



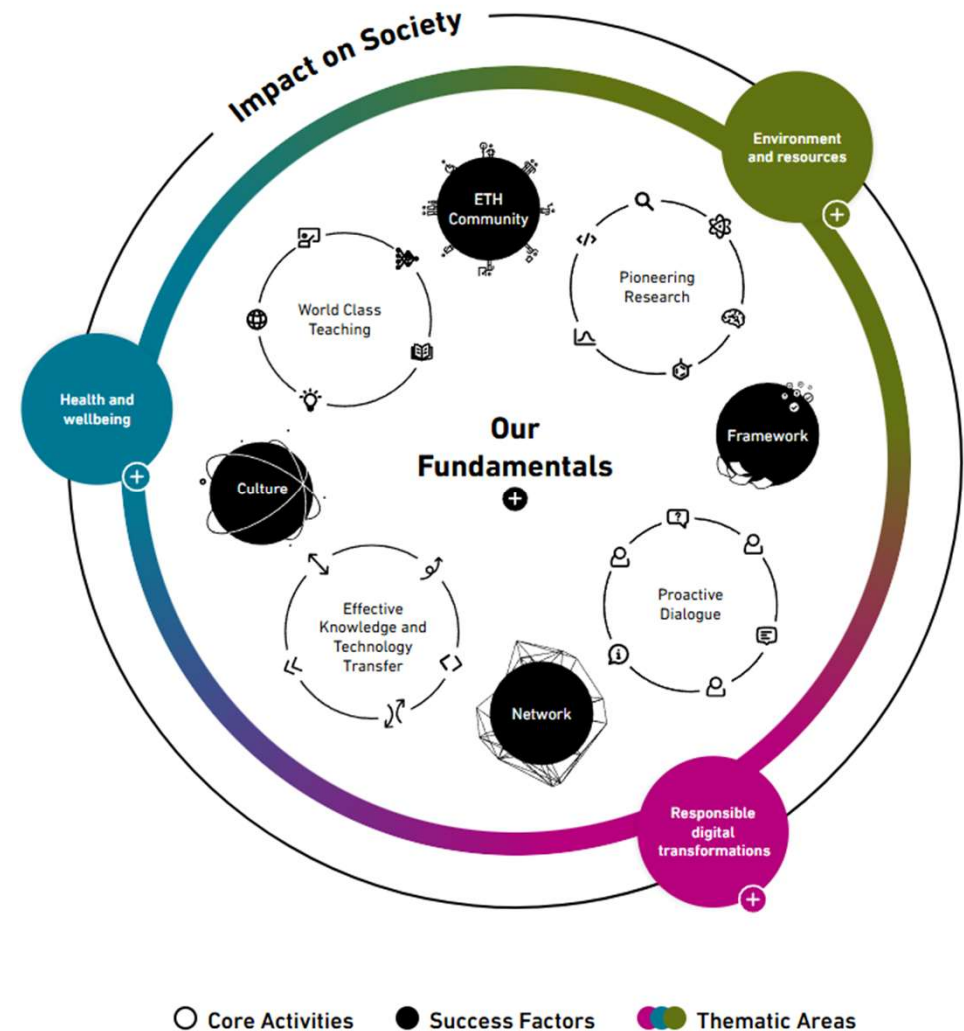
Swiss Polar Day Welcome

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ETH Strategic Framework

Institutional Priorities 2025-2036

- ✓ Advancing and promoting the fundamentals
- ✓ Serving society as a trusted source of knowledge
- ✓ **Becoming a champion and living lab for all scope decarbonization and circularity**
- ✓ Becoming a lifelong learning institution and community
- ✓ Mastering the continuous blurring of boundaries
- ✓ Being a leader in the development and deployment of responsible AI



Environmental sciences at ETH Zürich

Main departments involved: D-USYS, D-EAPS,
D-BIOL, D-BAUG

Involvement of all ETH domain institutions in
environmental sciences

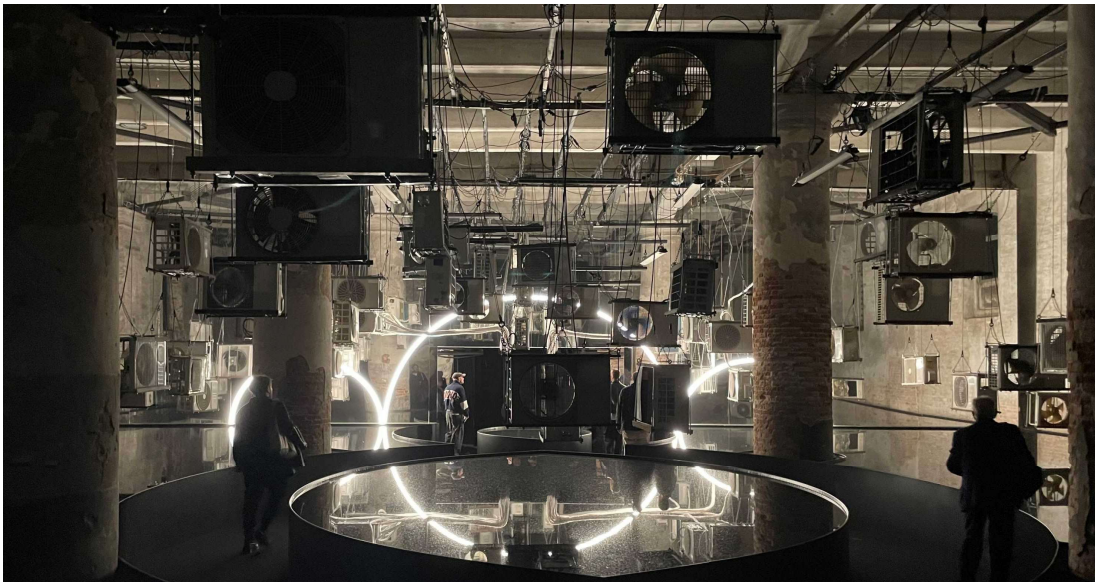
Development of competence centers and technology
platforms:

- Center for Origin and Prevalence of Life
- Center for Sustainable Future Mobility
- Competence Center for Materials and Processes
- Energy Science Center
- ETH for Development
- World Food System Center
- Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center
- AgroVet-Strickhof
- Center for Climate Systems Modeling

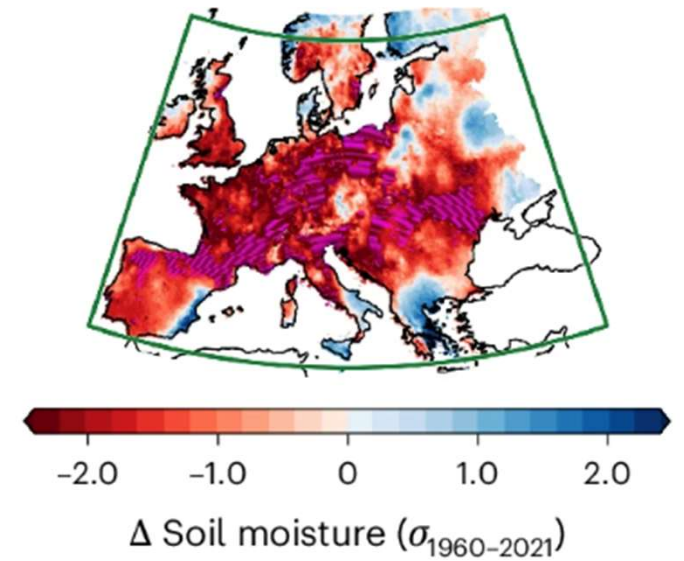


Climate change impacts and mitigation

The environmental costs of indoor comfort

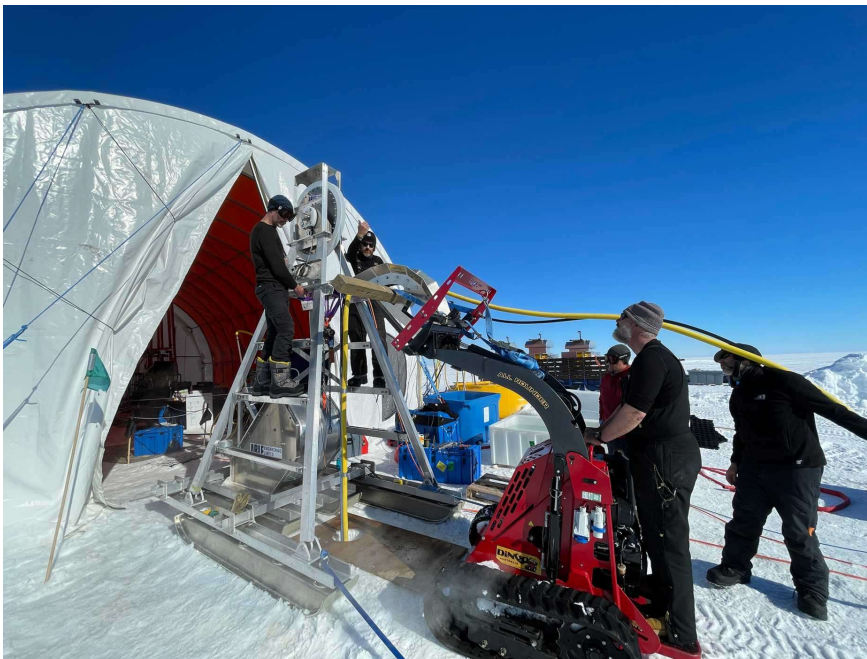


Expedition at the Venice Architecture Biennale

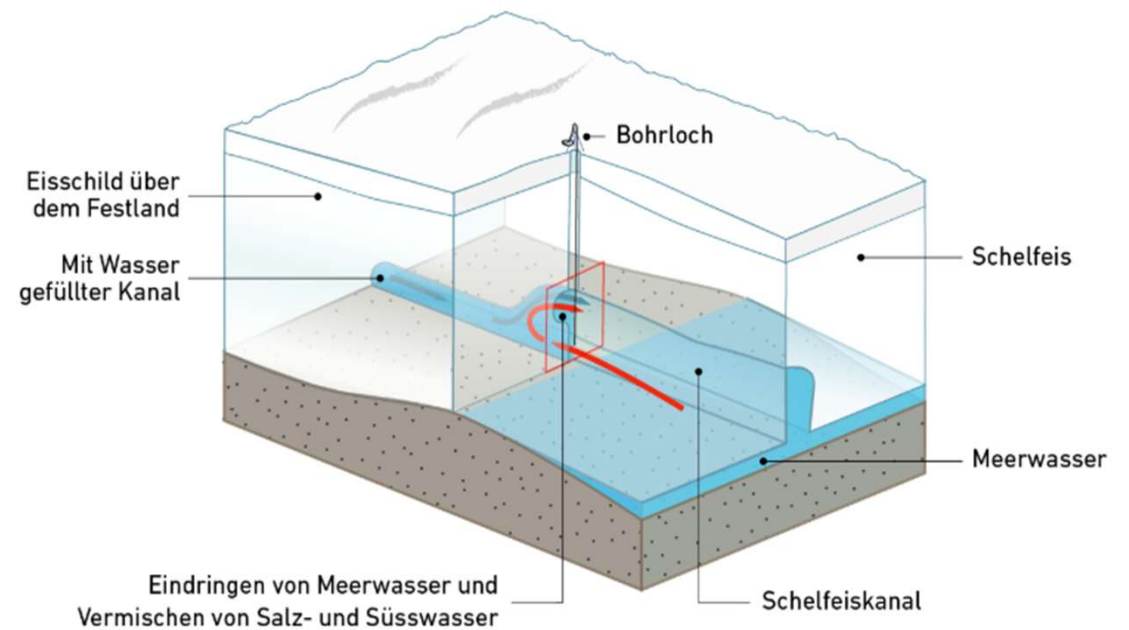


Soil moisture anomaly, June - August 2022 (Bevacqua et al. 2024)

Glacier dynamics and their role in the global water cycle



Craig Stevens



Horgan et al. 2025; Illustration: Dorde Masovic und Josef Kuster

ETH Zürich and the Swiss Polar Institute

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- ✓ Founding member of the Swiss Polar Institute
- ✓ Involvement in past and present SPI flagship expeditions
- ✓ Since 2018, 37 funded projects with a total of 865 kCHF (Polar Access fund, SPI Flagship initiatives)



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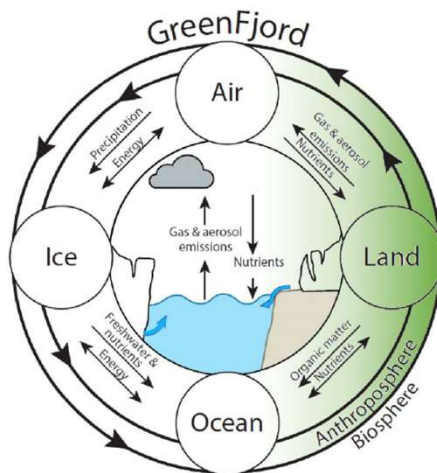
Flagship initiative GreenFjord



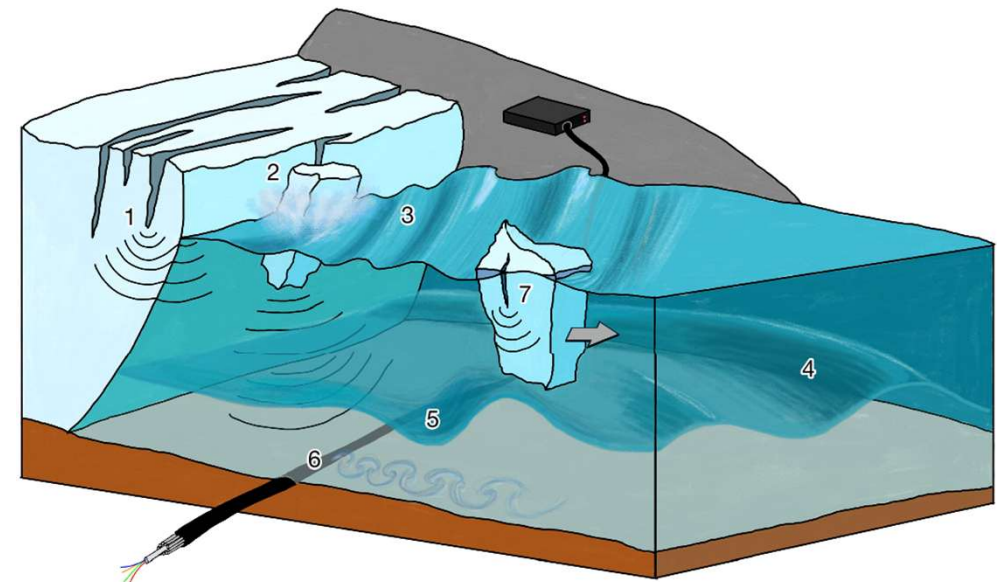
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Greenlandic Fjord ecosystems in a changing climate: Socio-cultural and environmental interactions

2 Clusters lead by ETH Zürich Professors (L. Pellissier, L. Bröder)



<https://greenfjord-project.ch>



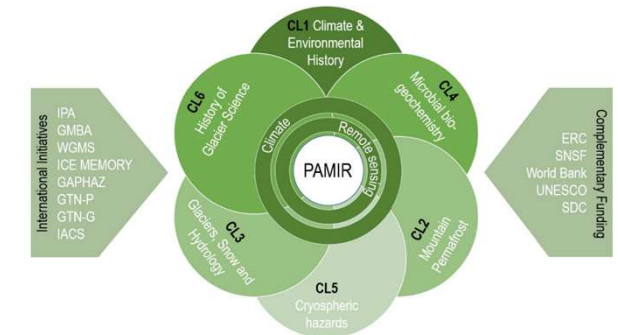
Glacier fracturing observed by fiber sensing through its acoustic signature travelling through the fjord waters (Gräff et al. 2025)

Flagship initiative PAMIR

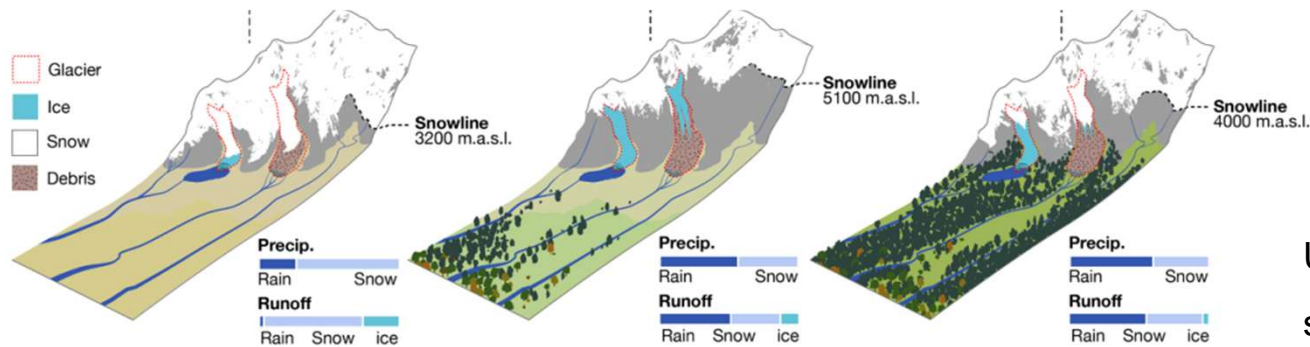


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From ice to microorganisms and humans: Towards an interdisciplinary understanding of climate change on the third pole



<https://pamir-project.ch>



Conceptual summary of catchment features (Fugger et al. 2024)

Understanding how evapotranspiration and sublimation fluxes influence the water budget in high elevation catchments

Objectives of today's event

- ✓ Overview on current Swiss Polar research
- ✓ Exchange and networking across disciplines
- ✓ Obtain inputs from national and international experts
- ✓ Raise new interests for polar research
- ✓ Creation of new and strengthening of existing collaborations
- ✓ Joint exploration of possibilities for future expeditions and initiatives



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