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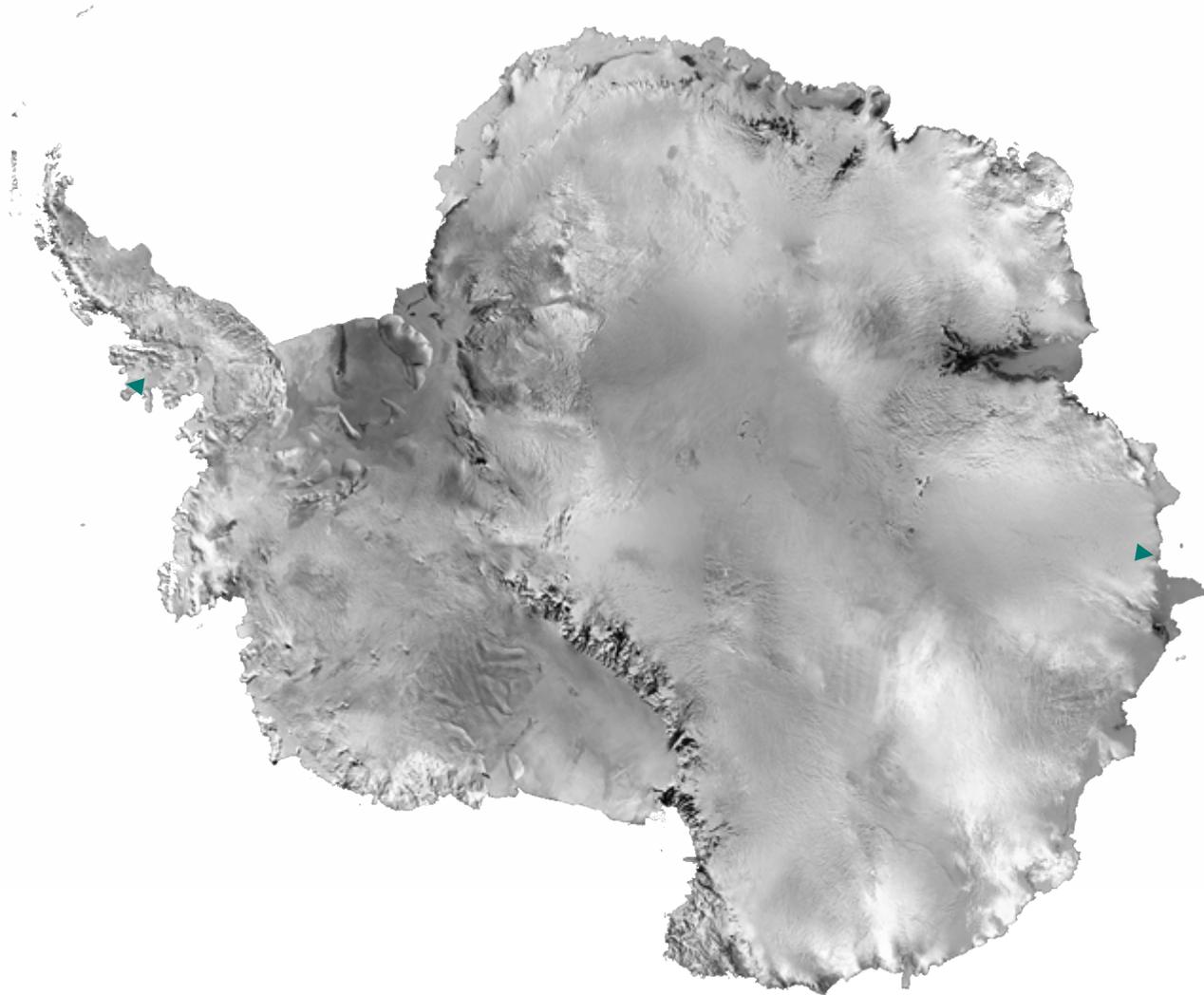
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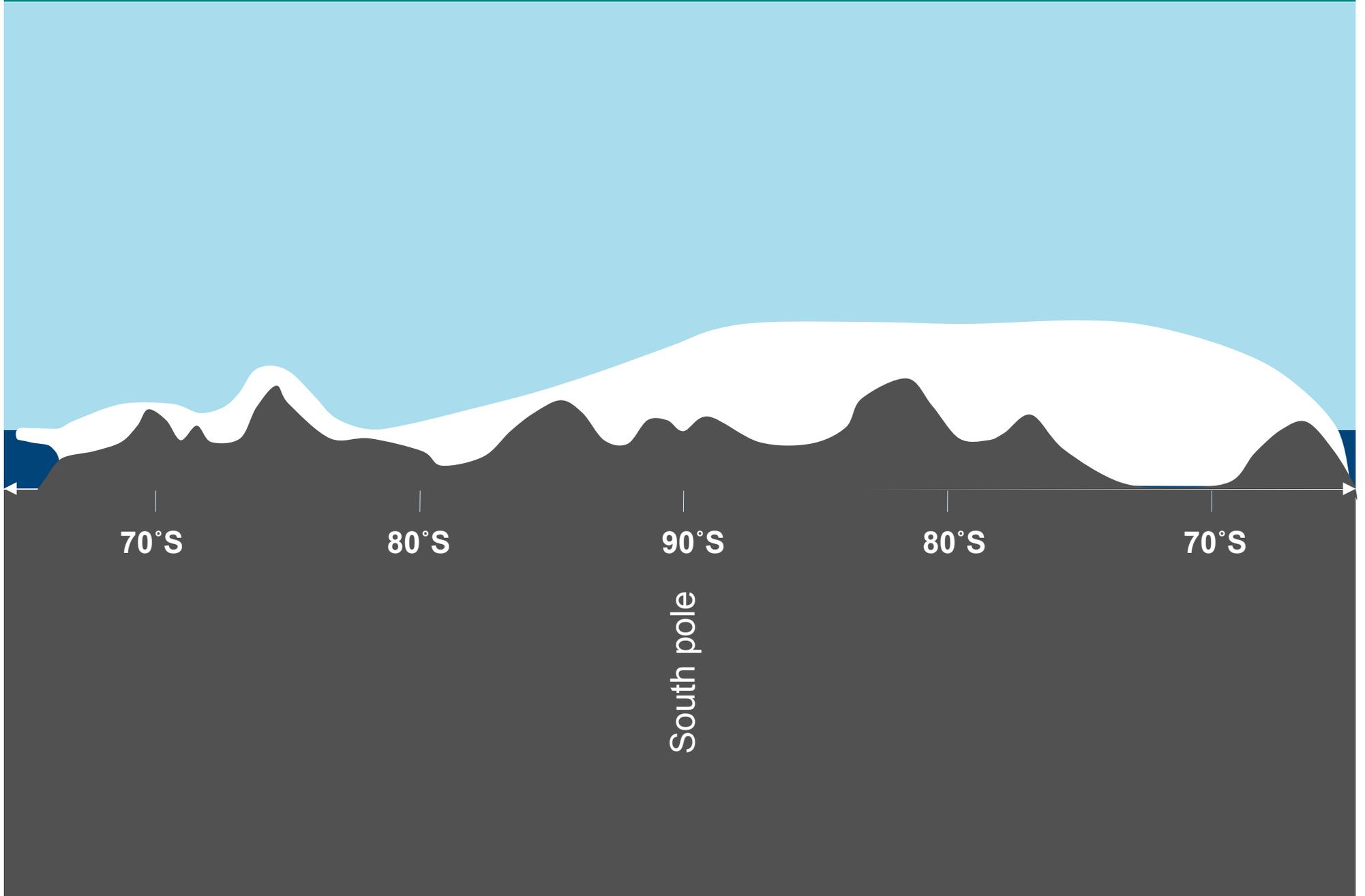
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# Ice sheets - Antarctica

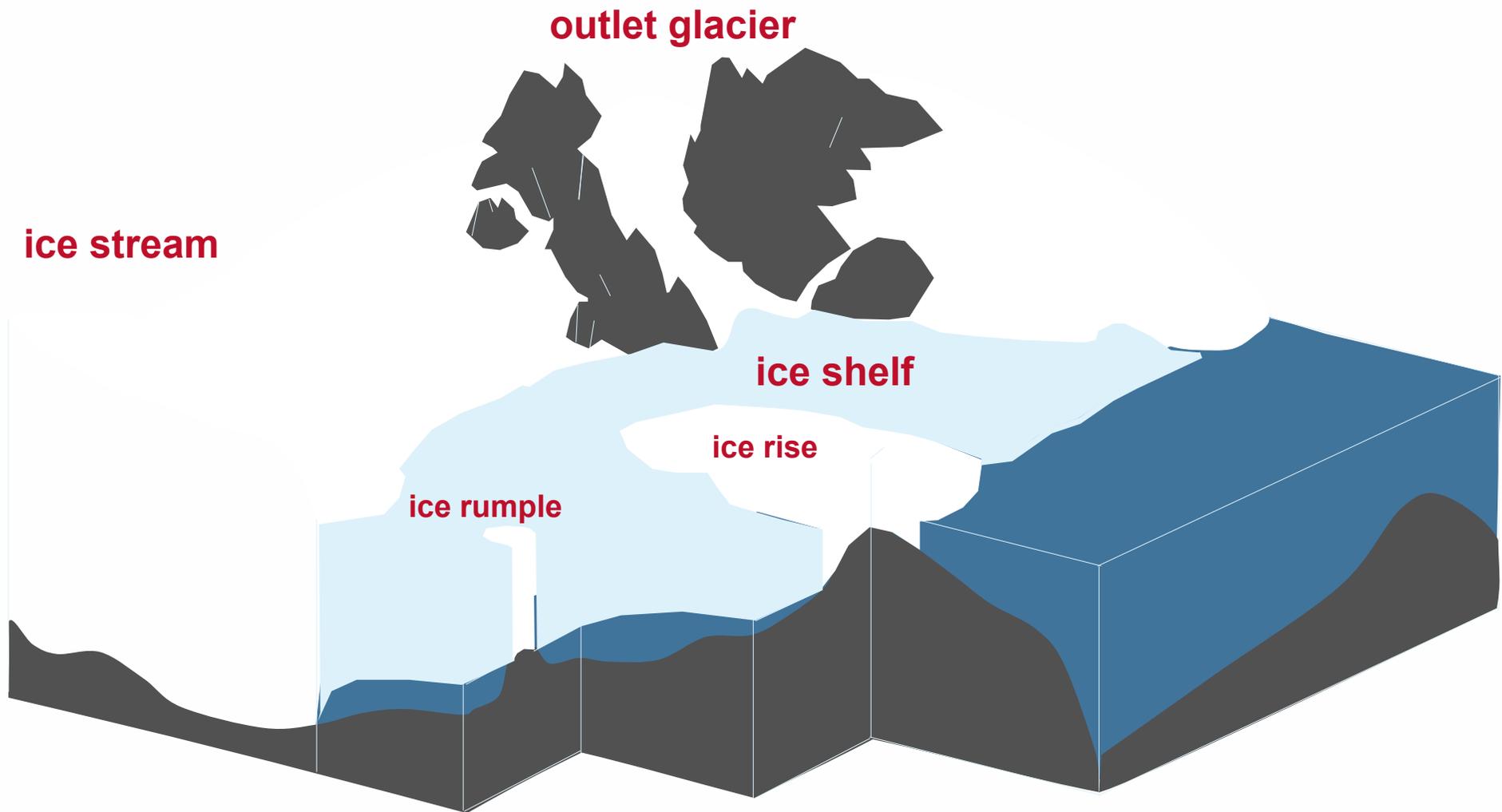
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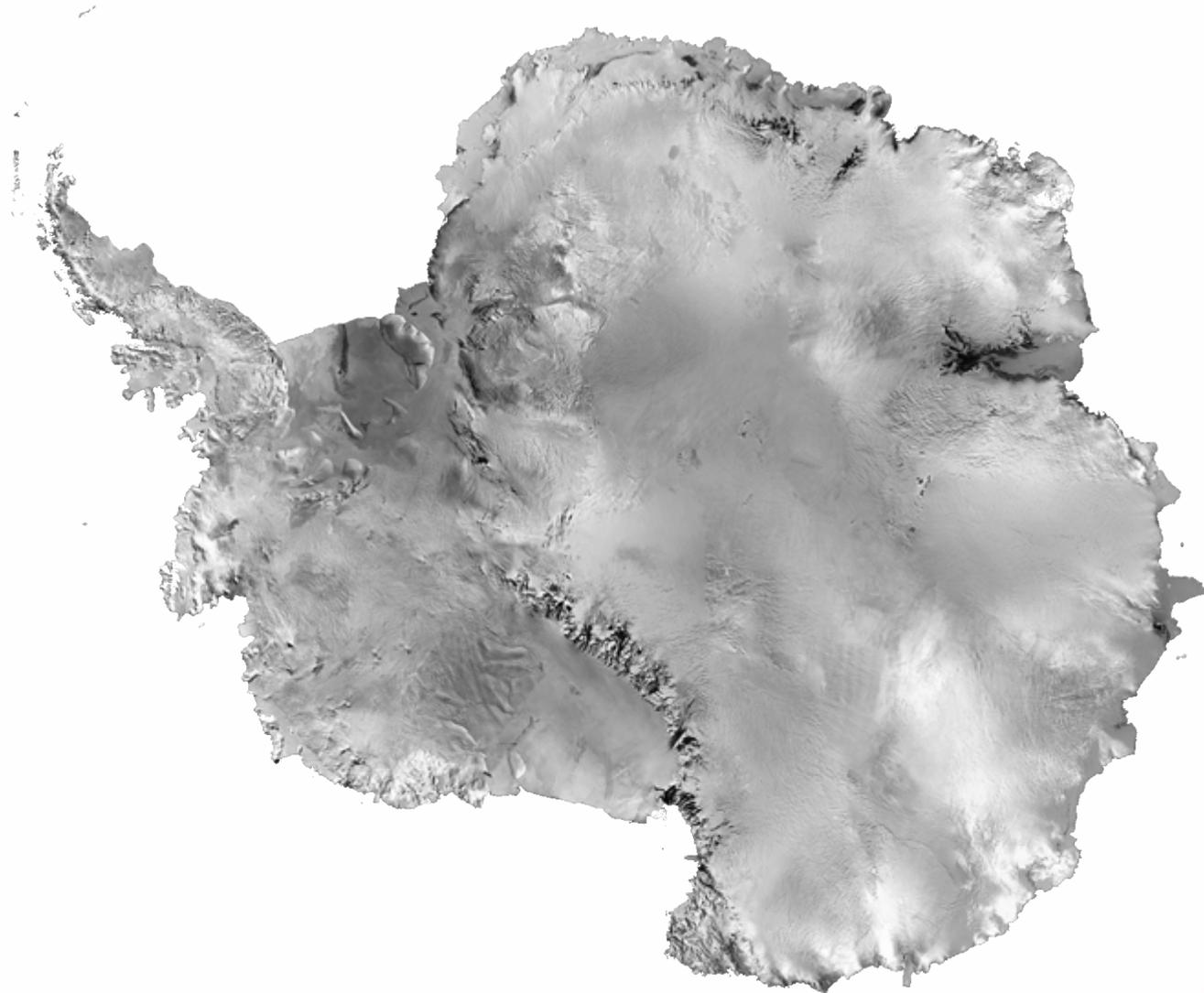
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# The system

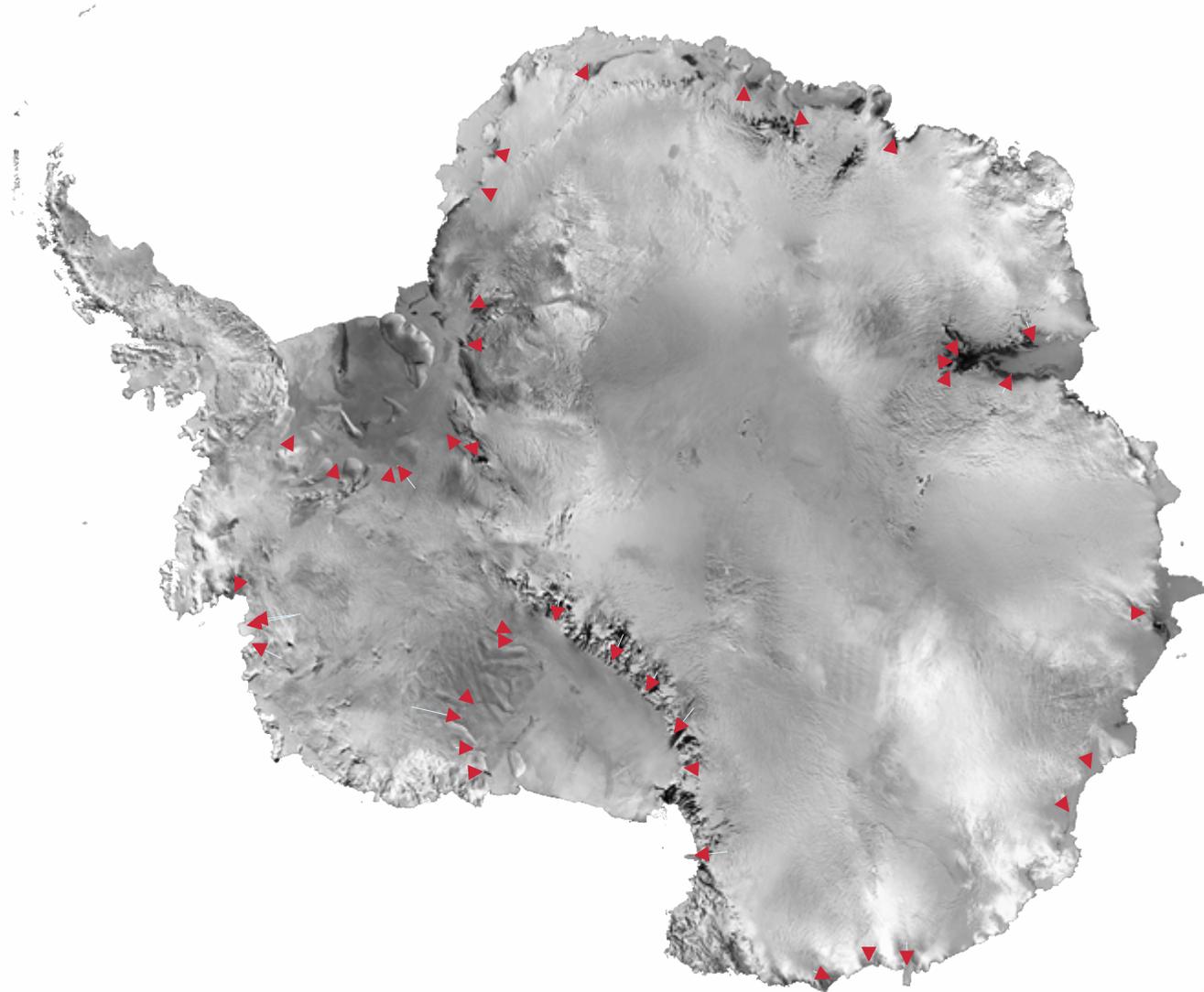


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# The nature of ice

solid

shear angle  $\gamma$   $\blacktriangleright$

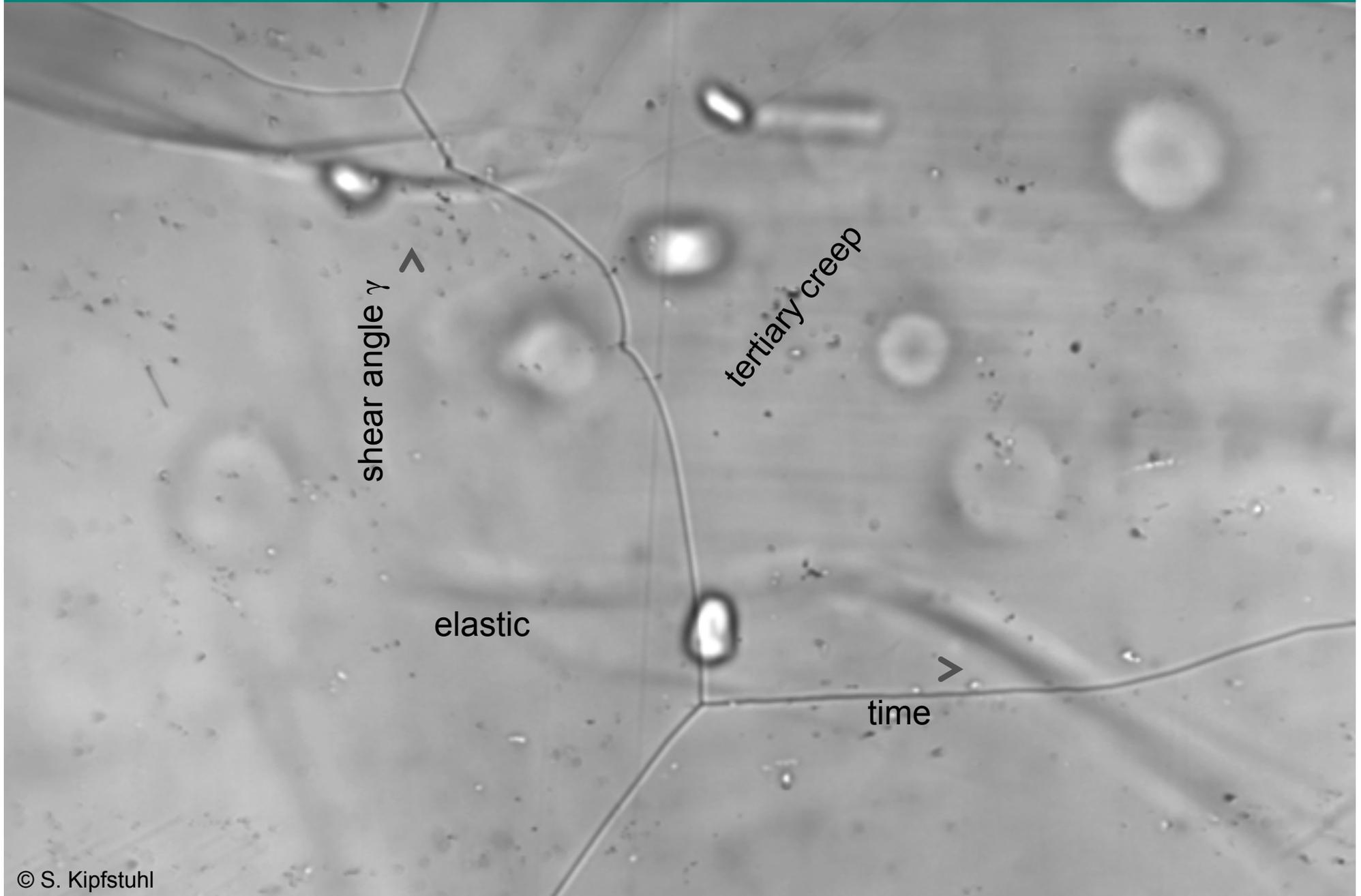
elastic

fluid

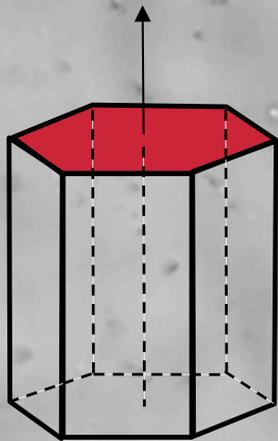
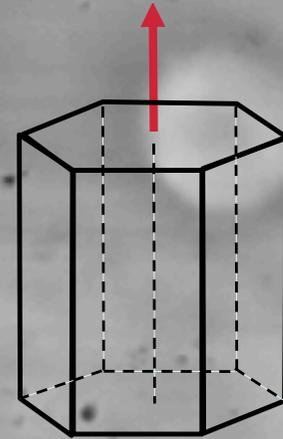
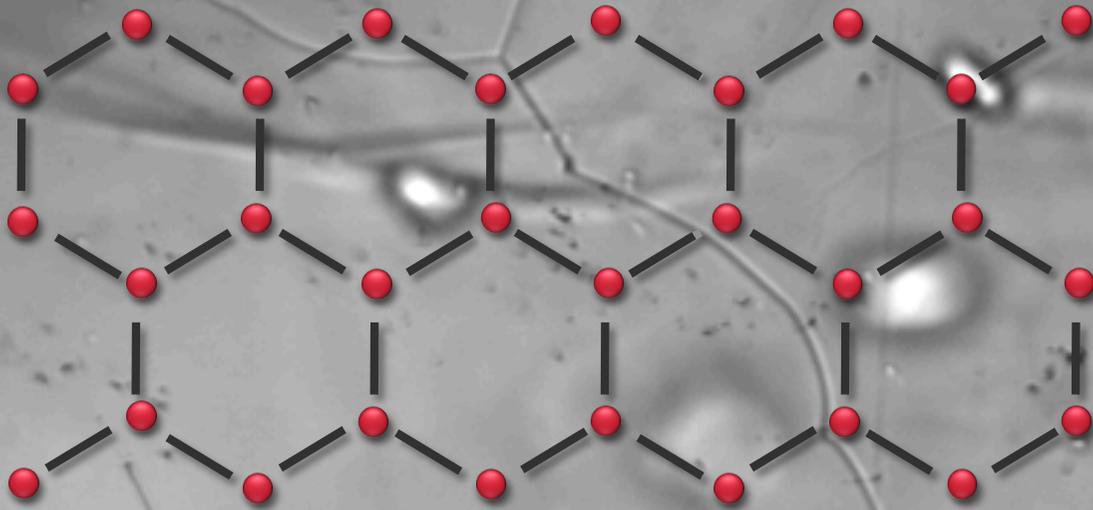
tertiary creep

$\blacktriangleright$   
time

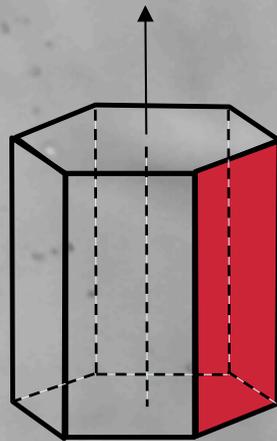
# Deformation of polycrystalline ice



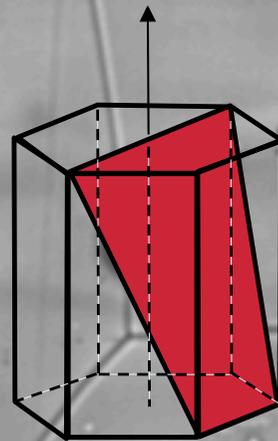
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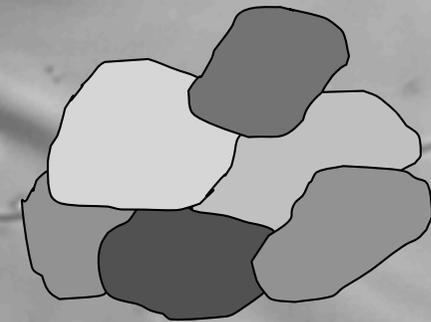
basal



prismatic

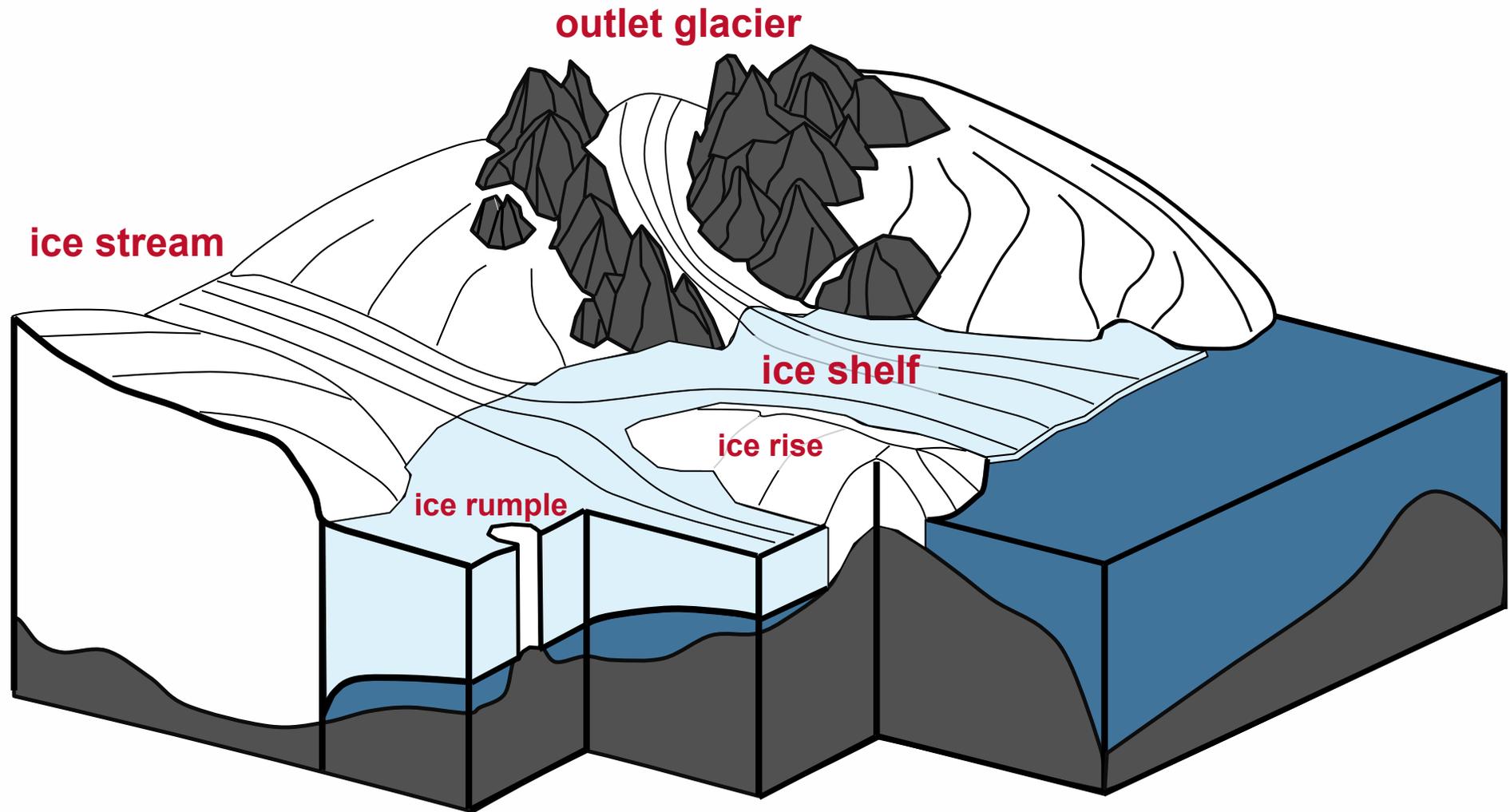


pyramidal

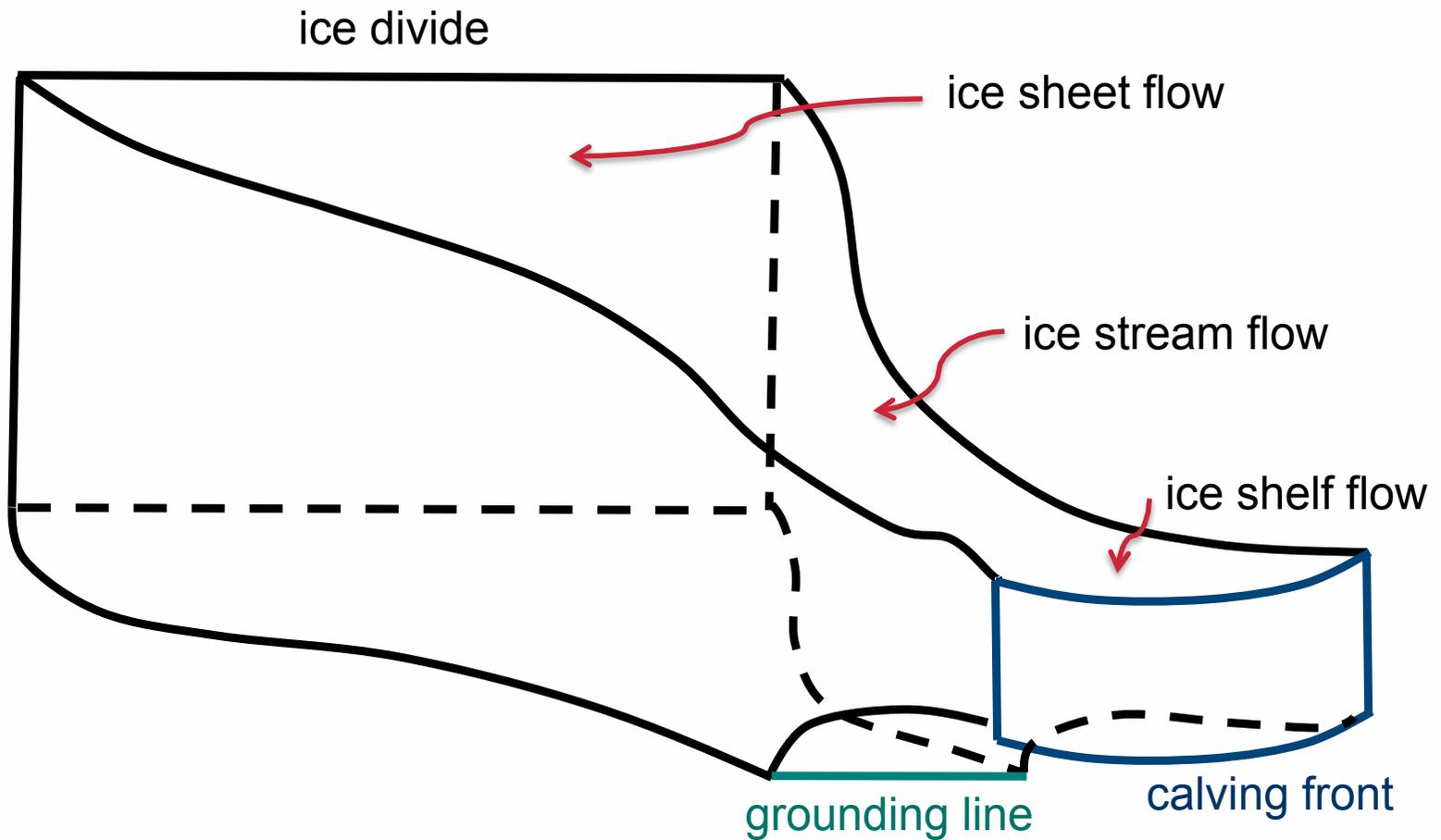


interaction between individual grains

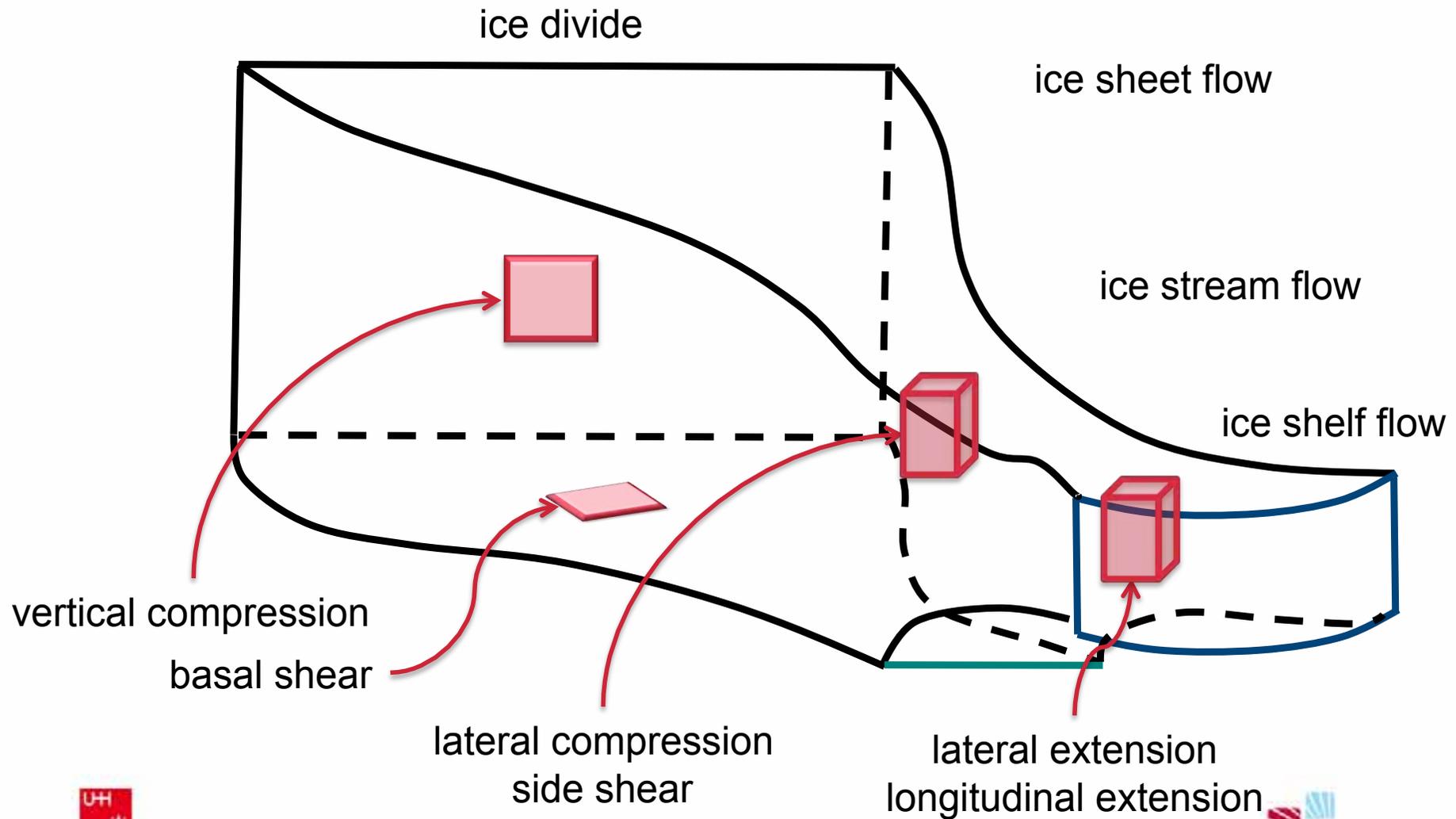
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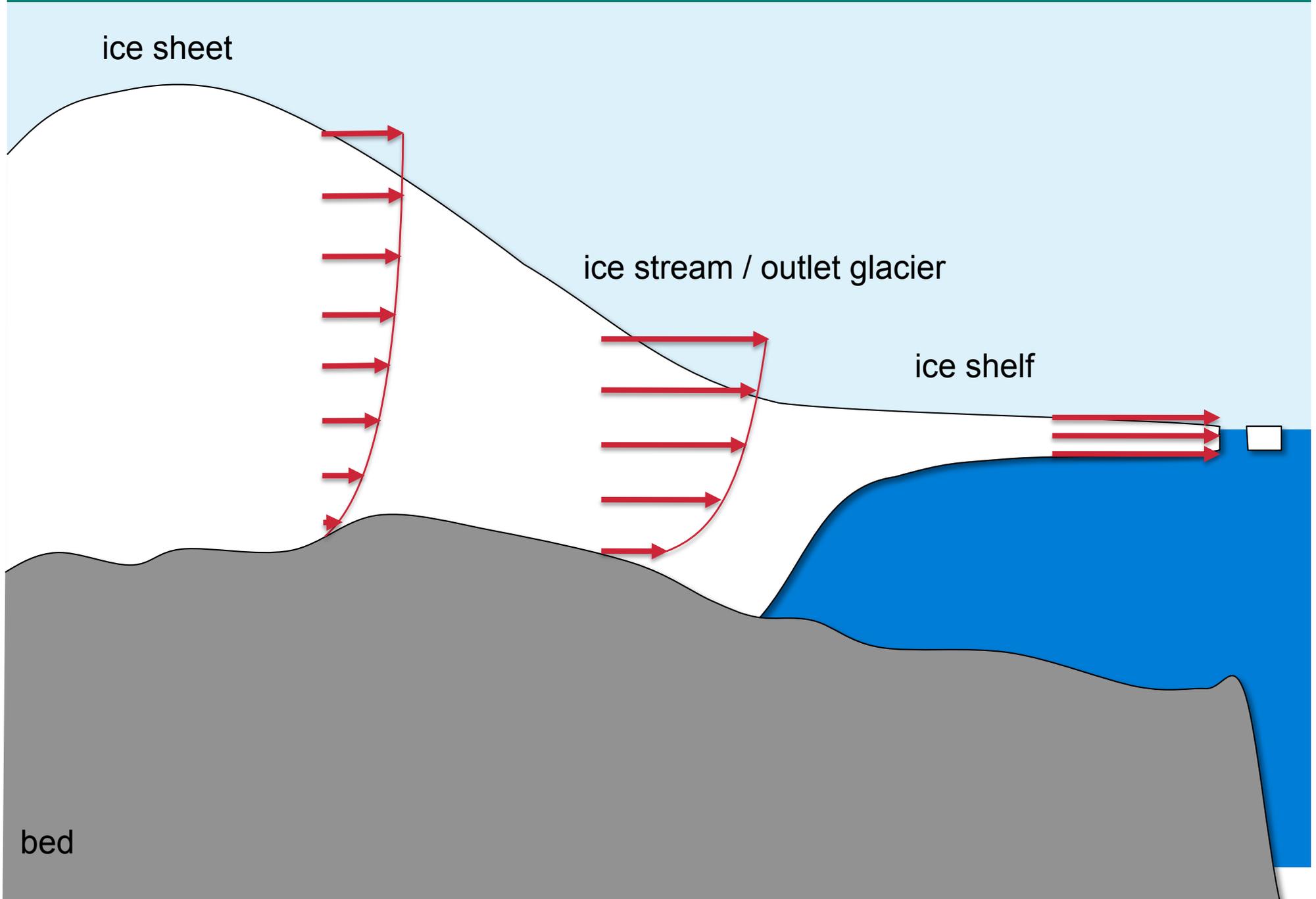
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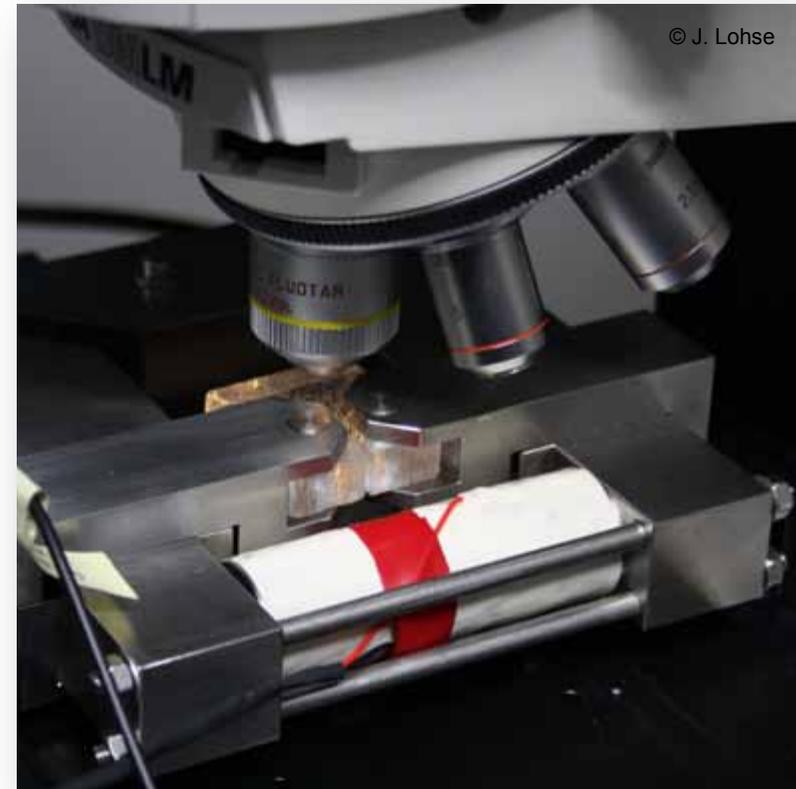
# Horizontal velocity profiles



# Observation versus experiment



observation

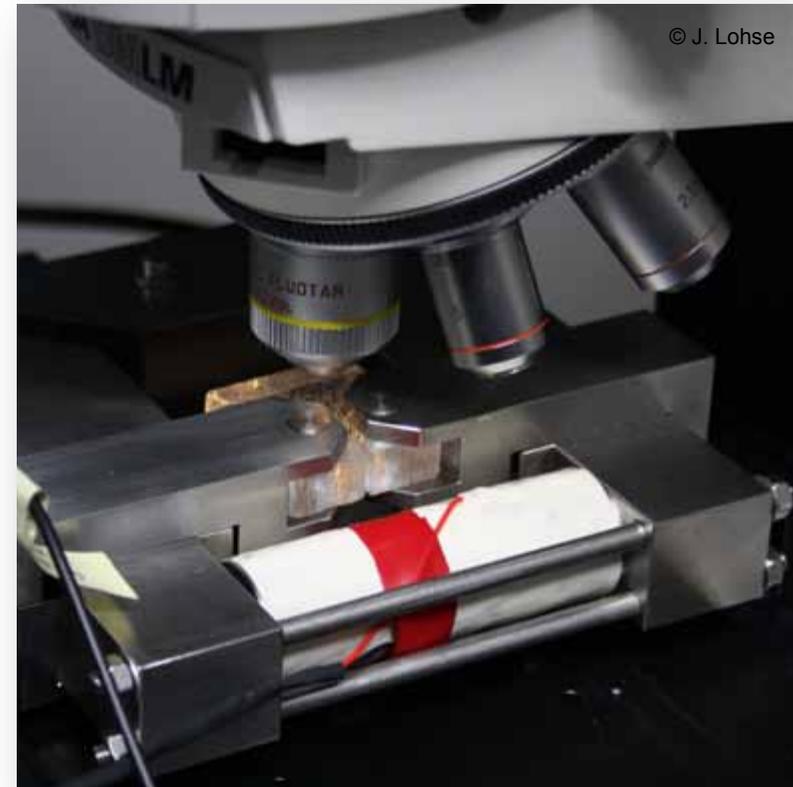


fracture mechanical experiment

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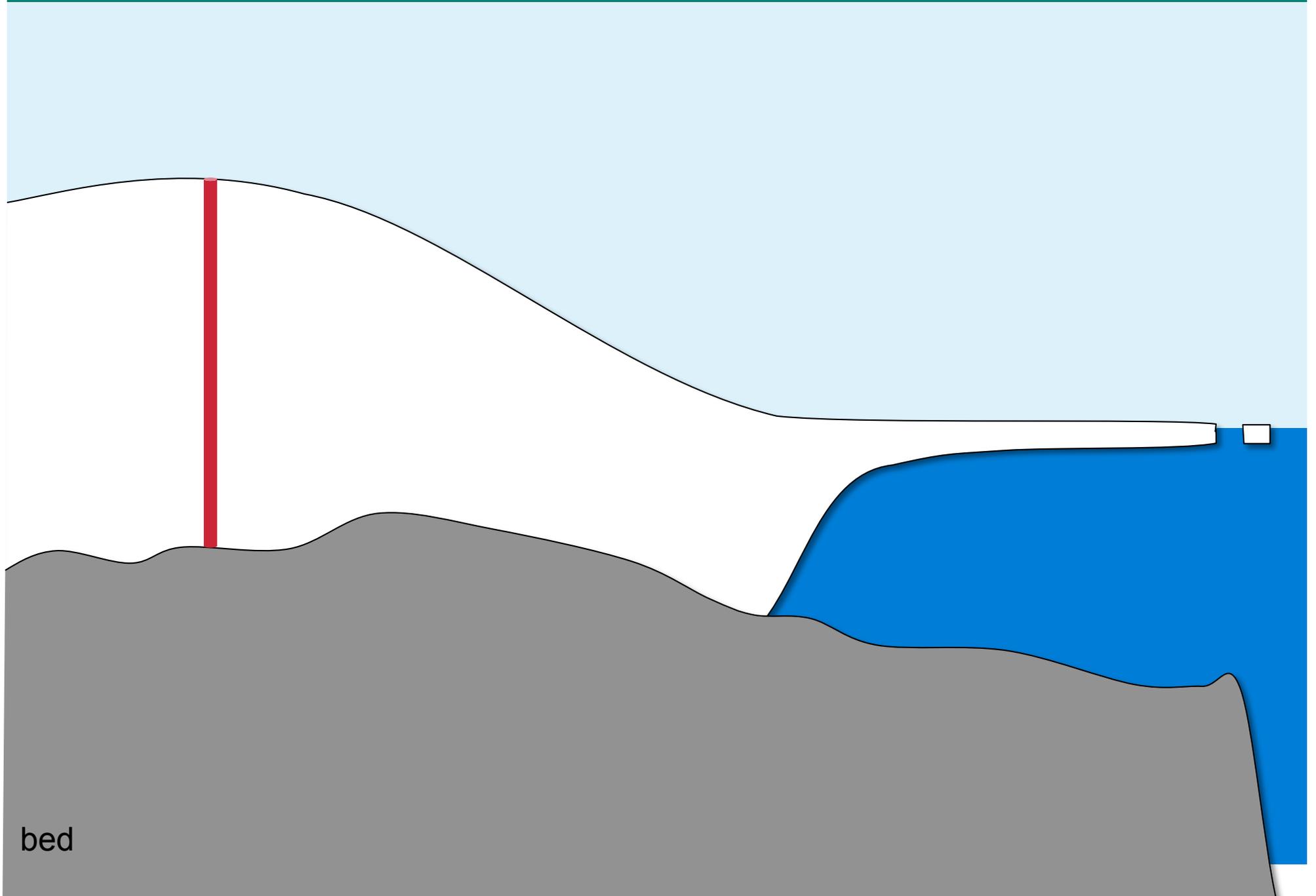


observation



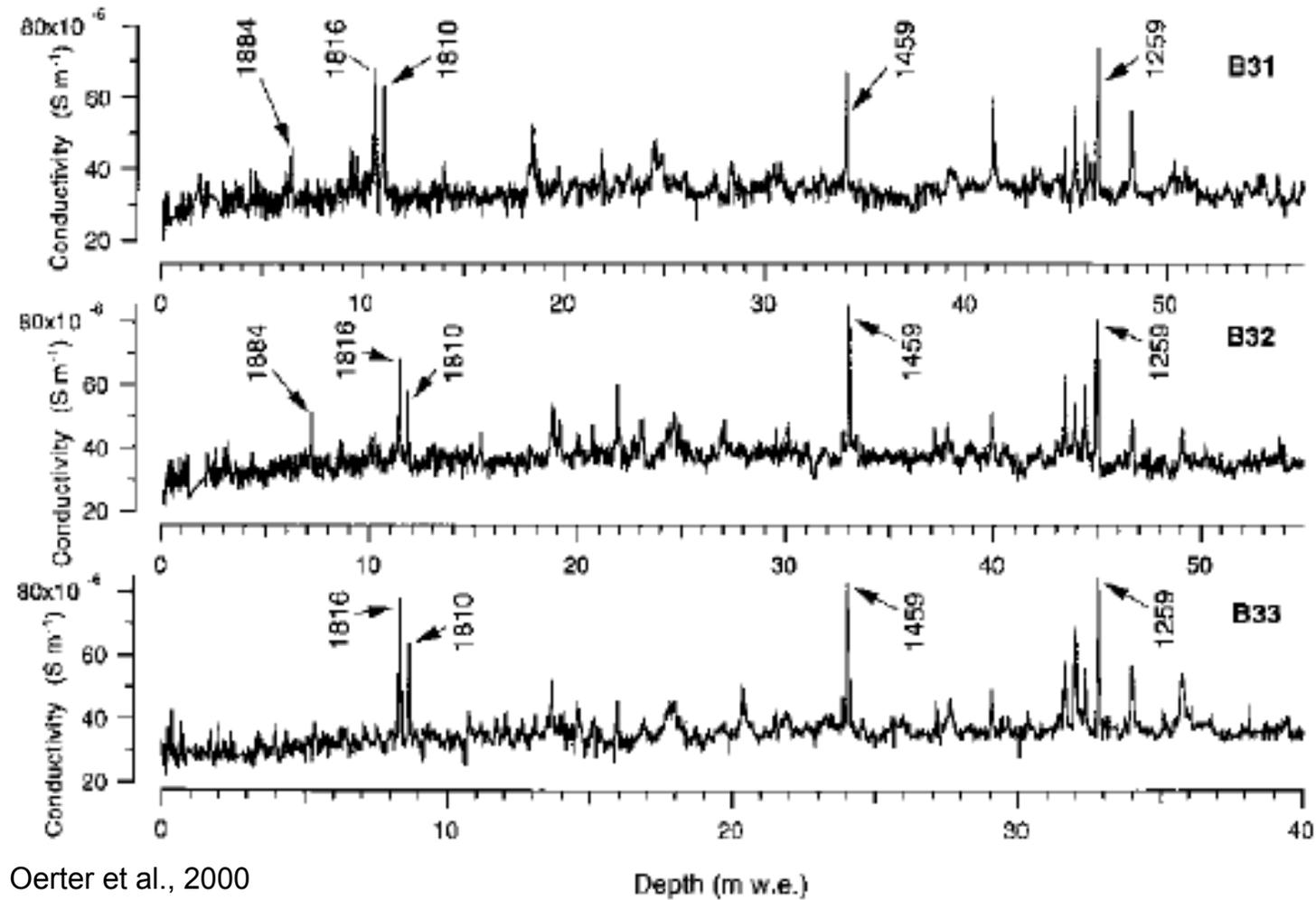
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# Observational Methods



# Shallow cores – accumulation rates

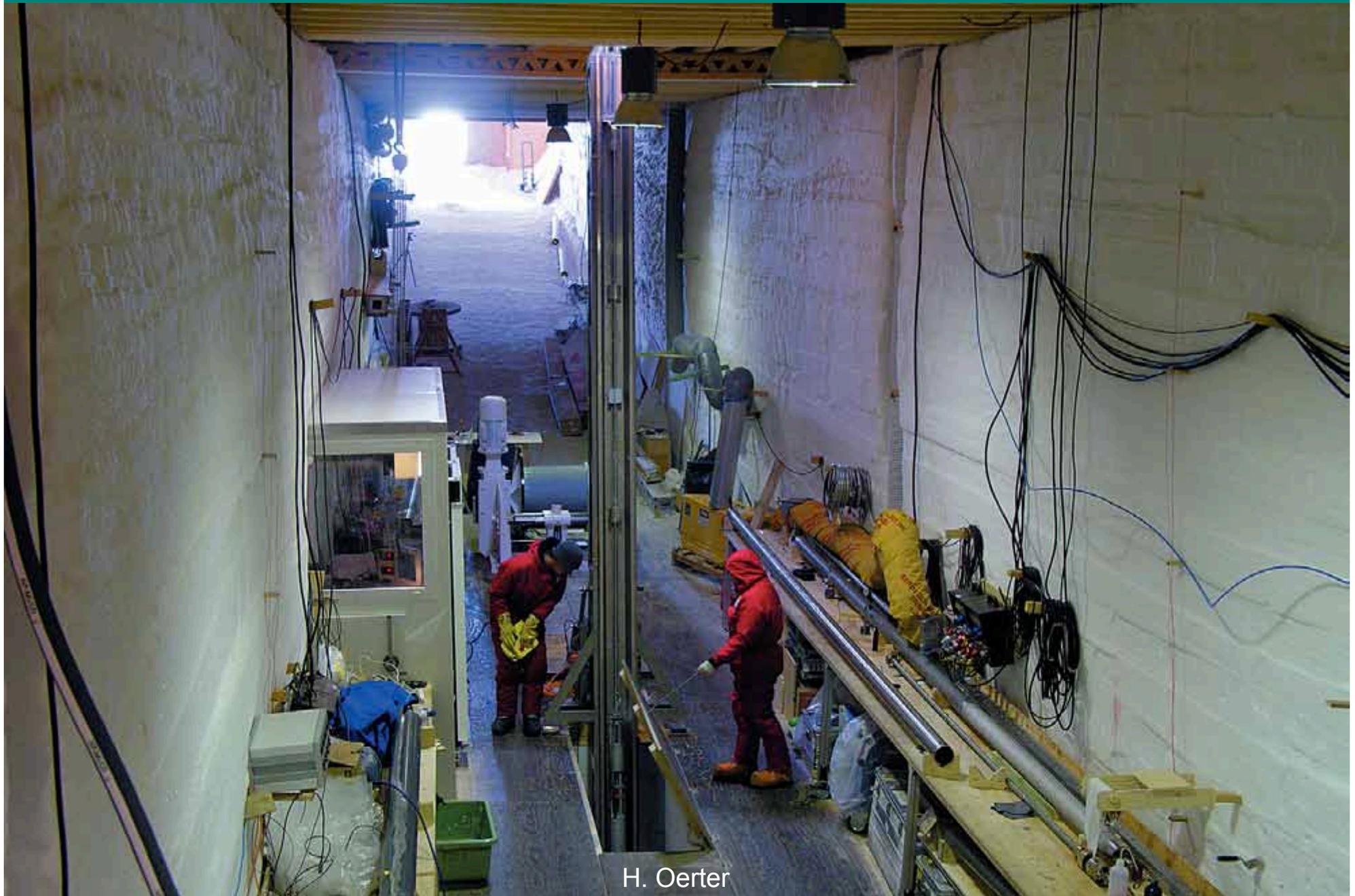
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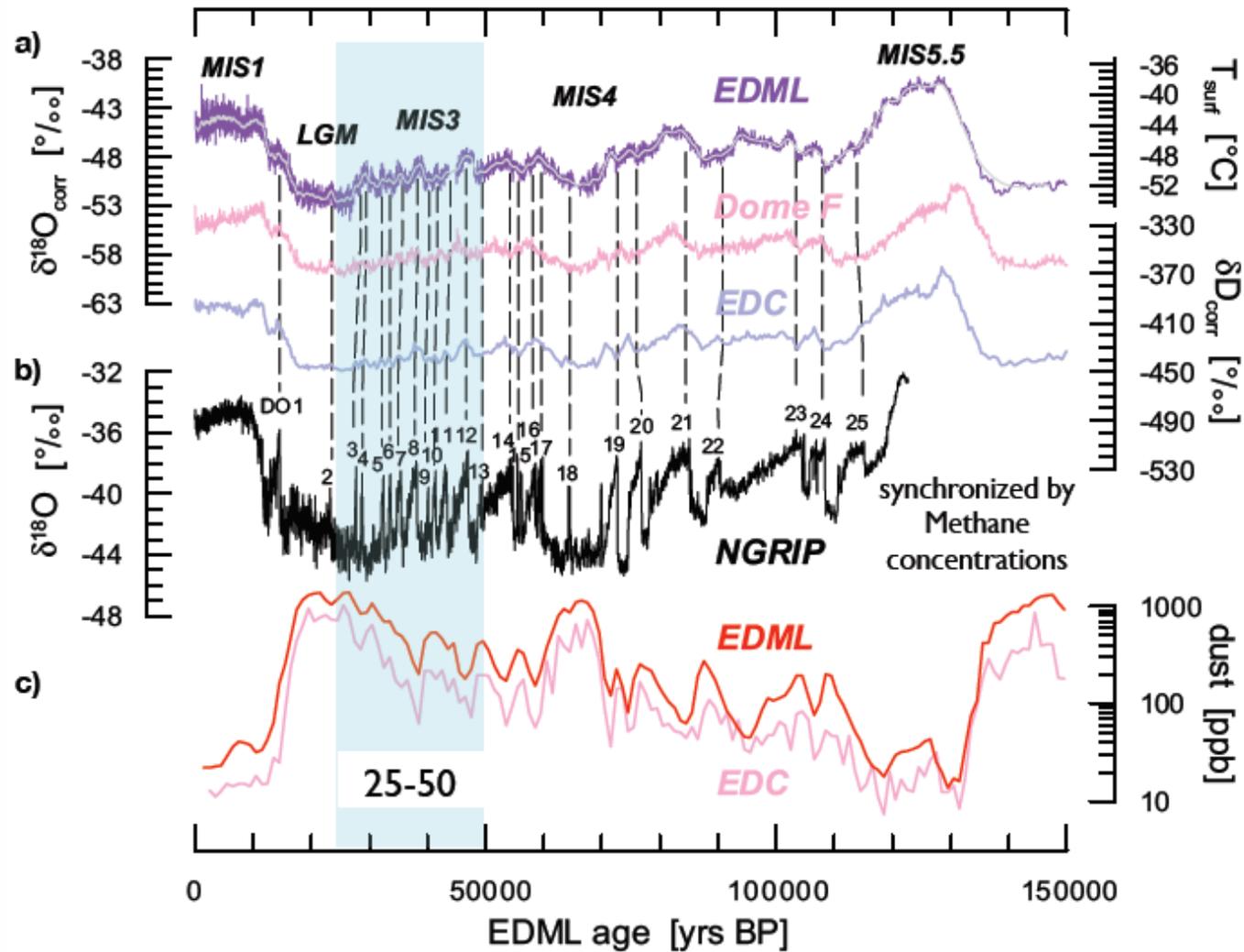
Depth (m w.e.)

## Deep cores – climate history

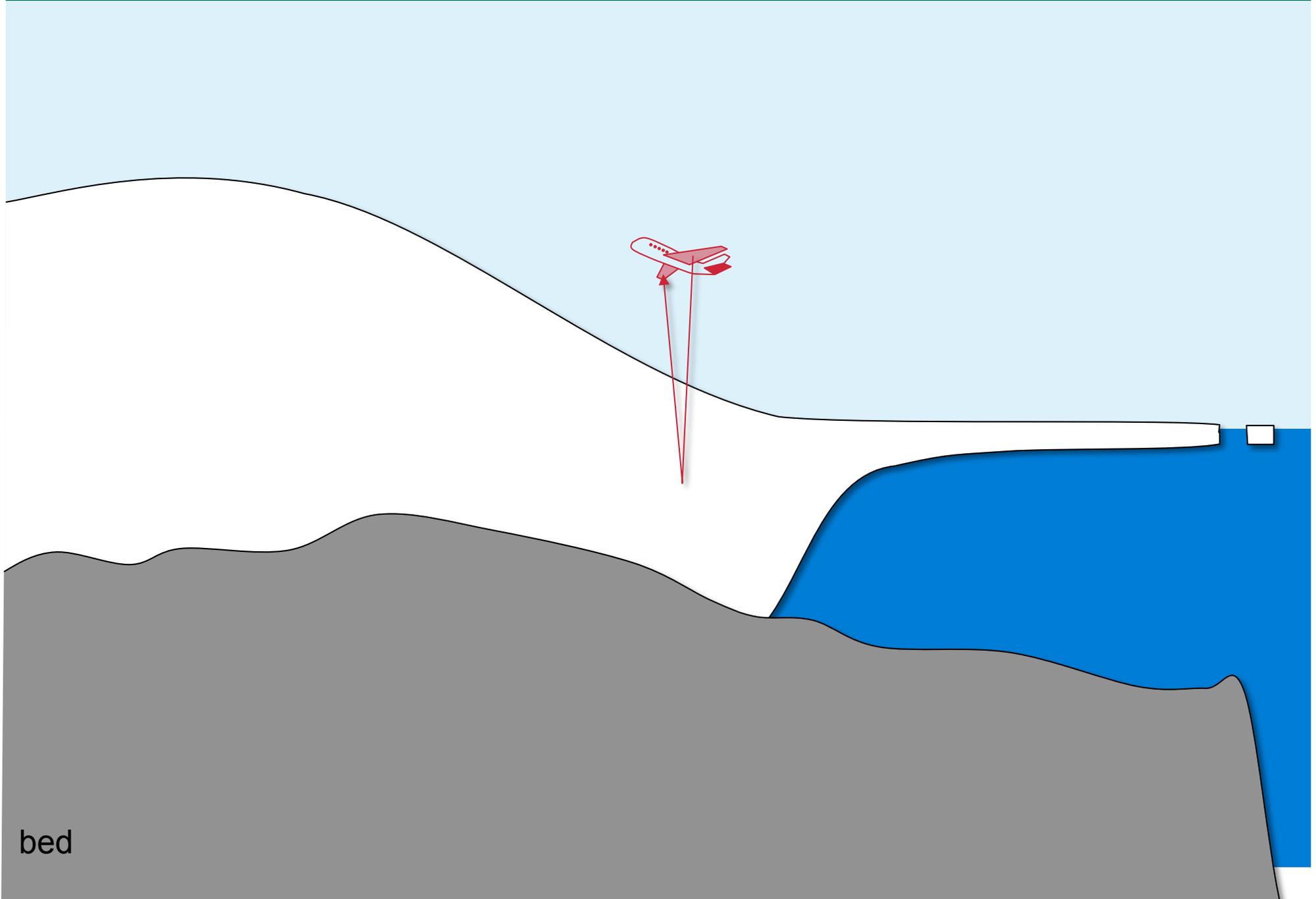


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# Deep cores – climate history



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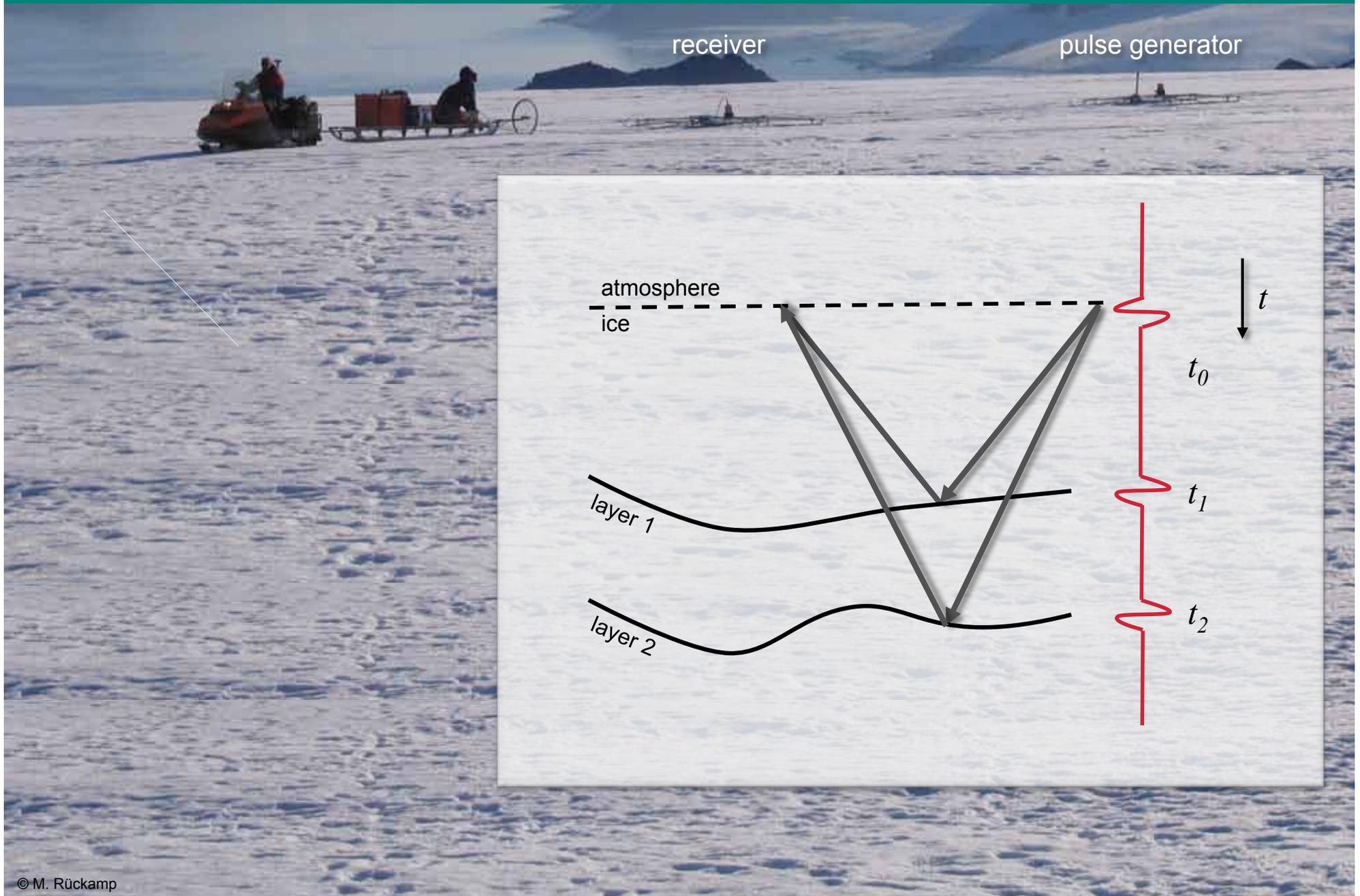


bed

# Radio echo sounding



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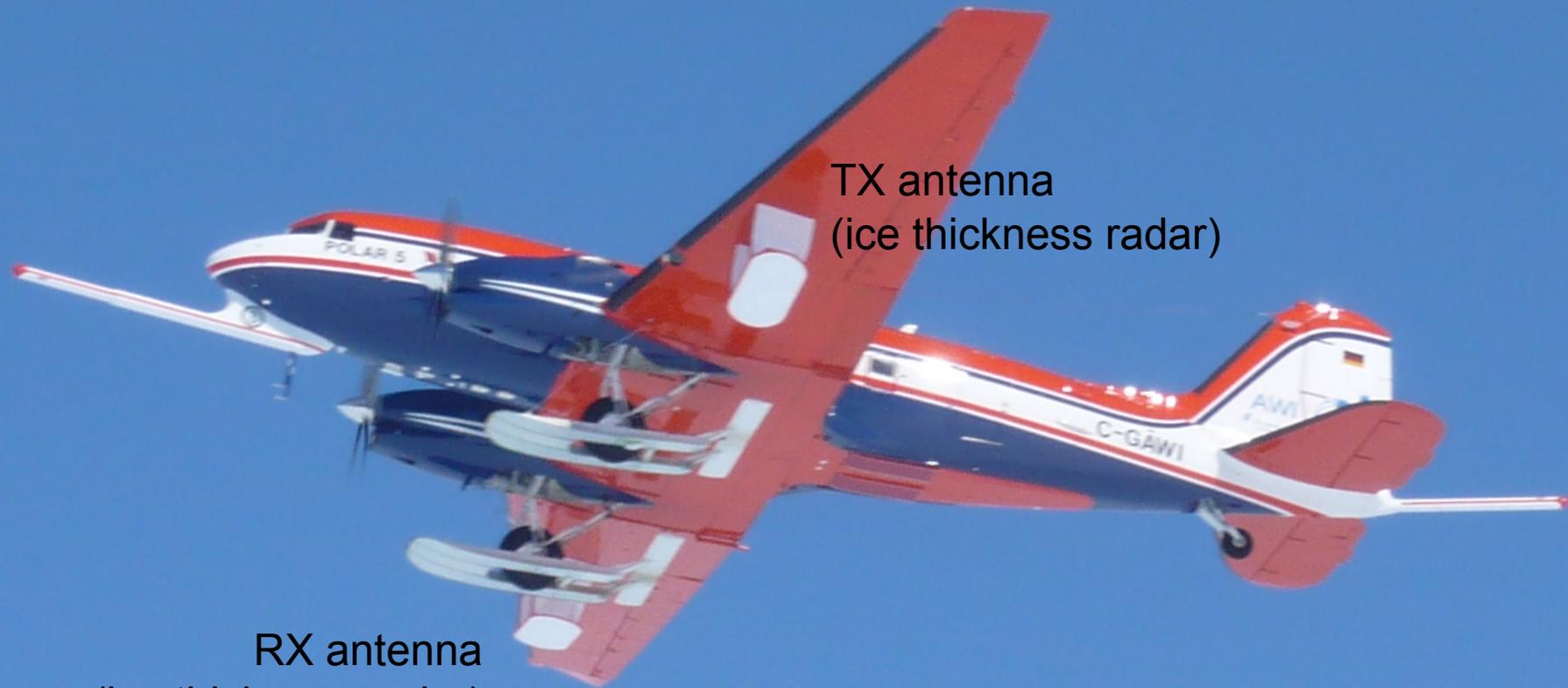
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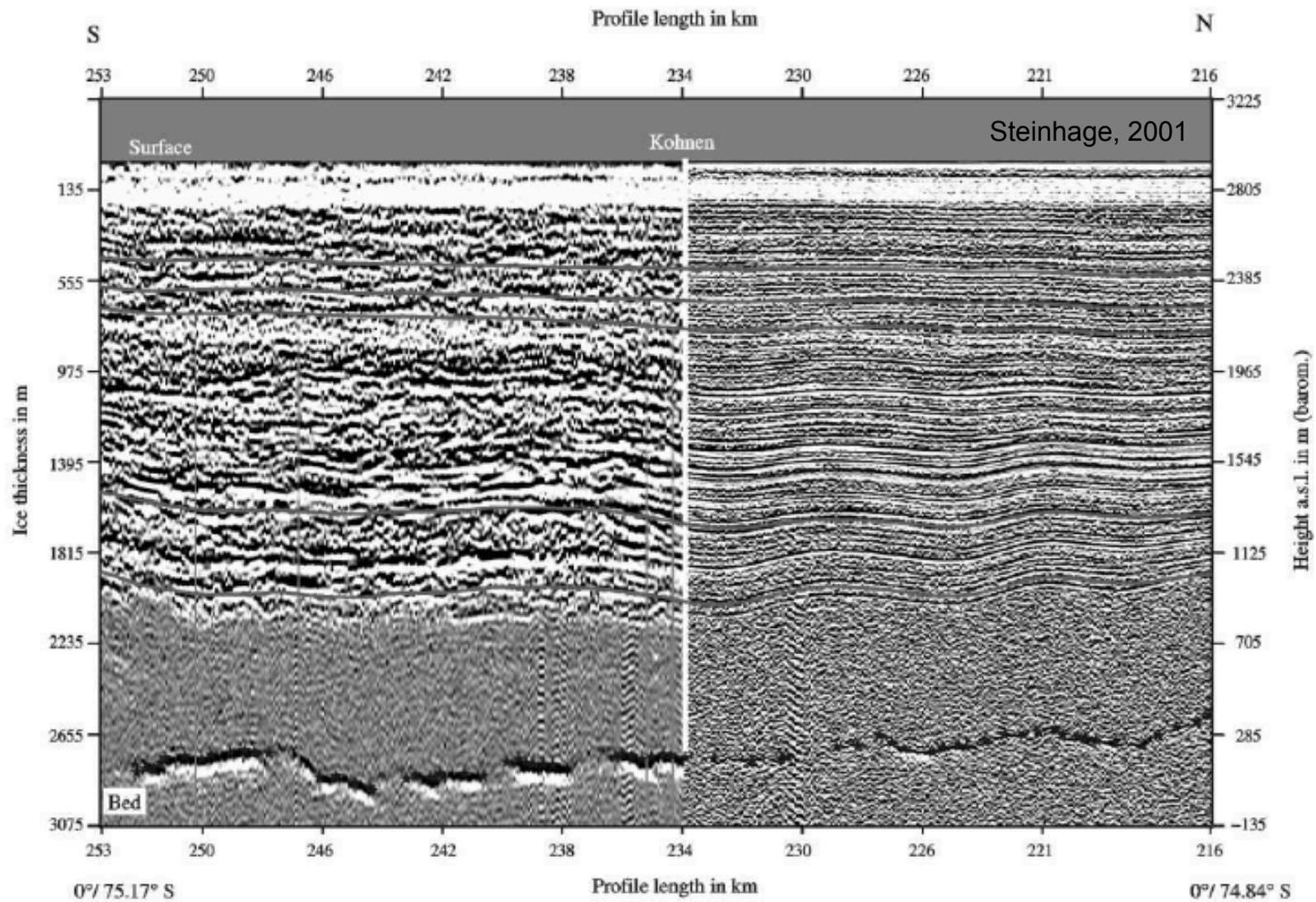
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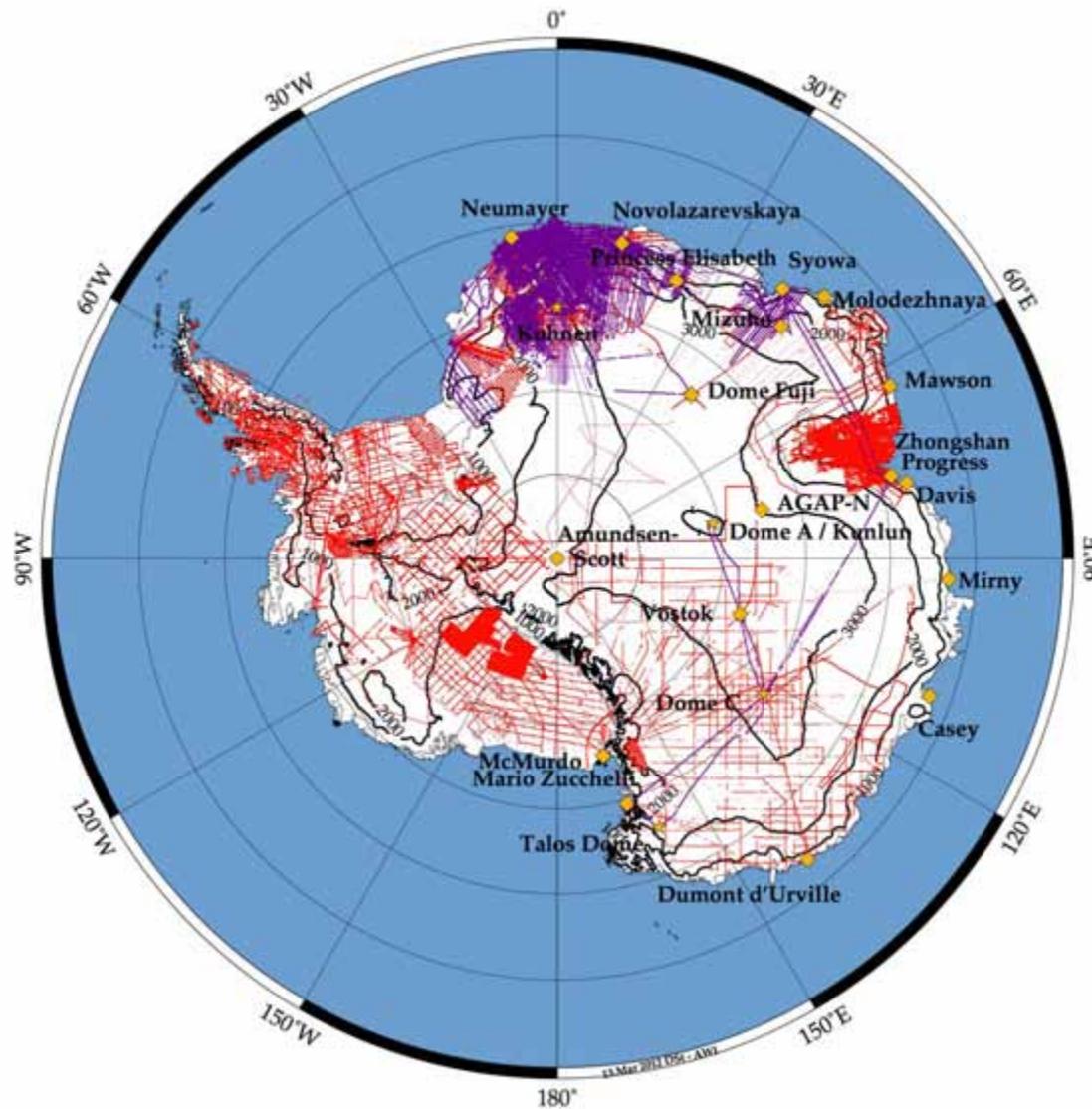
TX antenna  
(ice thickness radar)

RX antenna  
(ice thickness radar)

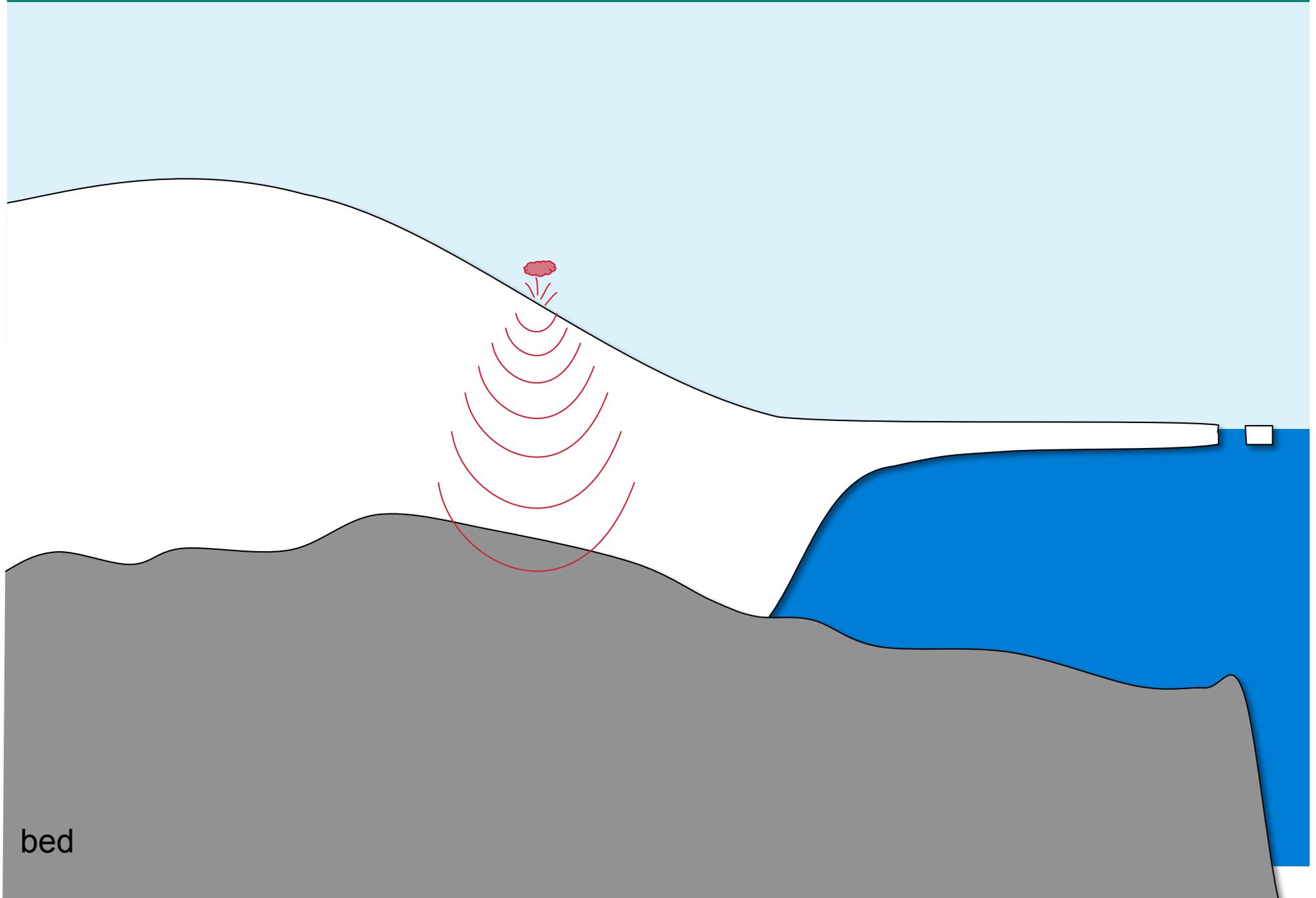
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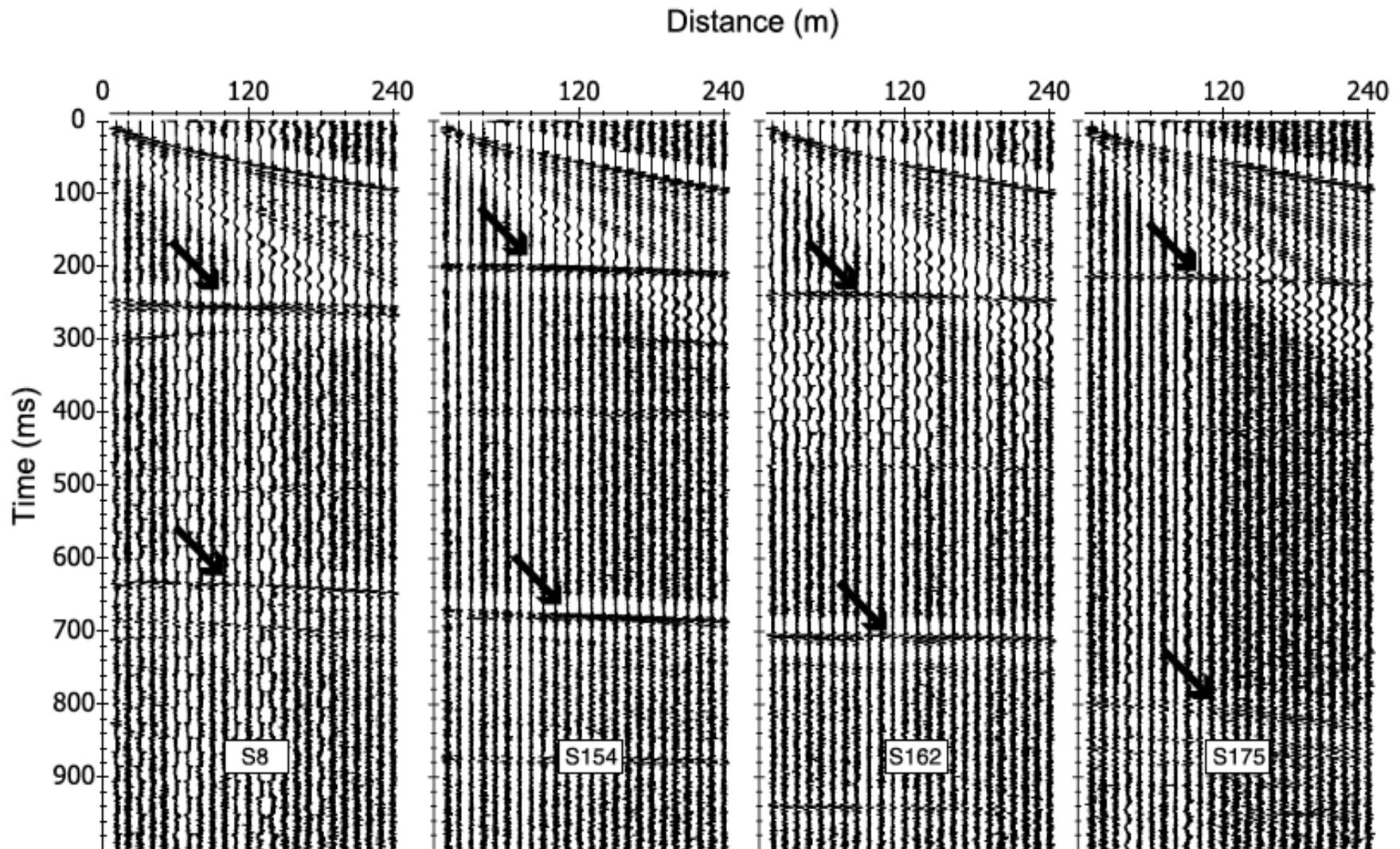
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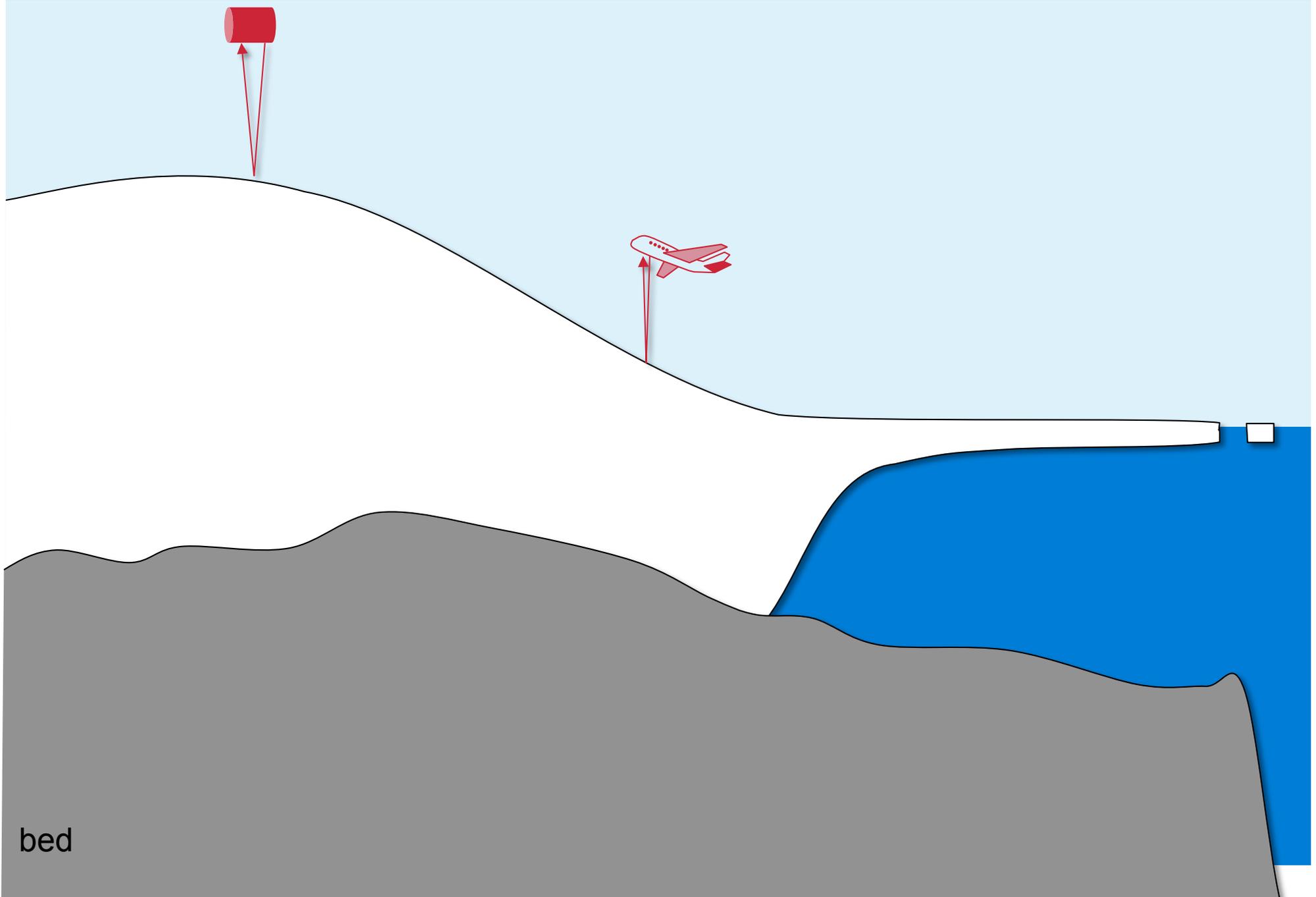
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# Seismics

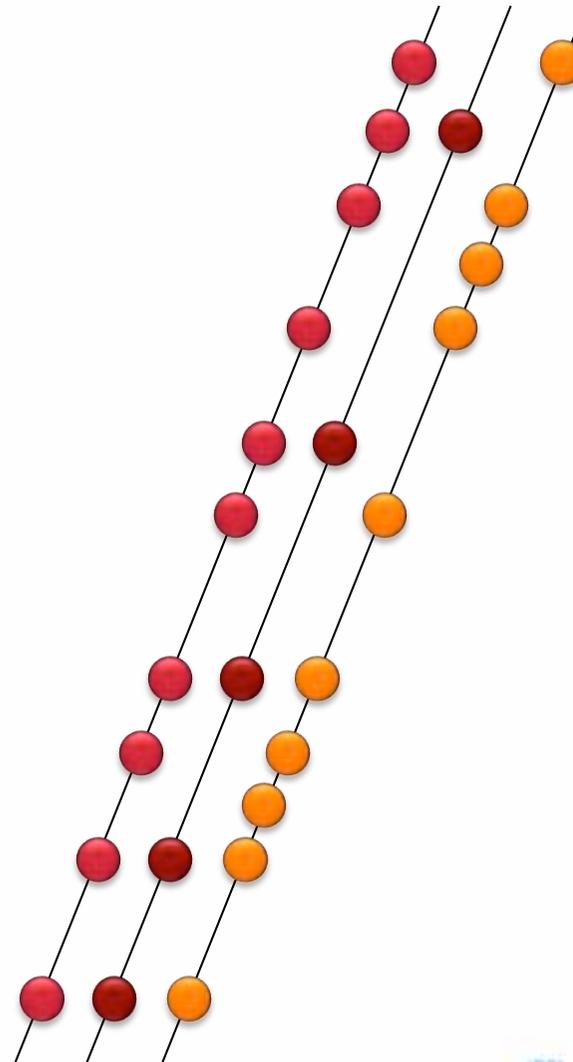
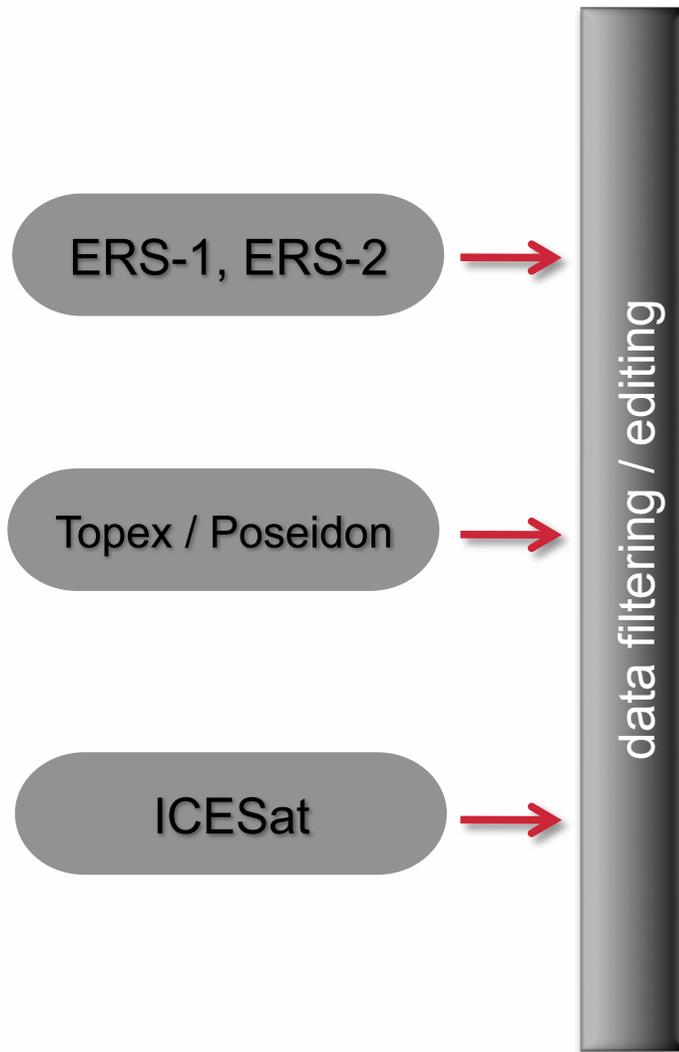


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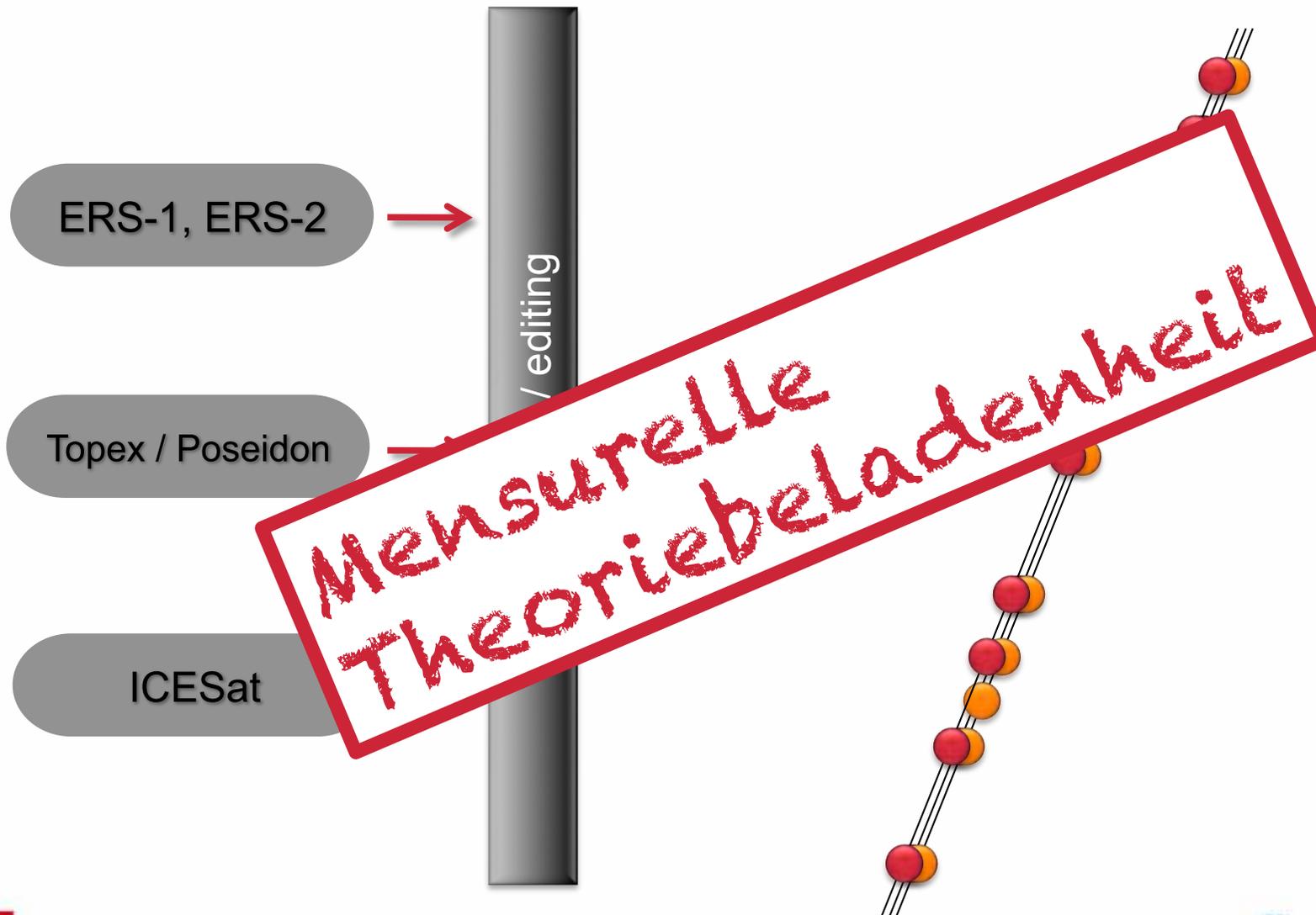


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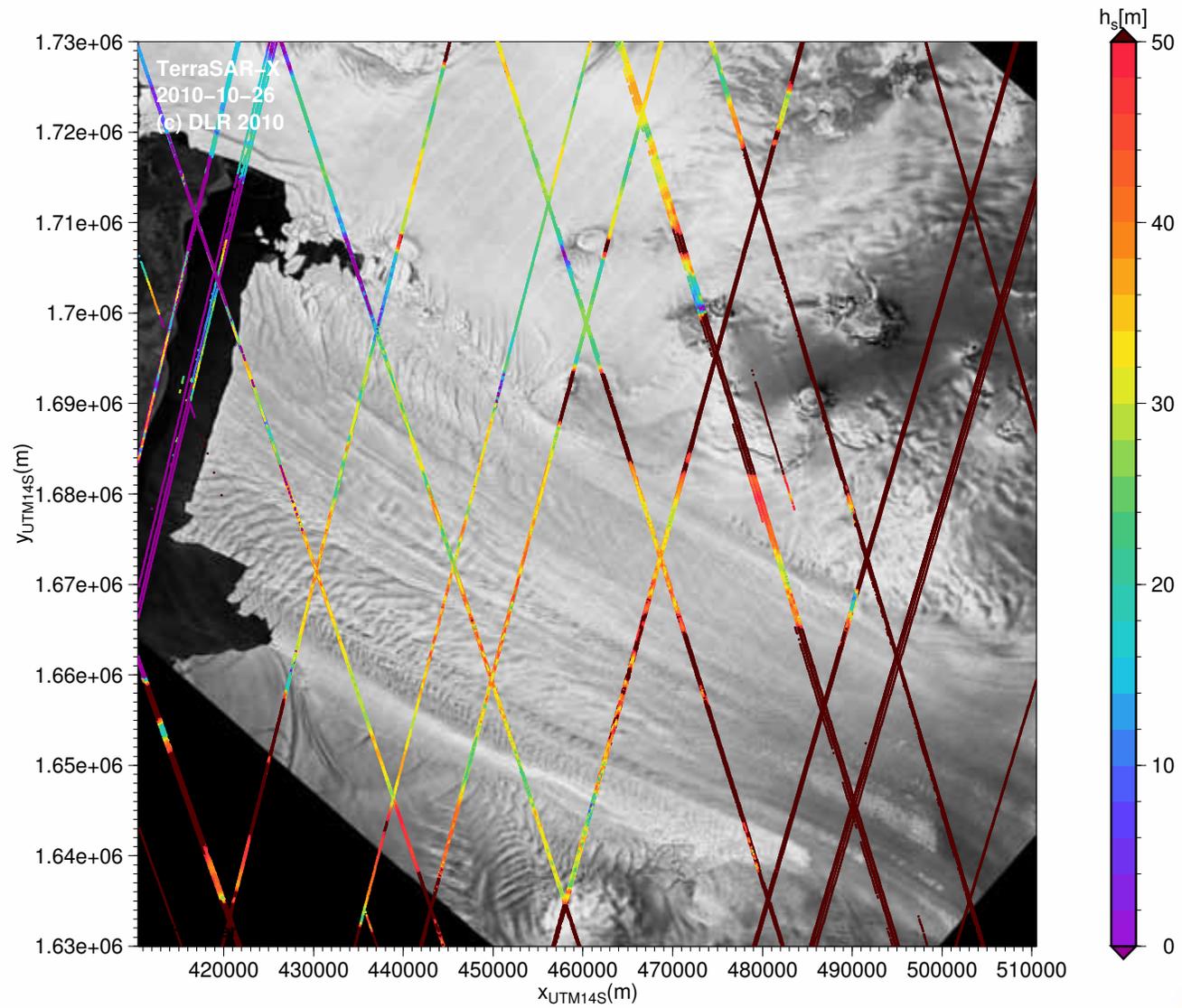
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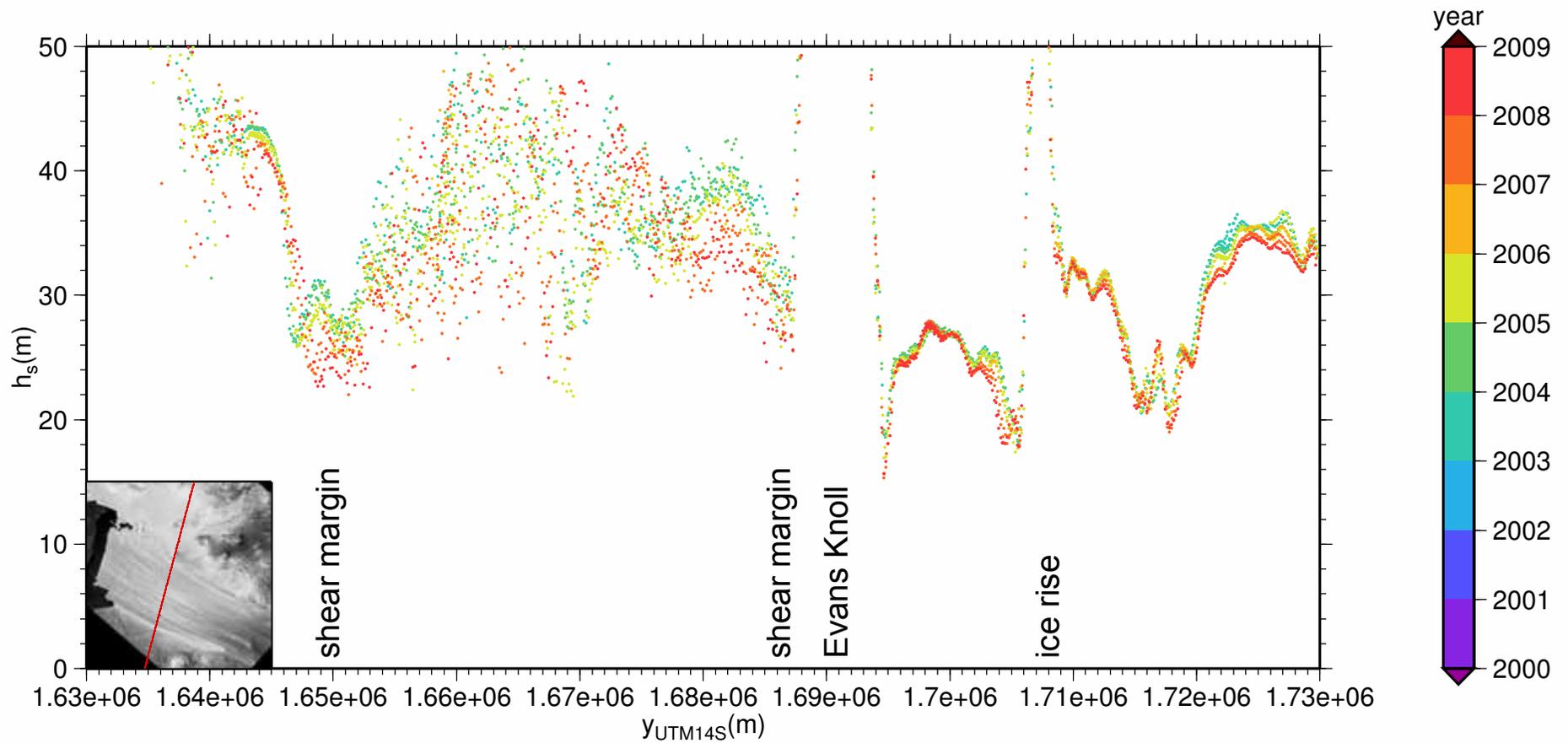
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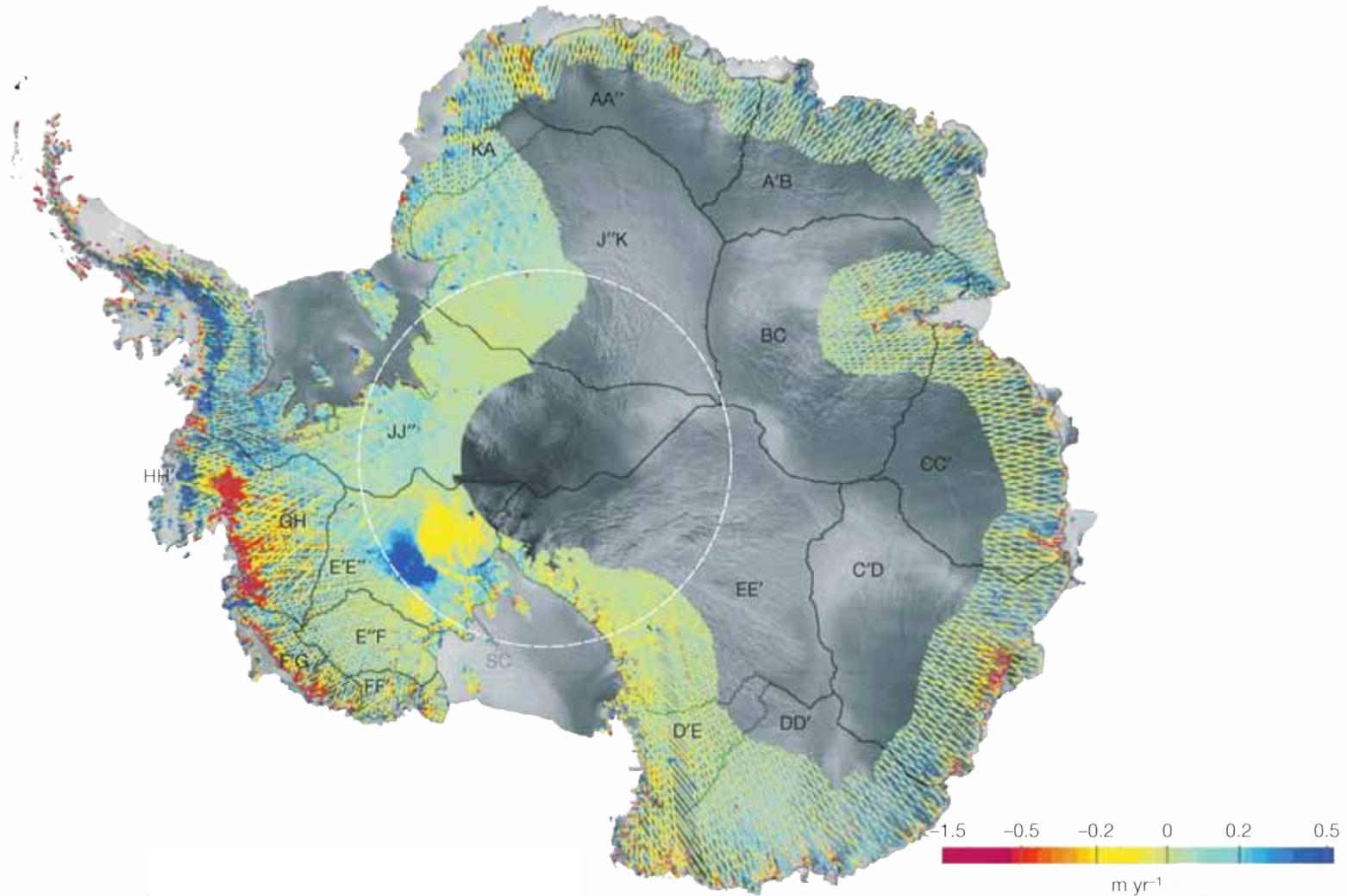
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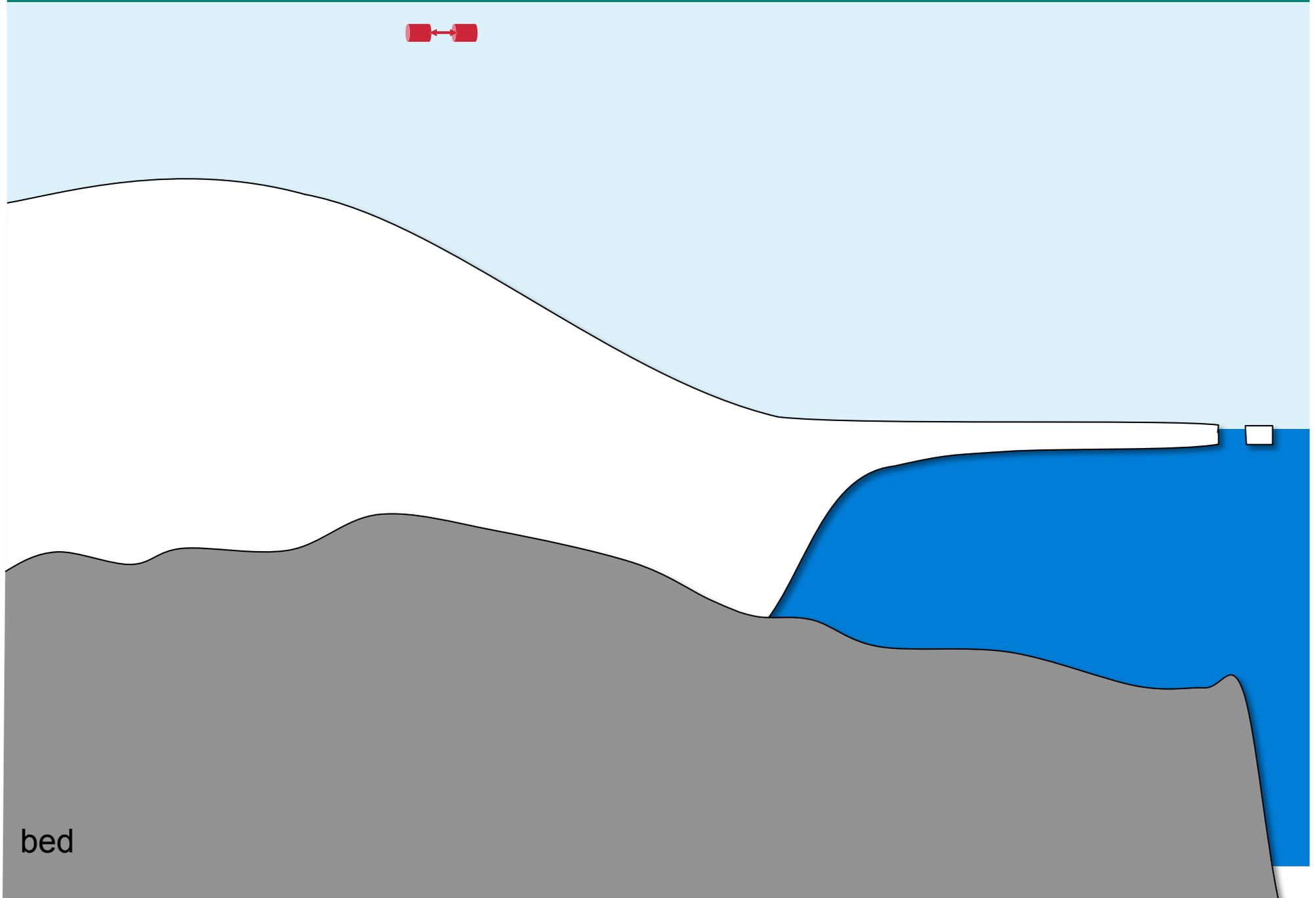
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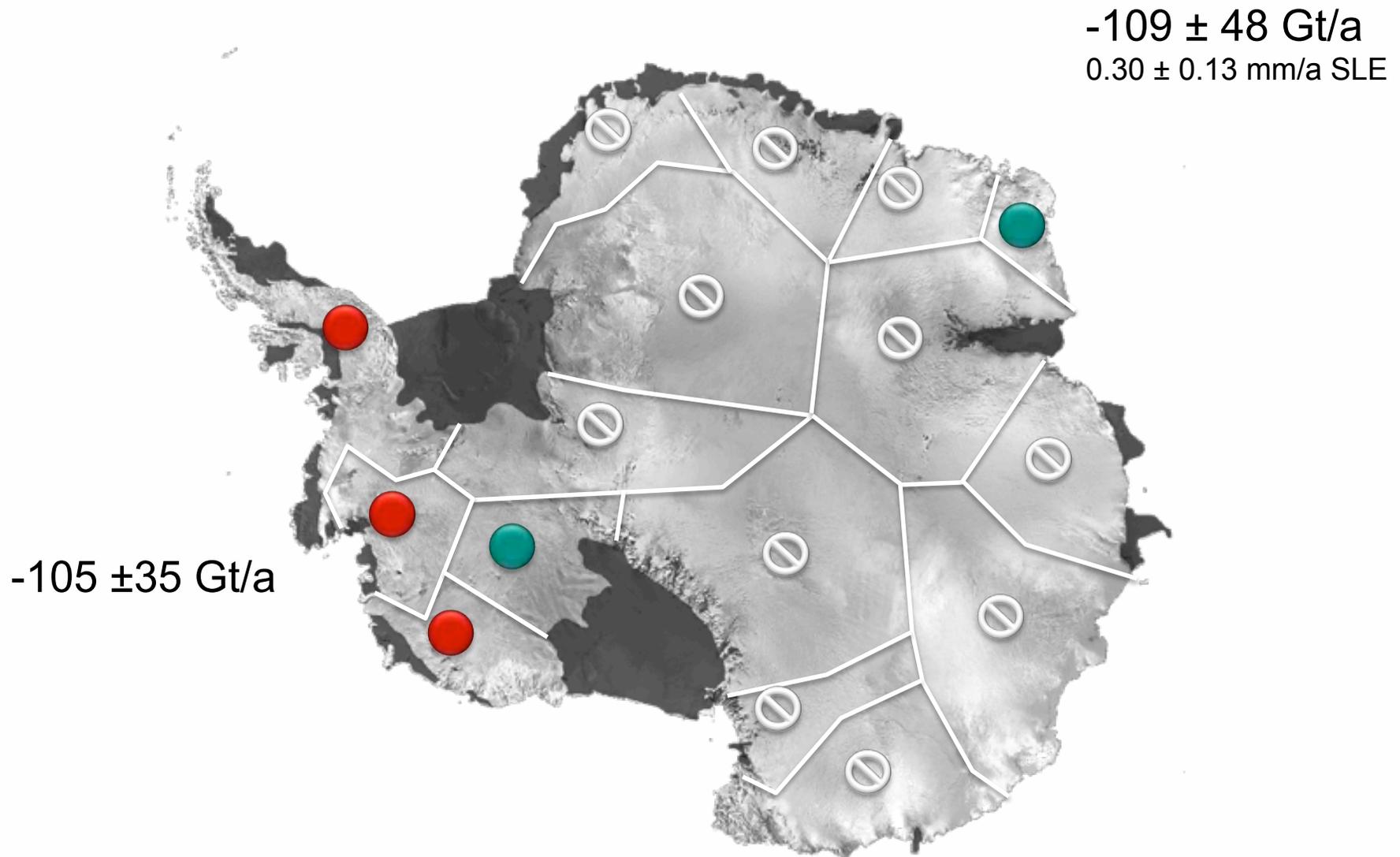
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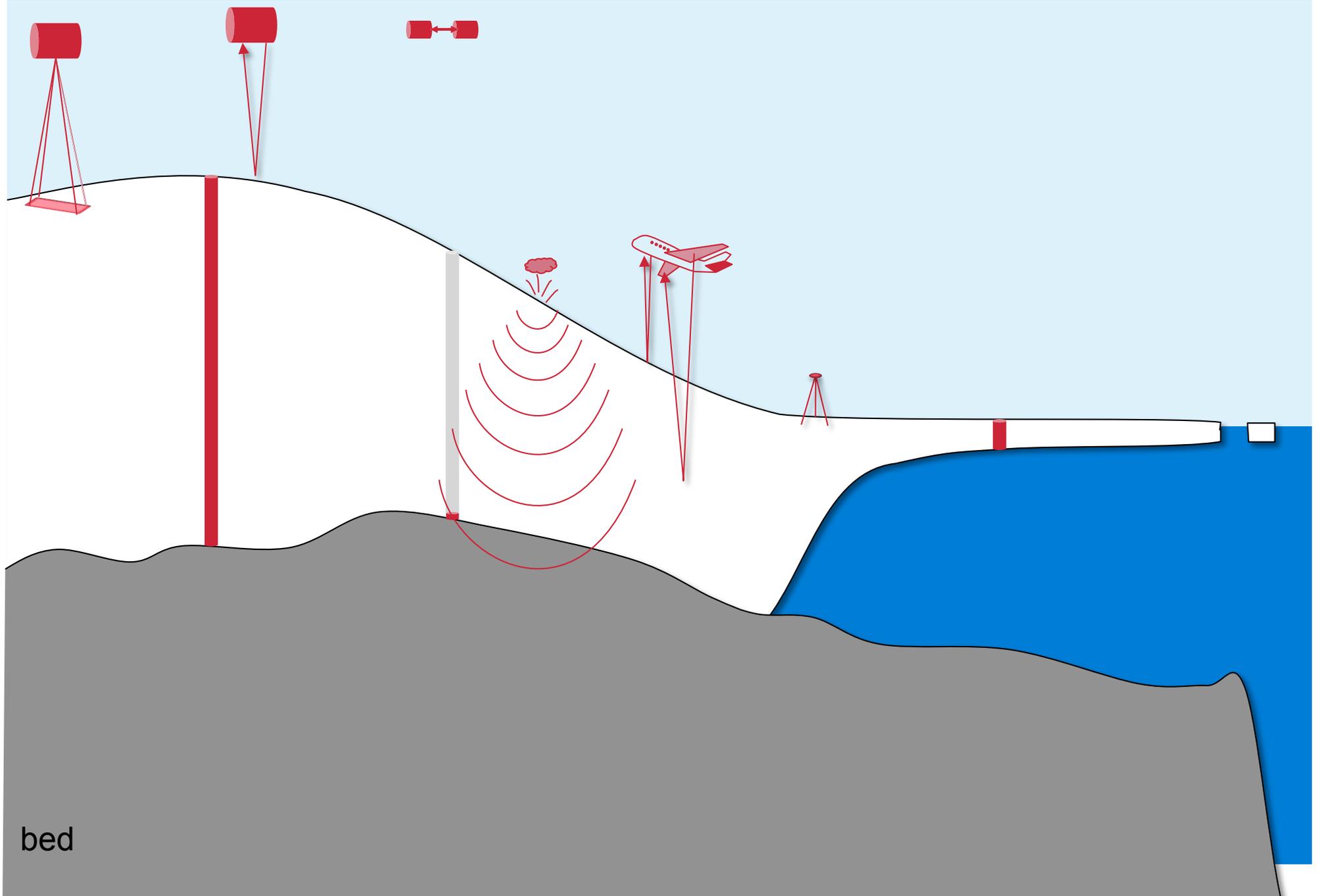
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## Data coverage – mass change



# Observational Methods

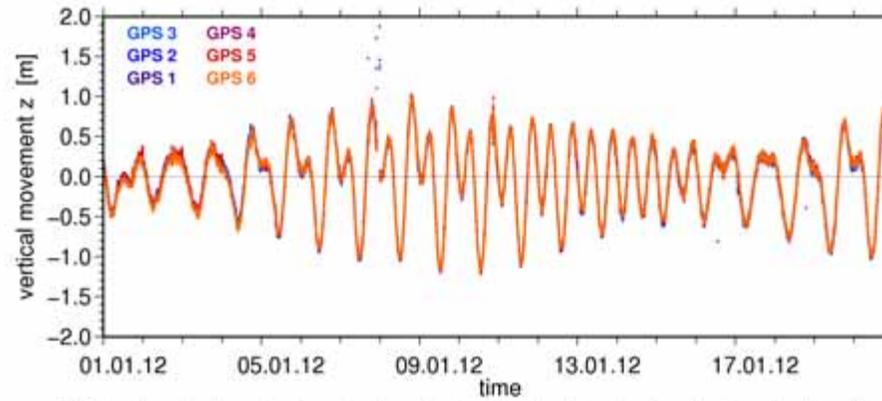


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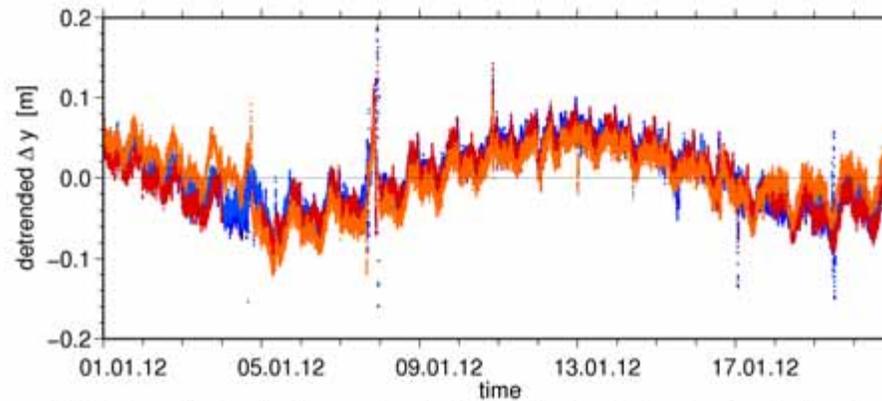


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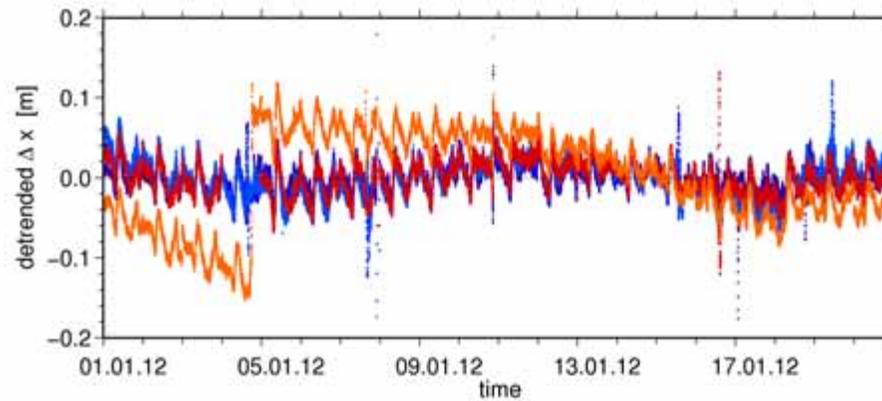
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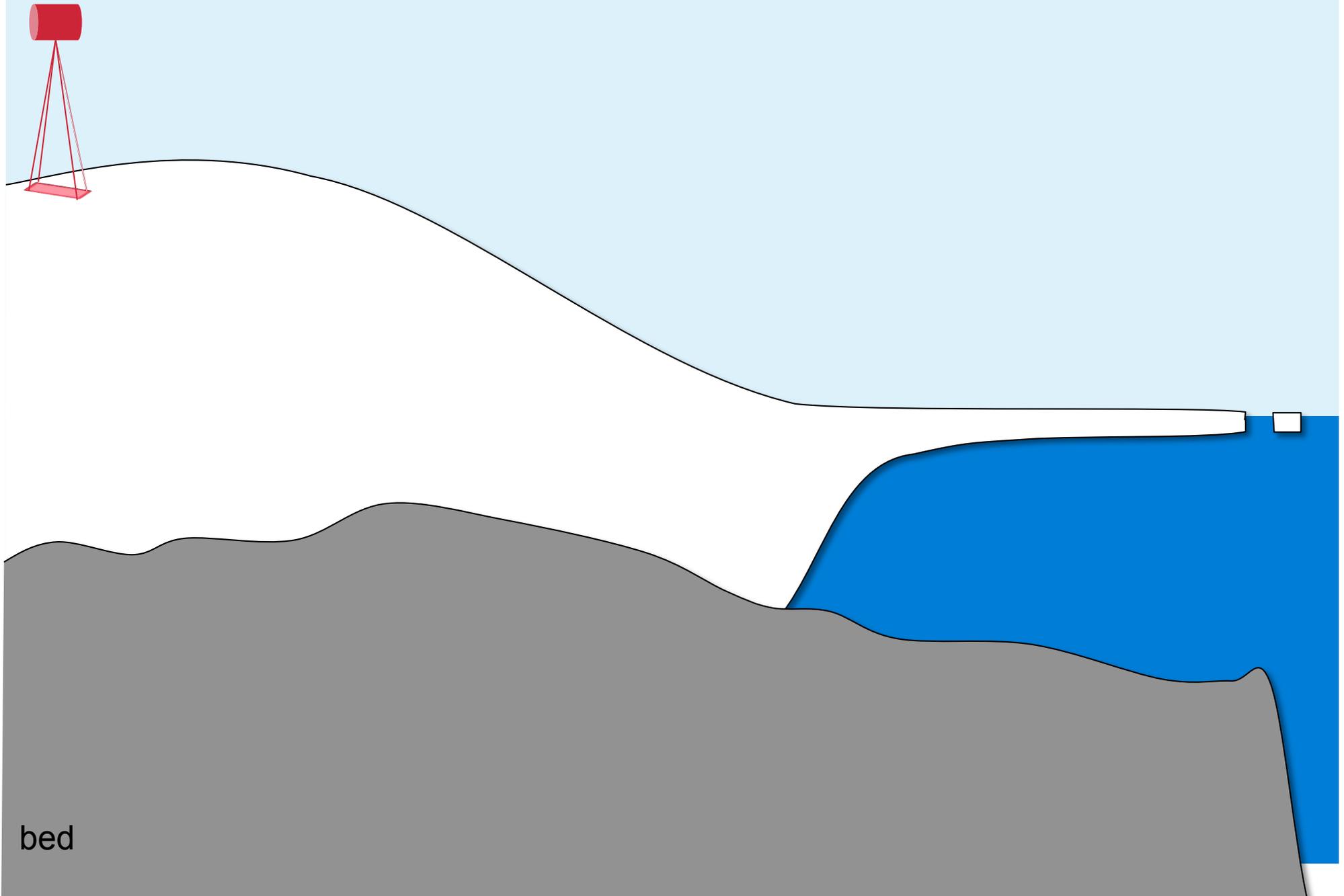
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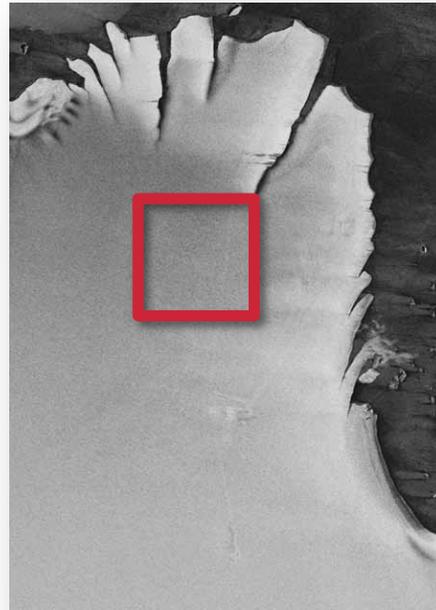
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# Flow velocities from remote sensing – feature tracking



$t_0$   
reference chip



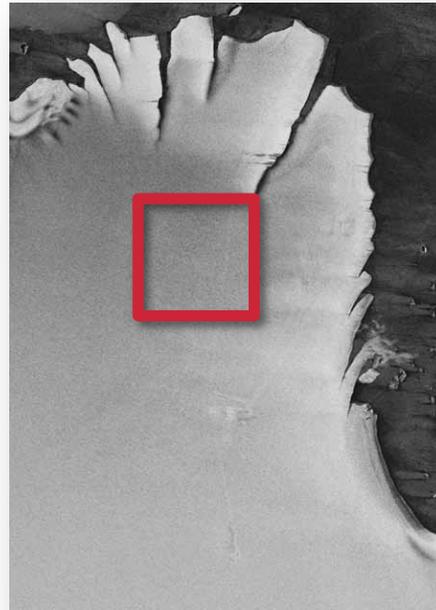
$t_1$   
search area chip

calculate the correlation-index between  
the reference chip and the search-area chip



select the chip  
with the largest correlation

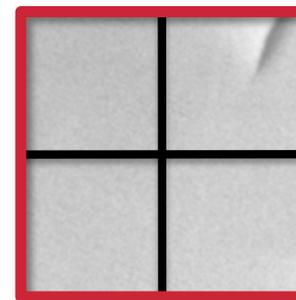
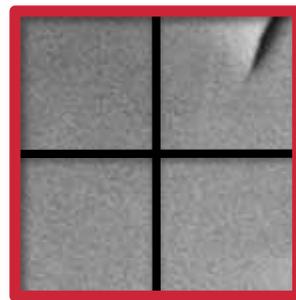
# Flow velocities from remote sensing – speckle tracking



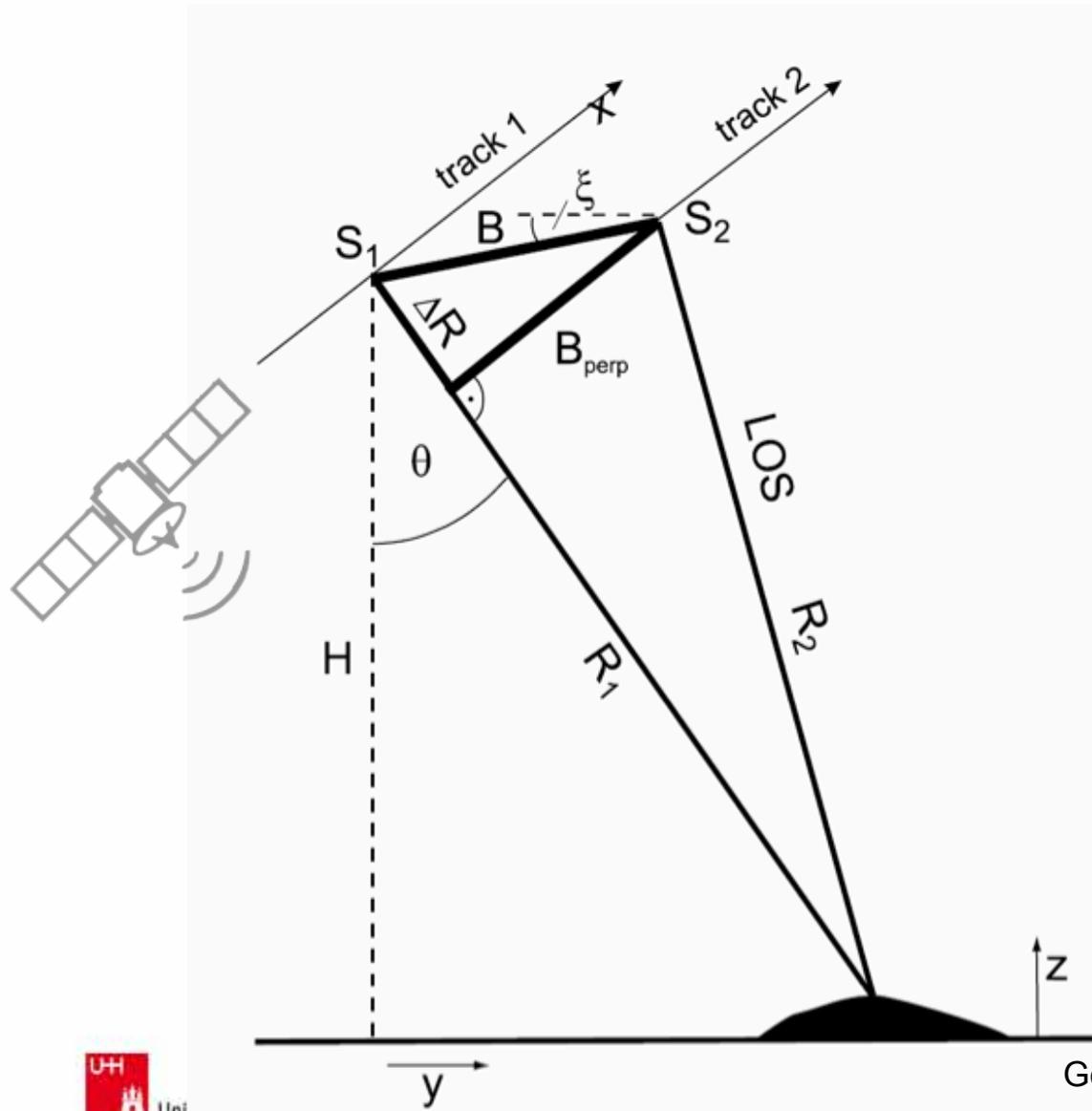
$t_0$   
master



$t_1$   
slave

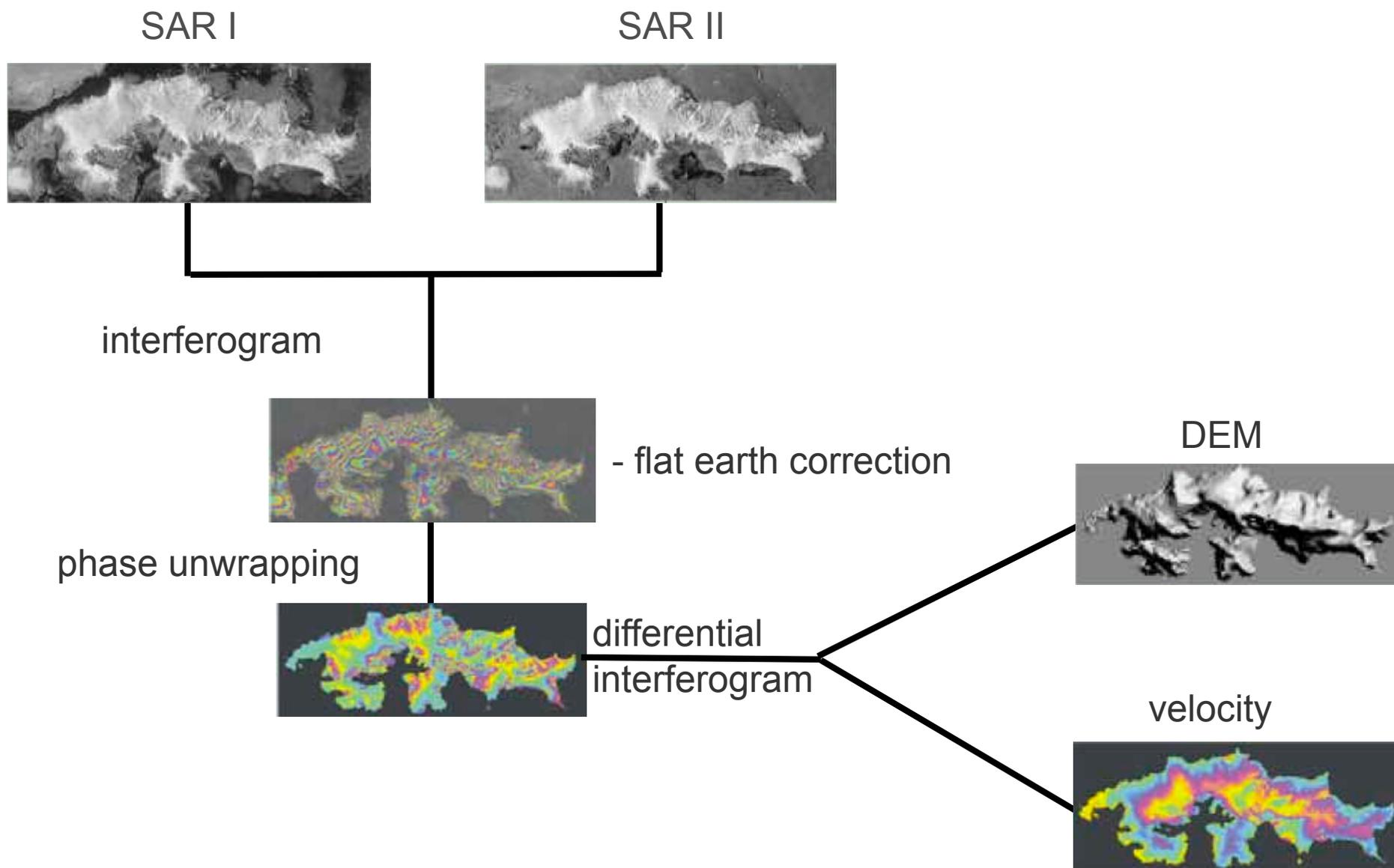


# Flow velocities from remote sensing – interferometry

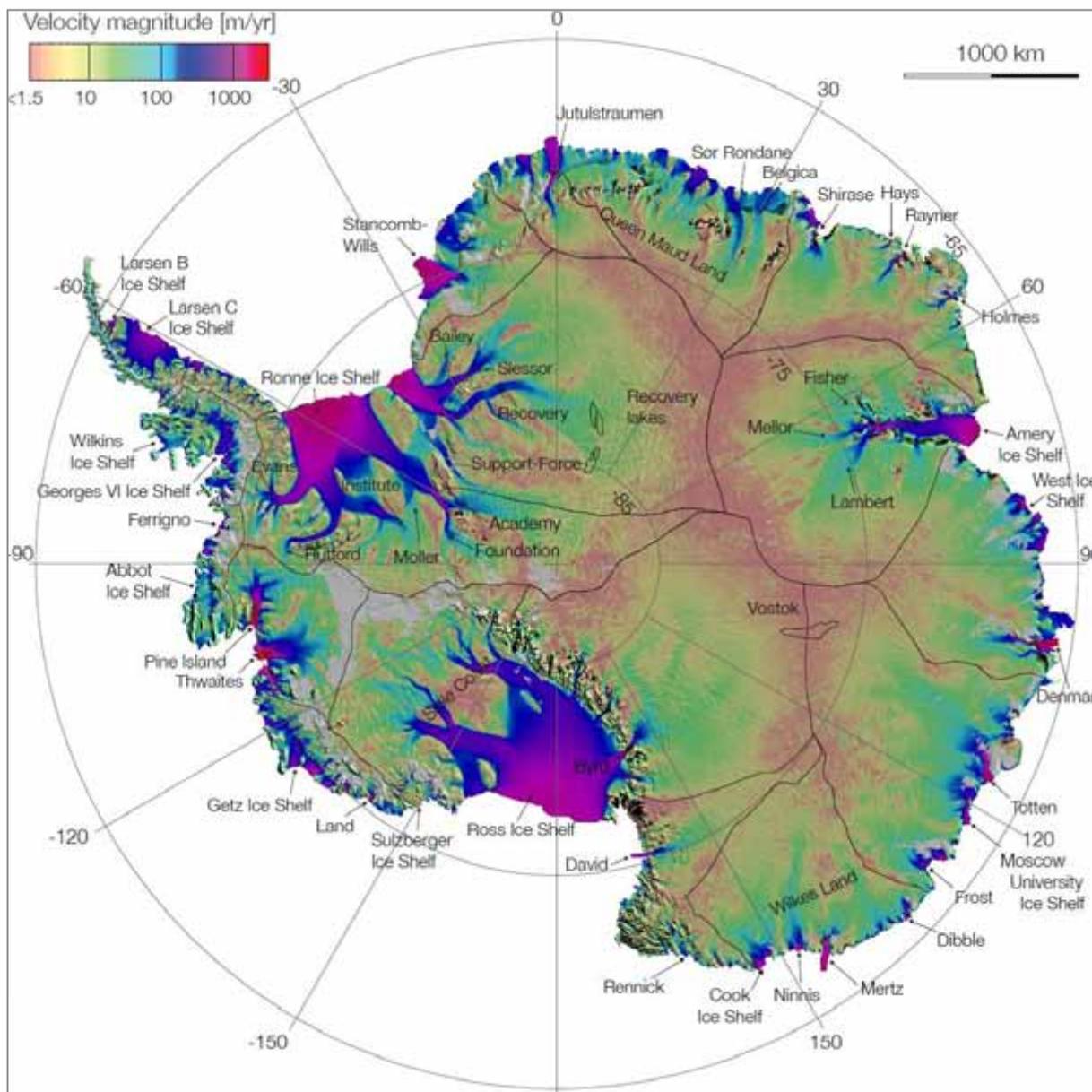


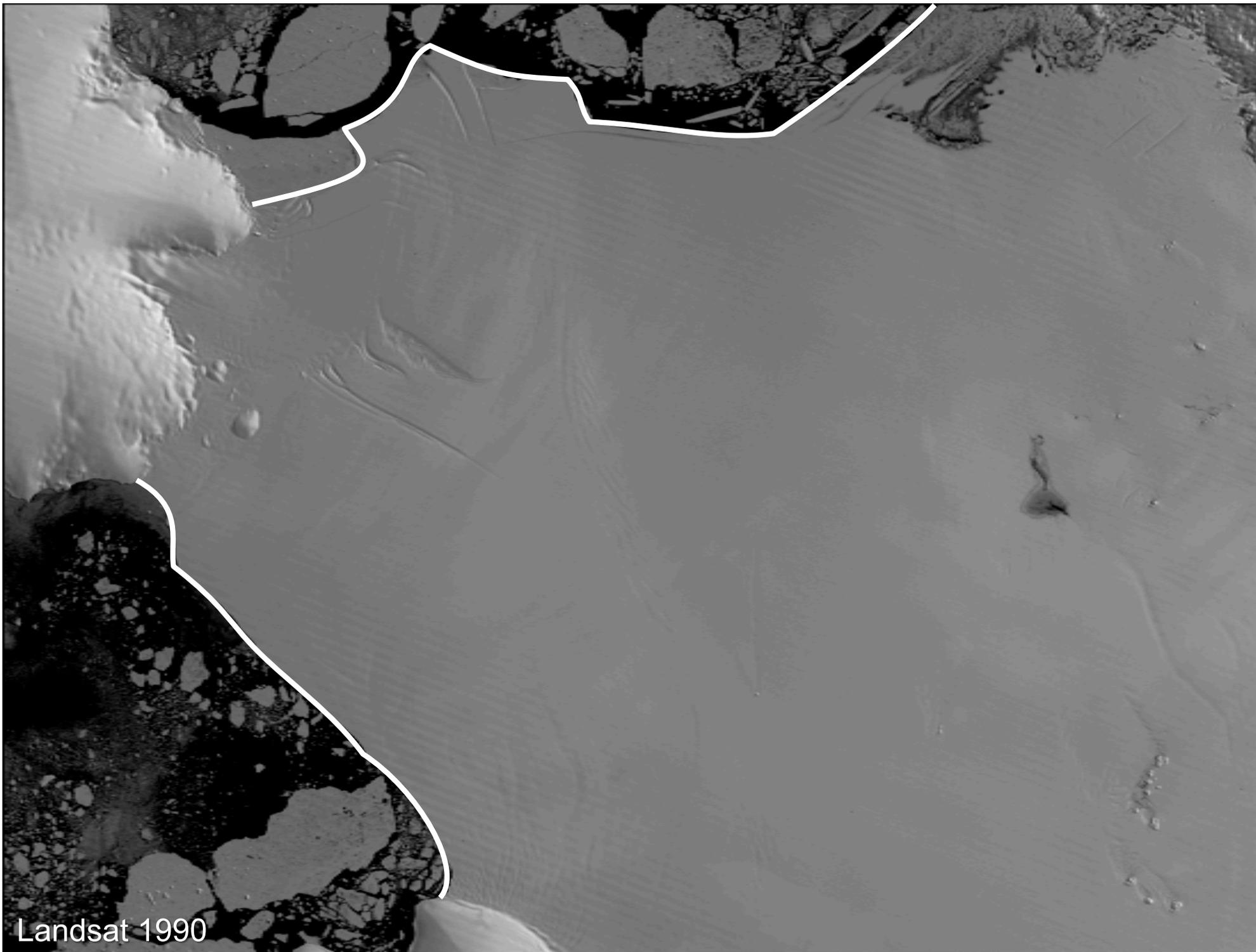
$$\Phi = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \Delta R$$

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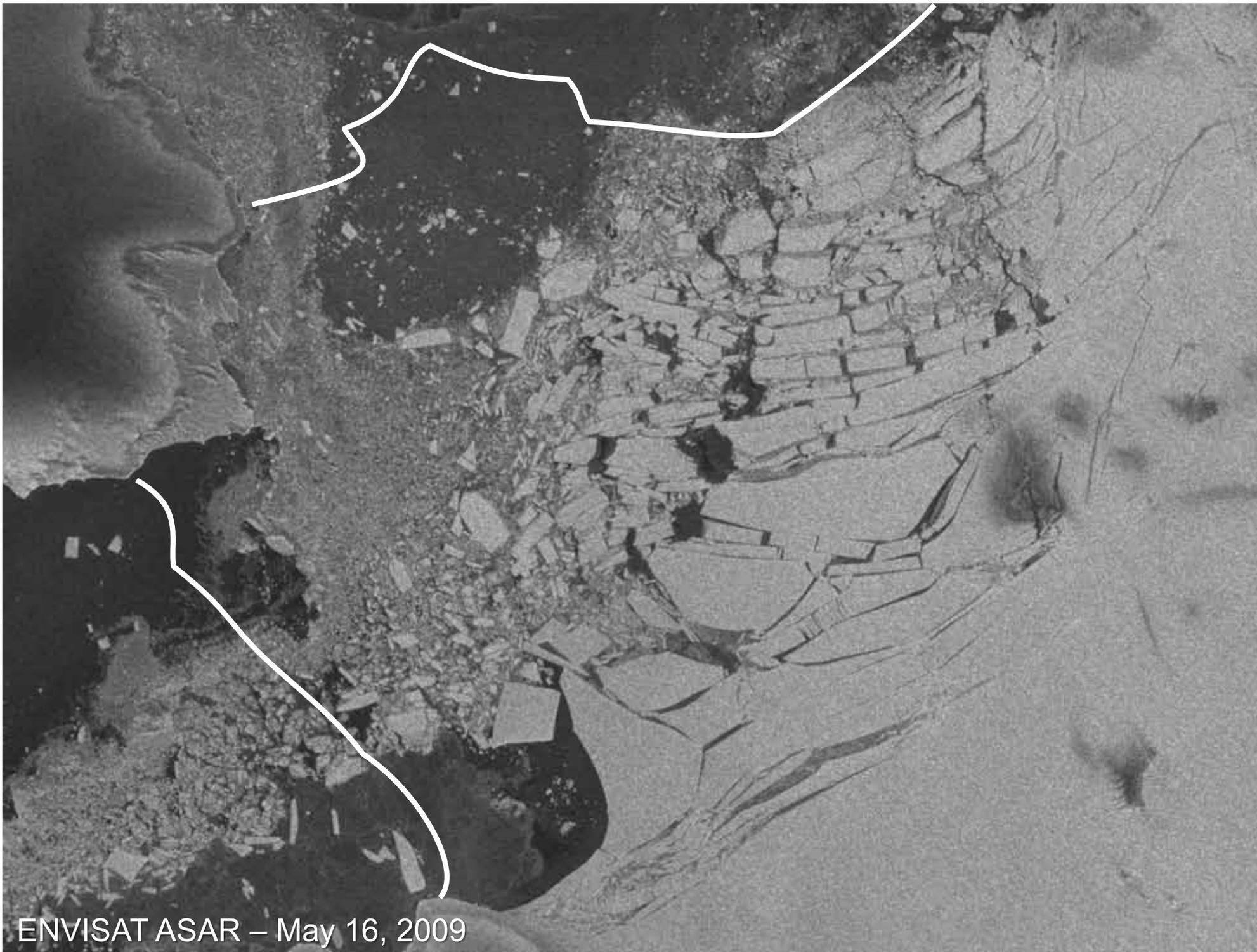


# Data coverage – surface velocities





Landsat 1990



ENVISAT ASAR – May 16, 2009

# Pine Island Glacier, Antarctica

02 Oct 2011

TerraSAR-X

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5 km



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# Pine Island Rift



## Pine Island Rift

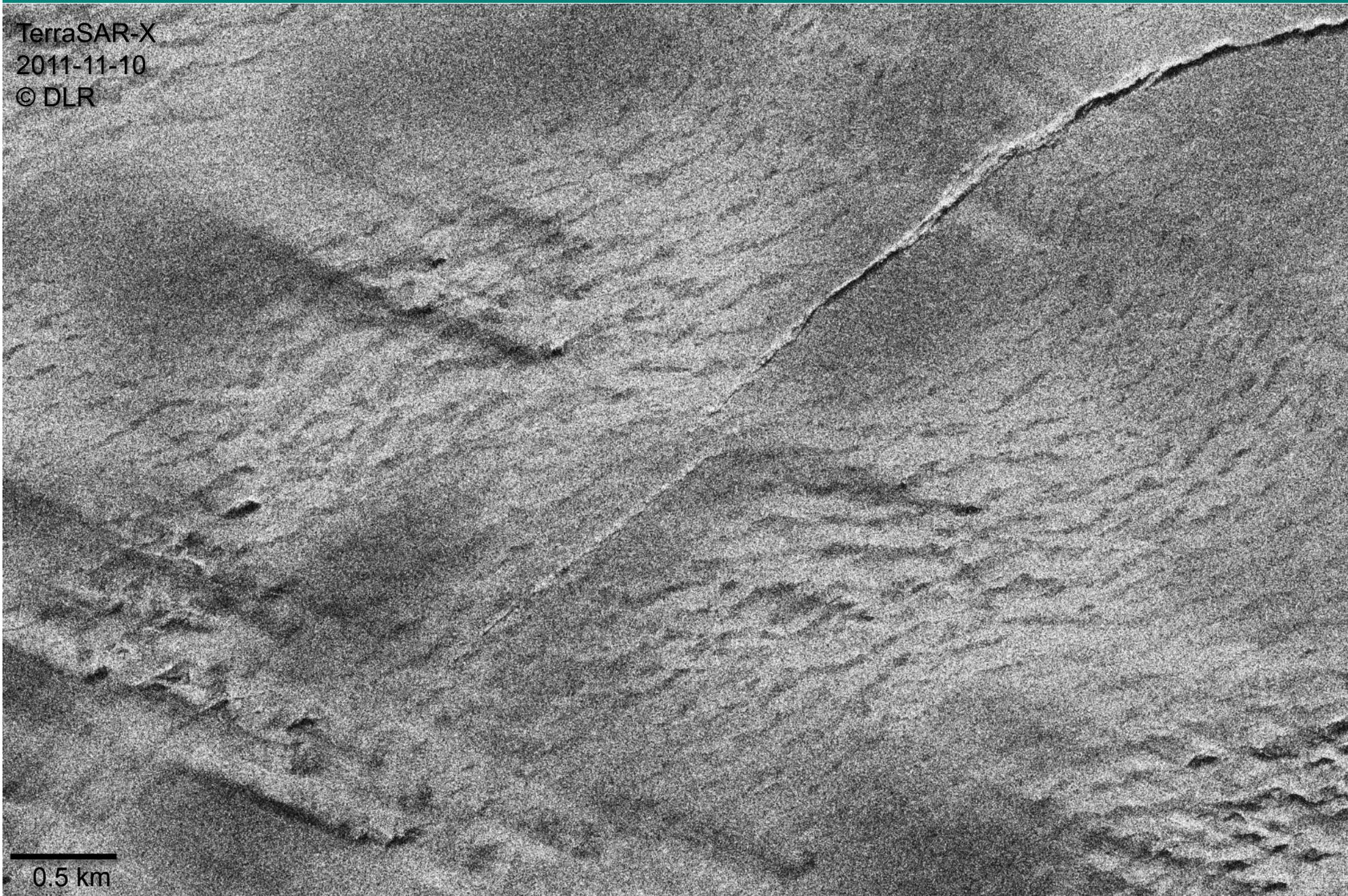


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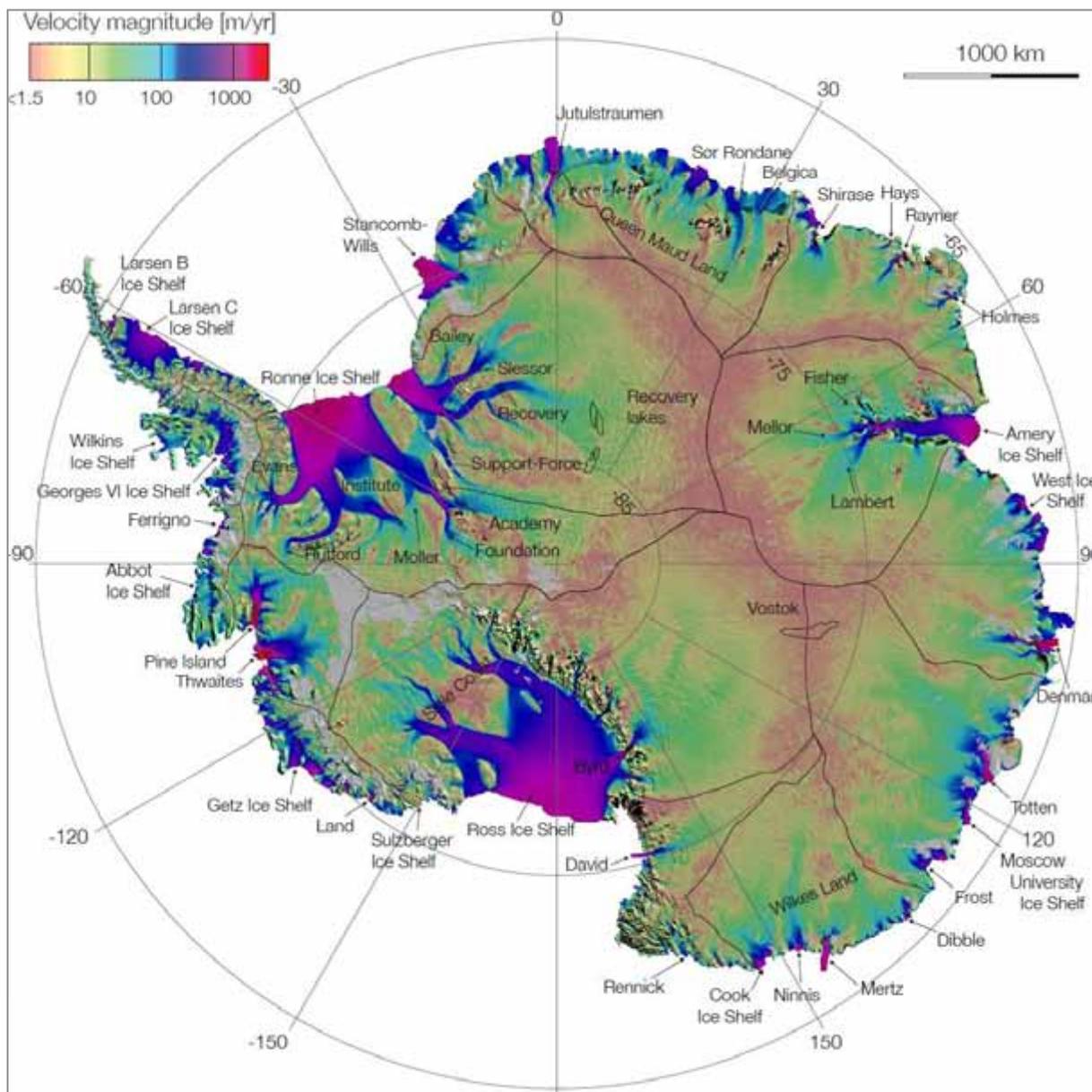
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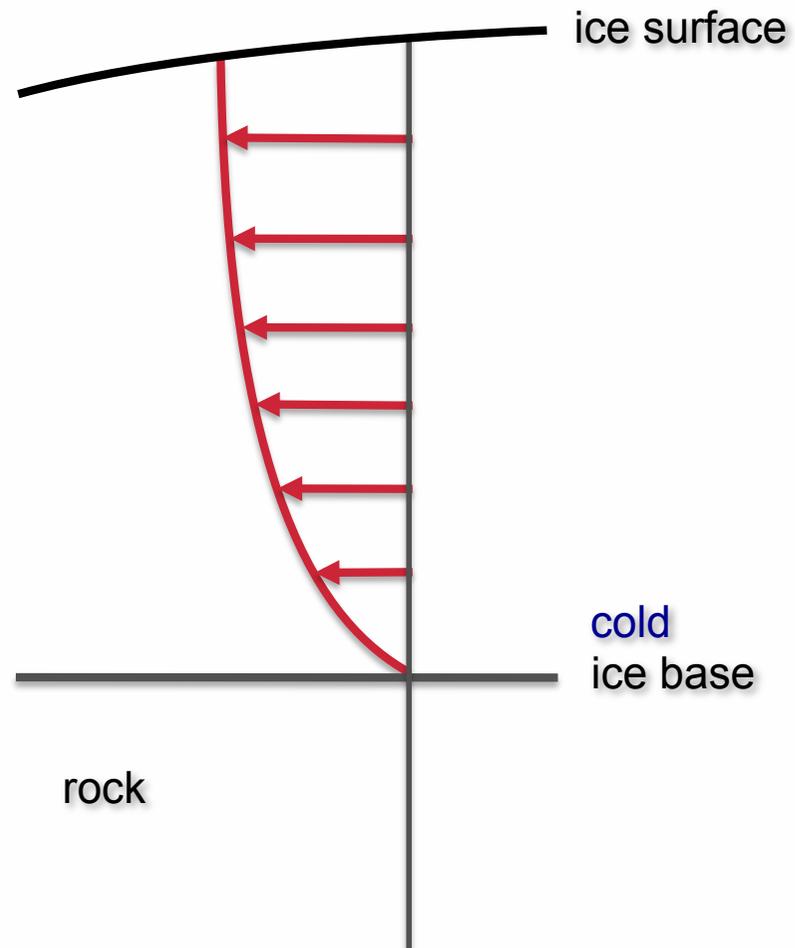


0.5 km

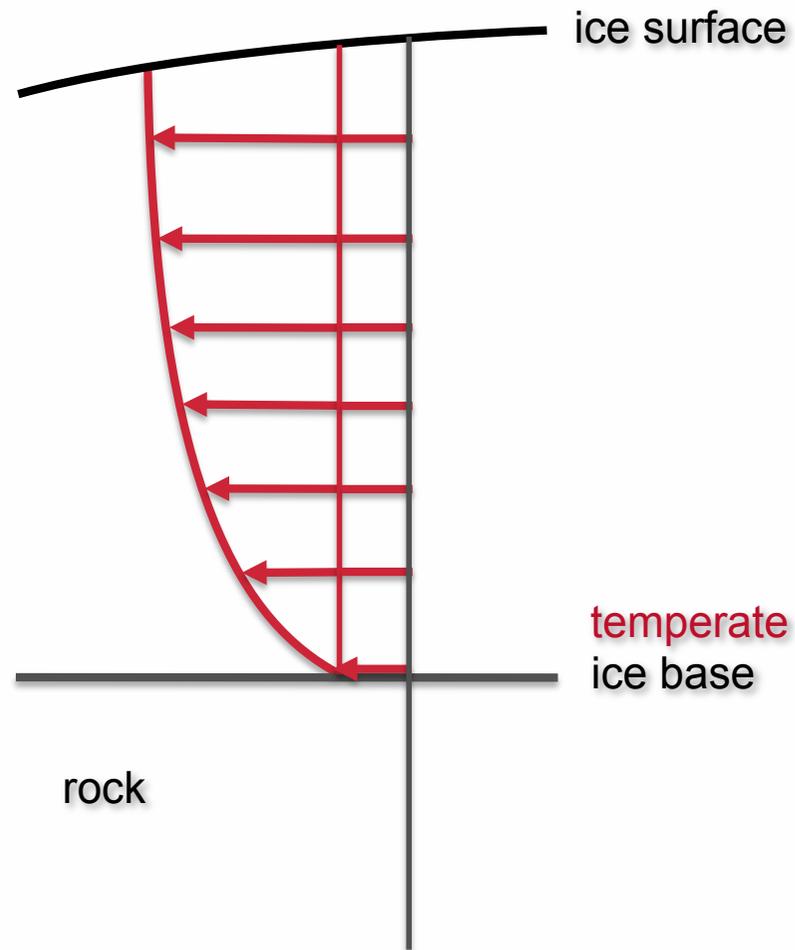
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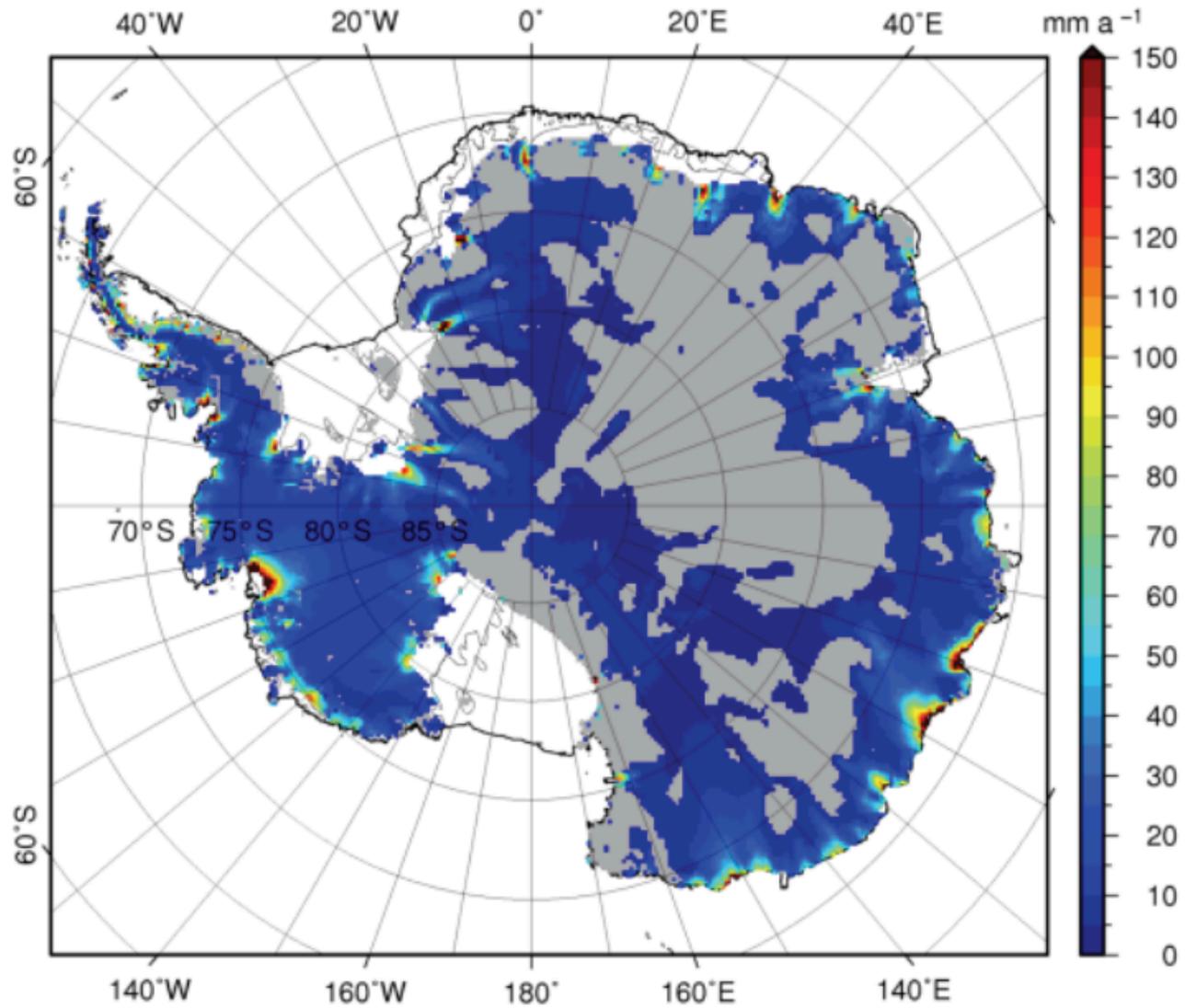
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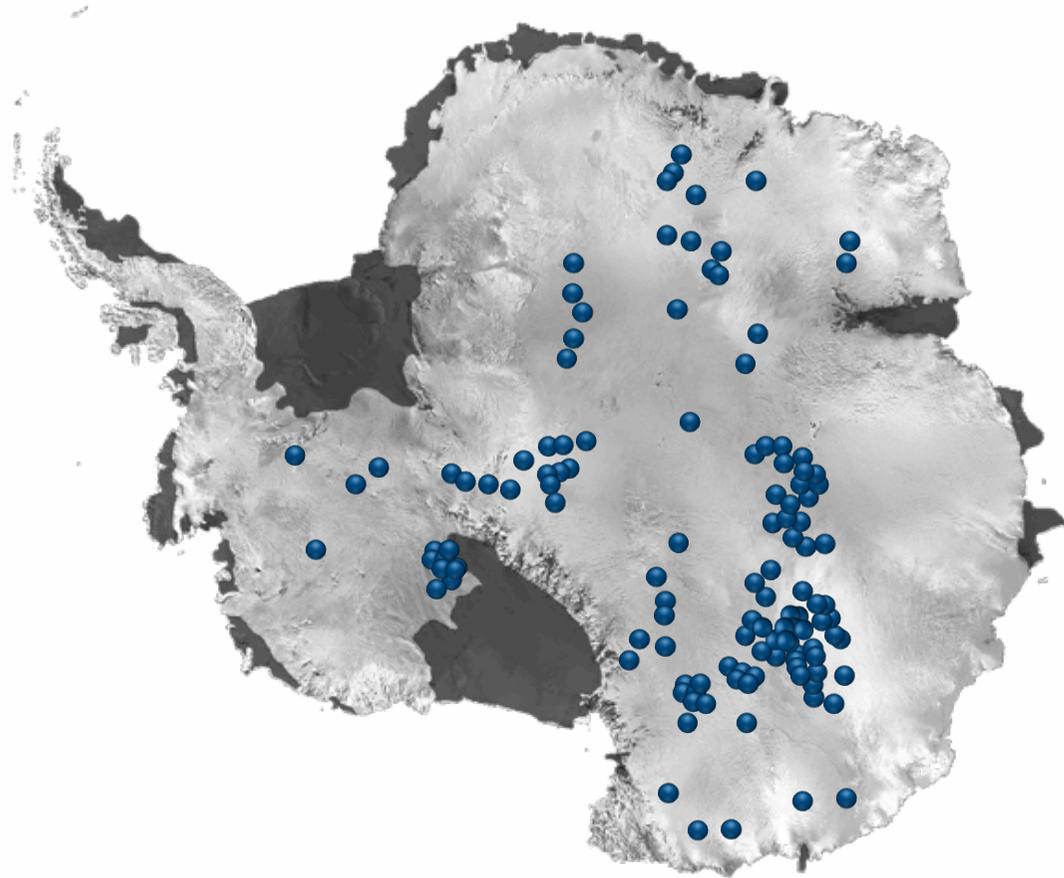
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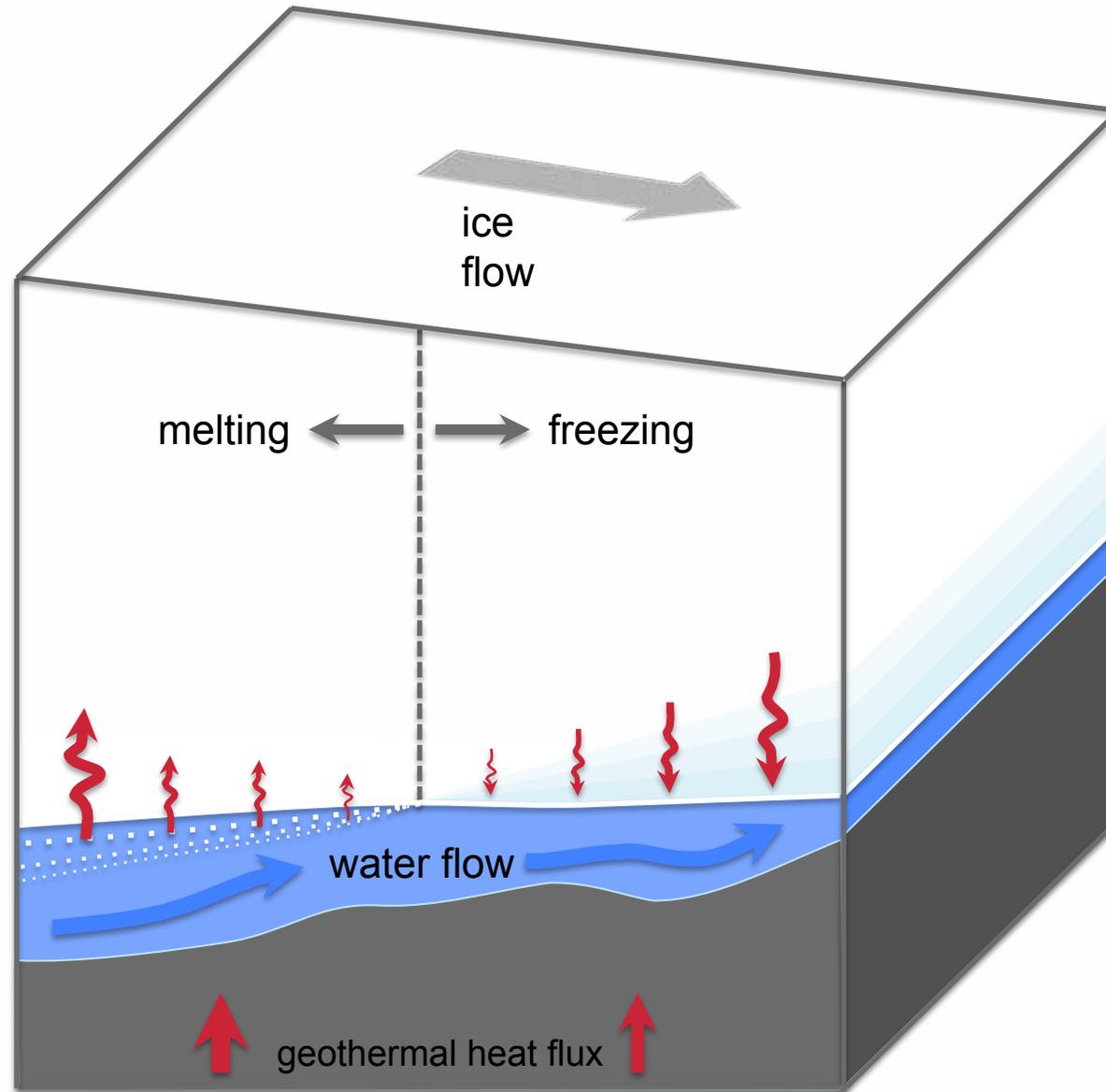
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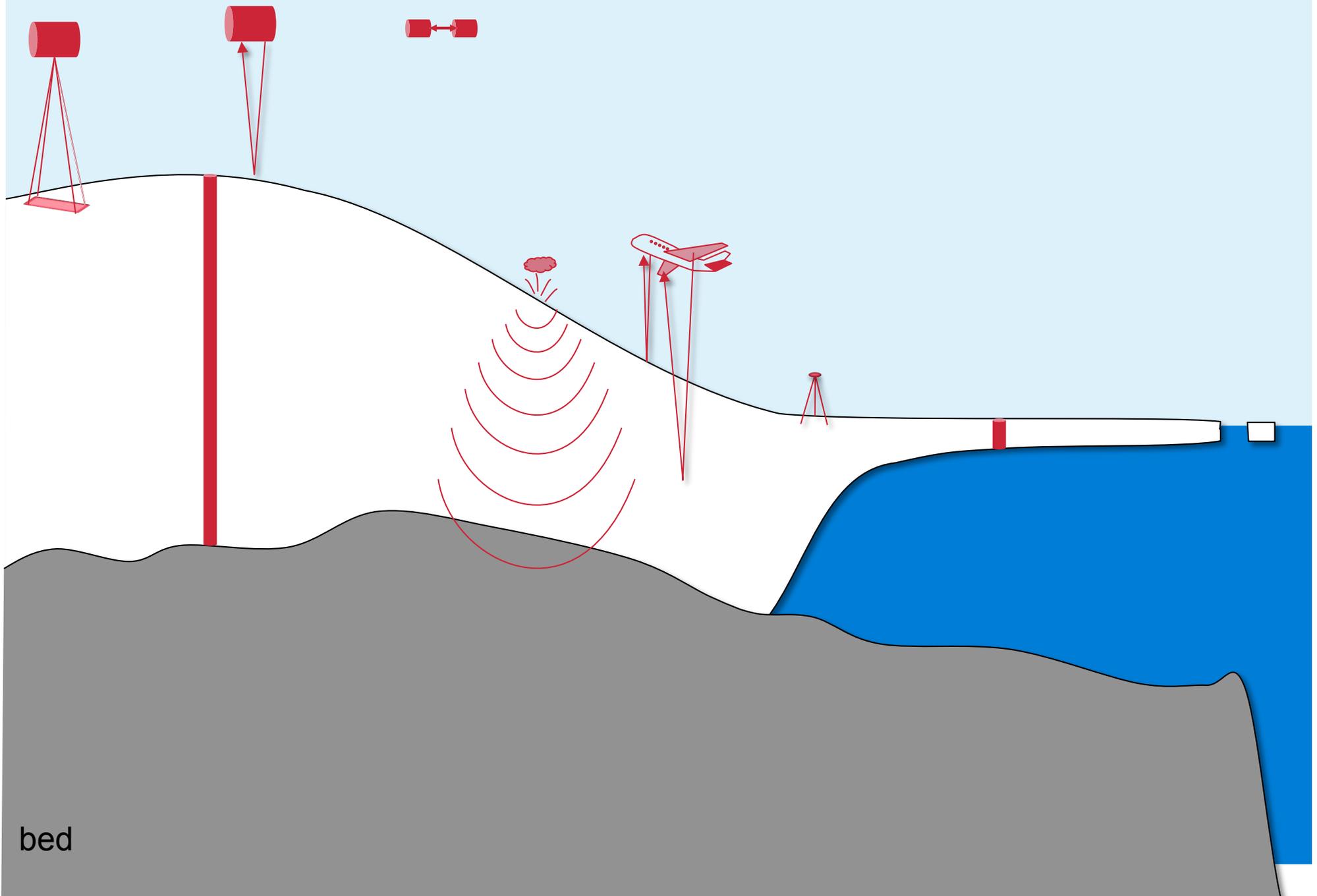
# Subglacial lakes



# The hydrological system

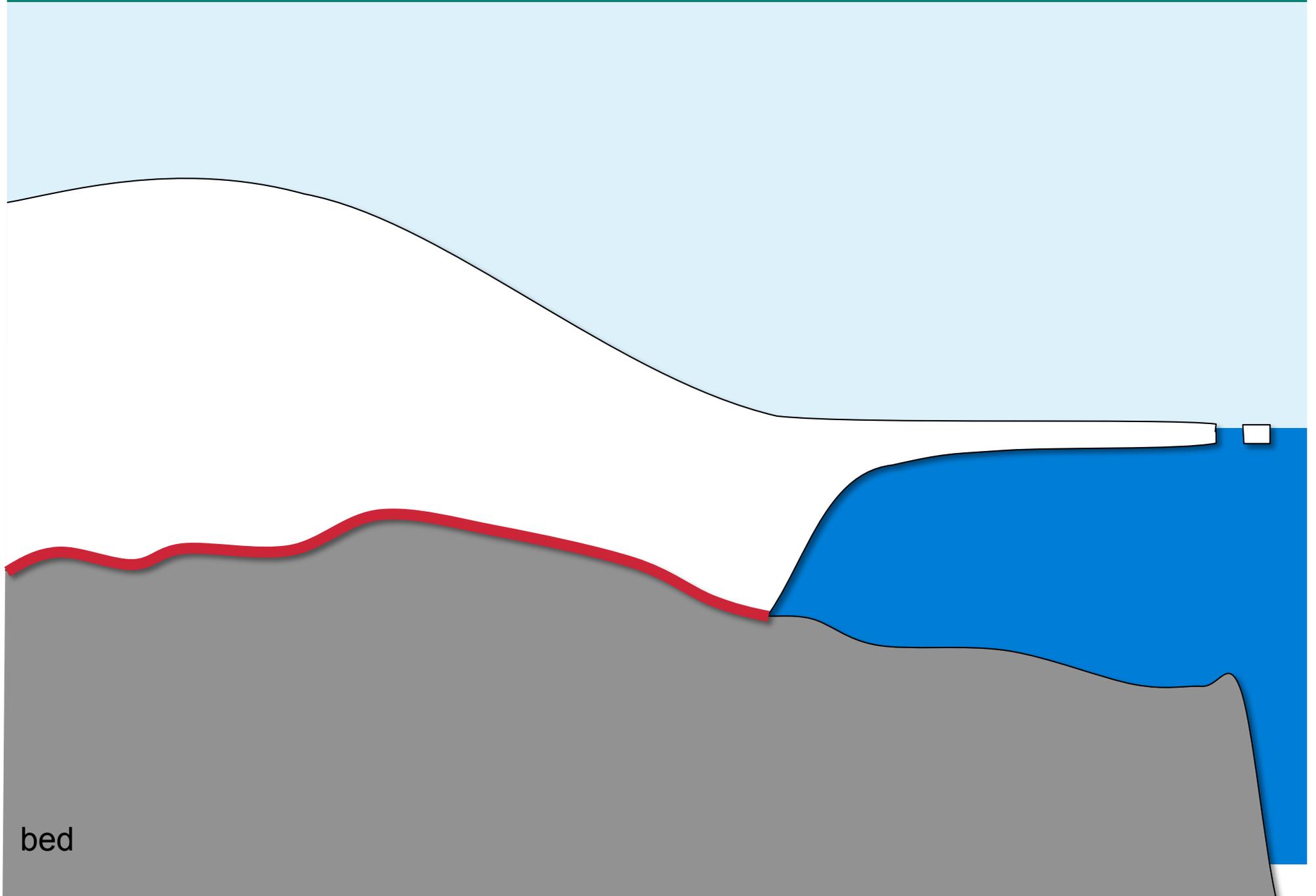


# Observational Methods



bed

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# Physics of polycrystalline ice

## Balance equations:

- Mass balance
- Momentum balance
- Energy balance (kin+internal)

## Constitutive equations

- Incompressible non-Newtonian fluid - Glen's flow law

$$D = EA(T, W)f(\sigma) t^D, \quad \text{with } f(\sigma) = \sigma^{n-1}, \quad n = 3.$$

empirical, Glen / Steinemann 1955/58

# Mathematical description

Balance equation of ....

Mass (incompressible)

$$\nabla \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Momentum

$$\nabla \sigma = \rho_{ice} \mathbf{g}$$

Energy

$$\rho c_p \frac{dT}{dt} = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + 4\mu d_e^2$$

Constitutive equation

$$\mu(T, p, d_e) = \frac{1}{2} [EA(T, p)]^{-1/n} d_e^{(1-n)/n}$$

with

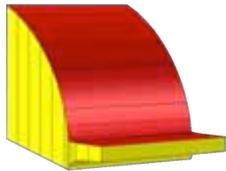
$$\sigma = t^D - p \mathbf{I}$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

$$t^D = 2\mu D$$

$$d_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} D^2}$$

# Boundary conditions



**Surface**

$$\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

stress-free

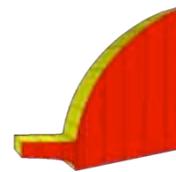


**Lateral margins  
and ice divide**

$$(\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

symmetry, free slip



**Floating**

$$(\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\rho_{sw}g(-z_b)$$

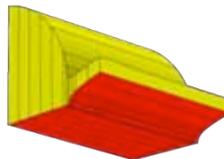
$$(\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0$$

**Grounded**

$$(\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\rho_i g H$$

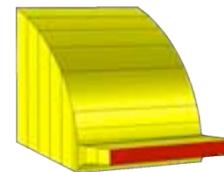
$$(\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{t} = C |\mathbf{u}_b|^{m-1} \mathbf{u}_b$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$



**Base**

**Calving front**



$$(\sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\rho_{sw}g(-z)$$

for  $(z < 0)$   
water pressure

## Temporal evolution

$$\frac{\partial b}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial b}{\partial y} - v_z = N_b a_b^\perp$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} - v_z = N_s a_s^\perp$$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -\operatorname{div} \mathbf{Q} + a_s - a_b$$

# Sprachebenen

