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Automatically delineating the calving front of Jakobshavn Isbræ from multitemporal TerraSAR-X images: a deep learning approach

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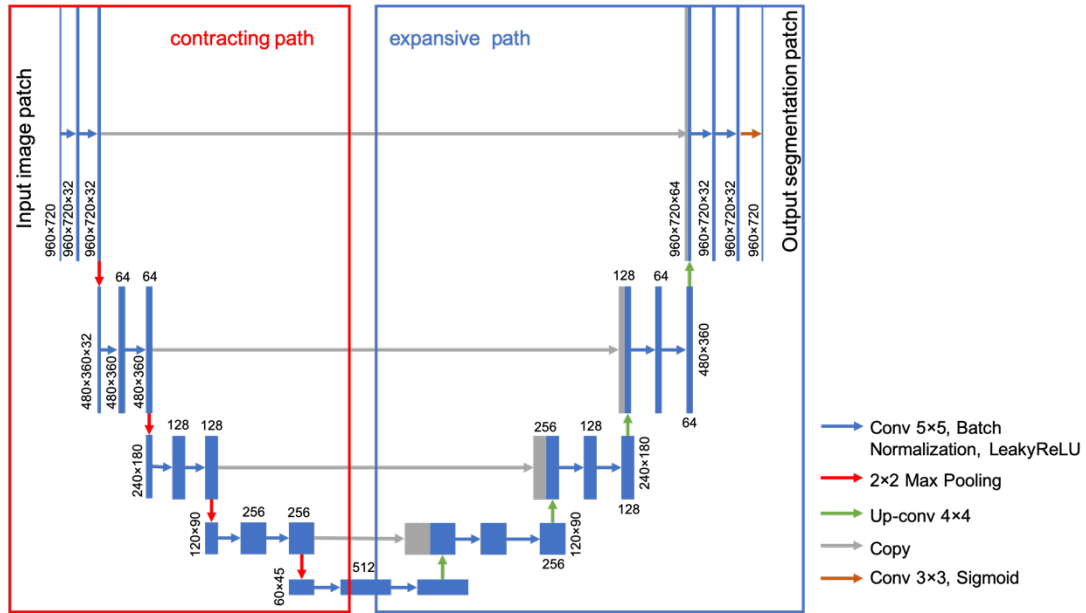


Figure S1. The Architecture of the U-Net. The red box indicates the contracting path and the blue box indicates the expansive path. Each solid blue box corresponds to a multi-channel feature map. Gray solid boxes represent copied feature maps. The length, width, and height of each layer correspond to the pixel dimensions and the number of feature channels respectively. Arrows with different colors denote the different operations.

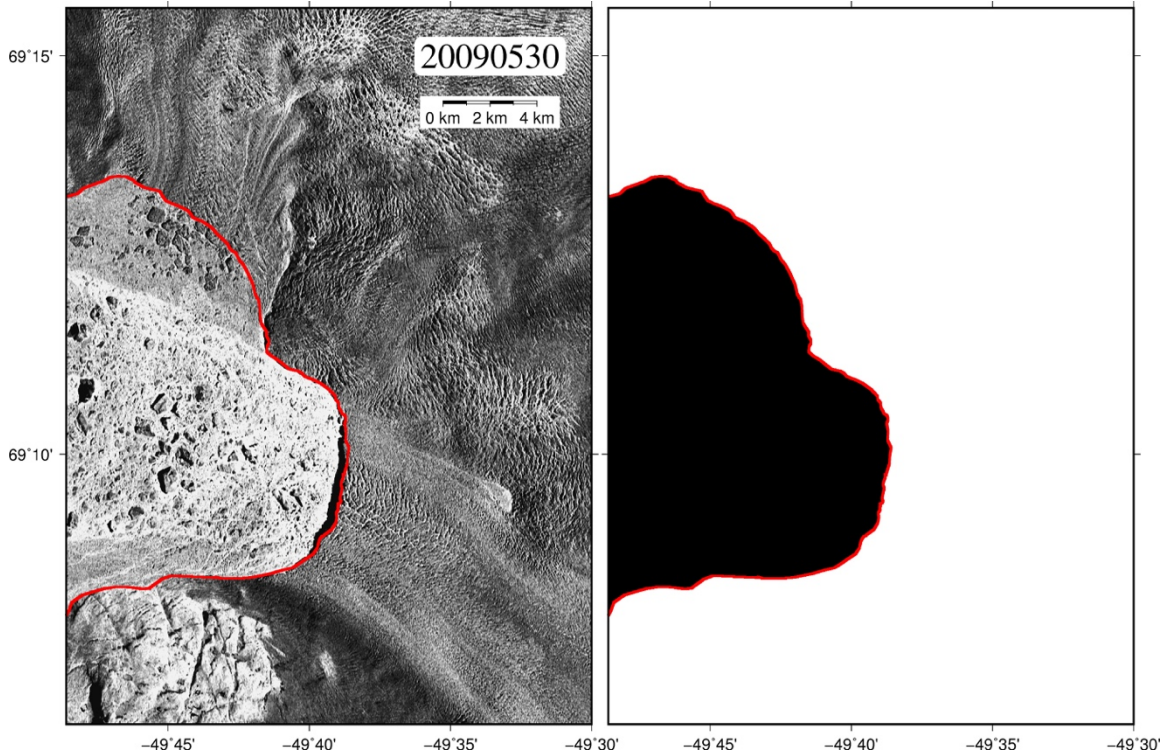


Figure S2. An example of the training dataset. The left is a training image, and the right one is its ground truth image where the black region is ice mélange and the white region is non-ice mélange (including both glacier and bedrock). The red line is the calving front we delineate manually.

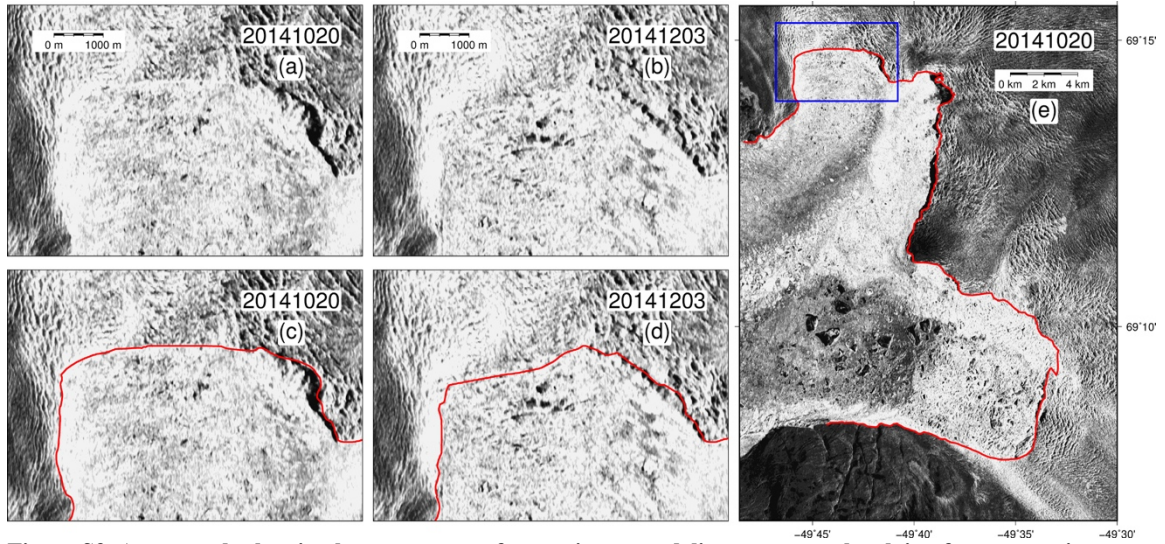


Figure S3. An example showing how we use a reference image to delineate a smooth calving front on a winter image with obscure boundaries. (a) is the reference image and (b) is the image with obscure boundaries. (c) and (d) show the manually delineated calving fronts. The blue box in (e) shows the location of (a)-(d).

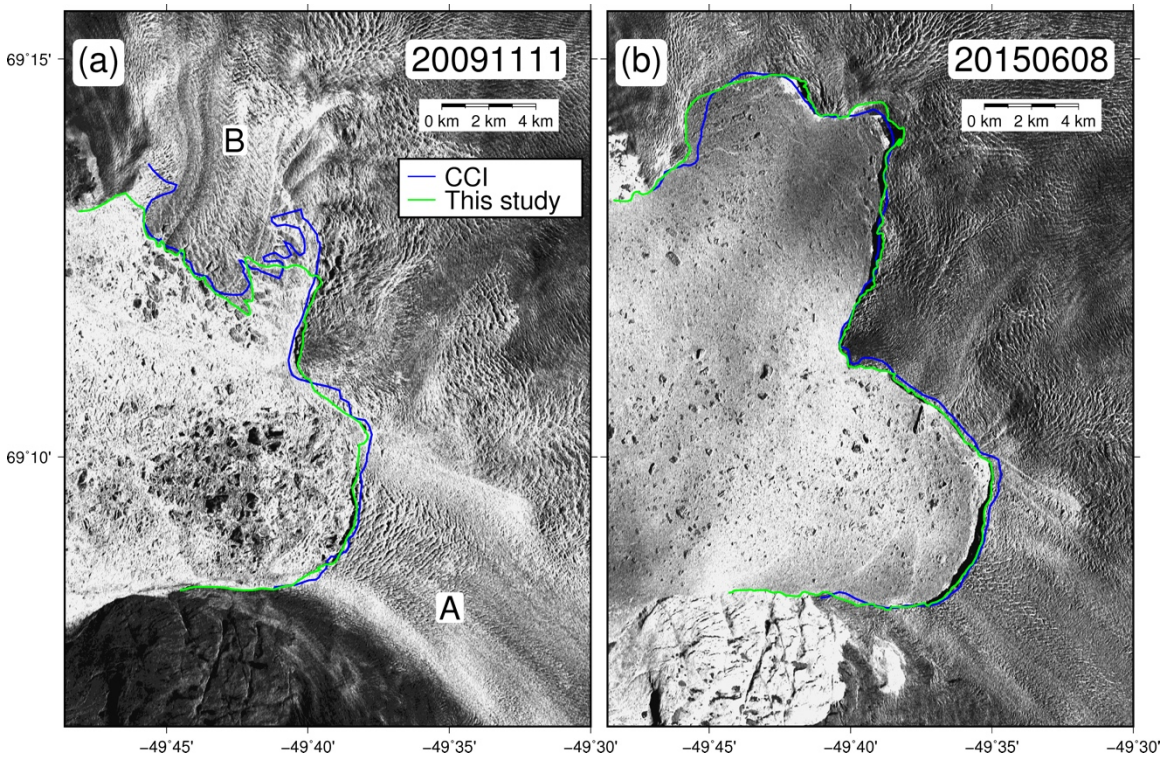


Figure S4. Two examples showing the validation of re-georeferencing. In both (a) and (b), the two lines show the manually delineated calving fronts from ours and the CCI.

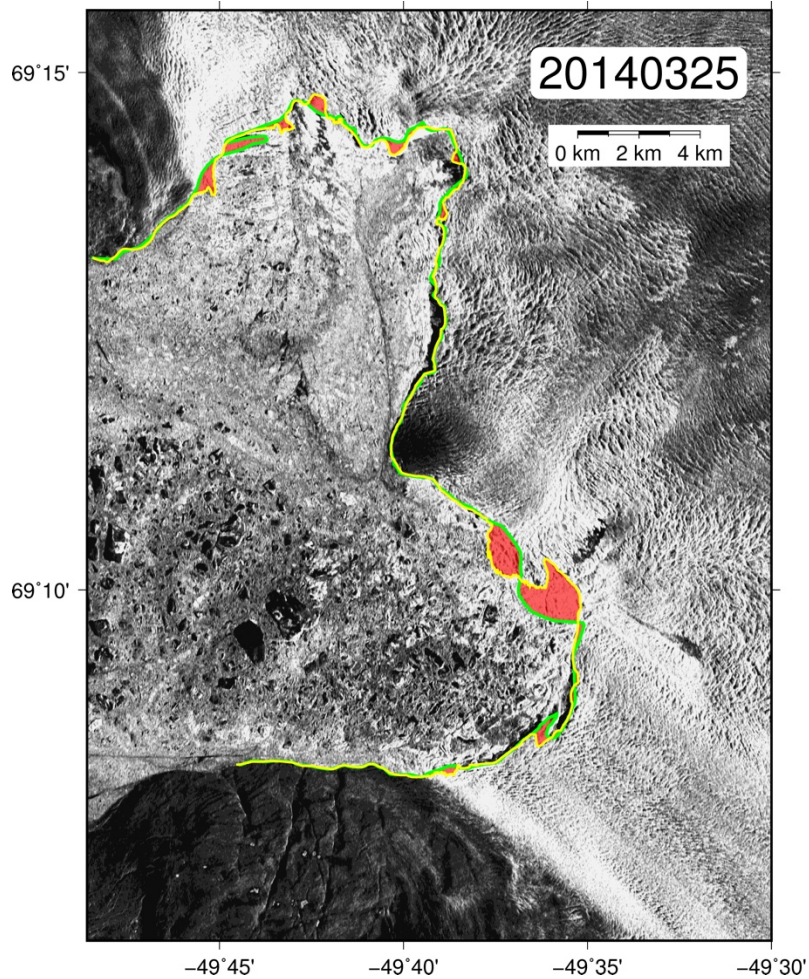


Figure S5. An example of error estimation of the network-delineation. The green line is the calving front we manually delineate. The yellow line is the calving front delineated by the deep-learning network. The red zone indicates the error of our results, which is the area circled by the green and yellow lines.

Movie S1. A movie showing the calving front positions from April 16th, 2009 to December 23rd, 2015. The red curve indicates the calving fronts delineated by our deep learning network.

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Movie S2. A movie showing the calving front variation of Branch A and the cross-section between the calving front and the profile. Two green lines indicate the bed elevation profiles. The red line shows the calving front position.

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Movie S3. Similar to Movie S2 but for Branch B.

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Table S1. List of the TerraSAR-X images used in this study. ‘D’ and ‘A’ refer to the descending and ascending orbits, respectively, in the Orbit direction column. The orbit numbers represent the unique ID for each image. We also indicate whether each image is used as a test ‘0’ or train-validation data ‘1’ in the column ‘Test/Train’.

| Date | Orbit direction | Orbit number | Test/Train | Date | Orbit direction | Orbit number | Test/Train |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| 20090416 | D | 10192 | 1 | 20120911 | A | 29085 | 0 |
| 20090427 | D | 10359 | 1 | 20120921 | D | 29230 | 0 |
| 20090508 | D | 10526 | 1 | 20121003 | A | 29419 | 1 |
| 20090519 | D | 10693 | 1 | 20121014 | A | 12856 | 0 |
| 20090530 | D | 10860 | 1 | 20121104 | D | 29898 | 1 |
| 20090610 | D | 11027 | 1 | 20121115 | D | 30065 | 0 |
| 20090621 | D | 11194 | 1 | 20121207 | D | 30399 | 1 |
| 20090702 | D | 11361 | 0 | 20121219 | A | 30588 | 0 |
| 20090713 | D | 11528 | 1 | 20130109 | D | 30900 | 1 |
| 20090724 | D | 11695 | 1 | 20130120 | D | 31067 | 0 |
| 20090804 | D | 11862 | 0 | 20130211 | D | 31401 | 1 |
| 20090815 | D | 12029 | 1 | 20130222 | D | 31568 | 0 |
| 20090826 | D | 12196 | 0 | 20130306 | A | 31757 | 0 |
| 20090906 | D | 12363 | 0 | 20130317 | A | 31924 | 1 |
| 20090917 | D | 12530 | 0 | 20130407 | D | 32236 | 0 |
| 20090928 | D | 12697 | 0 | 20130418 | D | 32403 | 0 |
| 20091009 | D | 12864 | 0 | 20130510 | D | 32737 | 0 |
| 20091020 | D | 13031 | 0 | 20130522 | A | 32926 | 1 |
| 20091031 | D | 13198 | 1 | 20130613 | A | 33260 | 1 |
| 20091111 | D | 13365 | 0 | 20130624 | A | 33427 | 0 |
| 20091122 | D | 13532 | 1 | 20130705 | A | 33594 | 1 |
| 20091203 | D | 13699 | 0 | 20130727 | A | 33928 | 0 |
| 20091214 | D | 13866 | 1 | 20130817 | D | 34240 | 1 |
| 20091225 | D | 14033 | 1 | 20130828 | D | 34407 | 0 |
| 20100105 | D | 14200 | 0 | 20130908 | D | 17844 | 0 |
| 20100116 | D | 14367 | 1 | 20130920 | A | 18033 | 0 |
| 20100207 | D | 14701 | 0 | 20131012 | A | 18367 | 0 |
| 20100218 | D | 14868 | 1 | 20131023 | A | 18534 | 1 |
| 20100312 | D | 15202 | 1 | 20131114 | A | 18868 | 1 |
| 20100323 | D | 15369 | 0 | 20131125 | A | 19035 | 0 |
| 20100414 | D | 15703 | 1 | 20131206 | A | 19202 | 1 |
| 20100425 | D | 15870 | 0 | 20131217 | A | 19369 | 0 |
| 20100506 | D | 16037 | 0 | 20140129 | D | 36745 | 1 |
| 20100517 | D | 16204 | 1 | 20140303 | D | 37246 | 0 |
| 20100619 | D | 16705 | 1 | 20140314 | D | 37413 | 1 |
| 20100630 | D | 16872 | 0 | 20140325 | D | 37580 | 0 |
| 20100711 | D | 17039 | 1 | 20140405 | D | 21017 | 0 |
| 20100722 | D | 17206 | 1 | 20140416 | D | 21184 | 1 |
| 20100904 | D | 17874 | 1 | 20140427 | D | 38081 | 0 |
| 20100915 | D | 18041 | 0 | 20140610 | D | 38749 | 1 |
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| 20101018 | D | 18542 | 0 | 20140702 | D | 39083 | 0 |
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| 20101120 | D | 19043 | 0 | 20140714 | A | 39272 | 1 |
| 20101201 | D | 19210 | 1 | 20140725 | A | 39439 | 1 |
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| 20110125 | D | 20045 | 0 | 20140928 | D | 40419 | 1 |
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| 20110412 | D | 21214 | 1 | 20141203 | D | 41421 | 0 |
| 20110423 | D | 21381 | 0 | 20141214 | D | 41588 | 1 |
| 20110515 | D | 21715 | 1 | 20141225 | D | 41755 | 0 |
| 20110526 | D | 21882 | 0 | 20150105 | D | 25192 | 0 |
| 20110617 | D | 22216 | 0 | 20150116 | D | 25359 | 0 |
| 20110720 | D | 22717 | 1 | 20150127 | D | 42256 | 1 |
| 20110823 | A | 6510 | 1 | 20150207 | D | 42423 | 0 |

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| 20110903 | A | 23407 | 1 | 20150219 | A | 42612 | 1 |
| 20110914 | A | 23574 | 1 | 20150312 | D | 26194 | 1 |
| 20111005 | D | 23886 | 0 | 20150323 | D | 43091 | 0 |
| 20111016 | D | 24053 | 0 | 20150414 | D | 43425 | 1 |
| 20111108 | A | 24409 | 0 | 20150425 | D | 43592 | 0 |
| 20111118 | D | 24554 | 1 | 20150506 | D | 43759 | 0 |
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| 20111221 | D | 25055 | 0 | 20150608 | D | 44260 | 0 |
| 20120113 | A | 24409 | 1 | 20150619 | D | 44427 | 0 |
| 20120123 | D | 25556 | 1 | 20150711 | D | 44761 | 0 |
| 20120214 | D | 25890 | 0 | 20150722 | D | 44928 | 1 |
| 20120225 | D | 26057 | 0 | 20150802 | D | 45095 | 0 |
| 20120307 | D | 26224 | 0 | 20150813 | D | 45262 | 0 |
| 20120329 | D | 26558 | 1 | 20150904 | D | 45596 | 0 |
| 20120420 | D | 26892 | 1 | 20150926 | D | 45930 | 1 |
| 20120524 | 12 | 27415 | 1 | 20151018 | D | 46264 | 0 |
| 20120603 | D | 27560 | 0 | 20151029 | D | 46431 | 0 |
| 20120614 | D | 27727 | 0 | 20151109 | D | 46598 | 1 |
| 20120707 | 12 | 28083 | 1 | 20151120 | D | 46765 | 0 |
| 20120718 | 12 | 11520 | 1 | 20151212 | D | 47099 | 1 |
| 20120809 | 12 | 11854 | 1 | 20151223 | D | 47266 | 0 |
| 20120820 | 12 | 28751 | 0 | | | | |

Table S2. List of the geocoding difference between our results and the CCI products in terms of equivalent lengths, and the manual delineation error measured by comparing two sets of independent delineation results.

| Date (yyyymmdd) | 20091111 | 20100506 | 20110617 | 20140703 | 20140928 | 20150608 | Mean |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Geocoding Difference (m) | 167 | 95 | 77 | 84 | 115 | 87 | 104 (~17.3 pixels) |
| Manual Delineation Error(m) | 40 | 71 | 12 | 22 | 34 | 18 | 33 (~5.5 pixels) |

Table S3. Test error of each image and their means.

| Date | Error (m) | Date | Error (m) | Date | Error (m) |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 20090702 | 26 | 20111221 | 48 | 20140427 | 72 |
| 20090804 | 20 | 20120214 | 57 | 20140621 | 19 |
| 20090906 | 20 | 20120225 | 27 | 20140702 | 38 |
| 20090928 | 50 | 20120307 | 23 | 20140714 | 29 |
| 20091009 | 66 | 20120614 | 20 | 20140725 | 14 |
| 20091020 | 52 | 20120707 | 20 | 20140918 | 32 |
| 20091111 | 34 | 20120820 | 15 | 20141009 | 27 |
| 20091203 | 25 | 20120911 | 24 | 20141203 | 24 |
| 20100105 | 38 | 20120921 | 38 | 20141225 | 31 |
| 20100207 | 58 | 20121014 | 52 | 20150105 | 35 |
| 20100323 | 65 | 20121115 | 34 | 20150116 | 31 |
| 20100425 | 56 | 20121219 | 63 | 20150207 | 35 |
| 20100506 | 57 | 20130120 | 59 | 20150323 | 42 |
| 20100630 | 58 | 20130222 | 57 | 20150425 | 30 |
| 20100915 | 12 | 20130306 | 58 | 20150506 | 48 |
| 20101018 | 31 | 20130407 | 37 | 20150608 | 12 |
| 20101120 | 42 | 20130418 | 32 | 20150619 | 22 |
| 20101223 | 28 | 20130510 | 23 | 20150711 | 23 |
| 20110125 | 21 | 20130624 | 39 | 20150802 | 20 |
| 20110216 | 43 | 20130727 | 55 | 20150813 | 67 |
| 20110310 | 22 | 20130828 | 32 | 20150904 | 45 |
| 20110423 | 102 | 20130908 | 24 | 20151018 | 28 |
| 20110526 | 61 | 20130920 | 34 | 20151029 | 48 |
| 20110617 | 31 | 20131012 | 30 | 20151120 | 38 |

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|----------|----|----------|----|-------------|---------------|
| 20110903 | 19 | 20131125 | 19 | 20151223 | 32 |
| 20111005 | 26 | 20131217 | 51 | | |
| 20111016 | 24 | 20140303 | 49 | Total Mean | 38 (6 pixels) |
| 20111108 | 67 | 20140325 | 74 | Summer Mean | 31 (5 pixels) |
| 20111210 | 35 | 20140405 | 38 | Winter mean | 42 (7 pixels) |