Arctic Oceanography Timeline and Data Recovery Since 1860

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OUTLINE

- Database: the basic concept
- Expeditions in Arctic 1860-present
- Tools for data rescue
- Database for the International Polar Year: current status and outlook
- New data products for the IPY

BASIC CONCEPT

NODC is in charge of the development of the multipurpose oceanographic database

CONSEQUENCES

NODC is in charge of providing metadata which allows users to chose oceanographic data suitable for the solution of his/her specific problem **USER** is in charge of choosing data suitable for the solution of his/her specific problem

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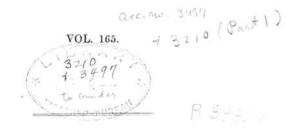
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§ I. Introduction.

This communication, the result of an inquiry having originally reference to the bearing of the subject on certain geological questions, was commenced more than twenty years ago, but abandoned for a time, partly owing to the pressure of other engagements, and partly waiting more accurate information of the range of life at depths[#]. The great impulse given to these questions by the more recent expeditions of the 'Lightning'

 A few of the geological questions were, however, noticed, and some of the early deep-sea temperatureobservations given, in the author's Anniversary Address to the Geological Society of February 1871, Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc. vol. xxvii. pp. xliii-lxxv.

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- 1878-1884 Dutch vessel William Barents, 7 cruises
- 1878-1879 *Vega* expedition. A. E. Nordenskioeld
- 1882-1883 IPY I, 2 cruises in the Kara Sea
- 1893-1896 *Fram* expedition. F. Nansen
- 1898-1906 Cruises in Barents, White Seas (Russia)
- 1899-1914 Cruises in Barents, White and Kara Seas (Russian Navy)
- 1910-1915 *Taymir* and *Voygach,* all Eastern Arctic Seas (Russian Navy)

Total..... 4,000+ profiles

RUSSIAN EXPEDITIONS IN THEEASTERN ARCTIC1918-1945

- 1918-1941 Exploration of the biological resources of Barents and White Seas (300+ cruises)
- 1918-1938 Expeditions across all Eastern Arctic Seas (~100 cruises)
- 1932-1933International Polar Year II12 cruises across all Eastern Arctic Seas

1941-1945 White Sea. World War II (30+ cruises)

Total....20,000+ profiles

RUSSIAN EXPEDITIONS IN THEEASTERN ARCTIC1946-1990

Cruises by HYDROMET Thousands

Cruises by FISHERIES...... Thousands

Total...... **5**00,000+profiles

ARCTIC DATABASE CURRENT STATUS AND OUTLOOK

World Ocean Database 1994 30,000+ st.

World Ocean Database 2005 240,000+ st.

Outlook World Ocean Database 2009 310,000+ st.

NEW PRODUCTS

- 80-Year time-series of temperature and salinity for the Barents Sea
- 40-Year time series of temperature and salinity for Kara and White Seas
- Update the Arctic bibliography
- Instruments-Methods vs. Years