

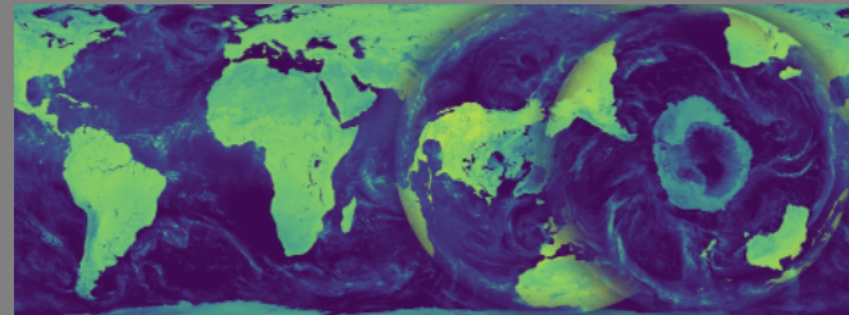
# C55B-0591 Building Trusted Satellite Passive Microwave Data Sets: New Advancements in Calibrated, Enhanced-Resolution Brightness Temperatures for Cryospheric Applications

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## About the CETB Data

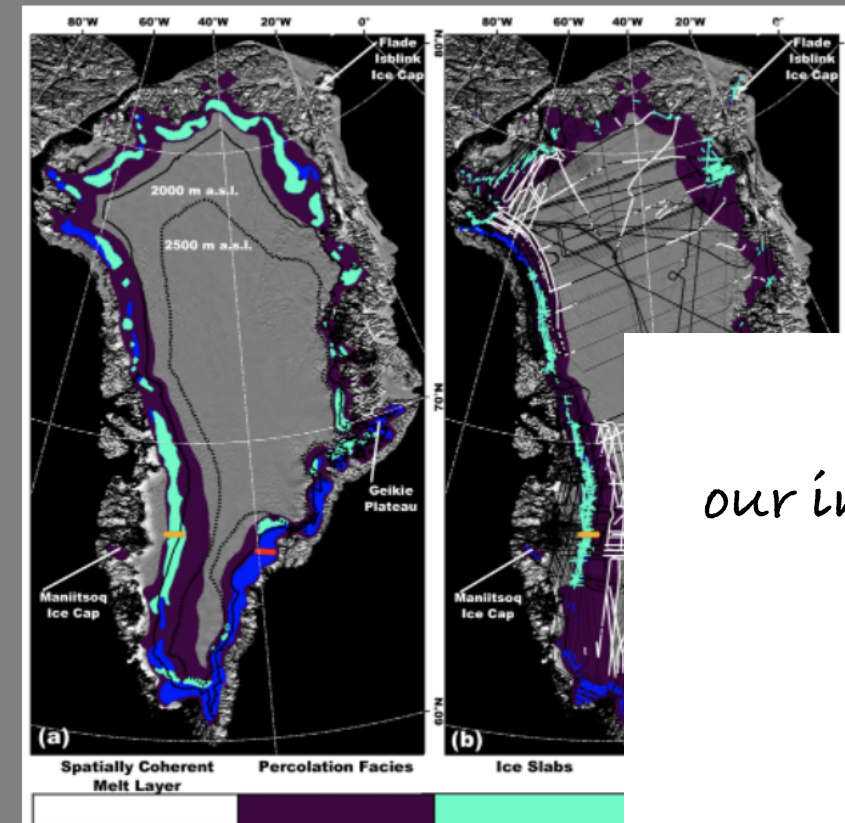


Calibrated, Enhanced-Resolution Daily EASE-Grid 2.0 Passive Microwave Brightness Temperatures (CETB) montage of cylindrical and Northern and Southern Hemisphere azimuthal projections.

Collected from passive microwave sensors observing the Earth since 1978, brightness temperatures are used to study

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## Mapping Ice Sheet Firm Aquifers

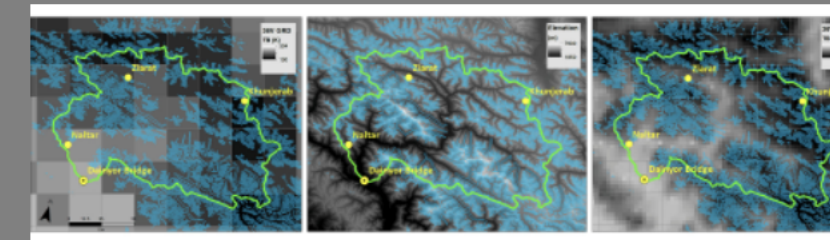


Perennial firm aquifer (blue shading), shading), and percolation facies (purple shading) extents (2015-2019) derived from SMAP images, overlaid (left) on the 2015 Melt Extent of Greenland (MOG) image map (Miller et al., 2018). SMAP-derived extents are overlaid with airborne radar-derived perennial ice slab and spatially coherent melt layer detections along OIB flight lines (Miller et al., 2021).

Recent research has demonstrated that perennial firm aquifers and ice slabs significantly affect the mass balance and overall stability of the Greenland Ice Sheet. Until now, maps of these areas have been limited to locations of airborne ice-penetrating radar. Using SMAP CETB enhanced-resolution L-band brightness temperature imagery and an empirical algorithm calibrated

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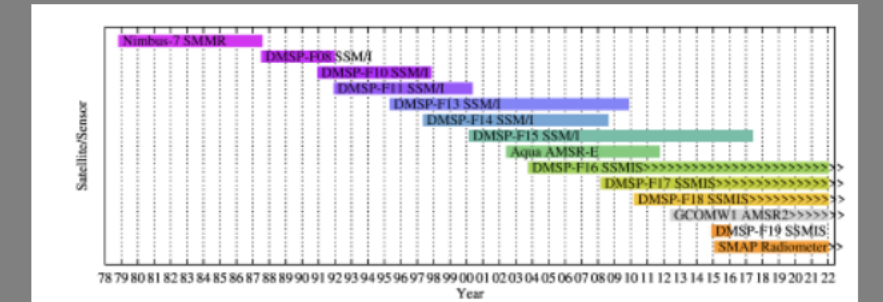
## Deriving Melt Onset



Hunza subbasin (green) of Upper Indus, AMSR-E 37 GHz vertically-polarized brightness temperatures (TBs), 2004 day 164, gridded at 5 km (left) compared to image at 3.125 km, to enhance spatial detail. Middle image shows elevation map for comparison. Image processing technique clearly produces melt onset variation due to elevation and temperature (darker) TBs in higher-

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## Conclusions & Data Updates

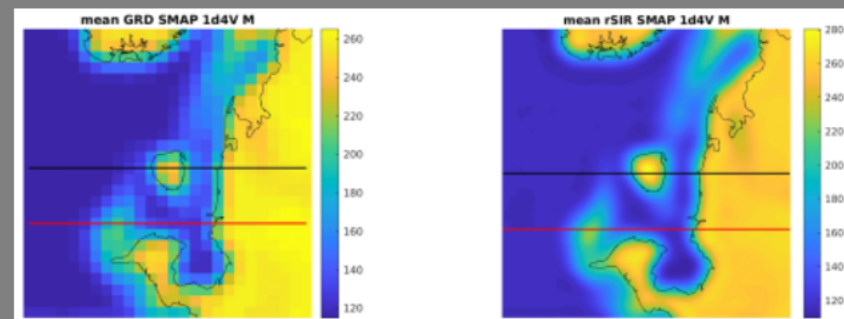


CETB passive microwave sensor timelines. Sensors indicated in color are currently included in CETB (AMSR2 is scheduled to be included in early 2022). Labels ending with ">>" indicate that sensor operation is ongoing, with daily, near real-time CETB processing ongoing.

Enhanced-resolution CETB images are being used to derive new insights about atmospheric

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## Effective Resolution Enhancement



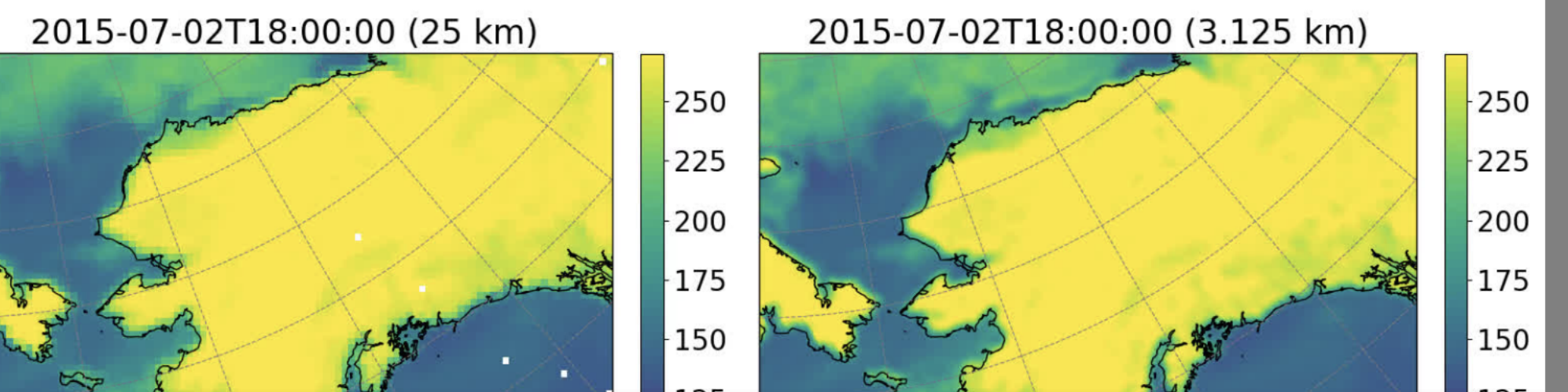
20-day average of daily SMAP V-pol TB images over the study area spanning day-of-year 91-110, 2015 with a coastline overlay, GRD (25 km, left) and rSIR (3.125 km, right). Note the apparent offset of the island in the GRD, which results from the coarse

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