

# Observational Requirements to Improve Ice Sheet Models – the SeaRISE perspective

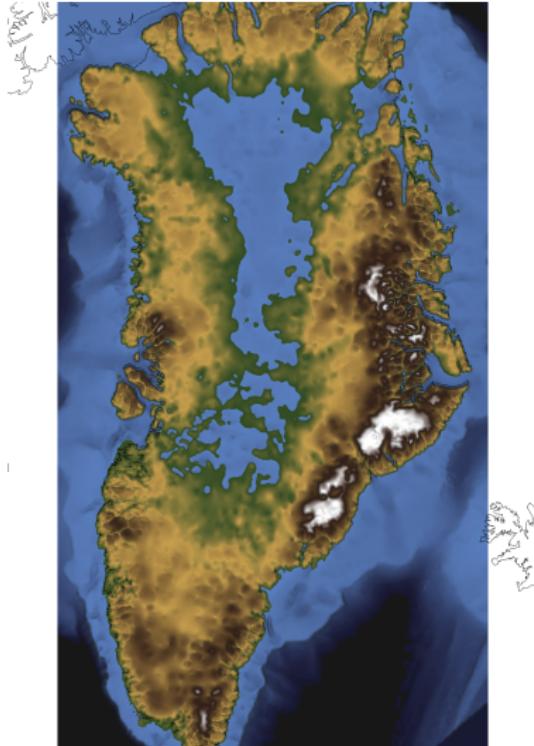
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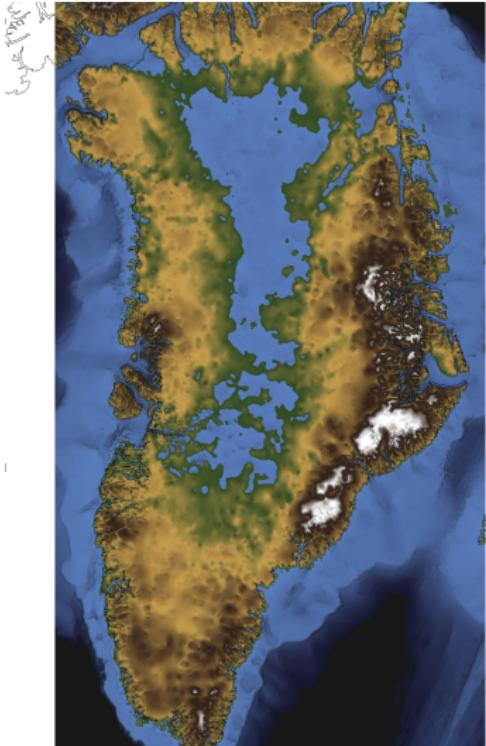
# The Greenland prospective

5km grid interpolated onto 2km grid



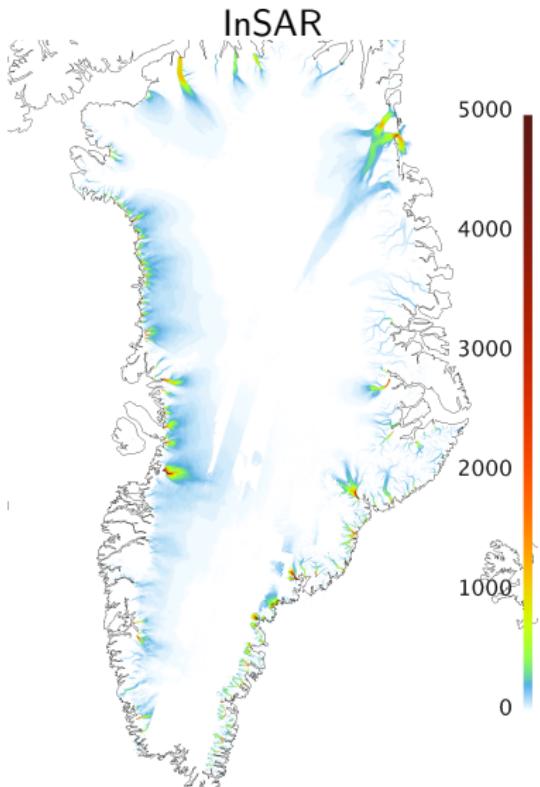
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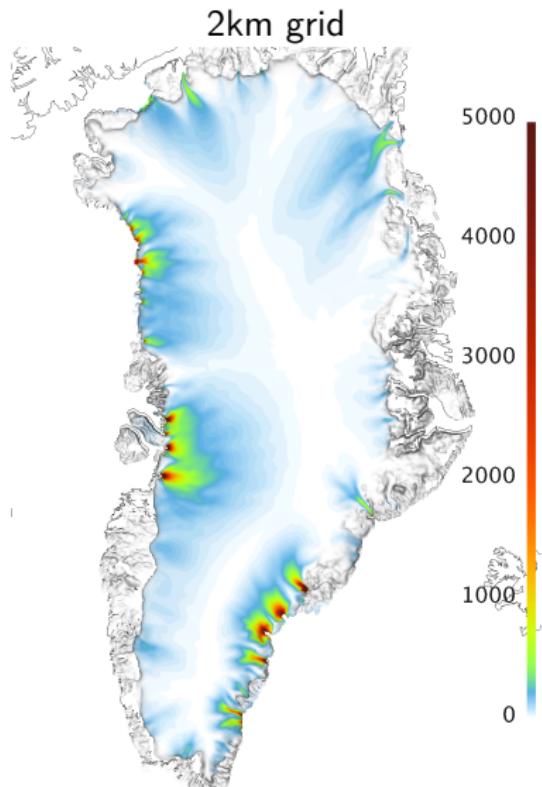


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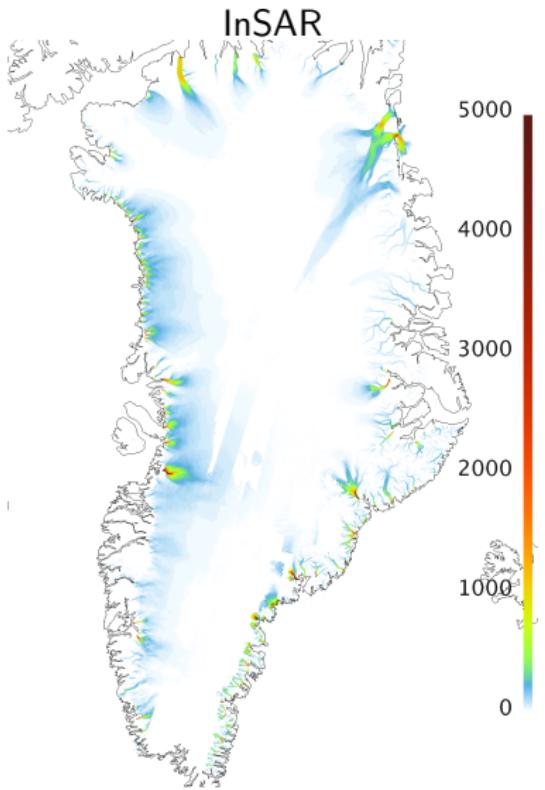


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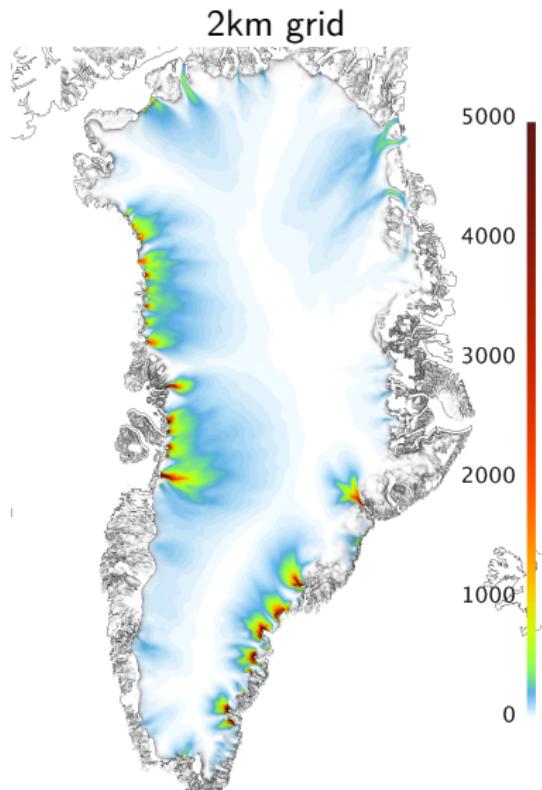


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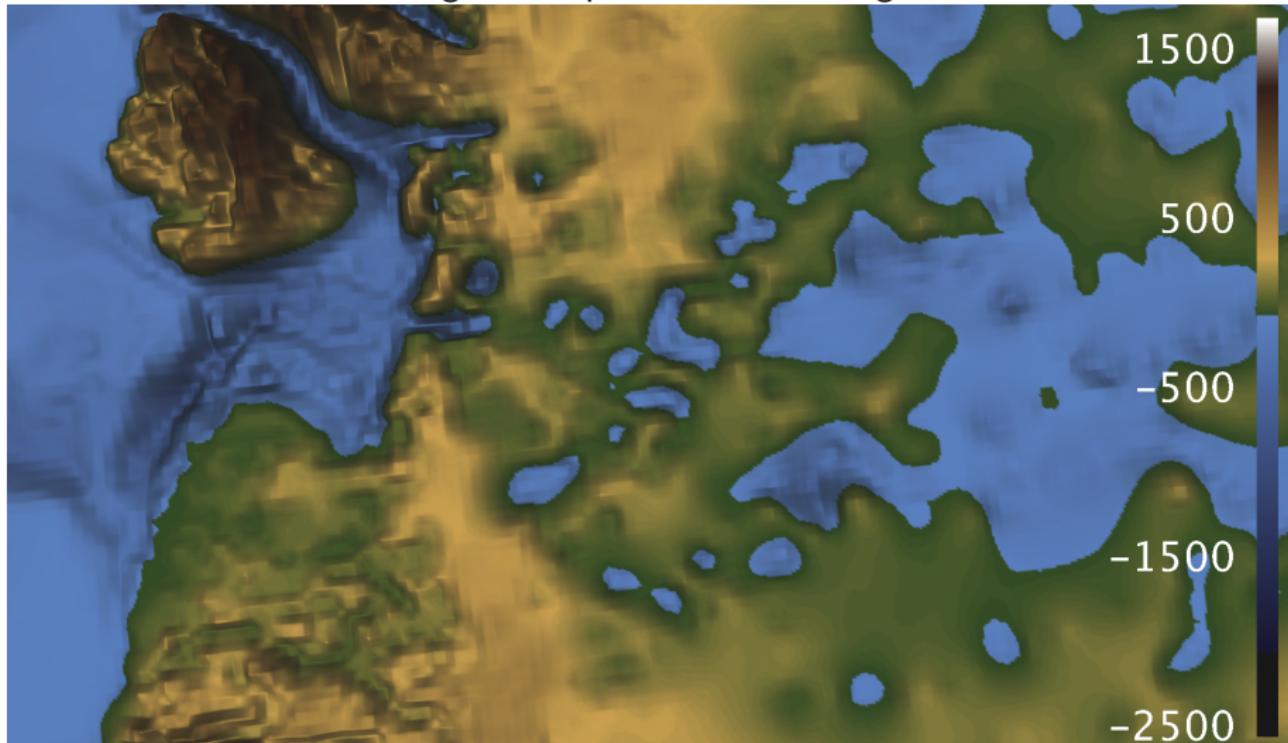
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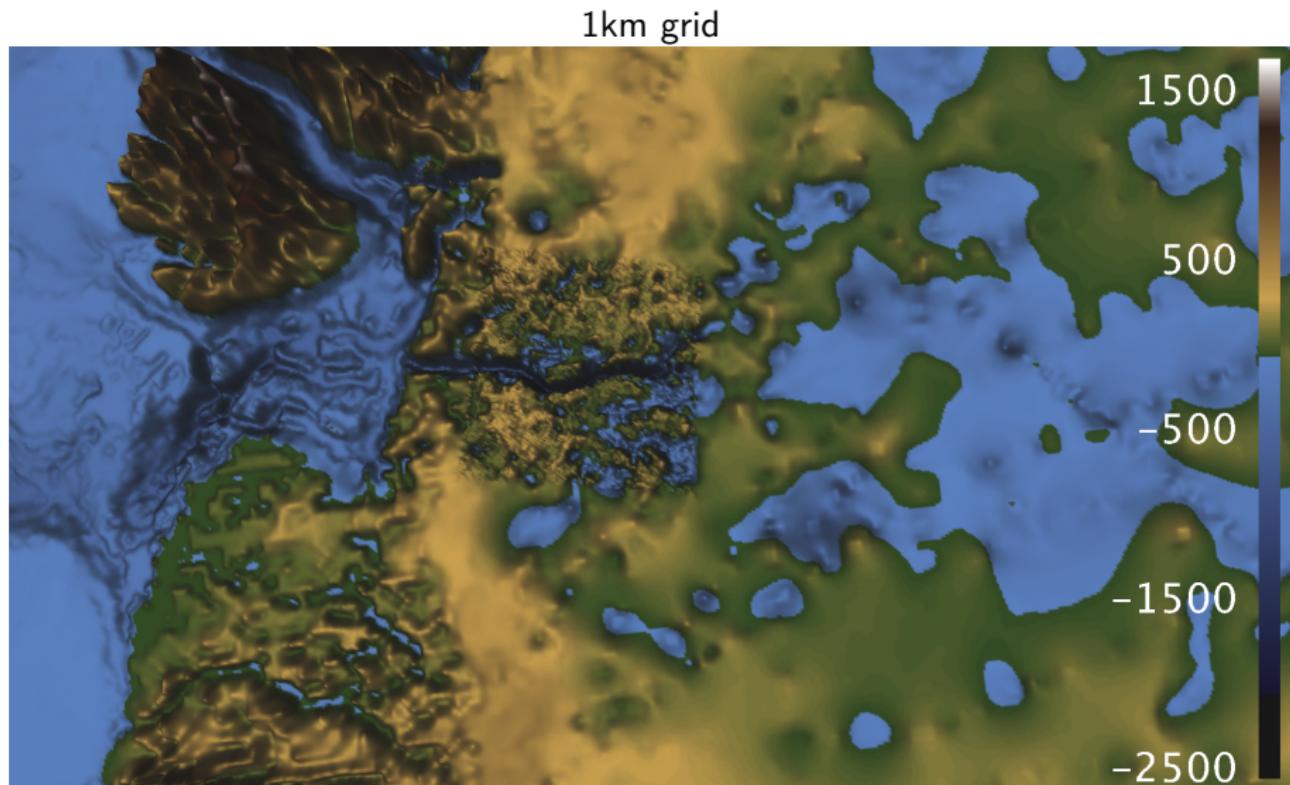
# Jakobshavn close-up: regional model

5km grid interpolated onto 1km grid



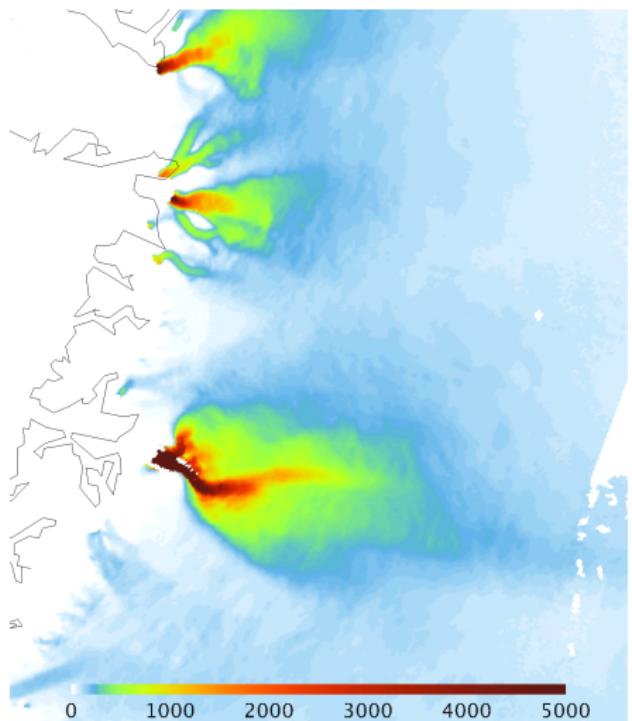
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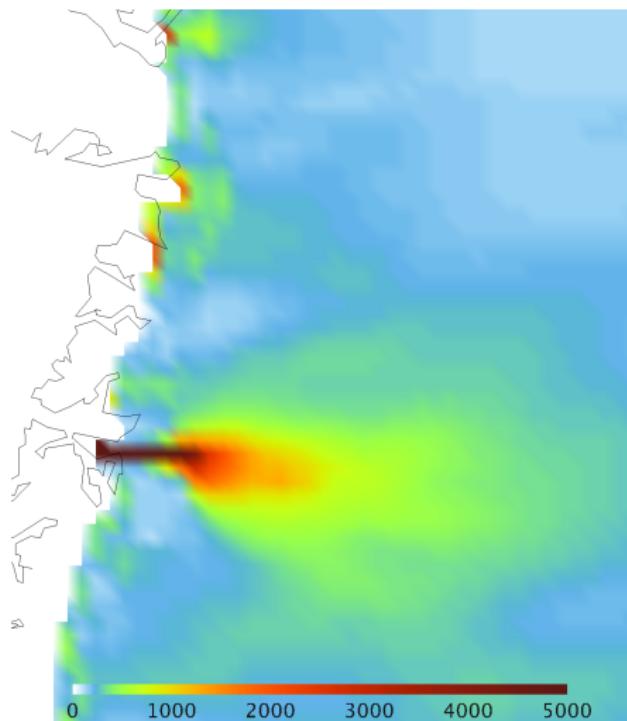


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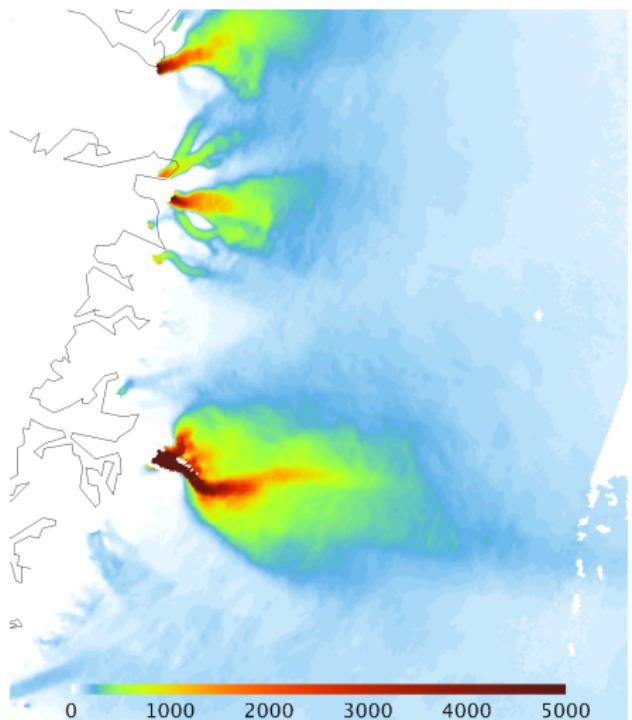


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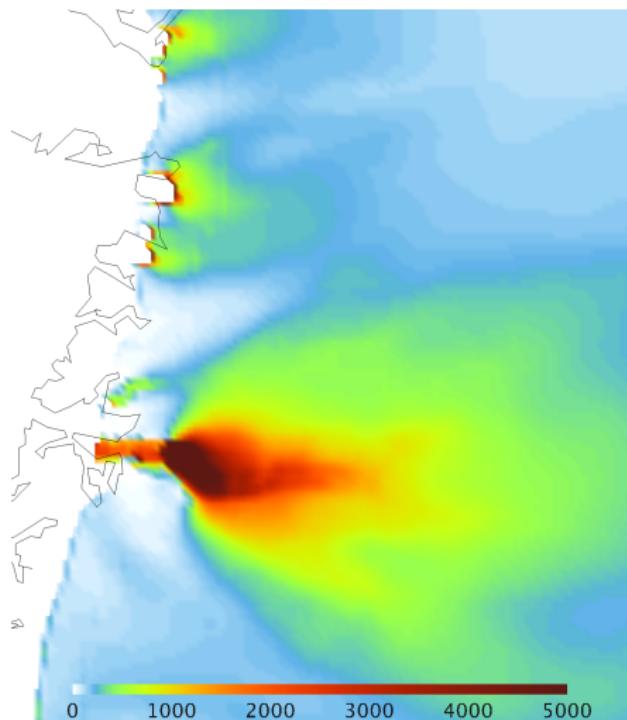


5 km grid resolution

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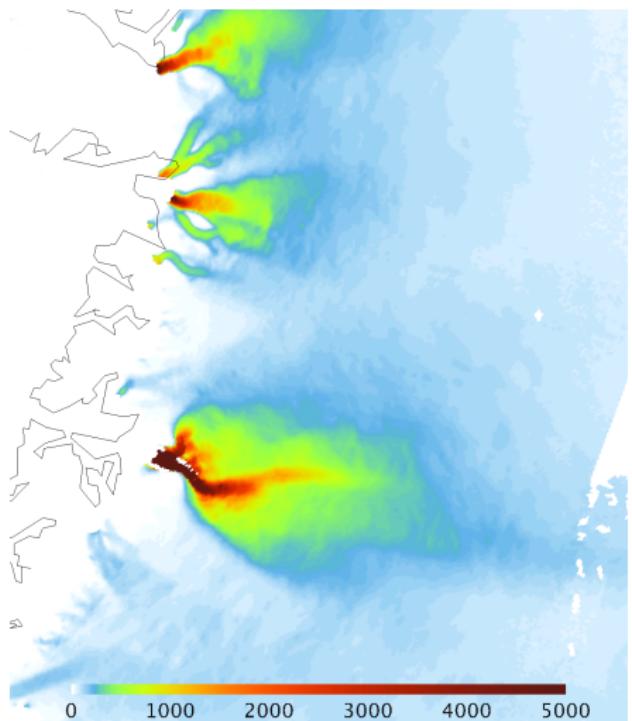


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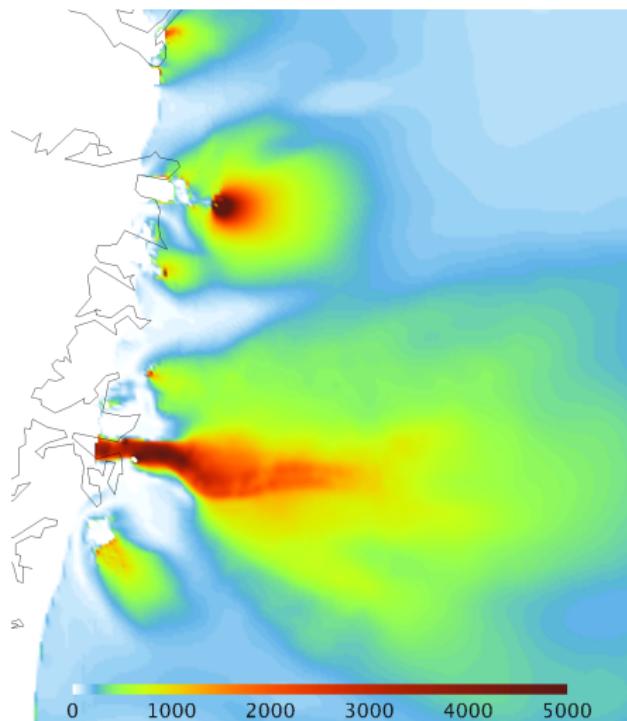


2 km grid resolution

## Jakobshavn close-up: regional model



InSAR (Joughin et al., 2010)



1 km grid resolution

# Wishlist

## As whole-ice sheet modelers:

1. We benefit from well-documented data processing from the original flight lines to gridded products, along with data quality assessment.

# Wishlist

#### As whole-ice sheet modelers:

## 2. We benefit from

- ▶ well-documented and
  - ▶ meta-data rich

data in a standardized, open-source format

## no ascii text

## no property formats

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## As whole-ice sheet modelers:

3. We are aware that the data-processing step in between data collection and the actual use of the data in various applications (like ice sheet models) is important and highly non-trivial. It deserves the attention and care of experts in this field.

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## As whole-ice sheet modelers:

4. When interpolation (e.g. kriging) is used to generate gridded data, the associated error estimates are almost as important as the resulting fields. We understand that the tools typically used for such interpolation also generate these estimates.

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## As whole-ice sheet modelers:

5. We are not necessarily experts in remote sensing, data collection and data processing, and we highly appreciate the work of those who are.