

1 Supporting Information for

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3 **Relationships between Greenland Ice Sheet melt season surface speeds and modeled**
4 **effective pressures**

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27 **Text S1. Subglacial Hydrology Model Governing Equations**

28 The subglacial water flow model is the two-dimensional model of the subglacial drainage system
 29 used by *Banwell et al.* [2016] and originally developed by *Hewitt* [2013]. The model routes ice
 30 sheet surface meltwater input into a continuous “sheet” connected to discrete “channels” melted
 31 upwards into the base of the ice sheet [*Hewitt*, 2013]. A schematic of model parameters is given
 32 in Fig. 2. Water moves between the continuous sheet of some average thickness h , and flux, \mathbf{q}_s
 33 (vector quantity); channels of cross-sectional area S and discharge Q ; and englacial storage Σ , to
 34 maintain a continuous hydraulic potential ϕ given by

$$35 \phi = \rho_w g b + p_w, \quad (S.1)$$

36 where ρ_w is the water density, g is the gravitational acceleration, b is the basal elevation, and p_w
 37 is the water pressure. Water flux in the sheet \mathbf{q}_s is dependent on sheet thickness h , through

$$38 \mathbf{q}_s = -\frac{K_s h^3}{\rho_w g} \nabla \phi, \quad (S.2)$$

39 where K_s is the sheet flux coefficient controlling the sheet permeability, making $K_s h^3$ an effective
 40 hydraulic transmissivity.

41 Water in the sheet is further divided into two components: a cavity sheet of thickness h_{cav}
 42 and an elastic sheet of thickness h_{el} . The sum of the height of the cavity and elastic sheet is equal
 43 to total sheet thickness: $h = h_{cav} + h_{el}$. The thickness of the cavity sheet represents the height of
 44 water-filled cavities [*Creyts and Schoof*, 2009; *Schoof et al.*, 2012], and is a balance between the
 45 combined effects of basal ice melt and basal sliding opening cavities, and ice creep closing cavities
 46 according to

$$47 \frac{\partial h_{cav}}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_i} m + \frac{U_b (h_r - h_{cav})}{l_r} - \frac{2A}{n^n} h_{cav} |N|^{n-1} N, \quad (S.3)$$

48 where ρ_i is the ice density, m is the basal melting rate, U_b is the basal sliding speed, h_r is the bed
 49 roughness height scale, l_r is the bed roughness length scale, A is the creep parameter in Glen’s
 50 law, n is the creep exponent in Glen’s law, and N is the effective pressure ($N = p_i - p_w$). The
 51 magnitude of basal sliding speed U_b (scalar quantity) is prescribed everywhere to be 100 m yr^{-1} ,
 52 which is not ideal as winter surface ice velocities in the region range from $\sim 50\text{--}250 \text{ m yr}^{-1}$ (Fig.
 53 1c) and exhibit variability in speedup during the melt season (Fig. 1e) [*Joughin et al.*, 2013]. The
 54 fixed value of U_b is not ideal, as it results in a fixed rate of subglacial cavity opening (Eq. S.3).
 55 However, as most of the water flux is accommodated by channels during the melt season, a fixed
 56 U_b likely has minimal effect on model output.

57 Basal melting rate in the sheet, m , is prescribed everywhere to be 0.0059 m yr^{-1} based on
 58 an average geothermal heat flux, G , beneath Greenland of 0.063 W m^{-2} [*Rogozhina et al.*, 2012]
 59 according to the equation

$$60 m = \frac{G}{\rho_w L}, \quad (S.4)$$

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71 where L is the latent heat of melting.

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73 The elastic sheet is included to represent the elastic uplift or “hydraulic jacking” of ice
74 where $p_w > p_i$. Here h_{el} is related to effective pressure, $N = p_i - p_w$, through

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$$76 \quad h_{el} = \begin{cases} -C_{el} \left(N - \frac{1}{2} N_0 \right), & N < 0 \\ C_{el} \frac{(N_0 - N)^2}{2N_0}, & 0 < N < N_0 \\ 0, & N > N_0 \end{cases} \quad (S.5)$$

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78 where C_{el} is the uplift compliance and N_0 is a small regularizing pressure used to smooth this
79 relationship. Based on this form, h_{el} is zero when N is positive ($p_i > p_w$), but increases rapidly
80 when p_w approaches or exceeds p_i ($N \leq 0$). A constant value for C_{el} of $1.02 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m Pa}^{-1}$ is set
81 for all model runs, resulting in 1 m of uplift for 100 m of excess hydraulic head (There is a typo in
82 the value of C_{el} in *Banwell et al.* [2016]). While this treatment of h_{el} allows for the injection of
83 a large amount of meltwater into the subglacial drainage system without generating unrealistically
84 large water pressures in the cavity layer or channels, elastic bending stress in the ice is not
85 accounted for. For example, a non-zero h_{el} at one node does not necessarily cause its neighboring
86 nodes to also become hydraulically jacked. Rather, the activation of the elastic sheet affects the
87 pressure gradient between neighboring nodes. As stated above, the sum of the height of the cavity
88 and elastic sheet is the total sheet thickness, which drives discharge in the sheet (Eq. S.2).

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90 Water in the sheet is connected to discrete channels. Water discharge in the channels, Q , is
91 given by

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$$93 \quad Q = -K_c S^{\frac{5}{4}} \left| \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} \right|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s}, \quad (S.6)$$

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95 where K_c is a turbulent flow coefficient for channel flow, and S is the cross-sectional area of
96 channel at a distance along the channel s . The growth and decay of channel cross-sectional area is
97 a competition between the melt back and creep closure of channel walls given by

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$$99 \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_i} M - \frac{2A}{n^n} S |N|^{n-1} N, \quad (S.7)$$

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101 where M is the melting rate. The melting rate M , is expressed as

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$$103 \quad M = \frac{|Q \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s}|}{\rho_w L} + \frac{\lambda_c |q \cdot \nabla \Phi|}{\rho_w L}, \quad (S.8)$$

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105 where λ_c is the incipient sheet width contributing to channel melting (the length scale over which
106 ice melting contributes to channel formation). The first term is the channel melting rate as a
107 function of channel discharge and hydraulic potential along the channel, and the second term
108 should be viewed as a parameterization of how small channels emerge from a sheet flow [*Hewitt*
109 *et al.*, 2012]. The appropriate value for λ_c is rather uncertain and discussed in Section 4.4.1.

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111 Finally, mass conservation is expressed as a balance between the sheet, channels, and
 112 englacial storage with basal melting, channel wall melting, and surface runoff inputs R according
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$$114 \left[\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_s \right] + \left[\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial s} \right] \delta(x_c) + \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = m + M\delta(x_c) + R, \quad (\text{S.9})$$

116 where Σ is englacial storage, which represents the additional water storage in connected englacial
 117 void space [Harper *et al.*, 2010; Bartholomaus *et al.*, 2011; Hewitt, 2013]. Englacial storage is
 118 related to water pressure through
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$$120 \Sigma = \sigma \frac{p_w}{\rho_w g} + A_m \frac{p_w}{\rho_w g} \delta(x_m), \quad (\text{S.10})$$

122 where σ is the connected void fraction of the ice and A_m is the cross-sectional area of the moulin.
 123 For Eqs. S.9 and S.10, the delta functions only apply at the line positions of the channels, $x_c(s)$,
 124 and the point positions of moulins, x_m .

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128 **Text S2. Numerical procedure**

129 The subglacial hydrology equations above are discretized onto a two-dimensional, regular
 130 rectangular mesh and solved using a finite difference approach [Hewitt, 2013]. Nodes are spaced
 131 900-m apart. The continuous variables hydraulic potential ϕ , water sheet thickness h , and water
 132 pressure p_w are discretized onto the nodes of the grid. Every node on the grid is the center of a
 133 finite volume square over which flux in the sheet, \mathbf{q}_s , is calculated. Eight potential channels
 134 connect every node to its closest surrounding eight nodes. Moulins are defined on a selection of
 135 the nodes x_m chosen based on the surface runoff forcing as discussed in Section 4.3.2.4. The non-
 136 linear system for the evolution of p_w , h , and S described in Eqs. (S.1–S.10) is solved at each
 137 timestep using an iterative Newton method with variable time step length based on the success of
 138 the last iteration. The maximum time step the model can take is set to one day, with time steps
 139 decreasing to only a couple hours during periods of high surface runoff during the melt season.

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142 **Text S3. Coherence and spectral estimation.**

143 We employ coherence estimates to compare goodness of fit between surface speeds, static
 144 variables, and model output effective pressures. Coherence is a bivariate statistic in the spectral
 145 domain that is analogous to correlation in the spatial domain [Simons *et al.*, 2000]. Coherence
 146 measures the phase relationship between two signals, with high coherence values indicating
 147 constructive interference at wavenumbers where the two signals are correlated [for review, see
 148 Kirby, 2014]. For geophysical problems, one-dimensional coherence was first used by Forsyth
 149 [1985] to estimate flexural rigidity of the lithosphere through coherence between topography and
 150 gravity anomalies along transects across continental rift valleys [Forsyth, 1985]. The approach
 151 was expanded by Simons *et al.* [2000] to investigate two-dimensional lithospheric loading from
 152 the coherence between two-dimensional fields of topography and gravity anomalies [Simons *et al.*,
 153 2000, 2003]. The coherence estimation between two two-dimensional fields yields information in
 154 the spectral, spatial, and azimuthal domains, which provides the wavelength, spatial, and
 155 directional dependence of the coherence between the two fields, respectively [Simons *et al.*, 2003].

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We follow the methodology and analysis routines of *Simons et al.* [2000] for estimating two-dimensional coherence of stationary fields. For two stochastic fields (*e.g.*, surface ice velocity (X) and bedrock topography (Y)) defined on \mathbf{d} in the spatial domain and \mathbf{k} in the Fourier domain, the coherence-square function between the two fields, γ_{XY}^2 , is the ratio between the magnitude of the fields' cross-spectral density, S_{XY} , and the power spectral density of the individual fields, S_{XX} and S_{YY} :

$$\gamma_{XY}^2(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{|S_{XY}(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{k})|^2}{S_{XX}(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{k})S_{YY}(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{k})}. \quad (\text{S.11})$$

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Like correlation estimates, coherence-square estimates range from $0 < \gamma_{XY}^2 < 1$, with $\gamma_{XY}^2 = 1$ indicating an entirely consistent phase relationship between both fields [*Simons et al.*, 2003].

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Some amount of averaging in the wavenumber domain must be completed prior to calculating γ_{XY}^2 to prevent the ratio of periodograms expressed in Eq. S.11 from always yielding $\gamma_{XY}^2 = 1$ [*Bendat and Piersol*, 1993]. Following *Simons et al.* [2000], we use multitaper spectral estimation [*Thomson*, 1982] with two-dimensional Slepian tapers [*Slepian*, 1978] on a Cartesian plane to perform this wavenumber averaging. A weighted average of the spectra is created by multiplying the data by a set of several chosen tapers, taking the two-dimensional Fourier transform of these data-taper products, and finally taking an average in wavenumber space of the resulting power spectra [*Kirby*, 2014]. The result is a coherence-square estimation over the wavenumber domain, $\gamma_{XY}^2(\mathbf{k}_X, \mathbf{k}_Y)$. Isotropic coherence-square estimates, $\gamma^2(|\mathbf{k}|)$, are calculated by averaging over 360° of azimuth around logarithmically-spaced annuli in the wavenumber domain [*Kirby*, 2014]. A coherence-square estimation of synthetic data is provided in Figure S4 to illustrate this methodology.

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The number and bandwidth of the chosen set of tapers determines the wavenumber resolution and variance of the coherence-square estimate [*Simons et al.*, 2000]. A higher number of tapers and/or a wider taper bandwidth reduces the variance in the coherence-square estimate and reduces the waveband resolution [*Kirby*, 2014]. Most studies choose taper bandwidths to be the width of 2–5 wavenumber bands [*Simons et al.*, 2000; *Kirby*, 2014]. For this study, we set the taper bandwidth, NW , to 3 and the number of tapers K to 4 for all coherence-square estimates.

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As the coherence-square estimate is a statistic, the variance of the isotropic coherence-square estimate is calculated following the Cramer-Rao lower bound:

$$\sigma^2\{\gamma^2(|\mathbf{k}|)\} = \frac{2\gamma^2(1-\gamma^2)^2}{J\Lambda}, \quad (\text{S.12})$$

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which is a measurement of variance determined by maximum likelihood estimates [*Seymour and Cumming*, 1994; *Simons et al.*, 2003], where J is the number of uncorrelated spectral estimators over which the coherence-square estimate is made [*Simons et al.*, 2003], and Λ is the number of points in the wavenumber annuli [*Simons et al.*, 2000]. In our two-dimensional case, $J = K^2$ [*Simons et al.*, 2003]. As we have set $K = 4$, $J = K^2 = 16$ uncorrelated spectral estimators. Error estimates of $\gamma^2(|\mathbf{k}|)$ presented throughout the paper are two standard deviations, 2σ . With $J = 16$,

200 the 2σ values across all possible $\gamma^2(|\mathbf{k}|)$ values increases with increasing wavelength, from a
201 minimum of 0.025 at 2 km wavelength to maximum of 0.96 at 30.9 km wavelength.

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203 Finally, the range of wavelengths we can investigate in the spectral domain is set by our
204 data length, (N_x, N_y) , and data spacing, (dx, dy) , in the spatial domain. Our coherence-square
205 estimates are constrained by surface velocity data from single-look complex TerraSAR-X radar
206 images, which have $dx = dy = 0.1 \text{ km}$, $N_x = 309$ data points, and $N_y = 552$ data points. The
207 longest resolvable wavelength (the Rayleigh wavelength, λ_R) is set by the shorter x dimension to
208 be $\lambda_{Rx} = N_x dx = 30.9 \text{ km}$. The shortest resolvable wavelength in either direction is the Nyquist
209 wavelength, $\lambda_N = 2 dx = 0.2 \text{ km}$.

210 **Table S1: Values and ranges used for model parameters.**

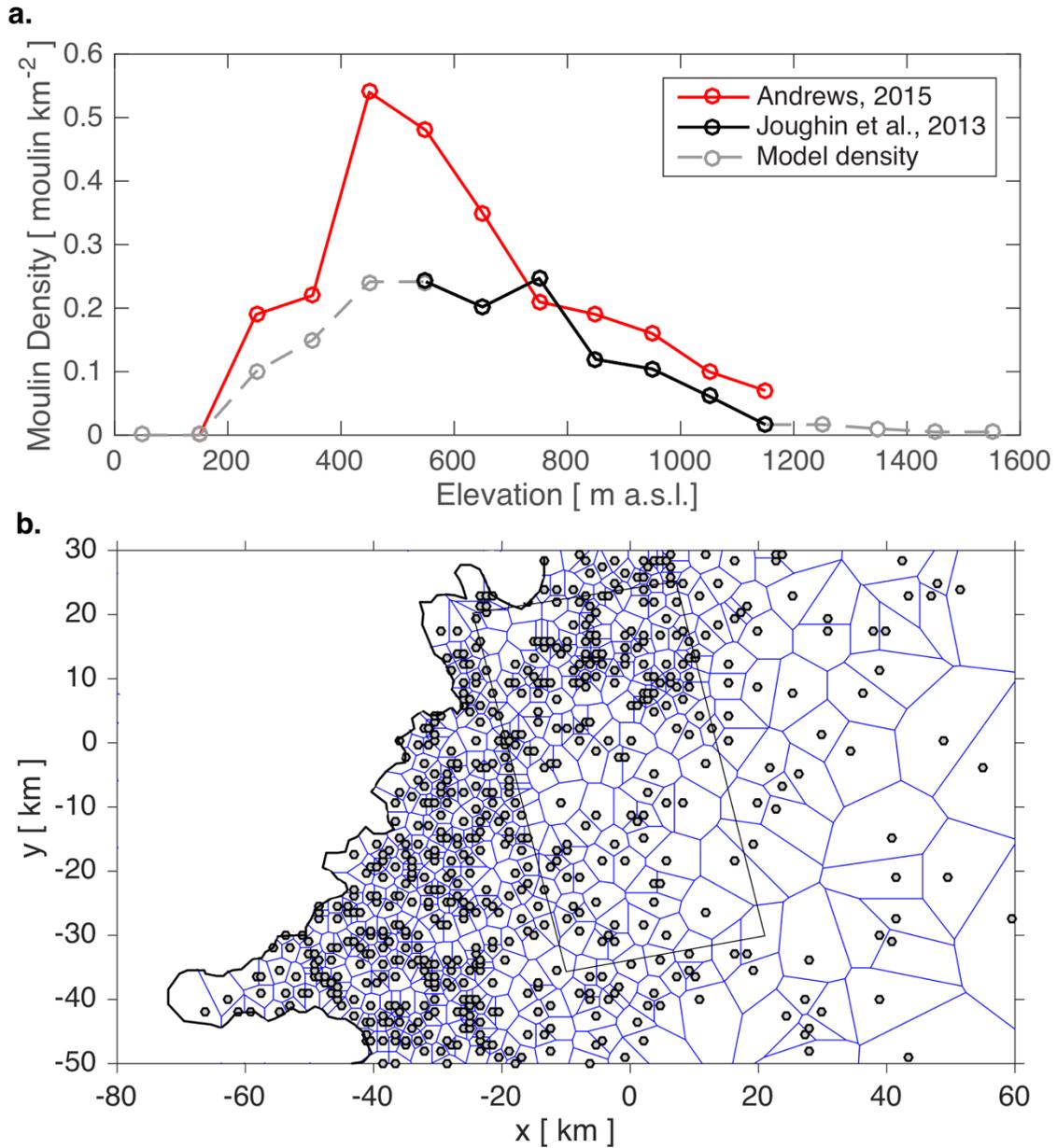
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ρ_w	Water density	1000 kg m ⁻³
ρ_i	Ice density	910 kg m ⁻³
g	Gravitational acceleration	9.8 m s ⁻²
A	Glen's law fluidity coefficient	6.8×10^{-24} Pa ⁻³ s ⁻¹
n	Glen's law exponent	3
L	Latent heat of melting	3.5×10^5 J kg ⁻³
G	Greenland geothermal heat flux	0.063 W m ⁻² **
σ	Englacial void fraction	[10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻²]
K_c	Turbulent flow coefficient for channel flow	0.1 m s ⁻¹ Pa ^{-1/2}
K_s	Sheet flux coefficient (sheet permeability)	[10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻²] m ⁻¹ s ⁻¹ *
λ_c	Sheet width contributing to melting	[100; 1000; 5000] m *
c	Specific heat capacity of water	4200 J kg ⁻¹ K ⁻¹
β	Melting point pressure gradient	7.8×10^{-8} K Pa ⁻¹
h_r	Bed roughness height scale	0.1 m
l_r	Bed roughness length scale	10 m
U_b	Basal sliding speed	100 m yr ⁻¹
C_{el}	Uplift regularization rate	1.02×10^{-6} m Pa ⁻¹
A_m	Moulin cross-sectional area	10 m ²

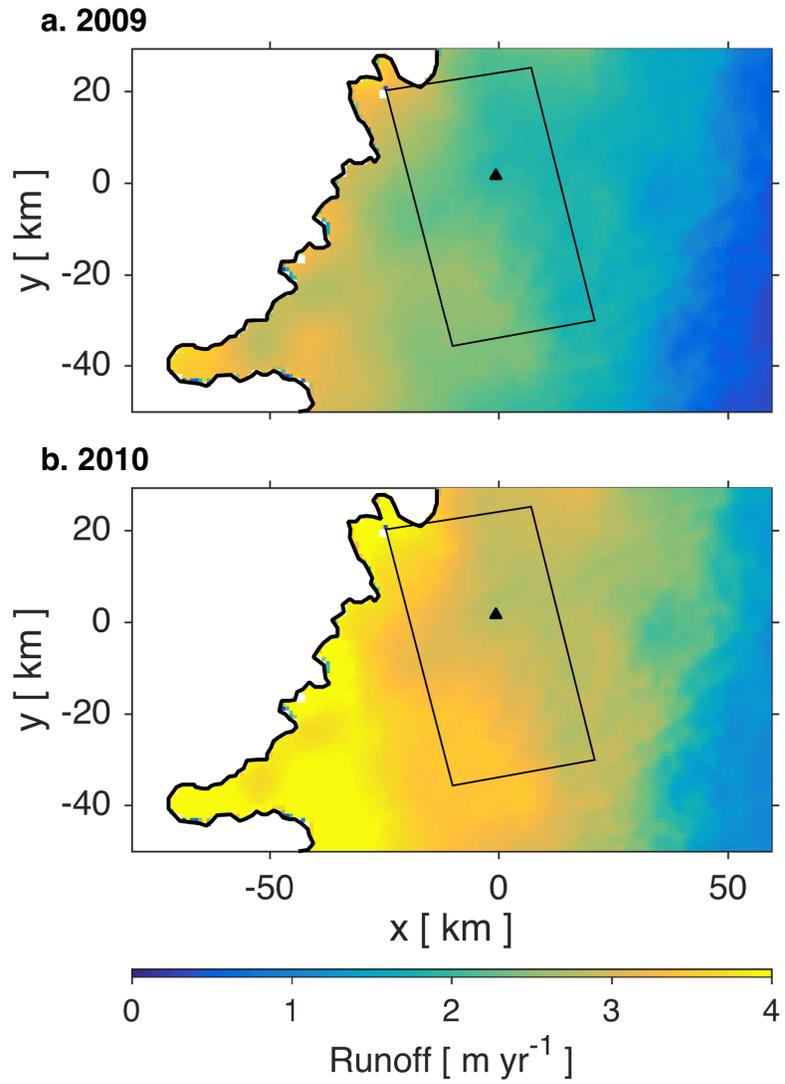
212 * range of values that differs from *Banwell et al.* (2016)

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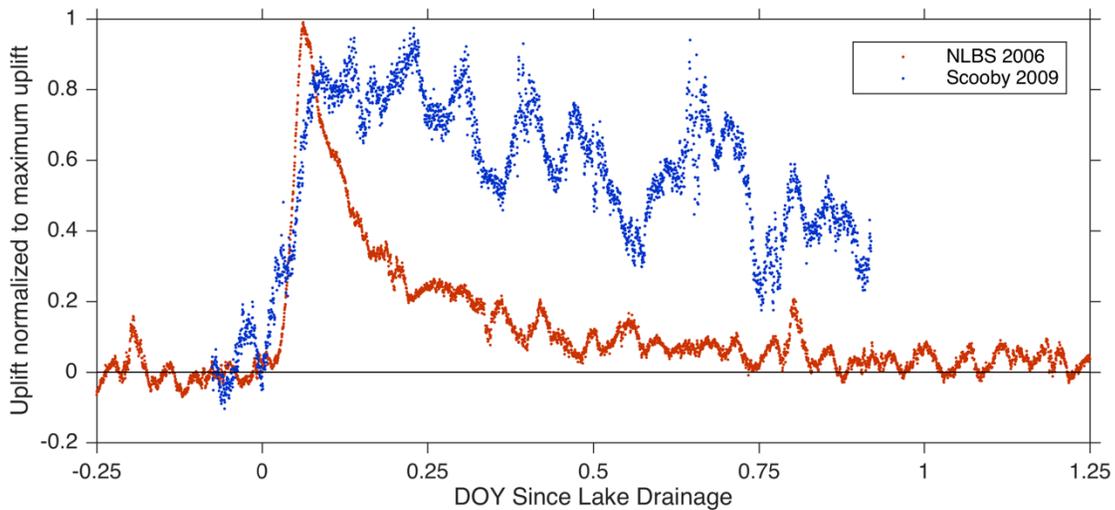
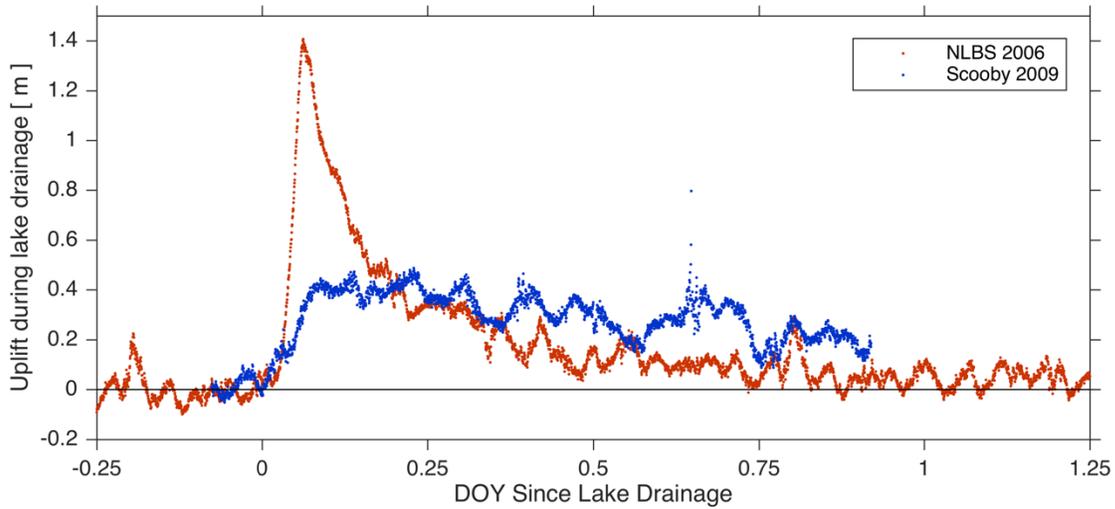


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 216 **Figure S1. Moulin density and discrete surface runoff catchment delineation.** (a) Moulin
 217 density versus elevation from *Joughin et al.* [2013] map (black), the Paakitsoq region (red) (from
 218 *Andrews* [2015]), and the model domain (grey). (b) Voronoi cells calculated for discrete moulin
 219 locations \mathbf{x}_m (grey circles).

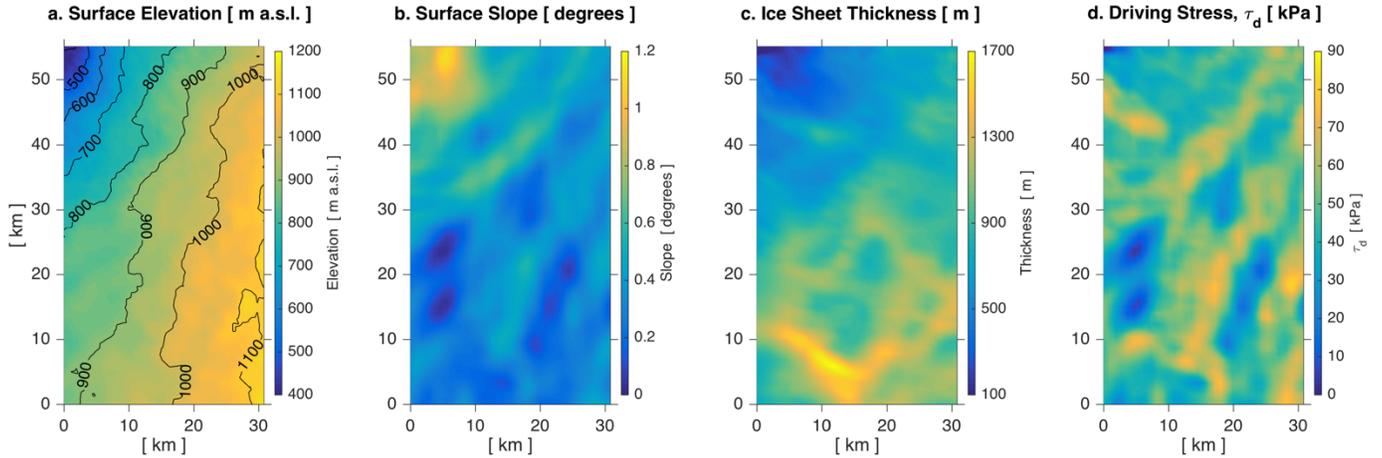


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Figure S2. Total runoff across the model domain in (a) 2009 and (b) 2010.

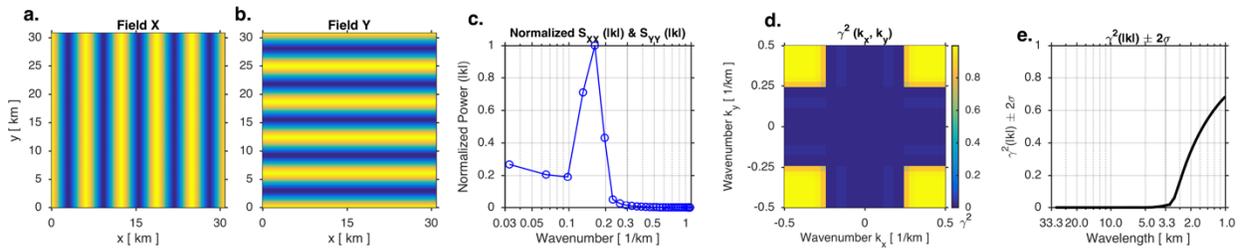


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 225 **Figure S3: Surface ice displacement during the rapid drainage of North Lake on 2006 DOY**
 226 **210 and 2009 DOY 168.** (a) Uplift of NLBS GPS station in 2006 (red) and “Scooby” GPS station
 227 in 2009 (blue) during North Lake rapid drainage events. Both stations are located at 68.74° N
 228 49.50° W, roughly 1.5 km north of the lake margin. (b) Uplift of the same two stations normalized
 229 to their maximum uplift during respective North Lake rapid drainage events.



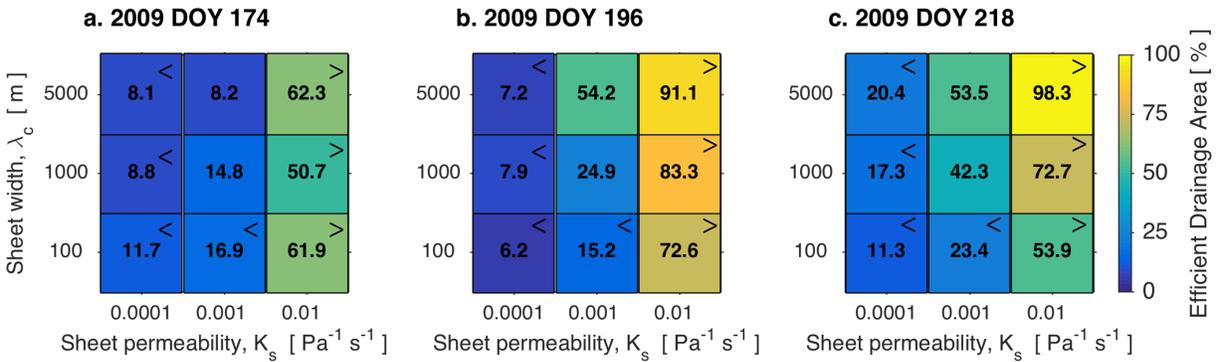
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231 **Figure S4: Surface elevation, surface slope, ice sheet thickness, and driving stress τ_d for the**
232 **TerraSAR-X region.**

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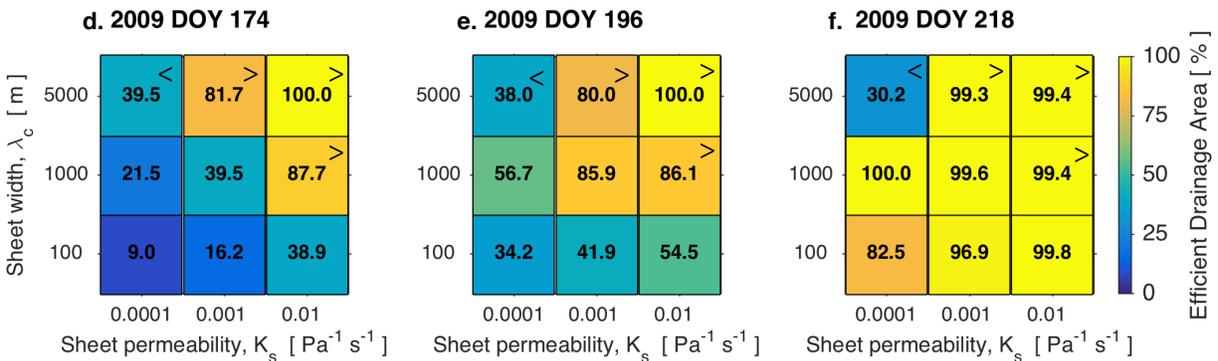


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244 **Figure S5. Coherence-square estimation of synthetic data.** 2-dimensional, 6-km wavelength
245 sine wave along the (a) x-axis and (b) y-axis. (c) Isotropically averaged power of the two fields'
246 power spectral densities, \mathbf{S}_{XX} and \mathbf{S}_{YY} , plotted by wavenumber. Power is plotted normalized to the
247 maximum value in each fields' isotropically averaged power. Power for each field peaks at $0.1\bar{6}$
248 wavenumber, which is at 6-km wavelength (wavenumber = 1/wavelength). (d) The coherence-
249 square estimates between fields X (a) and Y (b) in wavenumber space, $\gamma^2(\mathbf{k}_X, \mathbf{k}_Y)$, where the
250 smallest wavenumbers (largest, Rayleigh wavelengths) plot in the center of plot ($\mathbf{k}_X = \lambda_R$, $\mathbf{k}_Y =$
251 λ_R), and the largest wavenumbers (smallest, Nyquist wavelengths) plot at the edges of the plot.
252 The scale for the \mathbf{k}_X and \mathbf{k}_Y axes are linear in wavenumber. Wavenumber axis is log scale. Zero
253 coherence is observed along the \mathbf{k}_X and \mathbf{k}_Y axes where the two fields have destructive interference.
254 Coherence between the two fields switches to 1 at wavenumbers above 0.25 and wavelengths
255 smaller than 4 km. (e) The isotropically averaged coherence-square estimate, $\gamma^2(|\mathbf{k}|) \pm 2\sigma$,
256 between fields a and b. The log x-axis is equivalent to the axis in panel c, but x-axis tickmarks are
257 now labeled in wavelength.

Distributed Surface Input ($\sigma=0.01$)



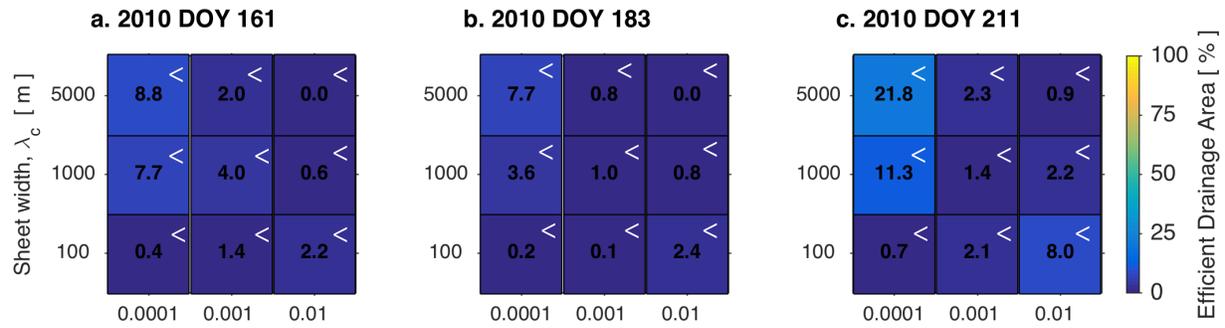
Distributed Surface Input ($\sigma=0.0001$)



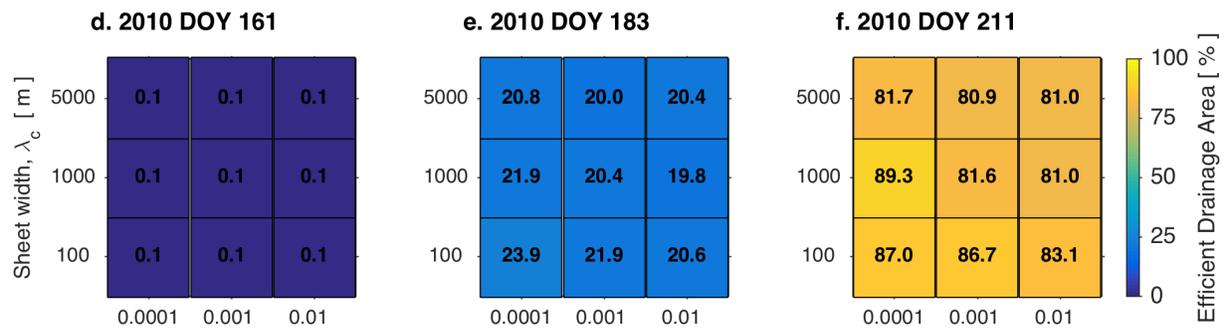
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Figure S6. Region of efficient drainage area for 2009 distributed surface runoff input at $\sigma = 0.01$ and $\sigma = 0.0001$. Percentage of efficient drainage area across K_s and λ_c parameter space for distributed surface input models on DOY (a) 174, (b) 196, and (c) 218 of 2009 with $\sigma = 0.01$. Percentage of efficient drainage area across K_s and λ_c parameter space for distributed surface input models on DOY (d) 174, (e) 196, and (f) 218 of 2009 with $\sigma = 0.0001$. Efficient drainage area is defined as the area within the TerraSAR-X region where $N > 0$ and $q > 0.001 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. “>” mark models that channelize too quickly with an EDA $> 40\%$ on DOY 174 2009. “<” mark models that channelize too slowly with an EDA $< 40\%$ on DOY 218 2009.

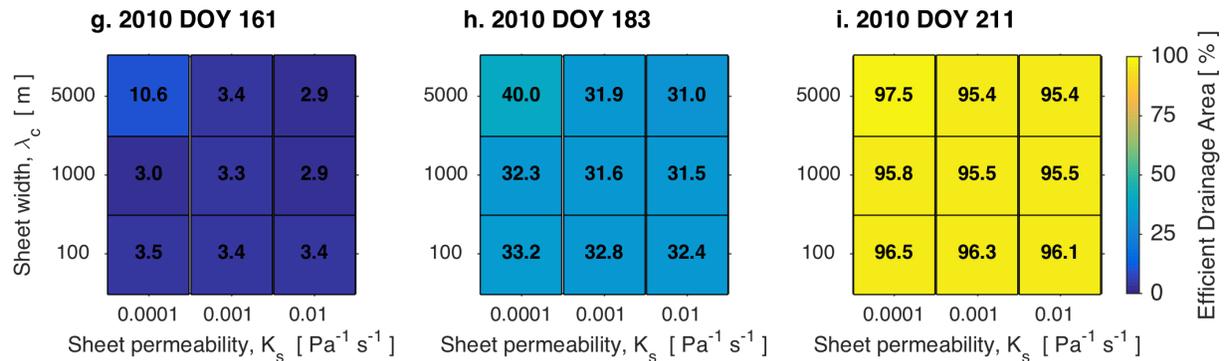
High Englacial Storage Volume ($\sigma=0.01$)



Medium Englacial Storage Volume ($\sigma=0.001$)



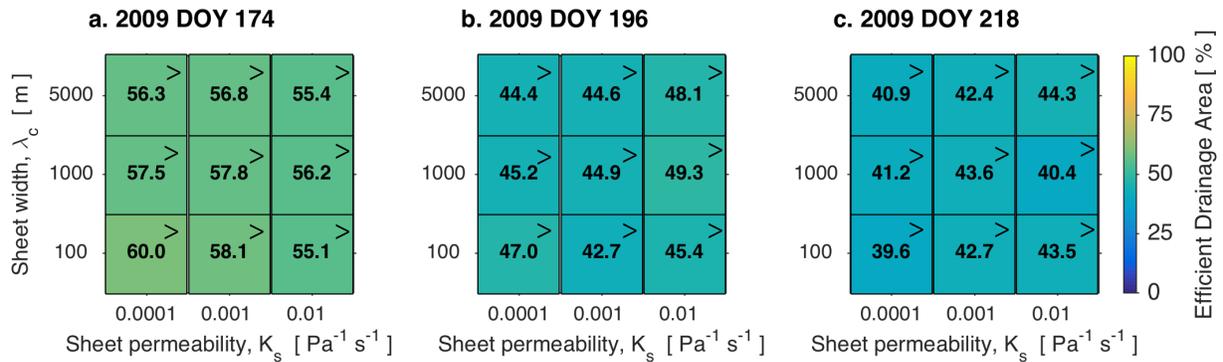
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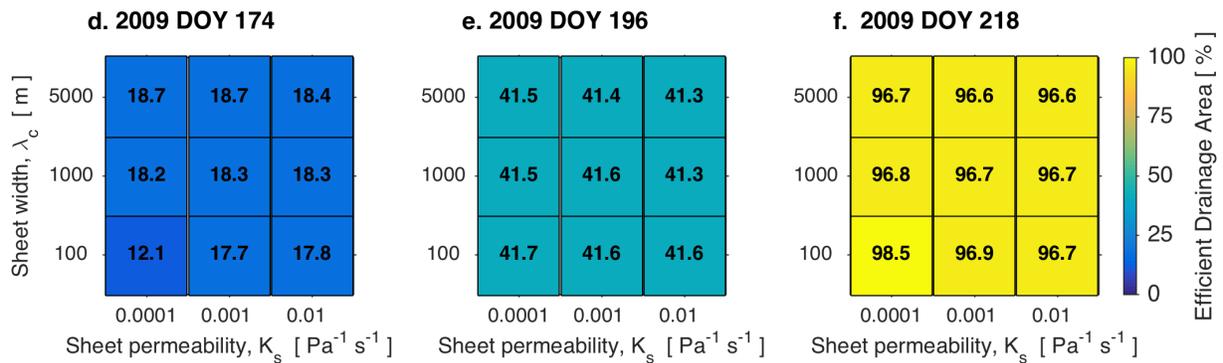
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Figure S7. Region of efficient drainage area for 2010 distributed surface runoff input. Percentage of efficient drainage area across K_s and λ_c parameter space for distributed surface input models on DOY 161, 183, and 211 of 2010. Efficient drainage area (EDA) is defined as the area within the TerraSAR-X region where $N > 0$ and $q > 0.001 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Englacial void fraction σ decreases down the three rows of the figure from $\sigma = 0.01$ (a–c), to $\sigma = 0.001$ (d–f), to $\sigma = 0.0001$ (g–i). “<” mark models that channelize too slowly with an EDA < 40% on DOY 211 2010.

Discrete (Moulin) Surface Input ($\sigma=0.01$)



Discrete (Moulin) Surface Input ($\sigma=0.0001$)

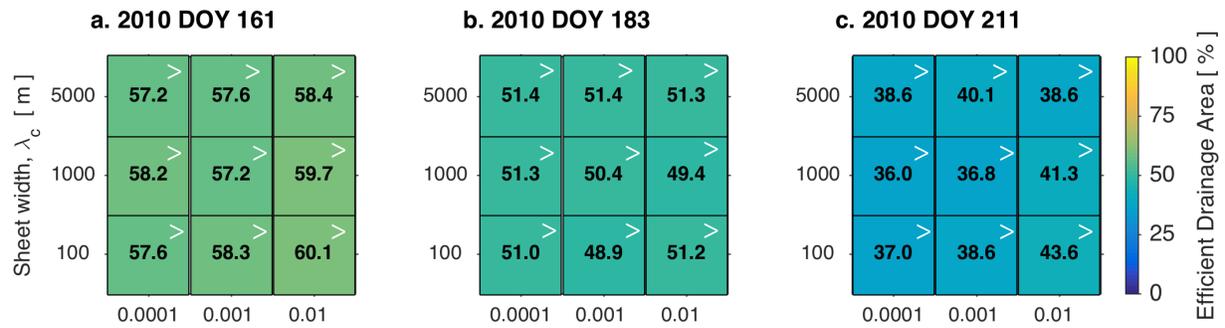


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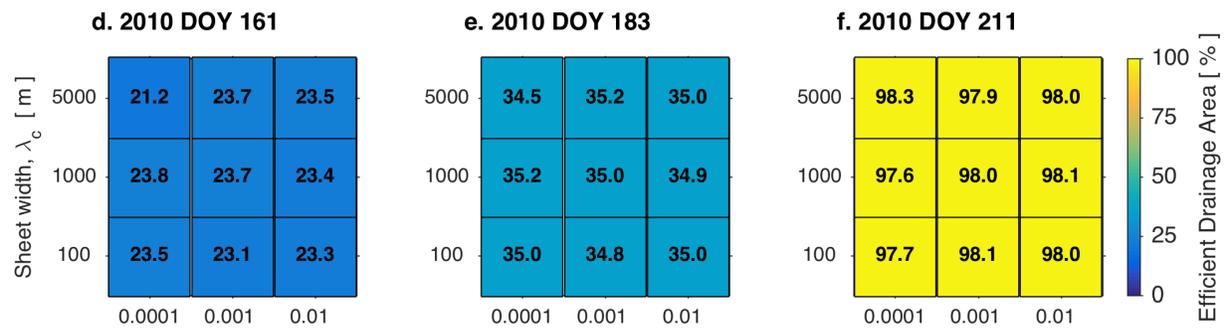
278 **Figure S8. Region of efficient drainage area for 2009 discrete surface runoff input at $\sigma =$**
 279 **0.01 and $\sigma = 0.0001$.** Percentage of efficient drainage area across K_s and λ_c parameter space
 280 for discrete surface input models on DOY (a) 174, (b) 196, and (c) 218 of 2009 with $\sigma = 0.01$.
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 282 models on DOY (d) 174, (e) 196, and (f) 218 of 2009 with $\sigma = 0.0001$. Efficient drainage area is
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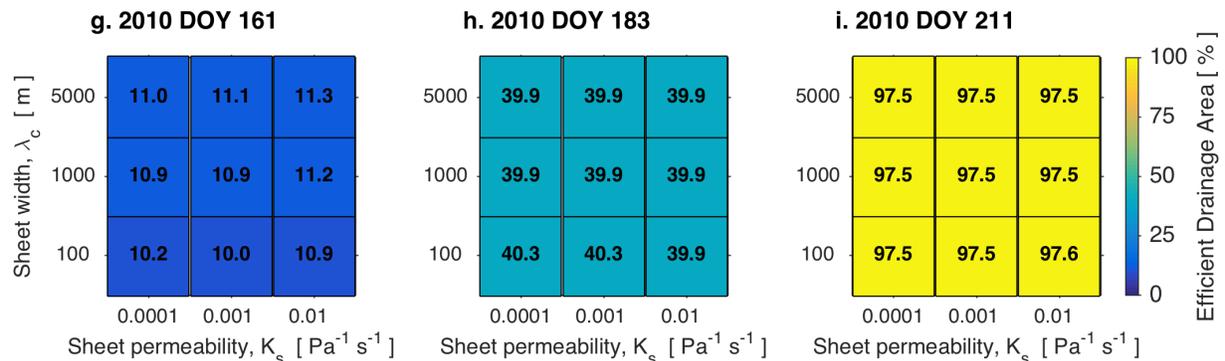
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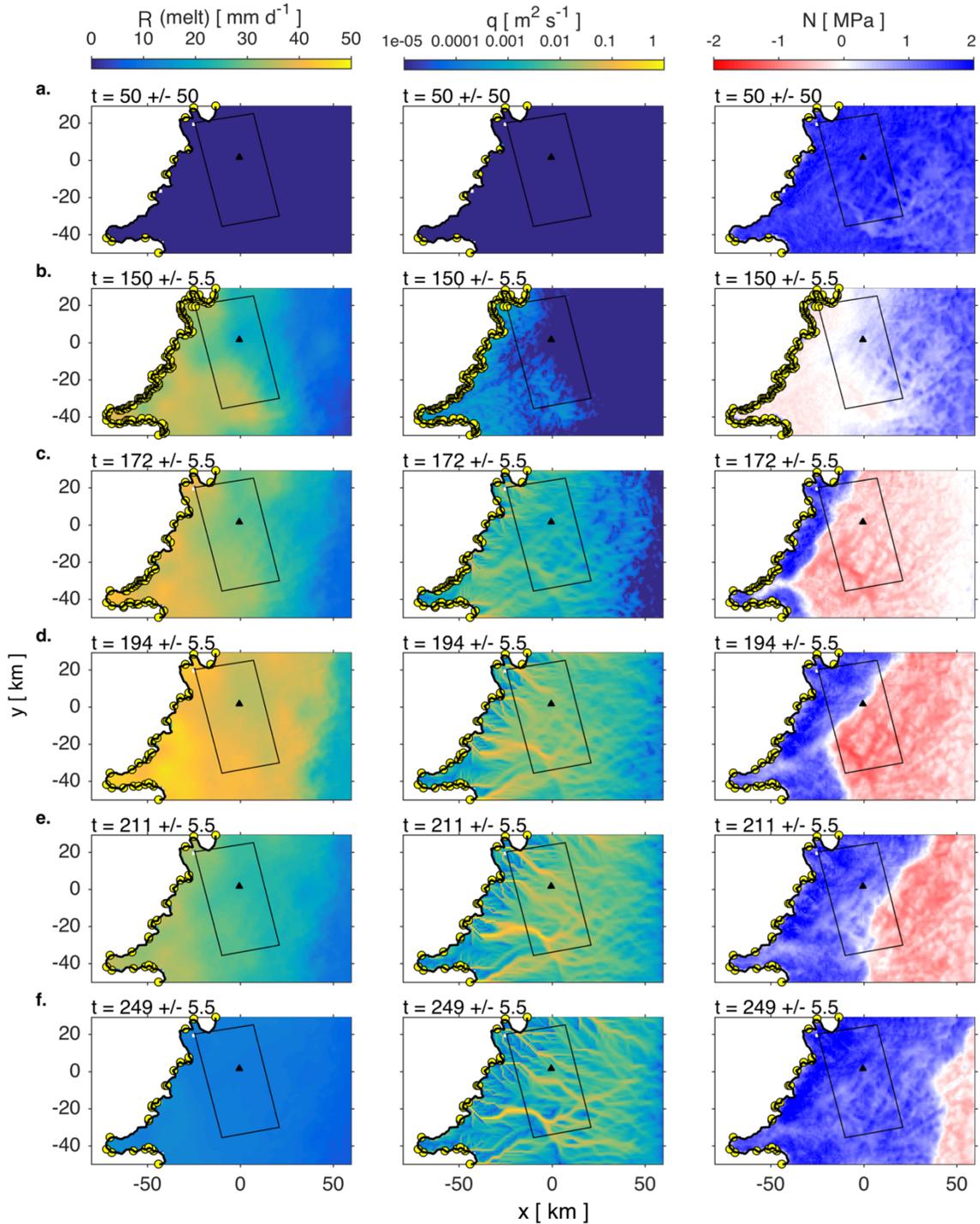


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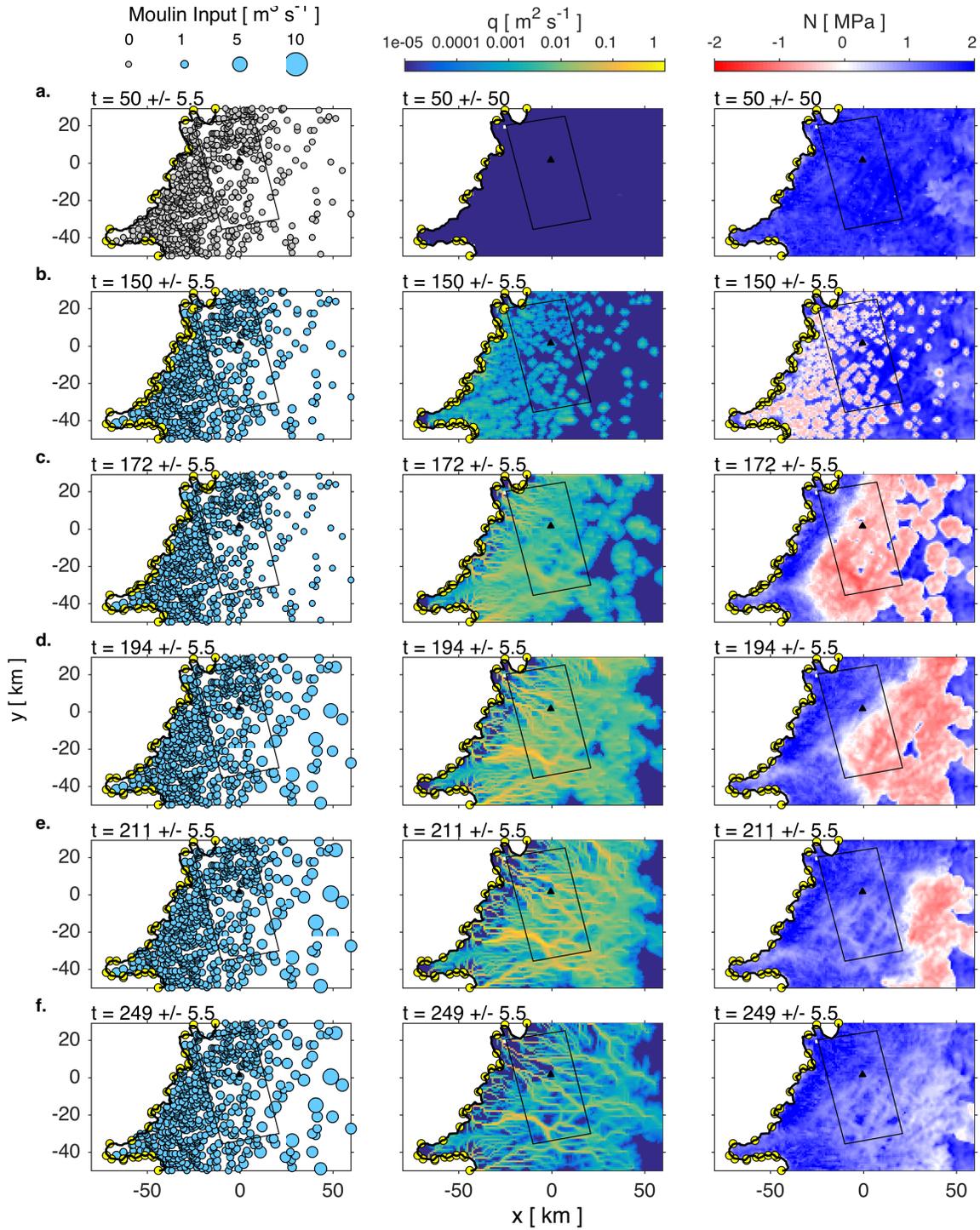


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Figure S9. Region of efficient drainage area for 2010 discrete surface runoff input. Percentage of efficient drainage area across K_s and λ_c parameter space for discrete surface input models on DOY 161, 183, and 211 of 2010. Efficient drainage area (EDA) is defined as the area within the TerraSAR-X region where $N > 0$ and $q > 0.001 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Englacial void fraction σ decreases down the three rows of the figure from $\sigma = 0.01$ (a–c), to $\sigma = 0.001$ (d–f), to $\sigma = 0.0001$ (g–i). “>” mark models that channelize too quickly with an EDA > 40% on DOY 161 2010.

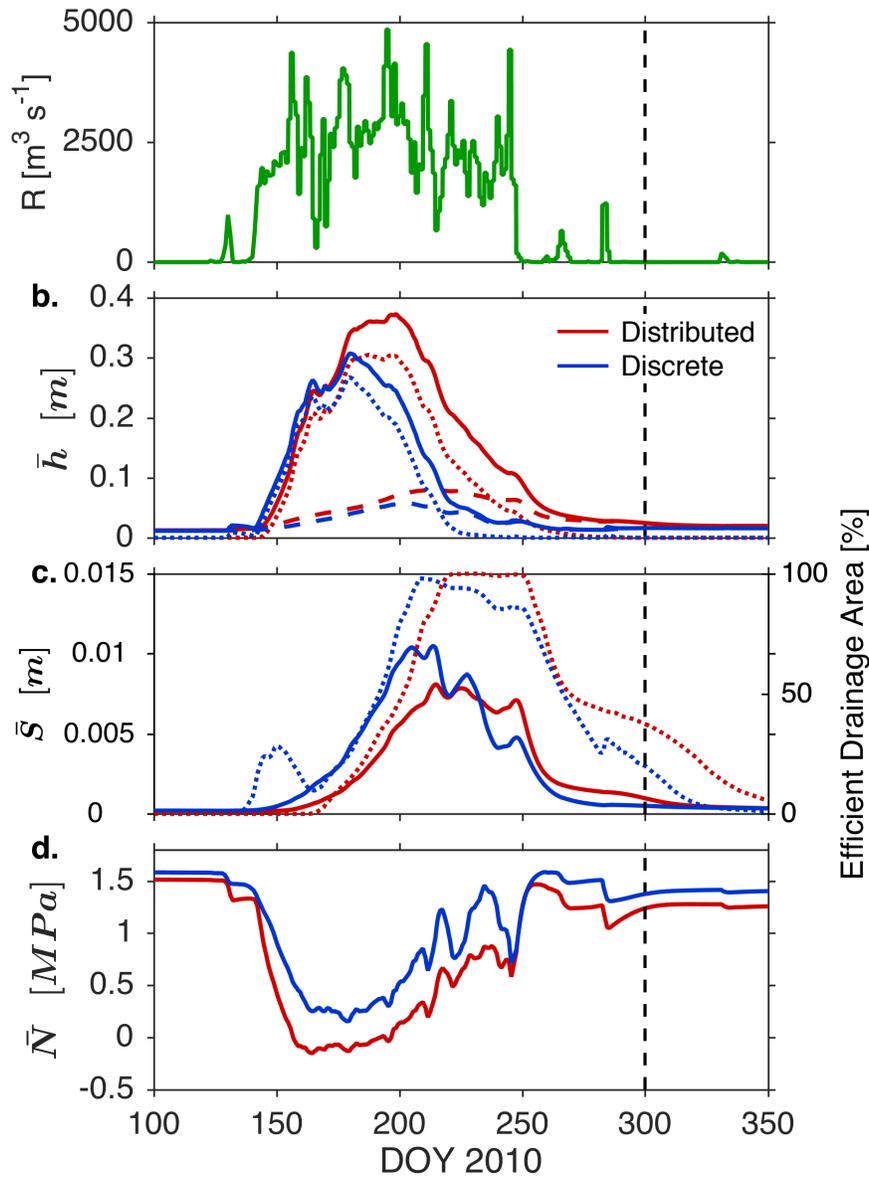


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 296 **Figure S10.** Averages of surface melt forcing, R (mm day^{-1}) (left column), subglacial water flux,
 297 q ($\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$) (middle column), and effective pressure, N (MPa) (right column) at each node over the
 298 2010 melt season for a distributed surface input scenario. The date at the top of the panel
 299 corresponds to the central date for the interval over which the model outputs were determined.
 300 Parameters used in this model run are: $K_s = 0.001 \text{ Pa}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $\sigma = 0.001$, and $\lambda_c = 1000 \text{ m}$. Black
 301 rectangle is the area outline of the ice flow maps in Figs. 1c-e. Black triangle marks the location
 302 of North Lake. Yellow circles mark discharge outlet locations along the ice sheet margin.



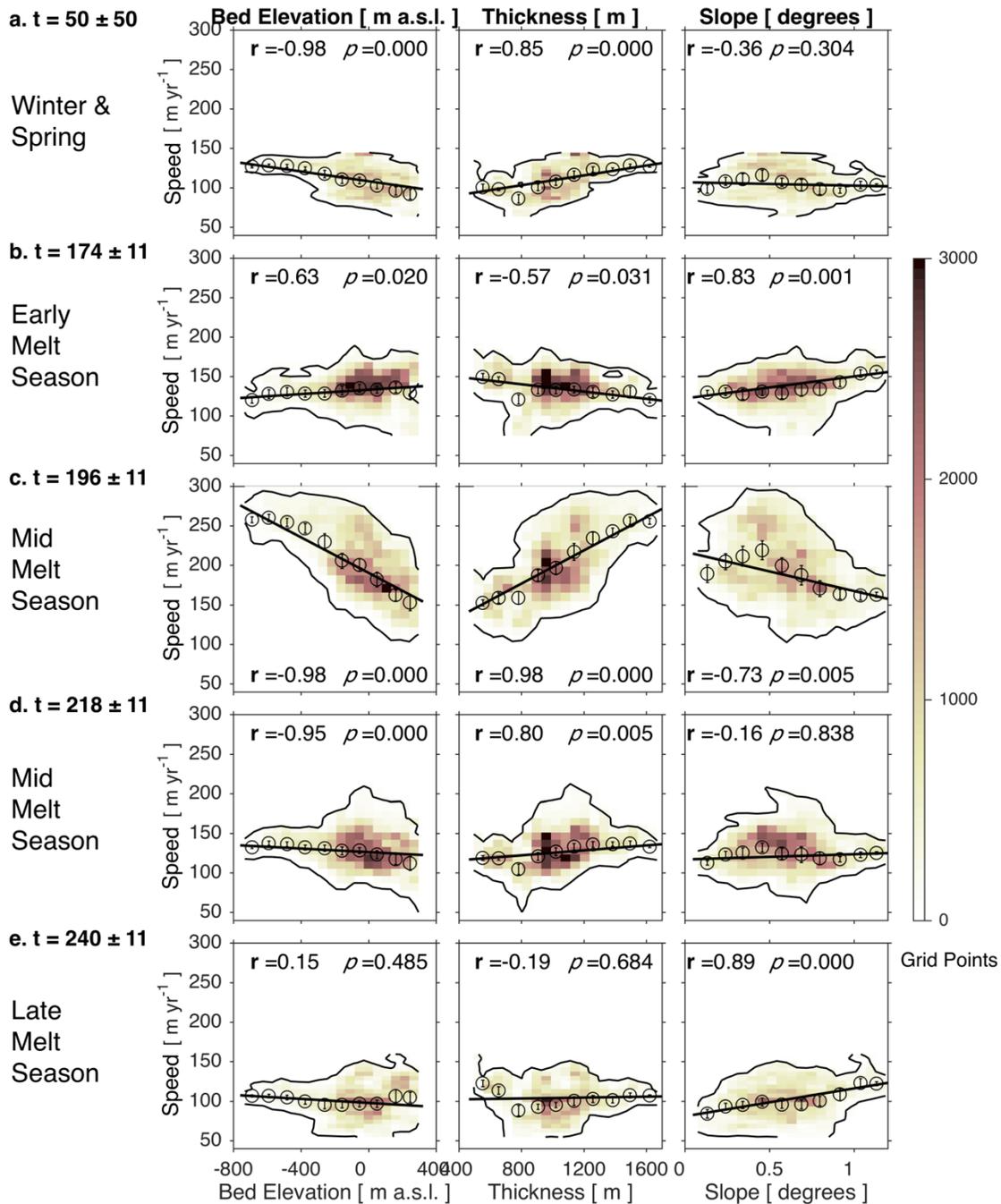
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Figure S11. The same as Figure S9 but for a discrete surface input scenario in 2010. Left column is average moulin input ($\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$).



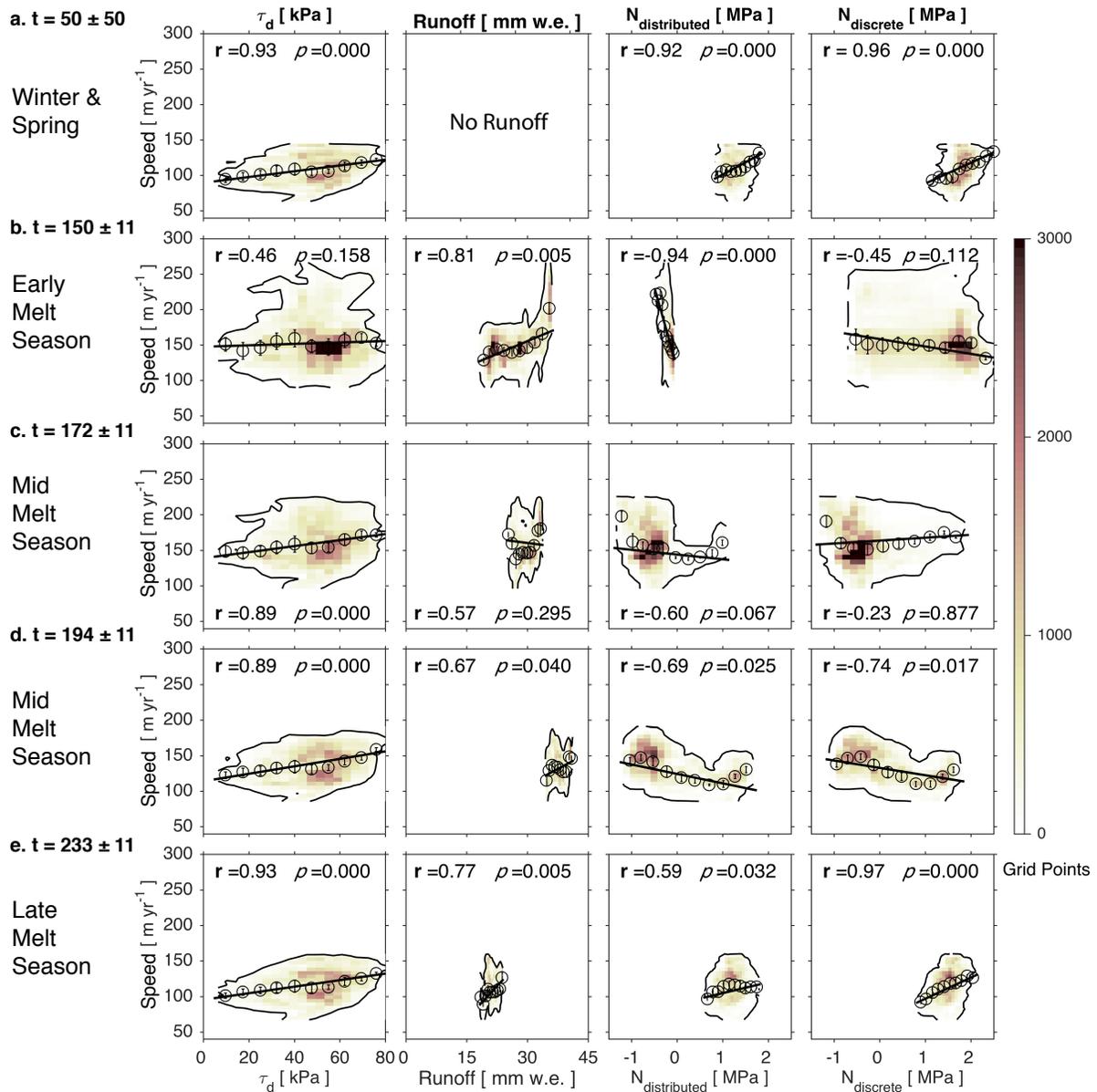
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Figure S12. Differences in area-integrated model variables between the 2010 distributed (red) and discrete (blue) surface runoff input scenarios. (a) Surface runoff input integrated across the domain. (b) Average sheet height \bar{h} across domain, with additional lines showing the contribution from the average cavity sheet height \bar{h}_{cav} (dashed) the and average elastic sheet height \bar{h}_{el} (dotted). (c) Average equivalent height of the channel layer \bar{S} across the domain (solid lines) and the percentage of efficient drainage area of the TerraSAR-X region (dotted lines). Efficient drainage area (EDA) is defined as the area within the TerraSAR-X region where effective pressure $N > 0$ MPa and total flux $q > 0.001 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. (d) Area-averaged effective pressures N across the domain. Vertical dashed line through all plots marks the limit of the 2009 timeseries shown in Fig. 7.



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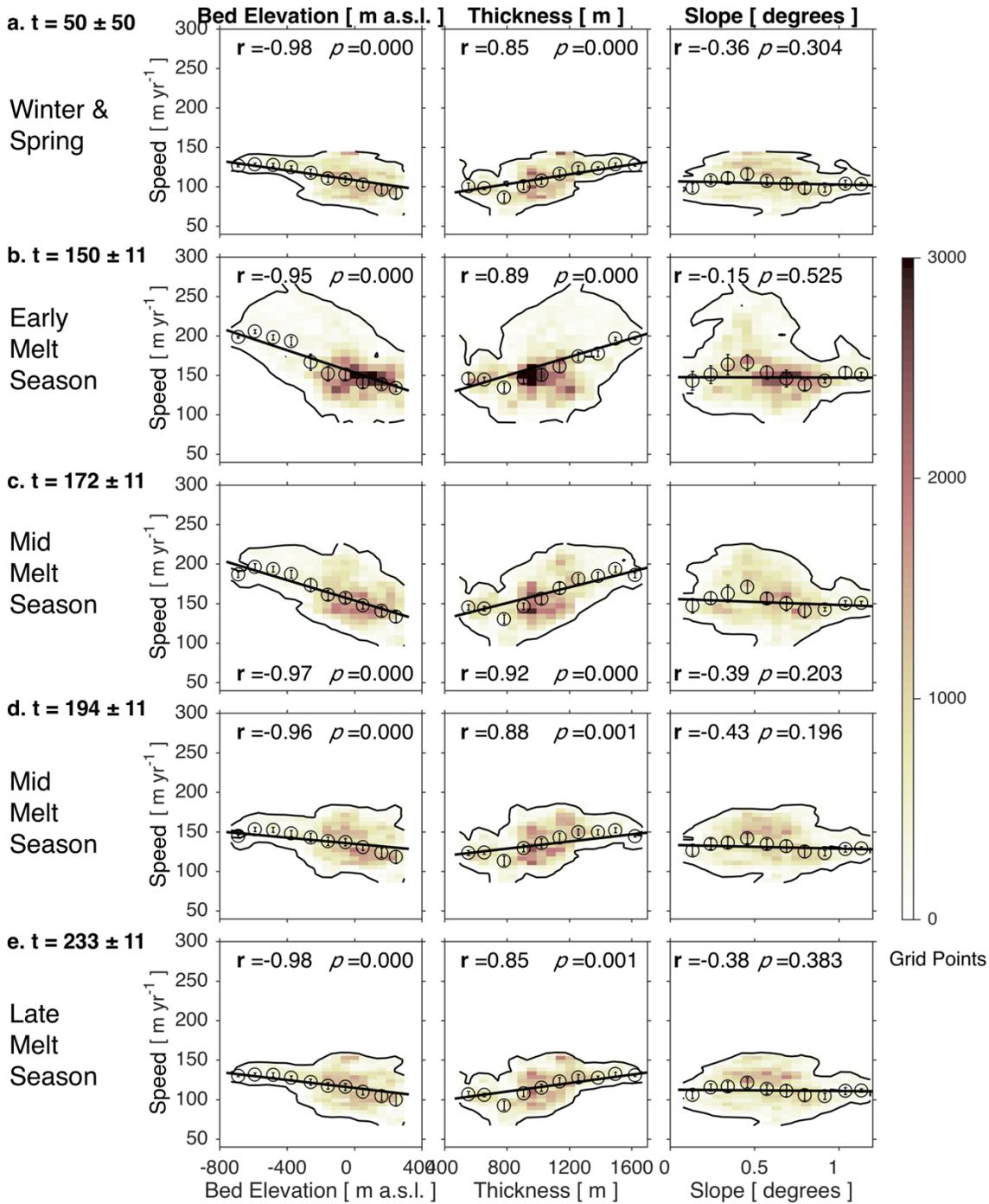
Figure S13. Correlations with bed elevation, ice sheet thickness, surface slope, and surface speeds through the 2009 melt season. Ice sheet thickness and surface slope against the winter RADARSAT and melt-season TerraSAR-X surface speed measurements. Data are linearly binned along the x- and y-axis, and the color of the bin represents the number of model grid points within that bin. Black contour surrounds data region with more than 10 model grid points. Surface speeds are averaged within each x-axis bin (circles), and are fit with a weighted linear regression (black line), where the y-value weights are 2 standard deviations (error bars). The weighted correlation coefficient r and the p -value are derived from the weighted linear regression.



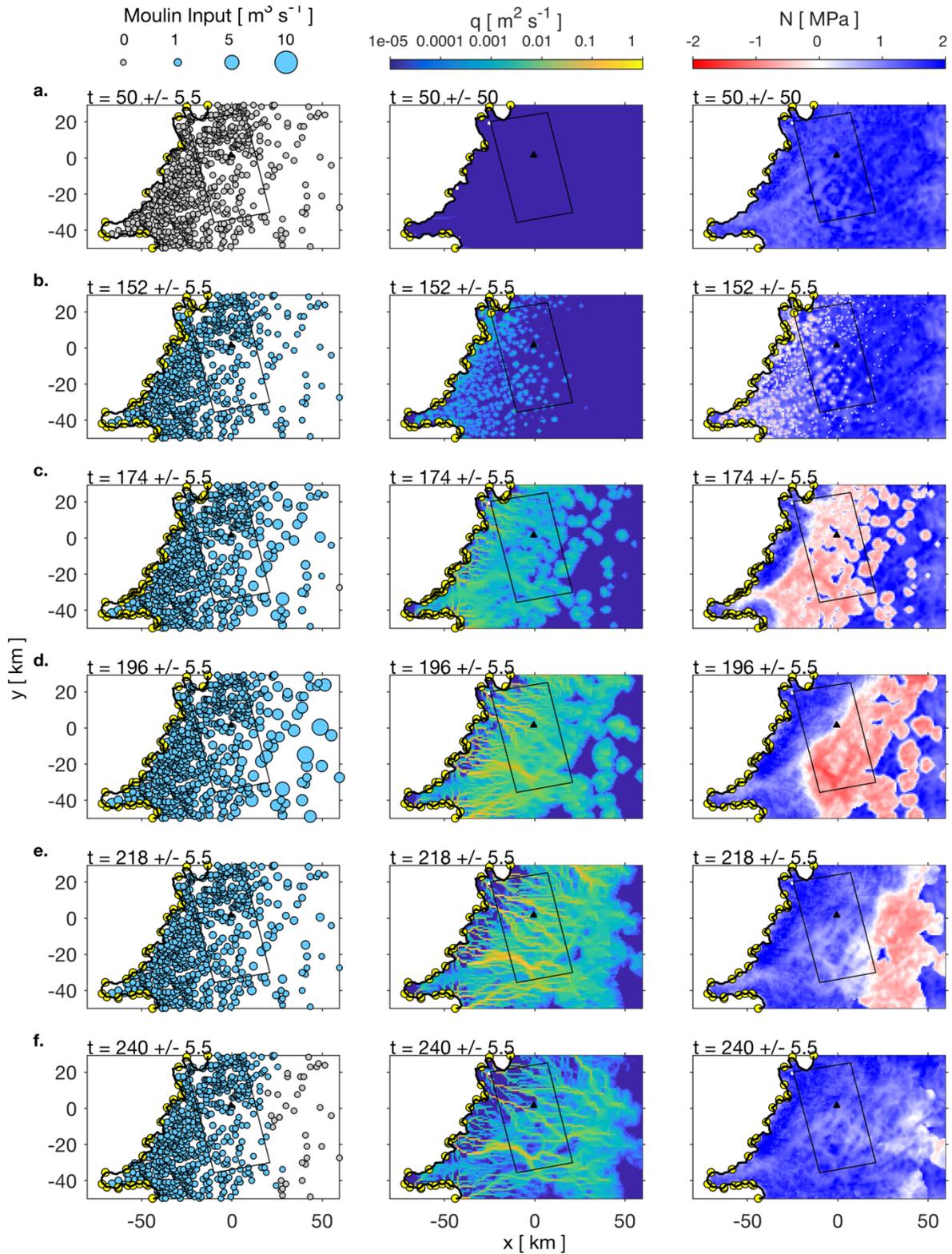
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330 **Figure S14. Correlations with surface speeds evolve through the 2010 melt season.** Runoff,
 331 Driving stress τ_d , and model-derived 11-day averages of effective pressure N for a distributed and
 332 discrete input of surface forcing against the winter RADARSAT and melt-season TerraSAR-X
 333 surface speed measurements. Data are linearly binned along the x- and y-axis, and the color of the
 334 bin represents the number of model grid points within that bin. Black contour surrounds data region
 335 with more than 10 model grid points. Surface speeds are averaged within each x-axis bin (circles),
 336 and are fit with a weighted linear regression (black line), where the y-value weights are 2 standard
 337 deviations (error bars). The weighted correlation coefficient r and the p -value are derived from the
 338 weighted linear regression. Inset in effective pressure row a panels shows detail view of 50–150
 339 m yr^{-1} winter surface speeds and 0–0.1 MPa effective pressures.

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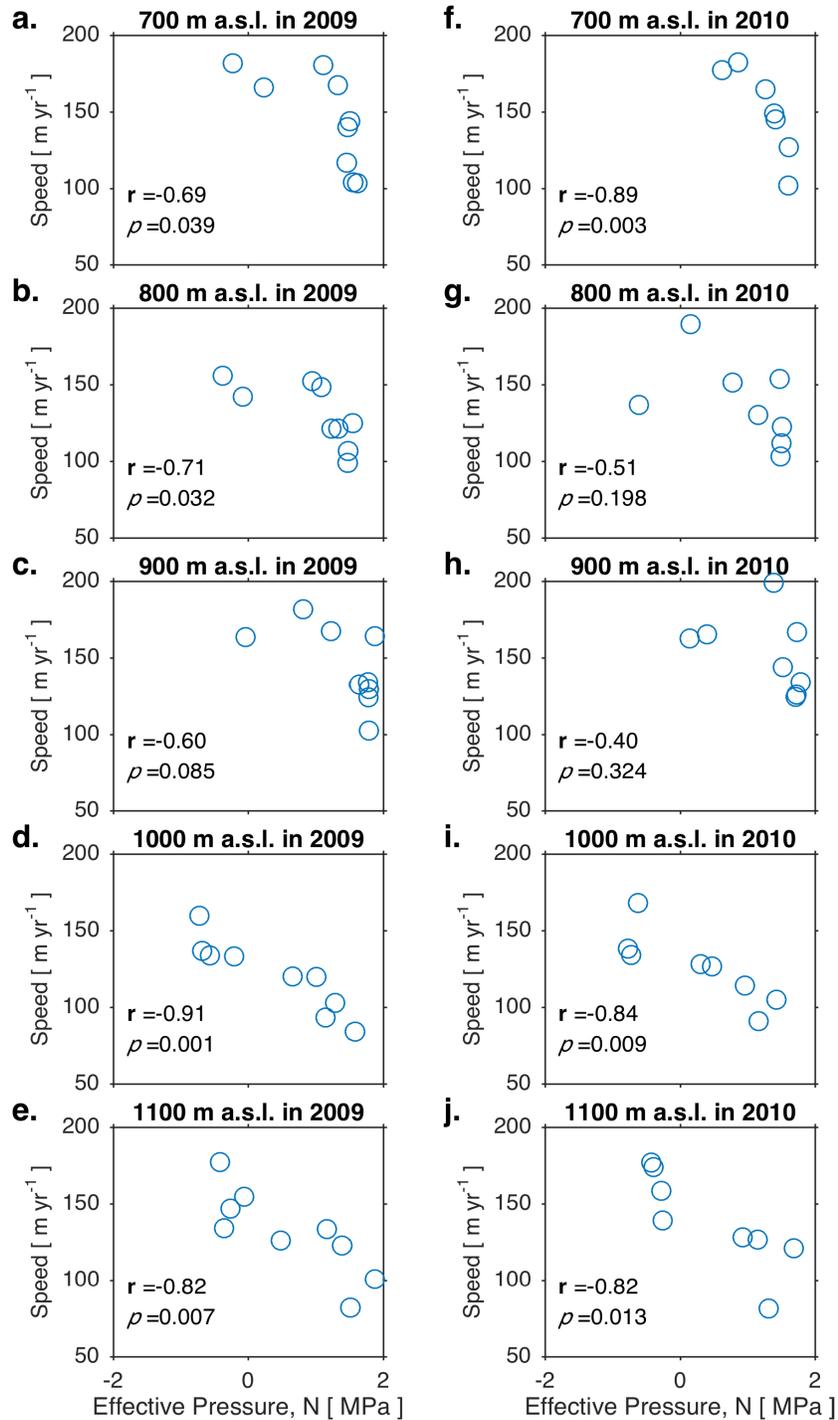


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 343 **Figure S15. Correlations with bed elevation, ice sheet thickness, surface slope, and surface**
 344 **speeds through the 2010 melt season.** Ice sheet thickness and surface slope against the winter
 345 RADARSAT and melt-season TerraSAR-X surface speed measurements. Data are linearly binned
 346 along the x- and y-axis, and the color of the bin represents the number of model grid points within
 347 that bin. Black contour surrounds data region with more than 10 model grid points. Surface speeds
 348 are averaged within each x-axis bin (circles), and are fit with a weighted linear regression (black
 349 line), where the y-value weights are 2 standard deviations (error bars). The weighted correlation
 350 coefficient r and the p -value are derived from the weighted linear regression.



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Figure S16. The same as Figure 4 but for a discrete surface input scenario with a pressure-dependent melting point. Left column is average moulin input ($\text{m}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$). Parameters used in this model run are: $K_s = 0.001 \text{ Pa}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $\sigma = 0.001$, and $\lambda_c = 1000 \text{ m}$.



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357 **Figure S17.** Scatter plot of 11-day averages of model-derived effective pressure N , versus 11-day
 358 TerraSAR-X speed observations for individual locations within the TerraSAR-X footprint.
 359 Locations are chosen at 100-m elevation contours from 700 m a.s.l. (a) to 1100 m a.s.l. (e). Left
 360 column depicts values for 2009 (a–e), and right column depicts values for 2010 (f–i). Average
 361 model-derived effective pressures are calculated from the models shown in Figure 5 (a–e, 2009)
 362 and Figure S11 (f–i, 2010).

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