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Heterogeneous spatial and temporal pattern of surface elevation change and mass balance of the Patagonian ice fields between 2000 and 2016

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DT ID	Acquisition date	Length [km]	Rel. orbit / direction	Beam	Look ang. [°]	HoA [m]	Posting long. ["]	Scene index
1020455	28/05/2011	93	35 / D	A1 050	40.6	48.4	0.4	1
1058596	05/02/2012	149	35 / D	A1 040	38.4	89.8	0.4	2
1057982	16/02/2012	142	35 / D	A1 030	36.1	89.7	0.4	3
1327457*	03/12/2015	91	35 / D	strip 012	41.0	59.0	0.4	4
1327455*	14/12/2015	146	35 / D	strip 011	39.2	56.0	0.4	5
1327456*	08/12/2015	146	111 / D	strip 004	23.9	33.4	0.4	6
1327454*	19/12/2015	115	111 / D	strip 003	21.4	31.0	0.4	7

Table S2. Specifications of the TanDEM-X Raw DEMs processed over SPI. Here two full coverages were achieved in summer 2012 and in December 2015. A further partial coverage was achieved in December 2011. The acquisition time is between 5:54 and 6:03 (local time) (UTC-4h). DT: datatake; D: descending orbit; HoA: height of ambiguity; Look ang.: mid-range look angle. Posting long.: posting in longitude in arcsec; the posting in latitude is always 0.4 arcsec. The footprint of each scene within the mosaic, identified through an index, is shown in the maps of Fig. S1. * Experimental acquisitions, not part of the TanDEM-X mission operational plan.

DT ID	Acquisition	Length	Rel. orbit /	Beam	Look	HoA [m]	Posting	Scene
	date	[Km]	direction		ang. [°]		long. [*]	index
1057982	16/02/2012	136	35 / D	A1 030	36.1	88.8	0.4	1
1057647	22/02/2012	102	126 / D	A1 080	46.2	119.4	0.4	2
1057028	04/03/2012	200	126 / D	A1 070	44.5	112.2	0.4	3
1055763	26/03/2012	146; 178	126 / D	A1 060	42.6	105.7	0.4; 0.4	4; 5
1056403	15/03/2012	157; 107	126 / D	A1 050	40.6	99.6	0.4; 0.6	6; 7
1058868	31/01/2012	164	126 / D	A1 040	38.4	94.0	0.6	8
1327461*	03/12/2015	131	35 / D	strip 009	35.3	49.9	0.4	9
1327453*	09/12/2015	173	126 / D	strip 014	44.4	65.4	0.4	10
1327460*	20/12/2015	193	126 / D	strip 013	42.8	62.9	0.4	11
1327459*	31/12/2015	214	126 / D	strip 012	41.0	59.3	0.4	12
1327458*	03/12/2015	136	35 / D	strip 005	26.4	38.3	0.6	13
1327462*	09/12/2015	151	126 / D	strip 010	37.3	53.6	0.6	14
1041196	18/12/2011	147; 179	126 / D	A1 060	42.6	81.4	0.4; 0.4	16; 17
1041468	07/12/2011	202	126 / D	A1 050	40.6	74.6	0.4	18
1040940	29/12/2011	164	126 / D	A1 040	38.4	70.8	0.6	19



Figure S1. Footprints of the TanDEM-X Raw DEMs forming (a) the 2012 and (b) the 2015 DEM mosaics. The specifications of each Raw DEM, identified by an index, are reported in Tables S1 and S2, for NPI and SPI, respectively. Magenta: the footprints of the calibration regions (CRs) used to perform the DEM coregistration (Sect. 3.1.2).

S2 SRTM data

Table S3. SRTM C-band datatakes covering SPI and NPI. The table reports orbit number, datatake index, orbital direction (A: ascending, D: descending) and the sub-swaths used to compute the average backscattering $\bar{\sigma}^0$ (Sect. 3.2.2). The acquisition time refers to the start of the datatake (Seal and Rogez, 2000).

Orbit n.	DT	Dir.	Sub-swaths	Acq. loc. time (UTC-4h)
10	200	D	4	12/02/2000 04:04
28	230	Α	4	13/02/2000 06:56
41	190	D	1	14/02/2000 02:04
44	230	А	3,4	14/02/2000 06:42
57	190	D	1,2	15/02/2000 01:50
60	230	Α	2,3,4	15/02/2000 06:29
73	190	D	1,2,3,4	16/02/2000 01:37
76	230	Α	1,2,3,4	16/02/2000 06:16
89	190	D	1,2,4	17/02/2000 01:24
92	230	Α	1,2,3,4	17/02/2000 06:02
105	200	D	2,3,4	18/02/2000 01:10
108	230	Α	2,4	18/02/2000 05:49
121	200	D	1,3,4	19/02/2000 00:57
124	230	А	1,2,3,4	19/02/2000 05:35
137	200	D	1,2,3,4	20/02/2000 00:43
140	230	А	1,2	20/02/2000 05:22
153	200	D	3,4	21/02/2000 00:30
156	240	А	1	21/02/2000 05:09



Figure S2. DEM differences at 1 arcsec used to evaluate the two different SRTM data sets. (a) $\Delta h = \text{TDM} - \text{NASADEM}$, (b) $\Delta h = \text{TDM} - \text{SRTMGL1}$ and (c) $\Delta h = \text{NASADEM} - \text{SRTMGL1}$. TDM: TanDEM-X global DEM used as reference elevation (Sect. 3.1.1). The statistics measured on stable terrain on maps (a) and (b) are reported in Table S4.

Table S4. Statistics of the DEM difference between the TDM global DEM and the two SRTM products. The TDM global DEM was scaled to the 1 arcsec posting of the NASADEM and SRTMGL1 DEMs. Approximately 100 million samples were selected on the stable terrain (no ice, no water) visible in Fig. S2, with terrain slope below 40° and a elevation difference $|\Delta h| \le 20$ m to avoid artefacts (e.g. phase unwrapping errors).

Δh	Mean	Std. dev.	RMS
TDM – NASADEM	0.194 m	3.832 m	3.837 m
TDM – SRTMGL1	-0.982 m	3.895 m	4.017 m

S3 DEM coregistration and SECR derivation

Table S5. Features of the calibration regions (CRs) selected on stable terrain around NPI and SPI and used to perform DEM coregistration (Sect. 3.1.2).

Reg.	No.	Tot. area	Av. area	Av. elev.	Av. slope
NPI	36	183.8 km ²	5.1 km ²	171.1 m	3.7°
SPI	90	263.8 km^2	2.9 km^2	106.6 m	3.8°

Artefact masking

To avoid biases of the mass balance we masked-out artefacts due to phase unwrapping, layover, shadow, etc. For each SECR a masking raster was produced according to the following subsequent steps:

- 1. The TDM RAW DEMs come with a flag mask (FLM) which highlights possible layover shadow, this was only initially used to get the rough position of main larger layover/shadow regions.
- 2. Thresholds were applied on the samples of the SECR, these were discarded when $\Delta h < -72$ m or $\Delta h > +72$ m for the epoch 2000–2012 and when $\Delta h < -28$ m or $\Delta h > +28$ m for the epoch 2012–2015. The eliminated samples are residual small phase unwrapping errors and noise peaks, mostly found on layover and shadow regions. Regions of significant physical change (i.e. glacier termini) in excess of the thresholds were not included and treated separately (see point no. 4).
- 3. A morphological operator of closing (size 5×5) followed by a median filter (size 5×5) was applied on the mask raster in order to remove noise from the mask generated by the thresholding, hence removing isolated mask pixels in the mask.
- 4. Visual inspection of the mask raster and further manual correction.

S4 Seasonal correction



Figure S3. Hypsometric averages extracted from different sub-regions of the summer 2011/2012 SECR (Fig. 8) and used to perform the seasonal correction (Sect. 3.1.3). The blue curve includes all glaciers covered by the two beams featuring a time span of 99 days. The green curve includes all three beams (99 and 33 days) but only selected low-loss glaciers (Perito Moreno, Grey, Tyndall, HPS 13, Europa, Penguin, Guilardi and part of the accumulation area of Pio XI)



Figure S4. Seasonal correction (SEC in metres) added to the original SEC maps for deriving SECR maps that account for full temporal coverage of the epochs (a) 2000–2012 and (b) 2012–2016.

Estimation of mass balance gradients for Jorge Montt, S. Rafael and S. Quintin glaciers for the seasonal correction of surface elevation change

Elevation gradients of surface mass balance (SMB) for summer and the full year, derived from multi-year time series of climate data and ablation measurements on Perito Moreno Glacier (Stuefer et al., 2007), are used for estimating seasonal differences of SMB-related SEC rates (SECR) of Jorge Montt Glacier (located at the NW-corner of SPI) and for the termini of S. Rafael and S. Quintin glaciers (as well as small part near the front of Benito Glacier) on the west coast of NPI.

The following gradient of specific net mass balance, b_n , in the ablation area of Perito Moreno Glacier was derived from field data: $\Delta b_n/z = 0.0122 \text{ m} \cdot (\text{m a})^{-1} \text{ w.e.}$ (water equivalent).

In order to assess the applicability of the seasonal differences of the Perito Moreno SMB gradient for the four glaciers mentioned above we performed the following checks.

Estimation of the SMB gradient for Jorge Montt Glacier

Due to the lack of data on the mass balance of Jorge Montt Glacier, we derive the SMB gradient from numbers reported for Chico Glacier, located on the east side of northern SPI.

- Rivera (2004) reports for Chico Glacier a mean $\Delta b_n/z = 0.013 \text{ m} \cdot (\text{m a})^{-1}$ over the total elevation range. The (close to linear) value in the ablation area is: $\Delta b_n/z = 0.015 \text{ m} \cdot (\text{m a})^{-1}$.
- Bravo et al. (2019) report the following ratio of the west/east temperature lapse rate (LR) at the transect Occidental to O'Higgins glaciers across northern SPI: LR(west) = 0.76LR(east).
- Chico Glacier is adjacent to O'Higgins Glacier. Using the balance gradient of the ablation area of Chico Glacier and the LR west/east ratio of 0.76 results in the following SMB gradient for Jorge Montt Glacier: $\Delta b_n/z$ (west) = 0.0114 m \cdot (ma)⁻¹.

Estimation of the SMB gradient for western outlet glaciers of NPI

- Mean ELA ($b_n = 0$) of NPI west (S. Rafael, S. Quintin): 1200 m a.s.l. (Rivera et al., 2007).
- SMB on NPI western outlet glaciers on the terminus near the front (about 50 m a.s.l.): $b_n \approx 14 \text{ m a}^{-1}$ (Schaefer et al., 2013).
- Resulting balance gradient for the ablation area: $\Delta b_n/z = 0.01217 \text{ m} \cdot (\text{m a})^{-1}$.

Conclusion

The balance gradient for NPI western outlet glaciers, derived from modelled SMB data of Schaefer et al. (2013), agrees with the multi-year SMB gradient of Moreno Glacier. The difference to the estimated balance gradient for Jorge Montt Glacier, deduced from the gradient of Chico Glacier, taking into account the different west/east lapse rates, is also small. This supports the approach of using the Moreno Glacier mass balance gradient and seasonal/annual ratio for deriving the SECR seasonal correction of the four glaciers.

S5 Radar backscatter of TanDEM-X and SRTM



Figure S5. Mosaics of backscattering coefficient σ^0 for all TanDEM-X coverages: (a) Summer 2012, (b) December 2015 and (c) December 2011. Red outlines: regions with high probability of signal penetration, individually taken into account in the error budget. Grey: no coverage.



Figure S6. SRTM backscattering (a) mean $\bar{\sigma}^0$ and (b) standard deviation, computed pixelwise on all sub-swaths listed in Table S3. Red outlines: regions with high probability of signal penetration, individually taken into account in the error budget. Grey: no coverage.

Table S6. Percentage of accumulation area included in the critical outlined regions and weighted mean of the penetration offset Δh_p assigned to them.

	N	PI	SPI		
DEM data set	% of acc. area	Mean Δh_p [m]	% of acc. area	Mean Δh_p [m]	
SRTM	1.6	3.0	0.5	1.5	
TDM Summer 2012	0.9	2.0	0.9	2.0	
TDM December 2015	1.1	3.0	2.4	3.1	

Estimation of penetration height offsets for error budget

Studies on TanDEM-X elevation bias due to signal penetration (Δh_p) in dry snow, focusing at ice sheets, show snow microstructure as dominating cause of variations on Δh_p (Rizzoli et al., 2017). The relationships over ice sheets are not applicable to the Patagonian icefields where the accumulation rates are up to two orders of magnitude larger and meltwater is present in firm layers throughout the year with dry snow on top during winter (Rivera, 2004). Therefore we derived an empirical relation for estimating Δh_p from observed backscattering coefficients, σ^0 , based on a TDM data set of NPI featuring well separated wet and dry snowpack clusters (Fig. S7).

The scatterplot in Fig. S7 shows the apparent change in elevation, $\Delta h = h_w - h_s$, between TDM repeat DEMs acquired at the end of winter (Date 1: 2 September 2013, 19:46 local time, UTC-4h) and in summer (Date 2: 1 January 2014, same time) for a sub-region of NPI, extending over an area of about 500 km² and covering altitudes between 1150 m and 1550 m. The x-axis shows the σ^0 of Date 1. A first cluster CL 1 corresponds to the lower section of the accumulation area (mean elevation h =1260 m) and to melting snow surfaces (mean $\sigma^0 = -17.8$ dB), a second cluster CL 2 corresponds to the upper section and to dry snow (h = 1460 m; $\sigma^0 = -9.8$ dB). Date 1 coincided with a period of heavy precipitation, with the zero degree isotherm at about 1350 m altitude. The backscatter values on Date 2 (mean $\sigma^0 = -17.8$ dB) indicate melting snow surfaces at all elevations. Assuming the temporal change in h between the two dates being of the same magnitude for all points of the scatterplot, and assuming zero penetration for CL 1 on Date 1 and for all points on Date 2 results in the following ratio between Δh [m] and σ^0 [dB] of the cluster centres: $f_{hp} = \Delta h / [\sigma^0 (\text{CL}1 - \text{CL}2)] = -0.50$. This coefficient is used for estimating the penetration height offset for critical regions (red outlines in Fig. S5) with the following relation: $\Delta h_p = f_{hp} \cdot (\sigma_{ref}^0 - \sigma_{ds}^0)$. σ_{ref}^0 is the reference value for zero penetration, σ_{ds}^0 refers to snow pack with increased backscatter due to a layer of dry snow on top. The mid-range look angle for the TDM track is 36.2° on Date 1 and 37.2° on Date 2. The mid-range look angles of the tracks covering most of the red outlines in the TDM data of 2012 and 2015 range on NPI from 38.4° to 39.2°, on SPI from 37.3° to 44.5°. For a volume scattering medium the difference in σ^0 due to the maximum difference in look angle between the reference data set and any of the outlined regions would amount to 0.7 dB. Allowing for some uncertainty in this relation, we use σ_{ref}^0 and f_{hp} as described above for estimating the penetration bias from mean σ^0 of each outlined region. The resulting Δh_p values are rounded to the nearest integer. These values, together with an additional height offset of 0.1 m assigned to the rest of the accumulation area, were used to estimate the systematic error due to signal penetration for each DEM mosaic (Sect. 3.3.3).

For SRTM the σ^0 values of are slightly reduced compared to melting snow over a few sites. In order to account for the frequency dependence in penetration, we use a factor of two for estimating the C-band penetration of SRTM with the relation applied for the TDM data. Experimental data show for dry snow about double penetration depth for C-band compared to X-band (Rott et al., 1993).

Table S6 lists the percentage of the NPI and SPI accumulation areas included in the critical outlined regions and provides the mean penetration offsets on these outlines (Δh_p weighted on the corresponding area). Depending on the icefield and date, the percentage of accumulation area potentially prone to penetration ranges from 0.9 % to 2.4 %. Wide-spread surface melt dominated in the SAR scenes selected for this study, nevertheless a default $\Delta h_p = 0.1$ m was assigned to the rest of the accumulation area when computing the systematic error due to penetration (Sect. 3.3.3).



Figure S7. Scatterplot of apparent elevation differences $\Delta h = h_w - h_s$ (2 Sept. 2013 minus 1 Jan. 2014) on the NPI plateau at elevations between 1150 and 1550 m versus σ^0 of 2 Sept. 2013. From Abdel Jaber (2016).

S6 Uncertainty of SECR and mass balance



Figure S8. Random error of the SECR maps of (a) 2000–2012 and (b) 2012–2016 obtained as described in Sect. 3.3.1.



Figure S9. Empirical omnidirectional semivariograms and corresponding exponential model fits computed from a TDM–SRTM SECR and a TDM–TDM SECR for two ice-free regions of interest (ROIs) with different topography (Sect. 3.3.2). ROI 1: hilly terrain with slope distribution similar to the icefields. ROI 2: flat terrain with slope distribution similar to the calibration regions (Sect. 3.1.2). The range, nugget and sill of the fitted exponential semivariogram model are reported in Table S7.

Table S7. Parameters of the exponential semivariogram model fitted to the four empirical semivariograms shown in Fig. S9. The given uncertainties are meant as $1-\sigma$.

	Range [m]	Sill $\left[\left(m a^{-1}\right)^2\right]$	Nugget $\left[\left(m a^{-1} \right)^2 \right]$
ROI 1 TDM-SRTM	135.3 ± 2.8	0.082 ± 0.001	0.013 ± 0.001
ROI 1 TDM-TDM	71.3 ± 3.7	0.064 ± 0.003	0.001 ± 0.003
ROI 2 TDM-SRTM	79.6 ± 5.6	0.019 ± 0.001	0.003 ± 0.001
ROI 2 TDM-TDM	38.5 ± 3.3	0.051 ± 0.005	0.007 ± 0.005

Table S8. Mean of the four systematic error components and mean of the total SECR systematic error computed on the entire icefield for both epochs according to Sect. 3.3.3. ε_{reg} : coregistration error; ε_{pen} : radar signal penetration error; ε_{add} : additional bulk error; ε_{seas} : seasonal correction error; ε : total systematic error.

Data set	Δt [a]	$\overline{\varepsilon_{\mathrm{reg}}}\left[\mathrm{ma^{-1}} ight]$	$\overline{\varepsilon_{\text{pen}}} \left[\text{ma}^{-1} \right]$	$\varepsilon_{\rm add} \left[{\rm ma^{-1}} \right]$	$\overline{\varepsilon_{\text{seas}}} \left[\text{ma}^{-1} \right]$	$\overline{\varepsilon} \left[m a^{-1} \right]$
NPI 2000-2012	12.0	0.0222	0.0127	0.0253	n/a	0.0391
SPI 2000-2012	12.0	0.0169	0.0116	0.0172	0.0088	0.0300
NPI 2012-2016	4.0	0.0590	0.0373	0.0177	0.1185	0.1475
SPI 2012-2016	4.0	0.0514	0.0463	0.0177	0.1043	0.1379



Figure S10. Average SECR per glacier basin of NPI and SPI for the two epochs (a) 2000–2012 and (b) 2012–2016. (c) Average elevation from the TDM 2012 DEM mosaic.



Figure S11. Hypsometry of NPI according to the reference DEM (TDM 2012/2011). The distribution of unsurveyed area in the SECR of 2000–2012 and 2012–2016 is highlighted in orange.



Figure S12. Hypsometry of SPI according to the reference DEM (TDM 2012). The distribution of unsurveyed area in the SECR of 2000–2012 and 2012–2016 is highlighted in orange.



Figure S13. Surface elevation, volume and mass change rates (SECR, VCR, MCR) versus altitude in 50 m intervals for three more glaciers of NPI for epochs 2000–2012 (red) and 2012–2016 (blue). The hypsometric curve of 2012 is shown in grey.



Figure S14. Surface elevation, volume and mass change rates (SECR, VCR, MCR) versus altitude in 50 m intervals for 12 more glaciers of SPI for epochs 2000–2012 (red) and 2012–2016 (blue). The hypsometric curve of 2012 is shown in grey.

Table S9. Average surface elevation change rate (SECR) and volume change rate (VCR) for SPI glaciers smaller than 35 km² and larger than 9 km^2 for the two epochs. The reported area refers to the beginning of the epoch, the coverage of the SECR map is also reported. Subaqueous ice changes are not included. The list is continued from Table 3.

			2000-2012				2012-2016	
RGI Name	Area	Cov.	Average SECR	Volume change	Area	Cov.	Average SECR	Volume change
	$[km^2]$	[%]	$[ma^{-1}]$	$[km^3 a^{-1}]$	$[km^2]$	[%]	$[ma^{-1}]$	$[km^3 a^{-1}]$
DCL 17.05044	L]	00.0				00.0		
RGI-17.05044 RCI 17.05706	35.8	99.9	0.934 ± 0.034	0.0321 ± 0.0012 0.0273 ± 0.0011	34.4	98.3	0.914 ± 0.193	0.0315 ± 0.0066
RGI-17.05790 RGI-17.05130	33.0	100.0	-0.781 ± 0.032 -0.600 ± 0.031	-0.0273 ± 0.0011 -0.0201 ± 0.0010	33.7	99.0	-0.331 ± 0.181 -0.787 ± 0.008	-0.0180 ± 0.0001 -0.0262 ± 0.0033
RGI-17.04891	32.6	99.4	-0.298 ± 0.031	-0.0097 ± 0.0010	32.4	98.2	-0.085 ± 0.098	-0.0027 ± 0.0033
RGI-17.15796	31.7	100.0	-0.265 ± 0.032	-0.0084 ± 0.0010	31.4	99.9	-0.194 ± 0.089	-0.0061 ± 0.0028
RGI-17.05889	31.8	98.7	-0.408 ± 0.030	-0.0130 ± 0.0010	30.5	98.9	-1.026 ± 0.182	-0.0313 ± 0.0055
Grande del Torre	30.3	84.4	-0.443 ± 0.040	-0.0134 ± 0.0012	30.1	94.1	-0.754 ± 0.117	-0.0227 ± 0.0035
Bolados	30.0	85.6	-0.429 ± 0.037	-0.0129 ± 0.0011	28.9	97.9	-0.210 ± 0.161	-0.0061 ± 0.0046
RGI-17.05835	28.7	88.5	-0.161 ± 0.036	-0.0046 ± 0.0010	28.7	94.2	-0.556 ± 0.119	-0.0159 ± 0.0034
RGI-17.05338	28.0	99.8 88 0	-0.754 ± 0.033 1.672 ± 0.052	-0.0215 ± 0.0010 0.0459 ± 0.0014	28.2	99.3	$-0./1/\pm 0.110$ 0.060 ± 0.006	-0.0202 ± 0.0031 0.0257 ± 0.0026
RGI-17 05549	27.4	99.7	-1.072 ± 0.032 -0.564 ± 0.034	-0.0439 ± 0.0014 -0.0149 ± 0.0009	26.7	91.0 94.9	-0.500 ± 0.090 -0.514 ± 0.102	-0.0237 ± 0.0020 -0.0136 ± 0.0027
Mayo Norte	25.9	99.9	-0.483 ± 0.031	-0.0125 ± 0.0008	25.9	98.4	0.057 ± 0.080	0.0015 ± 0.0021 0.0015 ± 0.0021
RGI-17.04816	24.3	99.8	-0.401 ± 0.033	-0.0098 ± 0.0008	24.3	99.1	0.202 ± 0.075	0.0049 ± 0.0018
RGI-17.04916	24.3	90.4	-0.261 ± 0.036	-0.0063 ± 0.0009	24.3	98.1	0.147 ± 0.121	0.0036 ± 0.0029
RGI-17.04933	21.6	100.0	-0.606 ± 0.040	-0.0131 ± 0.0009	21.6	98.6	-0.393 ± 0.123	-0.0085 ± 0.0026
RGI-17.04905	21.1	100.0	-0.482 ± 0.036	-0.0102 ± 0.0008	21.1	100.0	0.237 ± 0.102	0.0050 ± 0.0022
RGI-17.04879	20.9	9/.1	$-0.32/\pm0.041$	-0.0068 ± 0.0009	20.9	88.6	0.684 ± 0.155	0.0143 ± 0.0032
KGI-17.04920 Spoww	19.9	98.9 07.8	-0.098 ± 0.038 -1.027 ± 0.040	-0.0020 ± 0.0008 -0.0206 ± 0.0008	19.9	97.9	0.049 ± 0.124 -0.480 ± 0.081	-0.0010 ± 0.0025 -0.0095 ± 0.0016
RGI-17 04785	19.7	92.9	-0.256 ± 0.040	-0.0200 ± 0.0008 -0.0050 ± 0.0007	19.0	93.1	-0.480 ± 0.081 0.562 + 0.094	-0.0093 ± 0.0010 0.0111 ± 0.0018
Marconi	19.7	82.3	-0.840 ± 0.052	-0.0165 ± 0.0010	19.4	78.3	-1.159 ± 0.178	-0.0225 ± 0.0035
RGI-17.04993	19.4	89.2	-1.030 ± 0.045	-0.0200 ± 0.0009	18.7	81.4	-0.667 ± 0.120	-0.0125 ± 0.0023
Tunel Inferior	18.1	97.2	-0.737 ± 0.038	-0.0133 ± 0.0007	18.1	96.9	-0.668 ± 0.093	-0.0121 ± 0.0017
RGI-17.15792	17.7	99.9	-0.276 ± 0.035	-0.0049 ± 0.0006	17.7	99.9	-0.020 ± 0.092	-0.0004 ± 0.0016
RGI-17.04884	17.0	51.3	-0.380 ± 0.066	-0.0065 ± 0.0011	17.0	60.9	-0.089 ± 0.208	-0.0015 ± 0.0035
RGI-17.04890 DCI 17.05420	16.9	98.0	-0.265 ± 0.039	-0.0045 ± 0.0007	16.9	95.8 54.6	0.188 ± 0.101 0.478 ± 0.157	0.0032 ± 0.0017
RGI-17.03439 RGI-17.04995	16.2	80.2 72.8	-0.078 ± 0.048 -0.695 ± 0.054	-0.0013 ± 0.0008 -0.0112 ± 0.0009	16.2	05 Q	-0.478 ± 0.137 -0.702 ± 0.150	-0.0077 ± 0.0023 -0.0113 ± 0.0024
RGI-17.04901	16.1	89.4	-0.200 ± 0.034	-0.0032 ± 0.0007	16.1	93.3	0.083 ± 0.128	0.0013 ± 0.0024 0.0013 ± 0.0021
RGI-17.04862	16.1	100.0	-1.202 ± 0.040	-0.0193 ± 0.0006	16.1	98.9	0.072 ± 0.081	0.0012 ± 0.0013
RGI-17.05092	15.7	99.1	0.196 ± 0.041	0.0031 ± 0.0006	15.7	97.6	-0.413 ± 0.196	-0.0065 ± 0.0031
RGI-17.04923	15.7	92.8	-0.065 ± 0.046	-0.0010 ± 0.0007	15.6	95.2	0.034 ± 0.138	0.0005 ± 0.0022
RGI-17.04931	15.5	100.0	-0.277 ± 0.040	-0.0043 ± 0.0006	15.5	98.2	0.048 ± 0.129	0.0007 ± 0.0020
RGI-17.06038	14.8	98.6	-0.269 ± 0.036	-0.0040 ± 0.0005	14.4	94./	-0.842 ± 0.187	$-0.0122 \pm 0.002/$
RGI-17.04991 RGI-17.04878	14.0	99.8 88.5	-0.225 ± 0.039	-0.0014 ± 0.0006	14.0	90.0 90.0	-0.053 ± 0.127 -0.022 ± 0.130	-0.0003 ± 0.0018 -0.0003 ± 0.0018
RGI-17.04078	13.7	87.5	-0.327 ± 0.048	-0.0031 ± 0.0000 -0.0045 ± 0.0007	13.7	80.0	-0.167 ± 0.130	-0.0023 ± 0.0010
RGI-17.04959	13.2	90.3	0.277 ± 0.051	0.0037 ± 0.0007	13.0	97.5	-0.473 ± 0.122	-0.0062 ± 0.0016
RGI-17.05627	12.9	99.9	-0.037 ± 0.038	-0.0005 ± 0.0005	12.9	99.6	-0.030 ± 0.167	-0.0004 ± 0.0022
RGI-17.04885	12.8	93.6	-0.003 ± 0.050	-0.0000 ± 0.0006	12.8	92.7	-0.199 ± 0.121	-0.0025 ± 0.0016
RGI-17.04910	12.7	99.9	-0.369 ± 0.034	-0.0047 ± 0.0004	12.7	99.9	0.392 ± 0.089	0.0050 ± 0.0011
RGI-17.05024	12.9	99.7	-0.295 ± 0.036	-0.0038 ± 0.0005	12.6	98.9	0.010 ± 0.079	0.0001 ± 0.0010
RGI-17.05059	12.0	99.1 62.0	$0.1/0 \pm 0.044$ 0.526 ± 0.071	0.0021 ± 0.0006	12.0	95.3	$-0.5/0 \pm 0.199$	$-0.00/2 \pm 0.0025$
RGI-17.01019 RGI-17.15748	12.5	05.9 00 0	0.330 ± 0.071 0.188 + 0.040	0.0007 ± 0.0009 0.0024 ± 0.0005	12.5	09.0 00 2	-0.137 ± 0.143 -0.316 ± 0.194	-0.0020 ± 0.0018 -0.0040 ± 0.0024
RGI-17.04946	12.3	99.9	-0.289 ± 0.042	-0.0024 ± 0.0005 -0.0035 ± 0.0005	12.5	98.4	-0.127 ± 0.127	-0.0015 ± 0.0024
RGI-17.15738	11.9	90.7	-0.251 ± 0.044	-0.0030 ± 0.0005	11.9	92.2	-0.356 ± 0.203	-0.0042 ± 0.0024
RGI-17.05505	11.6	93.8	0.039 ± 0.046	0.0005 ± 0.0005	11.6	3.4	-1.397 ± 0.305	-0.0163 ± 0.0036
RGI-17.04906	11.2	64.7	2.373 ± 0.058	0.0265 ± 0.0006	11.2	91.5	-0.435 ± 0.162	-0.0049 ± 0.0018
RGI-17.05459	11.0	95.3	-0.165 ± 0.047	-0.0018 ± 0.0005	11.0	0.0	0.071 . 0.115	0.0000 - 0.0010
RGI-17.15779	10.9	99.5	-0.435 ± 0.049	-0.0047 ± 0.0005	10.9	96.2	$0.2/1 \pm 0.115$	0.0029 ± 0.0013
KGI-17.15/9/ RGI-17.05022	10.0	100.0 00.6	-1.294 ± 0.043 -0.185 ± 0.020	$-0.013 / \pm 0.0004$ -0.0019 ± 0.0004	10.0	100.0	$-1.3/9 \pm 0.092$ -0.242 ± 0.211	-0.0140 ± 0.0010 -0.0025 ± 0.0022
RGI-17.05022 RGI-17.05167	9.6	973	-0.105 ± 0.039 0.094 + 0.047	-0.0019 ± 0.0004 0 0009 + 0 0004	9.6	02.7 96.9	$-0.2+2 \pm 0.211$ -0.385 + 0.112	-0.0023 ± 0.0022 -0.0037 ± 0.0011
RGI-17.06001	9.4	99.5	0.214 ± 0.044	0.0020 ± 0.0004	9.4	95.1	-0.390 ± 0.112	-0.0037 ± 0.0018
Heim	9.6	83.5	-0.375 ± 0.063	-0.0036 ± 0.0006	9.3	93.9	-0.498 ± 0.157	-0.0047 ± 0.0015
RGI-17.05128	9.2	98.9	-0.179 ± 0.045	-0.0016 ± 0.0004	9.1	99.1	-0.359 ± 0.109	-0.0033 ± 0.0010

Table S10. Estimated subaqueous volume changes for SPI glaciers with most significant frontal changes in the period 2000–2011/2012, based on Abdel Jaber (2016). Δt : the time span in years; $d_{\rm fr}$: glacier retreat at the central part of the front; VC_{sub}: subaqueous ice volume loss. * Glaciers where bathymetric data were used, originating from: Naruse and Skvarca (2000); Skvarca et al. (2002); Rivera et al. (2012); Raymond et al. (2005); Stuefer (1999). Following bulk errors were assigned: 20 % for glaciers with bathymetric data, 70 % for HPS 12, 40 % for other glaciers.

Glacier front	Δt [a]	d _{fr} [km]	VC_{sub} [km ³]
Upsala W*	11.2	3.45	-2.800 ± 0.560
Greve	12.0	1.13	-0.813 ± 0.325
Jorge Montt*	11.2	2.36	-0.680 ± 0.136
Occidental	12.0	2.2	-0.671 ± 0.268
HPS 12	11.1	3	-0.655 ± 0.459
HPS 9	12.0	1.13	-0.618 ± 0.247
HPS 8	12.0	2.9	-0.595 ± 0.238
Tyndall*	11.4	1.3	-0.590 ± 0.118
Amalia	11.7	0.6	-0.552 ± 0.221
HPS 41	11.4	1.85	-0.539 ± 0.216
Balmaceda	12.0	1.48	-0.434 ± 0.174
Upsala E	11.2	2.4 / 1.3	-0.339 ± 0.136
Grey	11.4	0.7 / 0 / 0.7	-0.292 ± 0.117
Viedma	11.2	0.82	-0.279 ± 0.112
Onelli & Bolados	12.1	2	-0.267 ± 0.107
O'Higgins	12.1	0.3	-0.174 ± 0.070
HPS 38	11.7	1.37	-0.168 ± 0.067
Lucia	11.2	1	-0.132 ± 0.053
Dickson	12.0	2.33	-0.130 ± 0.052
Bernardo W	12.0	0.7	-0.079 ± 0.032
Ofhidro N	12.0	0.7	-0.071 ± 0.029
Ofhidro S	12.0	1.38	-0.054 ± 0.022
Ameghino*	11.2	0.85	-0.050 ± 0.010
Pio XI N	12.0	0.53	0.369 ± 0.148
Pio XI S	12.0	1.89	2.283 ± 0.913

S8 Comparison of volume change rate estimates of NPI and SPI

Table S11. Overview of volume change rate (VCR) results on NPI, SPI or both icefields. * Mass change rate (MCR) based on gravimet	ry,
converted using $\rho_{ice} = 900 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ when VCR not given. * Geodetic MCR converted to VCR using $\rho_{ice} = 900 \pm 125 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ (Foresta, 2018)	3).
[†] "SPOT-SRTM" method; [‡] "ASTER_trend" method (Dussaillant et al., 2018).	

Reference	Region	Period	$VCR \left[km^3 a^{-1} \right].$
Rignot et al. (2003)	NPI	1968/75-2000	-3.2 ± 0.4
Willis et al. (2012a)	NPI	2000-2011	-4.1 ± 0.1
Willis et al. (2012b)	NPI	2000-2011	-4.9 ± 0.3
Abdel Jaber (2016)	NPI	2000-2014	-4.4 ± 0.1
Dussaillant et al. (2018)	NPI	2000-2012	$-4.6 \pm 0.4^{\dagger}$
Dussaillant et al. (2018)	NPI	2000-2012	$-4.7 \pm 0.3^{\ddagger}$
Foresta et al. (2018)	NPI	2011-2017	-7.5 ± 0.8 *
This study	NPI	2000-2012	-4.3 ± 0.2
This study	NPI	2012-2016	-5.6 ± 0.7
Rignot et al. (2003)	SPI	1968/75-2000	-13.5 ± 0.8
Rignot et al. (2003)	SPI	1995-2000	-38.7 ± 4.4
Willis et al. (2012b)	SPI	2000-2012	-21.2 ± 0.5
Abdel Jaber (2016)	SPI	2000-2011/12	-14.6 ± 0.4
Malz et al. (2018)	SPI	2000-2015	-13.2 ± 3.6
Foresta et al. (2018)	SPI	2011-2017	$-16.1 \pm 1.4^{\star}$
This study	SPI	2000-2012	-14.9 ± 0.5
This study	SPI	2012-2016	-11.9 ± 2.0
Chen et al. (2007)	NPI+SPI	2001-2006	$-27.9\pm11.0^*$
Ivins et al. (2011)	NPI+SPI	2003-2009	$-28.9\pm6.7^*$
Jacob et al. (2012)	Patagonia	2003-2010	$-25.6 \pm 10.0^{*}$
Willis et al. (2012b)	NPI+SPI	2000-2011/12	-26.1 ± 0.6
Abdel Jaber (2016)	NPI+SPI	2000-2011/12/14	-19.0 ± 0.4
Foresta et al. (2018)	NPI+SPI	2011-2017	$-23.7 \pm 1.6^{\star}$
This study	NPI+SPI	2000-2012	-19.1 ± 0.6
This study	NPI+SPI	2012-2016	-17.5 ± 2.1

Table S12. Comparison of our volume change rate (VCR) results with those of Foresta et al. (2018) for the glaciers and sub-regions defined in their study. We re-converted their reported mass change rates to VCR using $\rho_{ice} = 900 \pm 125 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ (Foresta, 2018). The group of glaciers "SPI-G1" includes basins north of Pio XI and Viedma excluding Jorge Montt, "SPI-G2" includes all glaciers west and south of Upsala excluding Grey and Tyndall. Cov. is the percentage of area coverage of the surface elevation change maps.

	Foresta et al. (2018) (2011–2017)			This study (2012–2016)		
Region	Area $\left[km^2 \right]$	Cov. [%]	VCR $\left[km^3 a^{-1} \right]$	Area $\left[km^2 \right]$	Cov. [%]	VCR $\left[km^3 a^{-1} \right]$
NPI	4046.4	45.7	-7.54 ± 0.75	3914.2	89.8	-5.60 ± 0.74
Jorge Montt	474.4	68.0	-2.44 ± 0.25	471.2	98.6	-2.33 ± 0.10
Upsala	863.1	61.3	-2.98 ± 0.16	823.5	99.3	-2.50 ± 0.11
Viedma	992.3	72.7	-2.52 ± 0.19	971.3	98.9	-2.23 ± 0.13
SPI-G1	3570.1	47.4	-5.63 ± 0.40	3667.8	97.1	-5.42 ± 0.66
SPI-G2	4829.5	39.1	-1.84 ± 1.26	4943.8	95.6	-0.04 ± 0.68
Tyndall	332.0	49.9	-0.67 ± 0.13	302.2	98.4	-0.48 ± 0.03
Grey	333.3	54.0	-0.77 ± 0.23	304.4	96.4	-0.07 ± 0.04
Pio XI	1242.6	65.0	0.74 ± 0.31	1246.7	98.5	1.26 ± 0.25
SPI total	12637.2	49.9	-16.11 ± 1.43	12846.8	97.0	-11.86 ± 1.99

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