



1189.4 m above sea level

1700 m above sea level

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1
00:00:00,050 --> 00:00:04,050

The Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) will add the third dimension to our study of Earth.

2
00:00:08,120 --> 00:00:12,140

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3
00:00:16,210 --> 00:00:20,220

To do this, ICESat-2 will fly the most advanced laser altimeter NASA has ever launched.

4
00:00:20,240 --> 00:00:24,250

The laser fires 10,000 pulses of light a second.

5
00:00:24,270 --> 00:00:28,290

The instrument measures the time of flight of individual photons, down to Earth and back, within a billionth of a

6
00:00:32,340 --> 00:00:36,340

With this new technology, ICESat-2 will track annual ice sheet change to a fraction of a centimeter.