

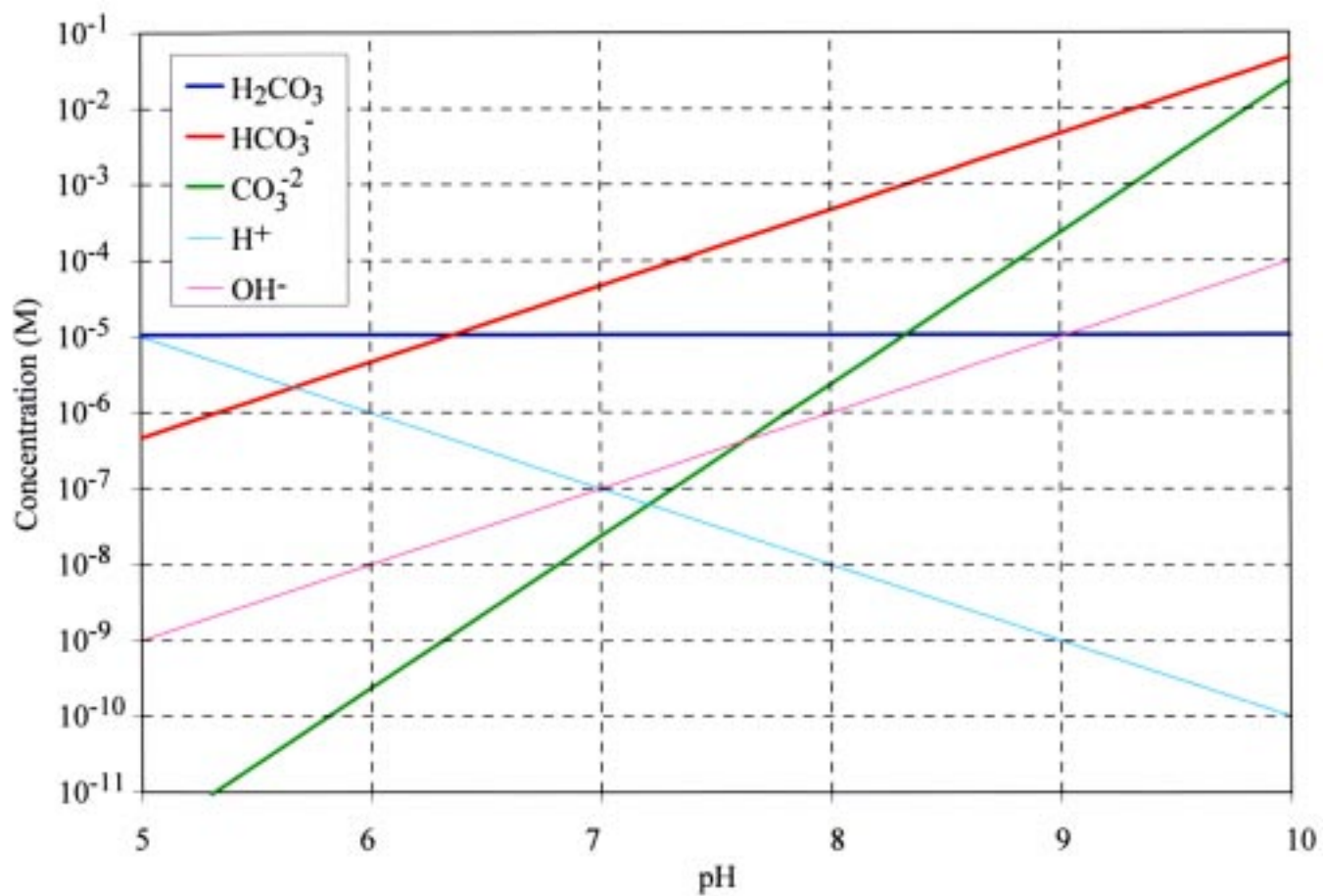
## SUPPORTING INFORMATION for Hay et al., LA020647S

**Figure S1.** Ionic composition of pure water in equilibrium with atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  as a function of  $\text{pH}$ , adapted from: Stumm, W.; Morgan, J.J. *Aquatic Chemistry: An Introduction Emphasizing Chemical Equilibria in Natural Waters*, 3rd ed.; John Wiley & Sons: New York, 1996. Upon taking ionic strength into account in salt solutions, the  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  concentration increases slightly and uniformly for all  $\text{pH}$  values, and the correction factors for the salts used in this work are as follows. For 2:1 salts such as  $\text{CdCl}_2$ , the  $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$  increase is 3% for  $10^{-5}$  M, 9% for  $10^{-4}$  M, and 27% for  $10^{-3}$  M salt solutions. For 3:1 salts such as  $\text{LaCl}_3$ , the increase is 4% for a  $10^{-5}$  M solution.

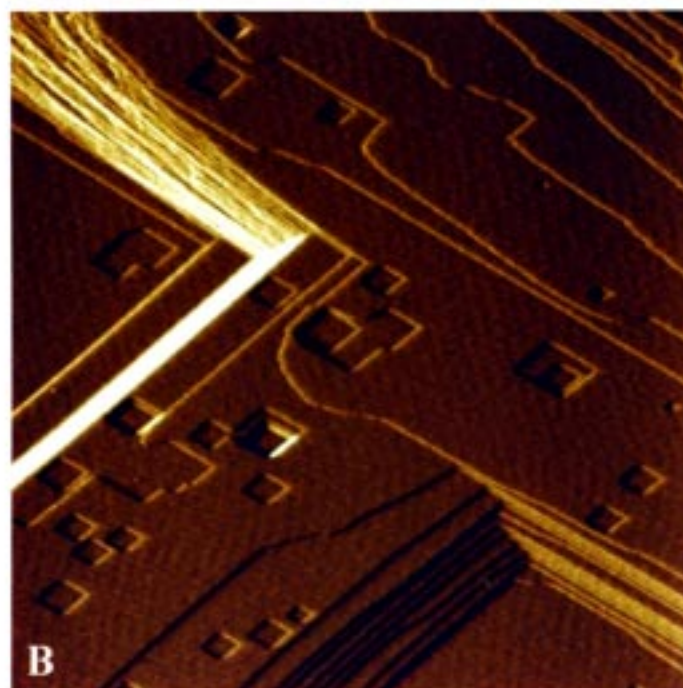
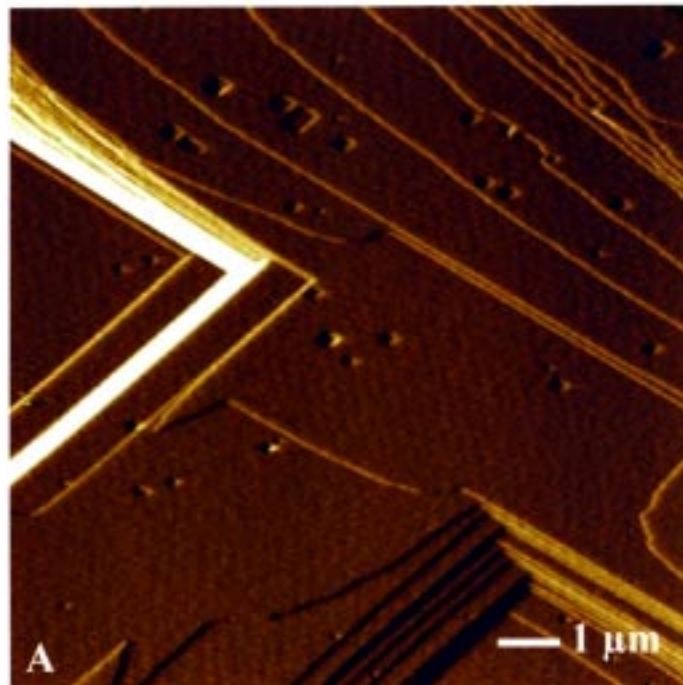
**Figure S2.** A plot of the width of Cd overgrowth as a function of reaction time for four representative steps, two obtuse and two acute, from Figure 4 of the text. The overgrowth at acute steps is slightly thicker than at obtuse steps, but the two measured slopes are equal (within experimental error) and yield a growth velocity of  $0.28 \pm 0.01$  nm/s.

**Figure S3.** (A and B)  $11.0 \times 11.0$   $\mu\text{m}$  deflection images of the same area (taken 149 s apart) of a calcite surface exposed to 1 mM  $\text{Sr}^{+2}$  solution ( $\text{pH}$  5.9), showing nucleation and expansion of rhombohedral etch pits.

Supplementary Figure 1



Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 3

