



These facets may be a future weak layer. They form when solar radiation heats upper layers of the snowpack, but the surface of the snowpack emits long wave radiation to a clear sky and remains cool resulting in a strong temperature gradient. Photo: YCSP

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