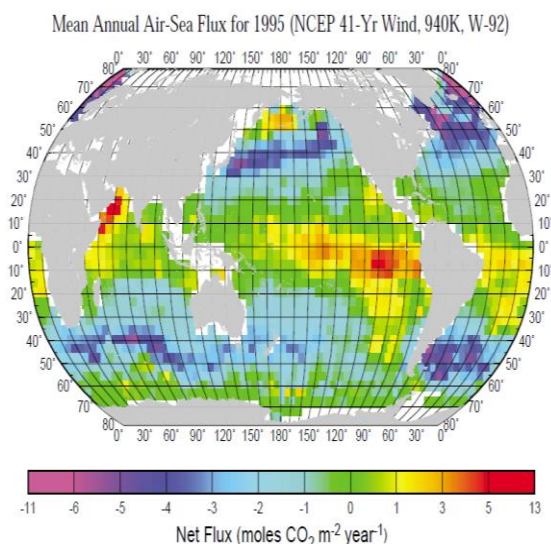
1. The carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) flux based on climatologically surface ocean  $\text{pCO}_2$ , and seasonal biological and temperature effect.
2. The increase of atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  and its potential for the global warming effect.

#### *Net Sea Carbon Dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) Flux Over The Global Ocean*

The  $\Delta\text{pCO}_2$  show the oceanic source for atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  indicated by red and yellow are located in the areas of deep water upwelling (Figure 2). The effect of winter upwelling is seen in the sub-arctic western pacific and that of upwelling induced by the southwest monsoon during July-august is seen in the Persian Gulf. The strong source zone located along the Pacific equatorial is supported by the coastal upwelling along south the America as well as by the upward entrainment of the equatorial under current water. The source intensity is toward the western Pacific due mainly to  $\text{CO}_2$  losses to photosynthesis and to the atmosphere. Strong  $\text{CO}_2$  sink (blue and purple areas) are seen along the pole-ward edges of sub-

tropical gyres, where major warm current is located. The Gulf stream in the North Atlantic and the Kuroshio Pacific are both major  $\text{CO}_2$  sink due to primarily to cooling as the flow from warm tropical oceans to sub polar zones.

Along the northern border of the south ocean,  $\text{CO}_2$  sink areas caused by cooling of pole ward flowing current such as the Brazil current located along eastern south America, the current located of south Africa the east Australian current located along south-eastern Australia. These warm water currents meet with cold current flowing



equator-ward from the Antartic zone along the northern border of the southern Ocean.

Figure 2. Global Distribution of the Net sea-air  $\text{CO}_2$

As the sub Antarctica waters rich in nutrients flow northward to more sunlight regions,  $\text{CO}_2$  is drawn down by photosynthesis thus creating strong  $\text{CO}_2$  sink conditions. Confluence of sub-tropical waters with polar waters forms broad and strong  $\text{CO}_2$  sink zones as result of juxtaposition of the lowering effects on  $\text{pCO}_2$  of the cooling of warm waters and photosynthetic draw down of  $\text{CO}_2$  in sub polar waters rich in nutrients.

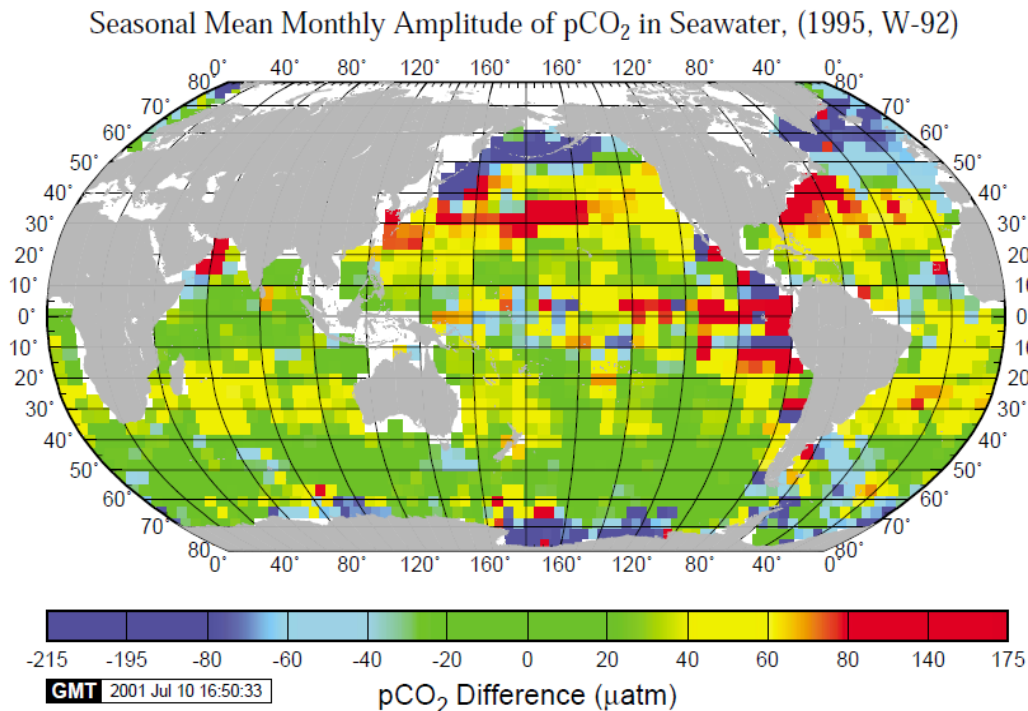


Figure 3. Seasonal Mean Monthly Amplitudo of pCO<sub>2</sub> in Seawater

#### *Seasonal Mean Amplitude of pCO<sub>2</sub> Seawater*

The difference between the pCO<sub>2</sub> in the surface ocean water and that in the overlying air represents the thermodynamic driving potential for the CO<sub>2</sub> gas transfer across the sea surface. The direction of the net transfer of CO<sub>2</sub> is governed by the pCO<sub>2</sub> difference and the sea–air CO<sub>2</sub> gas transfer velocity, which has been improved using an expanded data set consisting of about 940.000 pCO<sub>2</sub> measurement. Figure 3 shows the distribution peak to peak seasonal amplitude of surface-water pCO<sub>2</sub>. The positive value indicates areas where the surface water pCO<sub>2</sub> maximum occurs during warm-water seasons. Within each hemisphere, seasonal changes for the temperate oceans (positive values) are approximately 6-month out of phase from those (negative values) for the sub polar oceans. The seasonal variation in the northern hemisphere, in several pixels the sub arctic Atlantic, eastern equatorial Pacific, Arabian sea, Chilean coast and Antarctic coast, abrupt change in the sign and colors (from red to dark blue) are observed. Because of the course spatial resolution of

our analysis, the pCO<sub>2</sub>-SST relations become reversed in area with fine scale oceanographic features such as the East greenland current in the sub arctic Atlantic, the Brazil current in the south Atlantic and coastal up welling areas (Takahashi, 2000).

In Figure 2, seasonal amplitudes as negative as blue–purple are observed in subpolar and polar regions. This is a result of the biological drawdown of pCO<sub>2</sub> during summer and the increase in pCO<sub>2</sub> during winter due to the vertical mixing of high-CO<sub>2</sub> subsurface waters. The positive values (yellow and red) are founding the mid-latitude oceans where the warm period pCO<sub>2</sub> values are greater than the cold period values. Seasonal amplitudes as large as 120 matm (282 matm in March and 403 matm in August) are observed in the mid-latitude areas. These are the areas where seasonal temperature changes account for more than 50% of the seasonal pCO<sub>2</sub> changes. The Arabian Sea is an exception to the midlatitude seasonality, and seasonal amplitudes as large as 174 matm are observed. Here, the minimum monthly pCO<sub>2</sub> value of 355 matm is observed during

March; and the maximum monthly  $p\text{CO}_2$  of 529 matm occurs in July, during which a maximum daily value as high as 640 matm is observed. The extremely high values are due primarily to the monsoon-induced upwelling of deep waters. Large seasonal amplitudes are also observed near the Chilean coast,

where strong upwelling is known to occur. The green areas where seasonal changes are small are found along the boundary between the warm subtropical waters and the colder subpolar waters of the Southern Ocean. This is due to the near cancellation of the temperature effect by the biology effect.

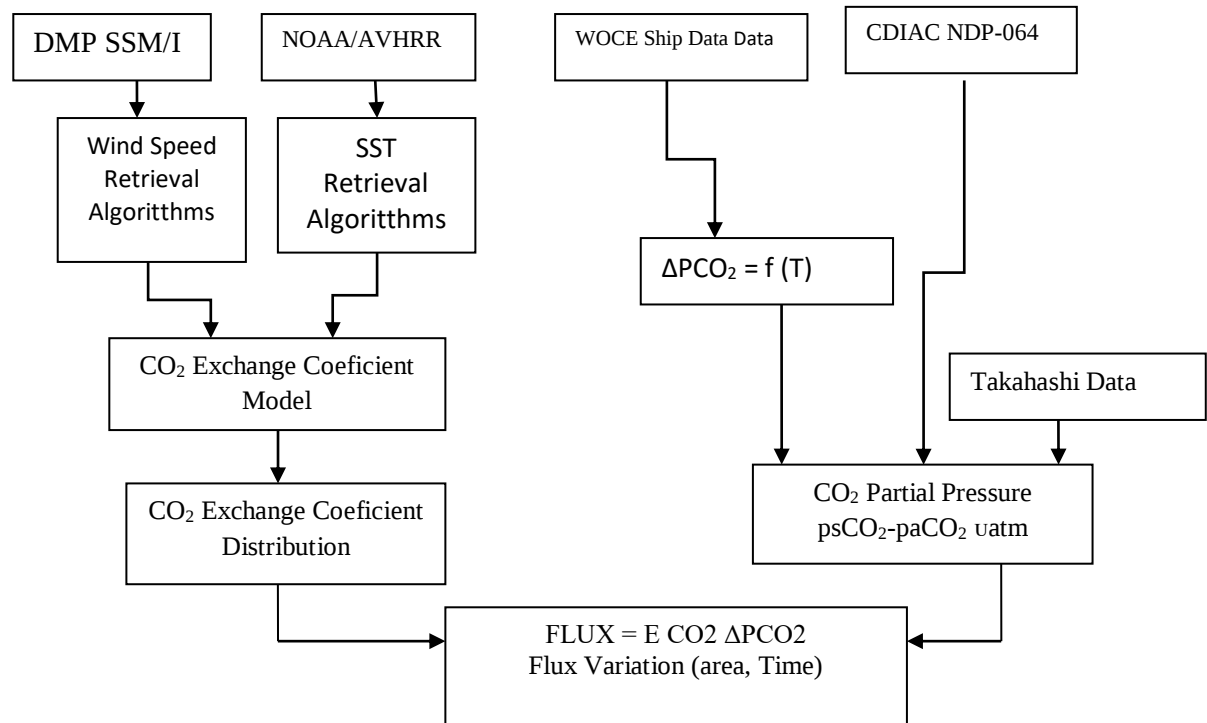


Figure 4. Framework of Research Concept

## METHOD

### Location of Research

This research was conducted in the Global Ocean.

### Framework of Research Concept

Research conception divide into three frameworks, namely preparation, operation and validation, which can be seen in Figure 4.

### Material and Method

The material and method from  $\text{CO}_2$  flux can be seen at Figure 5.

### Data Analysis Method

Data from WOCE ship is analyzed with linier regresion,  $Y = ax - b$ , get  $R^2$  determin

coefficient, calculated with math lab, Net sea-air  $\text{CO}_2$  Flux,  $F$  can calculate using following equation:

$$F = K \alpha (\Delta p\text{CO}_2)_{\text{sea-air}}$$

where:

$K$  =  $\text{CO}_2$  gas Coefisien gas exchange (transfer velocity)

$A$  = Solubility of  $\text{CO}_2$  in Seawater  
( $\Delta p\text{CO}_2$ )<sub>sea-air</sub> = Sea-Air  $p\text{CO}_2$

The result would be the monthly  $\Delta p\text{CO}_2$ .

AVHRR SST (Atmospheric Very High Resolution Radiometric Sea Surface Temperature) dan SSM/I (S) satellite data with radiometric calibrate geologicate radiance. Satellite data is process to level-2 product (Geophysical parameters on Earth Surface) by SeaDas Software and its results synchronous with ENVI.

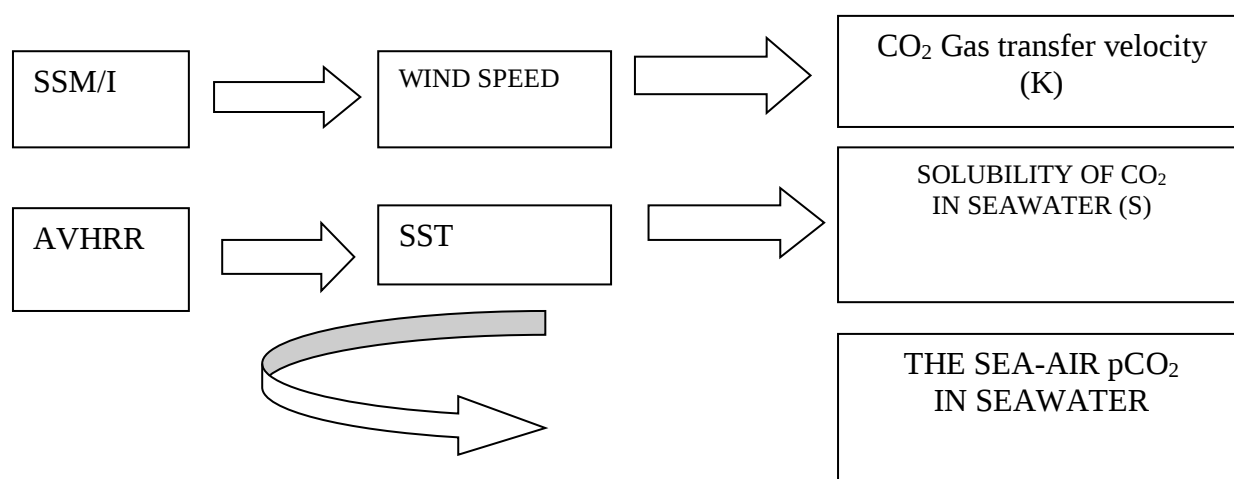


Figure 5. Material and Method

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### *How and Why Is This Field Relevant?*

As the world enters the 21<sup>st</sup> century there will increased focus on cycling of carbon. We are all aware that CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases are increasing in the atmosphere. There is no better example to show than the classic data from C.D. Keeling<sup>[6]</sup> showing the seasonal oscillations and the steady annual increase of CO<sub>2</sub> at the Mauna Loa Observatory. Most experts conclude we are already witnessing the impact of this increase as global warming and the signal is expected to become increasingly more pronounced between now and the year 2050. This is within the lifetime of students reading this book. Thus, an important focus of education in chemical oceanography should be on the concentrations of carbon species and their controlling mechanisms.

The ocean carbon cycle influences atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> via changes in the net air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> flux that are driven by differences in the partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub>, P<sub>CO2</sub>, between the surface ocean and atmosphere. The inventory of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> in the oceans is 50-60 times greater than that in the atmosphere, so a small perturbation of the ocean carbon cycle can result in a substantial change in the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. The regional and vertical

partitioning of carbon in the ocean is dominated by two interdependent carbon pumps that deplete the surface ocean of total CO<sub>2</sub> relative to deep water. Because the solubility of CO<sub>2</sub> increases with decreasing temperature, the Solubility Pump transfers CO<sub>2</sub> to the deep sea during formation of cold deep water at high latitudes. This is a link of the ocean carbon cycle to physical processes. At the same time the biological pump removes carbon from surface waters by settling of organic and inorganic carbon derived from biological production. The biological pump transports organic carbon and CaCO<sub>3</sub> to deeper water where much of it is dissolved or remineralized increasing the total CO<sub>2</sub> reservoir in the deep sea that is isolated from the atmosphere. If there was no biological pump, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> would be about three to four times higher than it is today. This is a link of the ocean carbon cycle to biological processes. Figure 5.2 Relationship between CO<sub>2</sub> Flux and Latitude at Longitude 72.5 on July. The Maximum – minimum values CO<sub>2</sub> flux are 0.3 to -0.5 mole CO<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> at latitude -52° to 40° respectively, decreasing. Trend relationship CO<sub>2</sub> flux and latitude at longitude 72.5 on January with values are -0.3 to -0.07 moles CO<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> at latitude -52° to 55°, respectively decreasing.

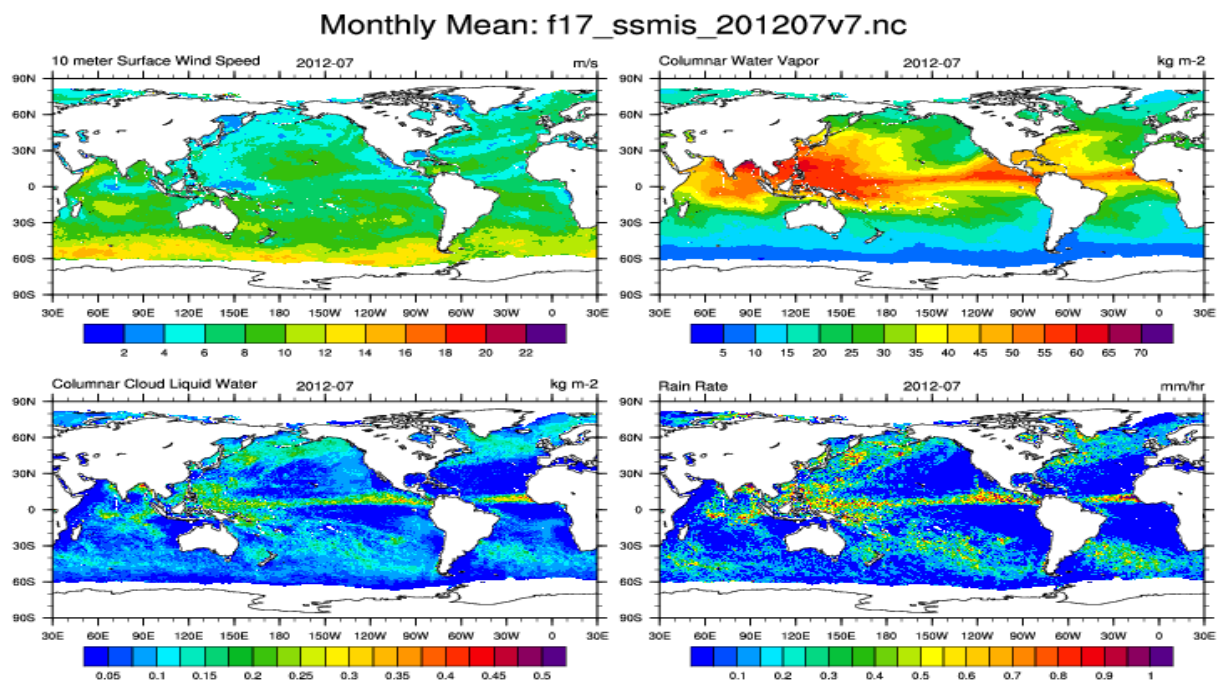


Figure 6. SSMI (v7) \*monthly\* means of 10 wind speed, columnar cloud liquid water, columnar water vapor and rain rate for July 2014.

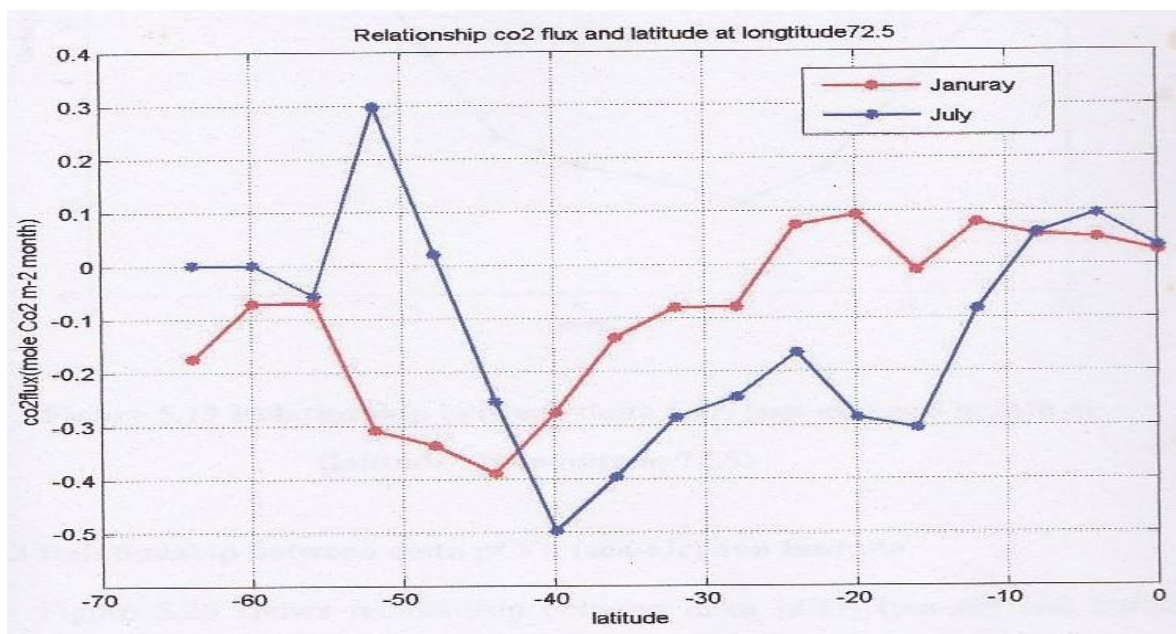


Figure 7. Relationship of delta CO<sub>2</sub> sea-air and month at latitude -20 longitude 72.5

Figure 7 shows relationship delta CO<sub>2</sub> sea-air and month at latitude -20 longitude 72.5 is get trend from January to June from 18 to -22 delta pCO<sub>2</sub> occurs decrease, on low pCO<sub>2</sub> from February to august are found in the heigh latitude are at

austral summer on February and northern summer on August. These areas intense sink for atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> and at Ocean occurs to the photosynthesis utilization of CO<sub>2</sub>. In these areas low CO<sub>2</sub> flux is 0.3 mole m<sup>-2</sup>v month at sub polar water areas 40°S-60°S. In

these areas low pCO<sub>2</sub> water are formed by cooling of warm water with the biological

dropdown of pCO<sub>2</sub> in the nutrient –rich sub polar water.

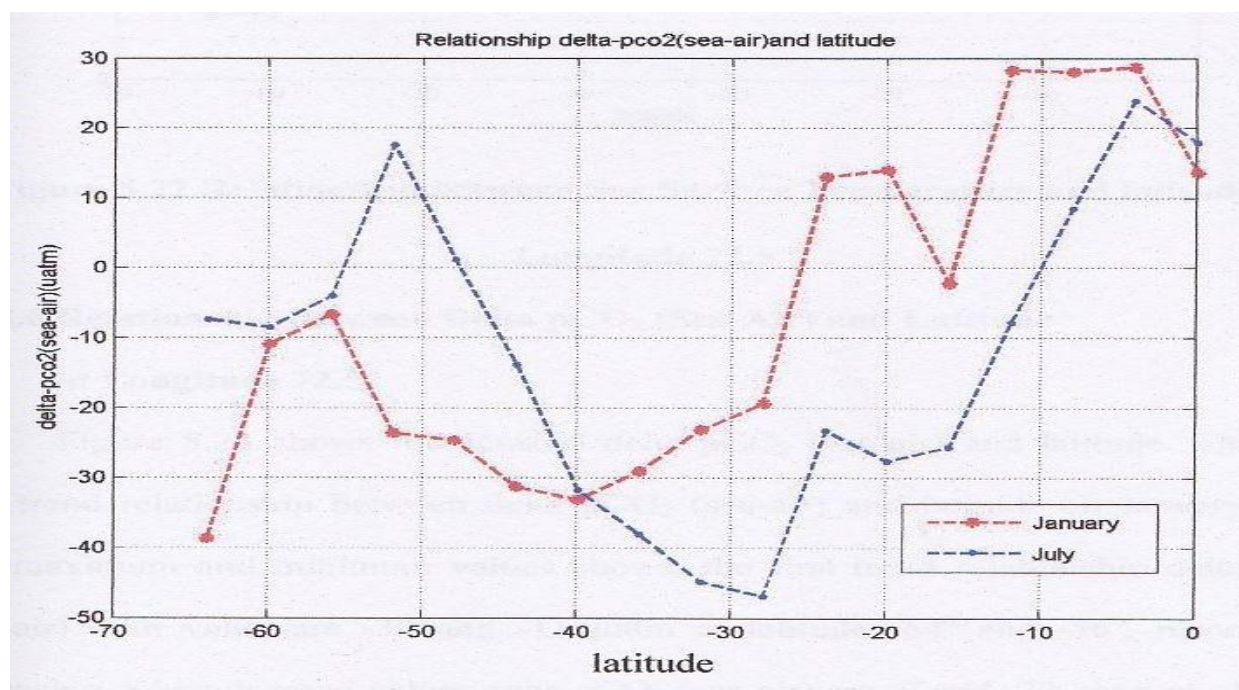


Figure 8. Relationship of delta CO<sub>2</sub> sea-air and month at latitude -20 longitude 72.5

Figure 8 shows relationship of delta CO<sub>2</sub> sea-air and month at latitude -20 longitude 72.5. Low  $\Delta p\text{CO}_2$  areas are found in the high latitude areas in the South Ocean, Indian Ocean during the austral summer (February) and the Sub arctic and Atlantic Ocean during the Northern summer (August). These areas represent an intense sink for atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, which is attributed primarily to the photosynthetic utilization of CO<sub>2</sub>. The broad low  $\Delta p\text{CO}_2$  areas are dark and light blue, which are found.

### CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions beside biological process like respiration and photosynthesis to lessen CO<sub>2</sub> in nature so that do not as source of disaster hence we have to execute, lessening the source of disaster for example; deforestation, combustion of forest, usage of fossil fuel.

### SUGGESTION

Suggestion for the future study it is recommended to do the deeper study using different method on the CO<sub>2</sub> flux.

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