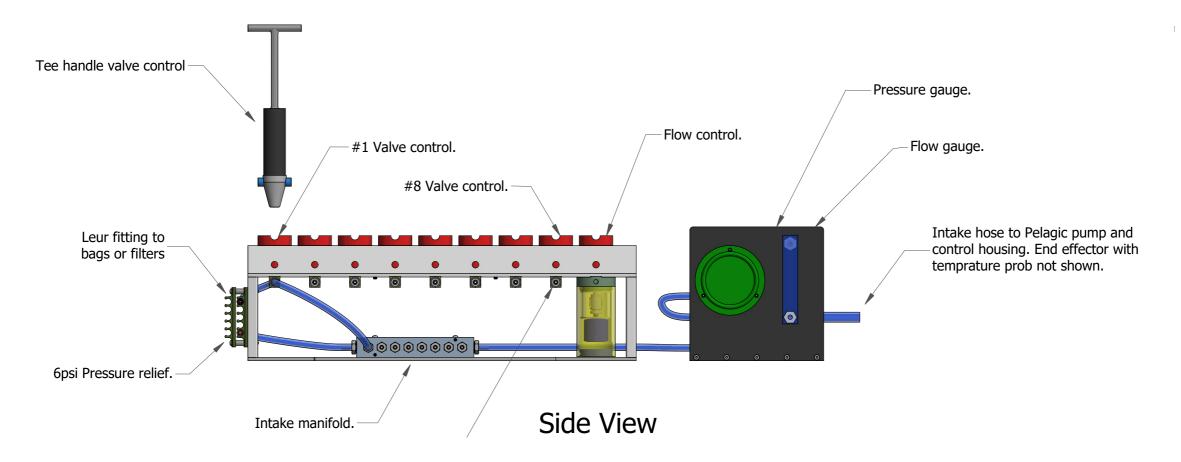
Universal Fluid Obtainer (UFO)

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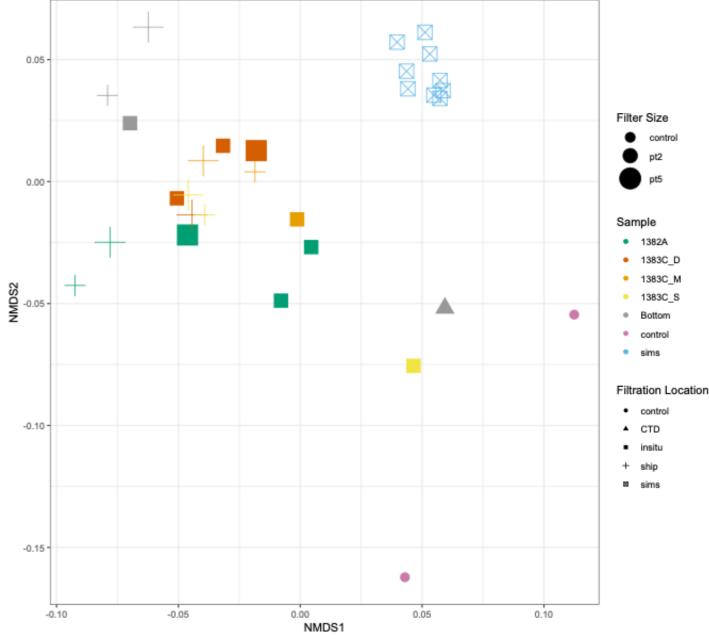


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• Large volumes of fluids are often needed from the deep sea

Source	org/ml	g DNA/org	L needed
Bacteria ocean	1.00E+06	1.00E-15	0.02
High Bacteria vents	1.00E+05	1.00E-15	0.2
Low Bacteria vents	1.00E+04	1.00E-15	2
High Viruses vents	1.00E+06	1.00E-17	2
Low Viruses vents	1.00E+05	1.00E-17	20

• Filtering *in situ* provides a more accurate snapshot of the microbial community

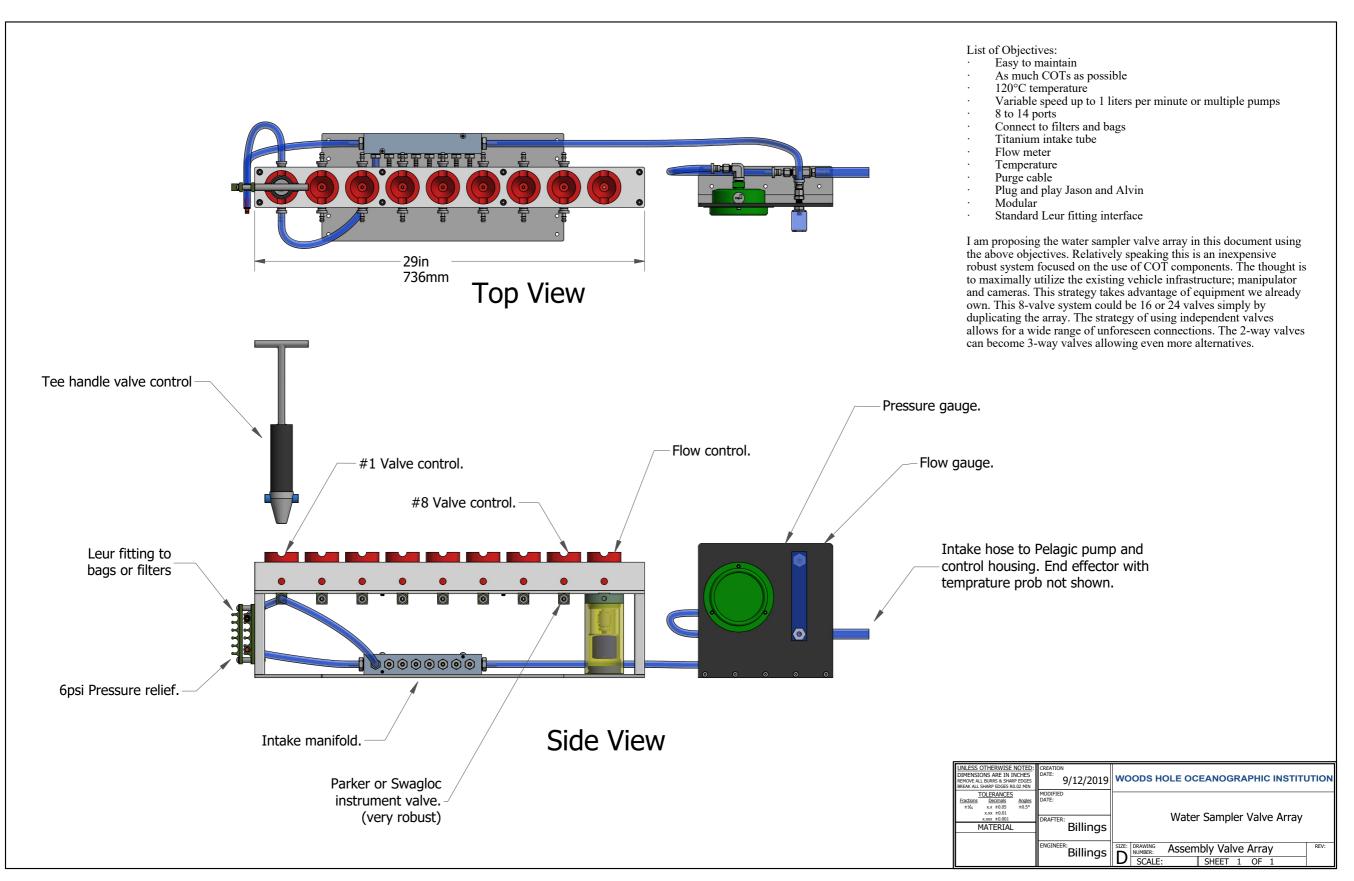


Why do we need a fluid sampler for use with NDSF vehicles?

- Fluid samplers are usually owned and maintained in the labs of individual PIs
- Barrier to entry for early career scientists, scientists without their own samplers
- Requires re-testing each sampler for compliance with NDSF regulations/compatibility with vehicles

Goal: Develop a community fluid sampler with WHOI engineers to meet community needs for fluid sampling, while remaining simple and adaptable to prevent a high maintenance burden

Current UFO Design



Next Steps

- Sampler building in progress
- Continue to canvas the community for feedback
- Testing
- Some community members have already begun to include it in proposals



