

Environmental variation during foraminiferal calcification

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Foraminifera have been considered as one of the major carbonate producer in ocean. Their calcareous tests are broadly utilized as paleo-environmental indicators in various studies of earth science because their tests have been archived as numerous fossil in sediment for long time and various environmental information are brought by population, morphology and geochemical fingerprints. The knowledge about the cytological process on carbonate precipitation has been described for couples of decade using by OM, SEM and TEM. Foraminiferal calcium and carbonate ion managements are of great interest for broad field of biogeosciences. Our studies showed the potential to understanding the biomineralization of foraminifera by the application of fluorescent indicators. Recently, we visualize the spatial distributions of cytological calcium and pH in living cell at same time. Observed results show that foraminifera controls very detailed timing of pH variation and concentration of calcium at any stage of chamber formation dynamically. These observations results will help to consider how the geochemical proxy on the foraminiferal test working as paleo environmental indicators.