

Combination on Normal Equation Level of monthly GRACE GPS- and SWARM gravity fields

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Motivation

- The EGSiEM combination service provides monthly GRACE K-band gravity fields combined on Normal Equation (NEQ) Level.
- To ensure consistency, a set of common standards for reference frame, Earth rotation, force model and satellite geometry were defined.
- EGSiEM lately was extended to also include SLR and GPS-only NEQs.
- GRACE (GPS) + SWARM serves for demonstration.

EGSIEM Standards

- Reference frame: reprocessed GPS-constellations and high-rate clock corrections.
- Earth rotation: IERS 2010
- Force model:
 - relativistic corrections (Schwarzschild, Lense-Thirring, de Sitter)
 - Sun and all planets as point masses
- Satellite geometry: common antenna reference points

Force Model and Processing Strategy

- Not fixed, but for this study consistent (Celestial Mechanics Approach of AIUB):
 - AIUB-GRACE-03S (static part only) up to degree 90
 - EOT11A up to degree 100, including admittances
 - AOD1B-RL05 up to degree 100
 - Earth and pole tides according to IERS 2010
 - constrained stochastic accelerations every 15 minutes in radial (R), along-track (S), cross-track (W)
 - daily constant accelerations in R, S, W
 - 1/rev-accelerations in R, S, W (GRACE only).

Relative weighting

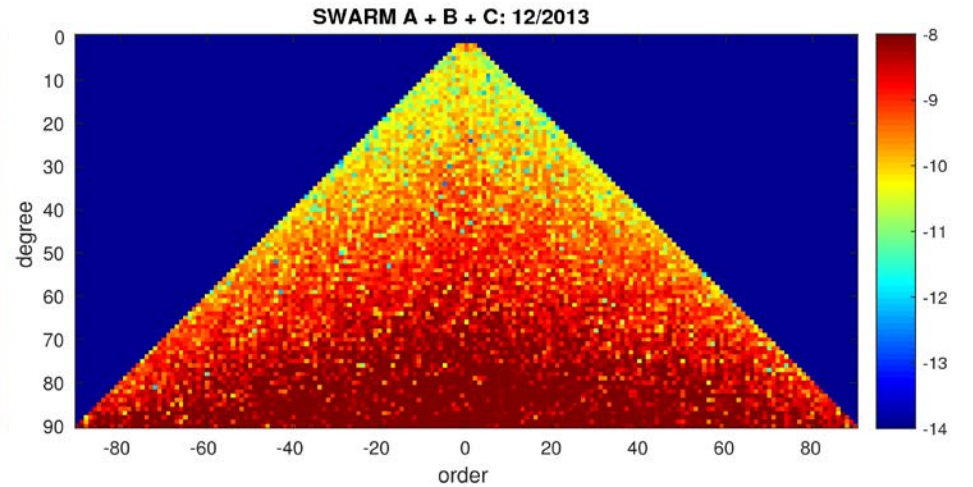
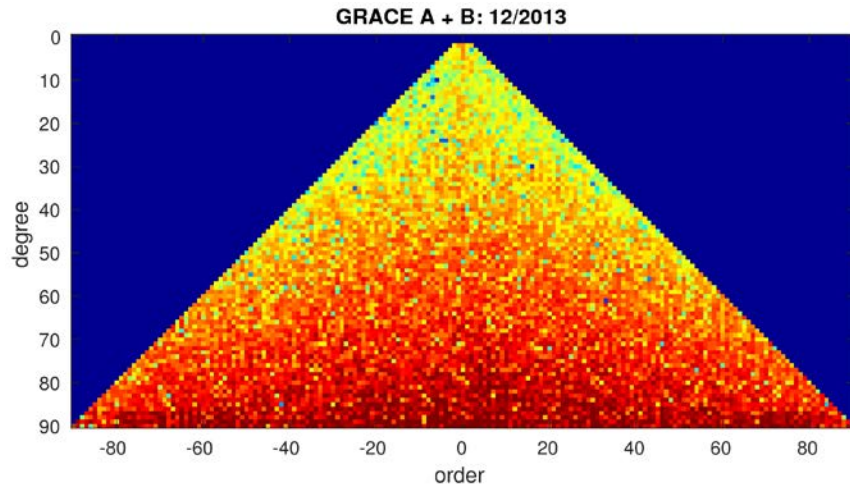
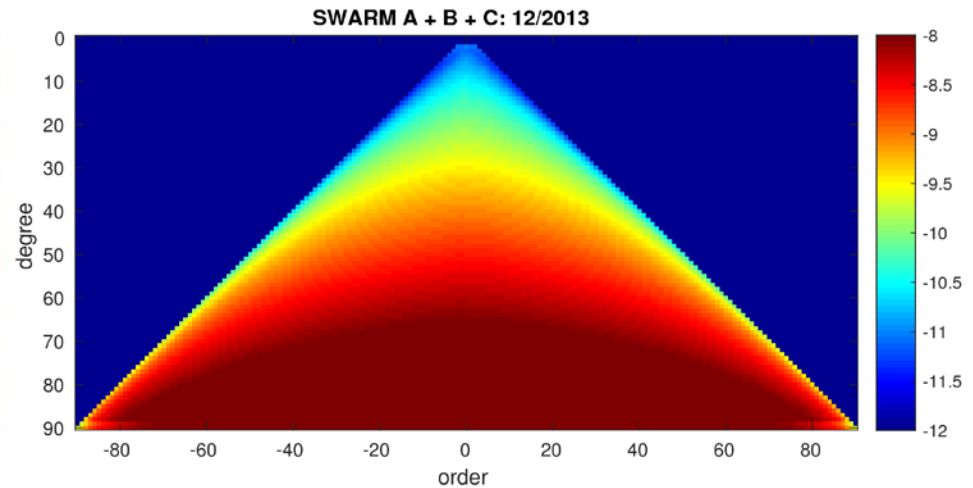
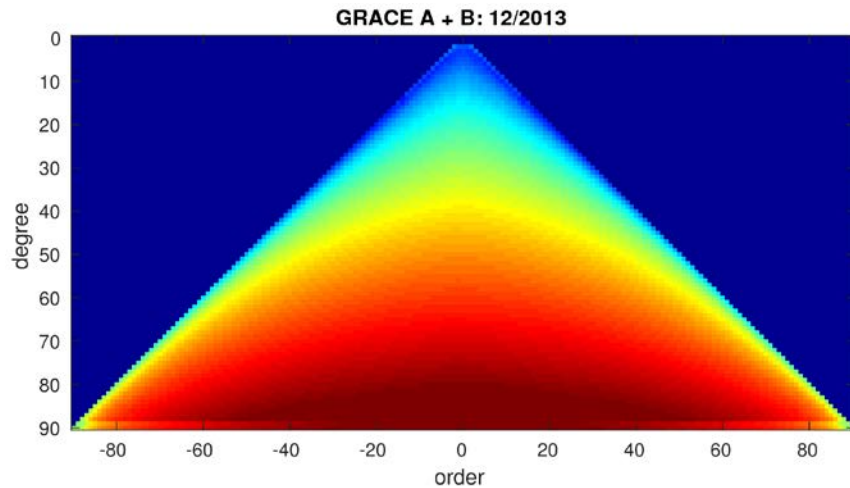
- For this study all satellites were processed using the same observation type:
 - kinematic positions (10s-sampling)
 - same type of noise model:
 - observations are considered as uncorrelated in time
 - constrained stochastic accelerations absorb model deficiencies
- ⇒ Generally easy to combine
- ⇒ But: different sampling rate of SWARM (1s from July 2014 on) leads to over-weighting of SWARM.

Variance factors for relative weighting:

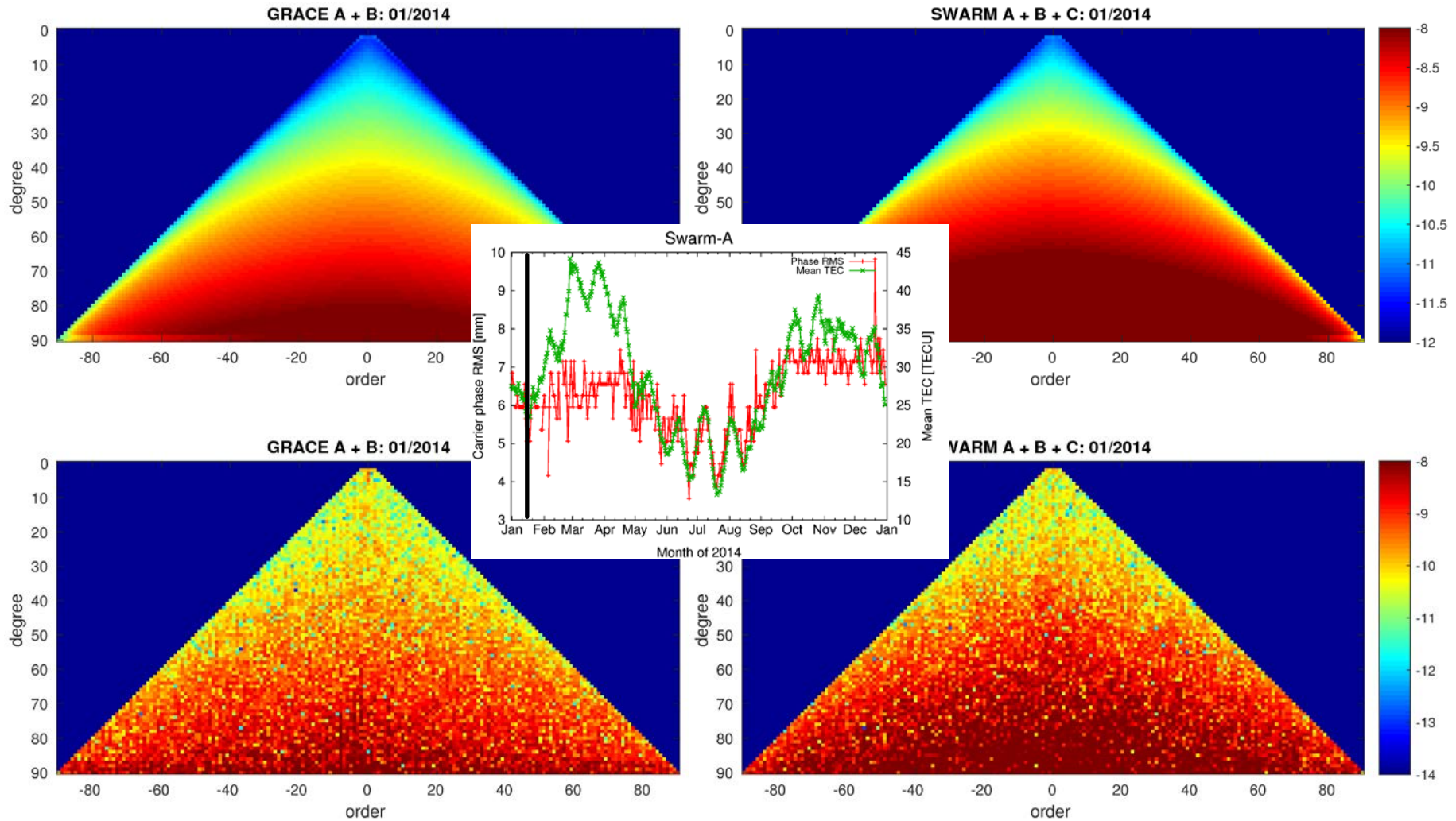
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$S_0 = 0.001 \text{ m}$; DOF = Degree Of Freedom

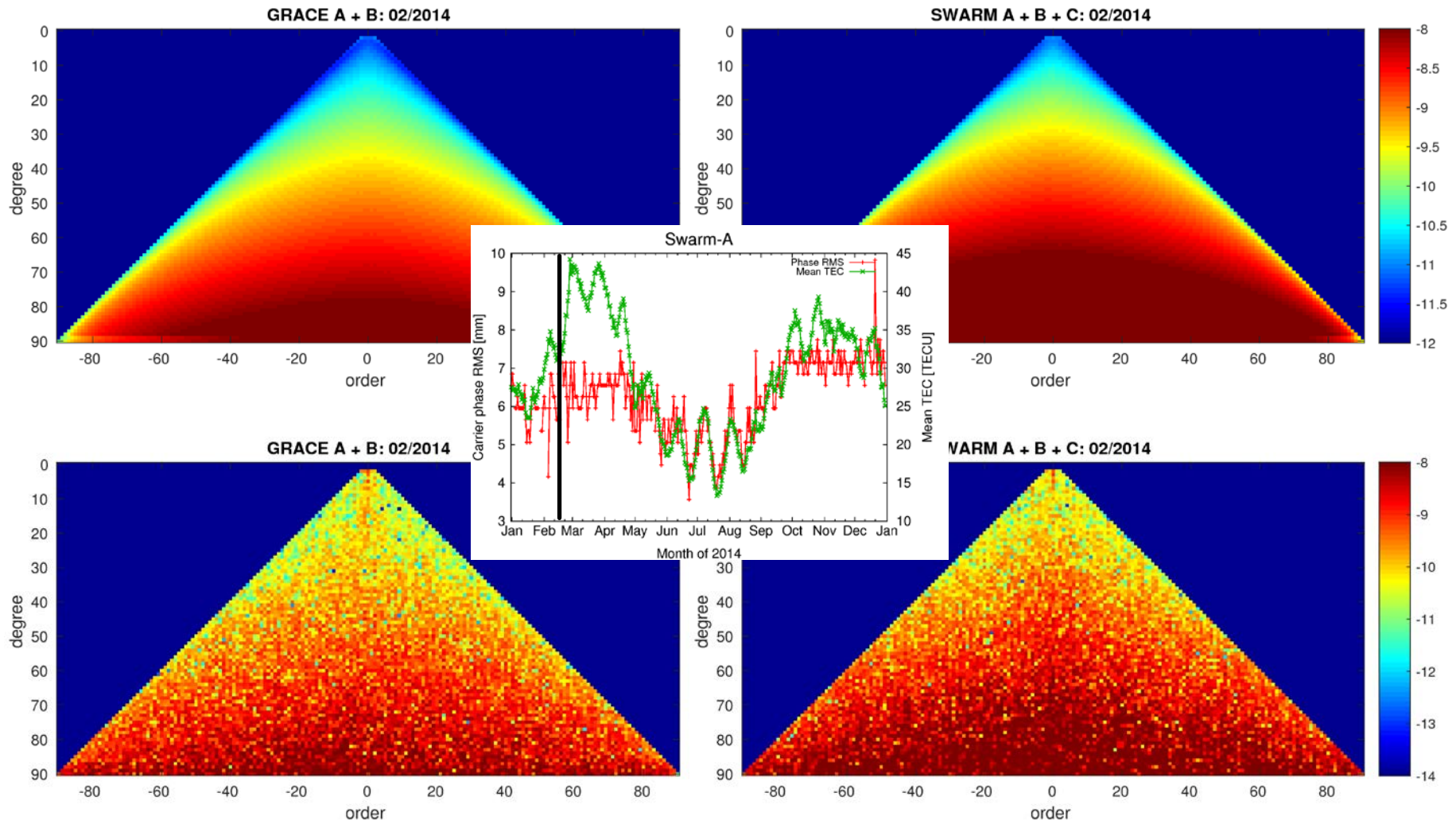
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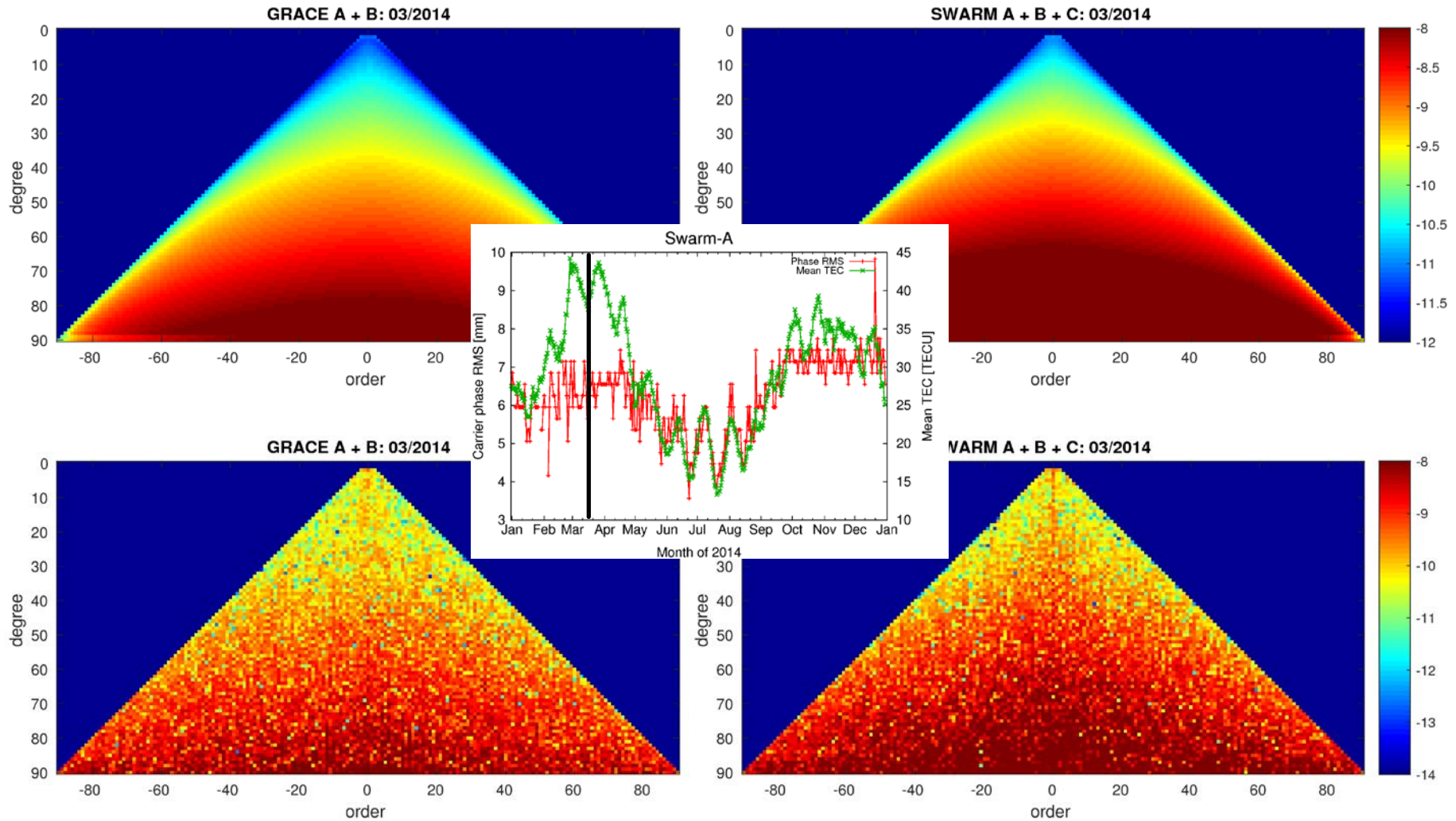
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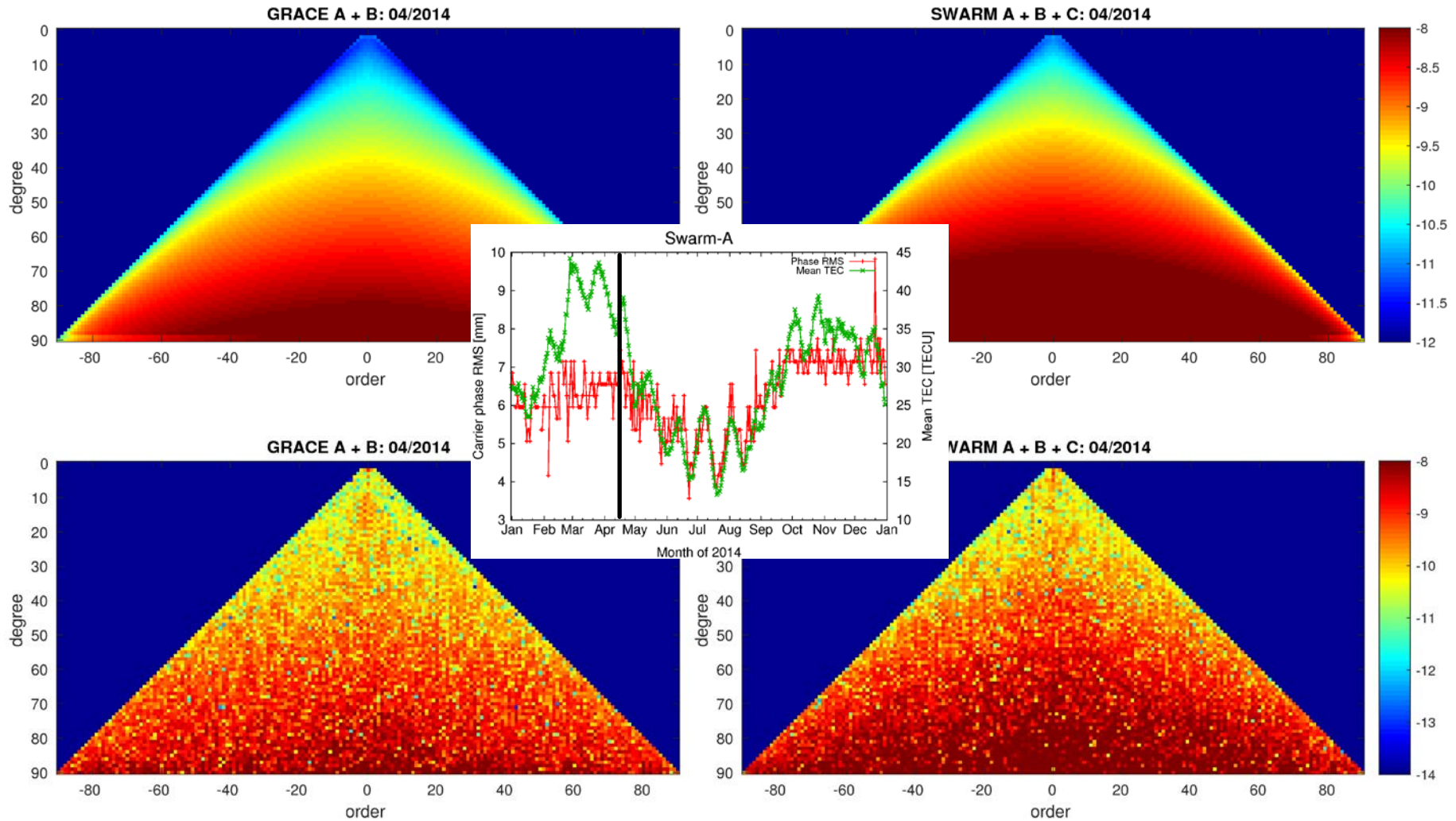
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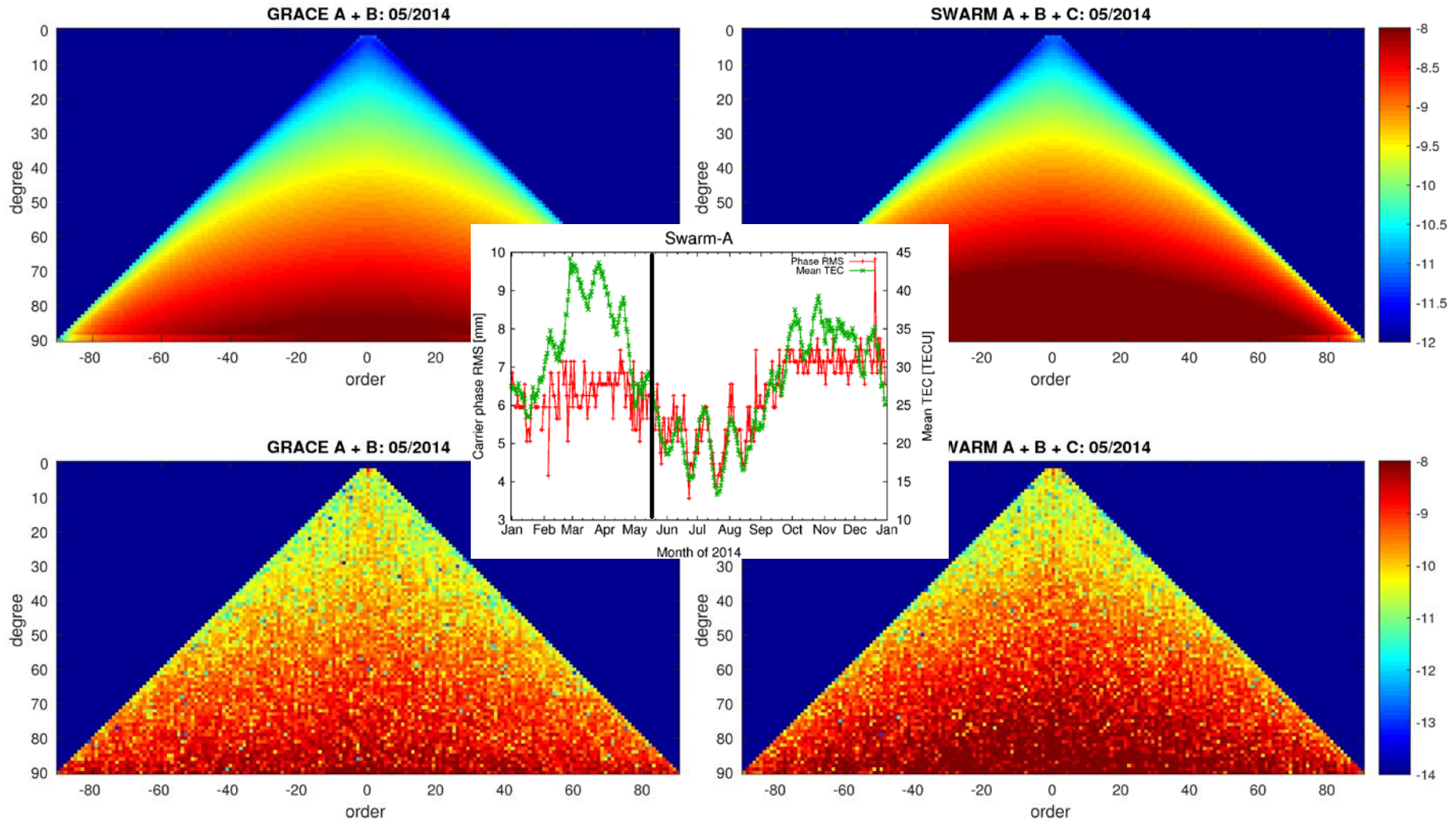
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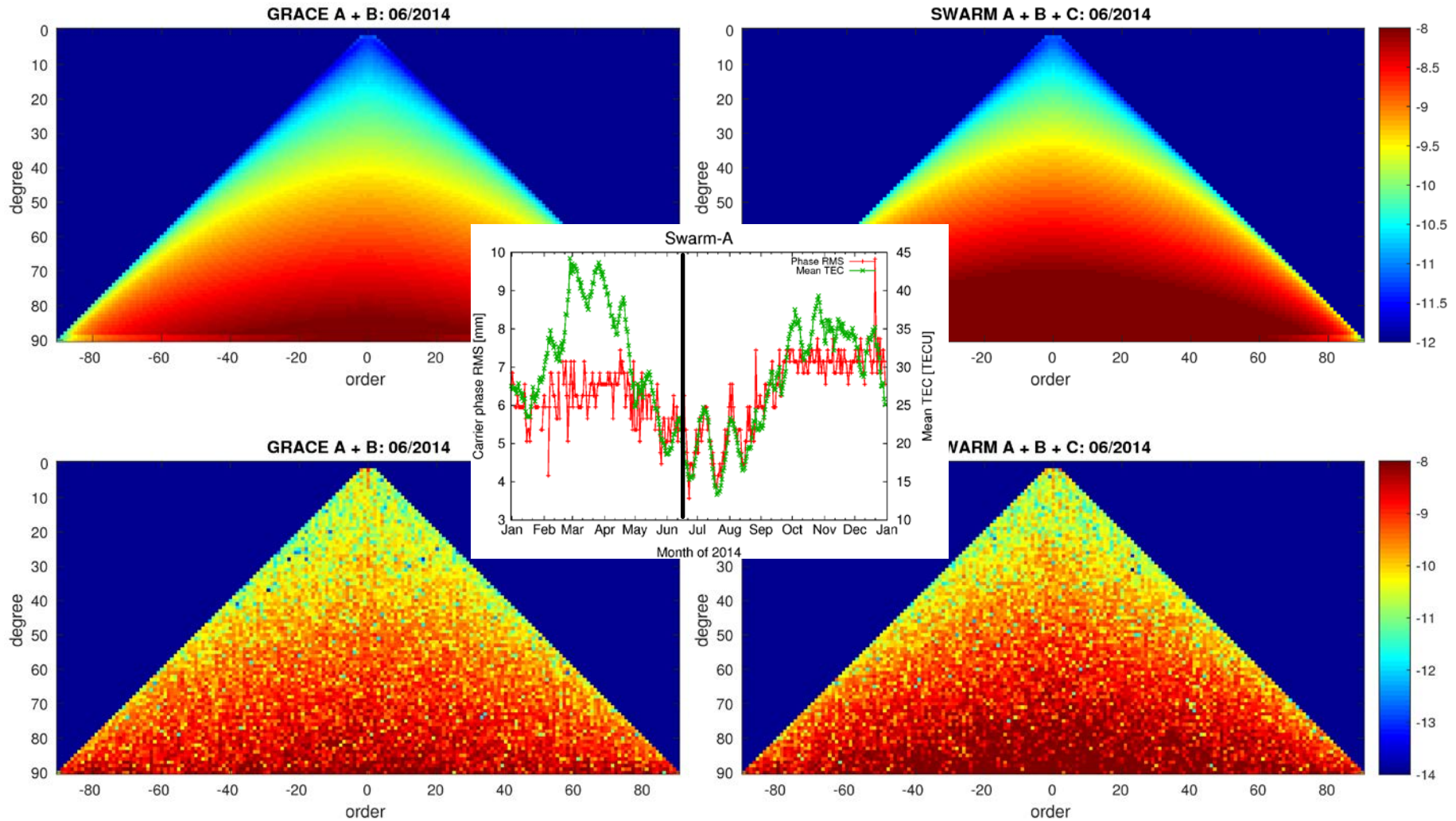
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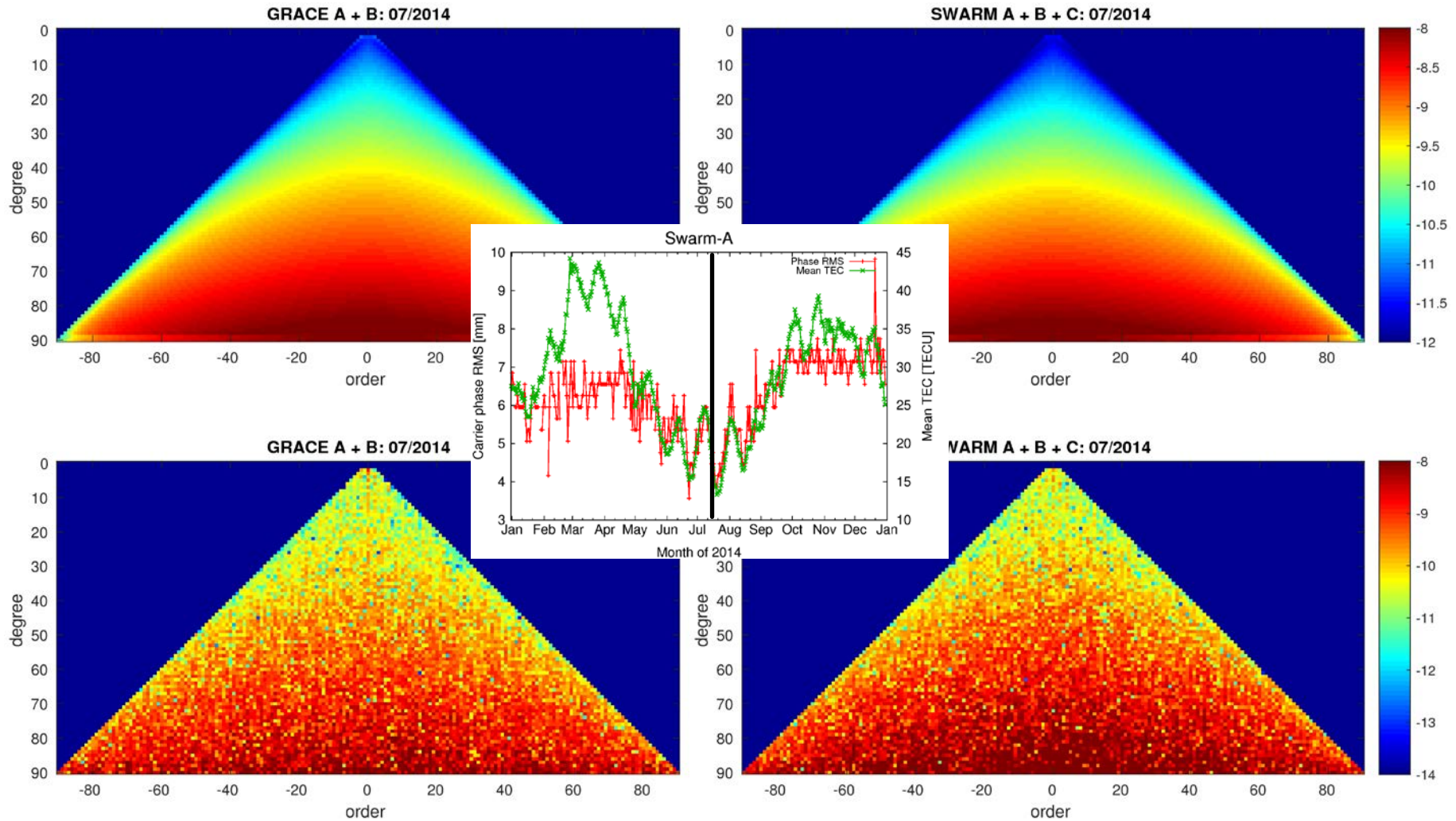
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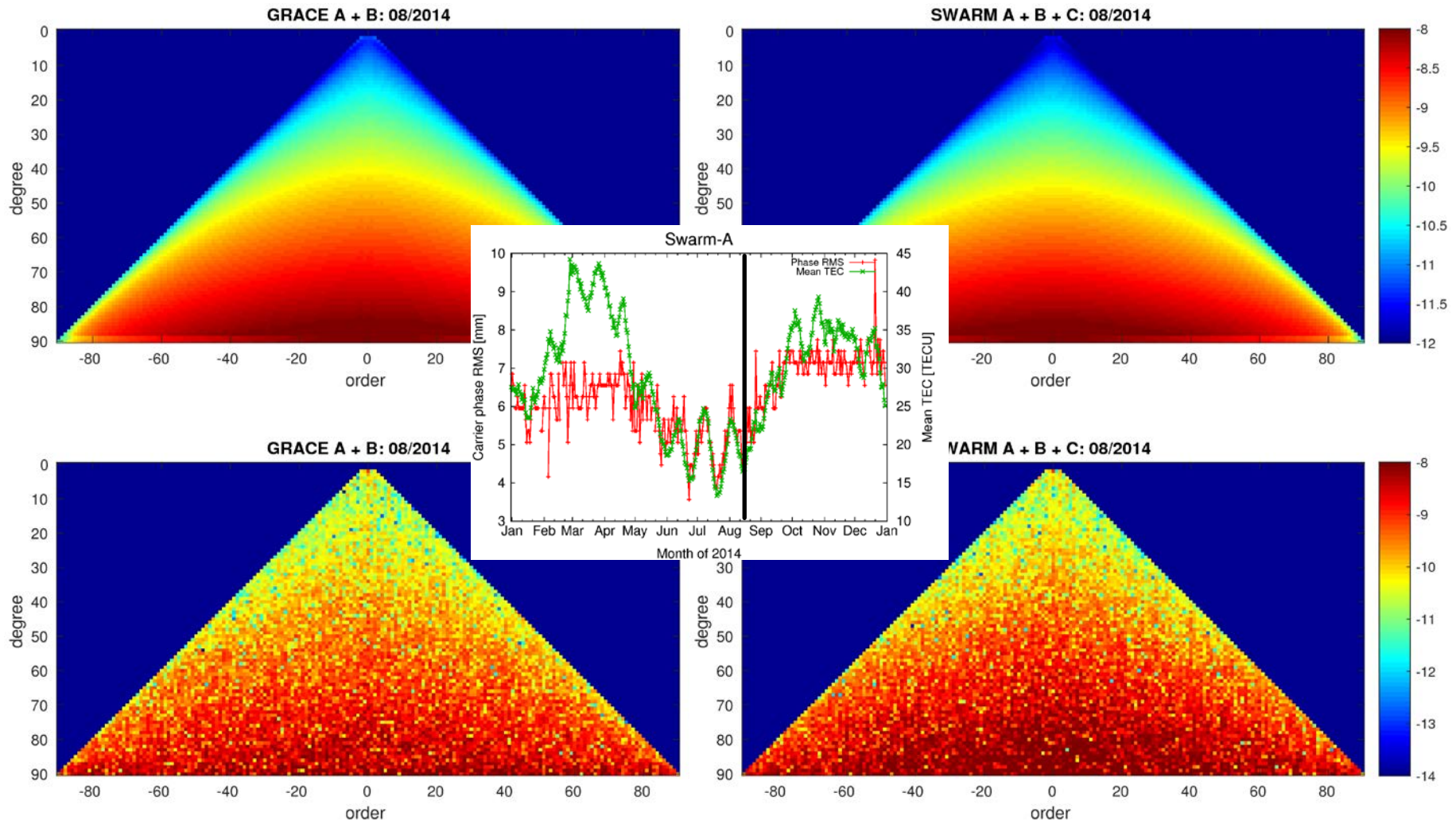
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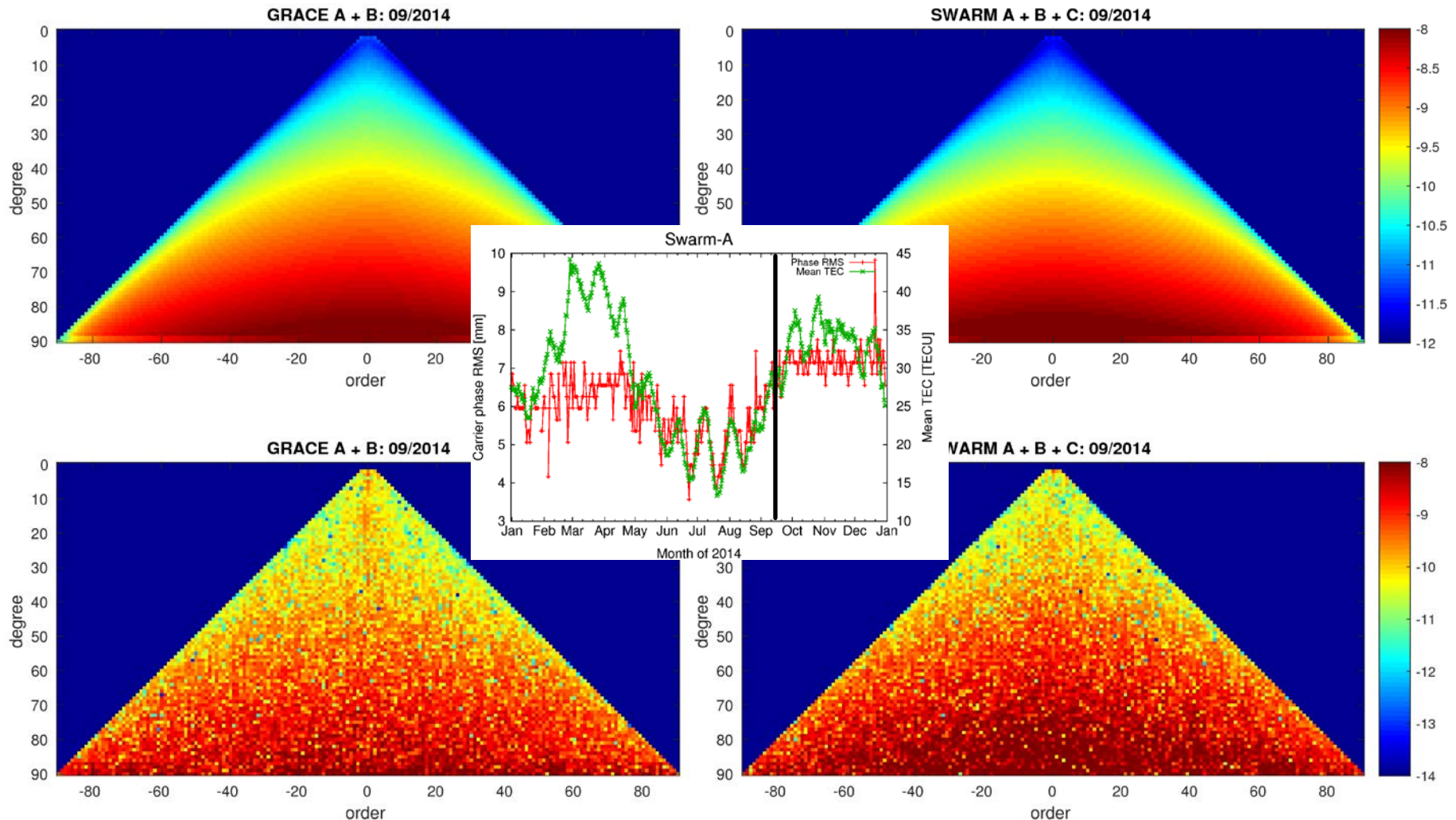
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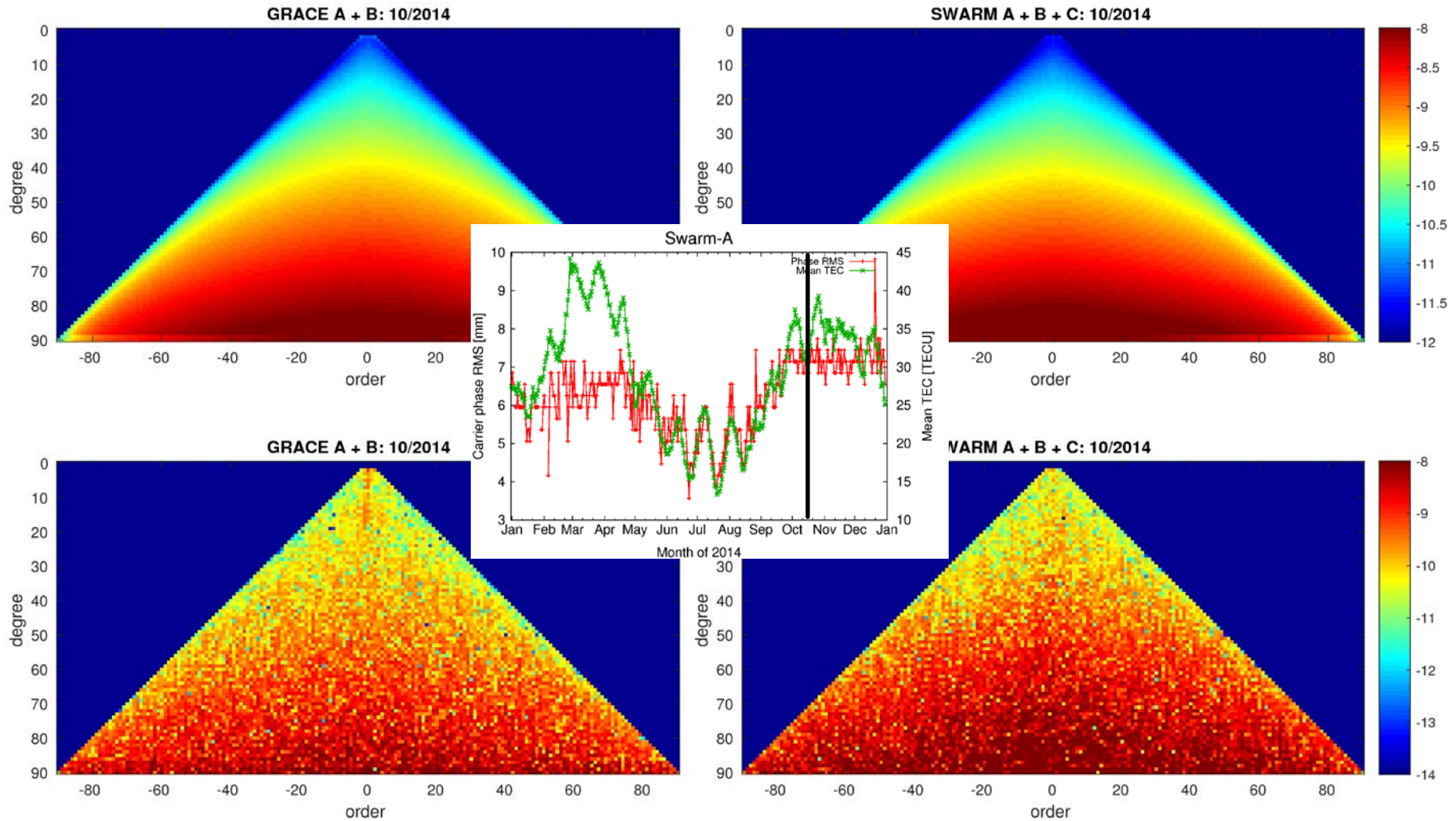
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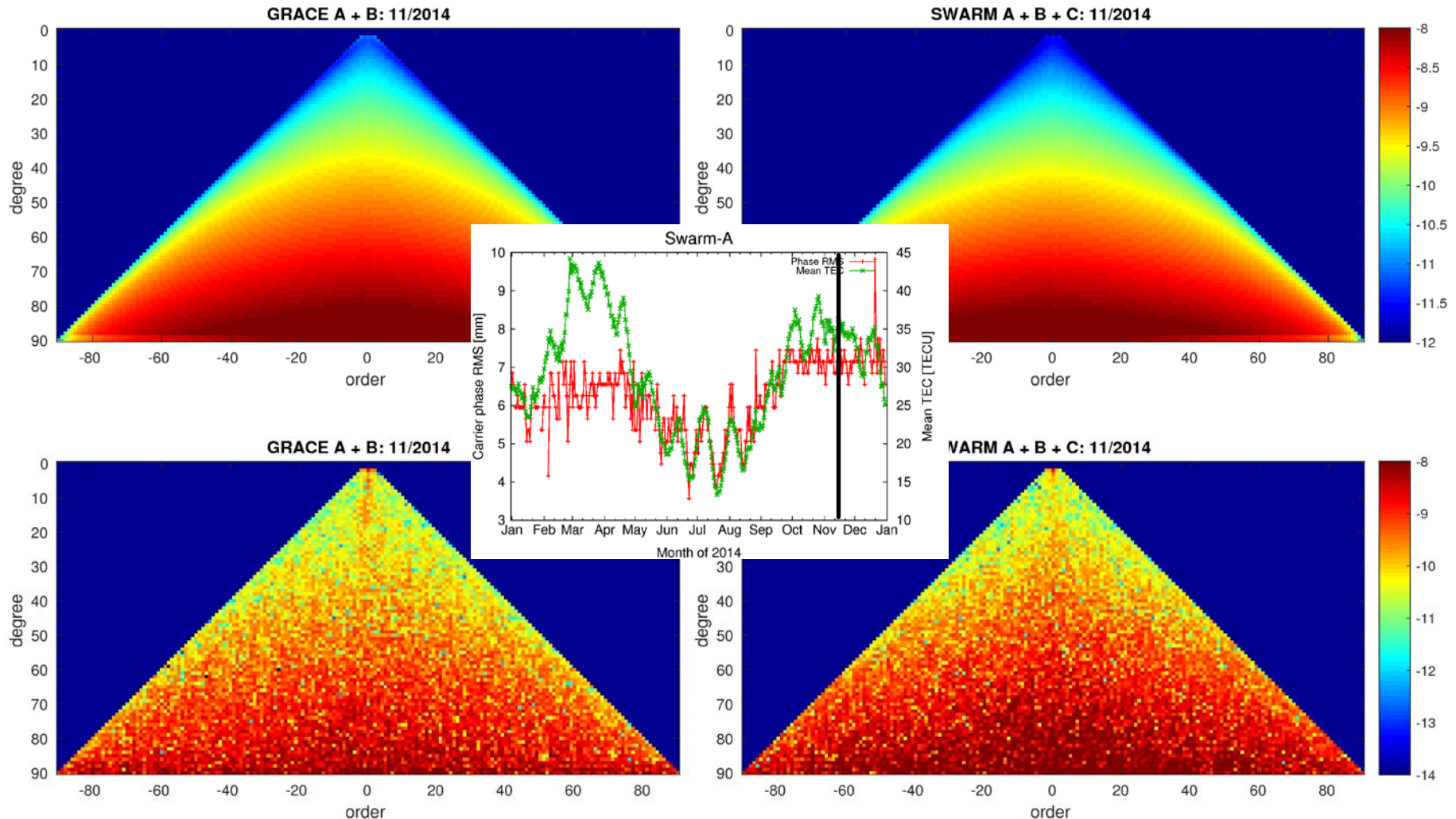
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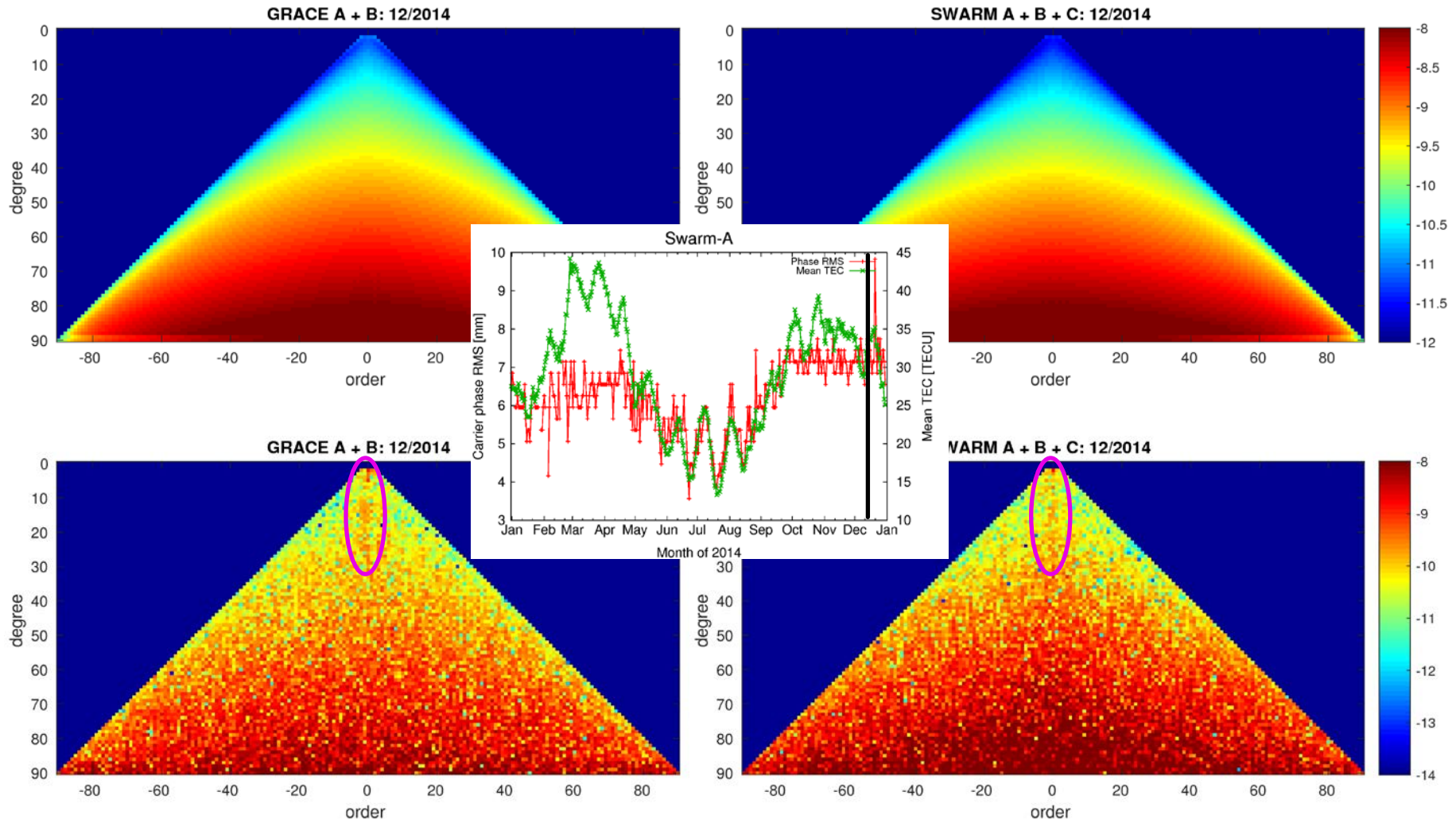
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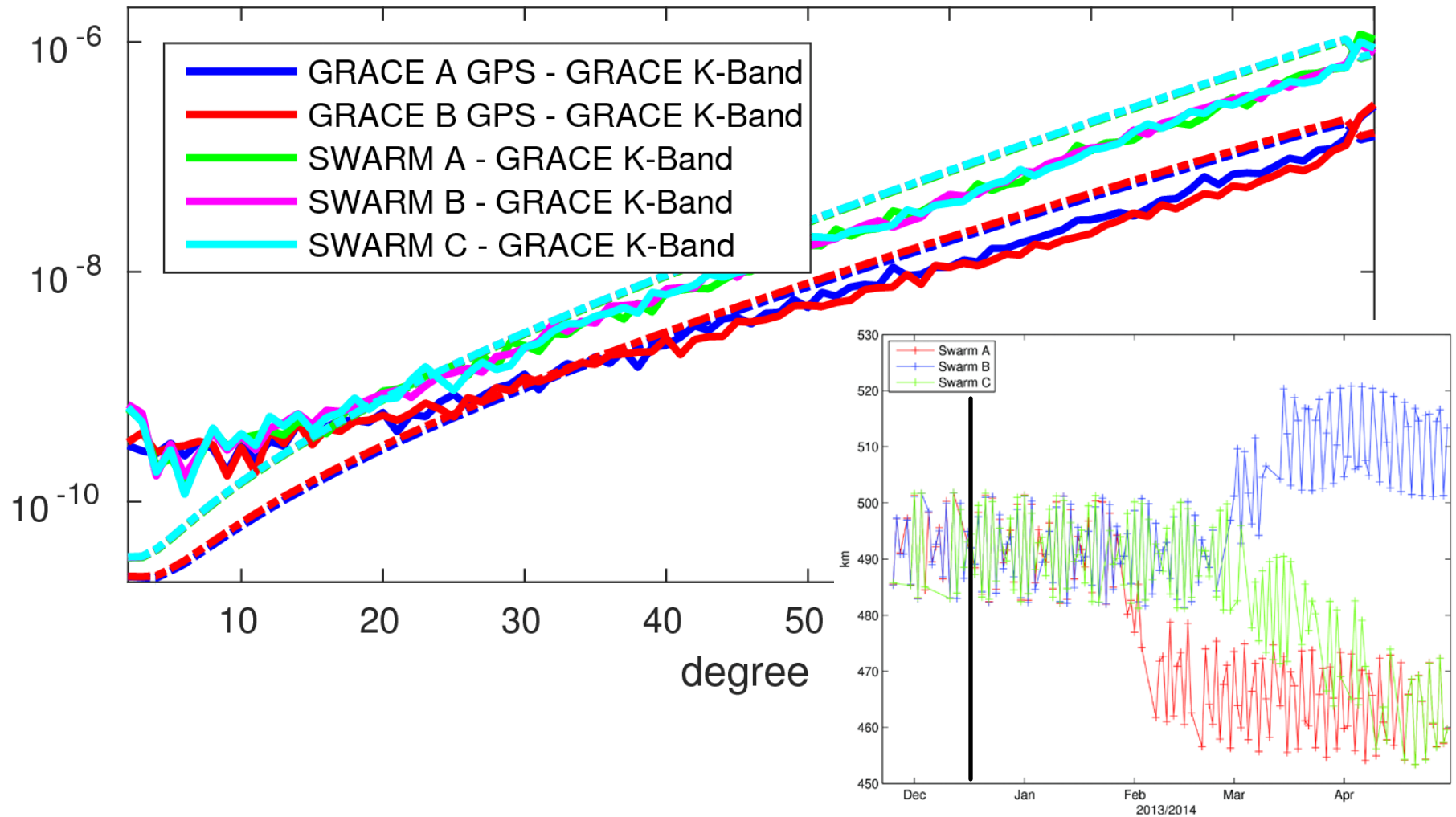


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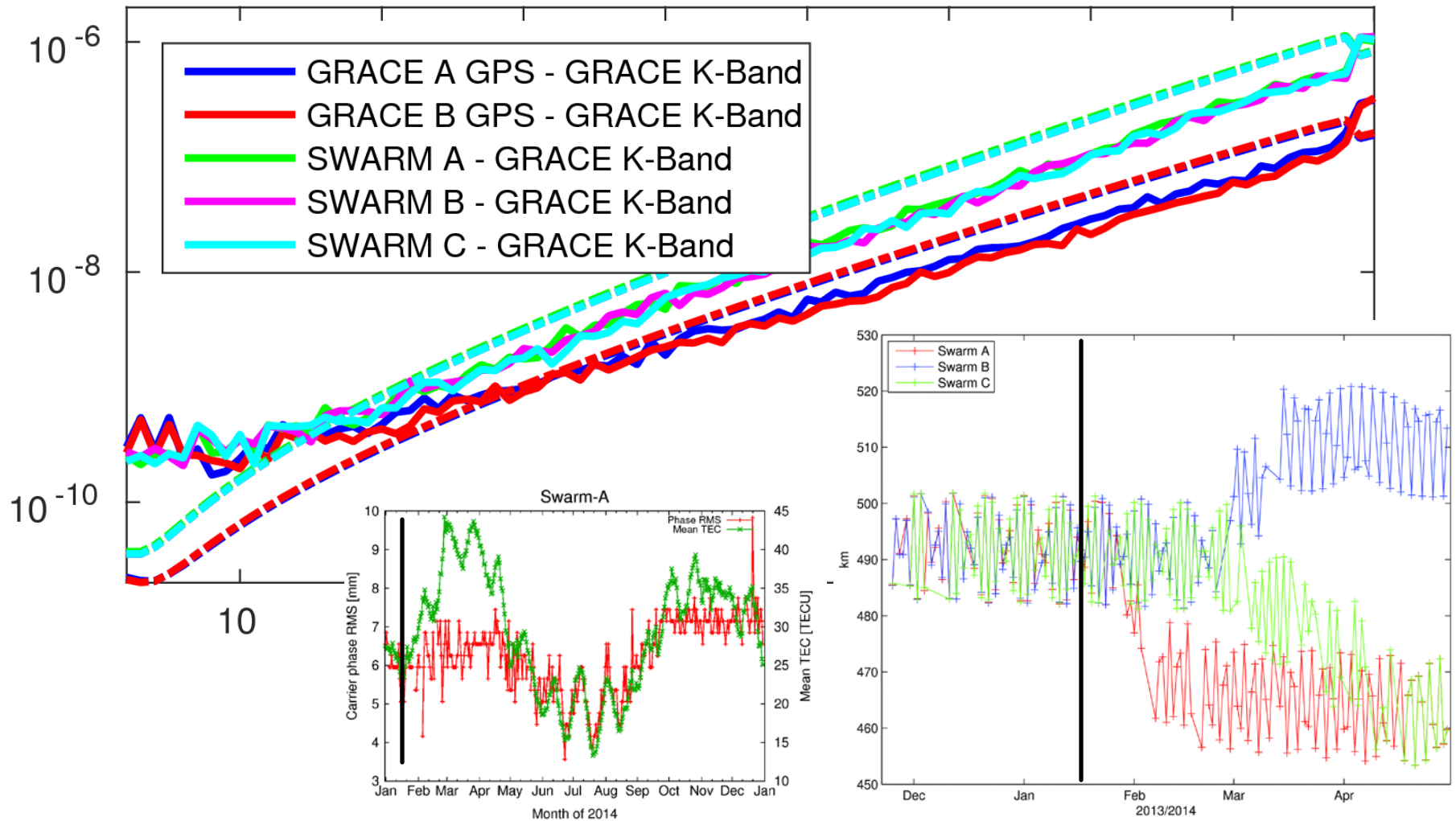
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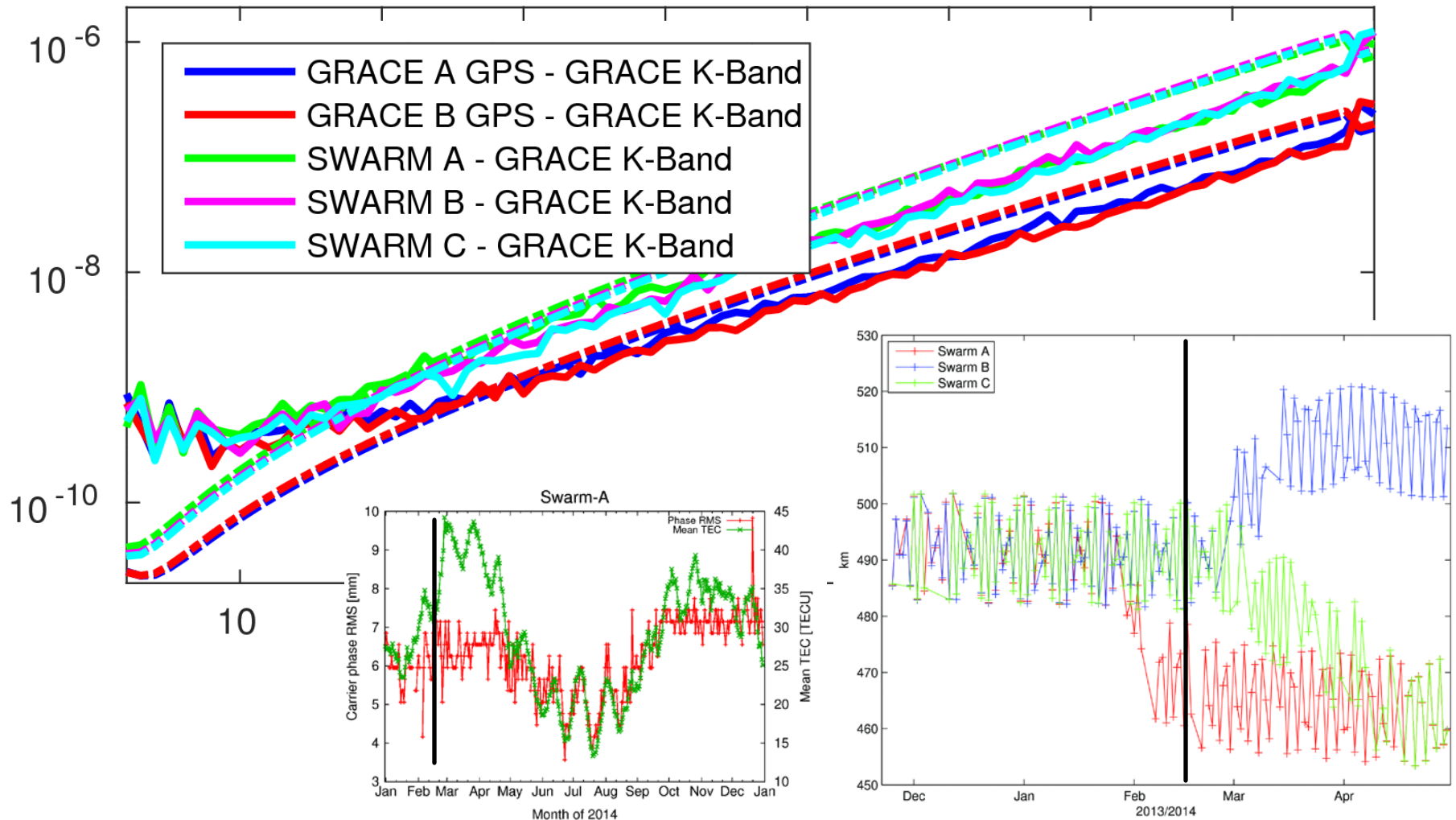
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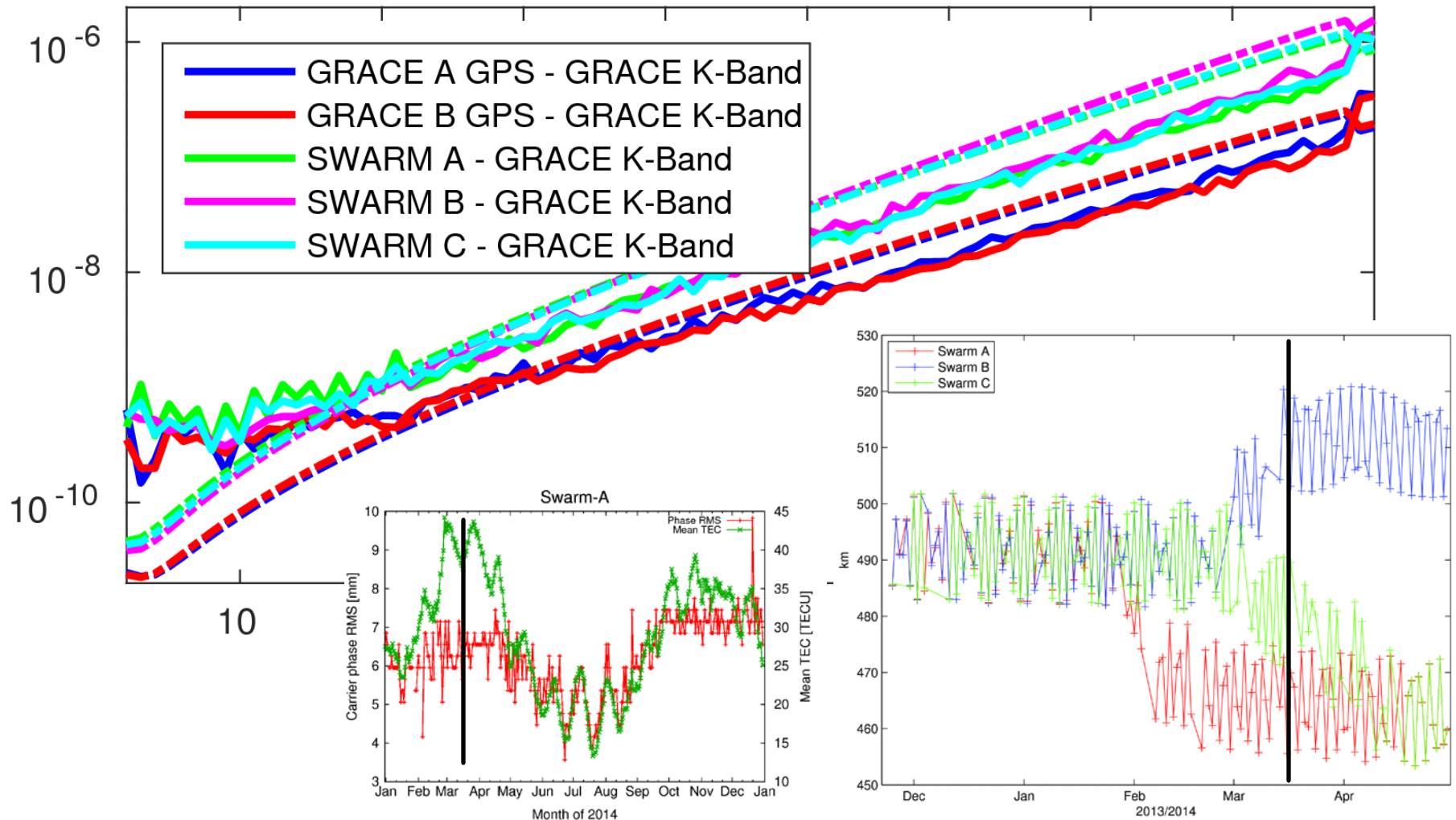
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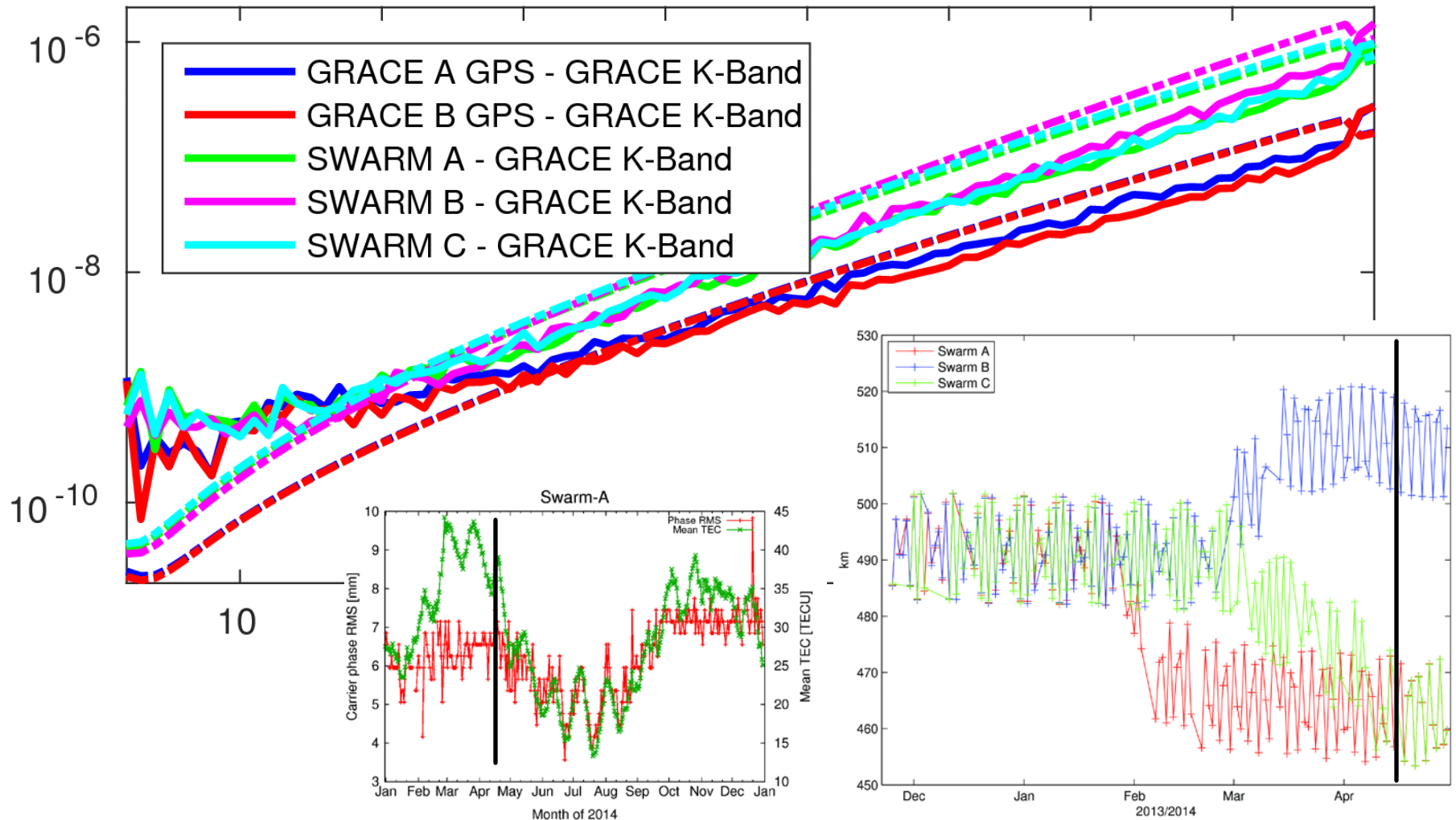
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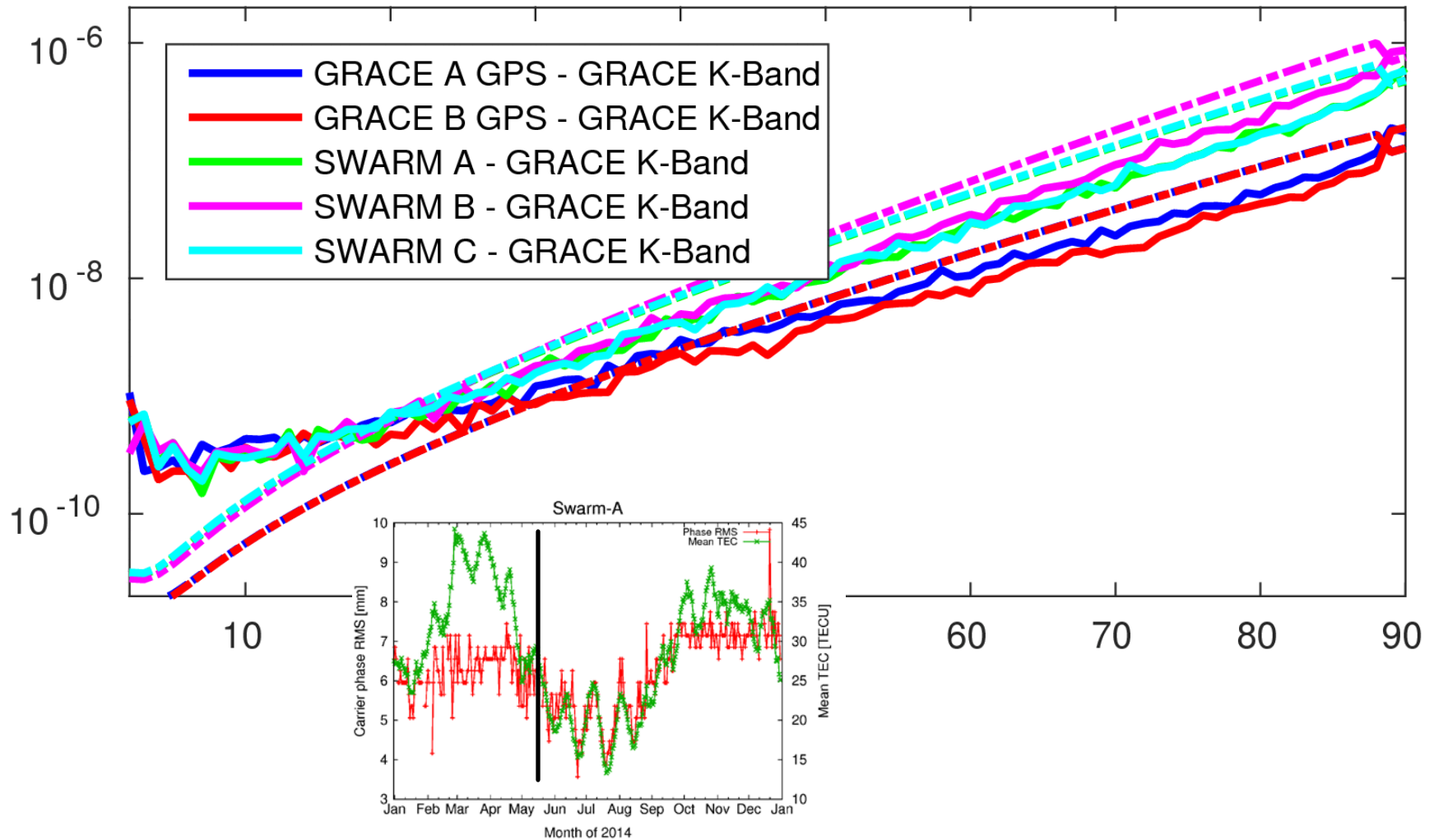
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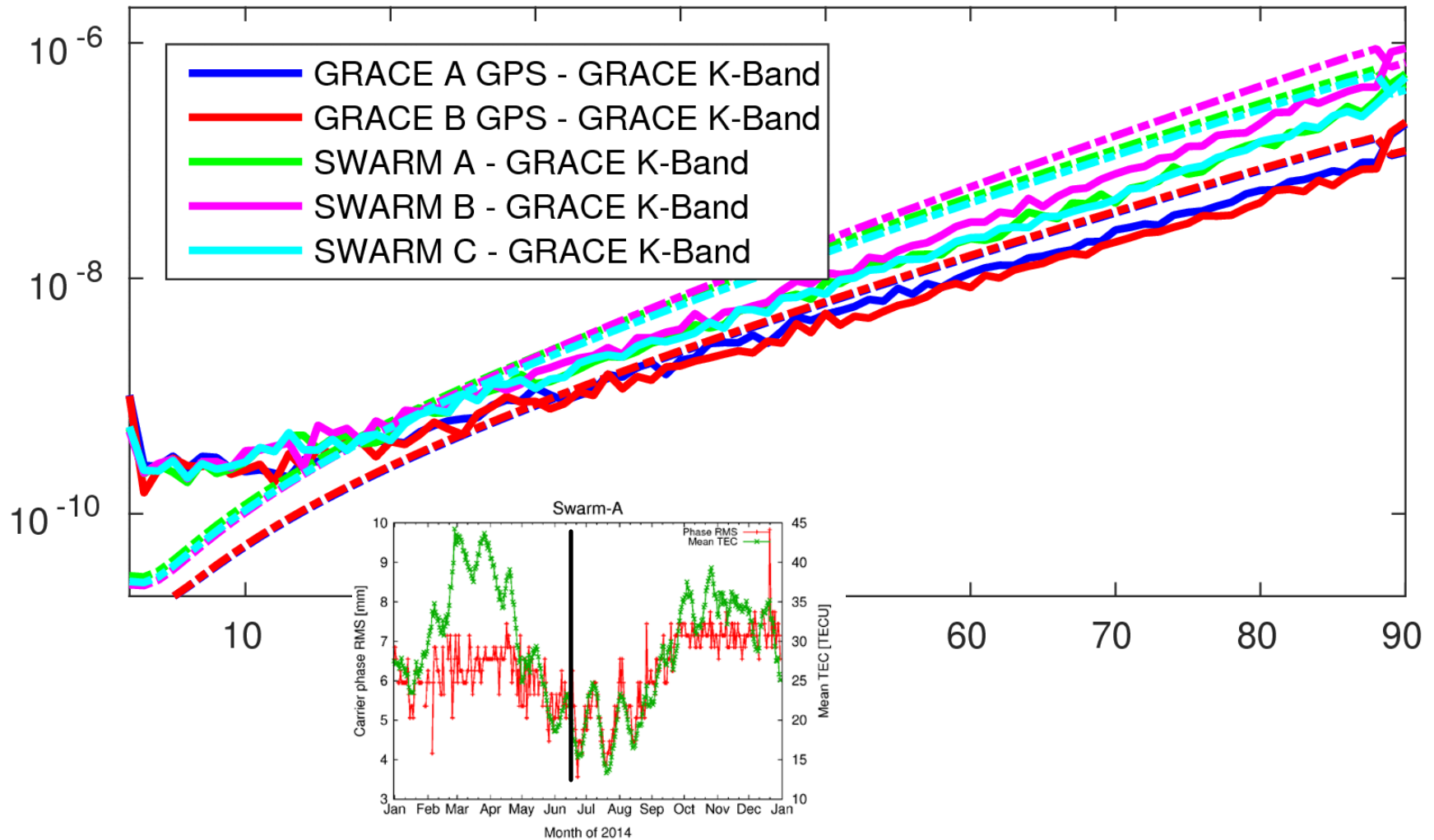
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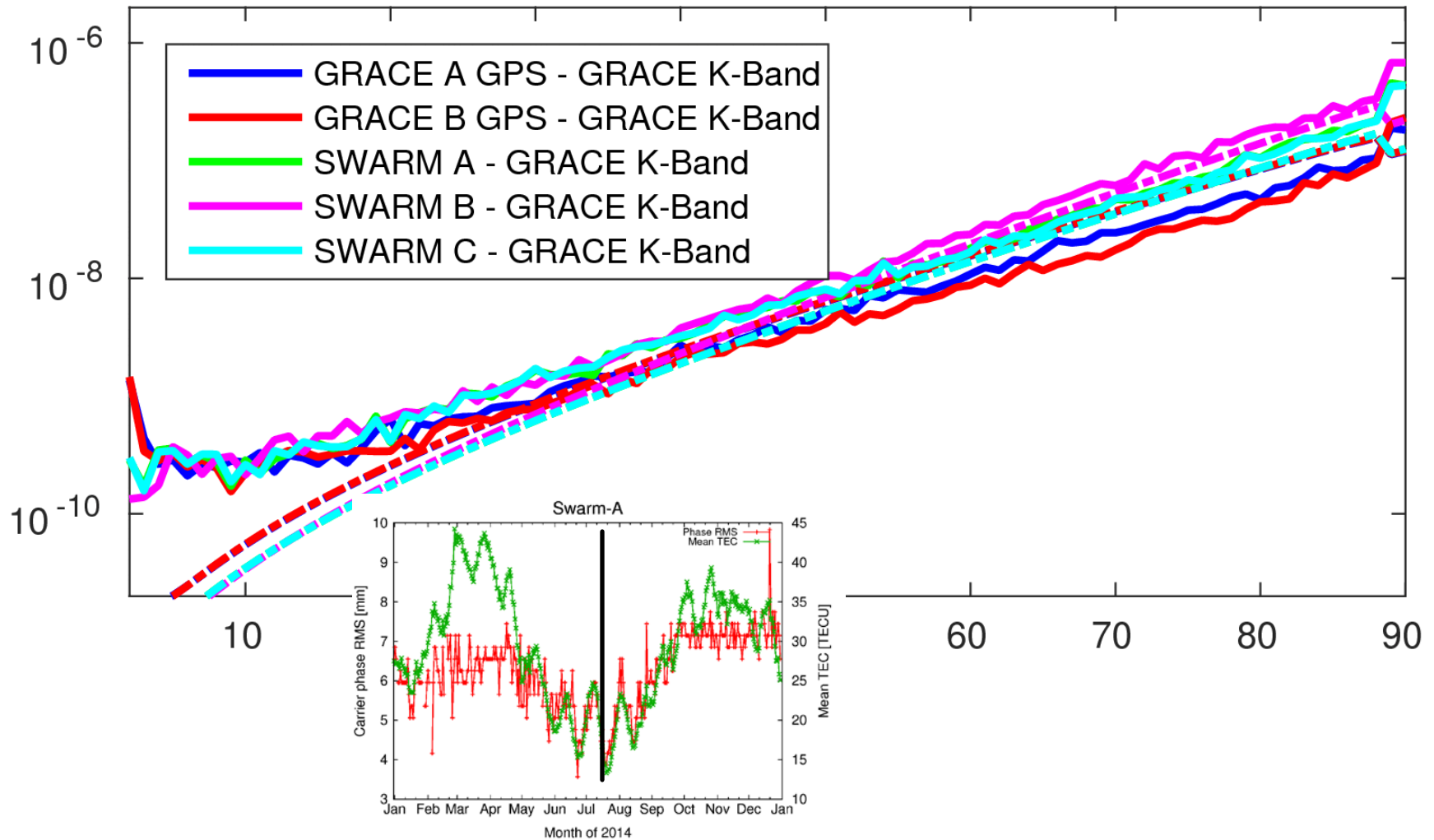
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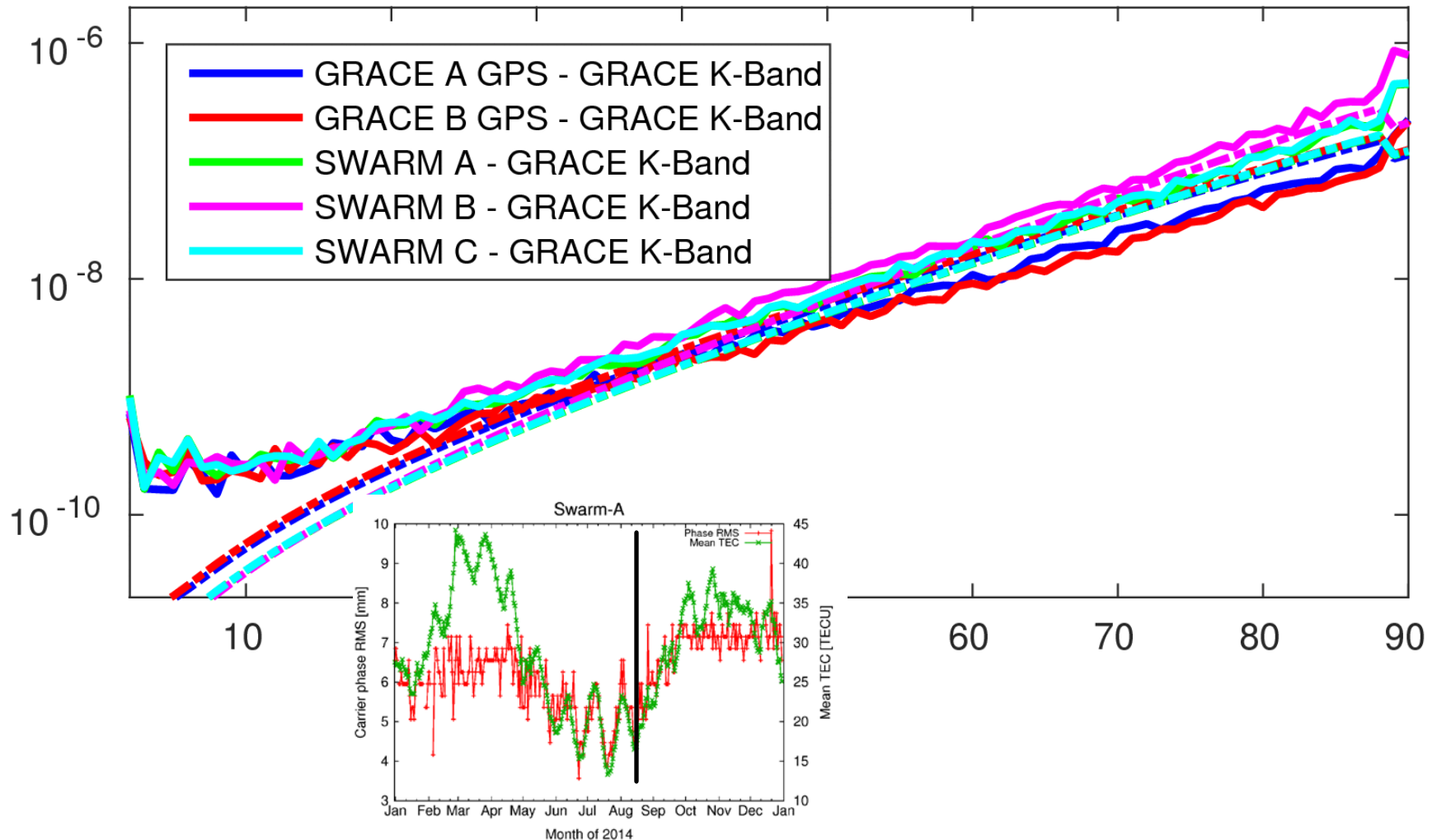
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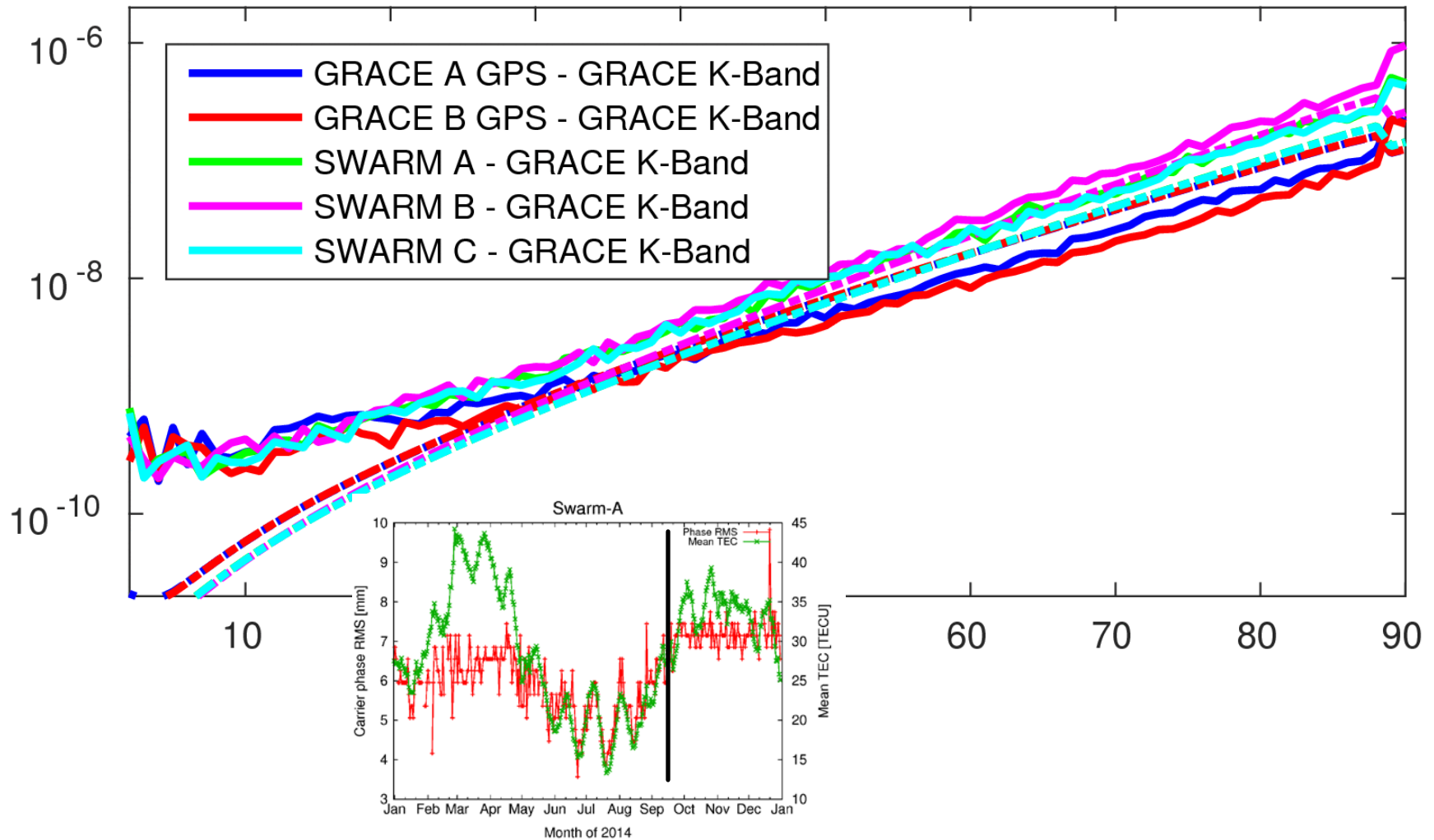
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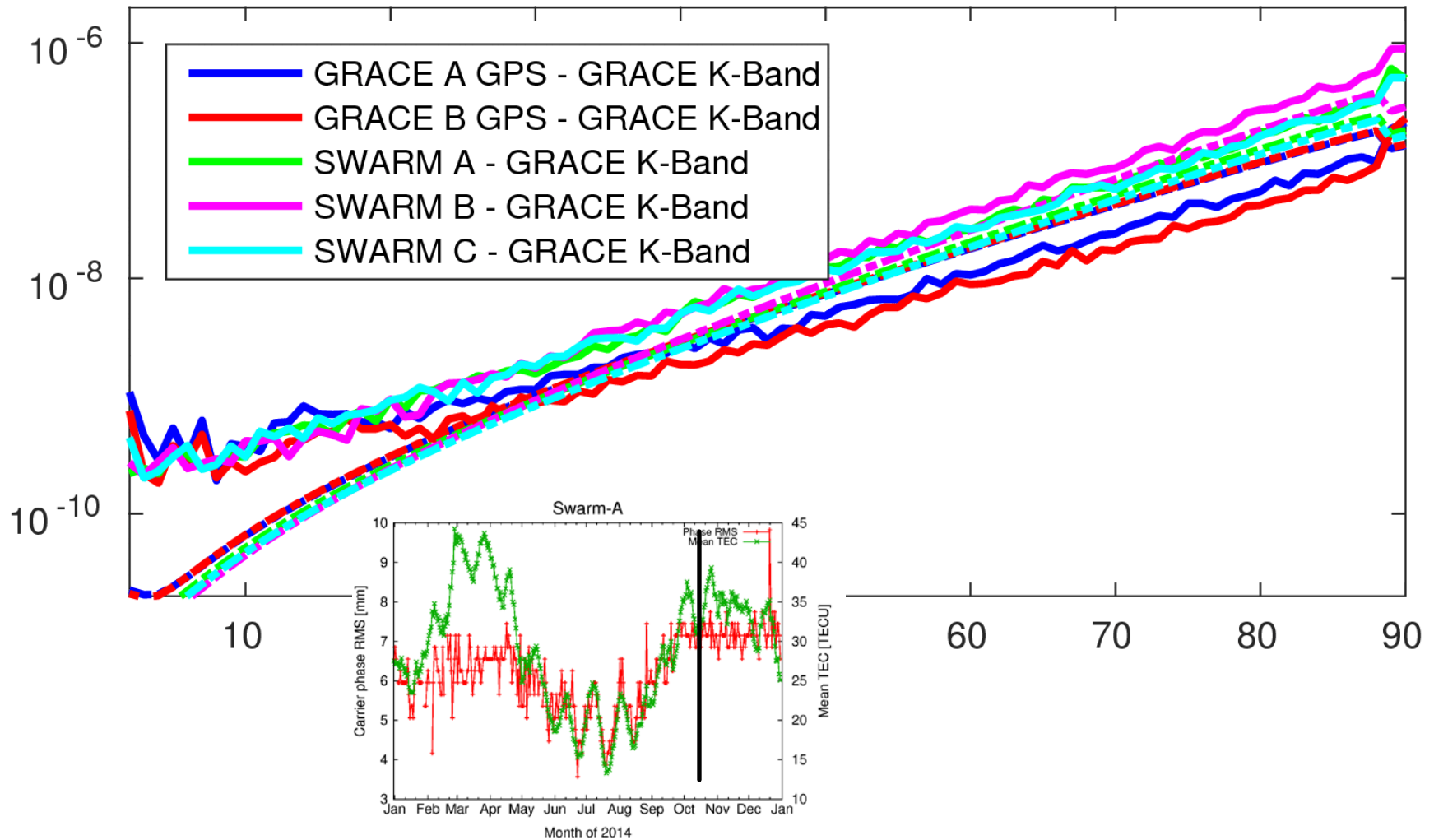
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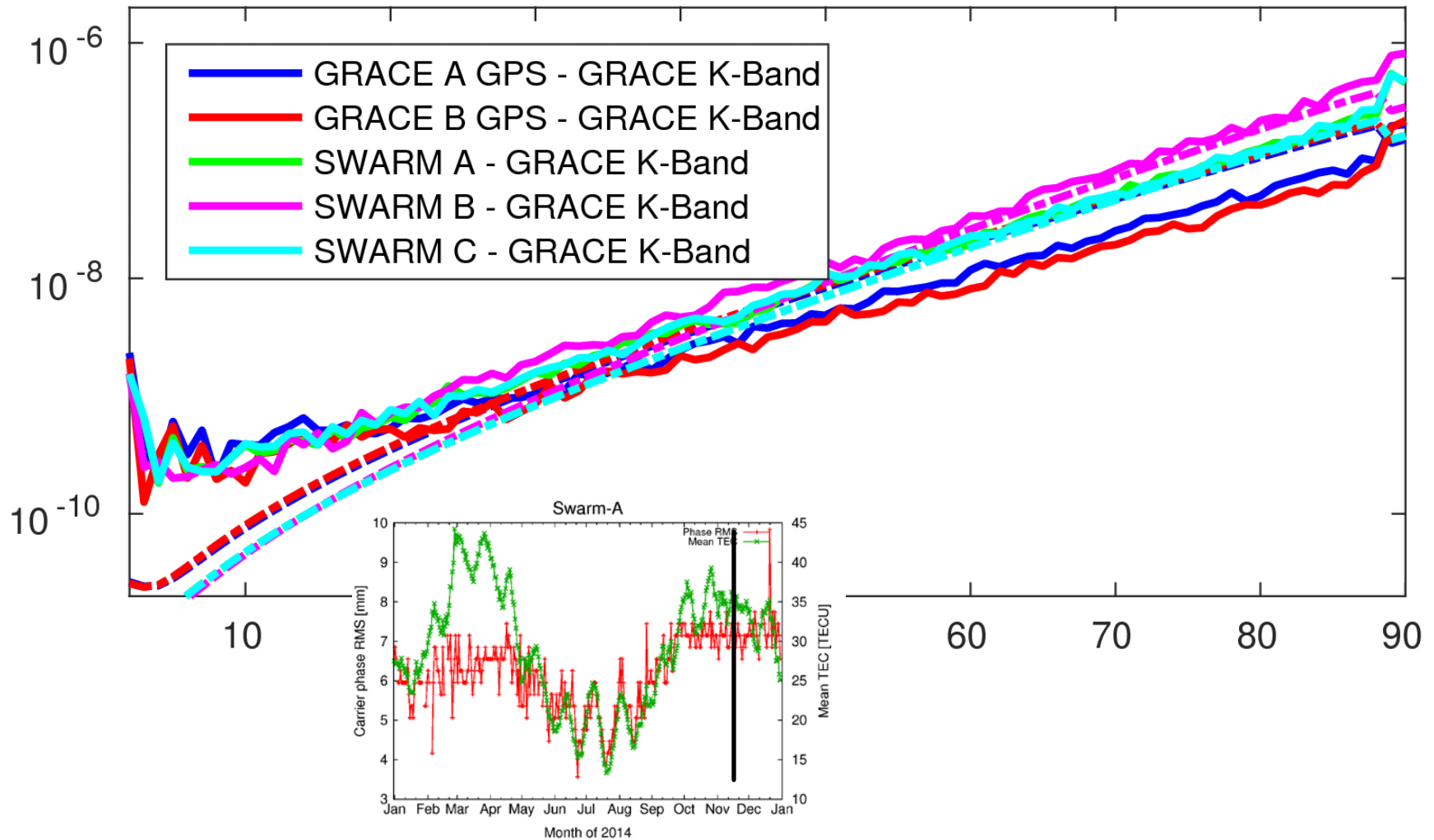
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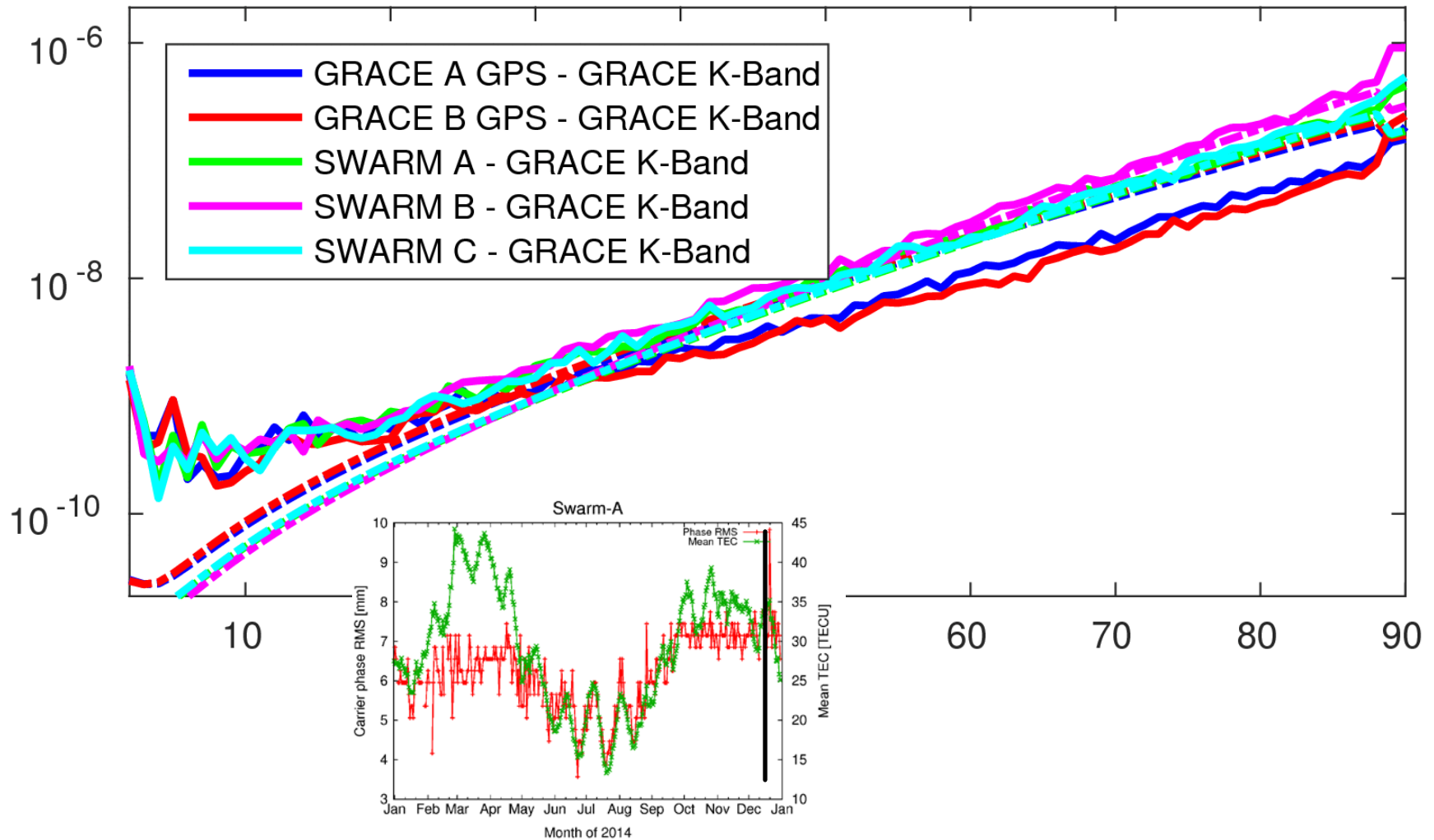
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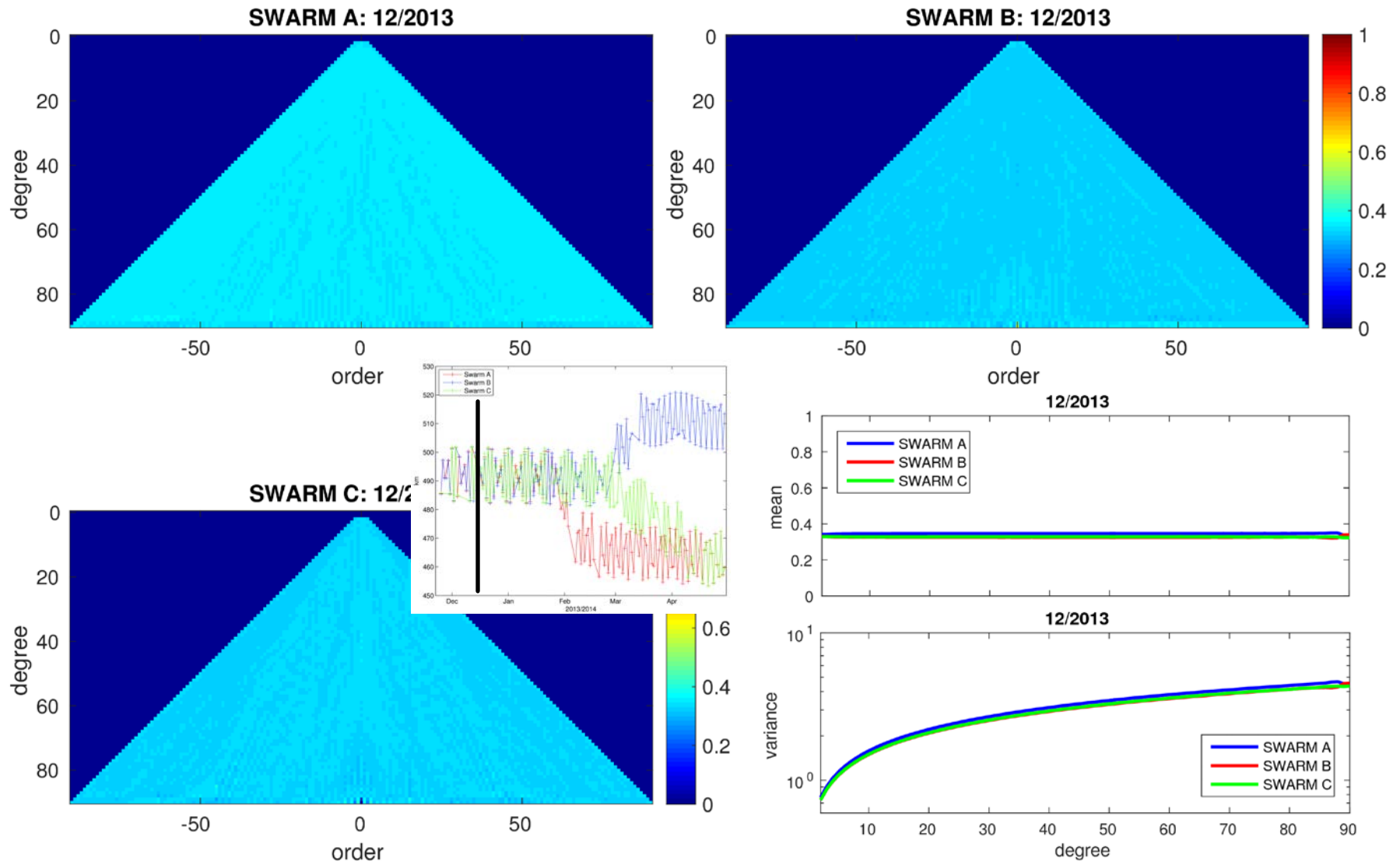


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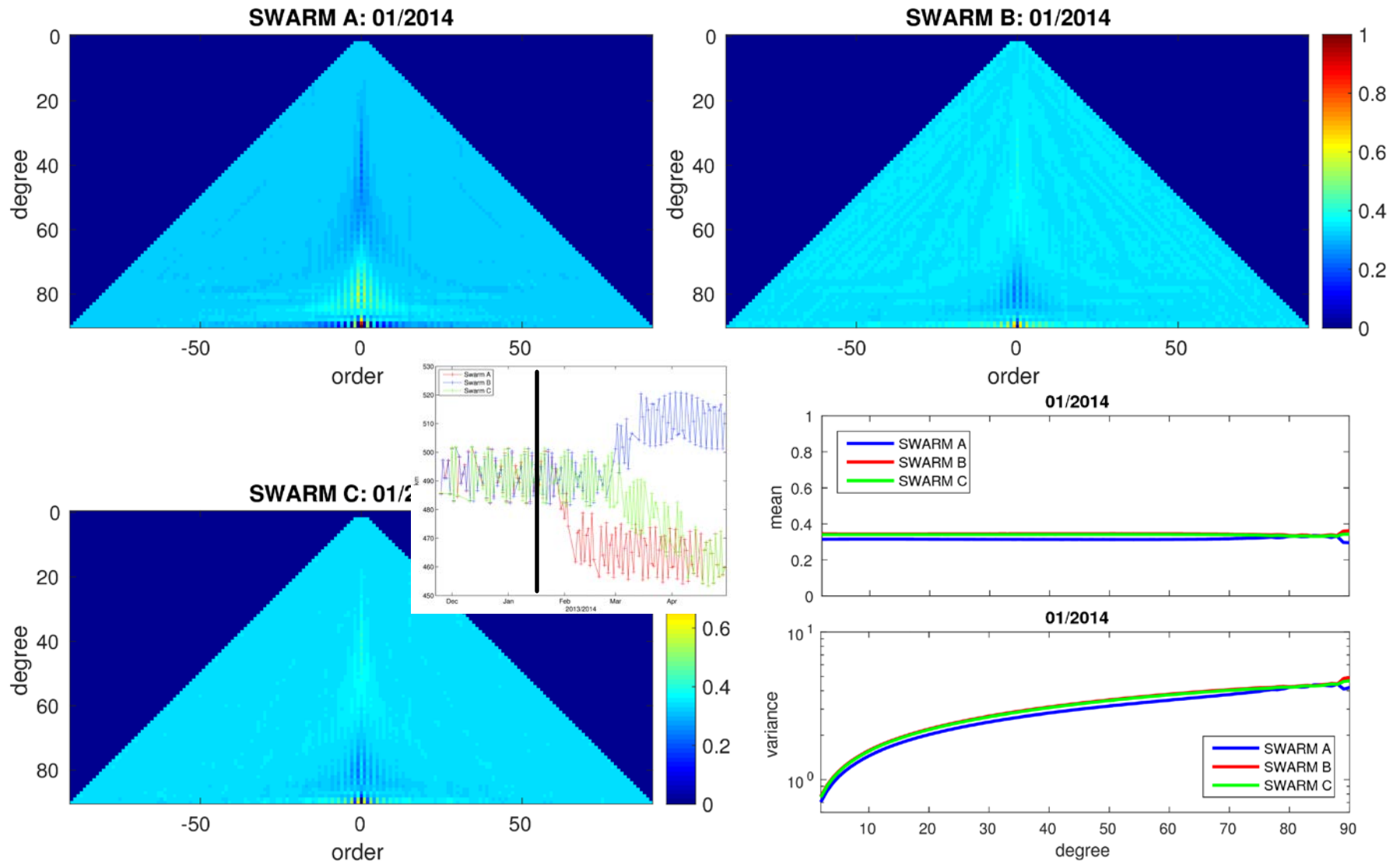
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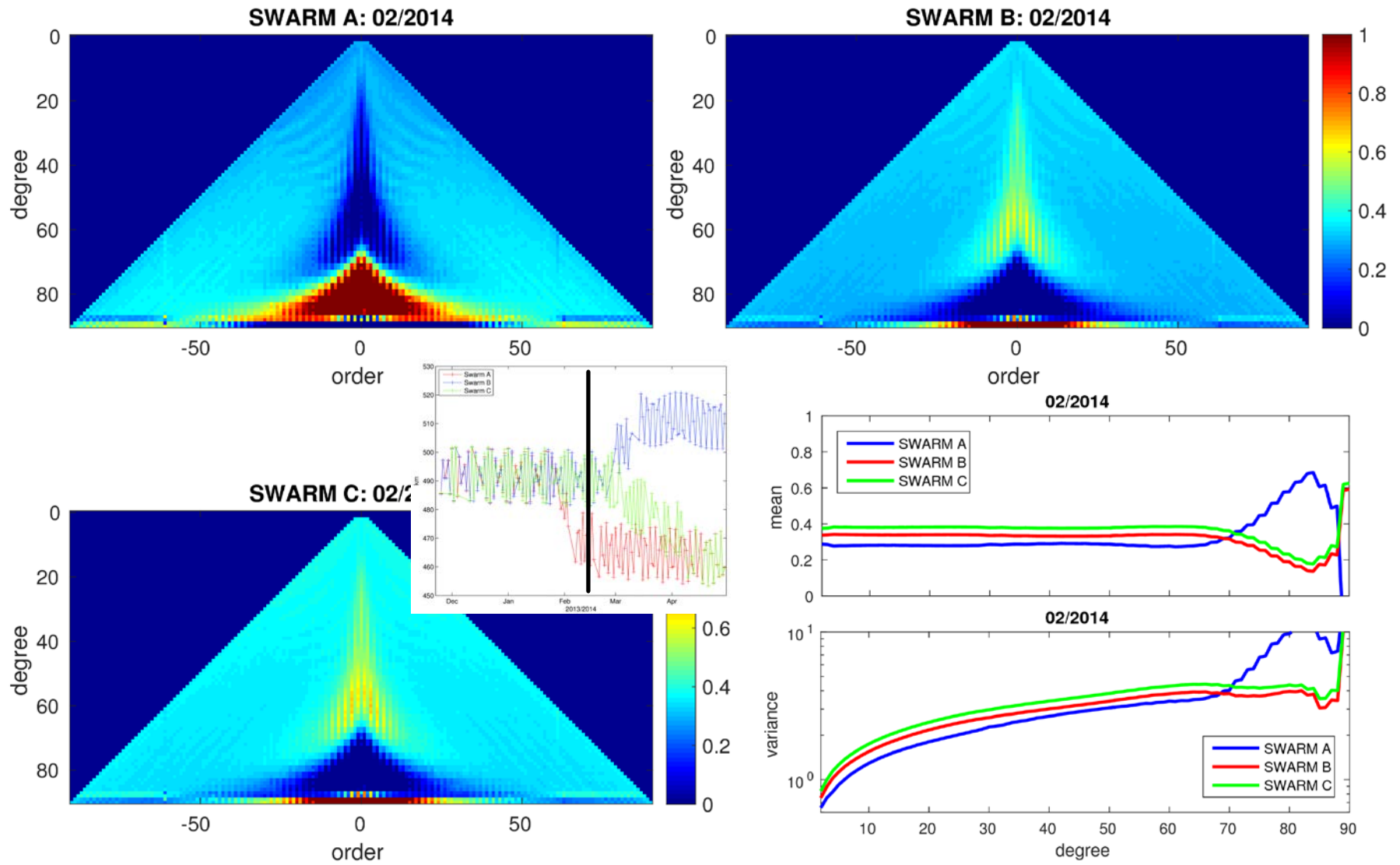
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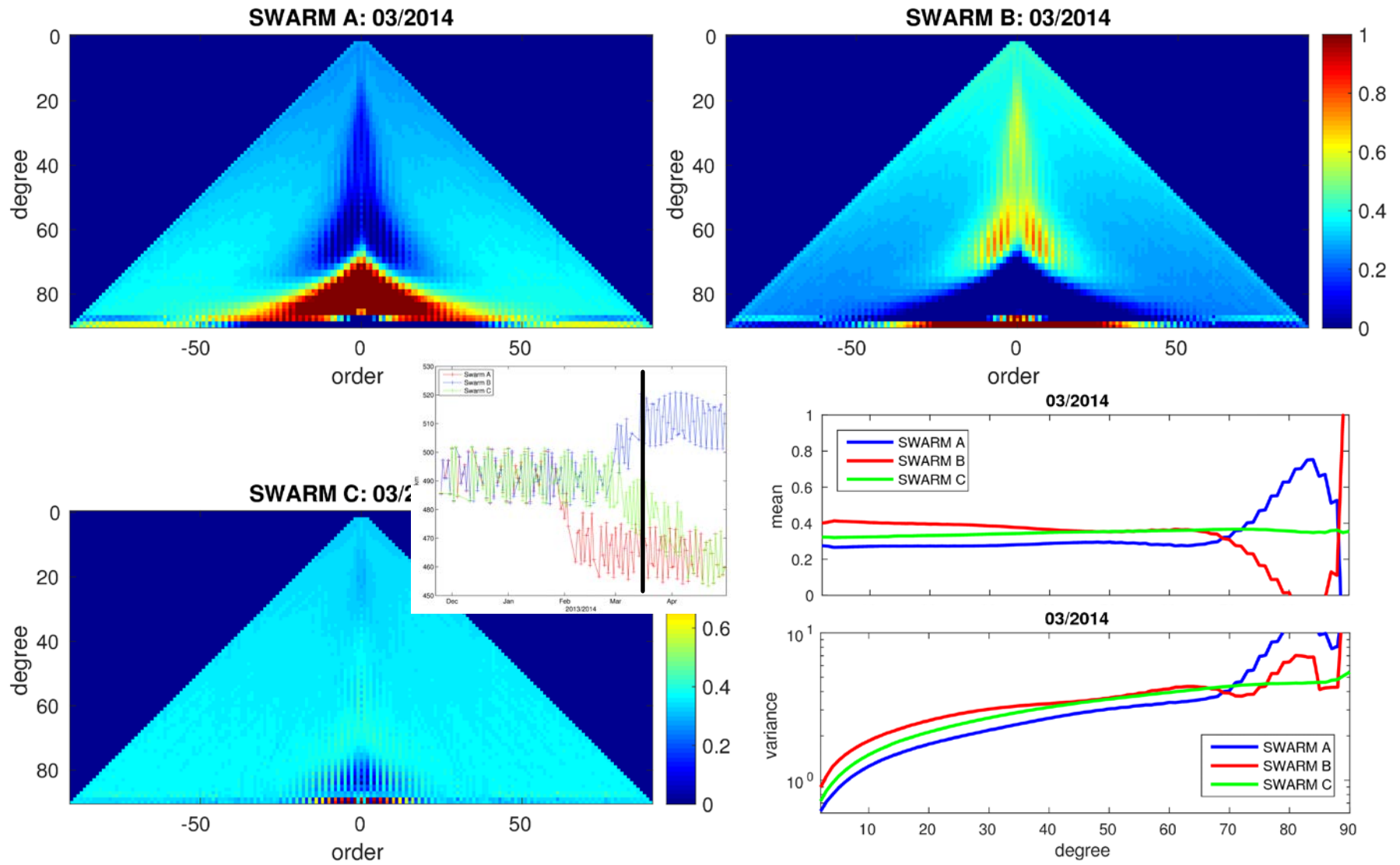
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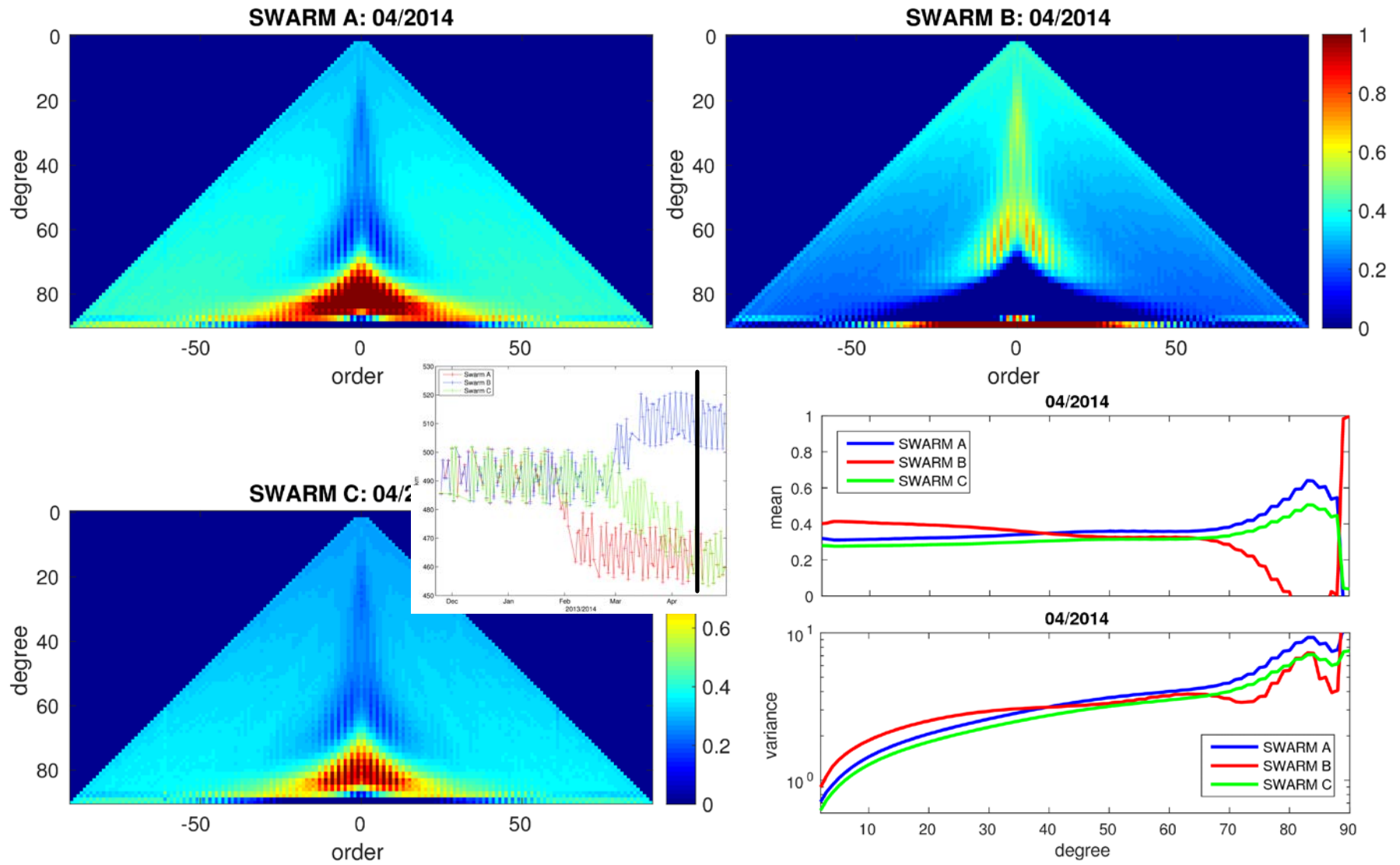
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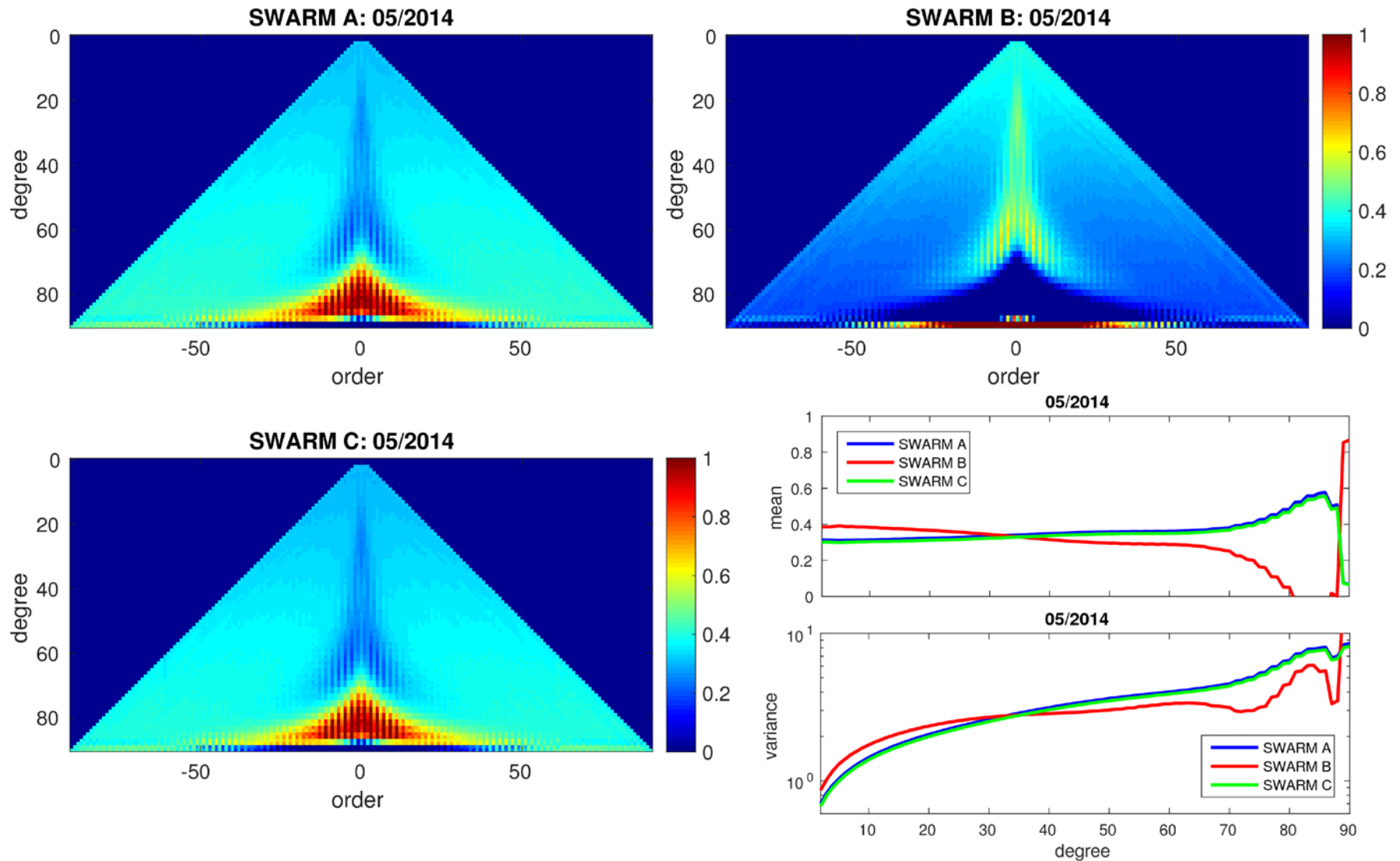
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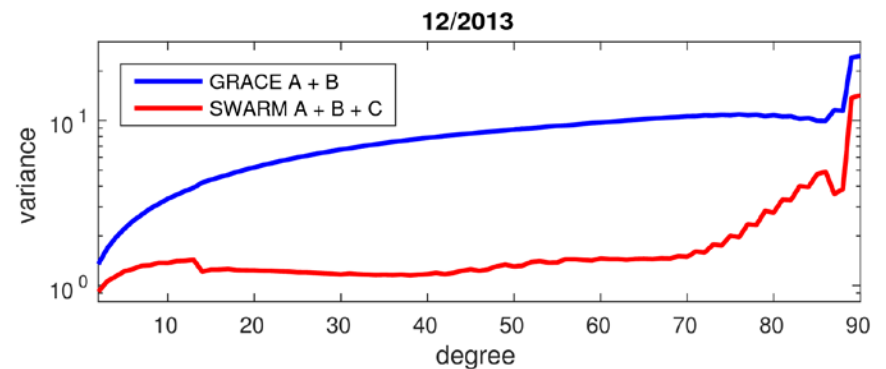
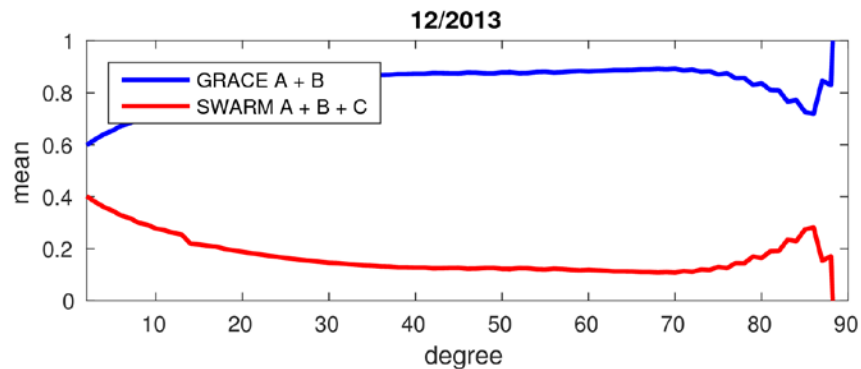
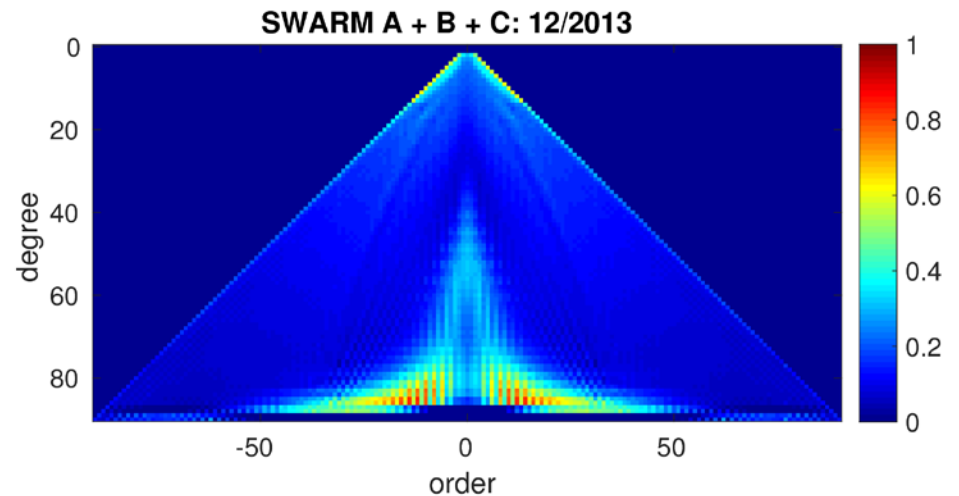
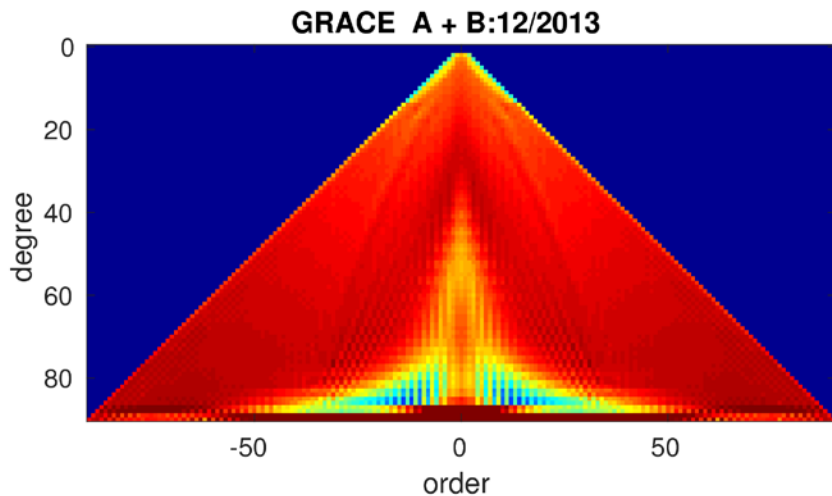
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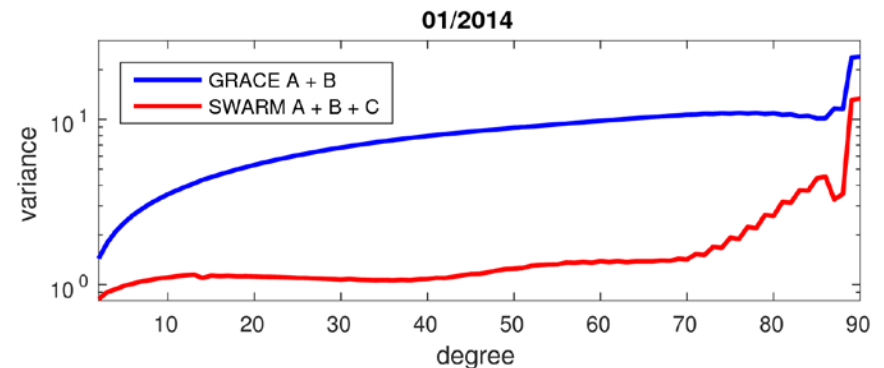
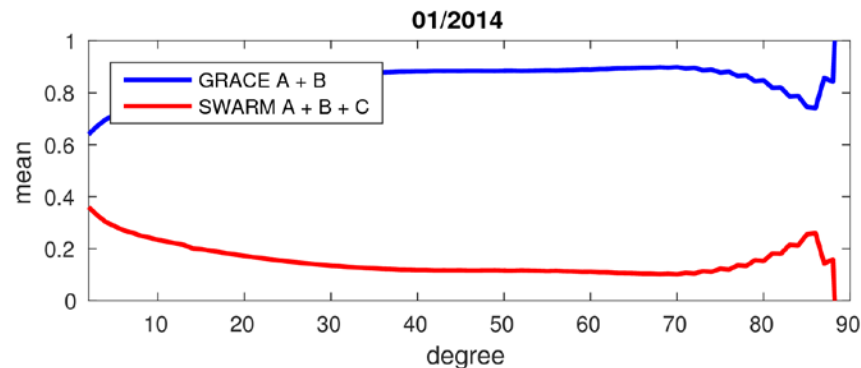
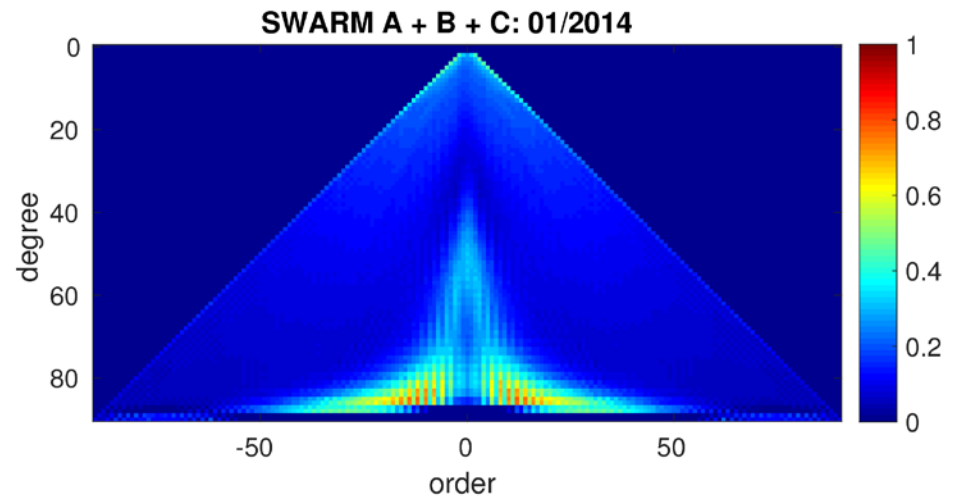
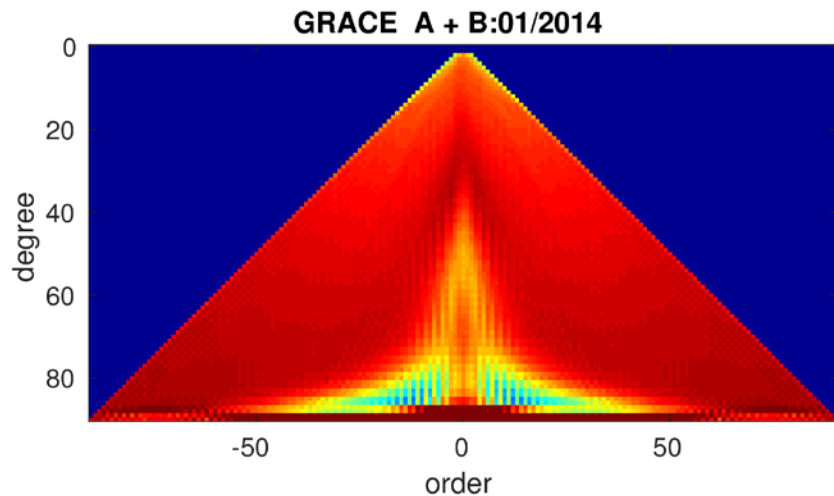
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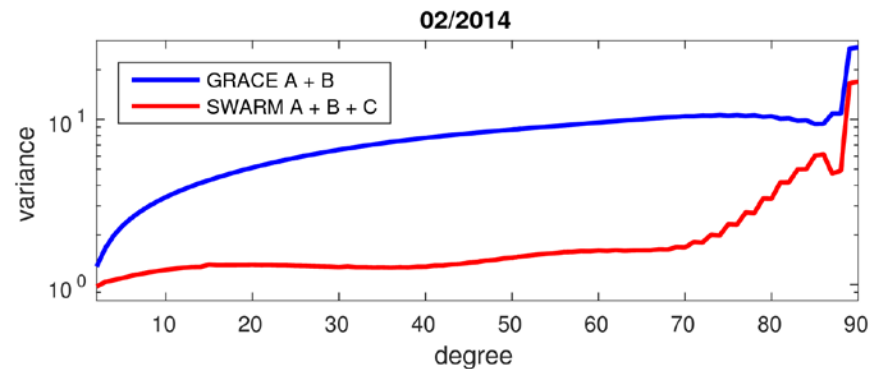
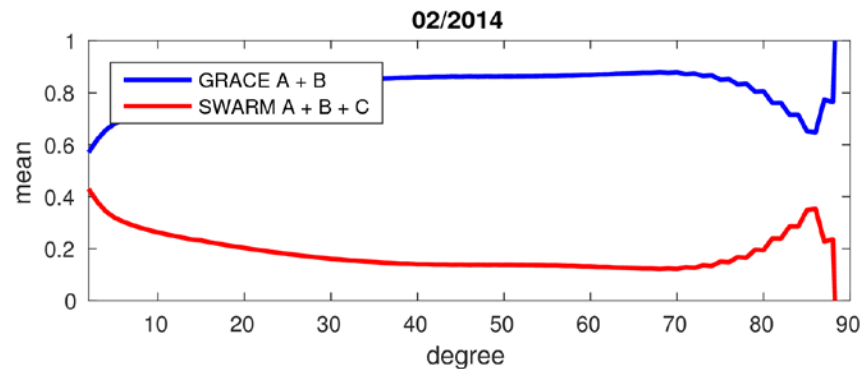
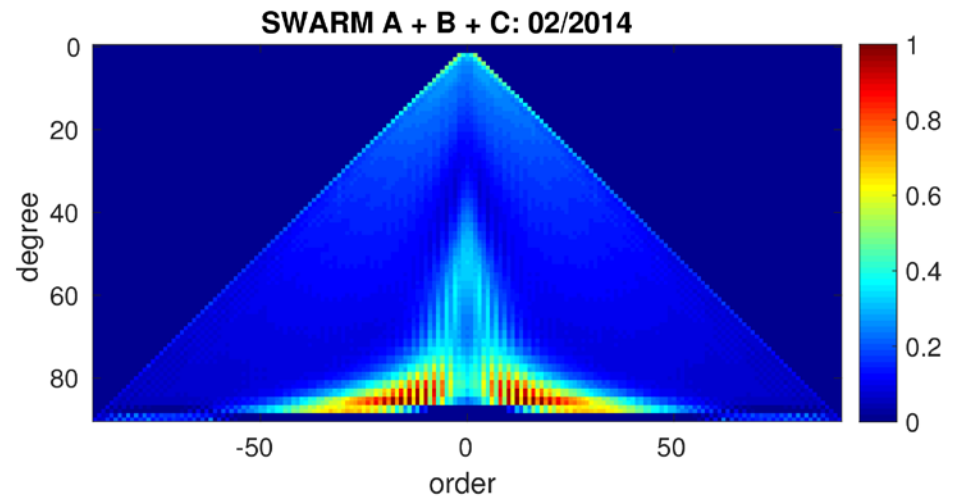
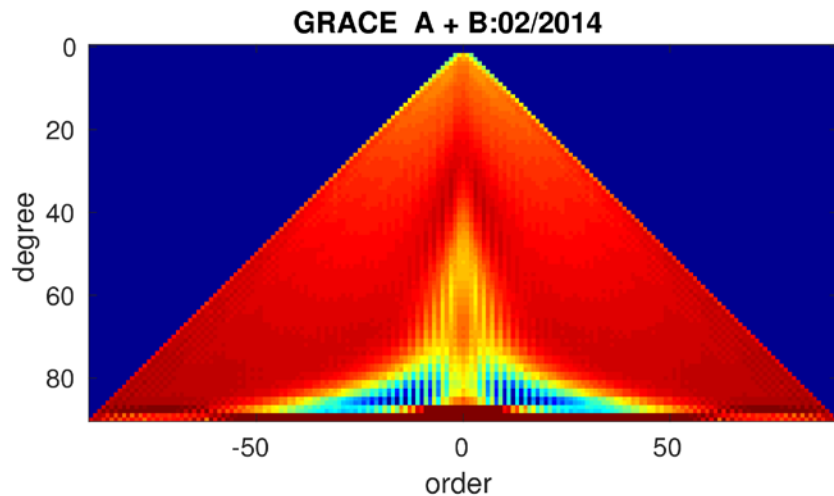
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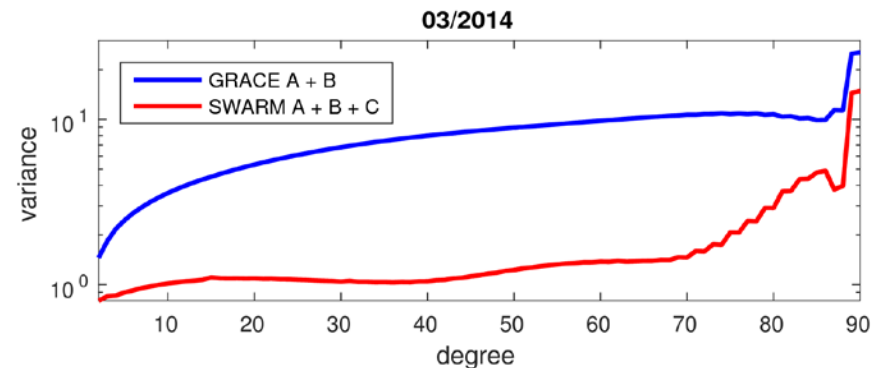
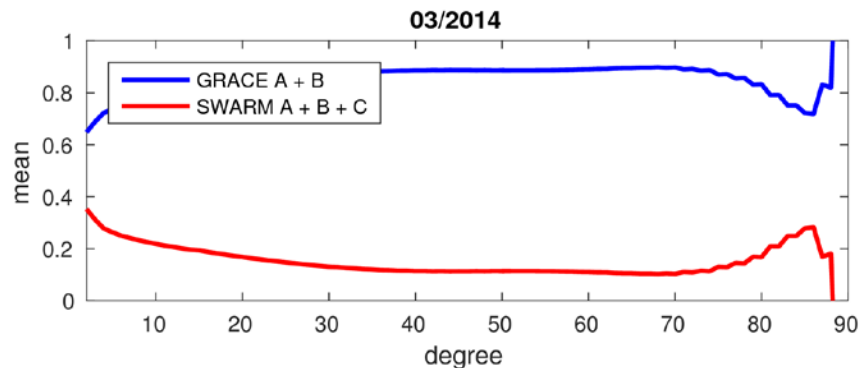
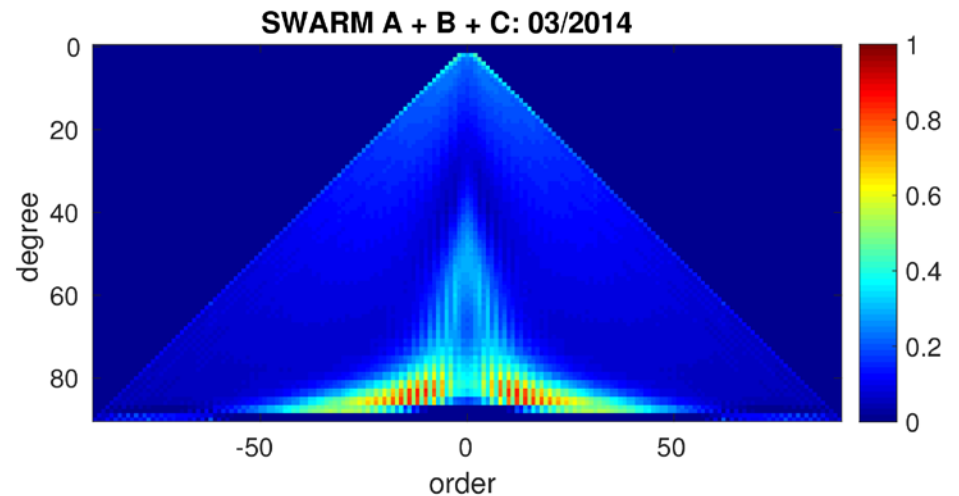
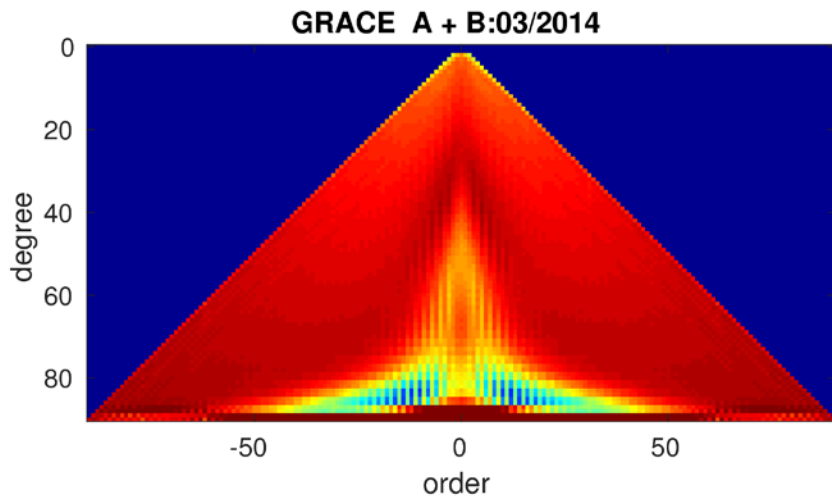
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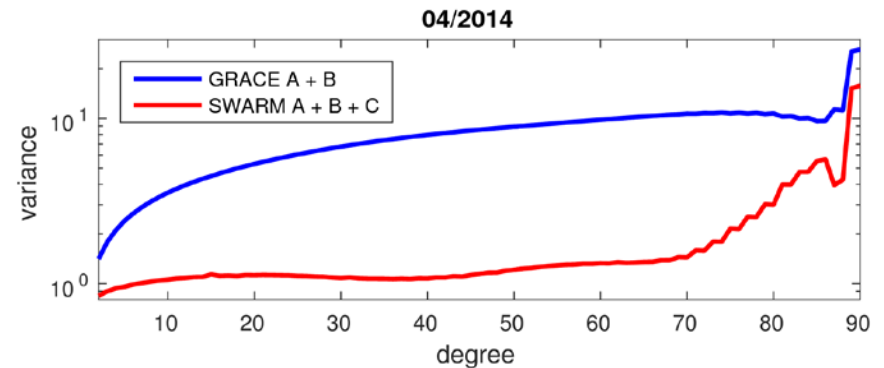
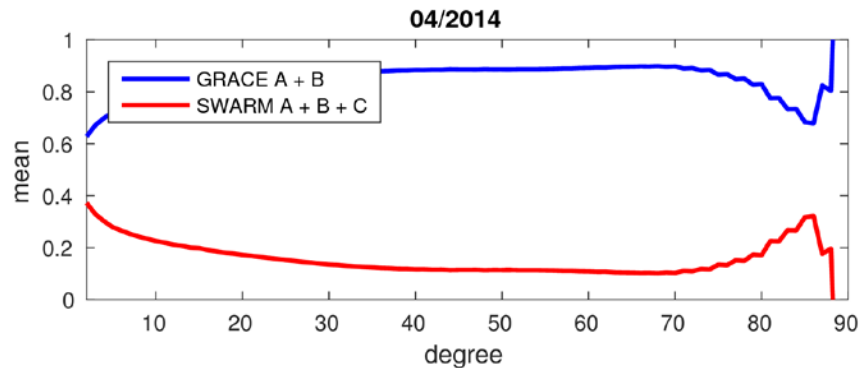
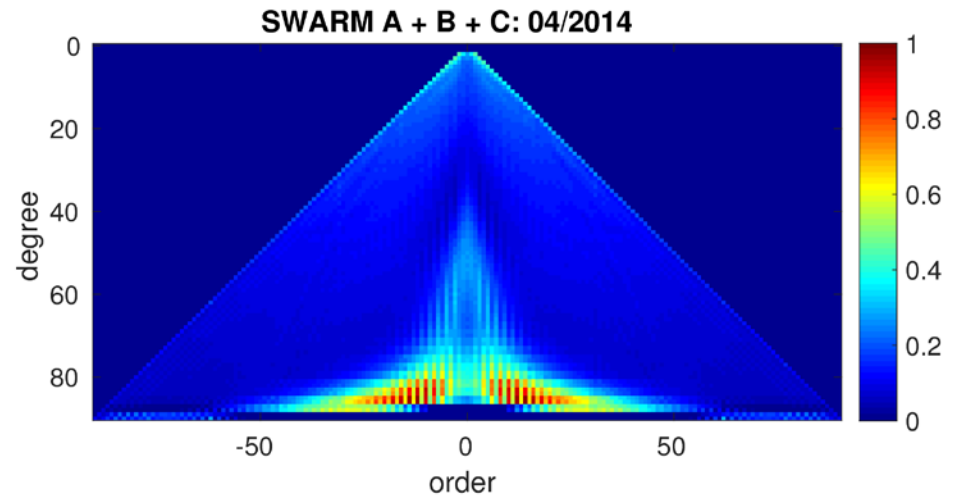
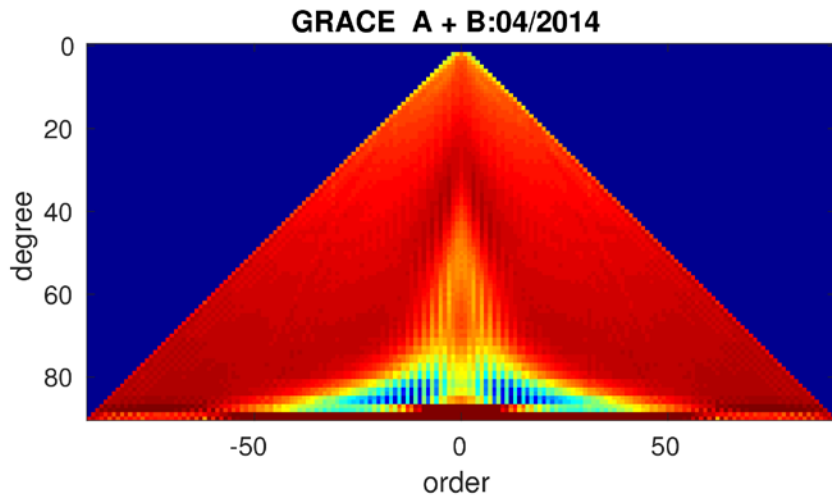
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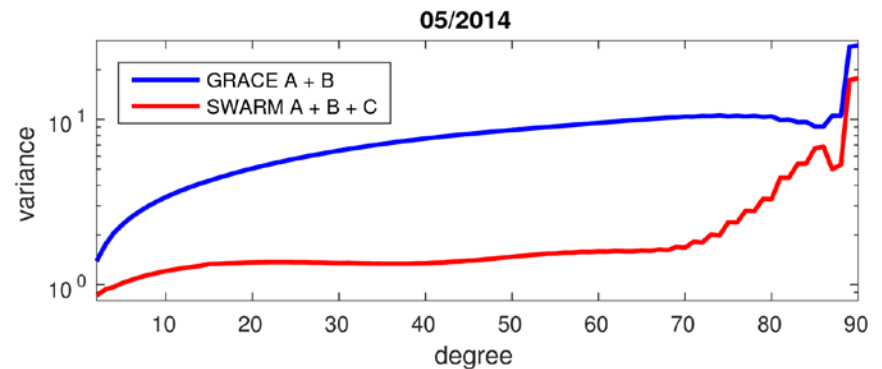
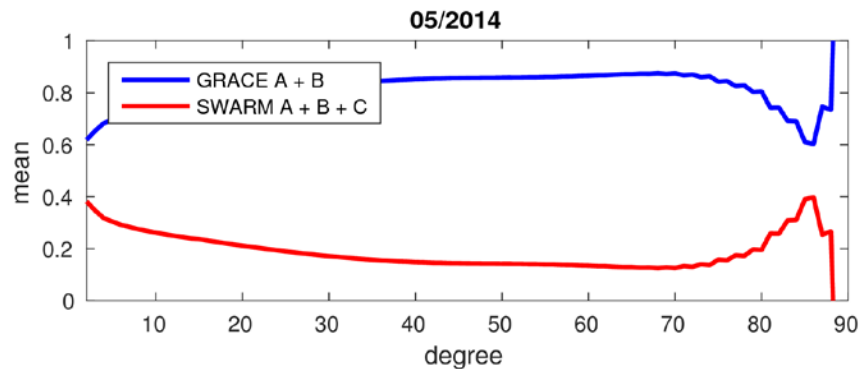
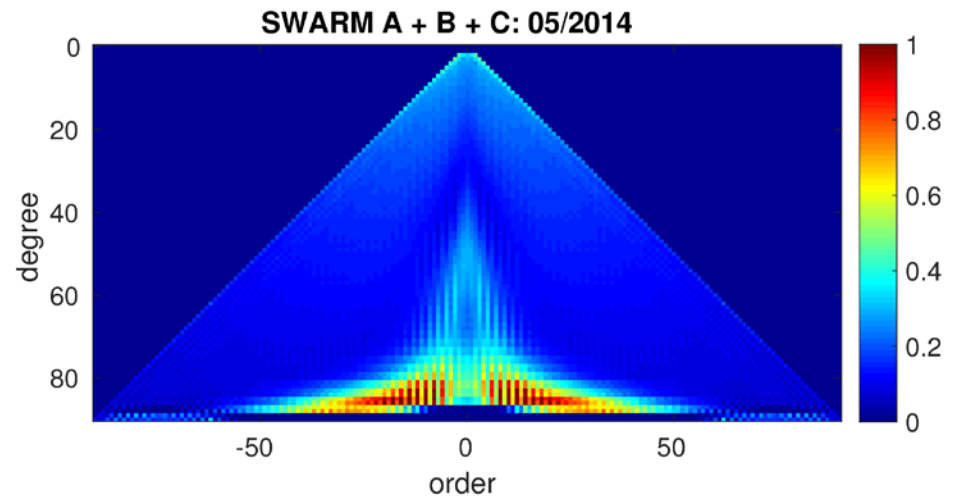
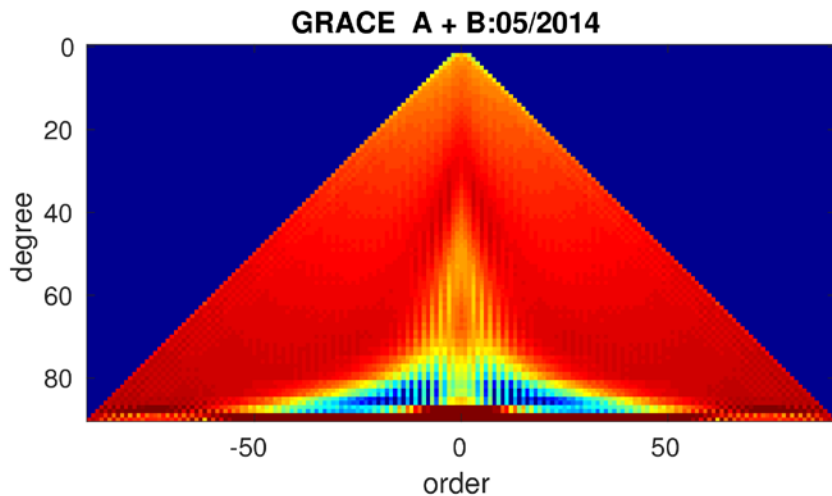
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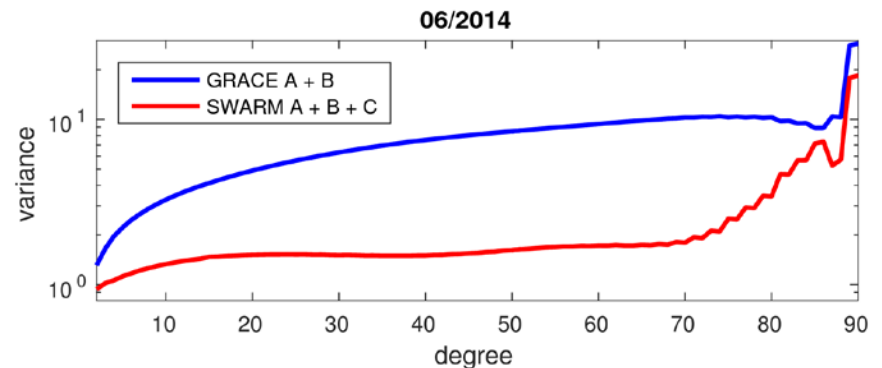
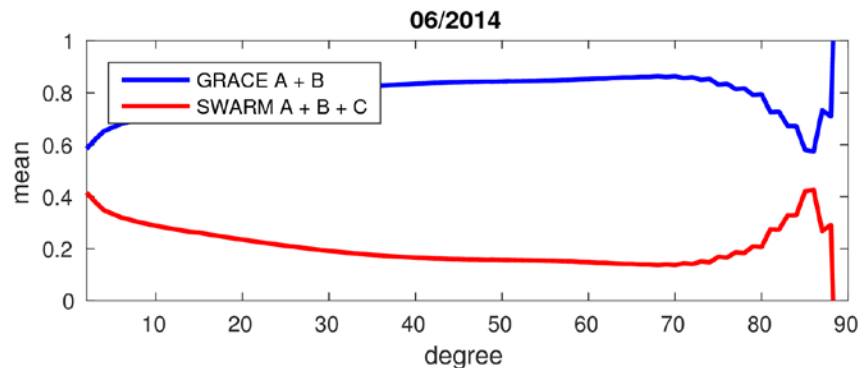
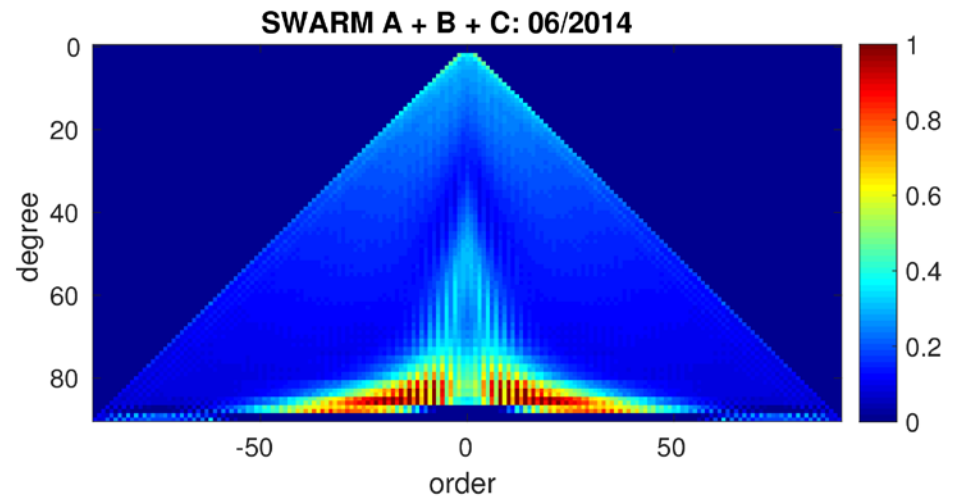
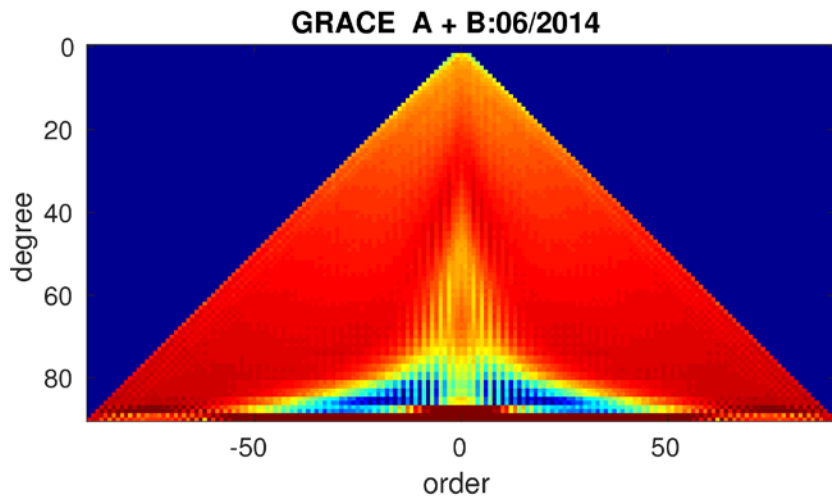
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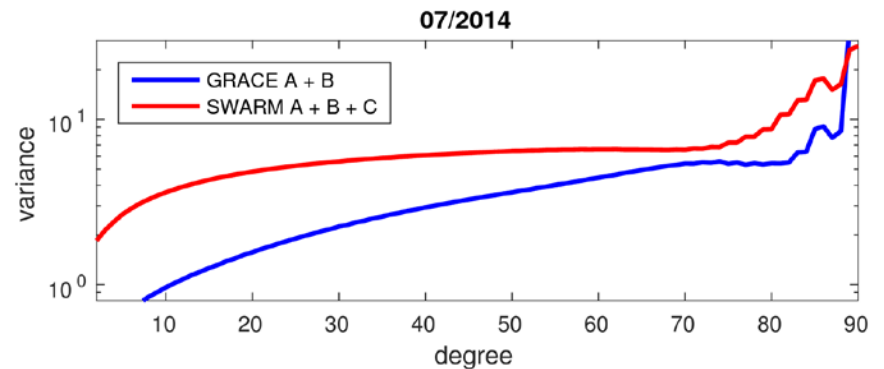
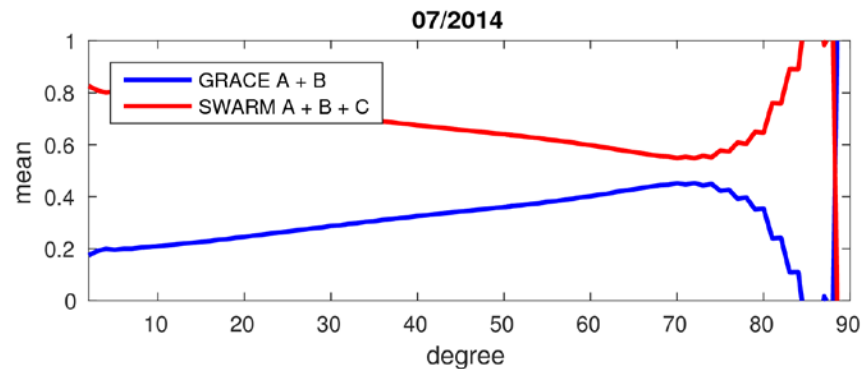
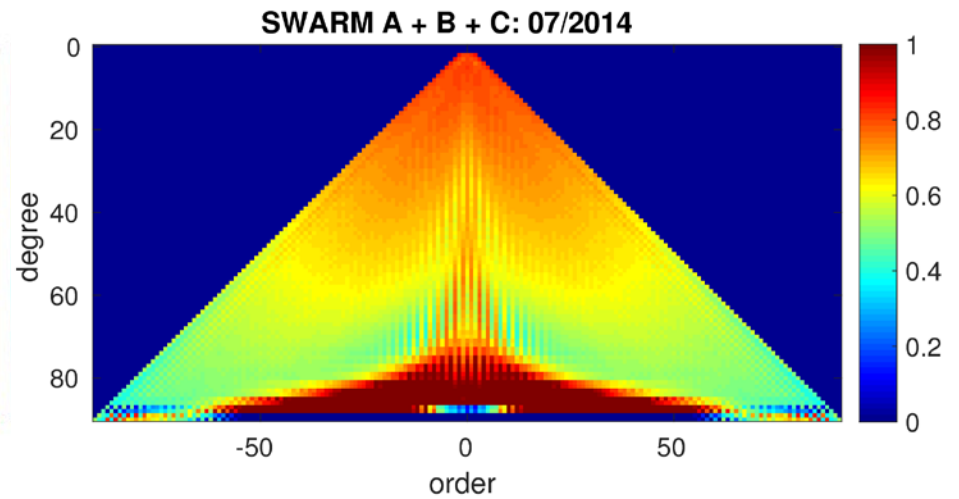
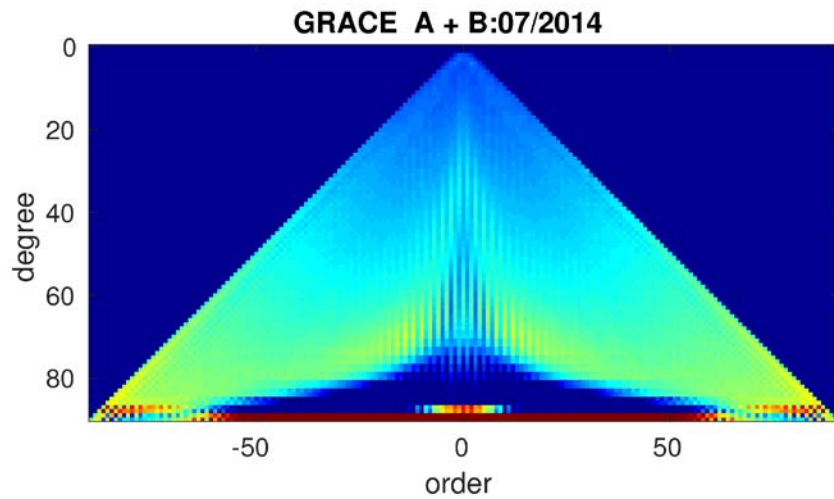
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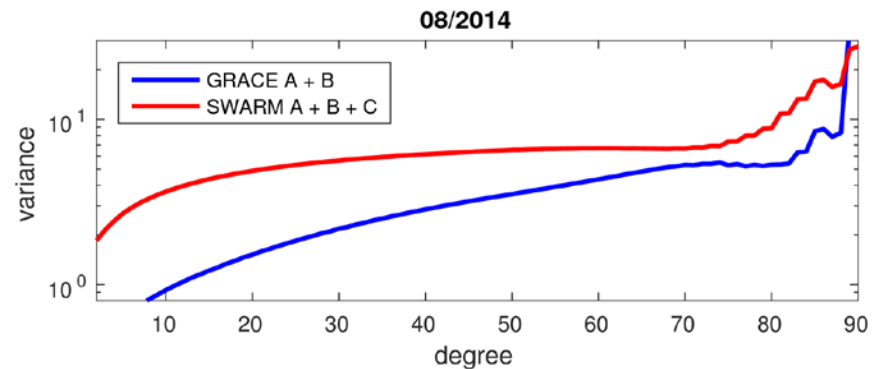
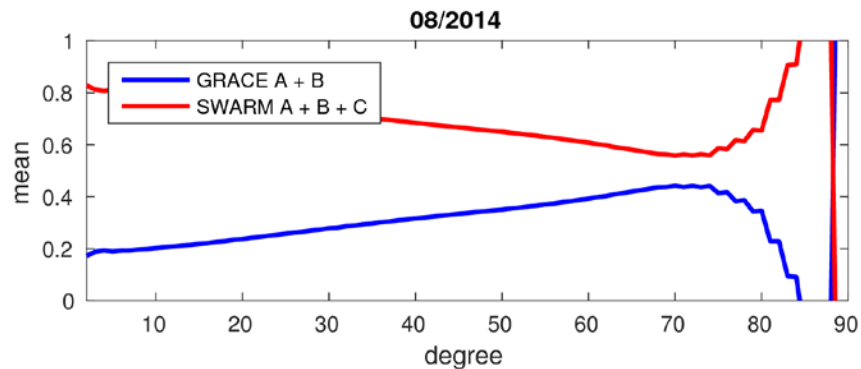
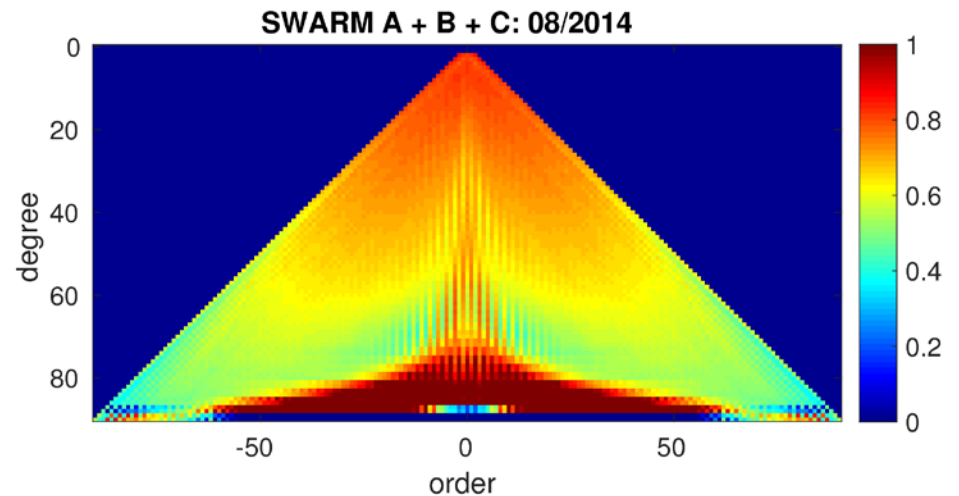
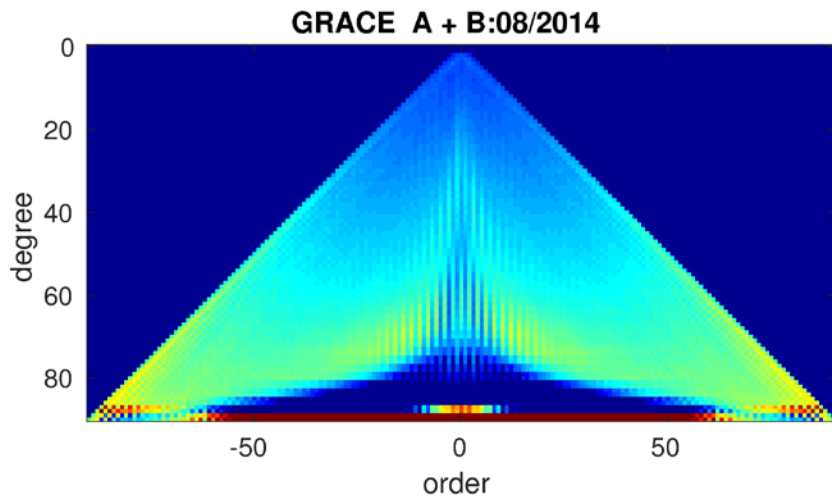
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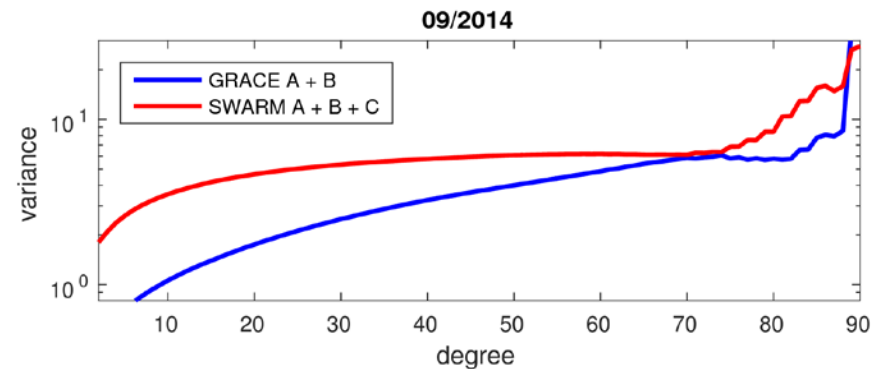
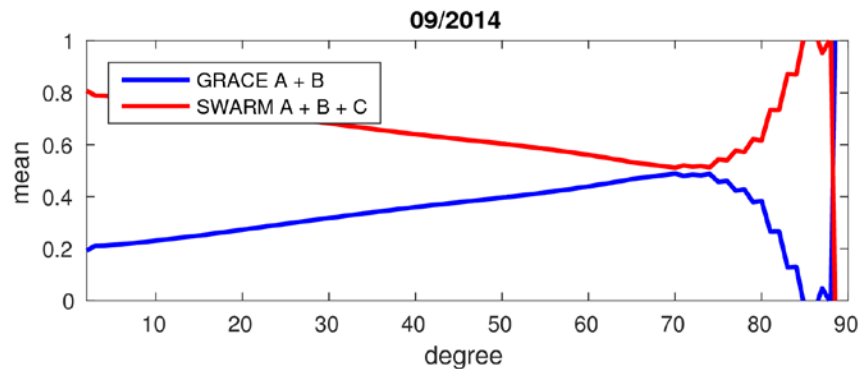
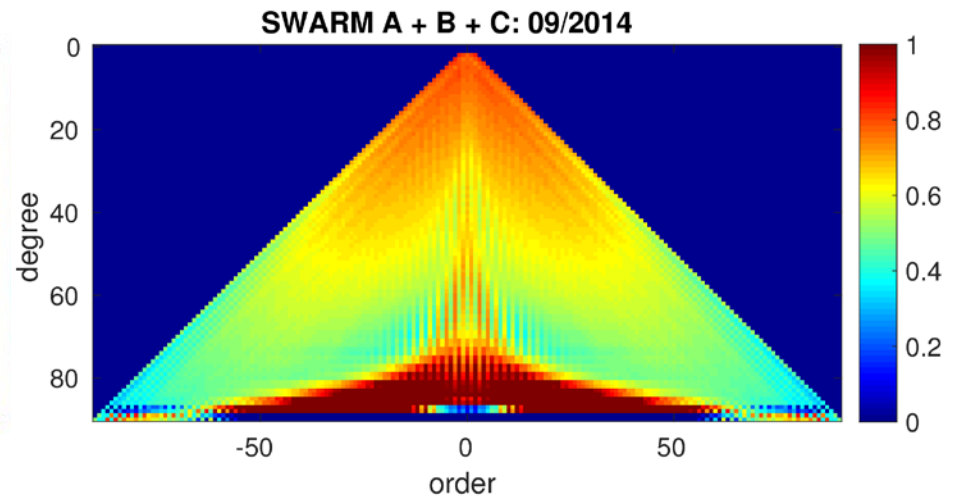
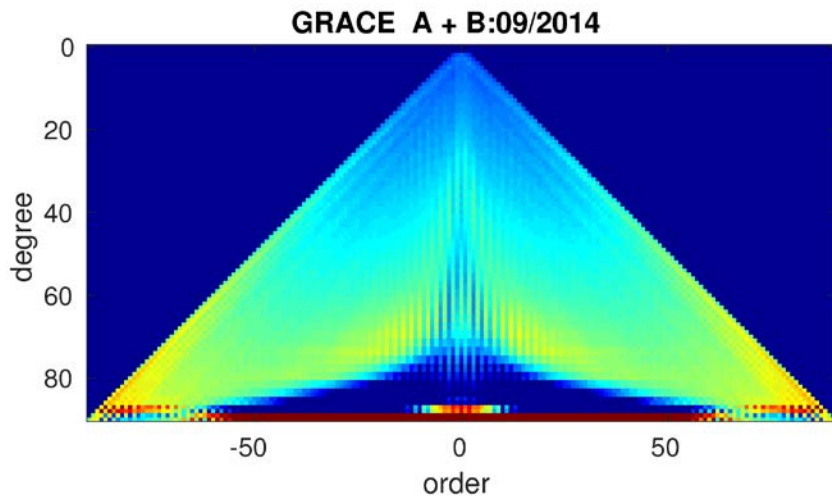
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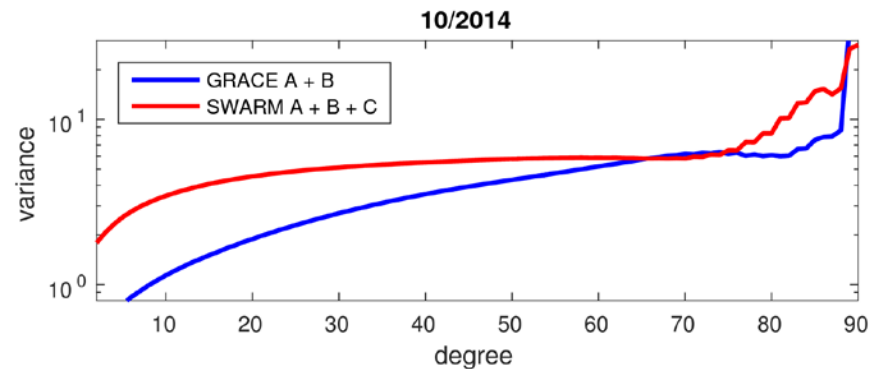
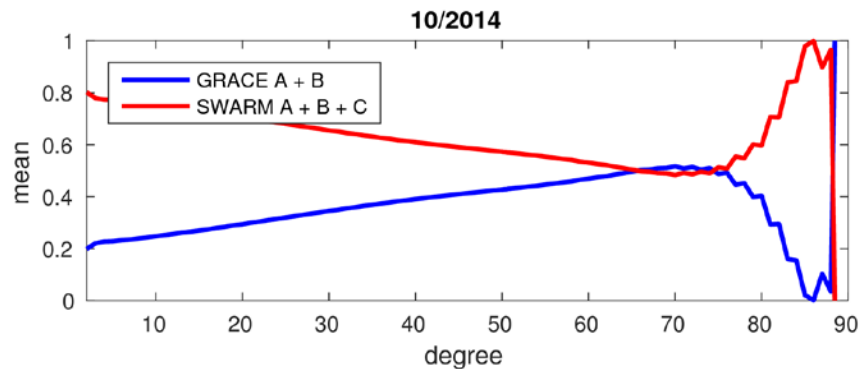
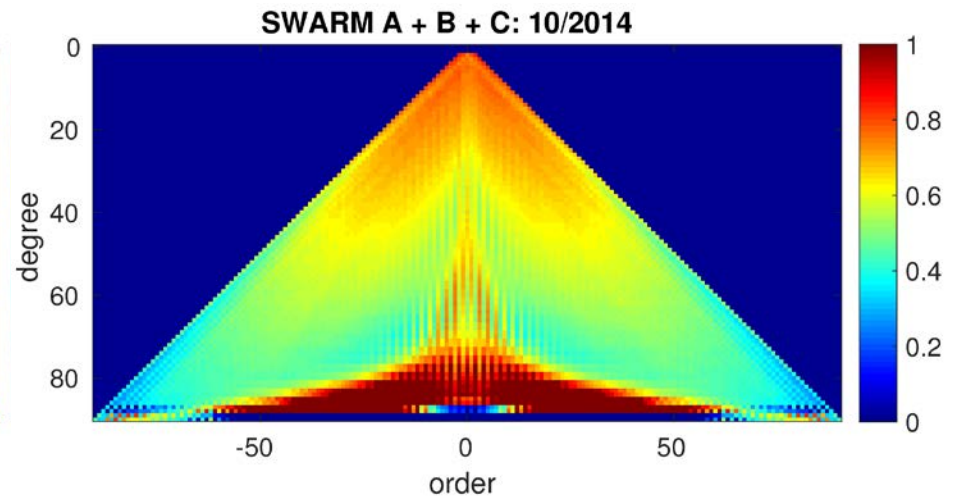
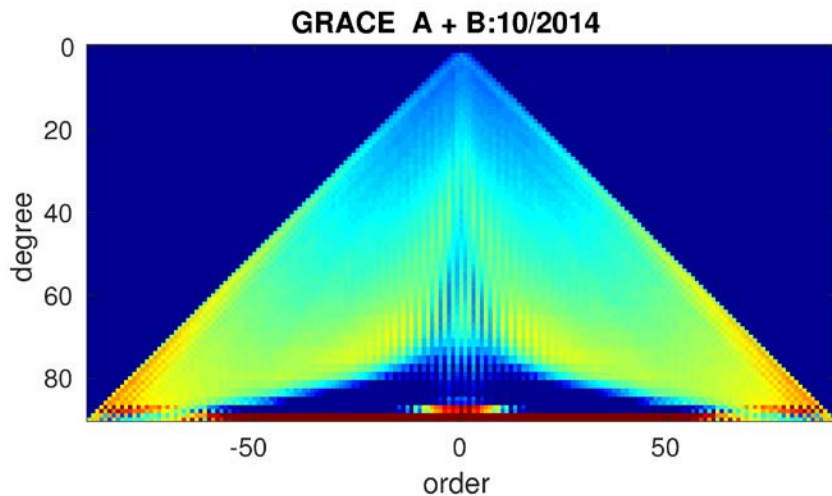
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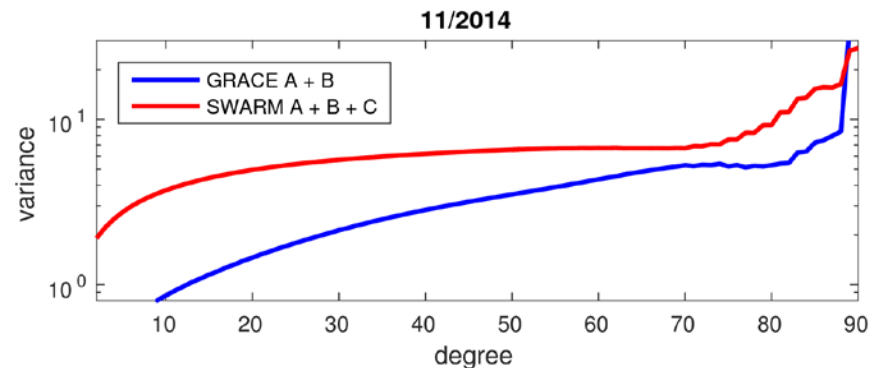
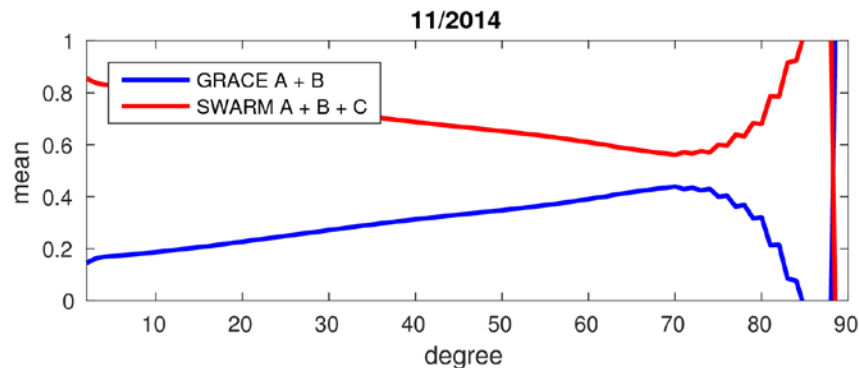
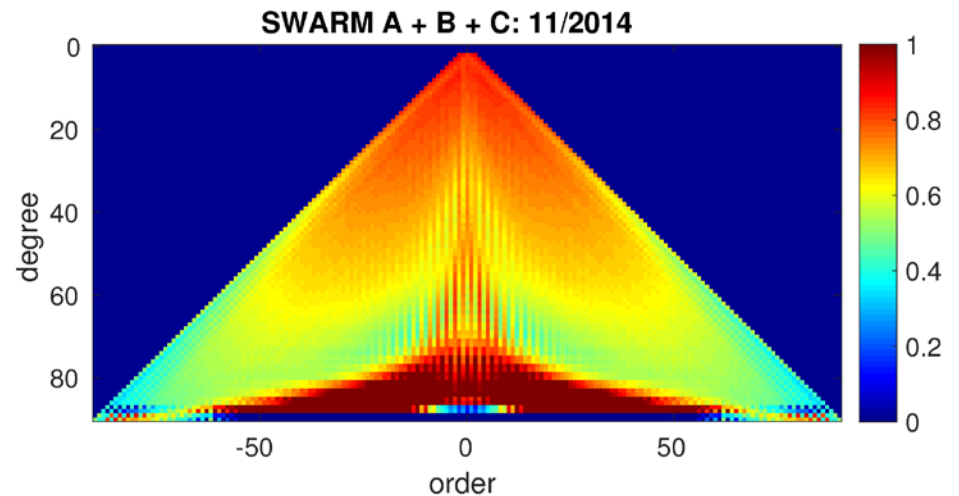
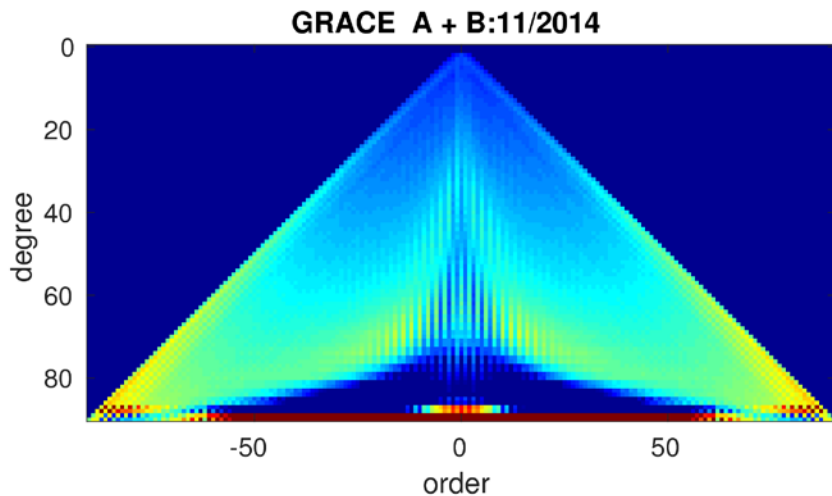
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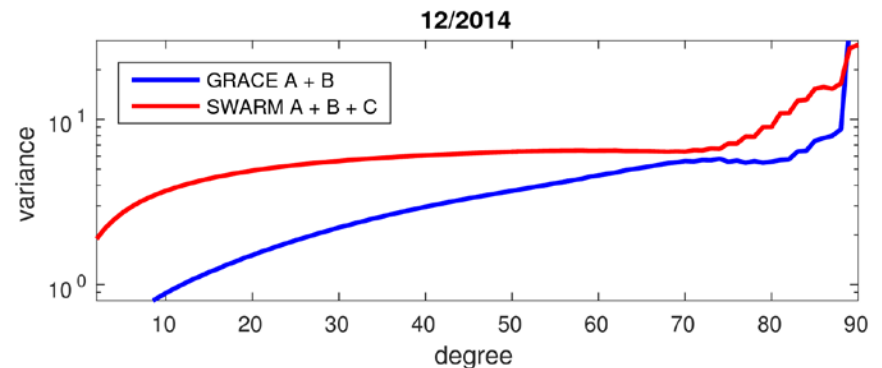
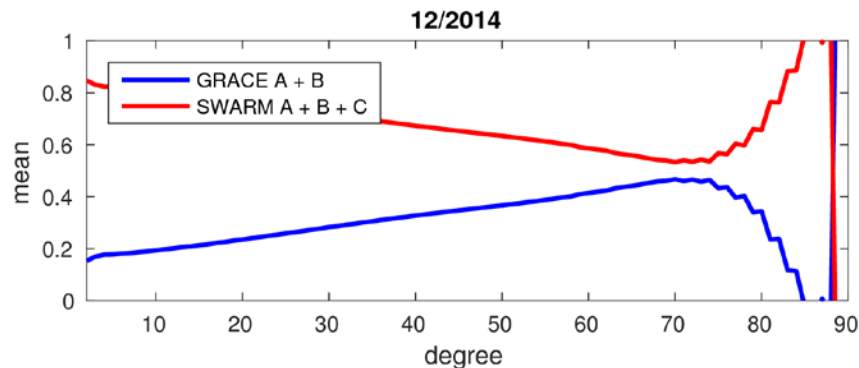
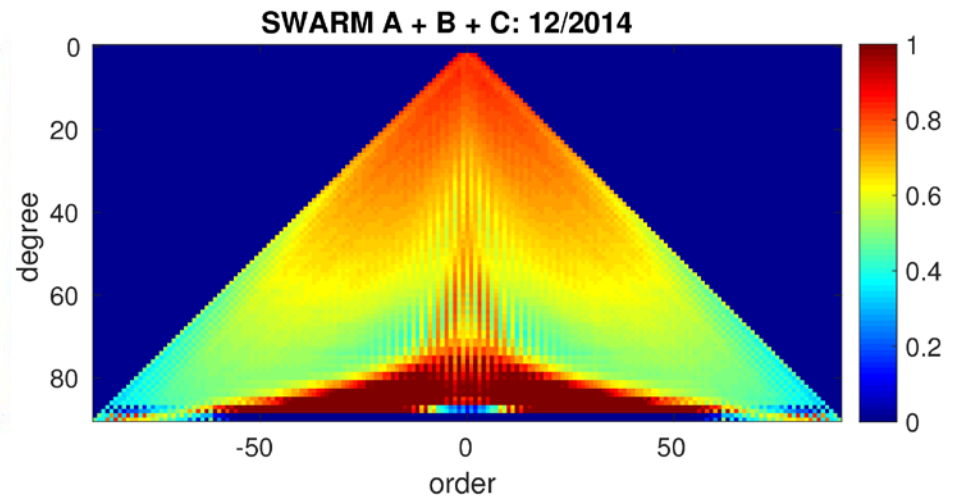
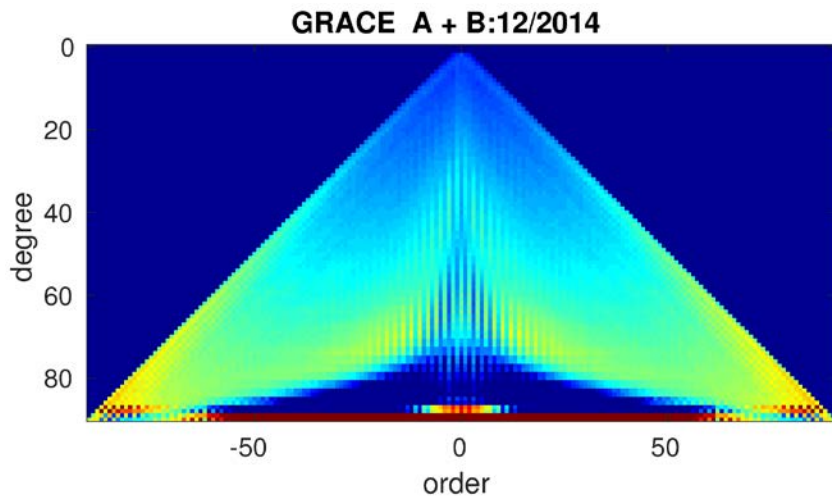
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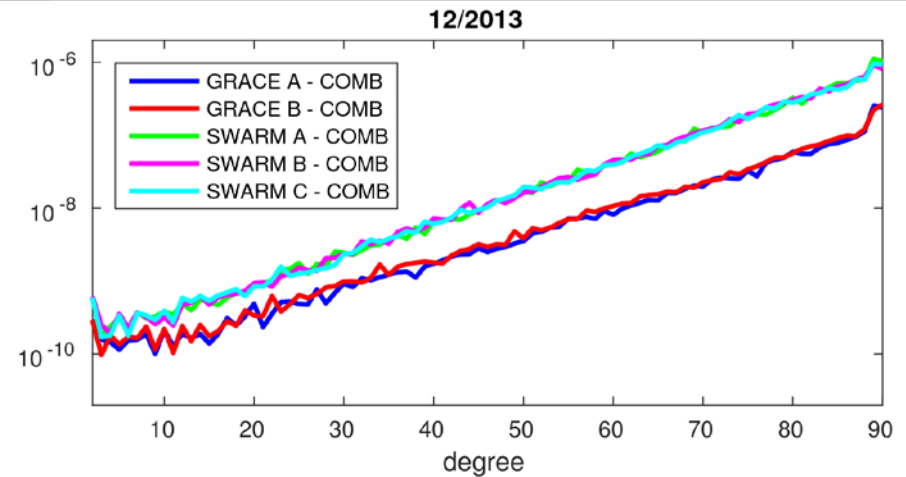
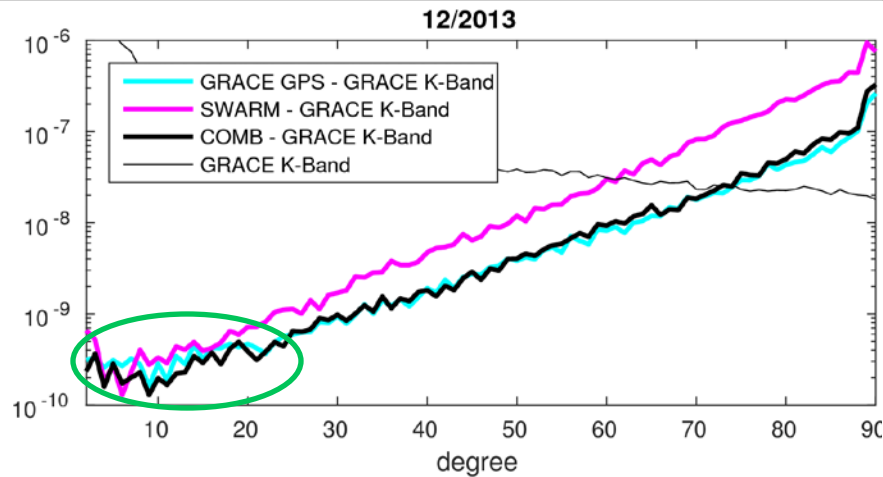
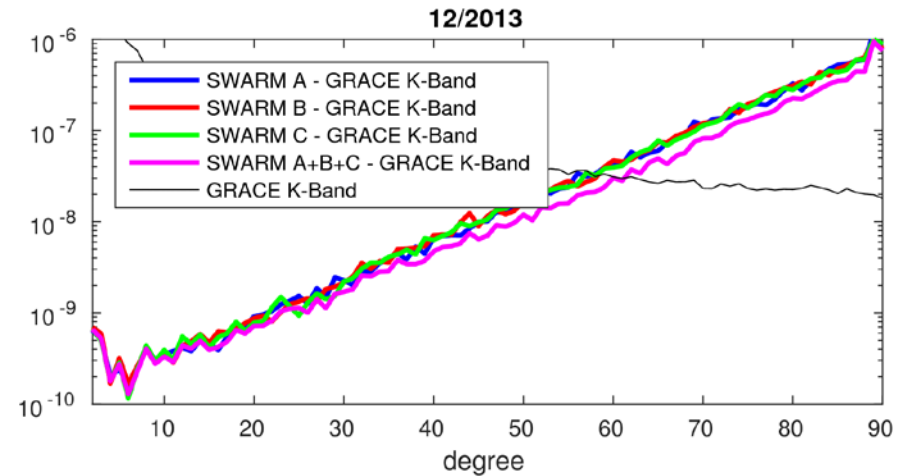
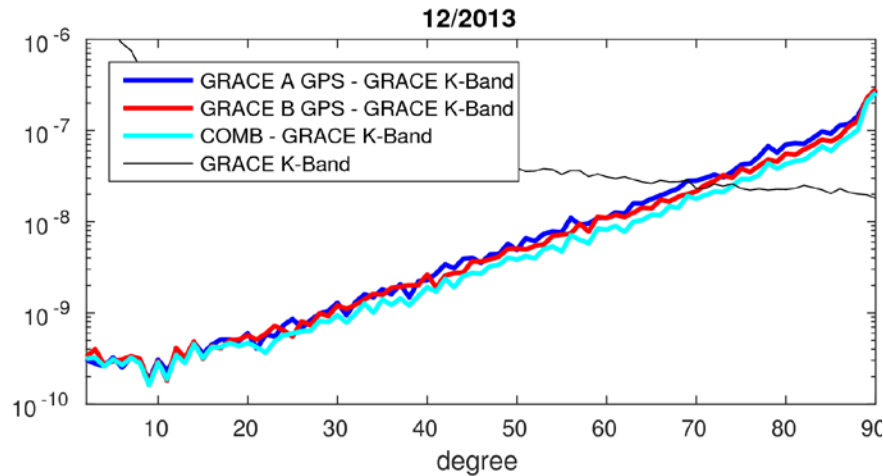
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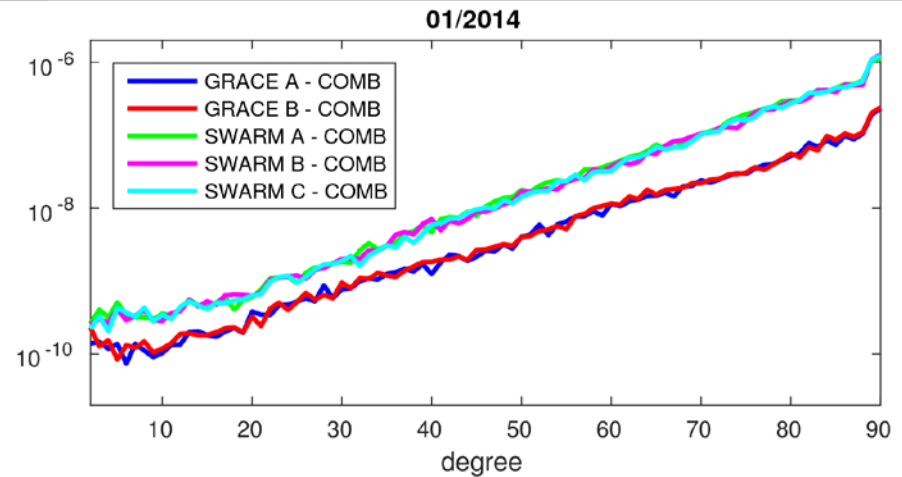
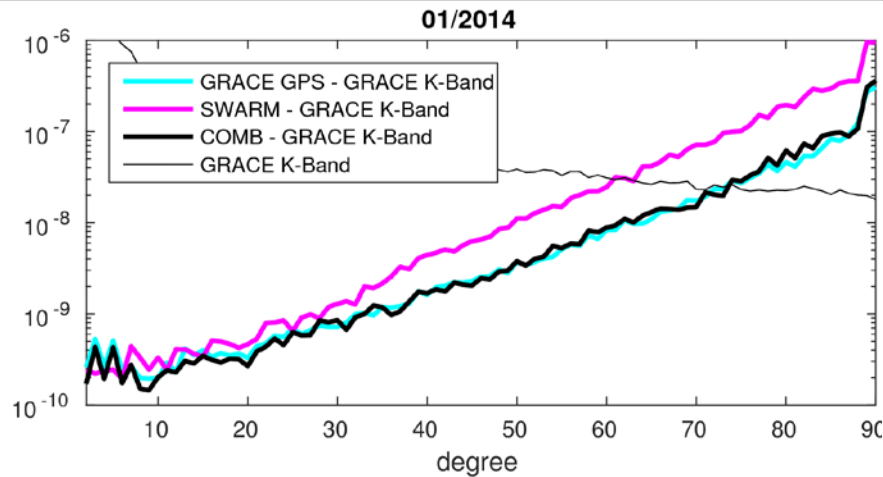
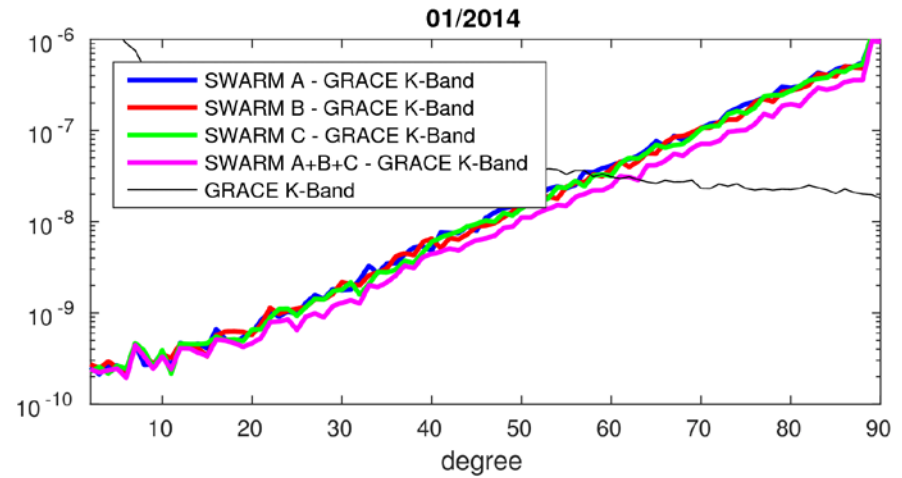
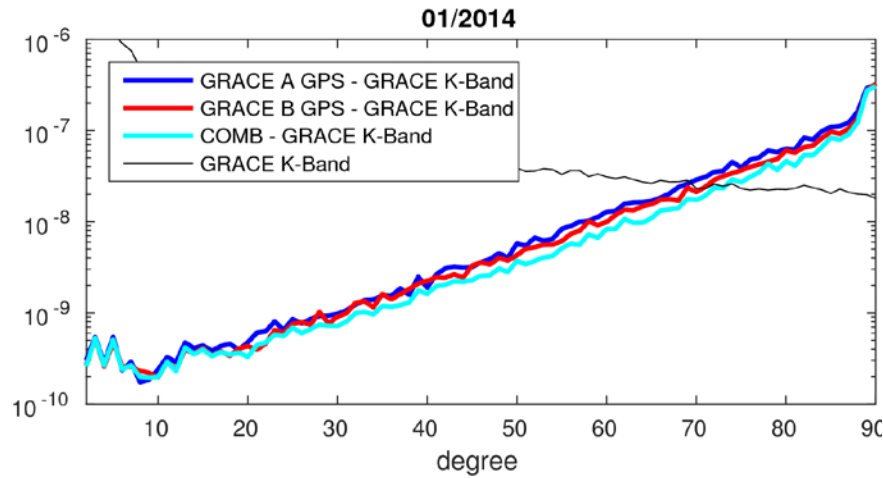
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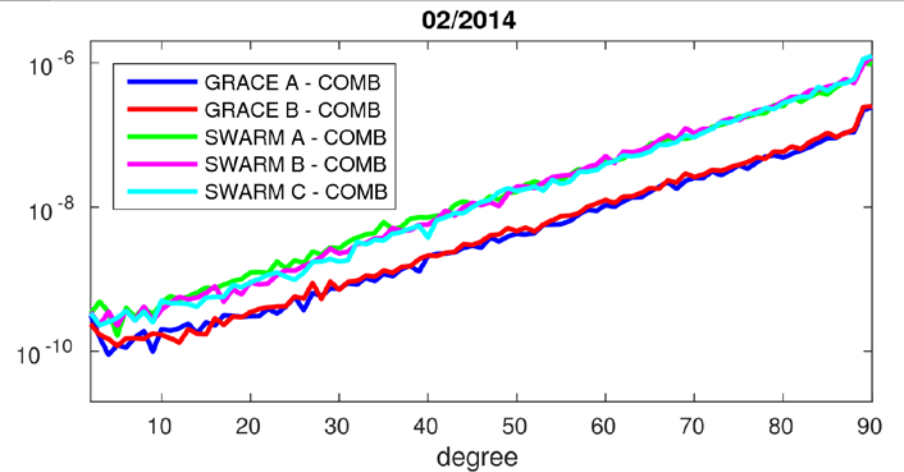
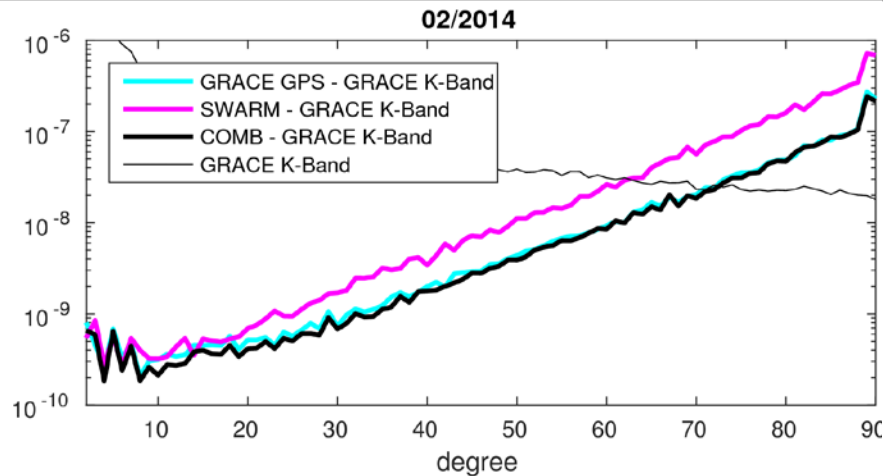
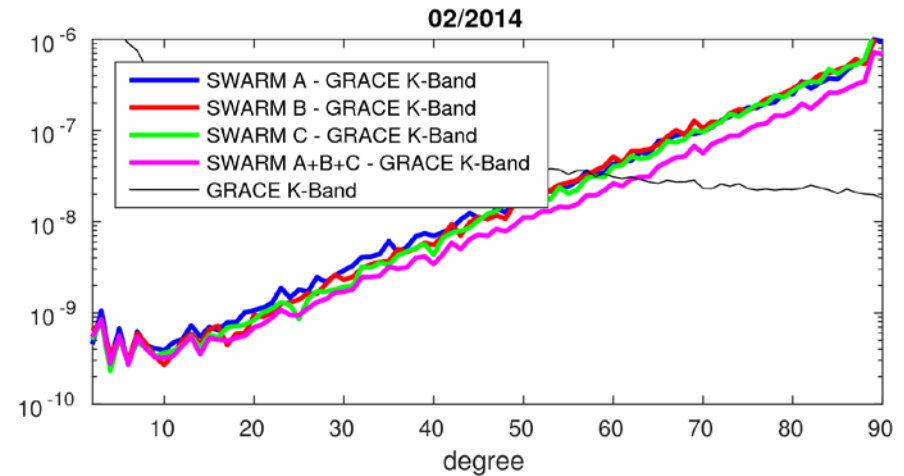
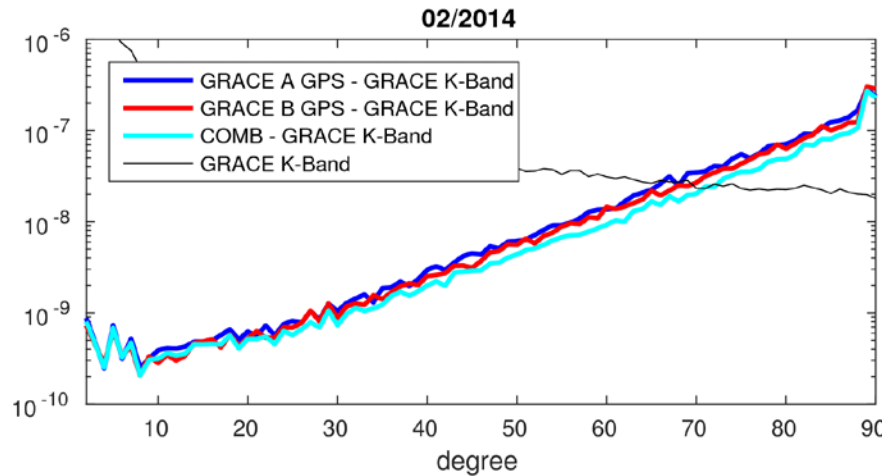
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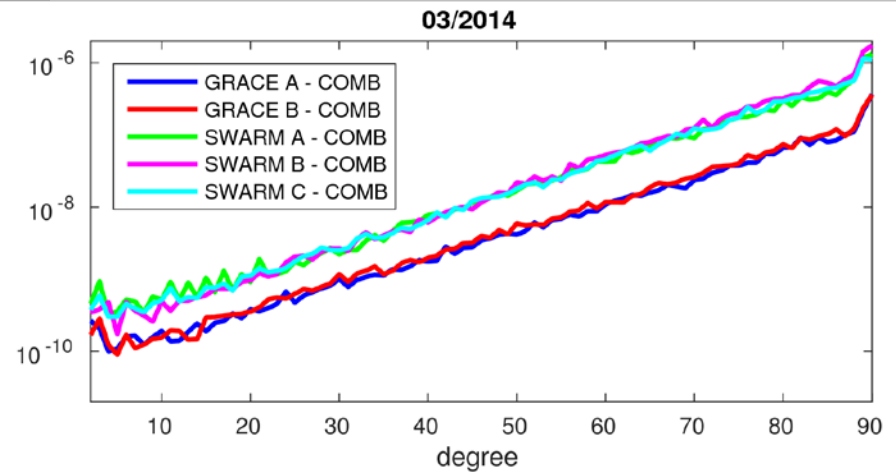
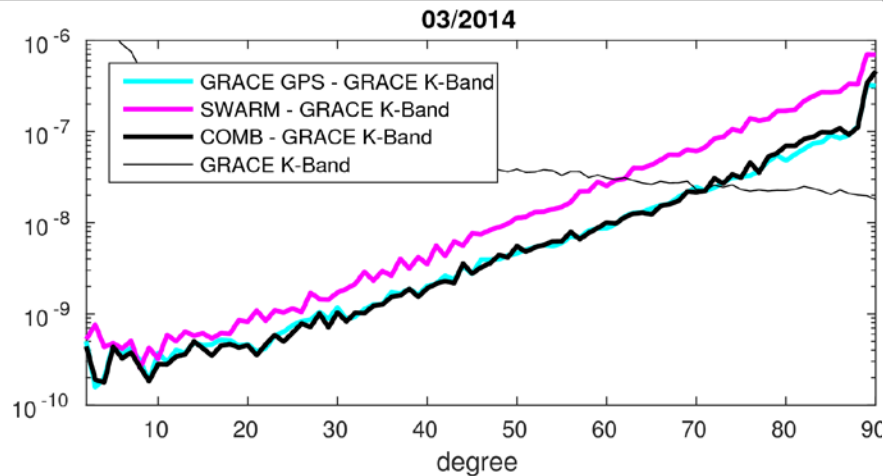
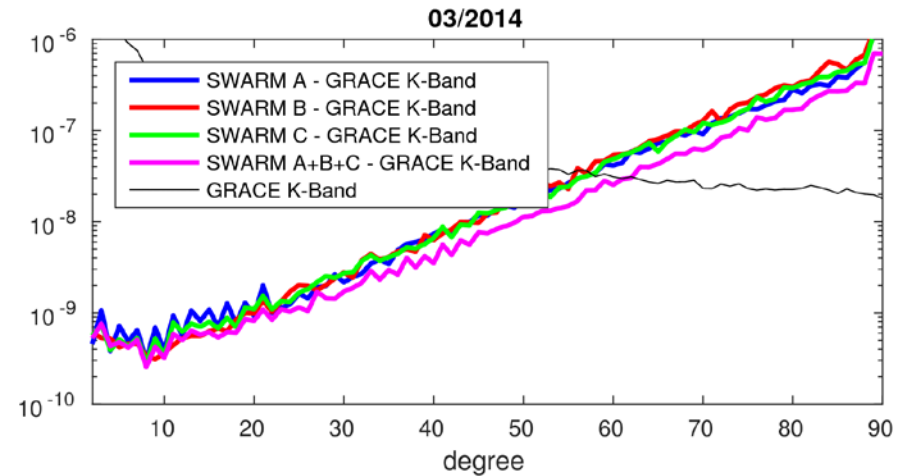
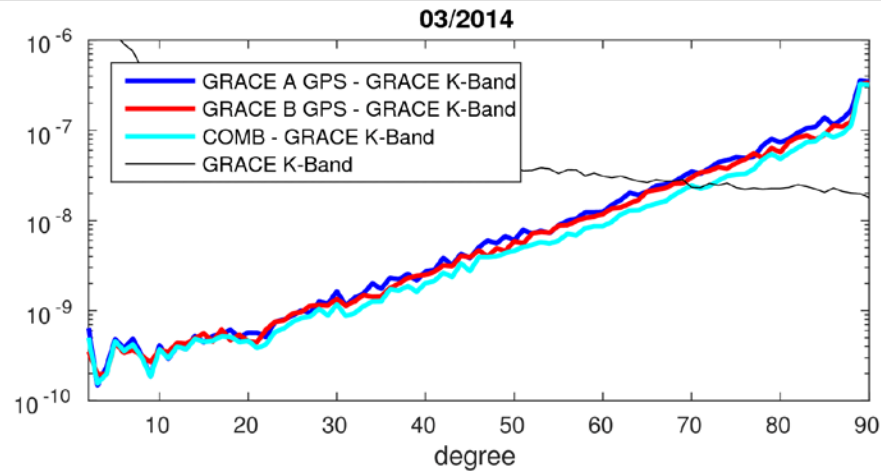
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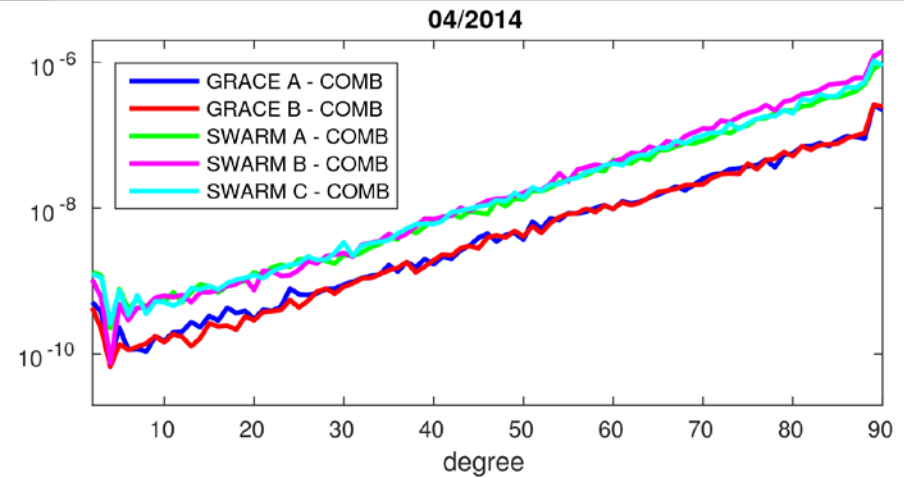
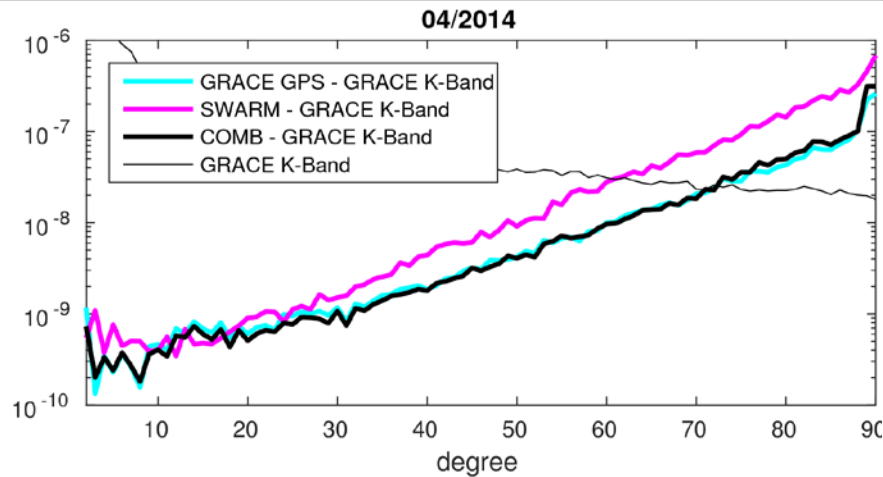
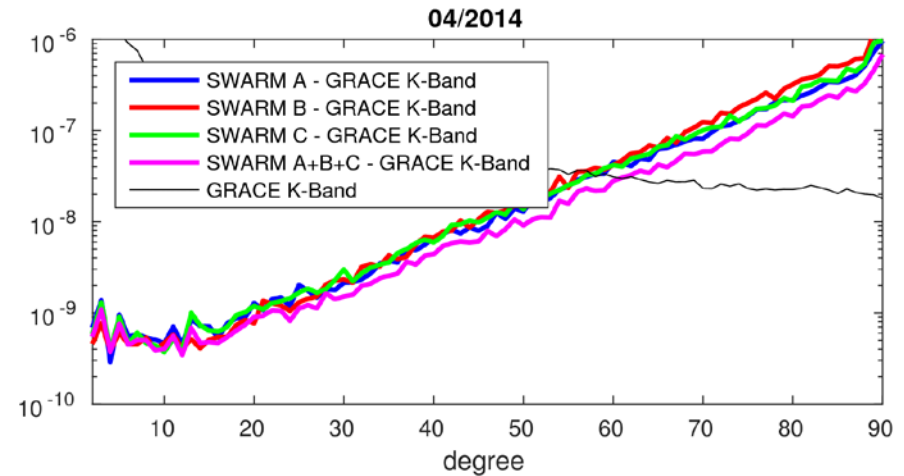
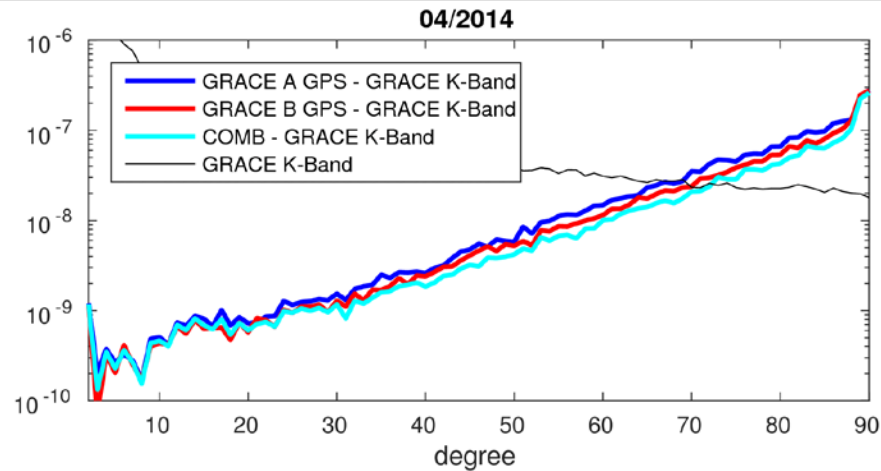
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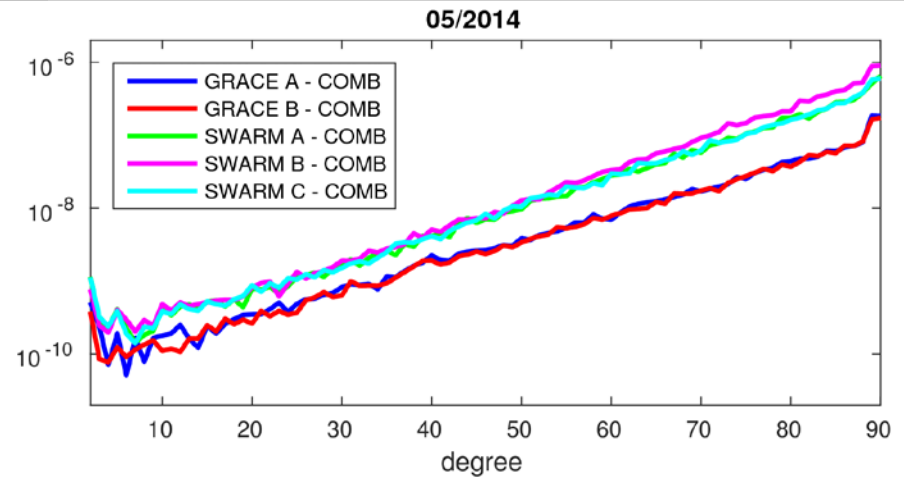
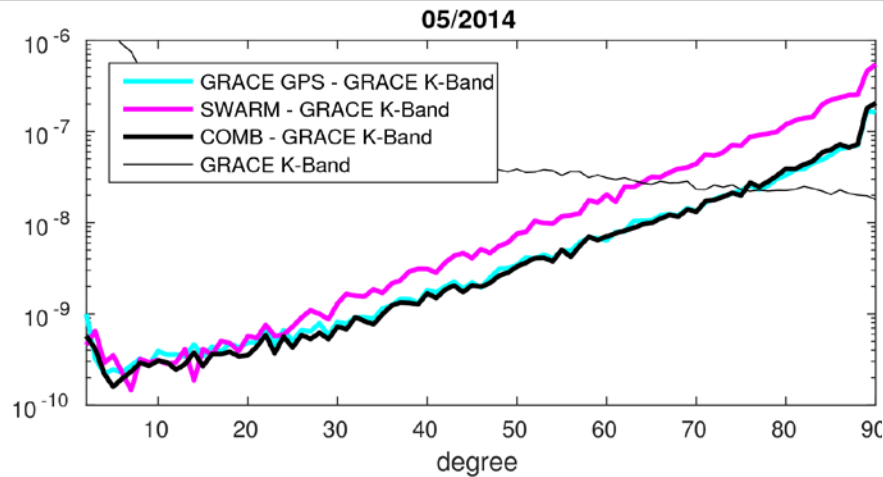
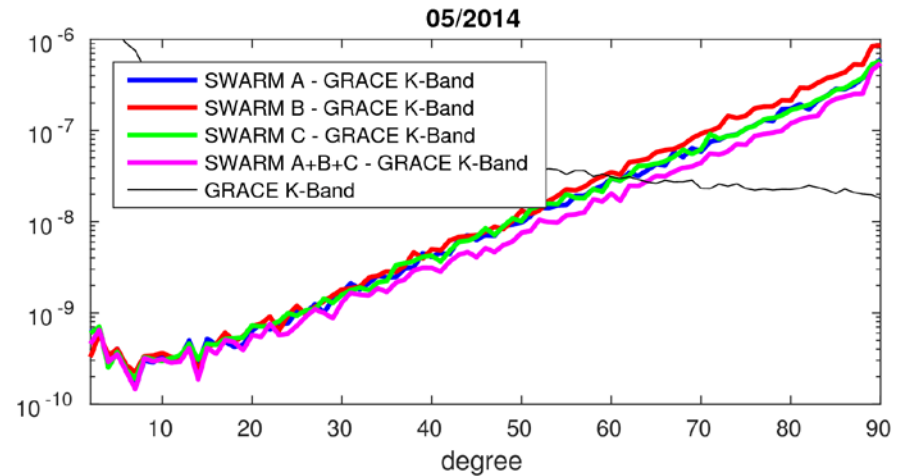
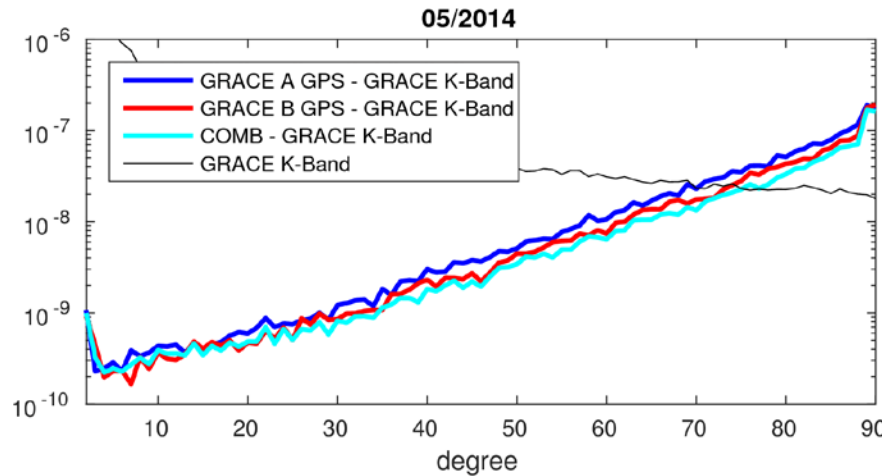
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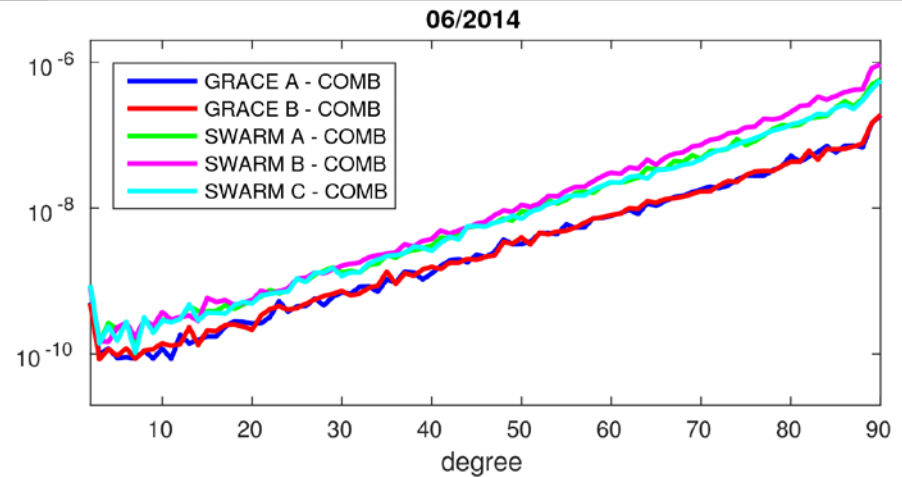
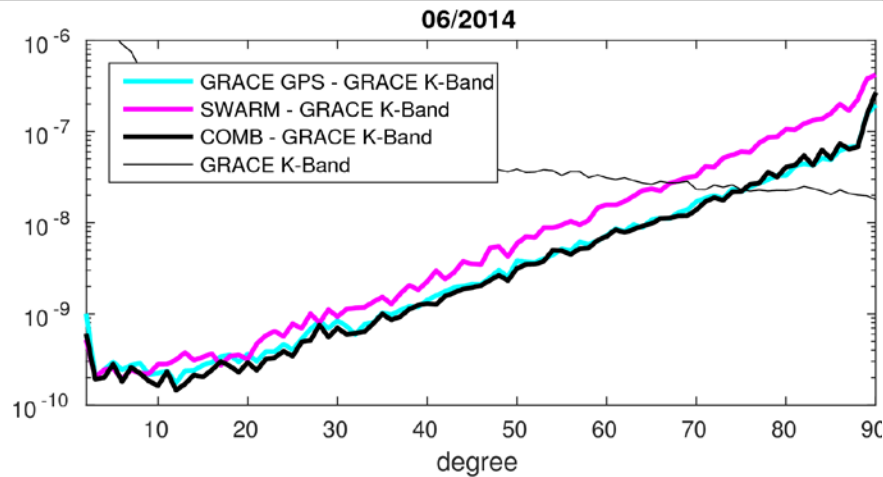
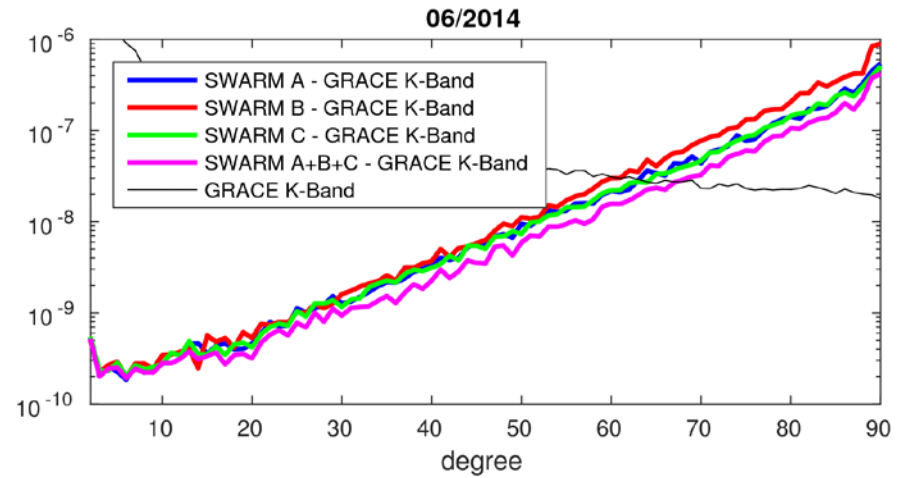
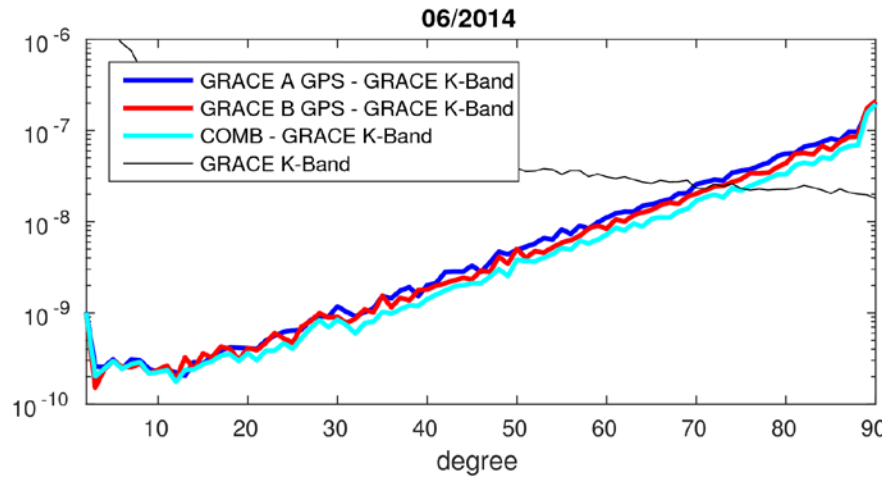
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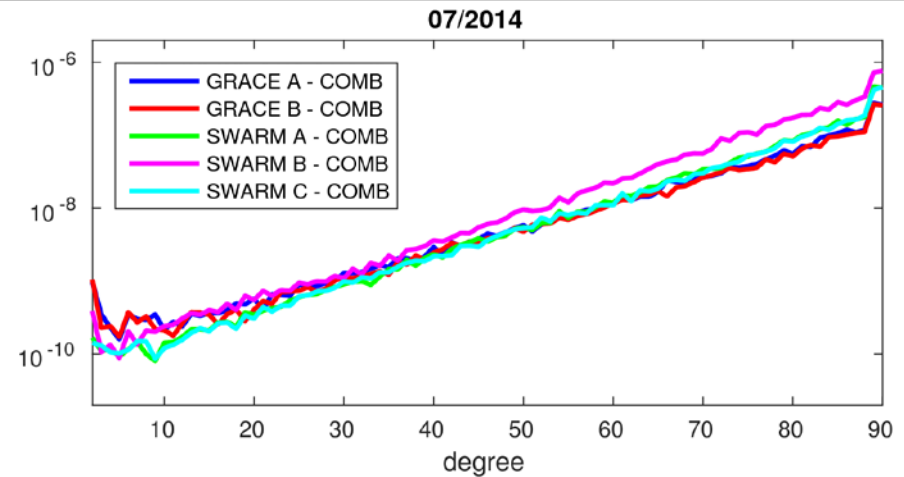
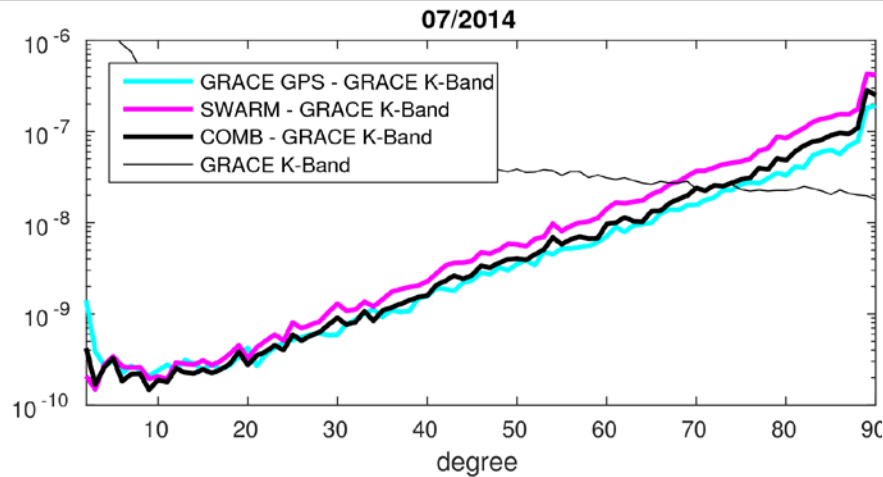
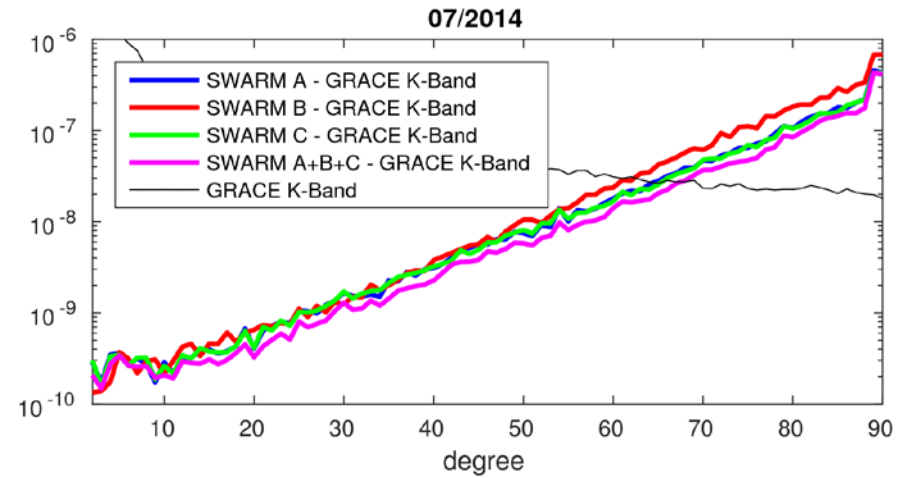
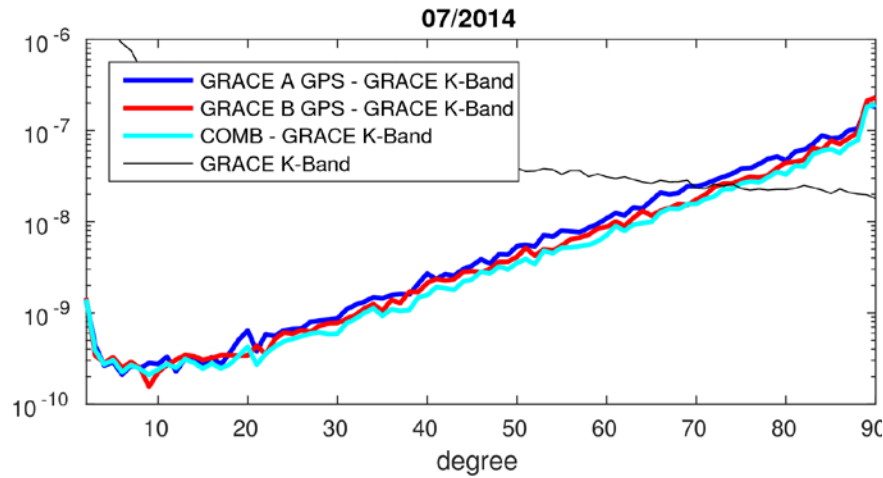
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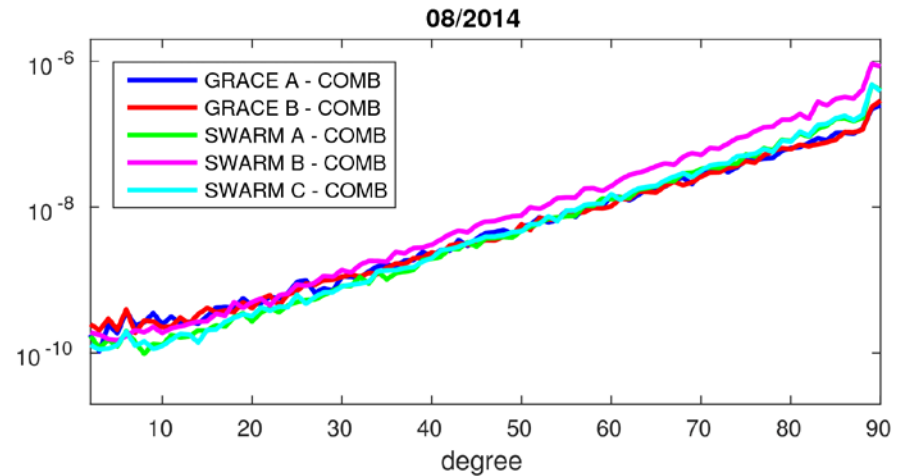
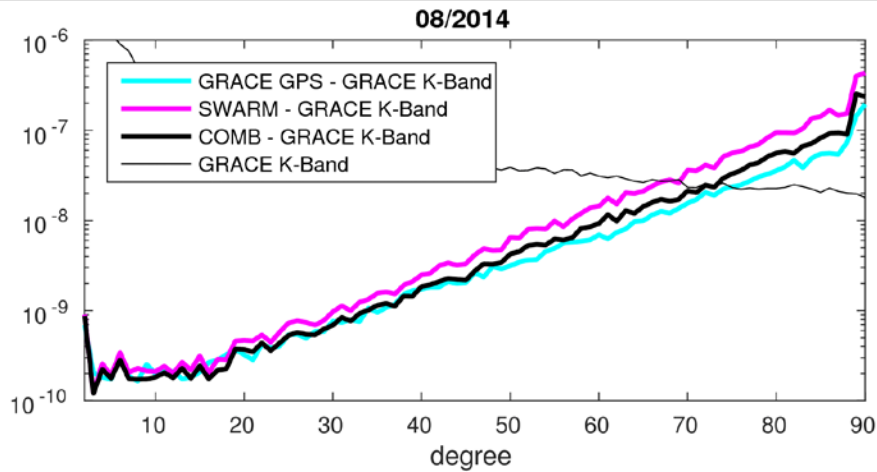
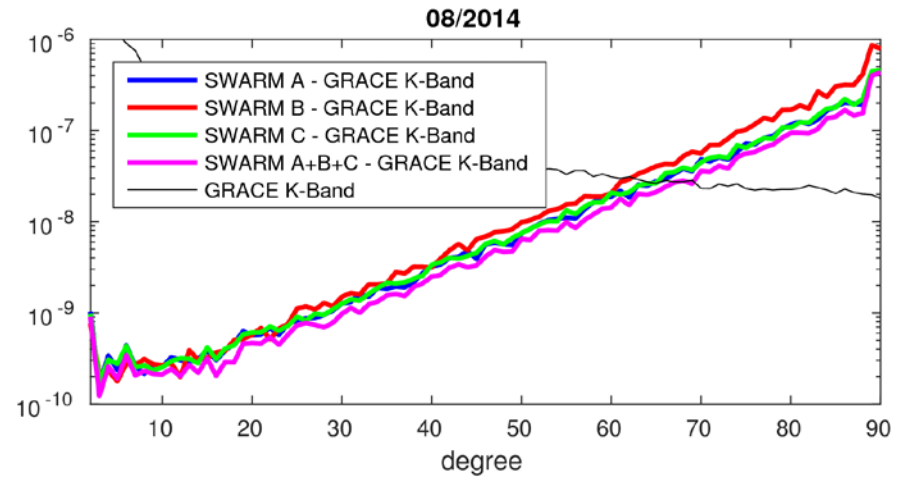
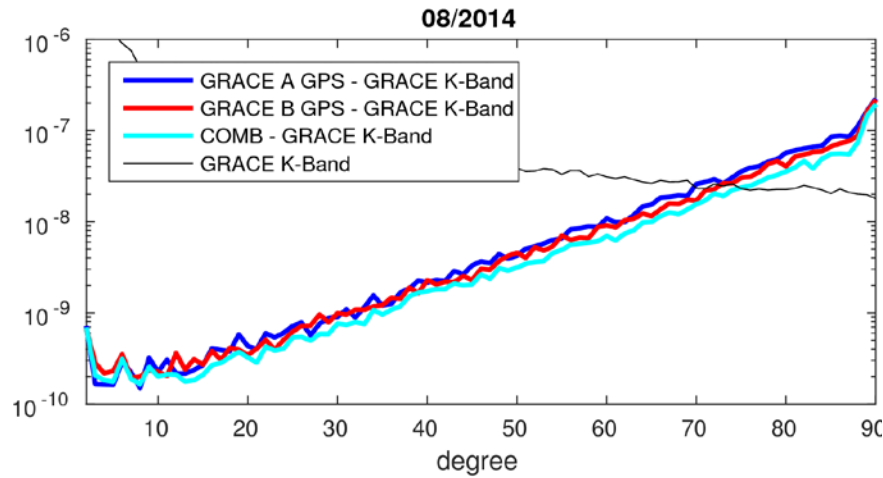
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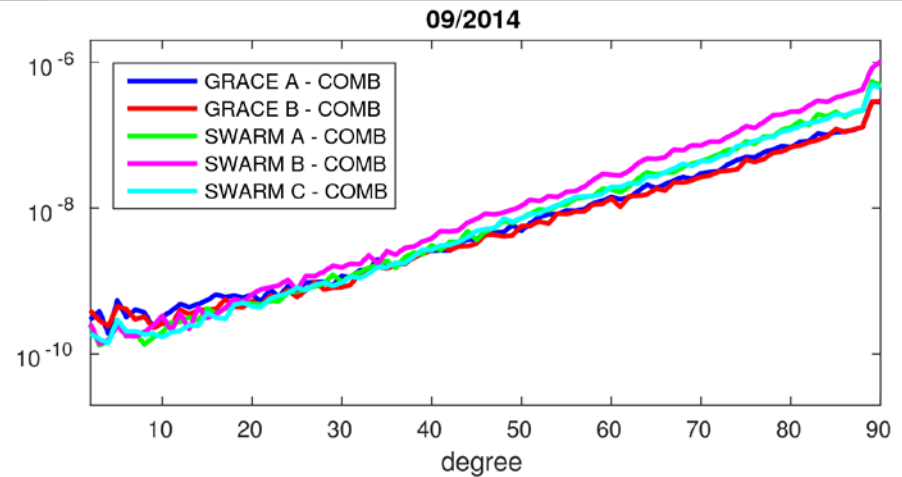
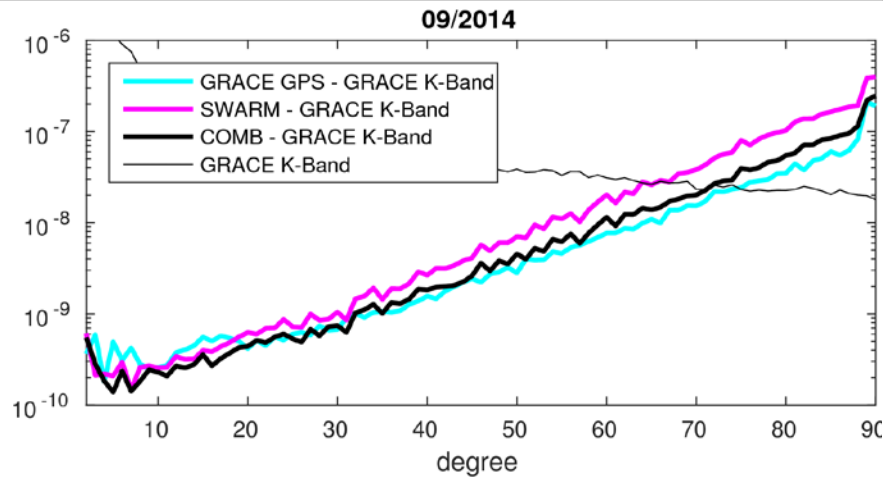
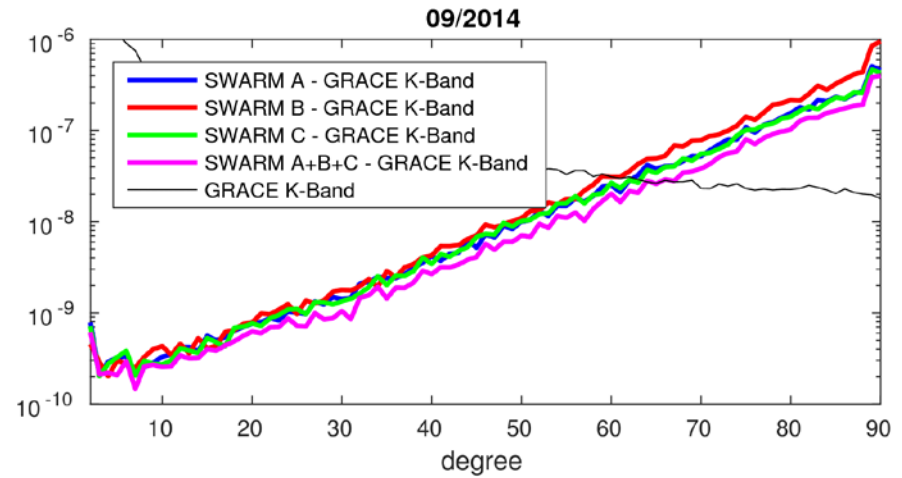
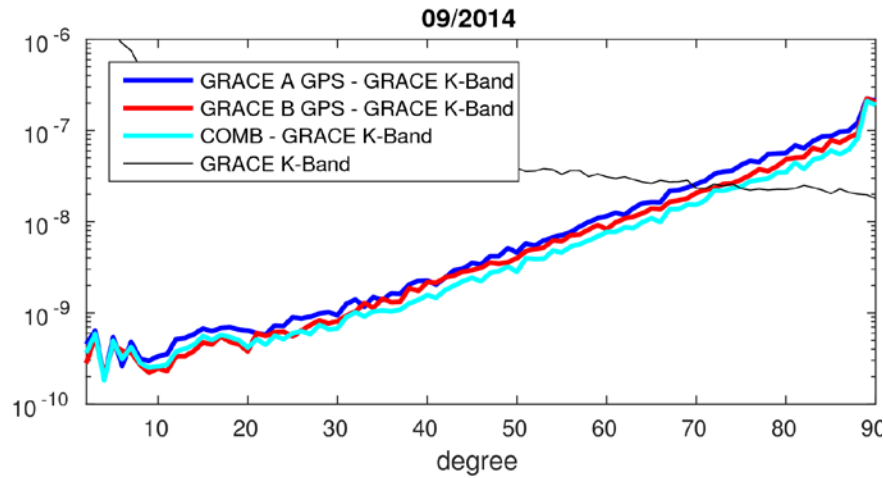
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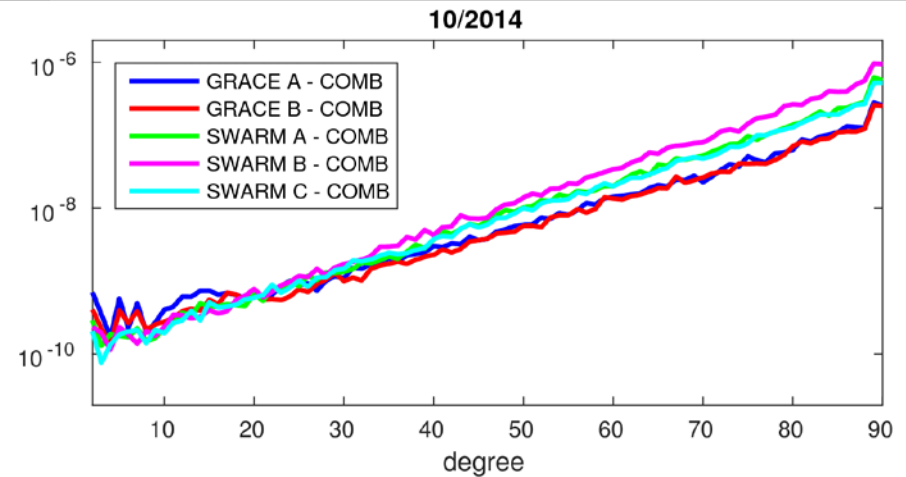
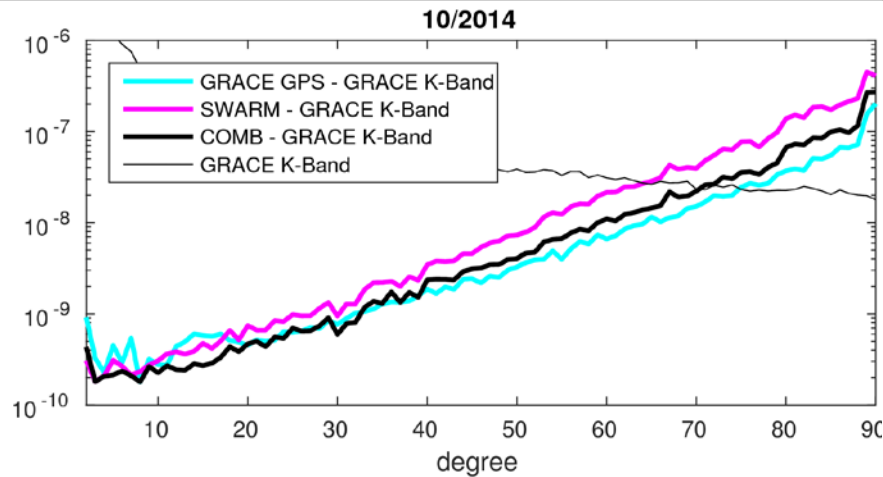
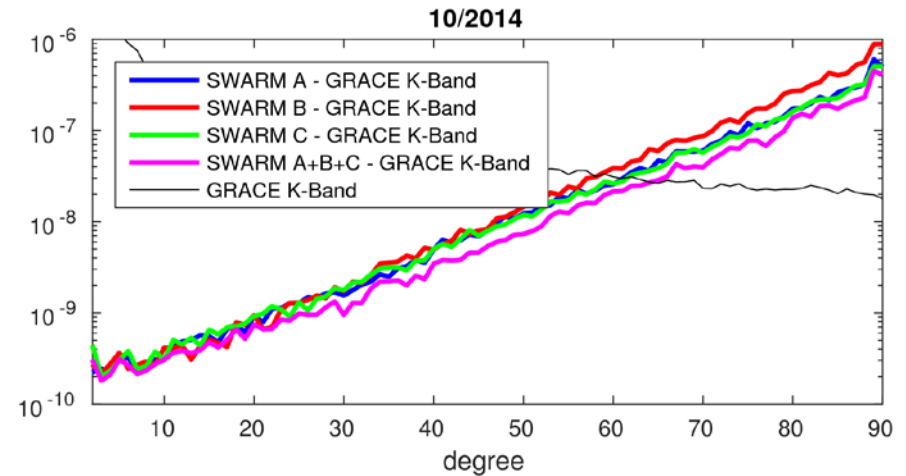
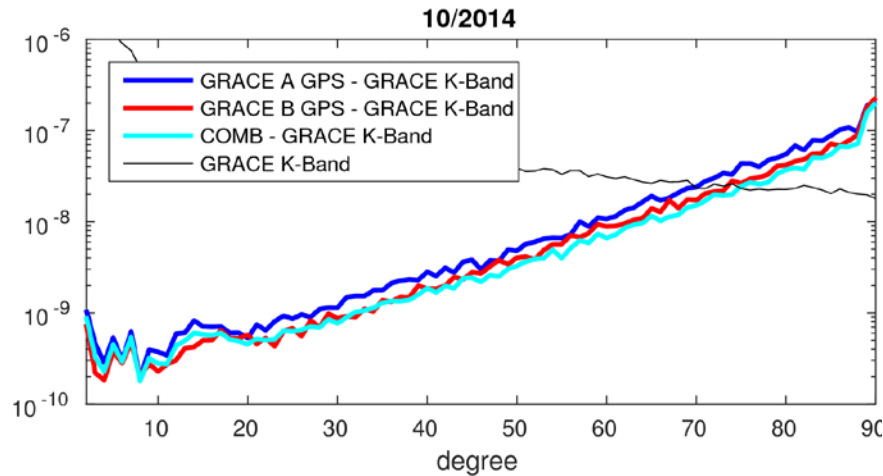
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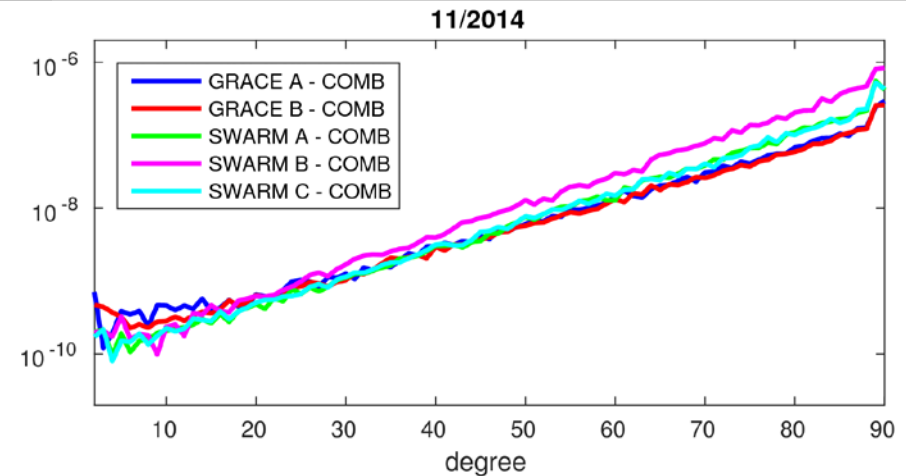
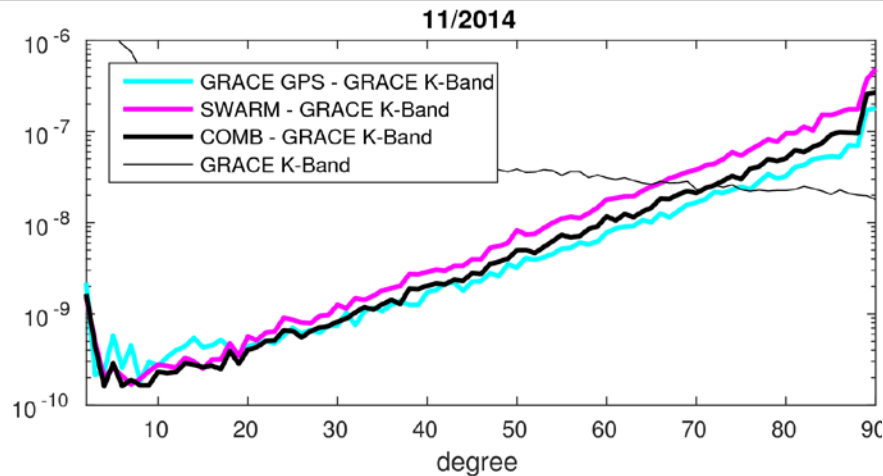
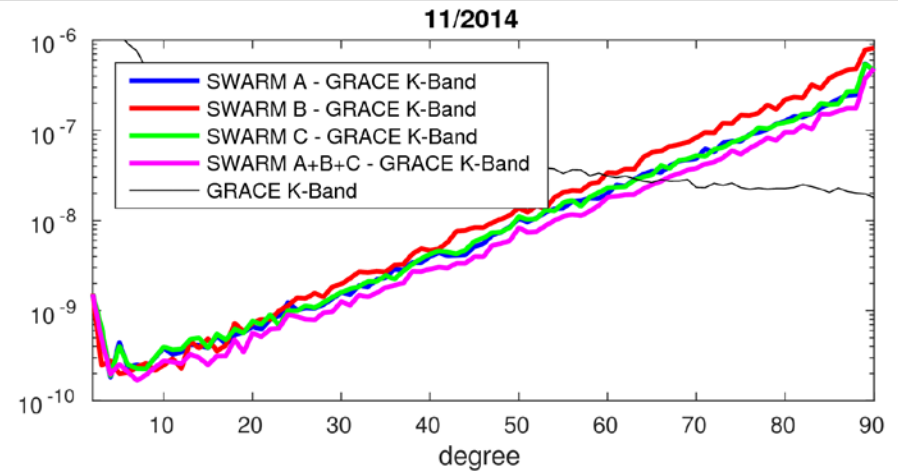
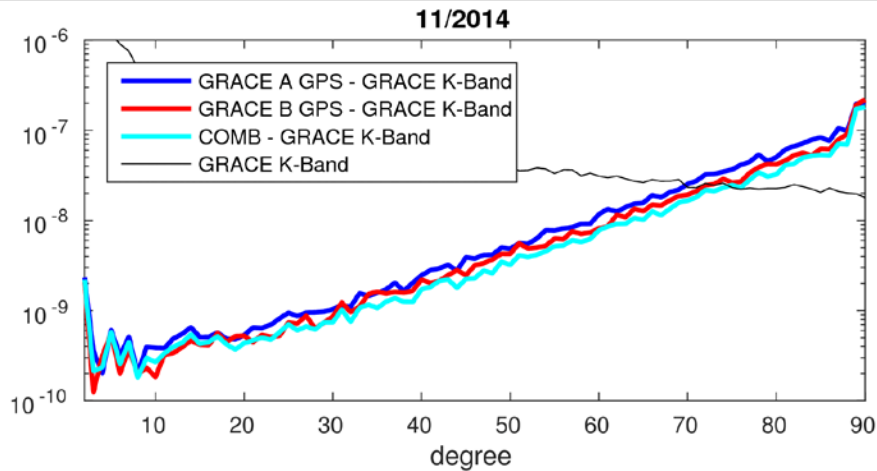
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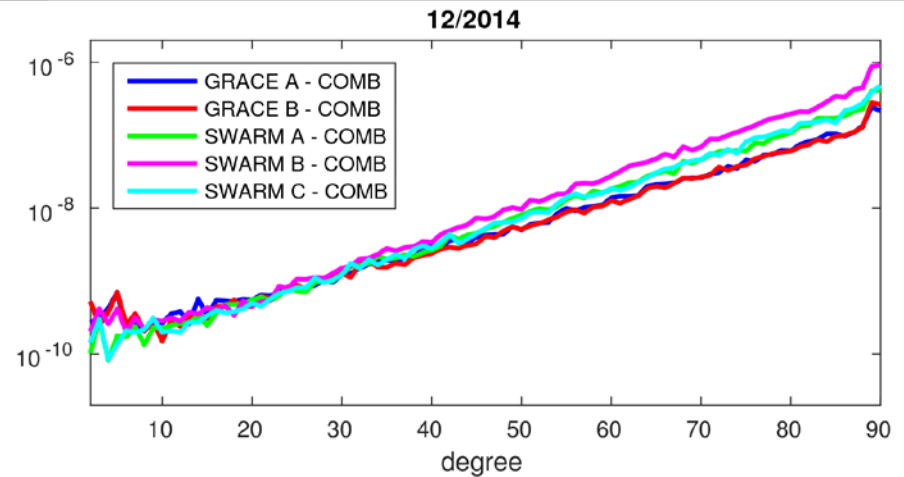
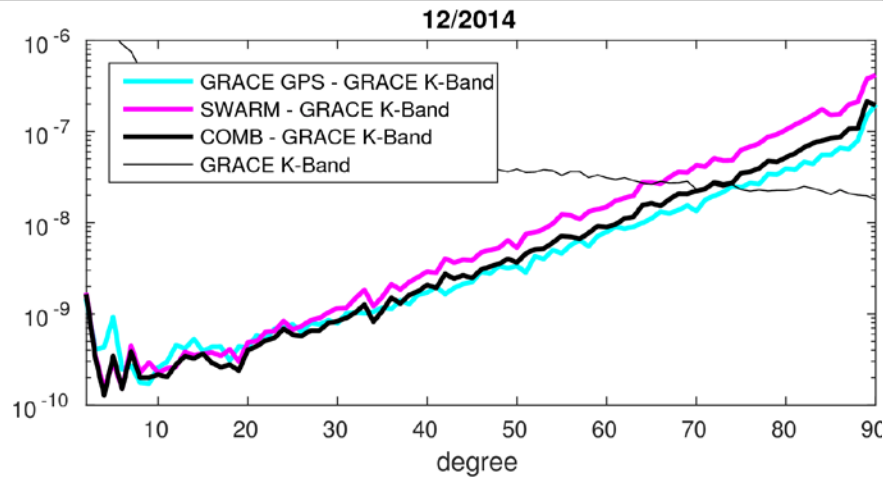
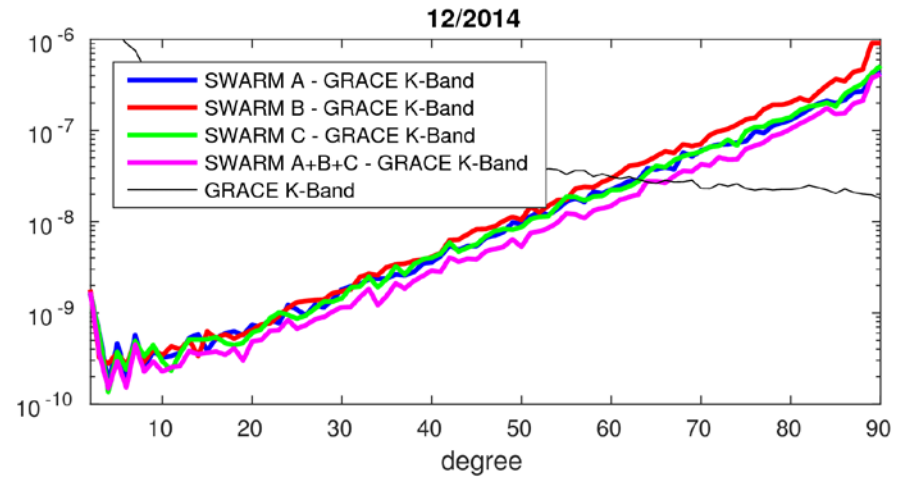
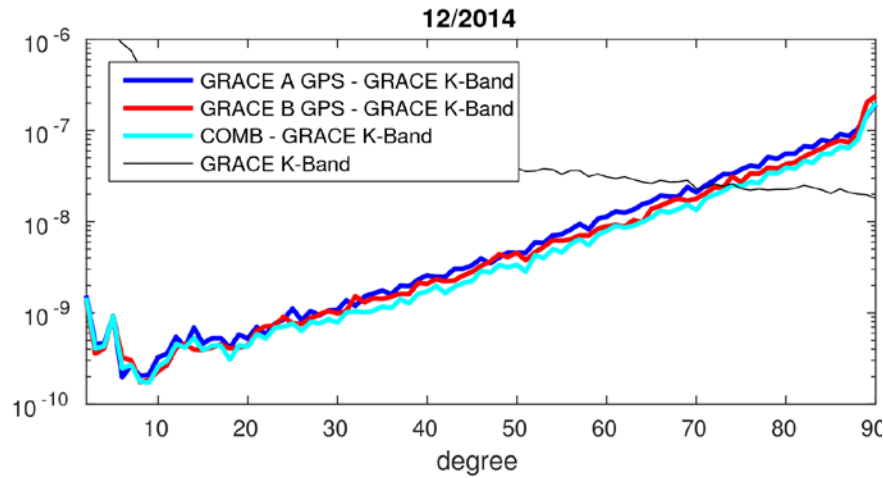
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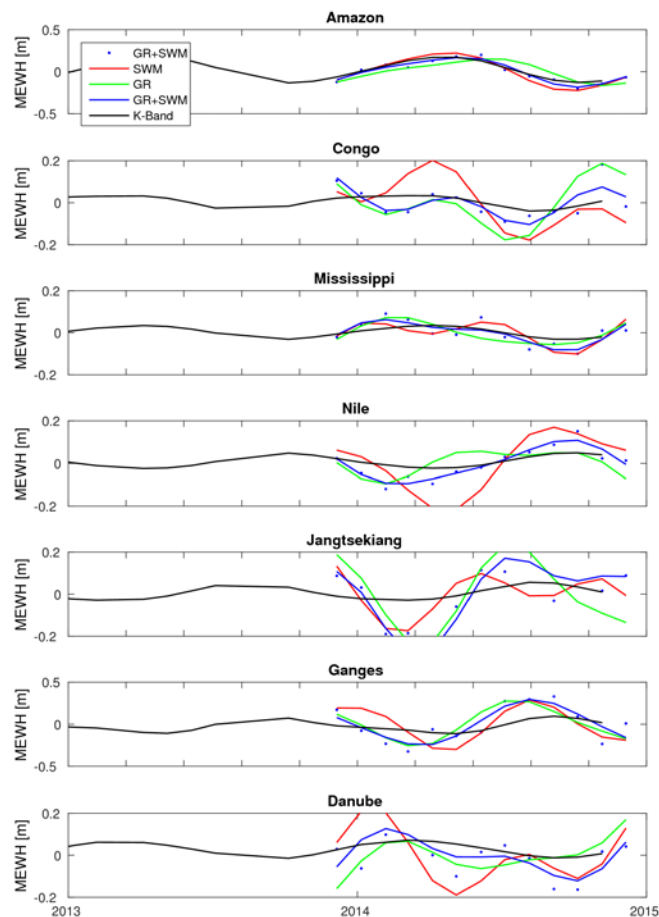


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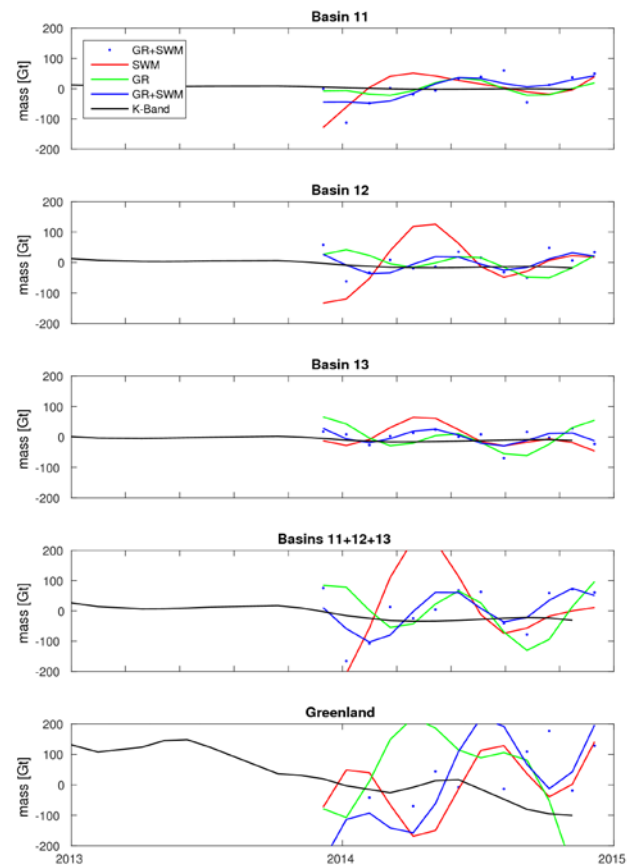


Evaluation

Seasonal variations in river basins



Ice mass loss in polar regions



Conclusions

- GRACE and SWARM NEQs can be combined „just like that“ till 06/2014.
 - Low degree coefficients profit from the combination, while high degree coefficients are determined by the lower flying GRACE satellites.
 - After 06/2014 the change in sampling rate of the SWARM satellites leads to over-weighting of SWARM.
 - Combination of NEQs from different processing centers (with different noise models) will make an advanced relative weighting necessary.
- => Watch out for future EGSiEM presentations!