

Channelised melt with CryoSat-2: A case study over Pine Island Glacier

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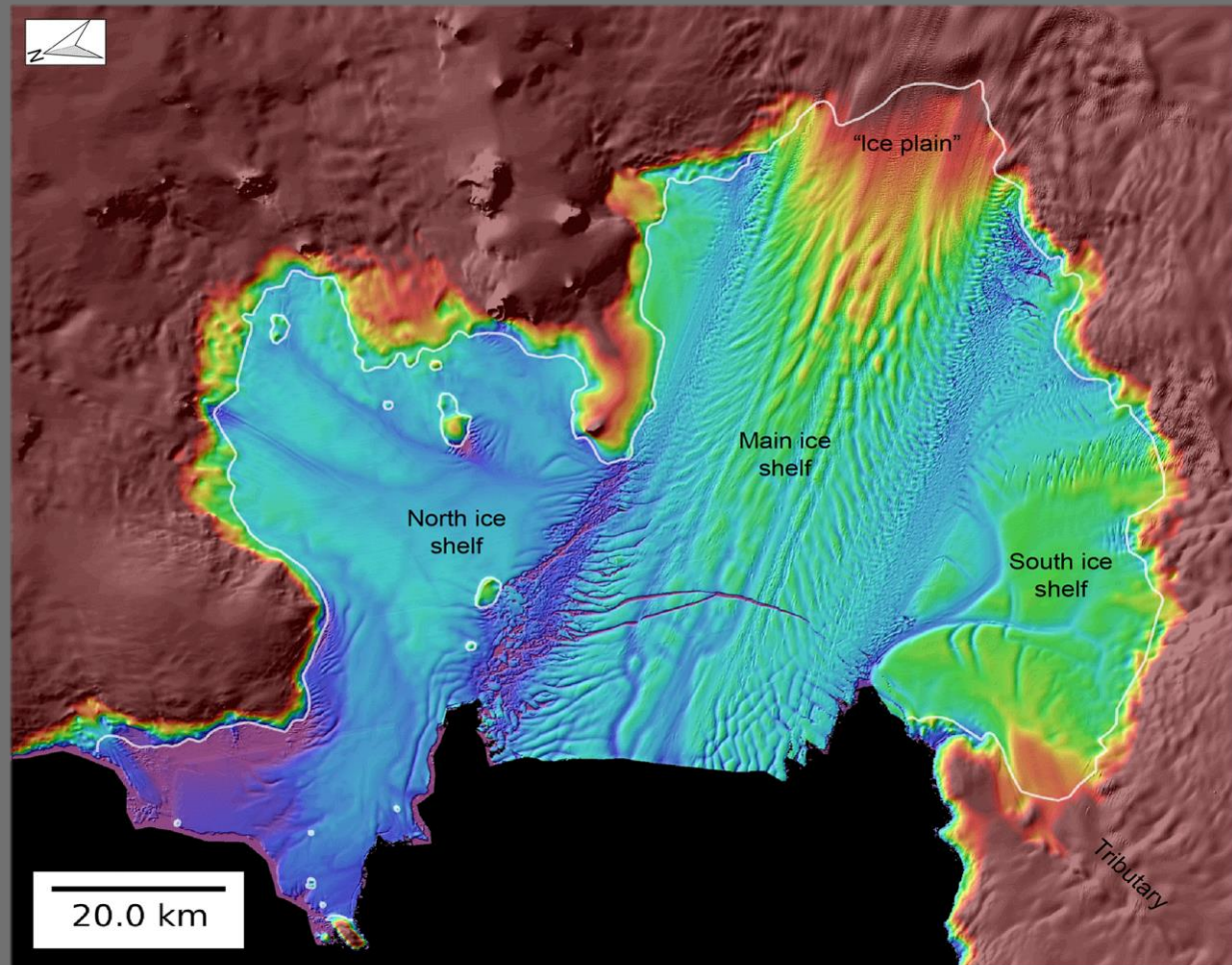


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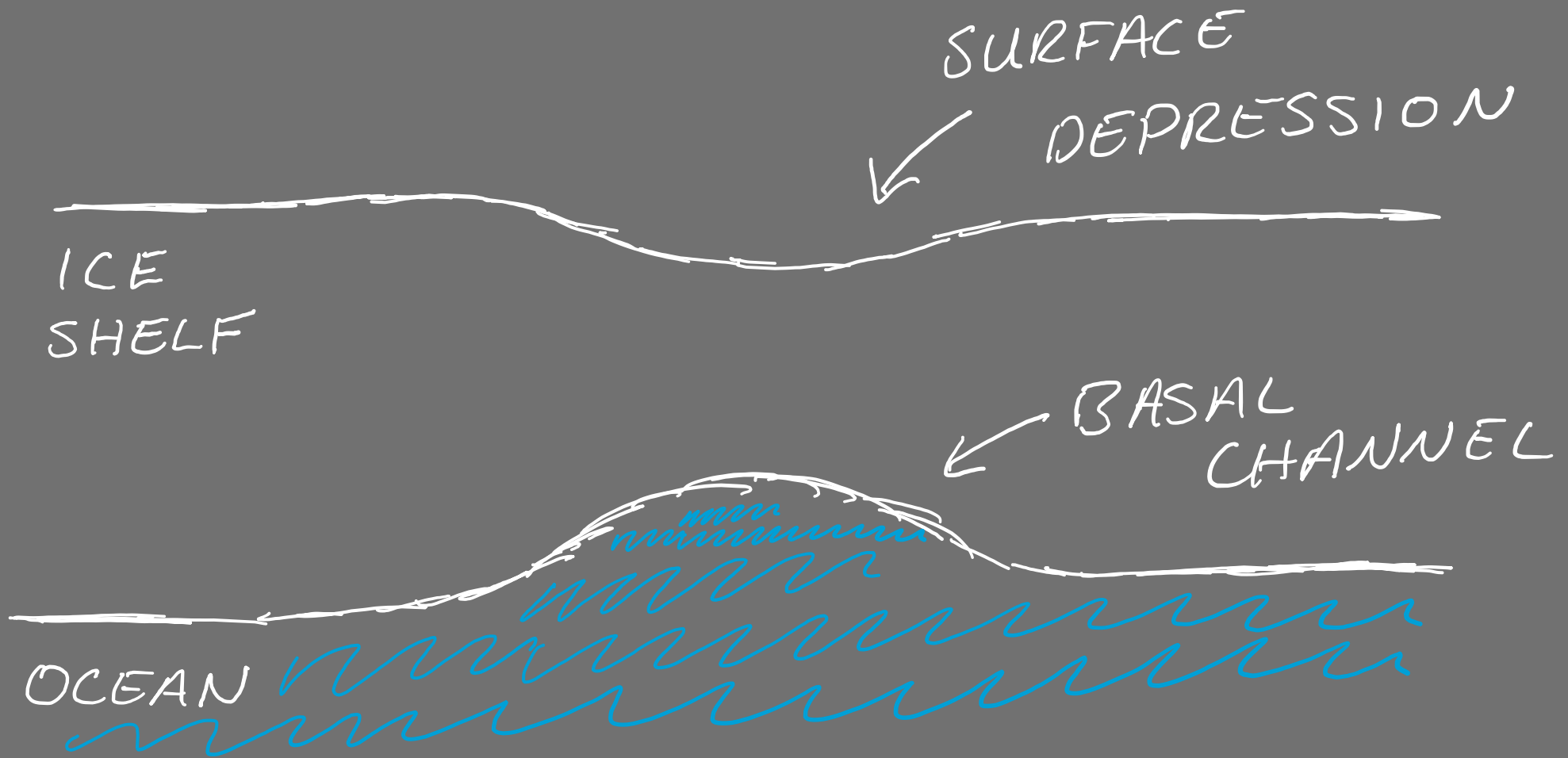
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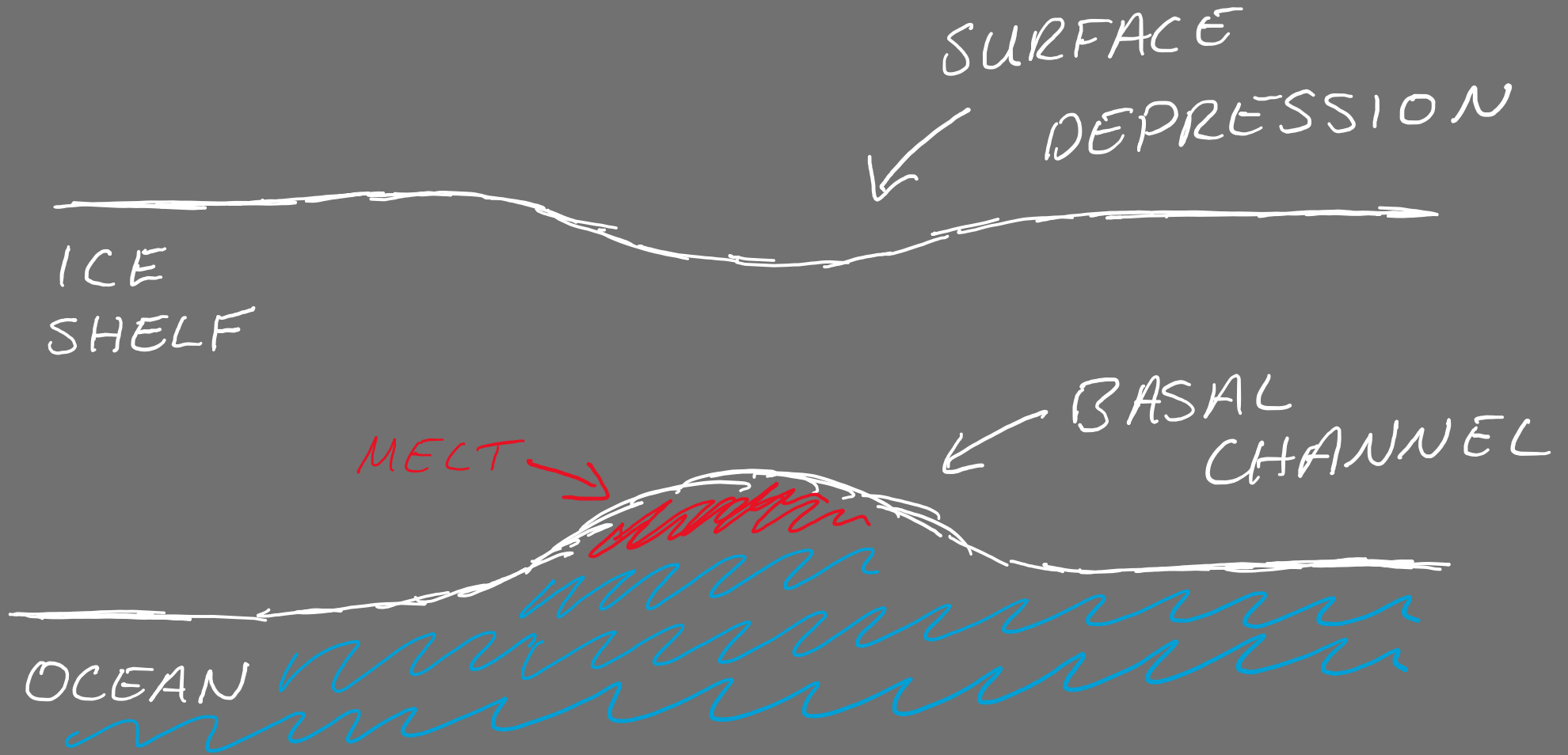


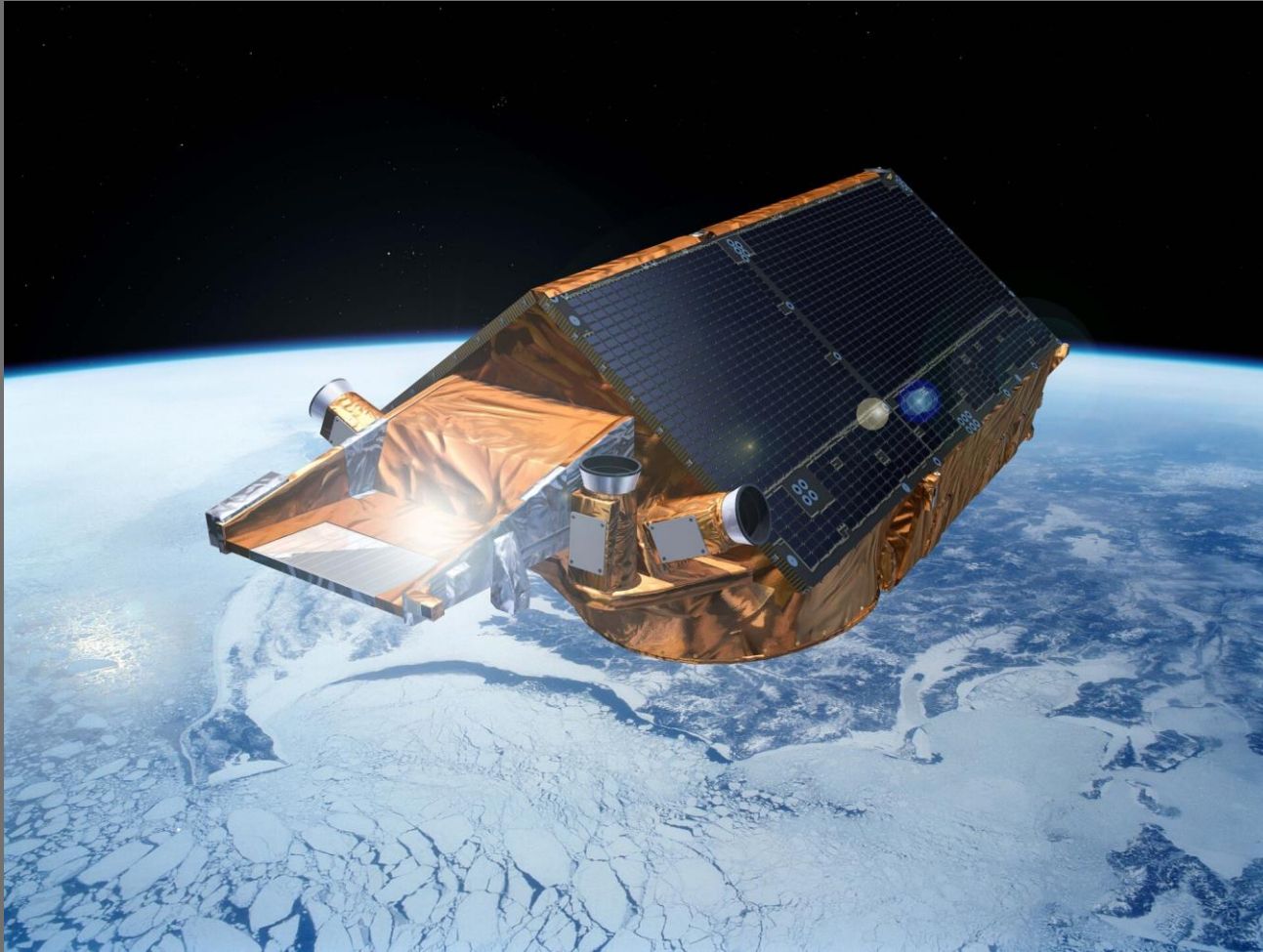


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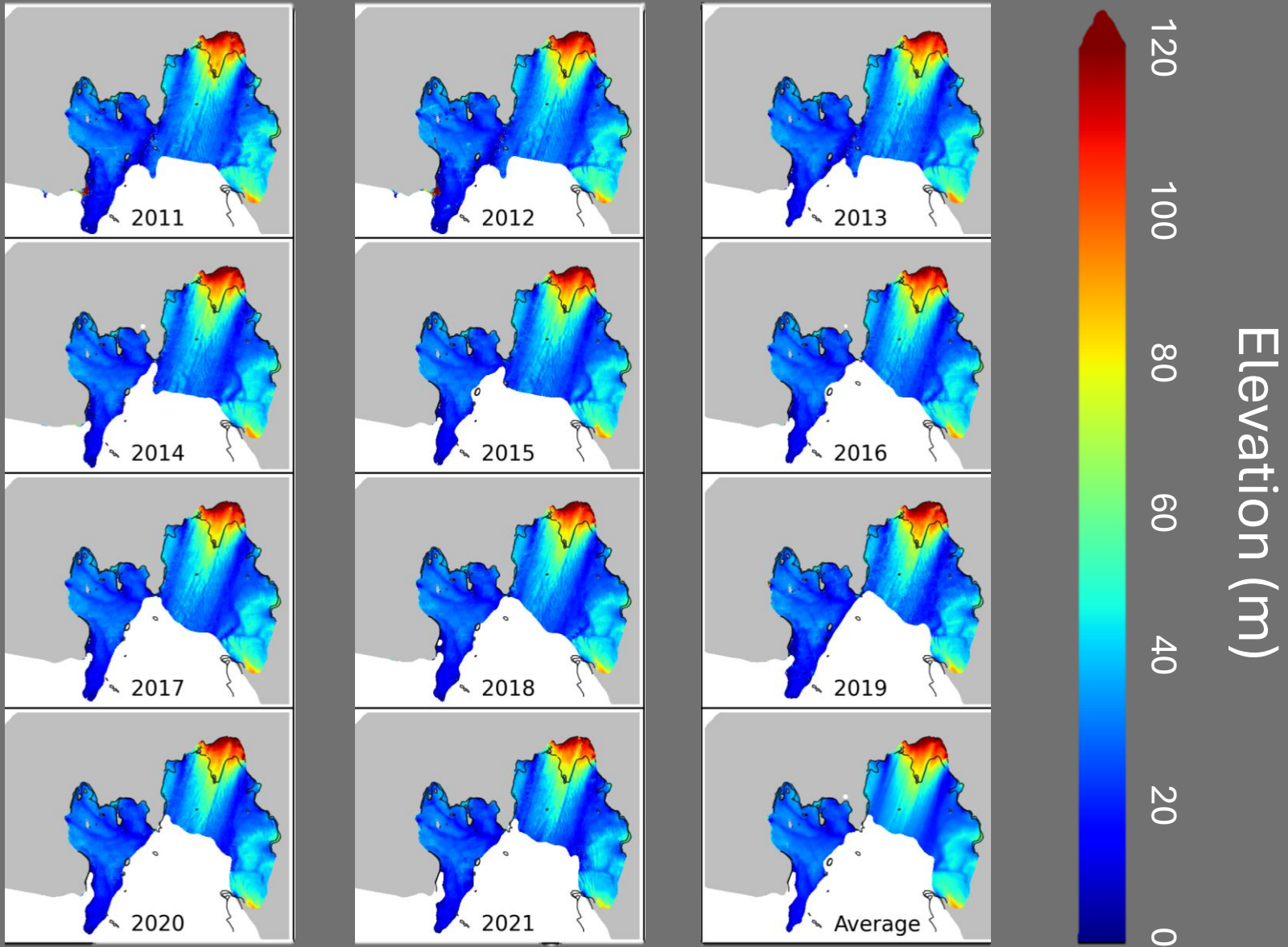


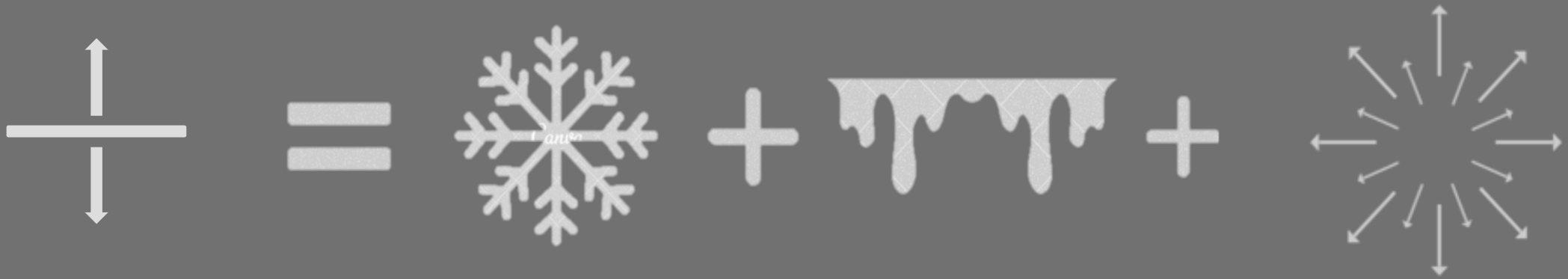




CryoSat-2 SARIn Swath surface elevation data







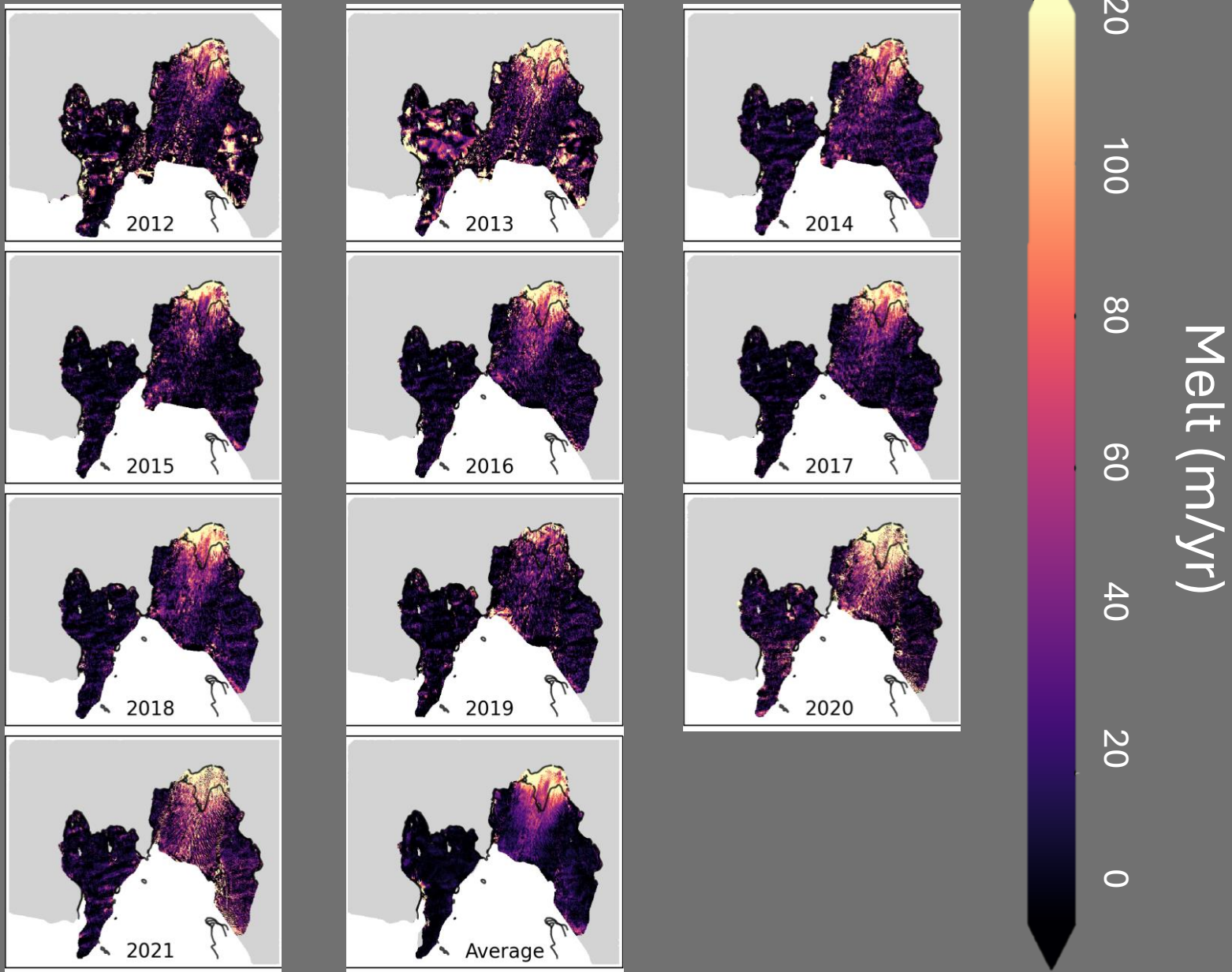
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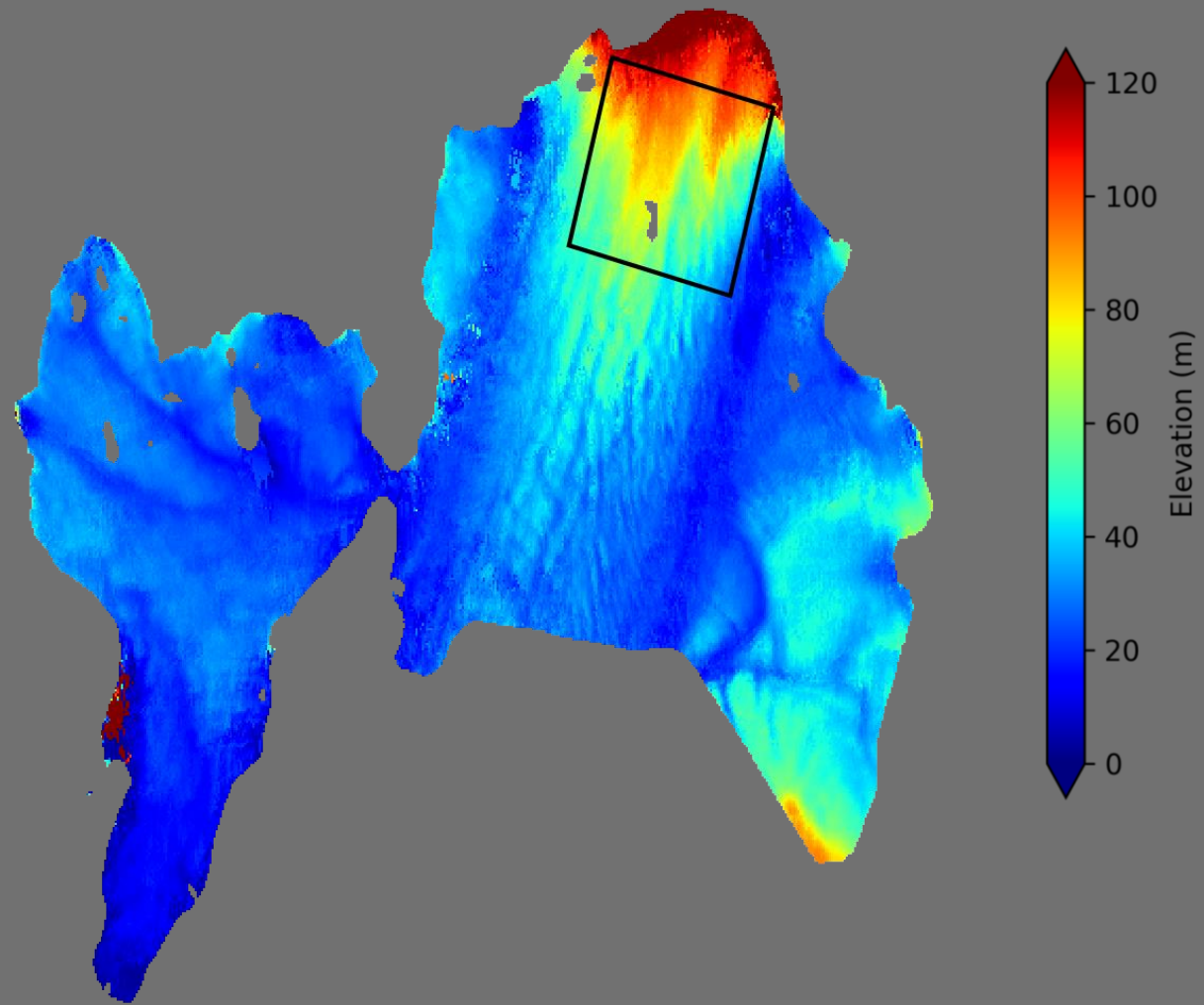
Surface Accumulation

Melt

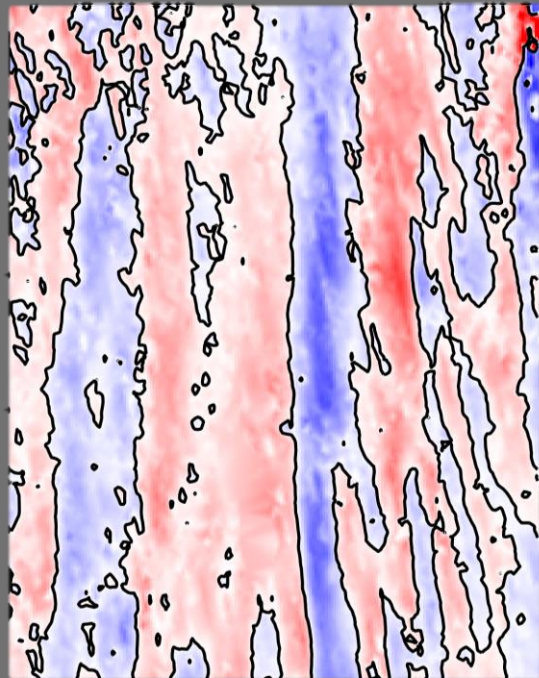
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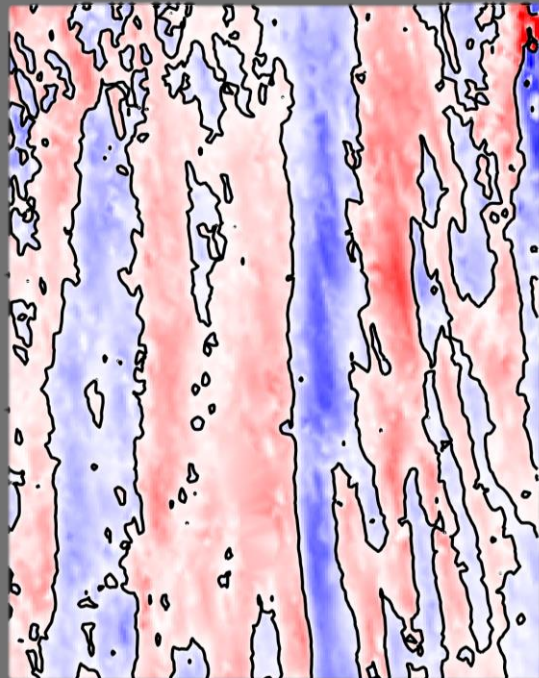




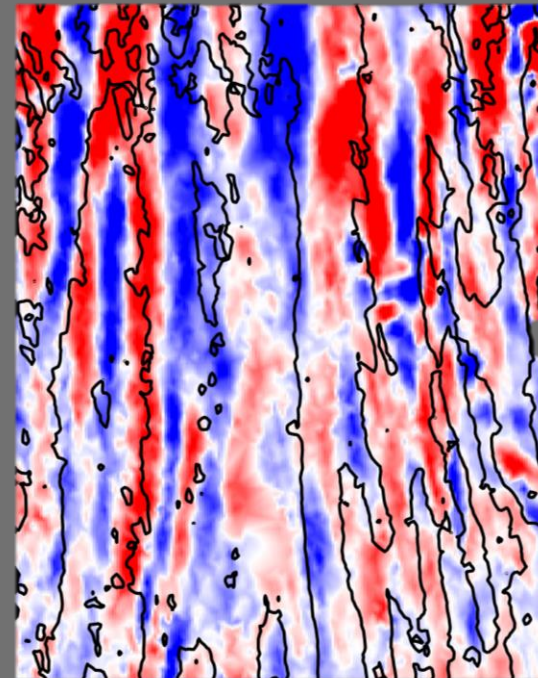
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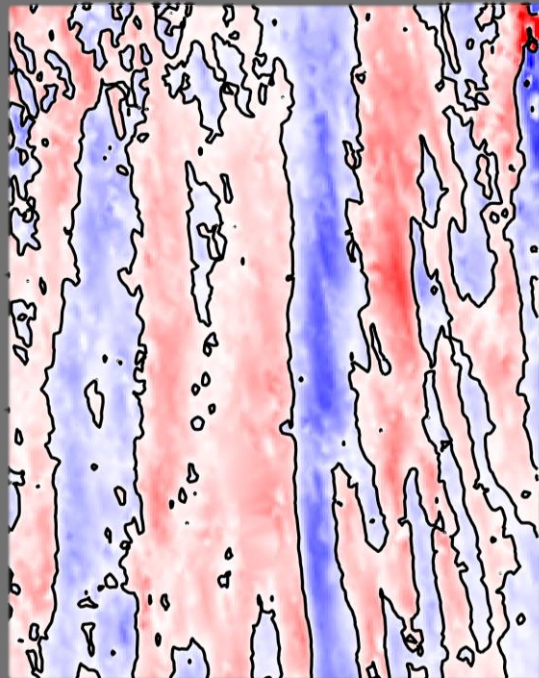
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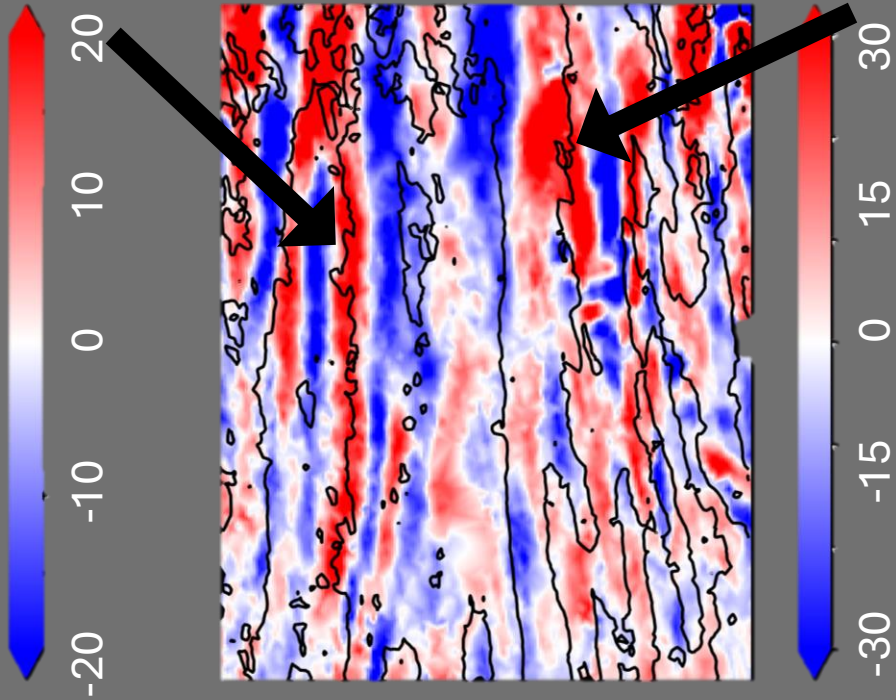
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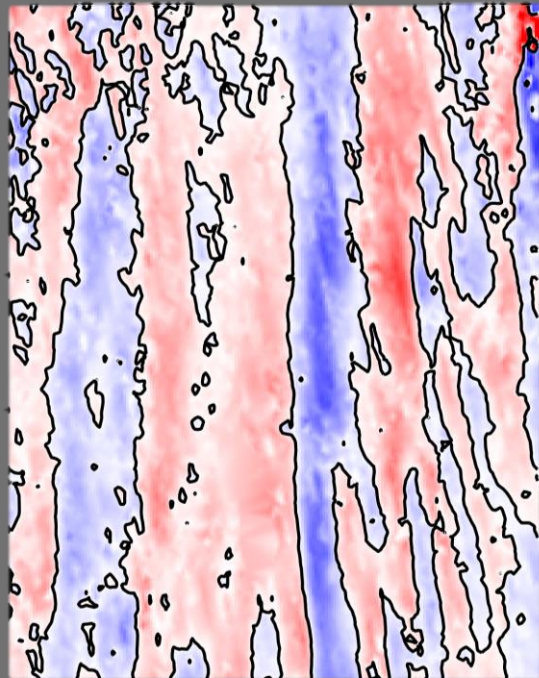
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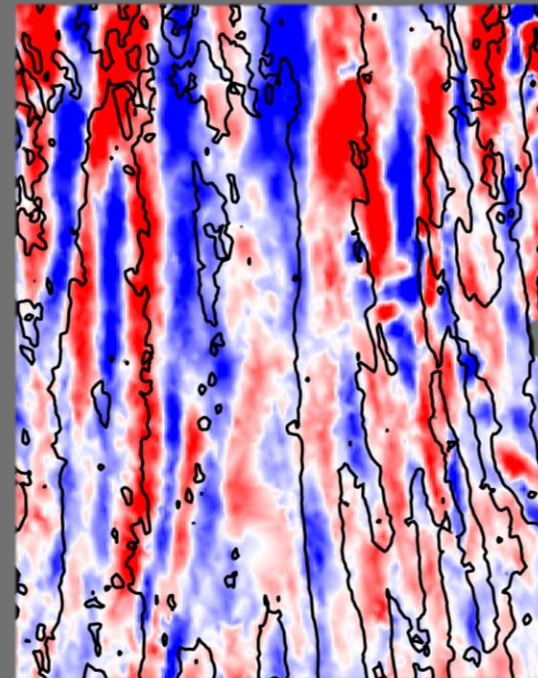
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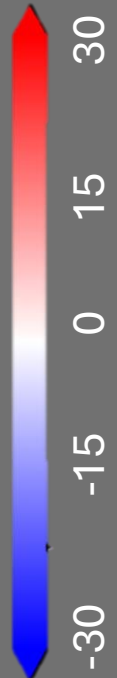
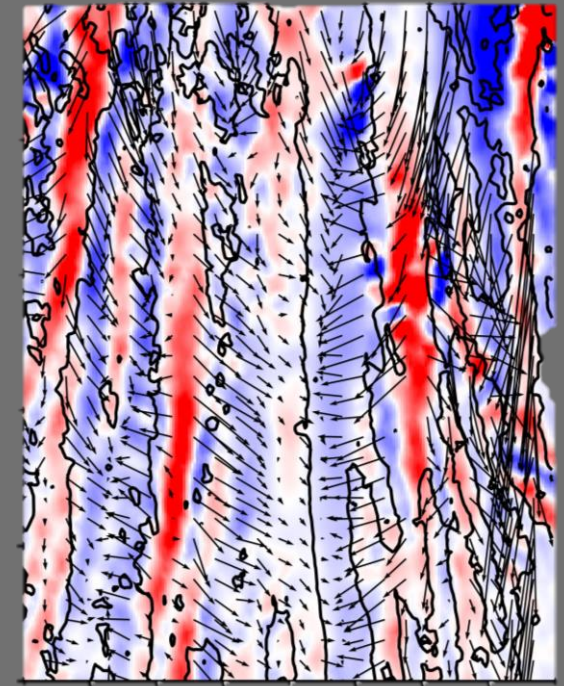
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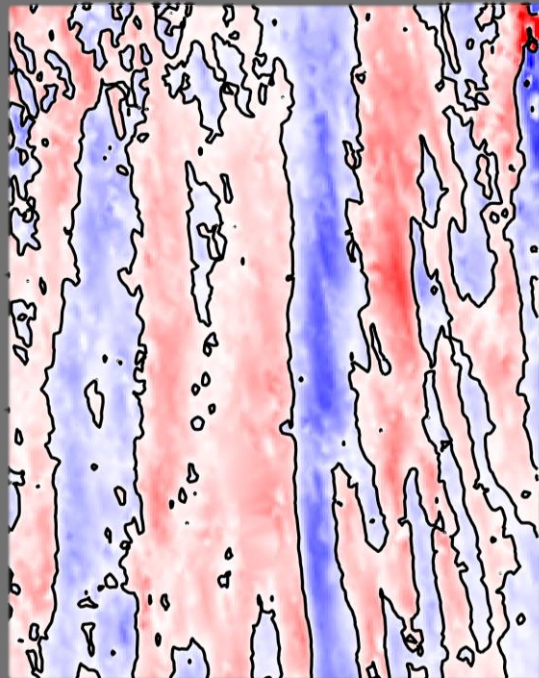
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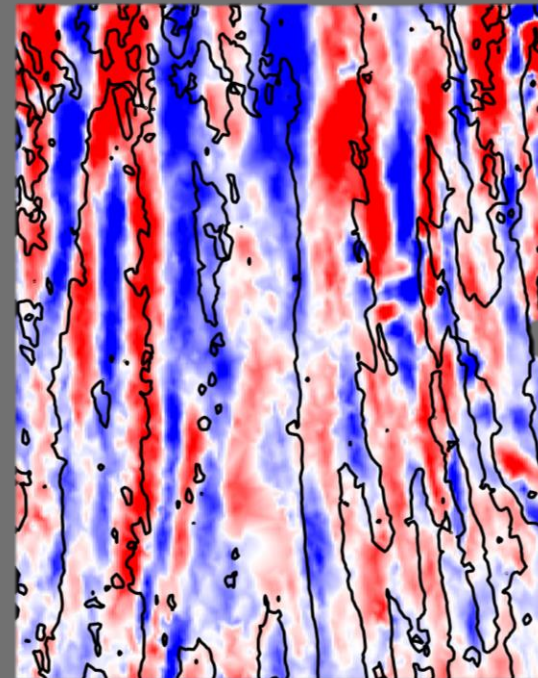
Divergence (m/yr)



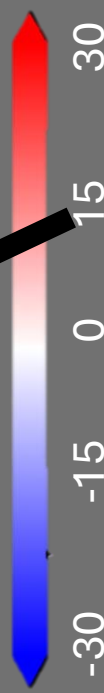
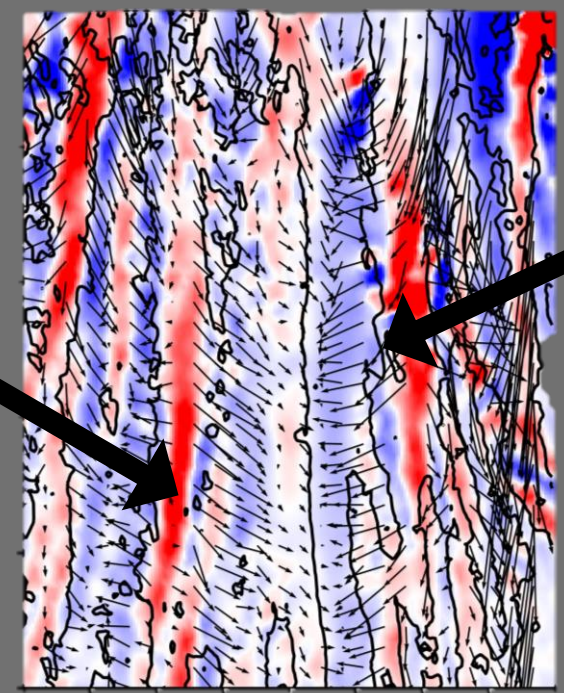
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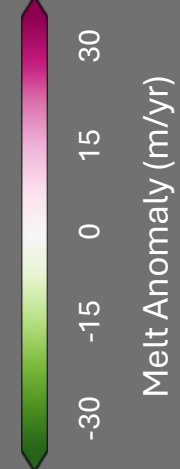
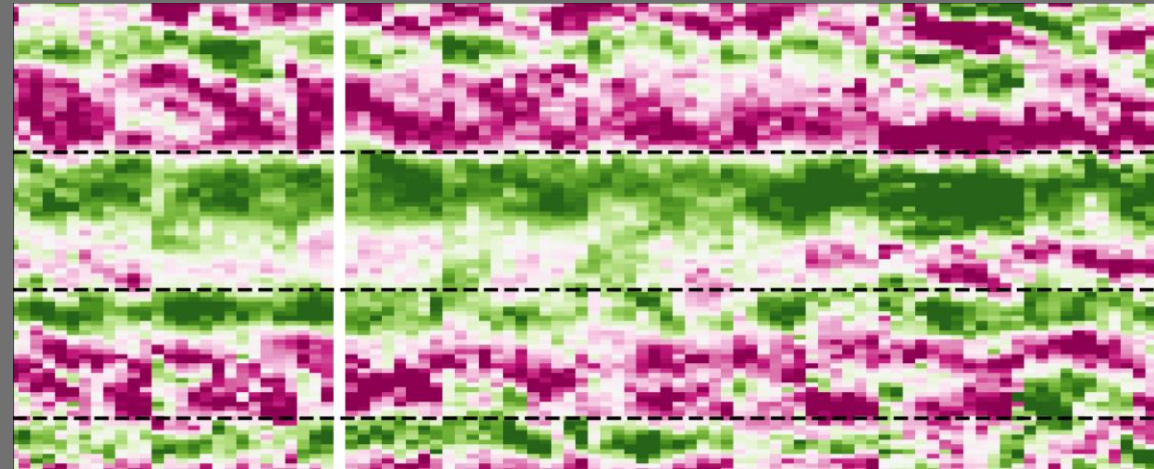
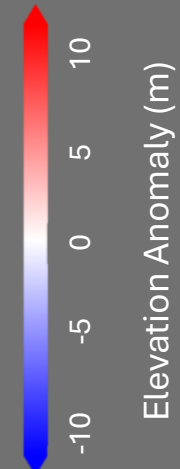
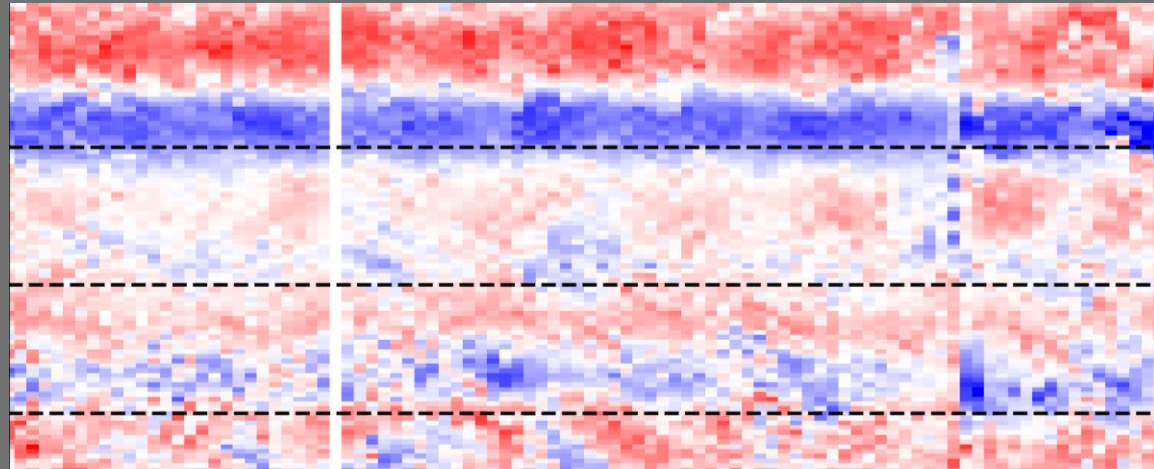
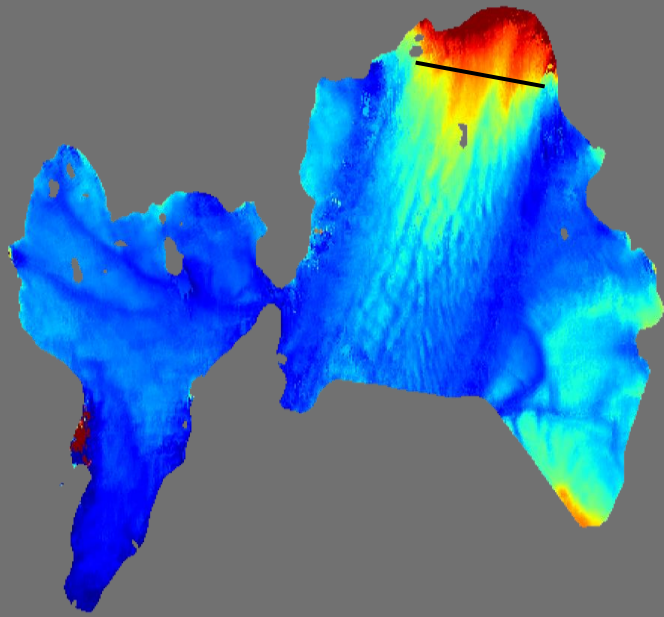


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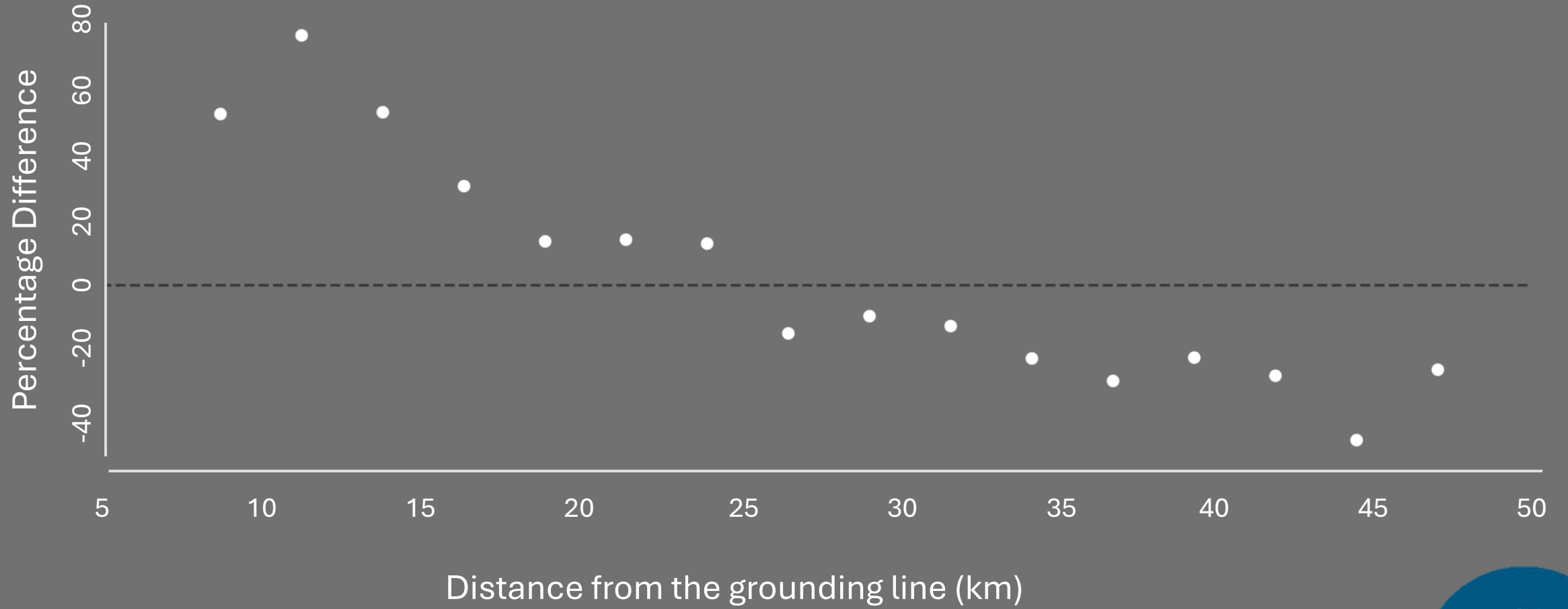
Divergence (m/yr)





2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021





Conclusions

- We can measure channelised melting using CryoSat-2
- Velocity and velocity divergence fields are crucial when deriving small scale ice shelf melt rates
- Basal Channels can modulate melting by over 50% near the grounding line



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