



Wind-drifted snow

on slope

Relevant

- ▶ Wind, amount, direction
- ▶ Snow properties beneath wind-drifted snow
- ▶ Age of wind-drifted snow

INITIALIZATION	Age of wind-drifted snow in days				
		> 2, warm		< 1, cold	
FRACTURE PROPAGATION	Old snow surface				
		hard		soft	
VARIABILITY	Wind-drifted snow amount (cm)				
	Propagation likely?	< 10	10–20	20–40	≥ 40
VARIABILITY	Distribution?				
	Is the wind-drifted snow widely distributed?	small-scale		extensive	
VARIABILITY	Is wind-drifted snow visible?				
	Visibility / Covered by new snow?				

Often near ridgelines, rather localized, remote triggering uncommon, typical skier-triggered avalanche