

# RESPONSE OF LAKE ICE COVER TO WATER LEVEL AND AIR TEMPERATURE VARIATIONS IN TWO NORWEGIAN HYDROPOWER RESERVOIRS

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# STUDY AREA & FRAMEWORK: HYDROCONNECT



## HydroConnect Project:

Norwegian hydropower → balancing services for Europe  
(= traditional Hydropower Plants to Pumped-Storage HP)



potentiality & implications

Area  
Regulation levels  
Regulation volume

Roskreppfjorden

29.75 km<sup>2</sup>

890-929 m a.s.l.

695 millions m<sup>3</sup>

Øyarvatn

8.08 km<sup>2</sup>

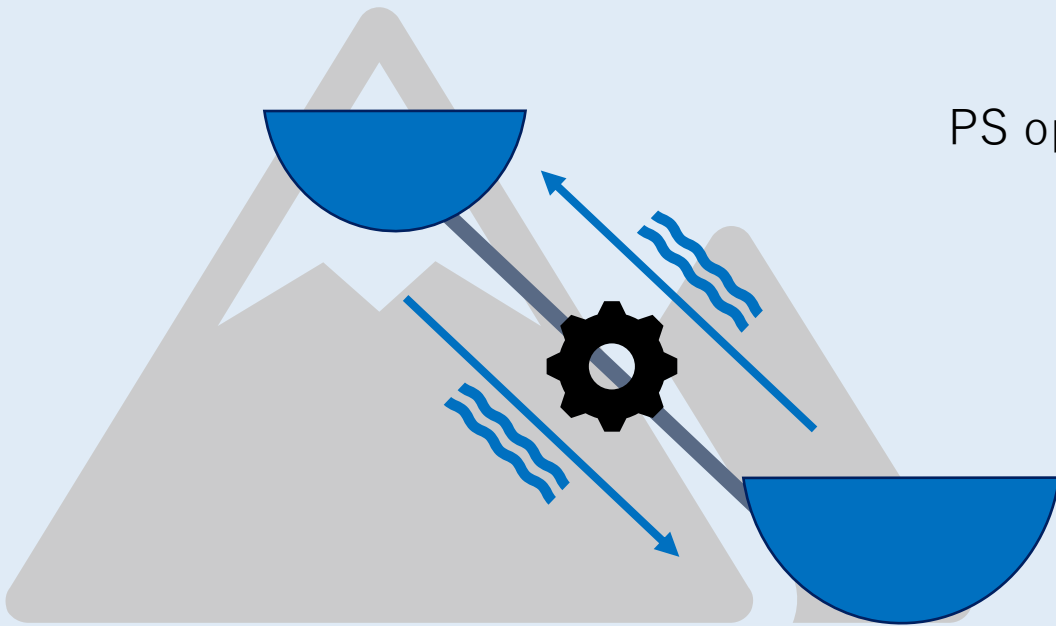
820-837 m a.s.l.

104 millions m<sup>3</sup>

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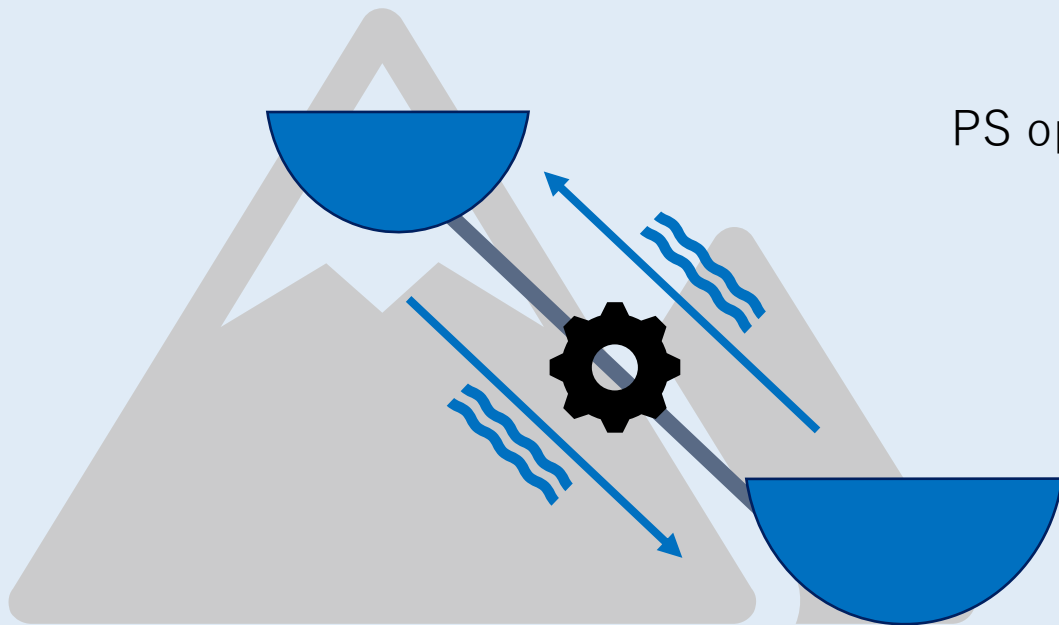
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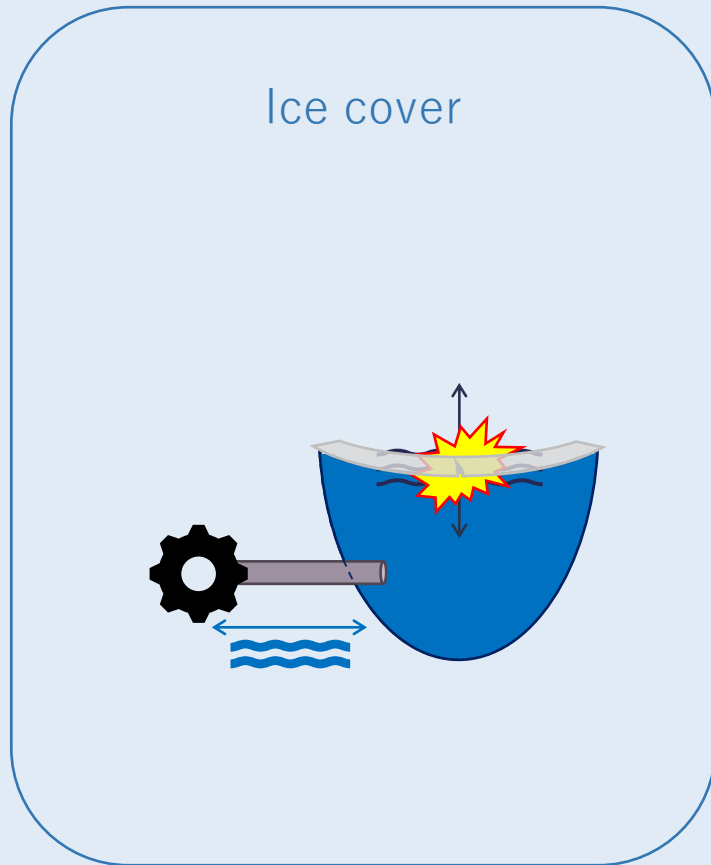
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**Effects** on reservoirs?

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Effects of PS operations on



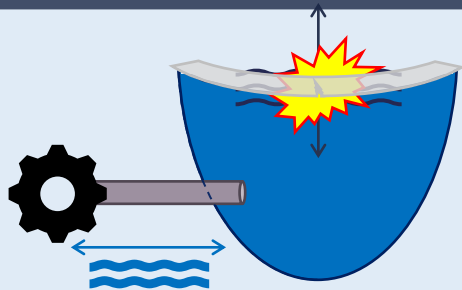
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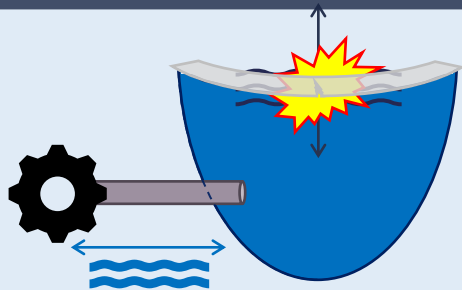


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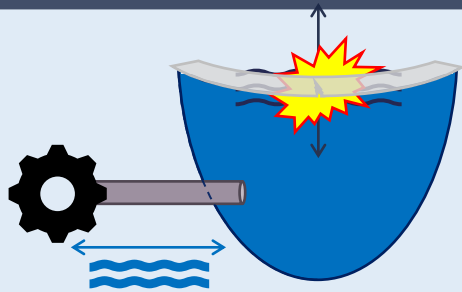
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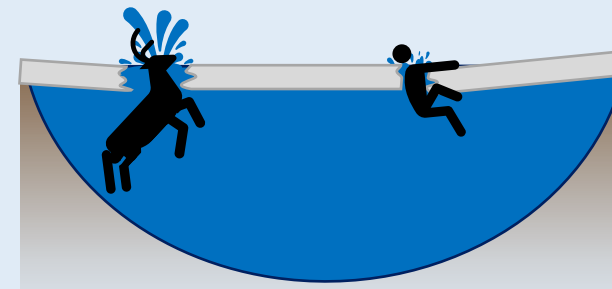
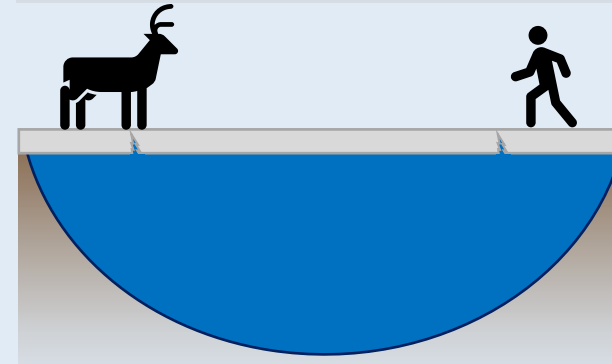
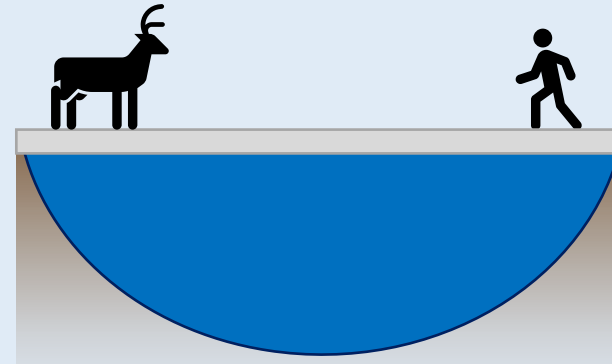
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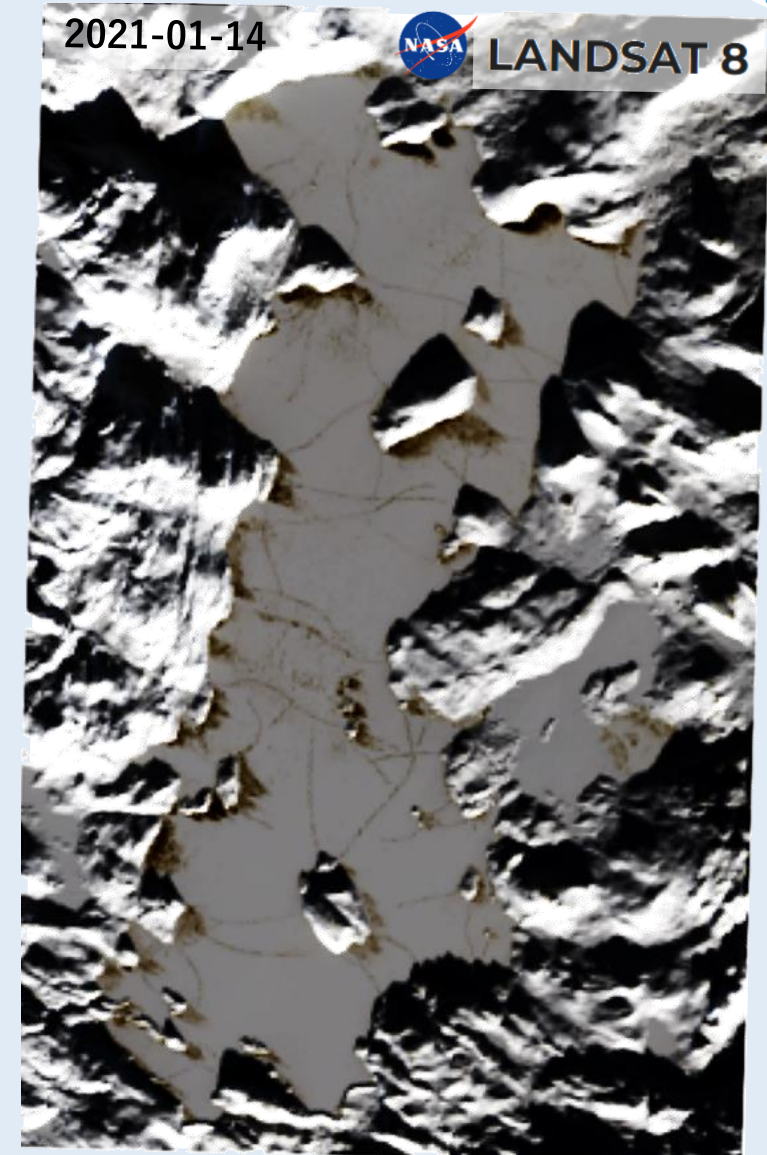
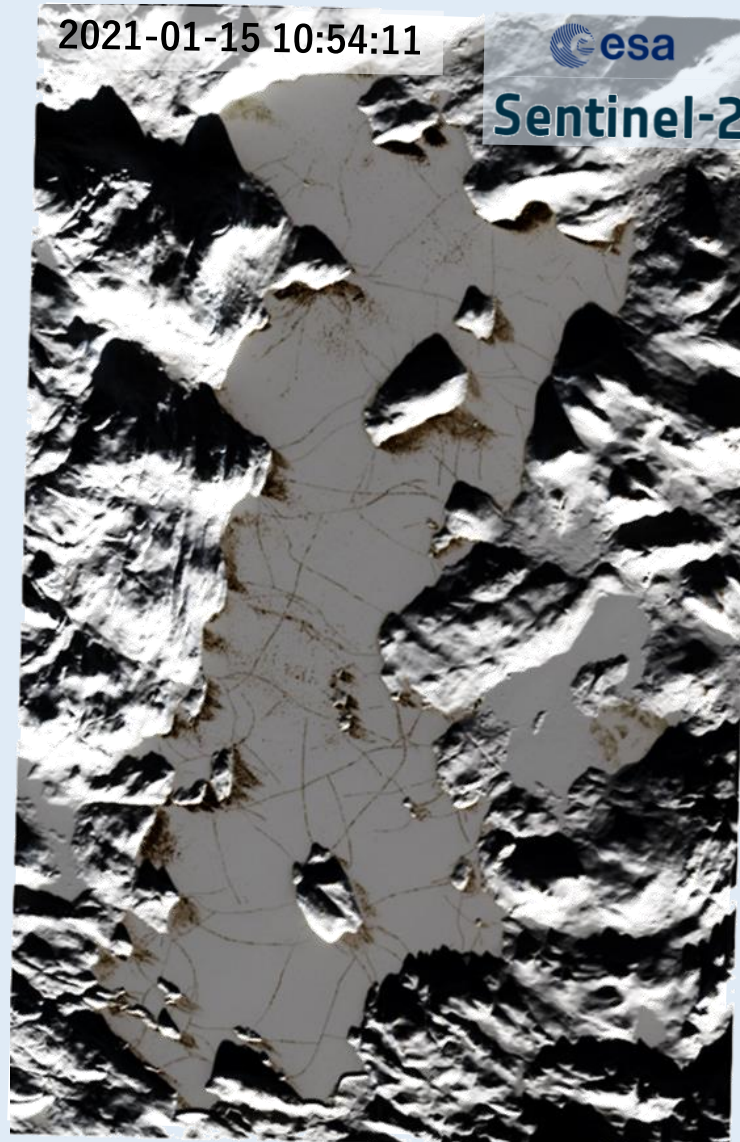
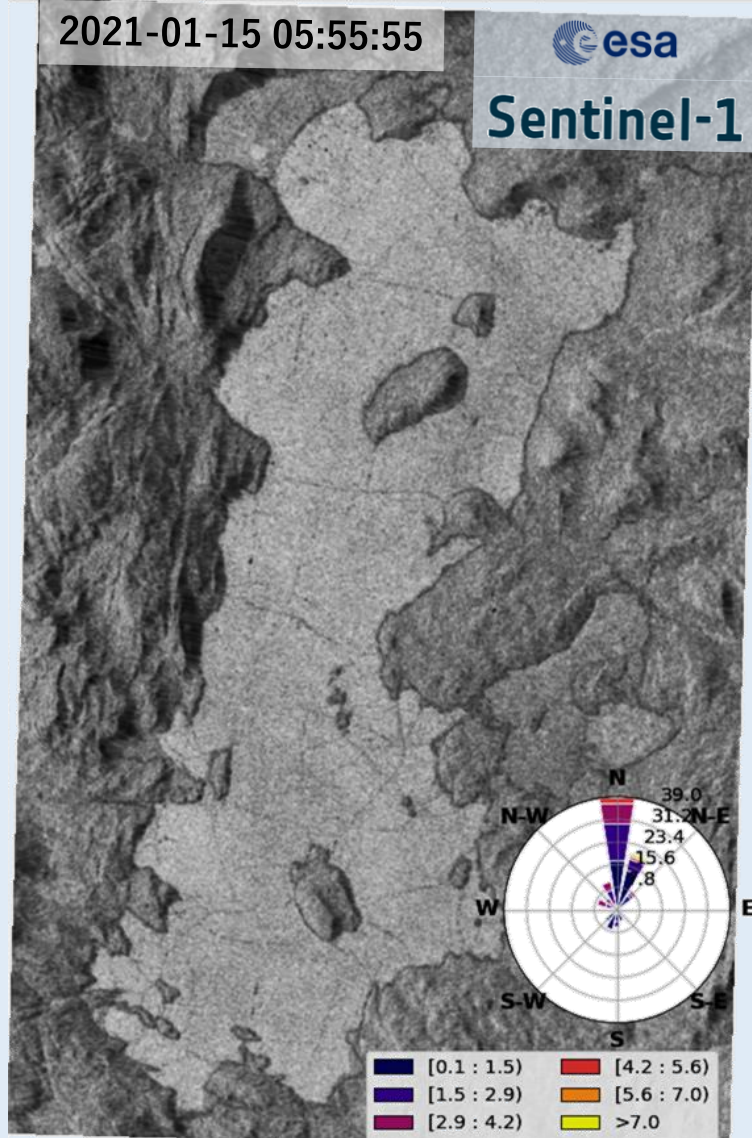


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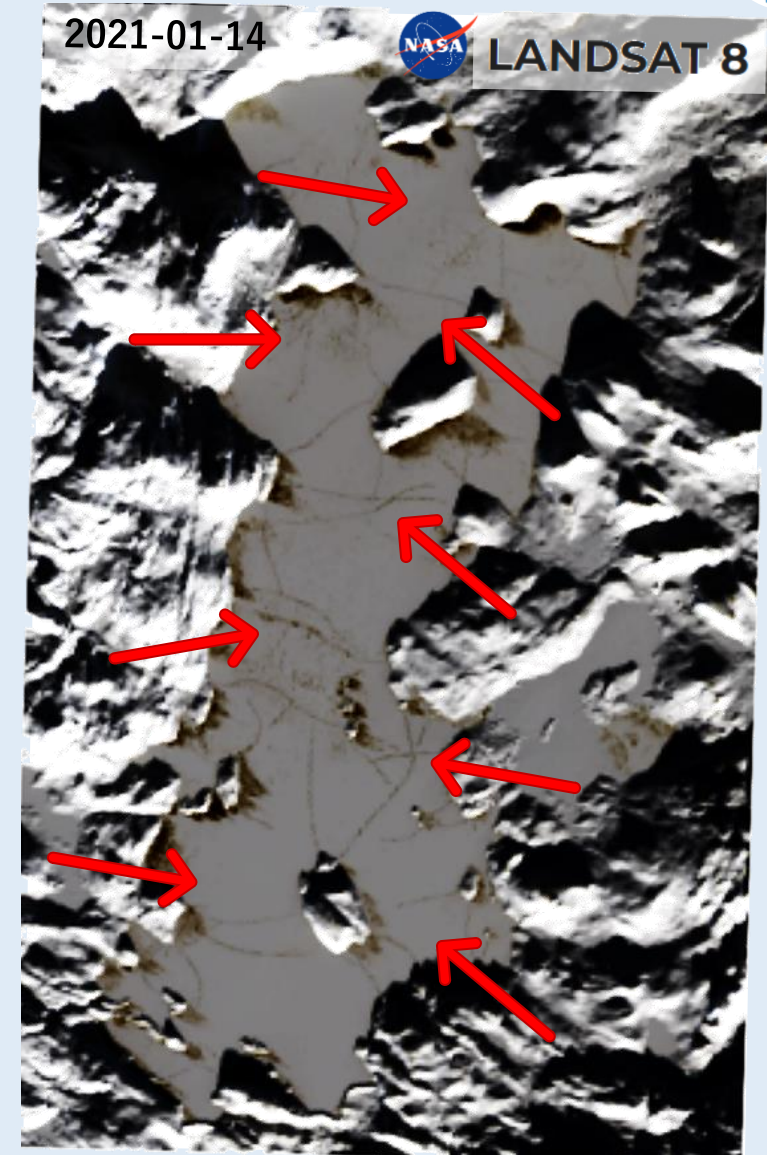
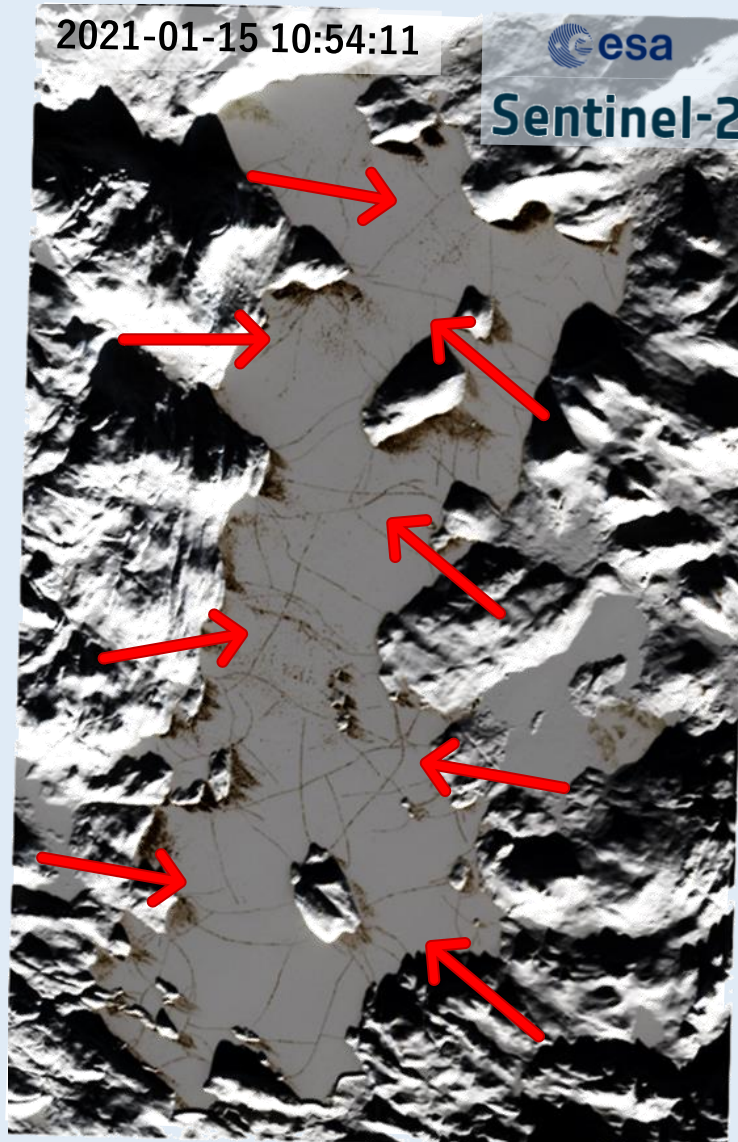
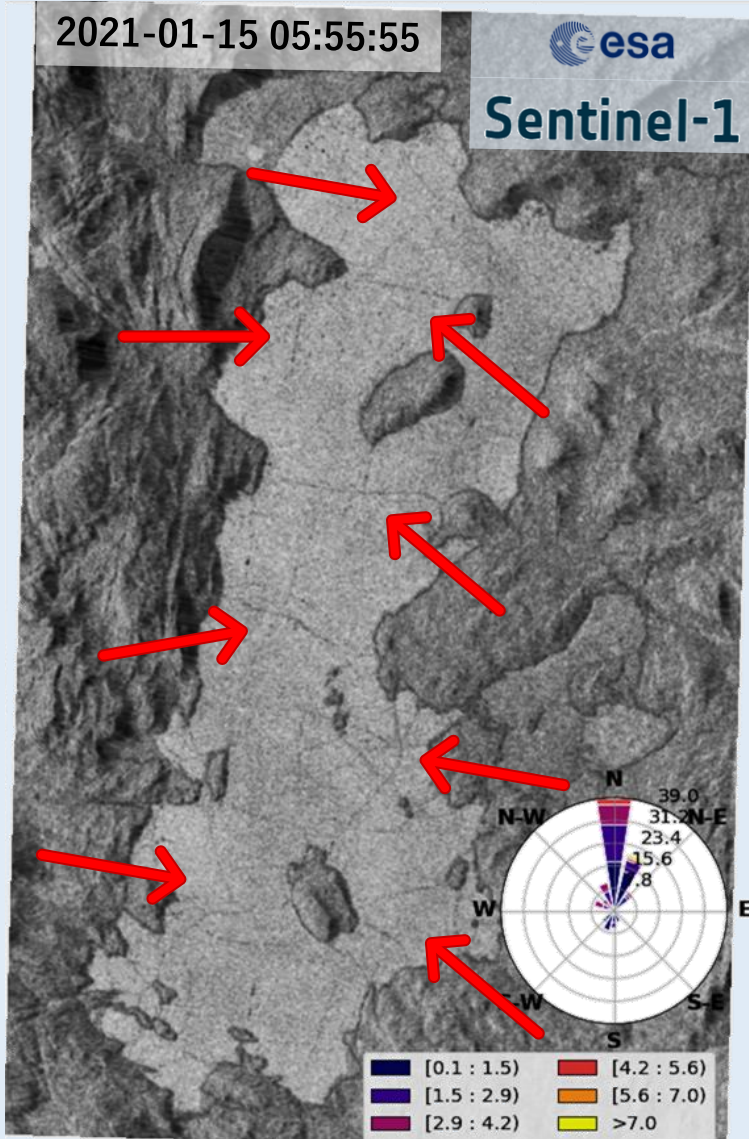


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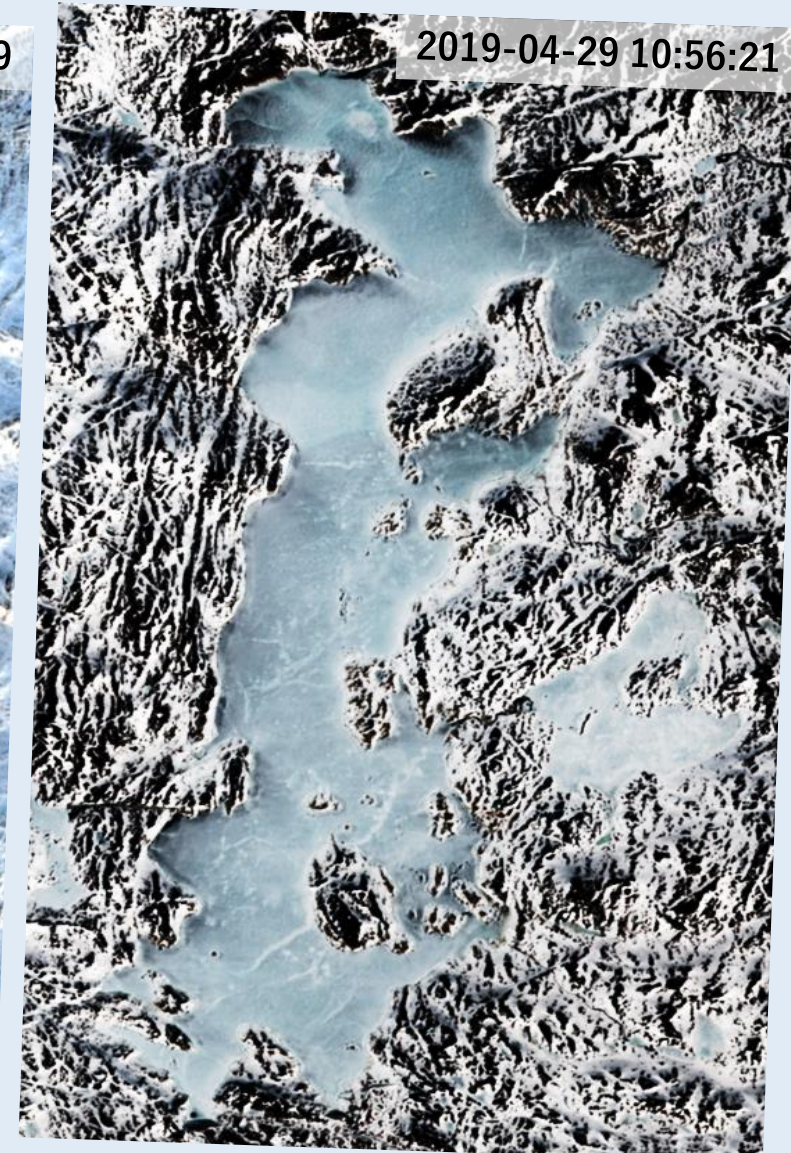
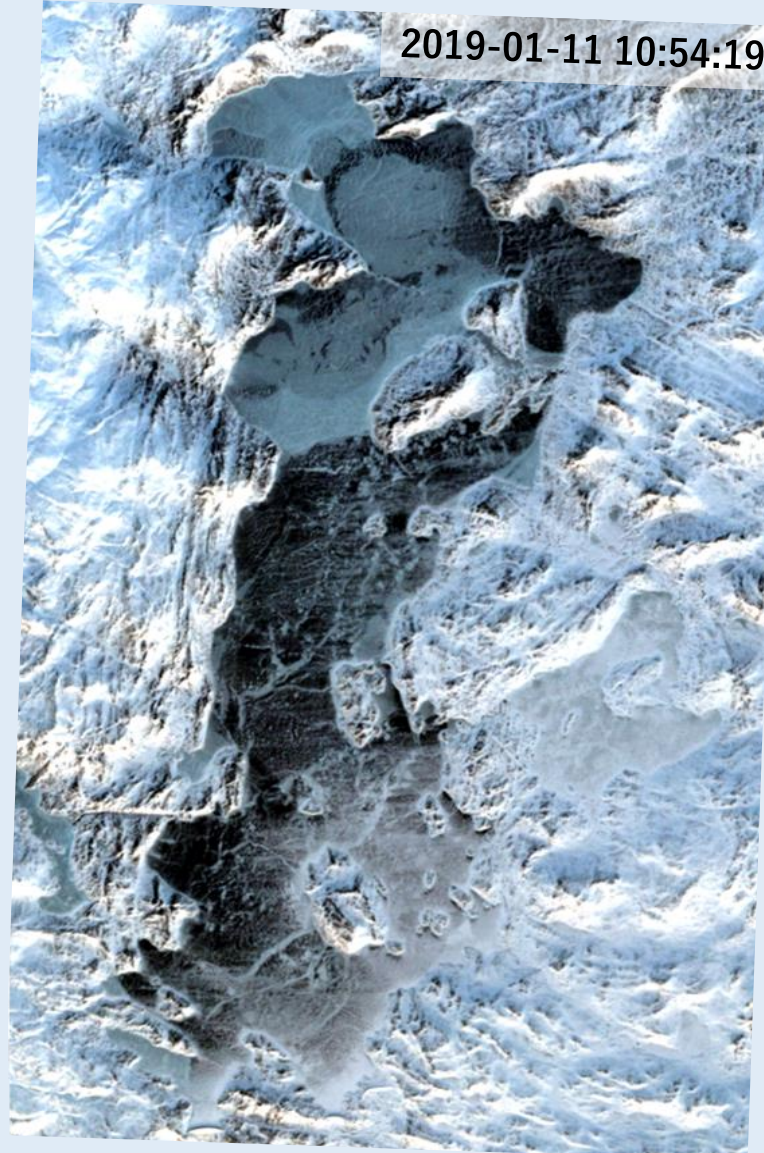
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Visual analysis of multispectral and SAR imagery



Cracks in the ice cover detected in **early winter** and **persisted** for the **whole ice season**



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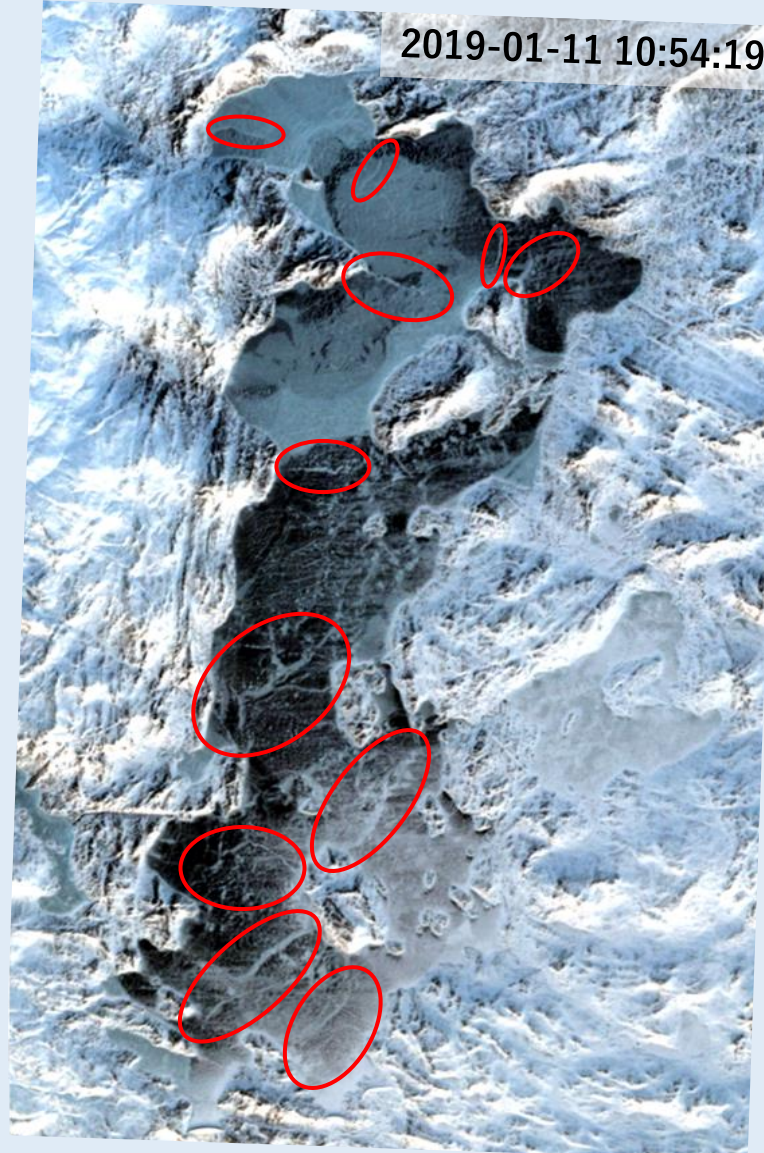
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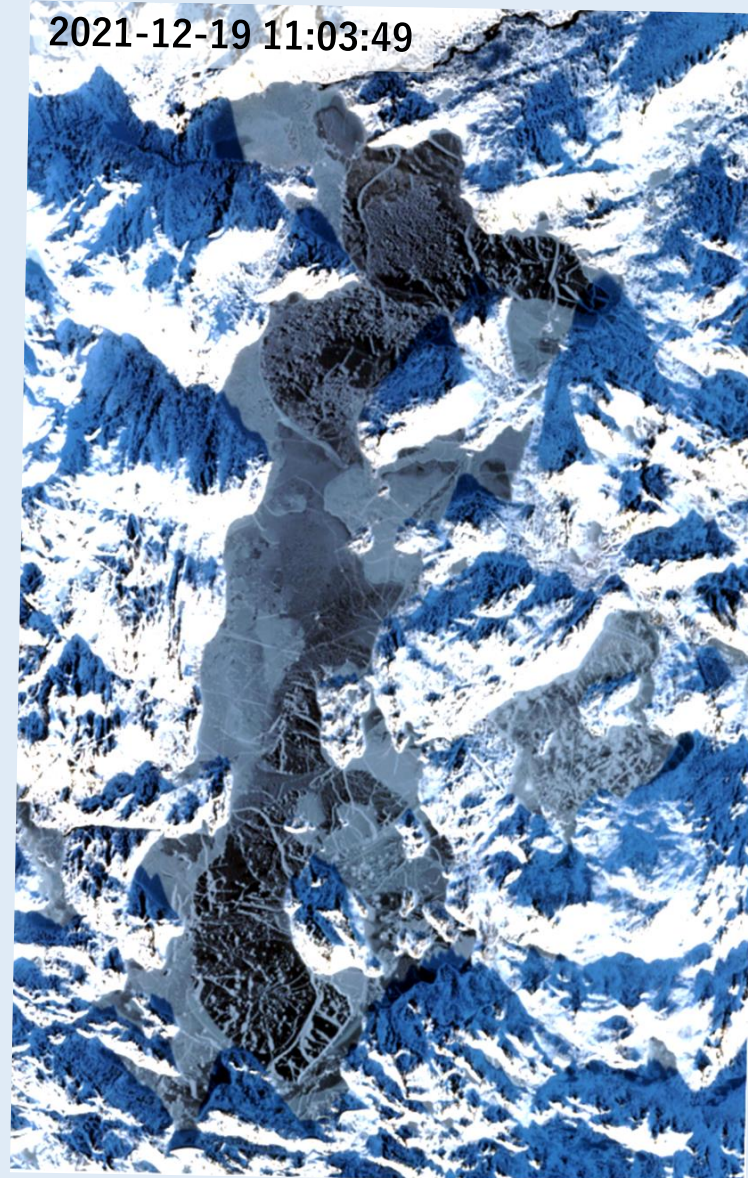


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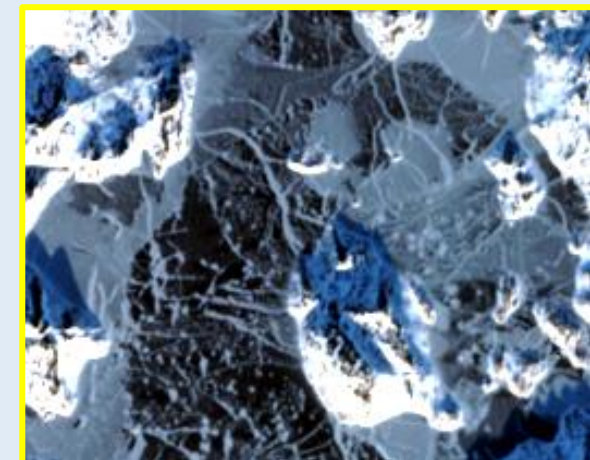
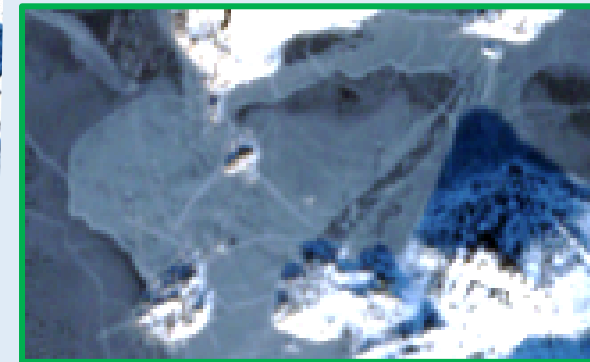
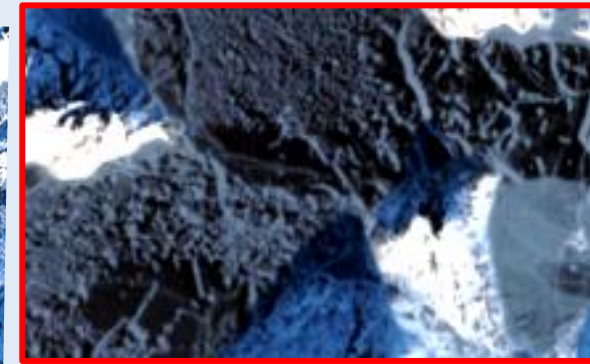
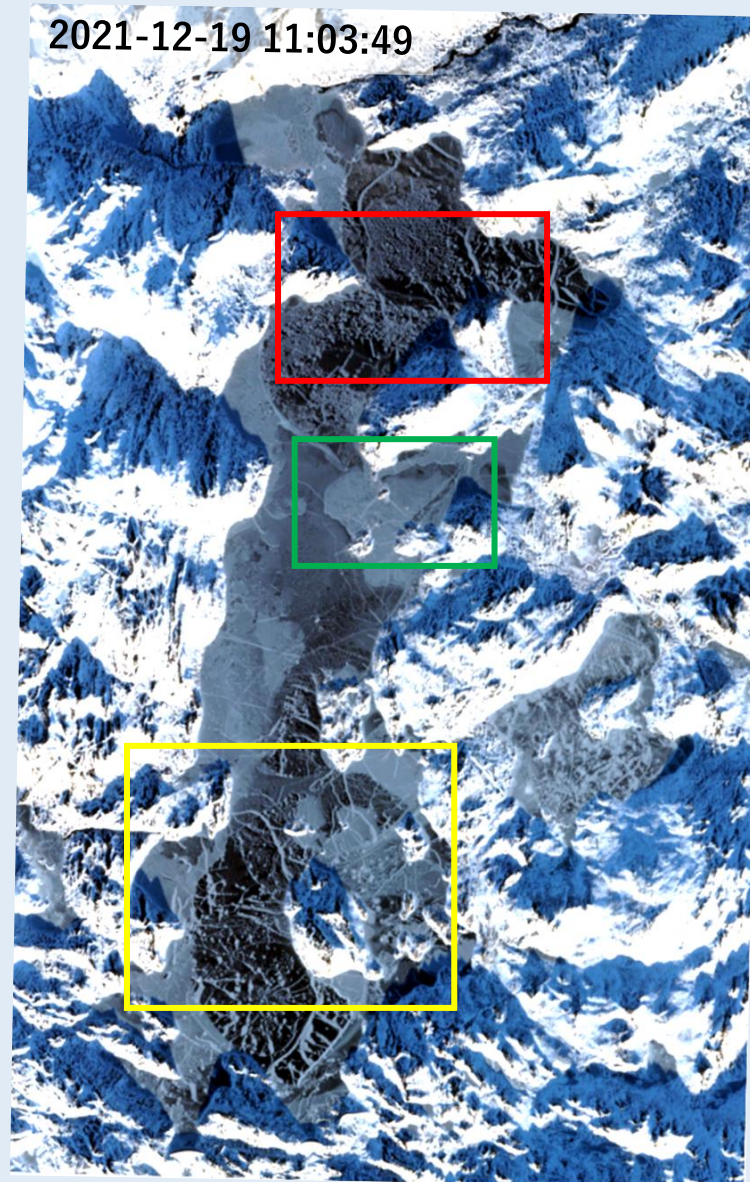


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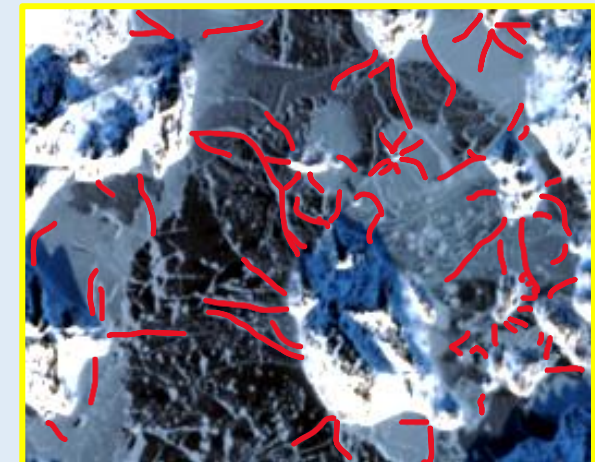
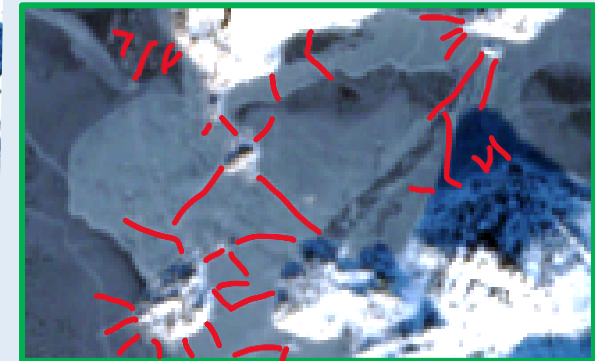
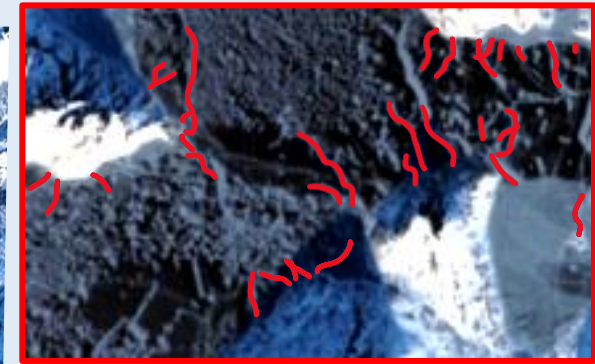
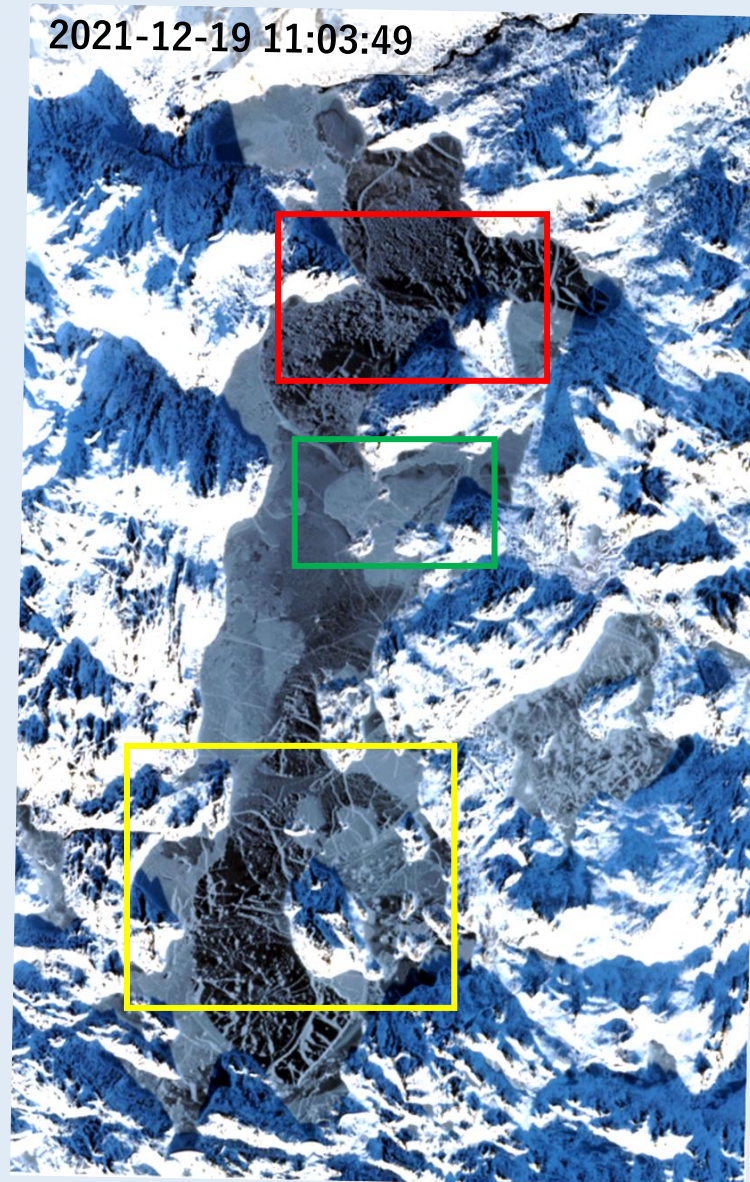
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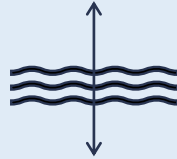
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Origin of the cracks?



Pressure variation due to water level change  
(Bearing capacity problem)



water level data



Steep temperature variations  
(Thermal expansion problem)



air temperature data  
(no ice temperature data available)



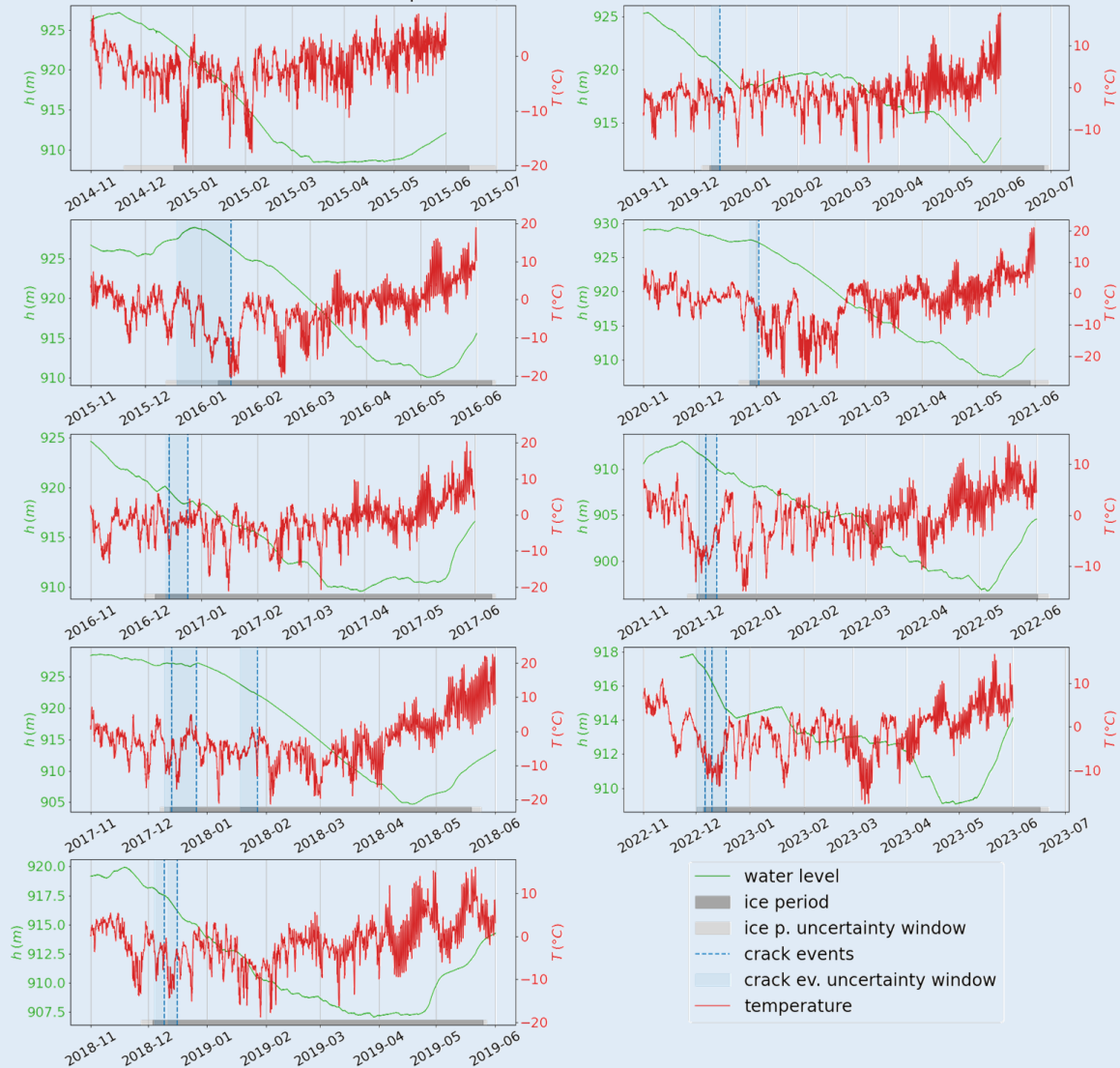




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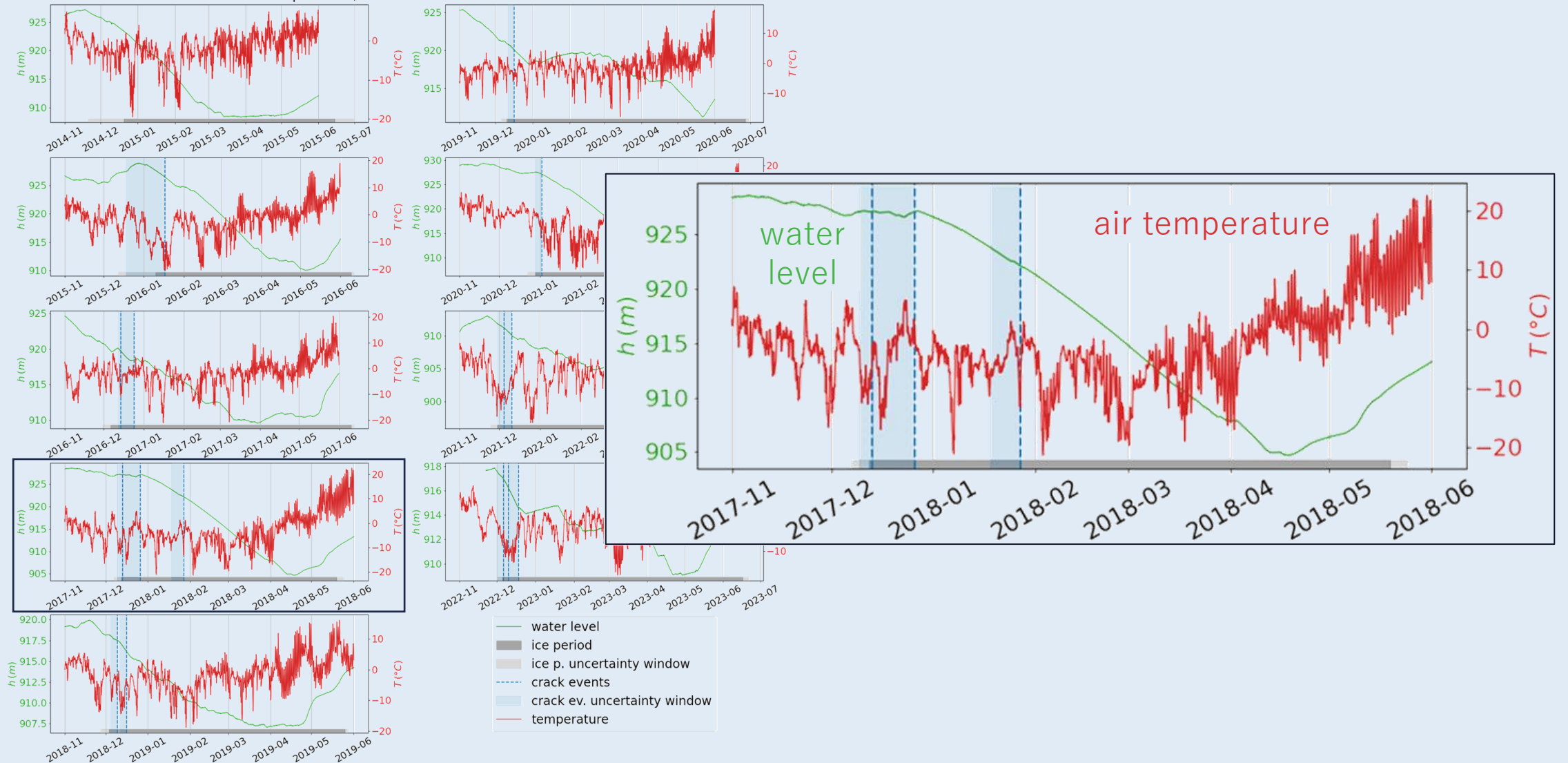
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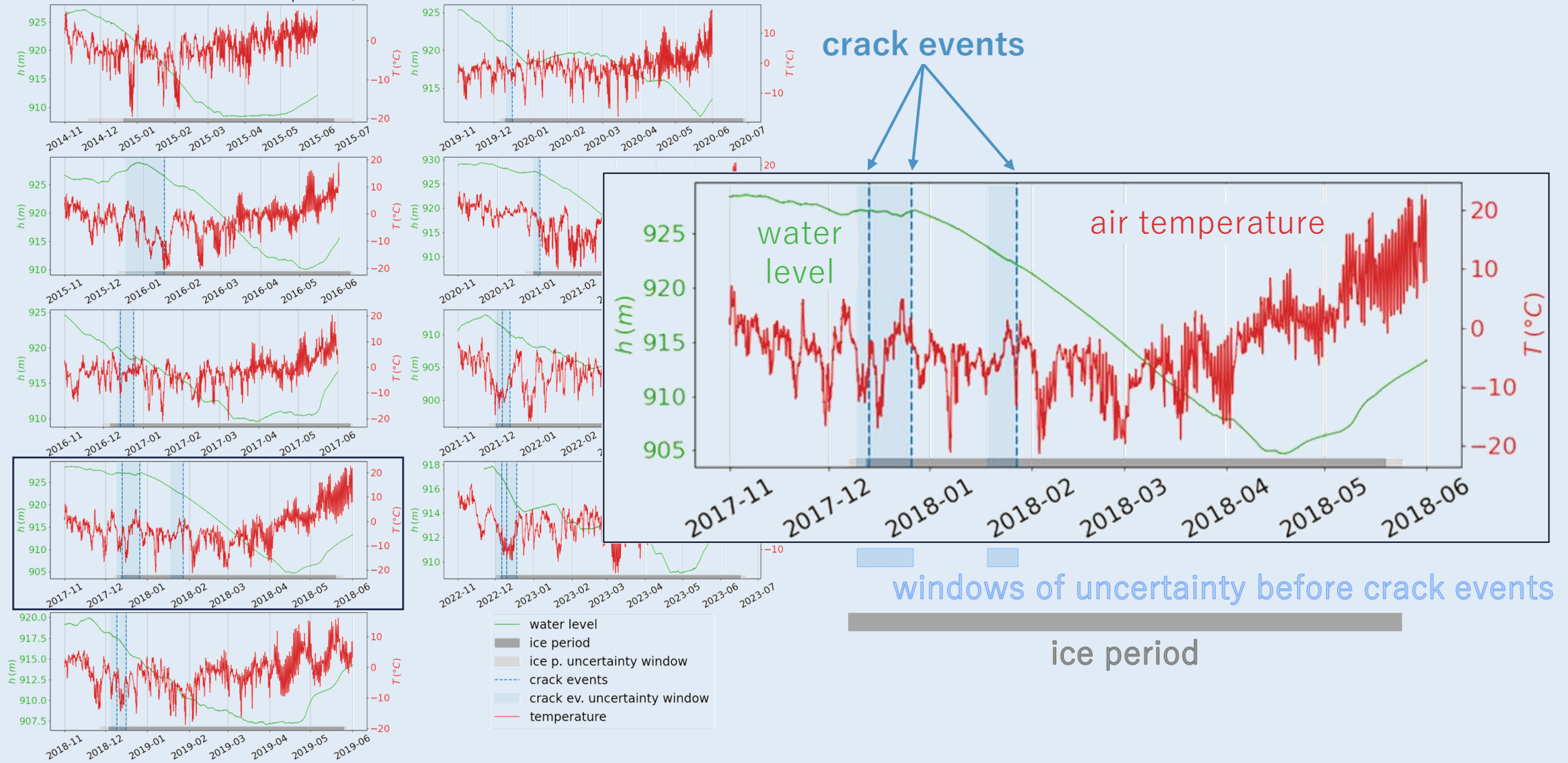
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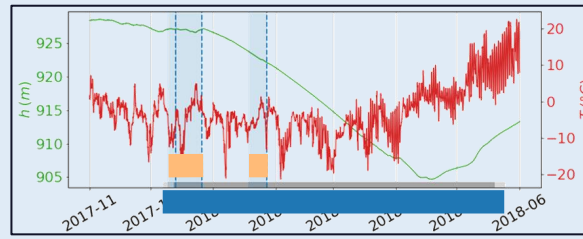


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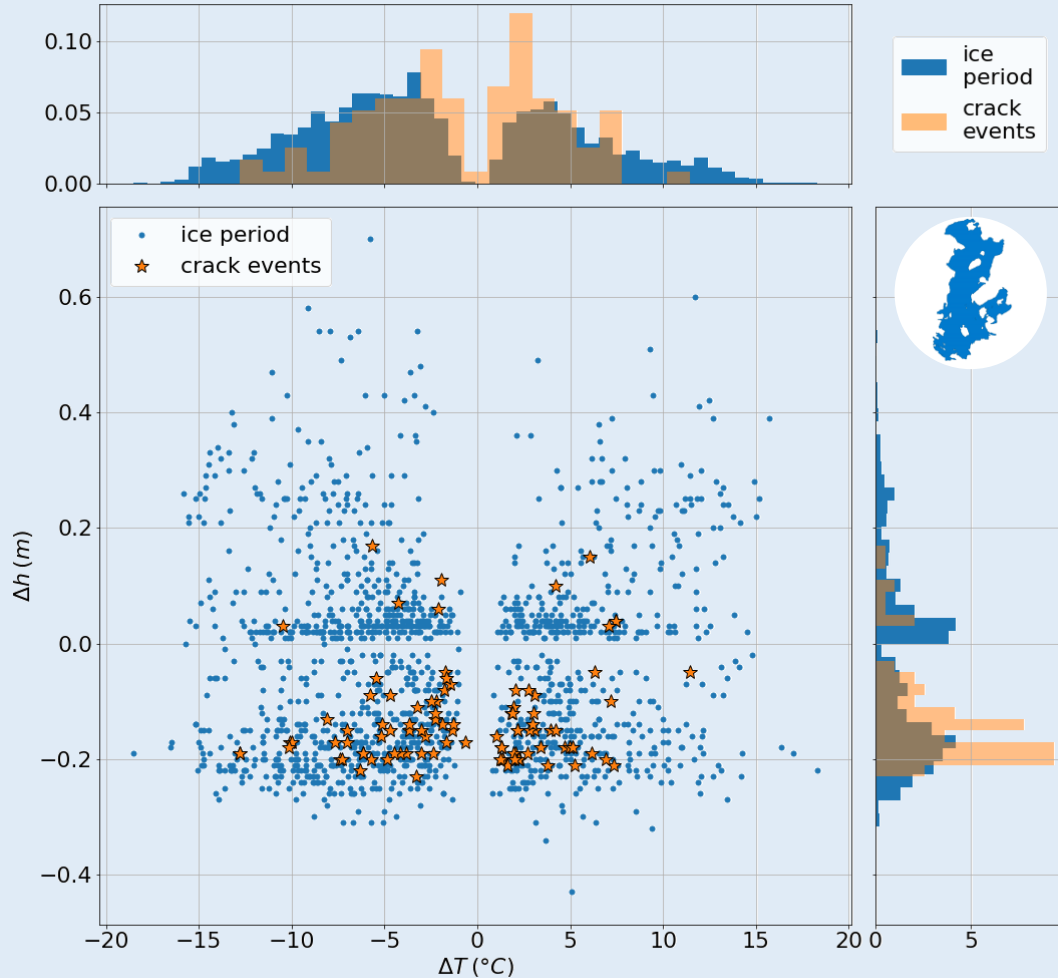
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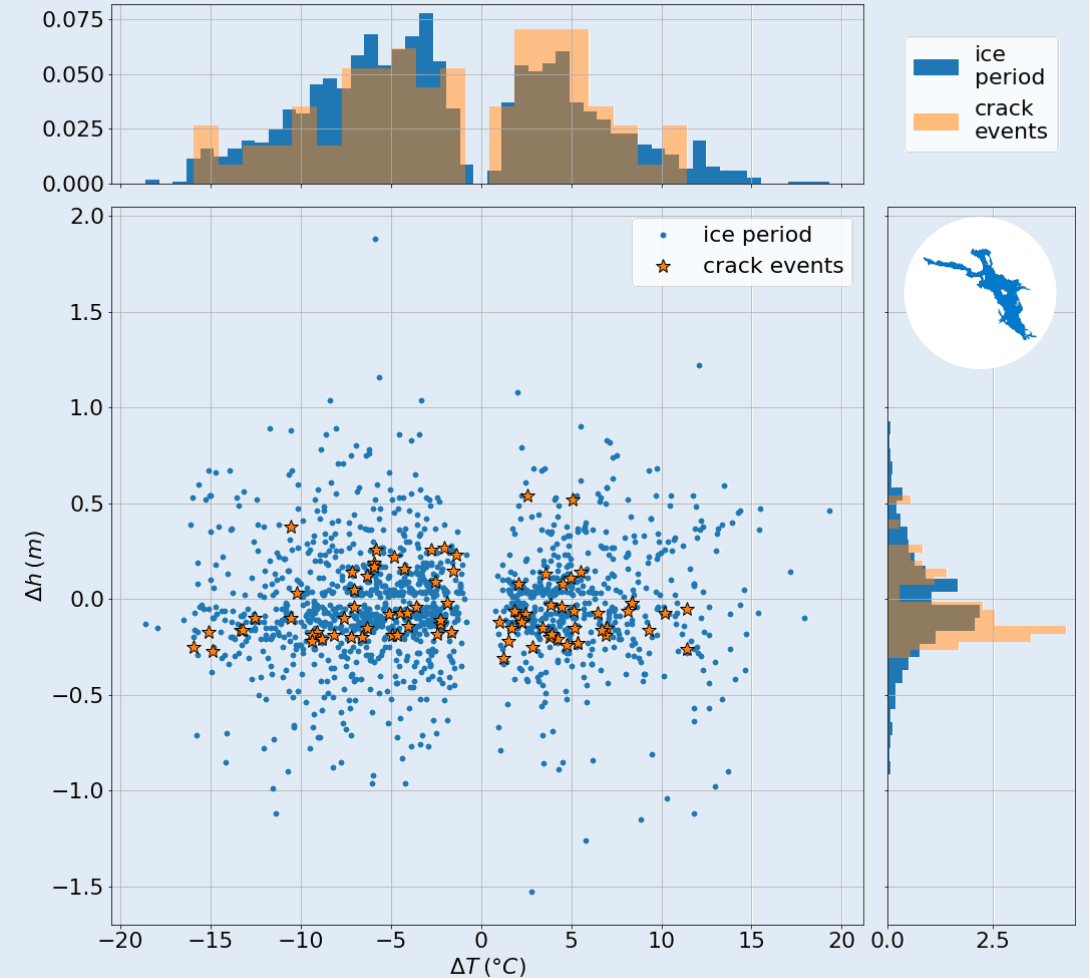
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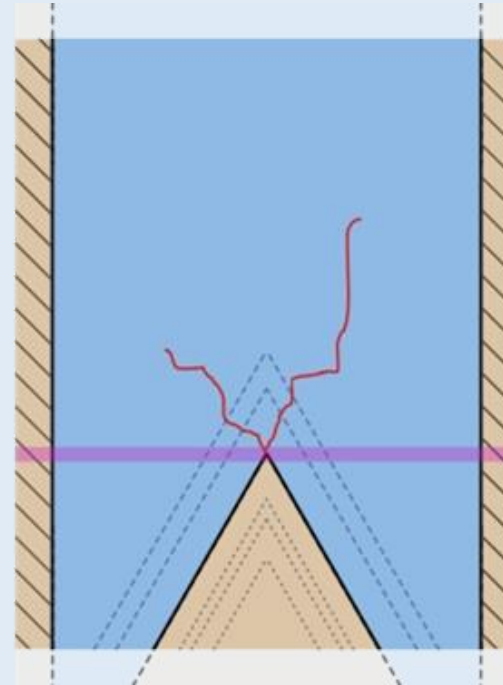
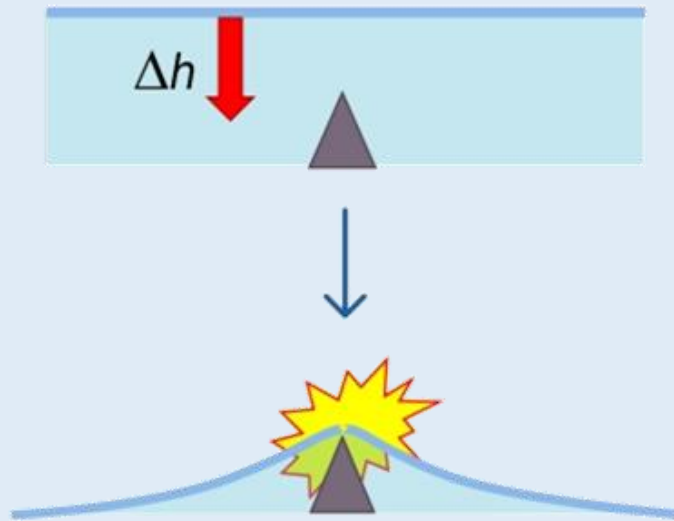
Daily water level VS air temperature variations in Roskreppfjorden



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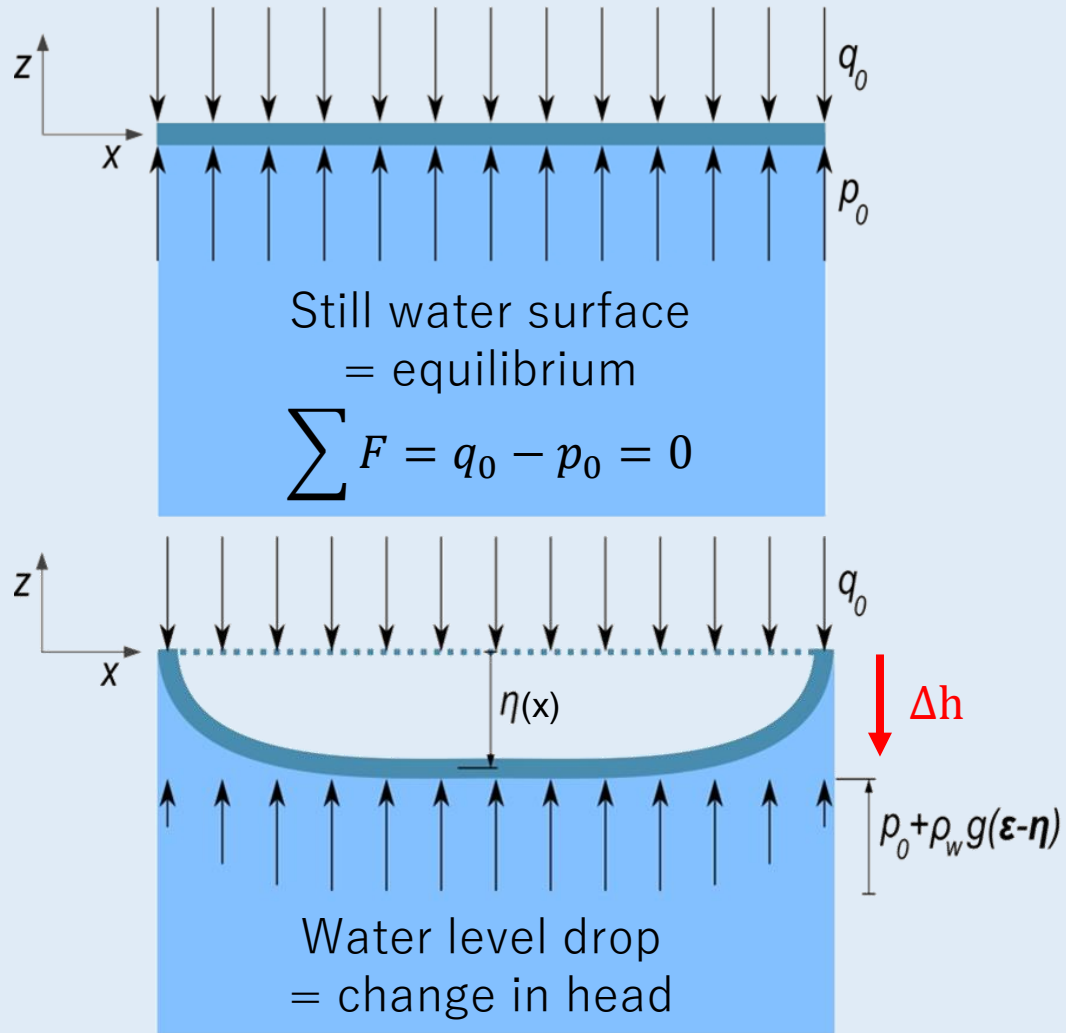


# > HYPOTHESIS



- ice sheet
- water
- emerged land
- submerged land
- isolines
- submerged isolines
- cracks
- crack generation

# MECHANICAL MODEL



Elastic line equation

$$EI \frac{d^4 \eta}{dx^4} = \rho_w g (\epsilon - \eta)$$

ice beam deflection

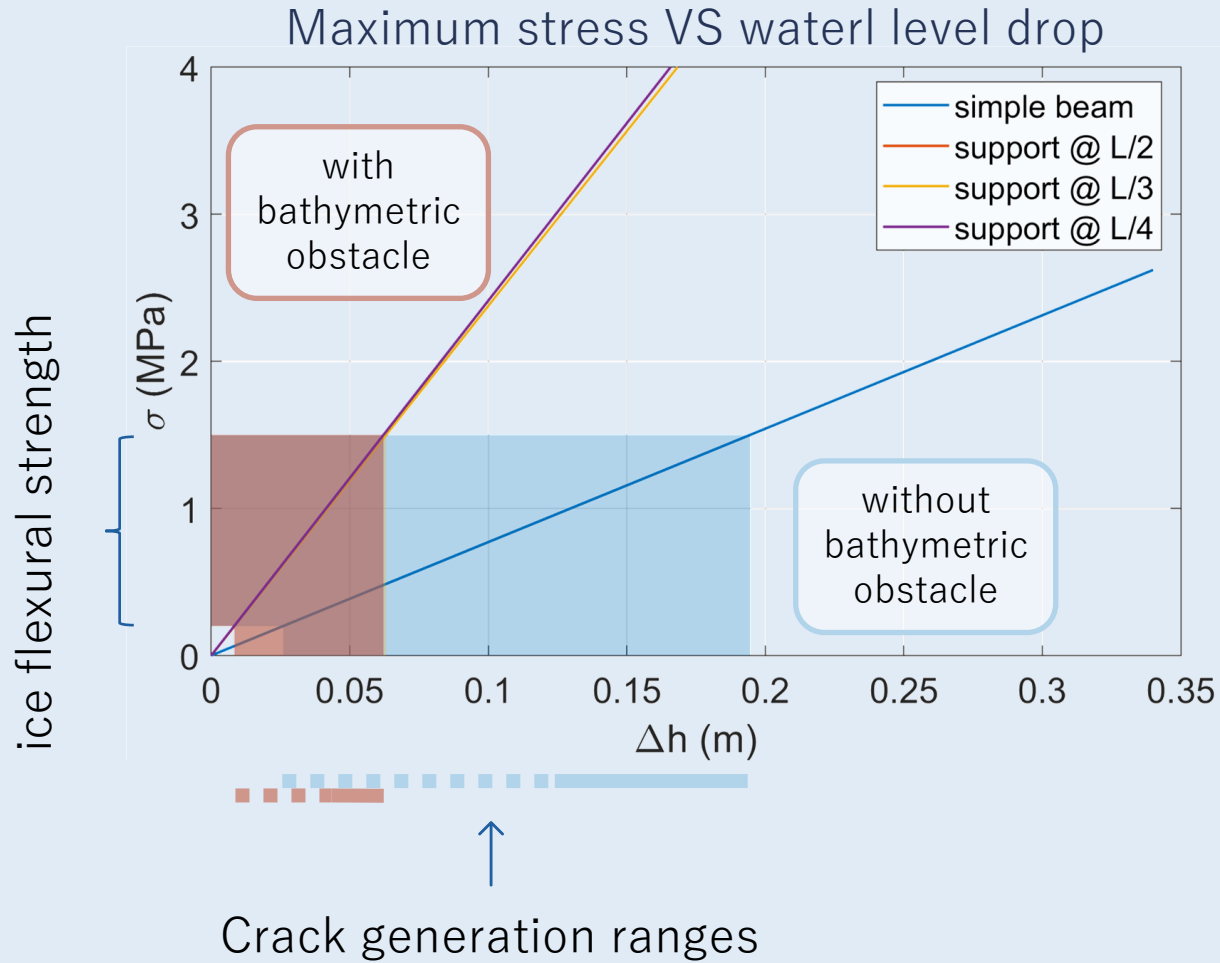
variation of piezometric head

flexural rigidity of the ice beam

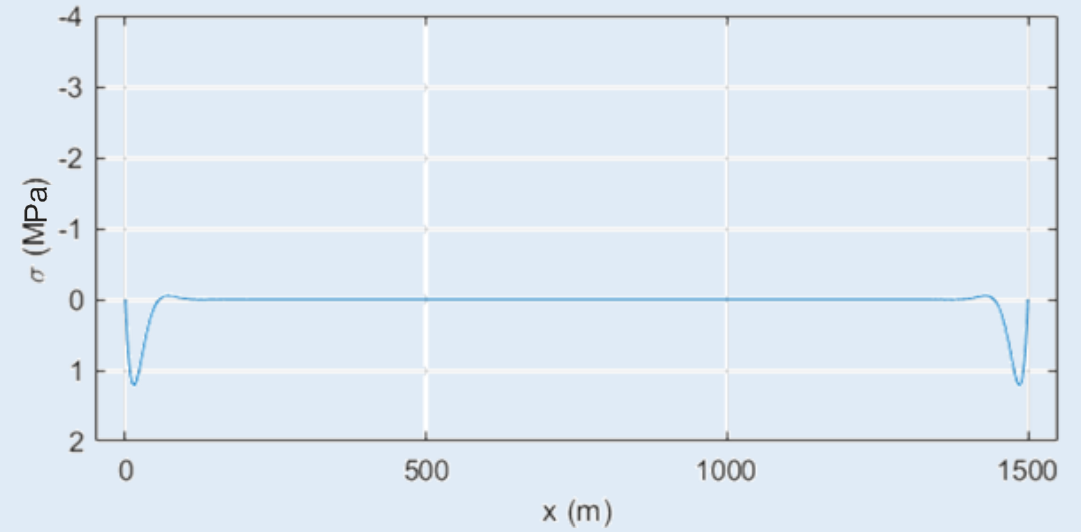
response of the water foundation

**intermediate support** introduced to simulate presence of **bathymetric obstacle**

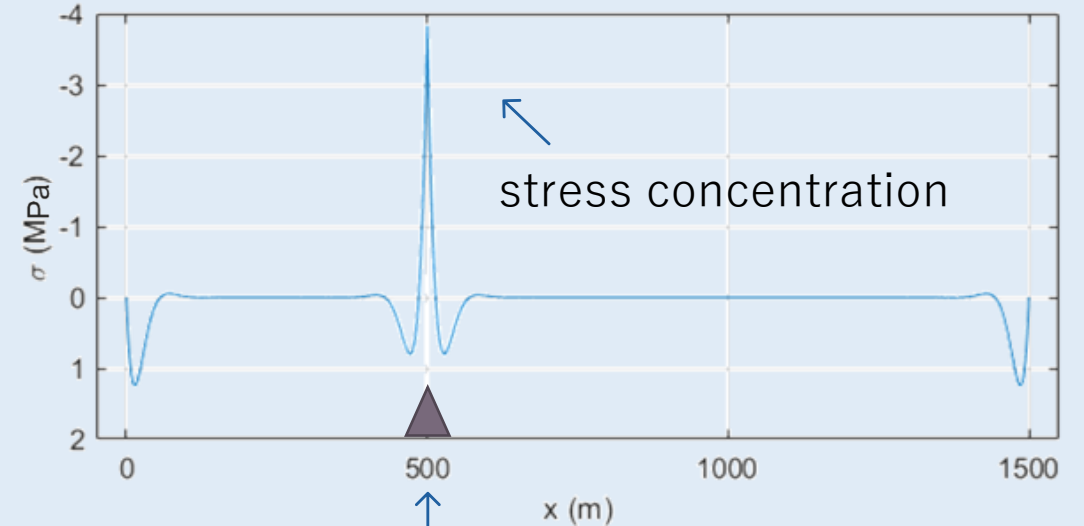
# MECHANICAL MODEL



without intermediate support



with intermediate support

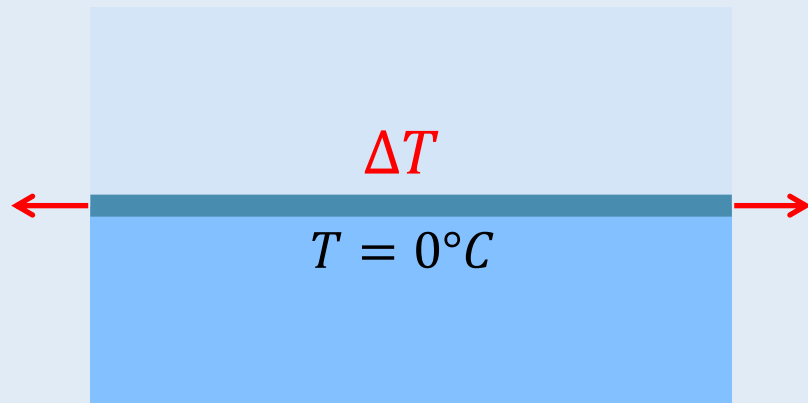


intermediate support

# > THERMAL EXPANSION MODEL

Critical thermal stress

Infinite beam approximation



$$\sigma_c = E \alpha \frac{\Delta T}{2}$$

ice beam elastic modulus

coefficient of thermal expansion

Free floating beam – plane stress and strain

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ice thickness

ice density

ice beam deflection

ice beam length

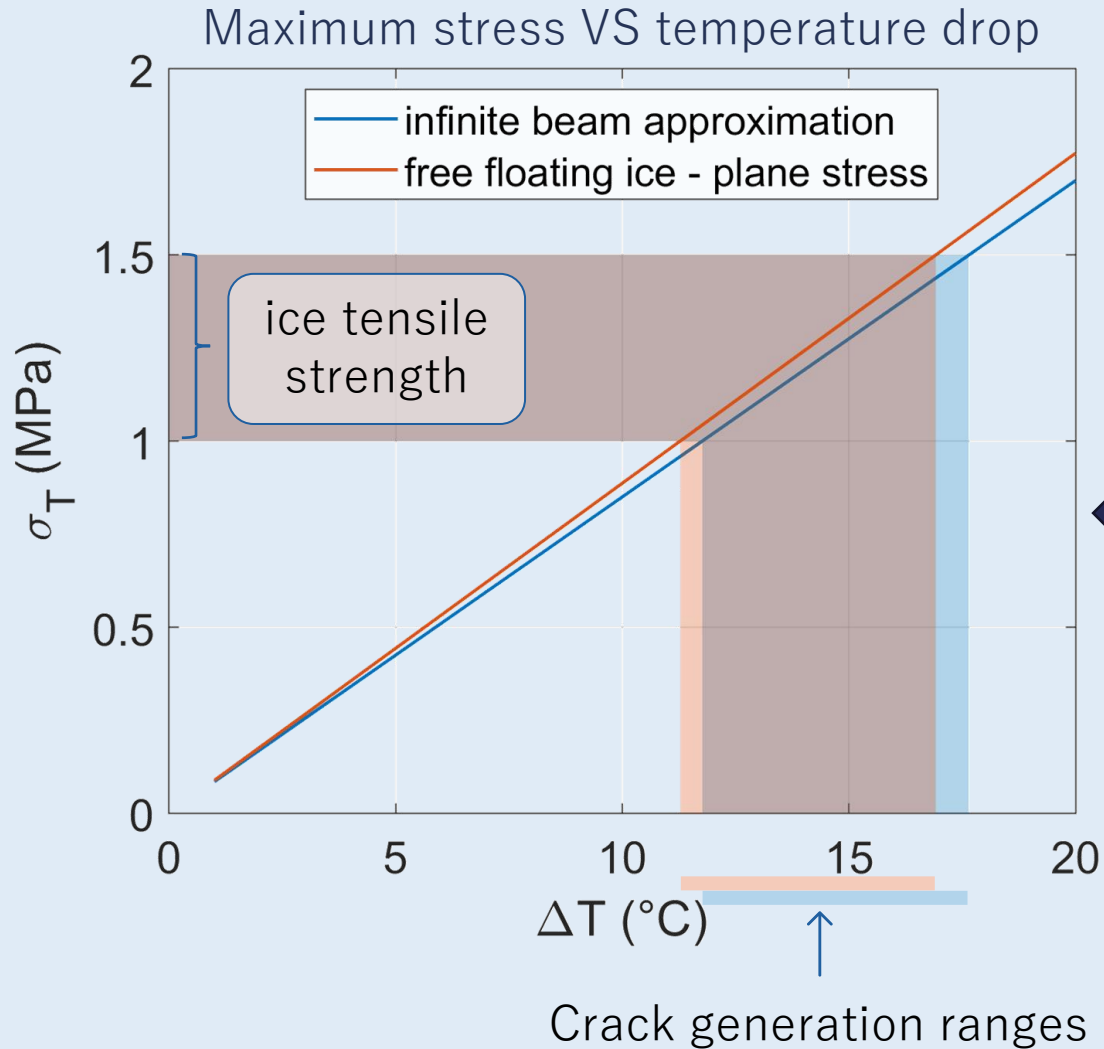
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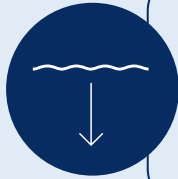
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## > CONCLUDING REMARKS



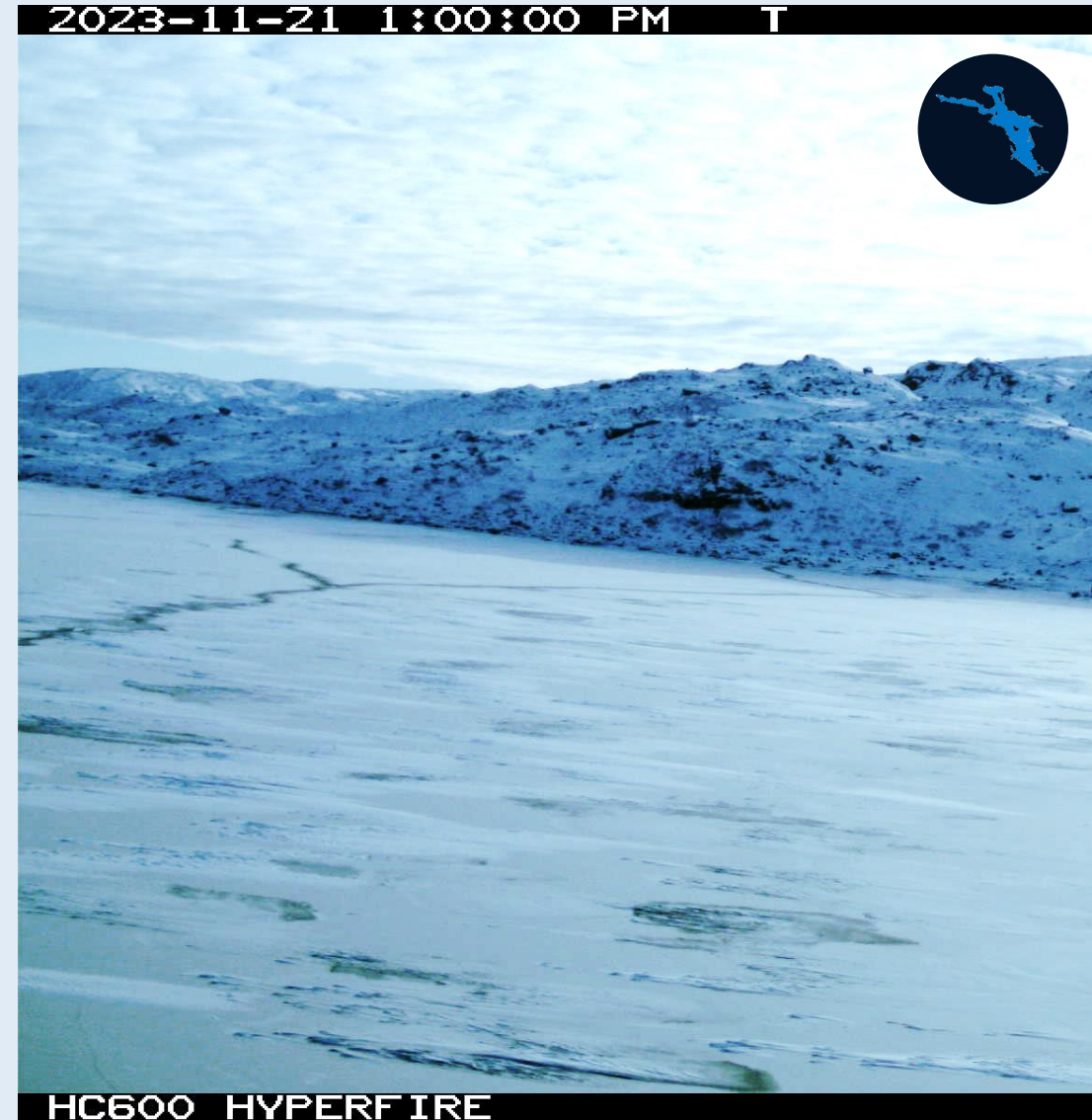
There is a **critical period** (early winter) for crack formation in the study sites



Negative **water level** variations: likely **leading cause** of ice cover cracking in the study reservoirs



**Role of modulation** of HP operations on ice cover integrity during the critical period for crack formation **should be investigated** in depth.



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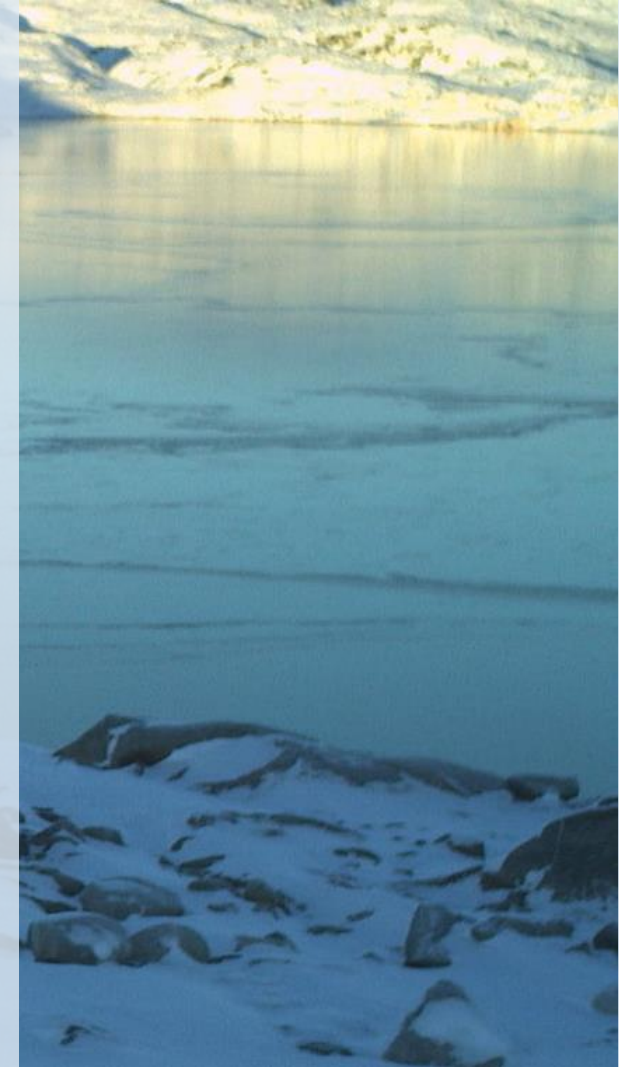


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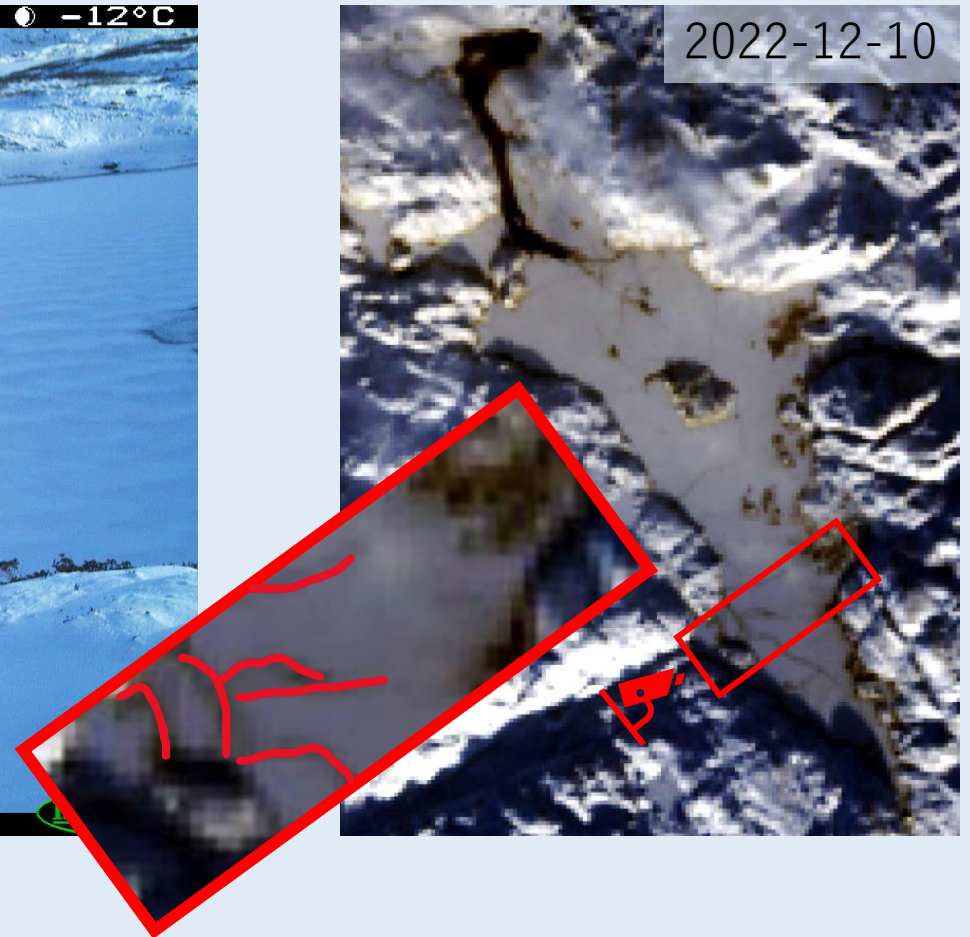
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# > CRACK DETECTION



# ➤ RELEVANCE OF ICE INTEGRITY



## > STUDY AREA: AVAILABLE DATA



AVAILABLE



Meteorological data



Water level & hydropower discharge



Water temperature profiles\*



Imagery from in-situ cameras



NON-EXISTENT

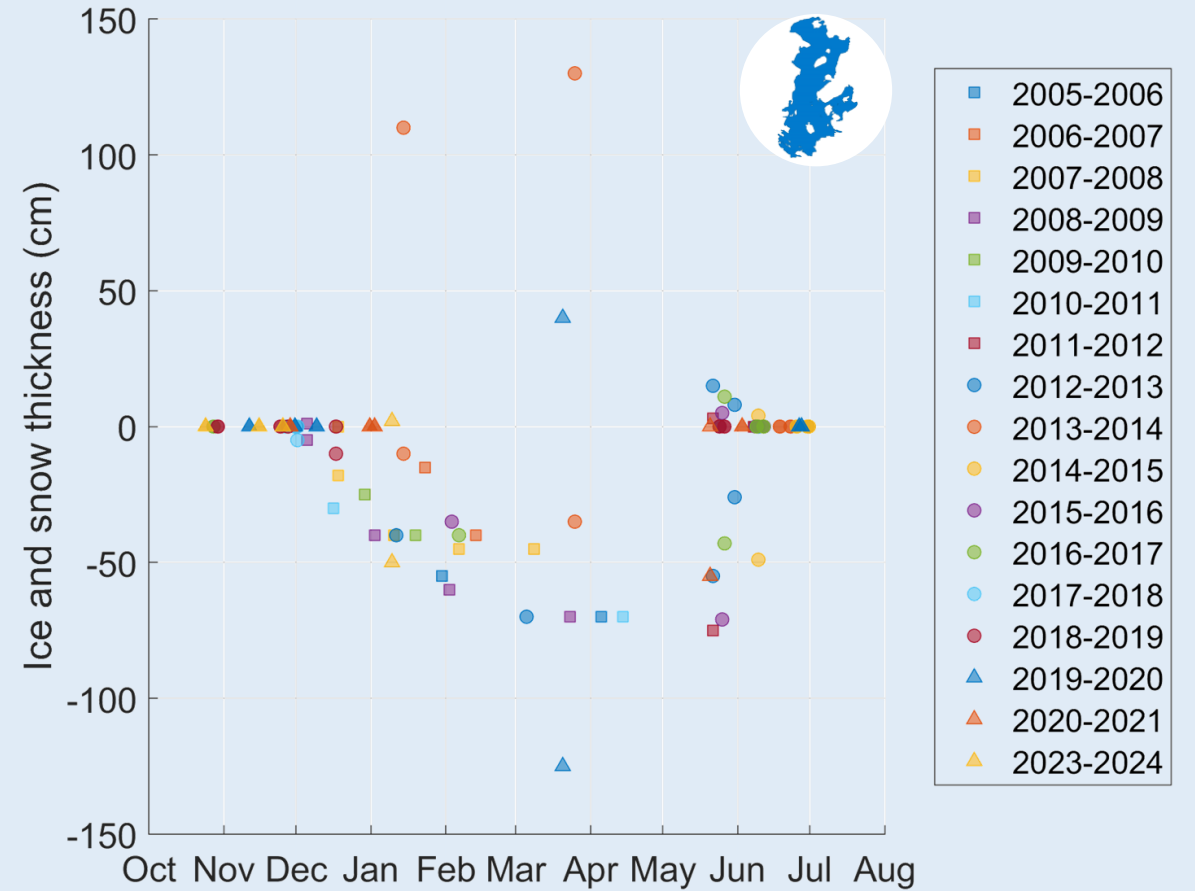
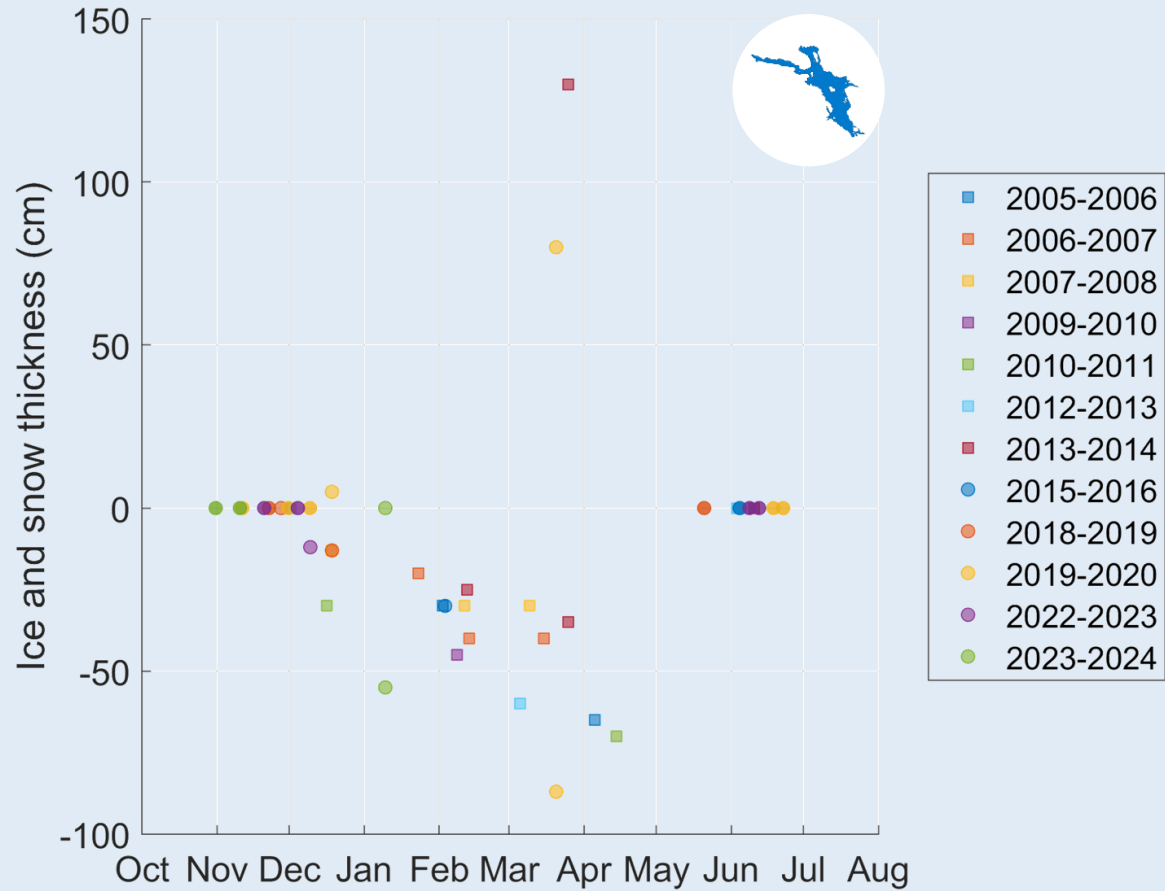


Ice cover-related data  
(thickness, temperature, coverage...)



Natural inflows discharges

# STUDY AREA: ICE THICKNESS





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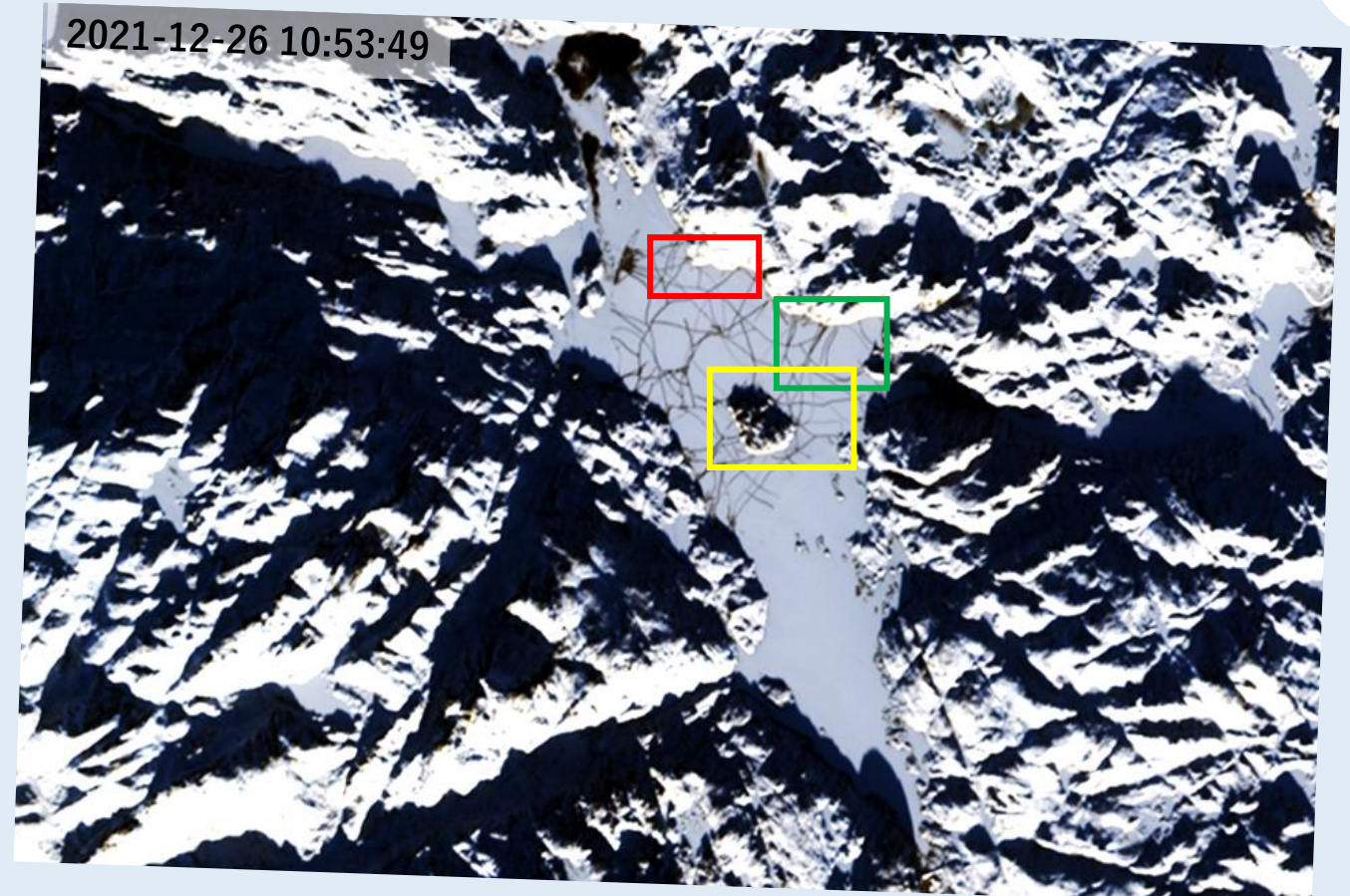

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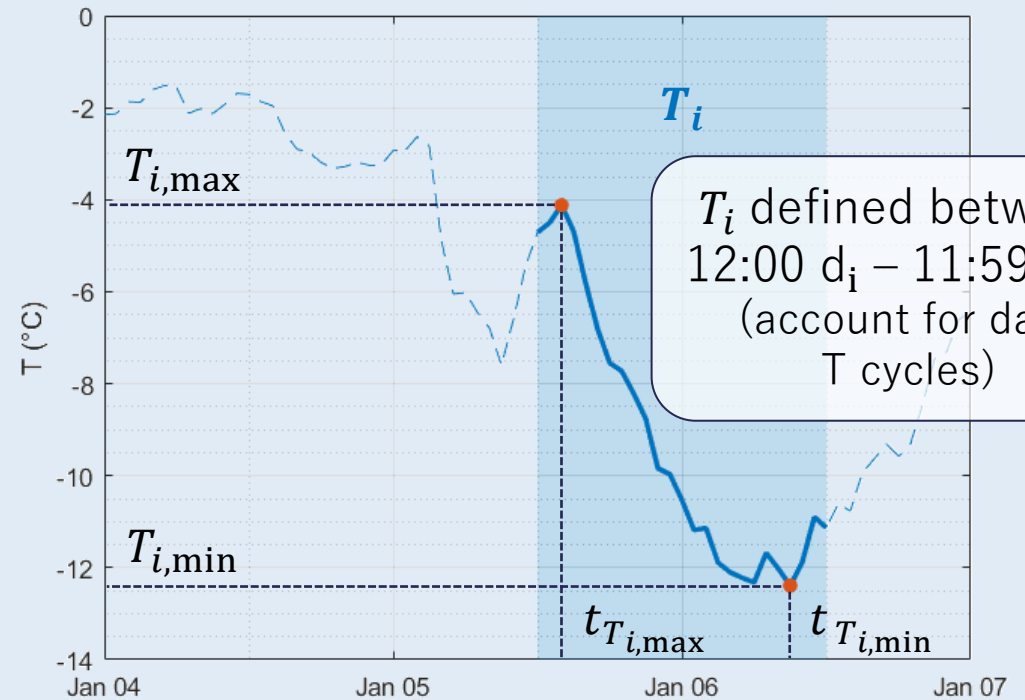
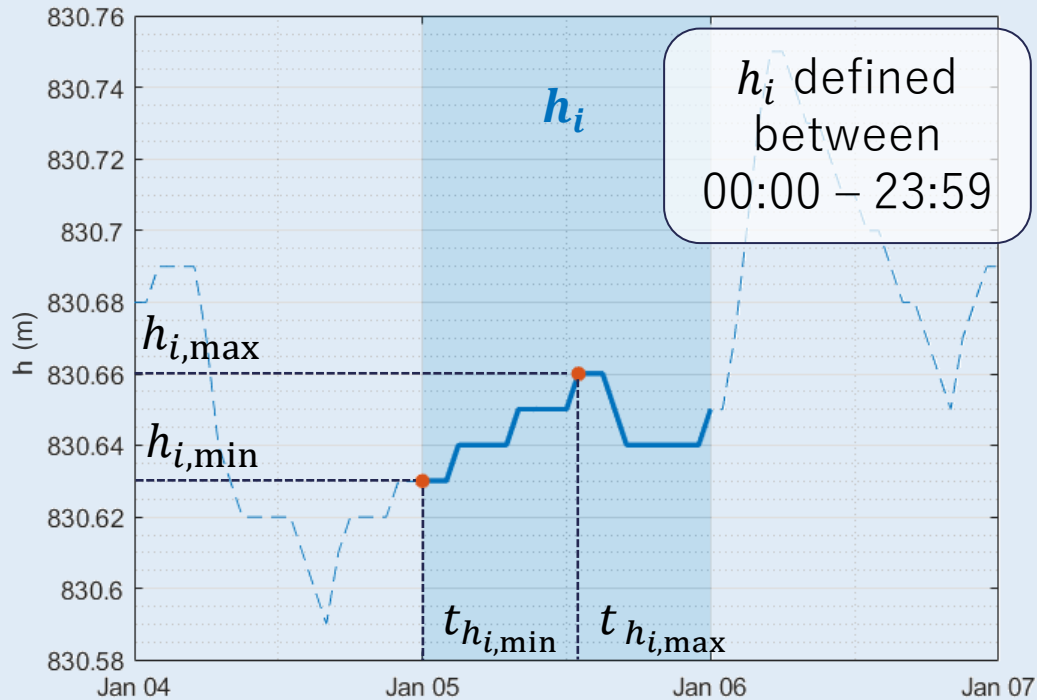
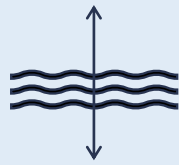
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# DATA ANALYSIS



Maximum daily variations:  $(\max(x_i) - \min(x_i)) \cdot \text{sign}(t_{x_{i,\max}} - t_{x_{i,\min}})$

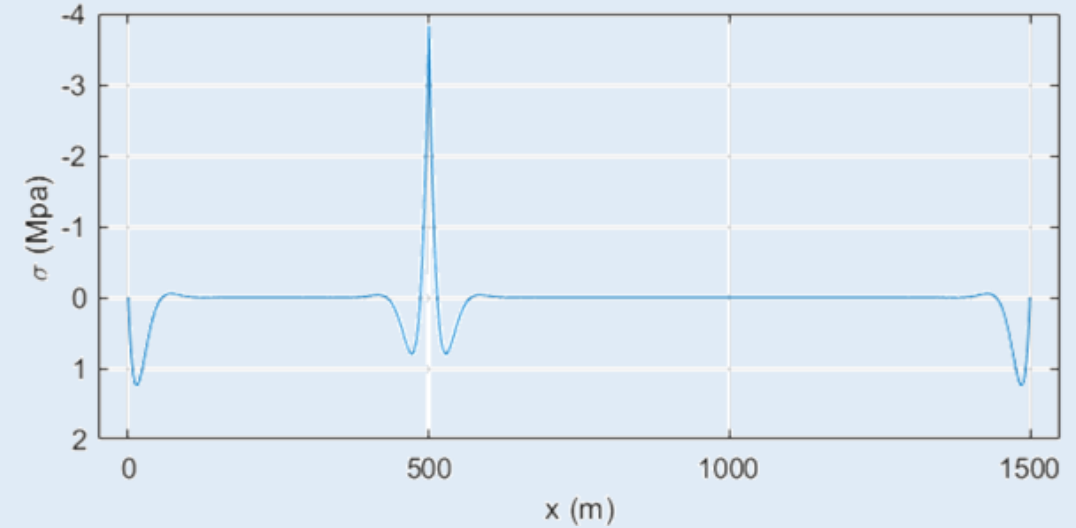
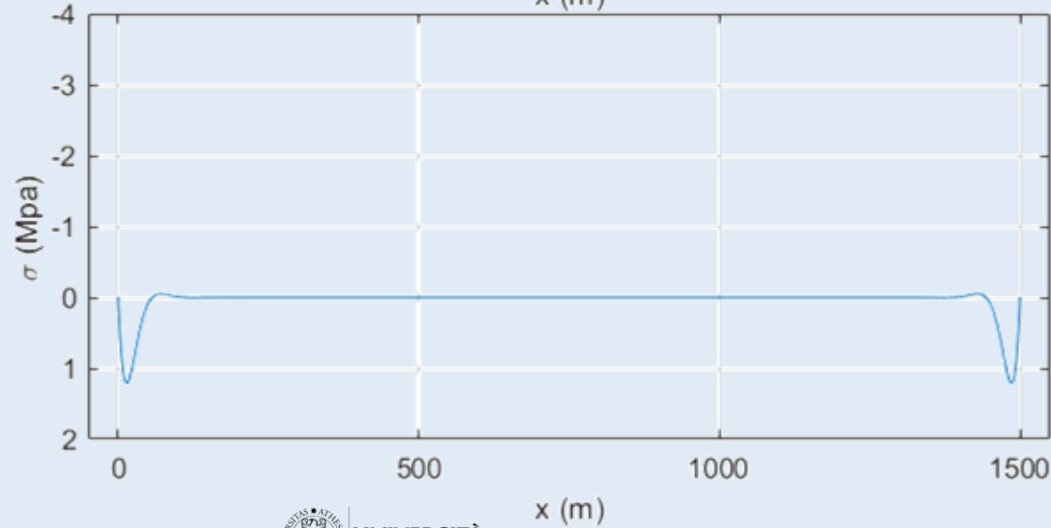
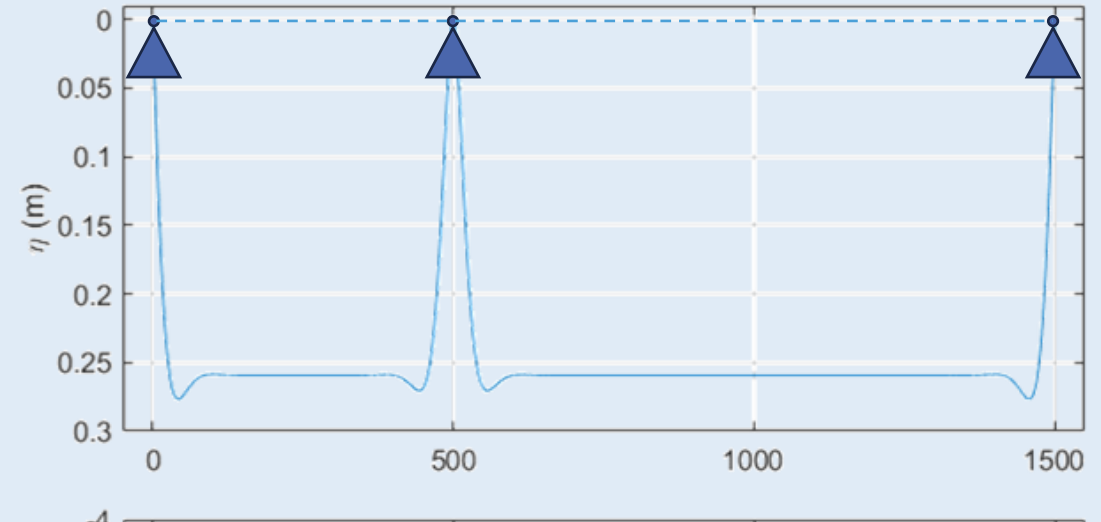
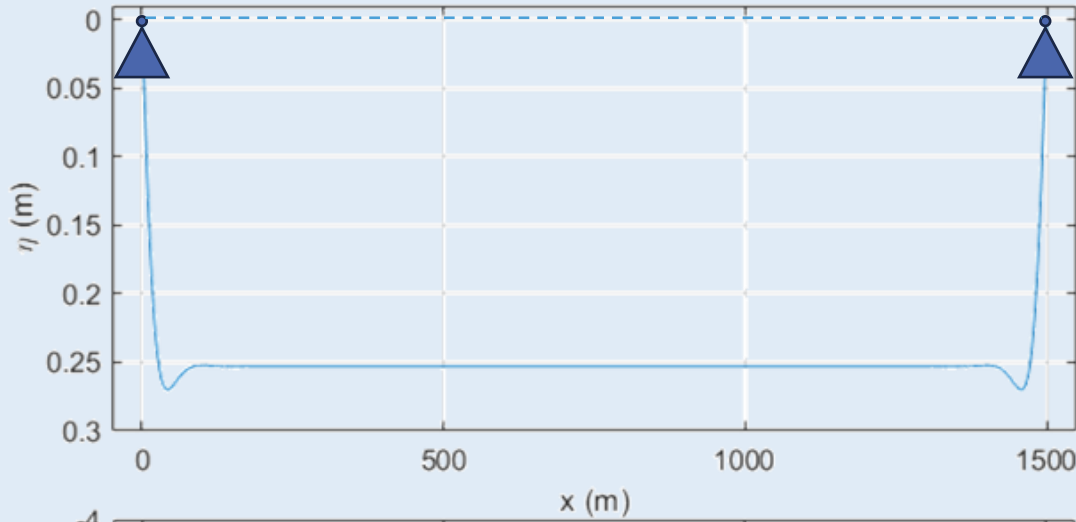


# > SIMPLIFIED MECHANICAL MODEL

Simple ice beam

Beam with intermediate support

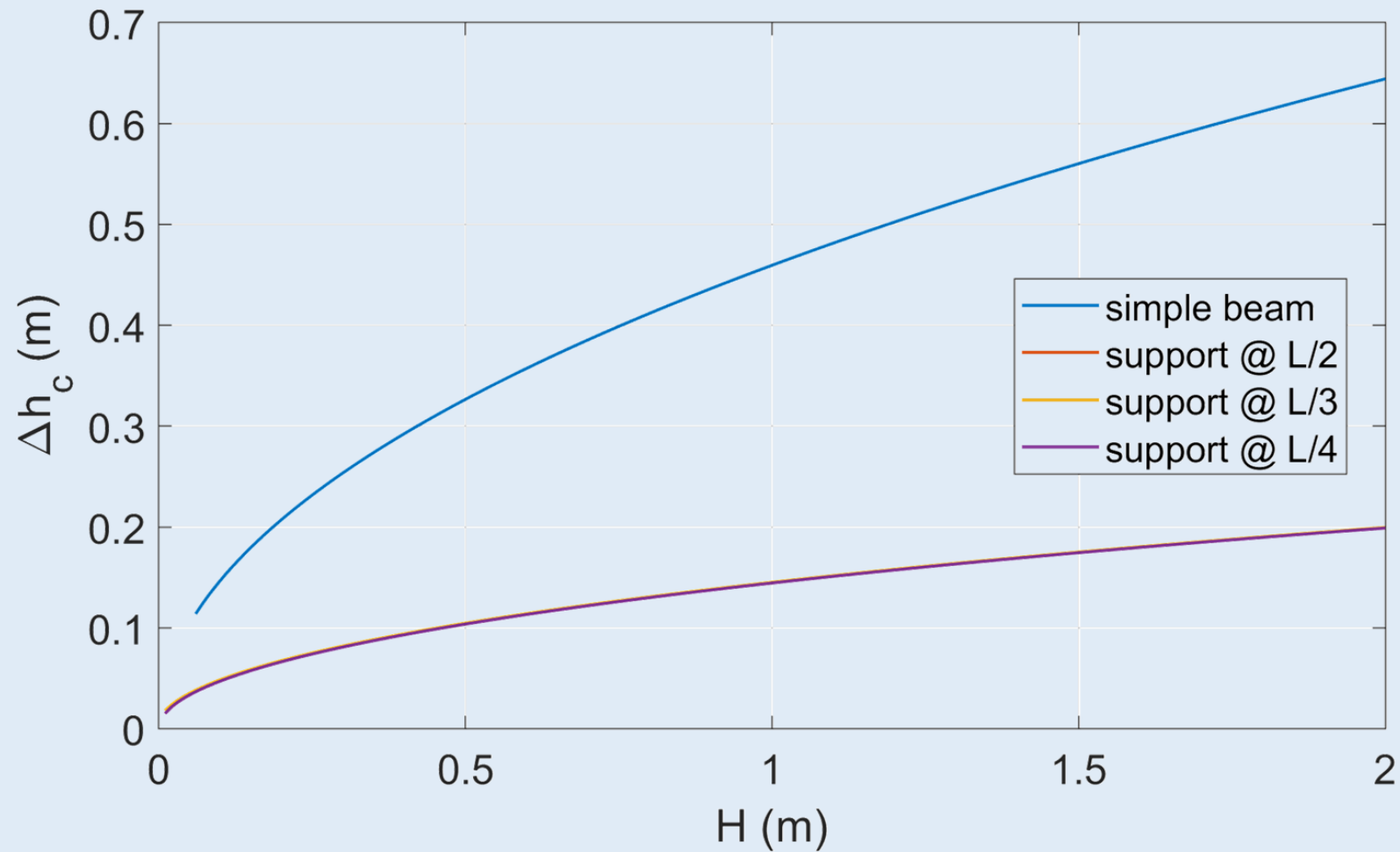
$$\Delta h = 0.25 \text{ m}, E = 6 \text{ Mpa}, H = 80 \text{ cm}$$



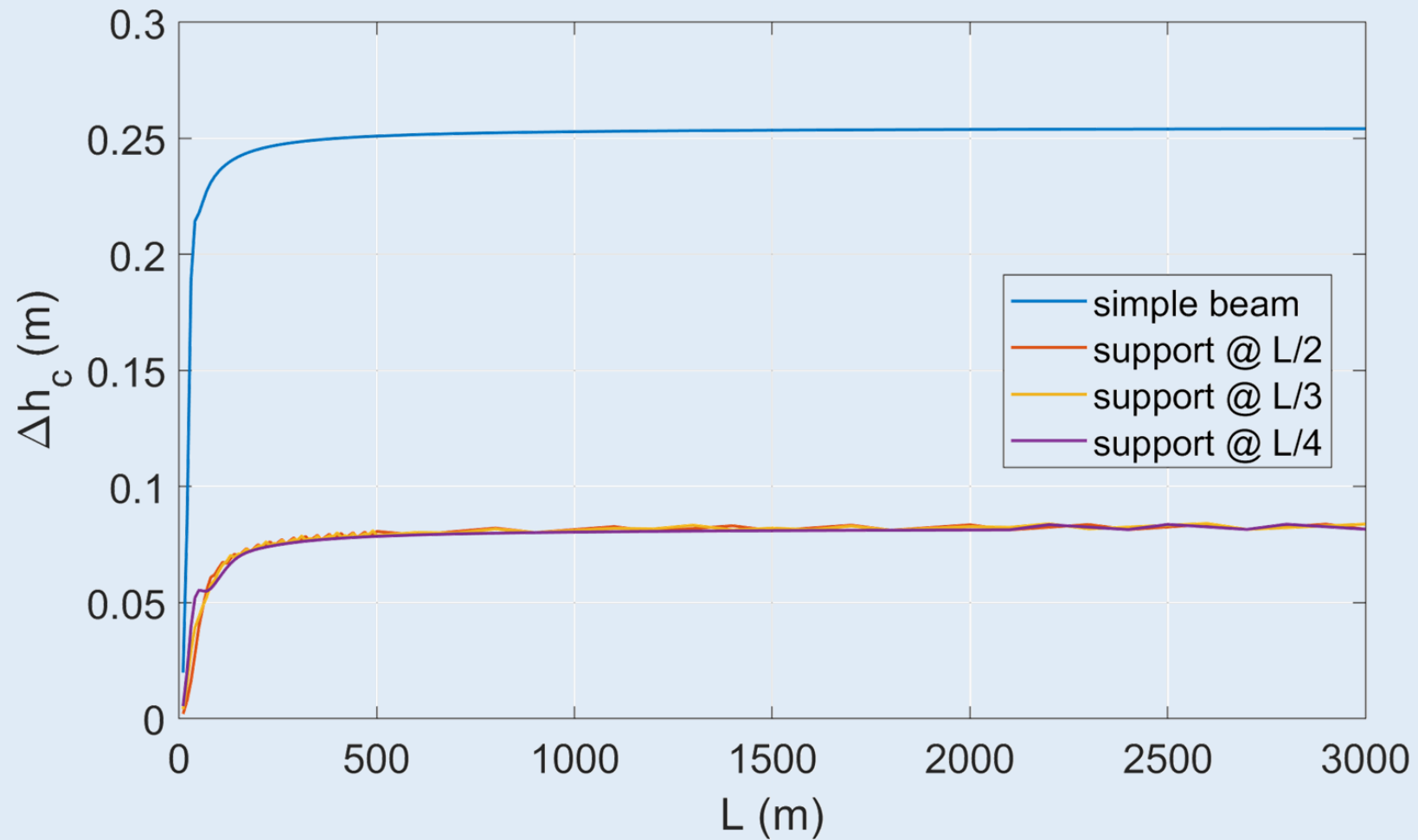
## ➤ MODEL PARAMETERS: LITERATURE REVIEW

Name	Symbol	Value	Unit	Sources
Elastic modulus	$E$	1.2-10	GPa	[12, 9, 11, 31]
Flexural strength	$\sigma_c$	0.2-1.5	MPa	[10, 11, 1, 31]
Tensile strength	$\sigma_{c,T}$	1-1.5	MPa	[9, 12]
Coefficient of thermal expansion	$\alpha_T$	$5-11 \times 10^{-5}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$	[9, 12, 13, 20]
Thermal diffusivity	$\kappa$	$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$	[20]
Freshwater density	$\rho_w$	1000	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	

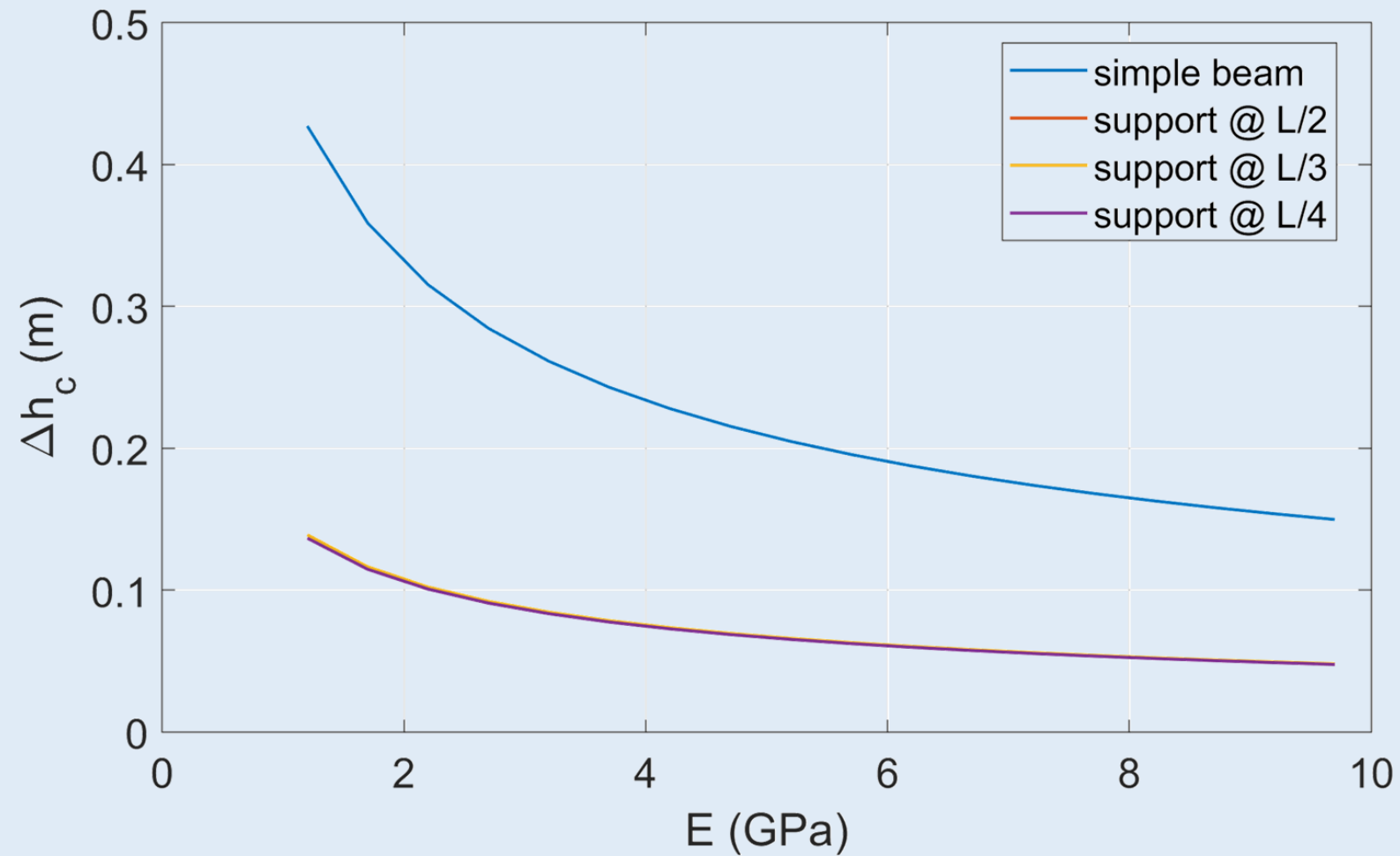
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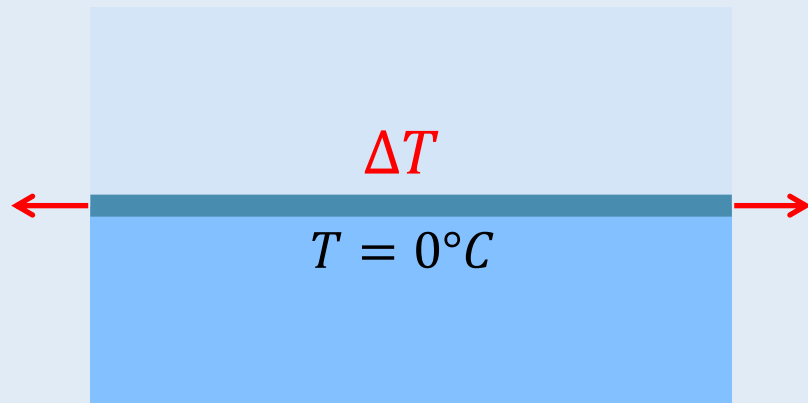
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## Critical thermal stress

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Labels for the function  $w_D$ :

- $w_D$ : ice beam deflection
- $x$ : ice beam length
- $L$ : ice beam length
- $H$ : ice thickness
- $E$ : Young's modulus
- $\rho_w$ : water density
- $\rho_i$ : ice density

$$w_D = \frac{K}{2\lambda^6 (\sinh \lambda l + \sin \lambda l)} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (-\cosh \lambda l \sin \lambda l - \sinh \lambda l \cos \lambda l) \sinh \lambda x \sin \lambda x \\ & + \\ & (-\sinh \lambda l \cos \lambda l + \cosh \lambda l \sin \lambda l) \cosh \lambda x \cos \lambda x \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$+ H \left( \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_w} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{K}{4\lambda^4} x^2 \rightarrow K = 6 \frac{\rho_w g}{E H^4} \alpha_T (T_s - T_b)$$

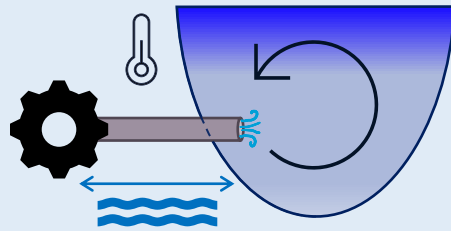
Labels for the equations:

- $\lambda l$ :  $l = L/2$
- $K$ : constant



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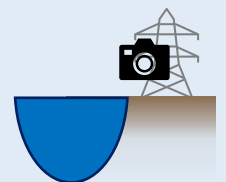
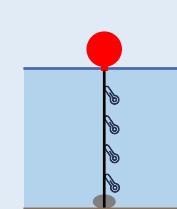
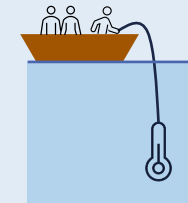
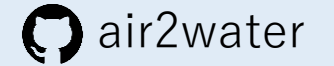
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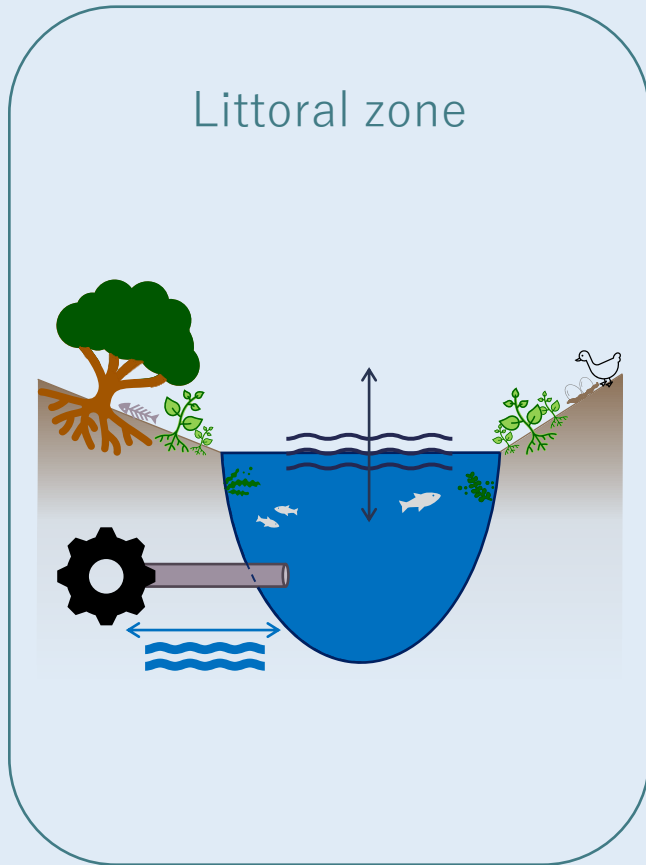
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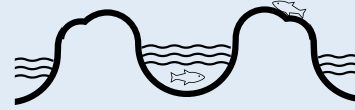
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Identify environmental impacts



Quantify impacts with environmental indexes



No	Parameter	Near-natural	Slightly modified	Moderately modified	Extensively modified	Severely modified
100	Change in ground line	+5 % regulation	-5-20 % regulation	20-50% regulation	50-100% regulation	+100% regulation
101	Upstream barriers affecting sediment processes	+5 % reduction in distance to natural sediment barrier	-5-20 % reduction in distance to natural sediment barrier	20-50 % reduction in distance to natural sediment barrier	50-90 % reduction in distance to natural sediment barrier	+90% reduction in distance to natural sediment barrier
102	Water level changes	0 m excess	-0.5 m excess	0.5 m excess	1.0 m excess	+2.0 m excess
103	Total volume change	+5 % change from natural volume	-5-10 % change from natural volume	10-15 % change from natural volume	15-30 % change from natural volume	+30% change from natural volume
104	Change in retention time	+5 % change in retention time	-5-10 % change in retention time	10-20 % change in retention time	20-30 % change in retention time	+30 % change in retention time
105	Change in date of filling	+5 days change compared to filling by starting date	-5-10 days change compared to filling by starting date	10-20 days change compared to filling by starting date	20-30 days change compared to filling by starting date	+30 days change compared to filling by starting date
106	Change in date of emptying	+5 days change compared to emptying by starting date	-5-10 days change compared to emptying by starting date	10-20 days change compared to emptying by starting date	20-30 days change compared to emptying by starting date	+30 days change compared to emptying by starting date
107	Water level change at filling date	+5 % relative deviation from natural water level	-5-10 % relative deviation from natural water level	10-20 % relative deviation from natural water level	20-30 % relative deviation from natural water level	+30 % relative deviation from natural water level
108	Water level change at emptying date	+5 % relative deviation from natural water level	-5-10 % relative deviation from natural water level	10-20 % relative deviation from natural water level	20-30 % relative deviation from natural water level	+30 % relative deviation from natural water level
109	Short term water level variations	+0.5 m excess during one day (95 % probability of being a flood)	-0.5 m excess during one day (95 % probability of being a flood)	0.5-1 m excess during one day (95 % probability of being a flood)	1-2 m excess during one day (95 % probability of being a flood)	+2 m excess during one day (95 % probability of being a flood)
110	Short term water level variations (peak)	+0.5 m excess within a week (90 % probability of a peak during a year)	-0.5 m excess within a week (90 % probability of a peak during a year)	0.5-1 m excess within a week (90 % probability of a peak during a year)	1-2 m excess within a week (90 % probability of a peak during a year)	+2 m excess within a week (90 % probability of a peak during a year)
111	Dissolved active	+5 % of measured compared to natural surface area	-5-10 % of measured compared to natural surface area	10-20 % of measured compared to natural surface area	20-30 % of measured compared to natural surface area	+30 % of measured compared to natural surface area
112	Relative lake level fluctuations	+5 % in relative lake level fluctuations	-5-10 % in relative lake level fluctuations	10-20 % in relative lake level fluctuations	20-30 % in relative lake level fluctuations	+30 % in relative lake level fluctuations
113	Dissolved total phosphorus	+5 % of measured compared to natural surface area	-5-10 % of measured compared to natural surface area	10-20 % of measured compared to natural surface area	20-30 % of measured compared to natural surface area	+30 % of measured compared to natural surface area
114	Long term connectivity along the shoreline	+5 % of shoreline affected	-5-10 % of shoreline affected	10-20 % of shoreline affected	20-30 % of shoreline affected	+30 % of shoreline affected
115	Relative zone	+5 % of riparian vegetation affected (measured as % of shoreline)	-5-10 % of riparian vegetation affected (measured as % of shoreline)	10-20 % of riparian vegetation affected (measured as % of shoreline)	20-30 % of riparian vegetation affected (measured as % of shoreline)	+30 % of riparian vegetation affected (measured as % of shoreline)
116	Change in substrate quality	+5 % of riparian substrate lost	-5-10 % of riparian substrate lost	10-20 % of riparian substrate lost	20-30 % of riparian substrate lost	+30 % of riparian substrate lost