

Polar Science Enabled by JAWS Automatic Weather Station Data

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**Science Application: Adjust Radiometry for Tilt
("virtual" inclinometer << \$\$\$ than physical retrofit)**



PROMICE AWS THU-L



GCNet AWS Saddle

Objective

Interoperability: Enable automated analyses (statistics, subsets, assimilation, intercomparison) and discovery of AWS-like data for weather/climate research

Strategy

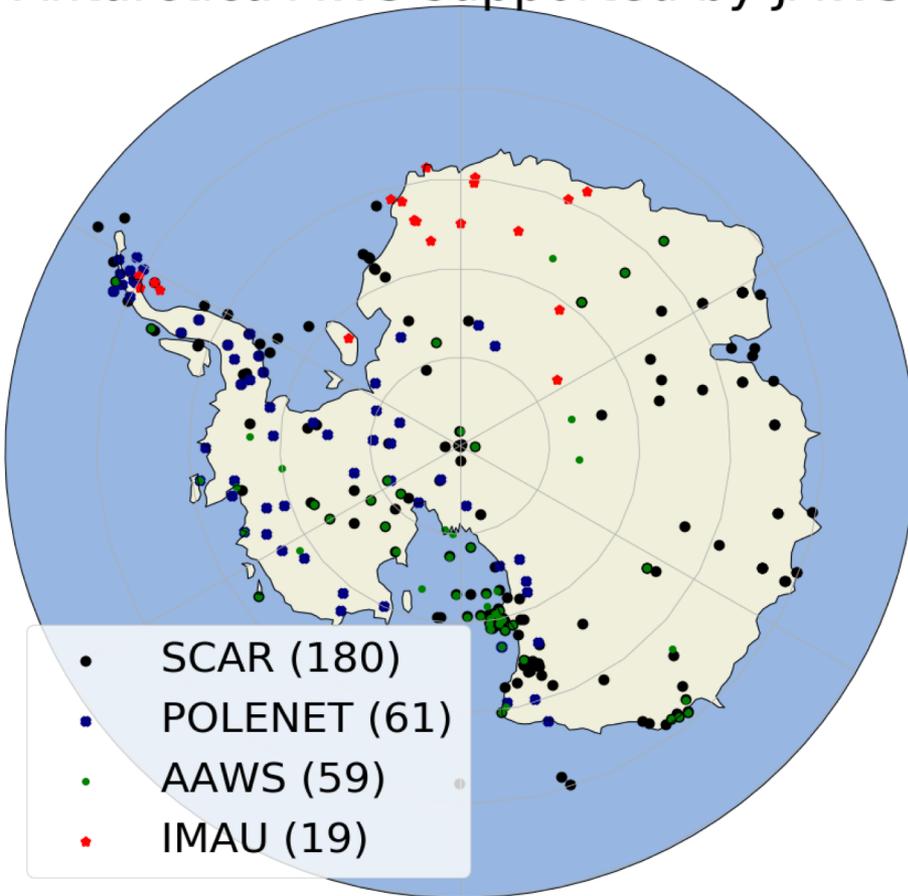
Harmonize idiosyncratic L2 ASCII formats into L3 netCDF format with standardized metadata and **value-added data**

Implementation

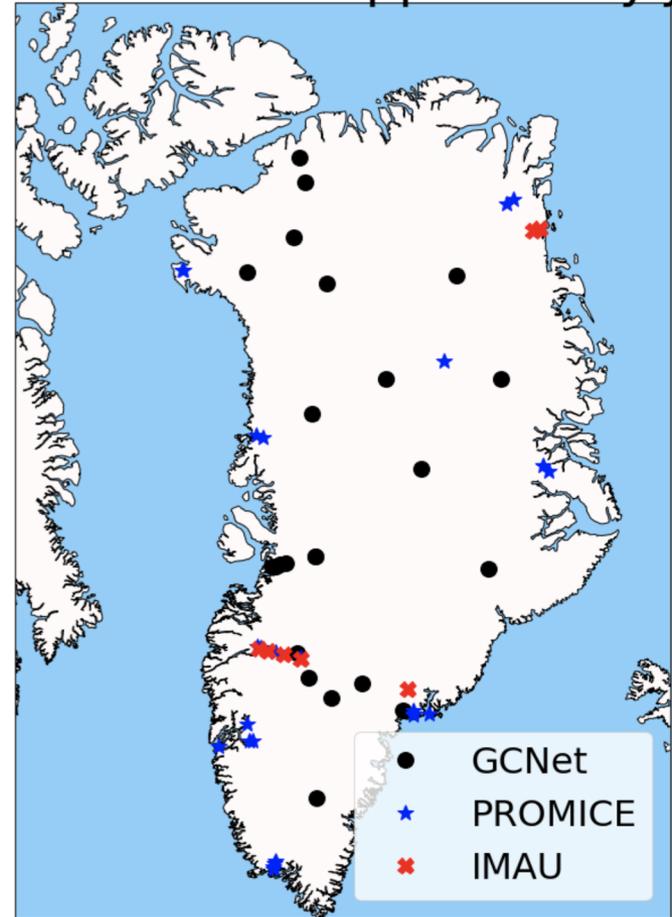
Open source Python code at <http://github.com/jaws/jaws>

```
> conda install -c conda-forge jaws
> pip install jaws
> jaws L2_in.txt L3_out.nc
```

Antarctica AWS supported by JAWS

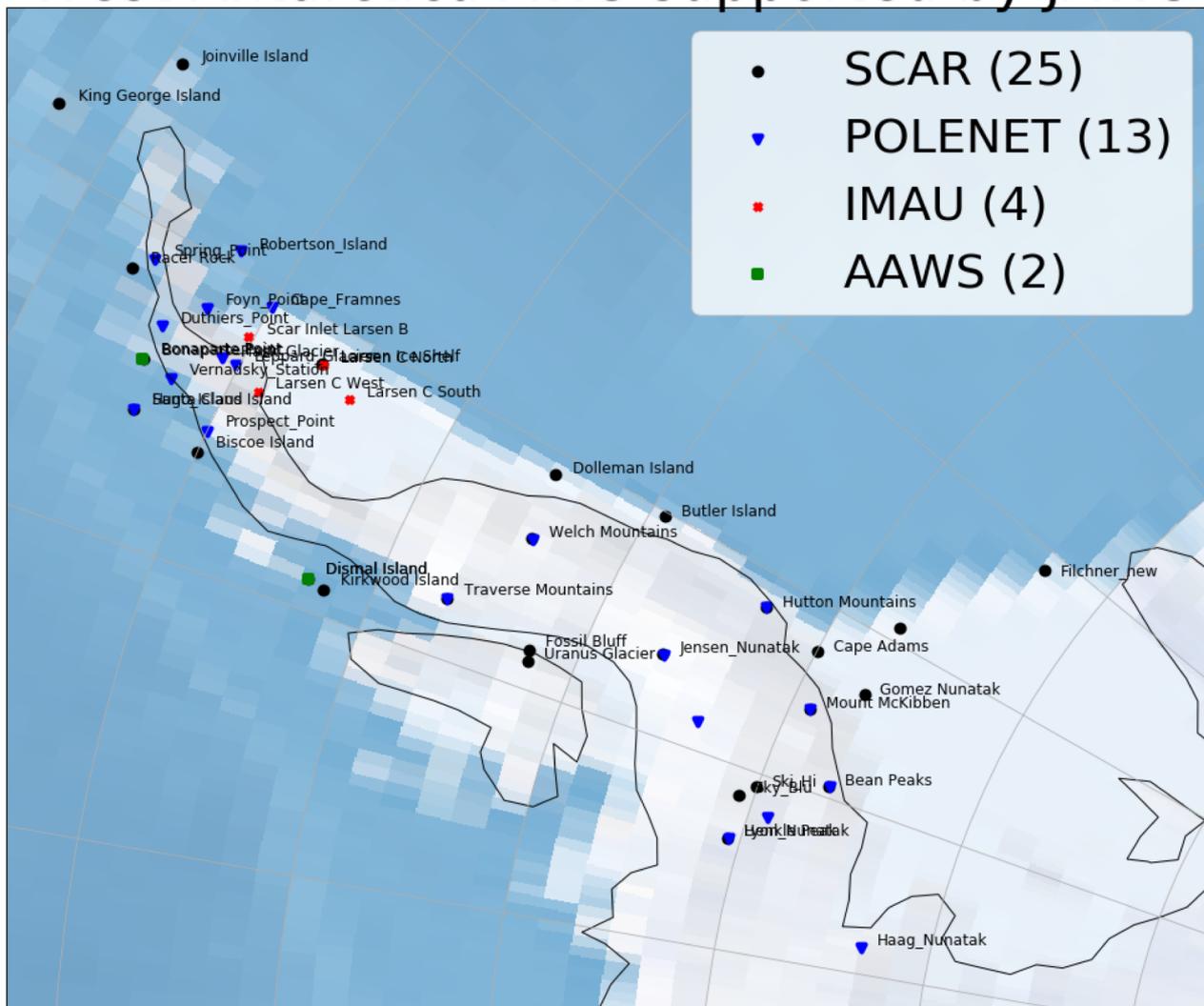


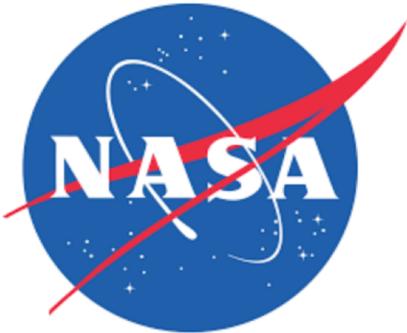
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West Antarctica AWS supported by JAWS





Justified Automated Weather Station (JAWS) Software

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JAWS Value-Added Data

Current

Solar zenith angle, GPS-derived ice velocity

Extrapolated standard variables (T_{2m} , T_{10m} , U_{10m} , F_{sw} ...)

New: Tilt/rotation angles from RIGB

New: Bulk formulation sensible, latent heat estimates

New: Surface energy budget

Future

Longwave and wind direction adjustments

Roughness length

Issues

Common names for standard variables ($T_{10,...$), quality control



Science Enabled by Polar AWS and JAWS

- Numerical Weather Prediction
- Ground Truth for Satellite/Model/Analyses
- Measure Surface Energy Budget:
 - Heat
 - Precipitation
 - Radiation/Albedo
- Estimate:
 - Cloud Radiative Effects
 - Snow/Ice Melt
 - Snow Depth/Age/Thermal Properties
 - Surface Mass Balance



JAWS netCDF Data Easily Processed...

```
# Process PROMICE KanU L2 data for 2009-2017
jaws promice_Kangerlussuaq-U_20090404_20170916.txt \
~/promice_KanU.nc
```

```
# Average to obtain climatological mean
ncra -O ~/promice_KanU.nc ~/promice_KanU_clm.nc
```

```
# Graphics
```

```
jaws -a diurnal -v air_temperature -y 2014 -m 5
promice_KanU.nc
```

```
jaws -a monthly -v air_temperature -y 2014 -m 5
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```

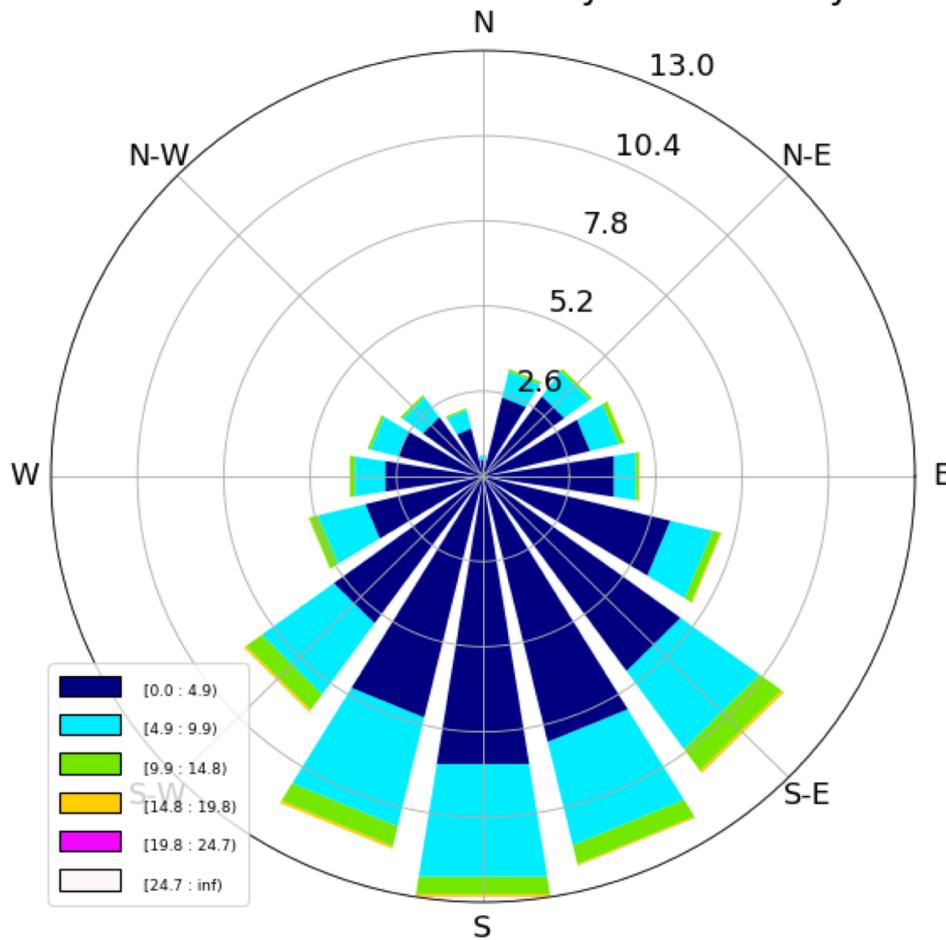
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jaws -a seasonal -v air_temperature promice_KanU.nc
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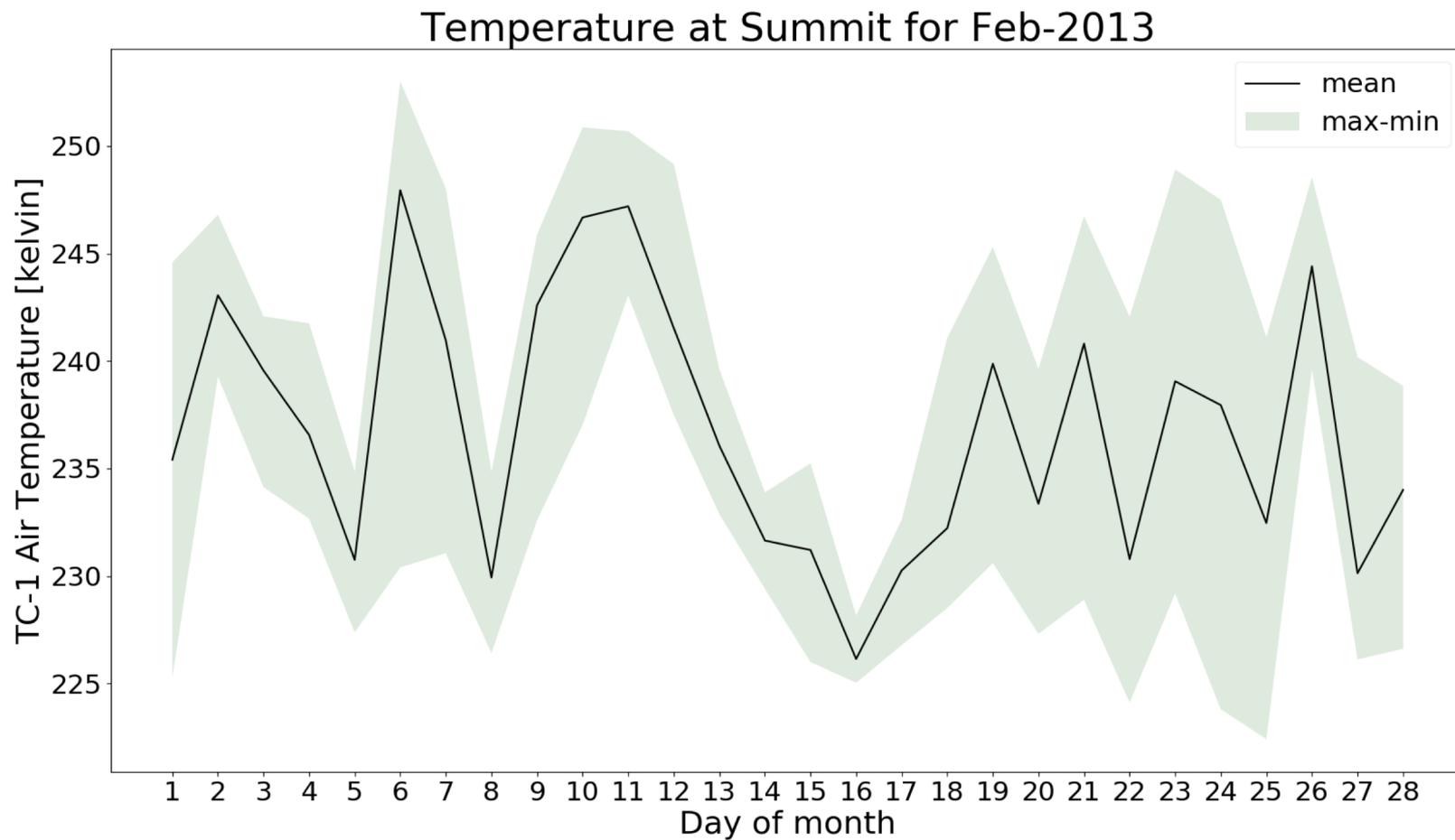
JAWS Graphics

Wind Rose at Summit from May-1996 to May-2017



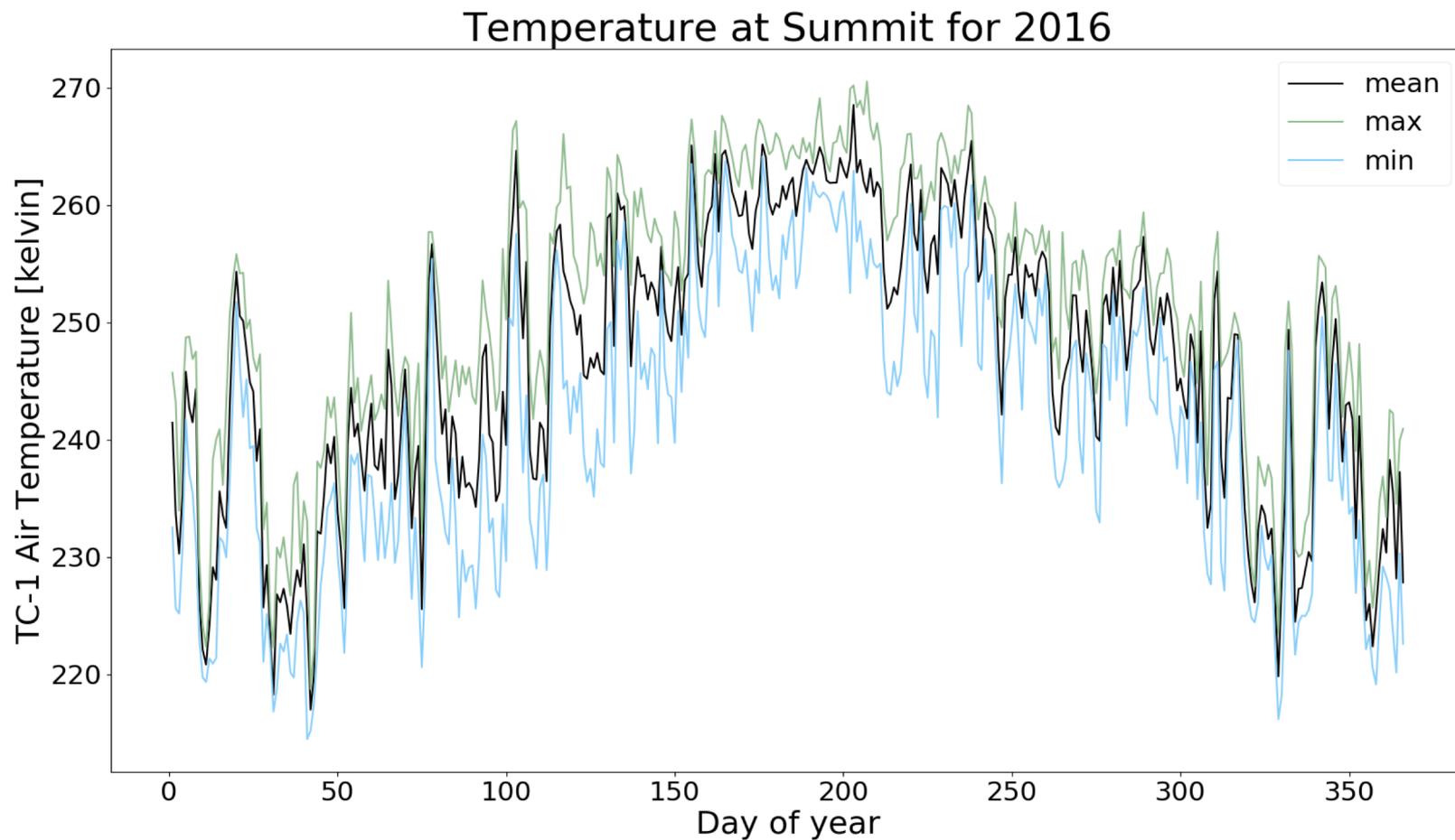


Monthly Diurnal Ranges





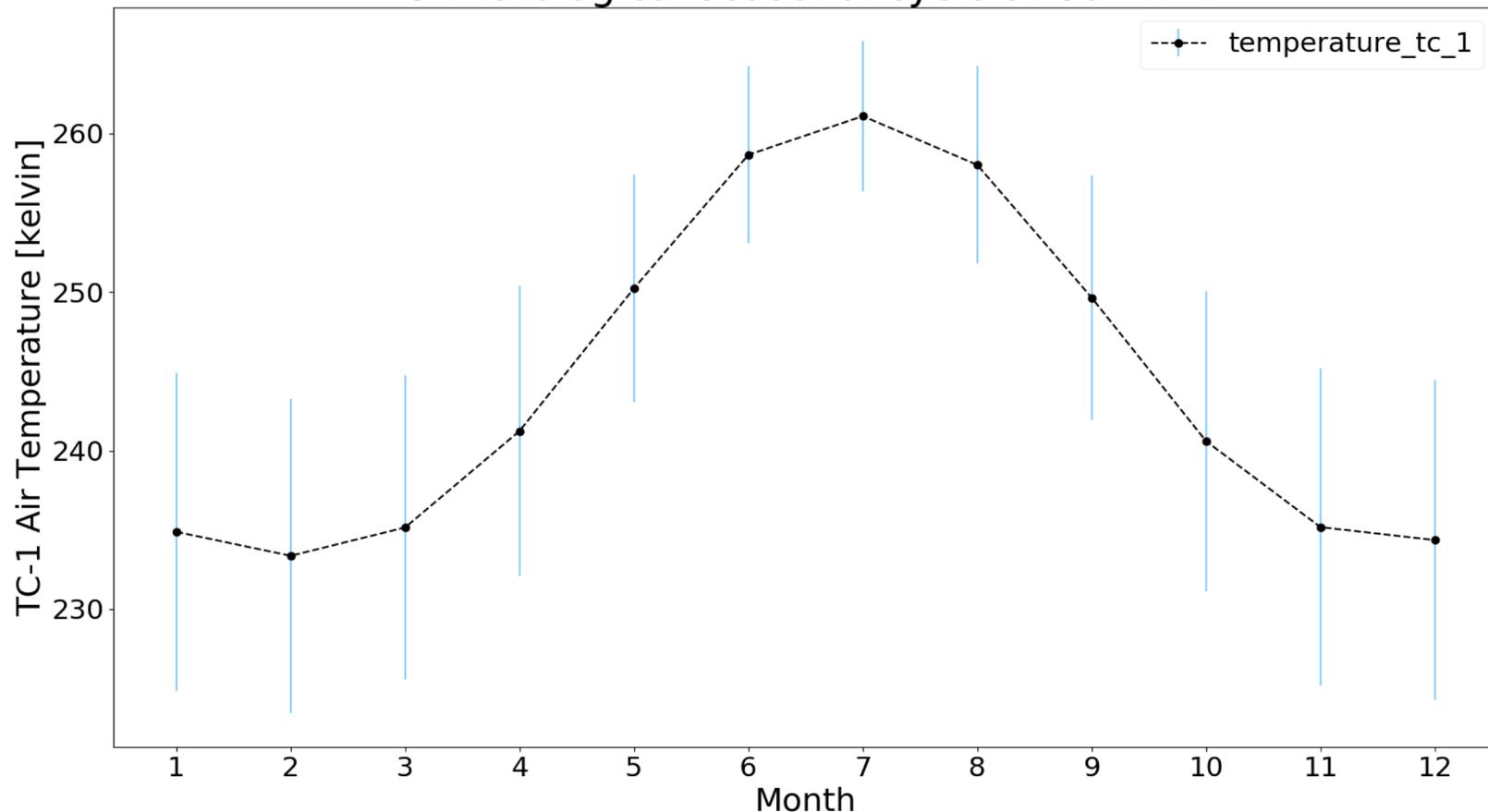
Annual Cycles





Climatological Seasonal Cycles

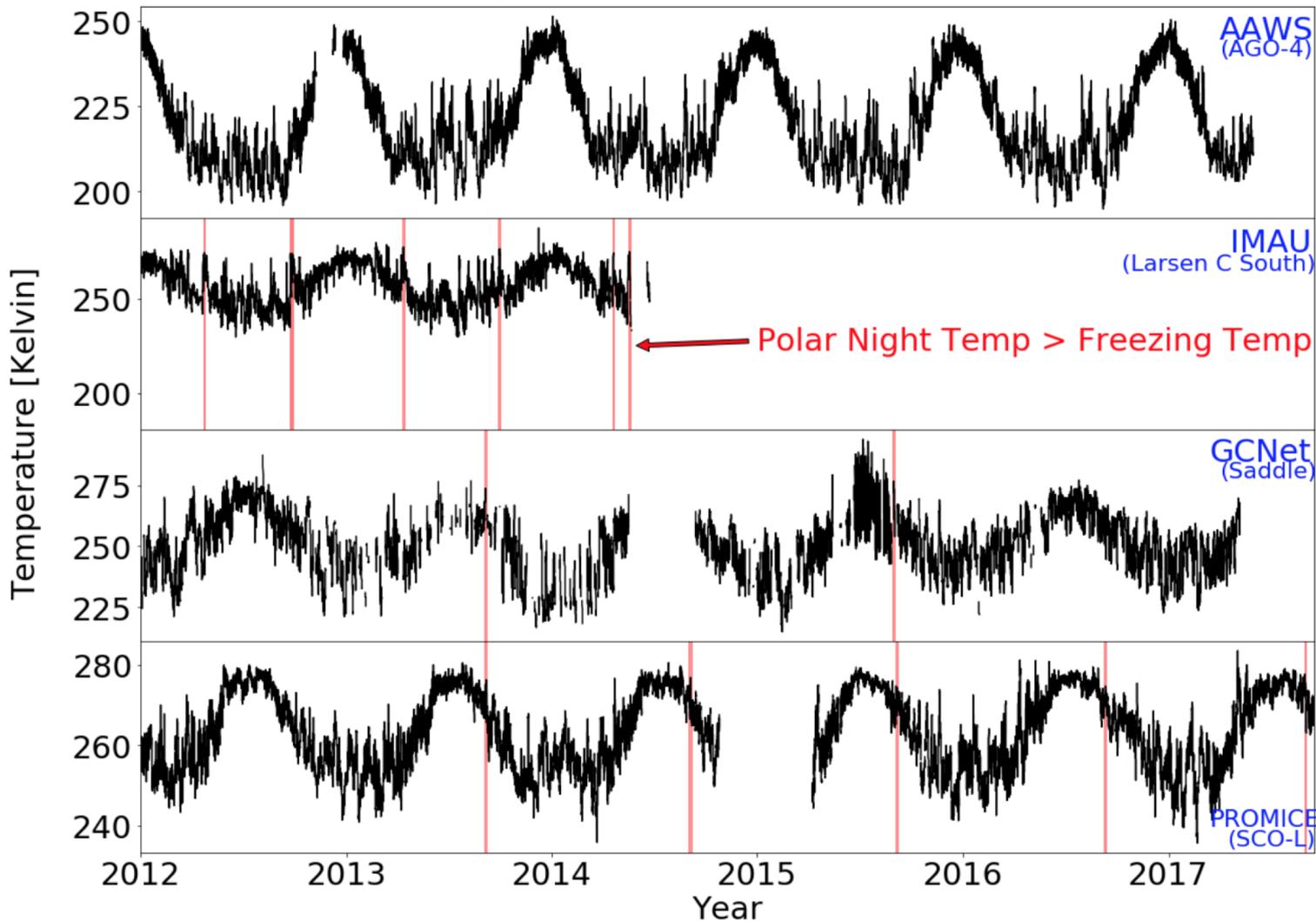
Climatological seasonal cycle at Summit





Data Are Intercomparable Across Networks

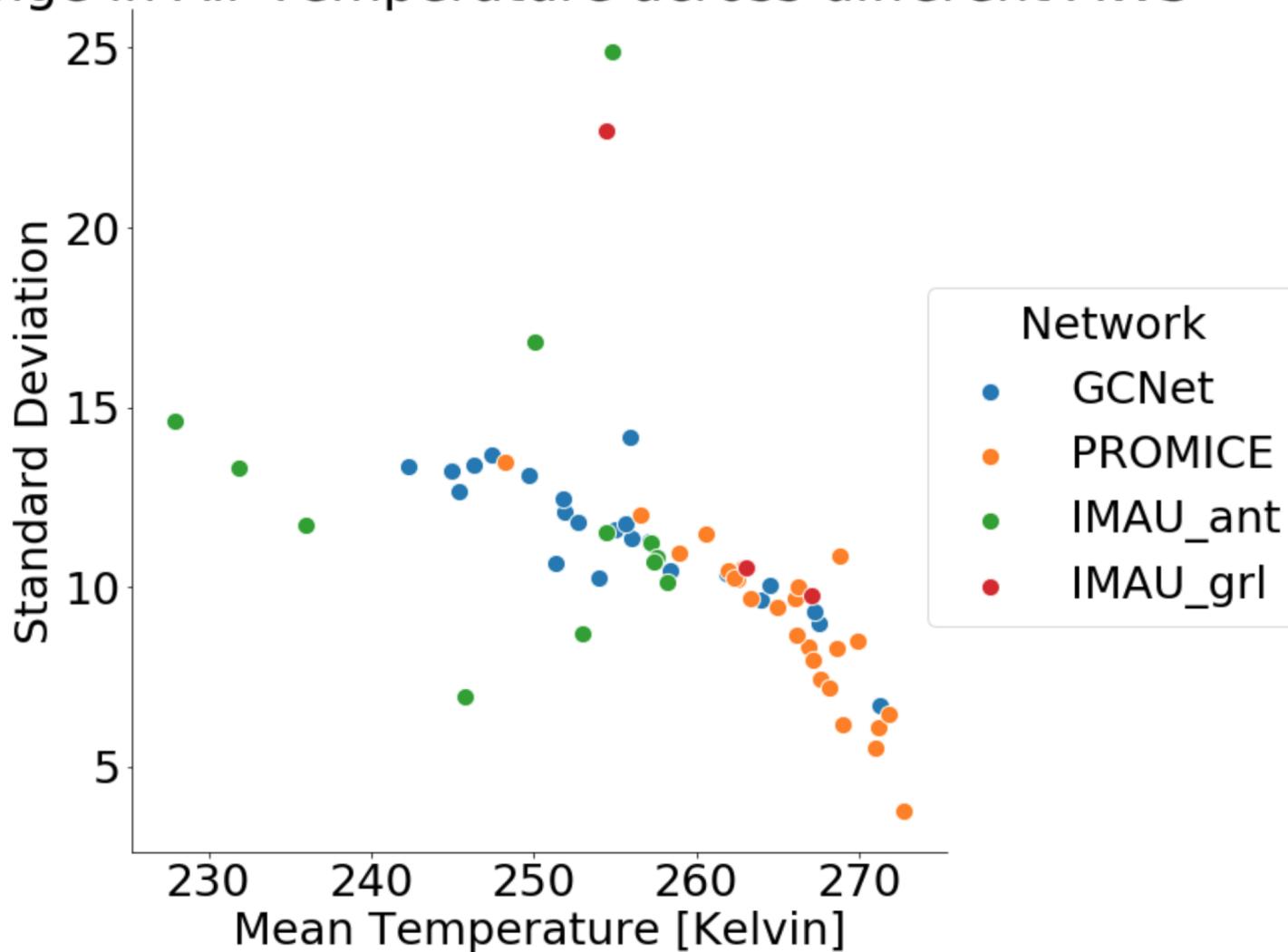
Air Temperature across different AWS





Station Outlier Detection

Change in Air Temperature across different AWS





JAWS Tilt-Correction Improves Accuracy ~11 W/m²

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A Retrospective, Iterative, Geometry-Based (RIGB) tilt-correction method for radiation observed by automatic weather stations on snow-covered surfaces: application to Greenland

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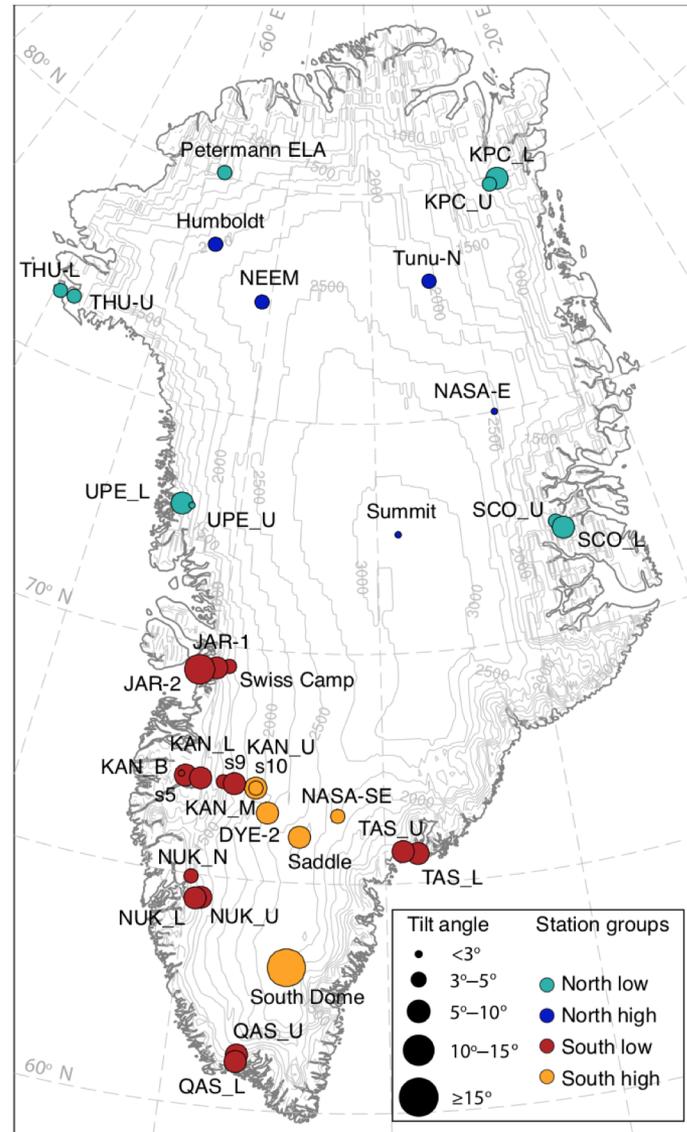
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Abstract. Surface melt and mass loss of the Greenland Ice Sheet may play crucial roles in global climate change due to their positive feedbacks and large fresh-water storage. With few other regular meteorological observations available in this extreme environment, measurements from automatic weather stations (AWS) are the primary data source for studying surface energy budgets, and for validating satellite observations and model simulations. Station tilt, due to irregular surface melt, compaction and glacier dynamics, causes considerable biases in the AWS shortwave radiation measurements. In this study, we identify tilt-induced biases in the climatology of surface shortwave radiative flux and albedo, and retrospectively correct these by iterative application of solar geometric principles. We found, over all the AWS from the Greenland Climate Network (GC-Net), the Kangerlussuaq transect (K-transect) and the Programme for Monitoring of the Greenland Ice Sheet (PROMICE) networks, insolation on fewer than 40 % of clear days peaks within ± 0.5 h of solar noon time, with the largest shift exceeding 3 h due to tilt. Hourly absolute biases in the magnitude of surface insolation can reach up to 200 W m^{-2} , with respect to the well-understood clear-day insolation. We estimate the tilt angles and their directions based on the solar geometric relationship between the simulated insolation at a horizontal surface and the observed insolation by these tilted AWS under clear-sky conditions. Our adjustment reduces the root mean square error (RMSE) against references from both satellite observation and reanalysis by 16 W m^{-2} (24 %), and raises the correlation coefficients with them to above 0.95. Aver-

aged over the whole Greenland Ice Sheet in the melt season, the adjustment in insolation to compensate station tilt is $\sim 11 \text{ W m}^{-2}$, enough to melt 0.24 m of snow water equivalent. The adjusted diurnal cycles of albedo are smoother, with consistent semi-smiling patterns. The seasonal cycles and inter-annual variabilities of albedo agree better with previous studies. This tilt-corrected shortwave radiation data set derived using the Retrospective, Iterative, Geometry-Based (RIGB) method provide more accurate observations and validations for surface energy budgets studies on the Greenland Ice Sheet, including albedo variations, surface melt simulations and cloud radiative forcing estimates.

1 Introduction

The Greenland Ice Sheet has experienced dramatic mass loss and frequent massive melt events in the past 30 years (Nghiem et al., 2012; Tedesco et al., 2013; Velicogna and Wahr, 2013). At least half of the mass loss can be attributed to surface mass balance (van den Broeke et al., 2009; Enderlin et al., 2014; Andersen et al., 2015), which is in turn controlled by solar radiation (van den Broeke et al., 2011). Therefore, reliable measurements of surface radiative flux are essential for climate change studies in this sensitive area (Pithan and Mauritsen, 2014). In this study, we correct the station tilt problem to produce more consistent shortwave radiation (hereafter, SW) measured by the automatic weather stations (AWS).





Tilted Radiometry Biases Surface Energy Budget

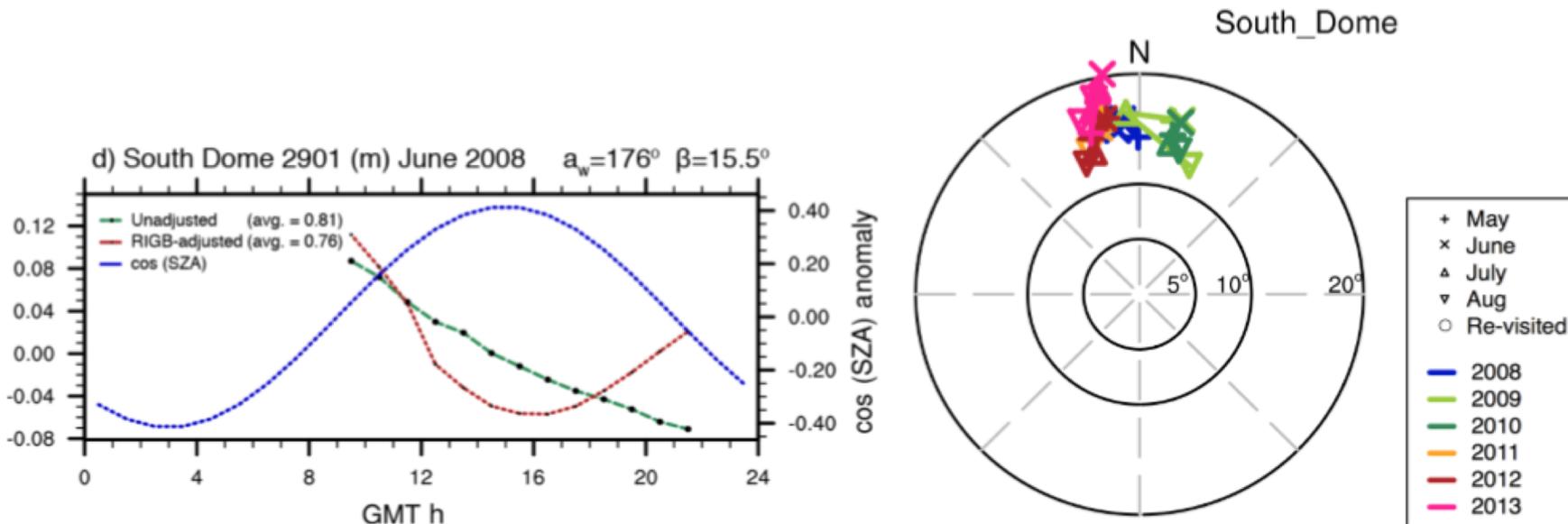


Figure 4: a) June 2008 tilt correction results at South Dome station. Top labels show elevation, month, and RIGB-derived tilt direction a_w and tilt angle β . Curves show albedo anomaly (monthly average of difference between hourly and daily albedo) for unadjusted (green) and adjusted (red) data. b) Estimated tilt angle (distance to circle center) and direction at South Dome station from 2009–2013.

Wang *et al.*, 2016, *TC*



RIGB-adjusted SW \downarrow Reduces RMS Bias vs. Satellites

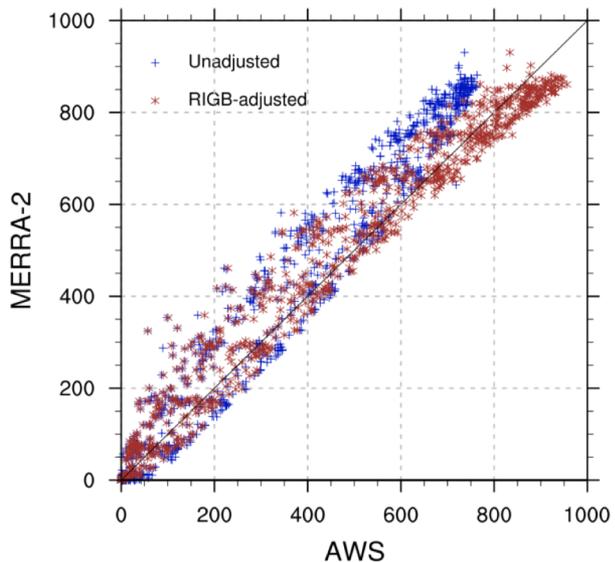
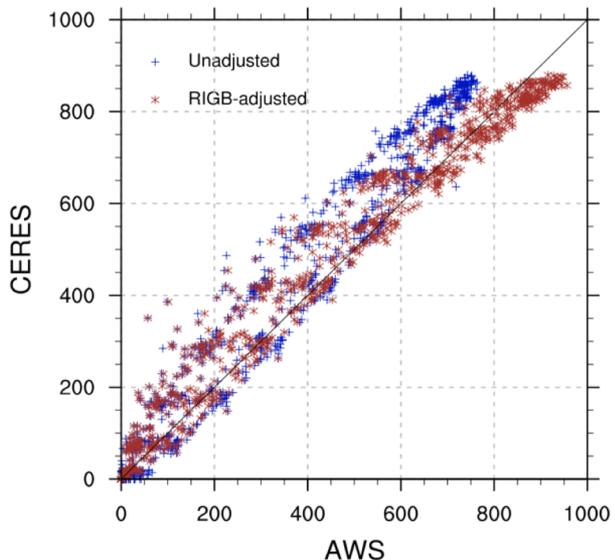


Table 1. RMSD of SW \downarrow (W/m 2)

	Unadjusted	RIGB
CERES	85.49	57.35
MERRA-2	84.47	56.48

Table 2. Correlation of SW \downarrow

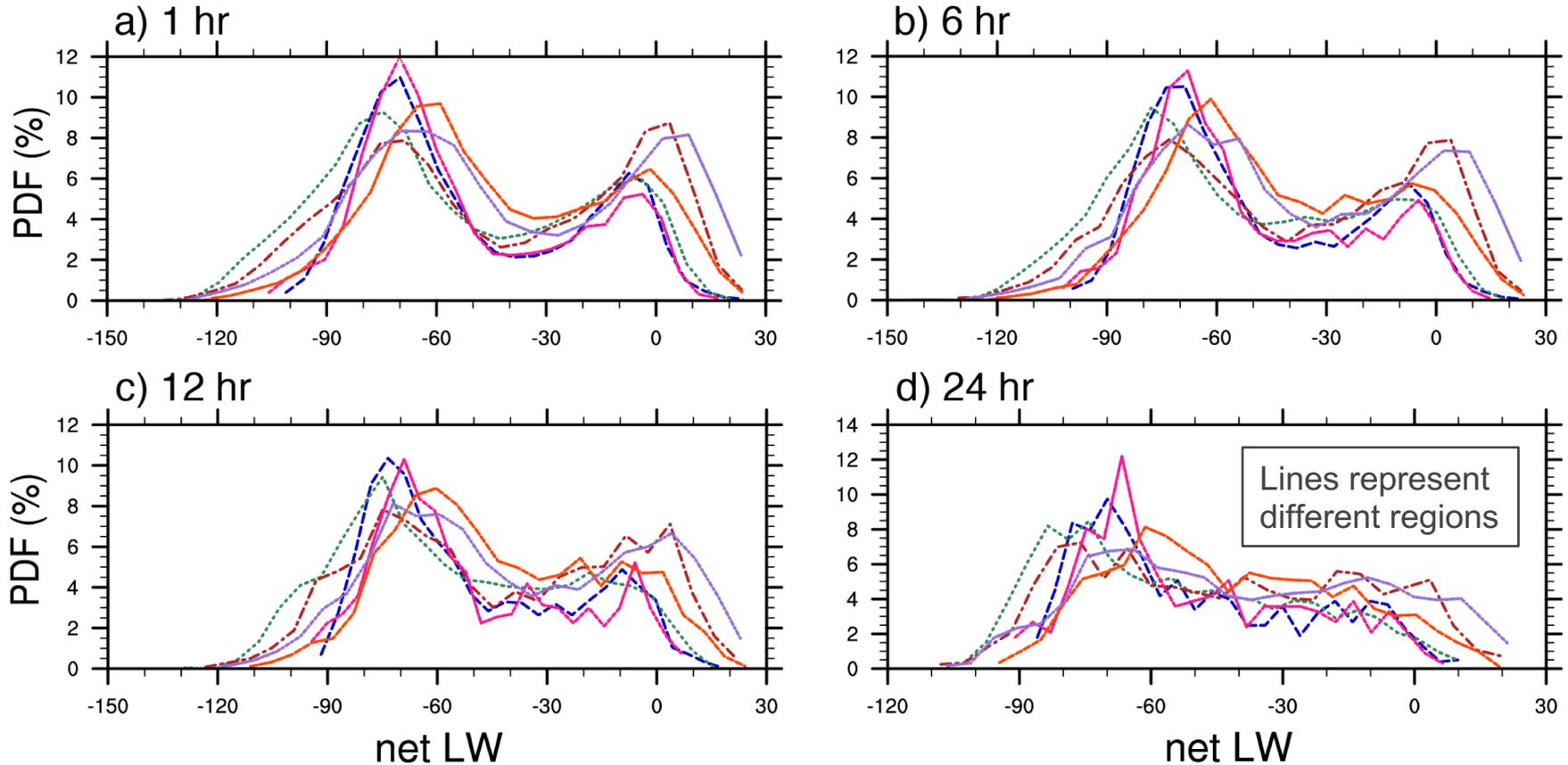
	Unadjusted	RIGB
CERES	0.98	0.99
MERRA-2	0.98	0.99

GC-Net South Dome, May-Sept, 2008-2013



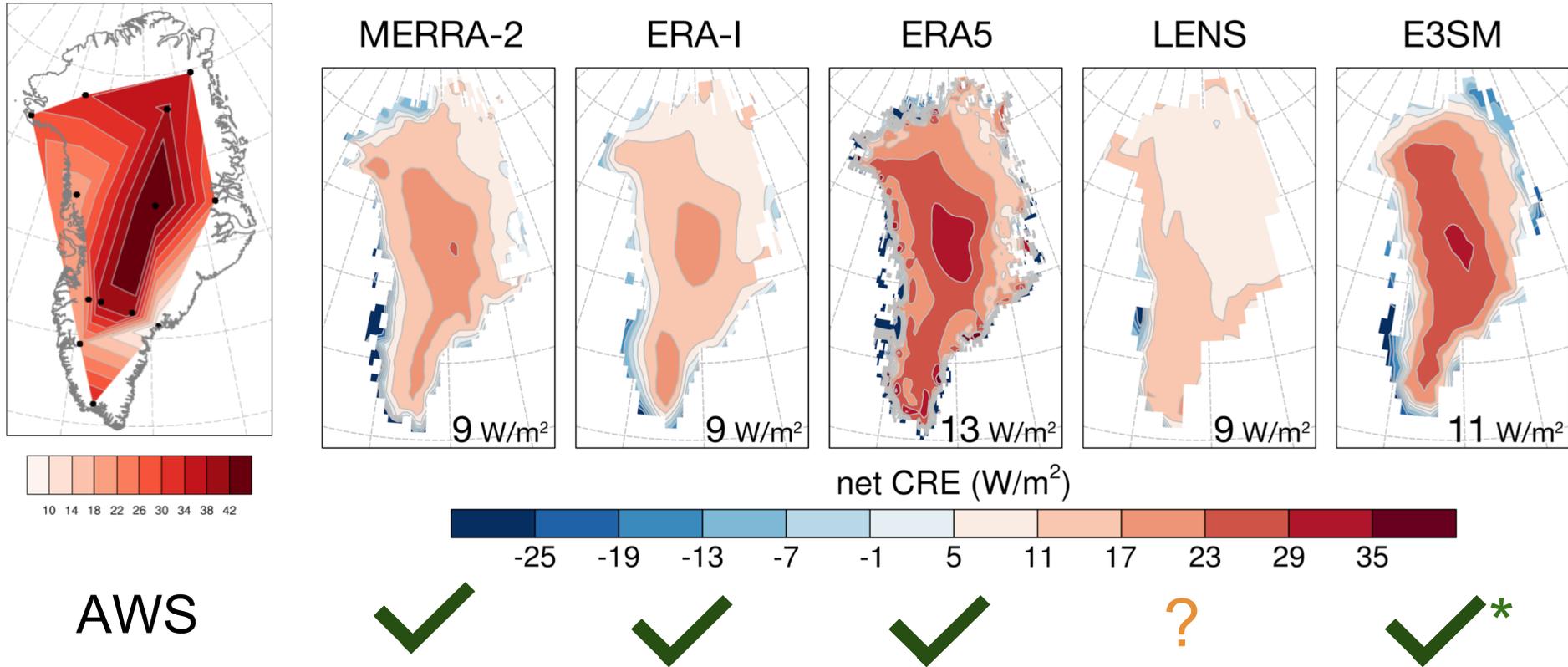


JAWS Reveals Bi-Modal Diurnal Surface Processes



Temporal Characteristics of Cloud Radiative Effects on Greenland: Discoveries from Multi-year Automatic Weather Station Measurements (Wang *et al.*, 2018, *JGR*)

Cloud Radiative Effects “Warm center” distribution:

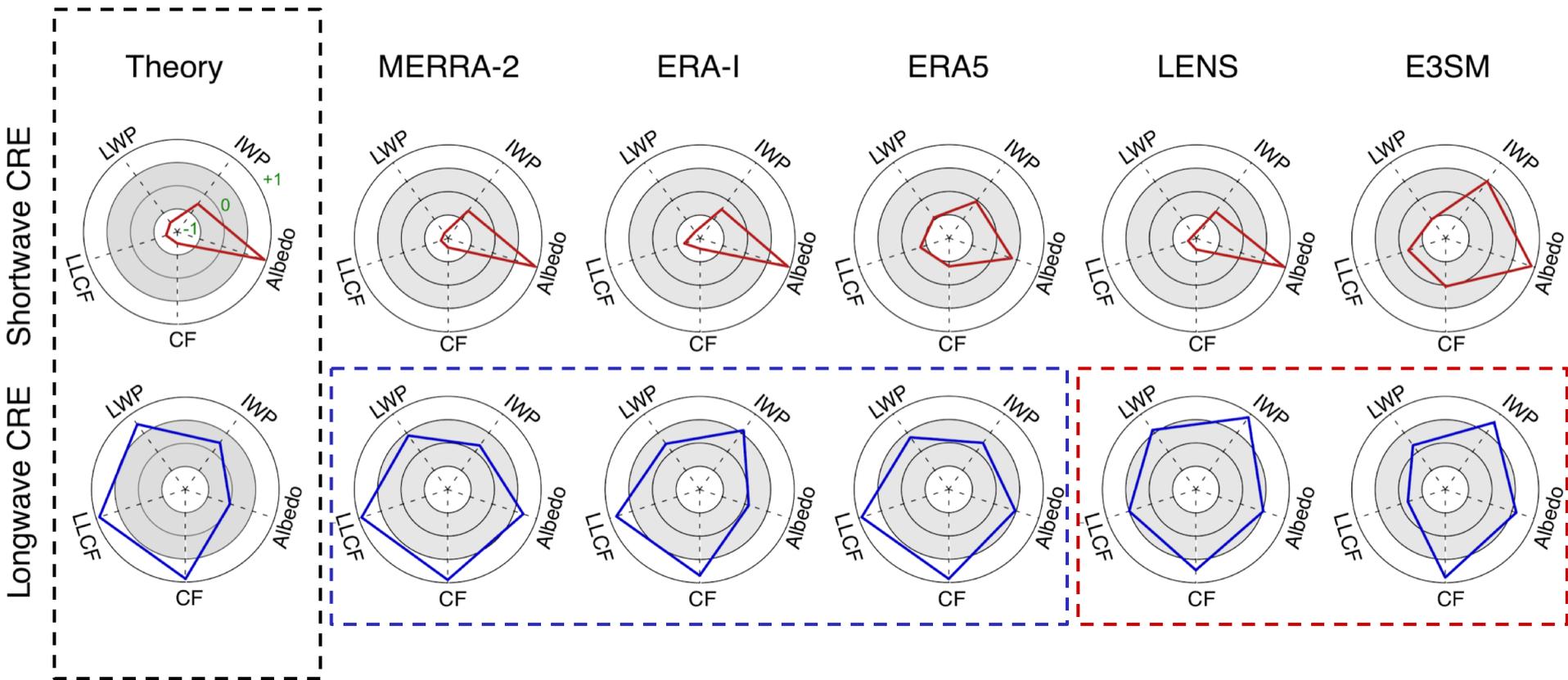


Spatial distribution of melt-season cloud radiative effects over Greenland:
Evaluating satellite observations, reanalyses, and model simulations against in situ measurements (Wang *et al.*, 2019, *JGR*)



Ground-truth satellites, models, reanalyses

Spatial correlation between CRE and its determining factors



Longwave

Fair: MERRA-2, ERA-I, ERA5

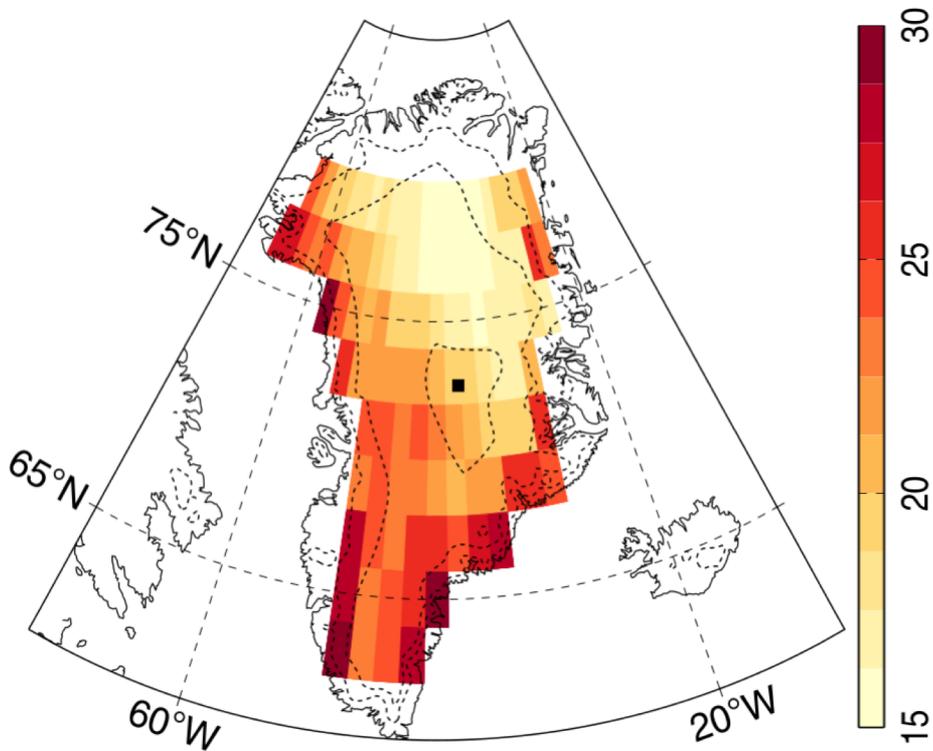
Poor: LENS, E3SM

Wang *et al.*, 2019, JGR

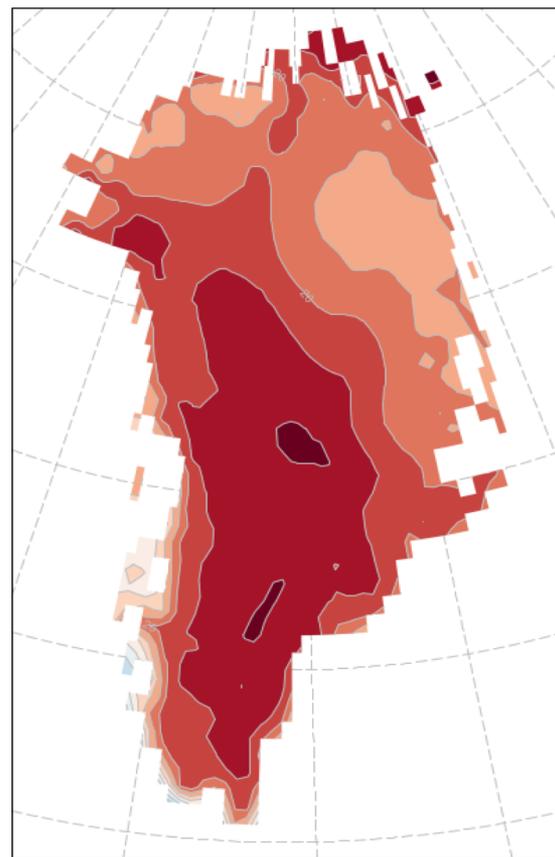


Sparse sampling → “warm L” in CALIPSO

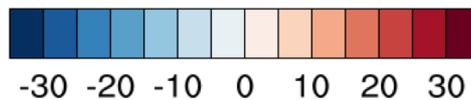
CALIPSO/CloudSAT: 21 W/m²



MERRA-2: 21 W/m²



net CRE (W/m²)

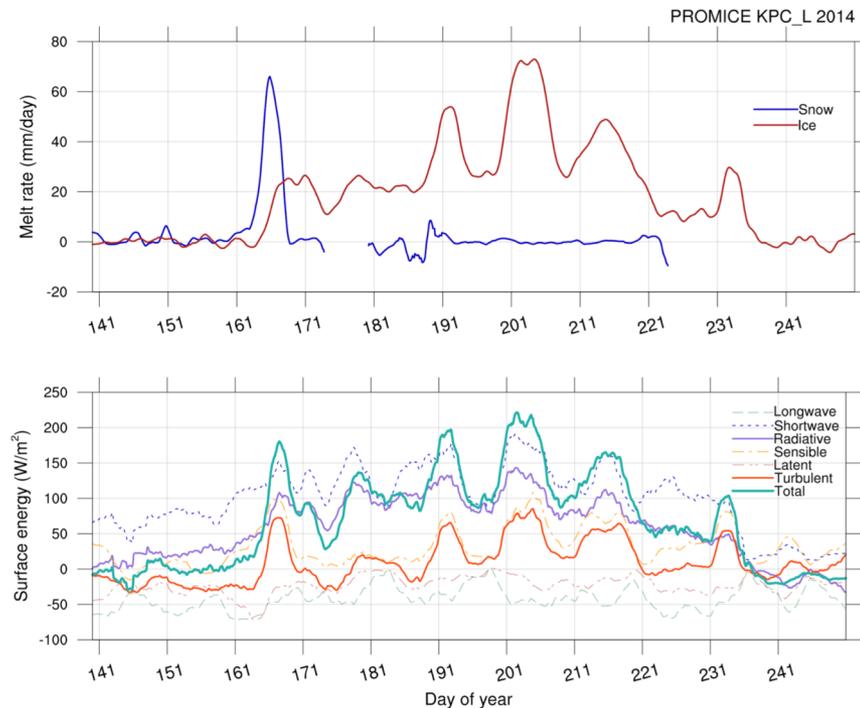
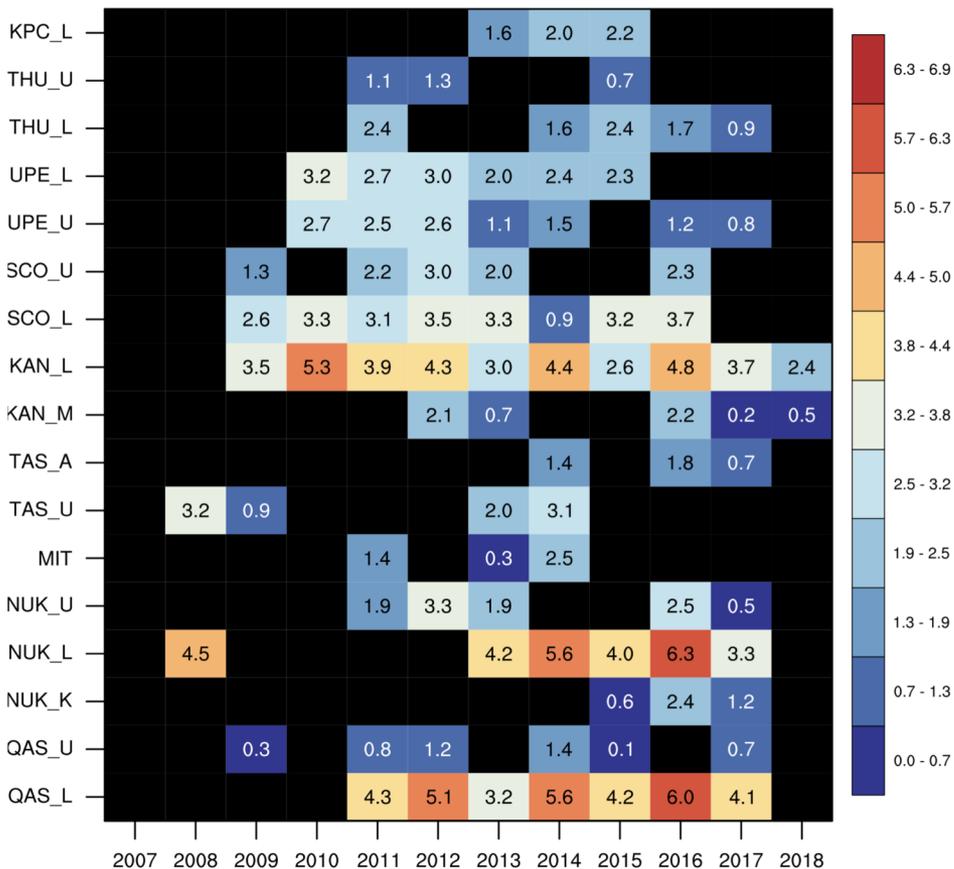


van Tricht *et al.* 2016



Partition Relative Contributions to Surface Melt

Melt total (m)

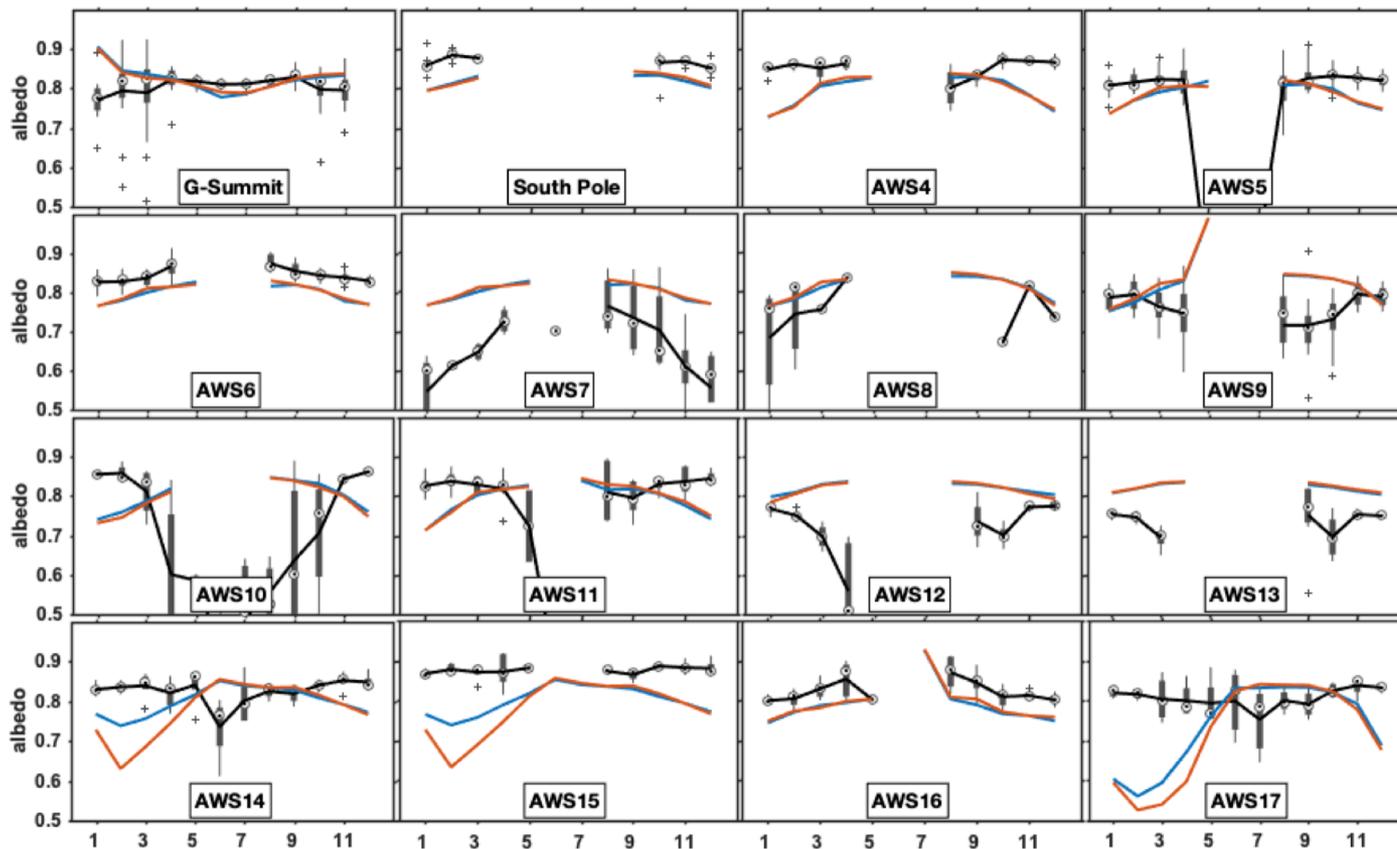


Wang et al., 2019, In Progress





Evaluate Earth System Model Simulations



JAWS

E3SM-climo

E3SM-hist



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Key Points:

- Wintertime surface melt occurs frequently in the Antarctic Peninsula
- Winter melt heats the firn to a depth of about 3 m, retarding or reversing winter cooling
- Increased greenhouse gas concentrations could increase the occurrence of winter surface melt

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Intense Winter Surface Melt on an Antarctic Ice Shelf

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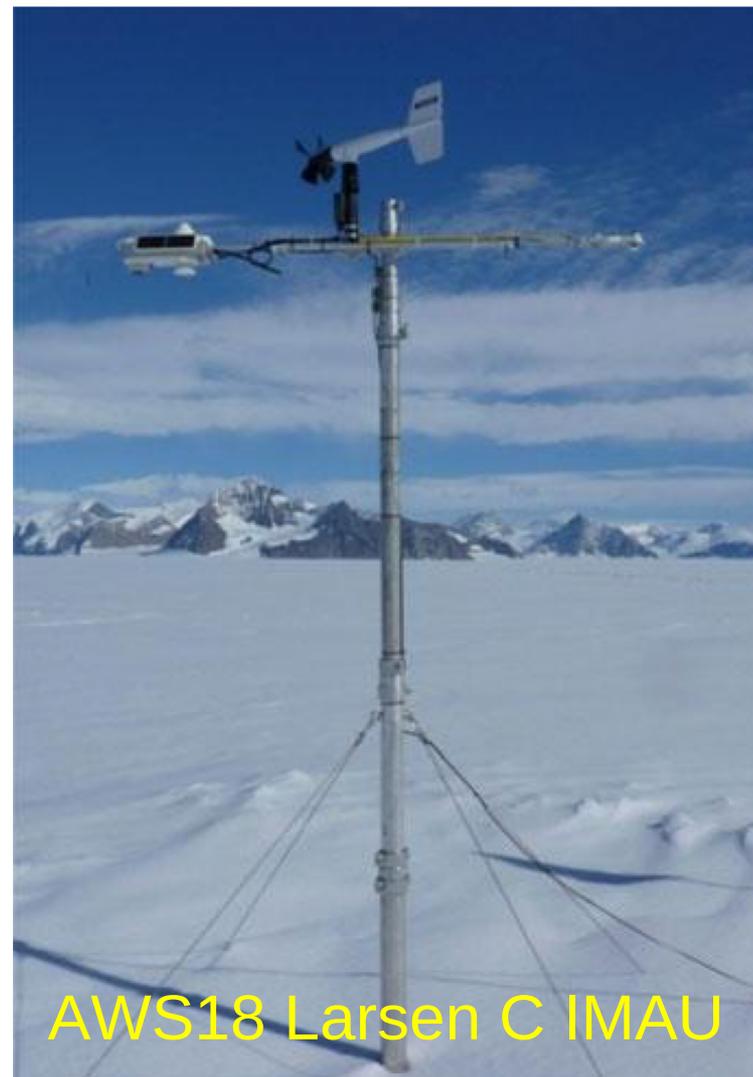
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Abstract The occurrence of surface melt in Antarctica has hitherto been associated with the austral summer season, when the dominant source of melt energy is provided by solar radiation. We use in situ and satellite observations from a previously unsurveyed region to show that events of intense surface melt on Larsen C Ice Shelf occur frequently throughout the dark Antarctic winter, with peak intensities sometimes exceeding summertime values. A regional atmospheric model confirms that in the absence of solar radiation, these midday melt events are driven by outbreaks of warm and dry föhn wind descending down the leeside of the Antarctic Peninsula mountain range, resulting in downward turbulent fluxes of sensible heat that drive sustained surface melt fluxes in excess of 200 W/m². From 2015 to 2017 (including the extreme melt winter of 2016), ~23% of the annual melt flux was produced in winter, and spaceborne observations of surface melt since 2000 show that wintertime melt is widespread in some years. Winter melt heats the firn layer to the melting point up to a depth of ~3 m, thereby facilitating the formation of impenetrable ice layers and retarding or reversing autumn and winter cooling of the firn. While the absence of a trend in winter melt is consistent with insignificant changes in the observed Southern Hemisphere atmospheric circulation during winter, we anticipate an increase in winter melt as a response to increasing greenhouse gas concentration.

Plain Language Summary Around the coast of Antarctica, it gets warm enough in summer for snow to start melting, and the sun provides most of the energy for that melt. Almost all meltwater refreezes in the snowpack, but especially on floating glaciers in Antarctica, it has been observed that meltwater forms large ponds. The pressure exerted by these ponds may have led to ice shelves collapsing into numerous icebergs in recent decades. It is therefore important to understand how much meltwater is formed. To find out, we installed an automatic weather station on a glacier in Cabinet Inlet, in the Antarctic Peninsula in 2014. The station recorded temperatures well above the melting point even in winter. The occurrence of winter melt is confirmed by satellite images and by thermometers buried in the snow, which measured a warming of the snow even at 3 m depth. Between 2014 and 2017, about 23% of all melt in Cabinet Inlet occurred in winter. Winter melt is due to warm winds that descend from the mountains, known as föhn. We have not seen the amount of winter melt increasing since 2000. However, we expect winter melt to happen more frequently if greenhouse gas continues to accumulate in the atmosphere.

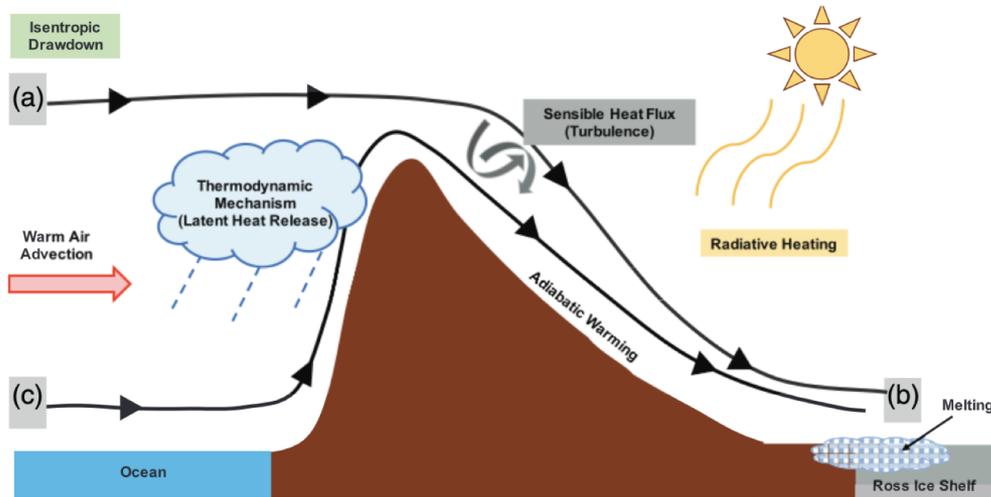
1. Surface Melt in Antarctica

Current mass loss of the Antarctic Ice Sheet is made up almost entirely of ice shelf basal melting and iceberg calving (Depoorter et al., 2013). Although supraglacial and englacial runoff has been widely observed, especially in regions of low albedo such as blue ice and bare rock (Bell et al., 2017; Kingslake et al., 2017; Lenaerts et al., 2016), models suggest that only a small fraction (<1%) of the ~115 Gt (1 Gt = 10¹² kg) of surface meltwater produced annually (Trusel et al., 2013; Van Wessem et al., 2017) runs off directly into the ocean. Instead, it is refrozen within underlying snow and firn layers (Kuipers Munneke, Picard, et al., 2012). The indirect impact of meltwater is profound, however, as an important role for meltwater-induced fracturing is implicated in the collapse of coastal ice shelves (Banwell et al., 2013; Scambos et al., 2000). Observed collapse following



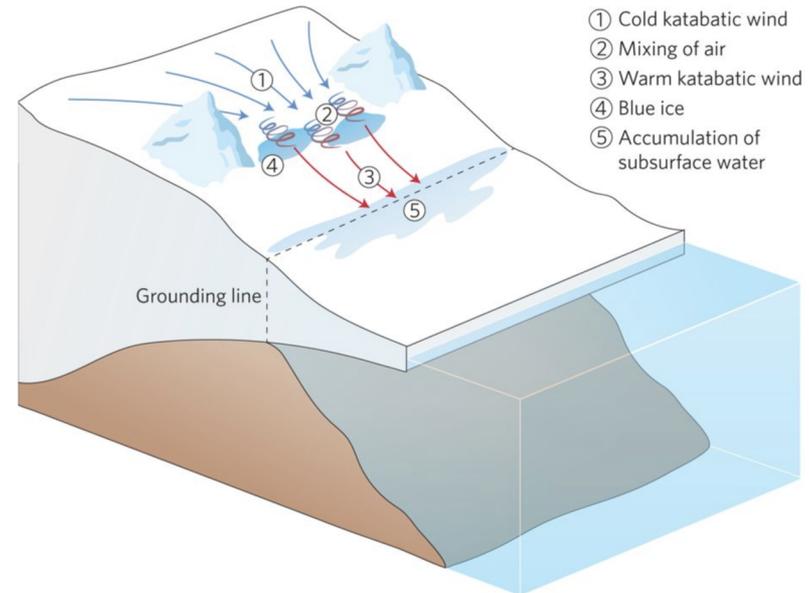
Winds

Foehn Wind



Elvidge et al., 2016; Zou et al., 2018

Katabatic Wind



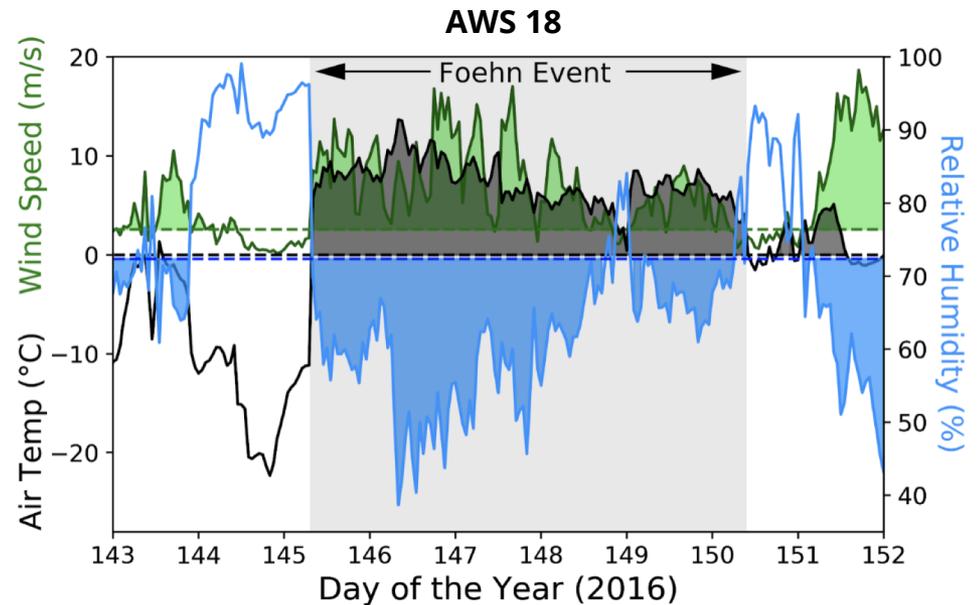
Lennarts et al., 2018



FonDA Foehn/katabatic Detection Algorithm

FonDA uses variable thresholds to identify wind events

- Temperature $> 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Relative Humidity (RH) $< 30\text{th}$ percentile
- Wind Speed $> 60\text{th}$ percentile





Training Dataset for Machine Learning

ML-FonDA Detects foehn/katabatic winds in MERRA2:

Gradient Boosting Classification:

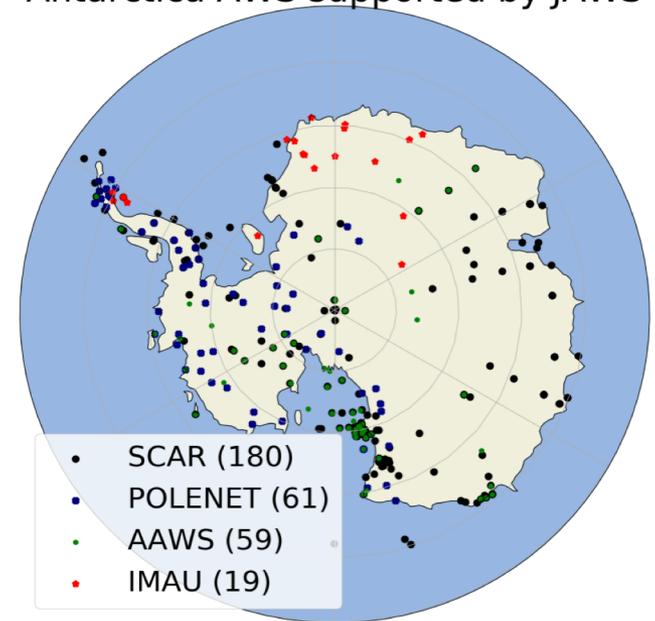
- Ensemble of weak prediction models
- Decision Trees

X_c = MERRA2 Data
(Large Scale)

Y_f = FonDA results
(Small Scale)

$$X_c \rightarrow f(\dots) \rightarrow Y_f$$

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Machine Learning Improves Detection

F1-Score is a statistical analysis tool used to assess the accuracy of a model when using binary classification.

Confusion Matrix

Machine Learning FonDA

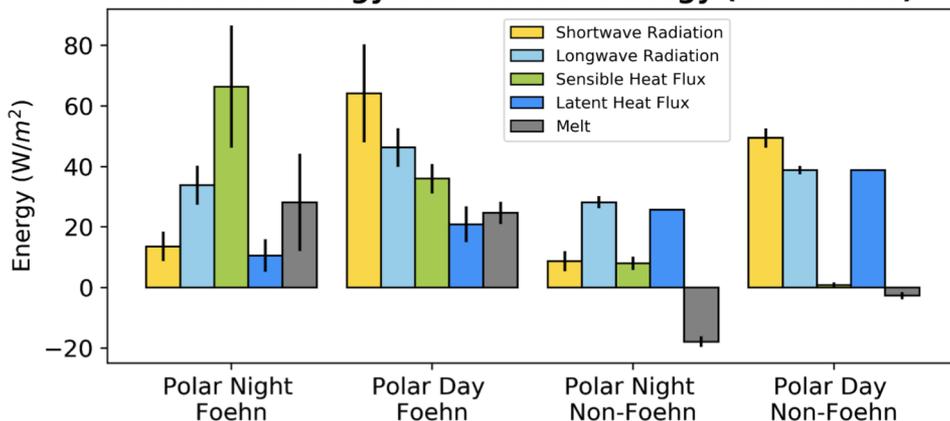
		Negative	Positive
AWS FonDA	Negative	True Negative	False Positive
	Positive	False Negative	True Positive

	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Machine Learning FonDA	0.771	0.664	0.719
MERRA2/ERA5 FonDA	0.558	0.496	0.525

Larsen-C Ice Shelf Climatology and Melt

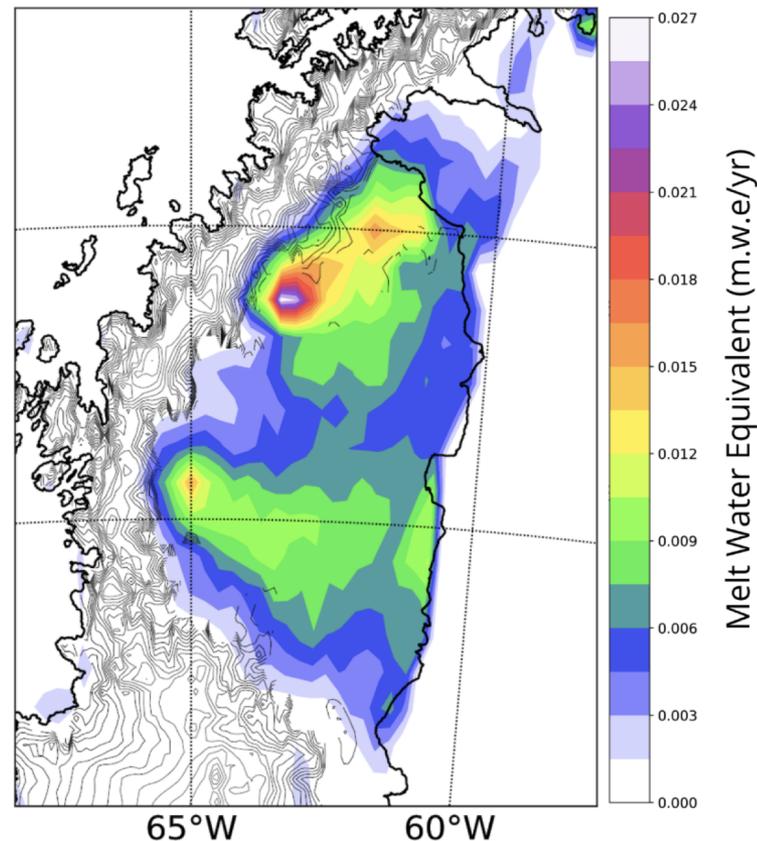
- Large **sensible heat fluxes** dominate the surface energy budget with a mean energy flux of **66.4 W/m²**
- **Increased SW** radiation during polar day foehn
- **No melt** recorded without the presence of foehn.

Surface Energy Balance Climatology (2007-2017)



Note: SW and sensible heat fluxes are positive and add energy to the surface, LW and latent heat fluxes are negative and remove heat from the surface.

SGW-induced Surface Melt





Summary

AWS data **underutilized** due to idiosyncratic, archaic formats

JAWS **harmonizes** AWS formats for networks, users

Interoperability increases scale/scope of AWS-enabled research

Needs:

Wider use and **endorsement**

Suggestions for features and improvements

Feedback on usability, naming conventions

Supplementary Slides



Documentation

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Justified Automated Weather Station (JAWS) Software



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API

Adding new variables to an existing network

Each network has a list of variables (from raw file) that are known to `JAWS` at:

```
jaws/resources/{network_name}/columns.txt
```

where 'network_name' is the name of network like 'gcnet', 'promise', etc.

If you want to modify JAWS and add new variables to a network, you need to modify following 3 files i.e.

```
jaws/resources/{network_name}/columns.txt
```

```
jaws/resources/{network_name}/ds.json
```

```
jaws/resources/{network_name}/encoding.json
```

In this example, we will add two new variables ('Sensible Heat Flux' and 'Latent Heat Flux') to PROMICE.

Step 1: Add *variable names* to `columns.txt` of that network in **same order** as they are in raw file. In our example raw file, will add new variables like this:

```
2 ■■■■ jaws/resources/promice/columns.txt
11 11  relative_humidity
12 12  wind_speed
13 13  wind_direction
14 14  + sensible_heat_flux
15 15  + latent_heat_flux
14 16  fsds
15 17  shortwave_radiation_down_cor
16 18  fsus
```



CF & ACDD-Compliance

```
ajay@ajay-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ ncks --cal -v air_temp,latitude,longitude,time,time_bounds AAWS_AGO-4_20161130.nc
netcdf AAWS_AGO-4_20161130 {
  dimensions:
    nbnd = 2 ;
    time = UNLIMITED ; // (24 currently)

  variables:
    float air_temp(time) ;
      air_temp:FillValue = 9.96921e+36f ;
      air_temp:long_name = "Air Temperature" ;
      air_temp:standard_name = "air_temperature" ;
      air_temp:units = "kelvin" ;
      air_temp:cell_methods = "time: mean" ;
      air_temp:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;

    double latitude ;
      latitude:long_name = "Latitude" ;
      latitude:standard_name = "latitude" ;
      latitude:units = "degrees_north" ;

    double longitude ;
      longitude:long_name = "Longitude" ;
      longitude:standard_name = "longitude" ;
      longitude:units = "degrees_east" ;

    double time(time) ;
      time:long_name = "Time" ;
      time:standard_name = "time" ;
      time:units = "seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00" ;
      time:bounds = "time_bounds" ;
      time:calendar = "standard" ;

    double time_bounds(time,nbnd) ;

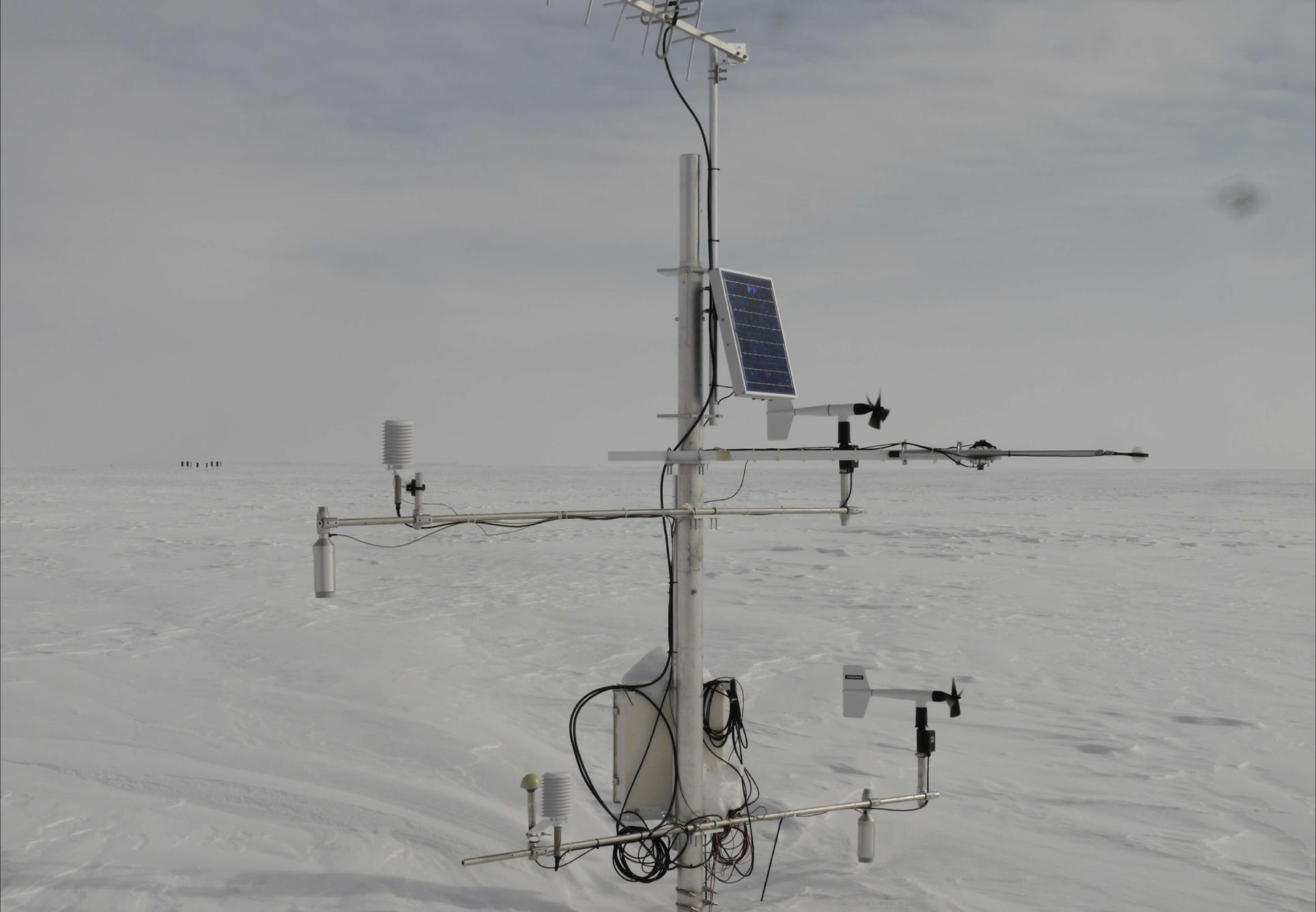
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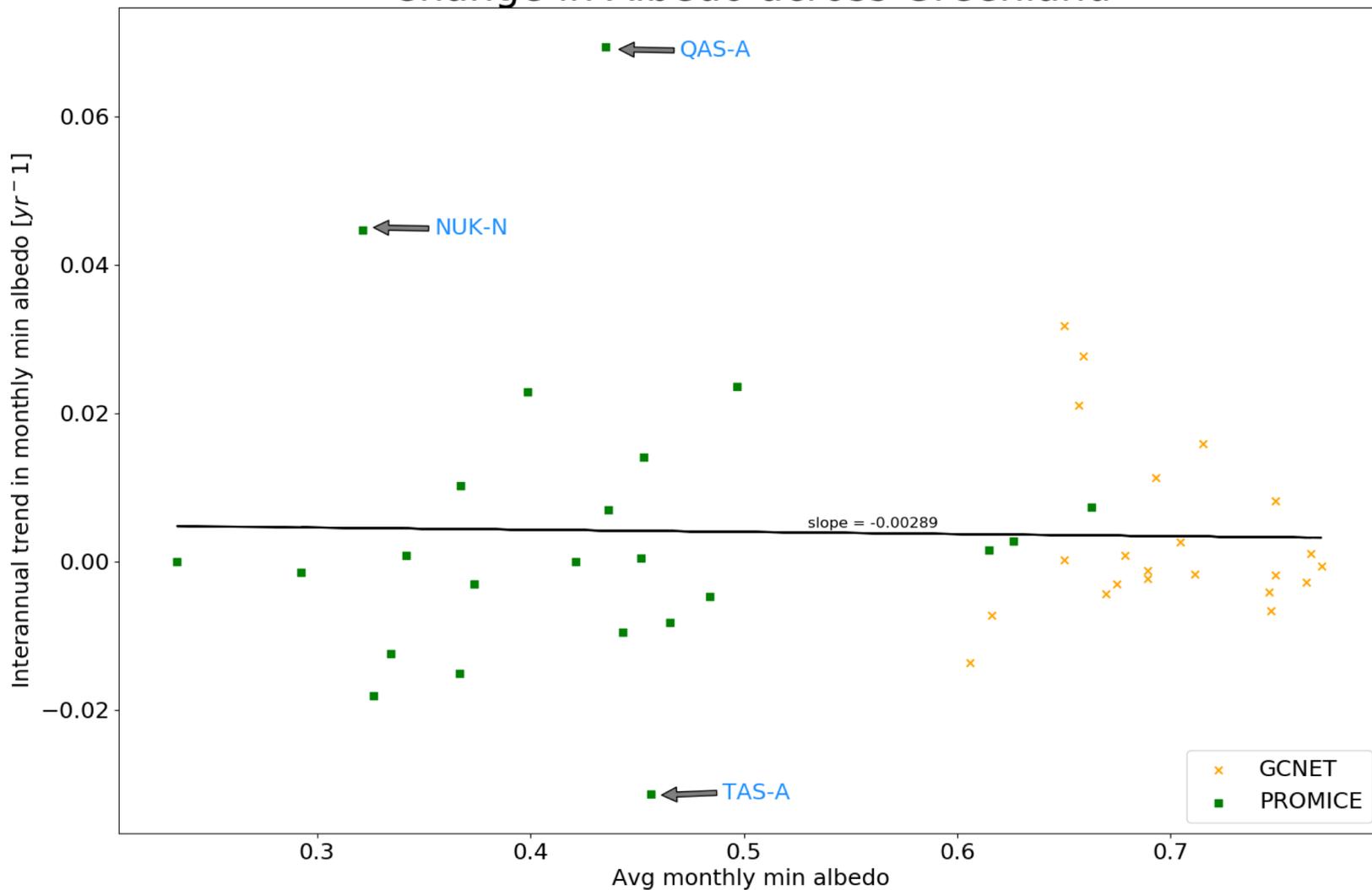


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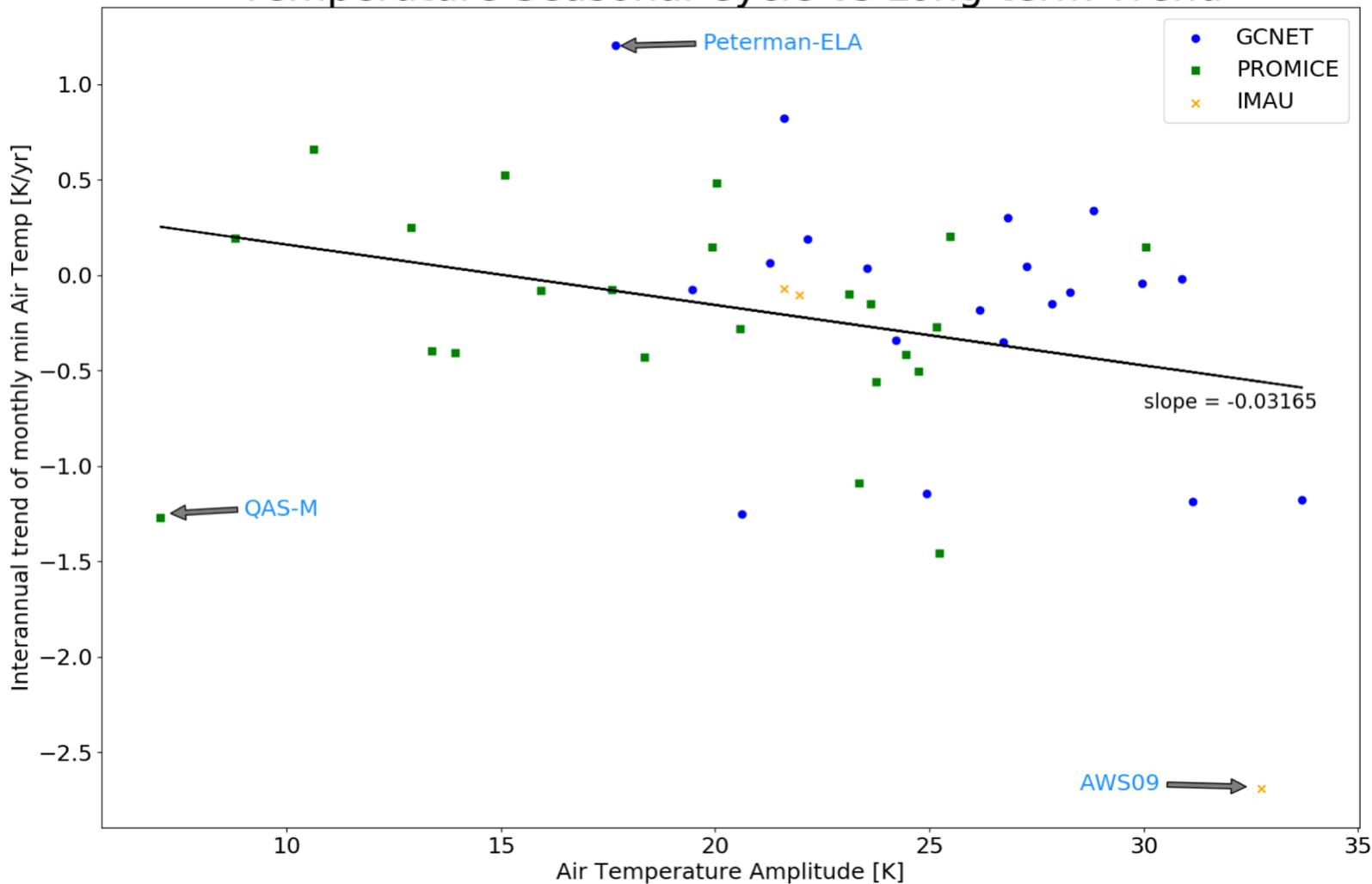
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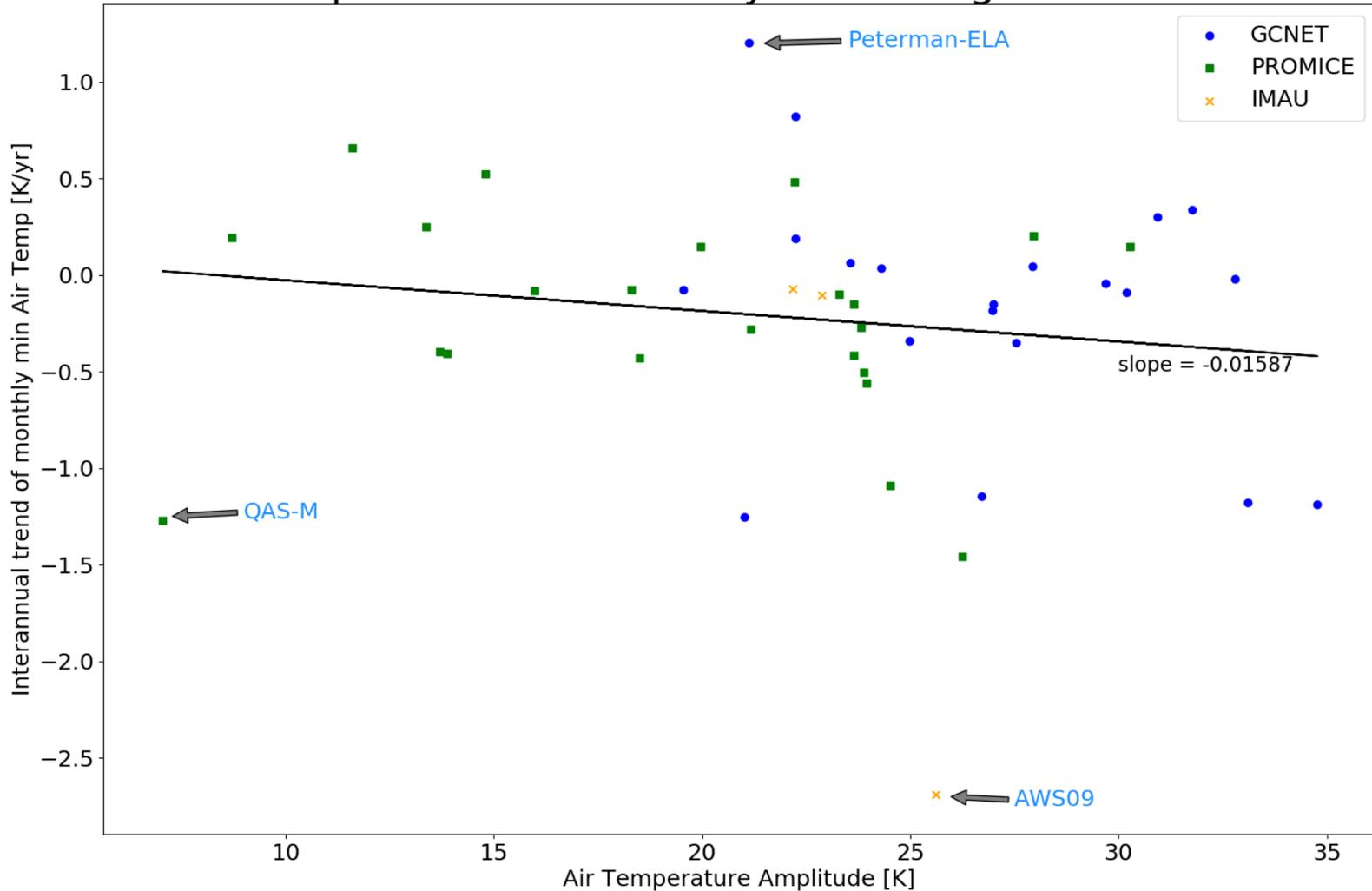
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