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> Ultra Clean Titanium Zodiac Winch and Sampling Bottles for Antarctica

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# Iron is an important trace element in the Oceans

- Iron limits primary production in over 40% of the oceans
- Iron therefore influences the biogeochemical cycles of:
  - a) carbon
  - b) nitrogen
  - c) and many other bio-essential elements



There is a need to understand the biogeochemistry of iron at all levels from its chemistry in seawater up to its large scale distribution in the oceans!



Why Ultraclean?

# Fe affects biogeochemical cycles

# The concentration of dissolved Fe in the modern ocean

# 0,0000001 gram iron per liter seawater = 10 x 10<sup>-9</sup> gram per liter

**1** x

that is

dissolved in 40 million liters of water

**15 X** 



OR



### Measuring trace metals in the Antarctic

#### Wishes:

- Winch in zodiac
- Electrically driven
- Maximum sampling depth 650 m
- 8 x 500 m sampling depth/day
- Ultra clean





# Large to small scale

### How to measure trace elements using a zodiac



#### Ultra clean deep sea winch

- Mounted on large vessels
- With or without own A-frame
- 8500 m Super Aram cable with fiber optics
- 23 tons including powerpack

#### Ultra clean winch Antarctic

- Mounted on zodiac
- No a-frame needed
- 700 m 6 mm cable
- 400 kg





### **Titanium winch specifications**

• Electric winch

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- 2 traction batteries (24V)
  - 700 m Tiptolest cruising cable
- Cable length monitor
- 650 m depth rated
- Maximum speed 1m/sec



#### Winch specifications:

- Rated line pull: 20.000lbs (9072kg)
- Motor 24V: 6.2hp / 4.2 kw
- Gearing: 315:1



'of the shelf' winch



#### Titanium drum

#### Accu's specifications:

- **2** x 12V= 24V
- Normal conditions 185Ah,  $0^{\circ}C \rightarrow 111Ah$
- 80% allowed discharge means 89Ah
- 48 kg each









### Cable details:

- 'Tiptolest cruising'
- Plaited 100% polyester yarn with plaited core
- Non floating and kinking
- Easy to split
- Sheet or halyard for middle loads
- 1100daN breaking load





#### Wire reader features:

- Totalizer and position display (6 digits)
- Set value, scaling factor, momentary signal duration and operating mode programmable
- Interface RS232 (RS422, RS485)





## **Large to small scale** From 24 to 4 liter

#### Antarctica special

• 1 single bottle





• 24 bottles in frame







### **Bottle specifications:**

- Tripped in the traditional way using a messenger weight
- Standard rope clamp to mount and unmount
- NIOZ designed butterfly valves

### **Two versions**

- PP
- PVDF (Polyvinylideenfluoride, illuminating)



Rope clamp





#### Small bottle specifications:

- Same design as Ultraclean CTD sampler
- PP or PVDF (depends on sample type)
- NIOZ designed butterfly valves
- 4 liters
- High flushing rate (67% compared to 34%)
- Closed by messenger





Inlet Inner diameter diameter



NIOZ butterfly valve



#### **Additional instrumentation**

- SBE 19plus Seacat Profiler CTD
- Cyclops-7 Fluorometer
- SBE 43 Oxygen sensor





CTD profiler



Oxygen sensor



# Using DFe to investigate glacier melt inputs









### 12 stations surface transect (DFe concentration at 5 m depth)



Decreasing DFe from Sheldon glacier to the offshore station

#### Sheldon Glacier can be a source of DFe



Modifications and future plans

- Modified motor and gears -> improved breaking system
- Electric motor with belt driven -> noise reduction
- Smoother running system



Belt driven





# **Questions?**

