# TanDEM-X observations over the Petermann Gletscher glacier northern Greenland

XTI\_GLAC0296

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## **Greenland surface elevation change as seen from IceSat**



Pritchard et al., 2009









## **Greenland surface elevation change as seen from IceSat**

# No clear signal of elevation change over Petermann Gletscher





Pritchard et al., 2009









## No change in velocity of the Petermann Gletscher



Nick et al., 2012









## Large calving events in 2010 and 2012

#### 2010 calving event

#### 2012 calving event





NASA









# **Grounding line retreat**



Rignot, 1998



esa



# **Grounding line retreat**



**1992** Grounding Line position 



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2 km



#### **TanDEM-X** acquisitions XTI\_GLAC0296

#### **Greenland super-sites - Bistatic mode**























# Phase residual of DEM differencing

Height (m)











# Correction of residual phase using stable land

#### Backscatter



#### Land (blue) - ice (red) mask



#### Howat I.M and A. Negrete, 2013









#### **DEM** differencing



#### Height difference: 25/08/2011 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 25/08/2011 and 24/12/2011





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#### Height difference: 25/08/2011 and 24/12/2011



#### Height difference: 08/10/2011 and 24/12/2011



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#### Height difference: 30/10/2011 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 10/11/2011 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 04/01/2012 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 04/05/2011 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 15/05/2011 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 26/05/2012 and 24/12/2011











#### Height difference: 31/07/2012 and 24/12/2011











#### 2012 Greenland surface melt event



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support to science element

#### Supraglacial lake



#### Ice/Snow penetration











## Long-term height change

#### TanDEM-X (2012)

#### minus

#### ASTER dem (2003)











## Long-term height change



#### Conclusions

- Time series of TanDEM-X dems show dynamic scattering height

- Detection and quantification of dynamic of plumbing system at Petermann Gletscher

- Long-term thinning of Peterman Gletscher







