

# Seasonal-to-decadal geodetic mass balance of Hofsjökull, 2003–2020, based on time-series analysis of DEMs

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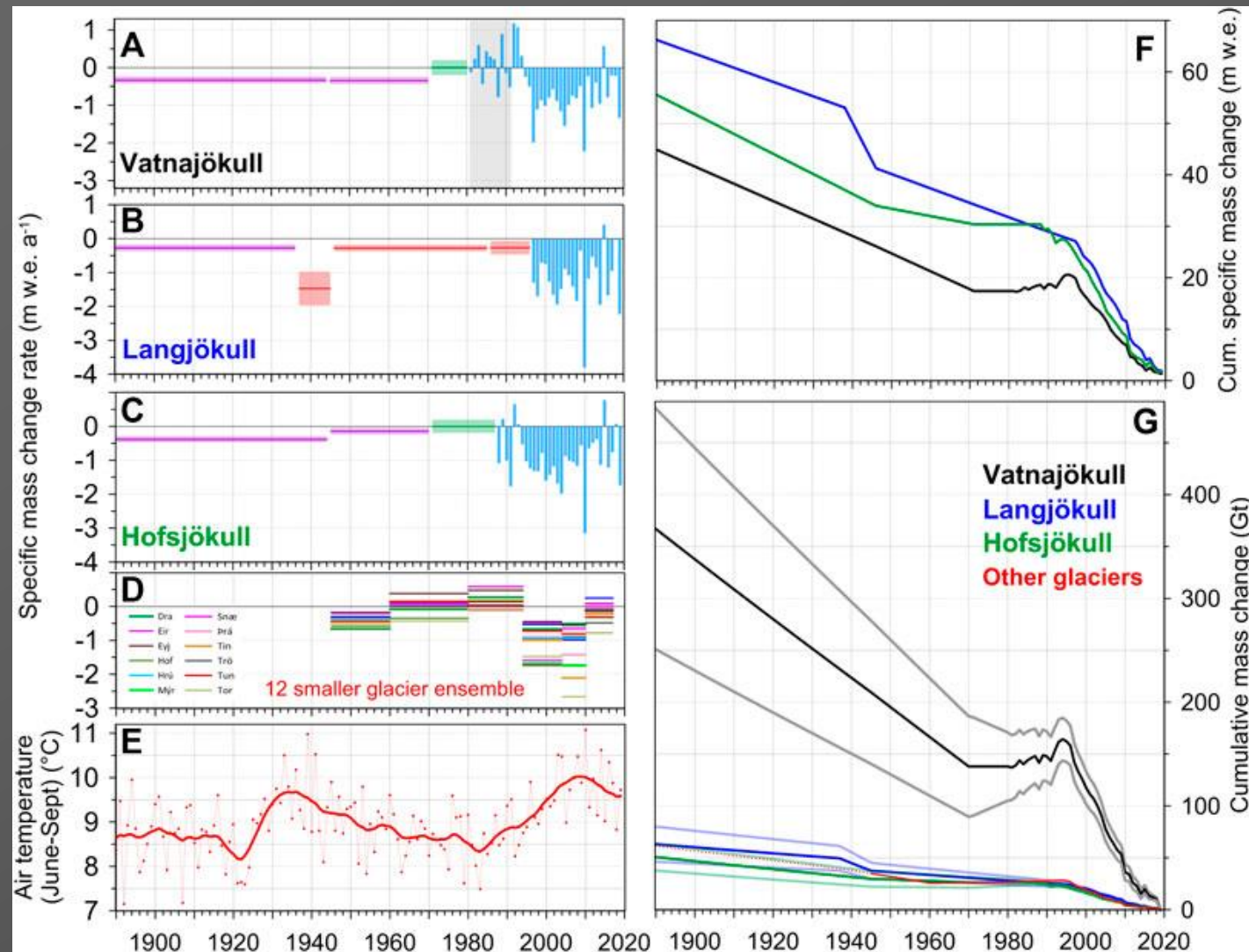


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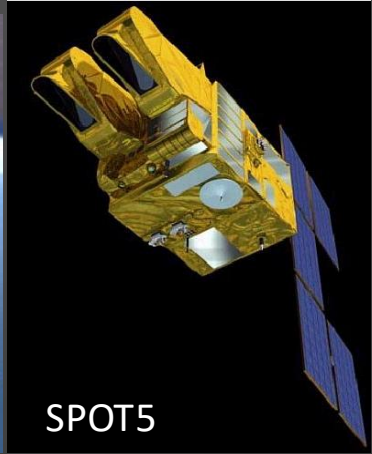
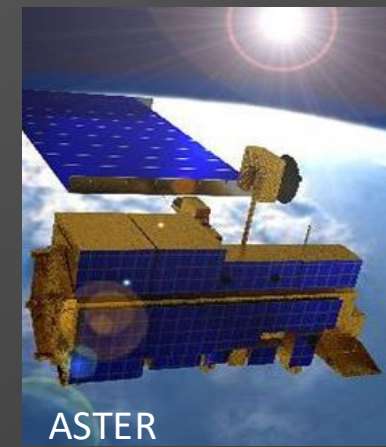
# Glacier mass balance in Iceland: geodetic observations



*Aðalgeirsdóttir et al., 2020*

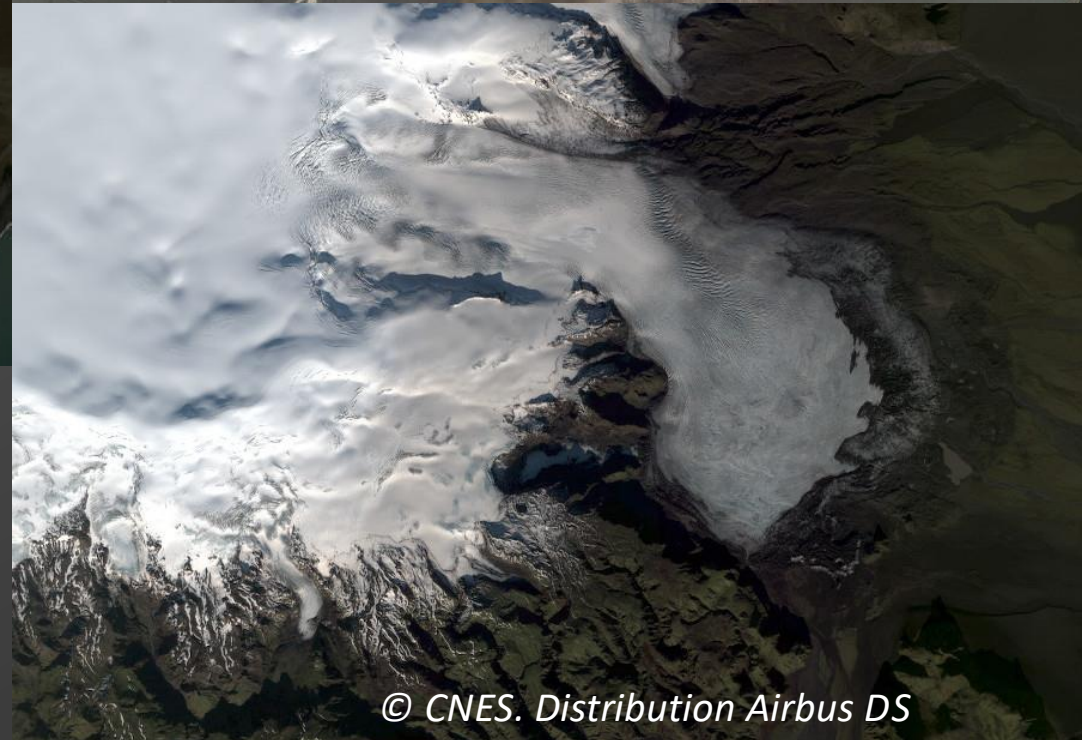
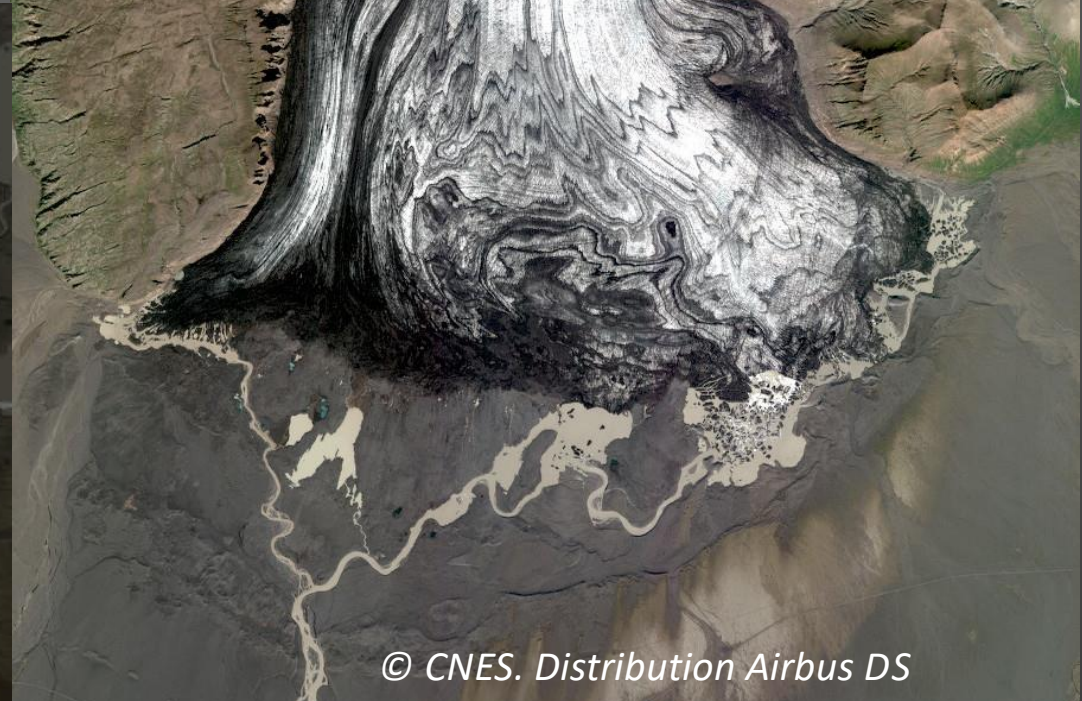


*Jóhannesson et al., 2013*



*Porter et al., 2018*



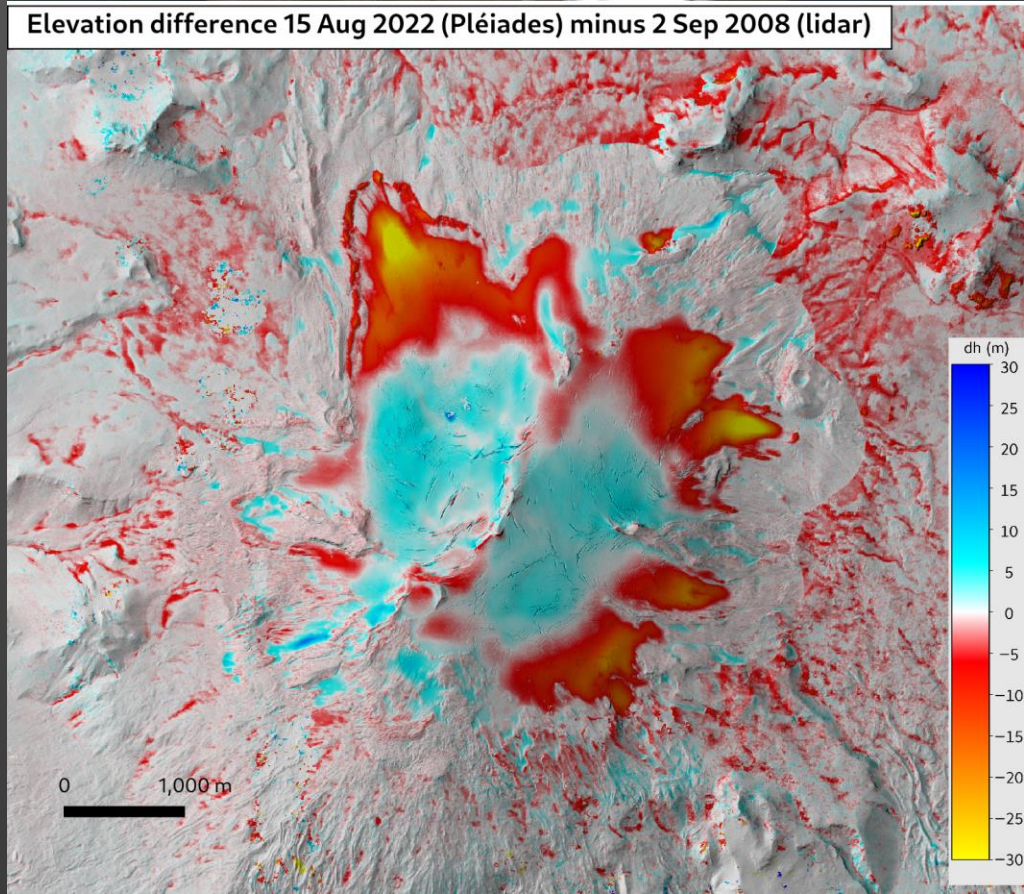
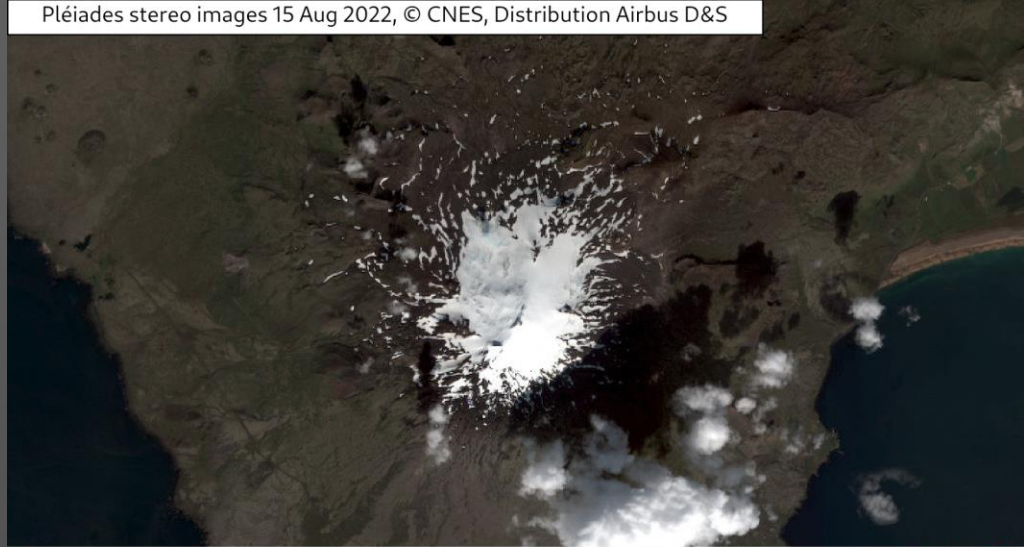
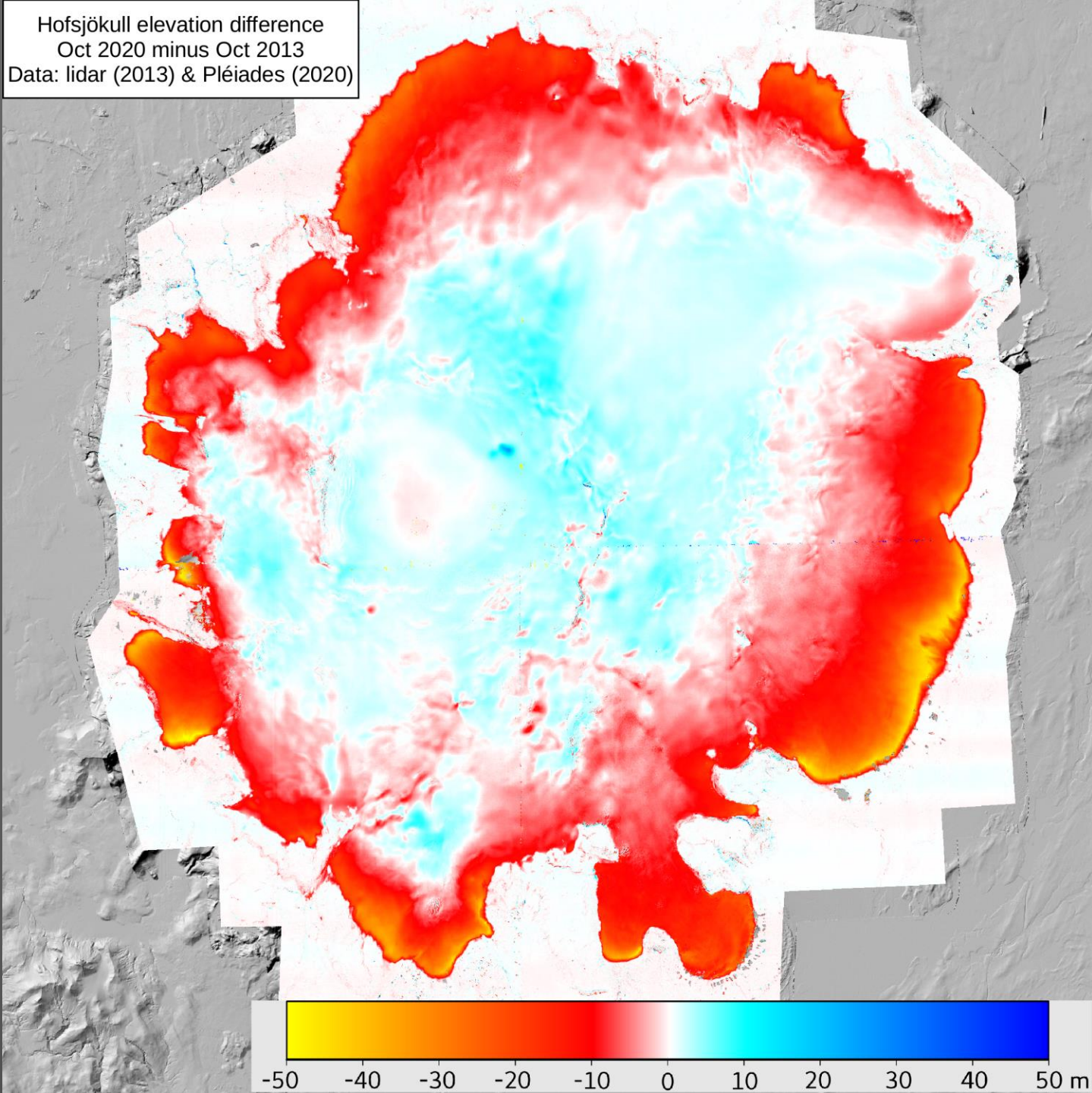


Glacier mapping  
from Pléiades stereo  
images:

2020: ~2,000 km <sup>2</sup>
2021: ~15,000 km <sup>2</sup>
2022: ~4,000 km <sup>2</sup>

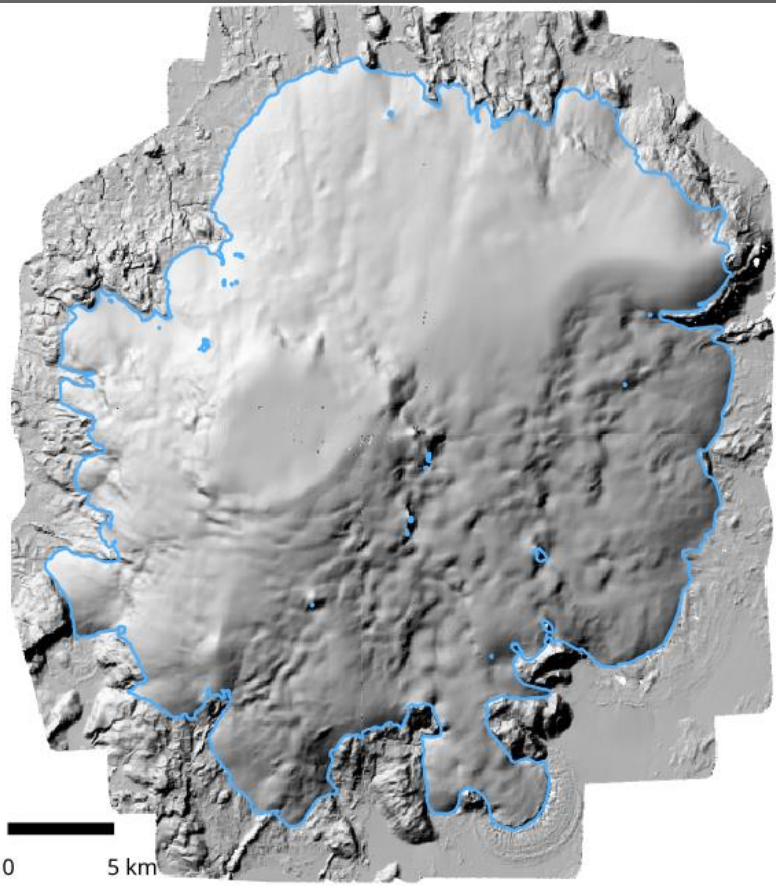


Hofsjökull elevation difference  
Oct 2020 minus Oct 2013  
Data: lidar (2013) & Pléiades (2020)



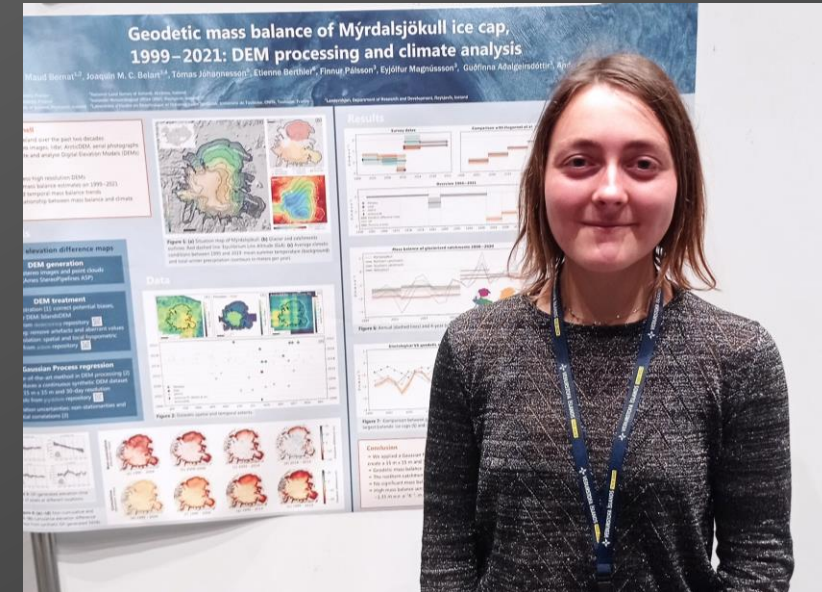


# Case-studies: Hofsjökull (810 km<sup>2</sup>) & Mýrdalsjökull (520 km<sup>2</sup>)



Glaciological mass balance since 1987

Three lidar surveys (2008, 2010, 2013): Calibration and re-positioning of mass balance points

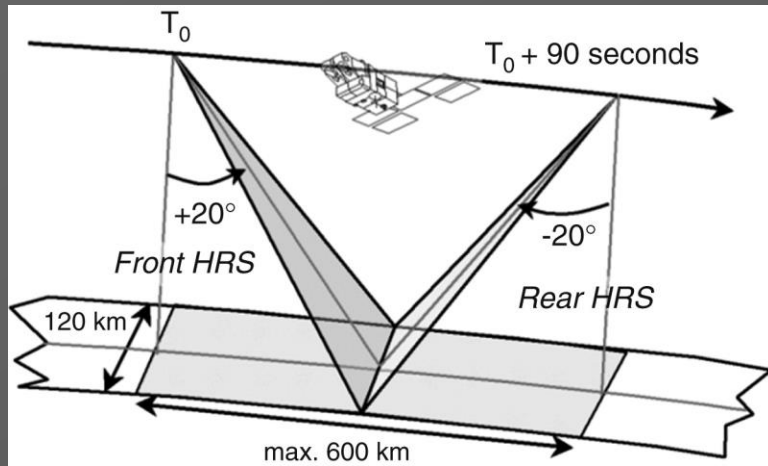


*Maud Bernat, poster session 1*



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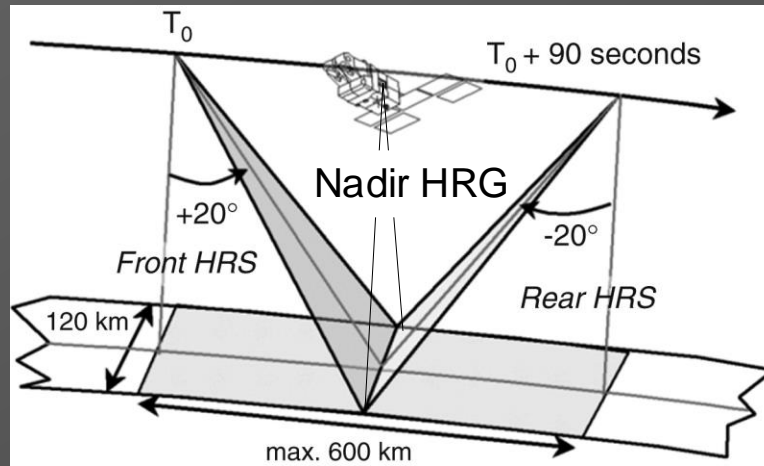
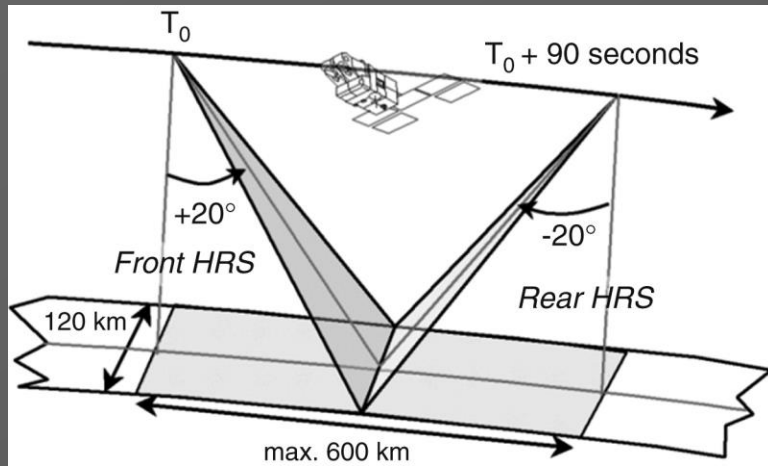
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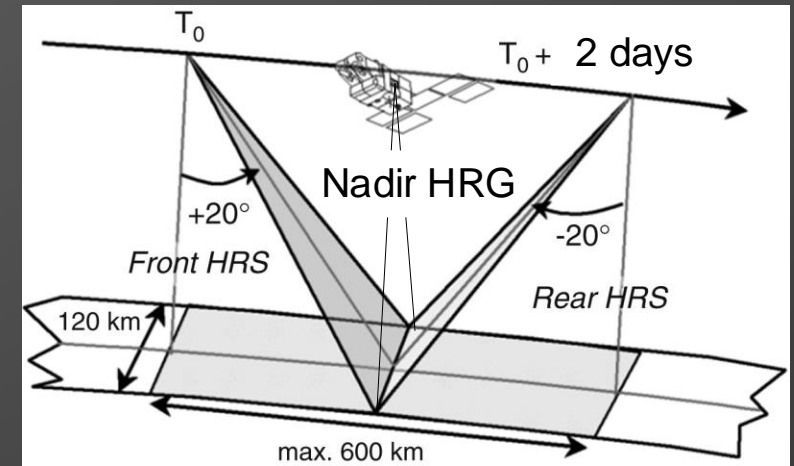
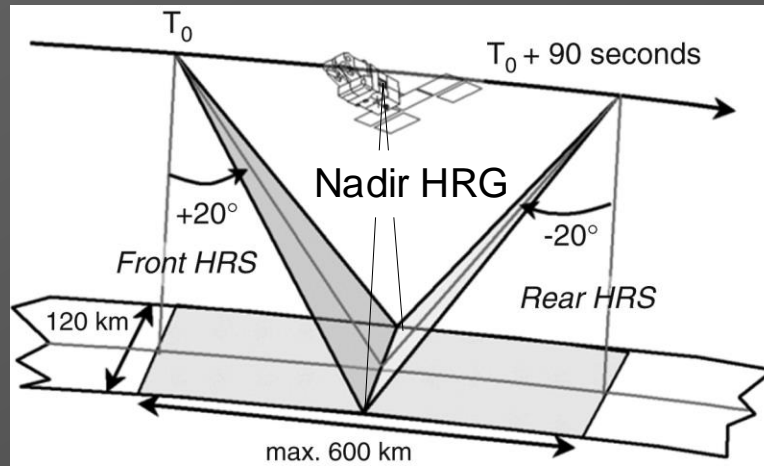
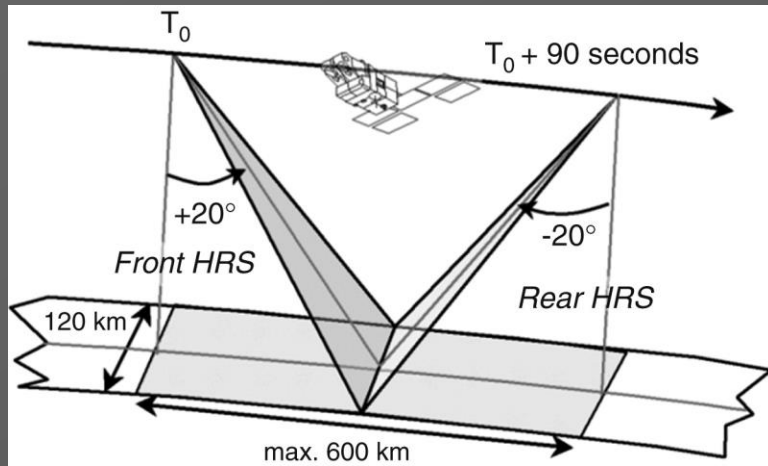
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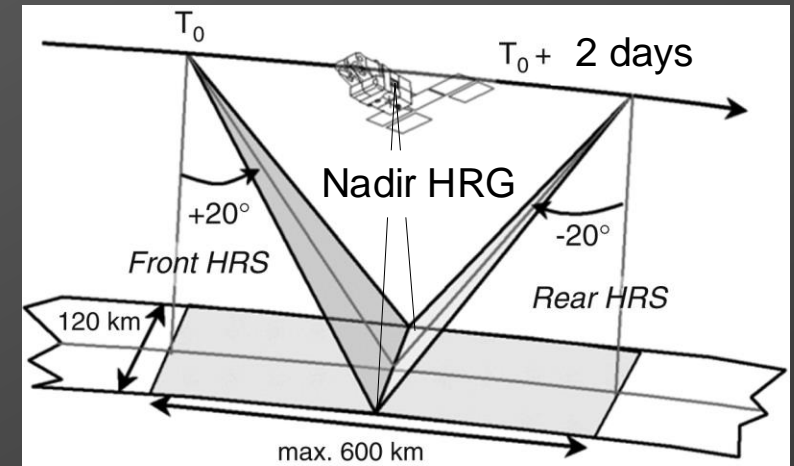
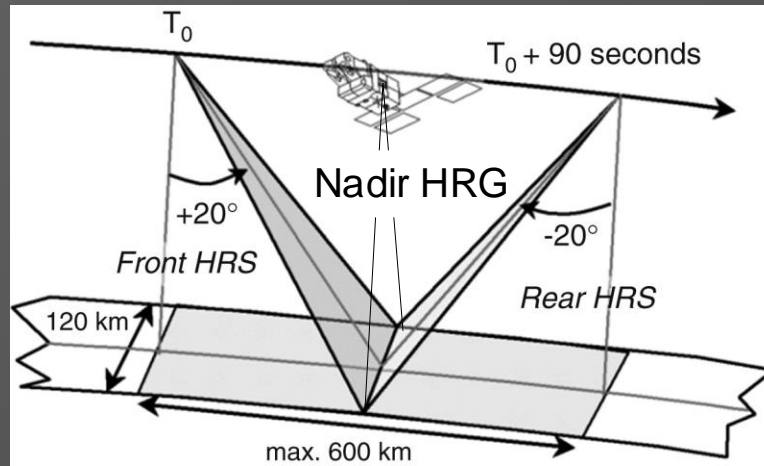
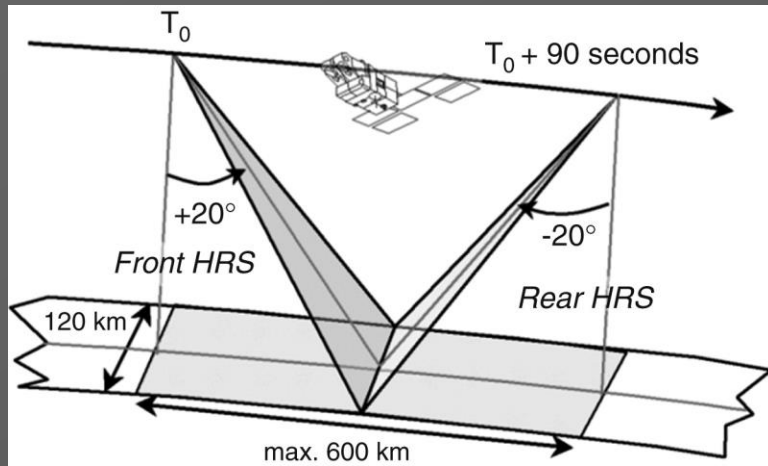


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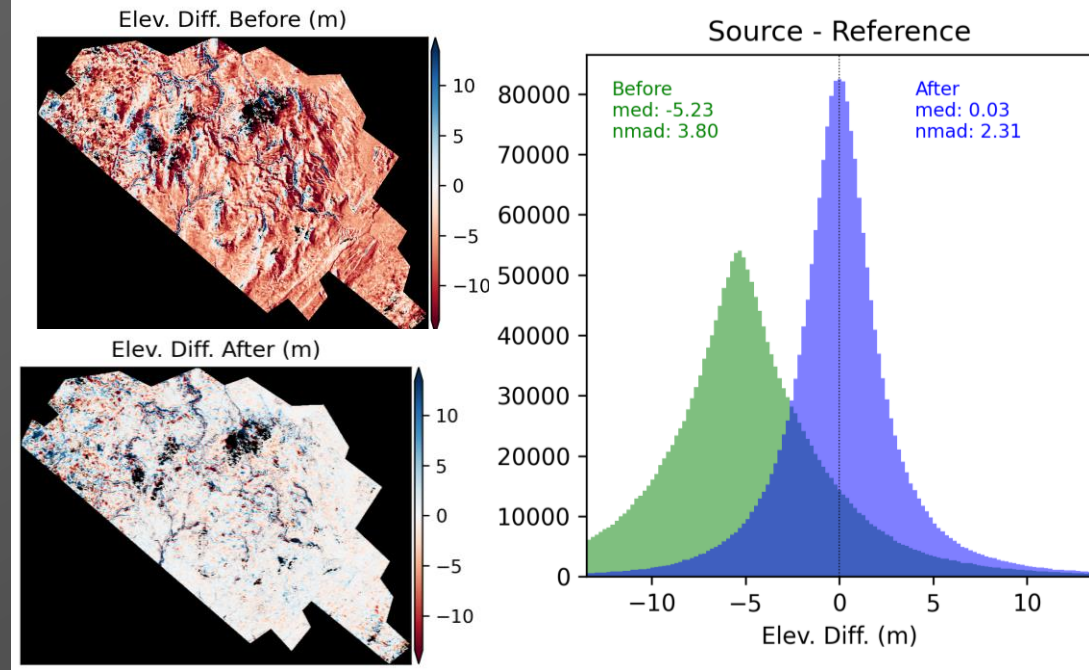
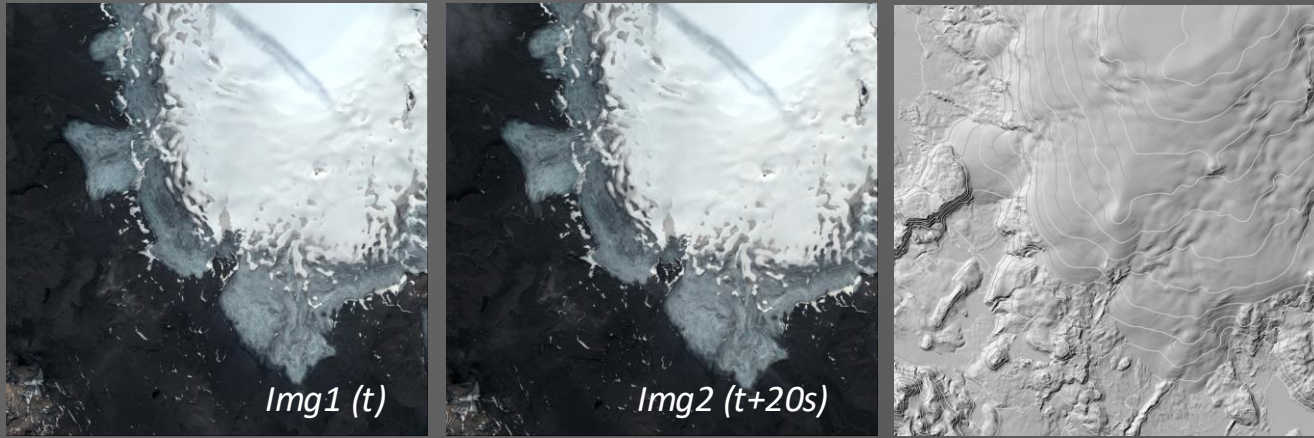


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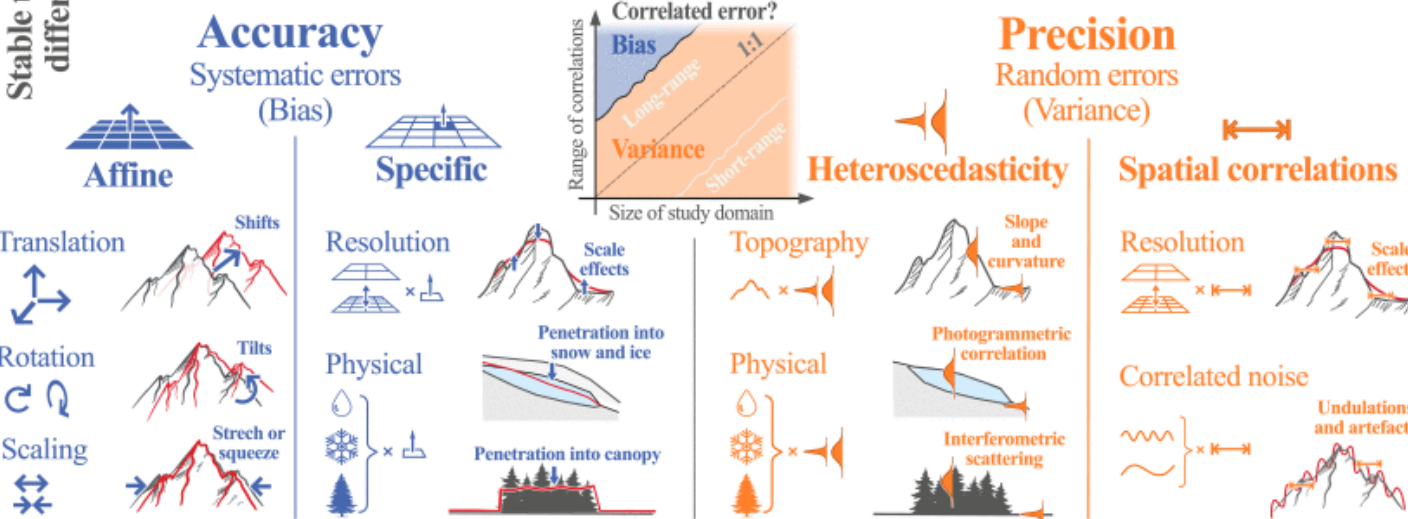
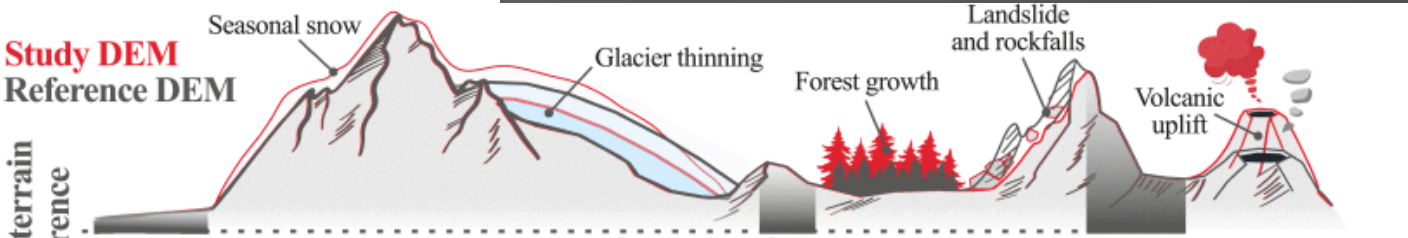
Hofsjökull:

- 197 single images (258 tentative couples)
- 160 DEMs (segments)
- 36 DEMs (single day + 2-day mosaics)

# DEM processing: Ames StereoPipeline



## New Paper Alert

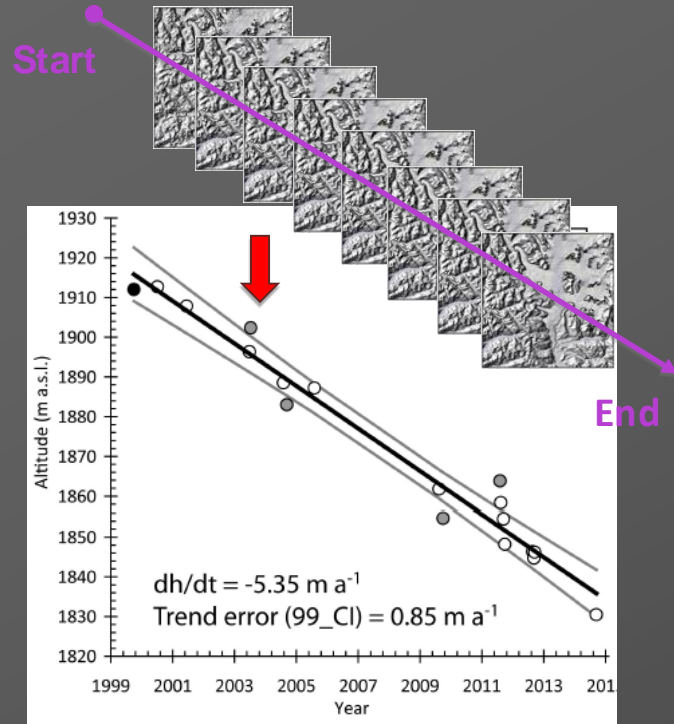


DEM co-registration  
<https://github.com/dshean/demcoreg>  
 (Shean et al., 2016)

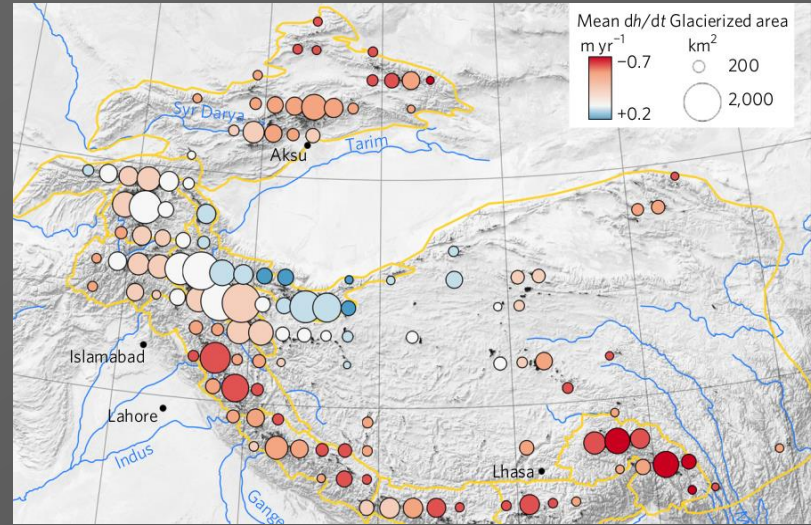
Filtering, gap filling, uncertainties: Hugonnet et al., 2022  
<https://github.com/GlacioHack/xdem>



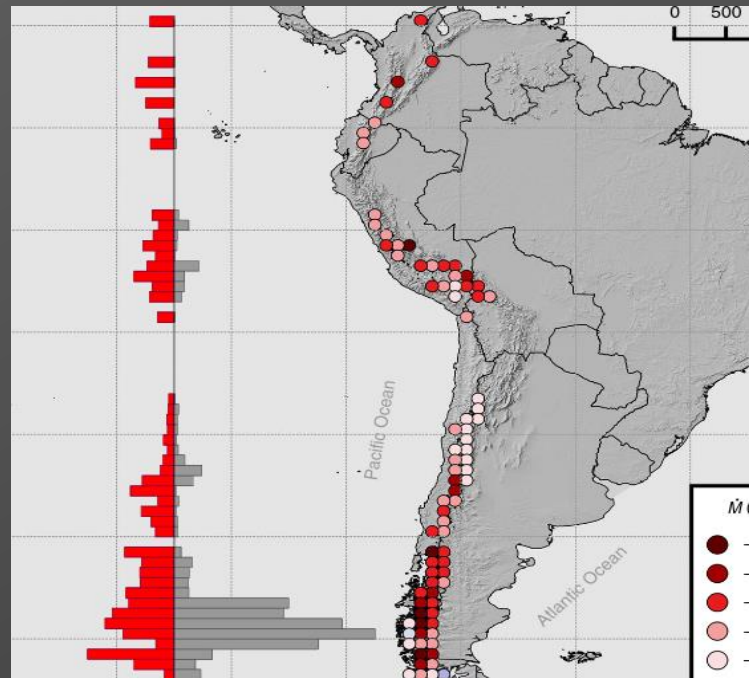
# ASTER DEM stacks



Berthier et al., Frontiers, 2016

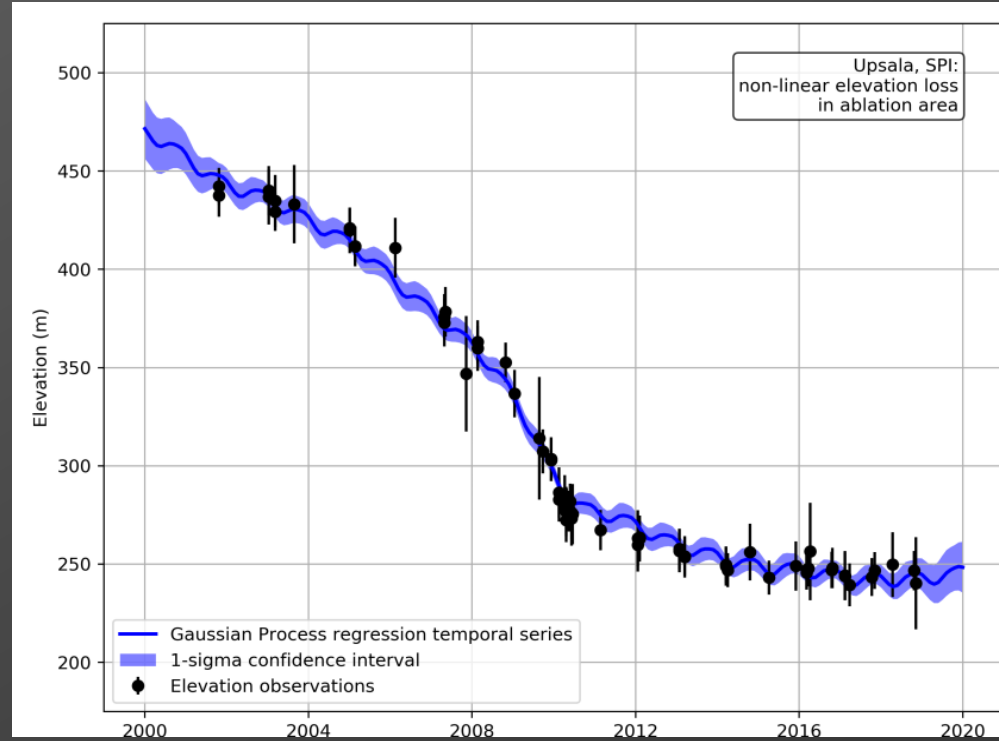


Brun et al., 2017



Dussailant et al., 2019

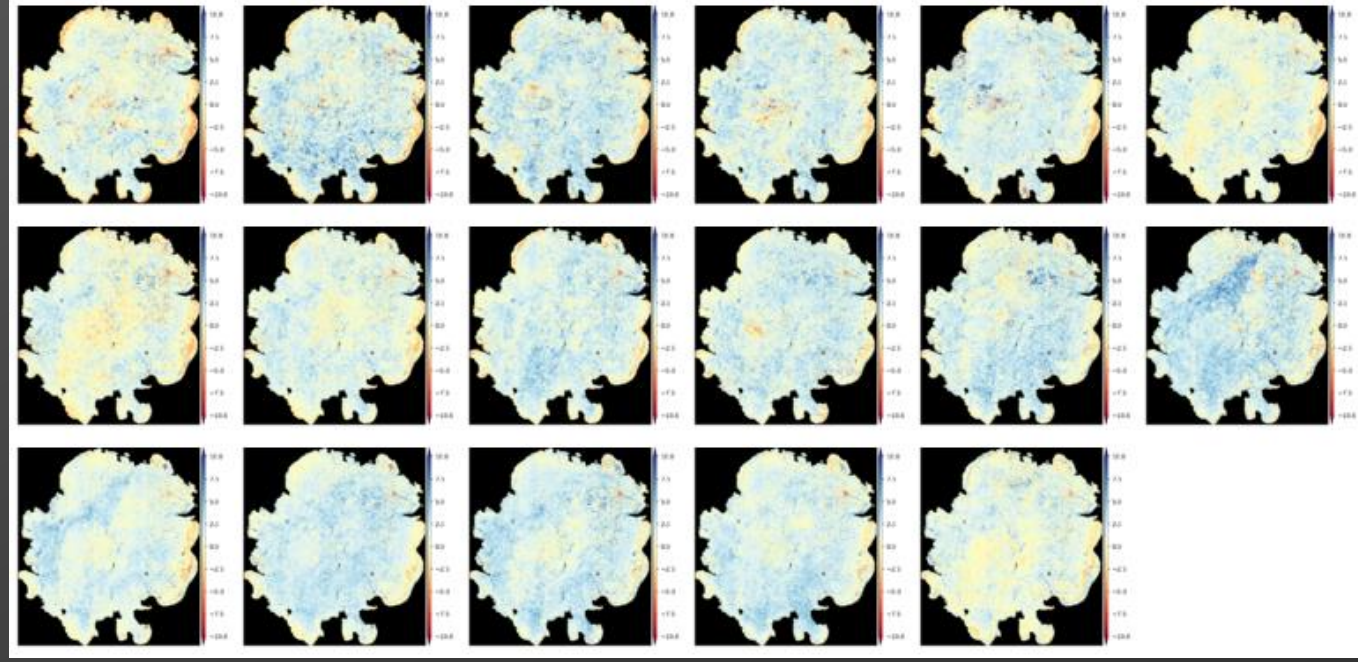
# Gaussian processes



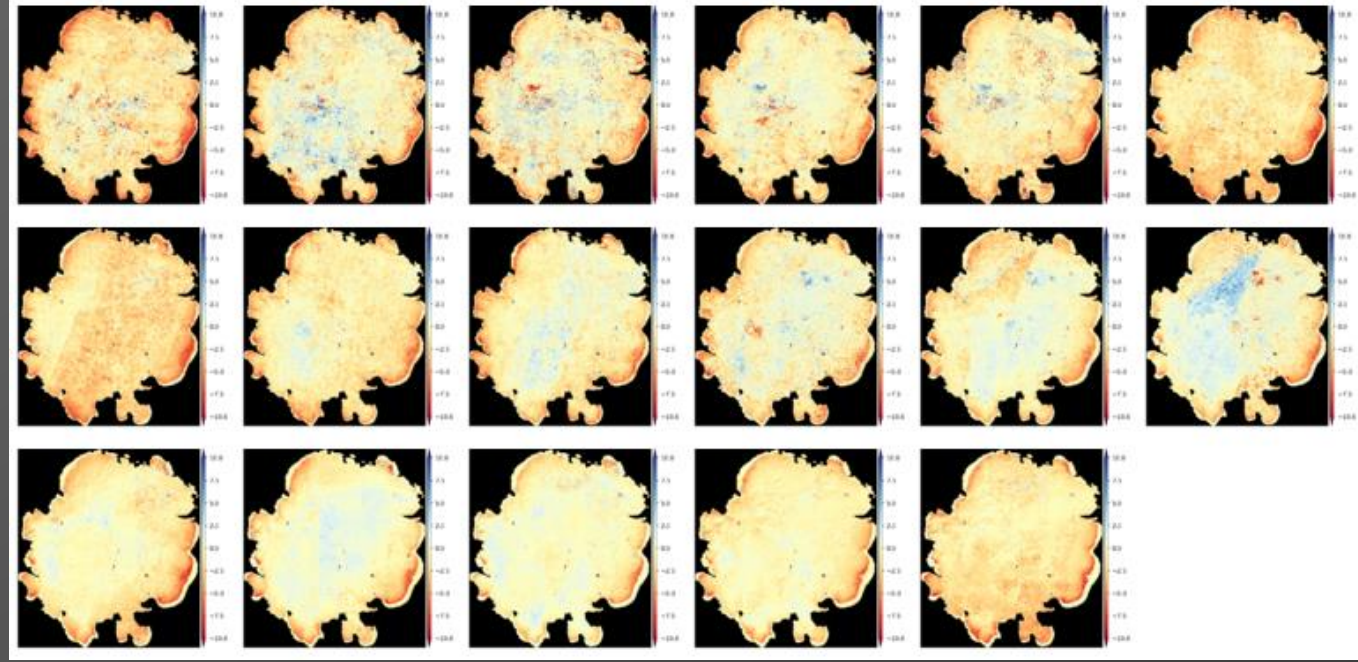
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<https://github.com/iamdonovan/>  
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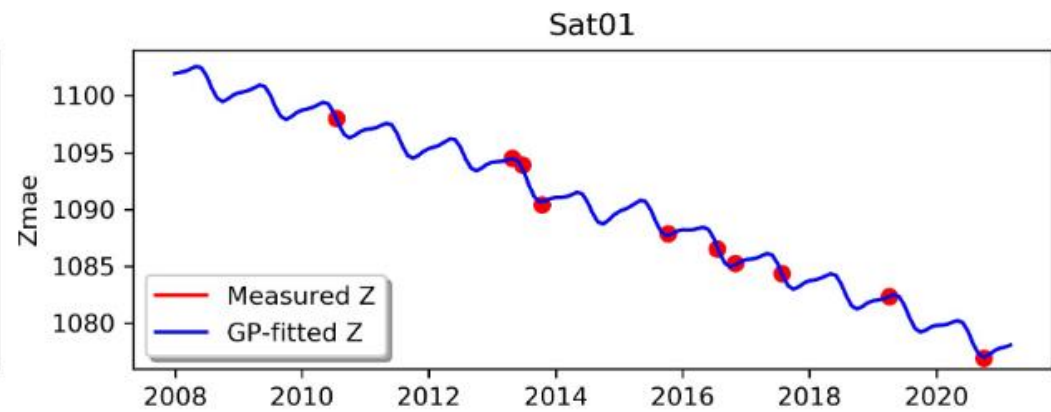
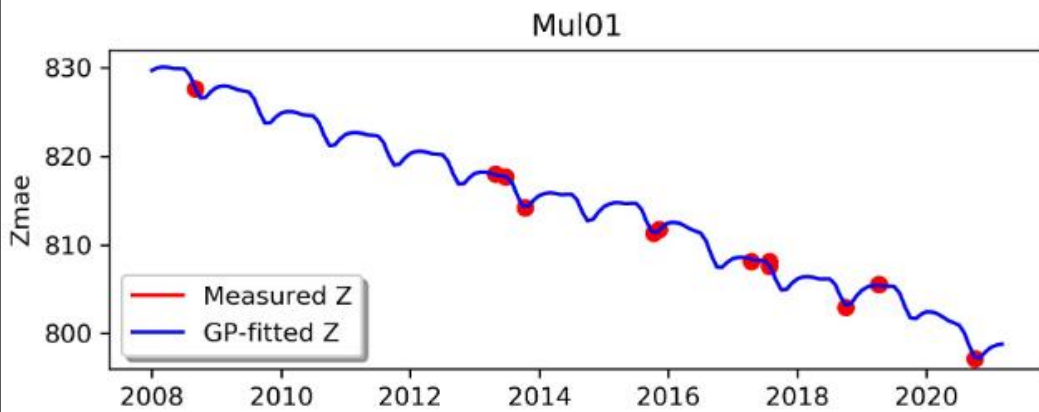
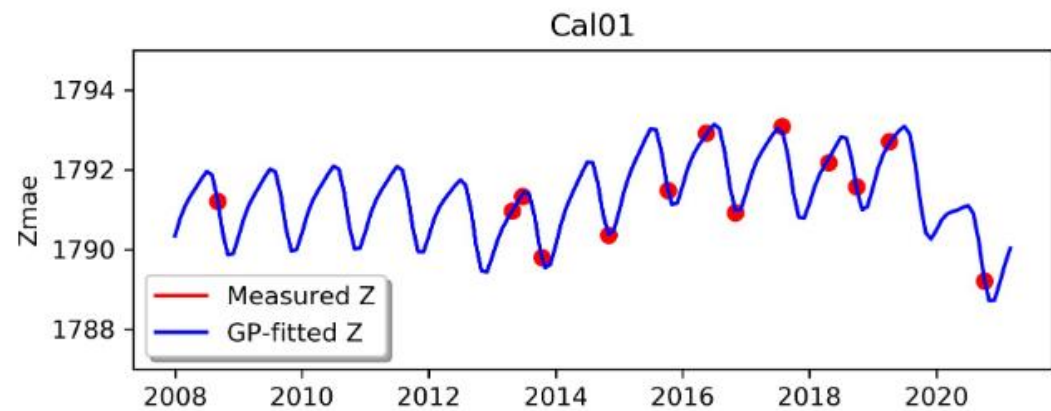
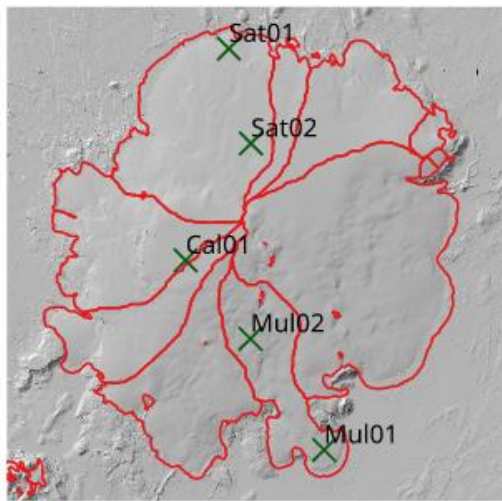


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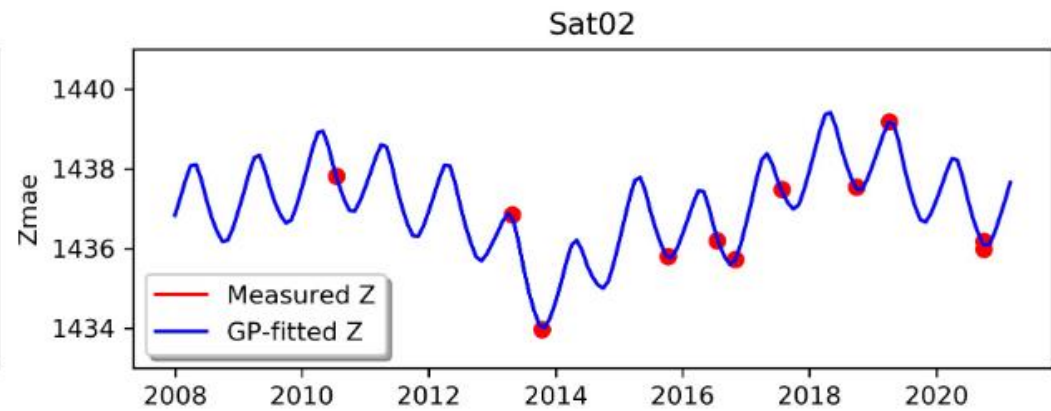
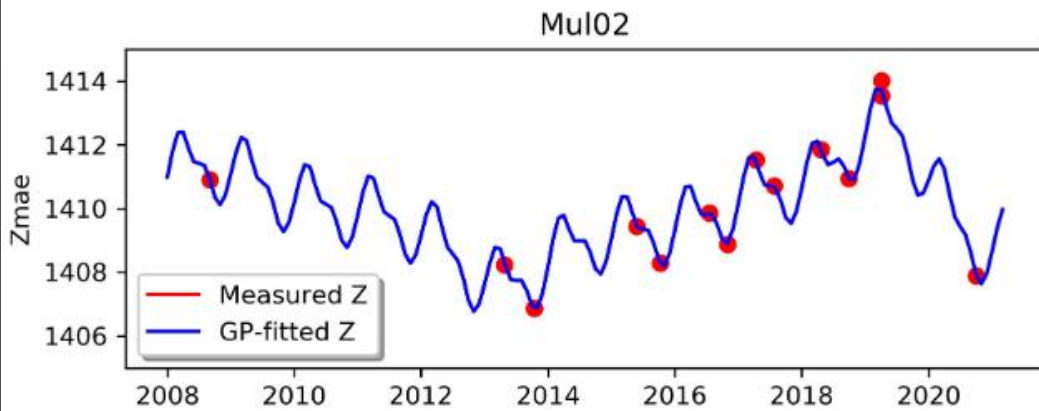




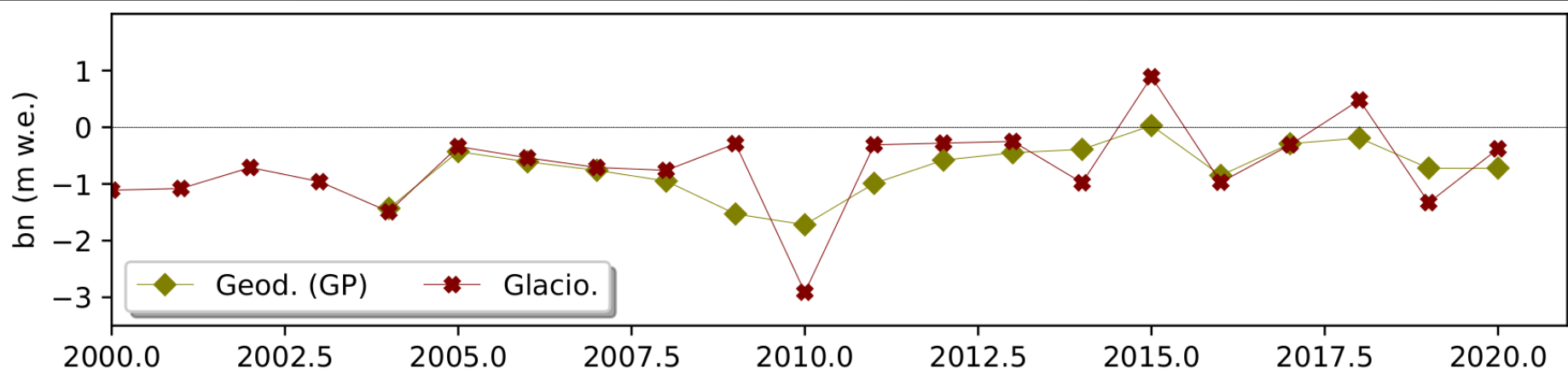
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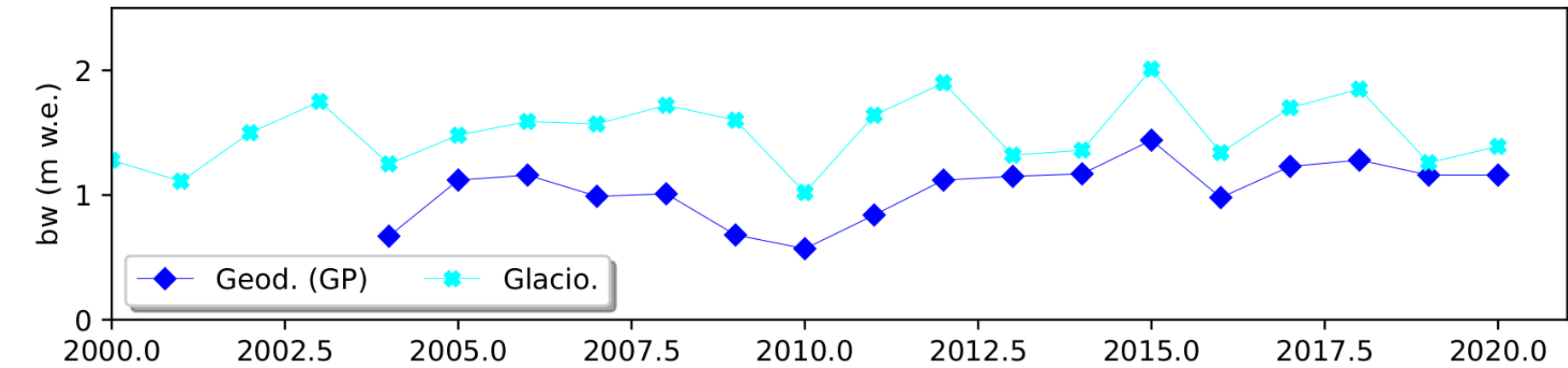
Acc. area:



# Geodetic vs glaciological mass balance



$\Delta V$  to m w.e.:  
 $\rho = 850 \pm 60 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  (Huss, TC,  
2013)



$\Delta V$  to m w.e.:  
In situ measurements  
( $\rho \approx 500 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ )



## Perspectives and challenges

- Multitemporal, open DEMs available. Particularly abundant in Iceland. High-performance, “off the shelf” methods to process them
- Remaining (Non Remote Sensing) challenges:
  - Density assumptions/observations. Snow & firn densification
- Challenges in satellite stereo in years coming:
  - ASTER and Pléiades end of support soon. No open replacement planned.

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**Upcoming Terra Constellation Exit**

<https://asterweb.jpl.nasa.gov/>

