

# Initial Study Report Meeting

## *Study 7.7 Glacier and Runoff Changes*

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## *Study 7.7 Objectives*

- Review existing literature relevant to glacier retreat in south-central Alaska and the Upper Susitna watershed. This review will summarize the current understanding of potential future changes in runoff associated with glacier wastage and retreat.

## Study 7.7 Components

- Glacier Changes in Alaska (ISR Part A, Section 4.1; pg 3)
- Runoff from Glaciers (ISR Part A, Section 4.2; pg 4)
  
- Trends in Permafrost (ISR Part A, Section 5.1; pg 11)
- Controls on Permafrost (ISR Part A, Section 5.2; pg 12)
- Periglacial Landforms (ISR Part A, Section 5.3; pg 13)
- Permafrost Modeling (ISR Part A, Section 5.4; pg 13)
  
- Runoff (ISR Part A, Section 6.1; pg 14)
- Surface Water and Wetlands (ISR Part A, Section 6.2; pg 15)
- Groundwater and Infiltration (ISR Part A, Section 6.3; pg 15)
- Evapotranspiration (ISR Part A, Section 6.4; pg 16)
  
- Observed Changes in Climate (ISR Part A, Section 7.1; pg 16)
- Existing Meteorological and Climatological Data (ISR Part A, Section 7.2; pg 17)
- Projections of Future Climate (ISR Part A, Section 7.3; pg 18)

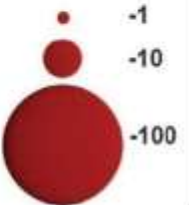
## *Study 7.7 Variances*

- There were no variances to this study as described in RSP Section 7.7.4

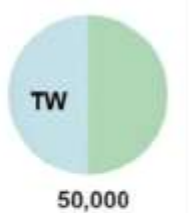
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2003-2009

Mass Budget  
[Gt yr<sup>-1</sup>]

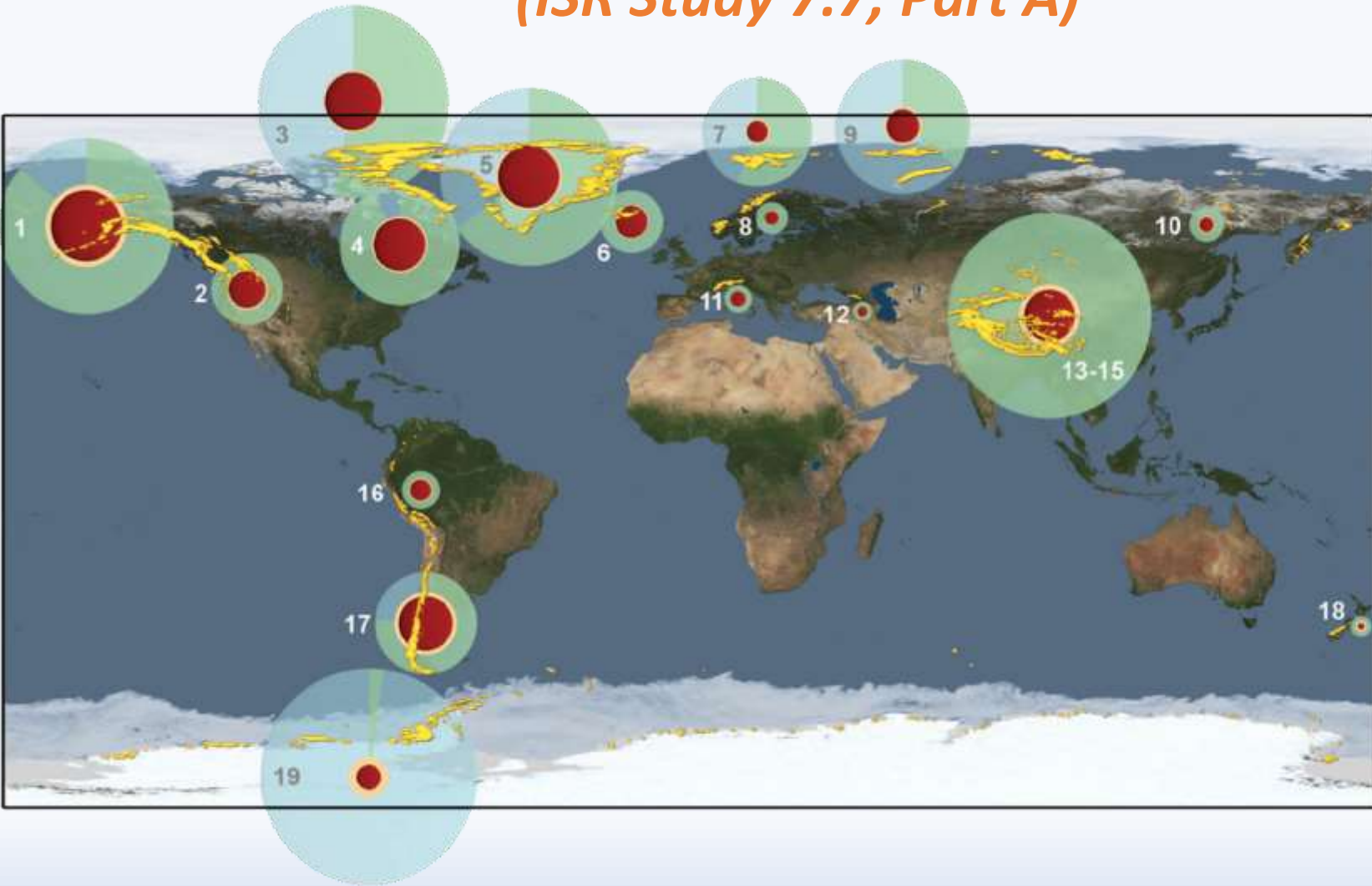


Area [km<sup>2</sup>]

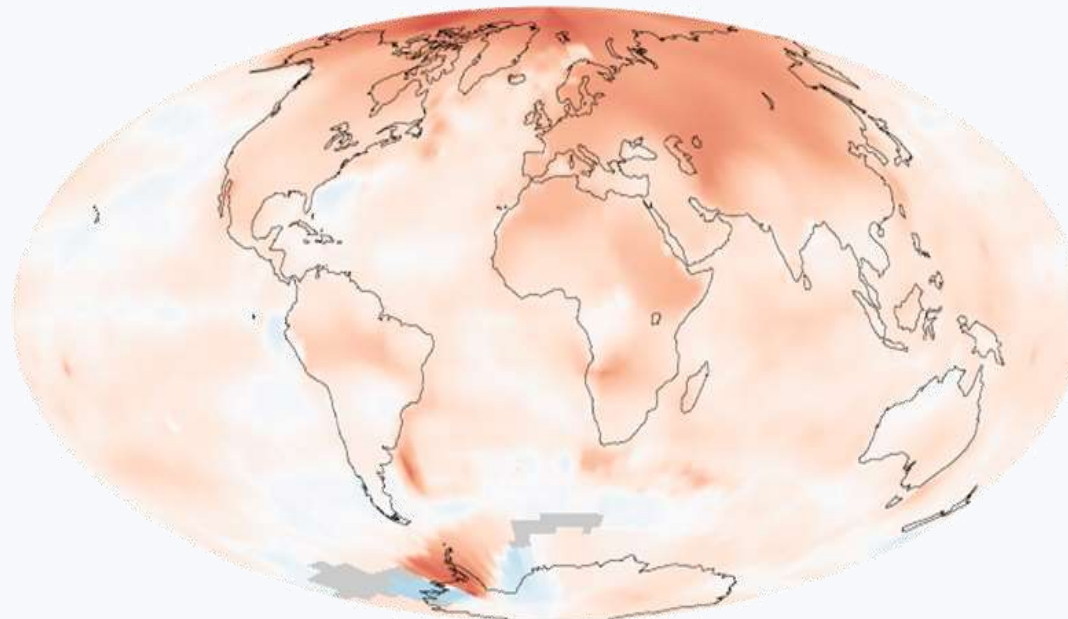


95 % confidence interval

Gardner et al., 2013



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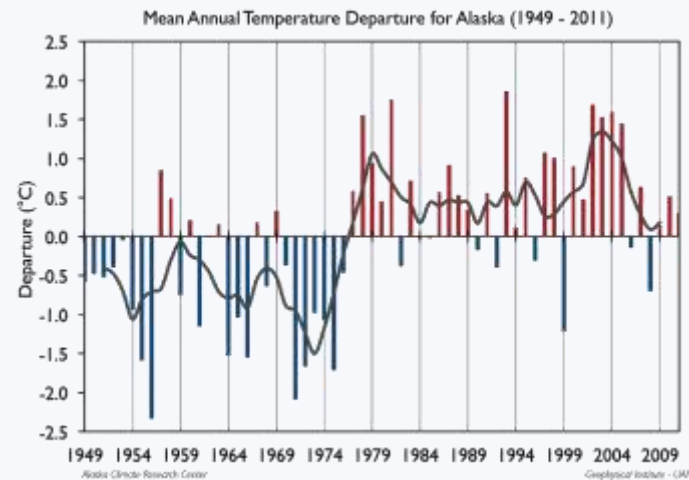
**2000-2009**  
(clm. 1951-1980)



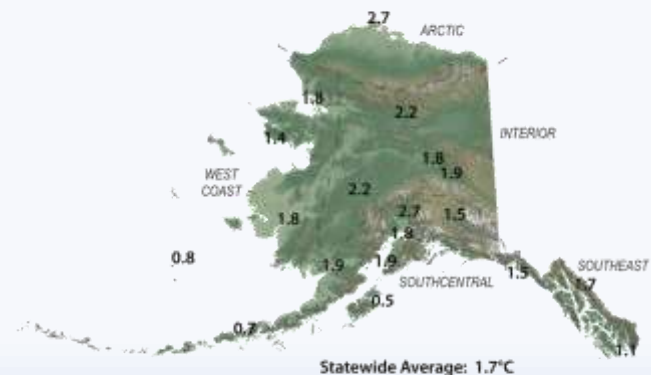
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Total Change in Mean Annual Temperature (°C), 1949 - 2011



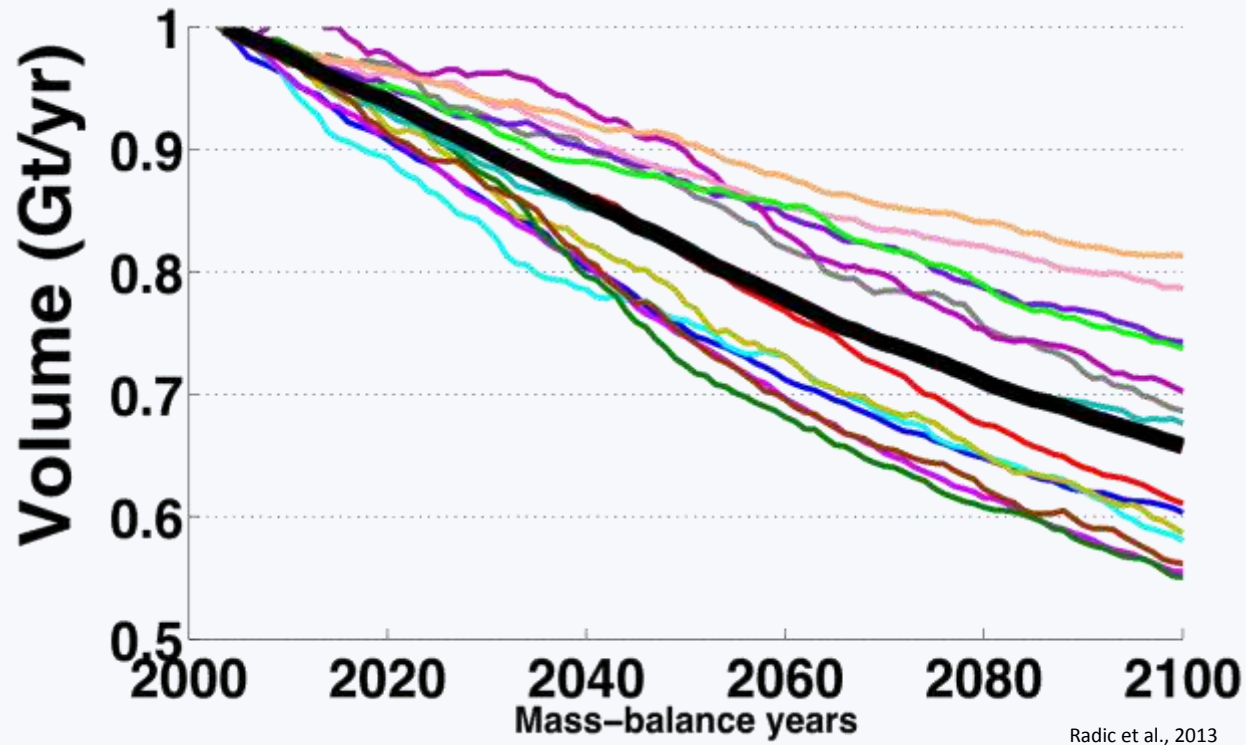
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## (ISR Study 7.7, Part A)

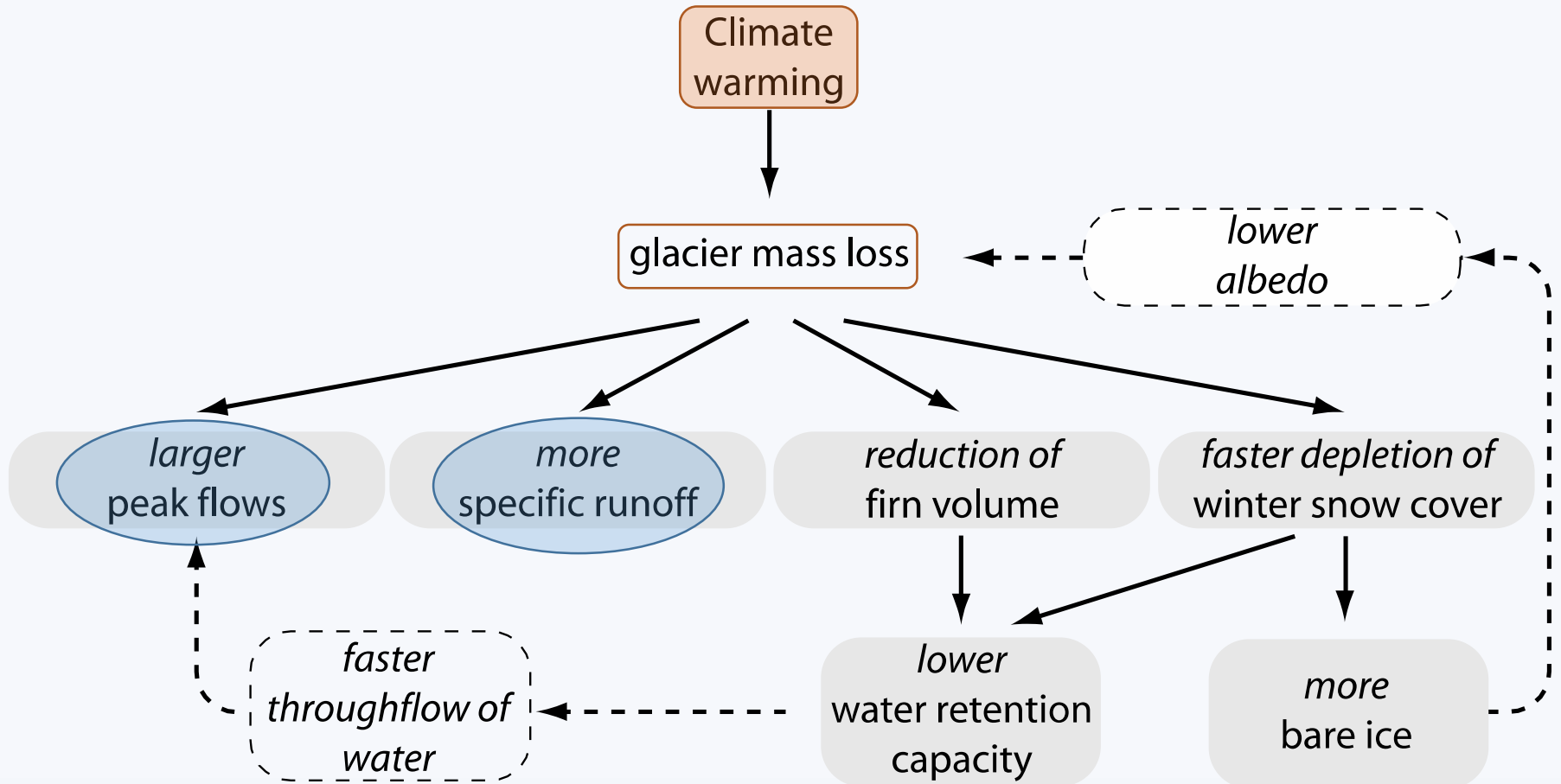
Reference	Original unit	Mass change (Gt yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Specific mass change (m w.e. yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Domain (area, km <sup>2</sup> )	Period	Method
<i>Alaska and NW Canada</i>						
Arendt et al. 2002	-52±15 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-52±15	-0.57	Alaska (90,000)	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-96±35 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-96±35	-1.07	Alaska (90,000)	5/1995-5/2000	Laser altimetry
Tamisiea et al. 2005	-110±30 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-110±30	-1.26	Alaska (87,000)	4/2002-6/2004	GRACE
Chen et al. 2006	-101±22 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-101±22	-1.11	Alaska (90,957)	4/2002-11/2005	GRACE
Luthcke et al. 2008	-84±5 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-84±5	-1.02	Gulf of Alaska (82,505)*	4/2003-9/2007	GRACE
Berthier et al. 2010	-41.9±8.6 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-41.9±8.6	-0.48	Alaska (87,860)	1962-2006	geodetic
Wu et al. 2010	-101±23 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-101±23		Alaska **	4/2002-12/2008	GRACE
Luthcke et al. 2013	-68.8±11 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-68.8±11	-0.91	Alaska (76,000)	12/2003-12/2010	GRACE
Gardner et al. 2013	-50±17 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-50±17	-0.57	Alaska (87,100)	2003-2009	GRACE
Arendt et al. 2013	-65±11 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-65±11	-0.79	Gulf of Alaska (82,505)	12/2003-12/2010	GRACE
Arendt et al. 2013	-61±11 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-61±11	-0.74	Gulf of Alaska (82,505)	10/2003-10/2009	GRACE
Arendt et al. 2013	-65±12 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	-65±12	-0.79	Gulf of Alaska (82,505)	10/2003-10/2009	ICESat
<i>Subregions in Alaska</i>						
Adalgeirsdottir 1998	-34 km <sup>3</sup> ice	-0.71	-0.39	Harding Icefield (1,800)	1950/52-1994/96	Laser altimetry/map
Arendt et al. 2002	-5.3 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-5.3		Alaska Range **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-1.0 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-1.0		Brooks Range **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-5.4 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-5.4		Coast Range **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-2.7 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-2.7		Kenai Mountains **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-25.7 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-25.7		St. Elias Mountains **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-6.8 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-6.8		Western Chugach Mountains **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-1.3 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-1.3		Wrangell Mountains **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2002	-4.2 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> w.e.	-4.2		Tidewater glaciers **	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Arendt et al. 2006	-7.4 ± 1.1 km <sup>3</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> weq	-7.4 ± 1.1	-0.80	Western Chugach Mts (9,300)	1955-5/1995	Laser altimetry/maps
Larsen et al. 2007	-16.7 ± 4.4 km <sup>3</sup> ice yr <sup>-1</sup>	-15.0±4.0	-1.03	Southeast Alaska (14,580)	8/1948-2/2000	geodetic
Arendt et al. 2008	-0.43±0.12 m w.e. yr <sup>-1</sup>	-21.2±3.8	-0.64	St Elias Mtns (32,900)	9/2003-8/2007	Laser altimetry
Arendt et al. 2008	-0.63±0.09 m w.e. yr <sup>-1</sup>	-20.6±3.0	-0.63	St Elias Mtns (32,900)	9/2003-8/2007	GRACE
Johnson et al. 2013	3.93±0.89 Gt yr <sup>-1</sup>	3.93±0.89	-0.61	Glacier Bay (6,428)	1995-2011	Laser altimetry
Das et al. in press	-0.07±0.19 m w.e. yr <sup>-1</sup>	-0.34±0.93	-0.07	Wrangell Mountains (4,900)	1957-2000	Laser altimetry/DEM
Das et al. in press	-0.24±0.16 m w.e. yr <sup>-1</sup>	-1.18±0.78	-0.24	Wrangell Mountains (4,900)	2000-2007	Laser altimetry/DEM



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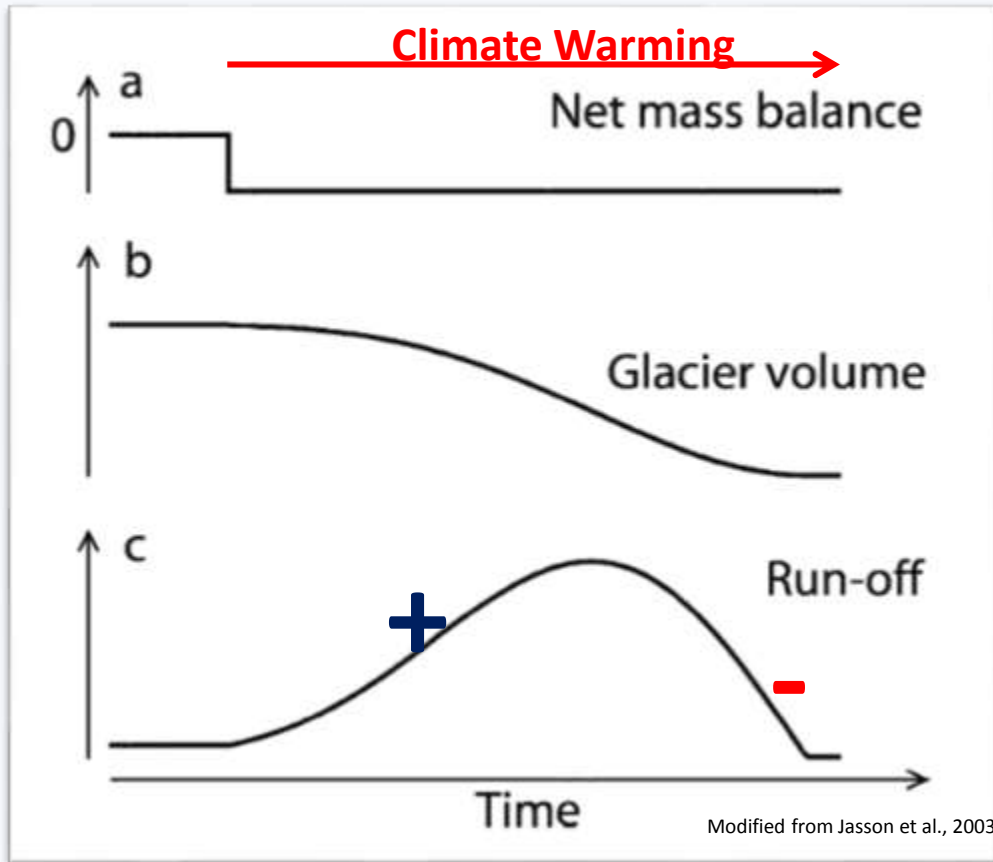


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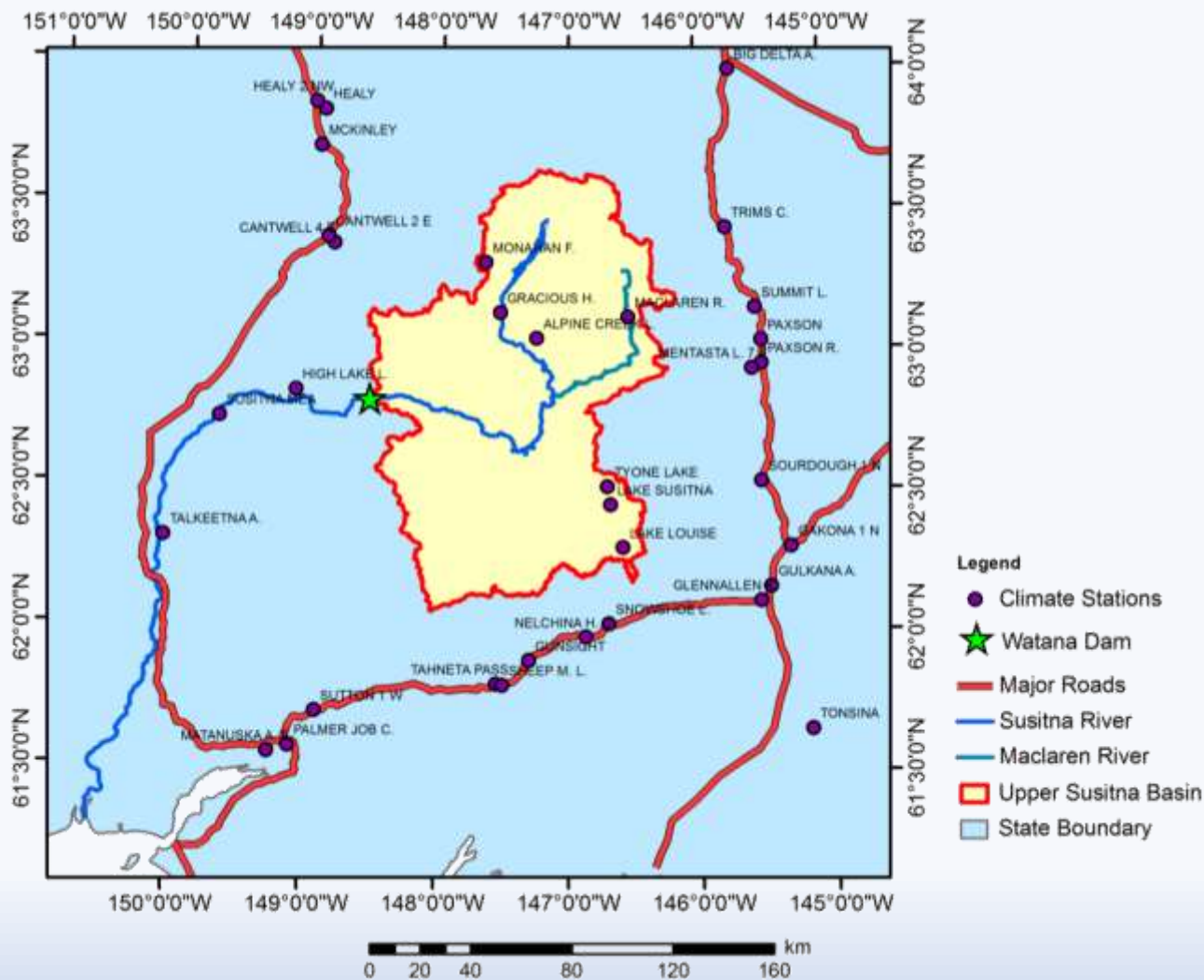


Hock et al., 2005

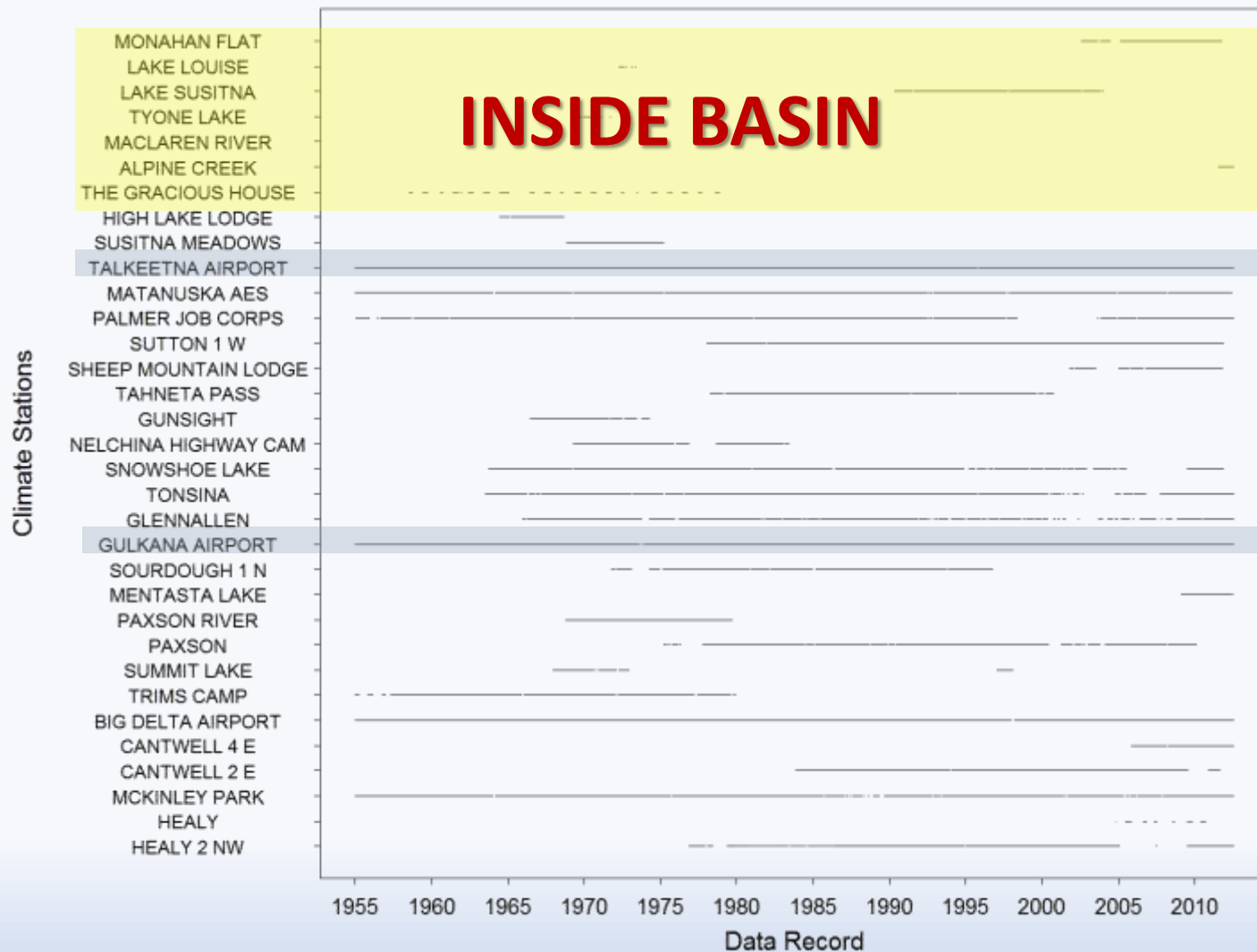
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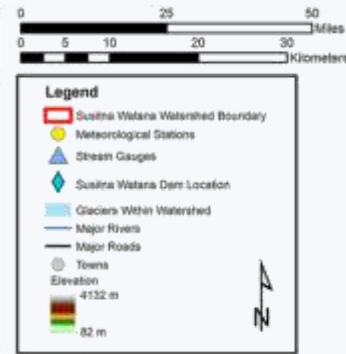
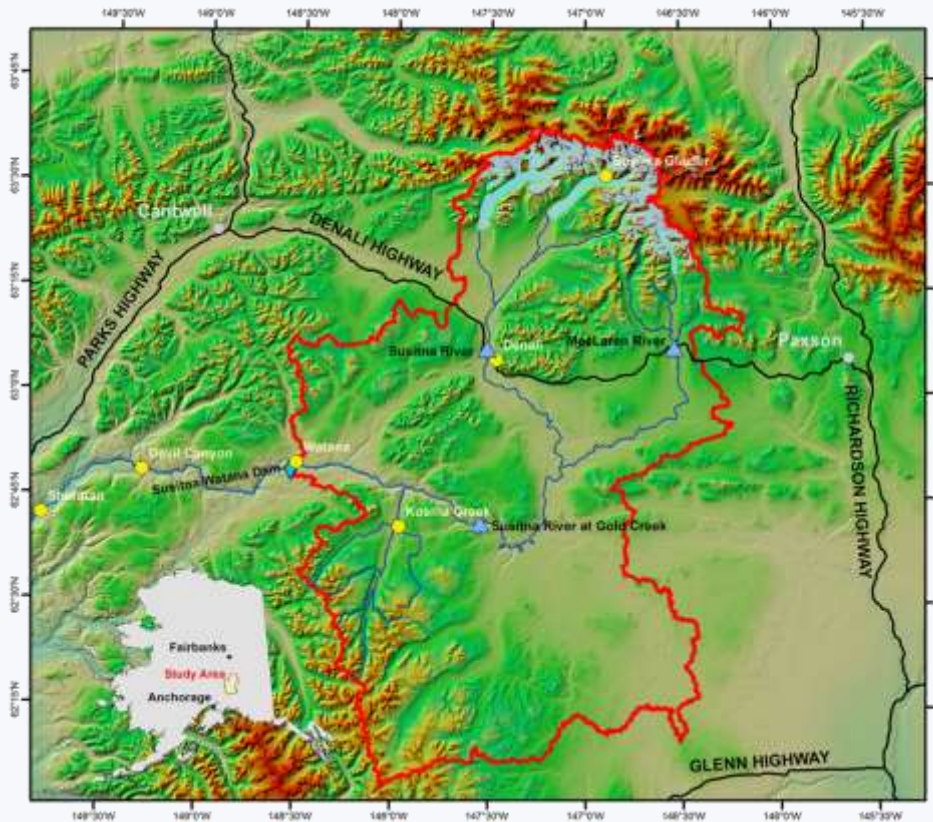
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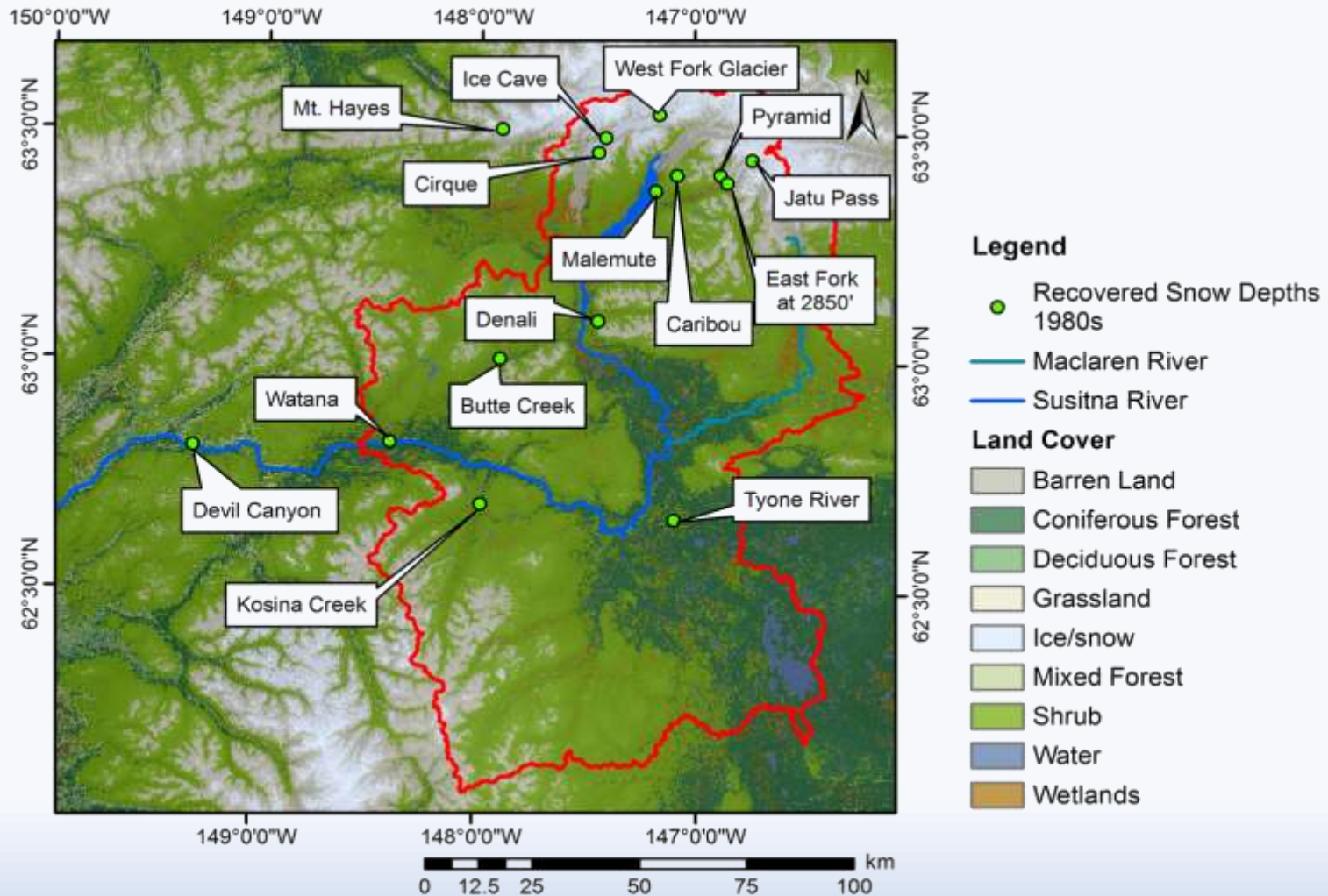
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Historical Meteorological, Stream Gauge and Glacier Monitoring Sites

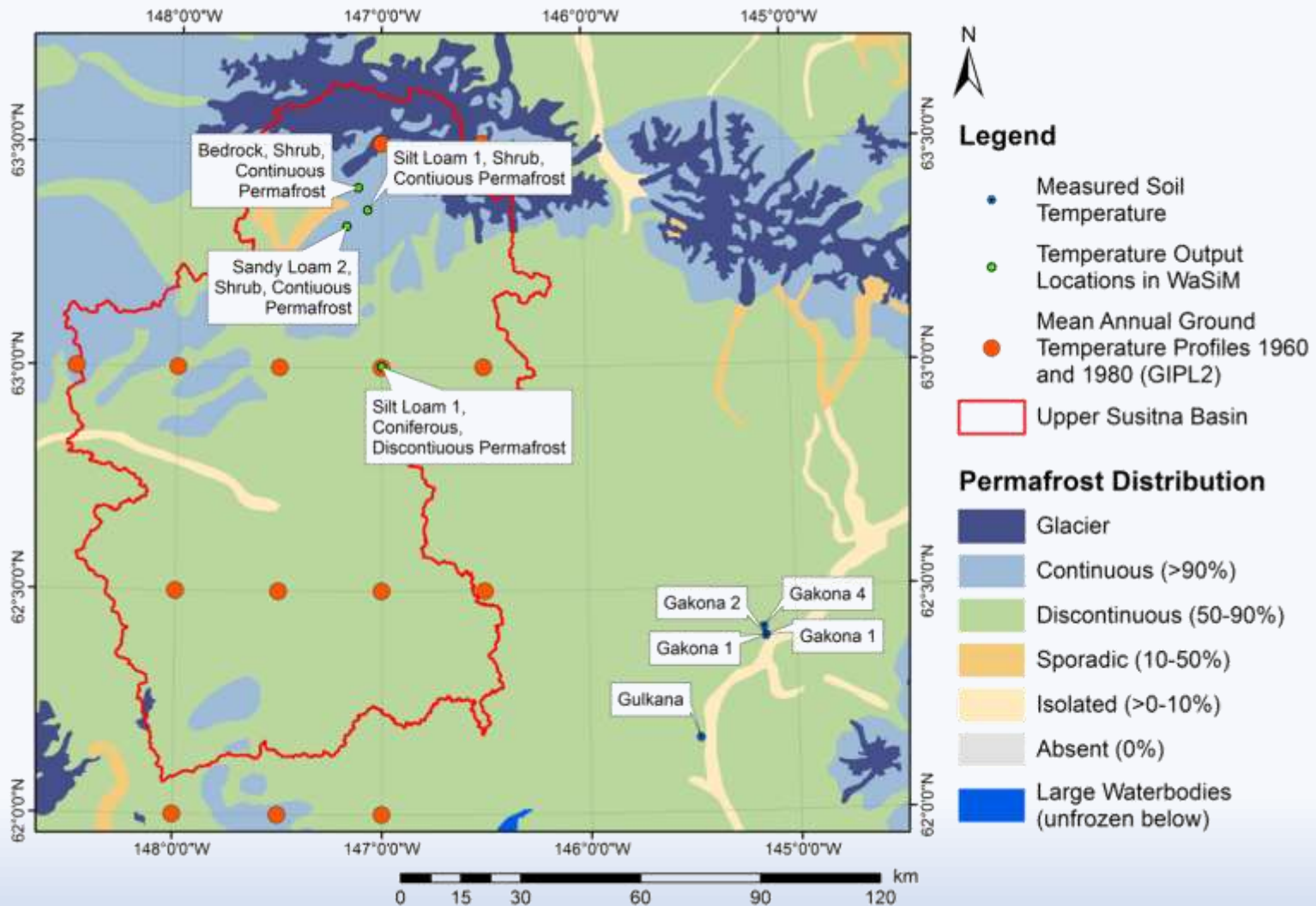




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# Study 7.7 Summary of Results in ISR (ISR Study 7.7, Part A)



## *AEA Proposed Modifications to Study 7.7 in ISR*

- This FERC required portion of this study is complete

## *Steps to Complete Study 7.7 (ISR Study 7.7, Part A – Executive Summary)*

- This FERC required portion of this study is complete

## *Licensing Participants Proposed Modifications to Study 7.7?*

- Agencies
- CIRWG members and Ahtna
- Public