

# Best practice data standards for discrete bottle based chemical oceanographic observations

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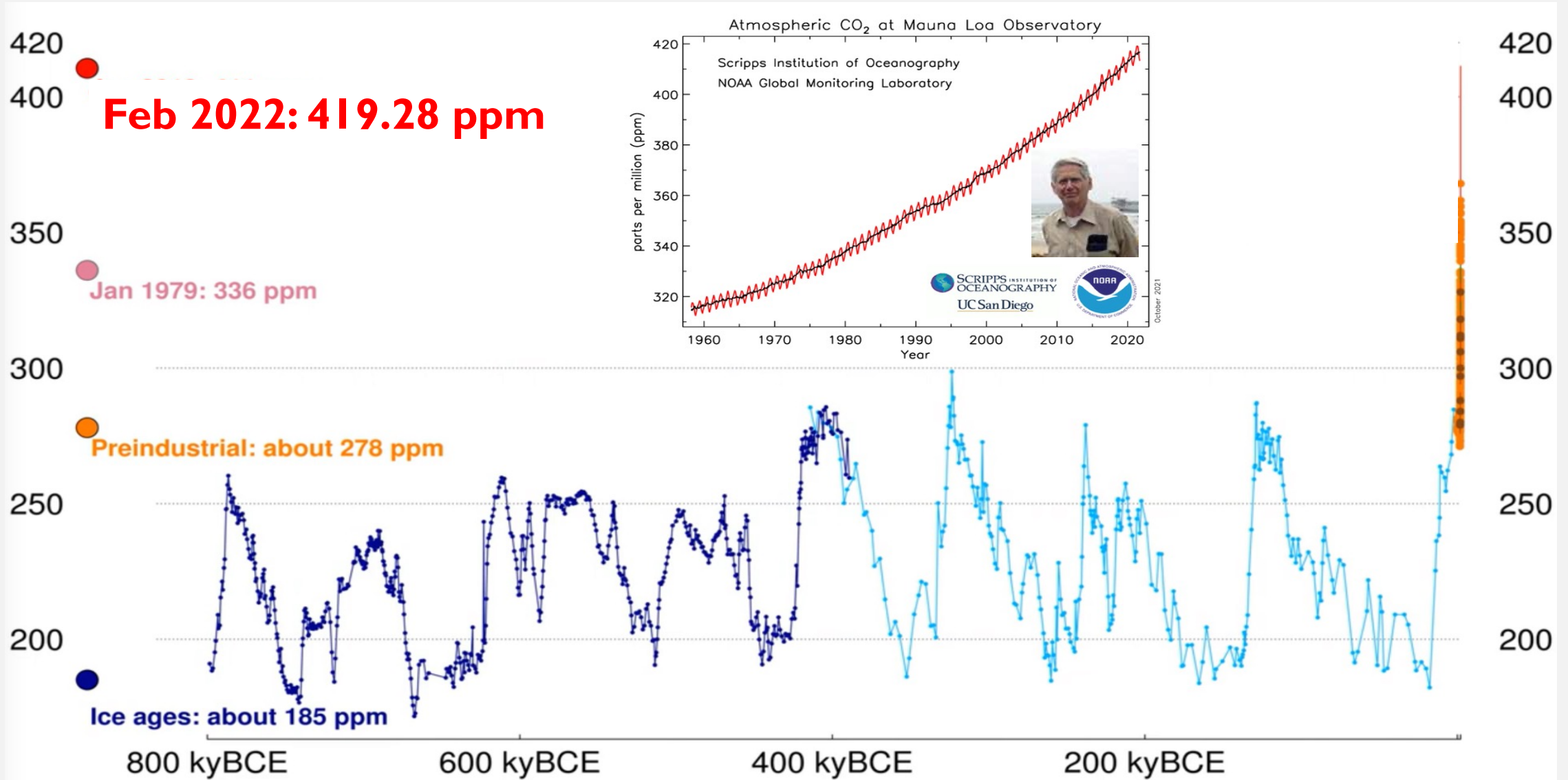
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# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> over the past 800,000 years

(Tans and Keeling, 2022)



# Changing climate and ocean

## Sources



34.8 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr  
89%



4.1 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr  
11%

## Sinks



18.6 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr  
48%



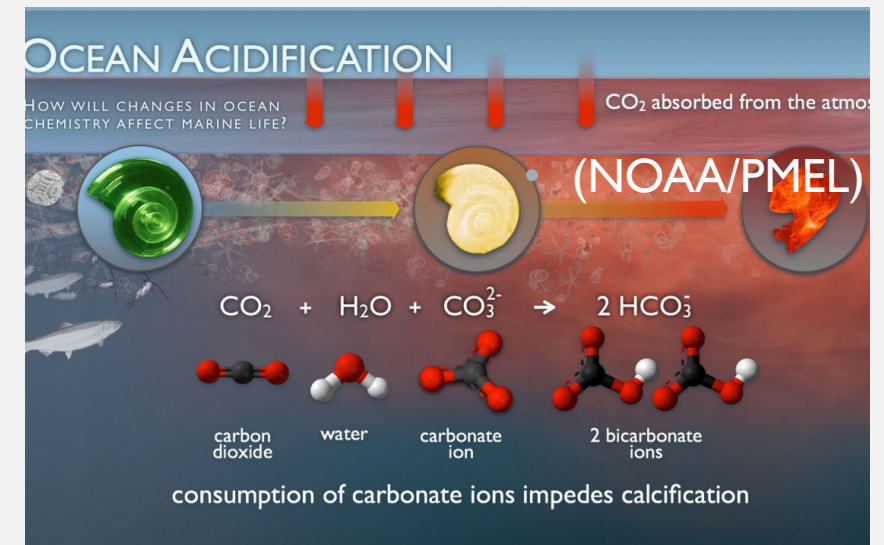
11.2 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr  
29%



10.2 GtCO<sub>2</sub>/yr  
26%



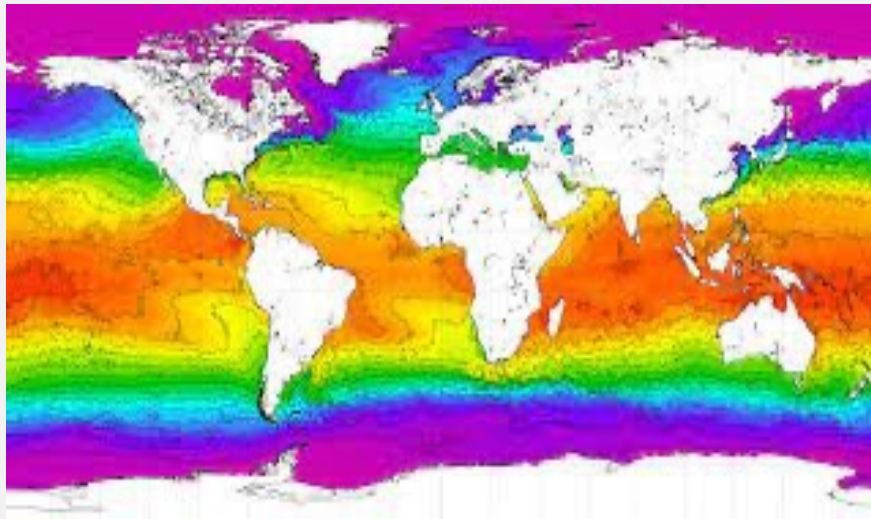
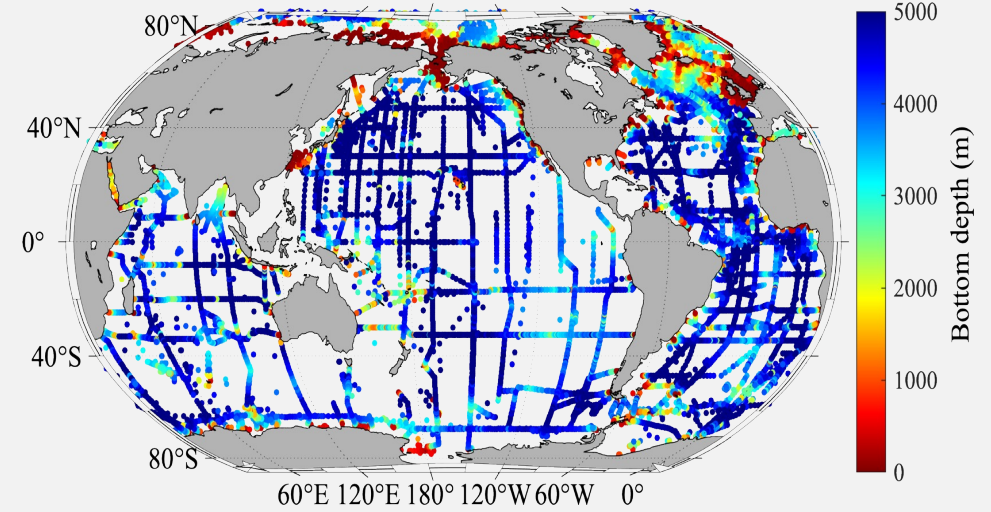
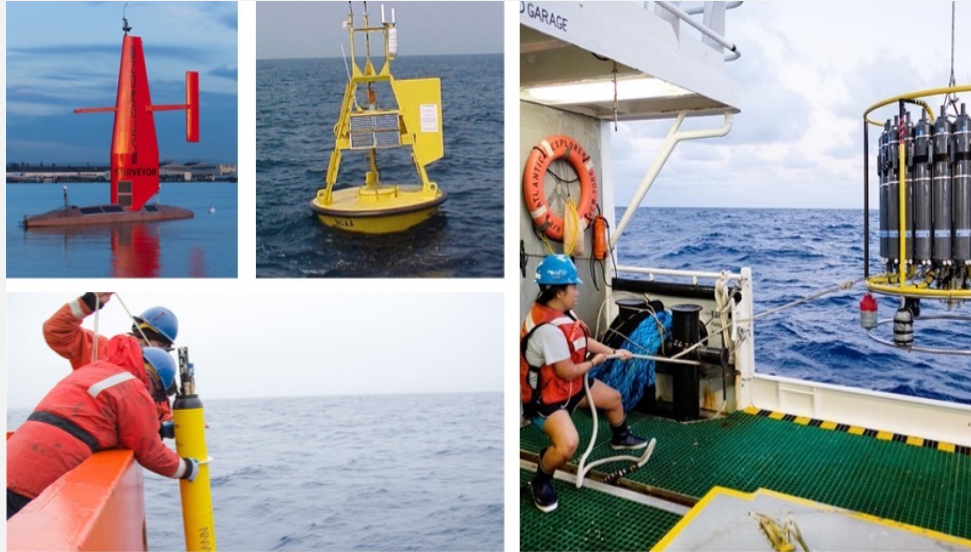
(Climate.gov)



(Friedlingstein et al 2021; Global Carbon Budget 2021)

# From observations to mitigations & adaptations

(Lauvset et al. 2021)



Sixth Assessment Report  
**WORKING GROUP I**  
The Physical Science Basis

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

## Climate change widespread, rapid, and intensifying – IPCC

#IPCC  
#ClimateReport



# Column Header in Excel

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Customer Name	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Amount Due
1						
2	Reliance	8765	5/4/2018	125,000	27,000	98,000
3	Jio	8766	6/3/2018	45,000	5,600	39,400
4	Amit	8767	7/3/2018	56,000	45,000	11,000
5	Pratek	Page Setup - Print area				
6	Hardik	SAS1:SPS10				
7	TCS	8770	10/1/2018	540,000	25,000	515,000
8	Oracle	8771	10/31/2018	65,000	25,000	40,000
9	Sonal	8772	11/30/2018	78,000	25,000	53,000
10	Pramila	8773	12/30/2018	7,650,000	25,000	7,625,000



$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

**DATA STANDARDS**

# CCHDO WHP Exchange format

(Joyce and Corry, 1994;  
Swift and Diggs, 2008)

## Exchange Format 1.2.0 documentation

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- [14C-DOC](#)
- [13C-DOC](#)
- [D15N\\_NO3](#)
- [D15N\\_NO2+NO3](#)
- [D18O\\_NO3](#)
- [UREA](#)
- [TOT\\_CHL\\_A](#)
- [TOT\\_CHL\\_B](#)
- [TOT\\_CHL\\_C](#)
- [ALPHA-BETA-CAR](#)
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(Credit: <https://exchange-format.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>)

# Drivers of this new column header standard

## I. Old technology & suboptimal headers

- *SALNTY* – Salinity
- *NITRAT* – Nitrate
- *TCARBN* – Total dissolved inorganic carbon content
- *ALKALI* – Total alkalinity content
- *BIONBR* – Sample identification number used by the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO).
- *REVPRS* – *Sea water pressure as determined via a pair of reversing thermometers.*

## III. Lack of broader international usage

- Need to publish the standards on a peer-reviewed paper
- Promote international usage



# New Column Header standards

Abbreviation [unit]	Full unit	Decimal places	Description	Exchange format
DIC [umol/kg]	10 <sup>-6</sup> mol kg <sup>-1</sup>	1	Total dissolved inorganic carbon content	TCARBN (UMOL/KG)
DIC_flag	N/A	N/A	Quality control flag for DIC (see Table 2)	TCARBN_FLAG_W
TA [umol/kg]	10 <sup>-6</sup> mol kg <sup>-1</sup>	1	Total alkalinity content	ALKALI (UMOL/KG)
TA_flag	N/A	N/A	Quality control flag for TA	ALKALI_FLAG_W
pH_T_measured	N/A	4	pH measured on Total Scale (T) at measurement temperature	PH_TOT
TEMP_pH [deg_C]	degree Celsius	2	Temperature at which the pH_T_measured value is measured	PH_TMP (DEG_C)
pH_flag	N/A	N/A	Quality control flag for pH_T_measured.	PH_TOT_FLAG_W
Carbonate_measured [umol/kg]	μmol kg <sup>-1</sup>	1	Dissolved carbonate ion content ([CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ]) at measurement temperature	N/A
TEMP_Carbonate [deg_C]	degree Celsius	2	Temperature at which the Carbonate_measured value is measured	N/A
Carbonate_flag	N/A	N/A	Quality control flag for Carbonate_measured	N/A

# 3 sets of WOCE QC flags

## Niskin bottles

Flag	Meaning
1	Bottle information not available
2	No problem
3	Leaking
4	Did not trigger
5	Not reported
6	Significant difference between Gerard and Niskin
7	Unknown
8	Pair did not match
9	Samples not drawn from this bottle



## Discrete water samples

Flag	Meaning
1	Sample was drawn but analysis not received.
2	Acceptable measurement
3	Questionable measurement
4	Bad measurement
5	Not reported
6	Mean of replicate measurements
7	Manual chromatographic peak measurement
8	Irregular digital chromatographic peak integration
9	Sample not drawn for this measurement

## Sensor measurements

Flag	Meaning
1	Not sampled
2	Acceptable
3	Questionable
4	Bad
5	Not reported
6	Irregular
7	Discrete
8	Not sampled
9	Not sampled



# New consolidated QC flags

Flag	Meaning
<b>2</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Questionable</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Known bad</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Median of replicates</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Missing value</b>

# TEOS-10

- 1980 International Equation of State of Seawater (EOS-80) standard (Millero et al., 1980; Millero and Poisson, 1981).
- In June 2009, the IOC, SCOR, and IAPSO adopted **International Thermodynamic Equations of Seawater 2010 (TEOS-10)** as a new standard for calculation of the thermodynamic properties of seawater.
- **Absolute Salinity  $S_A$**  (mass fraction of salt in seawater, unit: g/kg) as opposed to Practical Salinity  $S_p$  (a measure of the conductivity of seawater, unitless) to describe the salt content of seawater. Ocean salinities now have units of.
- **Conservative Temperature  $\Theta$**  in place of potential temperature  $\theta$ .

# GSW\_Sys

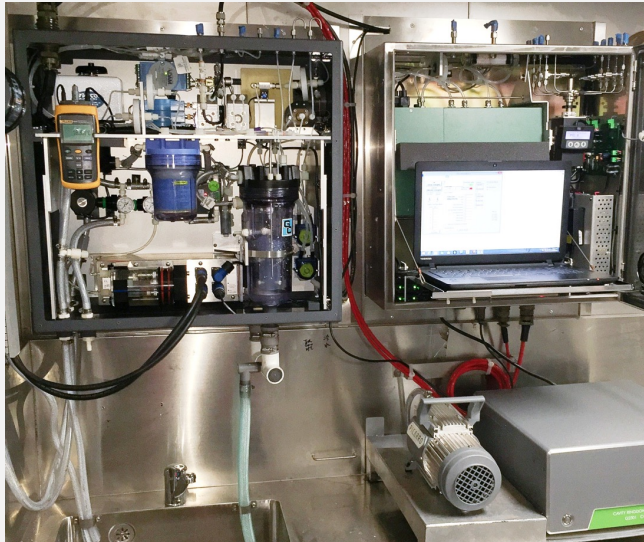
[A new tool for TEOS-10 related calculations]

- Depth from pressure,
- Absolute salinity,
- Conservative temperature,
- Density anomaly,
- AOU
- Oxygen saturation

START	START	START	START	START	START	START	Missing Data											
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Latitude	Longitude	● P (dbars)	Practical S	t(°C)	D.O.		Clear DATA	Depth	Absolute S	θ(°C)	Θ(°C)	Density	Pot.Density	σ <sub>T</sub>	σ <sub>θ</sub>	O <sub>2</sub> Solub.	AOU	O <sub>2</sub> Saturation
(dec)	(dec)	○ Depth (m)	(SP) (PSS-78)	(ITS-90)	(μmol/kg)		<--->	(m)	(SA)	potential @0dbar	conservative	(kg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	@0dbar (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	(kg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	(kg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	(μmol/kg)	(μmol/kg)	(%)
27.390	-116.190	2496.6	34.657	1.83				2465.457	34.842	1.653	1.653	1039.191	1027.741	39.190991	27.741248	334.375		
27.390	-116.190	2001.4	34.632	2.14			Clear Results	1978.718	34.816	2.001	2.001	1036.905	1027.694	36.904912	27.693630	331.526		
27.390	-116.190	1500.7	34.582	2.86	200		---->	1485.441	34.764	2.753	2.753	1034.504	1027.589	34.504343	27.588728	325.507	125.507	61.44
27.390	-116.190	1001.9	34.503	4.03				992.888	34.681	3.954	3.954	1032.019	1027.408	32.019261	27.407762	316.300		
27.390	-116.190	751.2	34.4	5.09				744.889	34.619	5.028	5.028	1030.688	1027.241	30.688290	27.241453	308.424		
27.39	-116.19	501.2	34.355	6.73				497.288	34.526	6.683	6.684	1029.248	1026.962	29.247891	26.961929	296.964		
27.39	-116.19	401.6	34.364	7.75				398.561	34.534	7.710	7.711	1028.648	1026.824	28.648266	26.824359	290.107		
27.39	-116.19	301.2	34.25	8.5	200			298.993	34.417	8.468	8.471	1027.985	1026.620	27.984648	26.620200	285.473	85.473	70.06
27.39	-116.19	200.9	34.343	10.45				199.476	34.509	10.426	10.428	1027.274	1026.371	27.273548	26.371298	273.382		
27.39	-116.19	150.3	34	10.46	200			149.253	34.163	10.442	10.451	1026.776	1026.100	26.775972	26.100259	273.958	73.958	73.00
27.39	-116.19	124.5	33.593	10.24				123.641	33.754	10.226	10.242	1026.380	1025.820	26.380395	25.819555	276.036		
27.39	-116.19	101.3	33.452	11.64				100.606	33.611	11.627	11.648	1025.915	1025.461	25.914557	25.461022	268.215		
27.39	-116.19	81.1	33.373	13.27				80.549	33.532	13.259	13.285	1025.447	1025.086	25.446516	25.085970	259.473		
27.39	-116.19	61.3	33.366	14.84	200			60.886	33.524	14.831	14.861	1025.025	1024.754	25.024790	24.754059	251.428	51.428	79.55
27.39	-116.19	49.9	33.409	16.07				49.565	33.567	16.062	16.094	1024.734	1024.515	24.734479	24.515212	245.367		
27.39	-116.19	40.8	33.451	16.99				40.527	33.609	16.983	17.016	1024.513	1024.335	24.513469	24.334849	240.994		
27.39	-116.19	30.4	33.448	17.42				30.197	33.606	17.415	17.449	1024.363	1024.230	24.363136	24.230257	239.031		
27.39	-116.19	20.6	33.48	18.04				20.463	33.638	18.037	18.071	1024.194	1024.105	24.194383	24.104553	236.201		
27.39	-116.19	11	33.482	18.08				10.927	33.640	18.078	18.113	1024.144	1024.096	24.143855	24.095890	236.014		

# fCO<sub>2</sub>\_Calc

[A new tool to calculate *f*CO<sub>2</sub> from *x*CO<sub>2</sub>]



$$P_{H_2O} = \exp[24.4543 - 67.4509 \times (100/T) - 4.8489 \times \ln(T/100) - 0.000544 S]$$

$$pCO_2\_SW@TEMP\_EQU = xCO_2\_EQU \times (PRES\_EQU - P_{H_2O})$$

$$pCO_2\_SW@SST = pCO_2\_SW@TEMP\_EQU \times \exp[0.0423 (SST - T_{eq})]$$

$$B_{11} = -1636.75 + 12.0408 T - 0.0327957 T^2 + 3.16528 \times 10^{-5} T^3$$

$$\sigma_{12} = 57.7 - 0.118 T$$

$$fCO_2\_SW@SST = pCO_2\_SW@SST \times \exp\left(\frac{(B_{11} + 2 \sigma_{12}) \times P_{sea-surface}}{(82.0578 \times SST)}\right)$$

START	START	START	START	START	START	START													
SSS	SST	xCO <sub>2</sub> water	xCO <sub>2</sub> air	t equ	P equ	P air	Clear DATA	P air SeaLevel	pH <sub>2</sub> O (@t_equ)	pH <sub>2</sub> O (@SST)	pCO <sub>2</sub> (@t_equ)	pCO <sub>2</sub> (@SST)	pCO <sub>2</sub> air	ΔpCO <sub>2</sub> (w-a)	fCO <sub>2</sub> (@t_equ)	fCO <sub>2</sub> (@SST)	fCO <sub>2</sub> air	ΔfCO <sub>2</sub> (w-a)	
							←---												
							Clear Results												

# Ocean carbon system parameters

- # 1 = Total Alkalinity
- # 2 = Dissolved inorganic carbon
- # 3 = pH
- # 4 = partial pressure ( $p\text{CO}_2$ )
- # 5 = fugacity ( $f\text{CO}_2$ )
- # ? = carbonate ion ( $[\text{CO}_3^{2-}]$ )

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C:\WILEY\PA51CO25Y5\co2sys.exe
Program CO2SYS, version 01.05, written by Ernie Lewis.

  OOOO      00000      222      SSS      YV      YV      SSS
  CC C      00 00      22 22      SS SS      YV YV      SS SS
  CC C      00 00      22 22      SE SE      YV YV      SE SE
  CC C      00 00      22 22      S      YV YV      SSS
  CC C      00 00      22 22      SS SS      YV YV      SS SS
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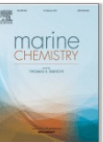
Lasciate ogni speranza, voi ch' entrate!
Dante, Inferno iii, 7
sign on the entrance gates of hell

Hit <enter> to continue. ↓
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(Lewis and Wallace, 1998)



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Carbonate ion concentrations in seawater:  
Spectrophotometric determination at ambient  
temperatures and evaluation of propagated  
calculation uncertainties

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USA

# Upgraded CO2SYS and seacarb

Platform	Program	Version	New input variables	Link	Reference
MS Excel	CO2SYS_v3.0 _Err.xlsm	3.0	[CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ]	<a href="https://github.com/dpierreot/co2sys_xl">https://github.com/dpierreot/co2sys_xl</a>	Pierrot, 2021
MATLAB/ Octave	CO2SYS.m, errors.m	3.1.1	[CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ], [HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ], [CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>*</sup> ]	<a href="http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3950562">http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3950562</a>	Sharp et al., 2021
Python	PyCO2SYS	1.8.0	[CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ], [HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ], [CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>*</sup> ], xCO <sub>2</sub>	<a href="https://PyCO2SYS.readthedocs.io">https://PyCO2SYS.readthedocs.io</a>	Humphreys et al., 2021, 2022
R	seacarb	3.2.13	[CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ], [HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ], [CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>*</sup> ]	<a href="https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=seacarb">https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=seacarb</a>	Gattuso et al., 2021



# Choice of dissociation constants

$K_1$  and  $K_2$  dissociation constants of the ocean carbon system:

1 = Roy, 1993	T: 0-45 S: 5-45. Total scale. Artificial seawater.
2 = Goyet & Poisson	T: -1-40 S: 10-50. Seaw. scale. Artificial seawater.
3 = HANSSON	T: 2-35 S: 20-40. Seaw. scale.
4 = MEHRBACH	T: 2-35 S: 20-40. Seaw. scale.
5 = HANSSON and MEHRBACH	T: 2-35 S: 20-40. Seaw. scale.
6 = GEOSECS (i.e., original Mehrbach)	T: 2-35 S: 19-43. NBS scale. Real seawater.
7 = Peng	T: 2-35 S: 19-43. NBS scale. Real seawater.
8 = Millero, 1979, FOR PURE WATER	T: 0-50 S: 0.
9 = Cai and Wang, 1998	T: 2-35 S: 0-49. NBS scale. Real and artificial seawater.
10 = Lueker et al, 2000	T: 2-35 S: 19-43. Total scale. Real seawater.
11 = Mojica Prieto and Millero, 2002	T: 0-45 S: 5-42. Seaw. scale. Real seawater
12 = Millero et al, 2002	T: -1.6-35 S: 34-37. Seaw. scale. Field measurements.
13 = Millero et al, 2006	T: 0-50 S: 1-50. Seaw. scale. Real seawater.
14 = Millero 2010	T: 0-50 S: 1-50. Seaw. scale. Real seawater.
15 = Waters, Millero, & Woosley 2014	T: 0-50 S: 1-50. Seaw. scale. Real seawater.
16 = Sulpis et al, 2020	T: -1.7-32 S: 31-38. Total scale. Field measurements.

# Recommended CO2SYS constants

## Dissociation constants of carbonic acid:

- **Lueker et al. (2000)** [ $S_p$ : 19-43, and temperature (T): 2-35°C],
- **Waters et al. (2014)** [ $S_p$ : 1-50, T: 0-50°C].

## The boron-salinity ( $B/S_p$ ) ratio:

- **Lee et al. (2010)** is recommended over that of Uppström (1974).

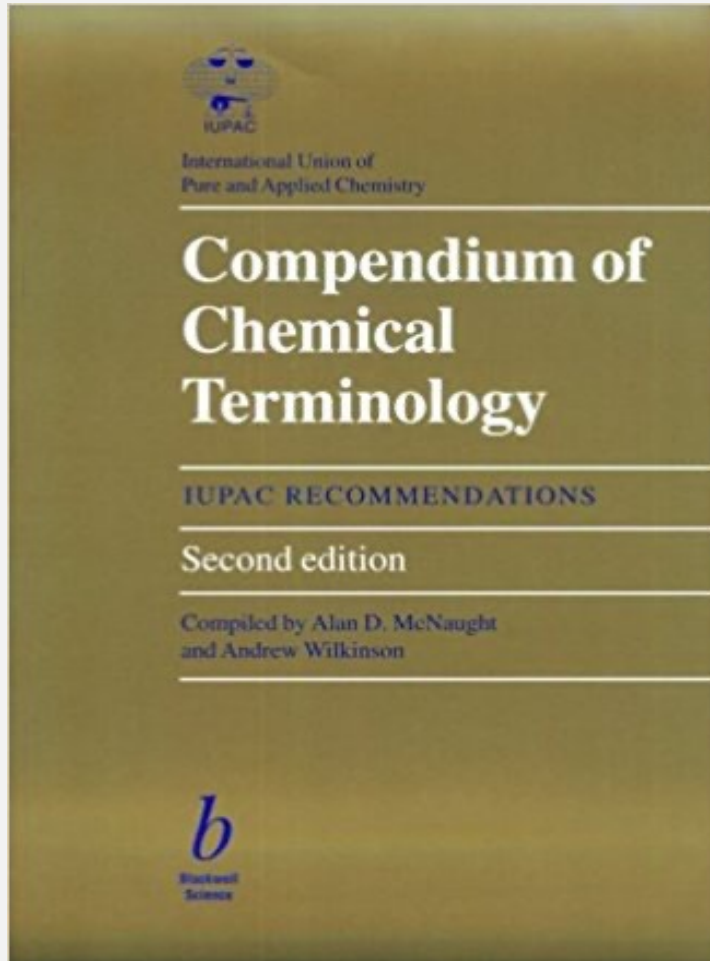
## Dissociation constants of bisulfate ( $\text{HSO}_4^-$ )

- **Dickson (1990)** is recommended over Khoo et al. (1977).

## Dissociation constants of hydrofluoric acid (HF),

- **Perez and Fraga (1987)** is recommended over Dickson and Riley (1979).

# International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) Gold book



- **Concentration:** Quantities characterizing the composition of a mixture with respect to the **volume** of the mixture (doi: [10.1351/goldbook.C01222](https://doi.org/10.1351/goldbook.C01222))
- **Content:** Amount-of-substance of a component divided by the **mass** of the system (doi: [10.1351/goldbook.S06073](https://doi.org/10.1351/goldbook.S06073))

# “Content” vs. “Concentration”

- Use of “content” (i.e., per kg-seawater), instead of “concentration” (i.e., per liter) for mass-based measurements.
- E.g., **“nitrate content”** or **“substance content of nitrate”**
- Variable (per kg SW) = Variable (per L) / Density (kg L<sup>-1</sup>)

# Sample ID

- **Sample\_ID** uniquely identifies a row of data during the subsequent QC and interpretation process
- $\text{Sample\_ID} = \text{Station\_ID} \times 10000 + \text{Cast\_number} \times 100 + \text{Rosette\_position}$
- As an example, at station 15, the 2nd cast, a Rosette\_position of 3 will have a Sample\_ID of 150203.

# Yearday vs. Julian Day

- **Yearday** refers to the day number in an annual cycle:  
$$\text{Yearday} = \text{datefun}(Y, M, D) - \text{datefun}(Y, 1, 1) + \text{Time} + 1$$
- Yearday is often incorrectly called Julian Day by oceanographers and meteorologists.
- **Julian Day** is the count starting from noon on January 1, 4713 BC (UTC), and starts with 0, instead of 1.
- As an example, January 5, 2021 has a Yearday\_UTC of 5, but a Julian Day of 2,459,220.

# Missing value indicator

“-999” or “NaN”

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- ❑ The column header abbreviation standards presented here are based on the 30-year-old Exchange format of the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) Hydrographic Programme (Joyce and Corry, 1994; Swift and Diggs, 2008) with updates and refinements by the Climate and Ocean-Variability, Predictability, and Change (CLIVAR) and the Carbon Hydrographic Data Office (CCHDO) of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
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NOAA OCEAN ACIDIFICATION PROGRAM



# Participating institutions

(in random order)



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