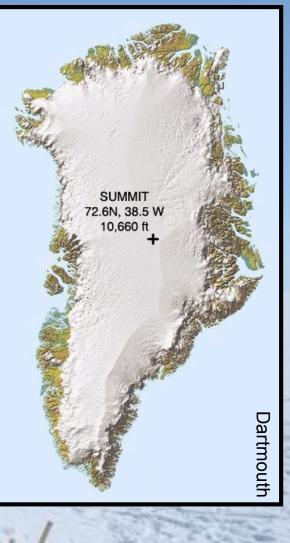
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#### Summit Station, on the Greenland Ice Cap





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# LIVE FROM IPS Jo Dodds, Mary Albert, and Jeff Severinghaus

Summit, Greenland

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18th anniversary of Summit camp, May 22, 1989

## Who are we talking with today?



Teacher

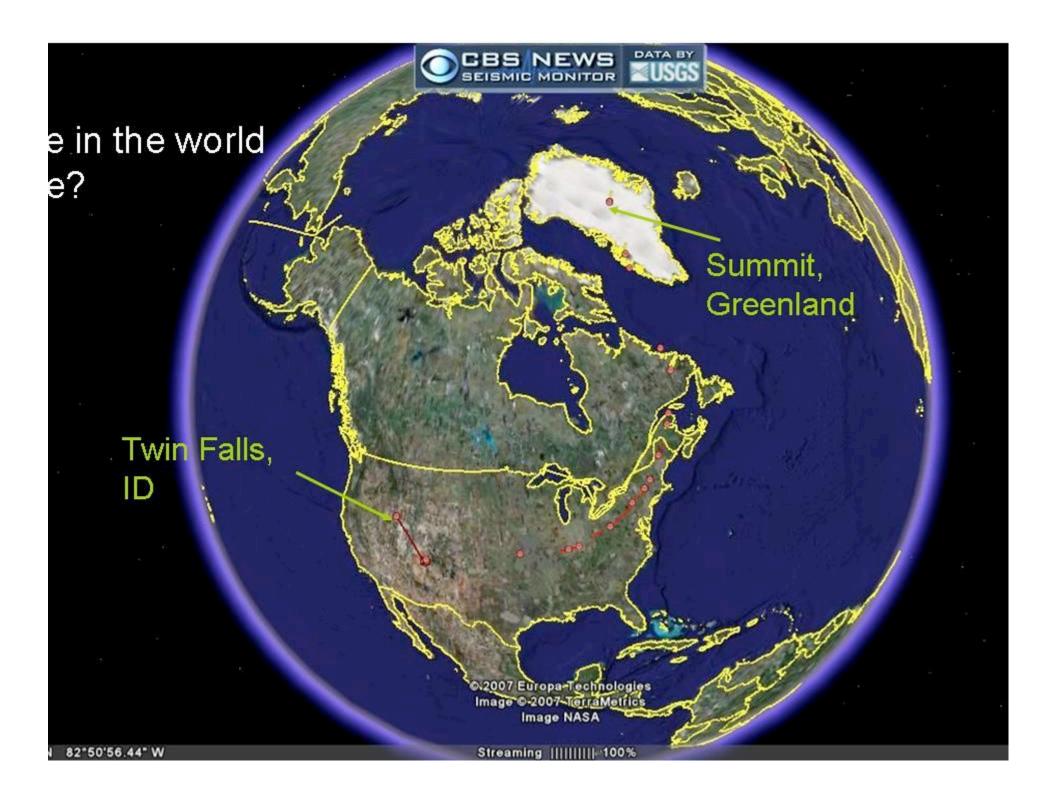
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**Jo Dodds** O'Leary Junior High School Idaho



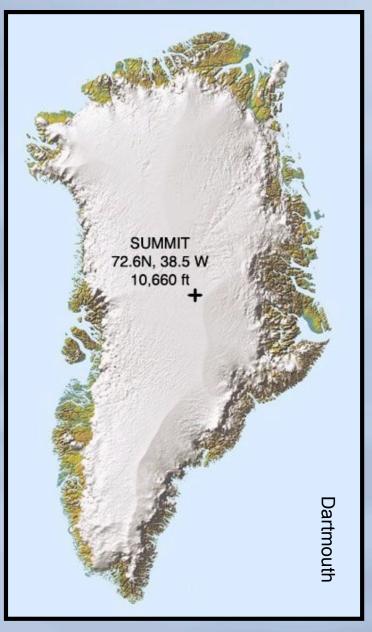
#### Researcher

Mary Albert Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory New Hampshire



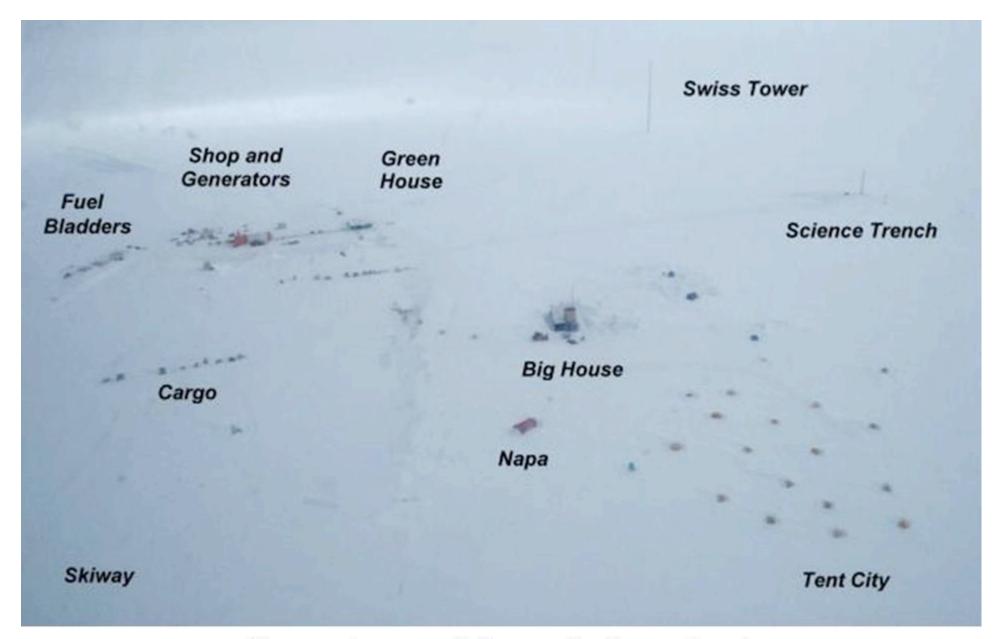
## Area of Study: Greenland Ice Cap





The research at Summit all started with the Greenland Ice Core Project and Greenland Ice Sheet Project Two (GISP2). Pictured here is the drill in the geodesic

dome.

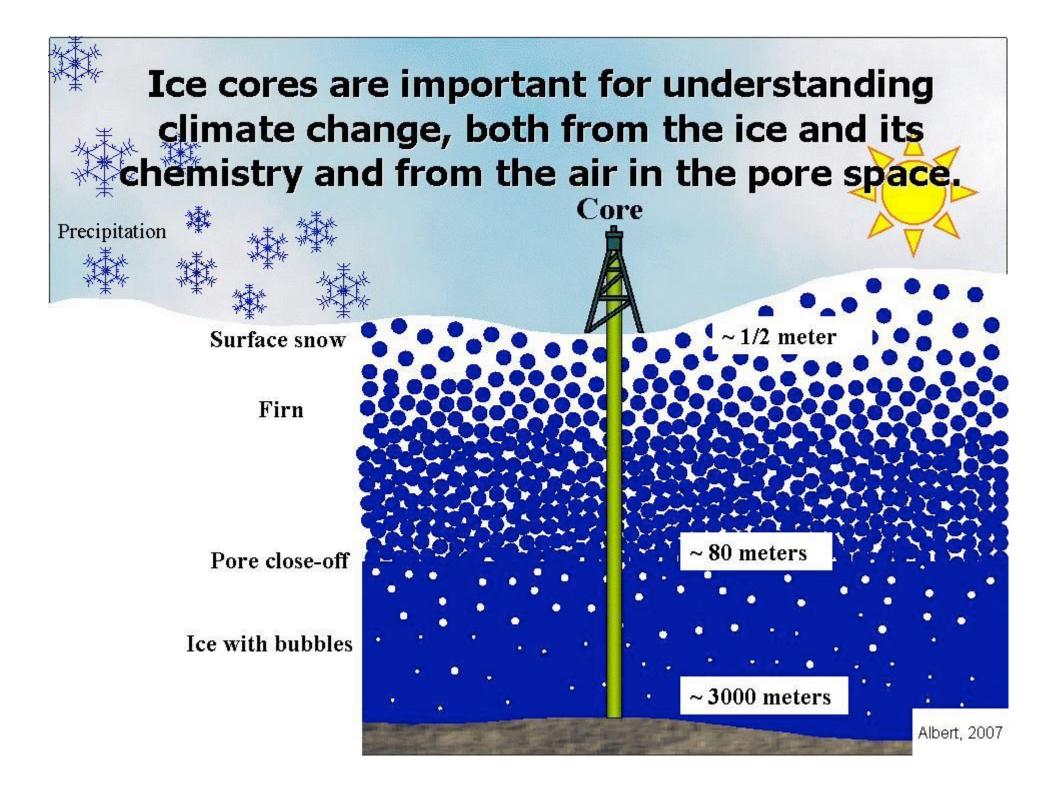


#### General map of Summit, Greenland

http://www.summitcamp.org

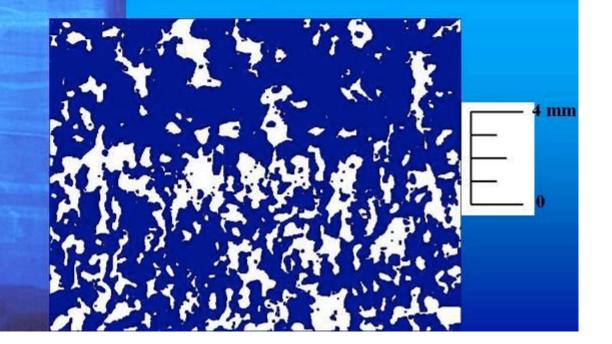


What are we doing here? We are in Greenland investigating how the snow and firn archives evidence of past atmospheres.



Snow & firn layering and microstructure are created by deposition and altered by age and weather.

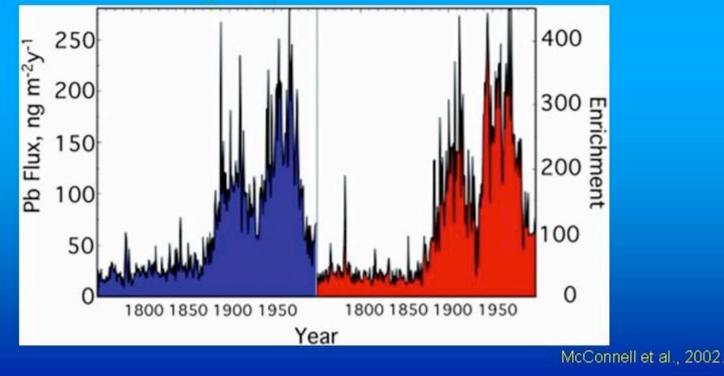
This impacts snow-air transfer, the firn & ice core record, and remotely sensed signatures.



# **Evidence in ice cores confirm that societal decisions can improve the environment**

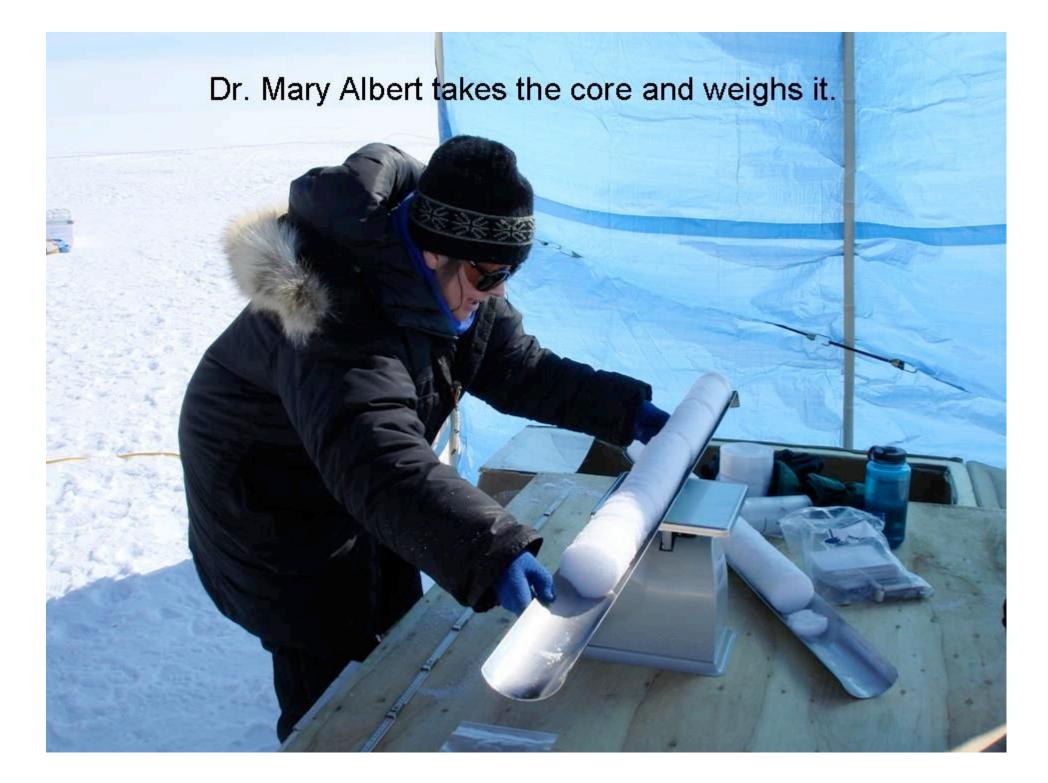
Lead is an atmospheric pollutant. The history of anthropogenic lead pollution can be detected in ice cores.

The evidence from Greenland shows that the clean air laws had a positive effect on reducing air pollution.







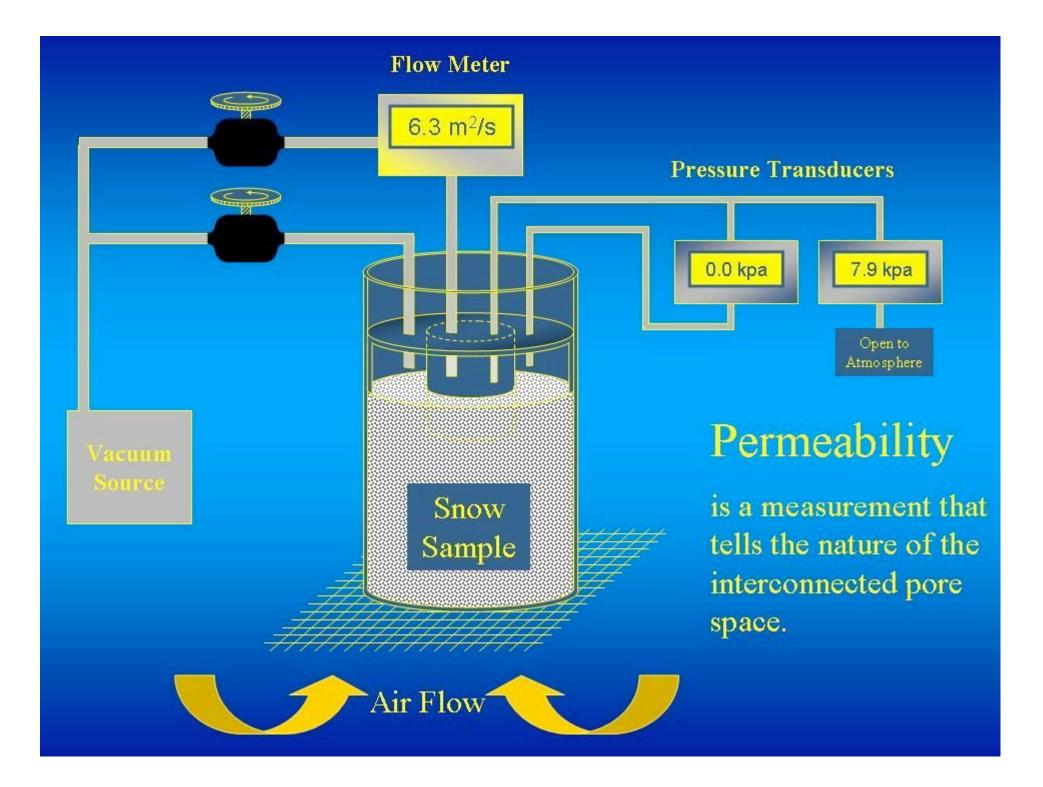


Dr. Mary Albert and Elyse Williamson seal and label the core samples.

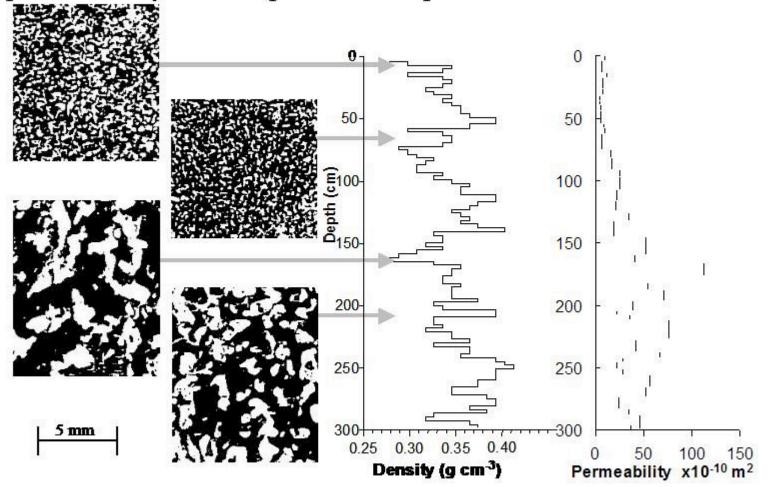
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Dr. Zoe Courville is in a snow pit with permeability and thermal conductivity instruments.



Jo working on density measurements from samples in the snow pit. Seasonal cycles in physical properties are clearly visible at Summit. Snow crystal growth is accompanied by increasing permeability with depth in the top several meters.



Undisturbed site at Summit

Albert & Shultz, 2002.

Vas Petrenko testing the firn air sampler's "bladder" to see if it will inflate and not leak before putting it in the bore hole. After drilling, firn air is sampled. The rubber hose that seals the bore hole for taking air from deeper in the firn is being lowered into the bore hole.





#### Dr. Jeff Severinghaus examining firn air data.

Students: Work hard and learn as much as you can in school... YOU are the scientists and engineers of tomorrow! Continue to follow and be involved with polar expeditions at the following websites:

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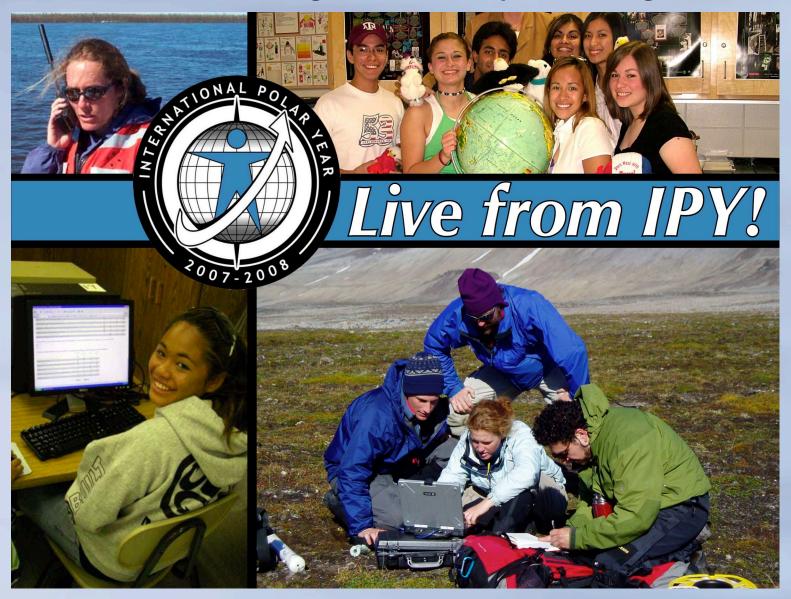
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