An aerial photograph taken from an aircraft window, showing a vast, textured expanse of ice or snow covering the ground. The ice has a mottled, uneven appearance with various shades of blue and white. In the upper left corner, the dark interior of the aircraft and the white wing structure are visible. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

**The Cryosphere CCI's ....**

**Glaciers CCI – 2011-**

**Greenland Ice Sheet CCI – 2012-**

**Antarctica Ice Sheet CCI – 2015-**

**Sea Ice CCI – 2012-**



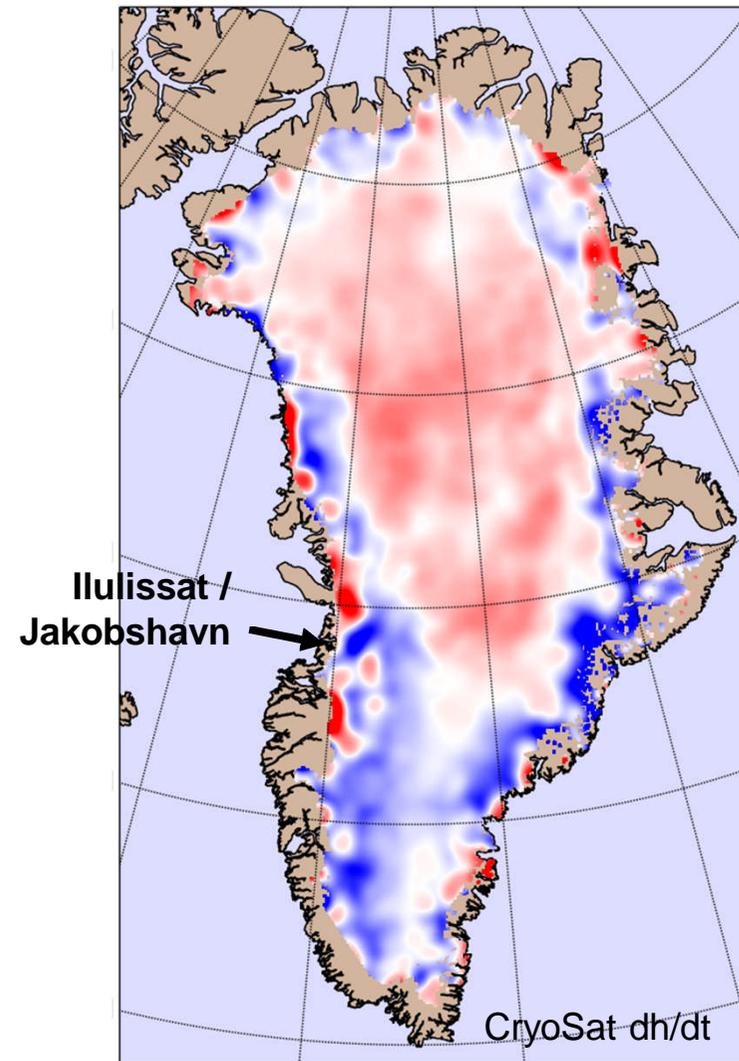
## Ilulissat Climate Days 2015

International workshops on  
Changes of the Greenland Cryosphere

Ice Sheets CCI meeting

Ilulissat, Greenland, June 2-5, 2015

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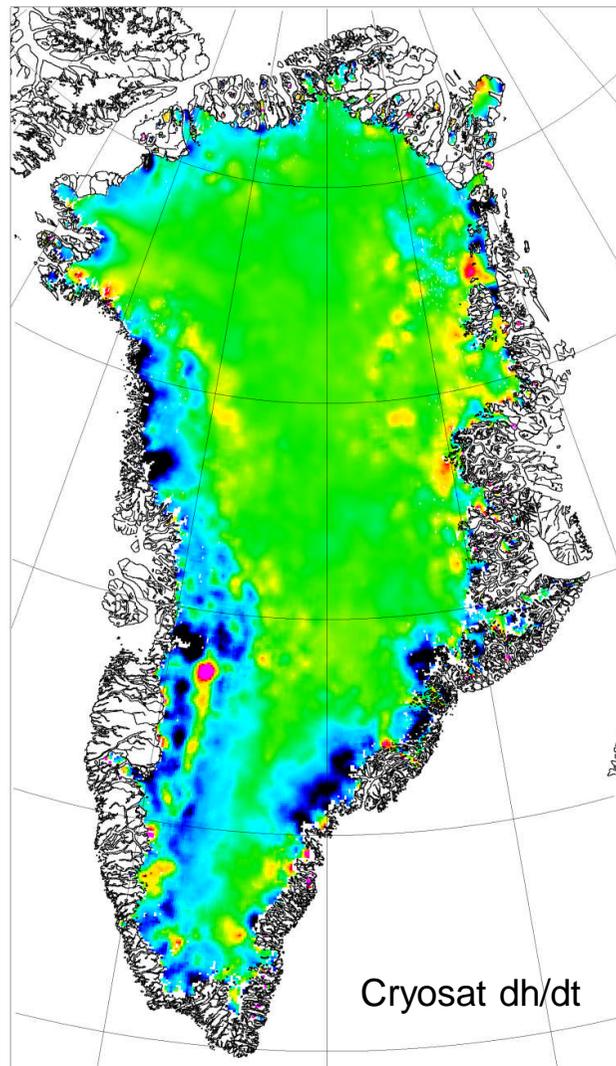




# Greenland Ice Sheet CCI



## Phase 1 2012-14 ECV's



ECV Product	Spatial resolution	Temporal resolution	Period	Spatial and temporal coverage, first 3-yr phase
Surface Elevation Change (SEC)	5 km grid	4 per year	1991-present	All ice sheet, 1991-2012 5-year running means
Ice Velocity (IV)	500 m grid	1 per year*	1991-present	Coastal margin (winter 1995/96 and summer 2008) Timeseries on Jakobshavn and Upernavik isbræ; North Greenland interior drainage basin (winter 1991/92)
Calving Front Location (CFL)	250 m shapefile	4 per year	1991-present	19 named major glaciers (some glaciers sampled yearly, depending on data availability)
Grounding Line Location (GLL)	250 m shapefile	1 per year	1991-present	Petermann, Hagen and 79-Fjord Glaciers

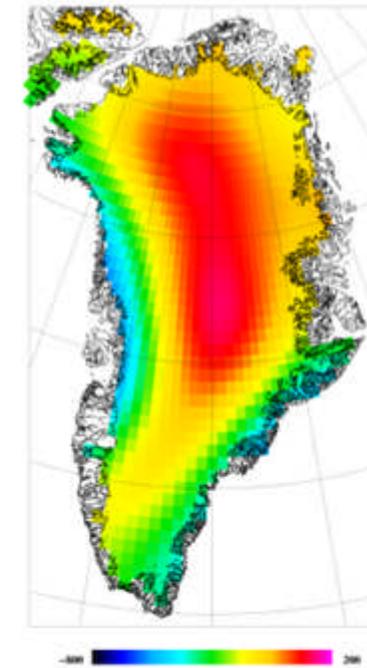
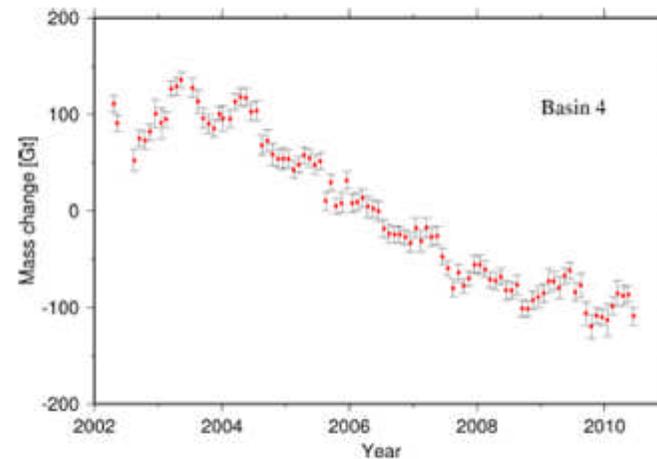




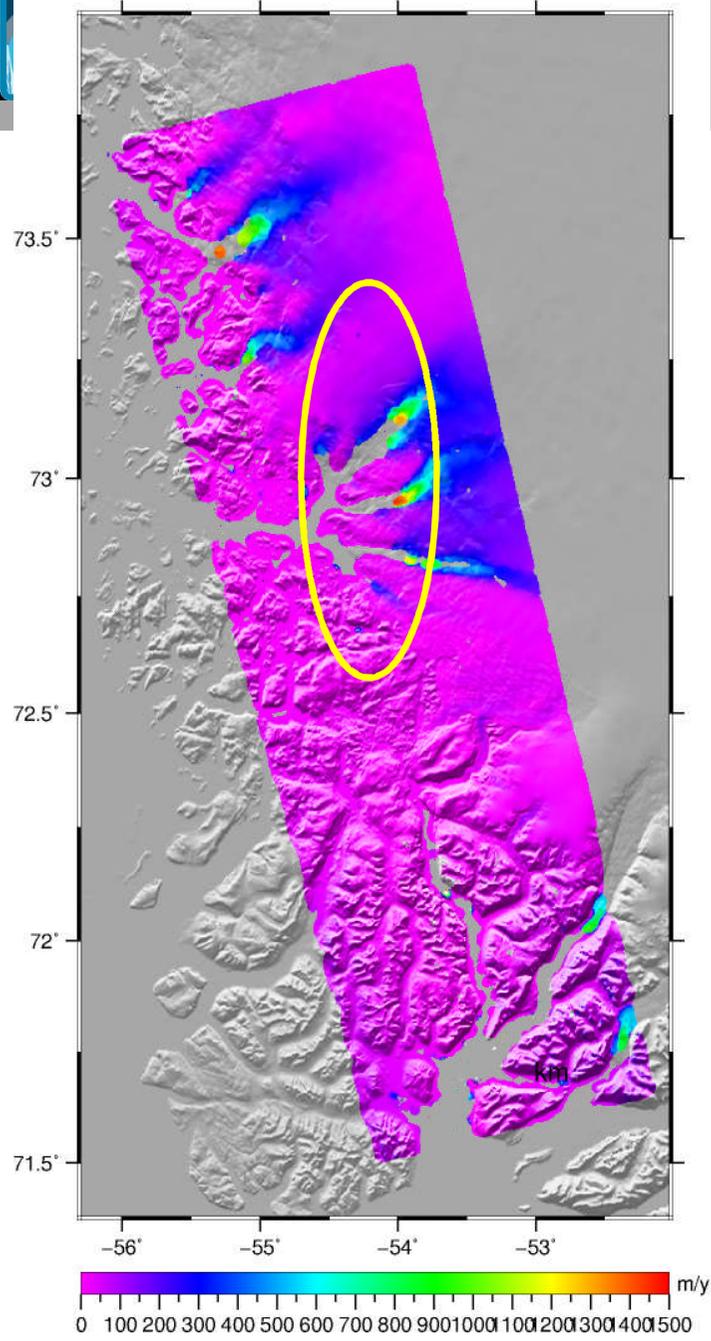
## Greenland Ice Sheet – 2015-18



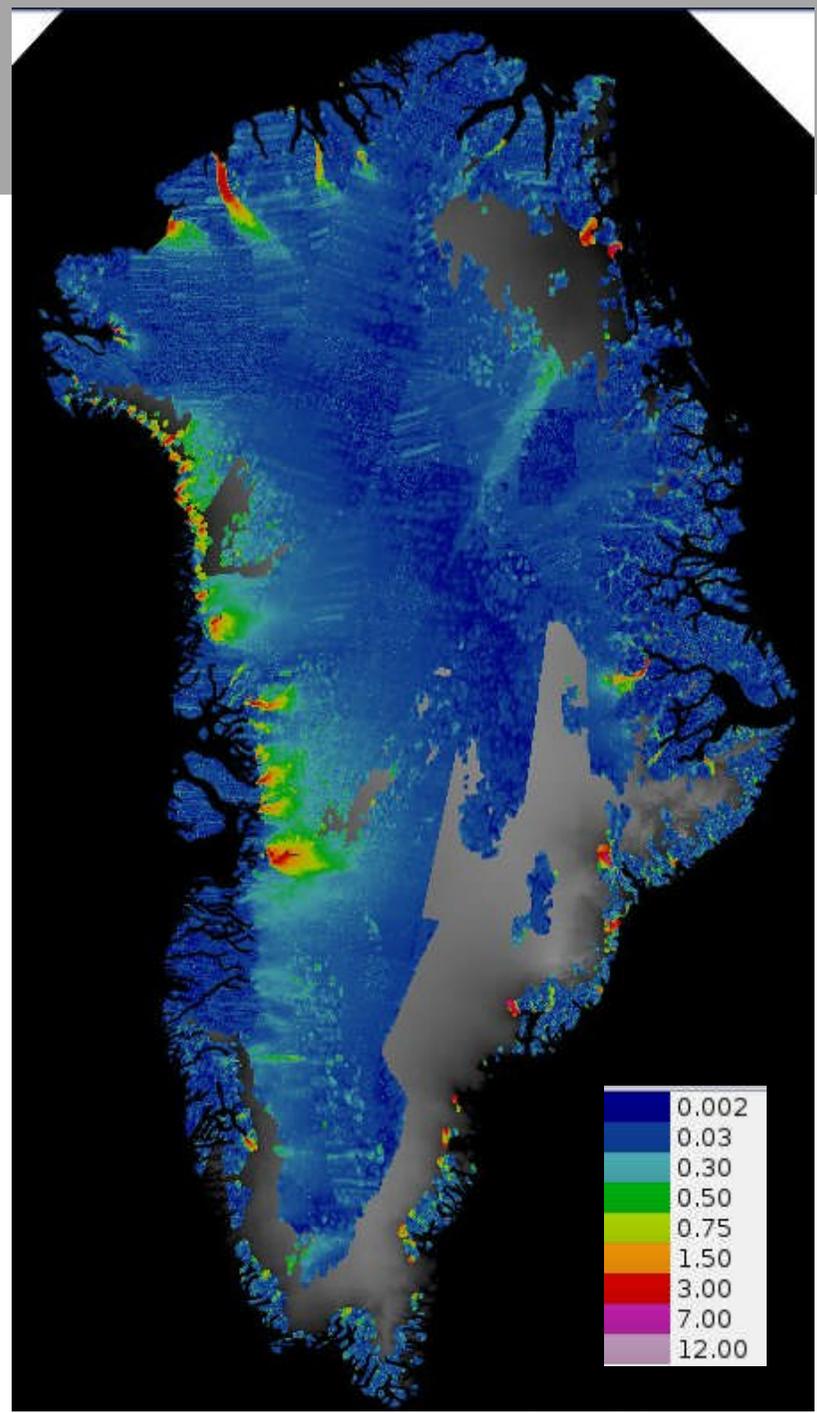
- Surface Elevation Change (SEC) – Rerun ERS/Envisat + CryoSat + AltiKa + S-3
- Ice Velocity (IV) – Greenland-wide: Sentinel-1, RadarSat, ALOS2?
  - Time series on 9 glaciers: S-1, optical (IMGRAFT +)
- Calving Front Locations (CFL) – continue time series, S-1, S-2 optical
- Grounding Line Location (GLL) – continue time series, S-1
- Gravimetry Mass Balance (GMB) – grid and basin dM/dt products 2002-2017?



PALSAR 20071022\_20080122 track\_69



**Ice Velocity:**  
Time series  
and repeated  
coverage of  
Greenland





# Antarctica CCI



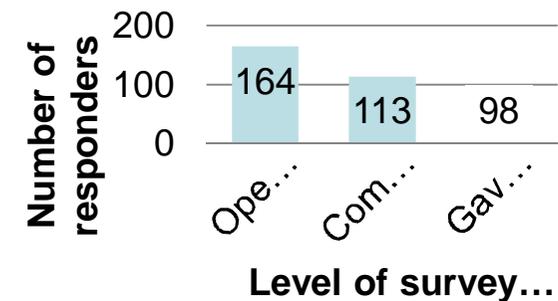
## ECVs:

- Elevation changes
- Ice velocity
- Grounding lines
- Mass balance from GRACE

## Building on Greenland CCI:

- Updated documents  
*DARD, URD, ATBD ..*
- New user questionnaire  
*more than 150 respondents ..*

### AIS\_cci Survey Responses

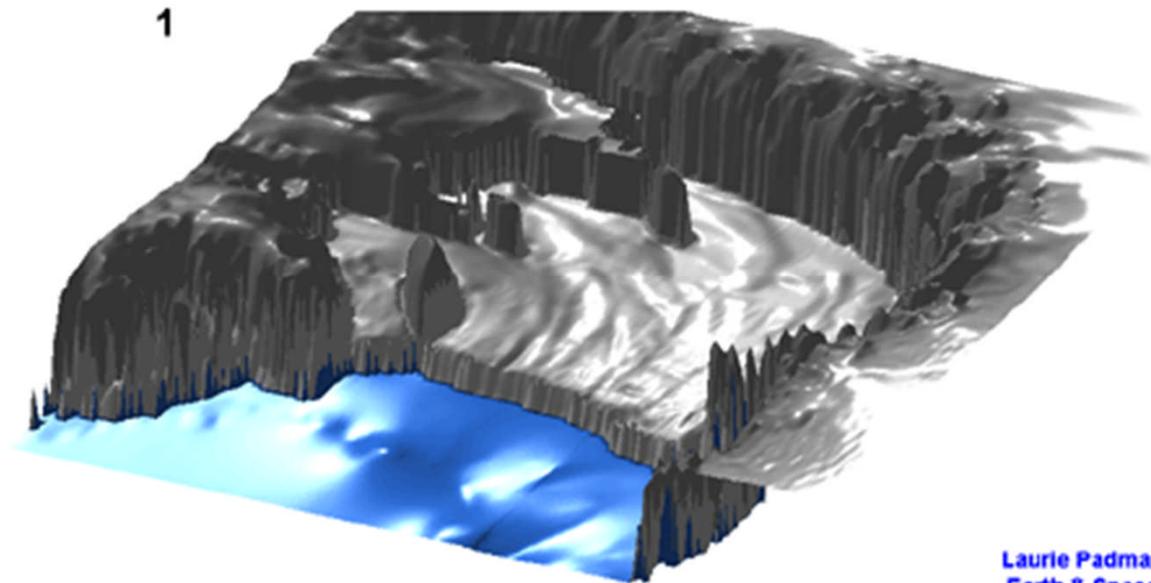




## Antarctica ECV: Grounding lines



	<b>Grounding Line</b>
<b>Product Format</b>	Shapefile
<b>EO Input Data</b>	E1, E2, EV, R1, TSX, S1
<b>Temporal Range</b>	1992 –
<b>Temporal Frequency</b>	decadal
<b>Spatial Coverage</b>	5-10 key ice streams
<b>Spatial Resolution</b>	250m line



Laurie Padman  
Earth & Space  
Research



## CCI Greenland – Antarctica links

- **Common Climate Research Group**

**Lead:**

Prof. David Vaughn, BAS

**CRG members with expertise on Greenland:**

*Prof. Jon-Ove Hagen (University of Oslo, Norway),*

*Dr. Gudfinna Adalgeirsdottir (University of Iceland)*

*Dr. Andreas Ahlstrom (GEUS)*

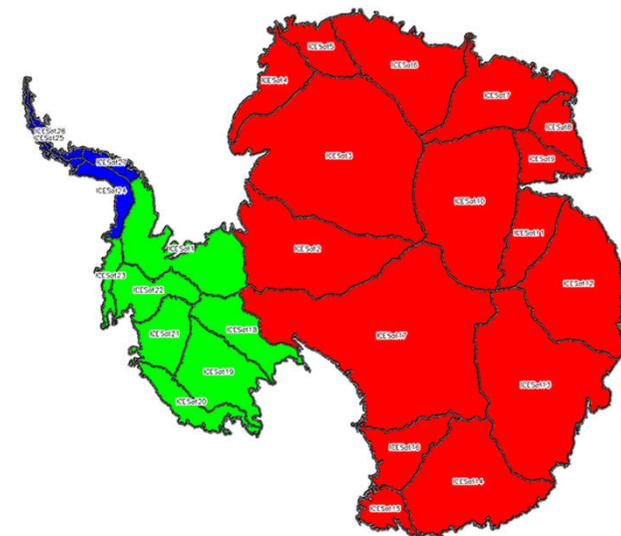
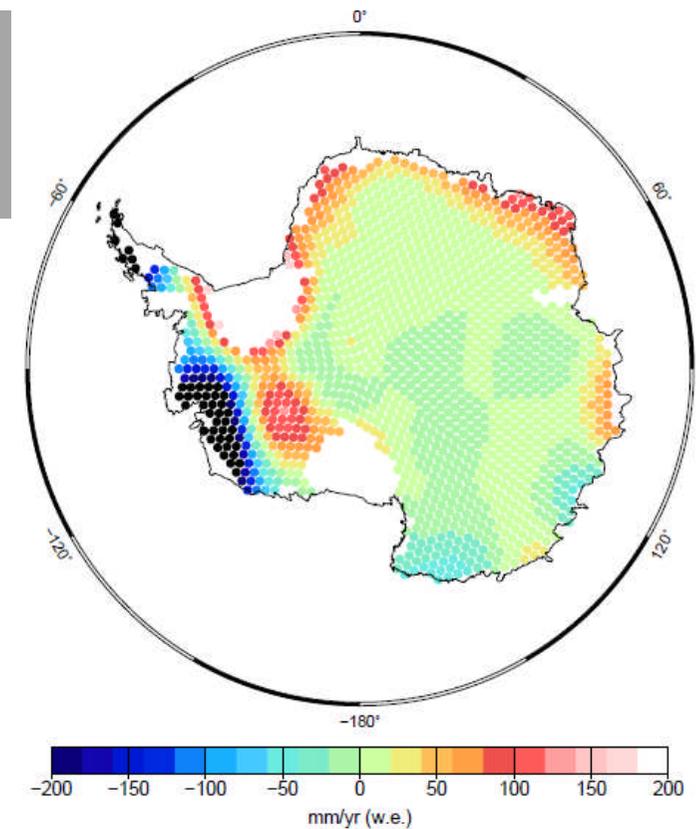
**CRG members with primary expertise on Antarctica:**

*Prof. Michiel van den Broeke (University of Utrecht),*

*Dr. Hartmut Hellmer (Alfred Wegner Institute)*

*Prof. Anne Le Brocq (University of Exeter)*

- **Co-located project meetings: ~ 1/year**
- **Common ECVs: SEC, GMB, IV, GFL**
- **Common Round-Robin for GMB**





# Sea ice CCI - SIC

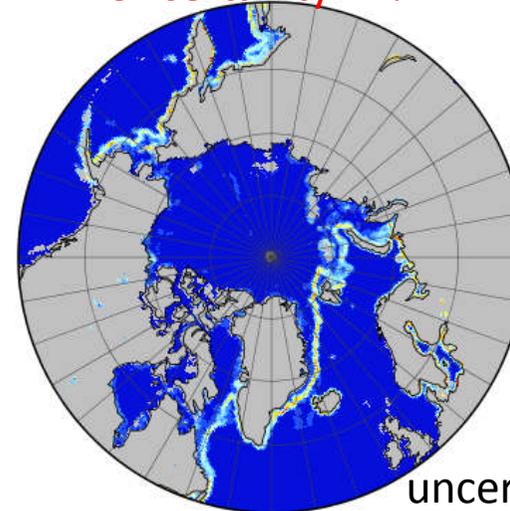
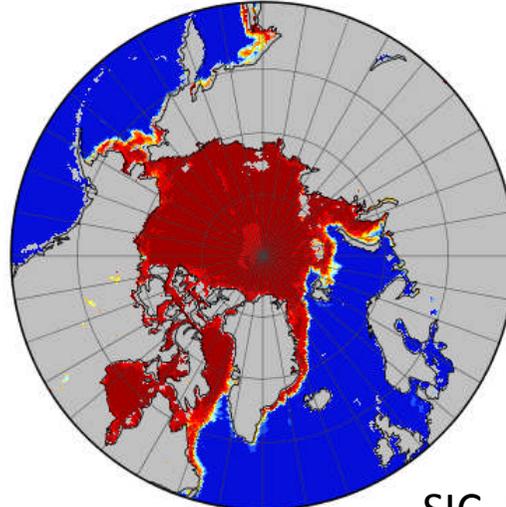


Ice concentration in %

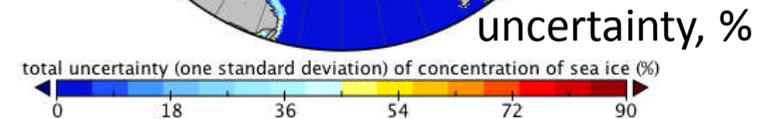
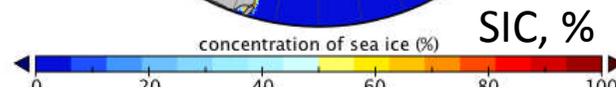
Uncertainty in %

3 – 4 %

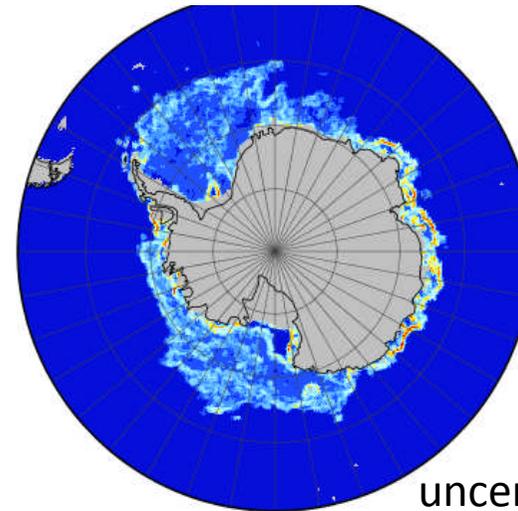
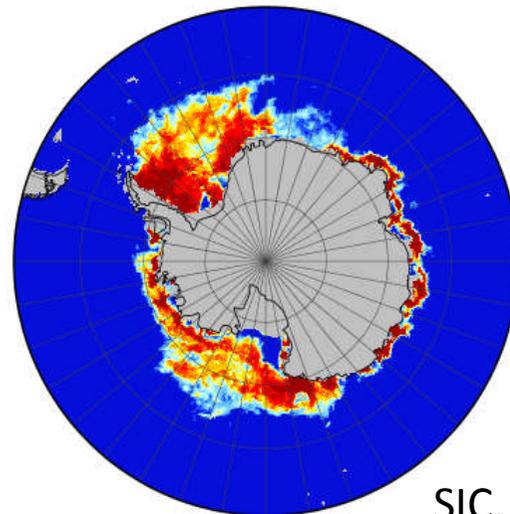
AMSR-E  
25 km EASE  
grid



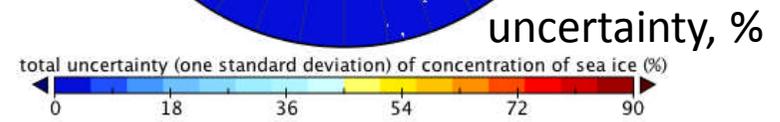
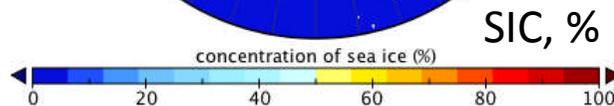
> 50 %



Uncertainty =  
tiepoint +  
smearing +  
daily variability  
with a grid cell



20-30 %



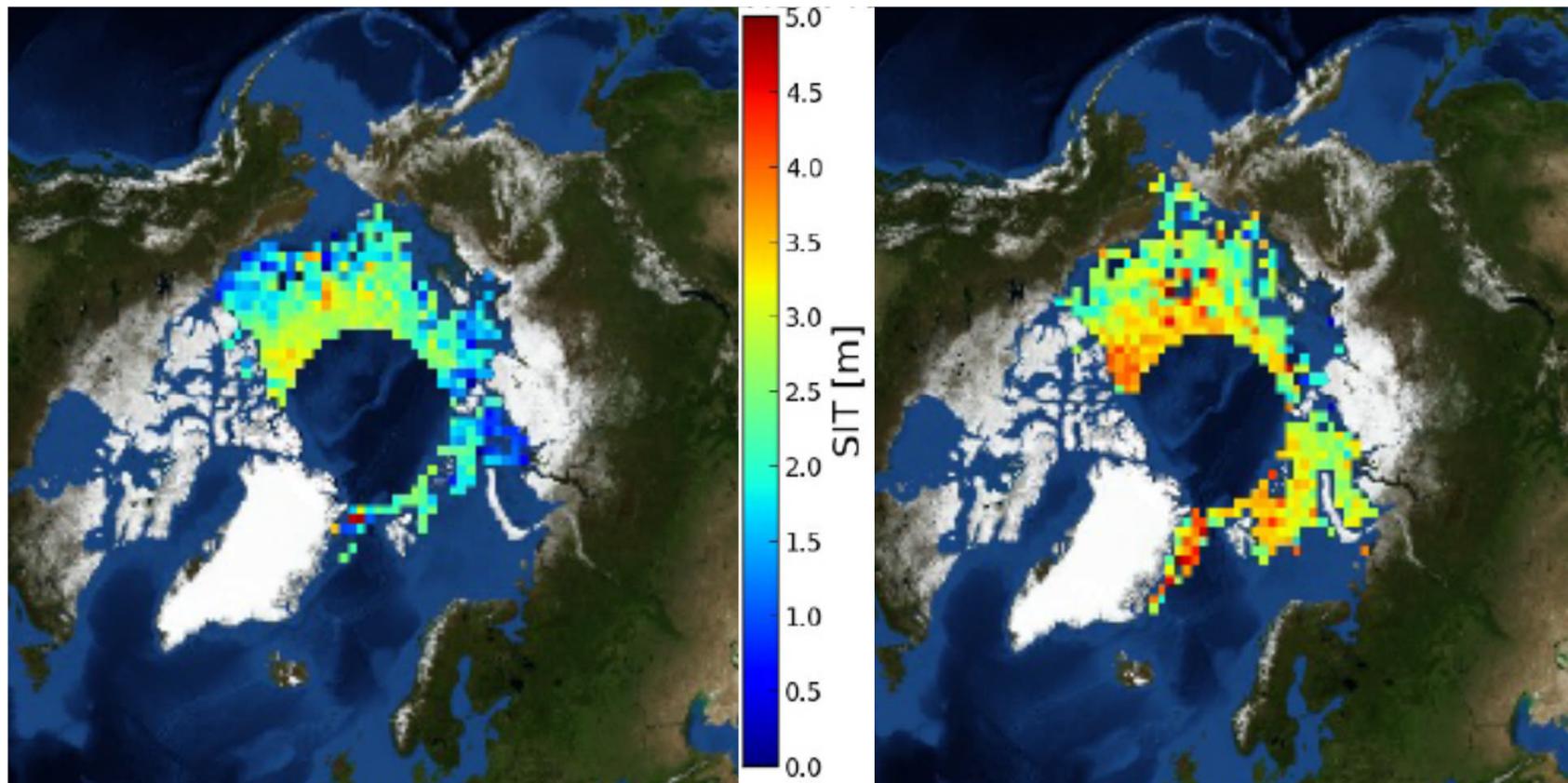


## Sea ice CCI - SIT



Sea Ice Thickness ECV to be released shortly ..

Example of monthly product – ENVISAT SIT



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March 2004

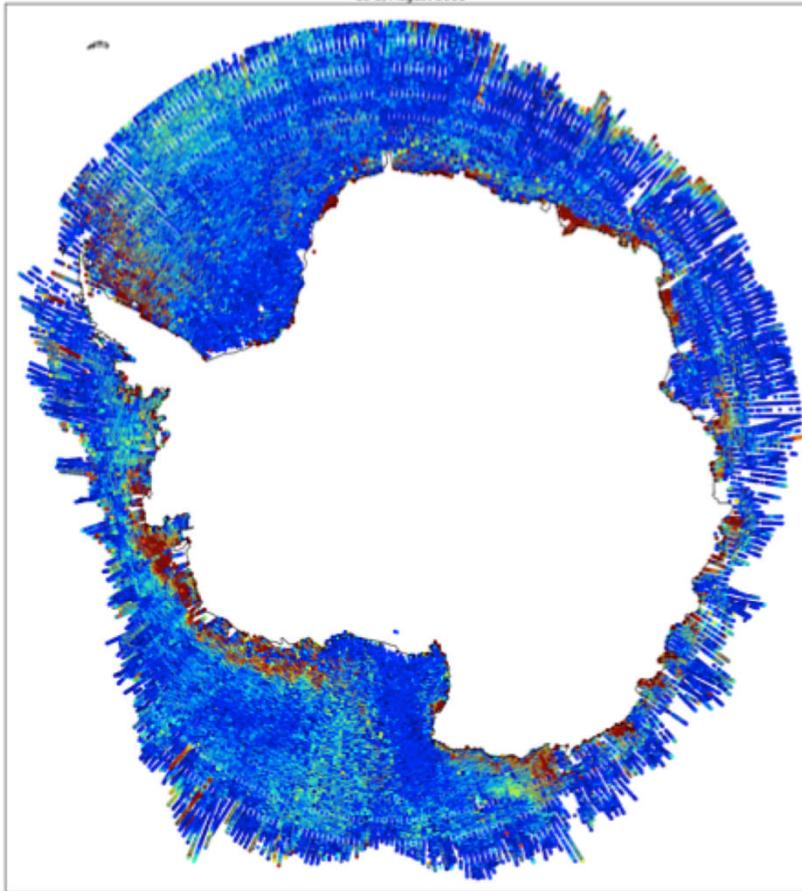


# Sea ice CCI – SIT Antarctica



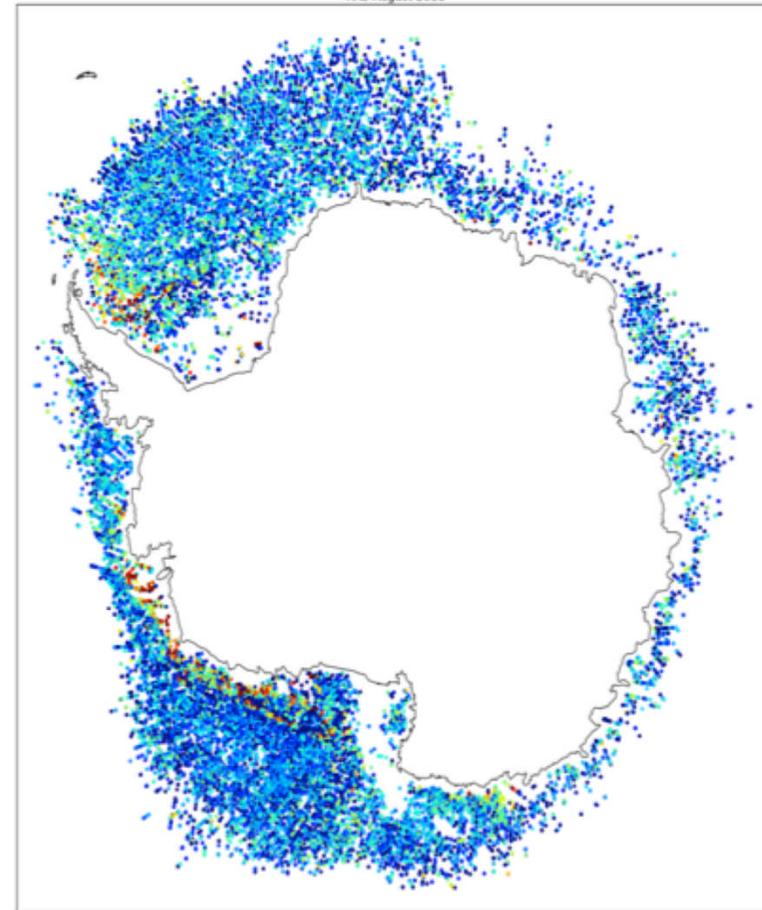
Non-gridded freeboard from  
CryoSat-2 August 2011

CS-2, August 2011



Non-gridded freeboard from  
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RA2 August 2011



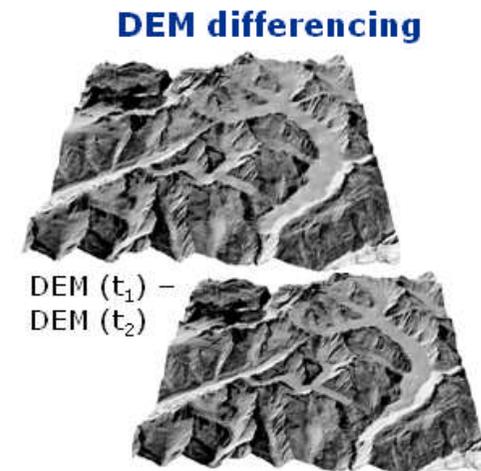
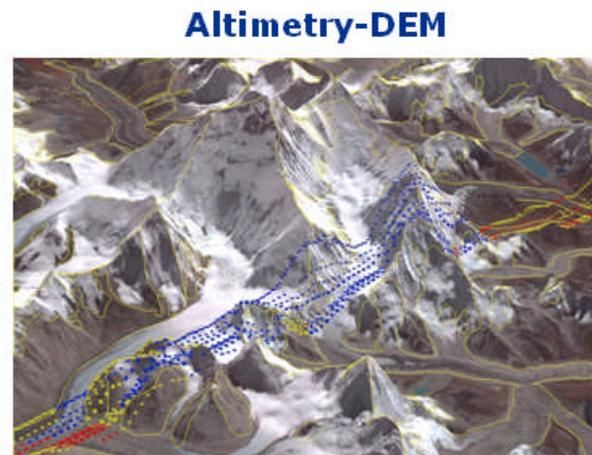
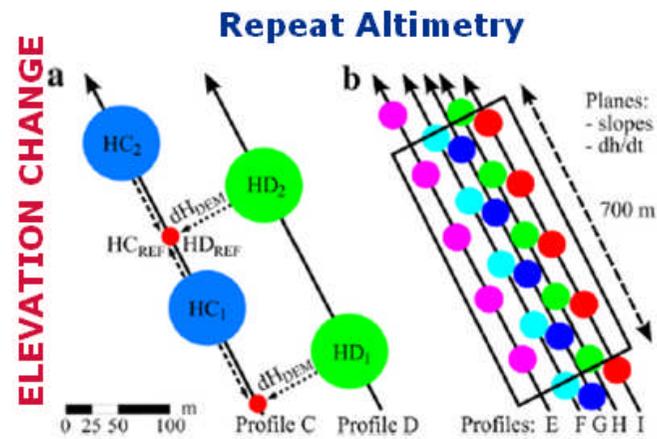
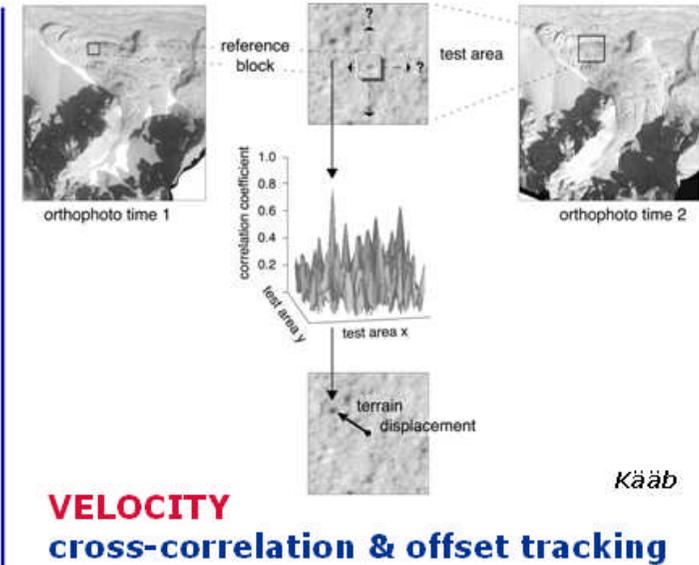
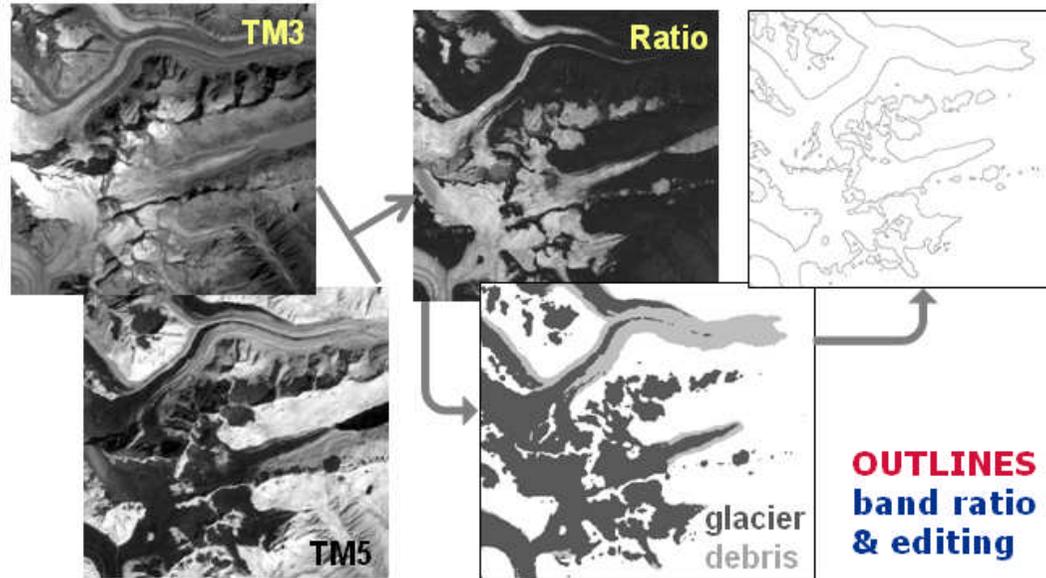
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# Glaciers CCI



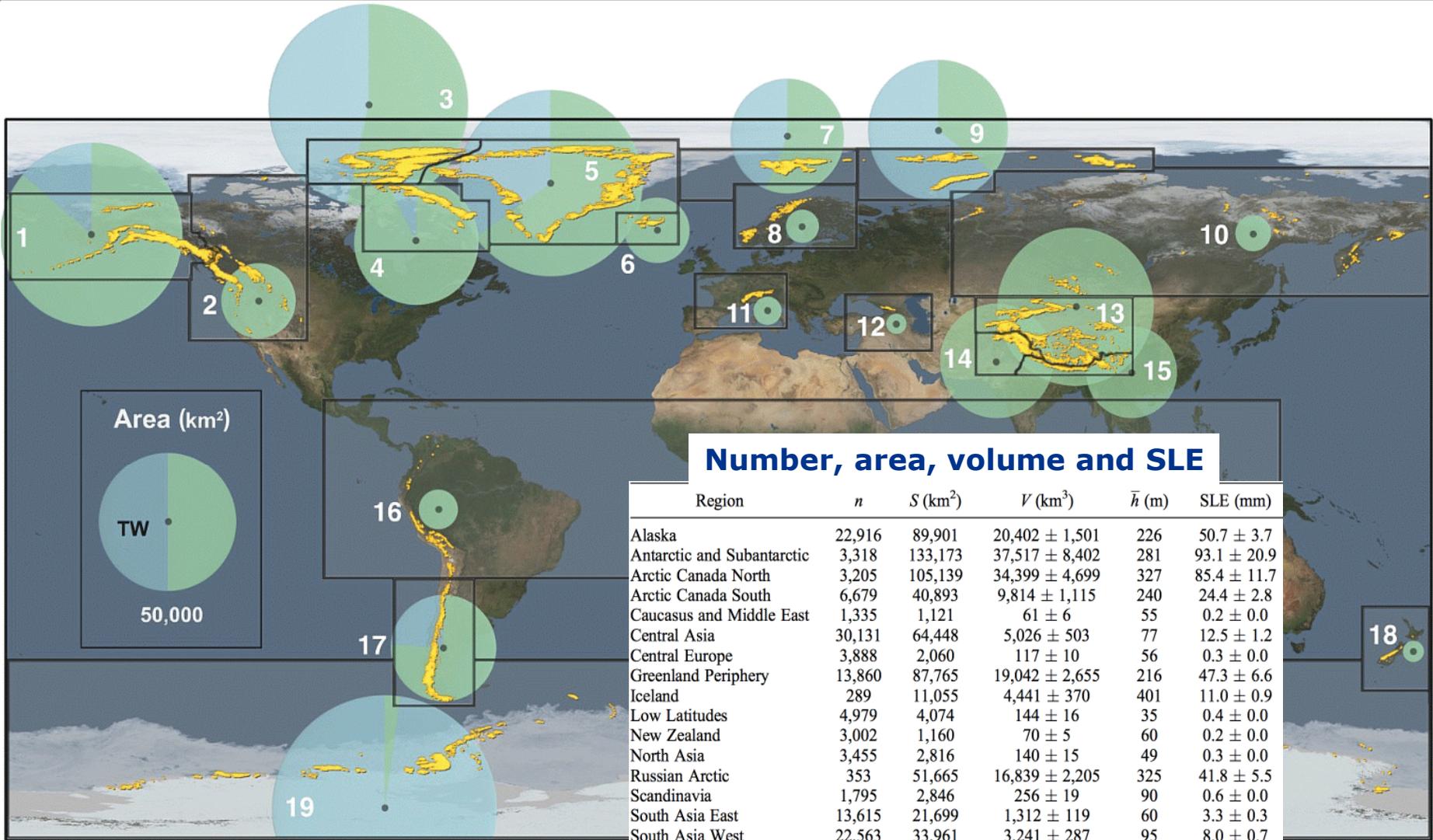
3 ECVs: Glacier outlines, Ice velocity, Elevation changes + *ice thickness option*





Current applications: RGI

# Glaciers CCI: Randolph inventory



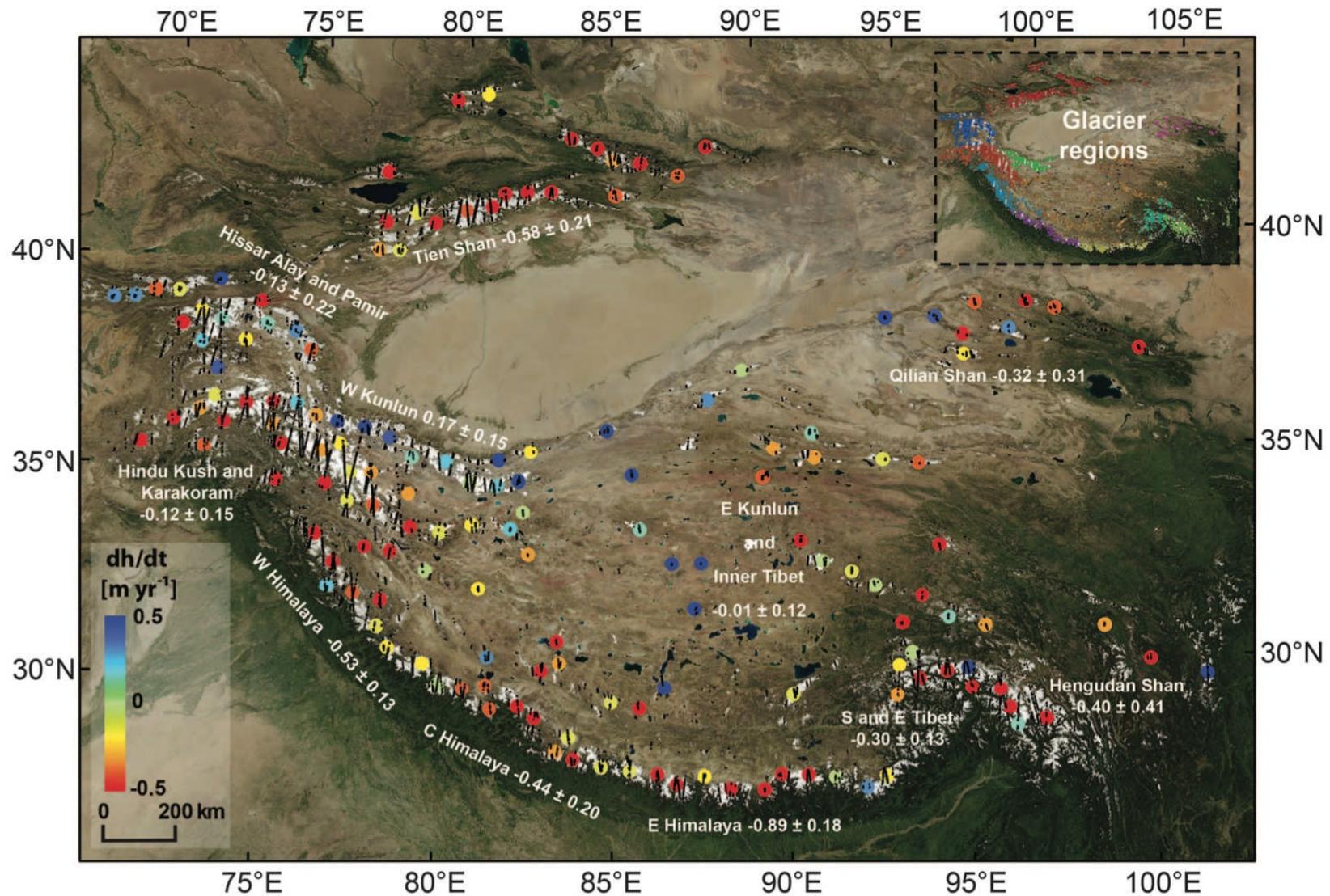
Potential sea level contribution: 42 cm

IPCC (2013)

Huss and Farinotti (2012)

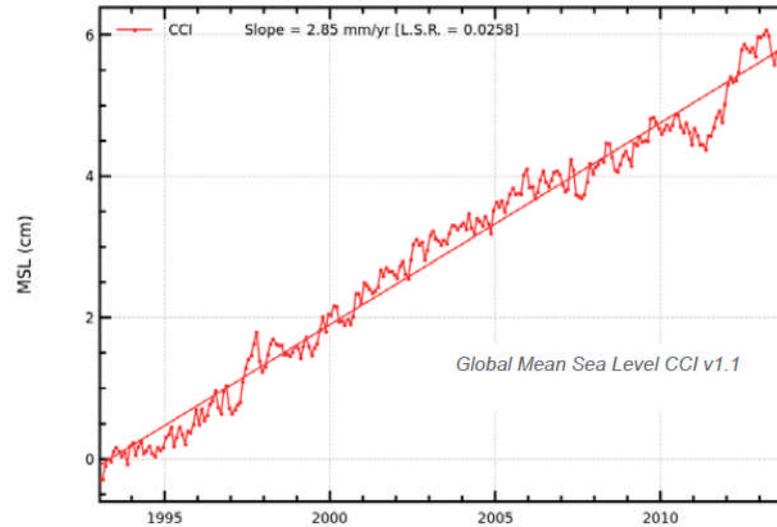


# Glaciers CCI: Application – mass loss of Himalayan / Tibetan glaciers

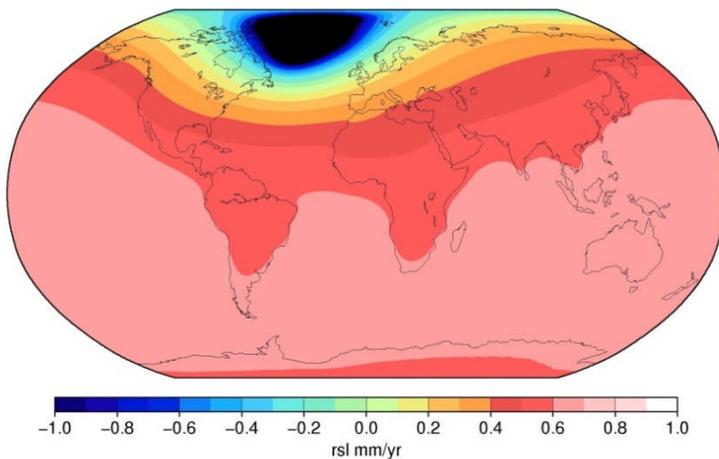




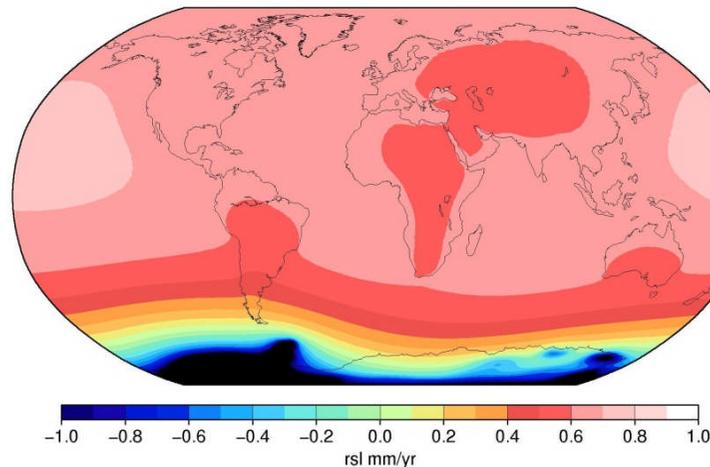
- **Sea level closure** (Greenland, Antarctica, Glaciers, Sea Level, Sea Ice CCI)
- **GRACE / altimetry option** merged high-resolution mass loss?
- **Optical IV mapping** (large-scale, more focus on non-ESA data)?
- **Area overlaps** (Greenland and Antarctica Peninsula glaciers ..)



*Greenland melt SLR*



*Antarctica SLR*





## Applications and users



CCI	Main applications	Secondary	Current users / metrics	Common issues
Glaciers 2011-	Glaciologists, hydrologists, general public	Climate Models, hydrology models	<300 RGI downloads; 25+ papers, >600 citations of appl.	<i>Overlap to ice sheet margin glaciers EO data access</i>
Greenland Ice Sheet 2012-	Stakeholders (sealevel rise) Natl. monitoring programs / public	Climate modellers – long term predictions	~ 45 reg. users ~ 100 down- loads across 4 ECVs	<i>Availability EO data (SAR + REAPER/CS2) ex.: GRACE- Antarctica</i>
Antarctica 2015-	Glaciologists General scientists and public	Climate modellers - long term predictions	<i>T.b.d. – more than 150 particip. in user requir. survey</i>	<i>Common algorithm+ processing chains ex.: GRACE- Greenland</i>
Sea Ice 2011-	Climate modellers (request long timeframe 1979-)	Ice mapping Climate science / general public	<i>10's of downloads SIC (SIT in prep)</i>	<i>Altimetry SIT (REAPER/CS2) Arctic Sea Level</i>