

SLR, GRACE and SWARM gravity field determination and combination

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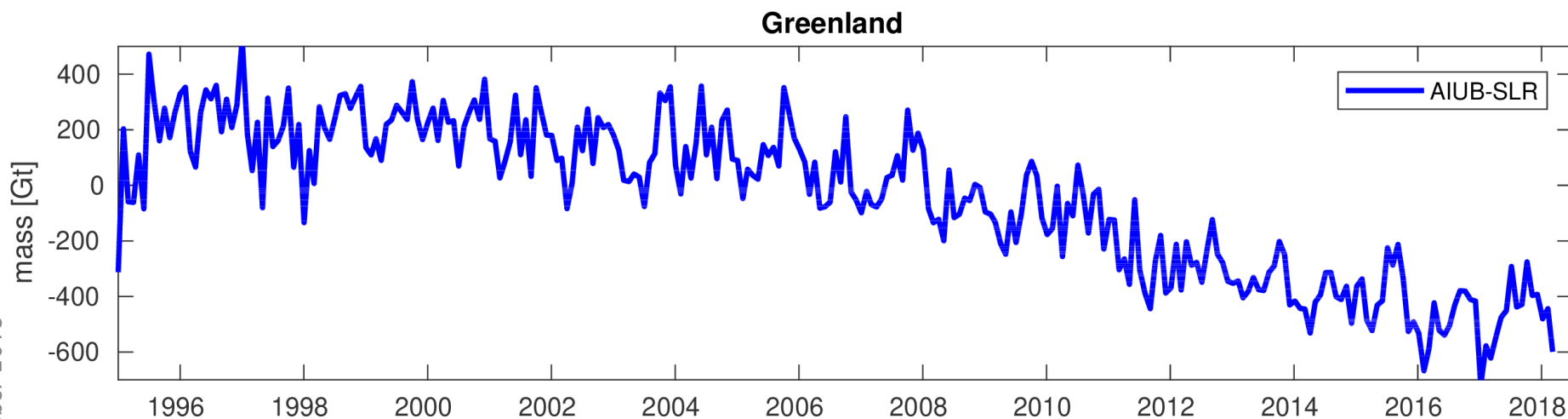
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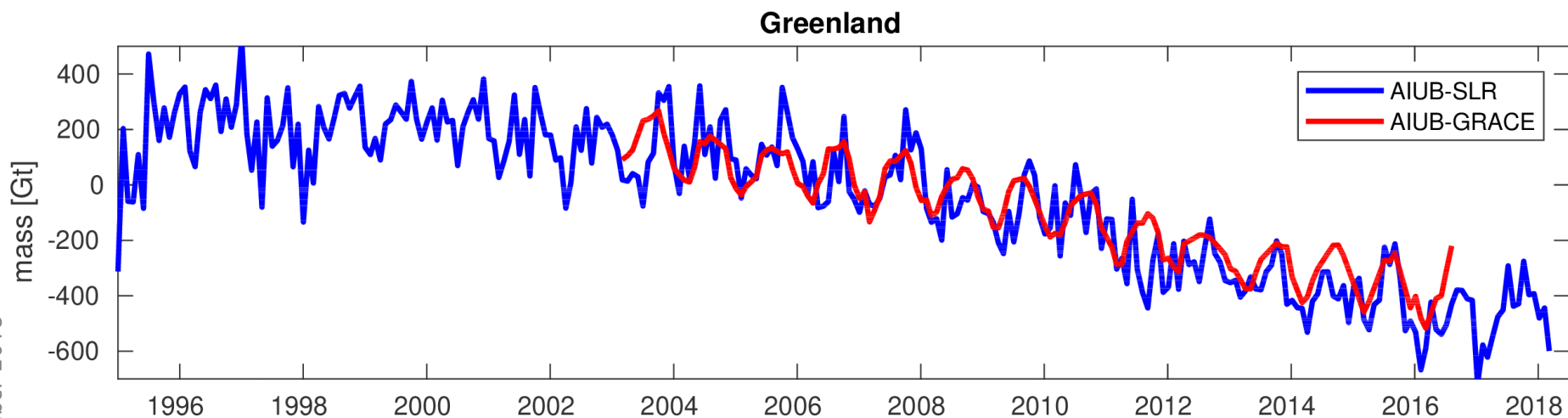
- Monthly mass variations in Greenland:
 - SLR
 - GRACE
 - SWARM
- Interpretation:
 - Spatial resolution
 - Spectral leakage
- Combination of normal equations:
 - SWARM + SLR
- Summary and Outlook

Ice melt in Greenland from SLR



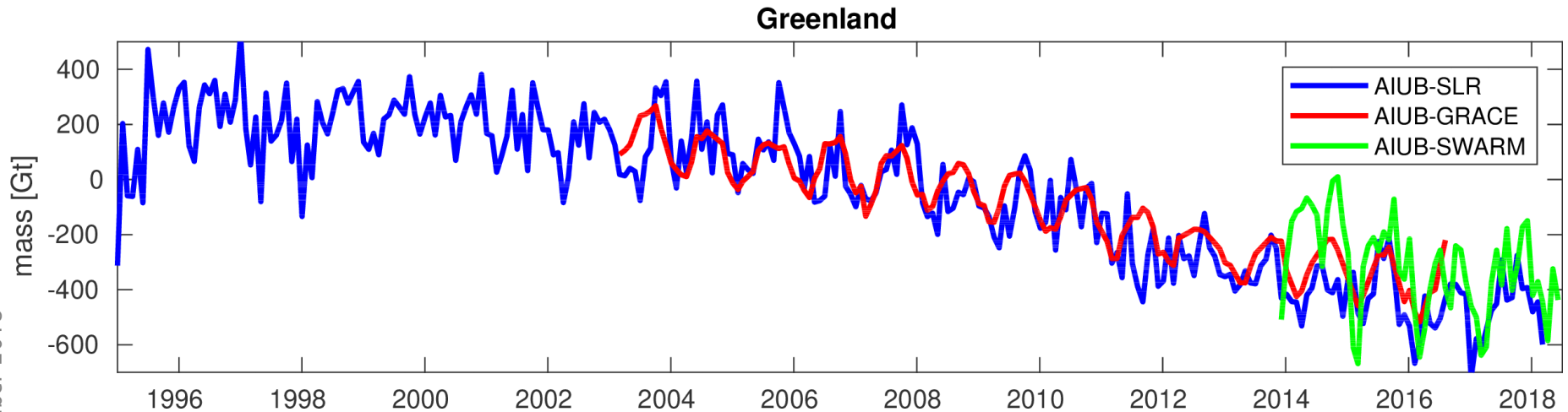
- **LAGEOS 1+2: 30 d solutions based on 10 d arcs.**
- **SLR–LEOS (Beacon–C, Ajisai, Starlete, Stella, Larets, Lares): 30 d solutions based on 1 d arcs.**
- **Gravity field: $5 \times 5 + C_{61}$ and S_{61} ; C_{50} constrained.**
- **A priori gravity: static 7 y GRACE (AIUB–APR).**
- **A priori orbits: LAGEOS own predictions, LEOS CPF**

Ice melt in Greenland from GRACE



- **GRACE GPS+K-band: monthly 90 x 90 gravity field solutions, truncated at degree / order 6.**
- **Degree 2 excluded.**
- **Degree 1 fixed to 0.**
- **No filter applied.**

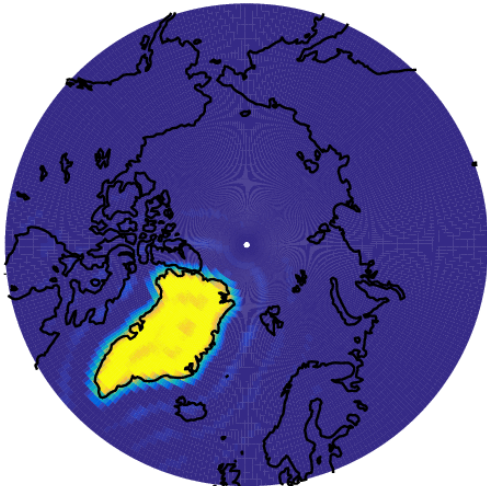
Ice melt in Greenland from SWARM



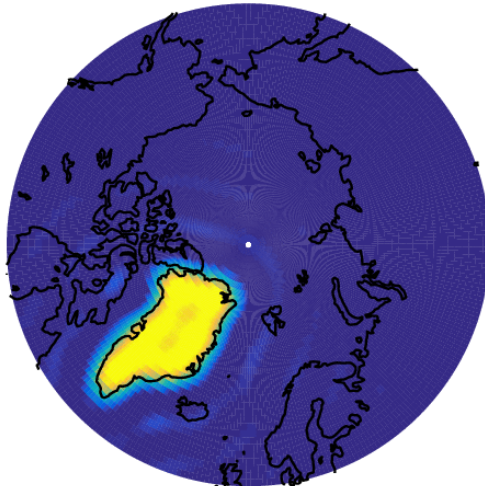
- **SWARM GPS: monthly 70 x 70 gravity field solutions, truncated at degree / order 6.**
- **Degree 2 excluded.**
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Spatial resolution and leakage

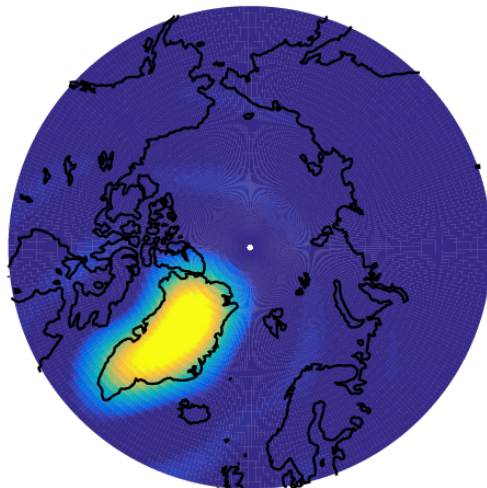
reproduced mass (90): 94%



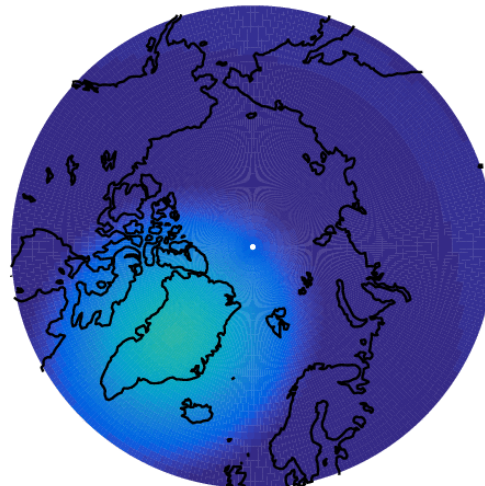
reproduced mass (60): 91%



reproduced mass (30): 82%



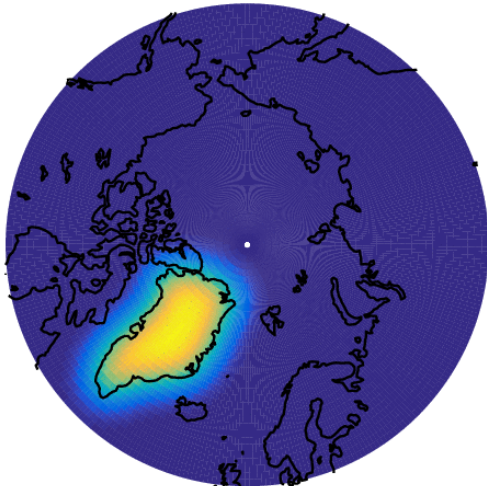
reproduced mass (10): 40%



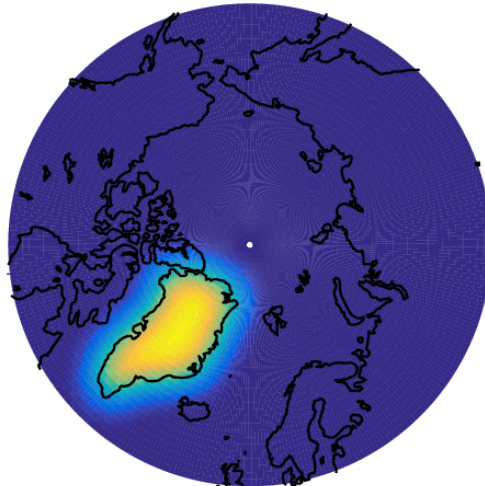
- The truncation of a spherical harmonic expansion leads to signal leakage.
- Sensitivity for monthly mass variations:
 - GRACE : 60–90
 - SWARM: 12–20
 - SLR: 6–10
- With knowledge about the original mass distribution leakage can be corrected by scaling.

Spatial resolution and leakage

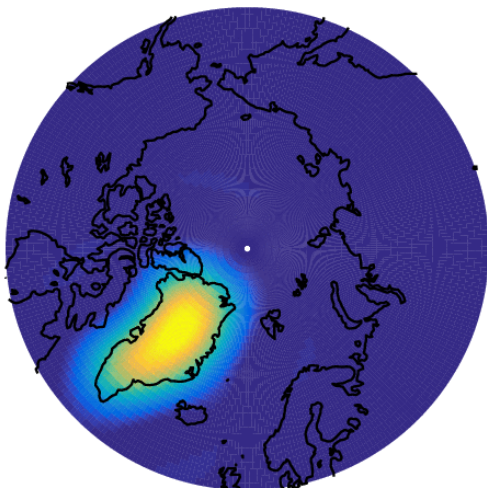
reproduced mass (90): 73 %



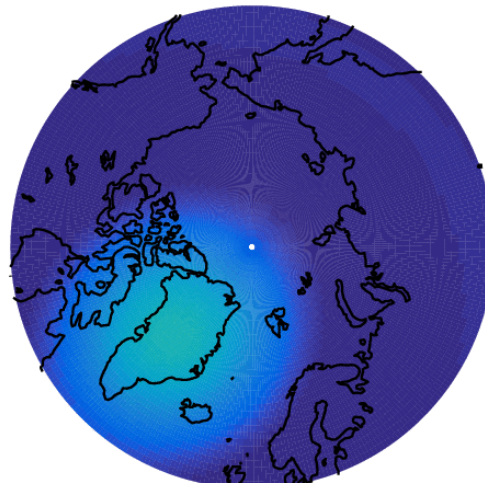
reproduced mass (60): 73 %



reproduced mass (30): 71 %

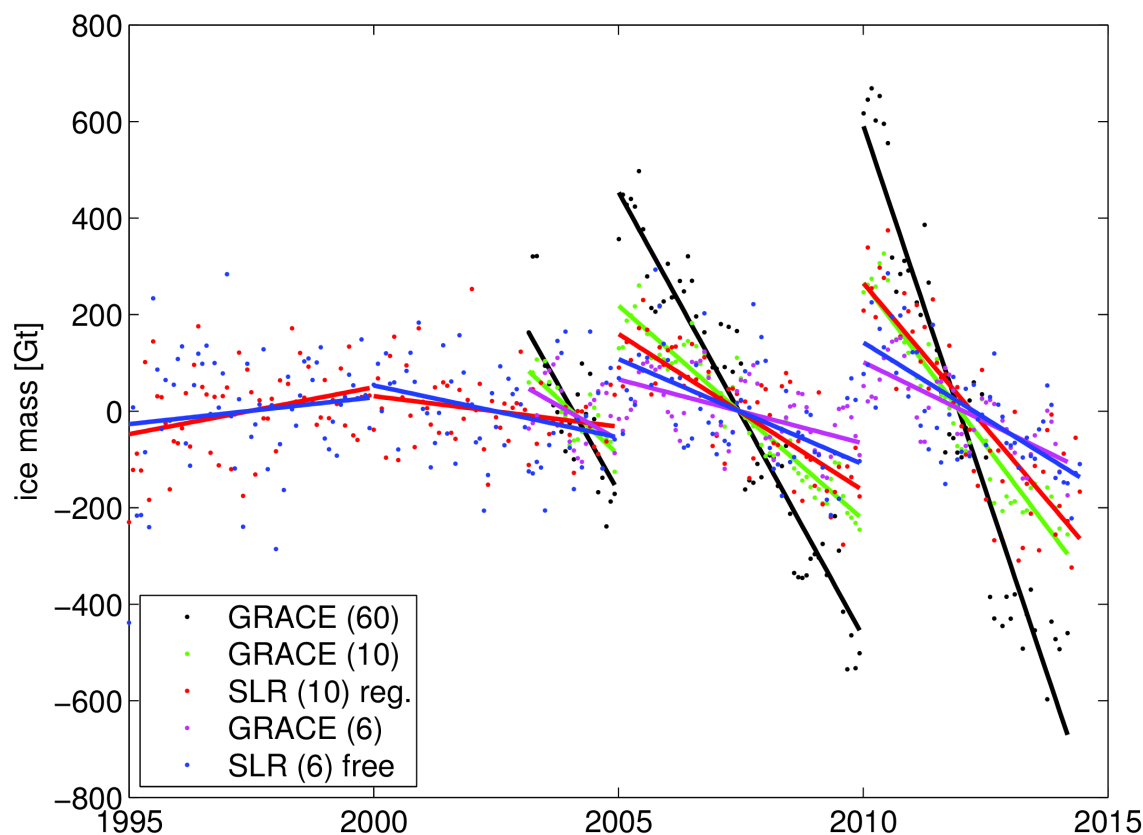


reproduced mass (10): 38 %



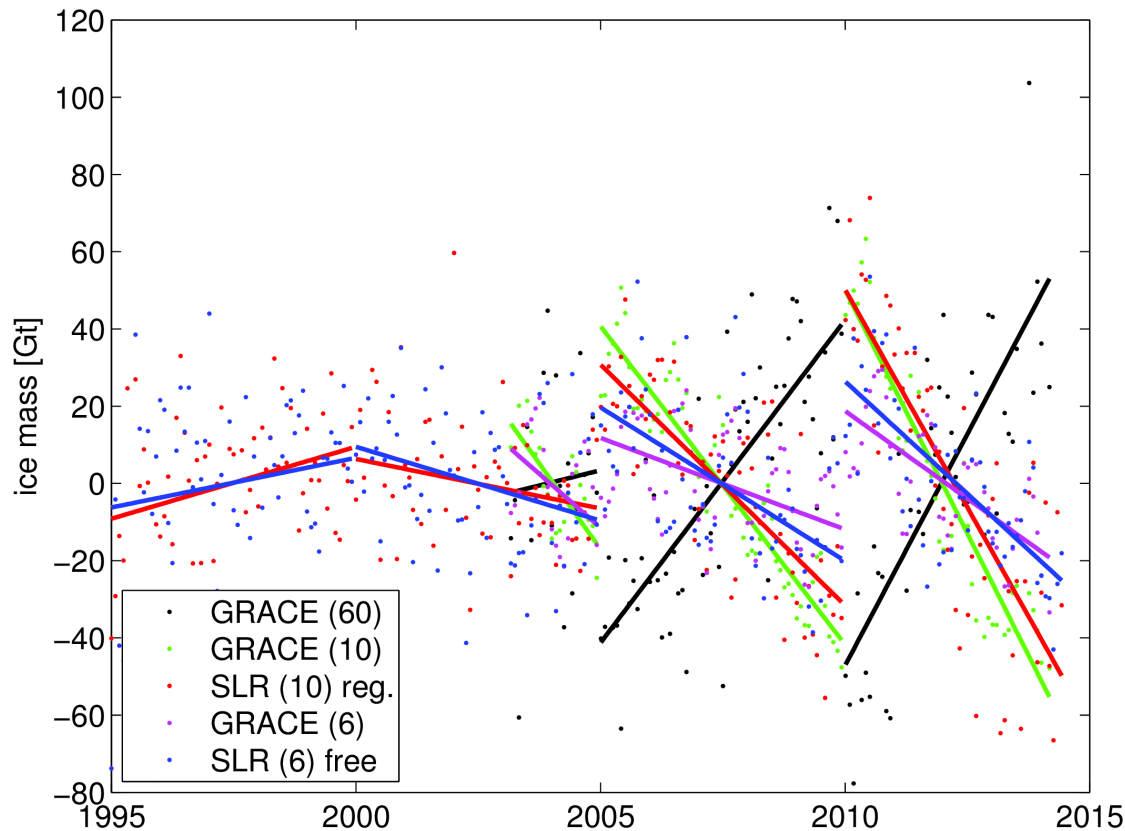
- Common filters (e.g. Gauss 300km) lead to drastic leakage even for GRACE.
- All signal above degree 60, and significant signal above degree 30 is attenuated!
- In case of SLR no filter is applied.

Ice mass change: Greenland Coast



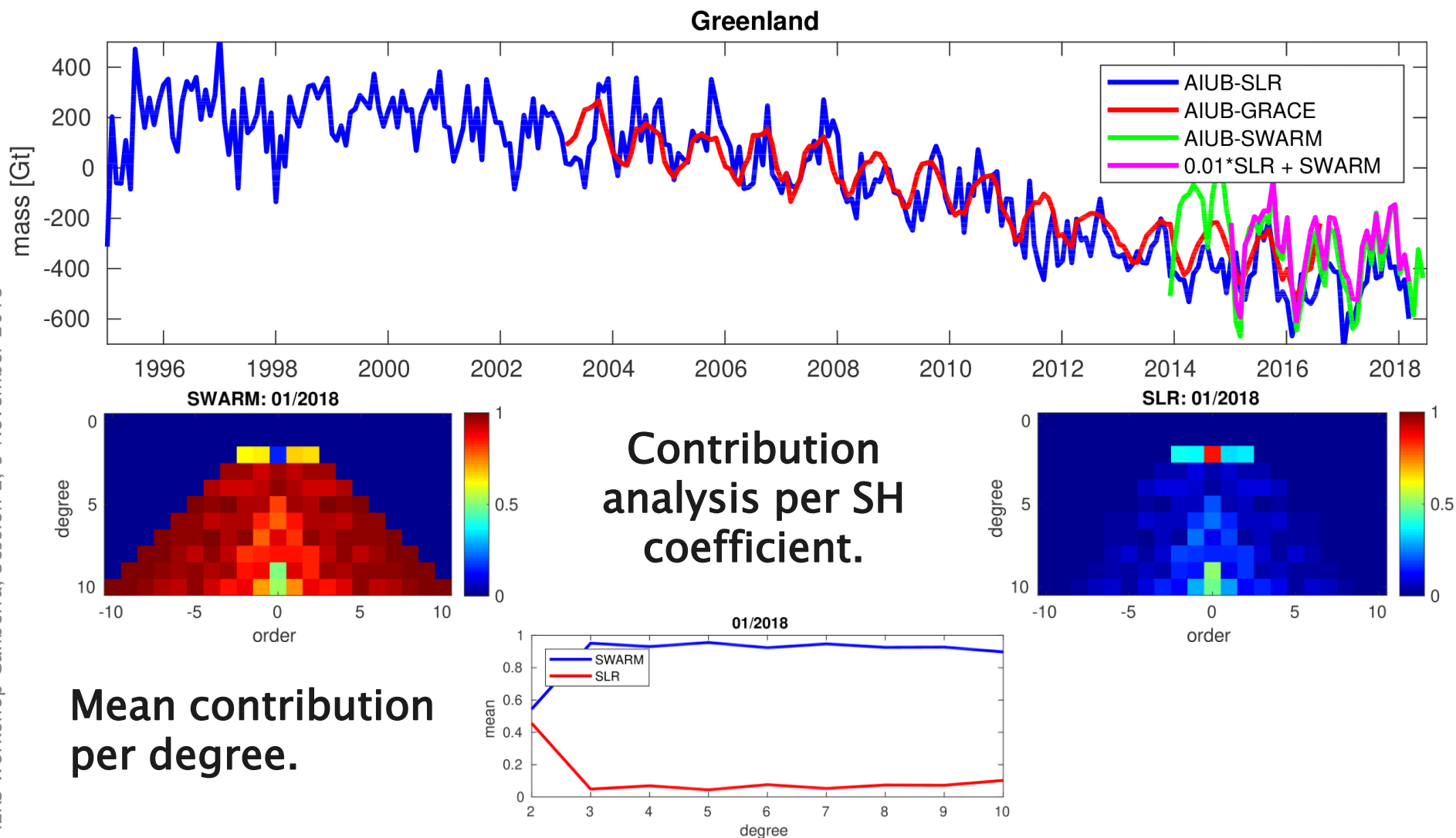
- SLR and GRACE provide consistent mass trends when truncated at the same degree / order.
- By scaling, the original amount of mass loss can be recovered almost completely (but not the spatial detail).

Ice mass change: Greenland Inland

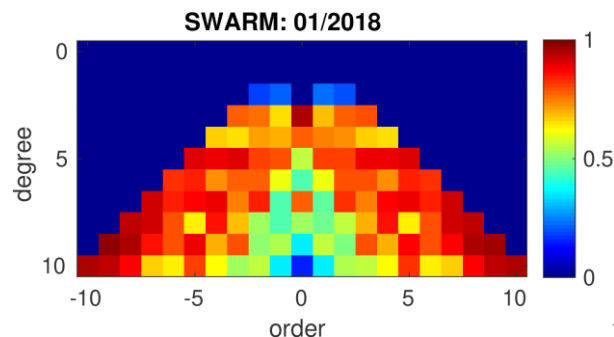
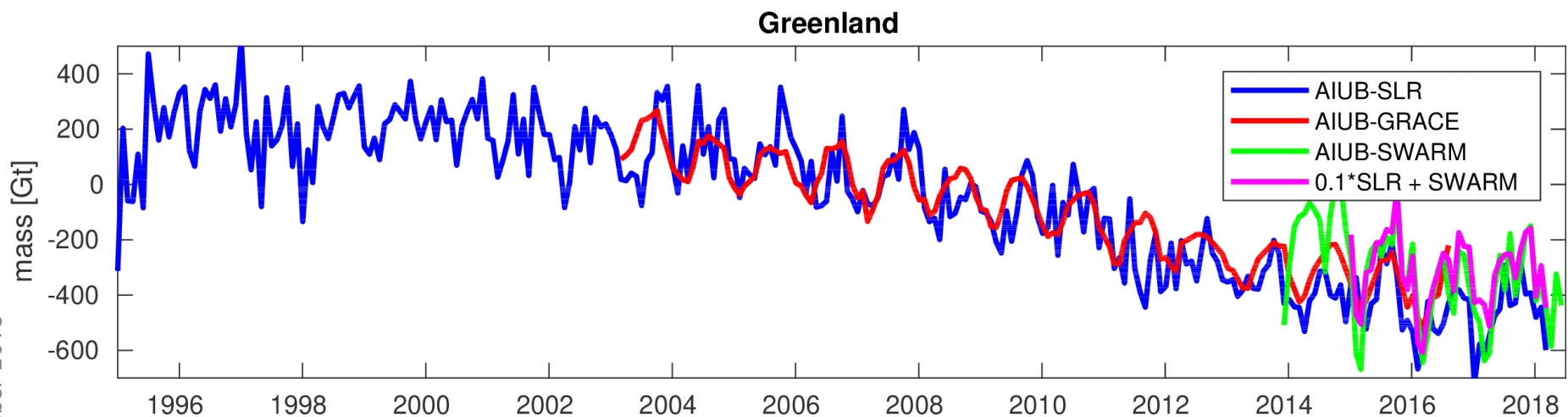


- Details at small spatial scales are lost. A separation between Greenland coast and inland is not possible with SLR.

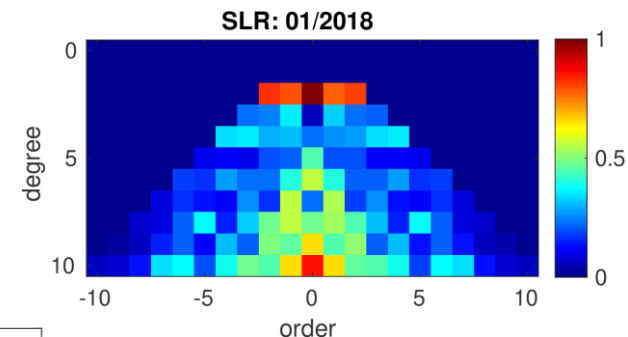
Combination of NEQs: SWARM + 0.01 * SLR



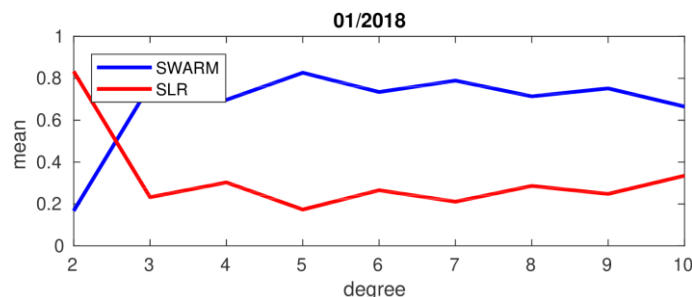
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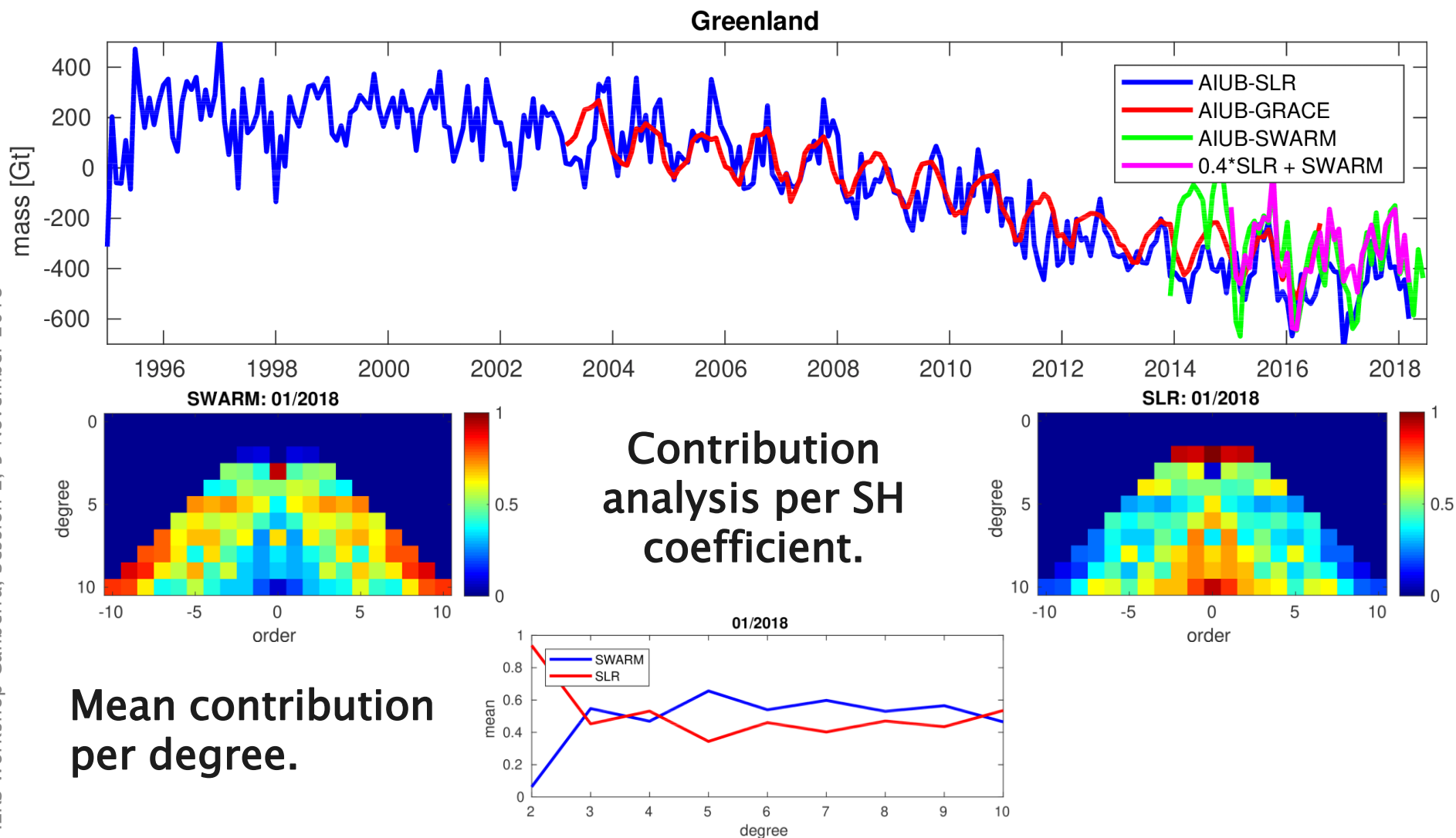
Contribution
analysis per SH
coefficient.



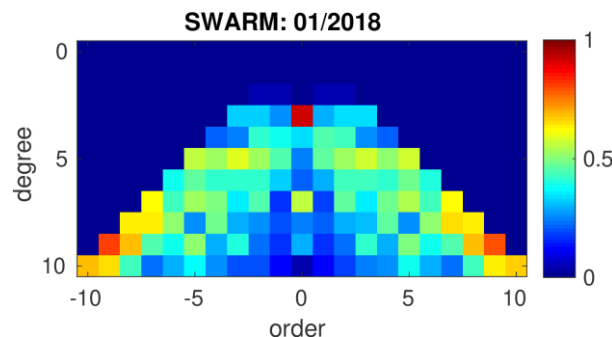
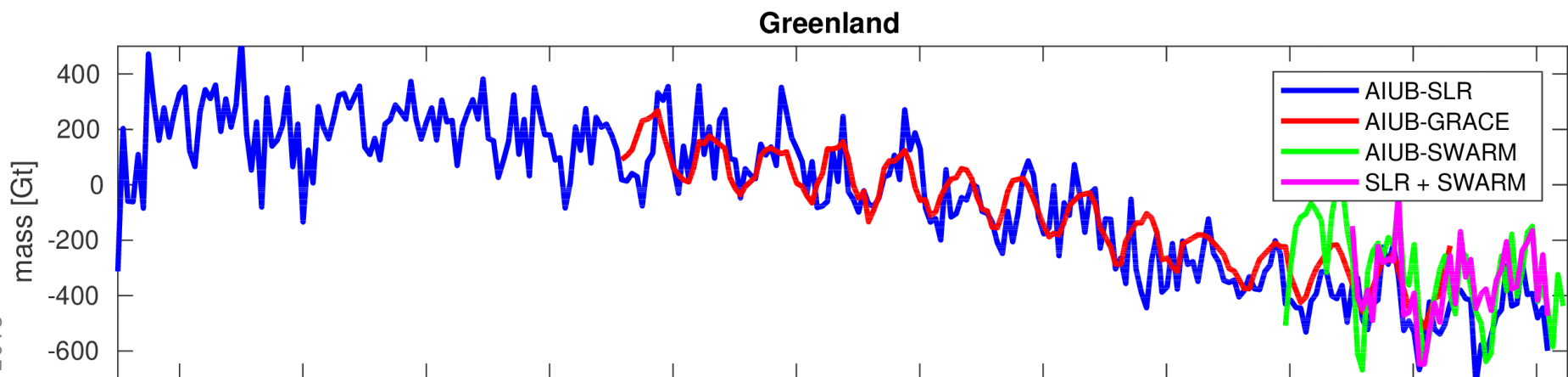
Mean contribution
per degree.



Combination of NEQs: SWARM + 0.4 * SLR

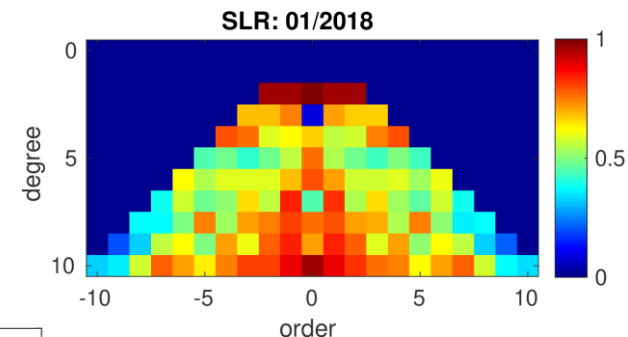
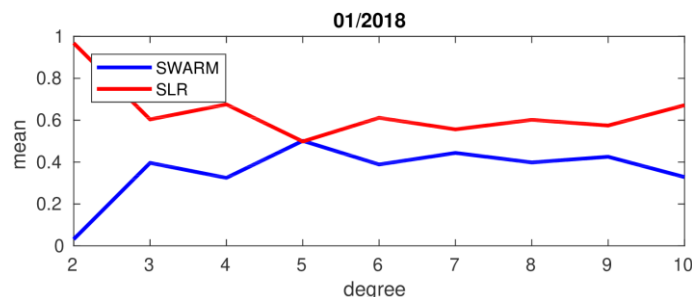


Combination of NEQs: SWARM + SLR

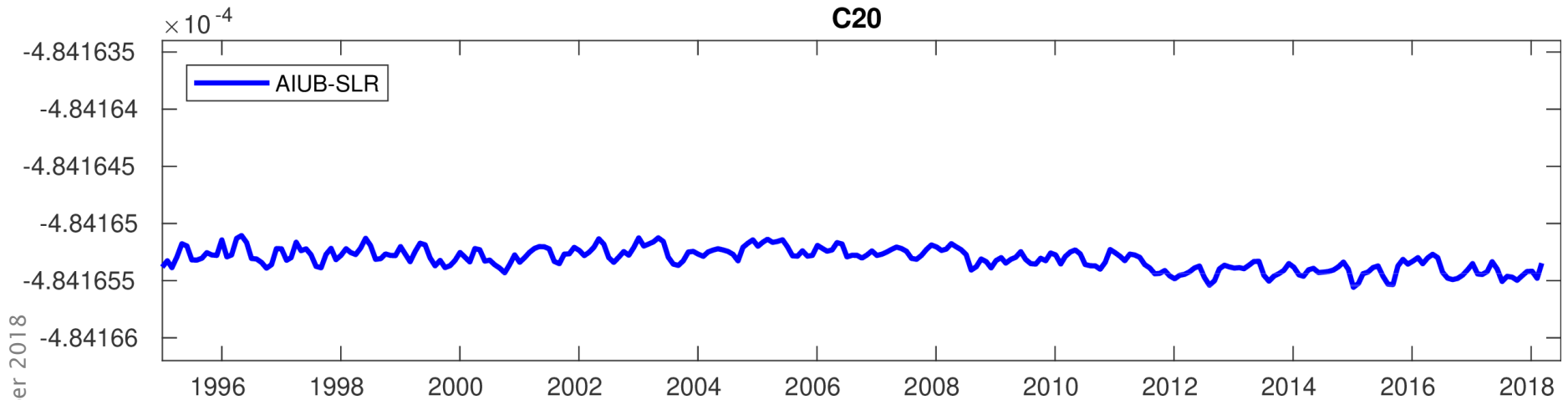


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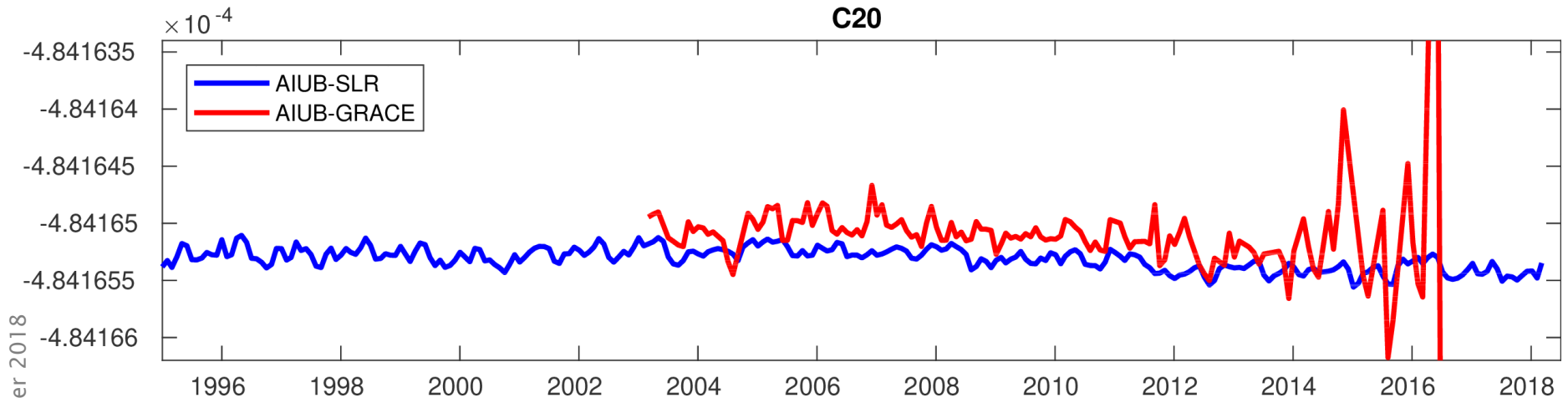


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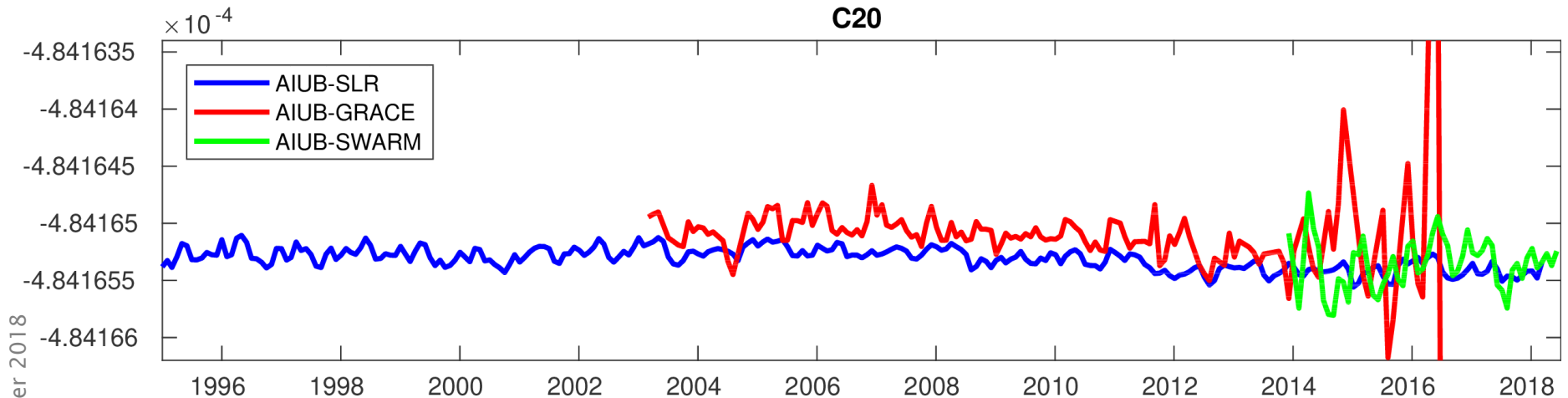
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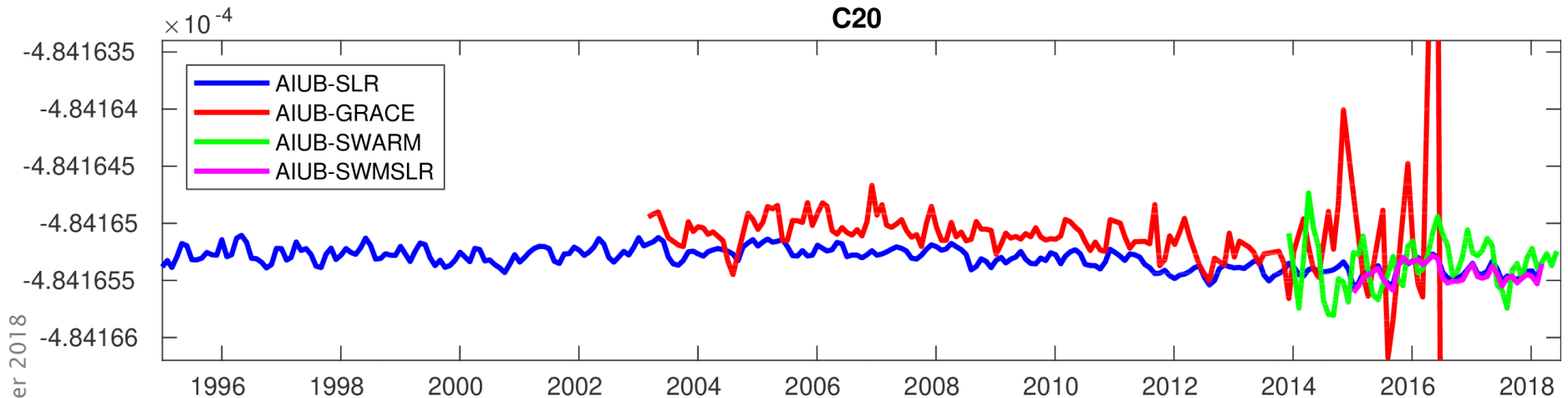
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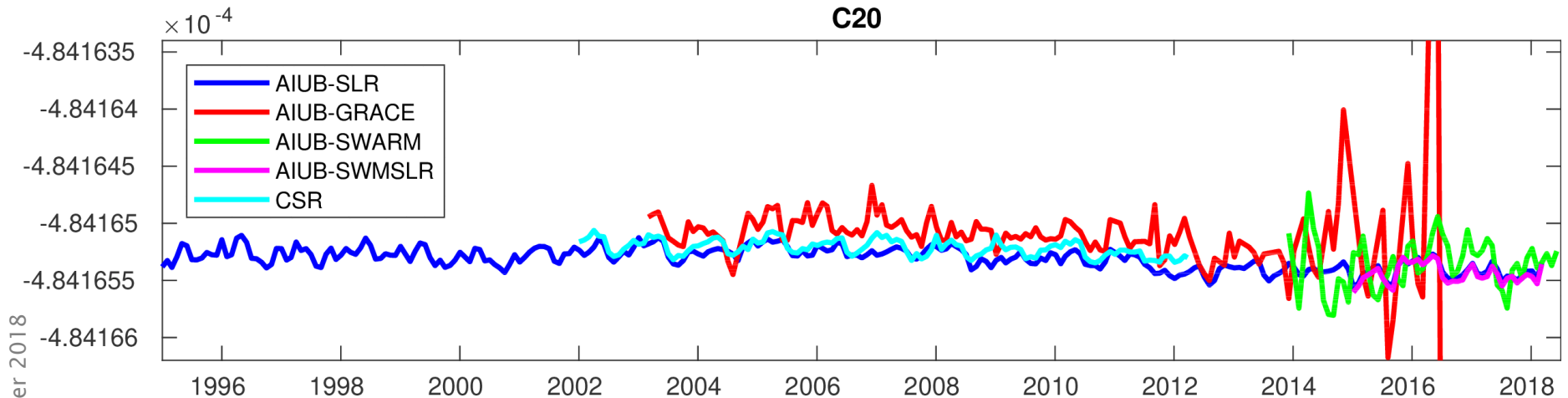
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- Reference CSR: monthly C_{20} values for GRACE

Summary and Outlook

- Truncated to the same spherical harmonic resolution the three space geodetic techniques SLR, high-low-SST (GPS) and low-low-SST (K-band) provide comparable ice mass trends.
- Taking spectral leakage into account the low resolution SLR mass trends are in agreement with high resolution GRACE results.
- Best SLR + SWARM combination results are achieved with equal weighting.