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Methods

Figure DR-1 (a-d) illustrates conceptually how divide elevation depends on the geometry of intersecting ridges. Ridgeline slope depends on both hillside gradient and the obliquity of opposing hillside trends. The simple relationship between ridgeline slope and hillside obliquity for varying hillside gradients (Fig. DR-1c) is based on the simplifying assumption of planar hillsides, although natural hillsides generally exhibit curvature in 3D. The height, shape, and dynamic evolution of ridgelines will also depend on the competition of relative advance of opposing hillsides (Fig. DR-1d).

In the global survey, groups of peaks worldwide were screened using *GoogleEarth*. Peaks were selected based on regional hierarchies (i.e. top highest peaks in a given area), such as the top 100 peaks in the world (Table 1). The peaks screened are listed in Table DR-1 (n=255), along with location coordinates. The locations span a range of erosional (glacial and fluvial), climatic (arid to humid), and tectonic (erosion and uplift rates) settings. Lists of top peaks in different areas were based on various websites, primarily including Wikipedia and PeakBagger:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_highest_mountains

<http://www.peakbagger.com/ListIndx.aspx>

Although these are un-refereed internet sources, all coordinates of peaks listed were checked and the elevation verified using *GoogleEarth*. Minor errors in these lists, such as missing peaks or specific values of prominence, cannot be completely ruled out.

However, the intention of using these regional hierarchies was to eliminate bias in which peaks were selected for inspection in the global survey. All peaks in these lists were

screened and included in Table DR-1, regardless of appearance, and all peaks in these lists are significant, prominent peaks in their respective areas. Note that peak prominence is defined as the height of a peak above the lowest contour that encircles it and nothing higher (Fig. DR-1e). Prominence is typically set at ~5-10% of the total local relief of a range (e.g. ~500 m in the high Himalaya; Table 1), such that many high peaks may not be included in the list because they are too close in elevation to a nearby higher peak. Figure DR-1f shows a comparison of a parabolic ridge with only one prominent peak relative to a ridge with lower saddles that yields many more prominent peaks. As an aside, the frequency of prominent peaks per area may actually be an interesting metric for comparison of mountain topography.

Peaks were screened using unexaggerated 3D visualization of digital topography (on a template combining satellite imagery) using *GoogleEarth* at a uniform scale of approximately 1:10,000. *GoogleEarth* uses a variety of elevation data, ranging from 10 m to 90 m resolution (SRTM data). In most mountain ranges examined, the resolution was 10 m or 30 m. Regardless of the DEM resolution, however, the *GoogleEarth* was adequate for identifying ridges shorter than ~0.5 km at all locations at 1:10,000 scale. Spatial variation in DEM resolution should thus not affect the results of the global survey. Peaks located within 0.2 km of divide intersections were classified as divide-junction peaks (Fig. DR-2). The contributing divides had to be a minimum of ~0.5 km long and separate tributary valleys by at least 1 km. This threshold was designed to include divides that separate first-order drainages, but to exclude minor rill-like crenulations along hillsides within individual basins. An additional criteria was that divide-junction peaks had to appear with three (or more) hillside faces that clearly drain

into separate basins with clear concave contours. Examples of peaks that were classified as ridge-only (vs. divide-junction) based on this criteria are shown in Fig. DR-3.

Most divide-junction peaks consist of divide triple junctions, although a significant fraction of quadruple junctions also occur (Table DR-1). The minimum lengths of contributing divides were measured in map view for each location (Table DR-1). Since the goal of the survey was to identify peaks that have at least three intersecting divides, the third-shortest contributing divide was measured for all divide junctions (i.e. not the absolute minimum on quadruple junctions). The distribution of these third-shortest divide lengths shows that 3/4 of the divide-junction peaks are made by divides that exceed 3 km length (Fig. 2). Where the shortest-contributing divide length exceeds 5-10 km, length measurements may be ambiguous due to the possibility of taking multiple paths off of the divide network (Figure DR-1g).

The relationship between peak and divide-junction locations was also tested at the local scale. Ten primarily glacial and fluvial areas of rugged topography were selected for examination of drainage divide structure in map and/or profile view (Table DR-2; Fig. DR-4, DR-5). Note that some of the glacial areas are now deglaciated, but exhibit topography that is characteristically glacial. Similarly, the highest elevations of some of the fluvial areas may have experienced minor glacial or periglacial influence during the last glacial maximum (e.g. the Atlas Mountains), but the topography of these ranges is dominantly fluvial. The areas mapped exclude volcanic terrain, low-relief areas, and high-relief areas that exhibit interfluves with relict surfaces. Sources for the long-term denudation rates reported for these areas are provided in Table DR-2. Results of profile and map-view analysis are presented in Tables DR-3 and DR-4.

Divide maps were constructed using shaded relief images from *GoogleMaps*. All maps were shaded from the northwest and mapped at 1:200,000 scale on a graphical interface. Divides were easy to identify using this interface, given that side illumination highlights most ridges as white lines. Given that ridges and divides exhibit semi-fractal distributions and that the resolution of DEMs may vary by location, a mapping threshold of minimum ridge size was employed; only divides >5 km long and separated by >3 km (i.e. valley spacing) were mapped. Mapped ridges also had to have significant relief from hillsides and separate clearly-developed basins with curved contours. This criteria made mapping of ridges somewhat subjective, but was used to screen out topographic crenulations along individual hillsides that do not separate first or higher order basins. Divide junctions were mapped for each area based on the mapped ridge networks. Where two triple junctions came within ~1 km of each other, they were combined into a quadruple junction. Various statistics of the occurrence of divide junctions and total divide length per mapped area are reported in Table DR-4. When counting divide junctions in each area, quadruple junctions were counted twice (given that each is equivalent to 2 triple junctions joined together).

Five glacial and fluvial areas were selected for ridge profile analysis (Table DR-3, Fig. DR-5). Ridge profiles were constructed using *GoogleEarth* in the same geographic interface as the global peak survey, but at a uniform scale of ~1:20,000. Elevations were sampled at approximately 1-km spacing, so that only significant peaks and undulations are represented. This spacing was selected to reduce data volume, given that the profiles would eventually be analyzed at small scale only. The elevations of all divide junctions were also directly sampled. Ridge profiles follow the irregular trace of ridges in map

view and include all ridges in a connected ridge network using the criteria listed above for ridge maps. Profiles generally cover 80-km-long primary ridges, and thus do not cover the entire area of each map. In some cases, profiles stop abruptly mid-ridge, because a profile was stopped after a representative length had been obtained. Secondary ridges are plotted as extending in either the positive or negative x-direction depending on the orientation of the primary ridge and the side from which the secondary ridge joins (Fig. DR-5). Several ridge profiles were constructed using 1:250,000 topographic maps (Chugach, St. Elias, Smoky Mtns., San Gabriel Mountains), but corrected for the same pattern of ridges as the *GoogleEarth* profiles. Once completed, divide junctions were identified and compared to peak locations. The divide junctions on profiles are identical to those on the maps of the same area, given that they share defining criteria. Peaks were defined as any positive relief form, regardless of prominence. The slope of primary ridges was calculated between each elevation spacing and thus has a wavelength of 1 km and may miss slight undulations. The topographic roughness was measured in two ways; Ψ_1 is the horizontal ridge length divided by the total ridge length in profile (i.e. akin to sinuosity, but measured in profile at 8x exaggeration), and Ψ_2 is the normalized distance of the ridge profile over which 50% of the profile's relief is obtained.

This study was made possible by the easily-used geographic tools provided by *Google*. *GoogleEarth* and *GoogleMaps* enable instant access to global topography, without having to download and process numerous individual patches of DEMs. Although the association of peaks and ridge junctions has previously been observed (Gilbert, 1880; Twidale, 1976; Gonzalez, 2003), recognition of the influence of drainage divide structure on peaks required the advent of easily accessible digital topography.

Table DR-1: Global survey of peaks.

GROUP 1: Top-100 peaks in the world (500 m prominence), all of which are above the glacial limit.

Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge	Peak type
1	Everest	8848	Himalaya	27.9881 N, 86.9253 E	5.2	triple
2	K2	8611	Karakoram	35.8814 N, 76.5133 E	6.5	five-sided tower
3	Kangchenjunga	8586	Himalaya	27.7033 N, 88.1475 E	15.3	triple
4	Lhotse	8516	Himalaya	27.9617 N, 86.9331 E	9.6	triple
5	Makalu	8485	Himalaya	27.8897 N, 87.0889 E	8.0	triple
6	Cho Oyu	8188	Himalaya	28.0942 N, 86.6608 E	3.3	triple, almost quad.
7	Dhaulagiri	8167	Himalaya	28.6967 N, 83.4931 E	16.6	quad.
8	Manaslu	8163	Himalaya	28.5500 N, 84.5597 E	5.5	triple
9	Nanga Parbat	8126	Himalaya	35.2372 N, 74.5892 E	0.9	triple
10	Annapurna I	8091	Himalaya	28.5956 N, 83.8203 E	4.6	triple
11	Gasherrum I	8080	Karakoram	35.7244 N, 76.6964 E	8.7	triple
12	Broad Peak	8051	Karakoram	35.8106 N, 76.5683 E		ridge only
13	Gasherbrum II	8034	Karakoram	35.7578 N, 76.6533 E		ridge only
14	Shishapangma	8027	Himalaya	28.3533 N, 85.7786 E	1.3	triple
15	Gyachung Kang	7952	Himalaya	28.0981 N, 86.7450 E	5.3	triple
16	Annapurna II	7937	Himalaya	28.5347 N, 84.1219 E	3.5	triple
17	Gasherbrum IV	7932	Karakoram	35.7606 N, 76.6161 E	9.6	triple
18	Himalchuli	7893	Himalaya	28.4367 N, 84.6397 E	23.5	triple
19	Distaghil Sar	7884	Karakoram	36.3258 N, 75.1878 E	28.9	triple
20	Ngadi Chuli	7871	Himalaya	28.5033 N, 84.5667 E	1.4	triple
21	Nuptse	7864	Himalaya	27.9675 N, 86.8869 E	0.8	triple
22	Khunyang Chhish	7823	Karakoram	36.2053 N, 75.2078 E	6.6	quad.
23	Masherbrum	7821	Karakoram	35.6411 N, 76.3058 E	6.8	quad.
24	Nanda Devi	7816	Himalaya	30.3758 N, 79.9708 E	1.6	triple
25	Chomo Lonzo	7804	Himalaya	27.9306 N, 87.1078 E	4.5	triple, almost quad.
26	Batura Sar	7795	Karakoram	36.5103 N, 74.5225 E		ridge only
27	Kanjut Sar	7790	Karakoram	36.2056 N, 75.4169 E	15.1	five-sided tower
28	Rakaposhi	7788	Karakoram	36.1425 N, 74.4894 E	17.7	triple
29	Namche Barwa	7782	Himalaya	29.6311 N, 95.0553 E	23.2	triple
30	Kamet	7756	Himalaya	30.9200 N, 79.5917 E	3.5	triple
31	Dhaulagiri II	7751	Himalaya	28.7628 N, 83.3883 E	14.1	triple
32	Saltoro Kangri	7742	Karakoram	35.3992 N, 76.8481 E	3.4	quad.
33	Jannu	7711	Himalaya	27.6822 N, 88.0444 E	1.6	triple
34	Tirich Mir	7708	Hindu Kush	36.2553 N, 71.8417 E	11.8	triple
35	Molamengqing	7703	Himalaya	28.3550 N, 85.8097 E	2.6	quad.
36	Gurla Mandhata	7694	Himalaya	30.4386 N, 81.2967 E	12.8	triple
37	Saser Kangri I	7672	Karakoram	34.8667 N, 77.7525 E	23.4	triple
38	Chogolisa	7665	Karakoram	35.6131 N, 76.5747 E	3.6	triple
39	Kongur Tagh	7649	Kunlun	38.5933 N, 75.3133 E	1.6	triple
40	Dhaulagiri V	7618	Himalaya	28.7339 N, 83.3614 E	10.9	triple
41	Shispare	7611	Karakoram	36.4406 N, 74.6808 E	17.2	quad.
42	Trivor	7577	Karakoram	36.2875 N, 75.0850 E	6.1	triple
43	Gangkhar Puensum	7570	Himalaya	28.0472 N, 90.4553 E	5.3	triple
44	Gongga Shan	7556	Daxue Shan	29.5953 N, 101.8797 E	22.0	quad.
45	Annapurna III	7555	Himalaya	28.5850 N, 83.9900 E	37.4	triple
46	Muztagh Ata	7546	Kunlun	38.2758 N, 75.1161 E	7.7	quad.
47	Skyang Kangri	7545	Himalaya	35.9264 N, 76.5675 E	1.0	triple
48	Changtse	7543	Himalaya	28.0247 N, 86.9142 E	5.0	quad.
49	Kula Kangri	7538	Himalaya	28.2269 N, 90.6164 E	7.3	triple
50	Kongur Tiube	7530	Kunlun	38.6158 N, 75.1958 E	9.5	triple
51	Mamostong Kangri	7516	Karakoram	35.1419 N, 77.5775 E	2.0	triple
52	Saser Kangri II	7513	Karakoram	34.8047 N, 77.8067 E	4.8	triple
53	Ismail Sarmani	7495	Pamir	38.9431 N, 72.0158 E	16.0	triple
54	Saser Kangri	7495	Karakoram	34.8456 N, 77.7850 E		ridge only (cone)
55	Noshaq	7492	Hindu Kush	36.4322 N, 71.8286 E		ridge only
56	Pumari Chhish	7492	Karakoram	36.2114 N, 75.2503 E	1.4	triple
57	PaGu Sar	7476	Karakoram	36.4878 N, 74.5878 E	13.7	triple
58	Yukshin Gardan Sar	7469	Karakoram	36.2511 N, 75.3747 E	2.1	triple
59	Teram Kangri I	7462	Karakoram	35.5800 N, 77.0783 E		ridge only
60	Jongsong Peak	7462	Himalaya	27.8817 N, 88.1358 E	30.0	triple
61	Malubiting	7458	Karakoram	36.0033 N, 74.8753 E	13.6	triple
62	Gangapurna	7455	Himalaya	28.6050 N, 83.9636 E	4.5	triple
63	Jengish Chokusu	7439	Tian Shan	42.0347 N, 80.1297 E	30.0	triple
64	K12	7428	Karakoram	35.2958 N, 77.0222 E	10.3	triple
65	Yangra	7422	Himalaya	28.3914 N, 85.1272 E	26.4	triple
66	Sia Kangri	7422	Karakoram	35.6633 N, 76.7617 E	3.5	triple
67	Momhil Sar	7414	Karakoram	36.3178 N, 75.0364 E	10.1	triple
68	Kabru N	7412	Himalaya	27.6339 N, 88.1167 E	3.7	triple

69	Skil Brum	7410	Karakoram	35.8508 N, 76.4286 E	14.9	quad.
70	Haramosh	7409	Karakoram	35.8400 N, 74.8975 E	10.9	triple
71	Istor-o-Nal	7403	Hindu Kush	36.3756 N, 71.8983 E	2.1	triple, nested
72	Ghent Kangri	7401	Karakoram	35.5178 N, 76.8006 E	12.6	triple
73	Ultrar Sar	7388	Karakoram	36.3908 N, 74.7167 E	5.6	triple
74	Rimo I	7385	Karakoram	35.3550 N, 77.3689 E	5.0	triple
75	Churen Himal	7385	Himalaya	28.7347 N, 83.2175 E	0.6	triple
76	Teram Kangri III	7382	Karakoram	35.5997 N, 77.0481 E	3.9	quad.
77	Sherpi Kangri	7380	Karakoram	35.4661 N, 76.7814 E	2.5	triple
78	Labuche Kang	7367	Himalaya	28.3042 N, 86.3508 E	9.2	triple
79	Kirat Chuli	7362	Himalaya	27.7878 N, 88.1953 E	3.9	triple
80	Abi Gamin	7355	Himalaya	30.9325 N, 79.6025 E	11.9	quad.
81	Nangpai Gosum	7350	Himalaya	28.0733 N, 86.6142 E	7.0	triple
82	Saraghrar	7349	Hindu Kush	36.5475 N, 72.1150 E	4.3	triple, nested
83	Chamlang	7321	Himalaya	27.7750 N, 86.9797 E	3.5	triple
84	Chongtar	7315	Karakoram	35.9153 N, 76.4292 E	6.8	quad., nested
85	Baltoro Kangri	7312	Karakoram	35.6392 N, 76.6733 E	2.1	triple
86	Siguang Ri	7309	Himalaya	28.1472 N, 86.6850 E	6.5	triple
87	The Crown	7295	Karakoram	36.1067 N, 76.2058 E	1.2	quad. (cone)
88	Gyala Peri	7294	Himalaya	29.8144 N, 94.9686 E	6.8	triple
89	Porong Ri	7292	Himalaya	28.3894 N, 85.7200 E		ridge only
90	Baintha Brakk	7285	Karakoram	35.9475 N, 75.7533 E		ridge only
91	Yutmaru Sar	7283	Karakoram	36.2264 N, 75.3672 E	5.1	triple
92	Baltistan Peak (K6)	7282	Karakoram	35.4183 N, 76.5517 E	23.7	triple
93	Kangpenqing	7281	Himalaya	28.5508 N, 85.5456 E		ridge only
94	Muztagh Tower	7276	Karakoram	35.8278 N, 76.3611 E		ridge only
95	Diran	7266	Karakoram	36.1203 N, 74.6617 E	20.4	quad.
96	Labuche Kang III	7250	Himalaya	28.3014 N, 86.3839 E	11.5	triple
97	Putha Hiunchuli	7246	Himalaya	28.7478 N, 83.1461 E	24.0	quad.
98	Apsarasas Kangri	7245	Karakoram	35.5386 N, 77.1486 E	4.5	triple
99	Rimo III	7233	Karakoram	35.3753 N, 77.3617 E	3.7	triple
100	Langtan Lirung	7227	Himalaya	28.2561 N, 85.5169 E	5.1	triple

of ridge-only peaks = 10. Triple/quad peaks = 90%

GROUP 2: 50 highest peaks in North America (500 m prominence), all of which are or have been glaciated.

Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge	Peak type
1	Mt. McKinley	6194	Alaska Range	63.0690 N, 151.0063 W	19.1	triple
2	Mt. Logan	5956	St. Elias Range	60.5666 N, 140.4072 W	11.2	triple
3	Citlaltépetl	5635	Mexico	19.0305 N, 97.2698 W		volcano
4	Mt. St. Elias	5489	St. Elias Range	60.2927 N, 140.9307 W	17.4	quad.
5	Pococatepetl	5410	Mexico	19.0225 N, 98.6278 W		volcano
6	Mt. Foraker	5304	Alaska Range	62.9605 N, 151.3992 W	14.8	quad.
7	Mt. Lucania	5260	St. Elias Range	61.0215 N, 140.4661 W	10.5	triple
8	Iztaccihuatl	5230	Mexico	19.1792 N, 98.6419 W		volcano
9	King Peak	5173	St. Elias Range	60.5834 N, 140.6561 W	8.8	triple
10	Mt. Bona	5044	St. Elias Range	61.3845 N, 141.7529 W	32.9	triple
11	Mt. Steele	5020	St. Elias Range	61.0929 N, 140.3118 W	15.4	quad.
12	Mt. Blackburn	4996	Wrangell Mtns.	61.7305 N, 143.4031 W	11.7	volcano (eroded)
13	Mt. Sanford	4949	Wrangell Mtns.	62.2132 N, 144.1292 W		volcano
14	Mt. Wood	4860	St. Elias Range	61.2323 N, 140.5139 W	7.9	triple
15	Mt. Vancouver	4812	St. Elias Range	60.3589 N, 139.6980 W	9.0	triple
16	Mt. Slaggard	4742	St. Elias Range	61.1723 N, 140.5869 W	22.4	triple
17	Nevado de Toluca	4690	Mexico	19.1020 N, 99.7676 W		volcano
18	Mt. Fairweather	4671	St. Elias Range	58.9064 N, 137.5265 W	13.5	triple
19	Mt. Hubbard	4557	St. Elias Range	60.3189 N, 139.0719 W	6.6	triple
20	Mt. Bear	4520	St. Elias Range	61.2834 N, 141.1433 W	7.4	triple
21	Mt. Walsh	4506	St. Elias Range	61.0034 N, 140.0172 W	3.2	triple
22	Mt. Hunter	4442	Alaska Range	62.9496 N, 151.0921 W	6.4	triple
23	Matlalcueytl	4430	Mexico	19.2302 N, 98.0316 W		volcano
24	Mt. Whitney	4421	Sierra Nevada	36.5786 N, 118.2920 W	1.2	quad.
25	Mt. Alverstone	4420	St. Elias Range	60.3519 N, 139.0752 W	33.1	triple
26	University Peak	4410	St. Elias Range	61.3272 N, 141.7867 W	3.6	triple
27	Mt. Elbert	4401	Sawatch R., CO	39.1178 N, 106.4454 W	4.2	triple
28	Mt. Massive	4398	Sawatch R., CO	39.1875 N, 106.4757 W	2.5	triple
29	Mt. Harvard	4397	Collegiate Pks., CO	38.9244 N, 106.3207 W	2.8	triple
30	Mt. Ranier	4394	Cascade Range	46.8521 N, 121.7579 W		volcano
31	Mt. Williamson	4386	Sierra Nevada	36.6559 N, 118.3111 W	8.3	quad.
32	McArthur Peak	4380	St. Elias Range	60.6061 N, 140.2160 W	4.1	triple
33	La Plata Peak	4379	Collegiate Pks., CO	39.0294 N, 106.4729 W	3.2	triple
34	Blanca Peak	4374	Sangre de Cristo R., CO	37.5775 N, 105.4857 W	6.6	quad.
35	Uncompahgre Peak	4365	San Juan R., CO	38.0717 N, 107.4621 W	0.9	triple

36	Creston Peak	4359	Sangre de Cristo, CO	37.9668 N, 105.5855 W	6.0	quad.
37	Mt. Lincoln	4357	Mosquito R., CO	39.3515 N, 106.1116 W	2.0	triple
38	Castle Peak	4352	Elk Mtns., CO	39.0097 N, 106.8614 W	12.4	quad.
39	Grays Peak	4352	Front R., CO	39.6339 N, 105.8176 W	4.4	quad.
40	Mt. Antero	4351	Sawatch R., CO	38.6741 N, 106.2462 W	4.2	triple
41	Mt. Evans	4348	Front R., CO	39.5883 N, 105.6438 W	0.8	triple
42	Longs Peak	4346	Front R., CO	40.2550 N, 105.6151 W	5.5	triple
43	Mt. Wilson	4344	San Miguel Mtns., CO	37.8391 N, 107.9916 W	3.6	quad.
44	White Mountain Pk.	4344	White Mtns., CA	37.6341 N, 118.2557 W	9.9	triple
45	North Palisade	4343	Sierra Nevada, CA	37.0943 N, 118.5147 W		ridge only
46	Mt. Princeton	4329	Collegiate Pks., CO	38.7492 N, 106.2424 W	4.2	triple
47	Mt. Yale	4329	Collegiate Pks., CO	38.8442 N, 106.3138 W	3.9	triple
48	Mt. Shasta	4322	Cascade Range, CA	41.4092 N, 122.1949 W		volcano
49	Maroon Pk.	4317	Elk Mtns., CO	39.0708 N, 106.9890 W	20.3	
50	Mt. Wrangell	4317	Wrangell Mtns.	62.0059 N, 144.0187 W		volcano
9 peaks are constructional; 1 peak is ridge-only. Triple/quad = 98%.						
GROUP 3: Top 20 peaks of European Alps (~100 m prominence); all are above the glacial limit						
Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge	Peak type
1	Mont Blanc	4808	Alps	45.8336 N, 6.8650 E	4.7	triple
2	Monte Rosa	4634	Alps	45.9368 N, 7.8671 E	2.3	triple
3	Zumsteinspitze	4563	Alps	45.9319 N, 7.8714 E	1.2	triple
4	Dom	4545	Alps	46.0950 N, 7.8600 E	3.7	quad.
5	Liskamm	4527	Alps	45.9225 N, 7.8356 E	2.9	triple
6	Weissshorn	4506	Alps	46.1017 N, 7.7161 E	4.5	triple
7	Matterhorn	4478	Alps	45.9764 N, 7.6583 E	4.2	quad.
8	Dent Blanche	4356	Alps	46.0342 N, 7.6119 E	29.8	quad.
9	Nadelhorn	4327	Alps	46.1088 N, 7.8642 E	7.3	triple
10	Grand Combin	4314	Alps	45.9375 N, 7.2992 E	12.5	triple
11	Lenzspitze	4294	Alps	46.1046 N, 7.8684 E	3.0	triple
12	Finsteraarhorn	4274	Alps	46.5375 N, 8.1260 E	1.7	triple
13	Zinalrothorn	4221	Alps	46.0647 N, 7.6900 E	7.4	quad.
14	Grandes Jorasses	4208	Alps	45.8689 N, 6.9881 E	2.5	triple
15	Alphubel	4206	Alps	46.0629 N, 7.8639 E	1.2	triple
16	Rimpfischhorn	4199	Alps	46.0231 N, 7.8839 E	0.5	triple
17	Strahlhorn	4190	Alps	46.0132 N, 7.9018 E	3.7	quad.
18	Dent d'Herens	4171	Alps	45.9701 N, 7.6051 E		ridge only
19	Breithorn	4164	Alps	45.9411 N, 7.7472 E	1.1	triple
20	Jungfrau	4158	Alps	46.5368 N, 7.9626 E	4.0	triple
# of ridge-only peaks = 1. Triple/quad peaks = 95%						
GROUP 4: Highest non-volcanic peaks of countries/Islands of SE Asia and Pacific; all fluvial.						
Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge	Peak type
1	Mt. Wilhelm	4509	Papua NG	5.8000 S, 145.0333 E	7.8	quad.
2	Gunung Kinabalu	4095	Borneo	6.0724 N, 116.5616 E		ridge only (rounded)
3	Yushan	3952	Taiwan	23.4700 N, 120.9573 E	9.1	quad.
4	Phou Bia	2819	Laos	18.9796 N, 103.1515 E	10.4	quad.
5	Jirisan	1915	South Korea (mainland)	35.3370 N, 127.7167 E	3.8	triple
6	Hokusuihaku-san	2522	North Korea (non-volc.)	40.7105 N, 127.7505 E	8.5	triple
7	Doi Inthanon	2565	Thailand	18.5922 N, 98.4867 E	5.3	triple (but rounded)
8	Phnom Aural	1813	Cambodia	12.0333 N, 104.1667 E	6.9	triple
9	Fansipan	3143	Vietnam	22.3033 N, 103.7750 E	8.7	triple
10	Pulag	2922	Luzon	16.5971 N, 120.8995 E	1.4	triple
1 peak is ridge-only. Triple/quad = 90%.						
GROUP 5: Highest peaks (5) in Australia and highest peaks (5) in Victoria, AU (all fluvial)						
Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge	Peak type
1	Mt. Kosciuszko	2228	New South Wales	36.4559 S, 148.2633 E		ridge only (rounded)
2	Mt. Townsend	2209	New South Wales	36.4228 S, 148.2586 E	6.9	triple (low relief)
3	Mt. Twynam	2196	New South Wales	36.3933 S, 148.3147 E	3.0	quad. (low relief)
4	Rams Head	2190	New South Wales	36.3930 S, 148.3150 E	2.9	triple (low relief)
5	Jagungal	2061	New South Wales	36.1486 S, 148.3877 E		ridge only (rounded)
6	Mt. Bagong	1986	Victoria	36.7333 S, 147.3060 E	3.8	quad.
7	Mt. Feathertop	1922	Victoria	36.8948 S, 147.1365 E	4.8	triple
8	Mt. Hotham	1861	Victoria	36.9759 S, 147.1312 E	1.6	quad.
9	Mt. McKay	1849	Victoria	36.8745 S, 147.2431 E	0.9	triple (low relief)
10	Mt. Buller	1805	Victoria	37.1448 S, 146.4257 E		ridge only
3 peaks are ridge-only. Triple/quad = 70%.						

GROUP 6: Highest non-volcanic peaks of countries in Central/South America (* = glacial)					
Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge Peak type
1	Cerro Chirripo	3820	Costa Rica	9.4841 N, 83.4887 W	8.7 triple
2	Mogoton	2107	Nicaragua	13.7629 N, 86.3985 W	2.9 triple
3	Cristobal Colon*	5700	Colombia	10.8383 N, 73.6867 W	22.7 quad.
4	Bolivar	4981	Venezuela	8.5411 N, 71.0465 W	5.3 quad.
5	Neblina	2994	Brazil	0.8005 N, 66.0075 W	6.0 quad.
6	Cerro Pero	842	Paraguay	25.9017 N, 56.1600 W	5.7 triple
7	Aconcagua*	6962	Argentina	32.6534 S, 70.0111 W	12.1 quad.
8	Picos de Barroso*^	5142	Andes, Arg/Chile	34.2868 S, 70.0332 W	12.6 triple
9	Yerupaja*	6635	Peru	10.2687 S, 76.9056 W	2.7 triple
10	Illimani*	6438	Bolivia	16.6333 S, 67.7908 W	4.5 quad.
^approximate highest non-volcanic					
No peaks are ridge-only. Triple/quad = 100%.					
GROUP 7: All peaks over 1500 m with prominence>150 m in the San Gabriel Mtns., CA (all fluvial)					
Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge Peak type
1	Mt. San Antonio	3051	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2891 N, 117.6462 W	15.0 quad.
2	Pine Mt.	2947	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3137 N, 117.6443 W	8.2 triple
3	Dawson Pk.	2914	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3033 N, 117.6362 W	4.9 triple
4	Mt. Baden Powell	2862	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3585 N, 117.7646 W	4.5 triple
5	Throop Pk.	2786	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3506 N, 117.7992 W	5.4 quad.
6	Telegraph Pk.	2738	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2616 N, 117.5985 W	4.2 quad.
7	Cucamonga Pk.	2703	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2226 N, 117.5853 W	6.7 triple
8	Ontario Mt.	2651	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2277 N, 117.6241 W	ridge only
9	Timber Mt.	2522	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2448 N, 117.5935 W	2.2 quad.
10	Mt. Williamson	2516	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3754 N, 117.8639 W	0.9 triple
11	Mt. Islip	2508	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3452 N, 117.8399 W	2.0 triple
12	Waterman Mt.	2445	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3364 N, 117.9368 W	ridge only (rounded)
13	Iron Mtn.	2438	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2884 N, 117.7134 W	4.3 quad.
14	no name	2432	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3898 N, 117.9092 W	3.6 triple
15	Pallett Mtn.	2372	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3856 N, 117.8855 W	1.4 triple
16	Twin Peks East	2364	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3159 N, 117.9267 W	0.9 triple
17	Kratka Ridge	2290	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3469 N, 117.8991 W	1.7 triple
18	Table Mtn.	2281	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3824 N, 117.6851 W	ridge only
19	Winston Peak	2270	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3578 N, 117.9359 W	ridge only (rounded)
20	Pacifico	2163	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3820 N, 118.0346 W	7.0 triple
21	Mt. Gleason	1989	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3762 N, 118.1769 W	9.0 triple
22	Bare Mt.	1924	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3469 N, 117.9925 W	3.8 triple
23	Strawberry Pk.	1878	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2835 N, 118.1206 W	0.8 quad.
24	San Gabriel Pk.	1857	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2435 N, 118.0984 W	1.6 quad.
25	Mt. Lawlor	1814	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2706 N, 118.1039 W	1.5 quad.
26	Sunset Pk.	1767	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2167 N, 117.6894 W	0.7 triple
27	Rattlesnake Pk.	1763	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2719 N, 117.7769 W	3.3 quad.
28	Mt. Wilson	1739	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2239 N, 118.0615 W	7.4 triple
29	Iron Mtn.	1716	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3488 N, 118.2292 W	2.6 quad.
30	Condor Peak	1651	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3256 N, 118.2193 W	4.3 triple
31	Josephine Pk.	1643	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2870 N, 118.1542 W	2.5 triple
32	Monrovia Pk.	1640	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2138 N, 117.9685 W	6.3 triple
33	Mt. Lukens	1542	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.2691 N, 118.2391 W	3.7 triple
34	Snow Mt.	1508	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3958 N, 118.2720 W	1.7 triple
35	Magic Mtn.	1484	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3865 N, 118.3293 W	3.2 quad.
36	Yerba Buena Ridge	1181	San Gabriel Mtns.	34.3042 N, 118.2983 W	2.9 quad.
4 peaks are ridge-only. Triple/quad = 89%.					
GROUP 8: All peaks with prominence >500 m in the Mt. Everest area of Himlaya (see Figure) (all glacial)					
Rank	Name	Elev. (m)	Region	Location	Shortest Ridge Peak type
1	Everest	8848	Himalaya	27.9881 N, 86.9253 E	5.2 triple
2	Lhotse	8516	Himalaya	27.9617 N, 86.9331 E	9.6 triple
3	Makalu	8485	Himalaya	27.8897 N, 87.0889 E	8.0 triple
4	Nuptse	7864	Himalaya	27.9675 N, 86.8869 E	0.8 triple
5	Chomó Lonzo	7804	Himalaya	27.9306 N, 87.1078 E	4.5 triple, almost quad.
6	Changtse	7543	Himalaya	28.0247 N, 86.9142 E	5.0 quad.
7	Chamlong	7284	Himalaya	27.7761 N, 86.9799 E	3.8 triple
8	Kharta Phu	7184	Himalaya	28.0637 N, 86.9767 E	6.2 triple
9	Baruntse	7128	Himalaya	27.8716 N, 86.9802 E	ridge only
10	no name	6848	Himalaya	28.0692 N, 86.8994 E	1.8 triple
11	Hongku Chuli	6790	Himalaya	27.8175 N, 87.0089 E	1.4 triple
12	Ama Dablam	6776	Himalaya	27.8616 N, 86.8614 E	3.4 quad.

13	Katenga	6735	Himalaya	27.7922 N, 86.8167 E	1.1	<i>triple</i>
14	Kyashar	6723	Himalaya	27.7549 N, 86.8229 E	1.8	<i>triple</i>
15	Tutse	6694	Himalaya	27.7720 N, 87.0989 E	2.9	<i>triple</i>
16	no name	6693	Himalaya	27.9576 N, 87.0165 E	3.3	<i>triple</i>
17	no name	6688	Himalaya	27.8268 N, 87.0483 E	2.4	<i>triple</i>
18	Cho Pulo	6658	Himalaya	27.9195 N, 86.9811 E	1.9	<i>triple</i>
19	no name	6598	Himalaya	27.7743 N, 86.9087 E	2.5	<i>triple</i>
20	Thamserku	6568	Himalaya	27.7899 N, 86.7852 E	3.7	<i>triple</i>
21	no name	6503	Himalaya	27.8078 N, 86.8668 E	2.8	<i>quad.</i>
22	no name	6380	Himalaya	27.8366 N, 87.1415 E	2.9	<i>triple</i>
23	Mt. Kanguru	6334	Himalaya	27.7309 N, 86.7893 E	6.2	<i>triple</i>
24	no name	6252	Himalaya	27.7273 N, 87.0074 E	25.8	<i>triple</i>
25	Tuolakangboqie	6121	Himalaya	28.0688 N, 87.1642 E	1.0	<i>triple</i>
1 peaks is ridge-only. Triple/quad = 96%. Six peaks in bold are counted above for the synthesis below.						
Summary = 255 peaks checked, 9 are constructional, 21 are ridge-only, 91% are triple-junction peaks.						

Table DR-2: Location information.

Location	Denudation rate (mm/yr)*	References
Coast Range, B.C.	0.5	1, 2
St. Elias, AK	1.5	3
Mt. Everest, Nep.	1.0	4
Alps, Switz.	0.2	5,6
Highlands, Scot.	0.05	7,8
Chugach R., AK	0.2	9
Alaska R., AK	1.0	10
Nanga Parbat, Pak.	5.0	11,12
Tierra d. Fuego	1.0	13,14
S. Alps, NZ	3.0	15,16
Smoky Mtn., NC	0.04	17
San Gabriel Mtn., CA	2.0	18
Central Range, Taiw.	3.0	19,20
Caucasus, Russ./Georg.	0.5	21
Atlas Mtns., Morr.	0.2	22,23
Bermejo, Ecuad.	0.3	24,25
Lesser Himal., Nep.	0.3	26,27
Nanga Parbat, Pak.	1.0	11,12
Marsyandi, Nep.	3.0	28,29
King Range, CA	0.5	30

Long-term erosion rates were interpreted from combinations of references and data types spanning a range of timescales, including thermochronometry, cosmochronometry, and sediment yields. In some cases, the rates used are reported directly from papers, but in other cases data were re-interpreted to provide a simple estimate of exhumation rate. This commonly required assumption of geothermal gradient and averaging regional data or using a geologically-controlled time of onset of orogenesis and the total exhumation since that time. For example, if low-temperature apatite (U-Th)/He cooling ages have not been reset in an area with a moderately high geothermal gradient and in which exhumation began 3 Ma, the total exhumation possible is likely $<1.5 \text{ km}/3 \text{ Ma} = <0.5 \text{ mm/yr}$. In other cases, exhumation rates were assumed based on the gradient of age-elevation relationships. In many cases, constraints were not available in the exact area of the ridge maps, so extrapolation from neighboring areas was required (often from multiple sources and directions). As a result, the erosion rates used here should be treated as poorly constrained (e.g. $\pm 100\%$). Although this is a large error, the erosion rates should be approximately correct (i.e. order of magnitude) and thus provide the means for at least a first-order comparison with ridge network metrics.

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Table DR-3: Results from ridge profiles.

Location	DJ=pks.	Max=DJ-pks.	Avg. slope	Ψ_1	Ψ_2
Glacial					
Coast Range, B.C.	55%	31%	10.7°	0.24	1.92
St. Elias, AK	73%	32%	9.1°	0.20	1.74
Mt. Everest, Nepal	83%	38%	19.3°	0.20	3.20
Alps, Switzerland	71%	43%	10.9°	0.13	2.05
Highlands, Scotland	88%	23%	6.7°	0.21	1.45
Average	74%	33%	11.3°	0.20	2.07
Fluvial					
Smoky Mtn., NC	68%	59%	1.6°	0.32	1.22
San Gabriel Mtn., CA	68%	50%	9.3°	0.32	1.76
Central Range, Taiwan	72%	52%	7.1°	0.30	1.49
Caucasus, Georgia	73%	62%	8.1°	0.25	1.62
Atlas Mtns., Morocco	62%	35%	7.8°	0.30	1.51
Average	69%	52%	6.8°	0.30	1.52
Overall average	72%	43%	9.0°	0.25	1.80

DJ=peaks: percent of divide junctions that occur at peaks.

Max=DJ-peaks: percent of all elevation maxima that are divide-junction peaks.

Avg. slope: slope of the ridge along the profile.

Ψ_1 : topographic roughness #1; unit distance (relative to entire profile over which half of the ridge's relief is attained (low value = rougher).

Ψ_2 : topographic roughness #2; vertical irregularity (akin to sinuosity) of profile, measured at 8x vertical exaggeration (high value = rougher).

Table DR-4: Results from ridge maps.

Location	ρ (km ⁻¹)	γ (km ⁻²)	χ (km ⁻¹)	Sin.	Relief (m)	Denud.
Glacial						
Coast Range, British Co.	0.358	0.029	0.080	1.33	4019	0.5
St. Elias, AK	0.236	0.018	0.078	1.23	2502	1.5
Mt. Everest, Nepal	0.285	0.024	0.083	1.22	7450	1.0
Alps, Switzerland	0.268	0.022	0.084	1.23	3920	0.2
Highlands, Scotland*	0.279	0.014*	0.050*	-	1060	0.05
Chugach Range, AK*	0.244	0.012*	0.051*	1.35	2139	0.2
Alaska Range, AK	0.254	0.021	0.082	1.40	5493	1.0
Nanga Parbat, Pakistan	0.308	0.033	0.107	1.21	5526	5.0
Tierra d. Fuego	0.238	0.017	0.073	1.35	2520	1.0
S. Alps, New Zealand	0.269	0.025	0.093	1.21	3680	3.0
Average	0.274	0.022	0.078	1.28		
R^2 vs. relief**	0.11	0.44	0.46	0.07		
R^2 vs. denudation rate**	0.03	0.48	0.63	0.25		
Fluvial						
Smoky Mtn., NC	0.235	0.019	0.082	1.19	1750	0.04
San Gabriel Mtn., CA	0.311	0.025	0.080	1.24	2580	2.0
Central Range, Taiwan	0.302	0.028	0.093	1.27	3750	3.0
Caucasus, Georgia	0.299	0.028	0.094	1.18	3615	0.5
Atlas Mtns., Morocco*	0.282	0.016*	0.055*	1.19	3367	0.2
Bermejo, Ecuador*	0.304	0.018*	0.058*	1.24	3540	0.3
Lesser Himalaya, Nepal	0.257	0.017	0.065	1.23	4360	0.3
Nanga Parbat, Pakistan	0.307	0.024	0.078	1.20	3700	1.0
Marsyandi, Nepal	0.236	0.016	0.068	1.20	7150	3.0
King Range, CA	0.272	0.019	0.070	1.18	1113	0.5
Average	0.281	0.021	0.074	1.21		
R^2 vs. relief**	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03		
R^2 vs. denudation rate**	0.01	0.11	0.12	0.27		
Overall average	0.278	0.021	0.076	1.25		

ρ : ridge density, or total length of ridges divided by area.

γ : junction density, or total number of divide junctions divided by map area.

χ : divide connectivity, number of divide junctions per unit length of ridges.

Sin: sinuosity, irregular ridge length divided by linear ridge length.

Denud.: long-term denudation rate, mm/yr (see Table DR-2).

*Note anomalously poor divide connectivity for these four outliers; see text.

**Correlation coefficients based on basic regressions between ρ , γ , χ , and sinuosity vs. relief and denudation rate. Plots not shown (no strong correlations).

Figure DR-1

The geometry of peaks. A) Hillslopes with parallel trends, even at the angle of repose (hillslope angle = δ), will create a horizontal ridgeline. B) Oblique hillslopes (obliquity angle = γ) will generate an inclined ridgeline (ridgeline angle = θ). In this example, hillsides at the angle of repose ($\delta=34^\circ$) that intersect by 24° (γ) will generate a ridgeline slope (θ) of 8° . C) Plot of increasing ridgeline slope with increasing obliquity between hillsides, for select hillslope gradients. D) Conceptual diagram illustrating how the competition of abutting basins, represented by the relative horizontal velocity of the headwall or channel head (U_a vs. U_b), should shape the intervening ridgeline. In this case, $U_a > U_b$ requires that the ridge migrate from left to right, although it is easy to envision a spectrum of possible scenarios. E) Illustration of peak “prominence”. Prominence is defined as the relative height of a peak above the lowest contour that underlies it and no taller peak. The three peaks shown have prominence defined by the arrows. Note that although the middle peak may be very high, its prominence is simply the relative height of the peak above the saddle to its right. F) Two example ridgeline profiles with different scales of peak prominence. The parabolic ridge on the left has many peaks of small prominence, but only one peak that exceeds the prominence threshold indicated by the bar. The ridge on the right has lower mean elevation, but a higher number of prominent peaks, because of the low saddles. G) Illustration of measurement of third-shortest contributing divide. For the divide-junction circled, the path shown by dashed line would be measured as the third shortest divide. It is shorter than divides #1 and #2, but follows the primary divide leaving the junction as opposed to following a shorter secondary divide (e.g. #3) down to base level.

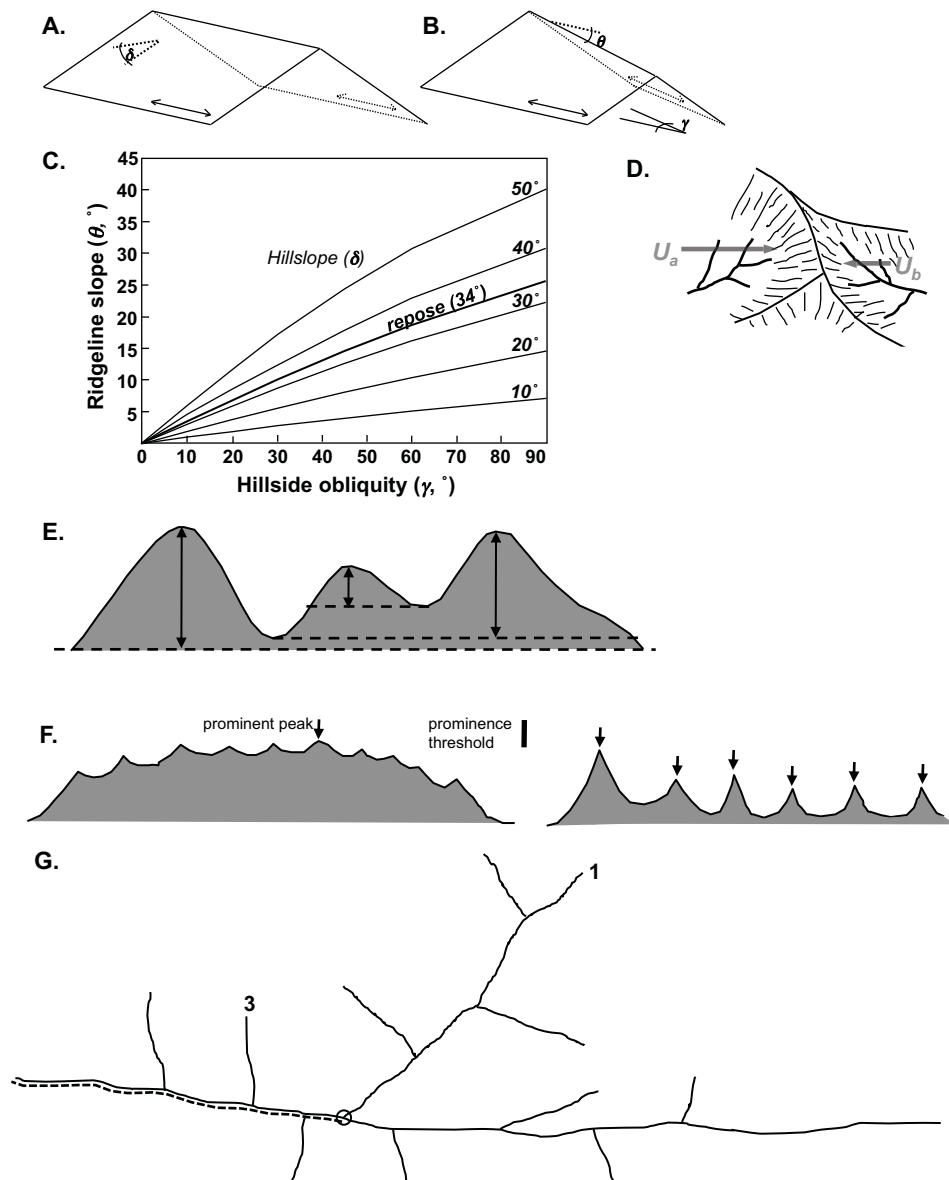


Figure DR-2

Additional example images of prominent pyramidal peaks that occur at the junction of major ridges. The first five are from glacial settings, whereas Baden Powell, Yushan, and Twin Peaks are fluvial. Scales and aspects of each image are variable, as noted. Images were captured from GoogleEarth. Numbers refer to the group and peak number in Table DR-I.

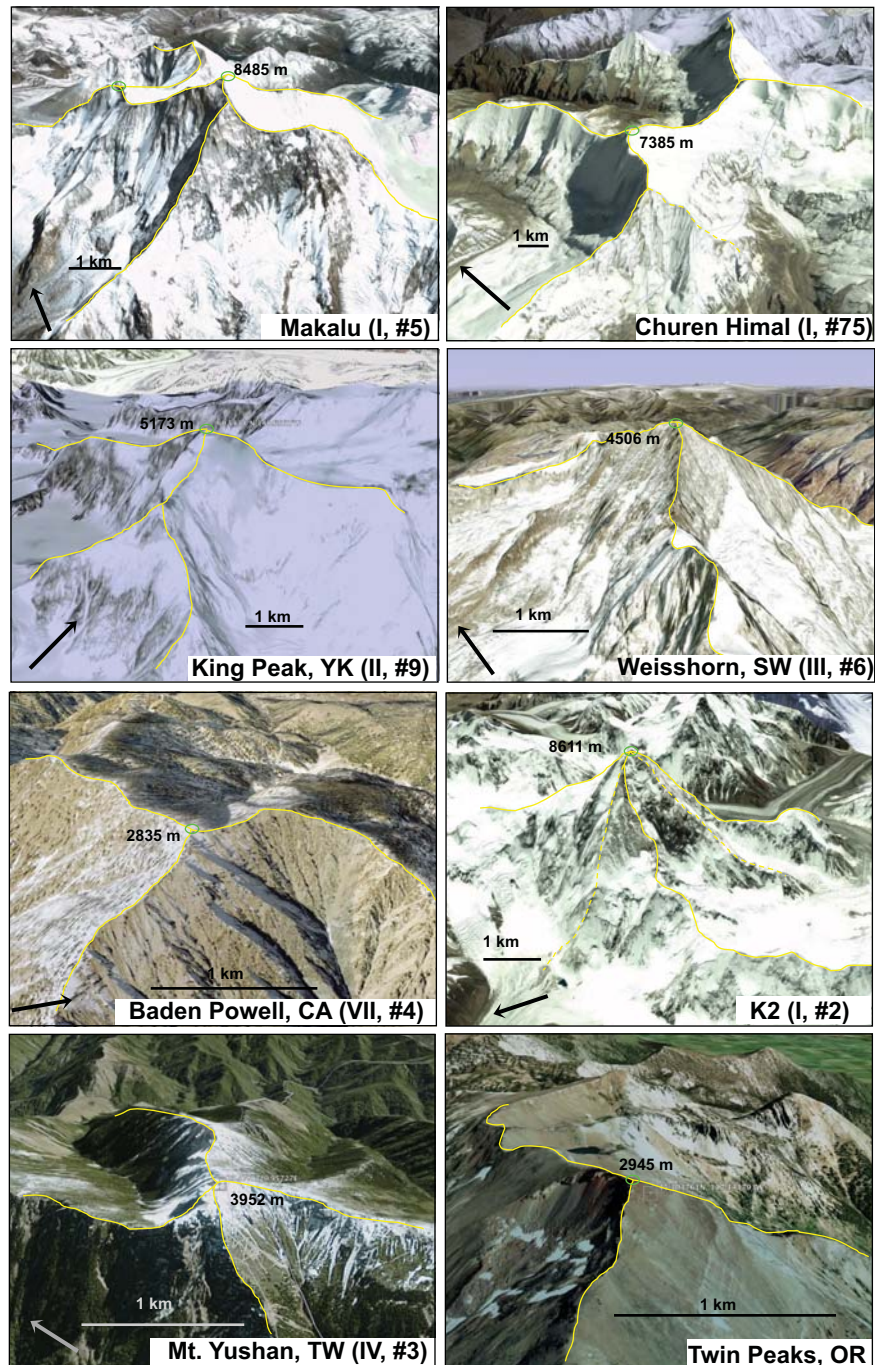


Figure DR-3

Examples of prominent peaks identified in the global survey (numbers provided referring to Table DR-1) that would not classify as divide-juncton. These are characteristic examples of ridge-only peaks. In some cases, it may appear that a third contributing ridge exists, but on close examination these divides do not come within 0.2 km of the peak itself. All examples are from the Himalaya: A) Broad Peak (Group I, #12), B) Teram Kangri (Group I, #59), C) Baintha Brakk (Group 1, #90), D) Muztagh Tower (Group I, #94) (see Table DR-1). Scale bar represents 1 km in all cases.

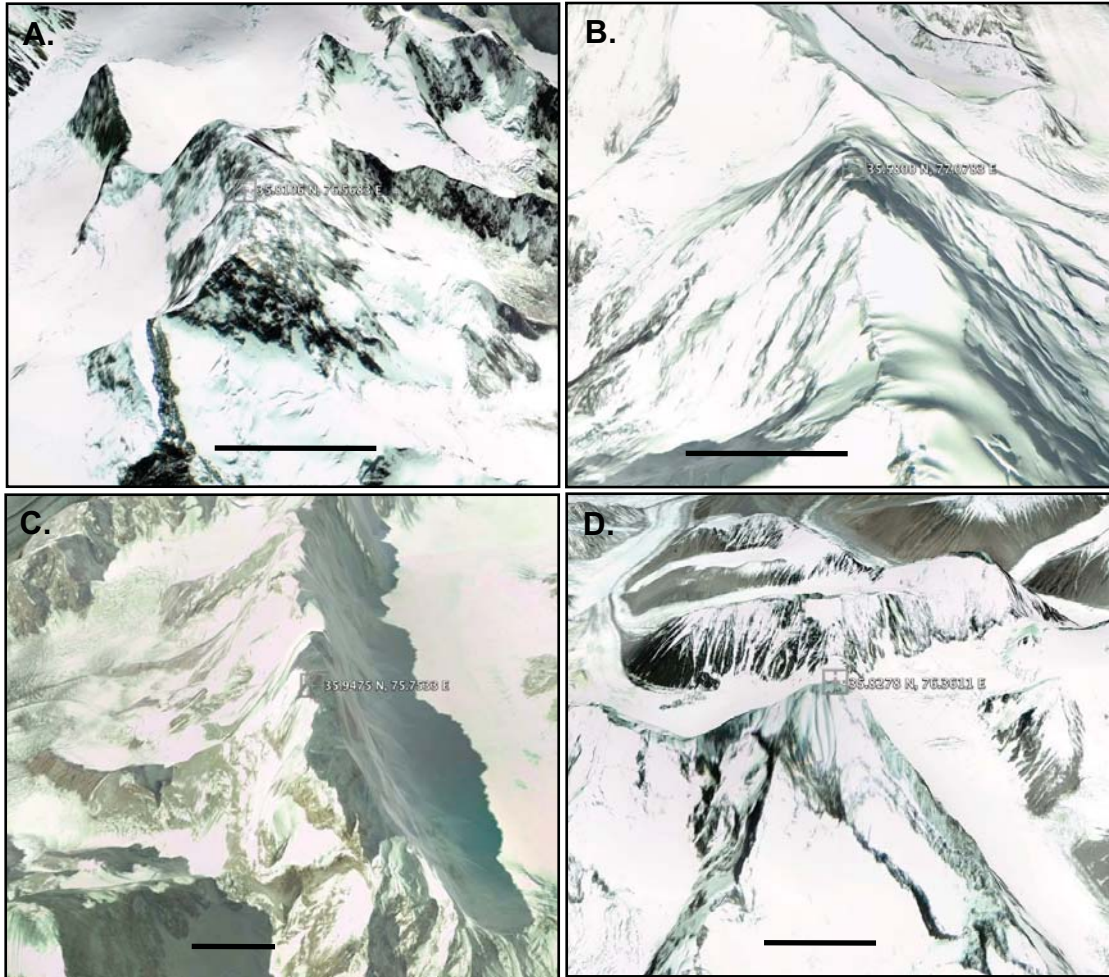


Figure DR-4a Summary of all 10 ridgeline maps in fluvial locations. Locations are indicated by coordinates of highest peak in each area (triangle). An asterisk indicates that the peak is not a divide-junction peak at the scale of these maps; that is, it does not co-locate with a third-shortest contributing divide that is >5 km long (note that this differs from the criteria used in Table 1, DR-1). North is vertical on all maps except Ecuador. The dashed lines enclosing the mapped areas are in some cases the boundary of a small ranges, but in others is arbitrary sampling of a larger area (normally following valleys). Red divides are profiles in Figure DR-5.

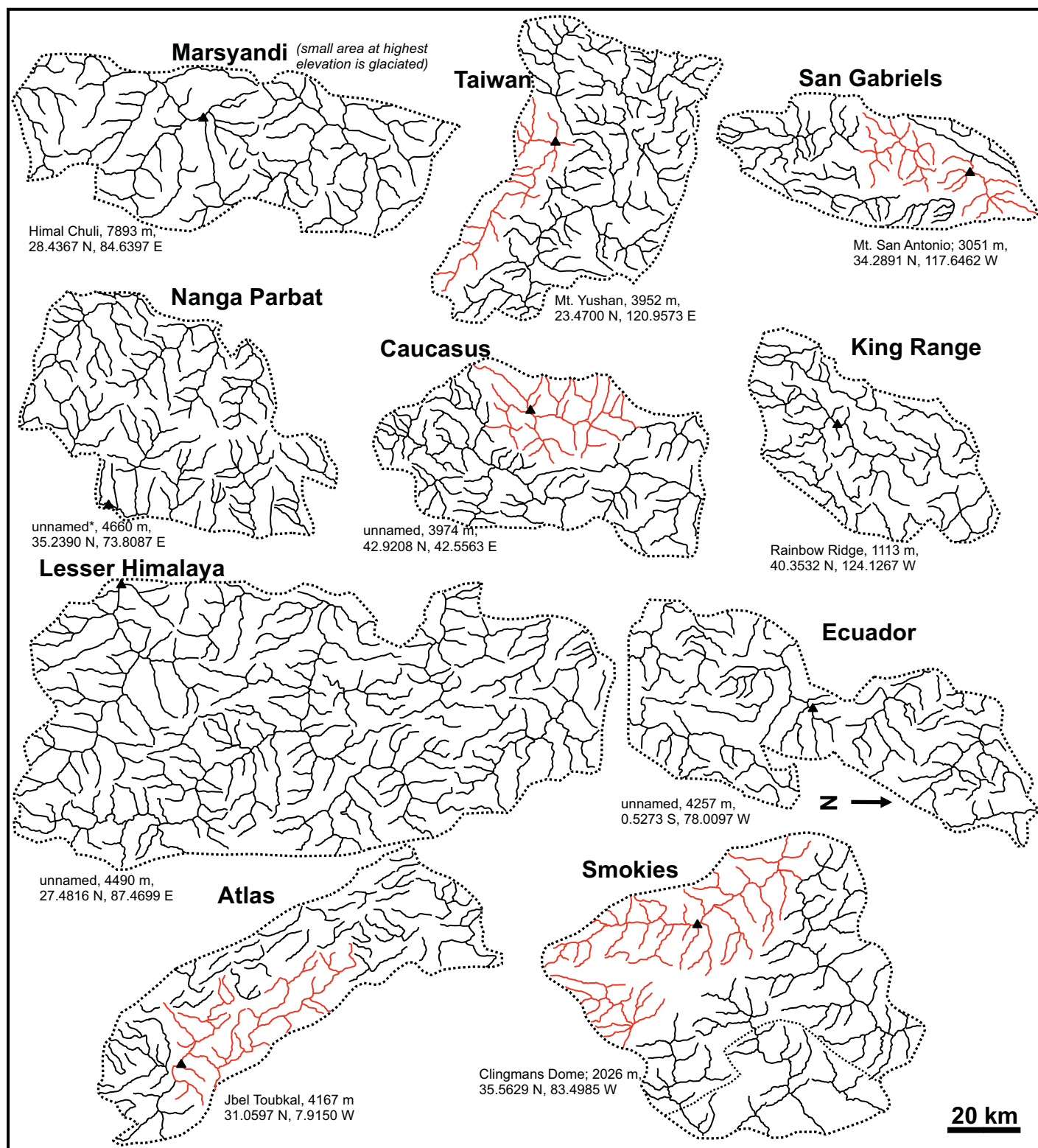


Figure DR-4b Summary of all 10 ridgeline maps in glacial locations.

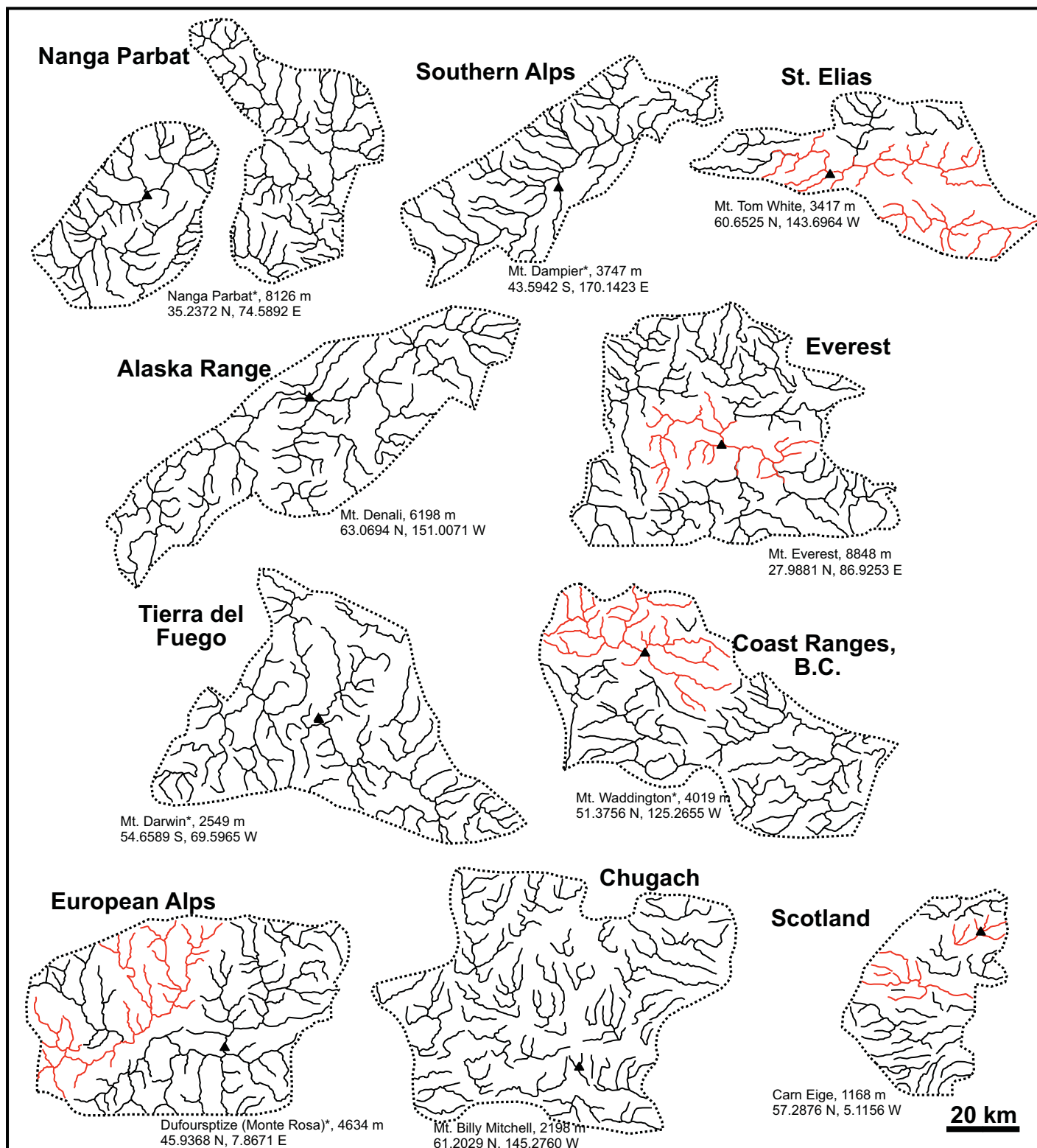
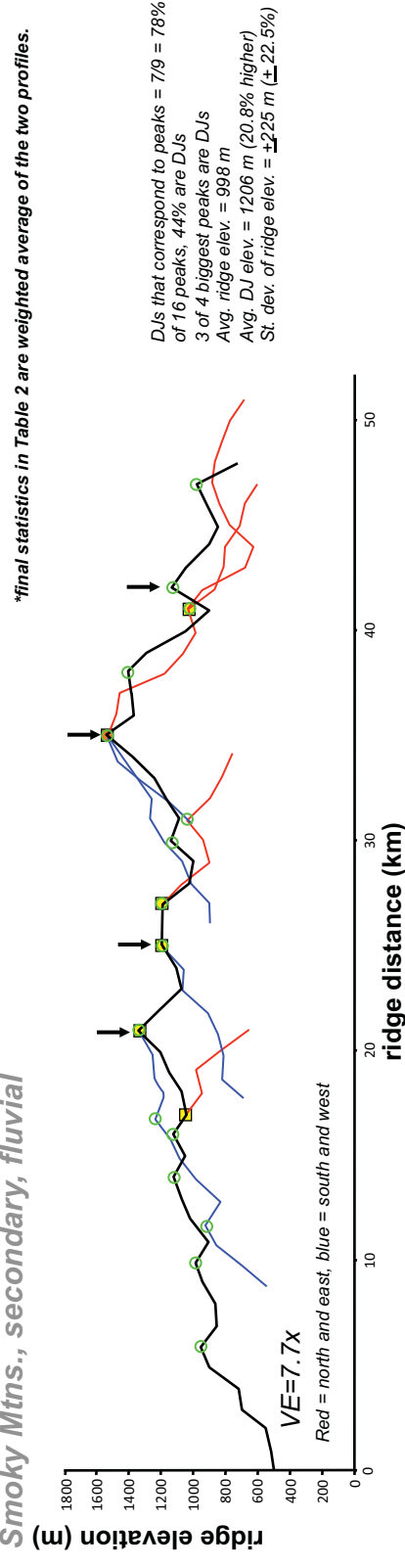


Figure DR-5

All ridgeline profiles constructed in this study. Profiles are exaggerated 7.7x and are from five fluvial and five glacial areas, as listed in Table 2. Note that these are not familiar swath or linear elevation profiles, but rather the elevation along the irregular line of mapped ridge. Secondary ridges that join the primary ridge from the flank are also plotted, color coded for direction from which they approach. The location of peaks and divide junctions (DJs) are indicated (green circle = peak; yellow box = triple junction; orange box = quadruple junction). Statistics are listed at the side and in Table 2. Arrows show the location of the four highest prominent peaks in each area.

Smoky Mtns., secondary, fluvial



Smoky Mtns., Clingmans Dome

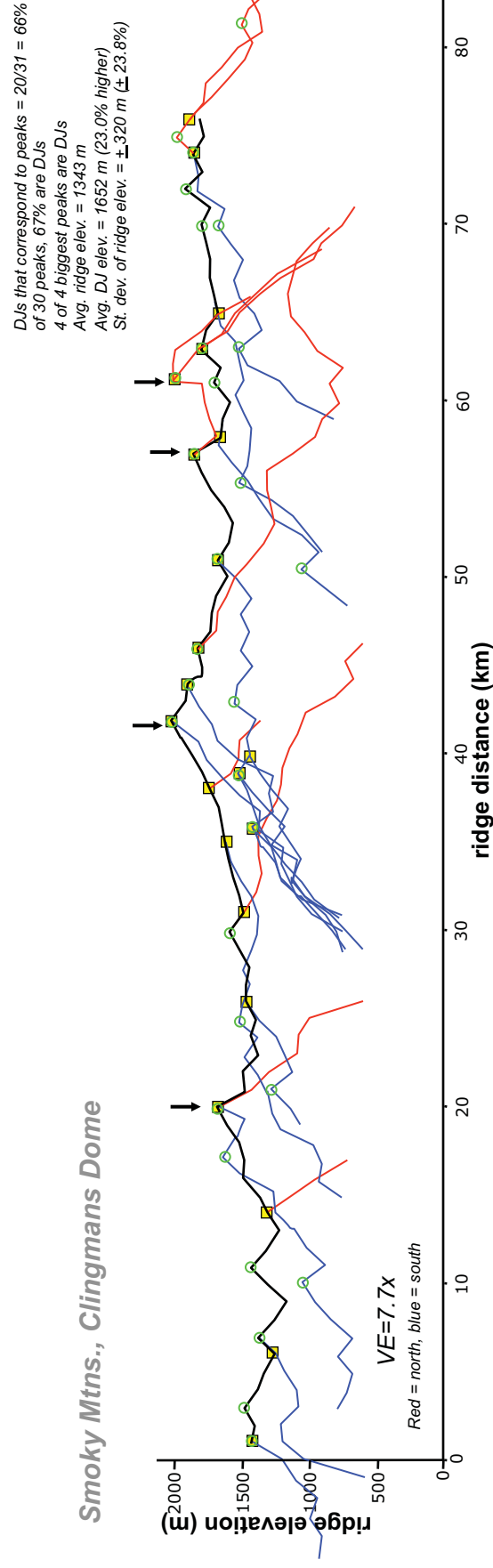


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**final statistics in Table 2 are weighted average of the two profiles.*

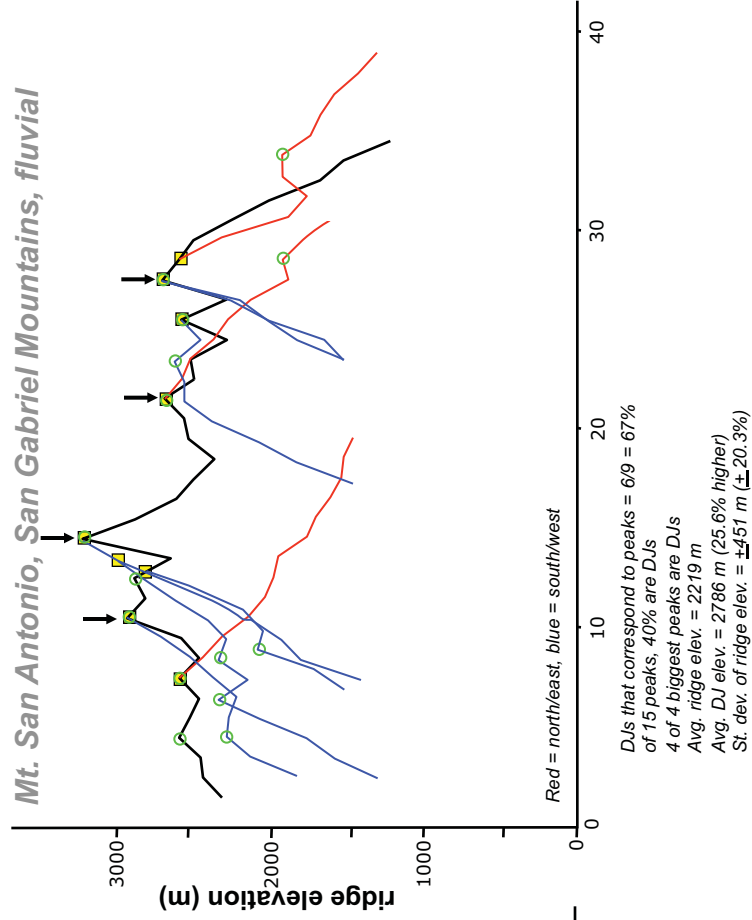
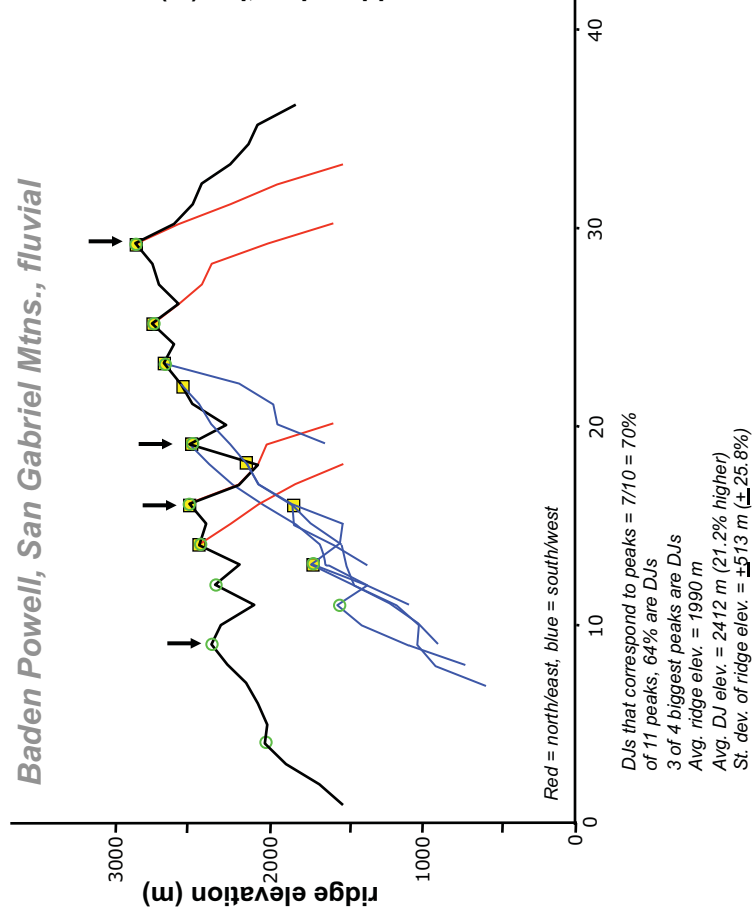


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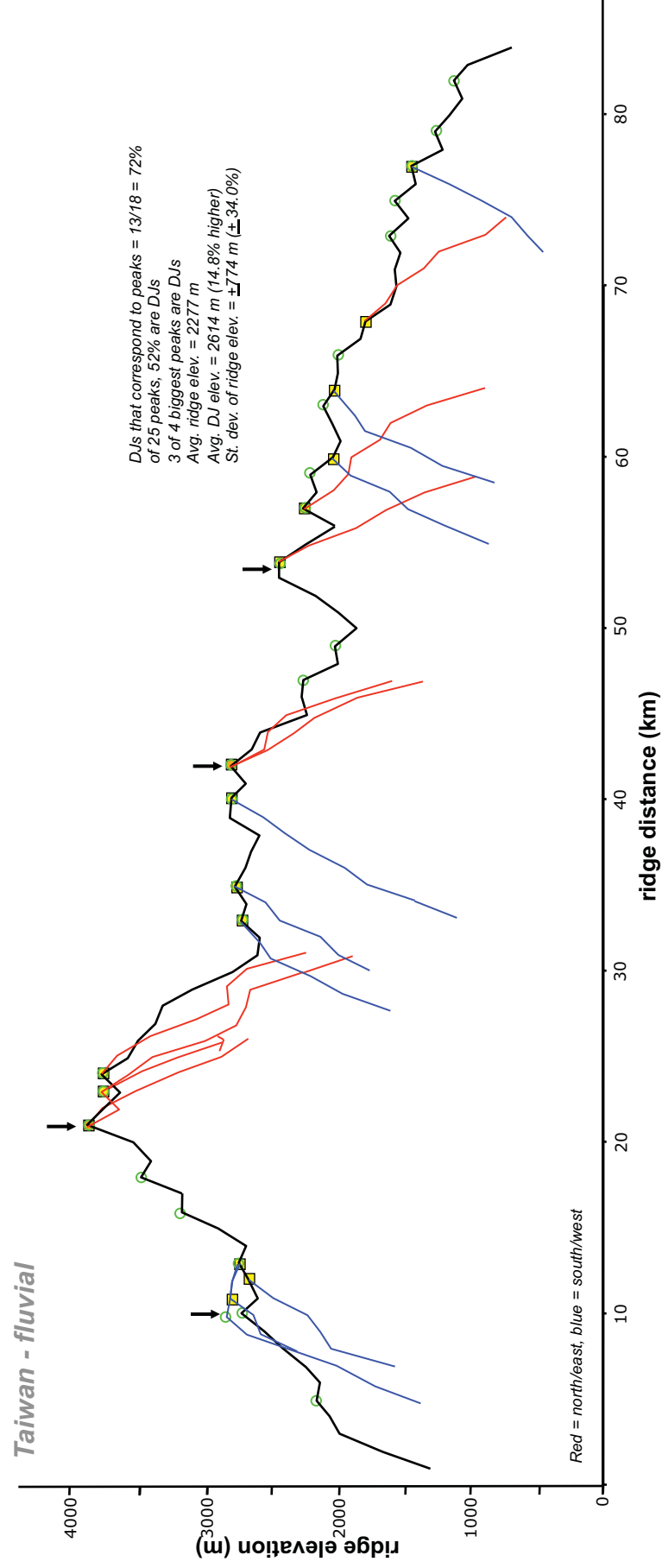


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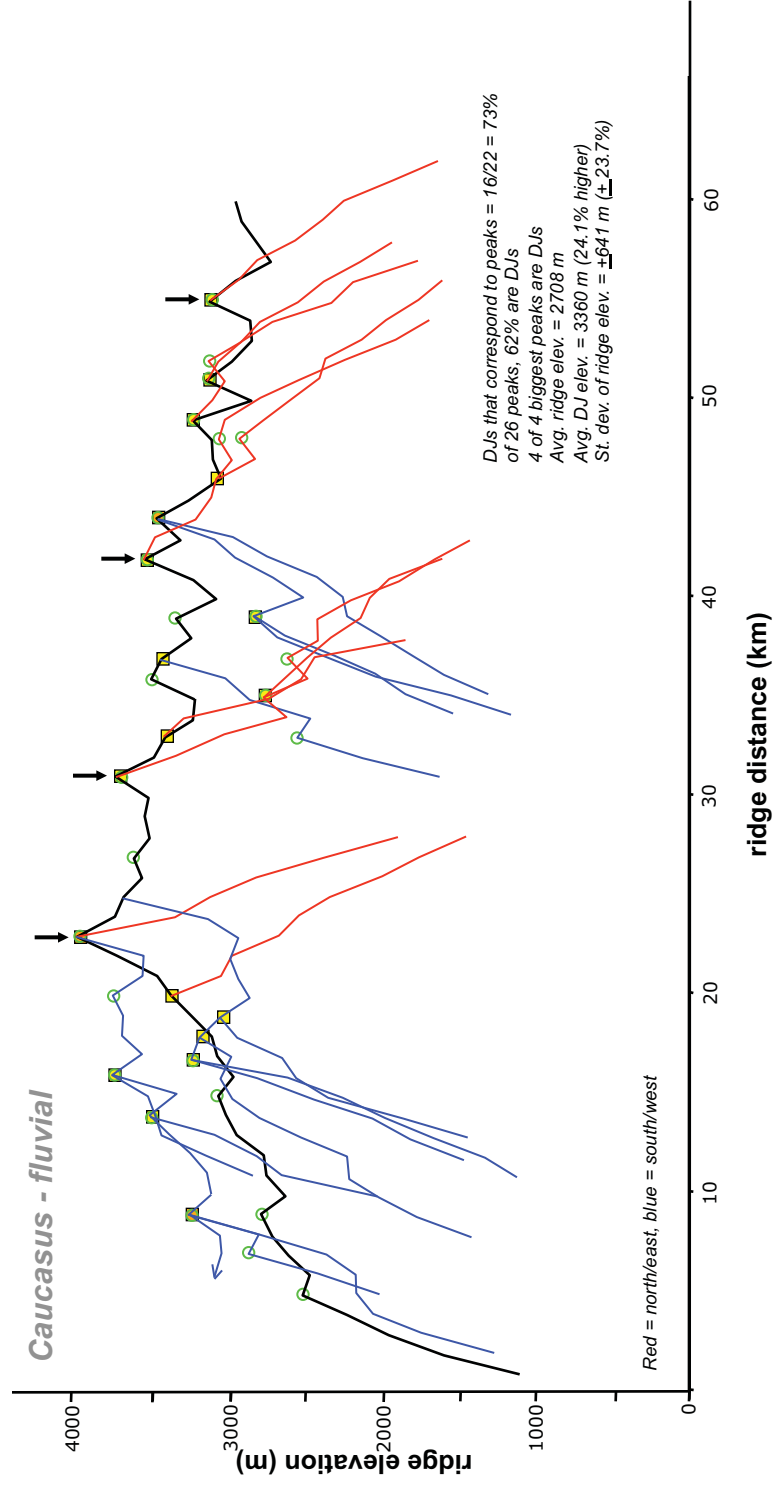


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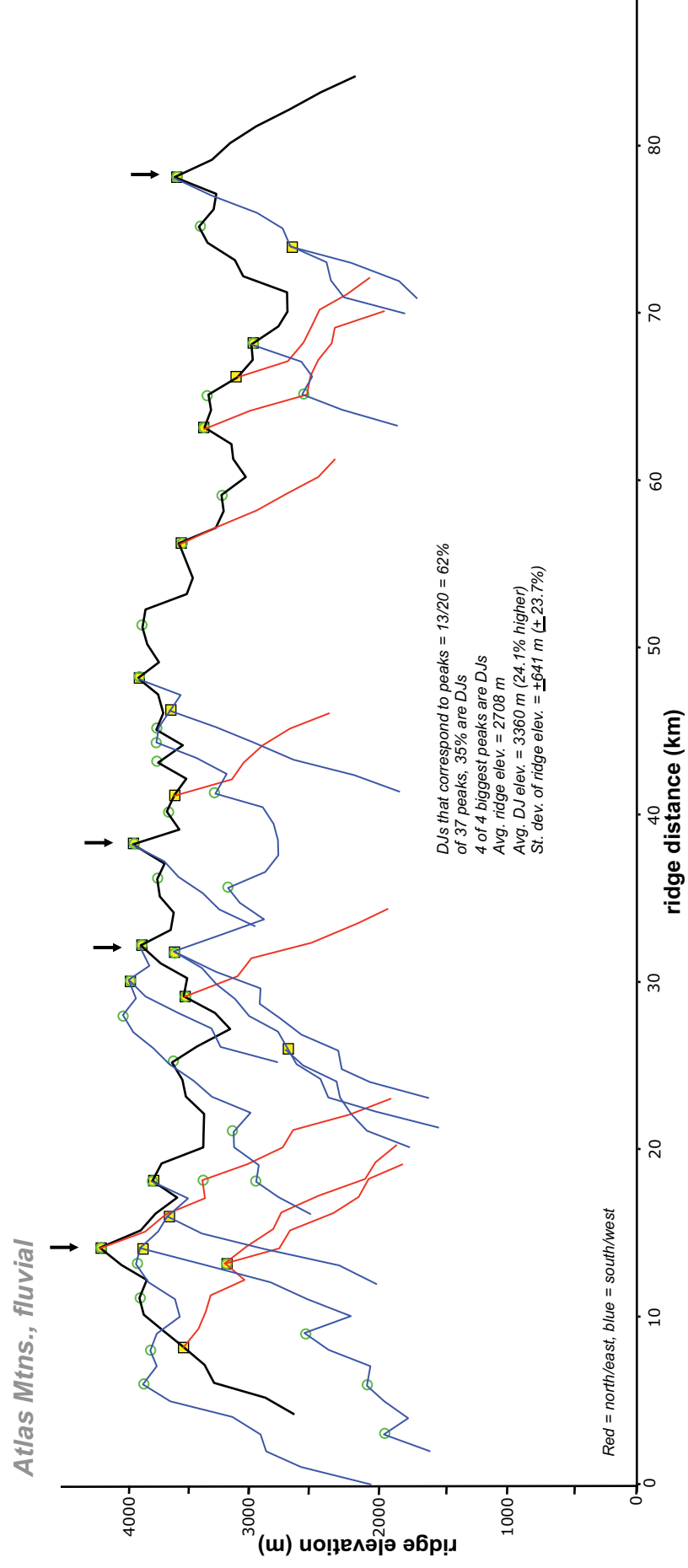


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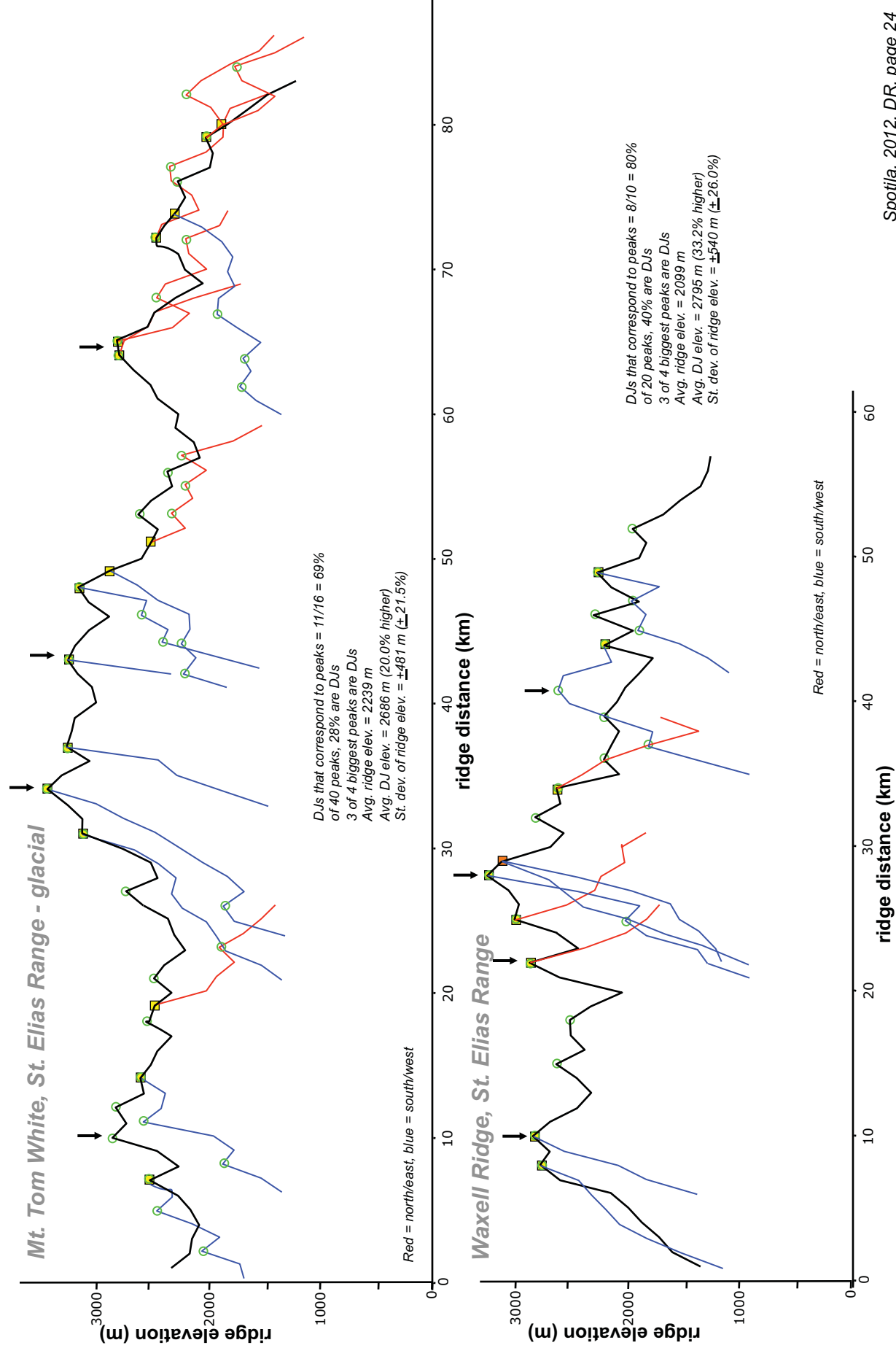


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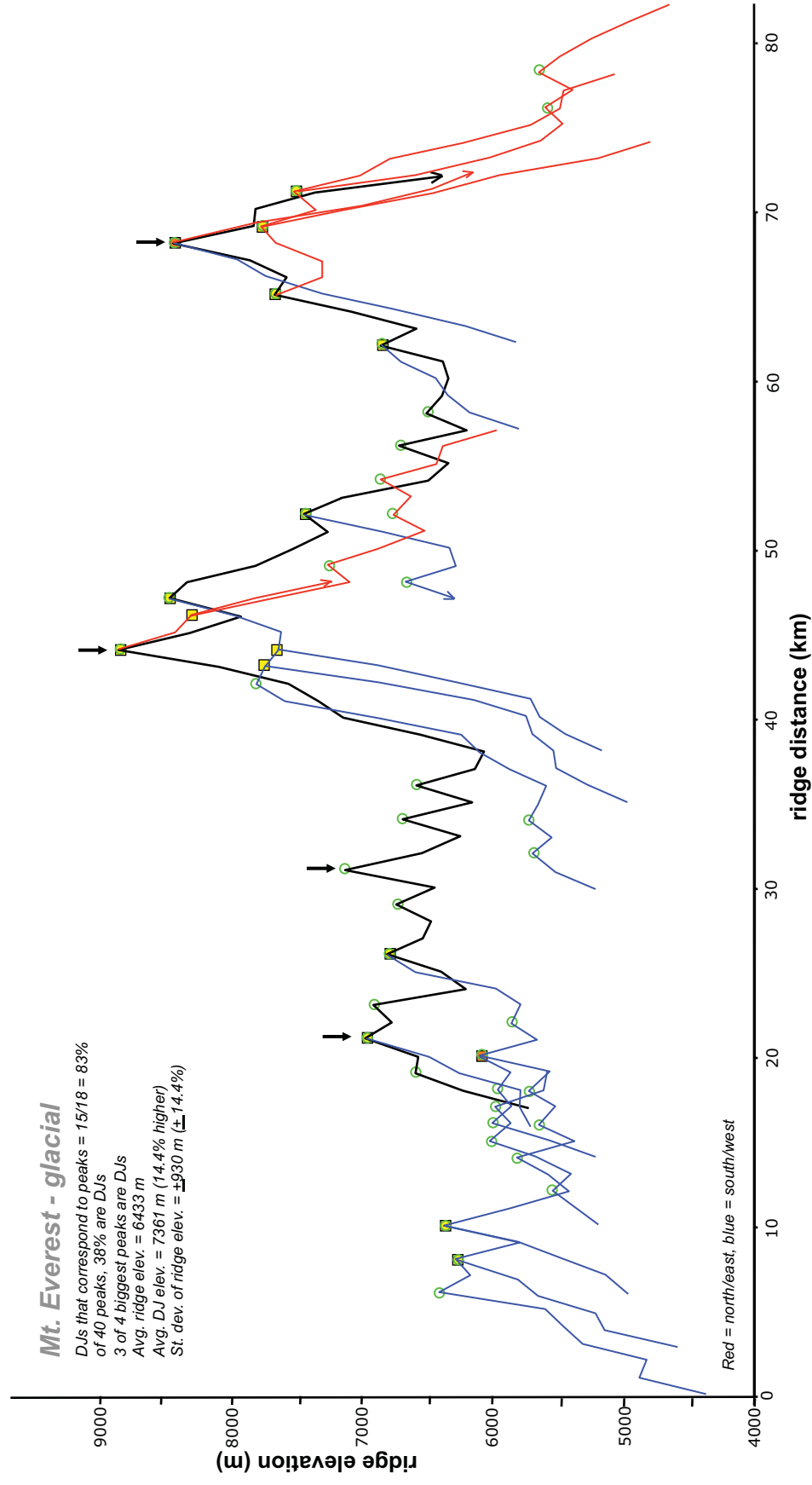
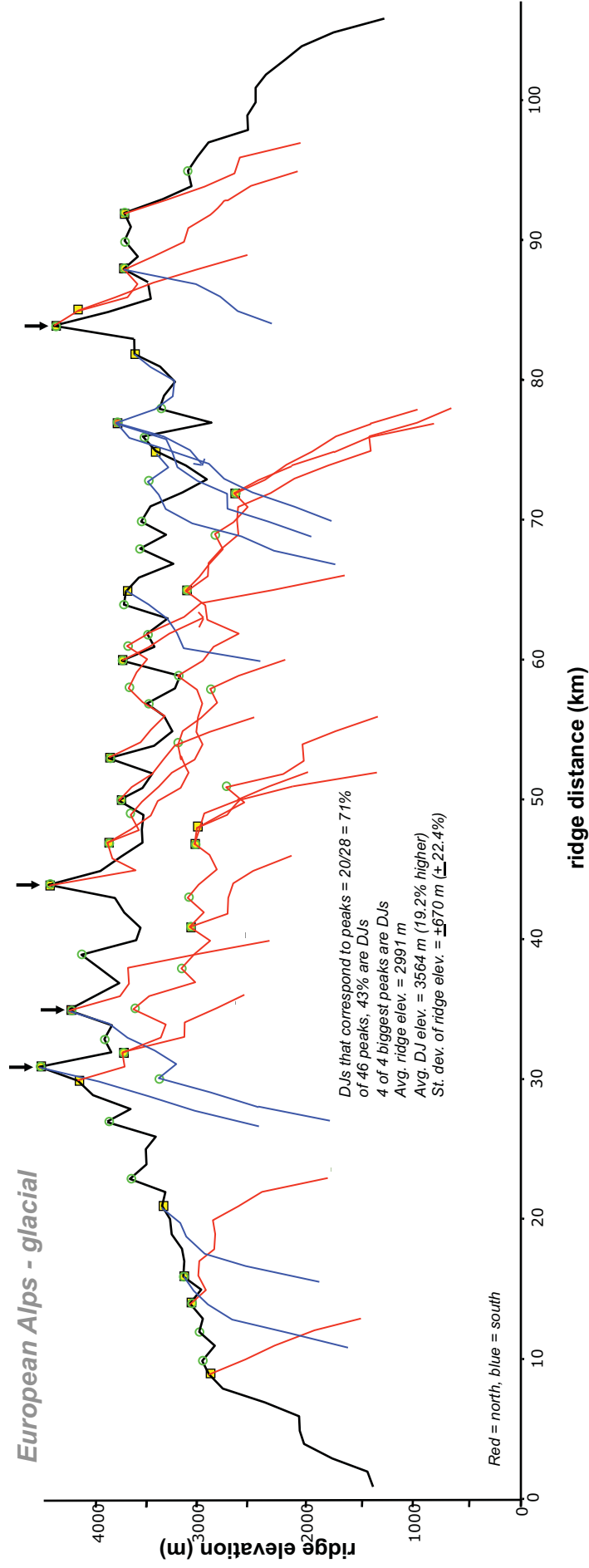


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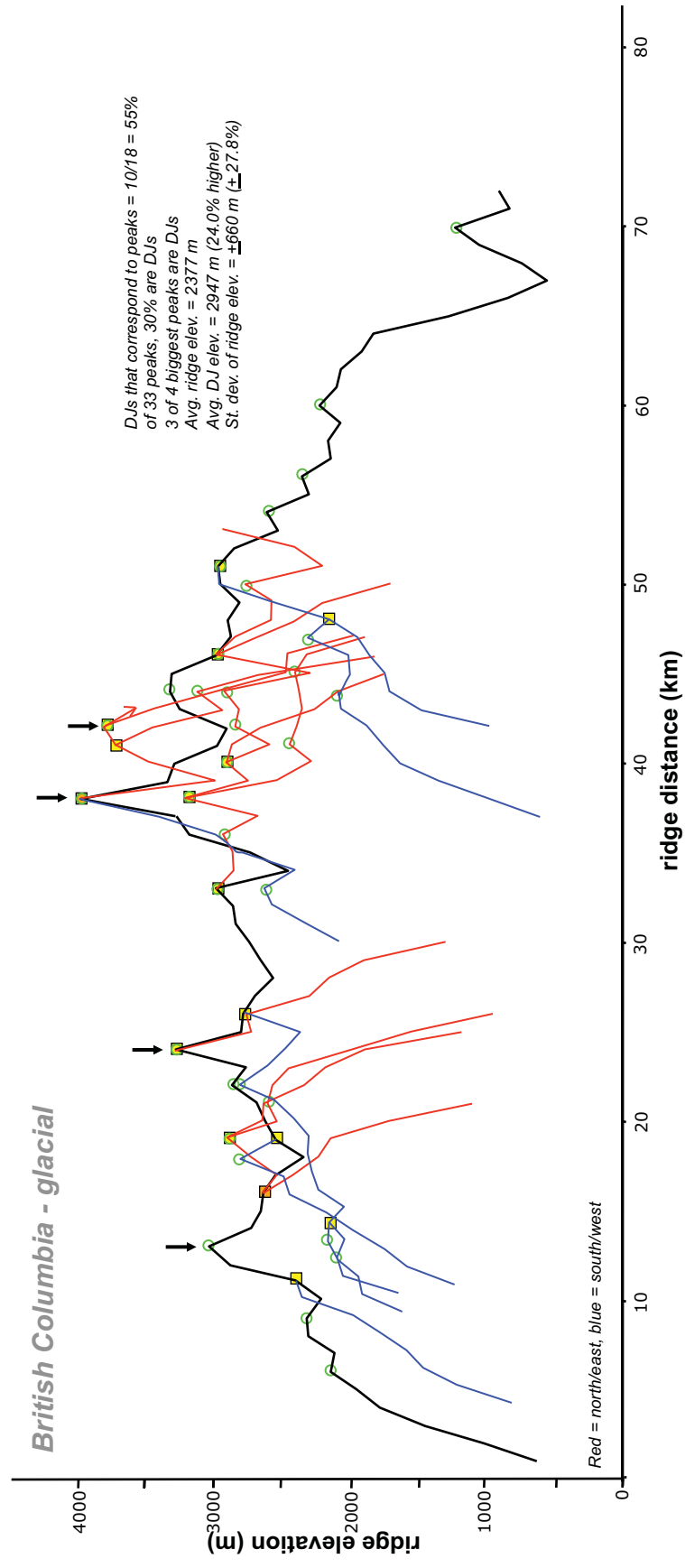


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