International Network for Alpine Research Catchment Hydrology

Status and Prospects for INARCH

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About INARCH

- A cross-cut project of the GEWEX Hydroclimatology Panel (GHP) and a contribution to the UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme to:
    - better understand alpine cold regions hydrological processes,
    - improve their prediction, and
    - find consistent measurement strategies.
- A network of 50+ research scientists, 29 experimental research basins in 14 countries.
- INARCH has completed its initial 5-year term.
- A second term, 2021–2026, with refined science questions and activities has been endorsed by GHP.
- UNESCO has recently approved a UNESCO Chair in Mountain Water Sustainability that INARCH can formally contribute to.

INARCH Linkages

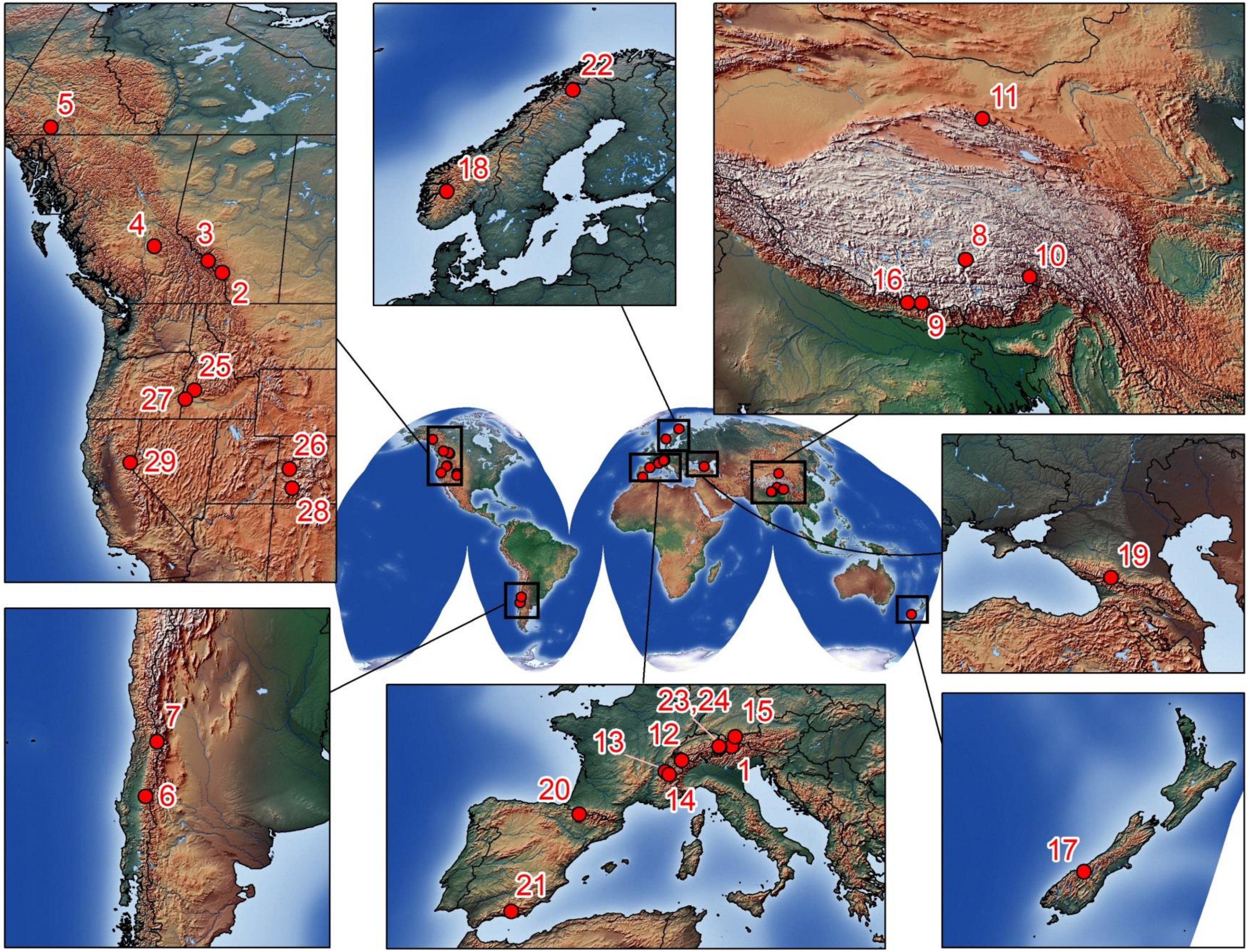
- GEWEX Hydroclimatology Panel (GHP) Projects
  - Cold/Shoulder Season Precipitation Near 0ºC project
  - Changing Cold Regions Network and Global Water Futures
  - Western US RHP & Water for Foodbaskets
  - ANDEX RHP Initiative for the Andes
- Global Cryosphere Watch
- WMO-SPICE and WMO High Mountain Summit
- TPE (Third Pole Environment)
- Future Earth, Sustainable Water Futures Programme (SWFP) and the Climate Impacts on Global Mountain Water Security working group
- International Commission for Snow and Ice Hydrology (ICSIH)
- UNESCO-Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) and UNESCO Chair in Mountain Water Sustainability

GEWEX
ANDEX
TPE THIRD POLE ENVIRONMENT
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION
waterfuture Sustainable Water Future Programme
IAHS AISH
UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme

Participants

INARCH Basins

Austria **1.** Rofental Open Air Laboratory (OpAL);
Canada **2.** Marmot Creek Research Basin; **3.** Peyto Glacier; **4.** Quesnel River Research Basin; **5.** Wolf Creek Research Basin;
Chile **6.** Upper Diguillín; **7.** Upper Maipo;
China **8.** Nam Co Monitoring and Research Station for Multisphere Interactions; **9.** Qomolangma Atmospheric and Environmental Observation and Research Station; **10.** Southeast Tibet Observation and Research Station for the Alpine Environment; **11.** Upper Heihe River Basin;
France **12.** Arve Catchement; **13.** Col de Porte Experimental Site; **14.** Col du Lac Blanc Experimental Site;
Germany **15.** Schneefernerhaus and Research Catchment;
Nepal **16.** Langtang Catchment;
New Zealand **17.** Brewster Glacier;
Norway **18.** Finse Alpine Research Centre;
Russia **19**. Djankuat Research Basin;
Spain **20.** Izas Research Basin; **21.** Guadalfeo Monitoring Network;
Sweden **22.** Tarfala Research Catchment;
Switzerland **23.** Dischma Research Catchment; **24.** Weissfluhjoch Snow Study Site;
United States of America **25.** Dry Creek Experimental Watershed; **26.** Grand Mesa Study Site; **27.** Reynolds Creek Experimental Watershed; **28.** Senator Beck Basin Study Area; **29.** Sagehen Creek, Sierra Nevada.



https://inarch.usask.ca/science-basins/research-basins.php

INARCH Phase I Achievements

- INARCH has grown to a network of 50 research scientists with wide-ranging expertise from around the world
- 29 experimental research basins in 14 countries covering most continents and mountain regions of the world
- significant advances in understanding and predictive modelling of the high mountain water cycle, contributing significantly to multiple international science initiatives, organizations, and other stakeholders
- adopted a philosophy and commitment to open data, with major efforts to compile these data, e.g., ESSD special issue "Hydrometeorological data from mountain and alpine research catchments" with 23 datasets.

Earth System Science Data Special Issue

- Hydrometeorological data from mountain and alpine research catchments
- https://www.earth-syst-sci-data.net/special_issue871.html
- Guest Editors: J.W. Pomeroy, D.G. Marks
- 23 data papers contributed and more coming in

"Data sets contributed to the special issue should support and promote research on the effects of mountain snowpacks and glaciers on water supply as well as study of variations in energy and water exchange amongst different high-altitude regions. …The guest editors invite contributions of openly available detailed meteorological and hydrological observational archives from long-term research catchments at high temporal resolution (at least 5 years of continuous data with hourly sampling intervals for meteorological data, daily precipitation and streamflow, and regular snow and/or glacier mass balance surveys) in well-instrumented mountain regions around the world."

GEWEX INARCH

High Mountain Summit

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION
WEATHER CLIMATE WATER

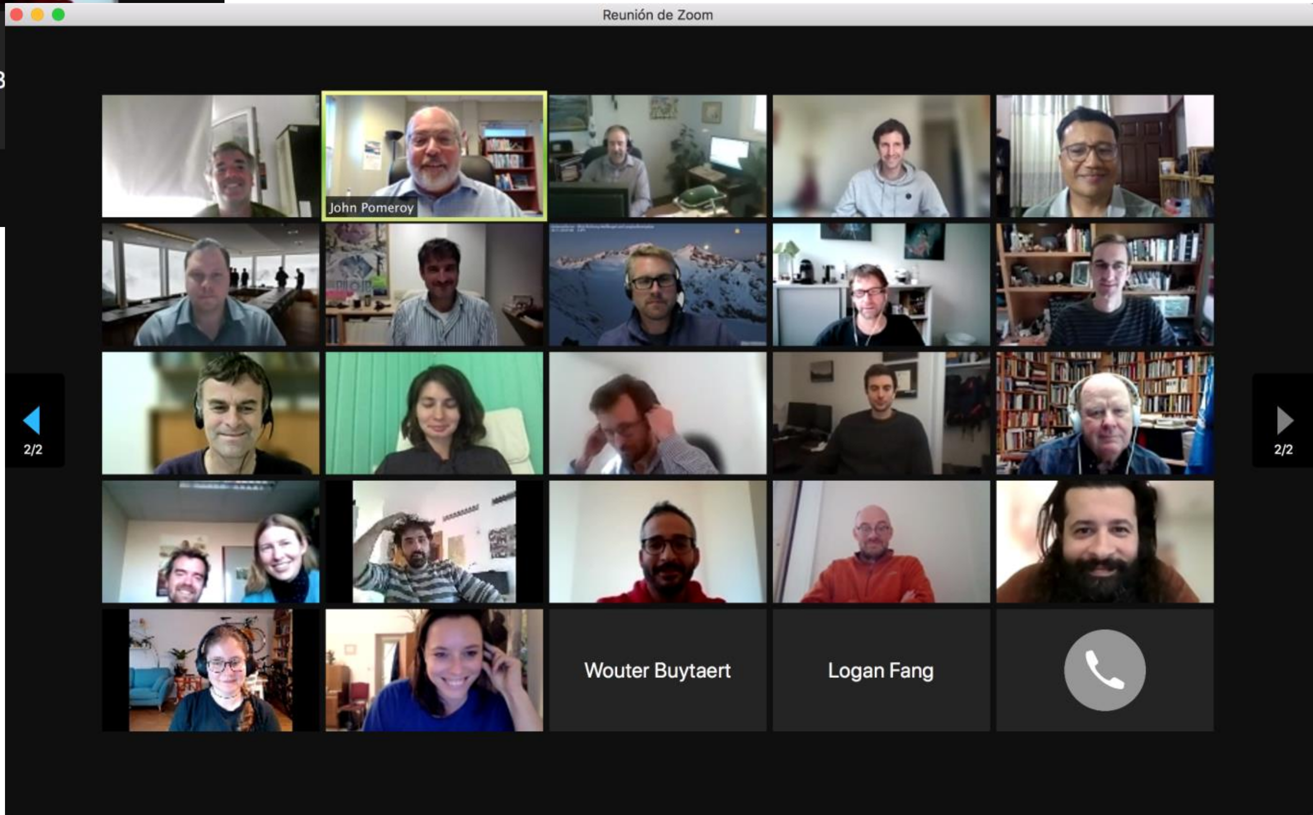
Call for Action, Geneva, October 2019

- Climate change and development are creating an **unprecedented crisis in our high mountain earth system** that threatens the sustainability of the planet.
- **People living in mountains and those living downstream shall have open access to and use of 'fit-for-purpose' hydrological, meteorological and climate information services** that address their need to adapt to and manage the threats caused by unprecedented anthropogenic climate change, recognizing the importance of mountain regions as home of the cryosphere and source of global freshwater.
- **Integrated High Mountain Observation, Prediction and Services Initiative**, organized as collective, intensive campaigns of analysis and forecasting demonstration projects in key high mountains and headwaters around the world. Needs to improve observations, forecasts and data exchange in mountain ranges and headwaters around the world.

INARCH Online 2021

Held virtually on Zoom, October 18–20, 2021

Significant INARCH progress was shown; see the website for full details: https://inarch.usask.ca/news-events/inarch-2021-online-workshop.php



INARCH Workshop Statement 2021

- We have completed our Phase 1 Science Plan and have a suite of well-instrumented research basins, high-resolution forcing meteorological datasets, and advanced snowdrift-permitting and glacier-resolving hydrological models that are exemplars of **Integrated High Mountain Observation and Prediction Systems (IHMOPS)**.
- We have used the IHMOPS to improve our scientific understanding, and evaluate observed changes, data and models around the world. The models are being used to estimate the sensitivity of the high mountain cryosphere and hydrology to climate change.
- We need to
  - provide common and archived observations for basin diagnosis and modelling through a Common Observation Period Experiment (COPE),
  - enhance basin observations with novel and more sensors,
  - Improve, downscale and correct atmospheric forcing datasets using basin observations,
  - develop, improve, compare, and apply multiscale high-fidelity cryosphere-hydrological-water management models to river basins originating in high mountains
  - work with communities to develop plans to predict future water scenarios, build capacity, enhance forecasting systems, answer questions on water futures and evaluate the sustainability of proposed water management solutions.

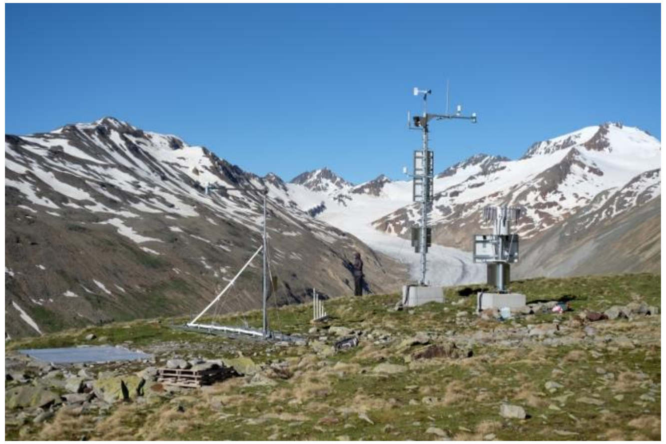
A New INARCH Vision

- Improve mountain hydrometeorological and related observations, understanding and predictions to help adapt to rapid climate change.
- Implement recommendations from the WMO High Mountain Summit—integrated observation and prediction systems. *How can we build up integrated prediction systems around these research basins and apply them to the larger earth systems that derive from mountains, and what does it take to do that?*
- Science for society. *Can we contribute to the development of **'fit-for-purpose' hydrological, meteorological and climate information services in high mountain catchments?***
- Mountain systems include human-water interactions and complex ecological interactions – *how can we address this in our models? Can we use these to develop solutions to help achieve water sustainability in high mountain river basins and downstream?*

INARCH Phase II Objectives

To better

- measure and understand high mountain atmospheric, hydrological, cryospheric, biological and human-water interaction processes,
- improve their prediction as coupled systems,
- diagnose their sensitivities to climate change and propose how they may be managed to promote water sustainability under global change



INARCH Phase II Science Questions

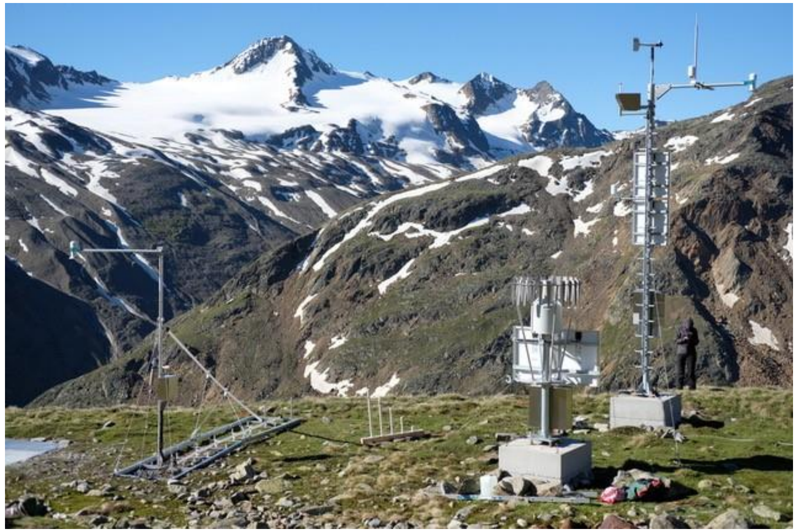
1. How different are the observation and measurement approaches amongst INARCH basins and do we expect distinctive differences in our understanding of basin response and hydrological predictability because of the sampling schemes, and data quality and quantity?
2. How do the predictability, uncertainty and sensitivity of energy and water exchanges vary with changing atmospheric thermodynamics, ecosystem structure and water management in various high mountain regions of the Earth?
3. What improvements to high mountain energy and water exchange predictability are possible through improved physics in, coupling of, and downscaling of models in complex terrain, and improved and expanded approaches to data collection and assimilation?
4. To what extent do existing model routines have global validity, are transferable, and meaningful in different mountain environments for providing service to society?
5. Can mountain systems be predicted and managed to find solutions to help achieve water sustainability in river basins under climate change?

Eventually contribute to answering - How have mountain atmospheric-cryospheric-hydrological-ecosystem-human systems co-evolved to their current states and how will they respond to climate change over the next century?

Common Observing Period Experiment (COPE)

2022–2024

- focusing on obtaining high-quality measurements,
- ensure all sensors are working,
- enhance observations at our mountain research basins,
- fly supplementary UAV acquisitions,
- run high resolution models and
- work together for comparison of processes, data sharing, and model testing in challenging environments
- https://inarch.usask.ca/science-basins/cope.php



COPE Data Requirements

Surface based data requirements for this project will primarily be met by:

1. openly-available detailed meteorological and hydrological observational archives from long-term research catchments at high temporal resolution (at least 5 years of continuous data with hourly sampling intervals for meteorological data, daily precipitation and streamflow, and regular snow and/or glacier mass balance surveys) in selected heavily instrumented alpine regions
2. atmospheric model reanalyses
3. downscaled climate model as well as regional climate model outputs

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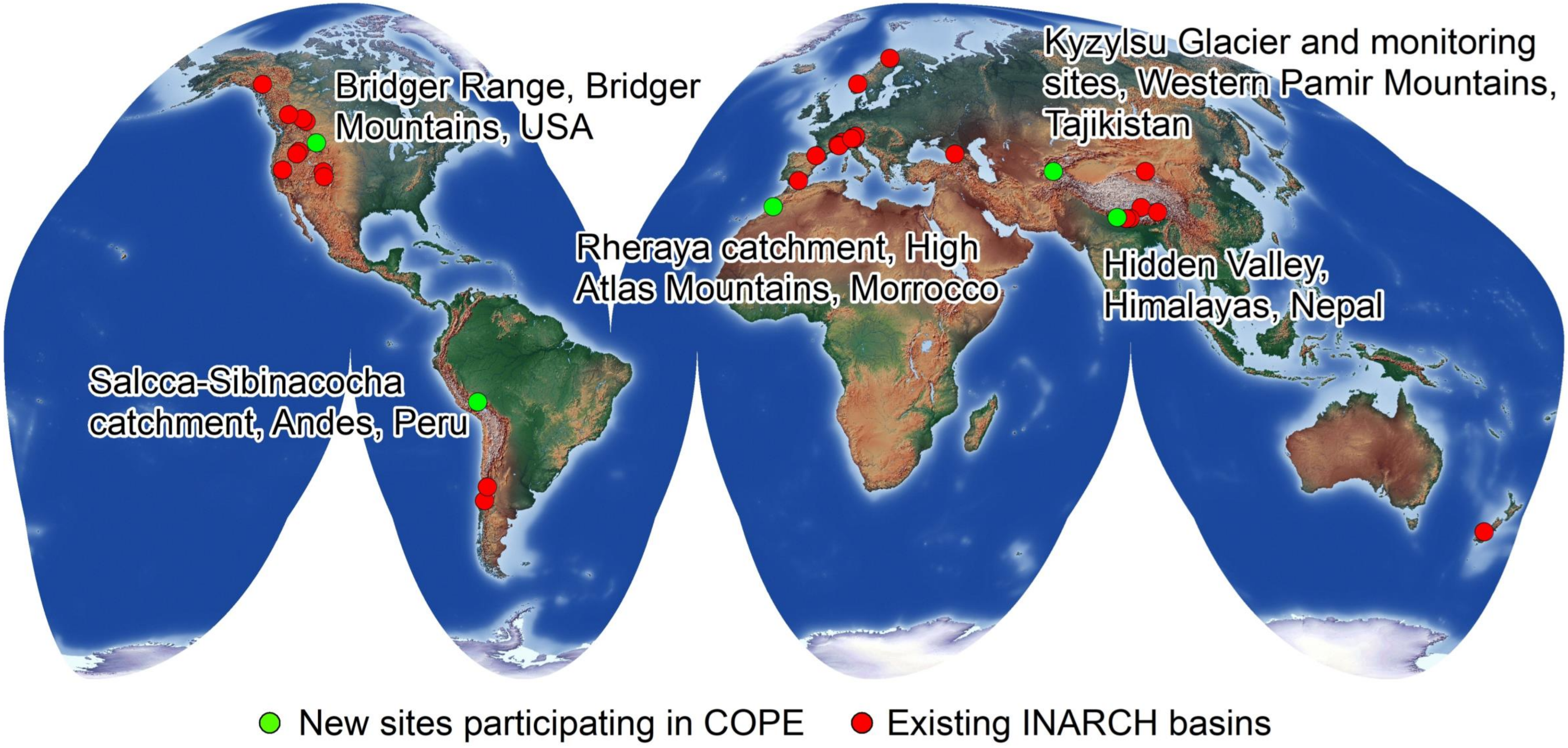

COPE Current Status and Activities

- Collecting meta-data gathering and developing data management system (Stephen O'Hearn)
- Developing and deploying sensors and systems to be used across a number of sites
- Exploring models for application across sites

<u>COPE Steering Committee</u>

- John Pomeroy
- Ignacio Lopez Moreno
- Ekaterina Rets
- Eric Sproles
- Ulrich Strasser
- Lindsey Nicholson
- Rainer Prinz
- James McPhee
- Franziska Koch
- Vincent Vionnet
- Wouter Buytaert
- Ethan Gutmann
- Dhiraj Pradhananga

<u>Coordination and support</u>

- Stephen O'Hearn
- Chris DeBeer

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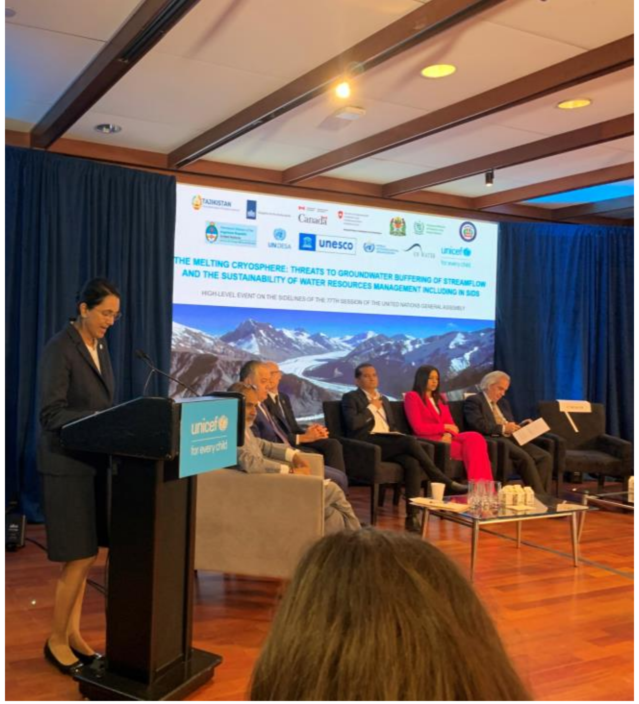
Catchment	**Rofental**	**M**
Country	Austria	Ch
Mountain range	Eastern European Alps	Th
Primary contact	Ulrich Strasser	Ya
Latitude	46.8333 N	
Longitude	10.8254 E	
Min elev	1891 m a.s.l.	
Max elev	3772 m a.s.l.	
Area	98 km2	
Main land cover(s)	alpine	de:
Lithology	Gneiss	
Mean DJFM Temp	-9.2°C (3026 m.a.s.l.)	"4
Mean DJFM Precip	321 mm (3026 m.a.s.l.)	"15
Snow characteristics	deep, cold	Cc
Glaciarized area (%)	ca. 25%	
Forcing Data	10 min. resolution available	
T	various	Va
RH	various	Va
Kin	Kipp&Zonen	Kip
Kout	Kipp&Zonen	Kip
Lin	Kipp&Zonen	Kip
Lout	Kipp&Zonen	Kip
Net radiometer	Kipp&Zonen	
Wind speed	Kroneis and other	Yo
Wind direction	Kroneis and other	Yo
Precipitation	Ott Pluvio and other (+ Pr	On
Pressure	Yes	Va
Additional comments	ca. 9 automatic weather/s	2 n
Data for validation		
Hydrological Instrumen		
Water level	Yes	
Discharge (metering, etc)/M	Yes	yes
Water temperature	Yes (Vent)	
Isotopes	Sampler available at the gaug	
Isotopes type (O18, D, T)		
Isotope sampling Temporal		
Water conductivity/Tempor	Sampler available at the gaug	
Turbidity/Temporal resoluti		
Sediment load (gravels)/Te	Only suspended load	
Water sampling hydrogeoch		
groundwater level		
Soil moisture		yes
Other		
Hydromet/Cryosphere		
Terrestrial Laser Scanner	Yes, for Hintereisferner	
UAV - sensor		
Snow surveys	For COPE	sa
Time lapse photos/Tempor	Yes	Ye
SWE instruments, pillows/T	1 pillow, 2 scales, 1 Snow F	blc
Snow depth/Temporal reso	Sommer USH-8 / USH-9,	Flc
Temp soil	Sommer, Campbell 107	Ca
Surface temp	Sommer, Kipp&Zonen CN	Ca
Eddy Cov.	Not permanent, but availb	yes
Ice elevation	Hintereisferner	
debris covered ice elevation	Hintereisferner	
glacier mass balance	Hintereisferner, Vernagtferne	
glacier ice thickness	yes (1997)	
Additional data for hyd		
Vegetation map	Corine land cover	sa
Map of soils	European soil database	no
Information on soil depth		yes
DEM/Spatial resolution	Yes, super high resolution av	

INARCH Recent Activities

- Start of COPE observations!
- Report to GEWEX GHP – July 2022 Monterey, California (DeBeer)
- Keynote Presentation to the UN General Assembly - High Level Side Event “The Melting Cryosphere: Threats to groundwater buffering of streamflow and the sustainability of water resources management including in SIDS” Sept 2022 (Pomeroy)



International Year of Glacier Preservation 2025

- ***To raise awareness of the world community about the intensive reduction of world snow and ice resources and the potential risks of this process,***
- ***To give a special impetus to a new movement at the global level to take the necessary measures and actions to protect glaciers from intense melting and disappearance,***
- ***To mobilize financial resources from various sources to implement these actions and tasks,***
- ***To improve international cooperation and establish an international mechanism to facilitate access to accurate and timely information on the cryosphere.***

Scientific Milestones

- Global assessment of glacier extent and depth, including rock-covered glaciers, seasonal snowpacks and recent rate of change, in light of historical rates of change- update of Randolph Inventory
- Renewal of organization of glacier and snow observation systems in former IHD basins around the world
- Global assessment of historical glacier and snowpack contribution to freshwater supplies delivered to oceans and to hydrological systems in the major river basins of the world
- Global predictions of glacier and snow mass balance and freshwater contributions to oceans and hydrological systems to the end of the 21st C and into the 22nd C.
- Glacier and snowpack information system development and capacity building events to train the next generation of cryospheric scientists and water managers
- Incorporation of Indigenous knowledge systems in managing changing water supplies in high mountain communities

INARCH Workshop 2022
Panticosa, Spain




Welcome!

Thanks to Nacho Lopez Moreno of CSIC for organising!

Sessions

- Observatories and Measurement Techniques
- Predictability, Comparisons and Global Validity
- Common Observation Period Experiment (COPE)
- Synthesis

- Develop a new INARCH Statement
- Follow the Plan

Observe, Predict, Protect