

***Interactive comment on* “Brief Communication: Greenland’s shrinking ice cover: “fast times” but not that fast” by J. S. Kargel et al.**

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This paper presents a new ice mask of the Greenland ice sheet in response of the (wrong) 13th edition (2011) of the Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World. This kind of paper is original and it is important to react against exaggerations in the media which likes creating sensation with the global warming. It is well written and not too long. Therefore, I suggest to accept this paper for publication in TC.

I have only two minor remarks:

- it will be wonderful if the authors share this new ice sheet mask (in ASCII or in NetCDF) as supplementary material. It will be very useful to the regional climate modellers which need an ice sheet mask for running their models.

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- I have not checked all the references but some ones are cited in the text (e.g. the reference to Fettweis (2007)) and not referenced at the end of the paper.

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