

# Supplement to Assessing volumetric change distributions and scaling relations of thaw slumps across the Arctic

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## 1 Propability density function of area and volumetric change rates

To compute the rollover, cutoff, exponential decay coefficients we fitted a a three-parameter inverse Gamma function defined by:

$$pdf(X_{RTS}|\rho, a, s) = \frac{1}{a\Gamma(\rho)} \left( \frac{1}{X_{RTS} - s} \right)^{\rho+1} \exp\left( -\frac{a}{X_{RTS} - s} \right) \quad (1)$$

- 5 where  $X_{RTS}$  is either the yearly area or volume change and  $\Gamma(\rho)$  is the gamma function of  $\rho$ . The determined values of the fitting parameters as well as the rollover, cutoff and exponential decay coefficients can be seen in Table 1 and 2.

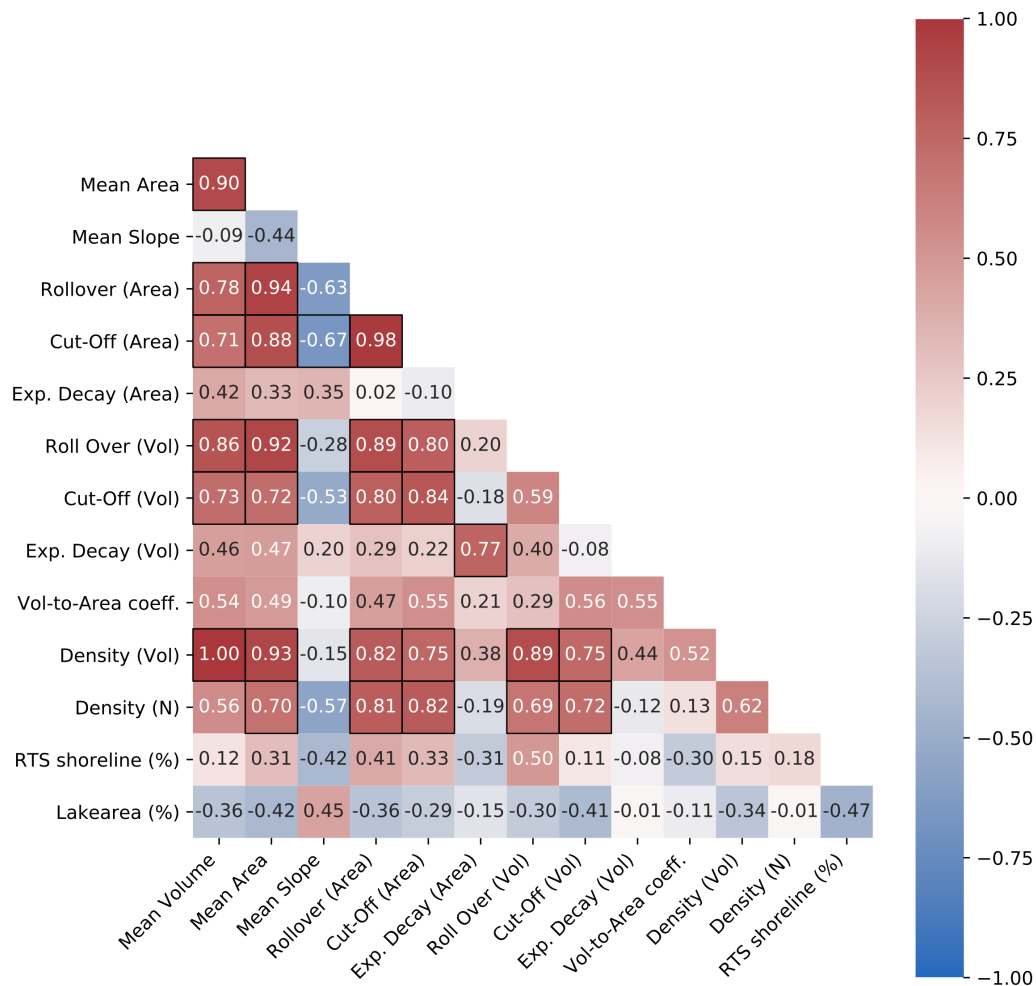
**Table S 1.** Rollover Cutoff and Exponential decay for yearly area change rate.

Area	Rollover [10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	Cutoff [10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	Exp.decay	$\rho$	a [10 <sup>3</sup> ]	s [10 <sup>3</sup> ]
Peel	2.53 ± 0.22	4.67 ± 2.87	2.1 ± 0.2	1.35	6.90	-0.46
Banks	6.51 ± 0.42	17.45 ± 6.84	2.8 ± 0.4	1.87	22.86	-1.50
Ellesmere	6.66 ± 0.69	14.41 ± 7.68	2.3 ± 0.3	1.47	17.17	-0.57
Tuktuyaktuk	1.47 ± 0.18	3.43 ± 2.15	2.7 ± 0.5	2.39	6.97	-0.61
Noatak	2.17 ± 0.81	3.99 ± 1.81	2.1 ± 0.4	7.47	69.39	-5.52
Chukotka	2.33 ± 0.77	4.30 ± 1.49	2.6 ± 0.5	2.39	13.01	-1.32
Taymyr	2.38 ± 0.34	5.42 ± 2.17	2.8 ± 0.6	1.03	3.09	0.75
Yamal/Gydan	2.19 ± 0.39	4.78 ± 2.33	3.0 ± 1.3	2.32	10.29	-0.86

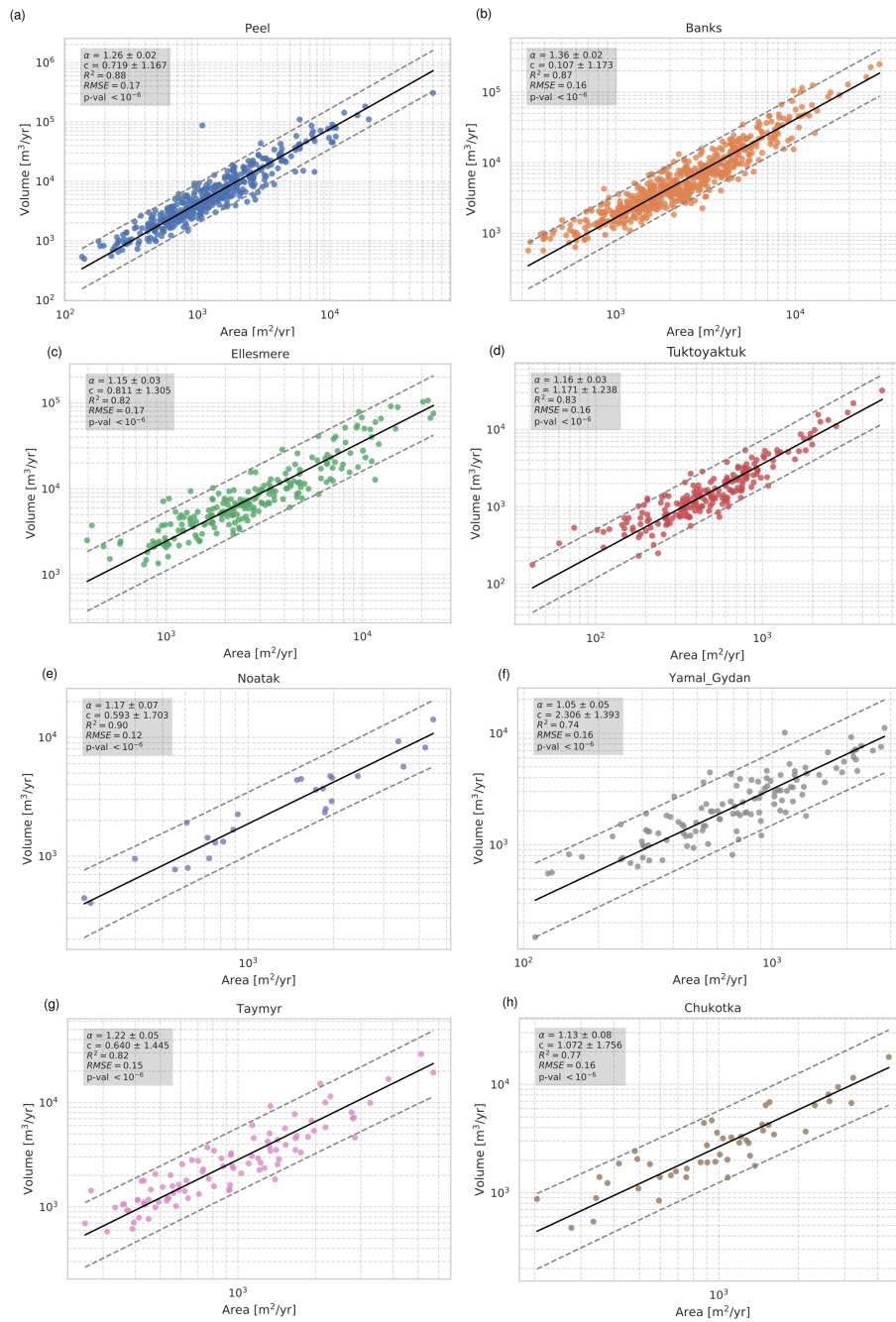
**Table S 2.** Rollover Cutoff and Exponential decay for yearly volumetric change rate.

Area	Rollover [10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	Cutoff [10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	Exp.decay	$\rho$	a [10 <sup>3</sup> ]	s [10 <sup>3</sup> ]
Peel	7.68 ± 0.93	14.83 ± 6.47	1.8 ± 0.1	0.92	17.99	-1.64
Banks	9.70 ± 0.78	25.58 ± 11.54	2.0 ± 0.2	1.04	22.91	-1.54
Ellesmere	16.12 ± 3.00	15.71 ± 10.44	1.8 ± 0.3	1.03	30.49	0.805
Tuktuyaktuk	4.02 ± 0.44	5.07 ± 2.17	2.0 ± 0.2	1.63	11.14	-0.36
Noatak	3.82 ± 1.52	5.48 ± 3.70	1.8 ± 0.3	0.41	1.14	2.04
Chukotka	4.99 ± 2.10	8.19 ± 6.10	2.1 ± 0.5	2.07	29.34	-3.66
Taymyr	6.22 ± 1.14	7.69 ± 6.91	2.0 ± 0.4	1.26	12.13	0.61
Yamal/Gydan	4.33 ± 1.64	13.92 ± 7.11	2.8 ± 1.0	3.16	44.22	-5.77

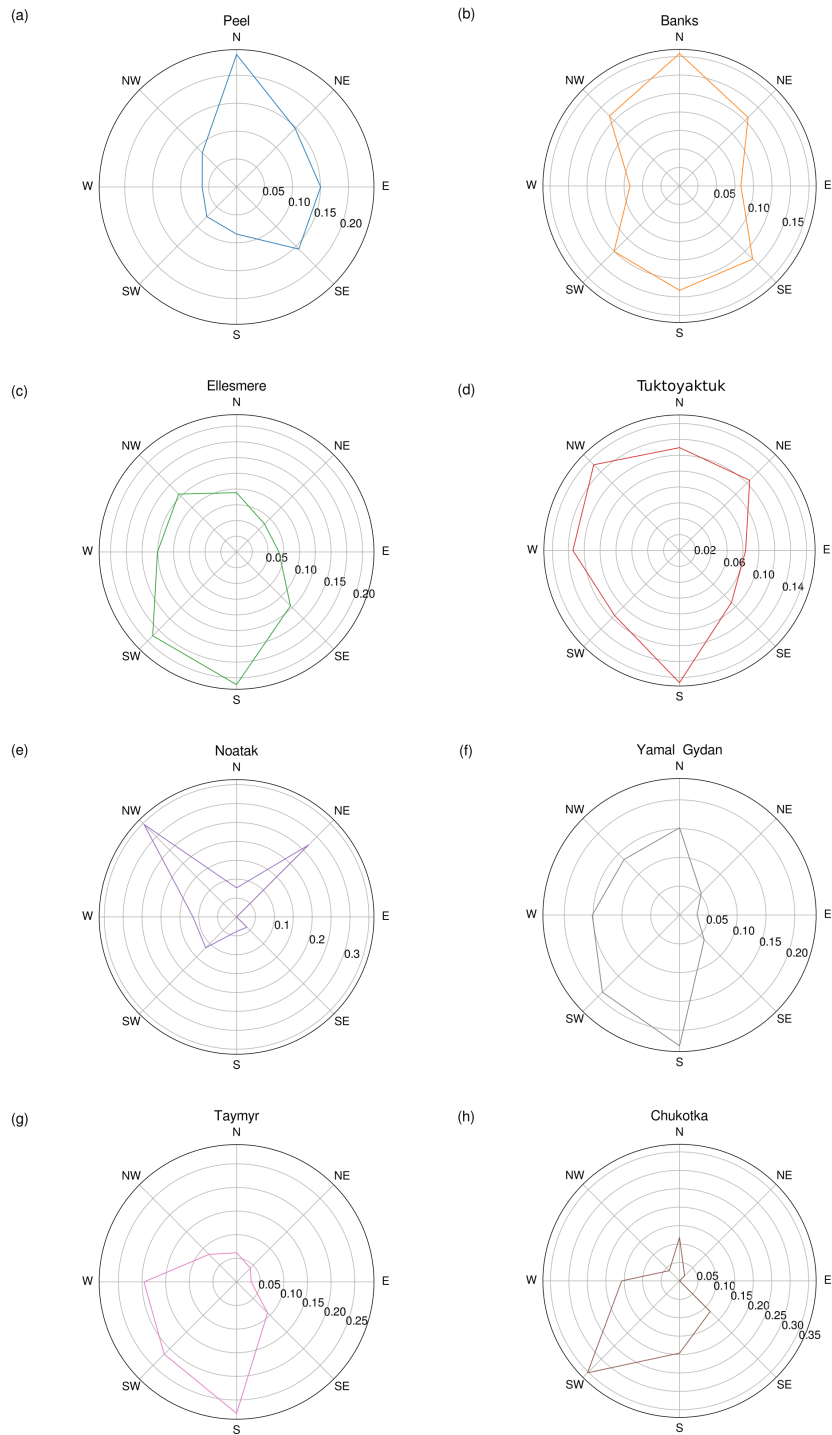
## 2 Additional Figures



**Figure S 1.** Correlation coefficients between all computed quantities of all areas. A value below -0.64 and above 0.64 are statistically significant (t-Test with a p-value < 0.05).



**Figure S 2.** Area to Volume scaling for each study area.



**Figure S 3.** Aspect distribution of all study areas.