

# Ice sample and data management with LinkAhead in the Glaciology section @AWI

### Experience report 2019-2024



Core drilling supported by aircraft

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### **BACKGROUND:**

**WORKFLOWS** in Ice core research

IceDB - LinkAhead:

**SPECIFICATIONS** 

**IMPLEMENTATION** 

**USER CASES - EXPERIENCE** 

OUTLOOK





### Ice core research: ice as climate archive

### Modern temperatures in central-north **Greenland warmest in past millennium**

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The Greenland Ice Sheet has a central role in the global climate system owing to its size, radiative effects and freshwater storage, and as a potential tipping point<sup>1</sup>. Weather stations show that the coastal regions are warming<sup>2</sup>, but the imprint of global warming in the central part of the ice sheet is unclear, owing to missing long-term

#### **Compilation of ice-core data from different** sites/years

- Numerous core drillings and processings • (logging, cutting) and data analysis steps (dating,...)
- Various measurements on core segments ٠





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## Ice sample repository

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#### 40 years of ice sampling @AWI

### Sample types:

Icecores: Deep Ice cores (<4000m) few years operation + Firn cores (< 200m) weekly operation Snow cores (<8m) daily operation Snowpit samples (<3m) daily operation Discrete samples (< 0.1m) daily operation

### **Core cutting scheme (EGRIP S1)**





### Ice core research: typical workflow







Workflows in ice core research

## Daily problems

- What kind of samples do we have collected/ are still available?
  - Where are these samples?
  - How do we get access?
- Overloaded AWI-ice-storage/lab room!
- Do we have data related to these ice samples?
  - Where are the data ("personal disk space..., personal contact")?
  - How do we get access?
- Who is responsible for which box, ice, data?







# Sample and data management platform

### Tasks/ specifications:

- Box management with personalized requests
- **Migration** of (old/recent)
  - box data sets
  - meta data information (Long,Lat,date,project, campaign, responsible,...)
  - cutting and logging information
  - measurement data sets
  - data analysis/software
- User-friendly search queries
  - map selection, core viewer,
  - downloads of results
- Expandable for new functionalities











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## External filesystem for data files







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# User Case 2 Lab Scientist

Query / shortcuts (slice) Mapviewer (slice) Select Box (slice) Borrow Boxes (slice) Return Boxes/ loan (slice)

#### User Case 1 Field scientist

Expedition Template (slice) *PythonScript Curator* Select all collected samples of campaign xy (slice)

#### User Case 3 Scientist as data provider

External Filesystem (slice) Measurement entry (slice) DataCrawler Curator

### Map Query Entities - Query Map 2 Bookmarks Welcome **M**/ iceDB From a piece of ice to publication This is the ice sample and data management platform of the Glaciology section. You can search for ice samples, boxes, metadata and processed measurement files, you can download data or request for ice. Just click ,Query', pose a query, choose shortcuts, select maps... If you have questions, please contact Johannes Freitag (Johannes.Freitag@awi.de) IndiScale Data Services LinkAhead 🔁 Link Ahead – Thinking data management ahead IndiScale – We make individual data management scalable

#### Front page of iceDB







### iceDB-LinkAhead

## (Lab) Scientist: shortcuts



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# (Lab) Scientist: meta data / core viewer

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### (Lab) Scientist: meta data – sample link

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## (Lab) Scientist: Mapviewer - icecores







2 Bookmarks ▼ Login





# (Lab) Scientist: Mapviewer-measurements **Mapviewer-measurements Inter-WEGENER-INSTITUT**

#### Entities • Query Map

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# (Lab) Scientist: Box search

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### (Lab) Scientist: Box search



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## (Lab) Scientist: Borrow boxes







# (Lab) Scientist: Loans



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▼ Borrower	<ul> <li>6296</li> </ul>	
▼ expectedReturn	2021-04-28	
▼ exhaustContents	FALSE	
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▼ loanAccepted	2020-11-18T13:22:16+0100	
▼ lent	2020-11-18T15:30:21+0100	
▼ returnRequested	2021-04-27T07:25:57+0200	
▼ Content	unchanged content, 2dCT measured	
ReturnLocation	NordFrost_Main_icestorage	
▼ returnAccepted	2021-04-27T07:26:11+0200	
▼ returned	2021-04-29T07:10:05+0200	
▼ Box (returned)	6431	





# (Field) scientist: expedition sheet



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	1838	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core bag 1-6		ExS5-1	1	6	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	6438	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core bag 7-12		ExS5-1	7	12	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	6250	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core bag 13-18		ExS5-1	13	18	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	2974	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	19	24	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	1398	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	25	30	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	1337	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	31	36	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	6254	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	37	42	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
	2933	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	43	48	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
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	6440	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	55	60	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
2	6391	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	61	66	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
3	6226	EKK01	EGRIP2022 - ExS5-1 core		ExS5-1	67	72	1	28.06.2022	01.07.2022	0	102	ED
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## (Field) scientist: sample overview





# (Data provider) Scientist: ext. filesystem

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Name	Änderungsdatum	Typ Grö	Be
ConductivityPermittivity_DEP	16.01.2024 09:42	Dateiordner	
Cutting	06.08.2020 19:34	Dateiordner	
Density_Bagmean_Vol	08.02.2024 11:26	Dateiordner	
Density_CT	30.01.2024 15:42	Dateiordner	
Impurities_CFA	16.01.2024 09:50	Dateiordner	
Isotopes_CFA	16.01.2024 09:42	Dateiordner	
Logging	31.01.2024 10:11	Dateiordner	
SamplingInformation	06.08.2020 19:34	Dateiordner	
Temperature_Borehole	16.01.2024 09:42	Dateiordner	
TEMPLATE_MEASUREMENT_DEVICE	16.01.2024 09:42	Dateiordner	
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IC_B40_measurement.xlsx	16.01.2024 09:53	Microsoft Excel-A	

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	1 Density_Bagmean_Vol	7.01	89.99	Freitag, Johannes	BagMeanDensity weighting in Lab, without	t outlyers	ValidationMethod0	Density_Bagmean_Vol_B40_iceD
	2 Density_CT	7.01	89.99	Freitag, Johannes	0.1mm-HighResCT-density-bagmeanadjust	ted	ValidationMethod0	2dctdensity_B40_iceDB.xlsx
	3 ConductivityPermittivity_DEP	0	200.5	Freitag, Johannes	DEP-measurement, not temperature corre	cted	ValidationMethod0	b40.raw.txt
	4 Isotopes_CFA	0	200	Hoerhold, Maria	CFA, Joe McConnell		ValidationMethod0	B40_1_cm_ave_water_isotopes_0620
	5 Impurities_CFA	0	200	Hoerhold, Maria	CFA, Joe McConnell		ValidationMethod0	B40_1cm_data_112013.xlsx







# Data provider (scientist): measurements

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▼ endDate	2012-12-10	
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<ul> <li>Responsible</li> </ul>	6296	
LoggingProtocol	<ul><li>13276</li></ul>	
Density_Bagmean_Vol	15748	
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	▼ Number 2	
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### iceDB statistics



### **USER (current status)**

40 user @AWI-Glaciolgoy

• 20 active

10 with full rights
 20 user extern @AWI sea ice/geology/biology
 10+x international cooperation partner

### **REPOSITORY (current status)**

- ~ 100 ice cores
- ~ 5000 sample boxes
- ~ 20000 records

### **ACTIVITIES per year**

150 box loans1 (large) Core processing2 field campaigns (new ice)X measuremt data generation (limited overview)Y old data sets (no overview)





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# Pros and cons of iceDB

### **7 PROS:**

- Meta-data requests! (easy to find: ",find xy")
- Measurement data requests (easy to find: ",find xy") •
- Geo-referenced/ measurement-referenced data screening (map and coreviewer!) •
- Ice storage facility management (loan and box history, responsibilities) •
- Sample box search (based on content-text) •
- High potential of query language (helpful in finding sample boxes, in organizing big processing • events)
- Easily to expand and adjust to new demands (tags, storageareas, images, ٠ measurementtypes,...)

### 6 CONS:

- Setting up sample-subsample references is much too complex in relation to box content ٠ entries if lots of changes have to be documented (core processing situation)
- Necessary changes can be easily forgotten (no overview, no clear workflow) ٠
- Data crawler proves to be error-prone, multiple runs are necessary ٠
- Pangaea entries are not visible in search requests (some measurements are not documented) •
- Migration of measurement data is way too complex •
  - Request performance works too slowly!





### Outlook



Problems with iceDB to tackle in future:

- Need to increase the acceptance for working with iceDB in Glaciology-section
- Low-thresholds for data migration
  - Al support for data migration?
- Low-thresholds for some simple appearing requests (references <-> content text)
  - How can we speed up the switch from content-text to relational references?

How shall we organize ice core research in future?

- Always with iceDB Traceable, documentable?
- How can iceDB be connected with other repositories/platforms? (AWI O2A, Pangaea,...)







