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Landform Behaviors in Kaffiøyra Under Climate Change Conditions Using Remote Sensing and GIS Approach

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Introduction

Climate change: long-term change in average weather patterns

Key indicators

Temperature increases;

Rising sea levels;

Ice loss at poles & in mountain glaciers;

Frequency & severity changes in extreme weather: hurricanes, heatwaves, wildfires, droughts, floods, precipitation;

Cloud & vegetation cover changes.



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Introduction

Objectives

- Quantifying the shoreline change rates from 1985 – 2023 by Landsat images
- Determining the changes of glacier and outwash area
- Estimating the glacier volume changes

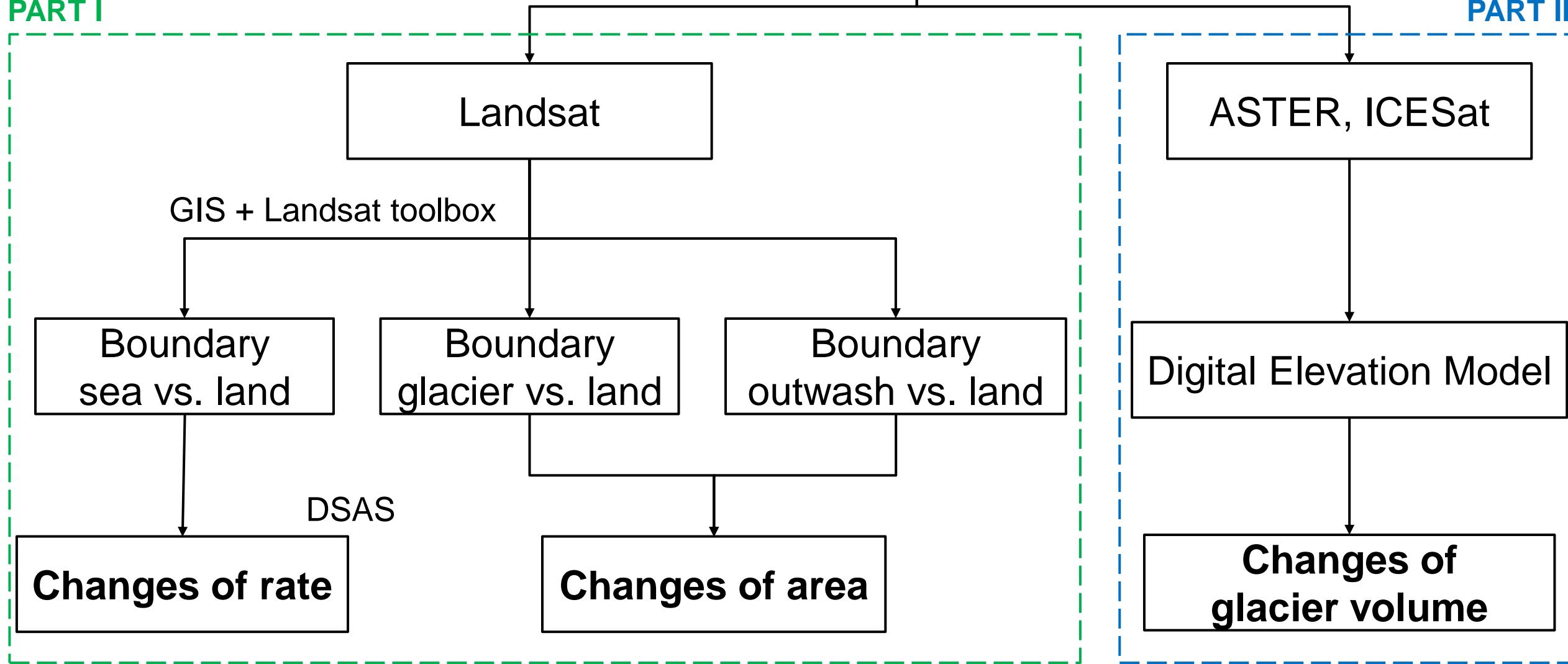
 Understanding the behaviors of Svalbard's landform under climate change condition for almost 40 years

PART I

Shoreline, Glacier, Outwash Changes

Satellite images

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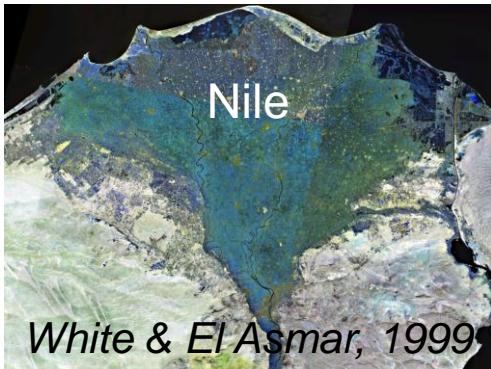


Methods

Monitoring long-term shoreline changes => Big problem

Integrating remote sensing + GIS technique

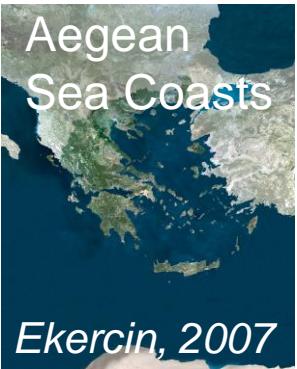
Landsat images



White & El Asmar, 1999



Chu et al., 2006



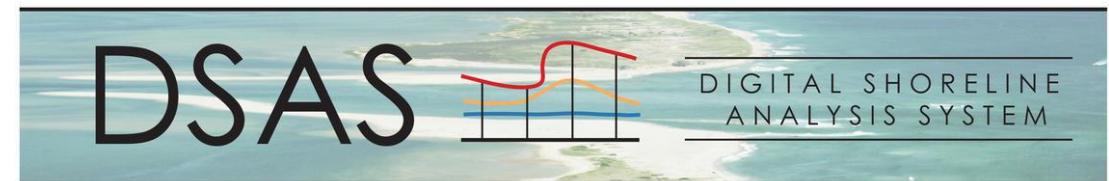
Ekercin, 2007



Chu et al., 2013



Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS)



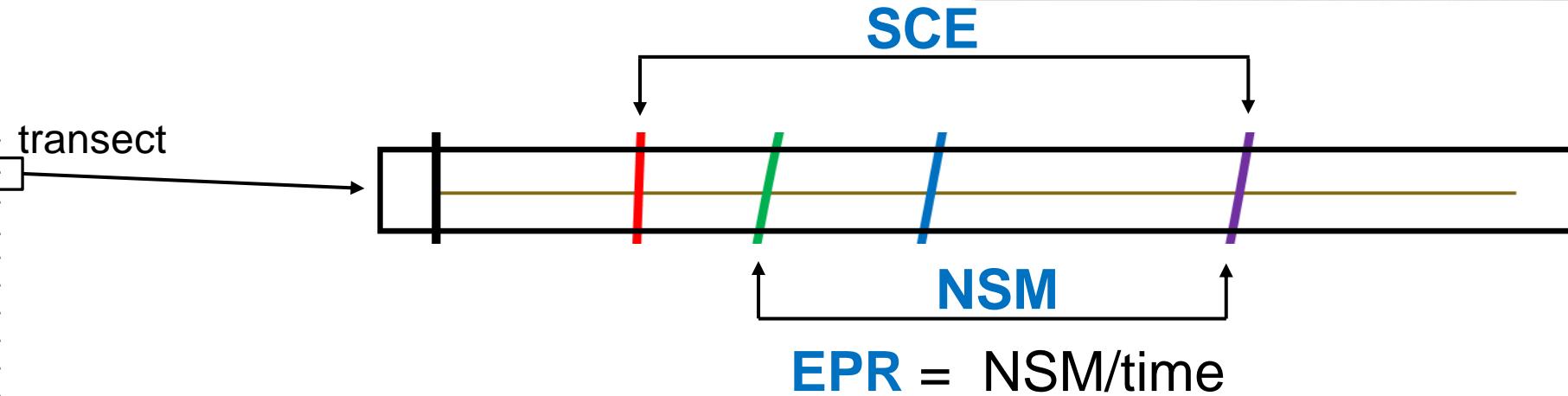
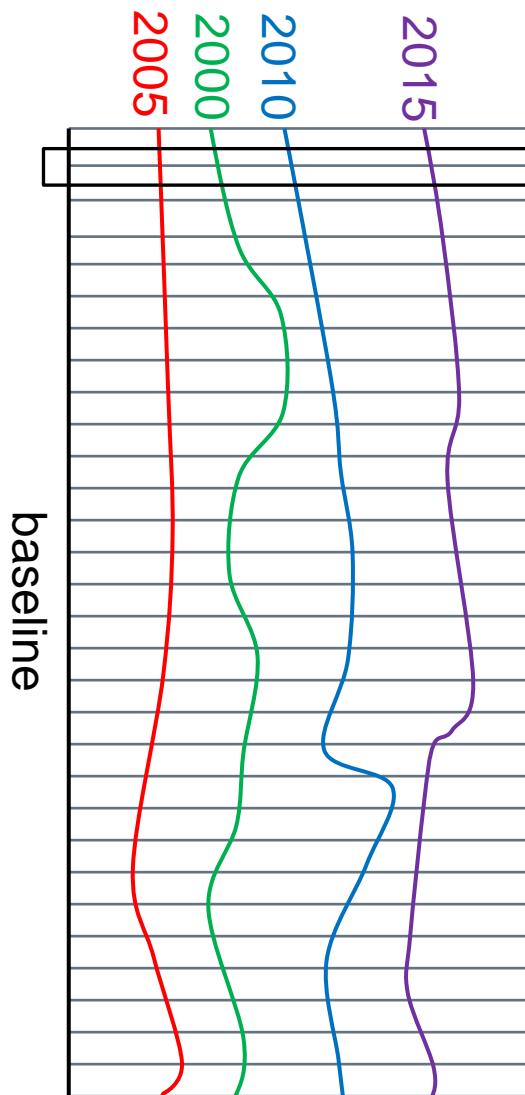
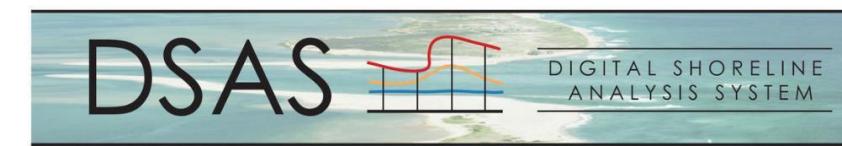
- Freely software work with ArcGIS
- Computing the rate-of-change statistics for a time series of shoreline (Himmelstoss et al., 2021)



cost-efficient tool for monitor long-term objects change

Methods

DSAS concept



NSM: net shoreline movement (m)

SCE: shoreline change envelope (m)

EPR: end point rate (m/yr)

LRR: linear regression rate (m/yr)

LRR: rate-of-change statistic by fitting a least square regression to all shorelines at each transect

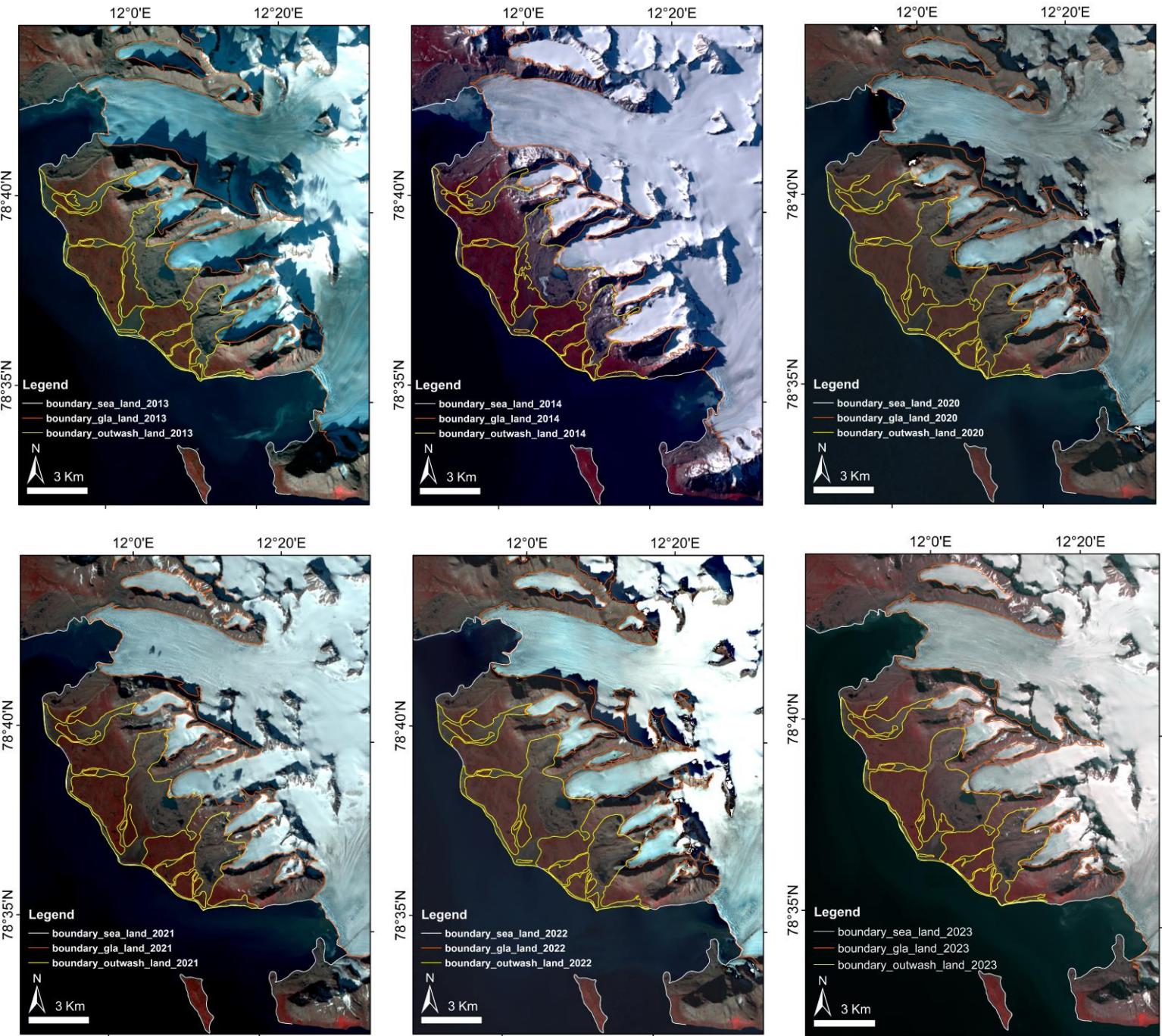
Transects **cast perpendicular** from reference **baseline** to **shorelines**

Landsat images collected

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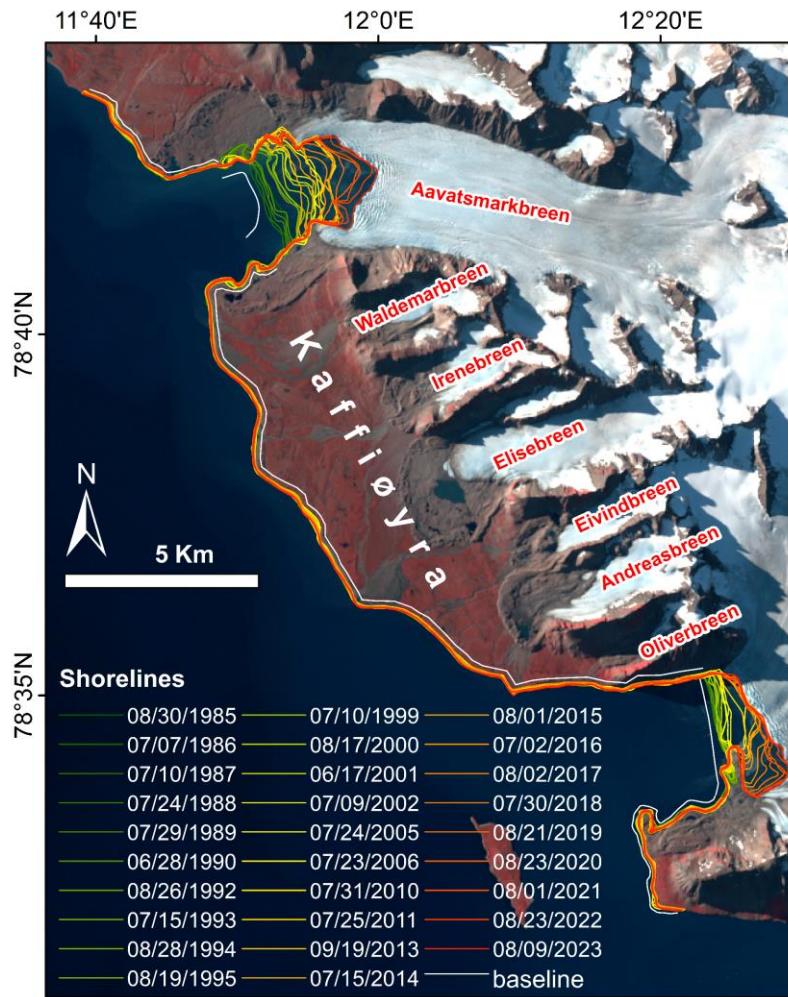
Jun., Jul., Aug., Sept. : **summer time**

Shoreline, glacier, outwash extraction



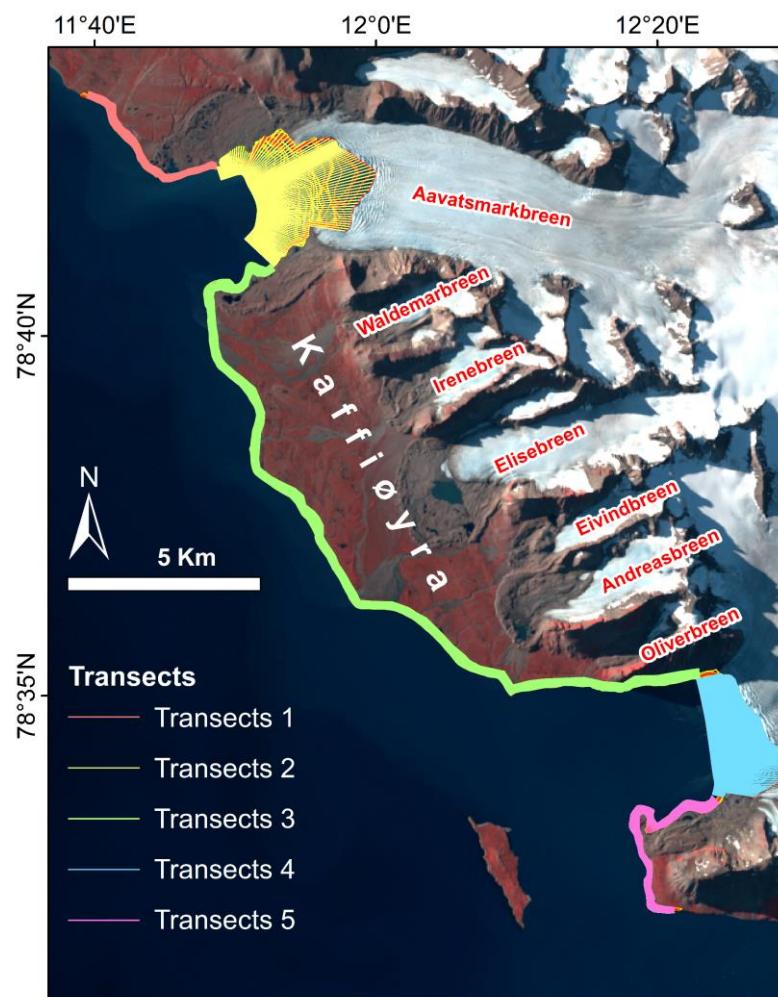
Results

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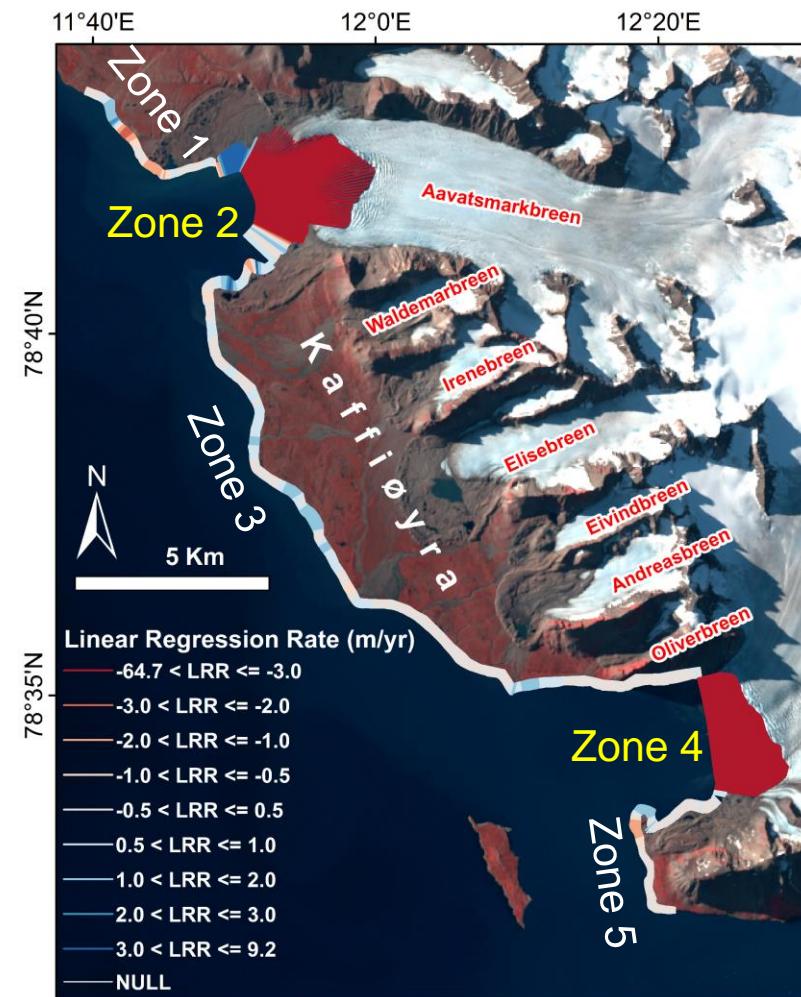
Shorelines & baselines

2



Create transects

3



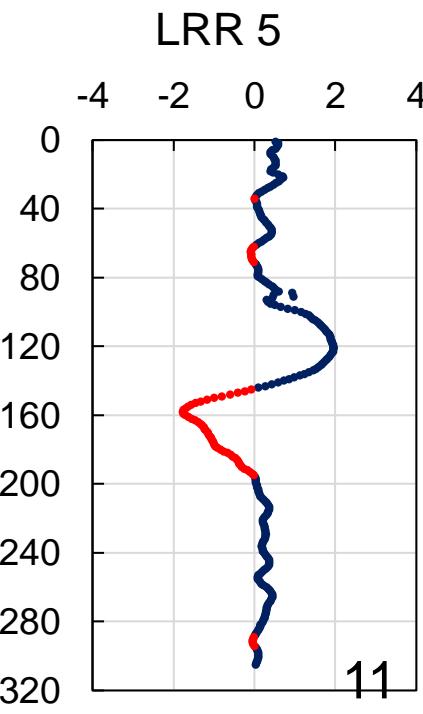
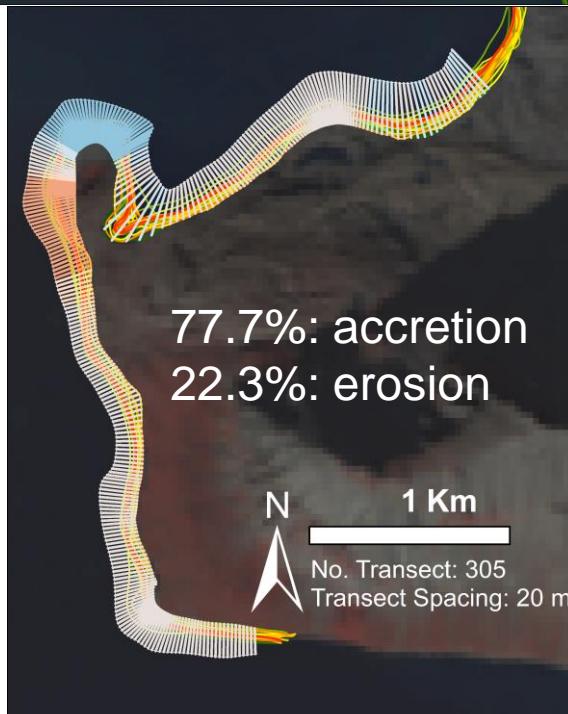
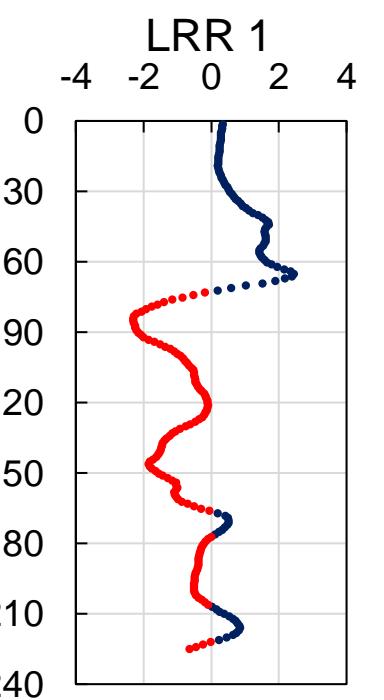
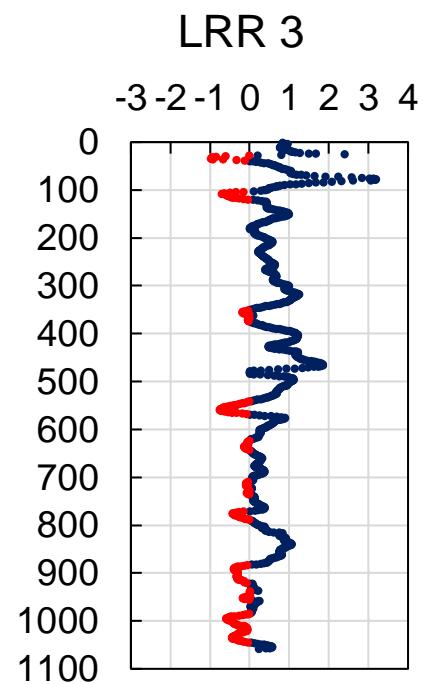
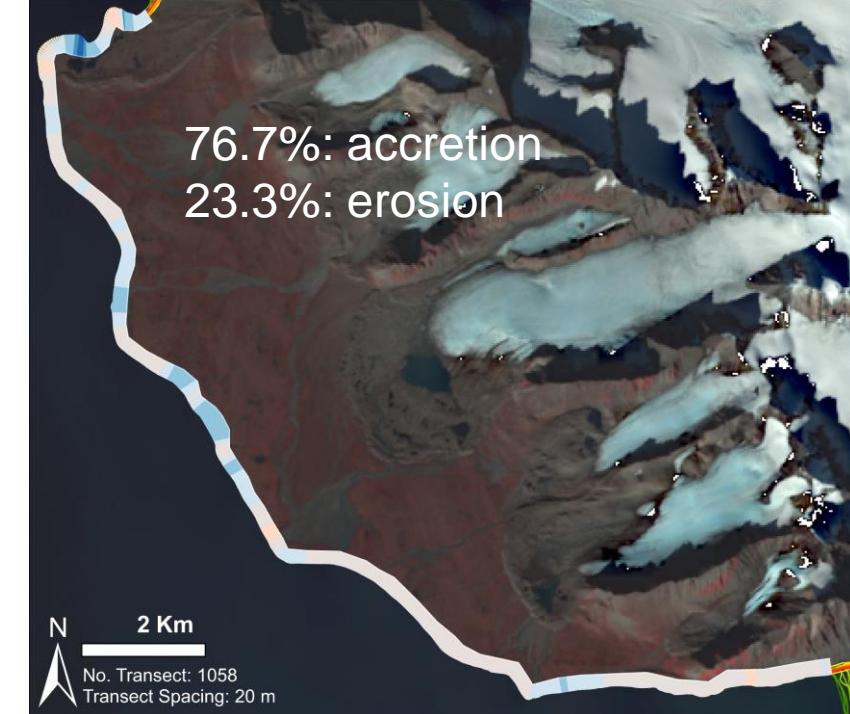
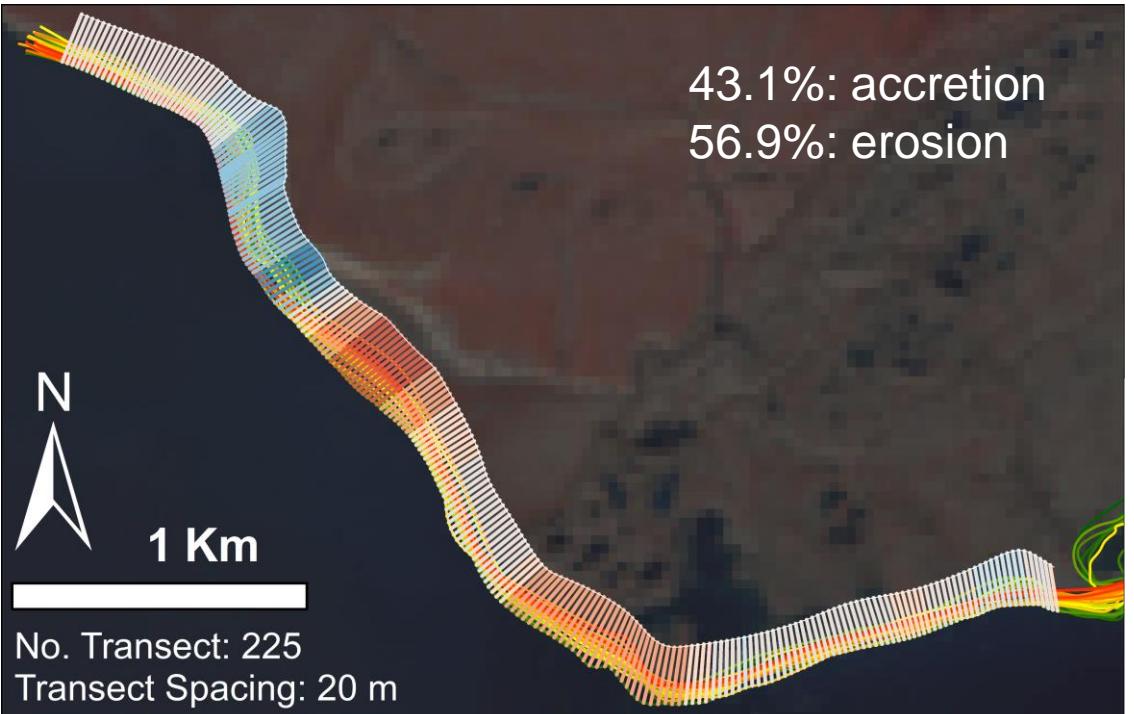
Calculate LRR

Results

Zone 1, 3, 5: relatively stable shoreline

Rate vary: -2 to +3 m/yr

Accretion predominate

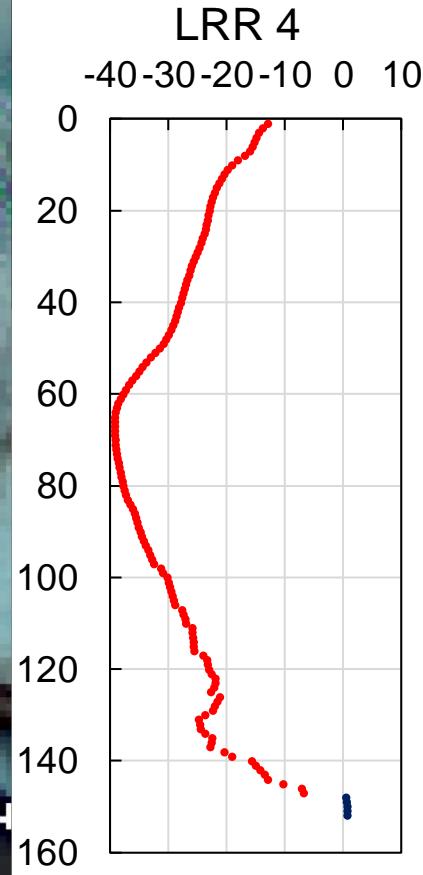
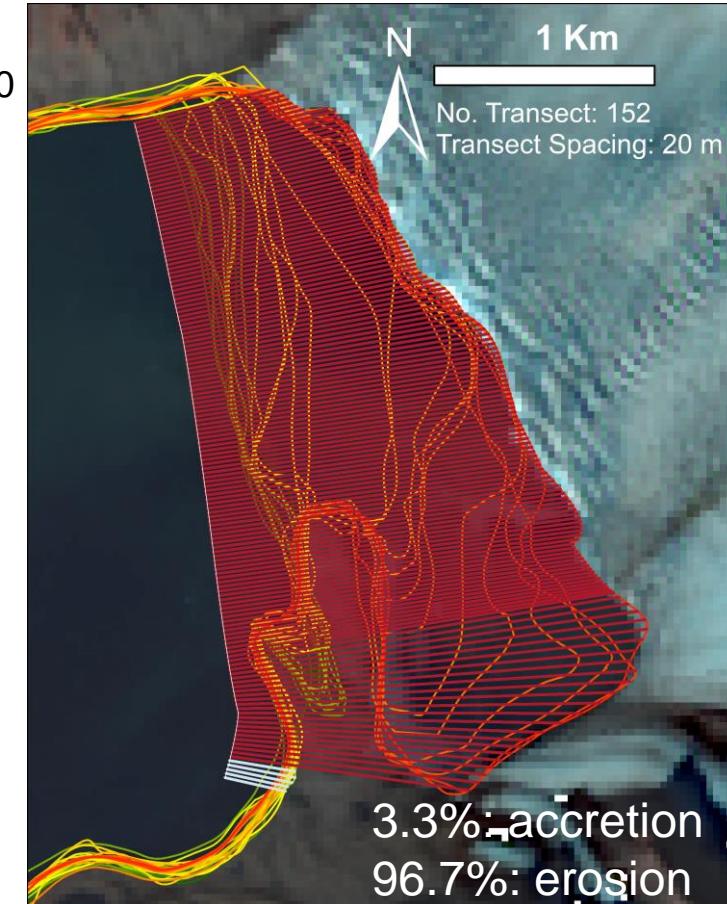
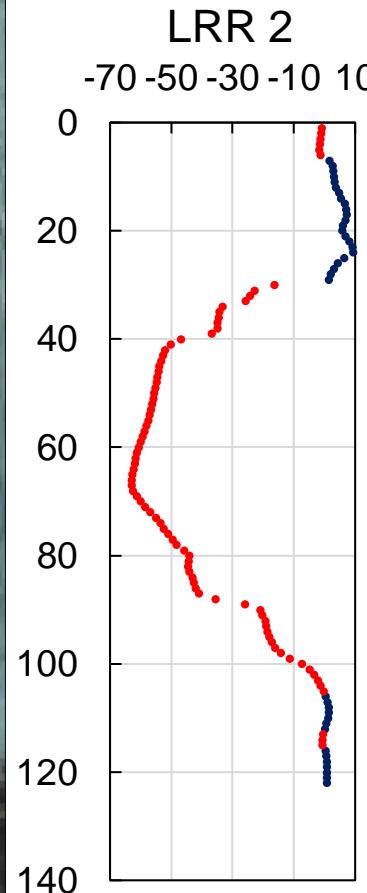
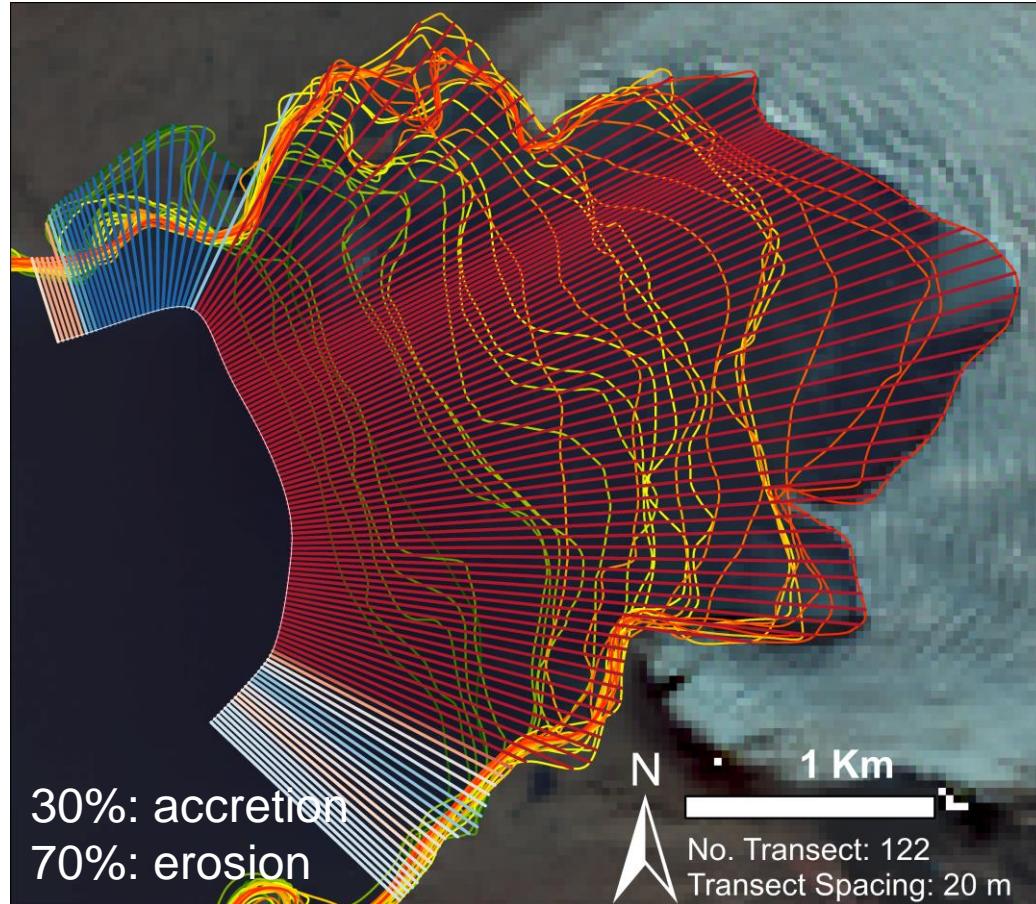


Results

Zone 2, 4: extremely change shoreline

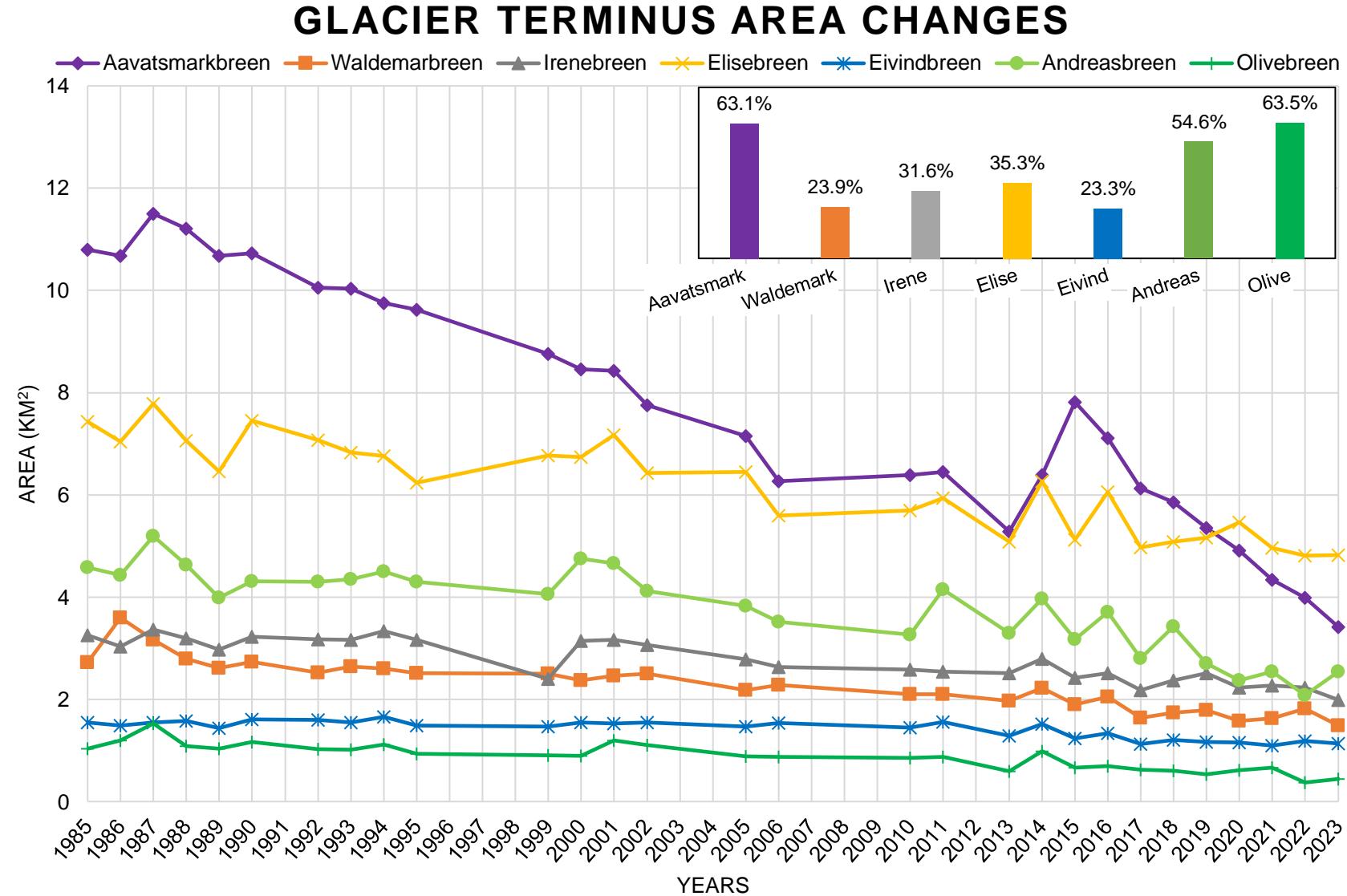
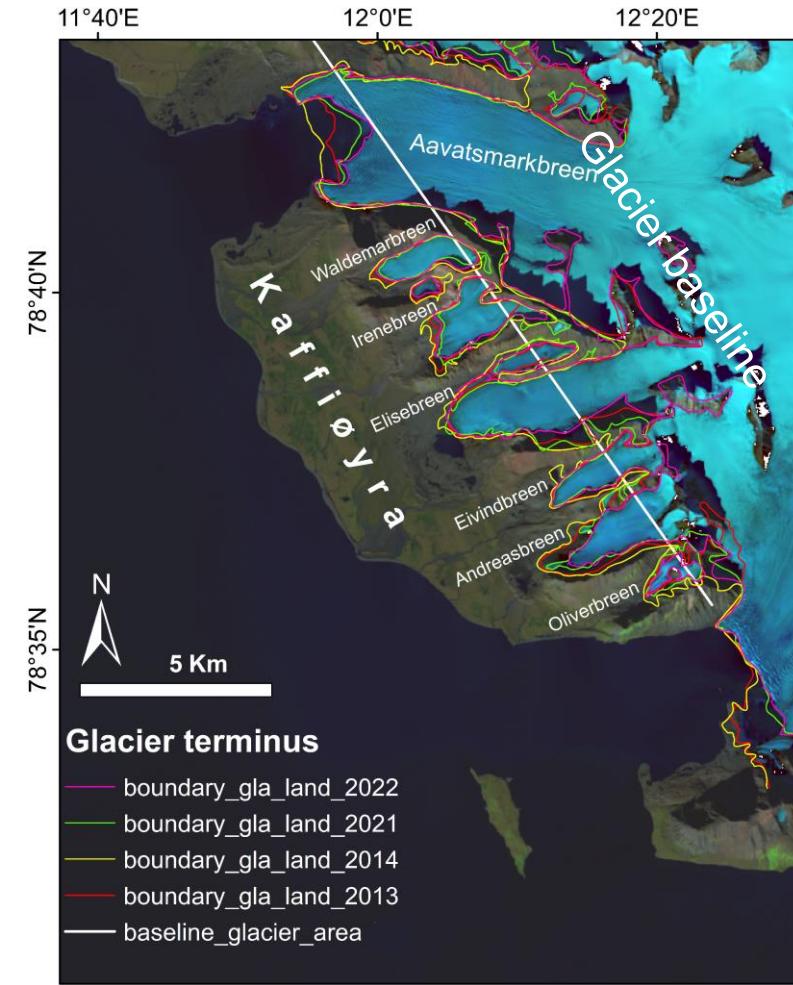
Rate vary: -64.7 to +10 m/yr

Erosion predominate



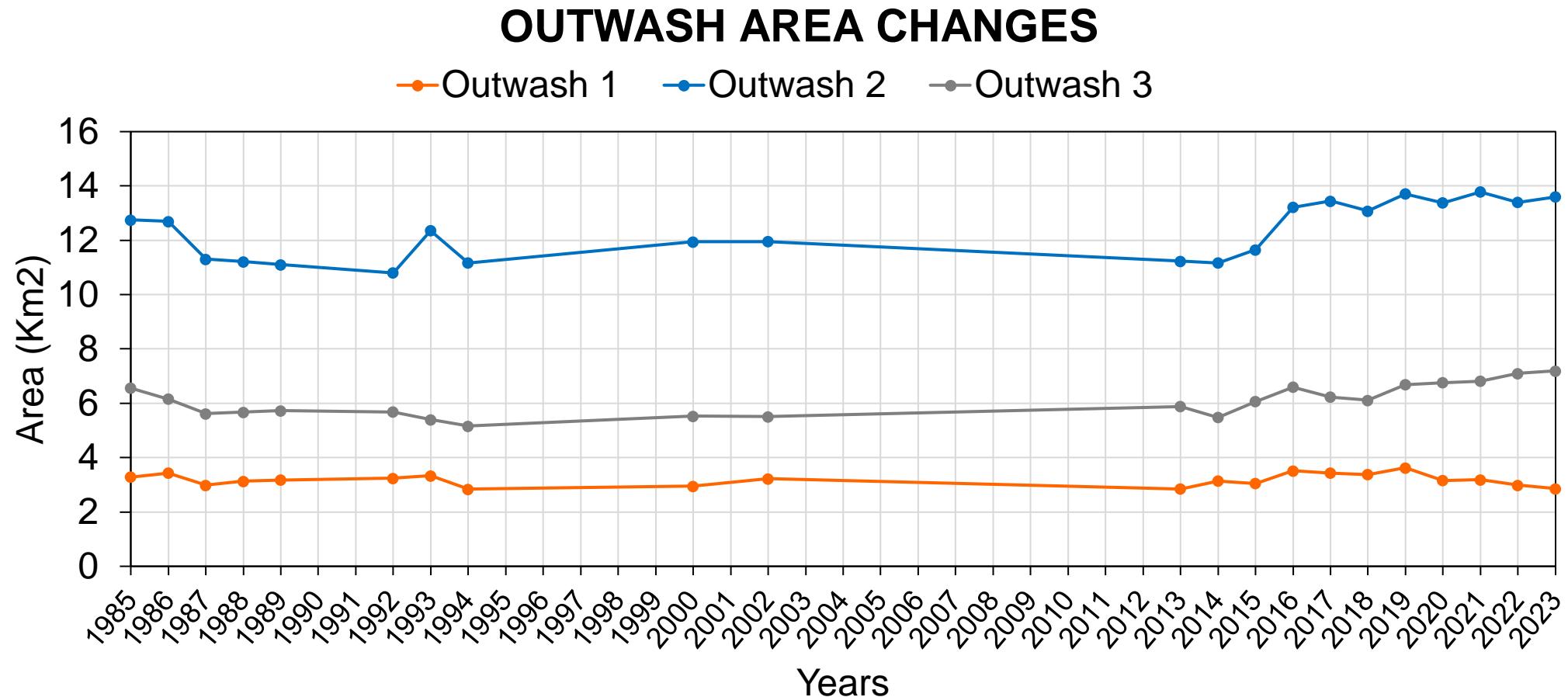
→ The land's shoreline is relatively stable, glacier's shoreline (terminus) is strongly eroded

Results



Glacier terminus area tends to decrease in 38 years
 Aavatsmark, Andreas, Olive has lost more than 50% area

Results



Outwash area **tends to increase**, but not significantly

21/38 years are extracted, images unavailable or boundary difficult to determine

Conclusion

Remote Sensing + GIS Technique: suitable for monitoring long-term object changes (38 years)

The changes occur mainly at glacier terminus, whether on land or sea

(1) Shoreline change

Relatively stable in zone 1, 3, 5: LRR vary -2 to +3 m/yr, accretion predominate

➔ Strongly eroded in zone 2, 4: LRR vary -64.7 to +10 m/yr, erosion predominate

Changes are mainly in glacier's shoreline (terminus), land's shoreline not significant

(2) Glacier terminus area tend to decrease

Top 3 largest glaciers area: Aavatsmark, Elise, Andreas lost 63.1%, 35.3%, 54.6%, respectively

(3) Outwash area tend to increase, but not significantly < 10%

PART II

Glacier Volume Loss in Vertical/Horizontal Direction

Glacier volume changes

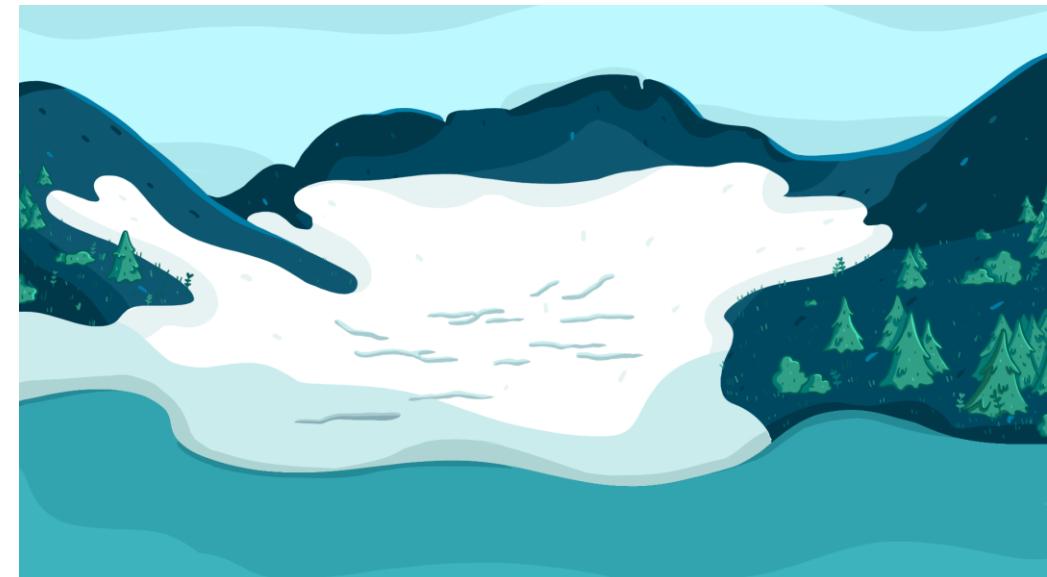
Late 2000s: 33 775 km² glaciers, cover **57% land** of Svalbard

Climate change: **glaciers** - significant indicators

Changes in **glacier thickness**: key indicator **reflect melting process**

Glacier **melting** affect: regional **water resources**, hydrological cycles

→ Estimating the **glacier volume loss** using multi-temporal DEMs



Glacier Survival – North Cascade Glacier Climate Project (nichols.edu)

Satellite images

PART I

PART II

Landsat

GIS + Landsat toolbox

Boundary
sea vs. land

Boundary
glacier vs. land

Boundary
outwash vs. land

Changes of rate

Changes of area

ASTER, ICESat

Digital Elevation Model

Changes of
glacier volume

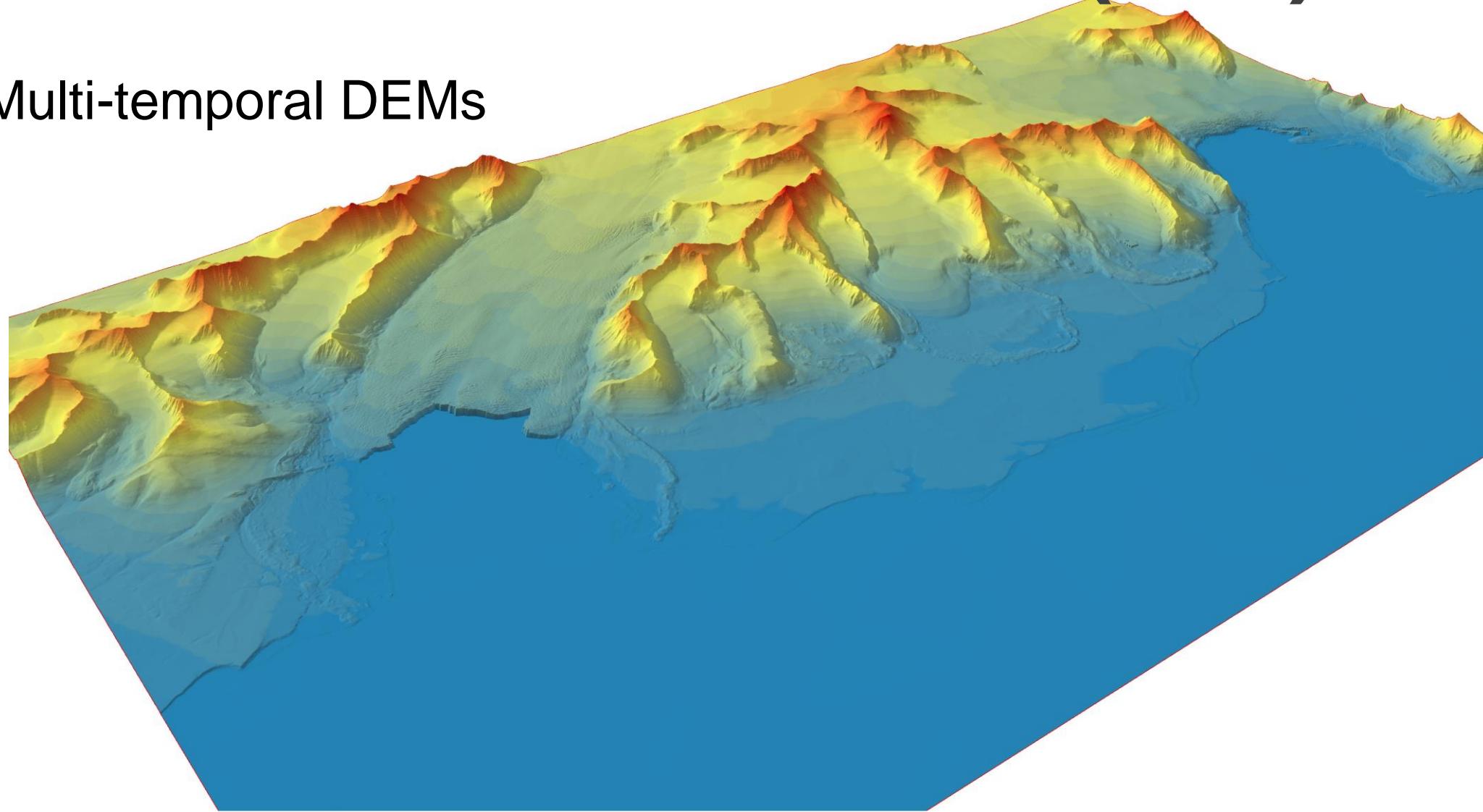
DSAS

DATA

	ASTER	ICESat	ICESat-2
Full name	The Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer	Ice, Cloud, land Elevation Satellite	Ice, Cloud, land Elevation Satellite-2
Resolution	15 – 90 m ²		
Objects	Land surface temp., emissivity, reflectance, elevation	Ice sheet mass balance, cloud, aerosol heights, land topography, vegetation	Retreating glaciers, shrinking sea ice, melting ice sheets, thickness sea ice, vegetation
Period	1999 - present	2003 – 2009	2018 - present

DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL (DEM)

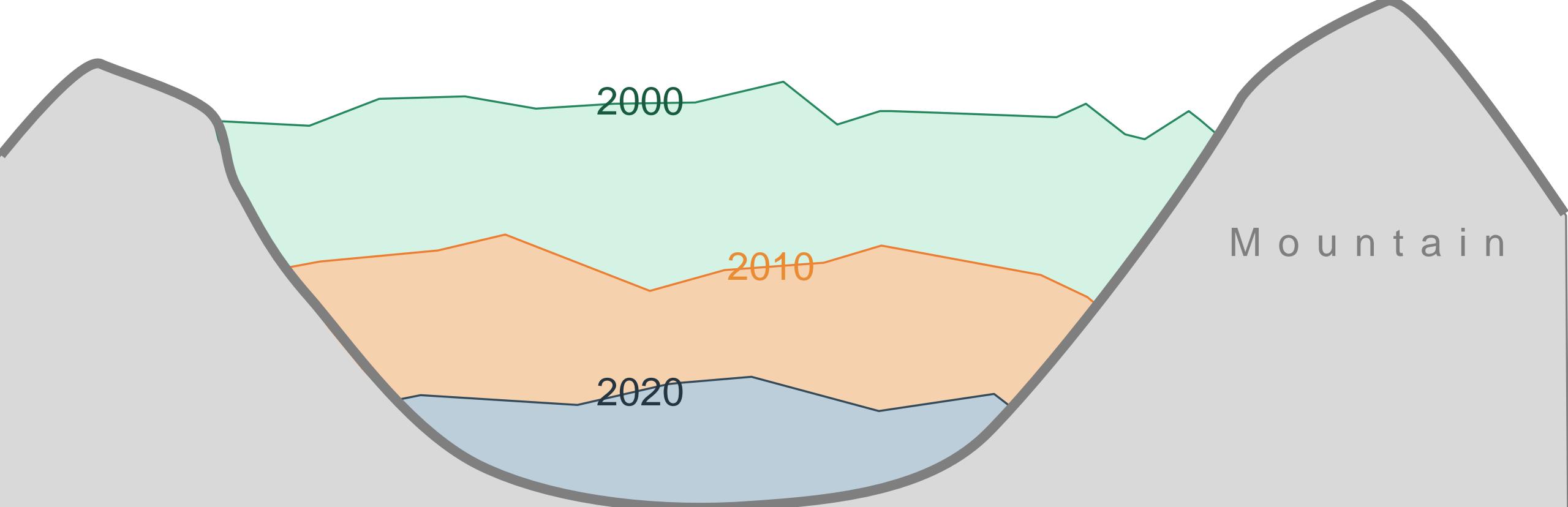
Multi-temporal DEMs



Elevation
930 - 968.461
900 - 930
870 - 900
840 - 870
810 - 840
780 - 810
750 - 780
720 - 750
690 - 720
660 - 690
630 - 660
600 - 630
570 - 600
540 - 570
510 - 540
480 - 510
450 - 480
420 - 450
390 - 420
360 - 390
330 - 360
300 - 330
270 - 300
240 - 270
210 - 240
180 - 210
150 - 180
120 - 150
90 - 120
60 - 90
42 - 60
30.328 - 42

2m – Kaffiøyra's DEM

Amount of **vertical** volume loss



L a n d

G l a c i e r

2000

2010

2020

Amount of horizontal volume loss

L a n d

G l a c i e r

2000

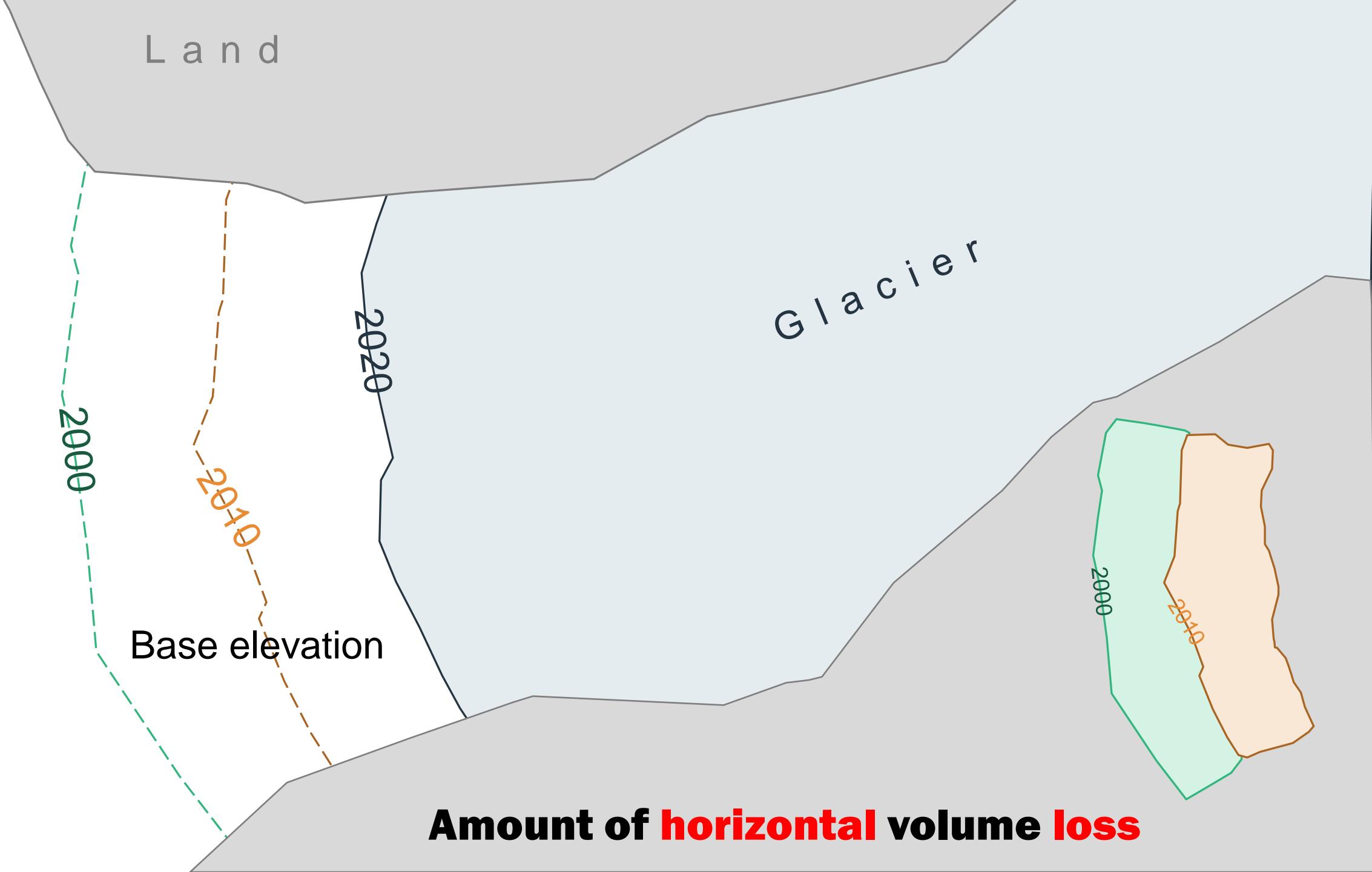
2020

Base elevation

2000

2040

Amount of horizontal volume loss



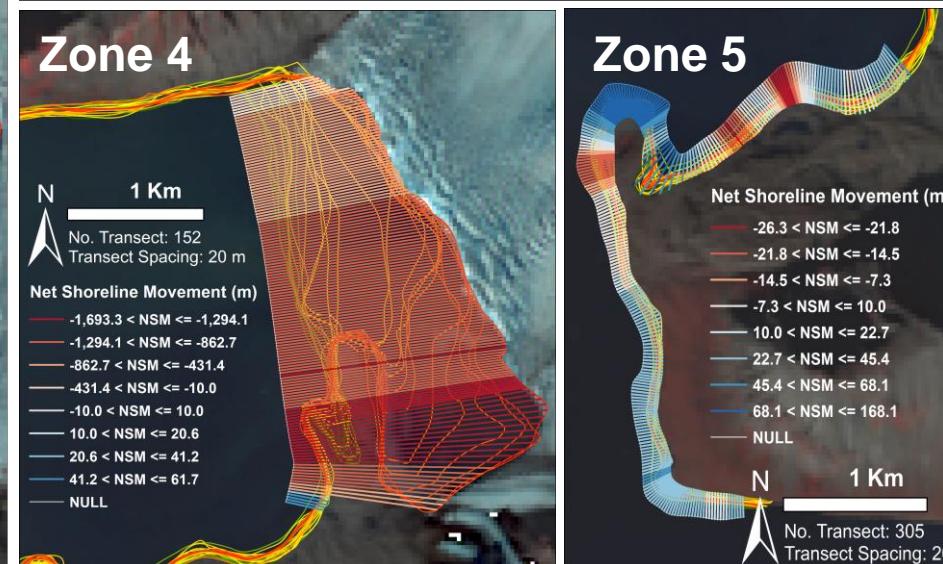
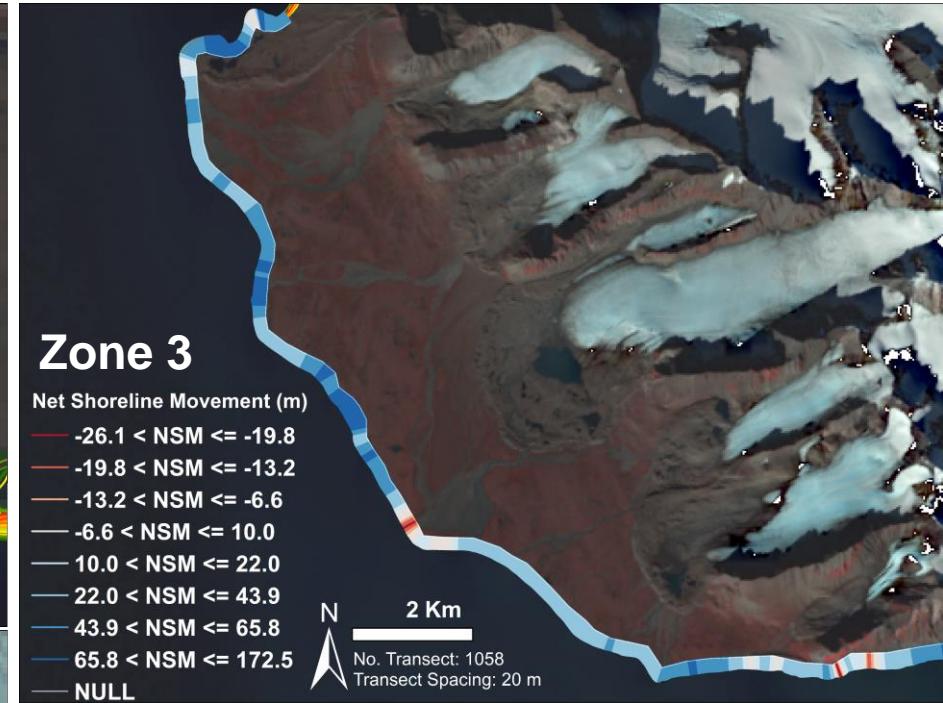
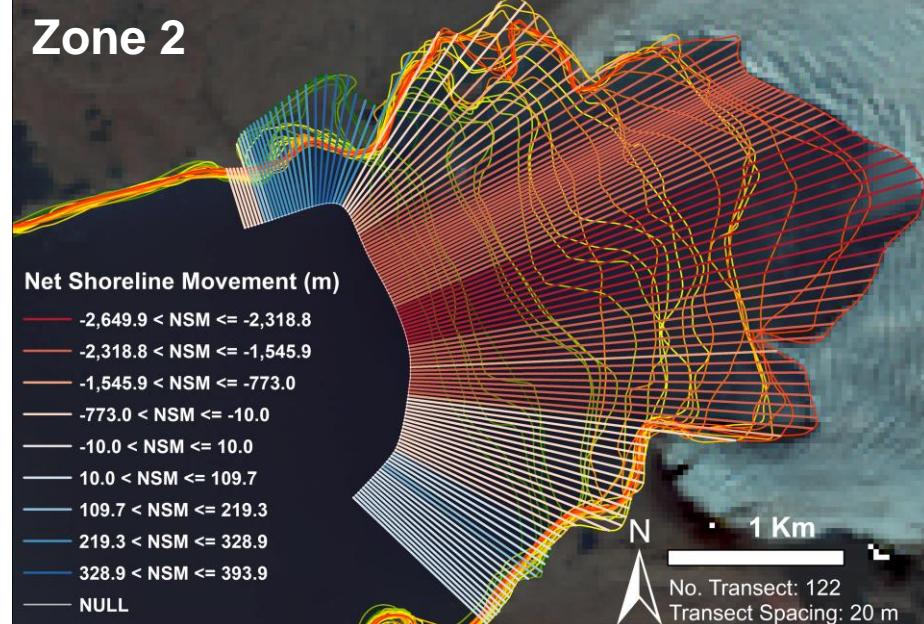
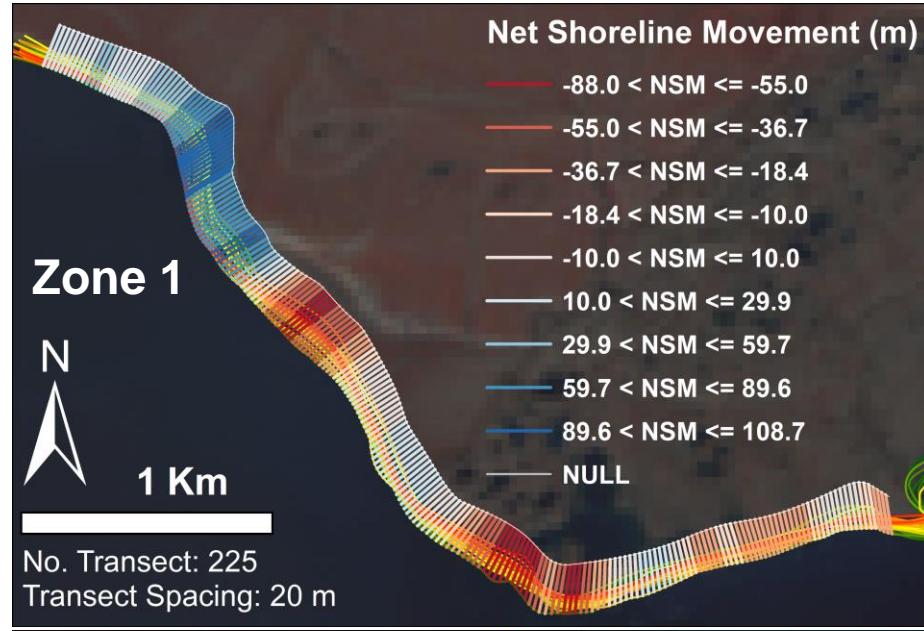
Future works

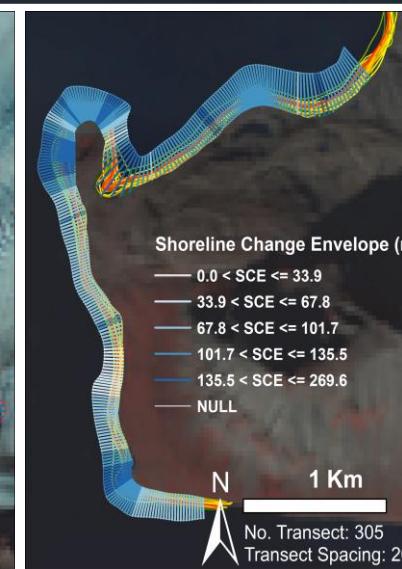
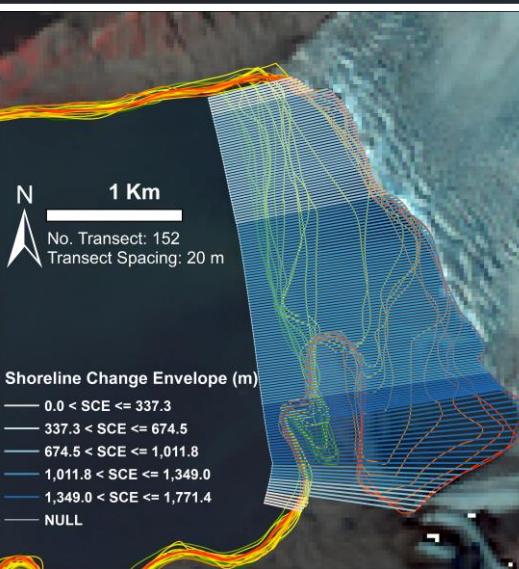
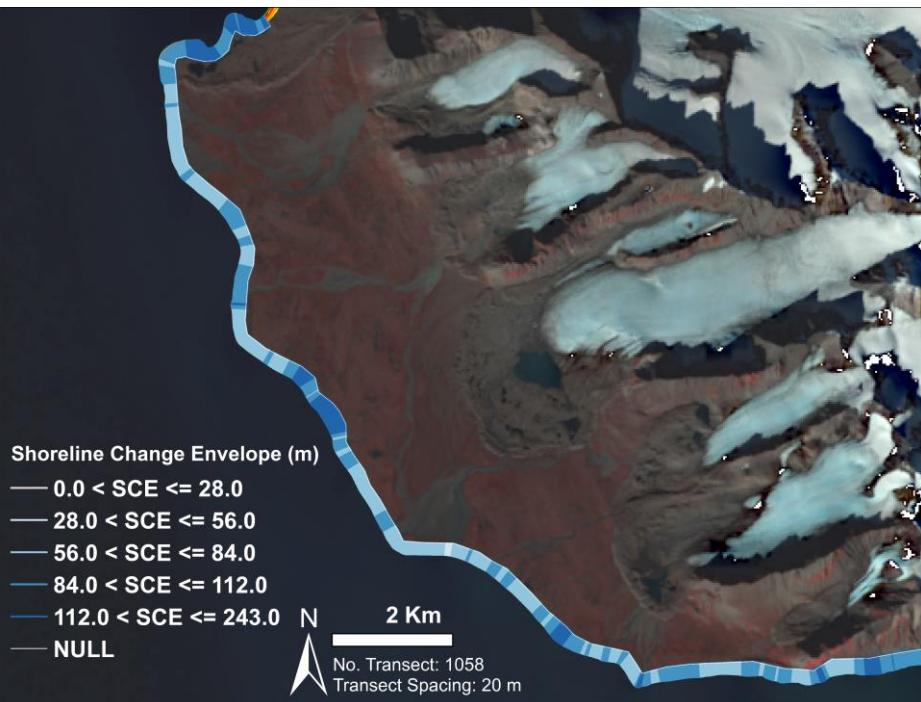
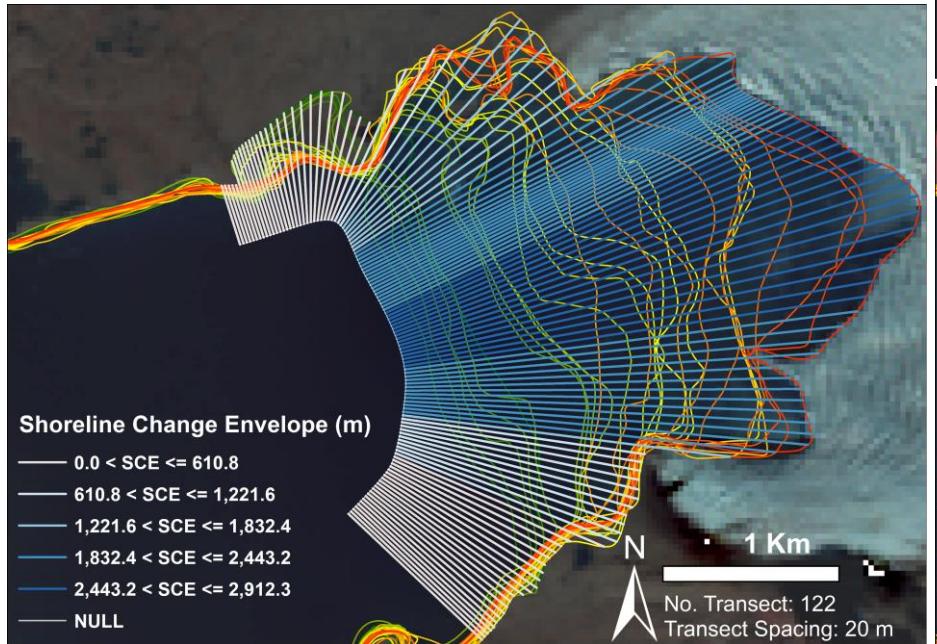
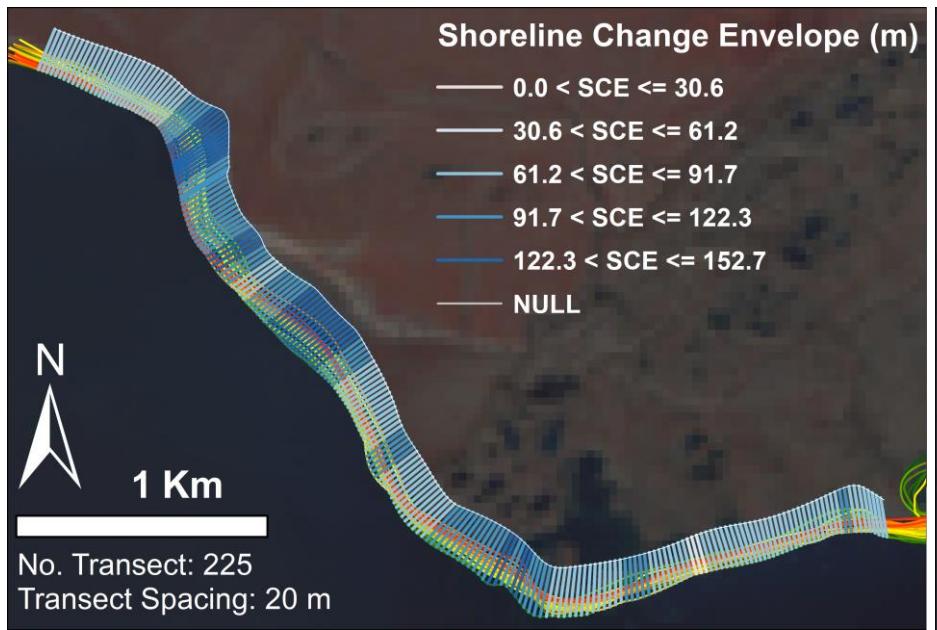
- Collect the satellite images data
- Process and generate DEMs
- Estimate the glacier volume loss in Kaffiøyra



T H A N K Y O U !

Q & A





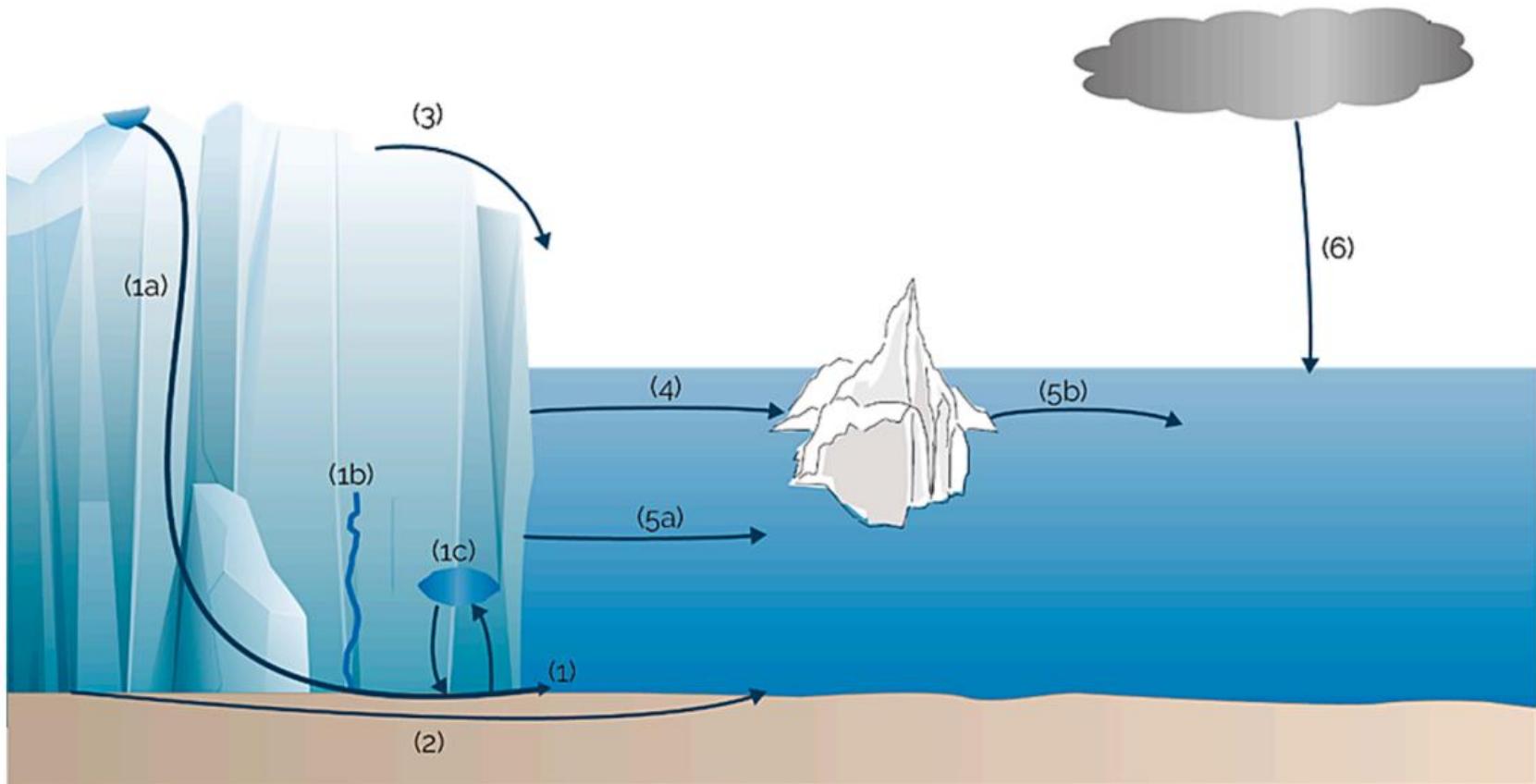


Fig. 3. Potential freshwater inputs in a fjord with a tidewater glacier. 1) subglacial discharge fed by surface melt in summer (1a), basal ice melt (1b) or delayed outflow of internally stored meltwater (1c). 2) Submarine groundwater discharge. 3) surface runoff in summer (glacial ice and snow- melt). 4) solid ice discharge. 5) submarine melt of (5a) the glacier terminus, or (5b) icebergs, including ice melange and potentially sea ice. 6) precipitation.