



Mapping and Monitoring Lakes and Reservoirs with Satellite Observations

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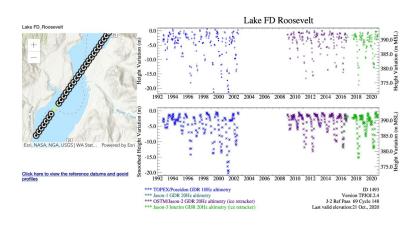
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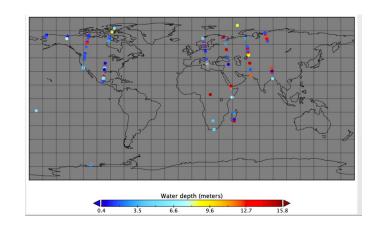
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Remote Sensing Observations for Monitoring Water Extent, Water Level Height, and Bathymetry in Lakes and Reservoirs

https://global-surface-water.appspot.com/#data

Water Level Height Data for Lakes and Reservoirs Using Radar Altimetry

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DAAC at National Snow and Ice
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Homework and Certificate

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- One homework assignment:
 - Answers must be submitted via Google Form
 - Due date: March 23, 2021
- A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who:
 - Attend all live webinars
 - Complete the homework assignment by the deadline (access from <u>website</u>)
 - You will receive a certificate approximately two months after the completion of the course from: marines.martins@ssaihq.com



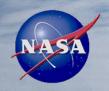




Analysis of Surface Water Heights and Bathymetry for Lakes, Reservoirs, Rivers and Coasts Using ICESat-2

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Outline



- ICESat-2 mission overview and science data products
- Inland Water (ATL13) data products
- ICESat-2 Analysis Tools
- Example Case: Eagle Lake, CA, October 19, 2018
- Applications to 2-D bathymetry
- Summary



Mission Overview



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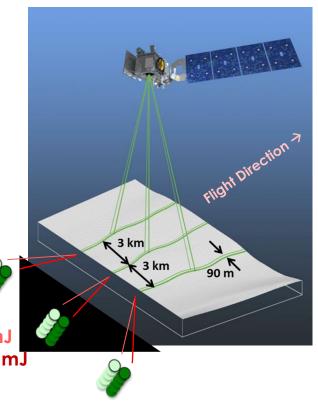
- Launched Sept 15, 2018
- Data products since Oct 15, 2018

Instrument:

- Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System (ATLAS)
- Micro-pulse 532 nm lidar, 10 kHz pulse rate, single-photon detection
- 6 beams: 3 pairs of "Strong"&"Weak" energy (100/25 mJ)
- Footprint: 11m
- Ground speed: 7000m/s

Polar Orbit:

- 496 km, non-sun-sync, 92° inclination
- 91 day repeat cycle, ~30-day sub cycle
- Geolocation knowledge: 6.5 m



Weak Beam 25 mJ Strong Beam 100 mJ



ICESat-2 Data Products

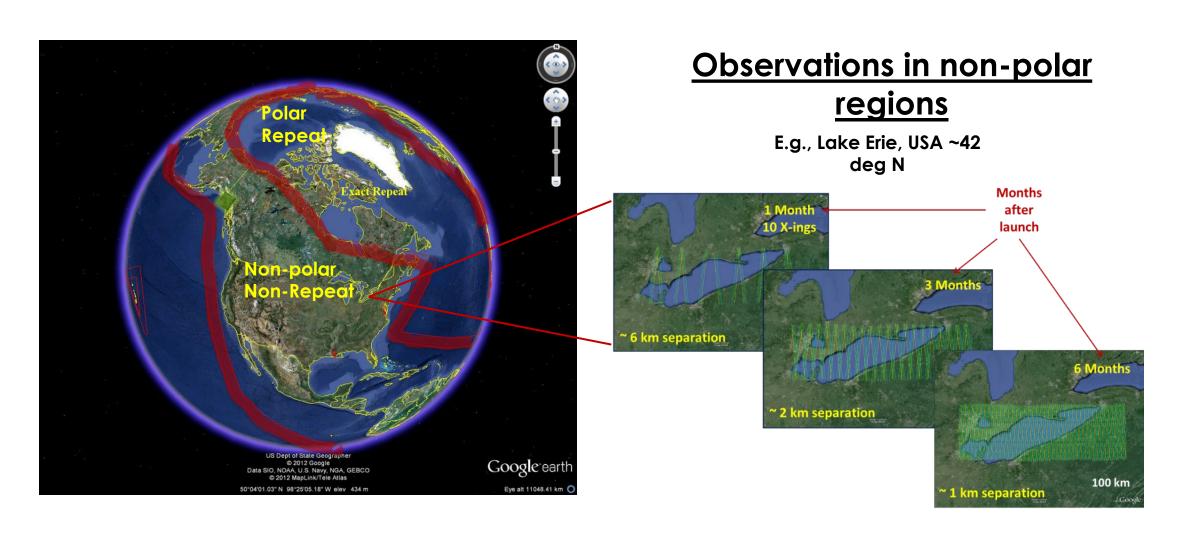


		<u>ID</u>	<u>NAME</u>	DESCRIPTION
1		ATL03	Geolocated photons	Precise latitude, longitude and elevation for every received photon
		ATL04	Uncalibrated Backscatter Profiles	Along-track atmospheric backscatter
		ATL06	Land Ice Elevation	Surface height for each beam with along- and across-track slopes
*		ATL07	Arctic/Antarctic Sea Ice Elevation	Height of sea ice and open water leads at varying length scale
Track		ATL08	Land and Vegetation Height	Height of ground including canopy surface & cover percentage
Along		ATL09	Atmosphere Backscatter & Clouds	Along-track cloud and other atmosphere layer heights, blowing snow, optical depth.
¥		ATL10	Arctic/Antarctic Sea Ice Freeboard	Sea ice freeboard @ specific spatial scales. Statistics of sea surface and sea ice heights.
		ATL11	Antarctica / Greenland Ice Sheet Heights	Time series of height at points on the ice sheet,
		ATL12	Ocean Elevation	Surface height at specific length scale, including height distribution
_	>	ATL13	Inland Water Products	Along-track surface water height distribution and associated water properties
*		ATL14	Antarctica/Greenland Ice Sheet H(t) Gridded	Height maps of each ice sheet for each year based on all available elevation data.
		ATL15	Antarctica/Greenland Ice Sheet dh/dt Gridded	Height change maps for each ice sheet, for each mission year
		ATL16	ATLAS Atmosphere Weekly	Polar cloud fraction, blowing snow frequency, ground detection frequency.
Gridded		ATL17	ATLAS Atmosphere Monthly	Polar cloud fraction, blowing snow frequency, ground detection frequency.
Grid		ATL18	Land/Canopy Gridded	Gridded ground surface height, canopy height, and canopy cover estimates.
$\overline{\mathbf{T}}$		ATL19	Mean Sea Surface (MSS)	Gridded ocean height product.
		ATL20	Arctic / Antarctic Gridded Sea Ice Freeboard	Gridded sea ice freeboard.
		ATL21	Arctic/Antarctic Gridded SSH w/in Sea Ice	Gridded monthly sea surface height inside the sea ice cover.
↓ -	>	ATL22	Mean Inland Water Body Products	Means for each water body ID type and transect.



ICESat-2 Observation Strategy for Polar vs Non-Polar Regions





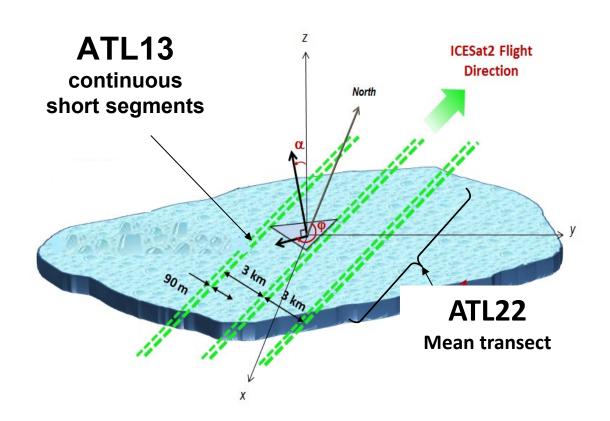


ATL13 & ATL22 Operational Inland Water Products



Main Geophysical Products

Name	Units
ht_water_surf	m
ht_ortho	m
subsurface_attenuation	m ⁻¹
segment_slope_trk_bdy	-
stdev_water_surf	m
sig_wv_ht	m
water_depth	m
u_derived	m/s



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Quality Flags

Name	Units
QF_IwP	-
QF_Cloud	-
QF_Bckgrd	-
Ice_Flag	-
QF_Ice	-
QF_Subsurf_Anom	-
QF_Bias_Fit	-
QF_Bias_EM	-
QF_Spec_Width	-
QF_Sseg_Length	-
QF Lseg Length	-
met_wind10_ATL09	m/s
met_wind10_ATL13	m/s
met_ts_ATL09	K
snow_ice_ATL09	-
Cloud_Flag_ASR_ATL09	-
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Layer_Flag_ATL09	-



ATL13 Domain Global Inland Water Coverage





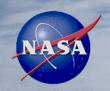
Water Body Types

- Lakes and Reservoirs ≥ 0.1 km²
- Rivers > ~ 100 m
- Transitional water including estuaries, bays & near coast

Identification

ATL13 inland water mask defined by ~ 1.4 M shapes defined, each w/unique ID (derived from HydroLAKES, GRWL, GSHHG Shoreline, etc.)





Evolution of the ATL13 Operational Product

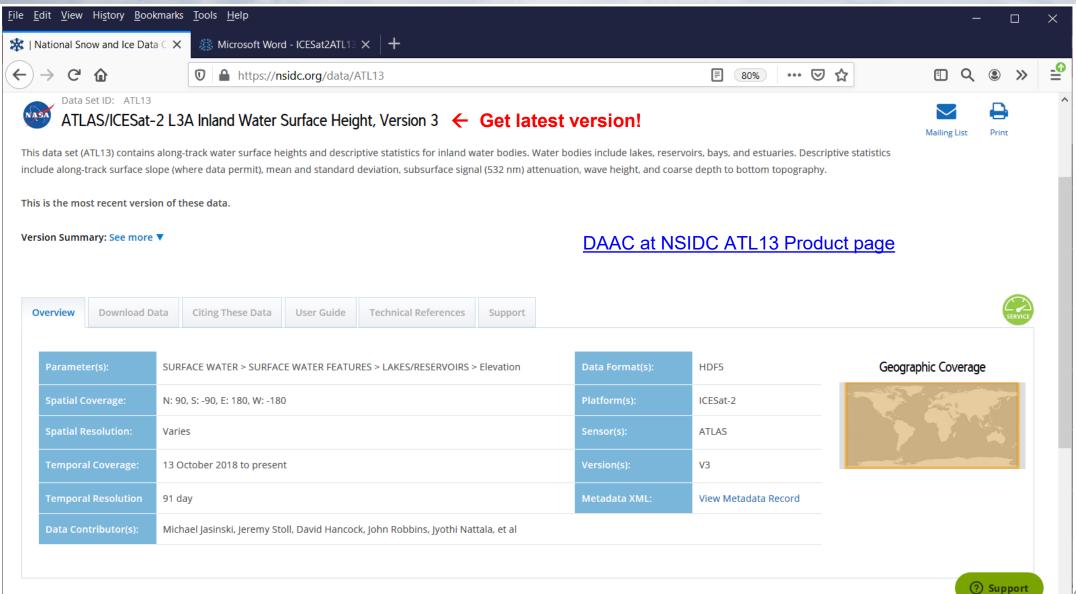


	Version	Release Date	Water Body Types (Number of unique IDs)	Description and Principal/Added Features
	1	May 2019	Lakes & reservoirs > 10 km ² (19,634)	 Surface water height statistics (mean, StdDev, slope), subsurface attenuation, and supporting variables at short segment length Employs GLWD (Lehner & Doll 2004)
	2	November 2019	Lakes & reservoirs ≥ 10 km² (19,800) Estuaries, bays, and near shore 7 km buffer (~3500)	 - Employs HydroLAKES (Messager & Lehner, 2016) - Adds transitional waters; Named Marine Water Bodies (ESRI) GSHHG Shoreline (Wessel et al, 1996) - Adds significant wave height - coarse bathymetry algorithm - Adds dynamic shore finding
Current versior Data Oct 2018		March 2020 Ch 2021	Lakes & reservoirs ≥ 0.1 km² (~1,400,000) Estuaries, bays, near shore buffer (7m) (~3500) Rivers ≥ ~50-100 m wide (10,300)	 Adds river mask using GRWL (Allen and Pavelsky, 2018) Adds wind speed for all crossings Adds Ice on/off flag from multi-sensor NOAA product Corrects first photon bias error Adds cloud confidence flag
	4	Dec 2021	All water bodies	- Improves photon classification - Refines parameter estimates - Added DEMs
New in 2021!	ATL22 Ver 1	Dec 2021	All water bodies	- Transect mean quantities and supporting parameters



ATL13 Inland Water Data Access





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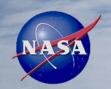


ICESat-2 Analysis Tools





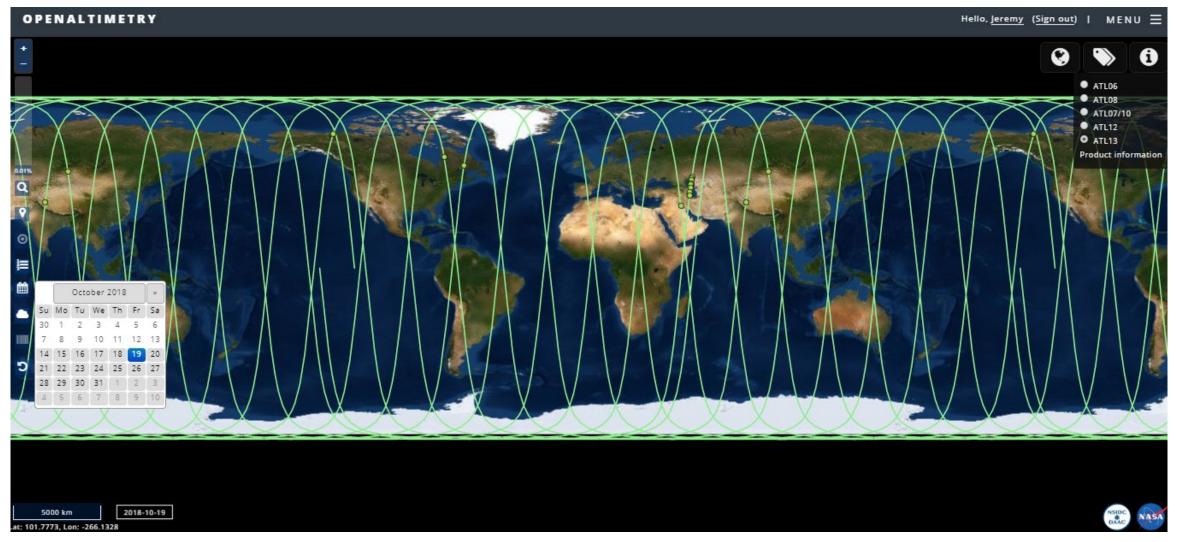
<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	Access Type	Service Outputs	<u>Source</u>
<u>OpenAltimetry</u>	Discover, access, and visualize ICESat and ICESat-2 data. Key functions include on-the-fly plotting of segment elevations and photon clouds based on date and region of interest, ground track filtering and visualization, and data access in CSV or subsetted HDF5 format.	Web application	Downloadable elevation and photon plots Spatially subsetted HDF5 data CSV output of key parameters.	A NASA funded collaborative project between the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego Supercomputer Center, NSIDC DAAC, and UNAVCO.
NASA Earthdata Search	Search, visualize, and access data across thousands of Earth science data sets, including ICESat, IceBridge, and ICESat-2. Customization services are available for most ICESat-2 data sets, including subsetting and reformatting.	Web application	Data access via shell script and zip links Visit this page for details on subsetting and reformatting services available for each ICESat-2 data set.	NASA EOSDIS, supported by NSIDC DAAC.
Data Subscription	Subscribe to have new ICESat-2 data automatically delivered to you as they become available at NSIDC. Customization services including subsetting and reformatting can be applied to your subscription request.	Online subscription request form	Automated emailed data delivery Visit this page for details on subsetting and reformatting services available for each ICESat-2 data set.	NSIDC DAAC_
Data Access and Service API	The NSIDC DAAC's Application Programming Interface, or API, provides spatial and temporal filtering as well as customization options as a single access command, without the need to script against our data directory structure.	АРІ	•Visit this page for details on subsetting and reformatting services available for each ICESat-2 data set.	NSIDC DAAC
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<u>Panoply</u>	Plot arrays and geo-referenced data from NetCDF and HDF files.	Downloadable tool	 Downloadable plots as GIF, JPEG, PNG, TIFF bitmap images, PDF, or PostScript graphics files, as well as lon-lat map plots as KMZ files. Animations as MP4 video or as a collection of individual frame images. 	NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies
<u>HDFView</u>	Browse, visualize, and edit HDF (HDF5 and HDF4) files. Key functions include viewing HDF file hierarchy in a tree structure, opening data and metadata arrays, image creation, and HDF file modification.	Downloadable tool	•Save data values to a text or binary file •Save HDF image to JPEG, GIF, PNG, or BMP file	The HDFGroup



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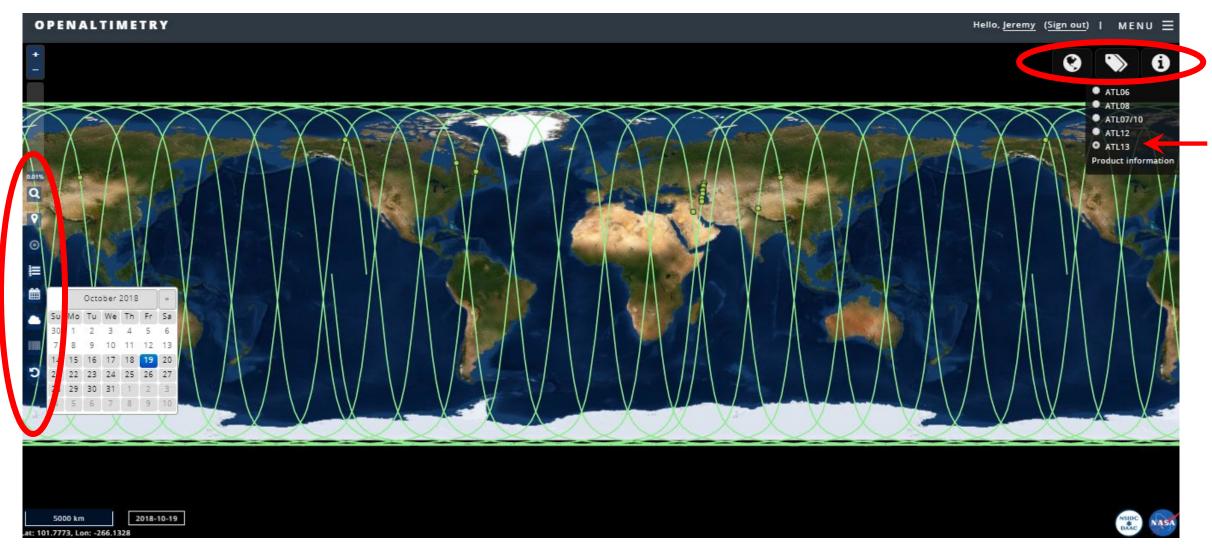




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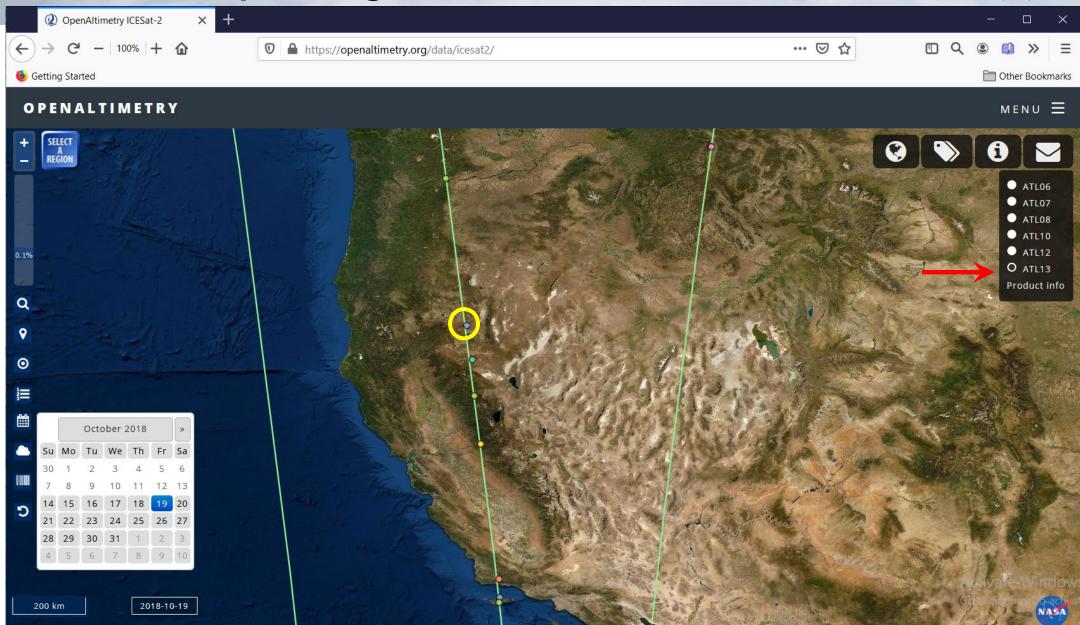






Example: Eagle Lake CA, October 19, 2018

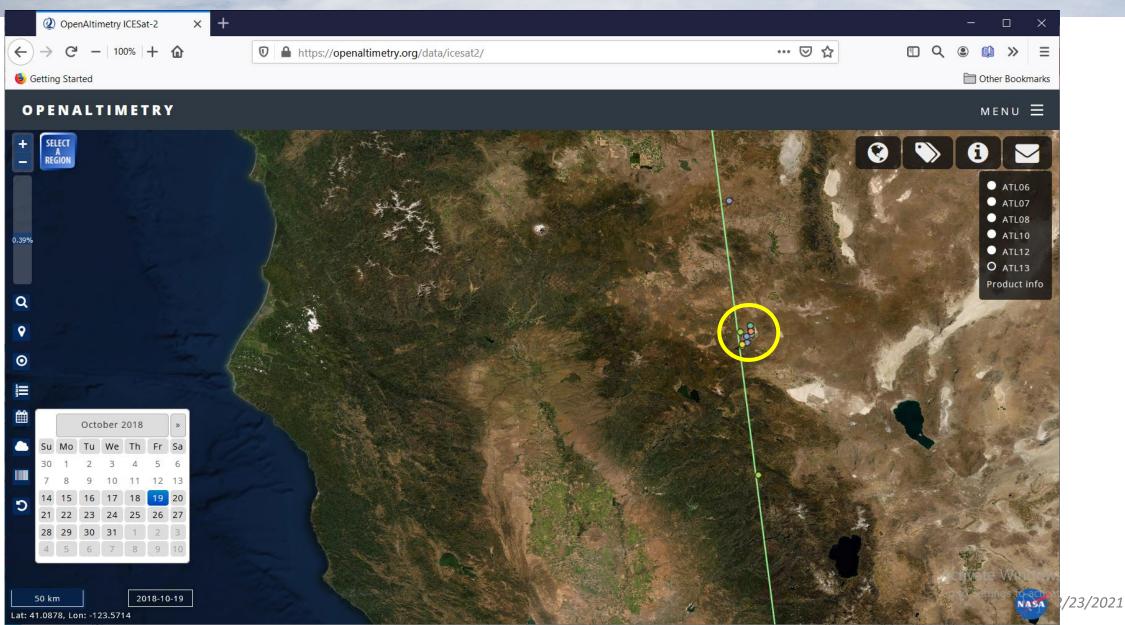






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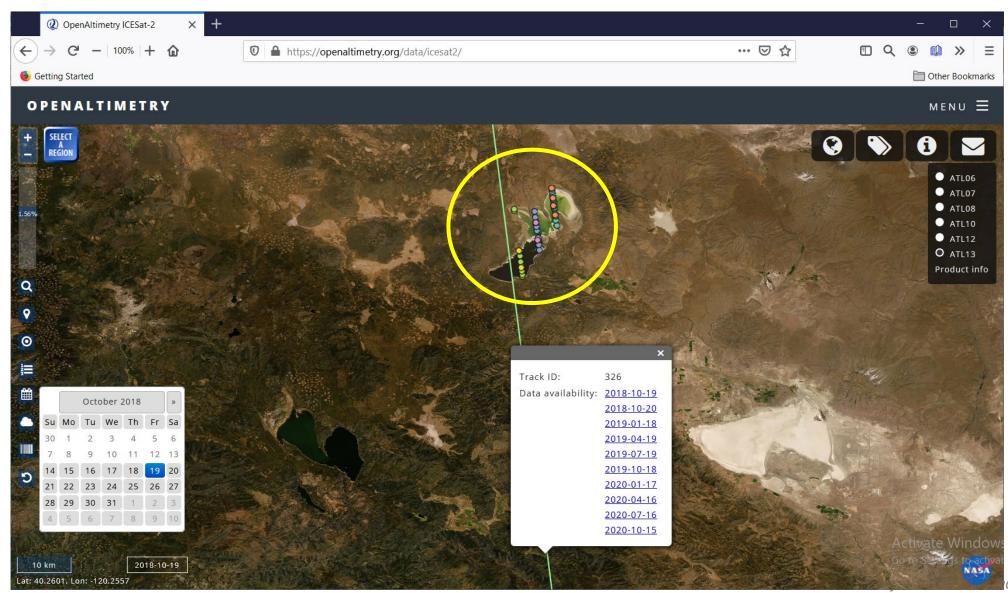




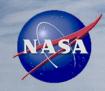


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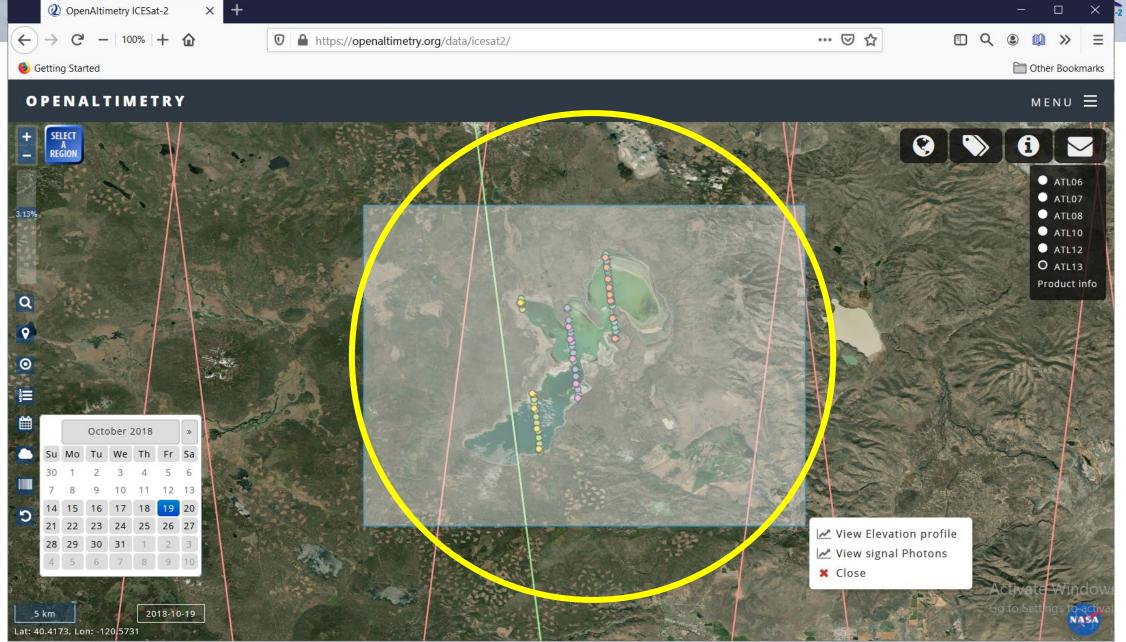


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Data Access:







OpenAltimetry: ATL13 Data Browsing:



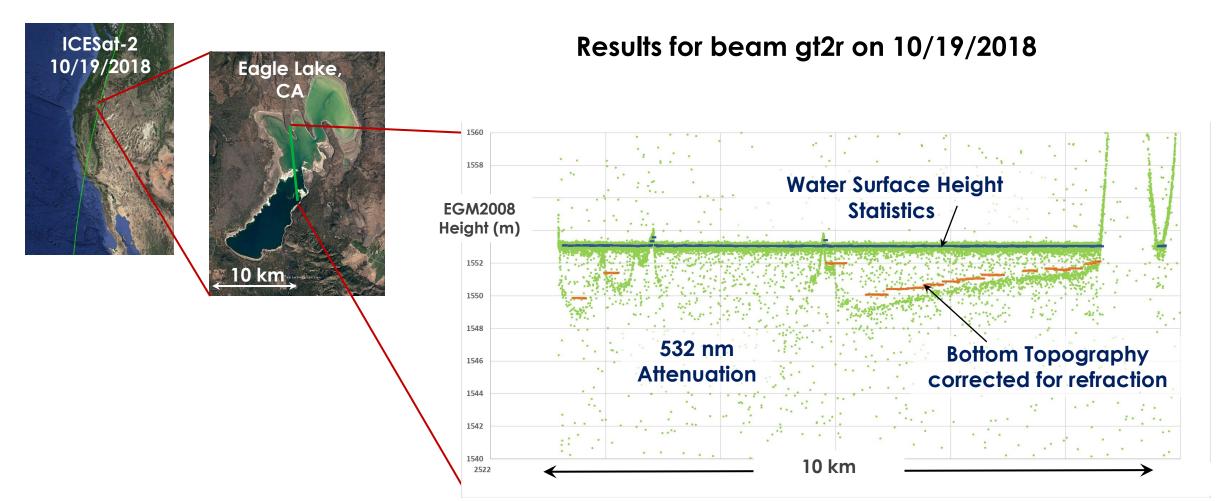
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Overpass Dates 2018-10-20 2019-01-18 2019-04-19 2019-07-19 2019-10-18 2020-01-17 2020-04-16 2020-07-16 | 2020-10-15 **ELEVATION PROFILE** ATLO3 PHOTON HEIGHTS **Beams** Select ATLAS beam gt3r (strong) | gt3l (weak) | gt2r (strong) | gt2l (weak) | gt1r (strong) | gt1l (weak) Track ID: 326 - Beam: gt2r - Showing 33.33% data sample rate - View all data (Requires Login) Total number of photons: 152,915 - Total segments: 1,502 - Segment range: [224,703 - 226,204] Sampling Profile ✓ Overlay L3A ATL13 inland water height (WG Drag zoom on the plot below to view more detail. Return Signal Photons \equiv Reset zoom igh t, ت 1535 ــ **Zoomable Quick-Look** ± □ 1525 Confidence: **Signal Confidences** * Noise [14957] * Buffer [655] * Low [2834] * Medium [3449] * High [29077] Download subsetted HDF5 (via NSIDC) (Requires Login) Download data as CSV **Acquisition Options** Get API URL (Binder example) 3D Viewer 1 FIUUULLS, 2/23/2021



Results - ATL13 Operational Products





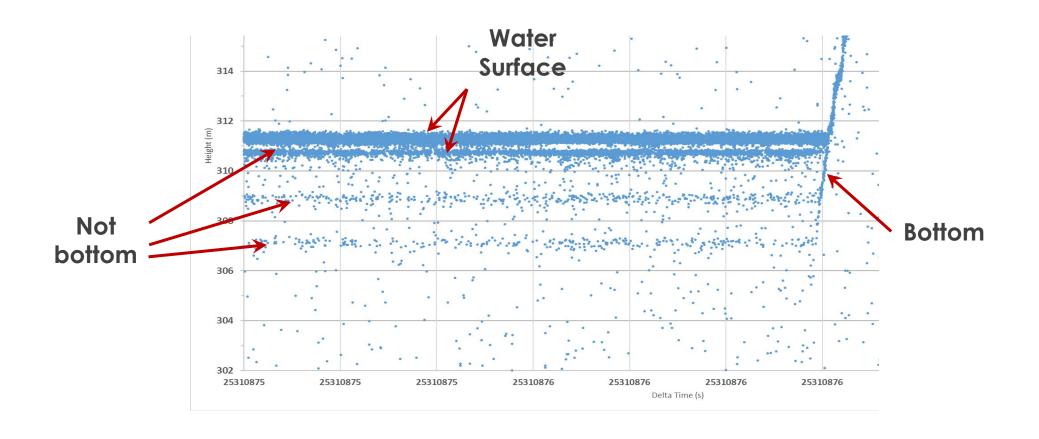
Jasinski, Stoll, and Coauthors. 2020: *ICESat-2 Inland Water ATBD*, https://doi:10.5067/L870NVUK02YA

*Water Surface Height RMSE < 0.058m when compare against in situ data over two years



Known ATLAS Instrument Issue: Occasional extra photons

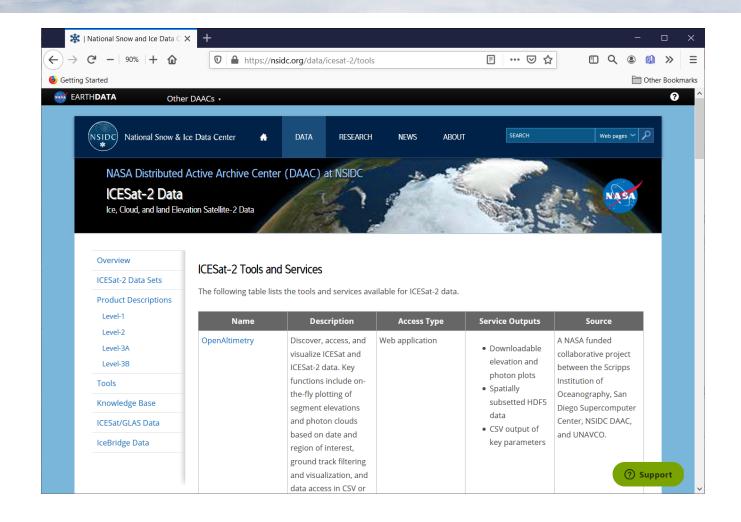






ICESat-2 Tools & Services



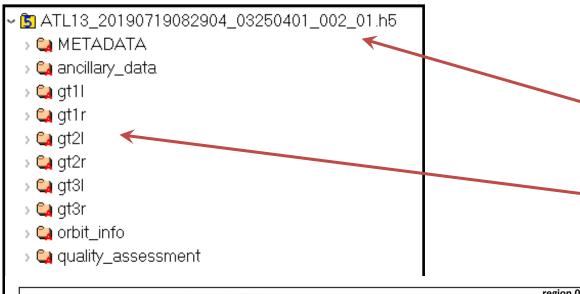


NISDC DAAC tutorial video (YouTube)



Data Format: Product Layout





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(ascending) region 14 (descending) region 08	
(ascending) region 13 (descending) region 09	*
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region 11	

GRANULE DELINEATION

- ~5 files per day (several RGTs)
- data exist only over water bodies

NAMING CONVENTION

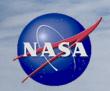
 date+time, RGT, cycle, segment, release, version

6-BEAM STRUCTURE

along-track hierarchy

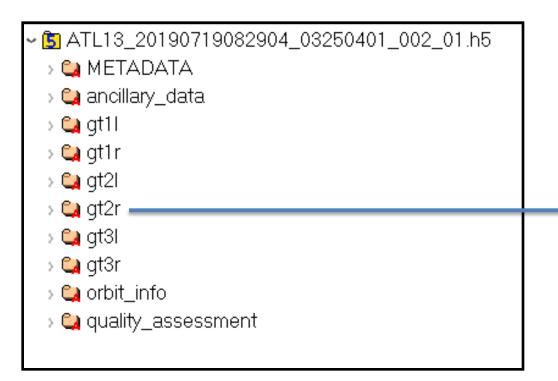
IMPORTANT METADATA

- ancillary_data > RGT, time start & end
- orbit_info > sc_orient



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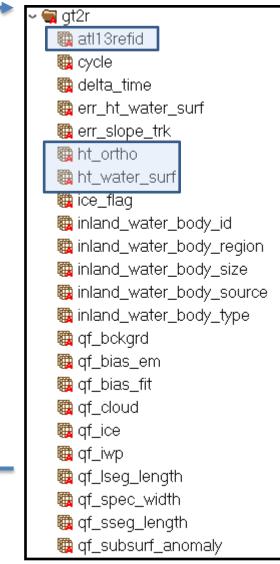




Product Highlights

atl13refid
ht_ortho
ht_water_surf
stdev_water_surf
subsurface_attenuation
water_depth

Unique water body identifier Water ht above EGM2008 Water ht above WGS84 Water surface standard dev Water profile ph attenuation [ht – corrected bottom ht]



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Data Format: Product Rate



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94	0.125	

- Short Segment rate
- 1-D arrays
- Mapped by ATL13refid
- Long Segment-derived products repeat



Summary



ATL13 delivers:

- water surface elevation RMSE ~ < 5-10 cm under most conditions:
- other ATL13 products are consistent w/above
- bathymetry products retrieved mainly in <u>clear waters and near shorelines</u>
 - best examples in coastal zones ~ 20-30 m
 - good cases for reservoirs ~10-15 m
 - full 2-D bathymetry requires merging with multispectral imagery
- ATL13 continuous products → suitable for detailed hydrologic analysis
- ATL22 transect mean products → More useful to applied science users
- especially water resources applications
- calibration of other satellite altimeters including radar

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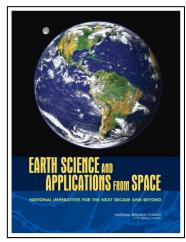
NASA Mission Applications

Why Mission Applications?

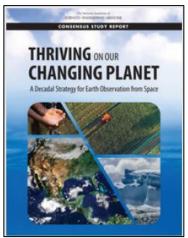
- Key component of the NASA Applied Sciences program
- Recommended as a priority by first Decadal Survey for Earth Science in 2007
- Recommended as a priority by second Decadal Survey for Earth Science in 2018







National Research Council Decadal Survey Report, Earth Science and Applications from Space (2007)



National Research Council Decadal Survey Report, Thriving on Our Changing Planet: A Decadal Strategy for Earth Observation from Space (2018)



ICESat-2 Applications Team

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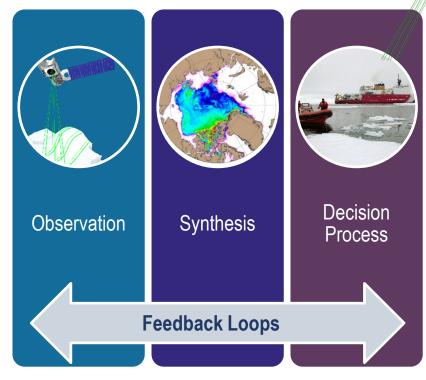
NASA ICESat-2 Applications

Program Overview

 Applications research provides fundamental knowledge of how mission data products can be scaled and integrated to inform resource management, policy development, and decision making.

We define applications as <u>innovative</u>
 <u>uses</u> of mission data products in
 <u>decision-making</u> activities for <u>societal</u>
 <u>benefit</u>

Identify and strengthen links between:



https://icesat-2.gsfc.nasa.gov/applications



Enhance Applications Research | Increase Collaboration | Accelerate Applications



ICESat-2 Key Data Characteristics

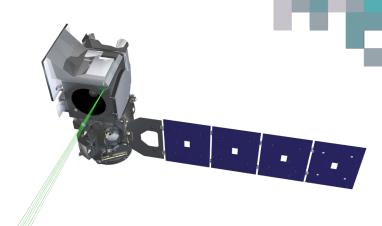
Lifetime: 3 years, with consumables for 5+

- Fuel should not be a limiting factor
- Operating on primary laser at energy level 4
- Equipped with redundant laser

Resolution: 6 beams, arranged in 3 pairs

- Single-photon sensitive detection, 532 nm wavelength
- 10 kHz pulse-rep. rate
- 11 m footprint
- spaced 0.7m along-track (1 measurement every 70 cm)
- Height accuracy currently better than 10 cm

Data Latency: 45 days for higher level data products

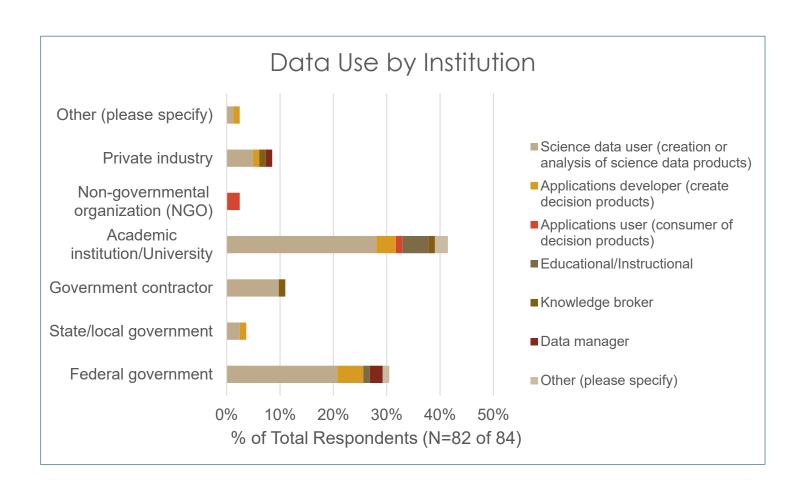


What opportunities and challenges exist in integrating ICESat-2 data for your application?



ICESat-2 Applications Community

The ICESat-2 Applications community consists of 651 individuals who have expressed interest in the practical use of ICESat-2 data by either signing up to the community mailing list or through actual engagement with the mission via the various outreach events and the Early Adopter/Applied Users programs.



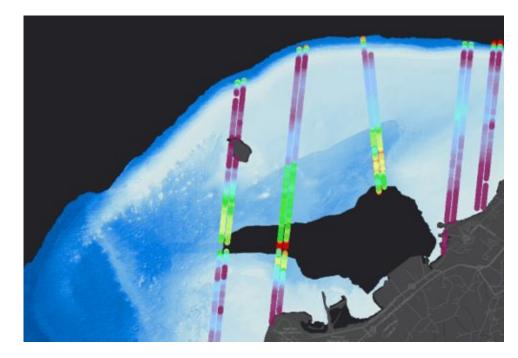




ICESat-2 Applications Examples

Applied User Spotlight: PI – Ross Smith, TCarta

- TCarta Marine, a global provider of marine maps, is using machine learning and artificial intelligence to estimate seafloor depth using data from ICESat-2.
- ICESat-2 has mapped over 147,925 km² of coastal regions, gauging seafloor depths down to 100 ft with a +/- 1.2 ft accuracy. Using this new tool, TCarta derived over 10.8 million depth measurements in over 45 locations around the world during 2020.



ICESat-2 paths off the coast of Saipan measure seafloor depth, used to calibrate & validate a 2-meter satellite-derived bathymetry model using Maxar WorldView-2 and other satellites. Learn more: NSF Story Map



ICESat-2 Applications Examples

Early Adopter Spotlight: PI – Rodrigo Paiva, Hydraulic Research Institute, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil



Water Resources Research

RESEARCH ARTICLE 10.1029/2018WR024010

Key Point

- Different past/present/future satellite altimetry missions are used for estimating effective river bathymetry through data
- It is introduced a Kalman filter method with hydraulically based variance and covariance for altimetry data assimilation
- Greater spatial coverage of satellite altimetry missions improves data assimilation performances to a limi

Supporting Information

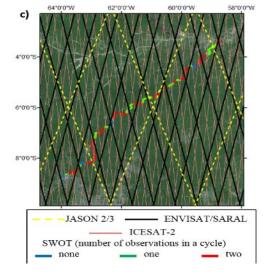
- Movie S1
- Movie S2

Assimilation of Satellite Altimetry Data for Effective River Bathymetry

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Abstract One of the main problems of hydrologic/hydrodynamic routing models is defining the right set of parameters, especially on inaccessible and/or large basins. Remote sensing techniques provide measurements of the basin topography, drainage system, and channel width; however current methods for estimating riverbed elevation are not as accurate. This paper presents methods of altimetry data assimilation (DA) for estimating effective bathymetry of a hydrodynamic model. We tested past altimetry observations from satellities ENVISAT, LCESAT, and JASON 2 and synthetic altimetry data from satellities SESAT 2, JASON 3, SARAL, and Surface Water and Ocean Topography to assess future/present mission's potential. The DA methods used were direct insertion, linear interpolation, the Shuffled Complex Evolution-University of Arizona optimization algorithm, and an adapted Kalman filter developed with

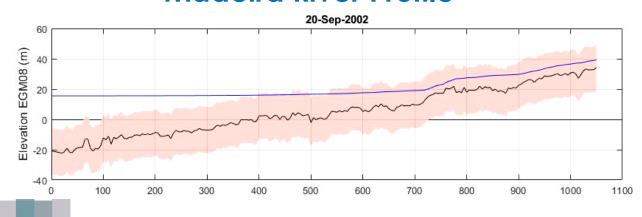


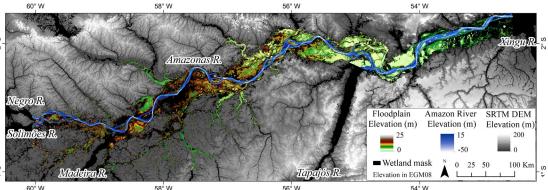
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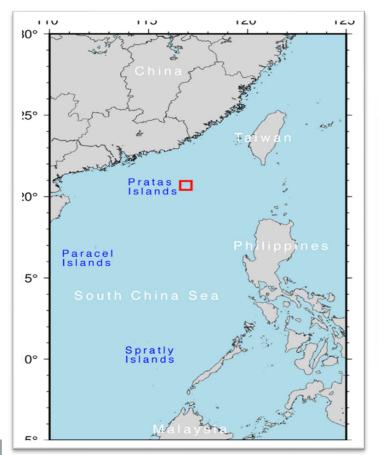


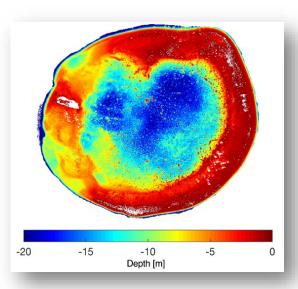




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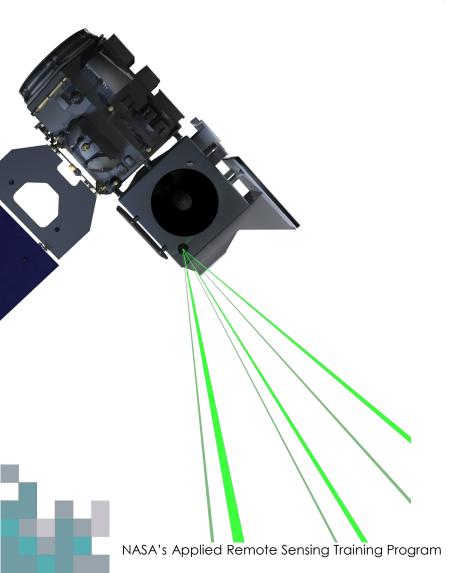


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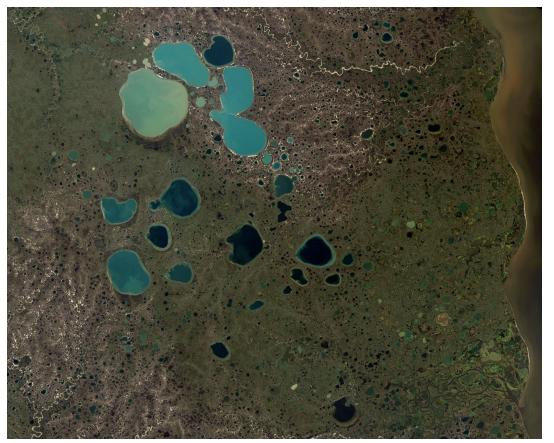
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