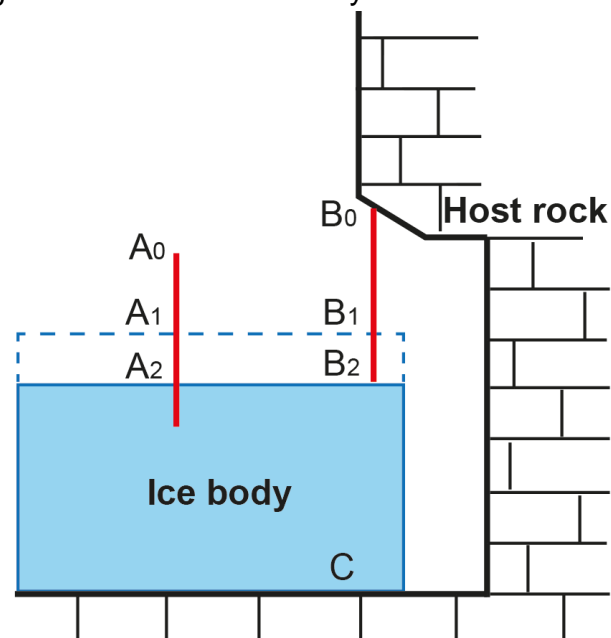


Overview and general comments:

I have read the revised version of the manuscript, previously entitled, ***“Unprecedented loss of surface and cave ice in SE Europe related to record summer rains in 2019”***, now entitled ***“Record summer rains in 2019 led to massive loss of surface and cave ice in SE Europe”***

The new version of the manuscript has improved substantially with respect to the first one.

The authors provide a new figure about the morphology of the caves, which helps to have an idea about the ice location. In relation to the ice measurements in caves and glacierets, the authors include two new tables summarizing the place, the method used, the measurement uncertainty, the resolution, and the errors. This helps the reader to have a quick summary about the methods used to conduct the study. Moreover, the authors add a new digital elevation model of the glacierets studied showing the changes in ice surface elevation. They also provide a new fig. 3 to explain how the basal and superficial ice thaw is measured. Although these measurement methods are known in the ice caves community, this figure provides a visual example for non-expert readers. Does figure 3 show a real cave cross-section of the cave? if not, I suggest reducing the figure to a schematic illustration, something similar to the one attached below. The authors can use this or generate a new one if they want.



Specific comments:

Please see below some minor observations.

Line 186: To add space between the number and percentage (80% or 80 %) to be consistent.

In the figures, use the same letter source (e.g Fig 12 and Fig 11 have different letter sources). Also use parenthesis-letter- parenthesis (a), (b)... to numbering the figures. Some of them appear with/out parenthesis.