The biocalcification of mollusk shells and coral skeletons: Integrating molecular, proteomics and bioinformatics methods
Sequeira dos Ramos Silva, P.

Citation for published version (APA):

General rights
It is not permitted to download or to forward/distribute the text or part of it without the consent of the author(s) and/or copyright holder(s), other than for strictly personal, individual use, unless the work is under an open content license (like Creative Commons).

Disclaimer/Complaints regulations
If you believe that digital publication of certain material infringes any of your rights or (privacy) interests, please let the Library know, stating your reasons. In case of a legitimate complaint, the Library will make the material inaccessible and/or remove it from the website. Please Ask the Library: http://uba.uva.nl/en/contact, or a letter to: Library of the University of Amsterdam, Secretariat, Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. You will be contacted as soon as possible.
Acknowledgements

It is not easy to acknowledge everyone I met during my PhD. In the last five years, I spent my time between two countries and I lived in three different cities: Dijon, Lyon and Amsterdam. In all three places I found completely distinct environments and attitudes towards research, and I am overall grateful to have been exposed to such a multifaceted experience.

First, I would like to thank my promotor, Prof. Peter Sloot, for having accepted me as a PhD student in the Section of Computational Science and for giving me complete freedom to pursue my previous research work and collaborations.

Secondly I would like to thank my co-supervisor Jaap Kaandorp for having chosen me for this position in 2008 and, later in 2012, for providing me the necessary support to continue my research for another year. Your flexible attitude towards my work, and full trust in my capacities as a researcher, were crucial for the success of my PhD. I would also like to thank you for having introduced me to the wonderful world of coral reefs and coral biologists.

Thirdly, I would like to thank my co-supervisor Frédéric Marin. Frédéric, tu es le pilier de cette thèse! C’est toi qui m’as introduite à la biomineralisation et c’est toi qui m’a guidée au cours de la thèse, avec d’innombrables discussions et d’idées pour mon travail. C’est grâce à cela que j’ai été toujours motivée, même pendant les moments difficiles. Sans ton aide très précieuse, je ne serais pas là où je suis aujourd’hui. Ma gratitude est immense. Je tiens aussi à te remercier Benjamin Marie, pour ton temps et ton intérêt que tu as accordé à mon travail, ainsi que pour nos nombreuses discussions et collaborations! Tu m’as prouvé qu’il est possible de faire d’excellentes collaborations à distance! Je n’oublie pas de remercier tous les autres membres de l’équipe Dijonnaise: Nathalie Guichard, Nathalie Le Roy, Sana
Benhamada, Prabakaram Narayanappa et Gilles Luquet. Les filles, je vous remercie particulièrement pour votre amitié! Bien sûr mes remerciements s'adressent aux autres copains que j'ai rencontrés au sein de Biogeosciences et à Dijon! À l'IBCP Lyon je voudrais remercier surtout Christophe Combet, pour son support dans la bioinformatique, Isabelle Zanella-Cléon, pour son support dans les techniques de protéomique, mais aussi Gilbert Deleage, Fanny, Valentine, Nico, Marco, Alexis et tous les autres collègues du labo de bioinformatique qui ont rendu mon séjour à Lyon très agréable.

Back to Amsterdam I would like to give a big thanks to all the people in the SCS group/Science Park for their company, nice discussions and mutual help: Rick, Nol, Pirom, Jani, Emiliano, Narges Z, Joris, Lampros, Reggie, Fajran, Spiros, Carlos, Carles, Max, Chris, Lotte, Kees, Joerg, Mikolaj, Brechtje, Chinh, Hannan, Omri, Roland, Erik, Eric and Eva. A special thanks to: Daniel, for having translated the summary of this thesis to Dutch; Carolina and Guusje, for your friendship and precious help anytime I needed; Narges J and Orawan, for being such nice friends and for having accepted to be my paranymphs. Finally, I don't forget all the people that I’ve met in Amsterdam, Dijon, Lyon and in the frame of the BIOMINTEC project that made my life much more enjoyable! You’ll always be in my memories.

Aos meus amigos por esse mundo fora, um bem haja e até aos próximos bons momentos no nosso cantinho mais querido. Para terminar quero agradecer à minha família, e sobretudo aos meus pais, Joaquim e Adélia, e à Joaninha. É todo o vosso amor e apoio incondicionais, que me dá a coragem e a confiança para continuar a procurar o meu caminho, mesmo que este me leve para sítios novos, desconhecidos e distantes…

Paula