A Big Earth Data Platform for Three Poles

**Ice elevation changes for typical glaciers on the QTP V1.0 (2000-2013)**

1、Description

The continuous advancement of SAR interferometry technology makes it possible to obtain multitemporal DEMs with high precision in the glacial area. In particular, in 2000, the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) led by NASA provided DEM data covering the area from 56ºS to 60ºN; the TanDEM-X bistatic SAR interferometry system of DLR could provide the global DEM data with high resolution and precision. These high-quality, large-coverage SAR interferometry data, as well as published DEM data products, provided valuable information for using the multitemporal DEMs to detect changes in ice thickness.  
The temporal coverage of the ice thickness variation data of typical glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau was from 2000 to 2013, covering Puruogangri and the west Qilian Mountains with a spatial resolution of 30 meters. Using TanDEM-X bistatic InSAR data and a C-band SRTM DEM, the differential radar interferometry method was first used to generate a TanDEM-X DEM with high precision. Then, based on the precise registration of DEM, the DEM data obtained in different periods were compared. Lastly, the ice thickness changes were estimated. The format of the data set was GeoTIFF, and each typical glacier ice thickness change was stored in a folder.  
For details of the data, please refer to the Ice elevation changes for typical glaciers on the Tibetan Plateau - Data Description.

2、Keywords

Theme：Glacier thickness,Glacier topography,Radar images,Glacier(Ice Sheet),Terrestrial Surface Remote Sensing  
Discipline：Terrestrial Surface,Cryosphere  
Places：Puruogangri, Tibetan Plateau , West Qilian Mountains  
Time：2000-2013

3、Data details

1.Scale：250000

2.Projection：

3.Filesize：252.0MB

4.Data format：PDF

4、Space scope

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| --- | --- | --- |
| - | north：39.8 | - |
| west：96.3 | - | east：96.9 |
| - | south：39.2 | - |

5、Time frame:2000-01-17 00:00:00+00:00--2014-01-16 00:00:00+00:00

6、Reference method

References to data:

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7、Supporting project information

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8、Data resource provider