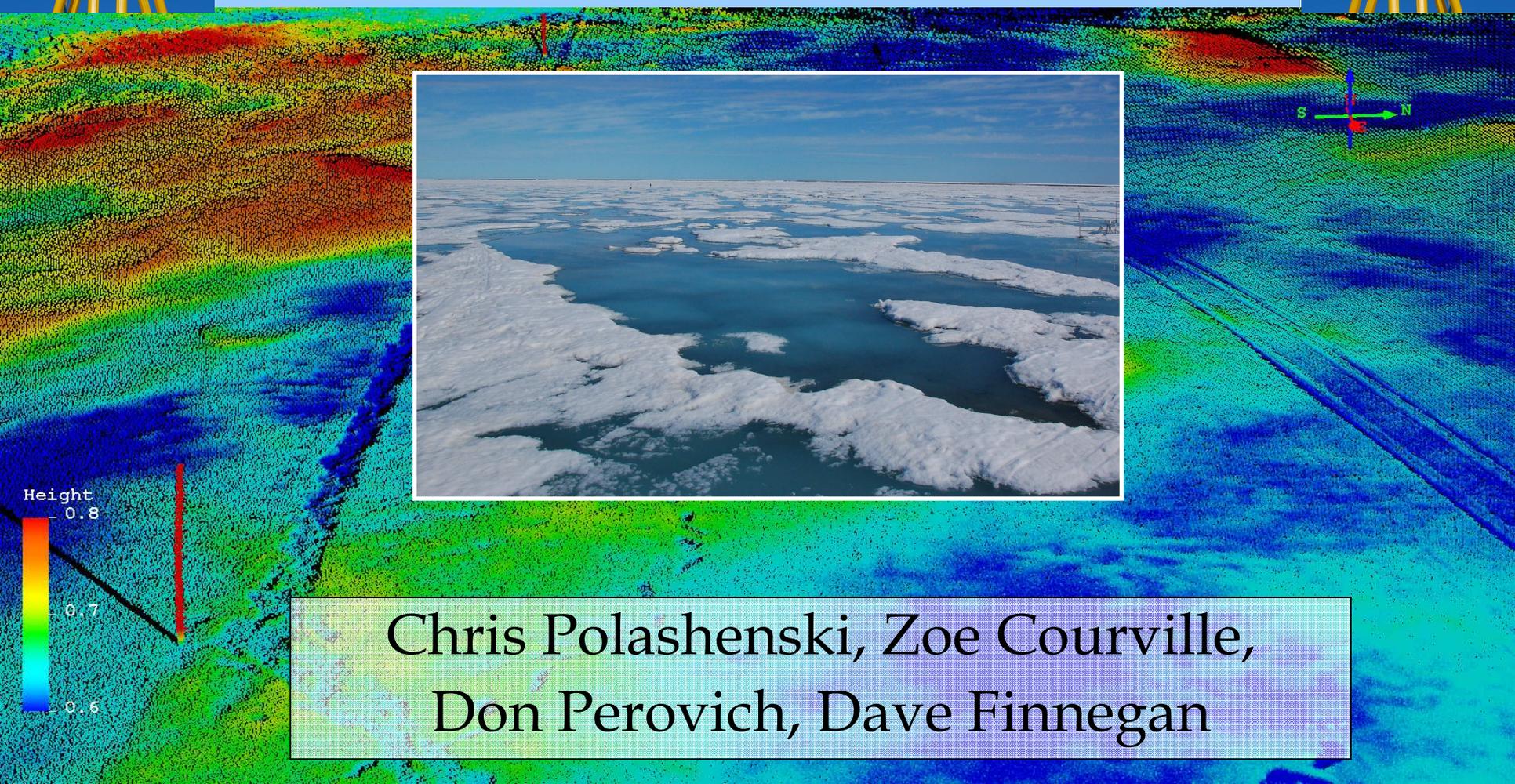
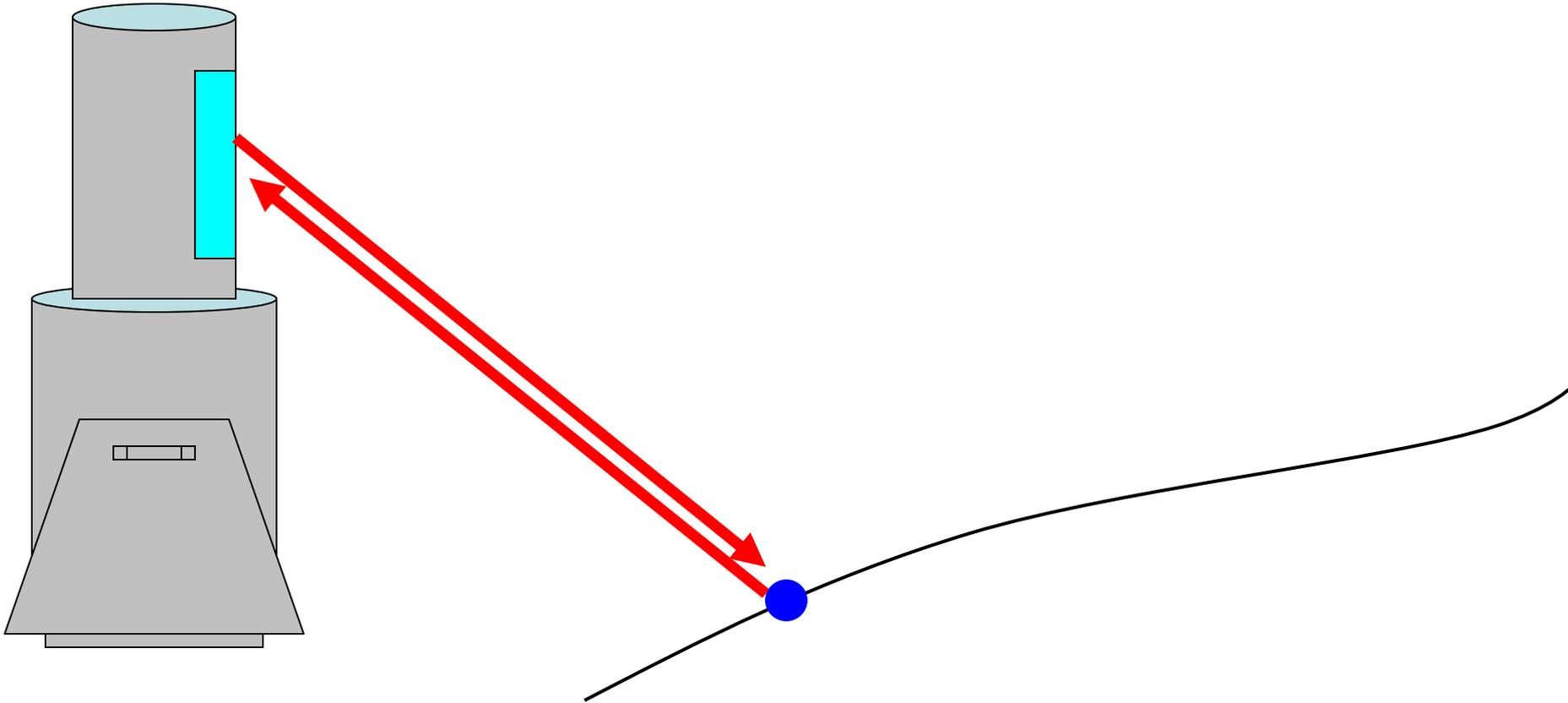


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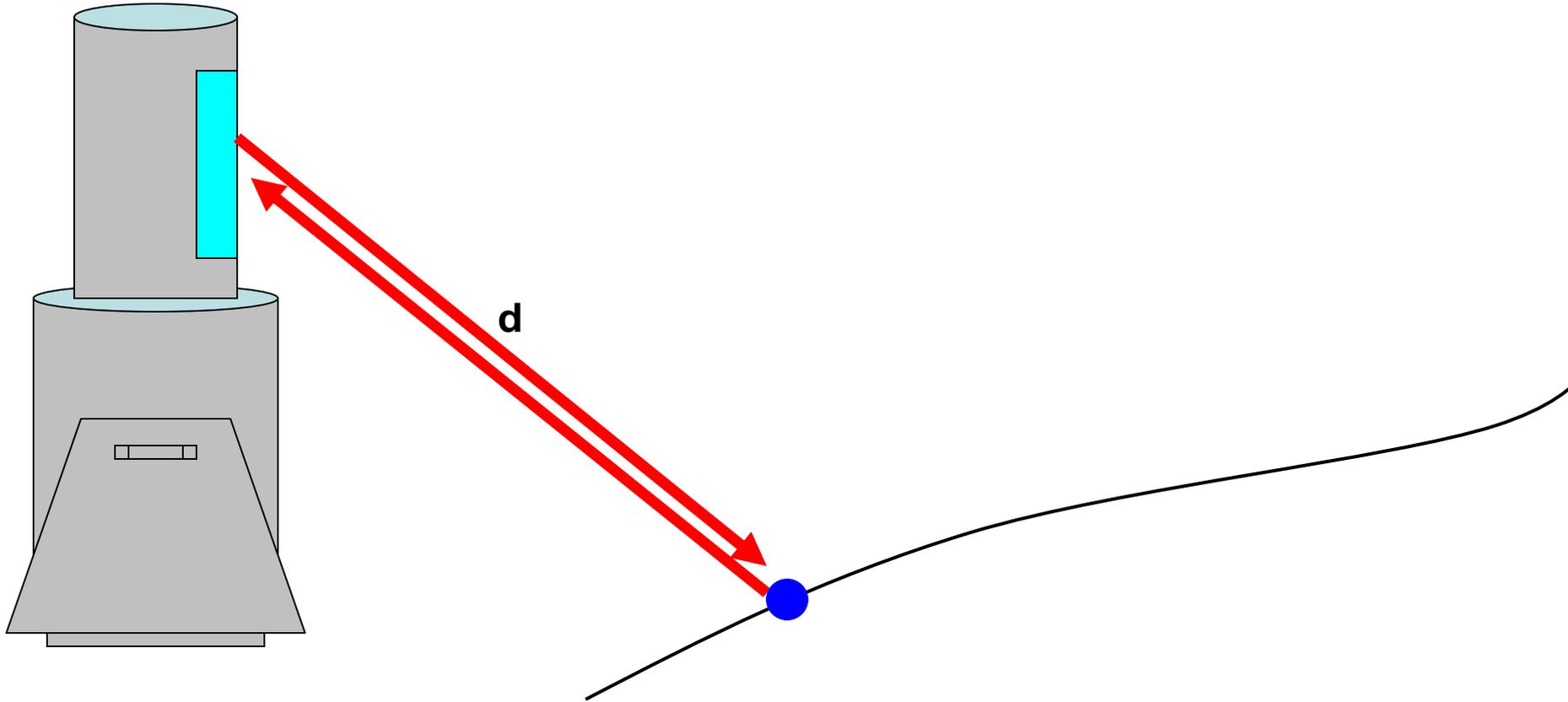


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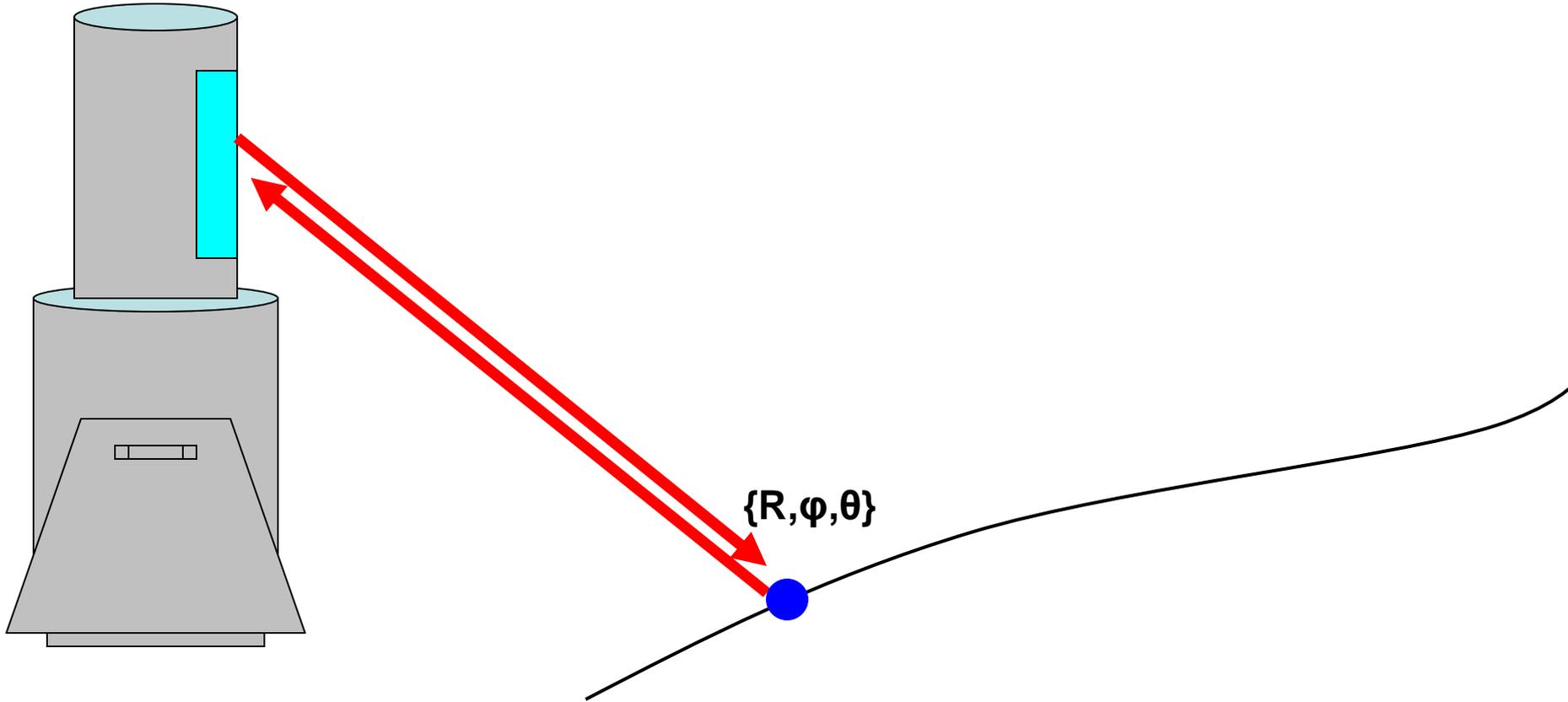
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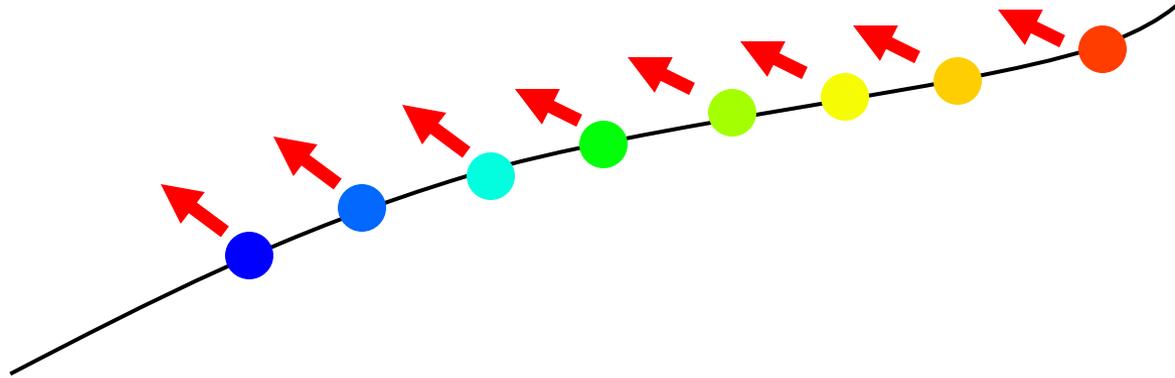
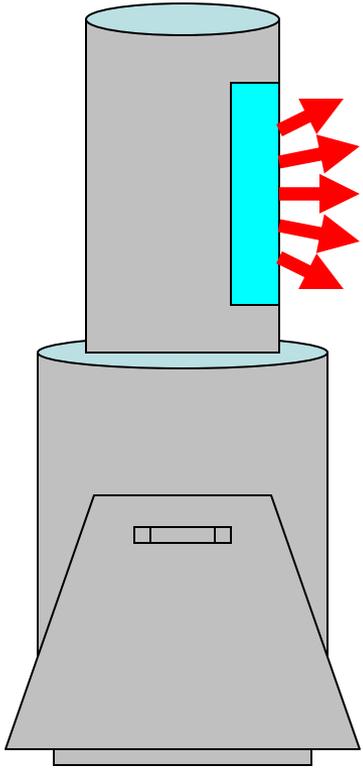
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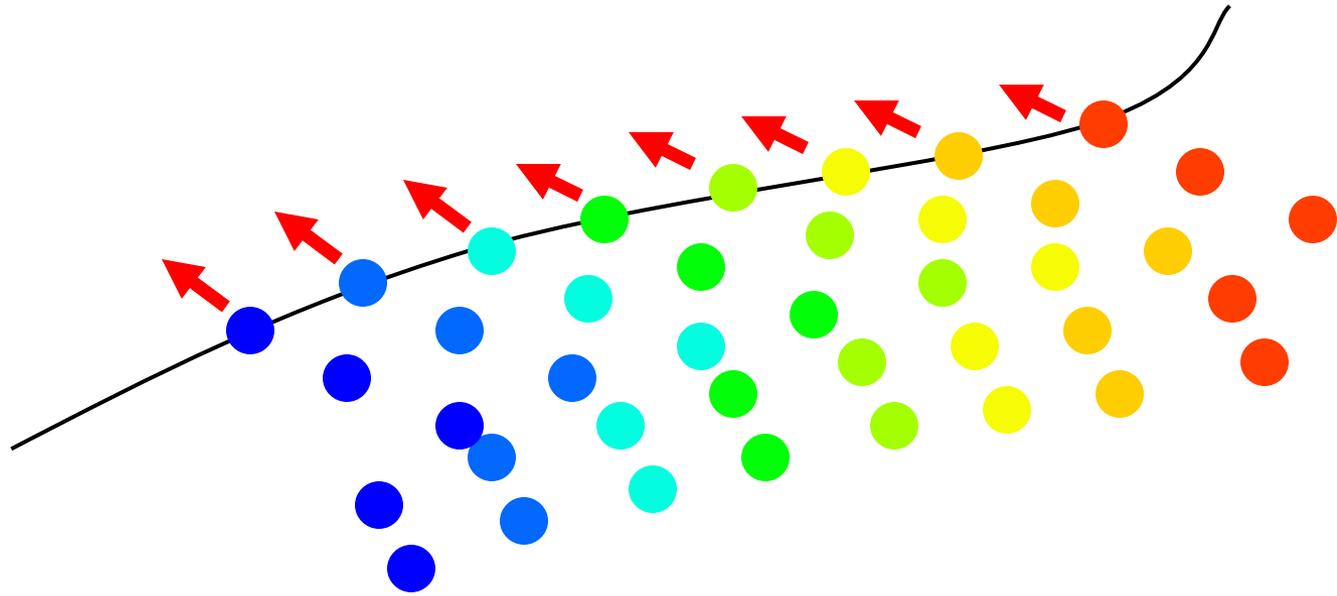
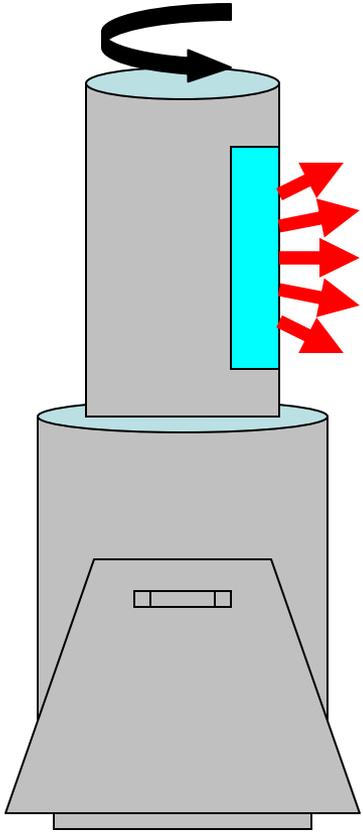
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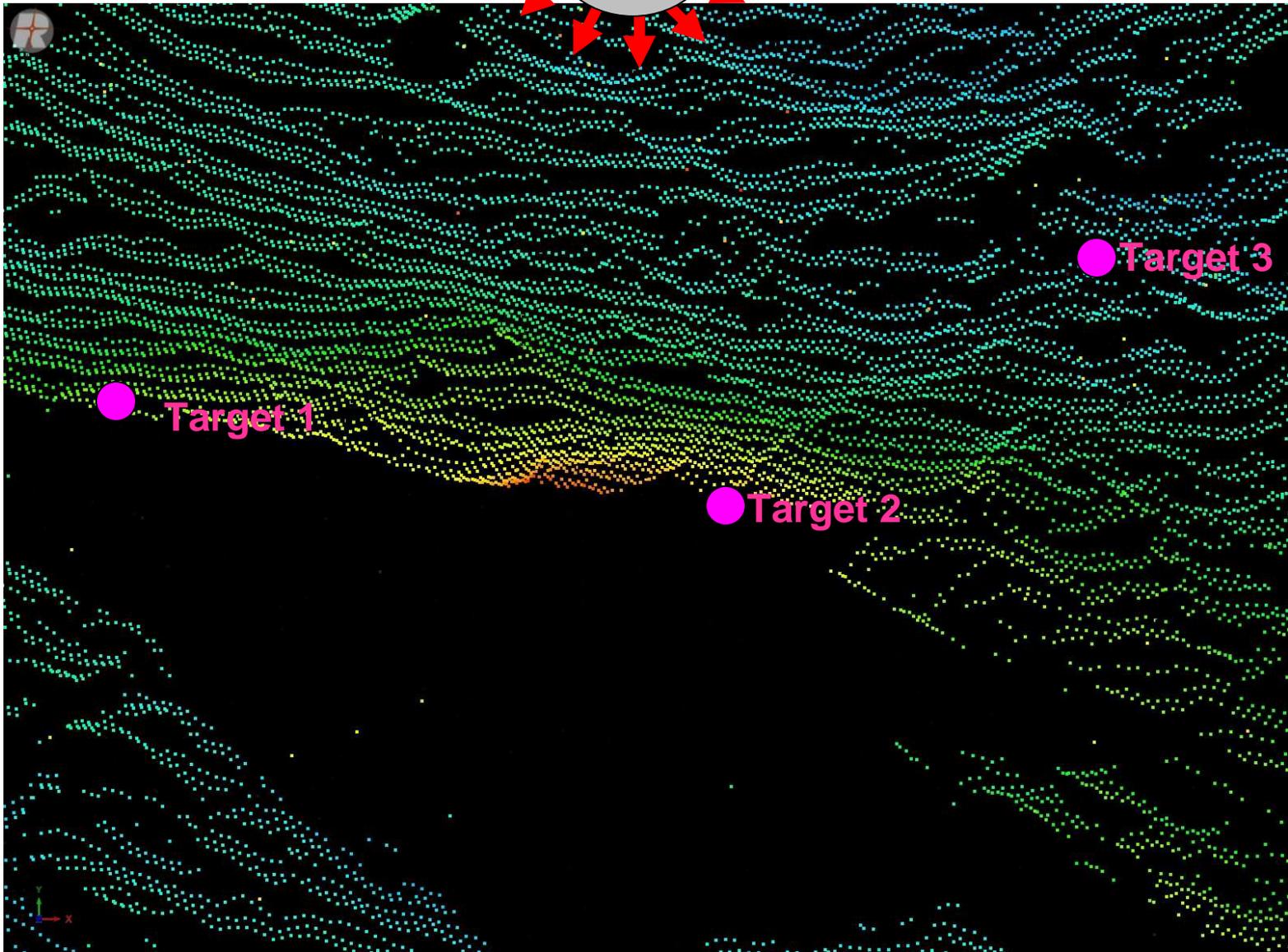


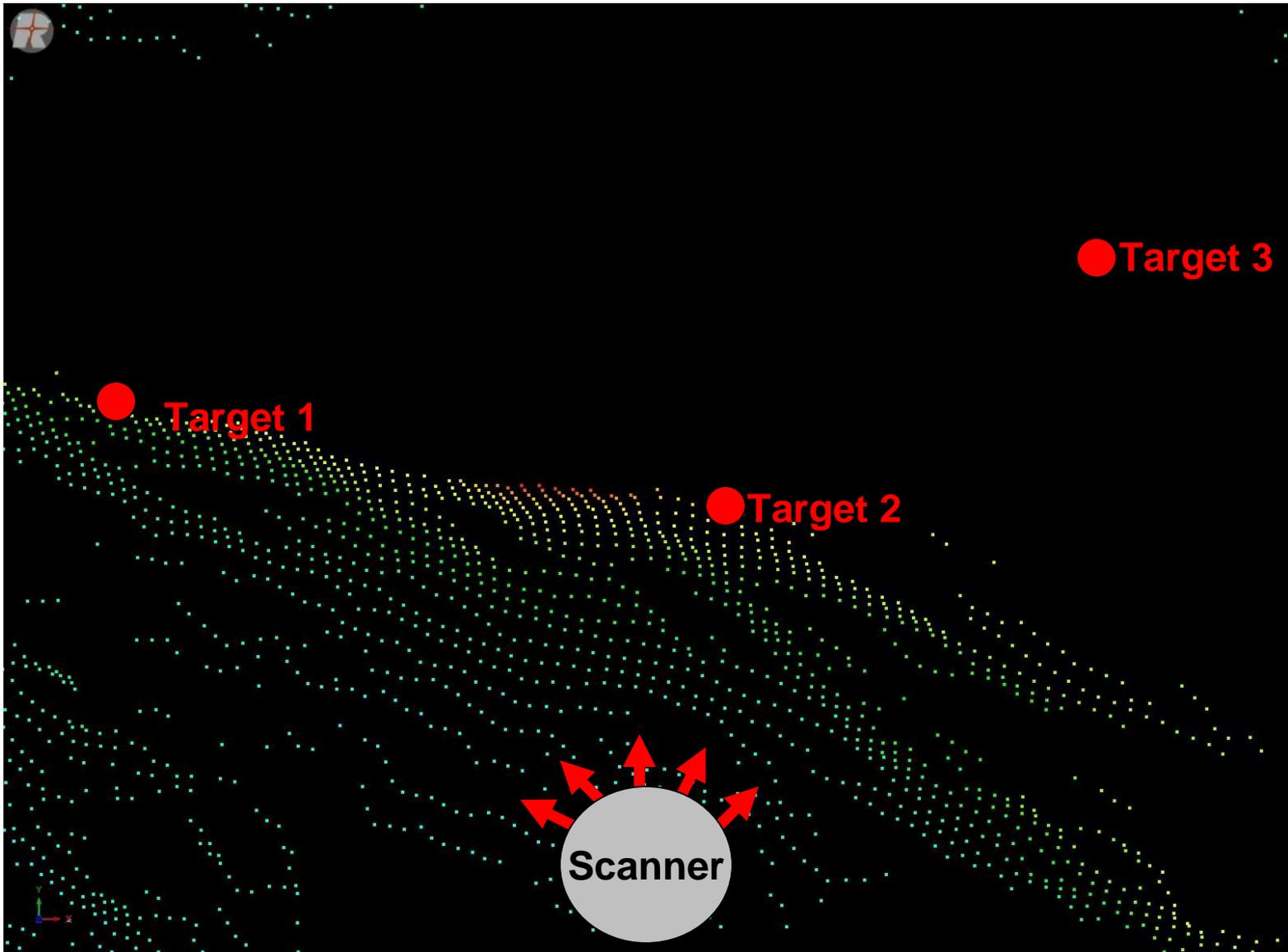
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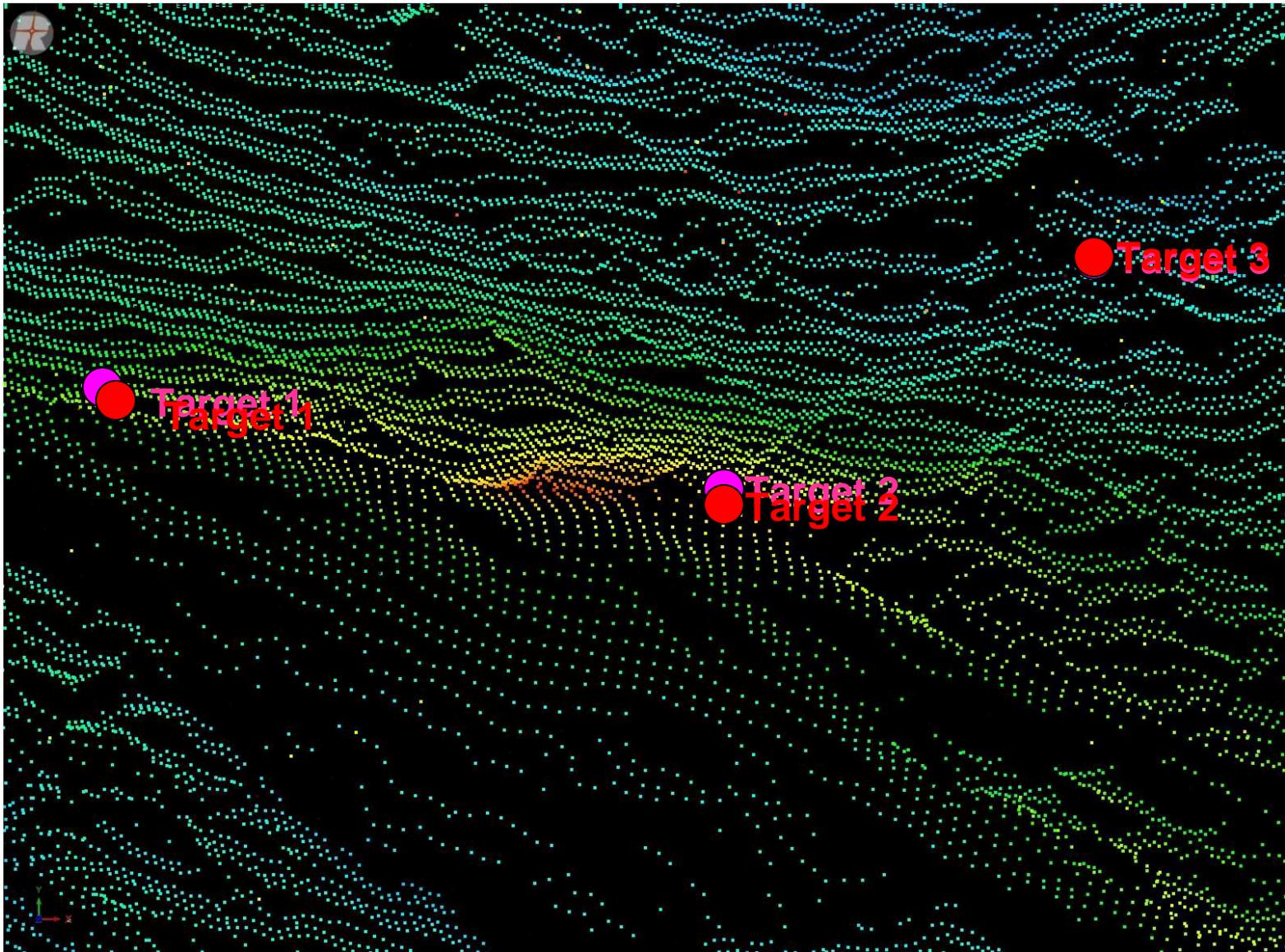


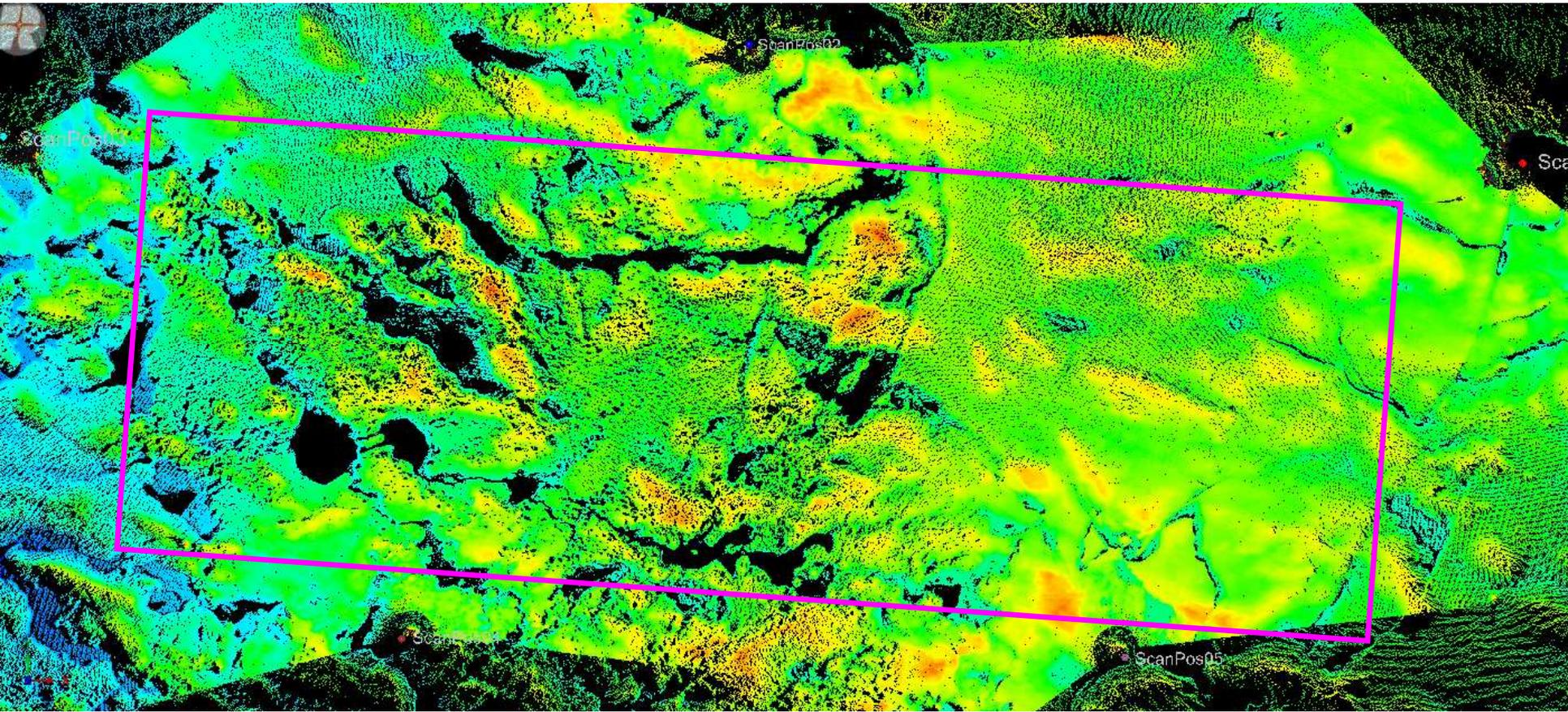


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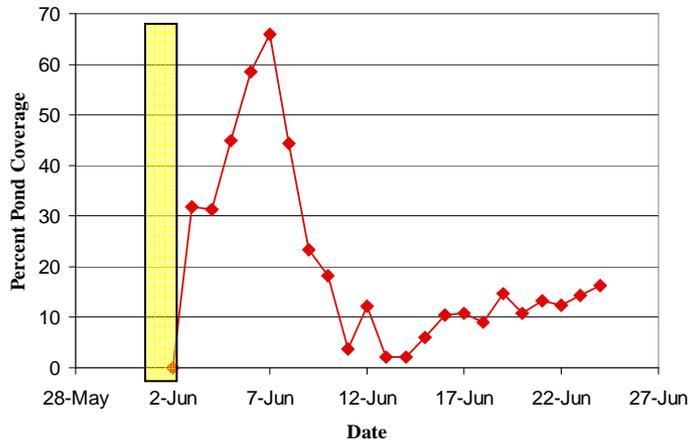




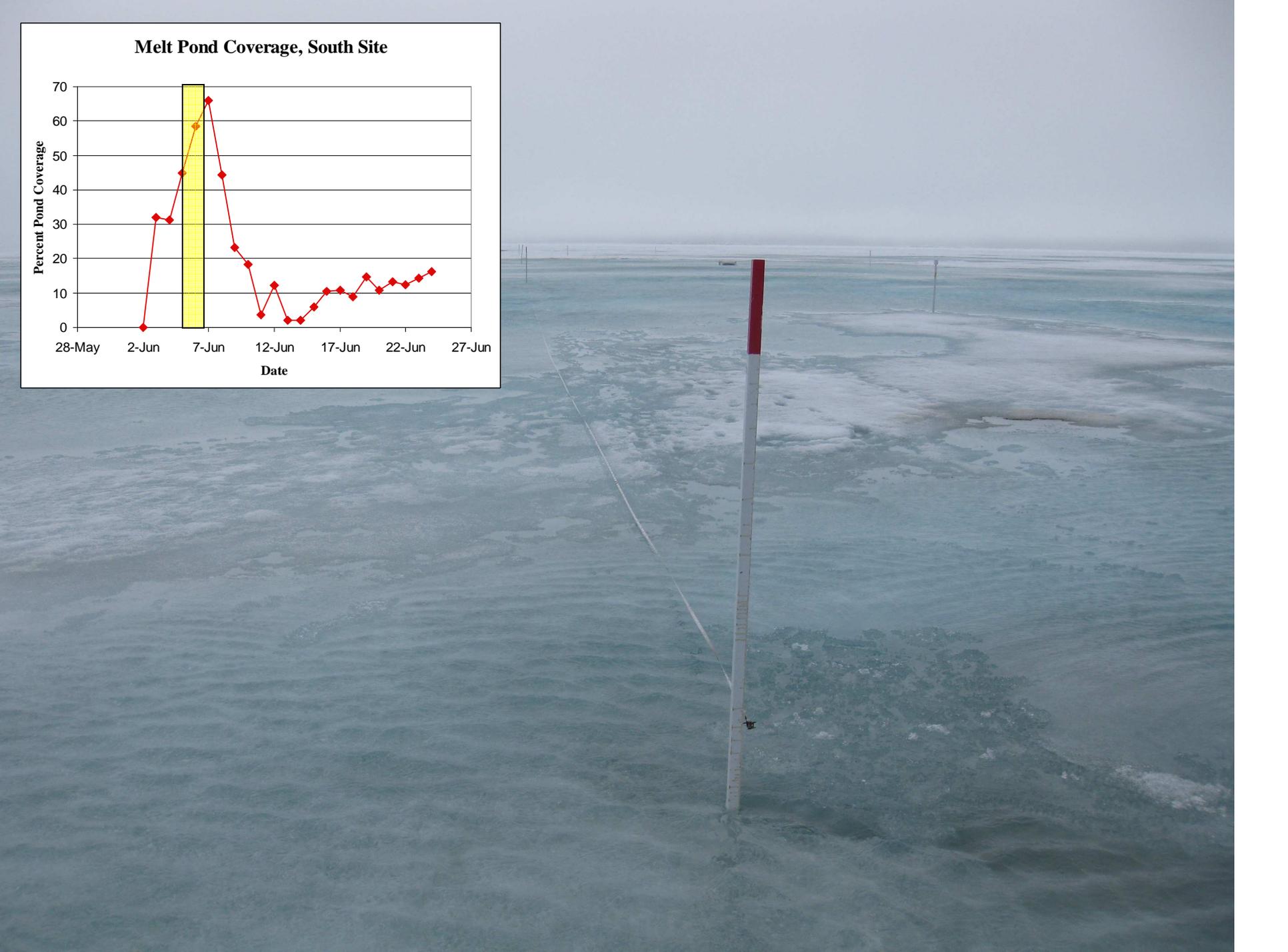
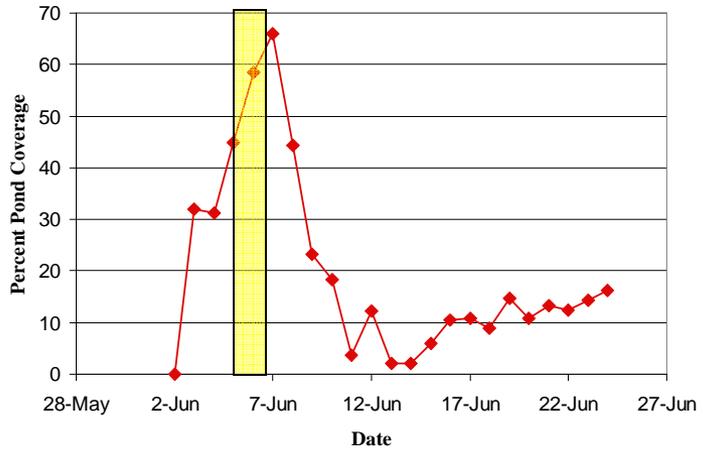
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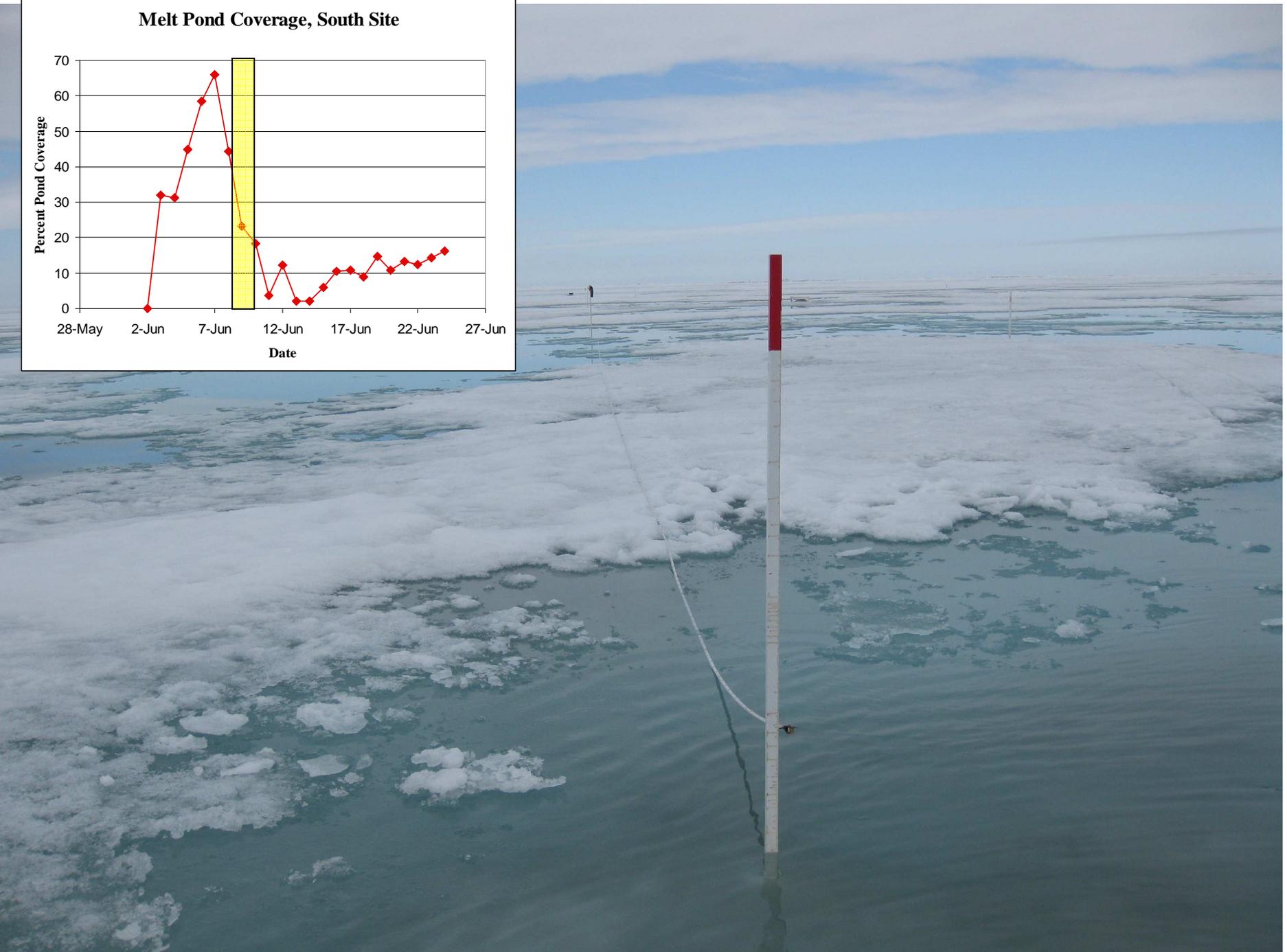
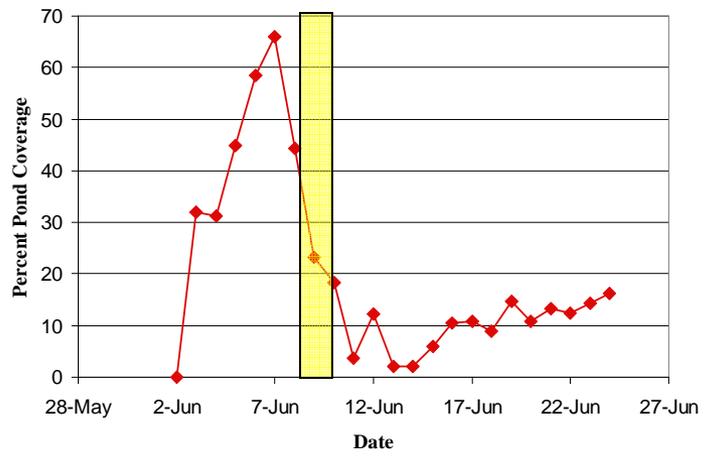
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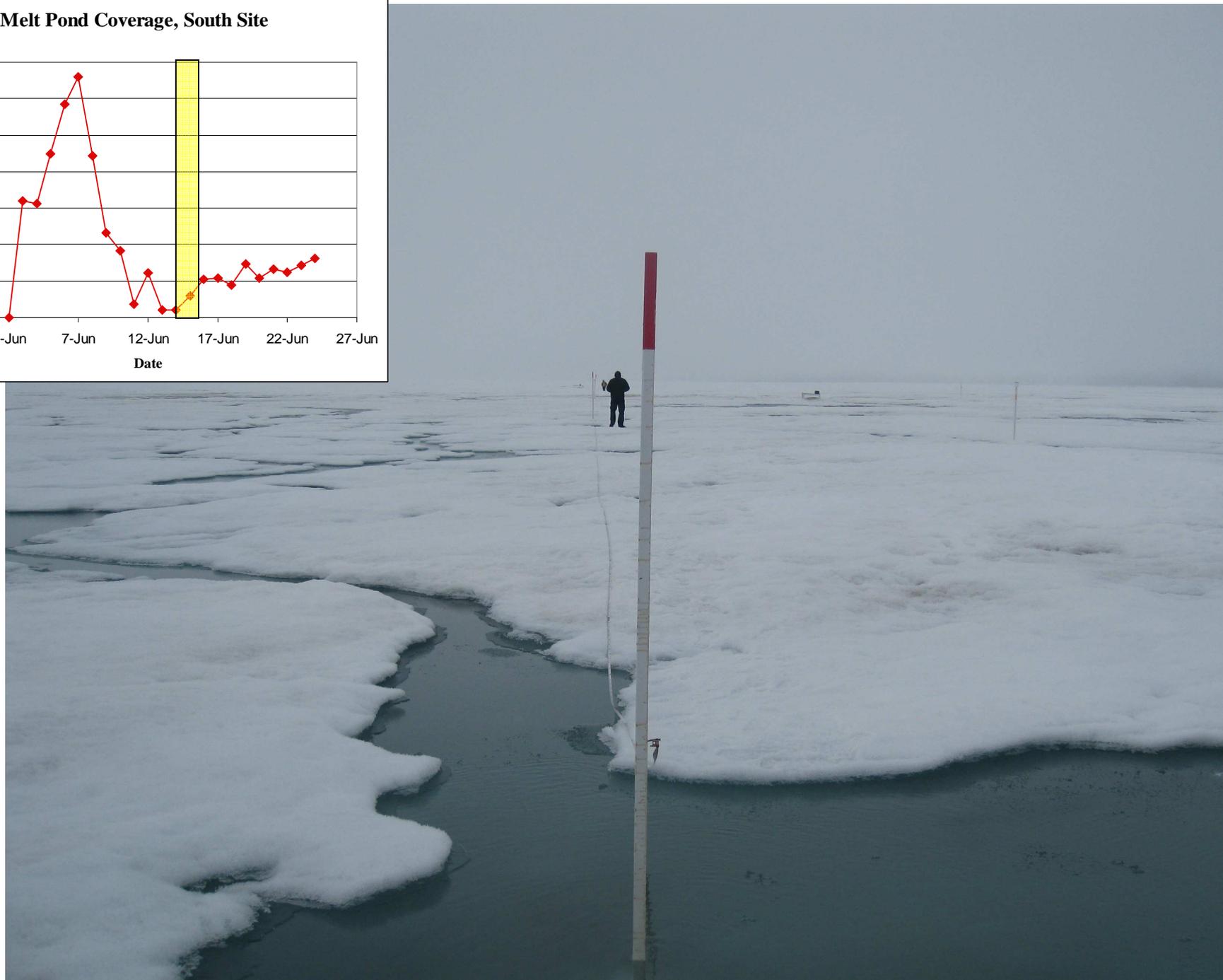
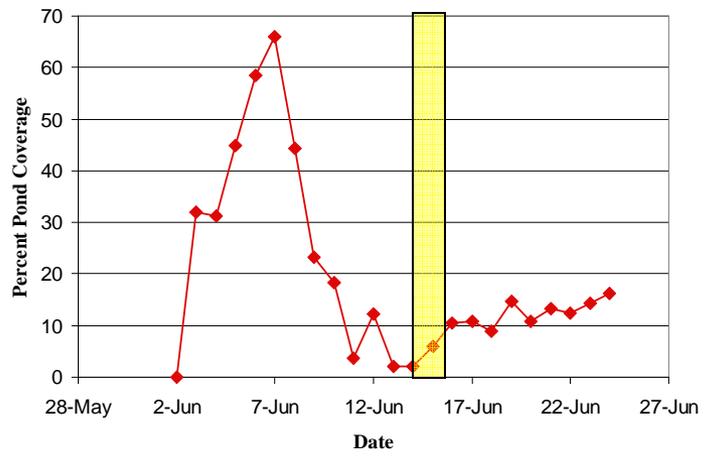
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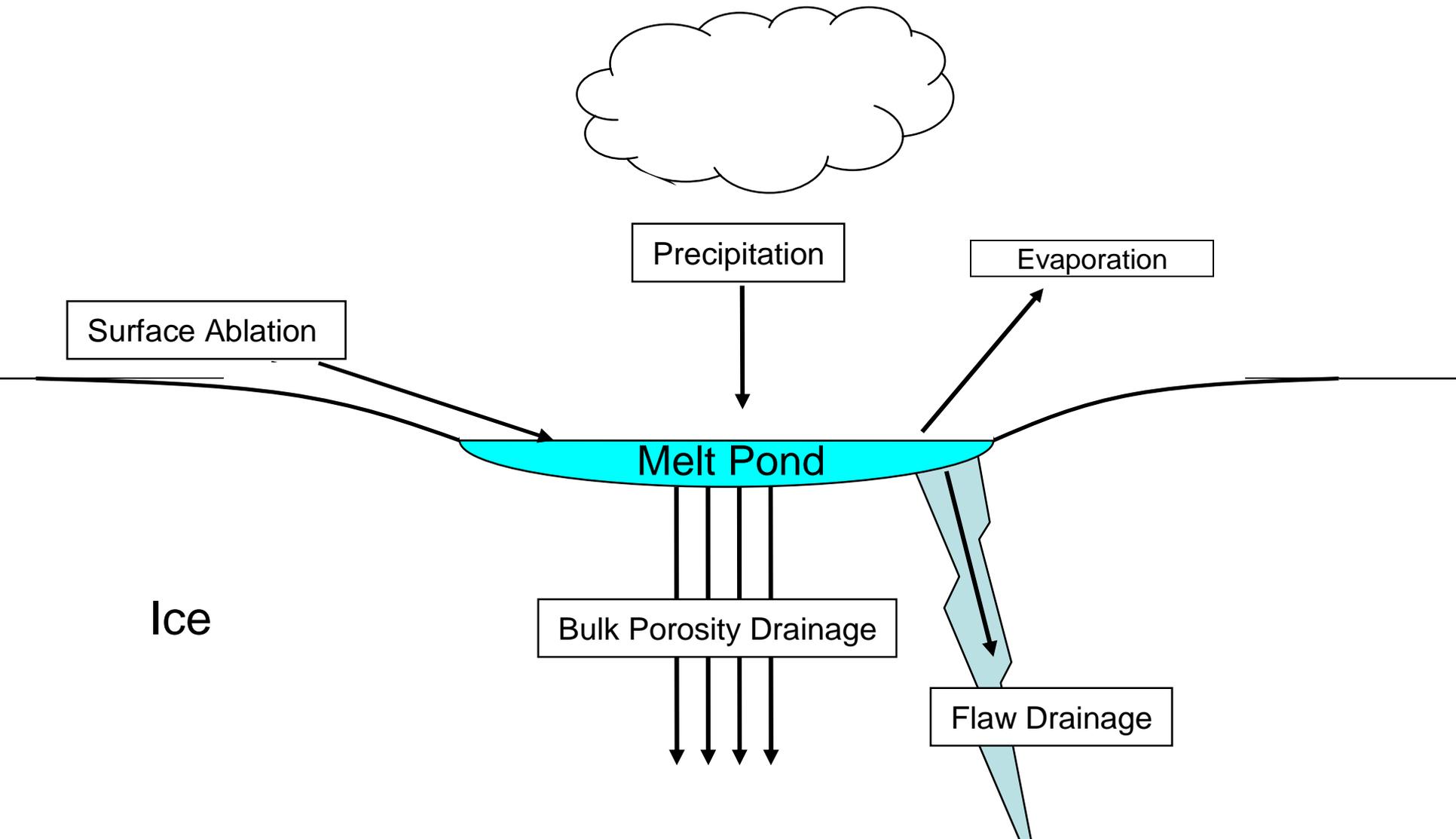


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Precipitation

Evaporation

Surface Ablation

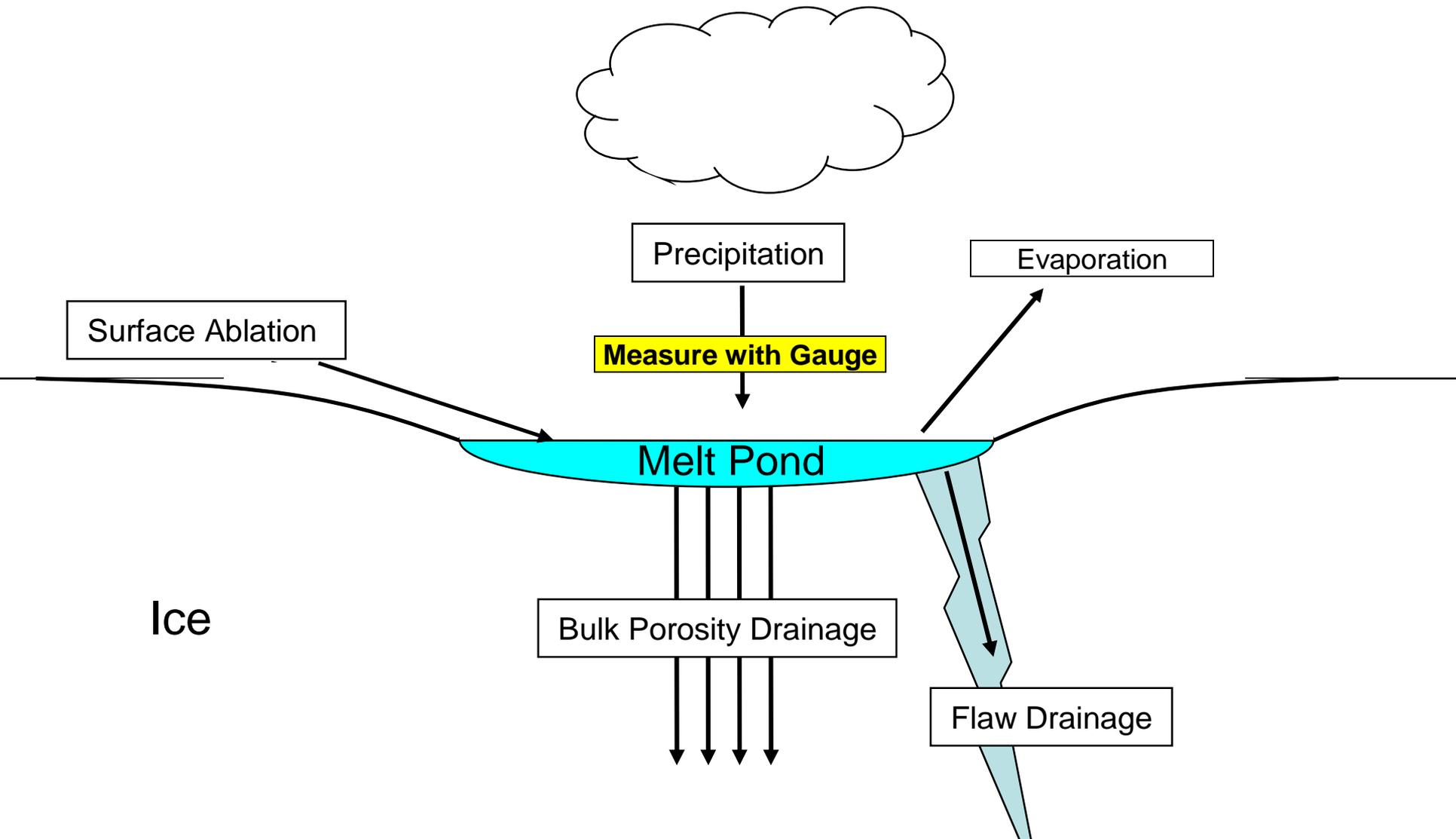
Melt Pond

Ice

Bulk Porosity Drainage

Flaw Drainage

Ocean



Surface Ablation

Precipitation

Evaporation

Measure with Gauge

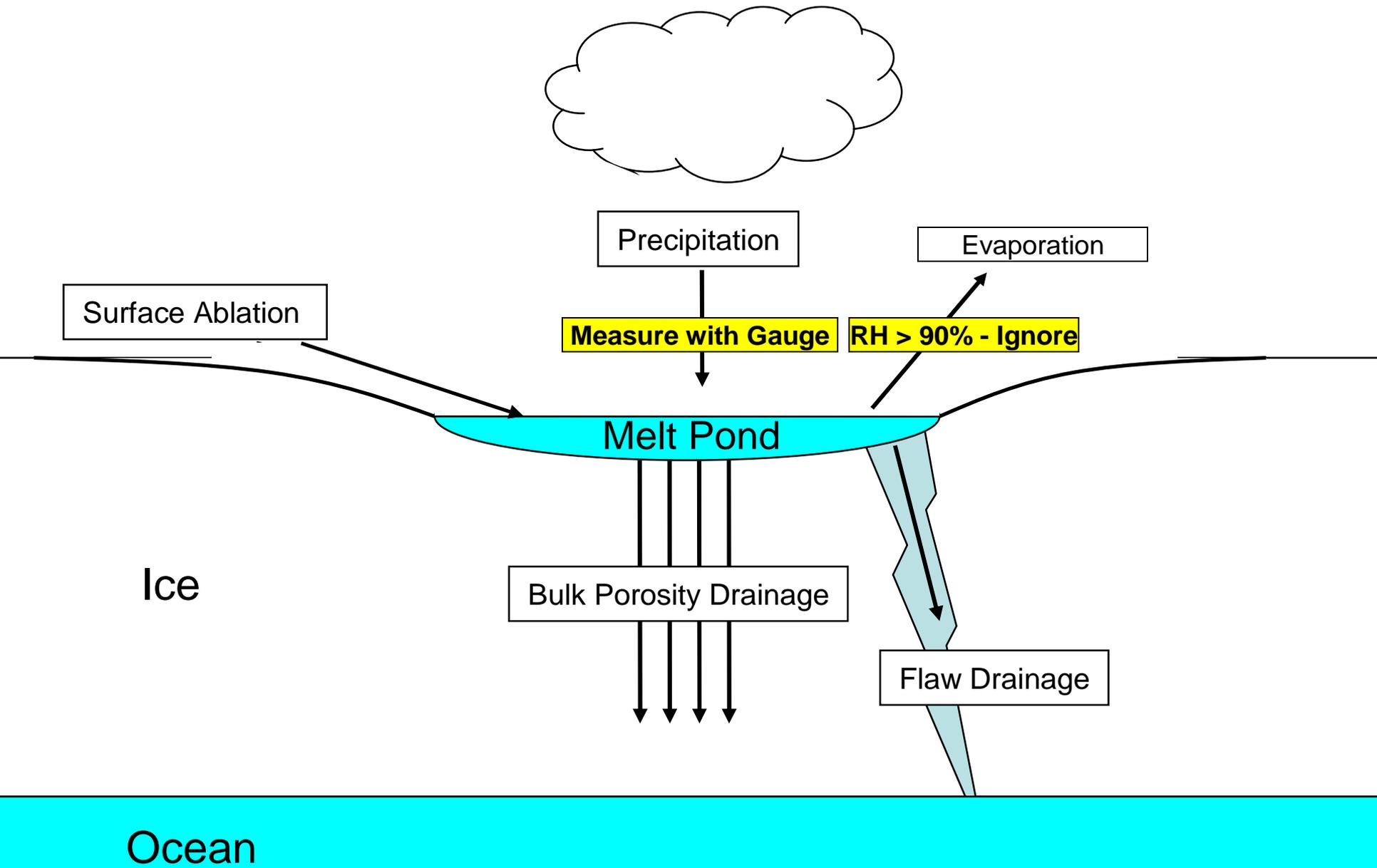
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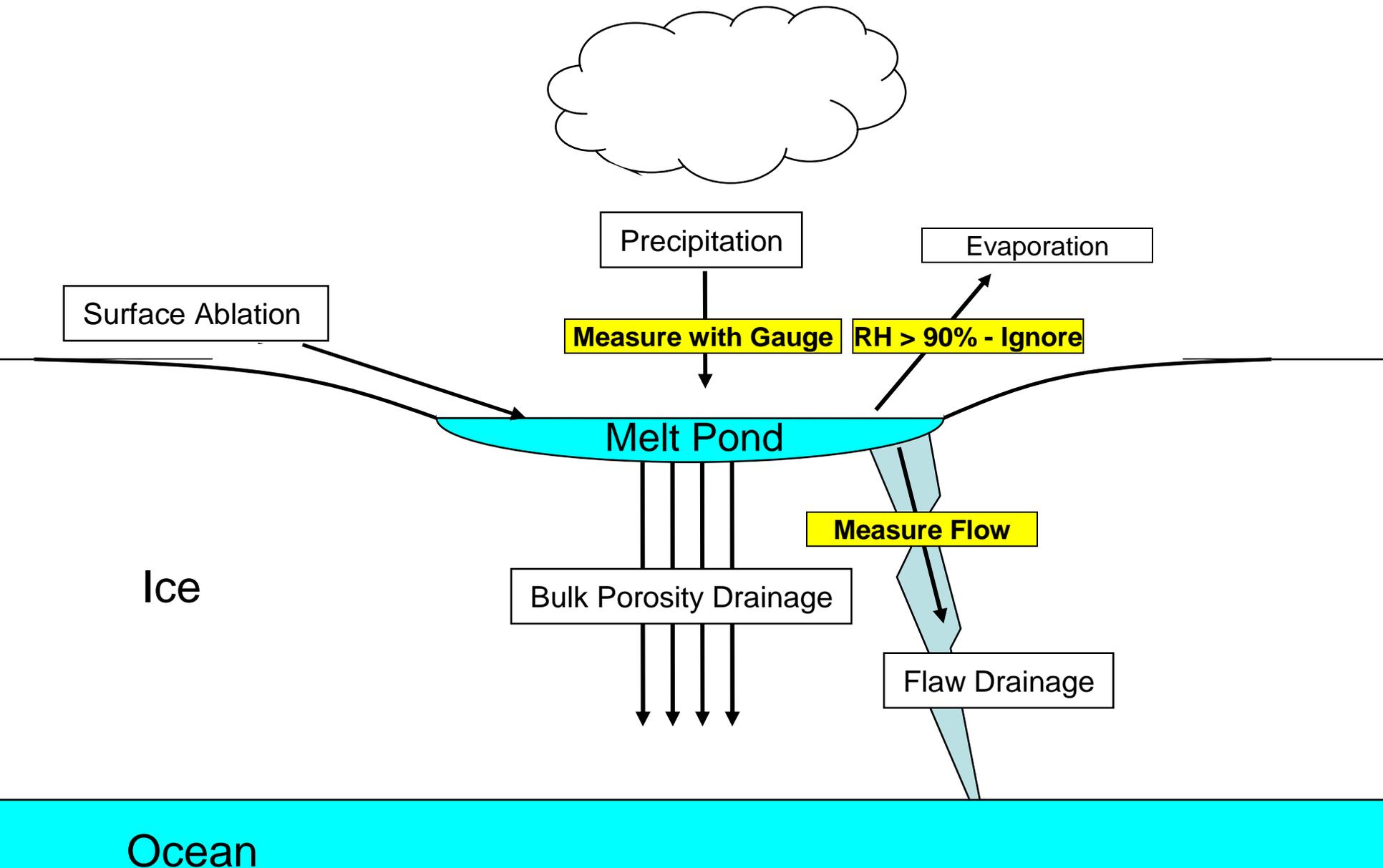
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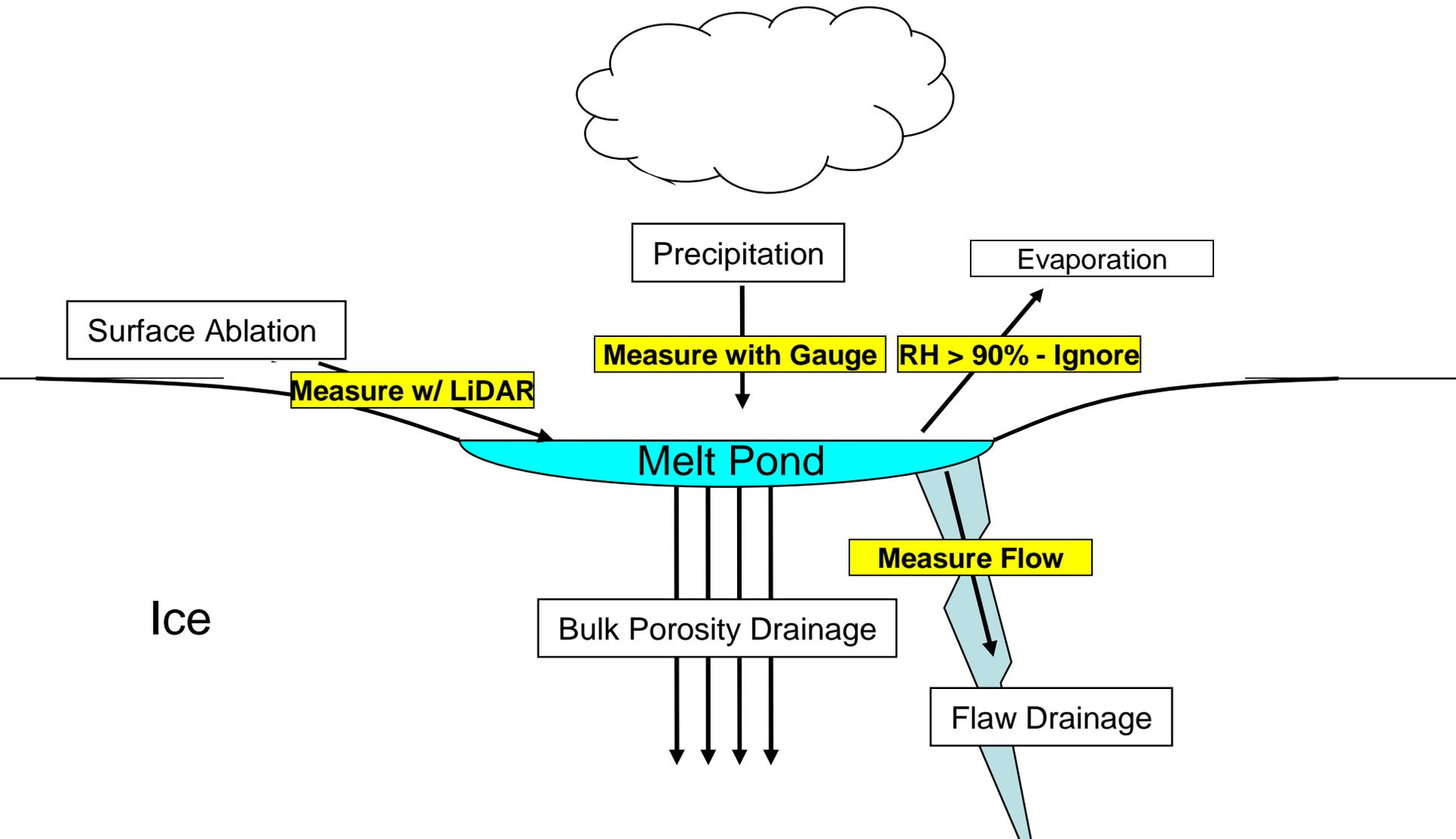
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Measure w/ LiDAR

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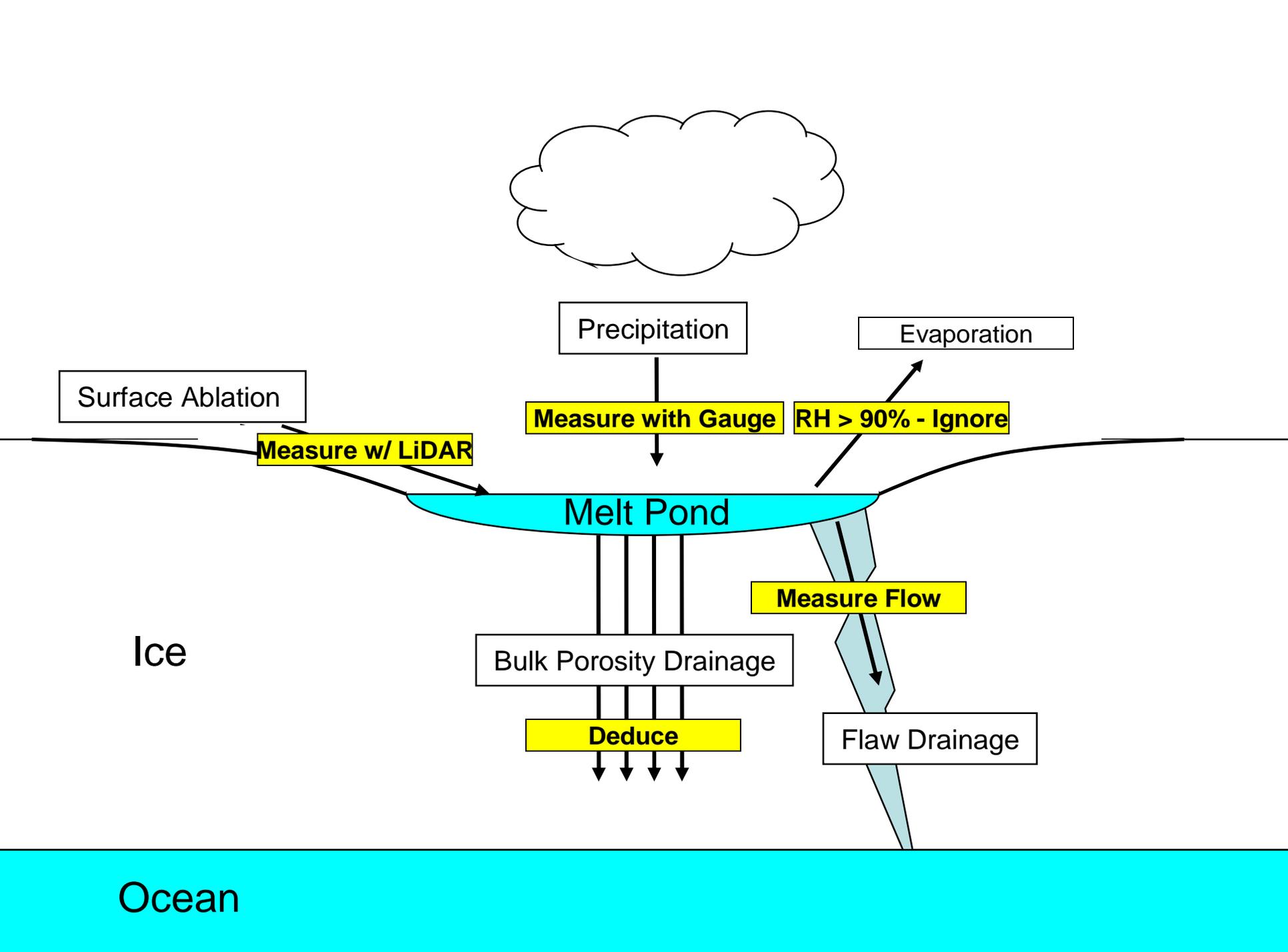
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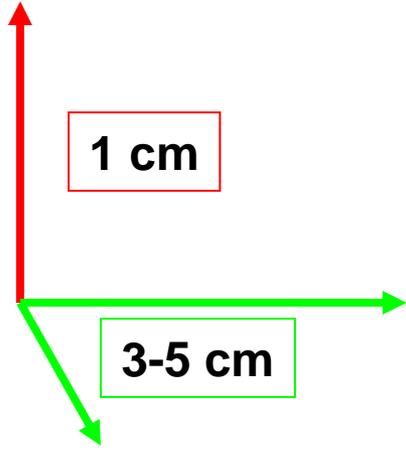
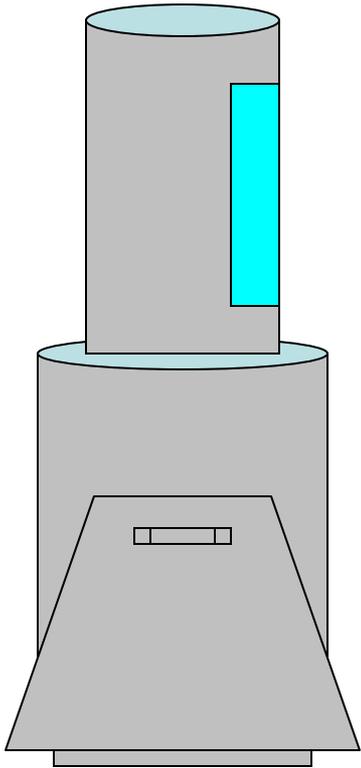
Measure Flow

Deduce

Flaw Drainage

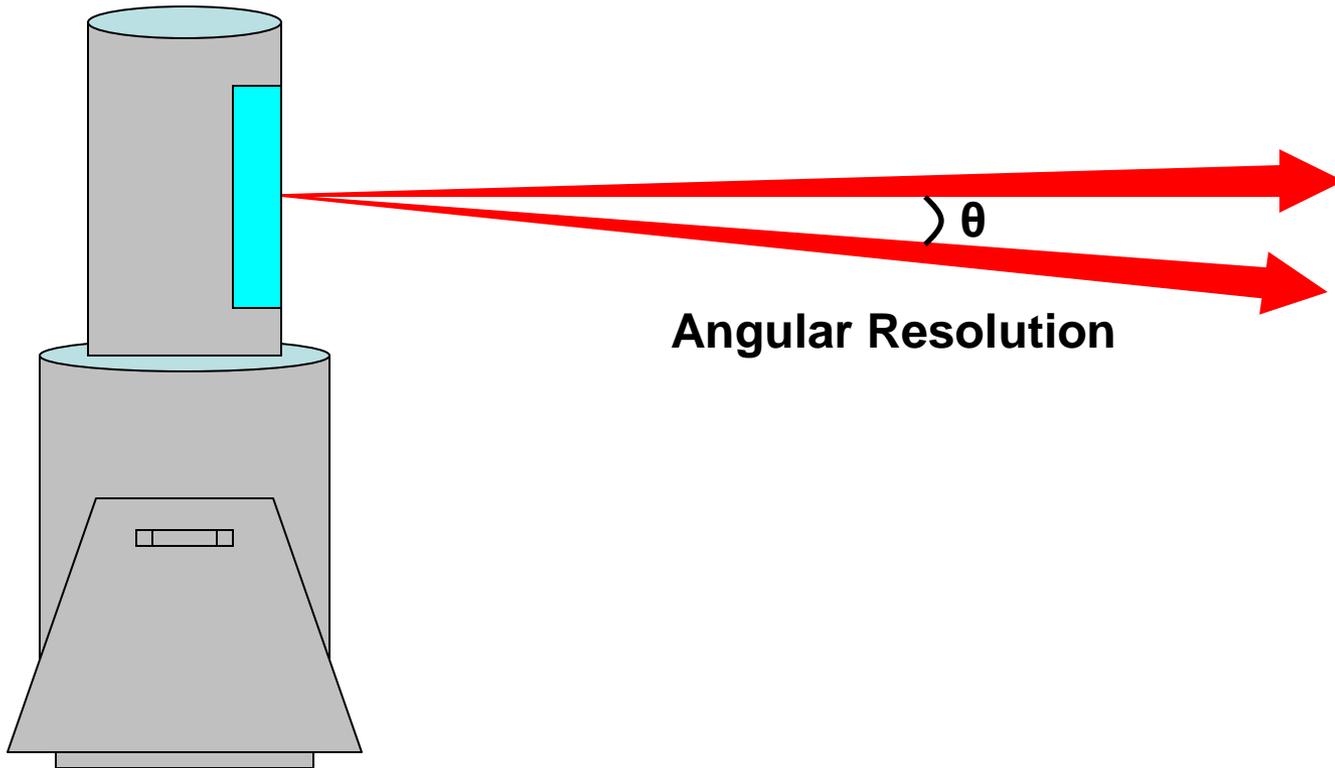
Ocean

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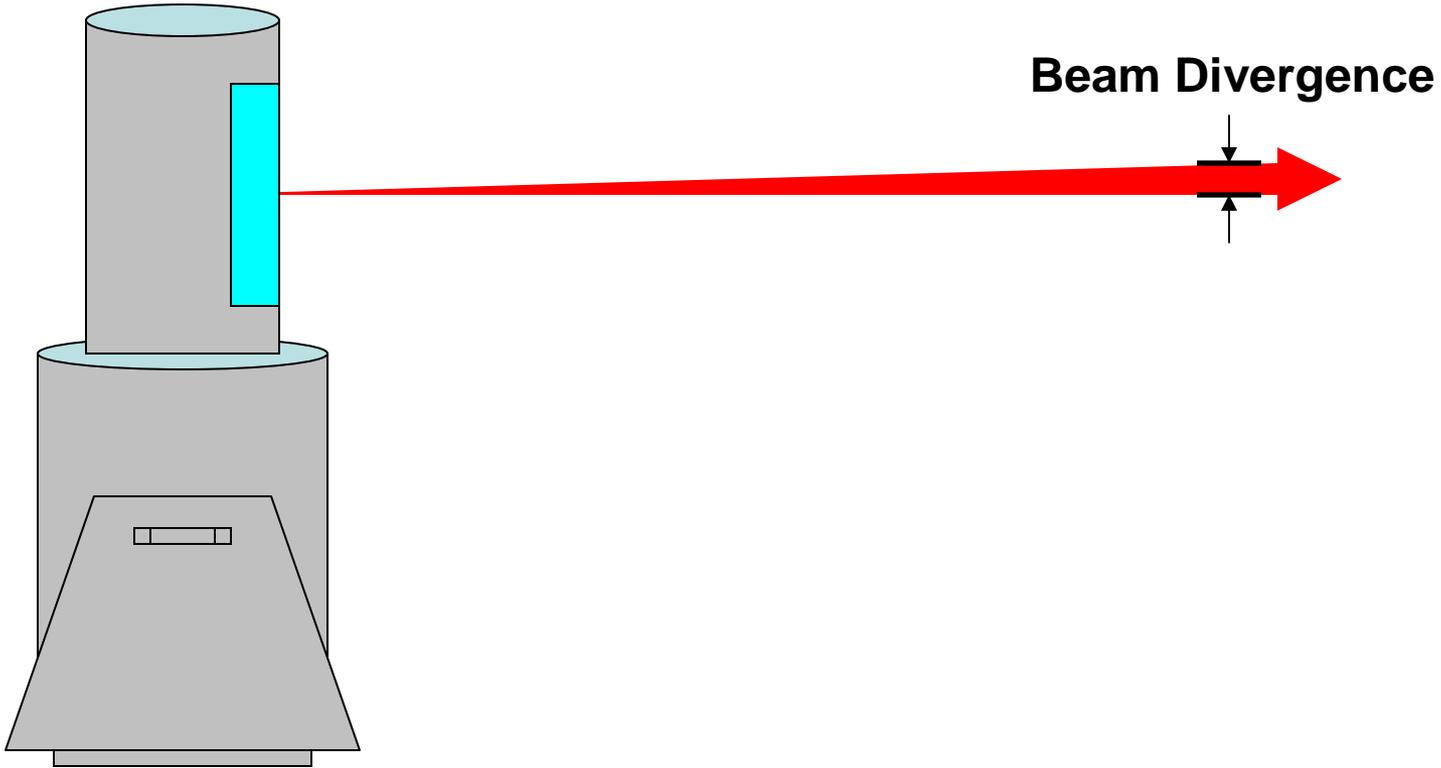


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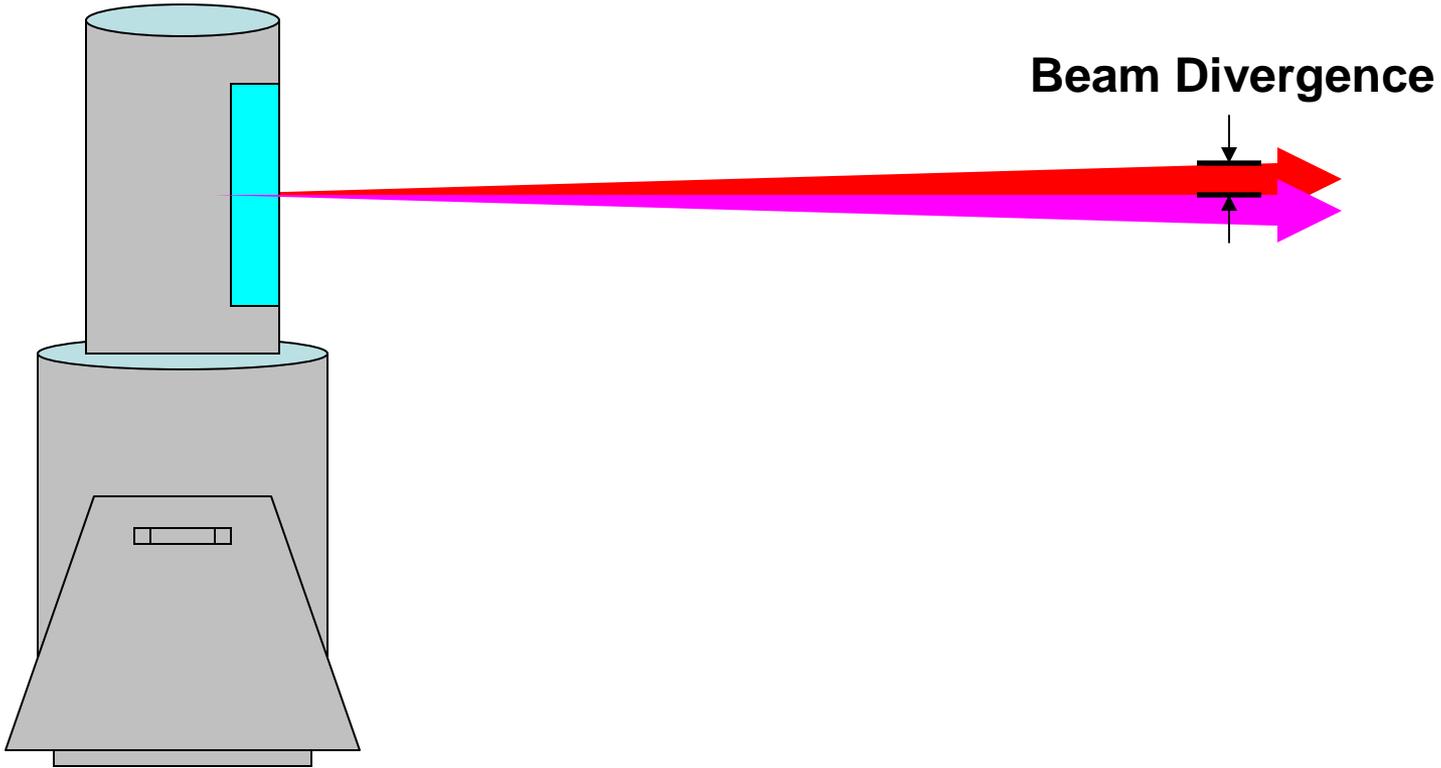
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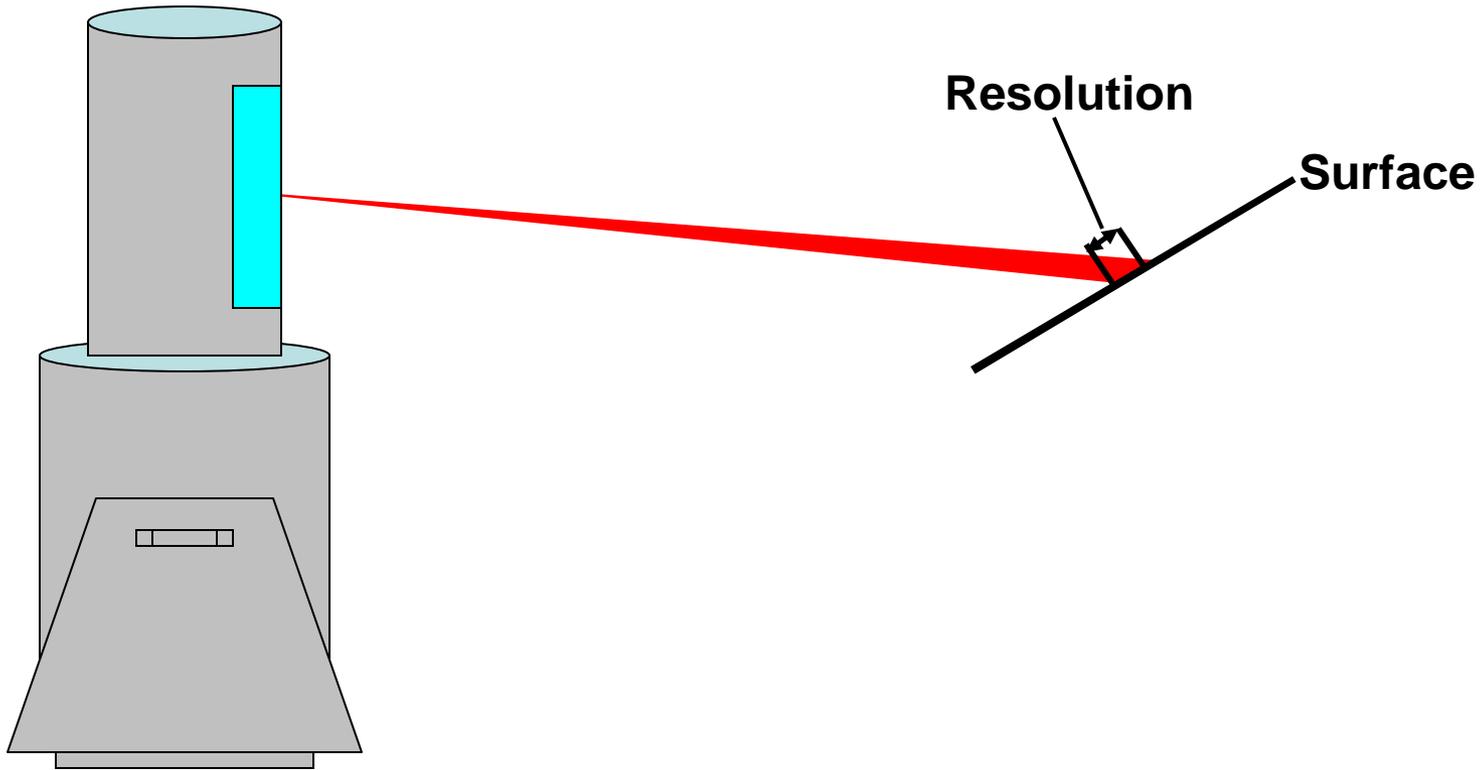
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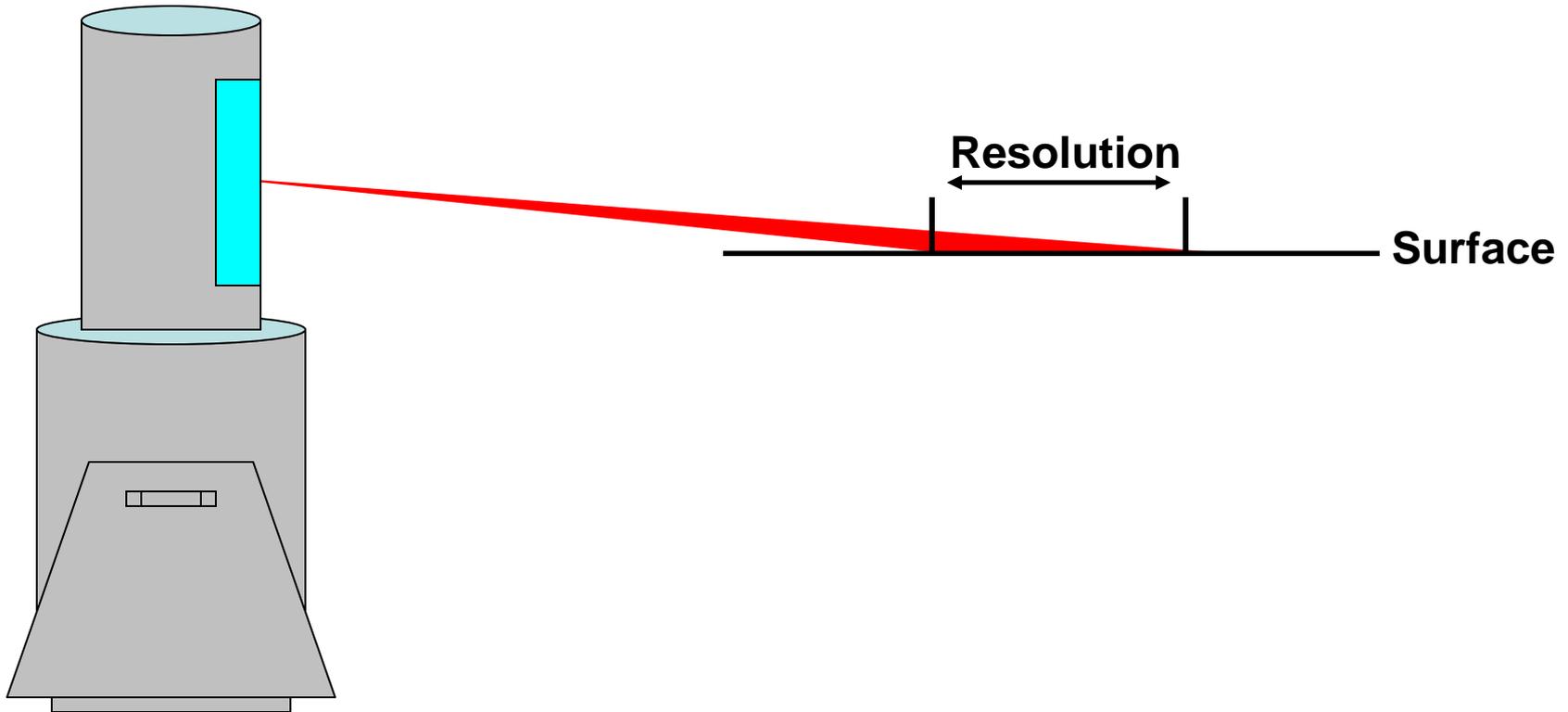
# Beam Divergence



# Angle of Incidence

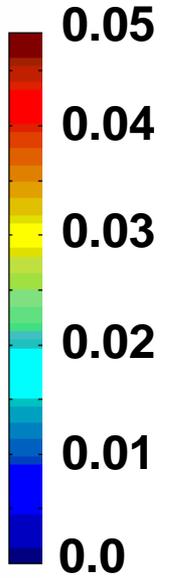
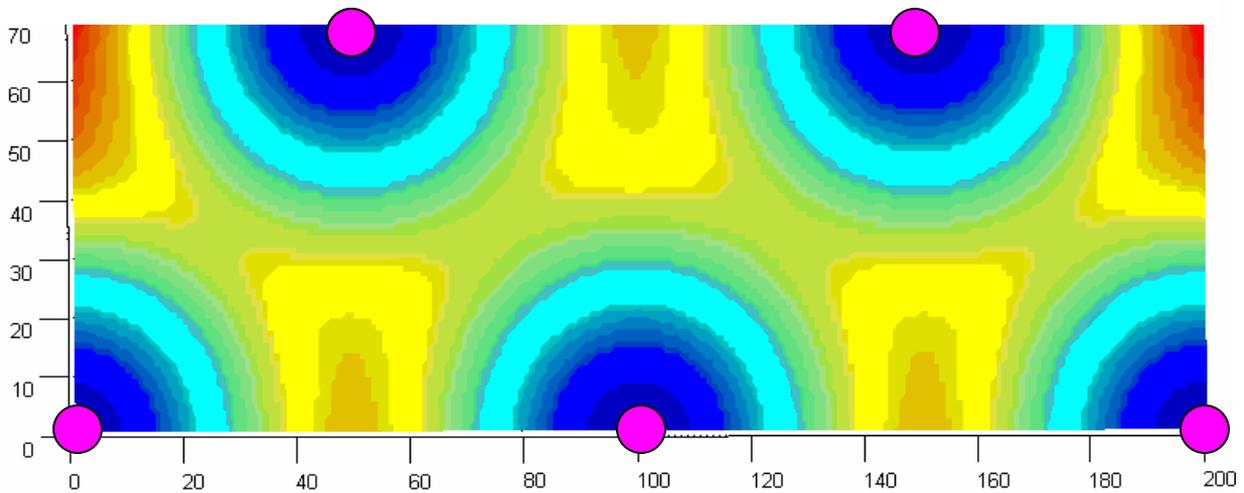


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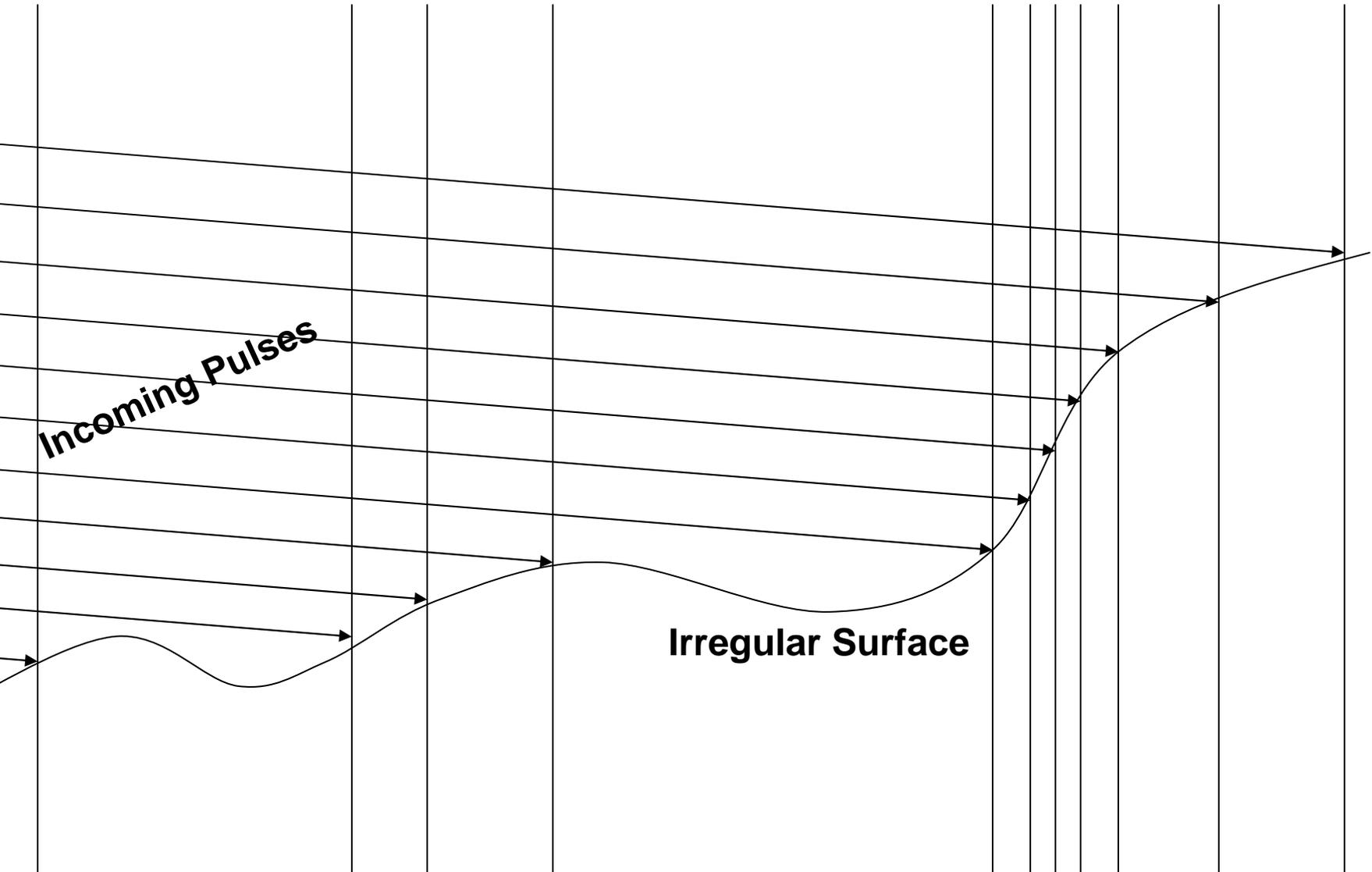
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Field Y  
Dimension  
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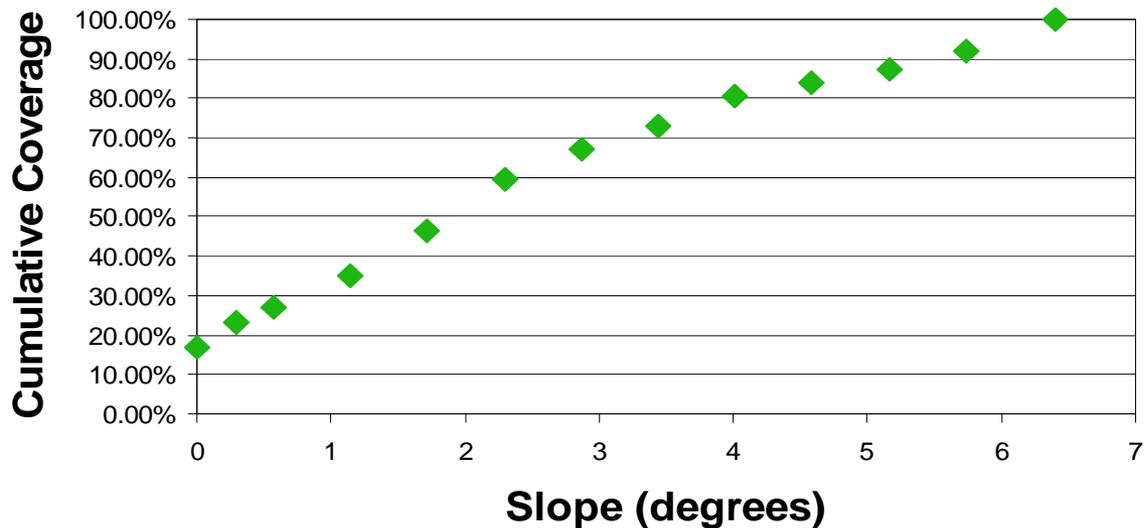


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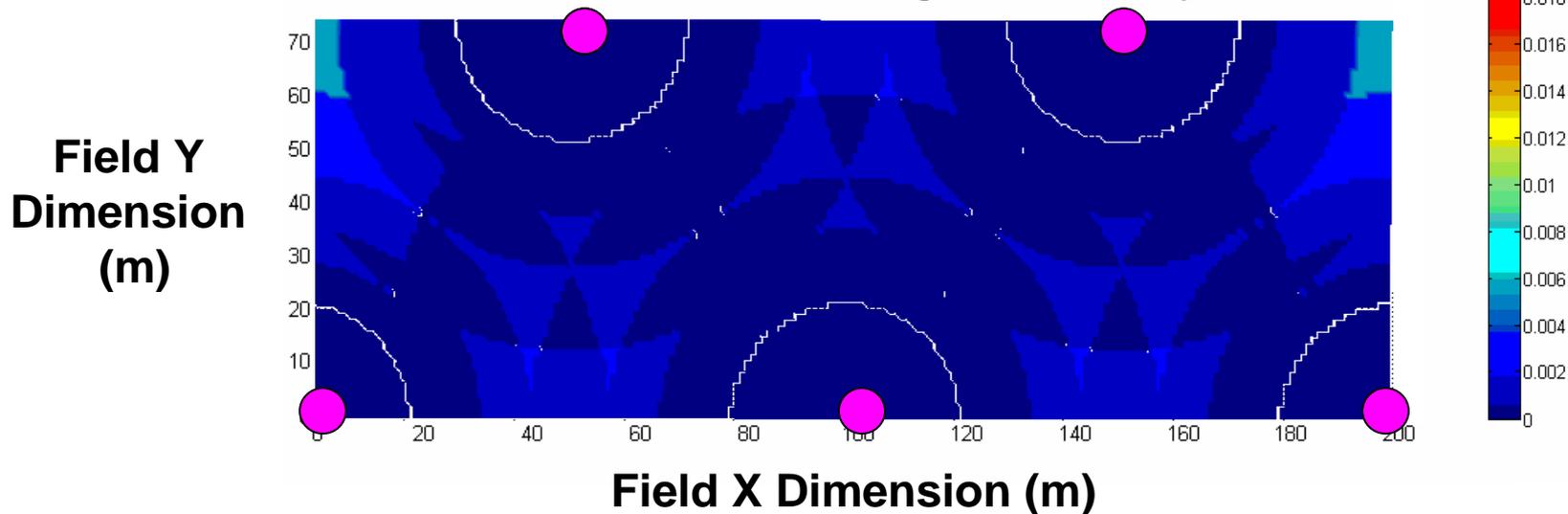
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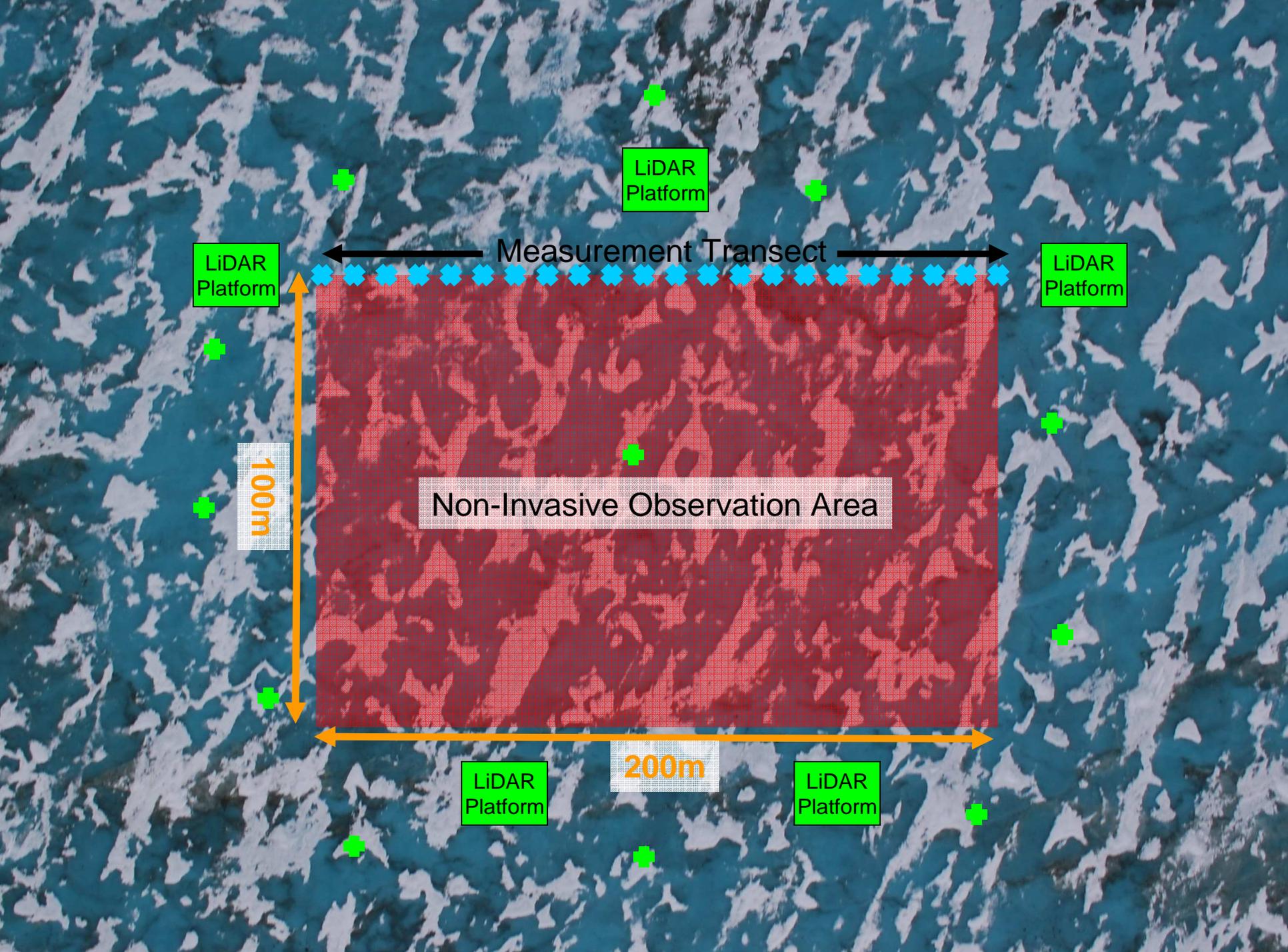


## Surface Slope Distribution (25cm)



## 0.25m Shadowing Probability





LiDAR Platform

LiDAR Platform

LiDAR Platform

Measurement Transect

100m

Non-Invasive Observation Area

200m

LiDAR Platform

LiDAR Platform









ScanPos02

ScanPos03

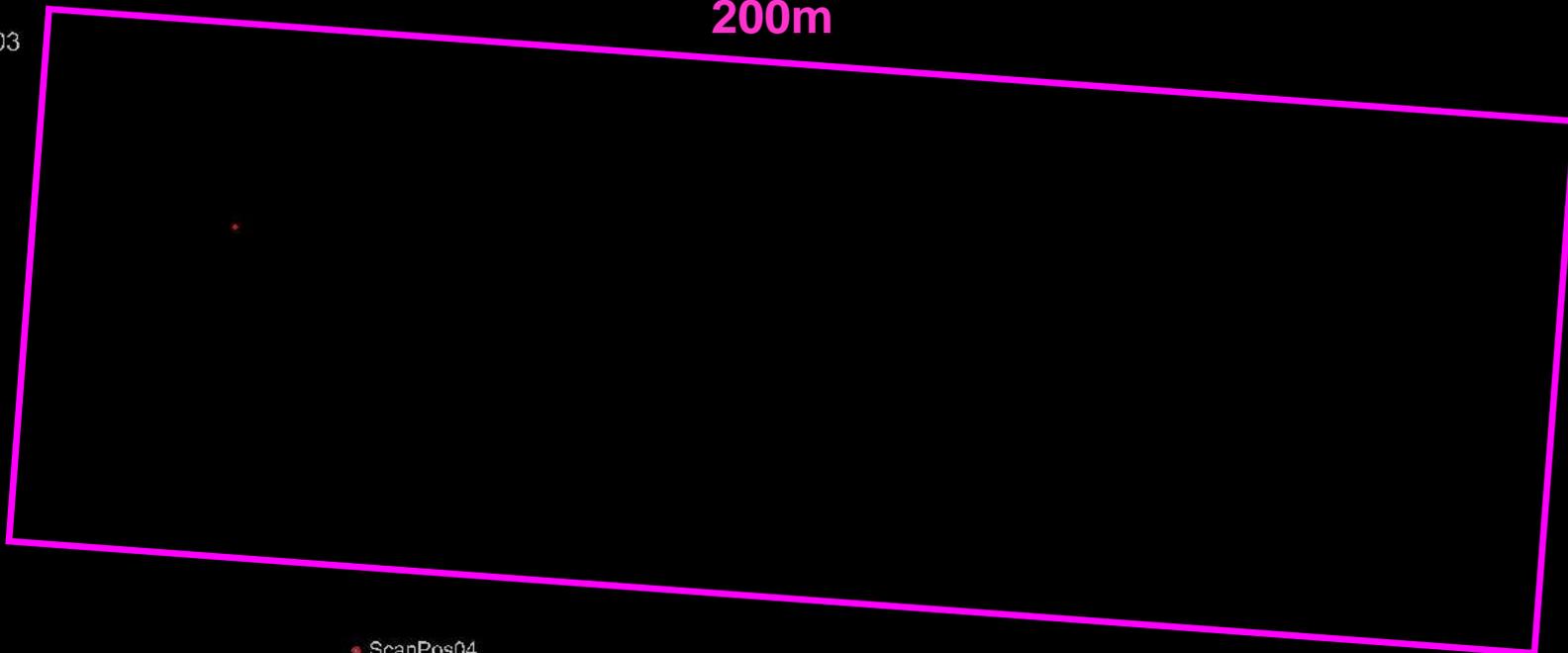
200m

ScanPos05

70m

ScanPos04

ScanPos05





• ScanPos03

• ScanPos02

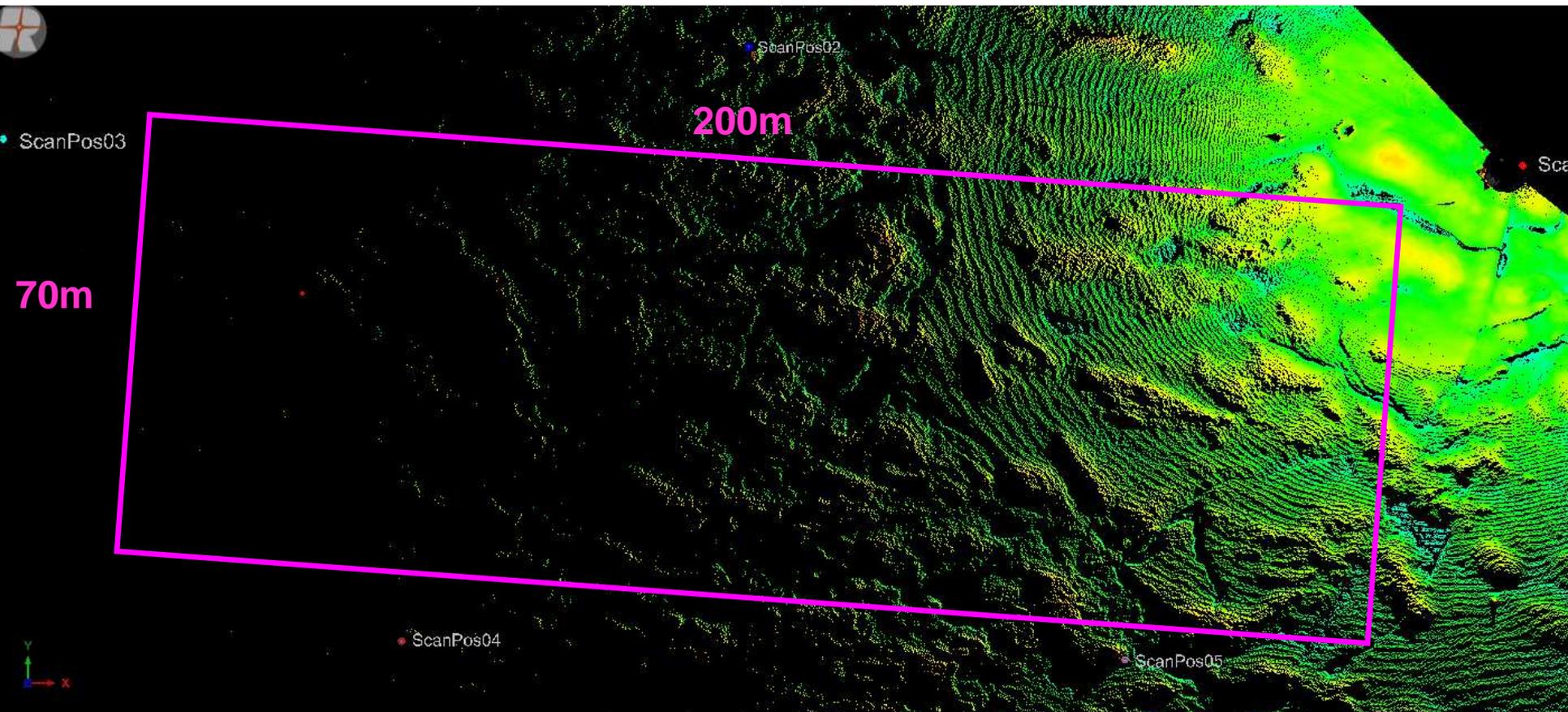
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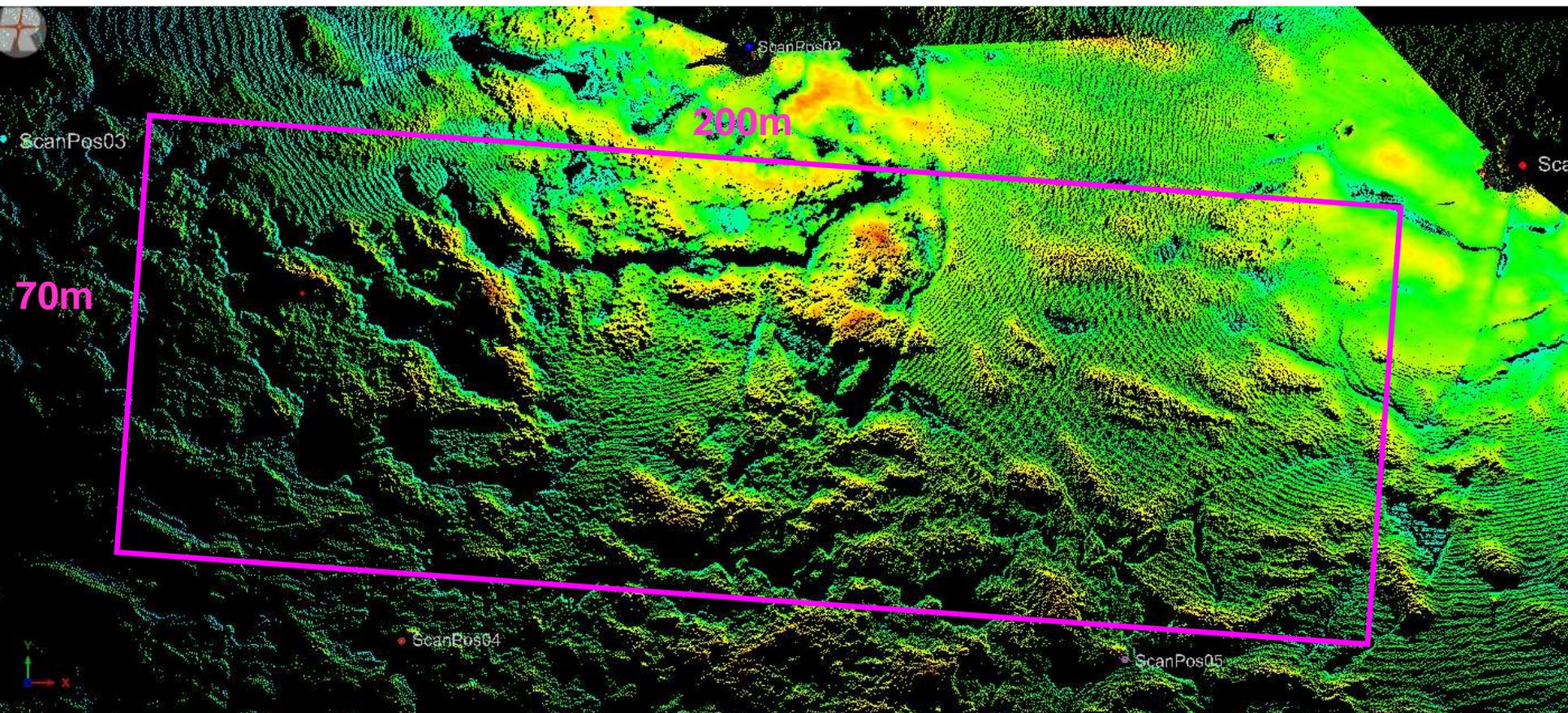
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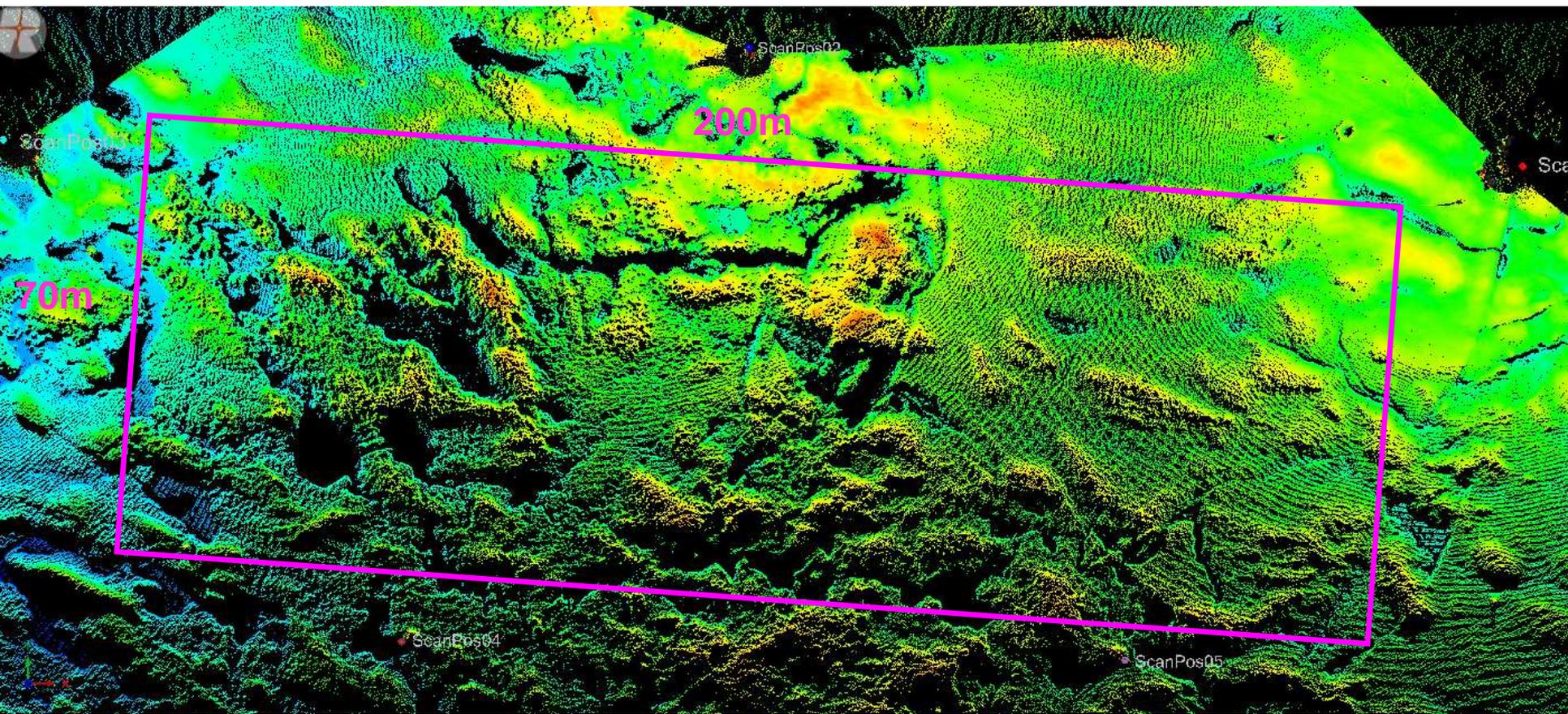
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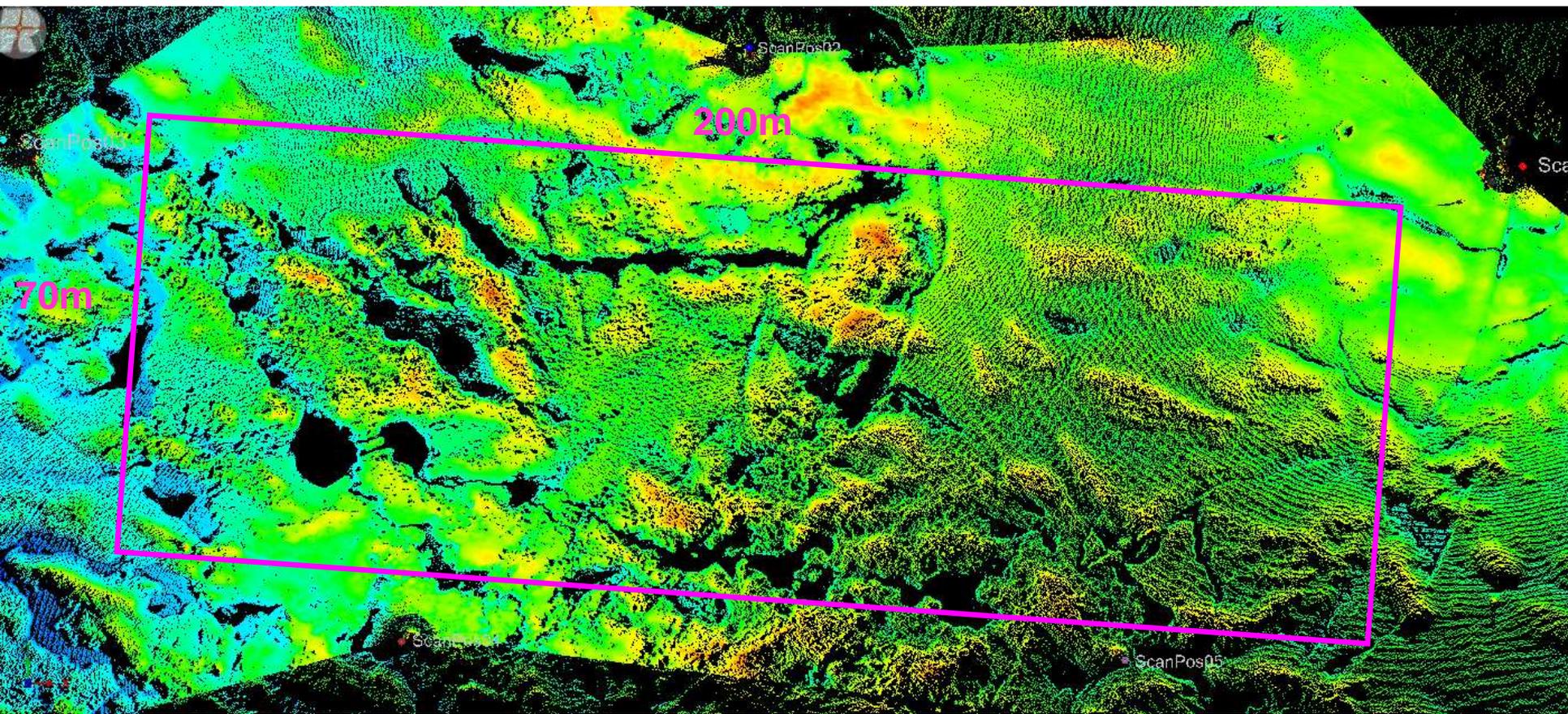
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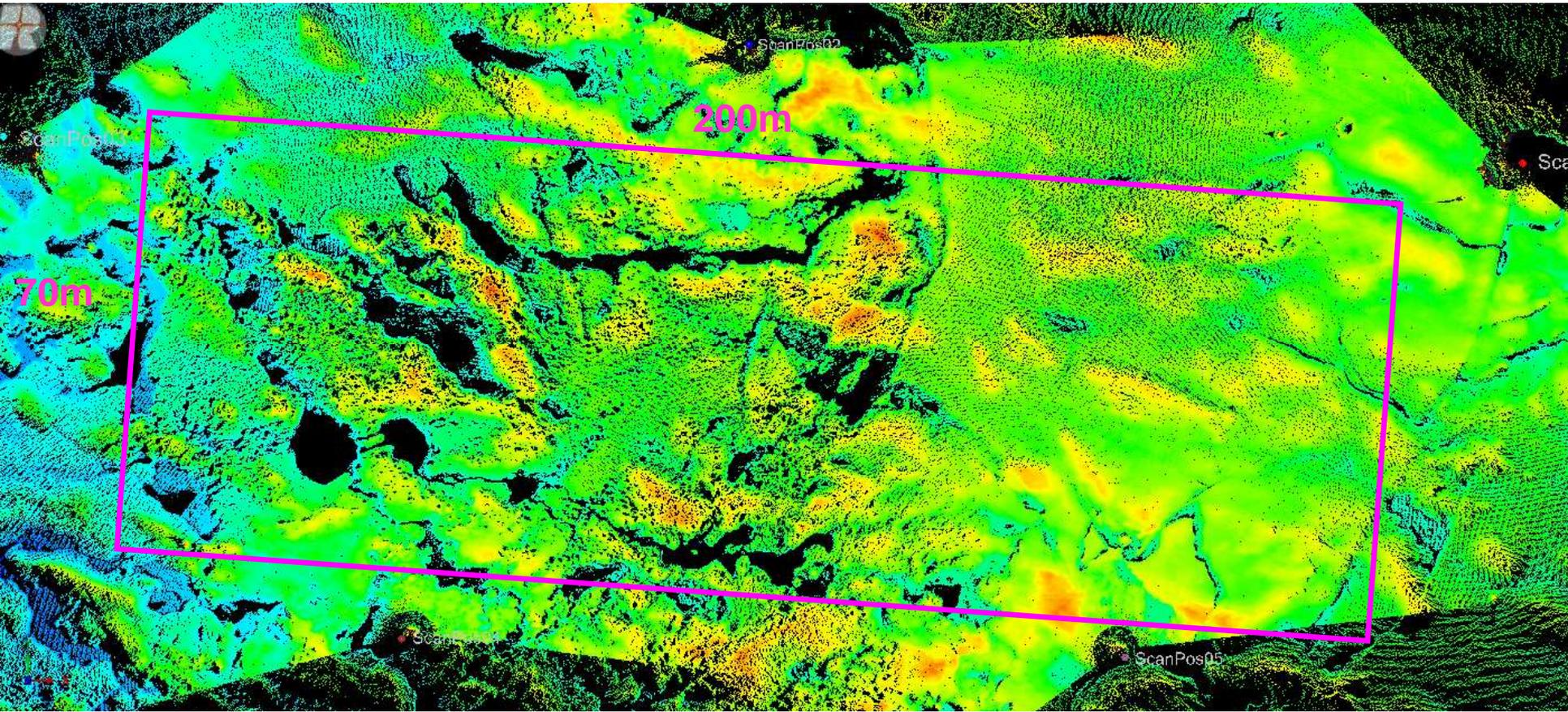
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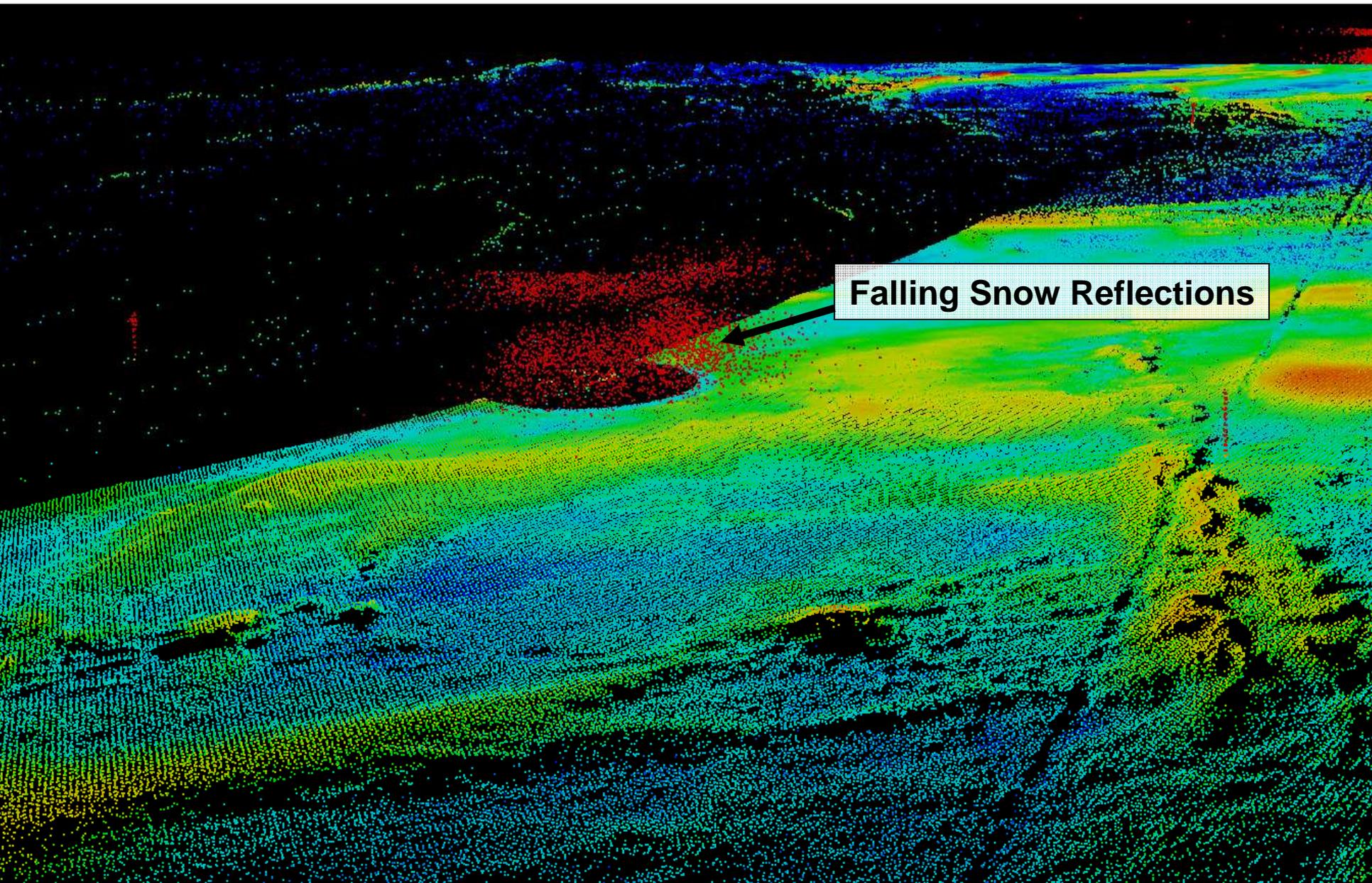




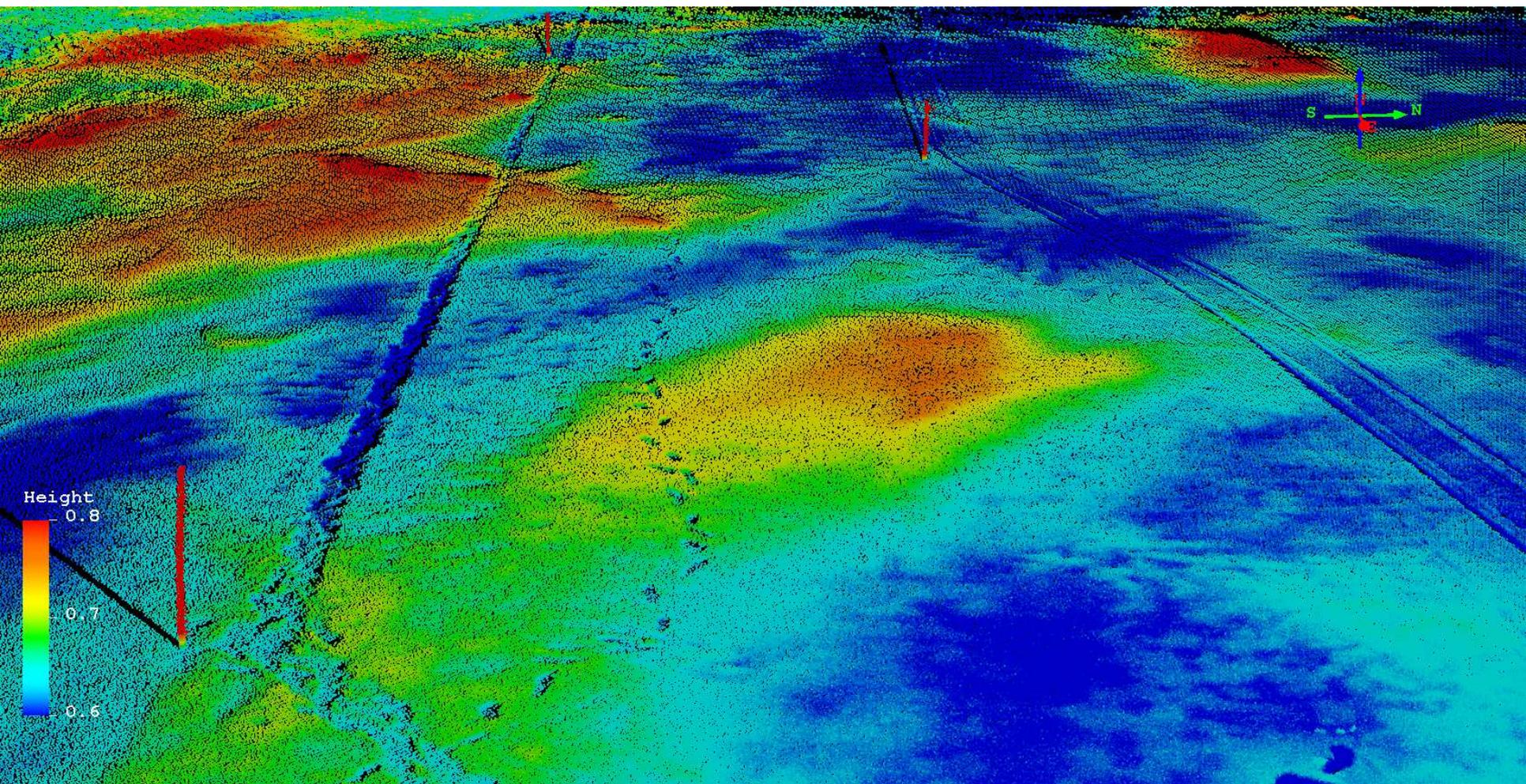




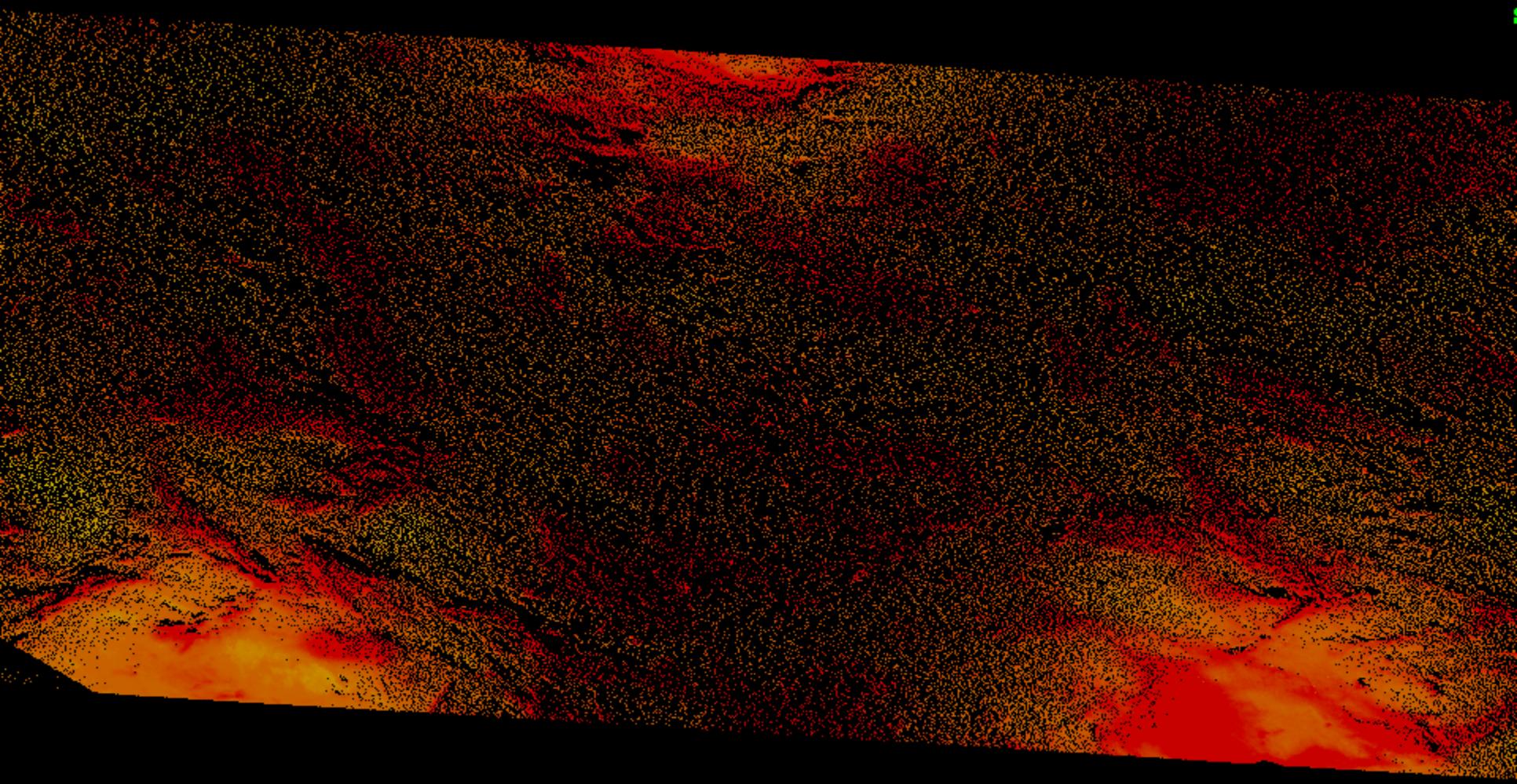
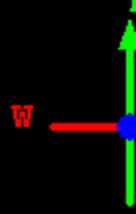




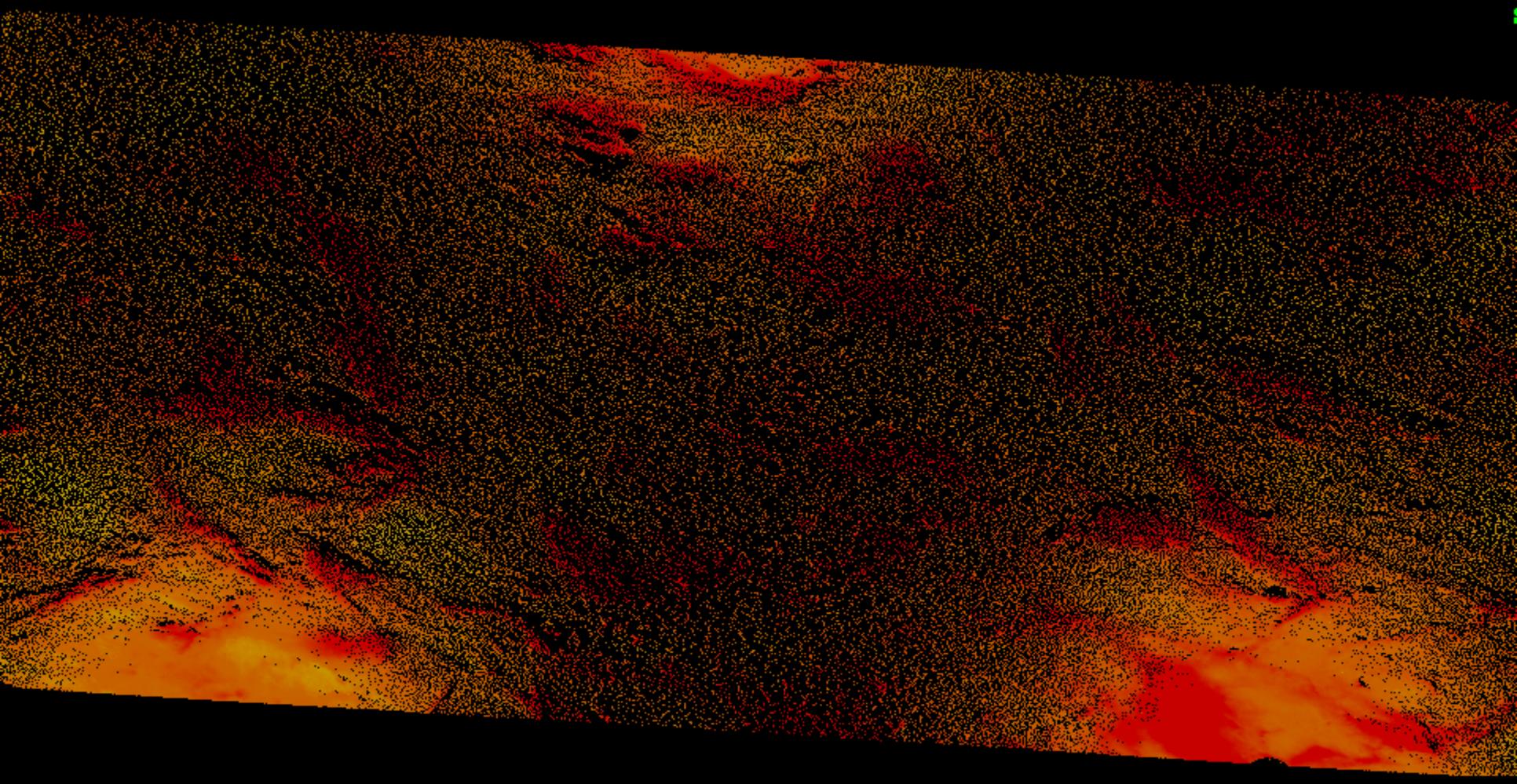
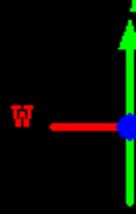
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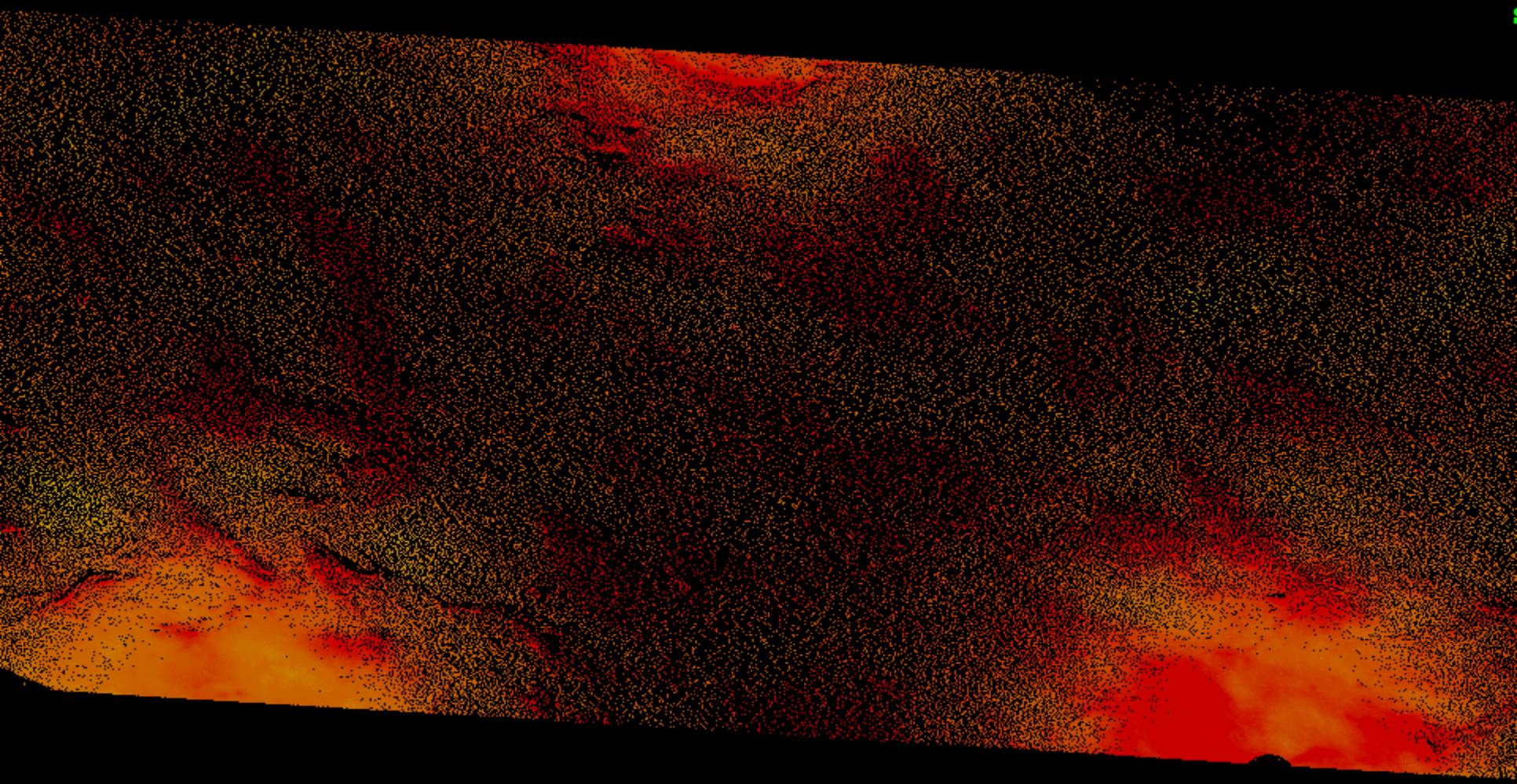
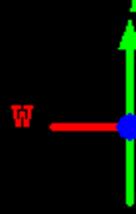
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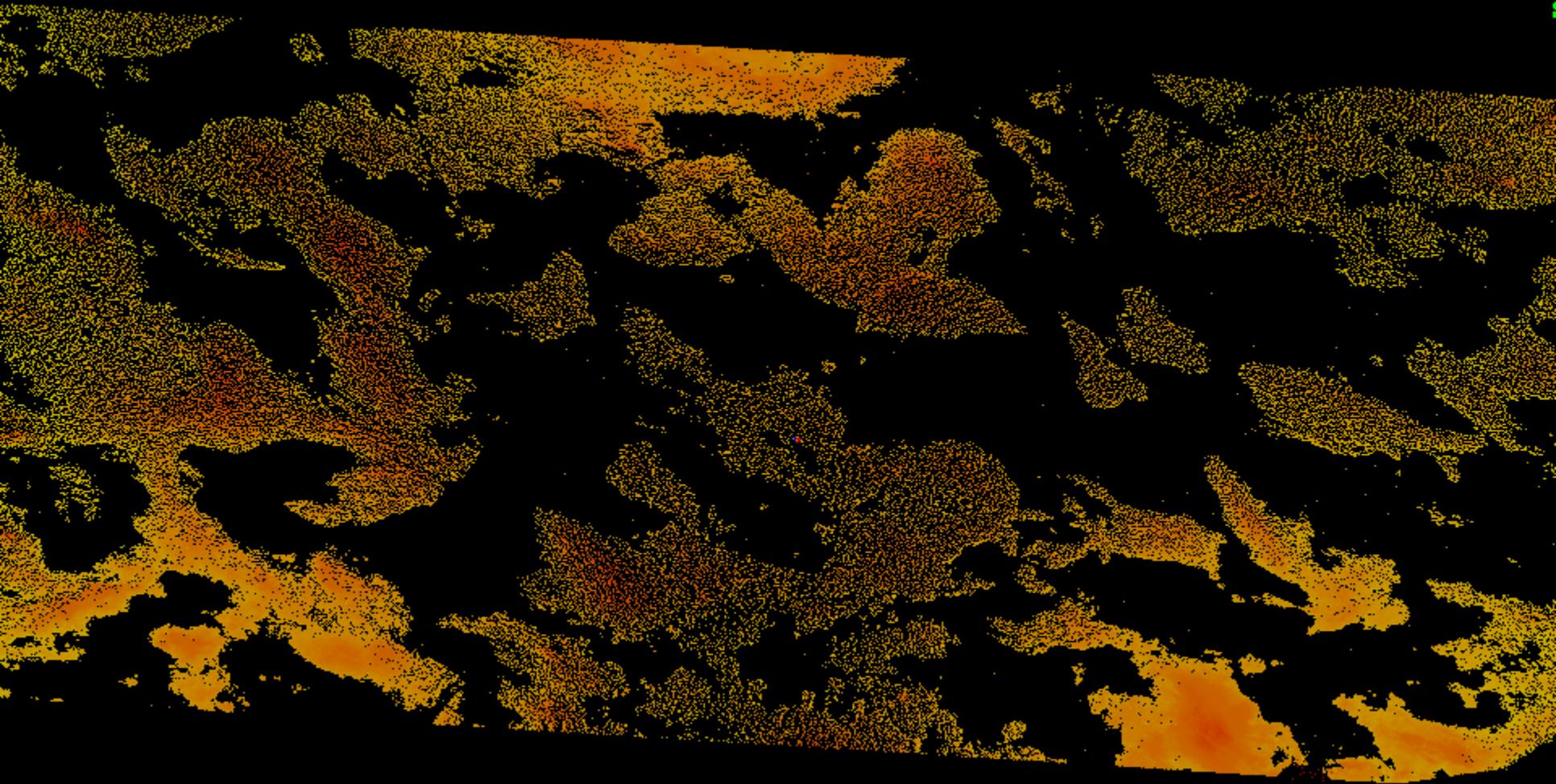


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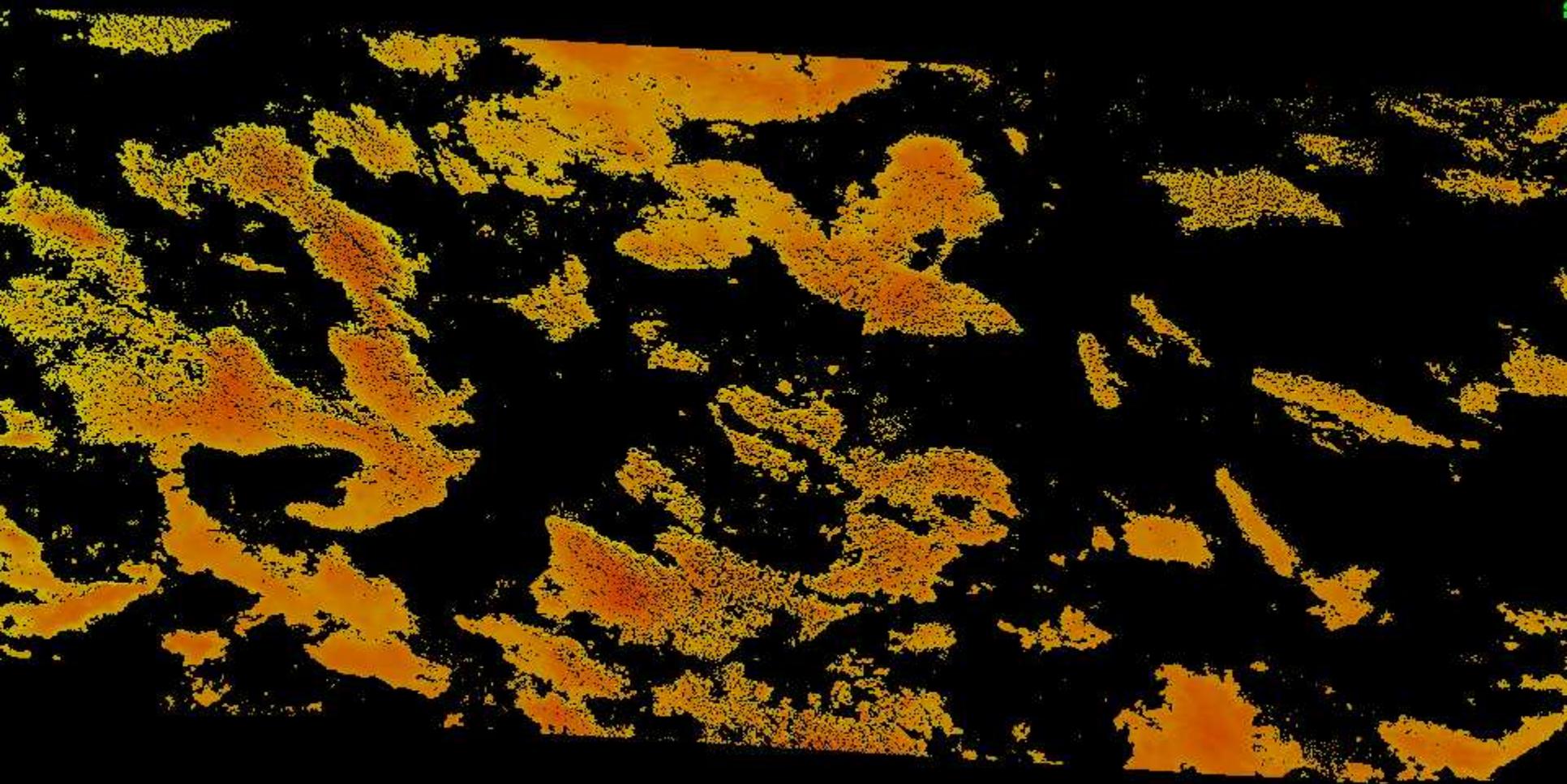


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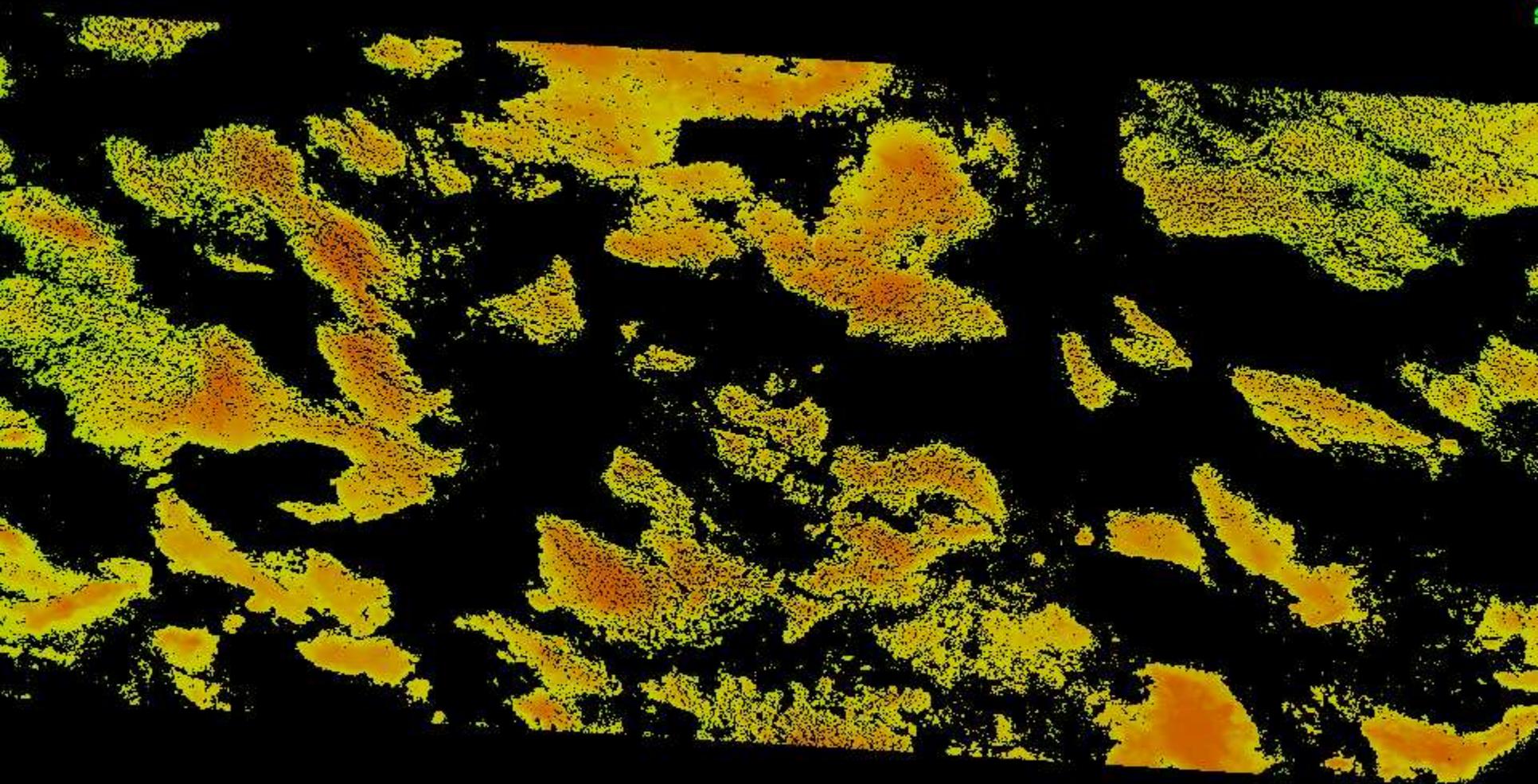
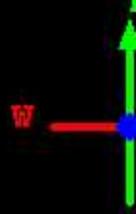
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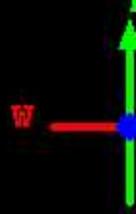
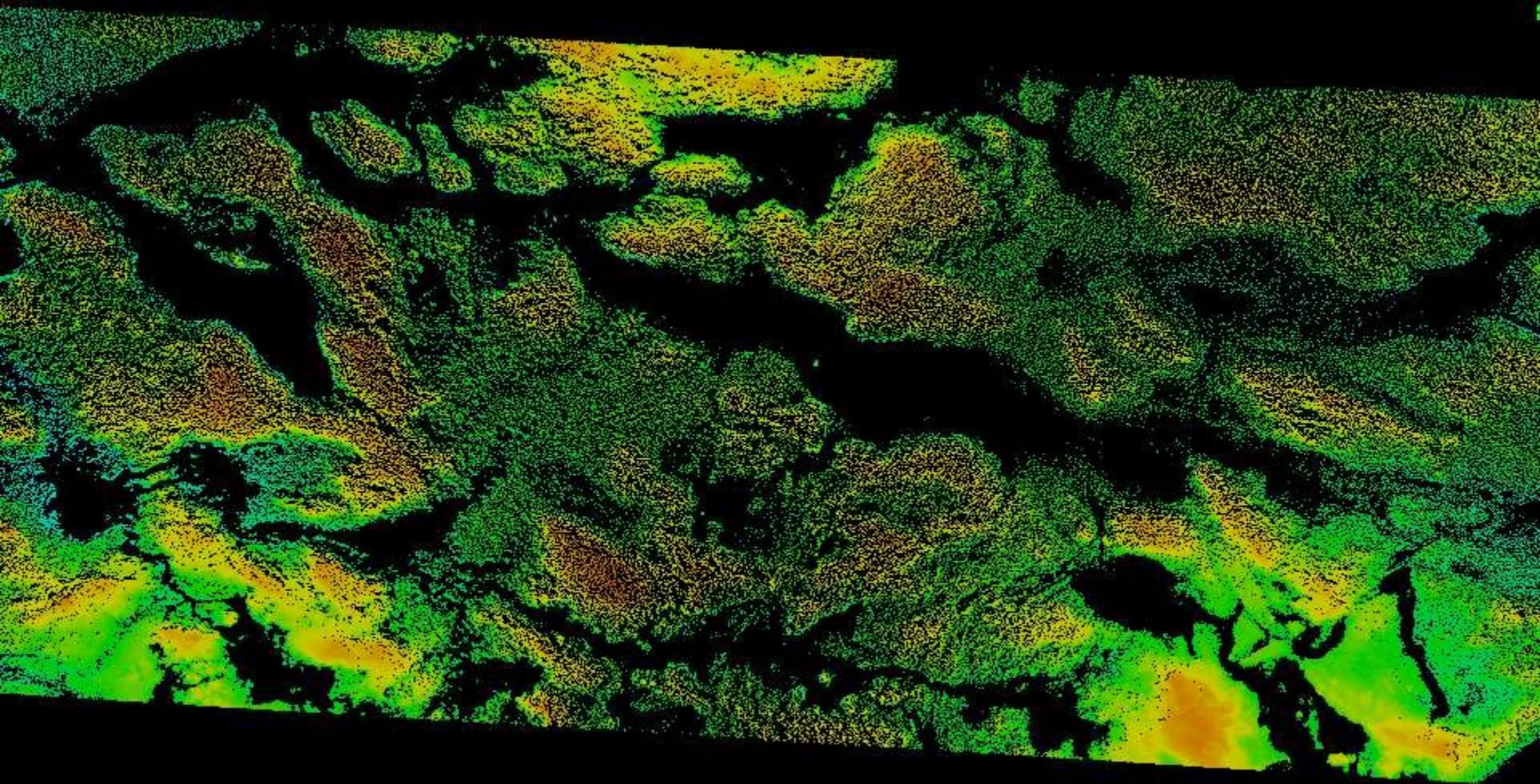
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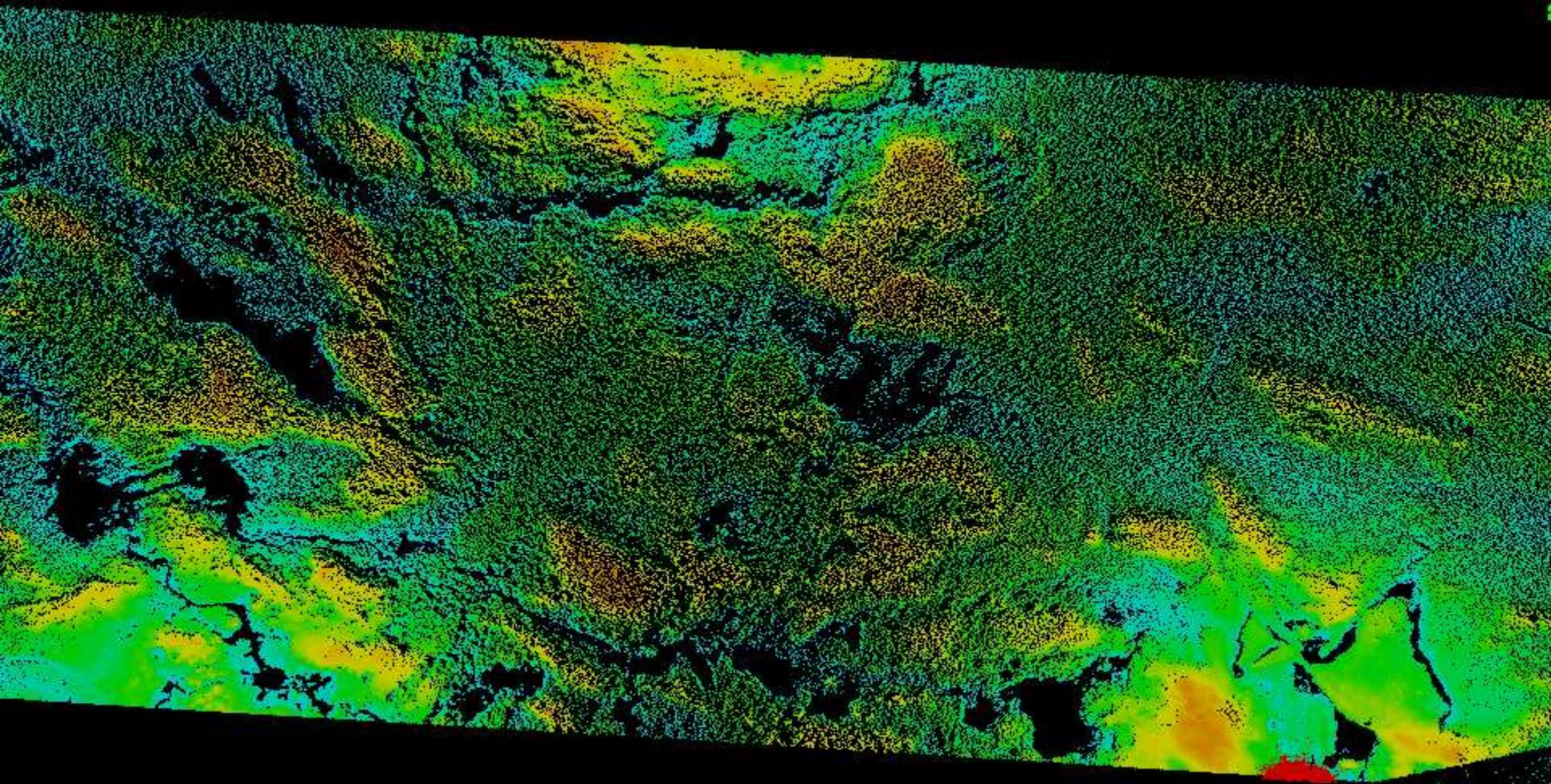
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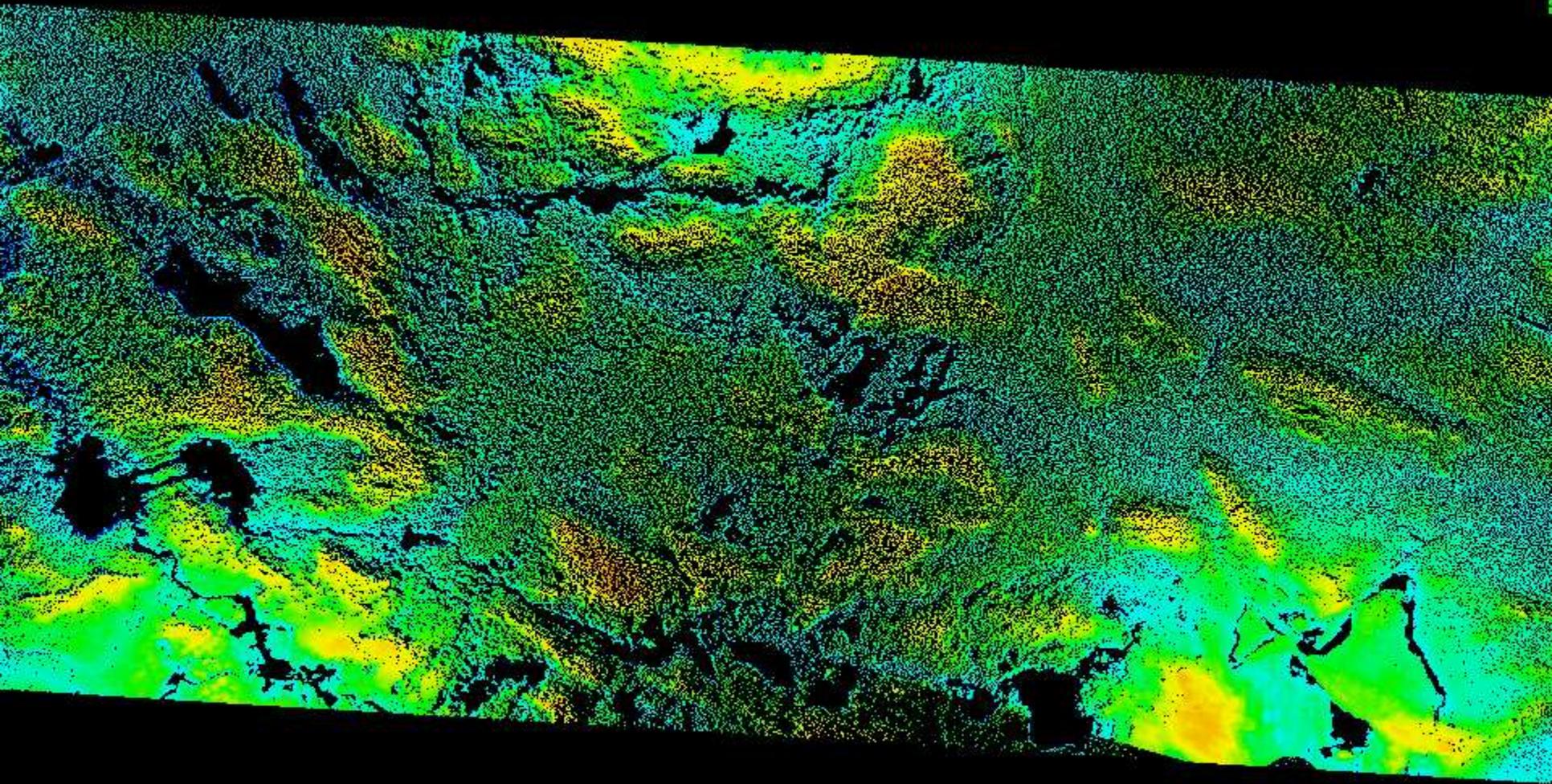
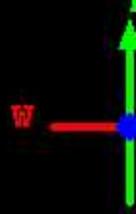
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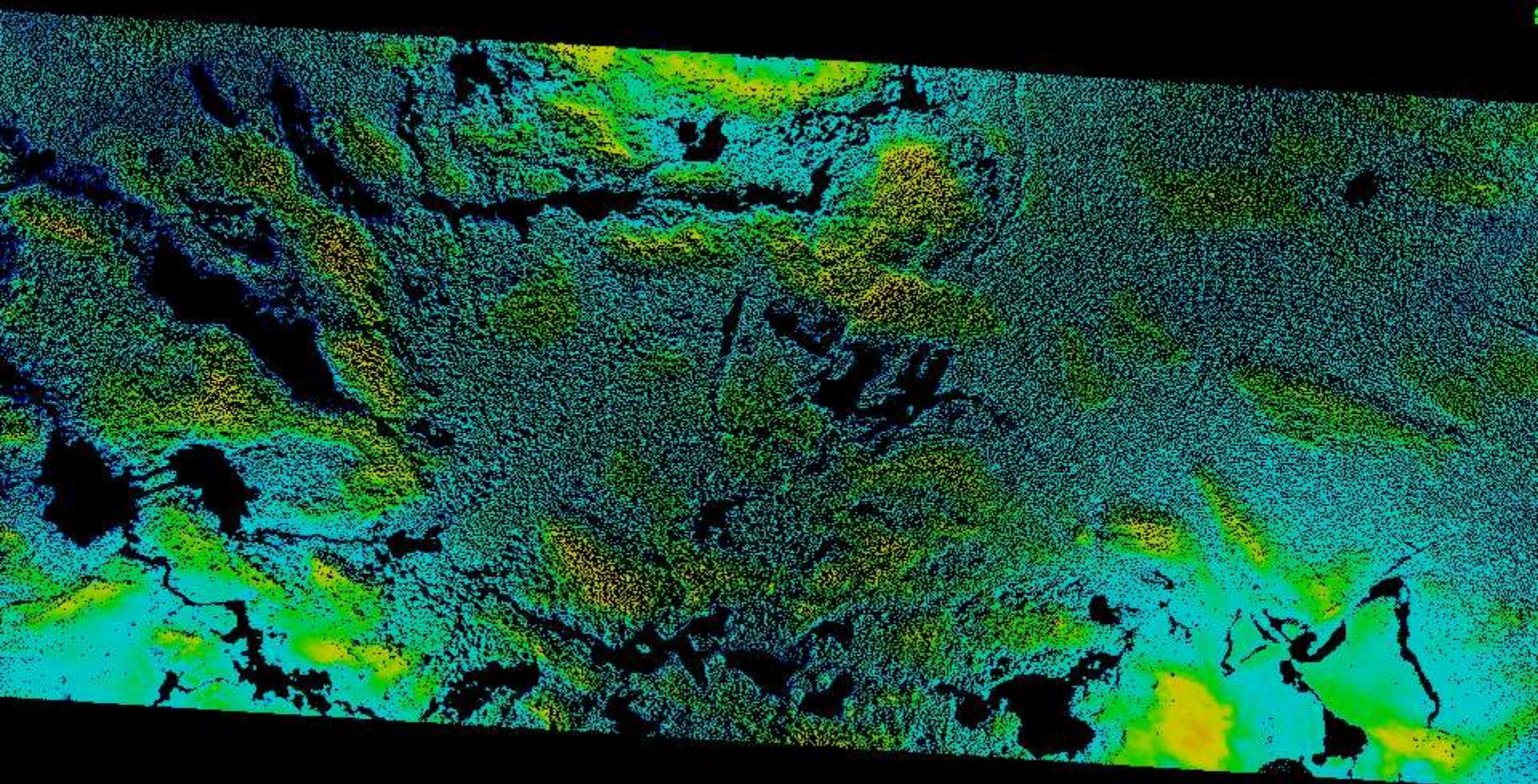
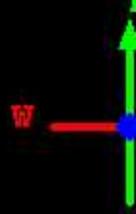
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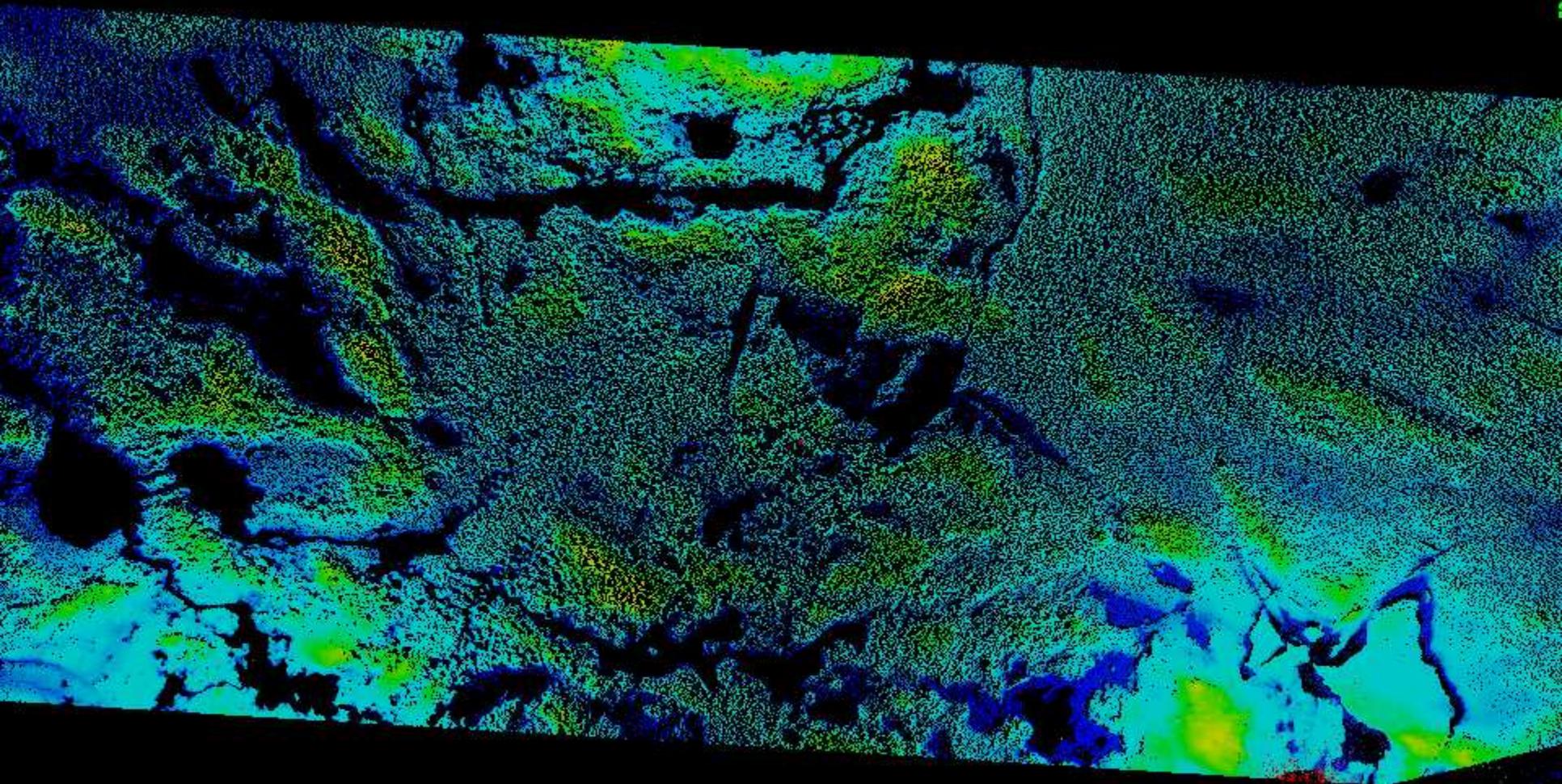
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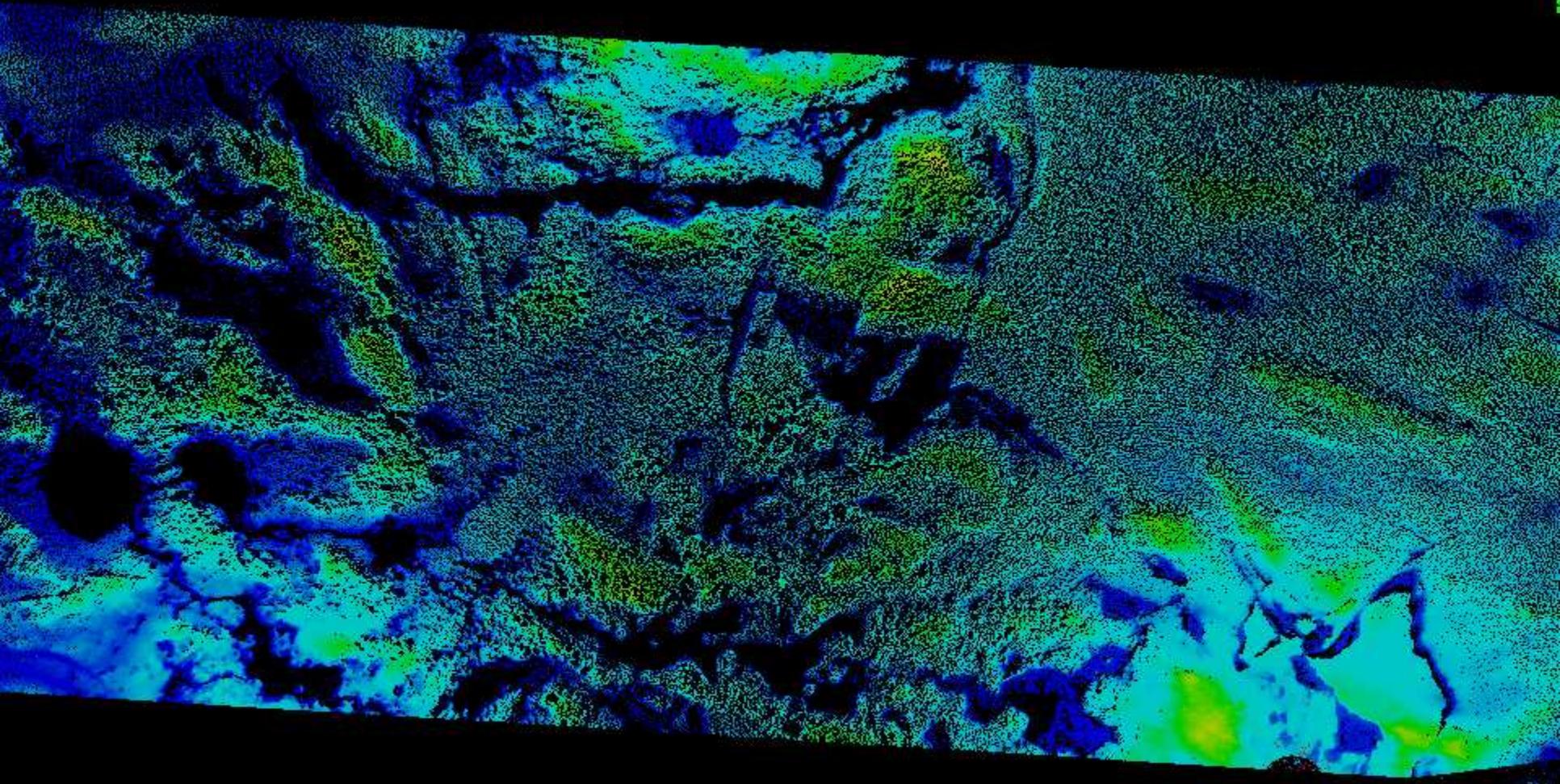
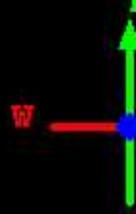
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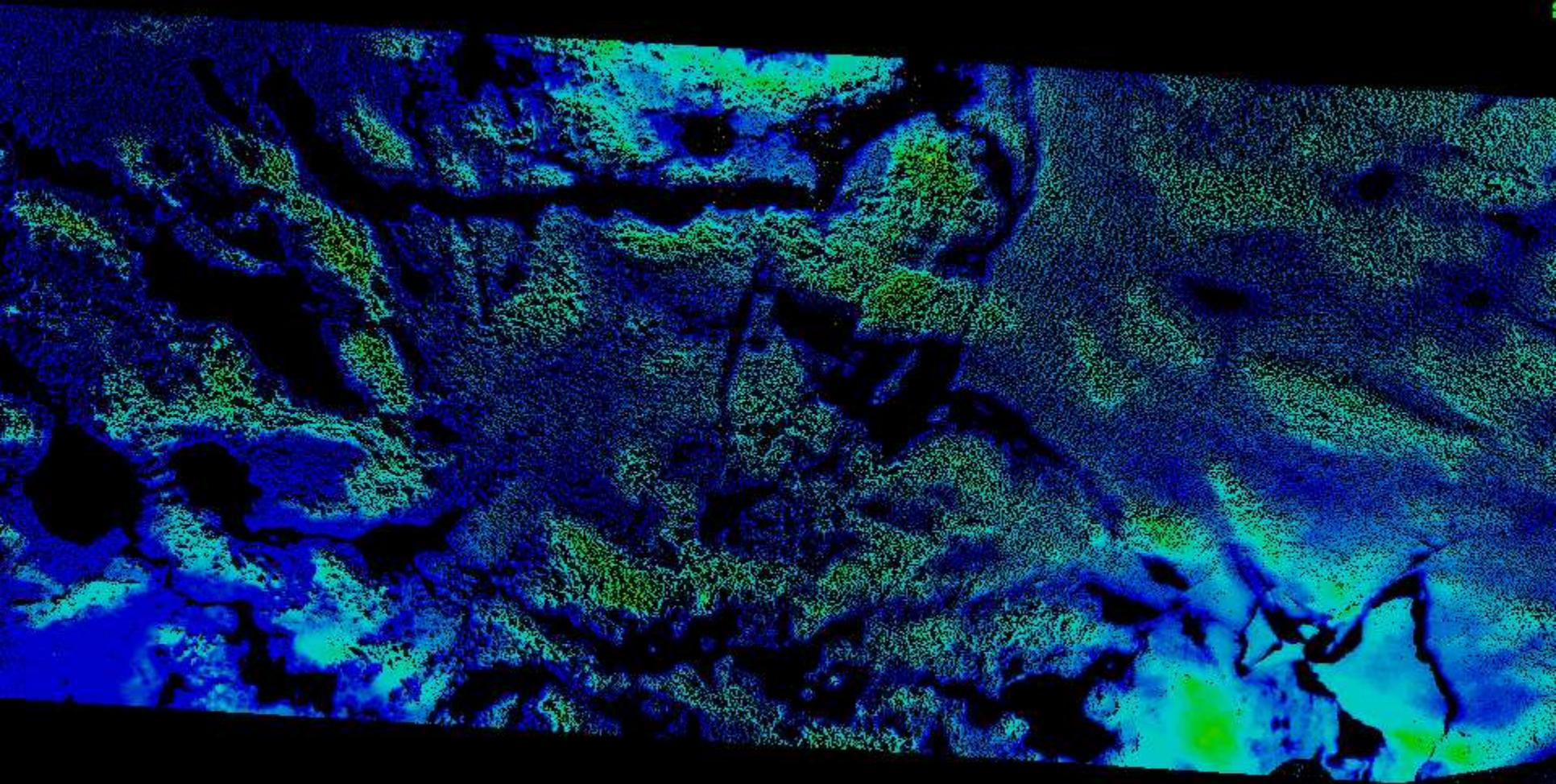


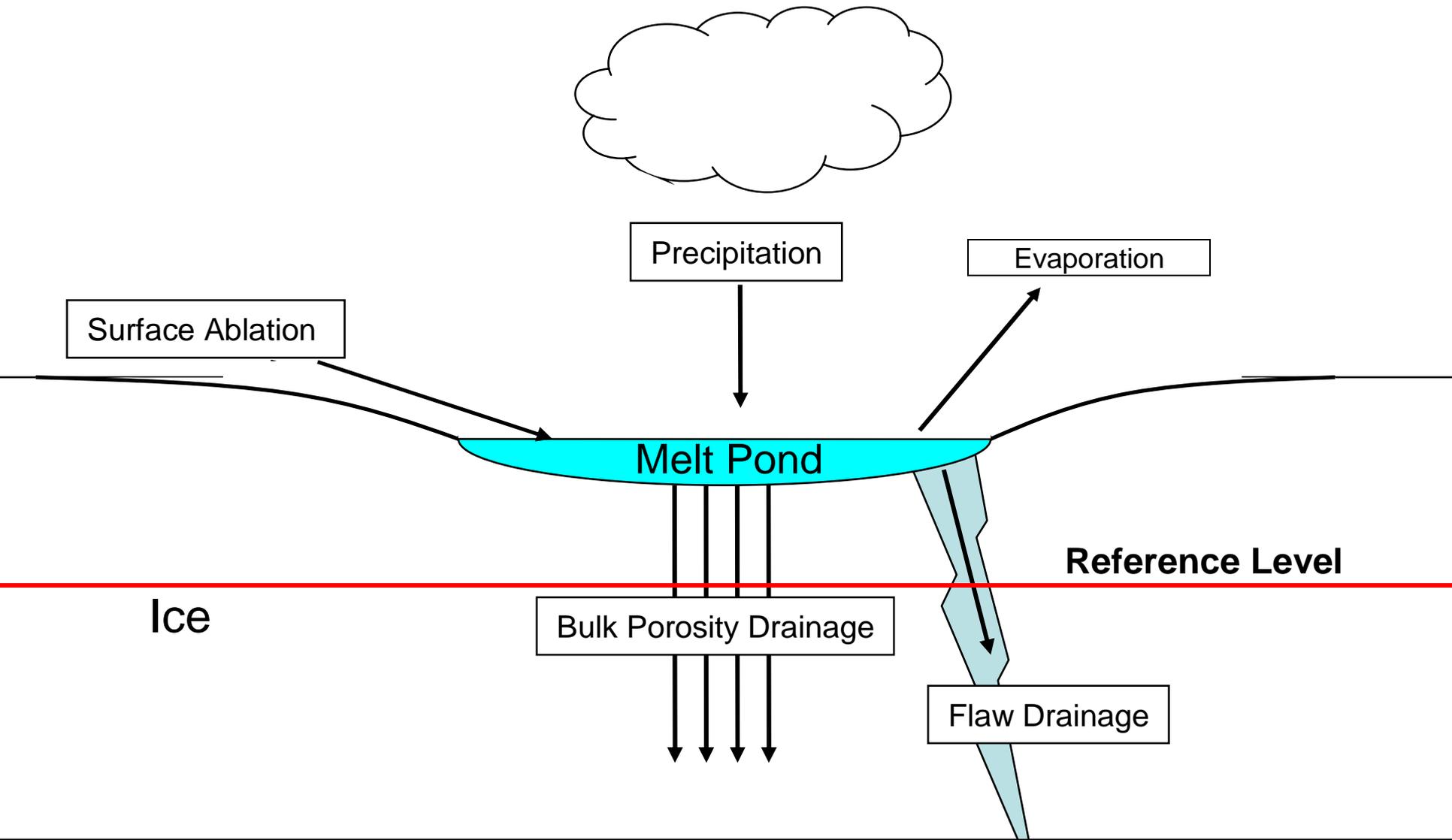
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June 24

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Surface Ablation

Precipitation

Evaporation

Melt Pond

Reference Level

Ice

Bulk Porosity Drainage

Flaw Drainage

Ocean

Measured by Probing along Transect

Measured by LiDAR

$$h_{total} = h_{ice} + h_{snow} + h_{water}$$

Solve for

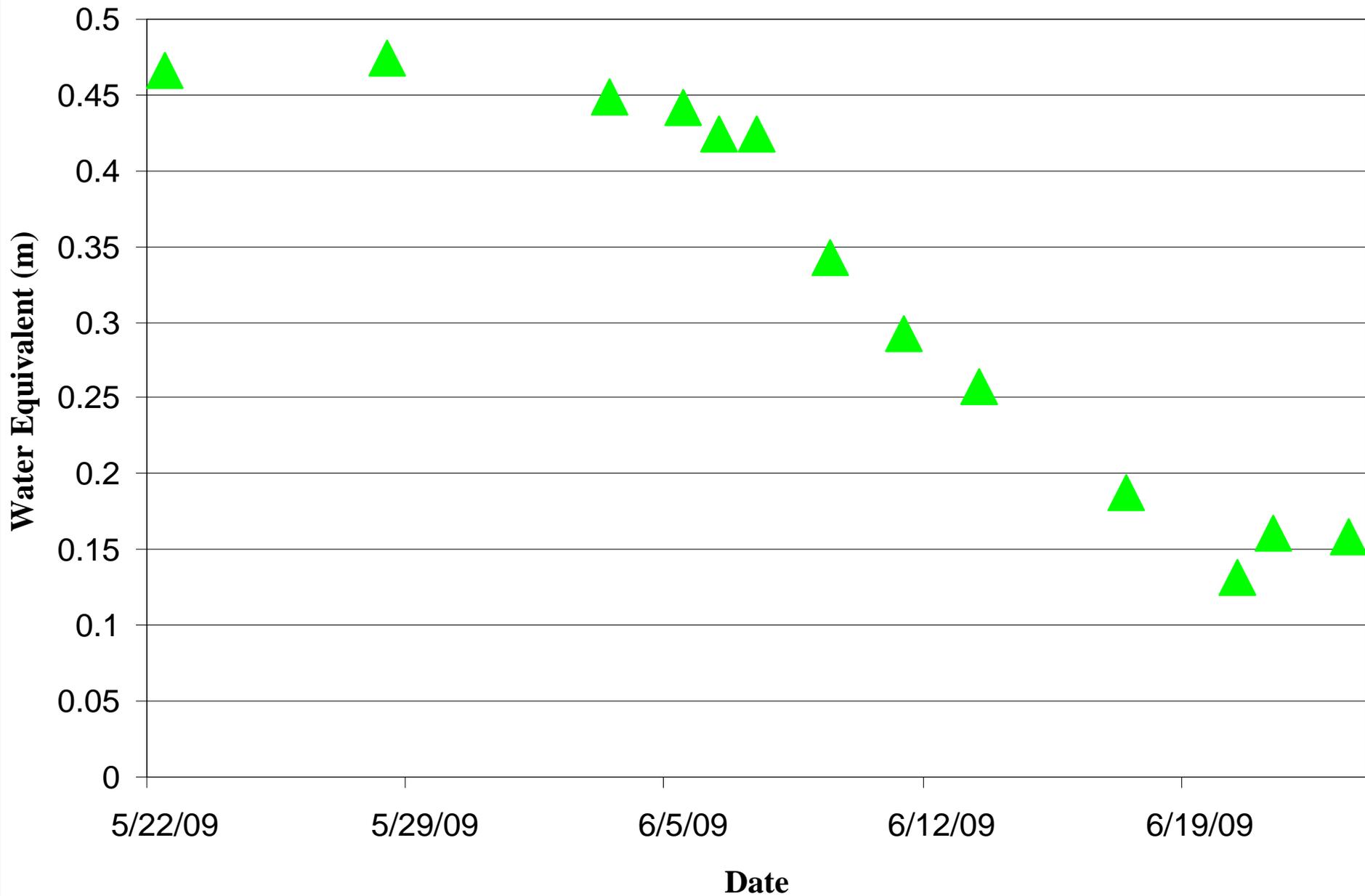
$$h_{water} = \frac{\rho_{ice} h_{ice} + \rho_{snow} h_{snow} + \rho_{water} h_{water}}{\rho_{water}}$$

0.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup> below water  
0.7g/cm<sup>3</sup> above water

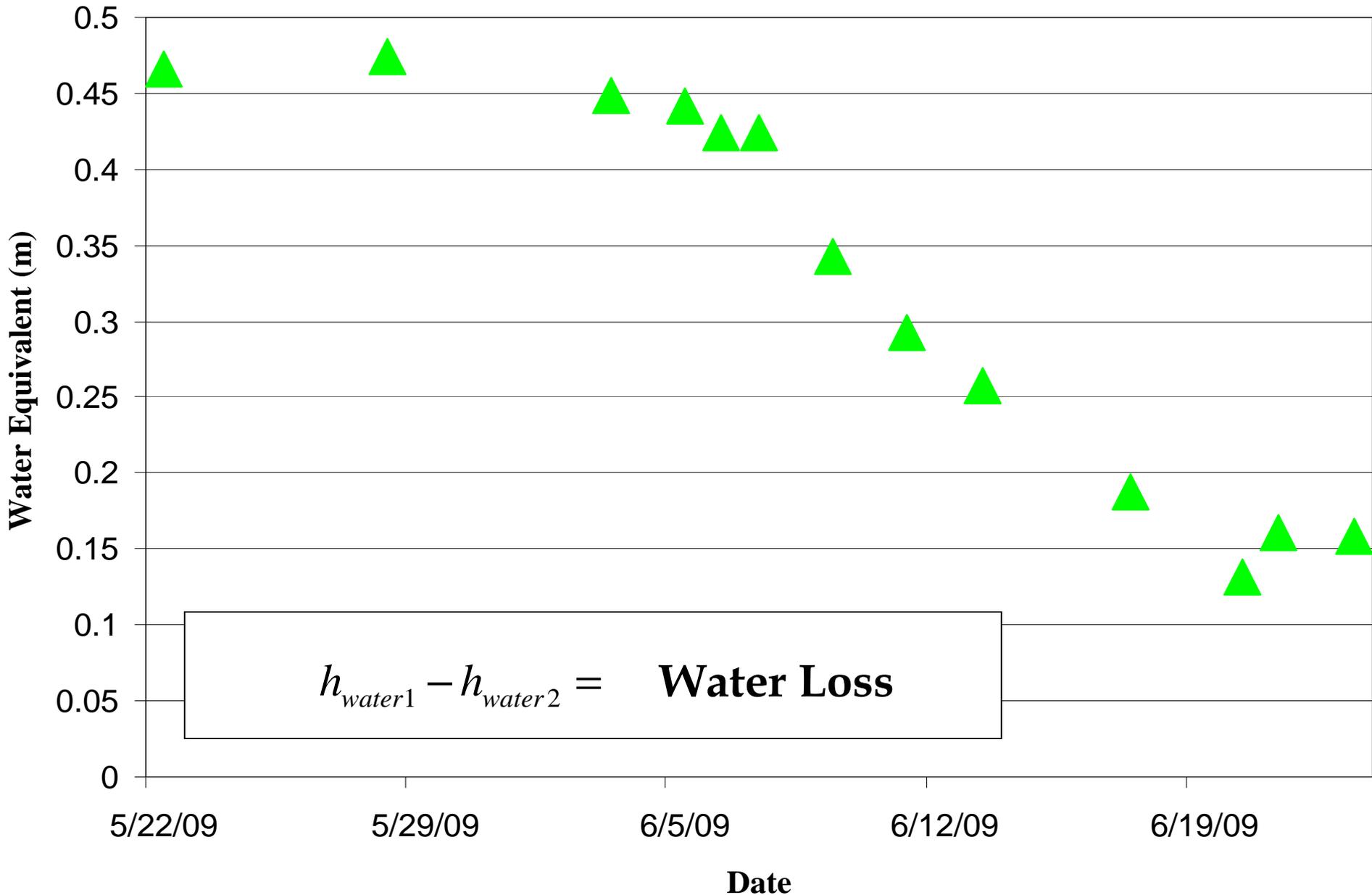
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SWE corer

1.0g/cm<sup>3</sup>

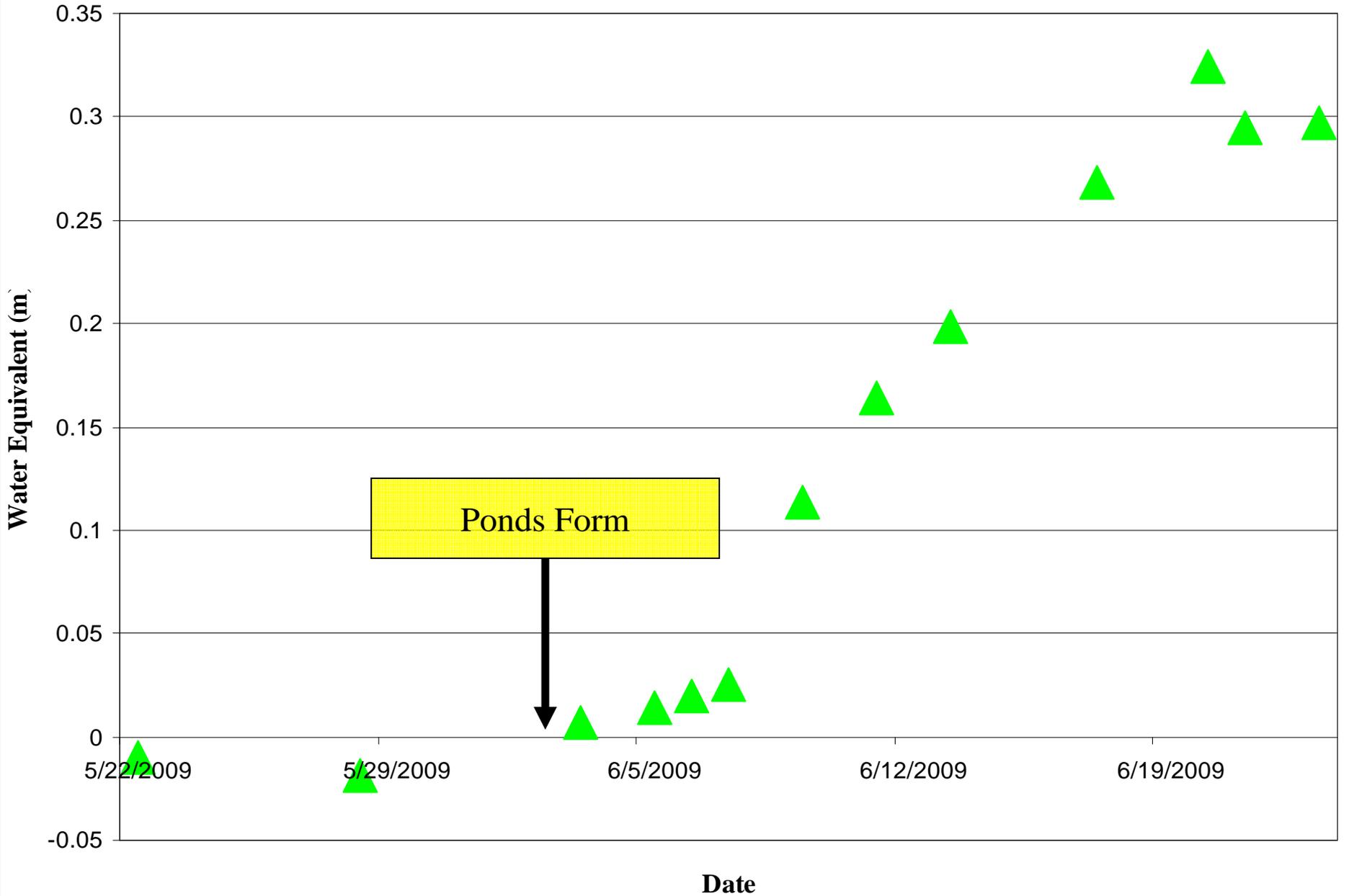
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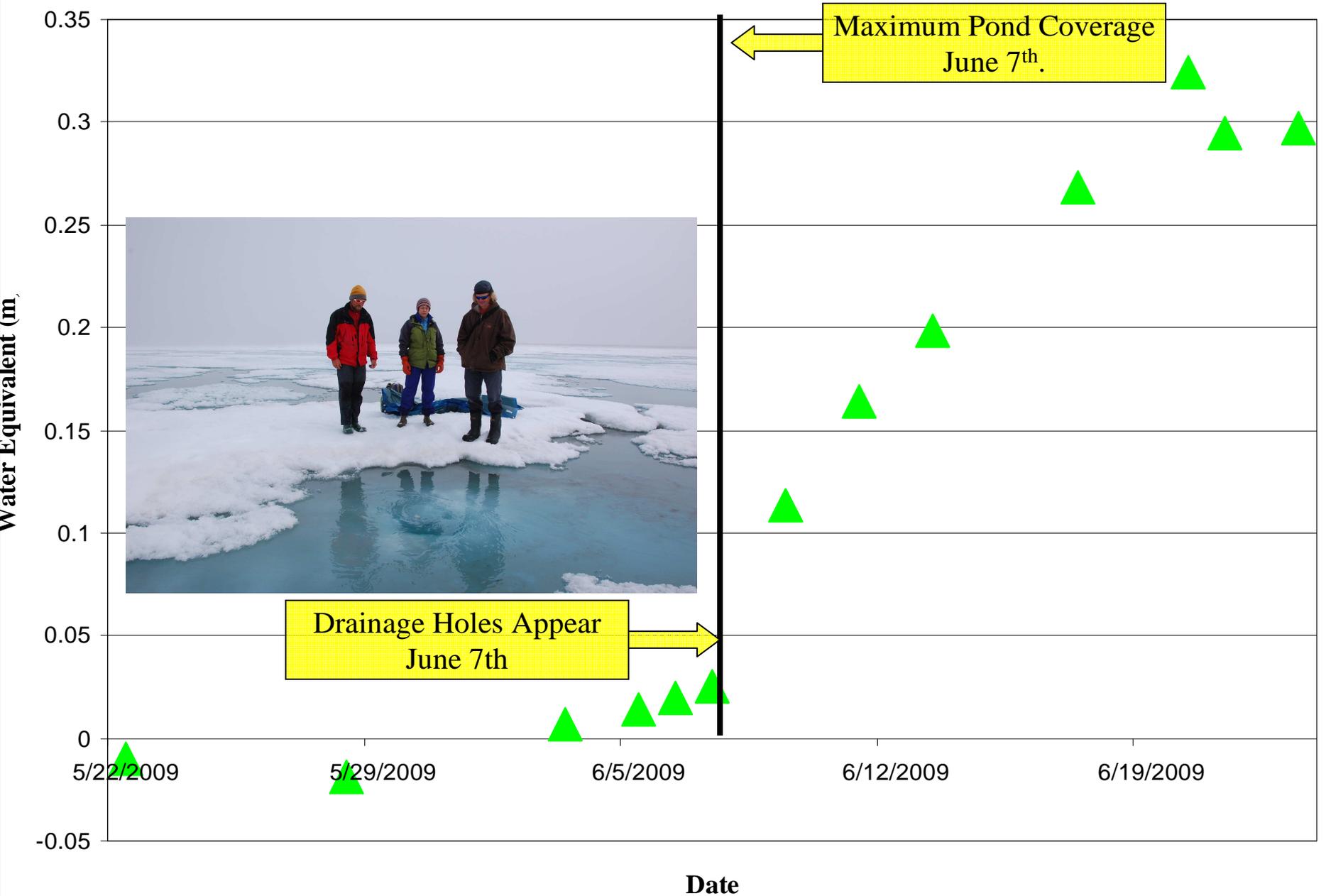
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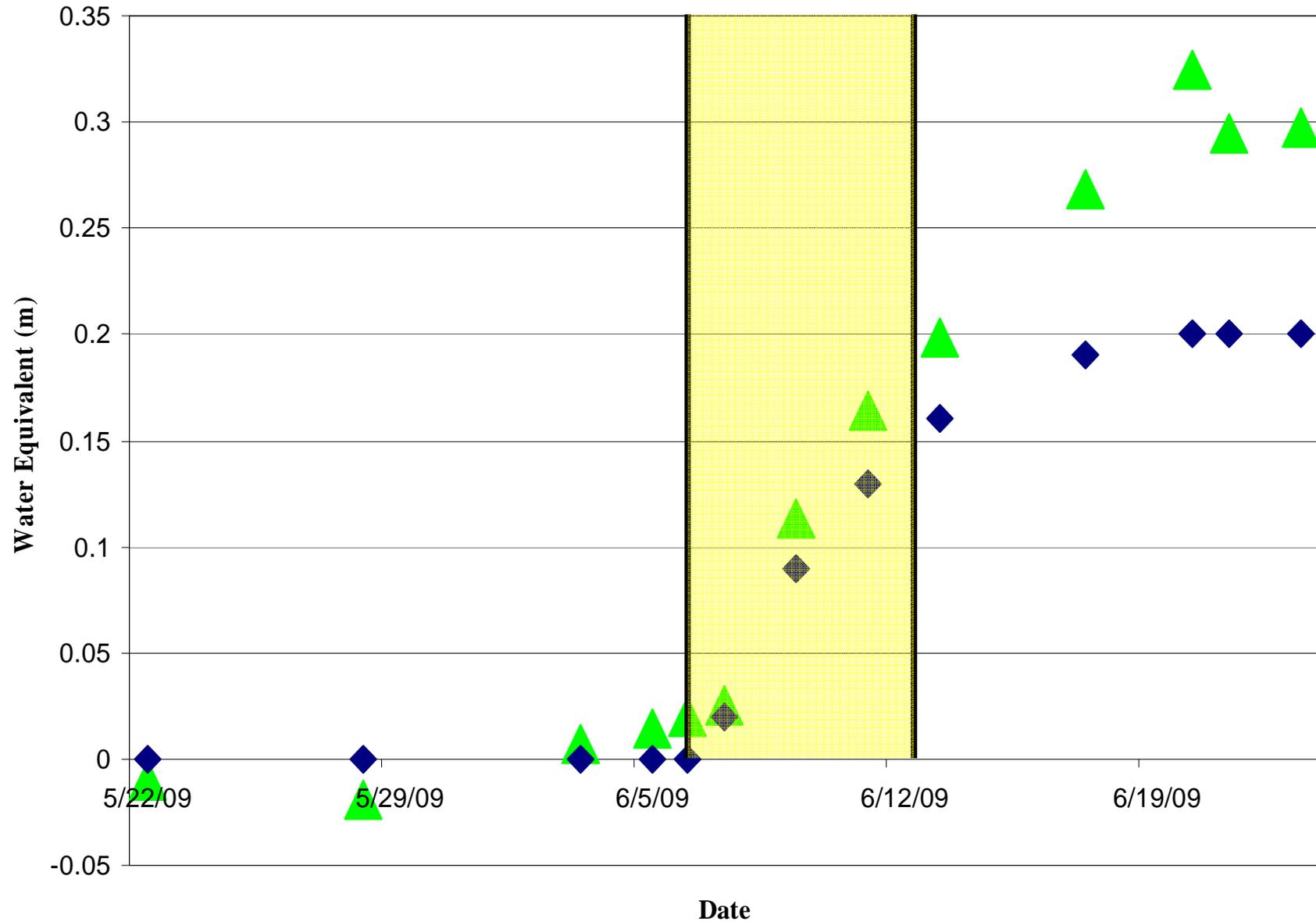
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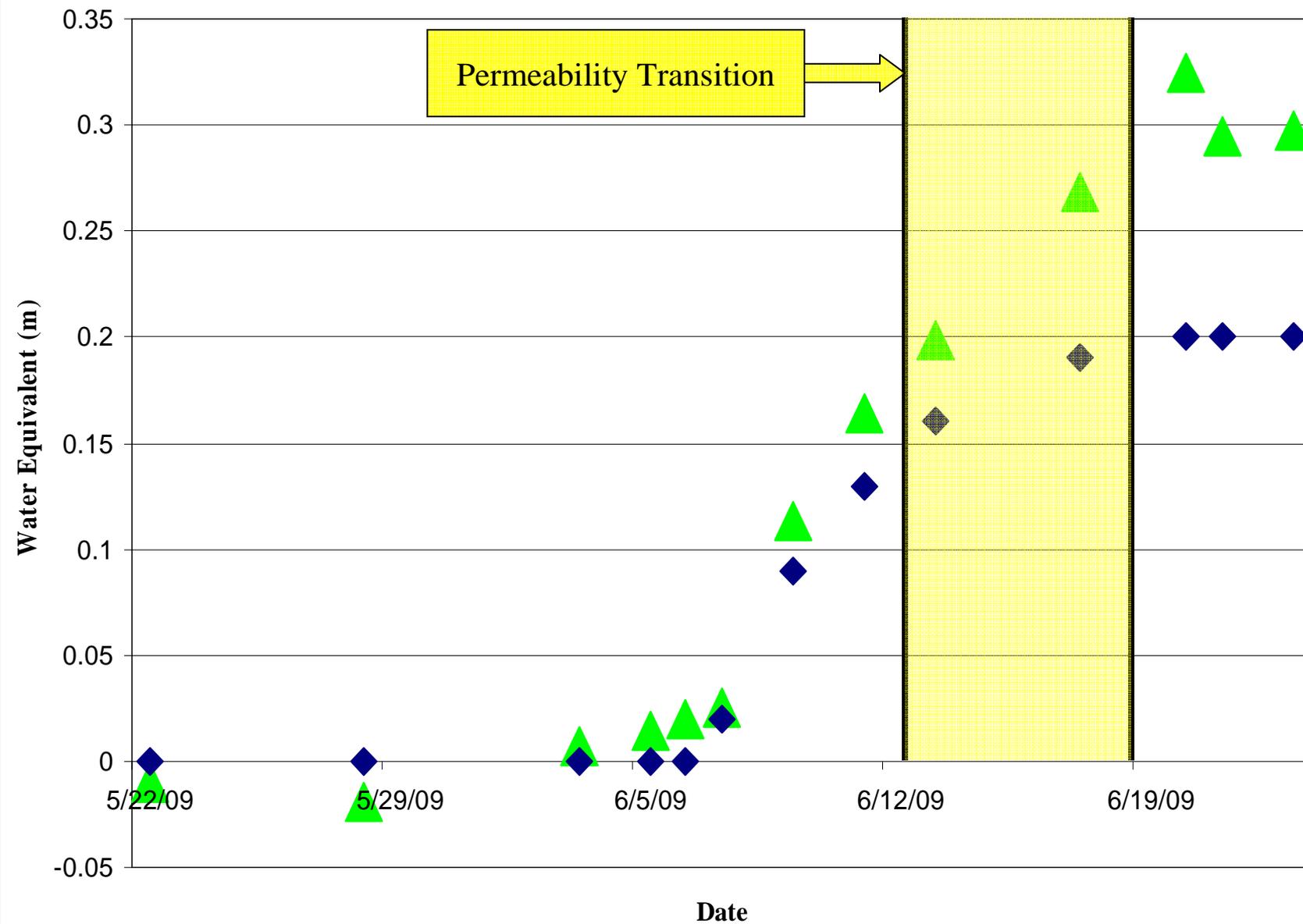


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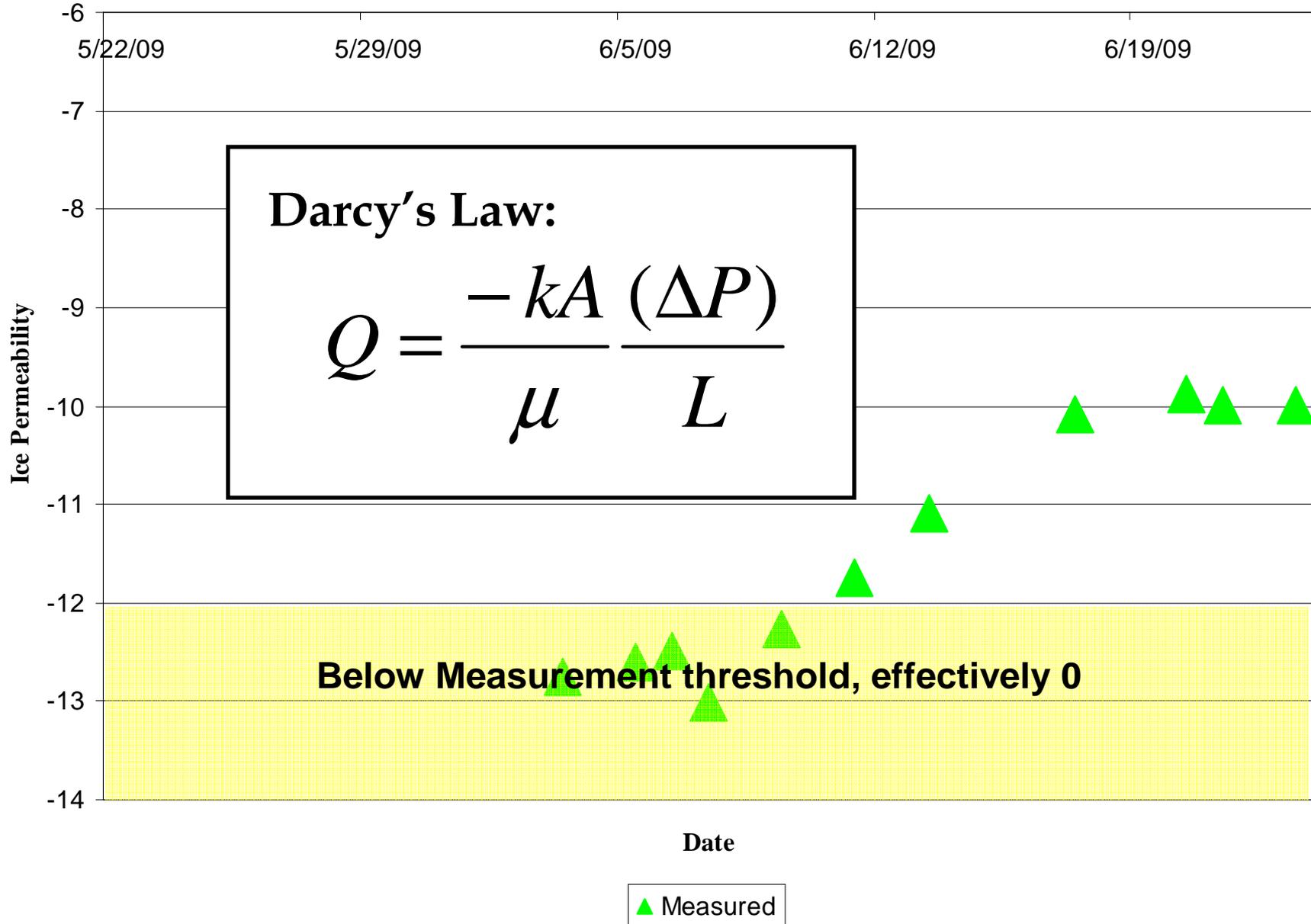
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# Cumulative Water Movement



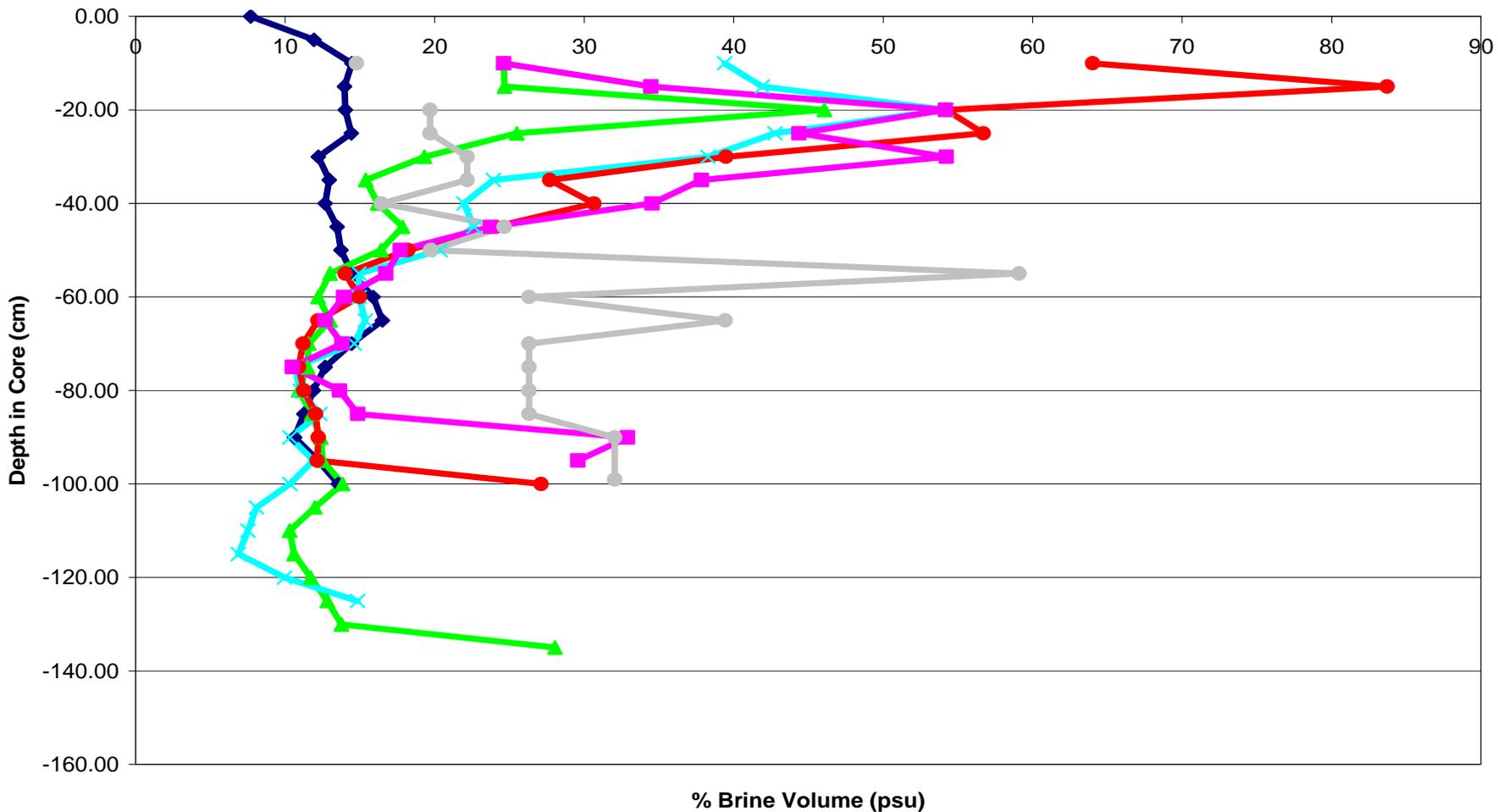
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# Ice Permeability



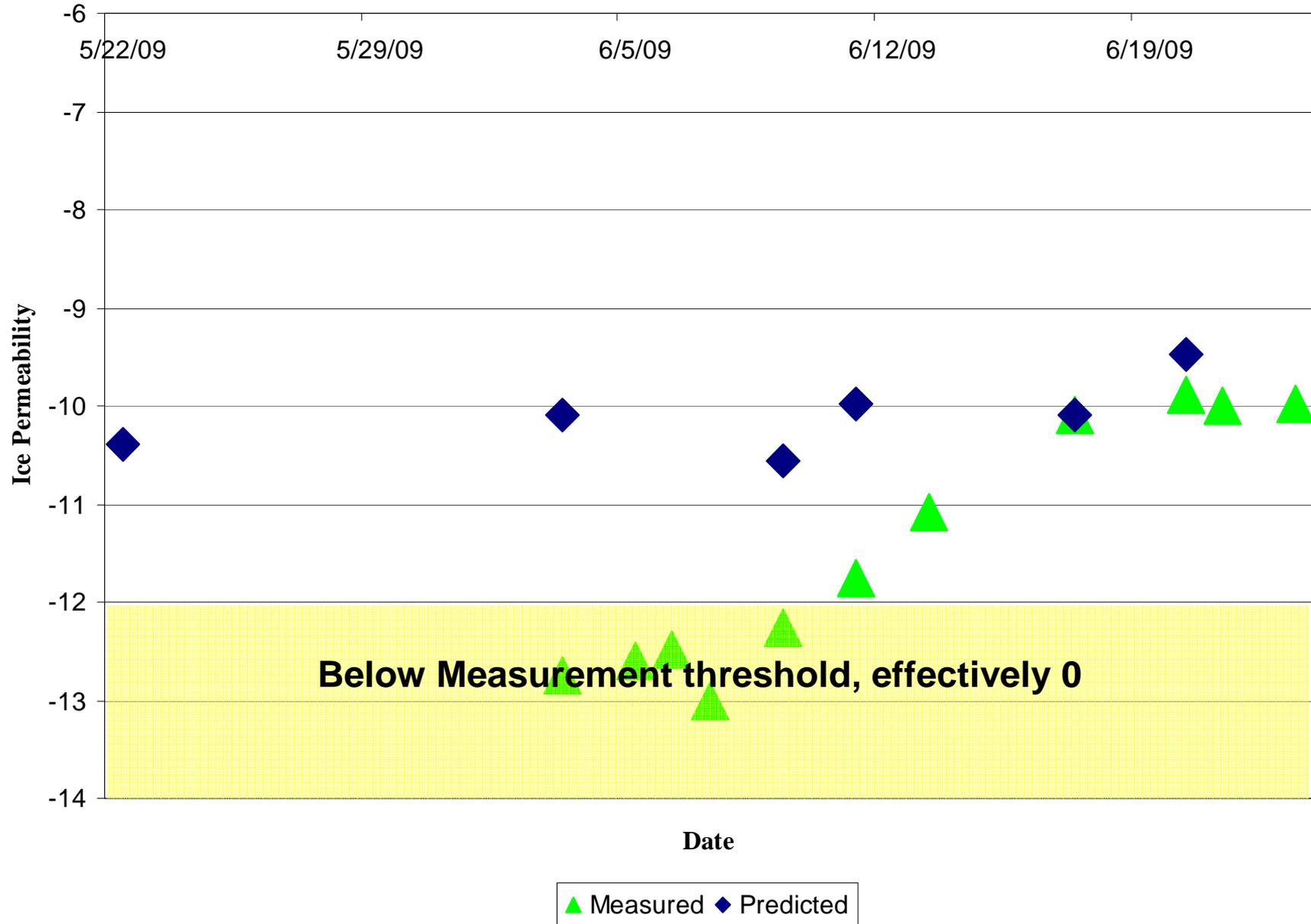
# Brine Volume Profiles

$$v_b = S \left( 0.0532 - \frac{4.919}{T} \right)$$



- 5/16/2009
- 6/5/2009
- 6/9/2009
- 6/11/2009
- 6/13/2009
- 6/15/2009

# Ice Permeability



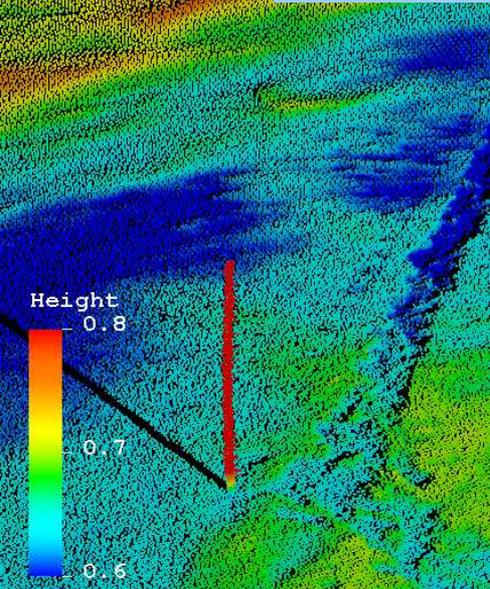
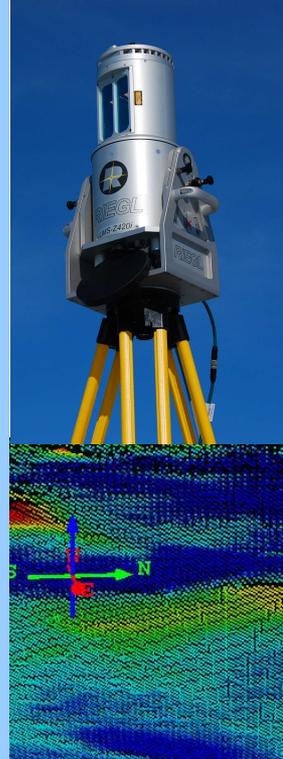
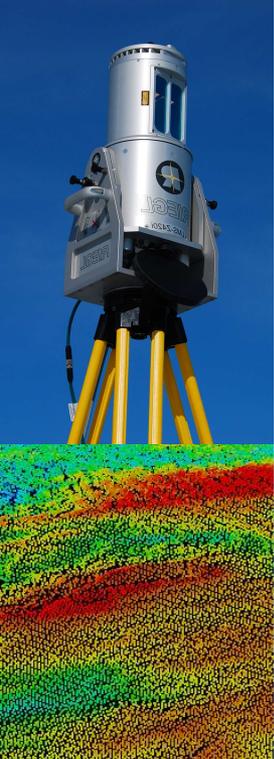
# Conclusions

## Continued Challenges:

- Deformation in the array
- Micro Shadowing/Surface Aliasing
- Lack of pond returns, no pond bottom returns.

## Technology is moving rapidly

- waveform processing for multiple returns per pulse
- mobile scanners
- visible wavelength lasers to penetrate water



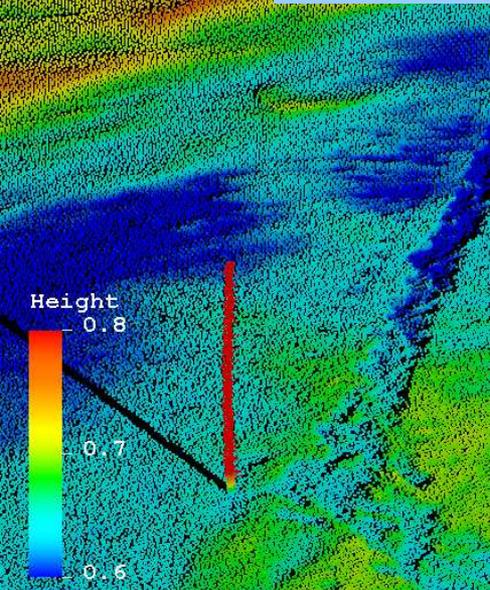
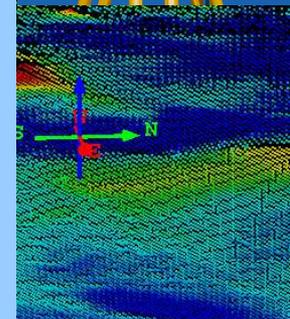
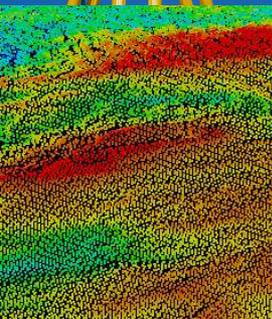
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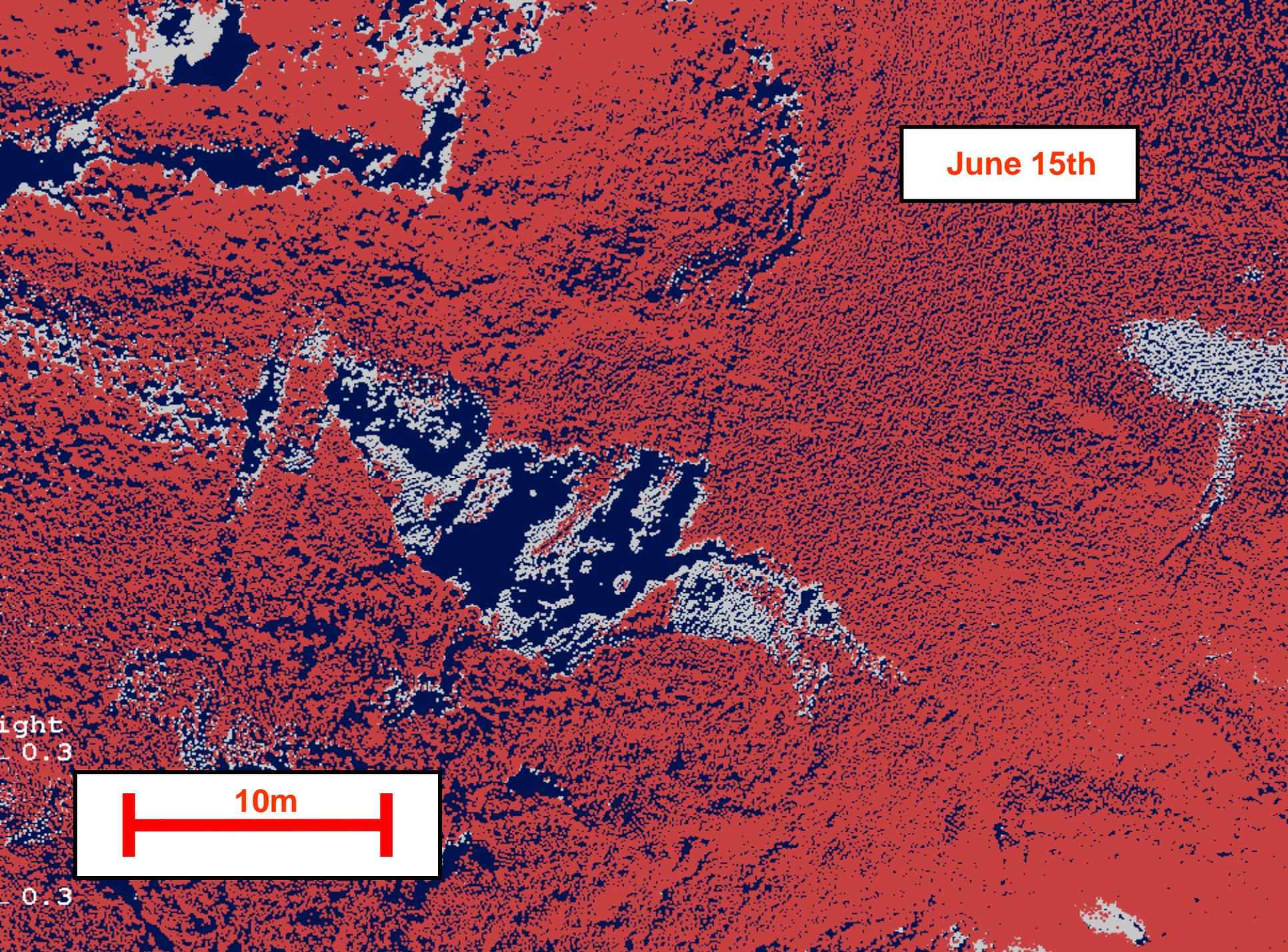


June 15th

Light  
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10m

0.3

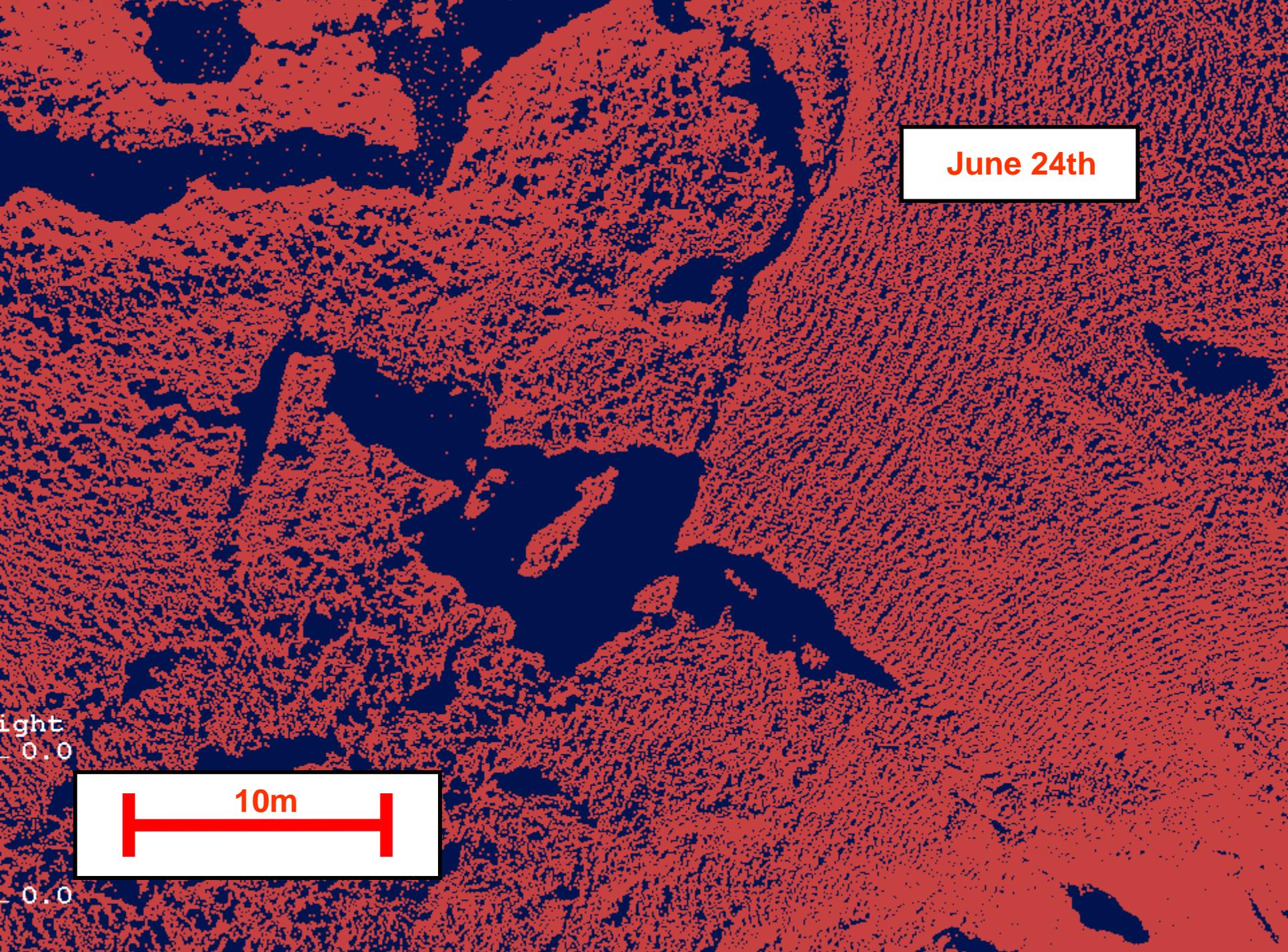


June 24th

Light  
- 0.0

10m

- 0.0



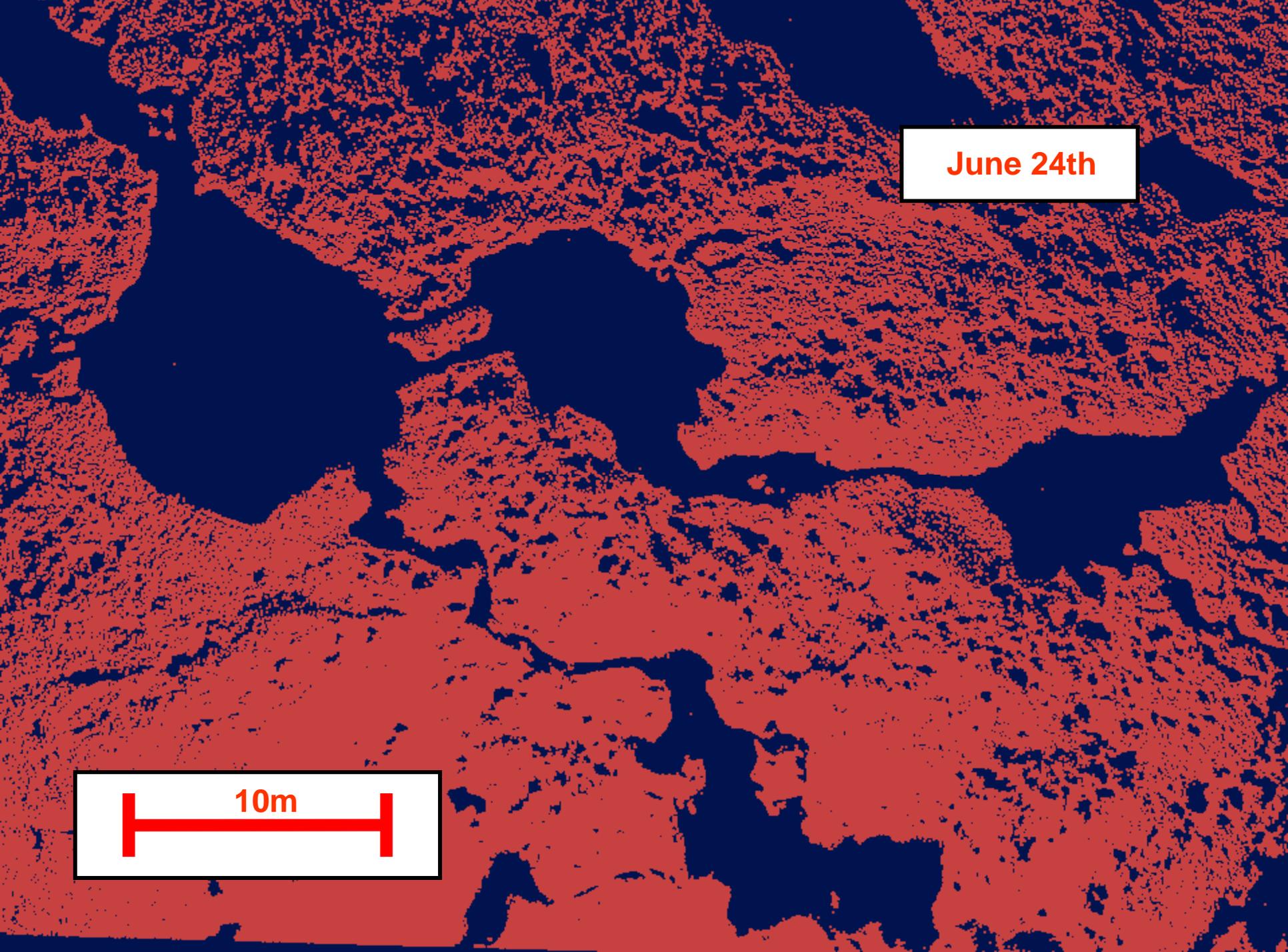
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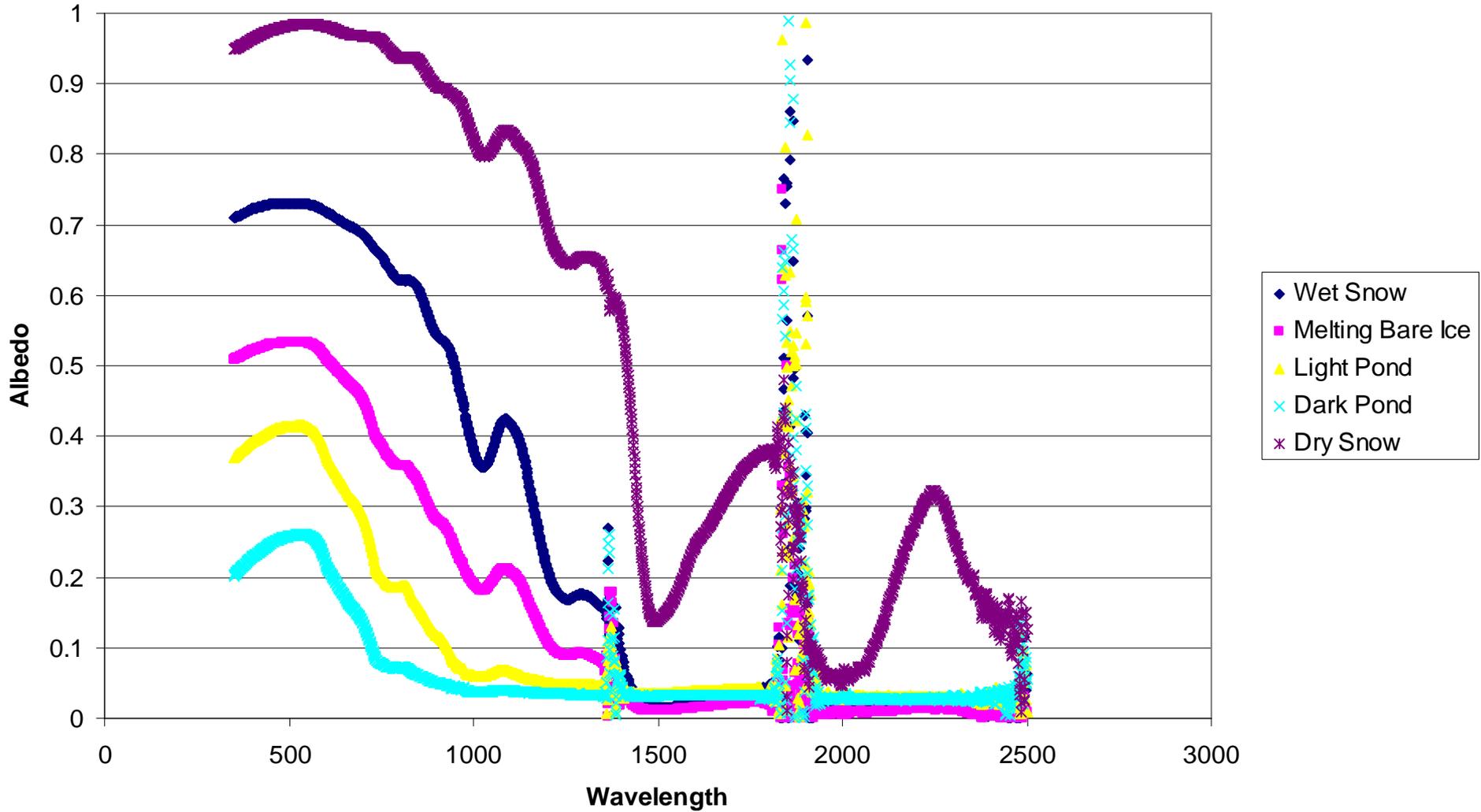


June 24th

10m

An aerial photograph showing a coastal area with a mix of green vegetation and brownish, possibly sandy or rocky terrain. A scale bar in the bottom left corner indicates a length of 10 meters. A date label in the top right corner reads "June 24th". The terrain appears to be a mix of natural and possibly man-made features, with some linear structures visible in the lower-left quadrant.

## Spectral Albedos of Various Surfaces

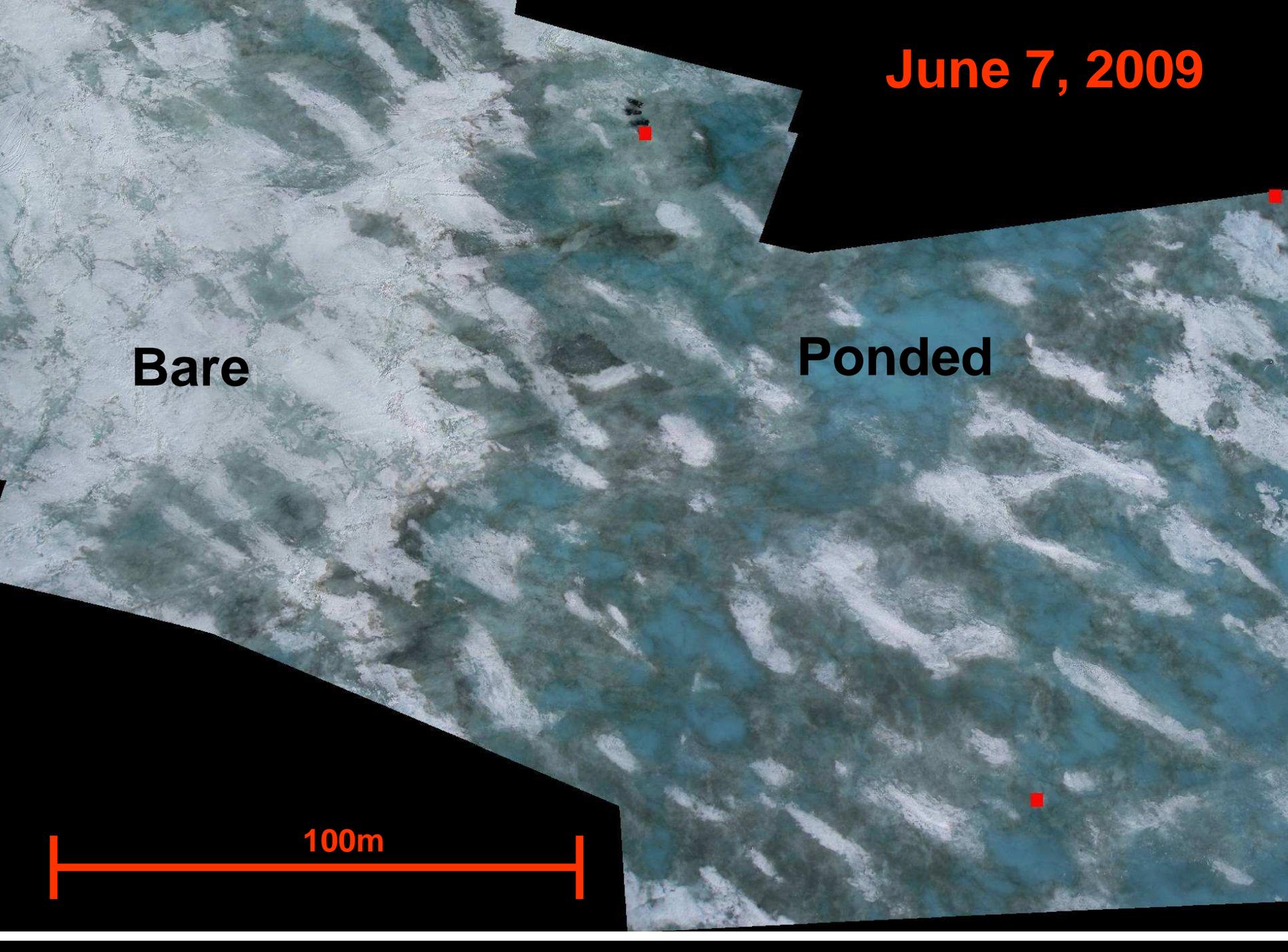


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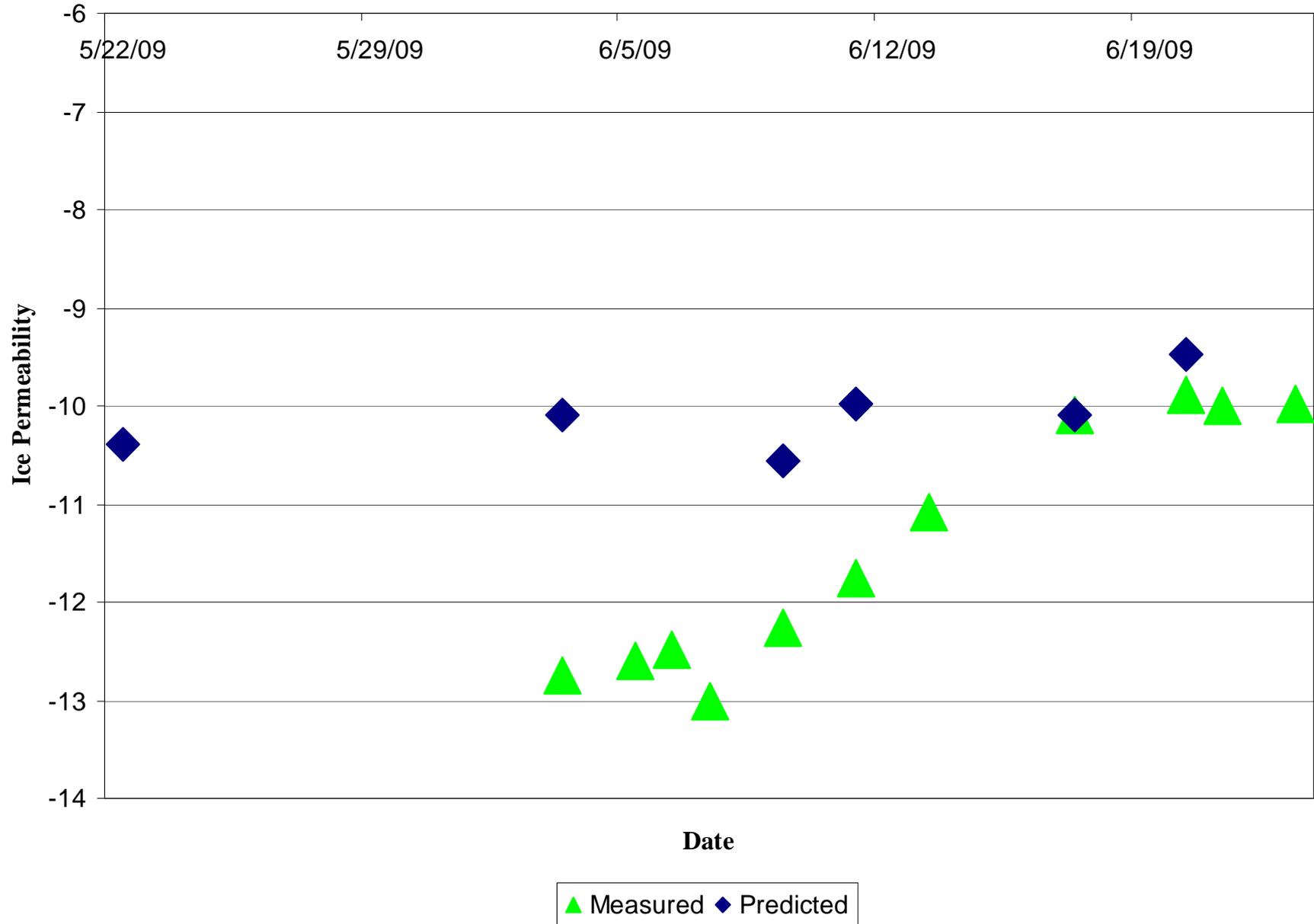
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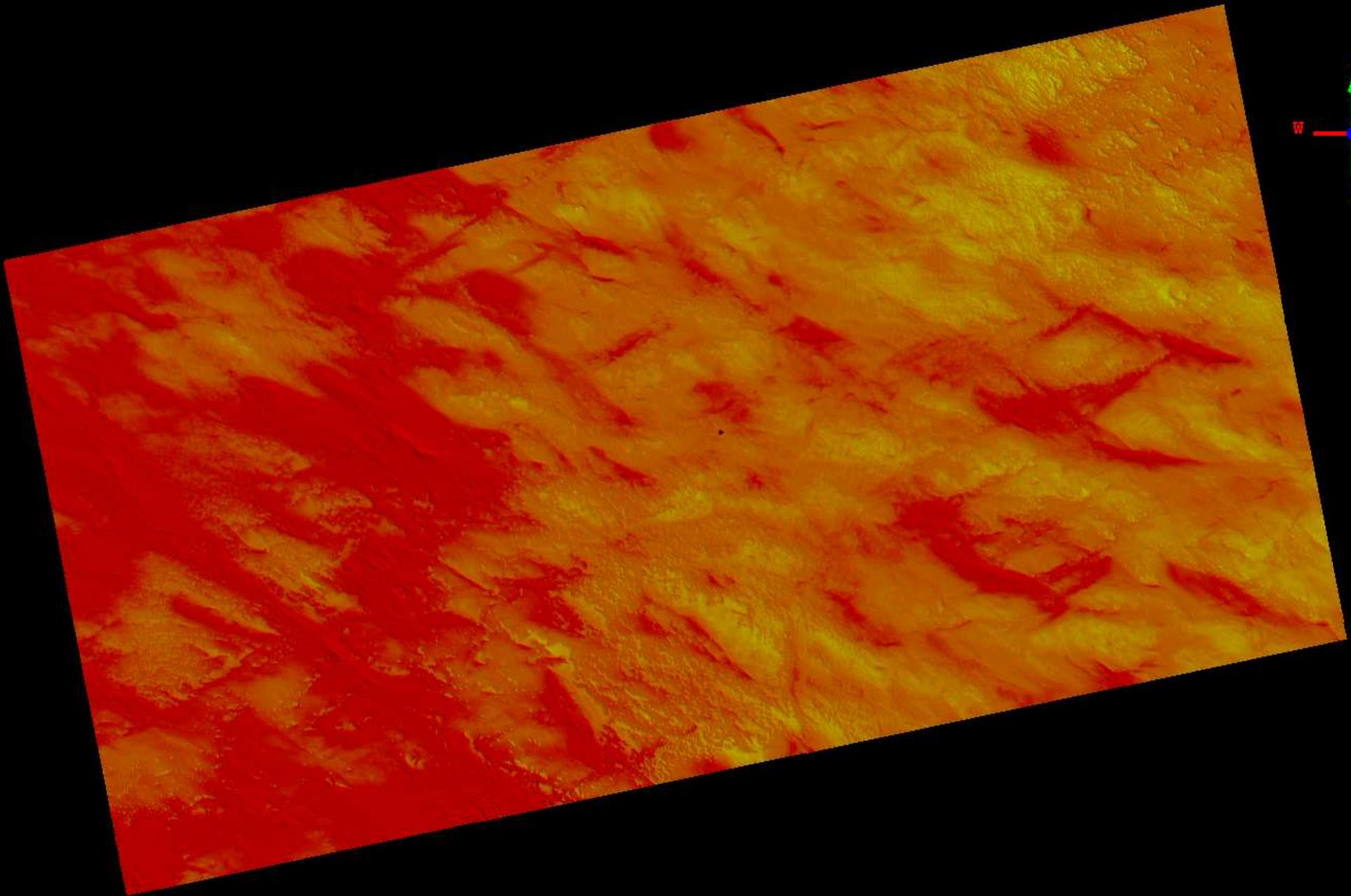
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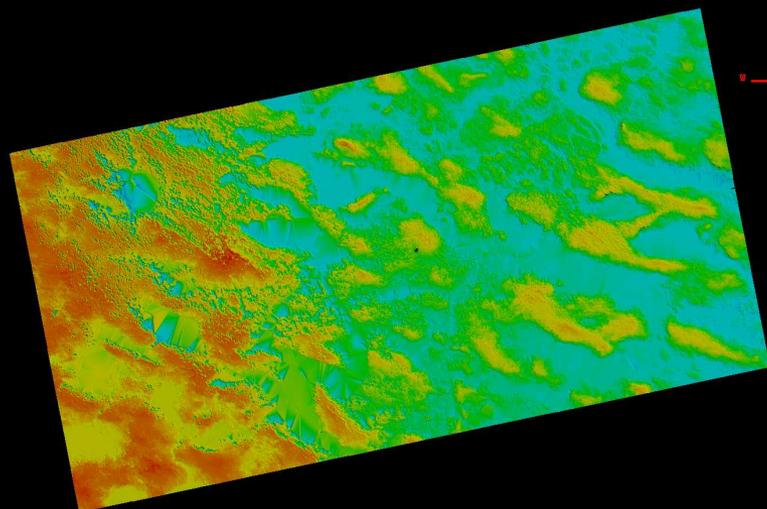
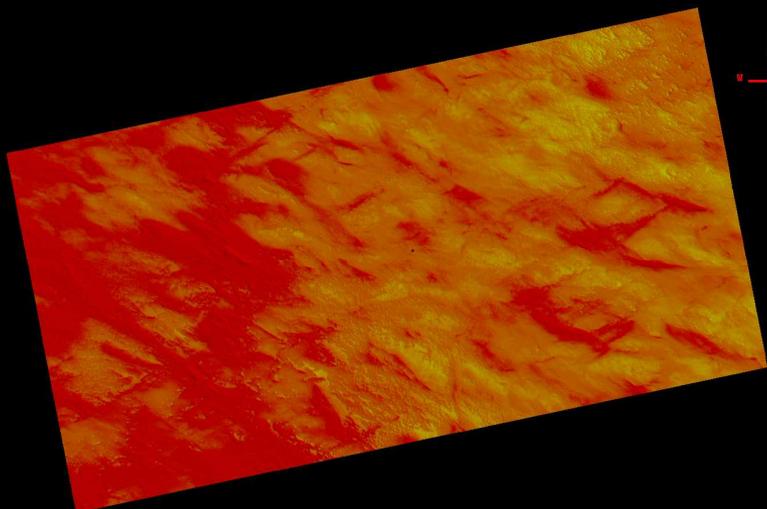
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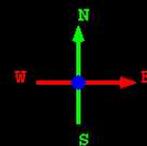
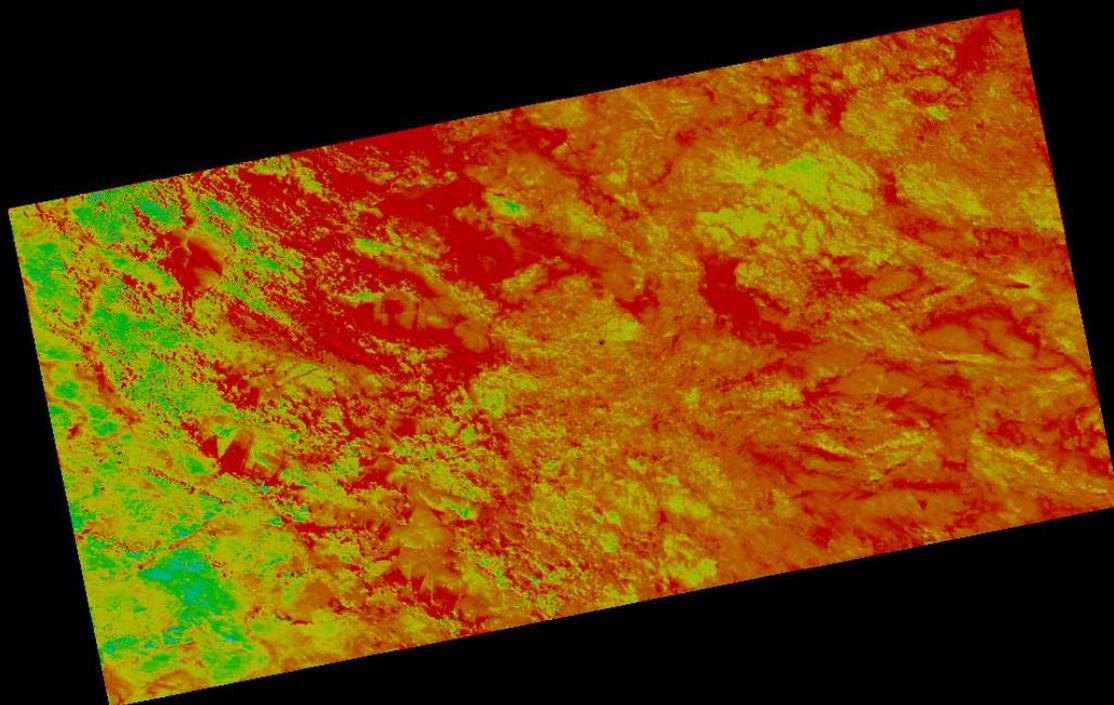
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