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6 **Disappearance of the Last Tropical Glaciers in the Western Pacific Warm**
7 **Pool (Papua, Indonesia) Appears Imminent**
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40 **Determination of changes in ice surface area**

41 Background image (Fig. 3A) was derived from
42 http://eoimages.gsfc.nasa.gov/images/imagerecords/79000/79084/grasberg_tm5_2009301_lrg.jpg. Details of five satellite images used to outline and quantify the surface area of
43 the Puncak Jaya glaciers (Fig. 3B and C) are in Table S1. The 2002 image was extracted
44 from Google Maps as a flat image (stereoscopic 3D mode turned off). All images were
45 obtained as orthorectified products. To correct for residual relief displacement not
46 removed through orthorectification, IKONOS and WorldView-2/3 images were manually
47 co-registered with respect to Planet's May 2016 image using clearly identifiable
48 topographic features (a similar approach for the same area was used in (1)). For area
49 calculations, the five images were mapped in a Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)
50 projection (zone 53 S) using the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) datum. All
51 image processing and area calculations were performed using the QGIS software (version
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55 **Simulation of glacier volumetric changes**

56 Volumetric changes from 2017 to 2030 were simulated with a spatially distributed
57 model that calculates mass balance (in meters water equivalent or m.w.e.) at daily time
58 steps on each grid-cell flagged as ice or snow, according to the Randolph Glacier
59 Inventory (RGI) (2). Ablation (Ab) is computed from daily positive temperatures while
60 accumulation (Ac) utilizes temperature thresholds to determine the amount of solid
61 precipitation falling over the glacierized area:
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$$Ab = DDF \times T_a \text{ if } T_a \geq 0^\circ C \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

$$Ab = 0 \text{ if } T_a < 0^\circ C \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

$$Ac = Pp \text{ if } T_a < T_{sf} \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

$$Ac = Pp \left(\frac{T_r - T_a}{T_r - T_{sf}} \right) \text{ if } T_{sf} < T_a < T_r \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

$$Ac = 0 \text{ if } T_a \geq T_r \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

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64 DDF is the Degree Day Factor ($\text{m d}^{-1} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$), which converts air temperature into
65 ablation; T_{sf} is the temperature threshold for accumulation while and T_r is the threshold
66 for rain. T_{sf} and T_r were assumed to be 0°C and 2°C . Computation of daily melt utilized
67 different DDFs: (a) snow on grid-cells that had accumulation the previous day and
68 otherwise (b) for ice.
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71 Modeled elevation changes were converted into volume (in km^3) and transformed
72 into a ratio relative to an initial ice volume computed from a volume-area scaling (3-4)
73 and estimated as 0.13 km^3 . This class of semi-empirical model was selected following
recommendations (5) regarding quality and quantity of available data and the length of

74 calibration periods for model evaluation. Here, the climatic data available and the
75 relatively flat topography allowed us to infer that (a) most, if not all, ablation occurs as
76 melt, and (b) relatively short windows for calibration and validation are available from
77 1997 to 2016.

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79 The ASTERGDEM (6) (30-meter grid-cell size) provided the regional
80 topographic representation. Time series for precipitation and temperature were derived
81 from available observations and downscaled global climate model simulations (see
82 below).

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84 **Mass balance model calibration**

85 The model was calibrated by simulating periods with available stake
86 measurements and we sought optimal combinations of lapse rates and DDFs that
87 reproduced the surface thinning. One thousand combinations were tested using lapse rates
88 provided by Fig. S3 and published DDFs (7). The model reproduced observed thinning
89 with a relatively small bias. Optimal parameters were identified using a quasi-zero
90 temperature lapse rate and precipitation lapse rate similar to the mean detected between
91 DISP and ALP (Fig. S3). Average DDF for snow (ice) was fairly consistent (more
92 variable) among the simulated periods. Only the May 2016 – November 2016 simulation
93 showed a logical pattern of higher DDF for snow versus ice, thus the simulated
94 parameters for this period were employed in future change simulations (Table S3). This
95 optimal combination of parameters suggested that temperatures do not change
96 significantly over the ice fields, in sharp contrast with the average lapse rates for the pair
97 DISP-ALP (Fig. S3). To test the sensitivity of the results to other realistic lapse rates, two
98 additional temperature lapse rates were utilized: 4.6°C/km, corresponding to the mean
99 between GRS-DISP and GRS-ALP, and the environmental lapse rate (6.5°C/km).

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101 **The climatic records for mass balance model input**

102 Precipitation and temperature records around the study area are short and
103 discontinuous (Table S2) and were combined to construct a relatively continuous time
104 series for the highest elevation weather station (ALP). Daily lapse rates were computed
105 between each pair of stations to examine the relationship with elevation. Lapse rates for
106 precipitation vary considerably, with some extreme values well above ± 150 mm/km
107 while for temperature they are more concentrated around the mean (close to the
108 environmental lapse rate for the pair DISP-ALP, Fig. S3). ALP reconstruction used a
109 multilinear regression with GRS and DISP as predictors. Linear regressions of the daily
110 values between each pair of records explain 45% to 66% of the variance for precipitation
111 and 50% to 66% of the variance for temperature (Fig. S6). The reconstructed ALP record
112 (henceforth, rALP) covers 88% of the period 1999-2016 for both variables, a
113 significantly longer time series than the original ALP record ($< 75\%$ for precipitation and
114 $< 60\%$ for temperature), therefore maximizing the number of calibration periods
115 utilized for the modeling. From the remaining gaps (12% for 1999-2016), 0.5% and 0.7%
116 are isolated records of precipitation and temperature, respectively; these records were
117 filled by linear interpolation using values from the previous and subsequent days. Fig. S7
118 shows that ALP and rALP time series are significantly correlated and the Nash–Sutcliffe
119 model efficiency coefficient is close to 1 for both variables. Simulation of future volume

120 change was performed for the period 2017-2030 using input from climate model
121 projections, described in the next section.

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123 **Downscaling of global climate projections for the region**

124 Southeast Asia Regional Climate Downscaling (SEACLID) / Coordinated
125 Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment-Southeast Asia (CORDEX-SEA) project (8-
126 11) (<http://www.ukm.edu.my/seaclid-cordex>, <http://www.apn-gcr.org/resources/items/show/1886>) provides output from regional atmospheric model
127 simulations over Southeast Asia that were forced by output from global climate model
128 experiments conducted by the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 [CMIP5
129 (12)]. The horizontal grid spacing of the regional model output is 25 km. The data were
130 downloaded from the Earth System Grid node of Linköping University (<https://esg-dn1.nsc.liu.se/search/esgf-liu/>) and derived from CORDEX-SEA dataset (as in (11)).
131 Daily estimates of precipitation and 2-meter temperature from five models and for three
132 CMIP5 experiments (historical, RCP4.5, and RCP8.5) (Table S4) were used. Time series
133 for the Puncak Jaya ice fields were obtained from bilinear interpolation of the gridded
134 model output, and then downscaled using the cumulative distribution function (CDF)-
135 Transform (CDFt) method (13). The 1999-2005 period was used for calibration while the
136 2006-2016 period was used for validation. The bounds of the calibration period were
137 dictated by the beginning of the rALP record (1999) and the end of the CMIP5/CORDEX
138 historical runs (2005). Validation included comparison between the 2006-2016
139 downscaled time series (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) with rALP. Following (13), the skill of the
140 models was assessed using the Cramér-von Mises test with $\alpha=0.05$, in which a p-value
141 greater than this significance level means that downscaled and observed time series are
142 not statistically different. The CSIRO-Mk36-REGCM4 model exhibits the best overall
143 skill for both RCP scenarios (highest p-values). All other downscaled time series were
144 less consistent with observations (see Table S4 for details). The model predicts that under
145 practically all scenarios glacier shrinkage will continue unabated, leading to total ice loss
146 no later than 2026 (Fig. S8). It is important to remember that the model had been tuned
147 during a period of accelerated thinning (Table S3) based on the available meteorological
148 data (GRS, DISP and ALP stations) in the highland, which in itself infers a somewhat
149 anomalously high amount of energy on the ice surface. As a tunable value given the
150 scarcity of data, the rate of $0.1^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ indicates that the melting conditions were more or
151 less similar across the study area. After considering the data for the model, the elevation
152 of 4366 m was used for the pole site, which is just within 4 meters of the nominal
153 elevation of the ALP station (~ 4400 m). That also supports the low lapse rate, because
154 the elevation is practically the same. Even with a more accurate ALP elevation, the result
155 ($\sim \pm 30$ m) would not be significantly different. The hypsometric distributions
156 demonstrate that the elevation range of the glacierized region is ~ 400 m (except
157 ASTER-GDEM, where less than 10% of the area is above that range, Fig S4). Therefore,
158 it is essentially flat and thus justifies a low lapse rate as well.

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162 Figure S8 shows somewhat erratic performances of IPSL and especially MPI.
163 Different runs of RegCM4 performed by CORDEX-SEA members were statistically
164 downscaled and forced, in turn, by different model output from GCMs (see Table S4).
165 After performing the statistical downscaling, the bias of both combinations, IPSL-

166 RegCM4 and MPI-RegCM4, relative to observations, was observed during the validation
167 period (2006-2016). IPSL-RegCM4 shows a negative bias (colder than observations) in
168 the RCP8.5 while there is a positive bias in RCP4.5 (warmer than observations). This
169 would explain less melting in the RCP8.5 scenario. For MPI-RegCM4, the bias is
170 noticeable in precipitation, with RCP8.5 being almost 5 five times larger than RCP4.5,
171 and thus during the simulation any temperature below freezing implies much more
172 accumulation in RCP8.5. All other models have consistent biases in both scenarios and
173 thus provide a more coherent behavior of glacier mass balance. One of the co-authors
174 (Alfonso Fernández) has been working over the last year with data from the RegCM4
175 model (the same model utilized by CORDEX-SEA members to dynamically downscale
176 the global models to the versions used in the paper) for downscaling MPI for Chile (i.e.,
177 the same combination MPI-RegCM4 from Table S4). Inconsistency in precipitation was
178 found which is similar to the Puncak Jaya case where the RCP8.5 (more pessimistic
179 scenario) produces more precipitation than RCP4.5. In Puncak Jaya case, RCP8.5 shows
180 a larger positive bias (2.72 mm/day) relative to RCP4.5 (0.6 mm/day). In both cases
181 (Puncak Jaya and Chile), this is counterintuitive as drier conditions should be expected in
182 the RCP8.5 as most models predict, despite large interannual variability. This problem is
183 so important to consider that the institute producing the MPI-RegCM4 simulations for
184 Chile had to add a disclaimer message on their website (<http://simulaciones.cr2.cl/>).
185 These two coincidental results with the combination MPI-RegCM4 suggest that one of
186 the models (MPI or RegCM4) might be generating some biases.

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188 **Ice core sample analysis**

189 Ice cores were cut into discrete samples, melted, and analyzed for oxygen and
190 hydrogen isotope ratios ($\delta^{18}\text{O}$, δD , respectively), and insoluble dust and major anion and
191 cation concentrations. All measurements were conducted in BPCRC laboratories. $\delta^{18}\text{O}$
192 and δD were measured using a Thermo Finnigan mass spectrometer and a Picarro cavity
193 ring-down spectroscopy analyzer. Analyses of identical samples using both machines
194 agreed well (14). The concentrations of insoluble dust particles from 0.63 to 20 μm in
195 diameter were measured using a Beckman-Coulter Multisizer 4. The concentrations of
196 the major cations (NH_4^+ , Na^+ , K^+ , Mg^{2+} , and Ca^{2+}) and anions (SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^- , F^- , and Cl^-)
197 were determined using a Dionex ICS-3000 ion chromatograph. Descriptions of the
198 sample handling procedures and data collection are in (14).

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200 Core D1 was cut into three sets of 1156 co-registered samples (each ~ 2.8 cm
201 long) which were analyzed for stable isotopes, insoluble dust, and major ions. Tritium
202 (^3H) concentrations for 68 samples (Core D1) were measured at the Division of Climate
203 and Environmental Physics, Physics Institute, University of Bern, Switzerland to locate
204 the 1960s thermonuclear bomb test horizons. Core D1B contains 1607 co-registered
205 samples (each ~ 2 cm long) which were analyzed for stable isotopes and dust. Major ions
206 were analyzed for 644 samples (each ~ 5 cm long).

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208 **Reproducibility of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, δD , and dust concentrations between Cores D1 and D1B**

209 The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and δD profiles of Cores D1 and D1B show similar variations, with
210 moderate stable isotopic variability (5 to 6‰ and 45 to 50‰, respectively) (Fig. 4A and
211 B). Their $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ averages (-16.07 to -16.41‰, respectively; Table S5) are similar to the 1-

212 meter $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ averages from the 1972 Meren and Cartensz Glacier cores (-15.7‰) (15)
213 before surface melting was a major issue and arguing that the climatic records are likely
214 well preserved in both cores. Large isotopic depletions occur at depths of 8, 12, 17 and 26
215 meters. Stable isotopic ratios in both cores show gradual but significant enrichment in the
216 top eight meters and significant smoothing in the top four meters. Both cores are
217 composed entirely of ice, with no observable firn and no vertically elongated, or
218 otherwise deformed, bubbles. The high-resolution insoluble dust record from Core D1
219 illustrates prominent events from 20 to 29 m depth and in the top eight meters (Fig. 4C),
220 as do the records of major ion concentrations (14). The considerable isotopic smoothing
221 in the upper part of the cores and very low aerosol concentrations below 4 meters suggest
222 that substantial post-depositional alteration has occurred in this upper section.

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224 Post-depositional processes (e.g., evaporation, melting, and rainfall) may alter the
225 climate record in an ice core (16). However, these records indicate that the impact of
226 these processes is limited below ~4 m depth, and suggest that the climatic and
227 environmental records are at least partially preserved. This is similar to the climate record
228 from the Furtwängler Glacier on Kilimanjaro. During the drilling of the Furtwängler
229 Glacier water was encountered throughout the borehole and most soluble ions in the ice
230 column were removed, most likely by post-depositional melting (17). However, the
231 climate record from $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ had remained intact if rather muted compared with the records
232 from the larger ice fields on Kilimanjaro. Additional support for the viability of the
233 record in the ENF cores comes from the lack of sharp bomb peaks in the pre-1964 tritium
234 measurements in Core D1 (Fig. 5A) which argues against post-depositional melting and
235 refreezing at lower depths (18). Core D1 is the cleanest tropical ice core yet recovered by
236 BPCRC, even more so than the Quelccaya (19) and the Kilimanjaro cores (17). This
237 likely reflects the surrounding oceans which provide few sources of dust and soluble
238 aerosols (14), very heavy annual rainfall, and possible elution of ions and dust due to
239 post-depositional processes.

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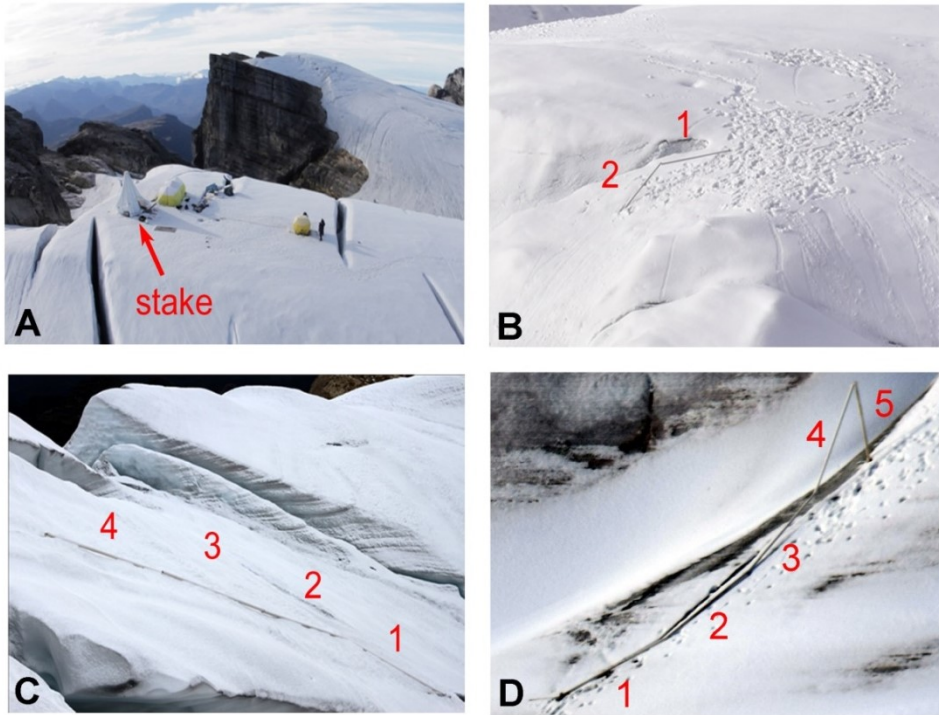
241 **Timescale reconstruction – tritium (^3H) analysis**

242 In the mid-1950s and early 1960s, ^3H was widely dispersed during above-ground
243 atomic bomb testing. The quantity of ^3H in the atmosphere peaked in 1962 – 1963 and
244 has decreased thereafter. The 1962/63 peak is routinely used as a global chronological
245 marker for dating ice cores. In New Guinea Island, there were two GNIP IAEA/WMO
246 stations which recorded ^3H : Jayapura (2.53°S; 140.72°E; 3 m.a.s.l), ~435 km northeast of
247 the drill sites (1957 – 1991) and Madang (5.22°S; 145.80°E; 4 m.a.s.l), ~950 km east of
248 the drill sites (1968 – 1982) (Fig. S9A). Jayapura station recorded high ^3H concentrations
249 (~33 TU) in precipitation in 1964 (Fig. S9B) suggesting the glaciers near Puncak Jaya
250 likely preserve this signal. Sixty-eight Core D1 samples (each ~0.47 m long) were
251 analyzed for ^3H concentrations and reveal a peak (2.98 ± 0.42 TU) recorded at 23.4 m
252 (Fig. 5A). Since tritium has a half-life of 12.3 years, after 47 years (from 1964 to 2010)
253 the tritium concentration in precipitation in 1964 would become $(33 \text{ TU})^{1/(47/12.3)}$
254 ≈ 2.49 TU which is comparable with the tritium peak recorded in Core D1 at a depth of
255 23.4 m (Fig. S9C). The differences in background concentrations below 26 m and above
256 22 m strongly suggest that the bomb tests elevated the natural ^3H background level thus
257 providing an absolute time marker of 1964 at 23.4 m in Core D1.

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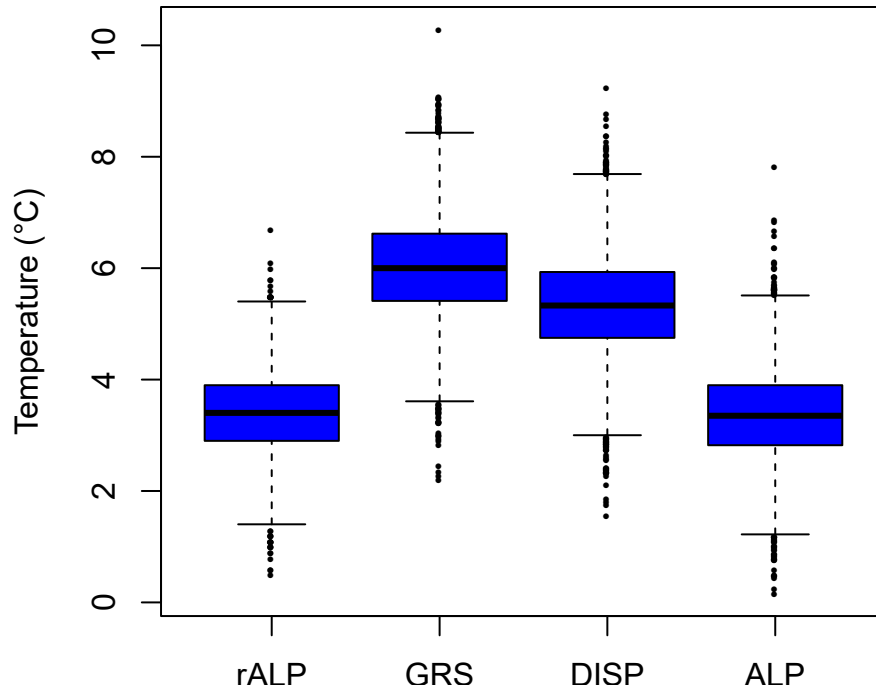
Timescale reconstruction – $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ reference matching with NINO3 ERSST

The annual means of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of precipitation (thermal year which covers the period of August of previous year to July of the current year) from the GNIP station at Jayapura (1961-1991) were compared with NINO3 ERSST (<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/gridded/data.noaa.ersst.v4.html>) (Fig. S10). The precipitation $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ at Jayapura is only available from 1961 to 1991. Peak $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ enrichments recorded in precipitation from 1972-1973 and 1982-1984 at Jayapura are likely associated with strong El Niño events in 1972-73 and 1982-83, respectively (14). The correlation field between the annual rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ at Jayapura and ERSST from 1961 to 1991 (31 years) is shown in Fig. S10A. By implementing the non-parametric approach for data that are serially correlated (20), the annual rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ at Jayapura has relatively significant positive correlation with NINO3 ERSST (Area A in Fig S10A) ($R = 0.31$; $p = 0.09$) and average SSTs over the region of 5-20°S and 120-90°W (Area B in Fig S10A) ($R = 0.36$; $p = 0.05$) in the eastern Pacific. The annual rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ at Jayapura is also negatively correlated with average SSTs in southeast New Guinea (Area C in Fig S10A, 6-18°S; 140-160°E). This indicates that there is a link between rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ at Jayapura and the ENSO indices, with increased rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ during El Niño conditions, and more depleted $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ during normal and La Niña conditions. This relationship was supported by previous studies in Papua (21) and lowland Borneo (22). Thus, for simplicity, the NINO3 ERSST time series was used as a matching reference to construct the timescale for the Papua ice cores. The $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ data at fourteen points in Core D1 were paired with the 13-month running means of NINO3 ERSST by assigning the ^3H peak at 23.4 meters depth as the 1964 bomb horizon (Fig. 5A), and assuming the top layer represents the time when the ice cores were collected (May 2010) (Fig. 5B). Along with these two points, the twelve points consisted of seven El Niño events (2002/2003, 1997/1998, 1991/1992, 1987/1988, 1982/1983, 1972/1973 and 1965/1966) and five La Niña events (2007/2008, 1999/2000, 1995/1996, 1988/1989 and 1975/1976) (Table S6). Each time series was developed using linear interpolation between matching points. Annually resolved stable isotope, dust, and major ion records since 1964 were calculated by averaging values within each year. The depth-age relationships for the Papua ice cores are shown in Fig. S11. The timescale was independently checked by comparing the Core D1 tritium record with tritium from precipitation collected at GNIP stations in Jayapura in Indonesia and Madang in Papua New Guinea (Fig. 6).



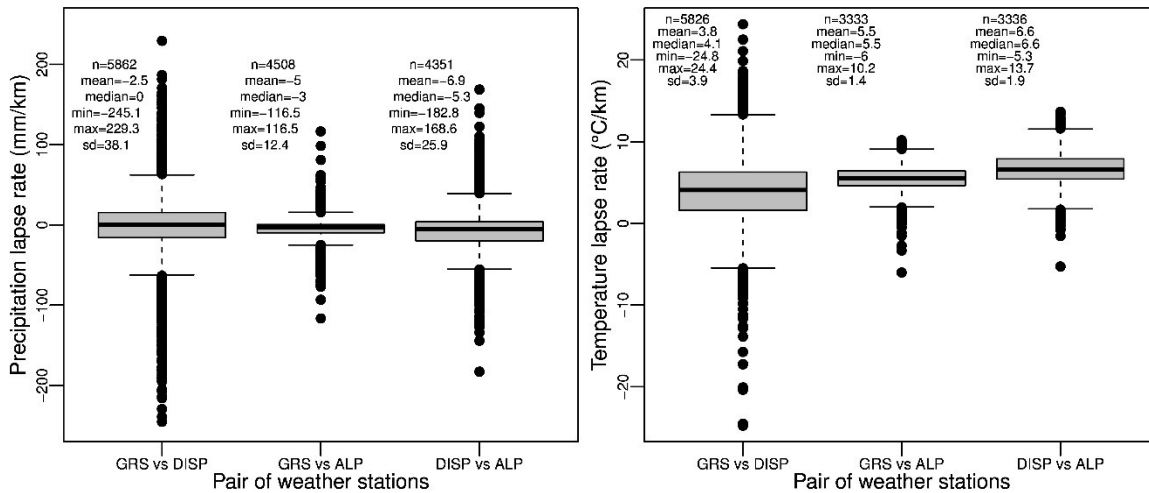
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Figure S1 | Thinning of the East Northwall Firn from 2010 to 2016. The increasing exposure of the upper sections of an articulated PVC stake placed in a borehole in June 2010 (A) is shown in November 2015 (B), in May 2016 (C), and in November 2016 (D). The exposed two-meter PVC sections shown in (B), (C) and (D) are numbered. Note that the photographs of the stake were taken from different angles by Dave Christensen and Greg Chimura (A), Yohanes Kaize (B, C) and Donald Permana (D).



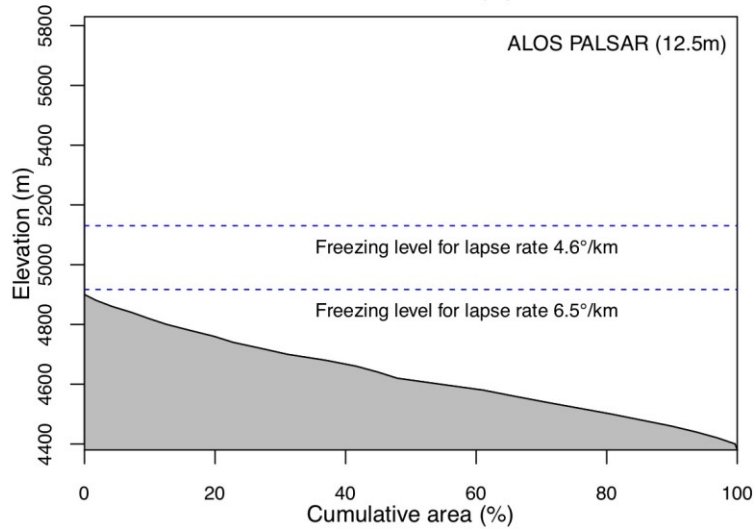
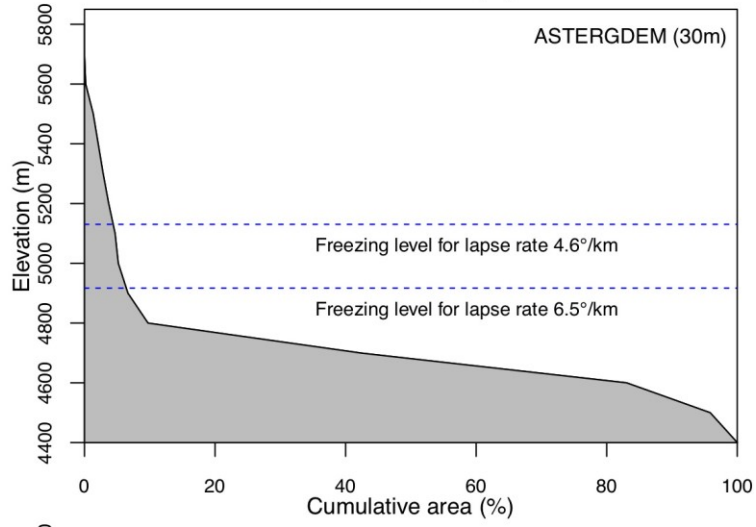
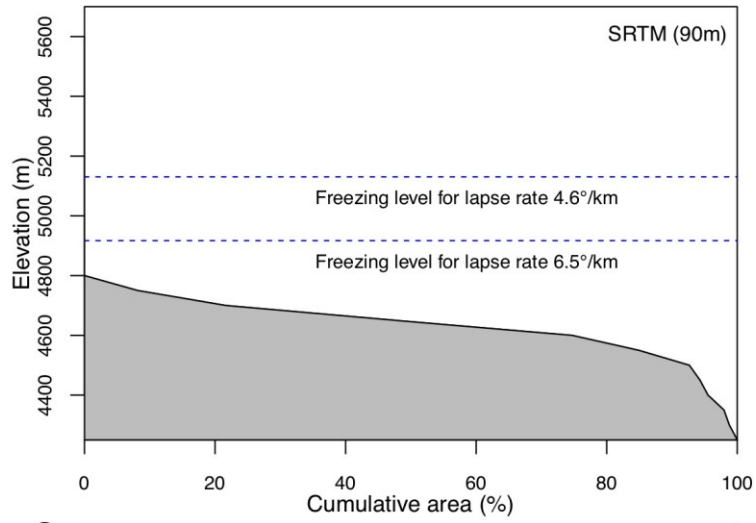
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Figure S2 | Distribution of available temperature records from 1997 to 2016 (rALP - reconstructed ALP is included for reference; see Supplementary Text, Table S2 and Figs. S6 to S7). They show no daily-averaged temperatures below freezing through this period. A bootstrapped Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (1000 iterations sampling 90% of the data) applied to each time series indicates that they can be modeled by a normal distribution with a significance level of 0.01. The probabilities (%) of below freezing temperatures calculated from the corresponding normal distribution are 3.7×10^{-9} for GRS, 2.6×10^{-7} for DISP, and 0.005 for ALP.



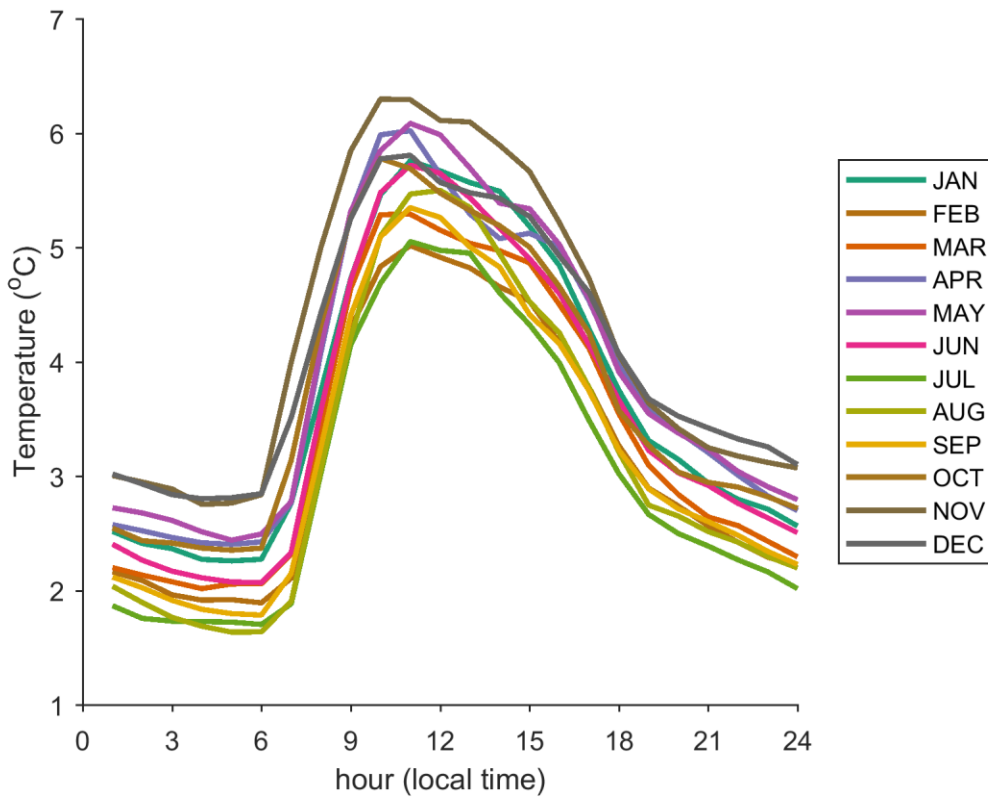
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Figure S3 | Distribution of daily lapse rates for precipitation and temperature for each pair of stations located in the study area. Positive values indicate a decrease in the variable according to elevation while negative values indicate an increase.



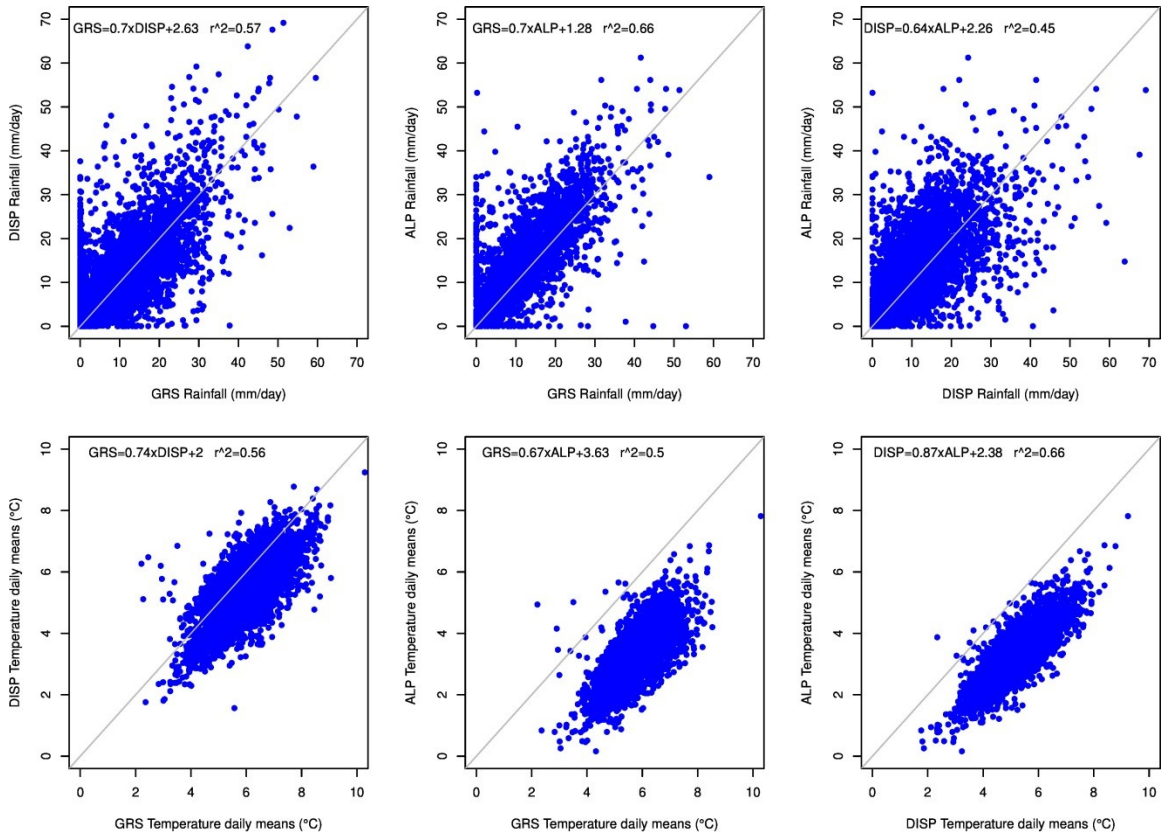
327 **Figure S4 | Hypsometric distribution of the ice covered area in Puncak Jaya**
 328 **according to the available topographic data for the region.** Each curve presents the
 329 freezing line (dashed blue) as calculated from the average temperature at the ALP station
 330 (3.36°C) and using two lapse rates. Hypsometry from ASTERGDEM (6) is the only
 331 source of data showing that more than 90% of the remaining glacier surface is below
 332 these freezing lines. Hypsometry derived from SRTM (23) and ALOS PALSAR (24)
 333 suggests that the remaining glacierized area is persistently affected by melting
 334 temperatures.

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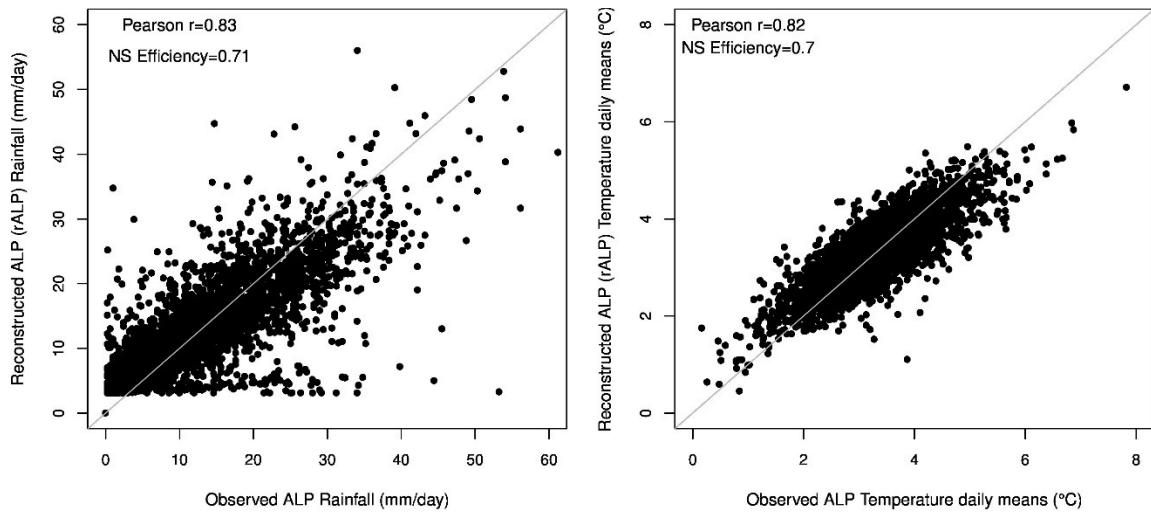
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Figure S5 | Diurnal temperature cycle at the ALP station (4,400 masl). Applying different lapse rates (4.6 and 6.5°C/km) to this cycle suggests that melting temperatures occur on most of the glacierized area while below-freezing conditions may predominate at elevations above 4,800 m for 4 to 6 hours in the early morning, particularly from July to September.



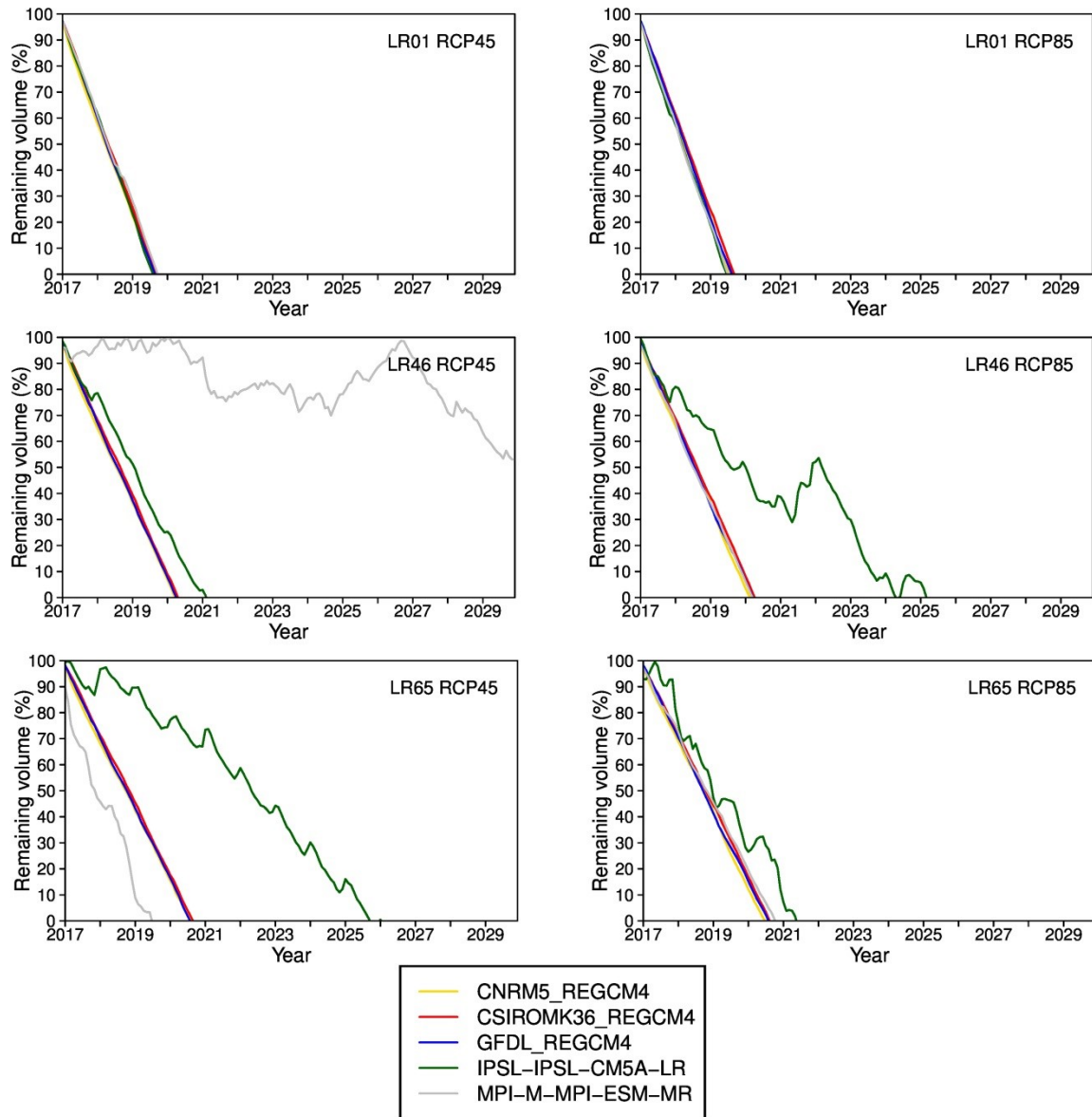
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Figure S6 | Linear regression models between each pair of stations at daily resolution. Top panels correspond to models for precipitation while bottom panels correspond to models for temperature.



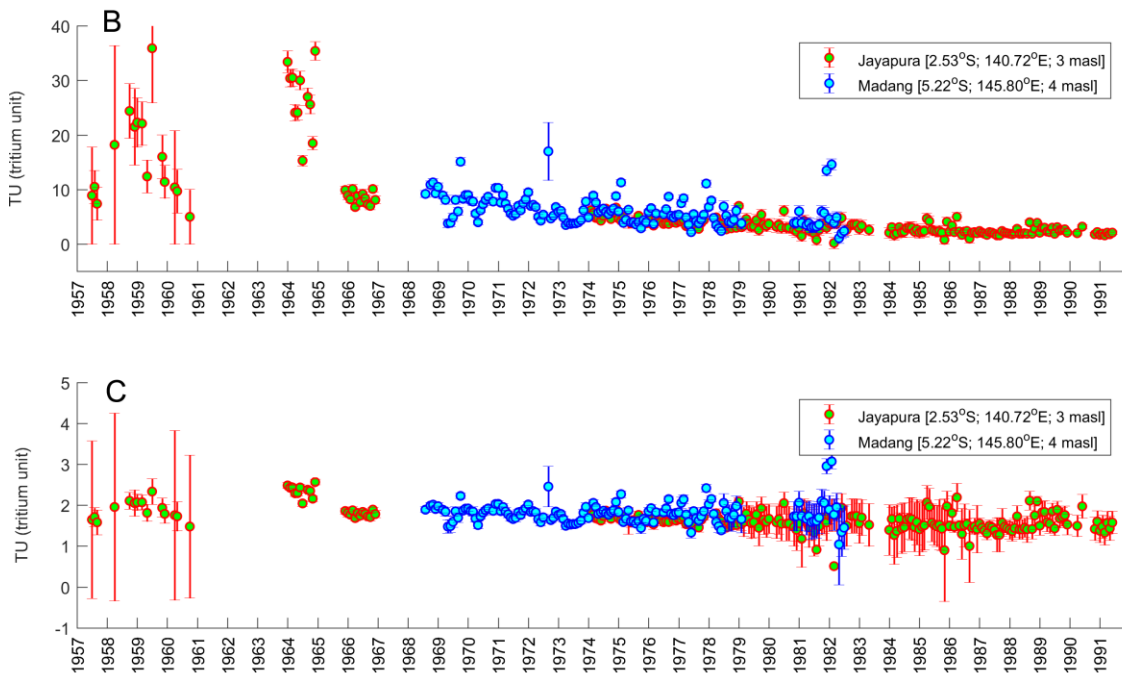
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Figure S7 | Comparison between observed (ALP) and modeled (rALP) variables.



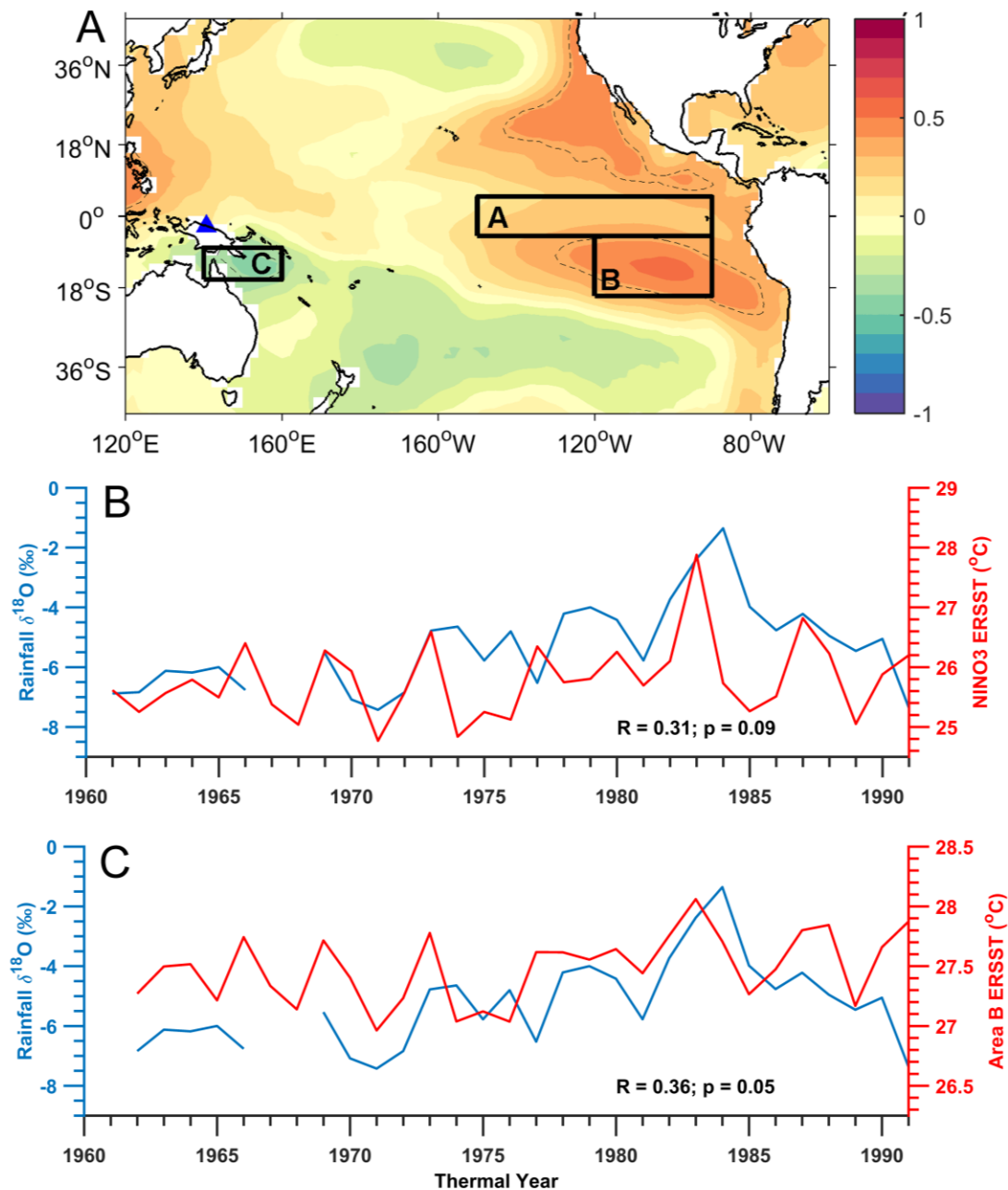
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Figure S8 | Results of the mass balance simulations using all combinations of the lapse rates, RCPs, and model projections (see Supplementary Text, Tables S3 and S4). The code of each panel indicates the lapse rate (e.g., LR01 is for a lapse rate of 0.1°C/km) and the RCP scenario utilized in the respective simulation (e.g., RCP45 is RCP4.5). Results predict that across all scenarios glaciers in Puncak Jaya will disappear by 2026 with one exception. The exception is the MPI-M-MPI-ESM-MR, which predicts that 60% of the ice volume will remain after 2030. Model descriptions can be found in (11).



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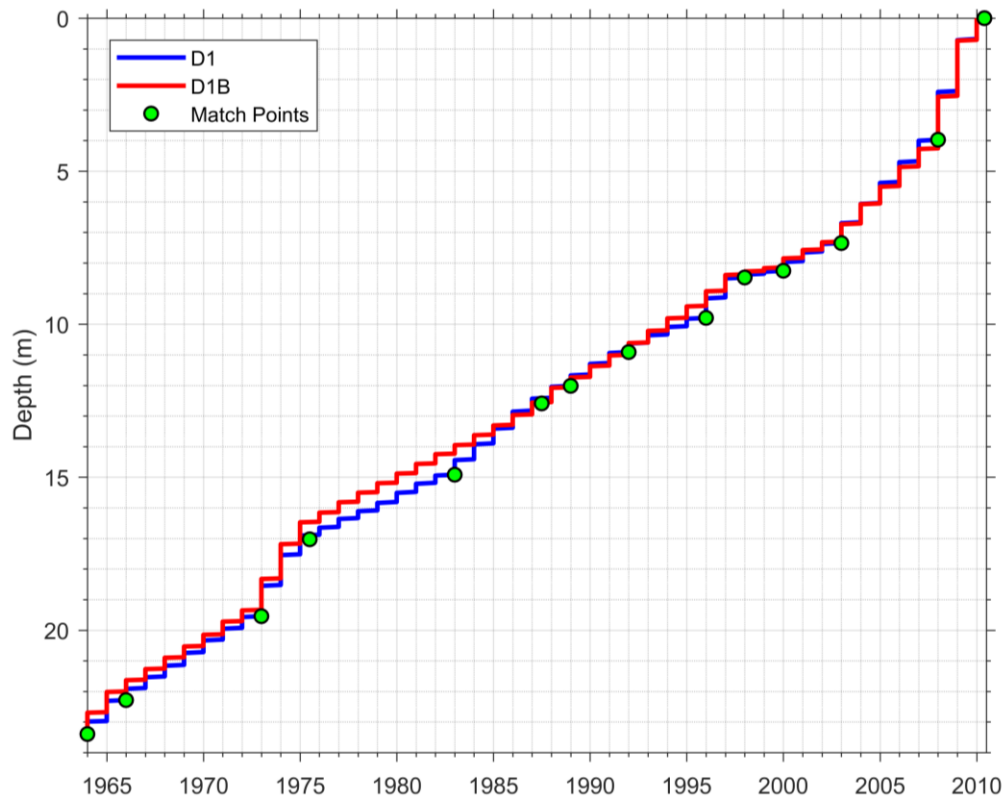
Figure S9 | Tritium concentrations in precipitation at GNIP stations in New Guinea Island. (A) The map of GNIP IAEA/WMO stations at Jayapura, Indonesia and Madang, Papua New Guinea. (B) The monthly tritium concentration in precipitation was recorded at Jayapura and Madang stations from 1957 to 1991. The tritium peak (~33 TU) was recorded in 1964 at Jayapura station. Note that the tritium in precipitation at Madang on September 1968 was removed due to an outlier. (C) As in (B), but reflects the decay of tritium (half-life of 12.3 years) in June 2010 when the ice cores were recovered.



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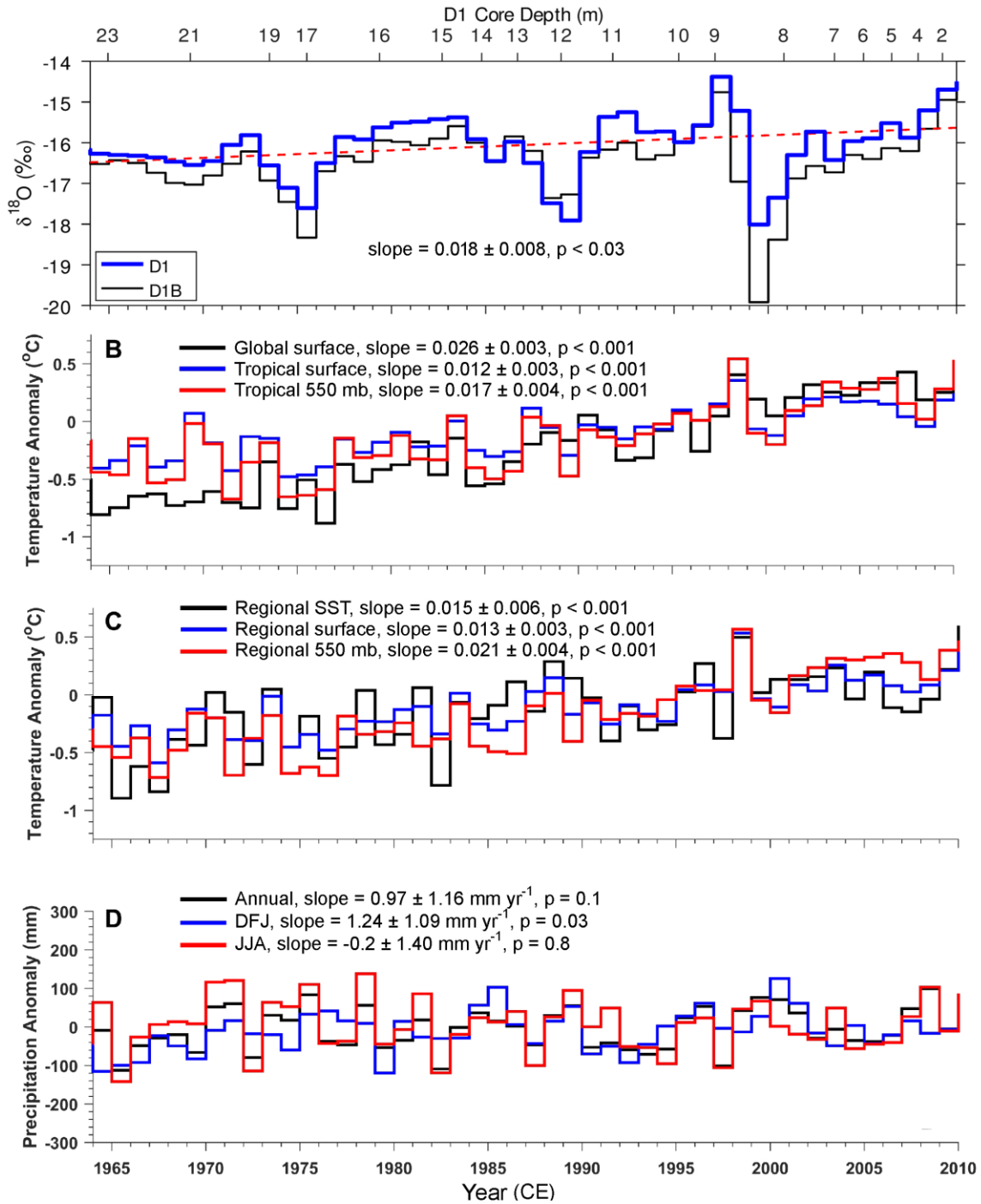
Figure S10 | Comparisons between NINO3 ERSST and rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$. (A) The correlation field between annual ERSSTv4 and rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ at the GNIJ station in Jayapura (2.53°S; 140.72°E; 3 m.a.s.l, blue triangle) from 1961 to 1991 (dashed lines indicate the area with p-values < 0.05). (B) The time series correlation between the rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in Jayapura and the annual NINO3 ERSST (Area A). (C) As in (B), but with the annual mean ERSST of Area B (5-20°S; 120-90°W). Area C (6-18°S; 140-160°E) in Panel (A) indicates a significant negative correlation between rainfall $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and ERSST. The thermal year covers the period of August of the previous year to July of the current year.

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Figure S11 | The depth-age relationships for Cores D1 and D1B. Plots are based on the reference matching timescale in Table S6.



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420 **Figure | S12 Comparison of the annual ice core $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and temperature records.** (A)
 421 Annual $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of D1 and D1B with the linear trend of D1 (dashed red line). (B) Annual
 422 mean temperature anomalies of the global surface (25), the tropical (30°S - 30°N)
 423 surface, and the tropical 550-mb level (25). (C) As in (B) but for the sea surface (25), the
 424 surface, and the 550-mb level over the Papua glacier region (136 - 138°E; 4 - 6°S). (D)
 425 The annual and seasonal mean precipitation anomalies over the Papua glacier region (26).

426 **Table S1 | Characteristics of the satellite images used to determine the surface area**
 427 **of the Papua glaciers**
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Date	Satellite	Source/Provider	Ground resolution	Off-nadir Angle
11 June 2002	IKONOS	Google Earth	0.8 m	6.6°
16 March 2015	WorldView-3	MapMart.com	0.3 m	15.0°
16 May 2016	Planetscope Doves	Planet.com	2.6 m	1.3°
12 August 2016	WorldView-2	MapMart.com	0.5 m	15.0°
28 March 2018	Planetscope Doves	Planet.com	3.6 m	0.3°

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Table S2 | Characteristics of the available climatic records for the study area

		Weather station		
		Grasberg-Nursery (GRS)	Dispatch Tower (DISP)	Alpine (ALP)
Temperature	Latitude	4.041 °S	4.068 °S	4.045 °S
	Longitude	137.120 °E	137.114 °E	137.138 °E
	Elevation (m)	3945	4109	4400
	First date with data	1/1/97	1/1/99	1/1/00
	Last date with data	11/25/16	11/25/16	12/31/16
	Coverage since 1/1/1997 (%)	94.6	83.4	47.7
Precipitation	Coverage since first date with data (%)	95.1	93.2	58.1
	Coverage since first date of the shortest time series (%)	95.2	92.9	56.2
	Coverage since first date of the second shortest time series (%)	94.9	93.2	53.3
	First date with data	5/17/97	1/1/99	1/1/00
	Last date with data	11/25/16	11/25/16	12/31/16
	Coverage since 1/1/1997 (%)	93.2	83.5	63.6
Precipitation	Coverage since first date with data (%)	95.5	93.3	74.9
	Coverage since first date of the shortest time series (%)	95.9	95.1	74.9
	Coverage since first date of the second shortest time series (%)	95.5	93.3	70.5

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433 **Table S3 | Optimal parameter combinations for the mass balance model**

Period	Bias (m)	Relative bias (%)	Temperature lapse rate (°C/km)	Precipitation lapse rate (mm/km)	DDF for snow (m °C ⁻¹ d ⁻¹)	DDF for ice (m °C ⁻¹ d ⁻¹)
Jul 2010 – Oct 2015	1.22	19.2	0	-6.2[3.0]**	0.008[0.004]**	0.004[0]**
Nov 2015* – May 2016	-0.05	3.5	-0.1	-6.7[3.1]**	0.008[0.004]**	0.001[0]**
May 2016 – Nov 2016	-0.12	2.9	0.1	-6.7[3.1]**	0.008[0.004]**	0.015[0]**

434 * Due to remaining gaps in the meteorological data, the period modeled was Jan – May
 435 2016.

436 ** Values in brackets correspond to ±1 standard deviation.

437 DDF stands for Degree Day Factors (see Supplementary Text)

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439 **Table S4 | SEACLID/CORDEX-SEA model output used in this study, including**
 440 **results from the statistical downscaling**

Model Output Name	GCMs	Institution that developed the GCMs	RCMs	RCP	Downscaling results			
					Mean observation minus mean model		Cramér-von Mises test [p-value]	
					T (°C)	Pp (mm/d)	T	Pp
MPI-M-MPI-ESM-MR	MPI-ESM-MR	Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Germany	RegCM4	8.5	-0.14	2.72	3.94 [0.003]	19.22 [0]
				4.5	-0.15	0.6	4.49 [0.002]	2.78 [0.01]
IPSL-IPSL-CM5A-LR	IPSL-CM5A-LR	Institute Pierre-Simon Laplace, France	RegCM4	8.5	-0.21	-1.72	2.41 [0.015]	20.54 [0]
				4.5	0.09	-1.57	5.66 [0.001]	14.86 [0]
GFDL_REGCM4	GFDL-ESM2M	GFDL, USA	RegCM4	8.5	-0.15	0.72	4.35 [0.002]	0.92 [0.066]
				4.5	-0.13	0.85	2.54 [0.013]	1.29 [0.046]
CSIROMK36_REGCM4	CSIRO MK3.6	CSIRO, Australia	RegCM4	8.5	-0.08	0.5	2.41 [0.015]	0.88 [0.069]
				4.5	-0.08	0.53	2.97 [0]	0.78 [0.079]
CNRM5_REGCM4	CNRM-CM5	Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques, France	RegCM4	8.5	-0.05	1.12	0.51 [0.1]	2.78 [0.01]
				4.5	-0.2	1.39	6.78 [0]	4.85 [0.001]

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Table S5 | Descriptive statistics of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, δD and d (deuterium excess) in Cores D1 and D1B

	Min	Mean	Max	Range
Core D1				
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	-19.68	-16.07	-13.62	6.06
δD (‰)	-146.65	-116.36	-96.46	50.19
d (‰)	8.01	12.21	19.80	11.79
Core D1B				
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (‰)	-20.32	-16.41	-14.06	6.26
δD (‰)	-147.77	-116.87	-96.56	51.21
d (‰)	10.09	14.41	19.22	9.13

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Table S6 | Reference matching points of $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in Cores D1 and D1B with NINO3 ERSST (Fig. 5B). The 1964 bomb horizon (bold) was identified at 23.4 m depth in Core D1 and assuming the top layer represents the time when the ice cores were collected (May 2010).

Depth (meter)		Year
D1	D1B	
0.00	0.00	2010.4
3.97	4.25	2008
7.35	7.30	2003
8.25	8.15	2000
8.48	8.37	1998
9.80	9.40	1996
10.91	11.00	1992
12.02	12.06	1989
12.59	12.81	1987.5
14.92	14.23	1983
17.03	16.62	1975.5
19.54	19.34	1973
22.28	22.00	1966
23.39	23.39	1964

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