## Total Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC)

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### Station occupied

A total of 78 stations (RF18-05 Leg 1: 19, RF18-05 Leg 2: 11, RF18-06 Leg 1: 30, RF18-06 Leg 2: 18) were occupied for total dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC). Station location and sampling layers of them are shown in Figures C.6.1 and C.6.2, respectively.

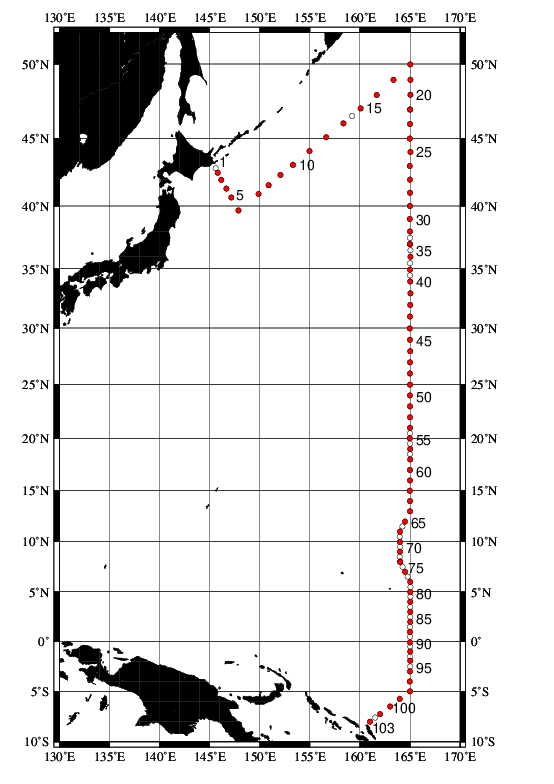


Figure C.6.1. Location of observation stations of DIC. Closed and open circles indicate sampling and no-sampling stations, respectively.

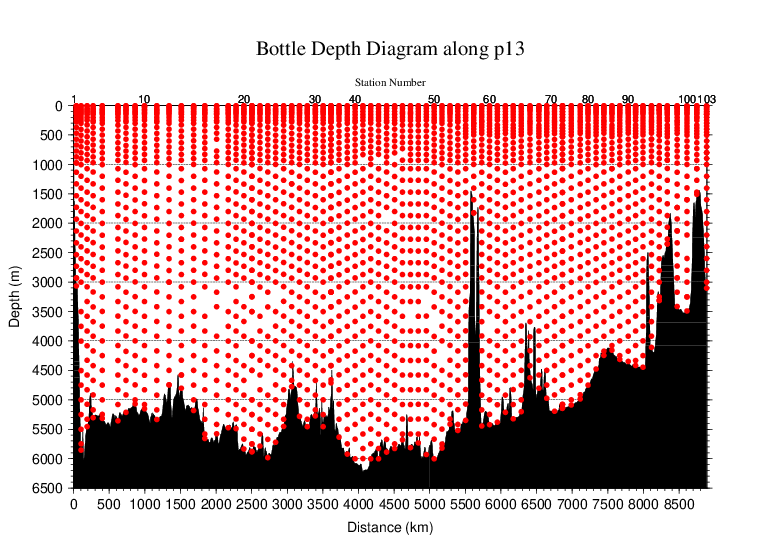


Figure C.6.2. Distance-depth distribution of sampling layers of DIC.

### Instrument

The measurement of DIC was carried out with DIC/TA analyzers (Nihon ANS Co. Ltd, Japan). We used two analyzers concurrently. These analyzers are designated as apparatus A and B.

### Sampling and measurement

Methods of seawater sampling, poisoning, measurement, and calculation of DIC concentrations were based on the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) described in PICES Special Publication 3, SOP-2 (Dickson et al., 2007). DIC was determined by coulometric analysis (Johnson et al., 1985, 1987) using an automated CO2 extraction unit and a coulometer. Details of sampling and measurement are shown in Appendix A1.

### Calibration

The concentration of DIC (*C*T) in moles per kilogram (mol kg−1) of seawater was calculated from the following equation:

(C6.1)

where *N*S is the counts of the coulometer (gC), *cV* is the calibration factor (gC (mol L−1)−1), and **S is density of seawater (kg L−1), which is calculated from the salinity of the sample and the water temperature of the water-jacket for the sample pipette.

The values of *cV* were determined by measurements of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs) that were provided by Dr. Andrew G. Dickson of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Table C.6.1 provides information about the CRM batches used in this cruise.

Table C.6.1. Certified *C*T and standard deviation of CRMs. Unit of *C*T is μmol kg−1. More information is available at the NOAA web site (https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/ocean-carbon-acidification-data-system/oceans/Dickson\_CRM/batches.html).

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| Cruise | RF18-05 | RF18-06 |
| Batch number | 168 | 174 |
| *C*T | 2071.47±0.74 | 2050.56±0.62 |
| Salinity | 33.481 | 33.408 |

The CRM measurement was carried out at every station. After the cruise, a value of *cV* was assigned to each apparatus (A, B). Table C.6.2 summarizes the *cV* values. Figure C.6.3 shows details.

Table C.6.2. Assigned *cV* and its standard deviation for each apparatus during the cruise. Unit is gC (mol L−1)−1.

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| Apparatus | Cruise | *cV* |
| A | RF18-05 | 0.191816±0.000245 (N=79) |
| RF18-06 Leg 1 | 0.191534±0.000261 (N=66) |
| RF18-06 Leg 2 | 0.191555±0.000220 (N=33) |
| B | RF18-05 | 0.192648±0.000303 (N=66) |
| RF18-06 Leg 1 | 0.192653±0.000312 (N=65) |
| RF18-06 Leg 2 | 0.192804±0.000244 (N=44) |

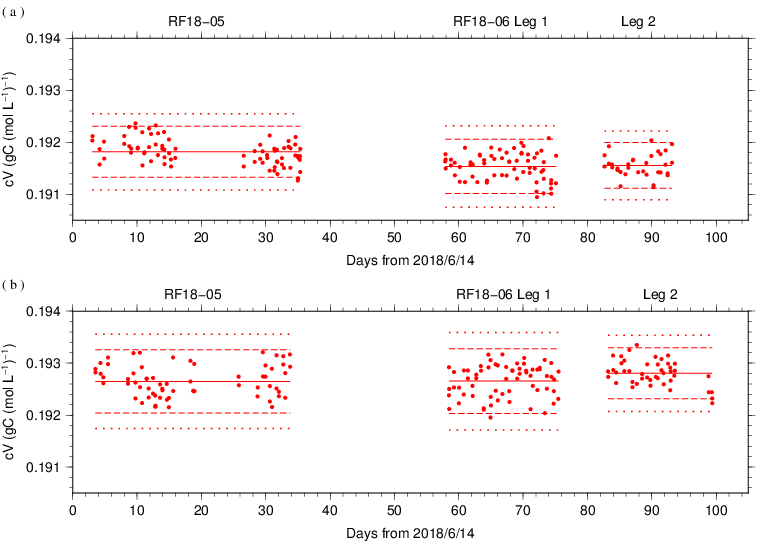


Figure C.6.3. Results of the *cV* at each station assigned for apparatus (a) A and (b) B. The solid, dashed, and dotted lines denote the mean, the mean ± twice the S.D., and the mean ± thrice the S.D. for all measurements, respectively.

The precisions of the *cV* is equated to its coefficient of variation (= S.D. / mean). They were 0.128 % for apparatus A in RF18-05, 0.136 % for apparatus A in RF18-06 Leg 1, 0.115 % for apparatus A in RF18-06 Leg 2, 0.157 % for apparatus B in RF18-05, 0.162 % for apparatus B in RF18-06 Leg 1 and 0.127 % for apparatus B in RF18-06 Leg 2. They correspond to 2.65 mol kg−1, 2.79 mol kg−1, 2.36 mol kg−1, 3.26 mol kg−1, 3.32 mol kg−1 and 2.60 mol kg−1 in *C*T of CRM batch 168 (in RF18-05) and 174 (in RF18-06), respectively.

Finally, the value of *C*T was multiplied by 1.00067 (= 300.2 / 300.0) to correct dilution effect induced by addition of 0.2 mL of mercury (II) chloride (HgCl2) solution in a sampling bottle with a volume of ~300 mL.

### Quality Control

#### (6.1) Replicate and duplicate analyses

We took replicate (pair of water samples taken from a single Niskin bottle) and duplicate (pair of water samples taken from different Niskin bottles closed at the same depth) samples of DIC throughout the cruise. Table C.6.3 summarizes the results of the measurements with each apparatus. Figures C.6.4–C.6.5 show details of the results. The calculation of the standard deviation from the difference of sets of measurements was based on a procedure (SOP 23) in DOE (1994).

Table C.6.3. Summary of replicate and duplicate measurements. Unit is mol kg−1.

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|  | **Apparatus A** | **Apparatus B** |
| **Measurement** | **Average magnitude of difference ± S.D.** | |
| Replicate | 2.3±2.1 (N=103) | 2.4±2.2 (N=92) |
| Duplicate | 2.6±2.1 (N=15) | 2.5±2.1 (N=12) |

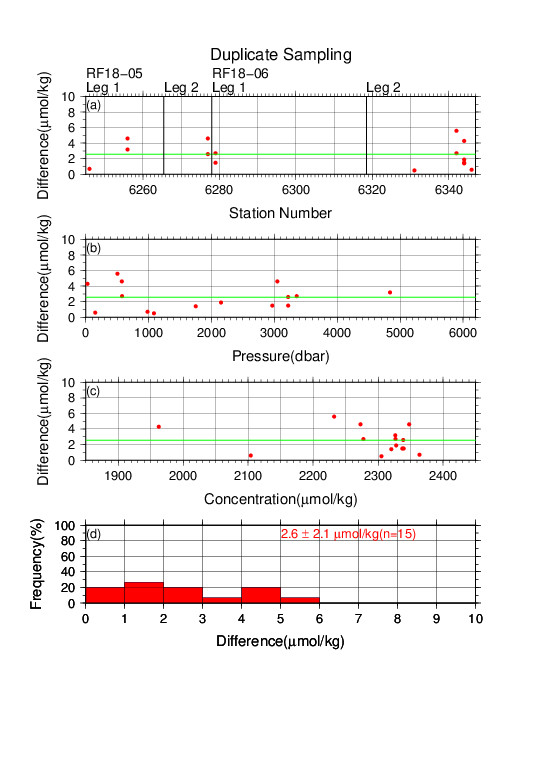
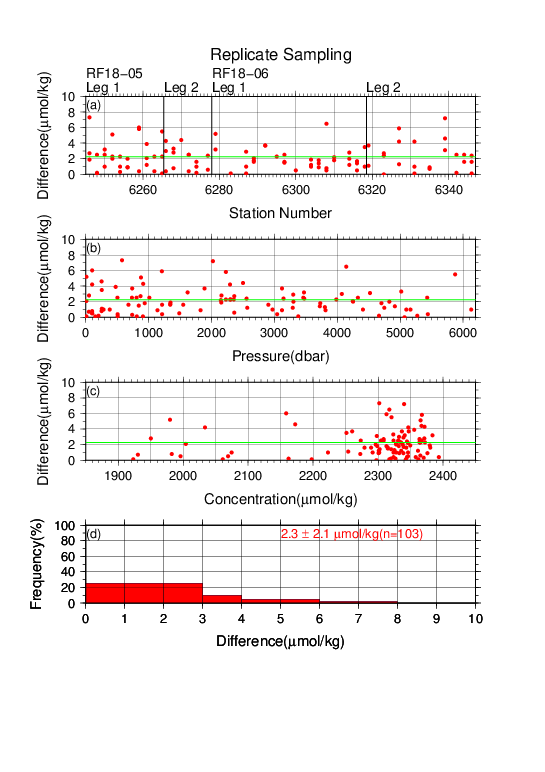


Figure C.6.4. Results of (left) replicate and (right) duplicate measurements during the cruise versus (a) station number, (b) pressure, and (c) *C*T determined by apparatus A. The green lines denote the averages of the measurements. The bottom panels (d) show histograms of the measurements.

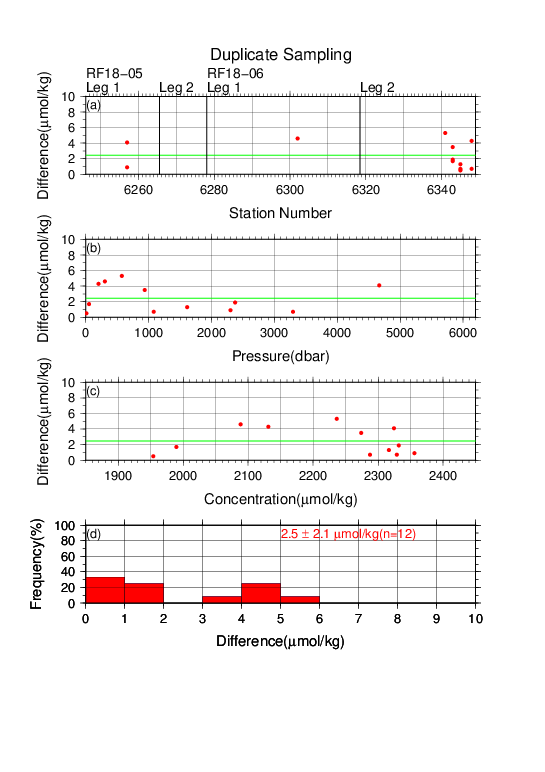
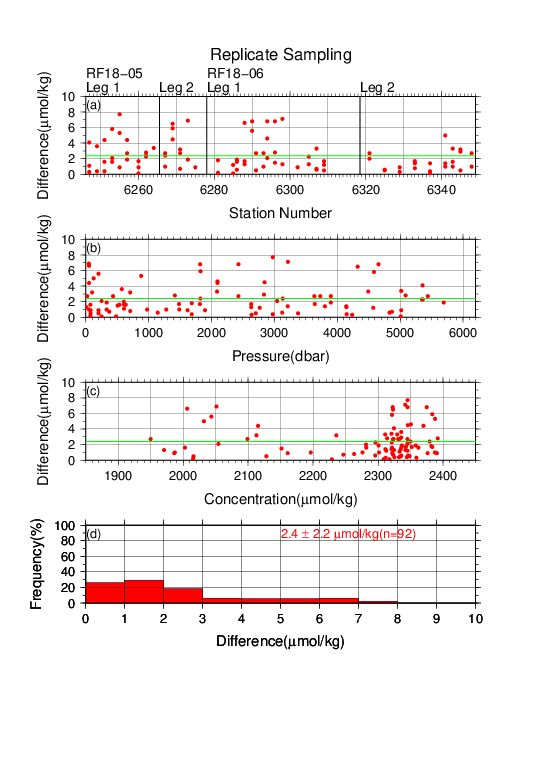


Figure C.6.5. Same as Figure C.6.4, but for apparatus B.

#### (6.2) Measurements of CRM and working reference materials

The precision of the measurements was monitored by using the CRMs and working reference materials bottled in our laboratory (Appendix A2). The CRM (batch 168 in RF18-05, 174 in RF18-06) and working reference material measurements were carried out at every station. At the beginning of the measurement of each station, we measured a working reference material and a CRM. If the results of these measurements were confirmed to be good, measurements on seawater samples were begun. At the end of a sequence of measurements at a station, another CRM bottle was measured. A CRM measurement was repeated twice from the same bottle. Table C.6.4 summarizes the differences in the repeated measurements of the CRMs, the mean *C*T of the CRM measurements, and the mean *C*T of the working reference material measurements. Figures C.6.6–C.6.8 show detailed results.

Table C.6.4. Summary of difference and mean of *C*T in the repeated measurements of CRM and the mean *C*T of the working reference material. These data are based on good measurements. Unit is μmol kg−1.

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| **Cruise** | **RF18-05** | | **RF18-06** | |
| **Apparatus** | **A** | **B** | **A** | **B** |
| **Average magnitude**  **of difference ± S.D.**  **(CRM)** | 2.9±2.4  (N=39) | 3.0±2.7  (N=33) | 2.4±2.1  (N=44) | 2.8±2.4  (N=51) |
| **Mean Ave. ± S.D.**  **(CRM)** | 2071.5±2.0  (N=39) | 2071.5±2.7  (N=33) | 2050.5±2.0  (N=46) | 2050.6±2.3  (N=53) |
| **Mean Ave. ± S.D.**  **(Working reference**  **material)** | 2080.9±1.9  (N=20) | 2082.2±2.7  (N=17) | 2082.6±1.5  (N=25) | 2081.9±3.2  (N=30) |

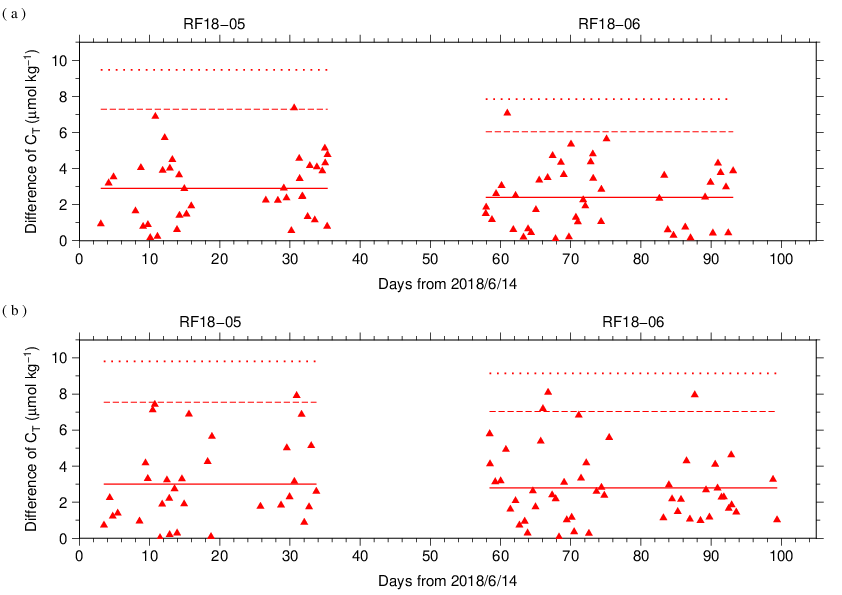


Figure C.6.6. The absolute difference (*R*) of *C*T in repeated measurements of CRM determined by apparatus (a) A and (b) B. The solid line indicates the average of *R* (). The dashed and dotted lines denote the upper warning limit (2.512) and upper control limit (3.267), respectively (see Dickson et al., 2007).

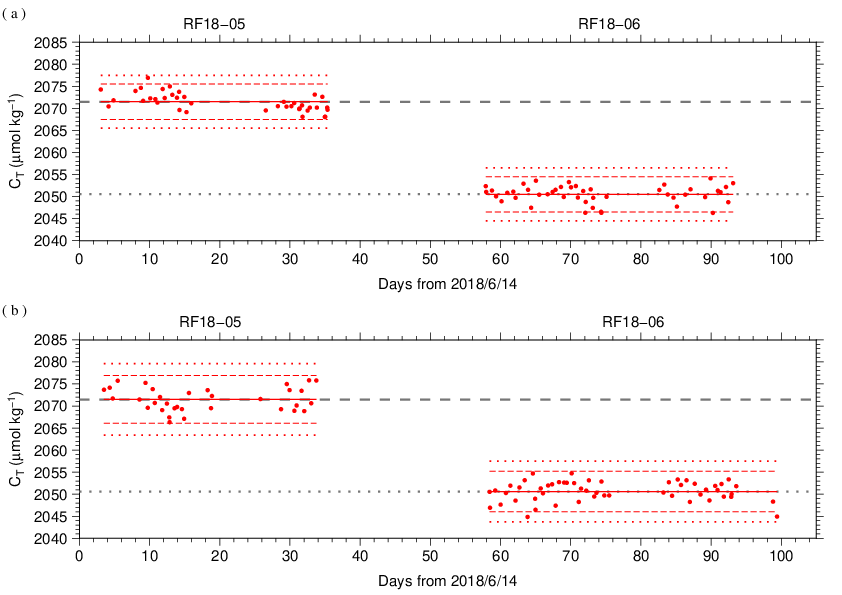


Figure C.6.7. The mean *C*T of measurements of CRM. The panels show the results for apparatus (a) A and (b) B. The solid line indicates the mean of the measurements throughout the cruise. The dashed and dotted lines denote the upper/lower warning limit (mean ± 2S.D.) and the upper/lower control limit (mean ± 3S.D.), respectively. The gray dashed and dotted lines denote certified *C*T of CRM batch 168 and 174.

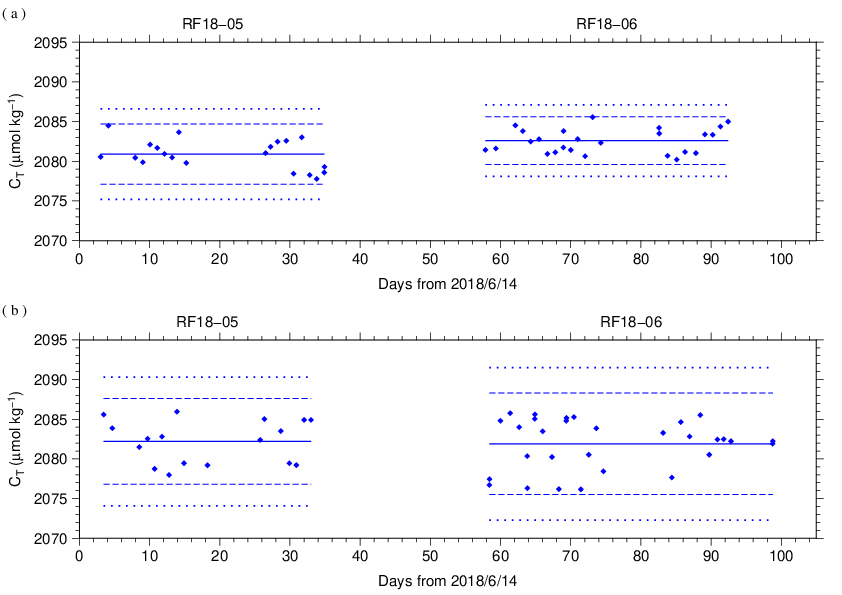


Figure C.6.8. Calculated *C*T of working reference material measured by apparatus (a) A and (b) B. The solid, dashed and dotted lines are the same as in Figure C.6.7.

#### (6.3) Comparisons with other CRM batches

At every few stations, other CRM batches (165 in RF18-05, 164, 165 and 168 in RF18-06) were measured to provide comparisons with batch 168 (in RF18-05) and 174 (in RF18-06) to confirm the determination of *C*T in our measurements. For these CRM measurements, *C*T was calculated from the *cV* determined from batch 168 (in RF18-05) and 174 (in RF18-06) measurements. Figures C.6.9 show the differences between the calculated and certified *C*T.

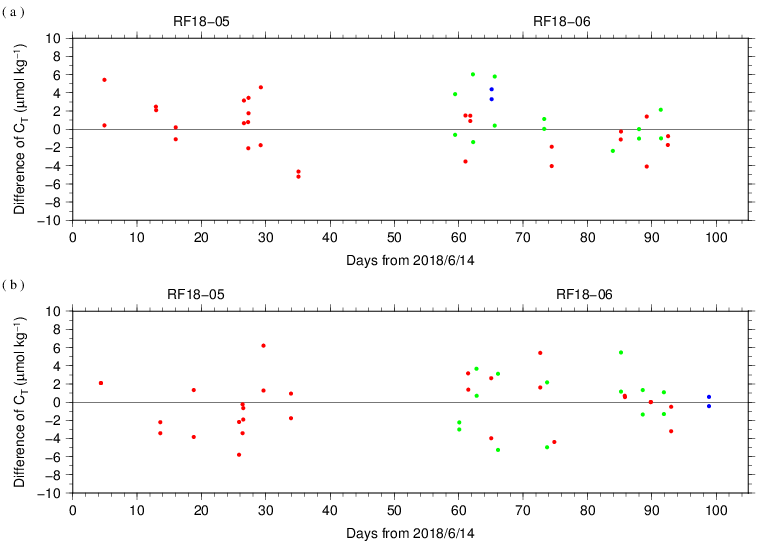


Figure C.6.9. The differences between the calculated *C*T from batch 168 (in RF18-05) and 174 (in RF18-06) measurements and the certified *C*T. The panels show the results for apparatus (a) A and (b) B. Colors indicate CRM batches; blue: 164, red: 165 and green: 168.

#### (6.4) Quality control flag assignment

A quality control flag value was assigned to the DIC measurements (Table C.6.5) using the code defined in the IOCCP Report No.14 (Swift, 2010).

Table C.6.5. Summary of assigned quality control flags.

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| Flag | Definition | Number of samples |
| 2 | Good | 2575 |
| 3 | Questionable | 31 |
| 4 | Bad (Faulty) | 2 |
| 5 | Not reported | 1 |
| 6 | Replicate measurements | 195 |
| Total number of samples | | 2804 |

### Appendix

**A1. Methods**

**(A1.1) Seawater sampling**

Seawater samples were collected from 10-liters Niskin bottles mounted on CTD-system and a stainless steel bucket for the surface. Samples for DIC/TA were transferred to Schott Duran® glass bottles (screw top) using sample drawing tubes. Bottles were filled smoothly from the bottom after overflowing double a volume while taking care of not entraining any bubbles, and lid temporarily with inner polyethylene cover and screw cap.

After all sampling finished, 2 mL of sample is removed from each bottle to make a headspace to allow thermal expansion, and then samples were poisoned with 0.2 mL of saturated HgCl2 solution and covered tight again.

**(A1.2) Measurement**

The unit for DIC measurement in the coupled DIC/TA analyzer consists of a coulometer with a quartz coulometric titration cell, a CO2 extraction unit and a reference gas injection unit. The CO2 extraction unit, which is connected to a bottle of 20 % v/v phosphoric acid and a carrier N2 gas supply, includes a sample pipette (approx. 12 mL) and a CO2 extraction chamber, two thermoelectric cooling units and switching valves. The coulometric titration cell and the sample pipette are water-jacketed and are connected to a thermostated (25 °C) water bath. The automated procedures of DIC analysis in seawater were as follows (Ishii et al., 1998):

(a) Approximately 2 mLof 20 % v/v phosphoric acid was injected to an “extraction chamber”, *i.e.*, a glass tube with a course glass frit placed near the bottom. Purified N2 was then allowed to flow through the extraction chamber to purge CO2 and other volatile acids dissolved in the phosphoric acid.

(b) A portion of sample seawater was delivered from the sample bottle into the sample pipette of CO2 extraction unit by pressurizing the headspace in the sample bottle. After temperature of the pipette was recorded, the sample seawater was transferred into the extraction chamber and mixed with phosphoric acid to convert all carbonate species to CO2 (aq).

(c) The acidified sample seawater was then stripped of CO2 with a stream of purified N2. After being dehumidified in a series of two thermoelectric cooling units, the evolved CO2 in the N2 stream was introduced into the carbon cathode solution in the coulometric titration cell and then CO2 was electrically titrated.

**A2. Working reference material recipe**

The surface seawater in the western North Pacific was taken until at least a half year ago. Seawater was firstly filtered by membrane filter (0.45 m-mesh) using magnetic pump and transfer into large tank. After first filtration finished, corrected seawater in the tank was processed in cycle filtration again for 3 hours and agitated in clean condition air for 6 hours. On the next day, agitated 5 minutes to remove small bubbles on the tank and transfer to Schott Duran® glass bottles as same method as samples (Appendix A1.1) except for overflowing a half of volume, not double. Created of headspace and poisoned with HgCl2 was as same as samples, finally, sealed by ground glass stoppers lubricated with Apiezon® grease (L).

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