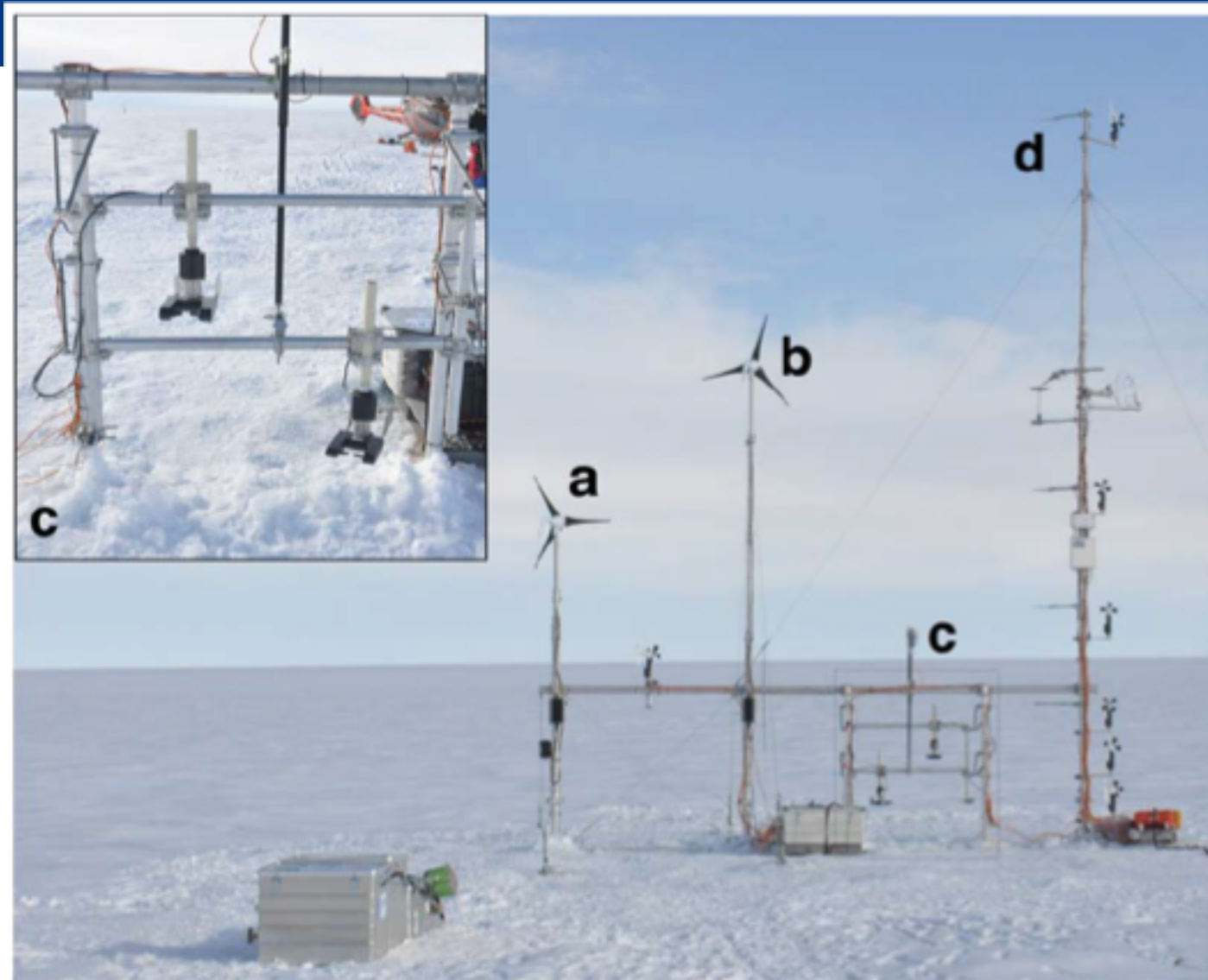
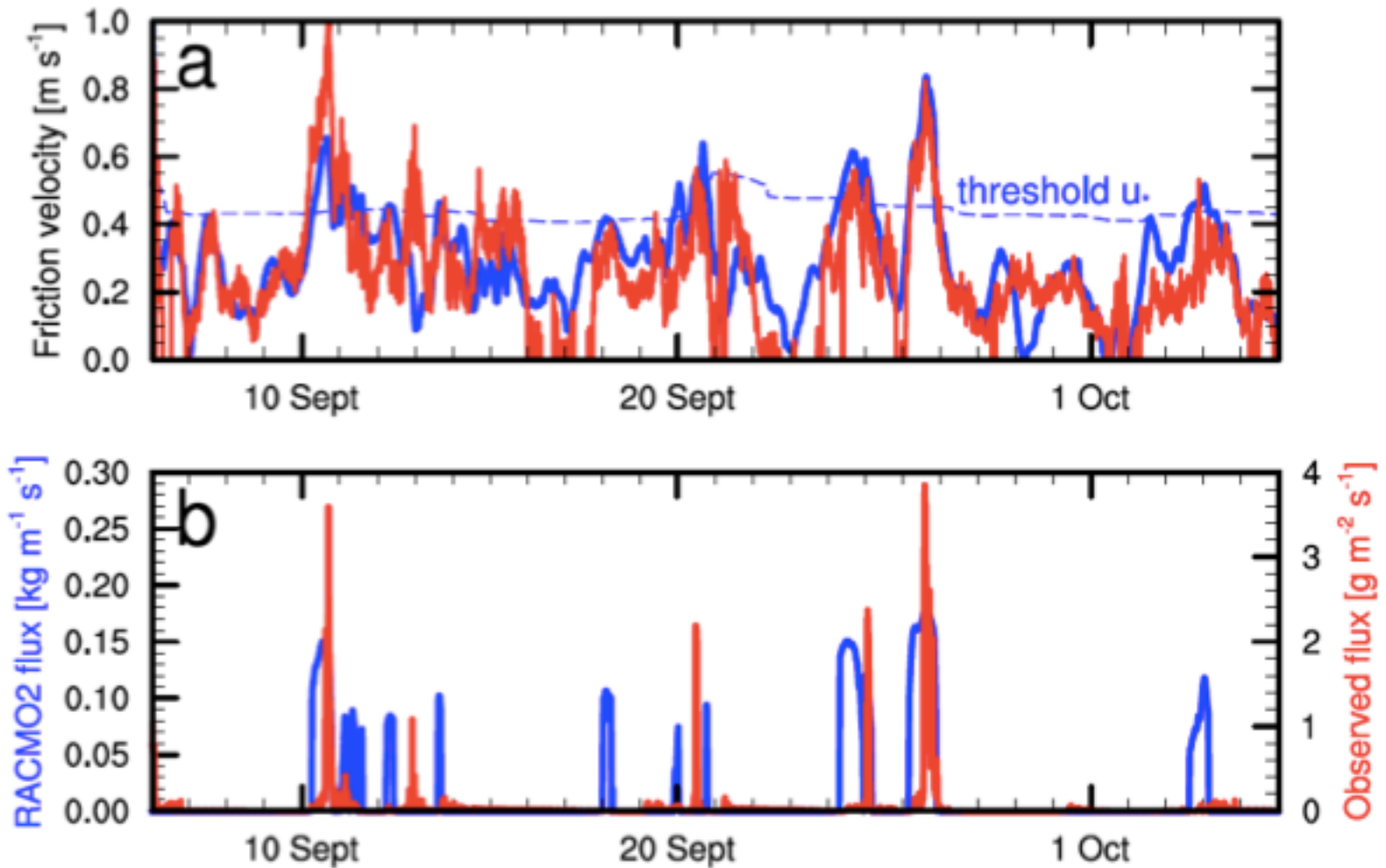


# Snowdrift experiment S10, Greenland, fall 2012



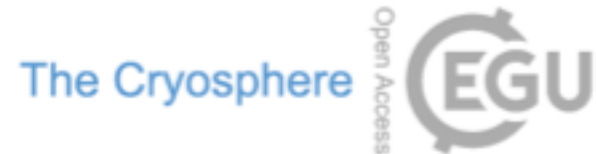
# Comparison to RACMO2.3p1/PIEKTUK-B



# Improved drifting snow representation in RACMO2.3p2

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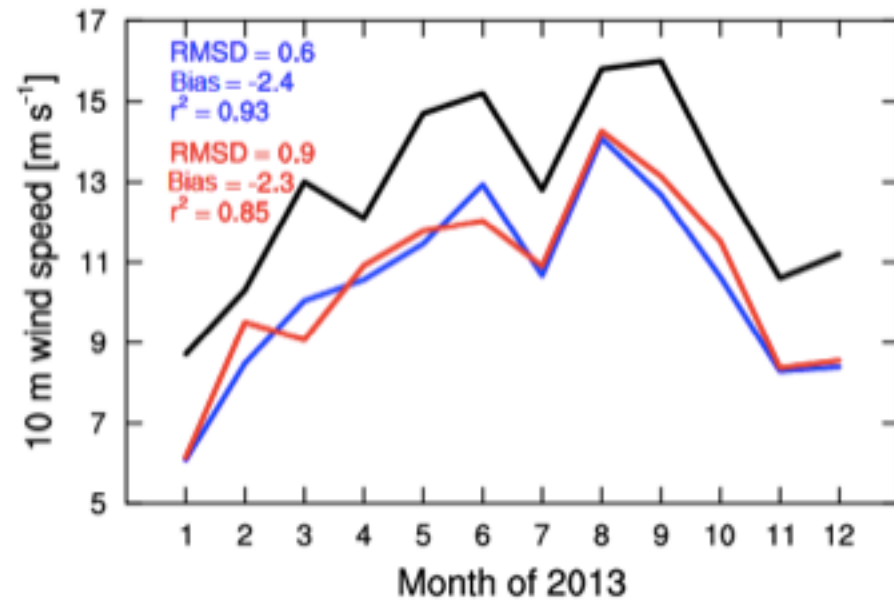
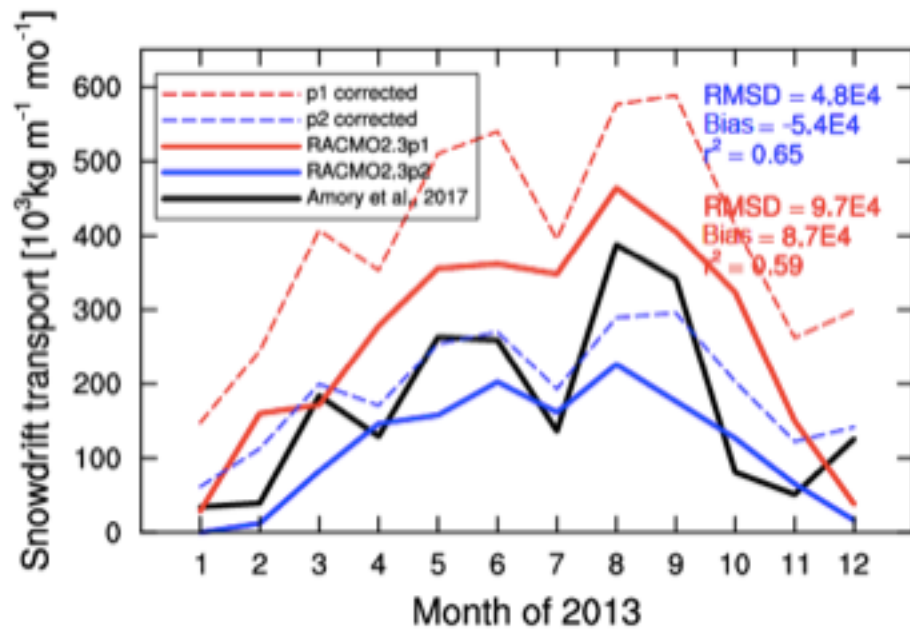
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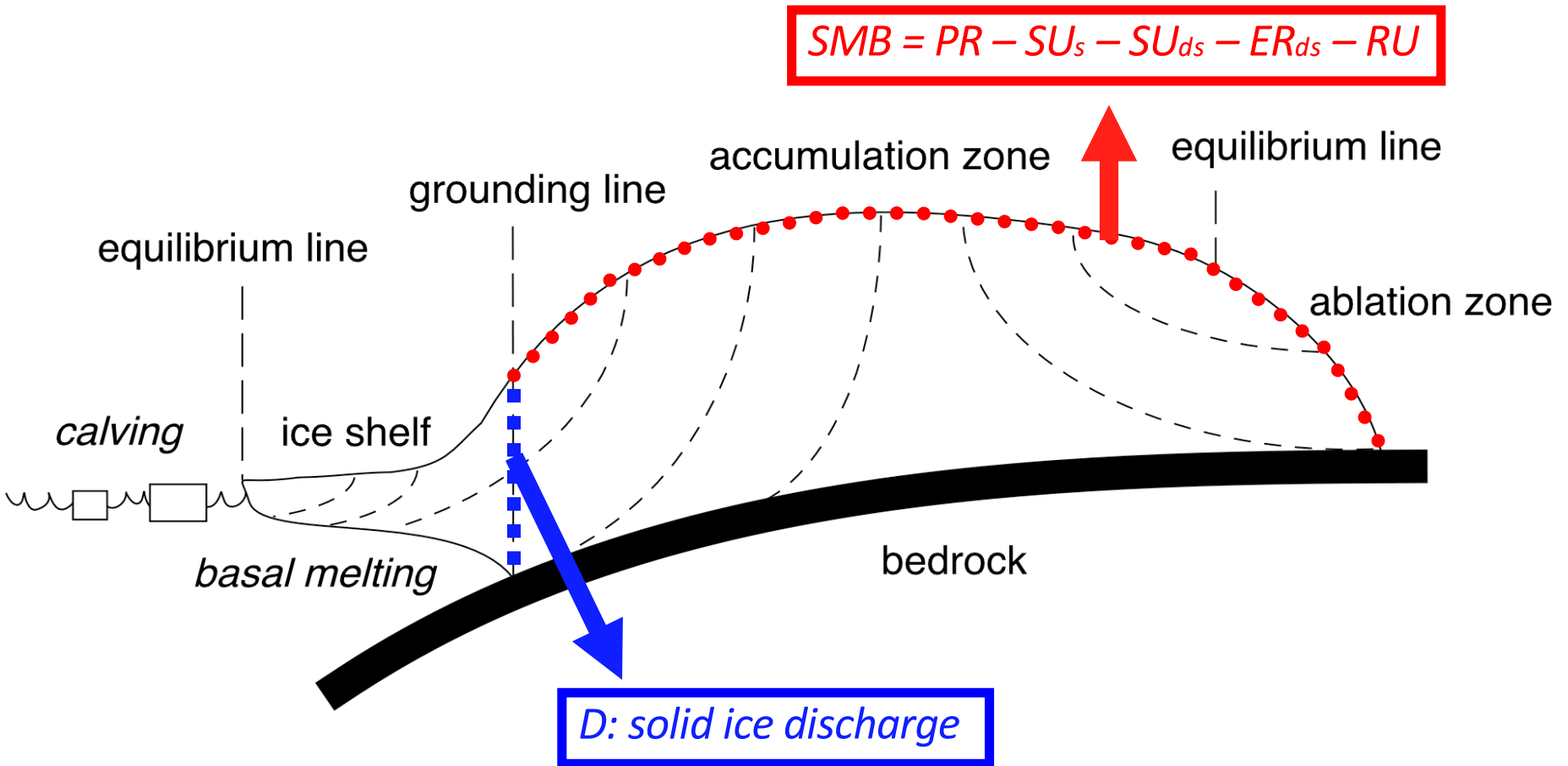
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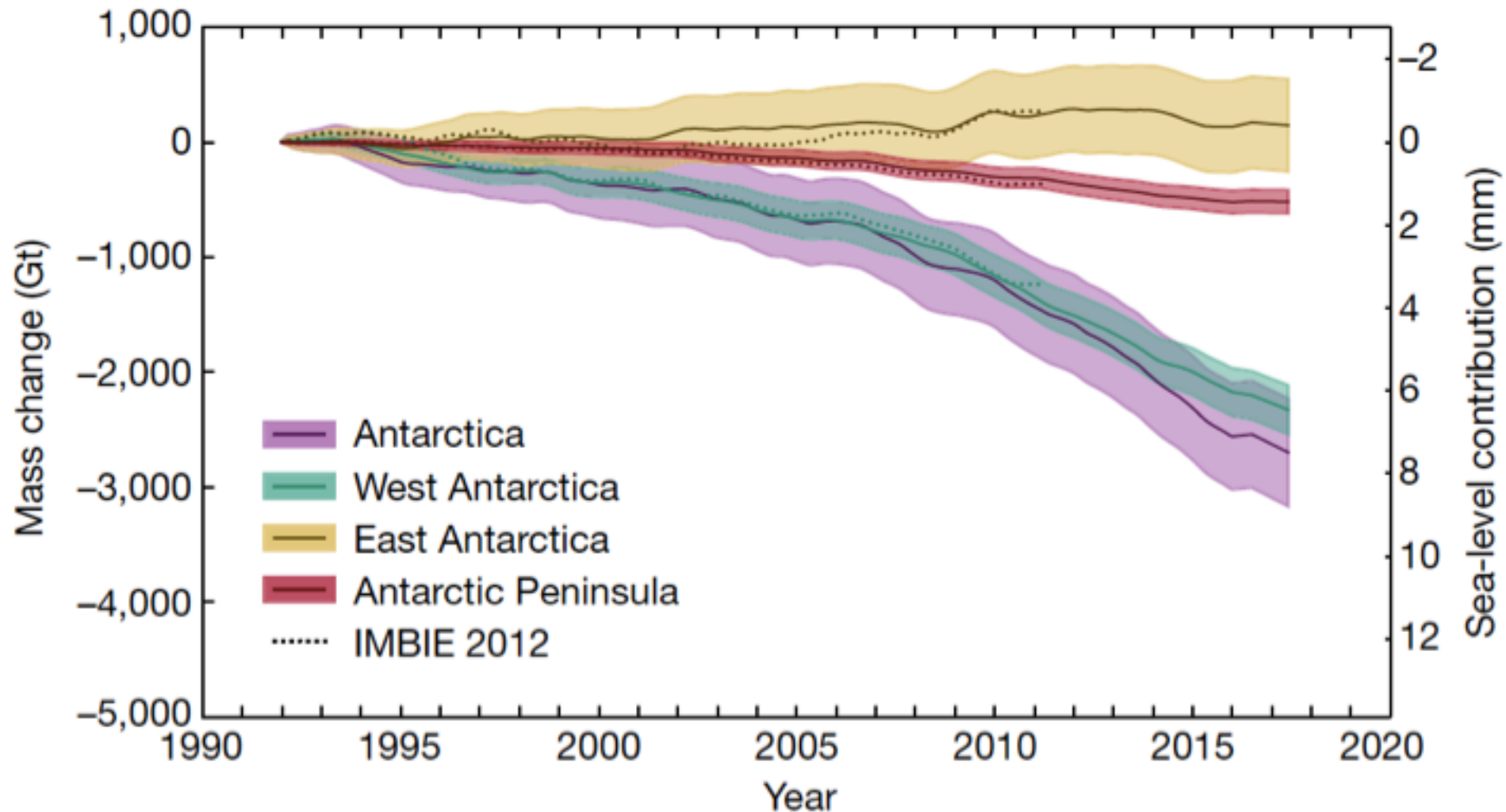
	RACMO2.3p2		RACMO2.3p1		p2-p1
	mean	$\sigma$	mean	$\sigma$	mean
$P_{\text{tot}}$	2396	110	2386	118	+10 (0.5 %)
SN	2394	110	2383	109	+11 (0.5 %)
RA	3	1	2	1	1 (50 %)
$SU_{\text{tot}}$	161	7	217	11	-56 (25 %)
$SU_{\text{s}}$	59	4	37	3	+22 (60 %)
$SU_{\text{ds}}$	102	5	181	9	-79 (43 %)
$ER_{\text{ds}}$	5	0.5	5	0.5	0
RU	3	1	3	1	0
M	71	28	36	17	+35 (97 %)
RF	71	28	36	17	+35 (97 %)
SMB (TotIS)	2229	109	2160	118	+69 (3.2 %)
SMB (GIS)	1885	95	1782	103	+103 (5.8 %)
SMB (EAIS)	1130	80	1051	94	+79 (7.5 %)
SMB (WAIS)	644	63	627	60	+17 (2.7 %)
SMB (ISLANDS)	110	11	-	-	-

Mass Balance = Surface Mass Balance – Discharge  
(MB = SMB – D)



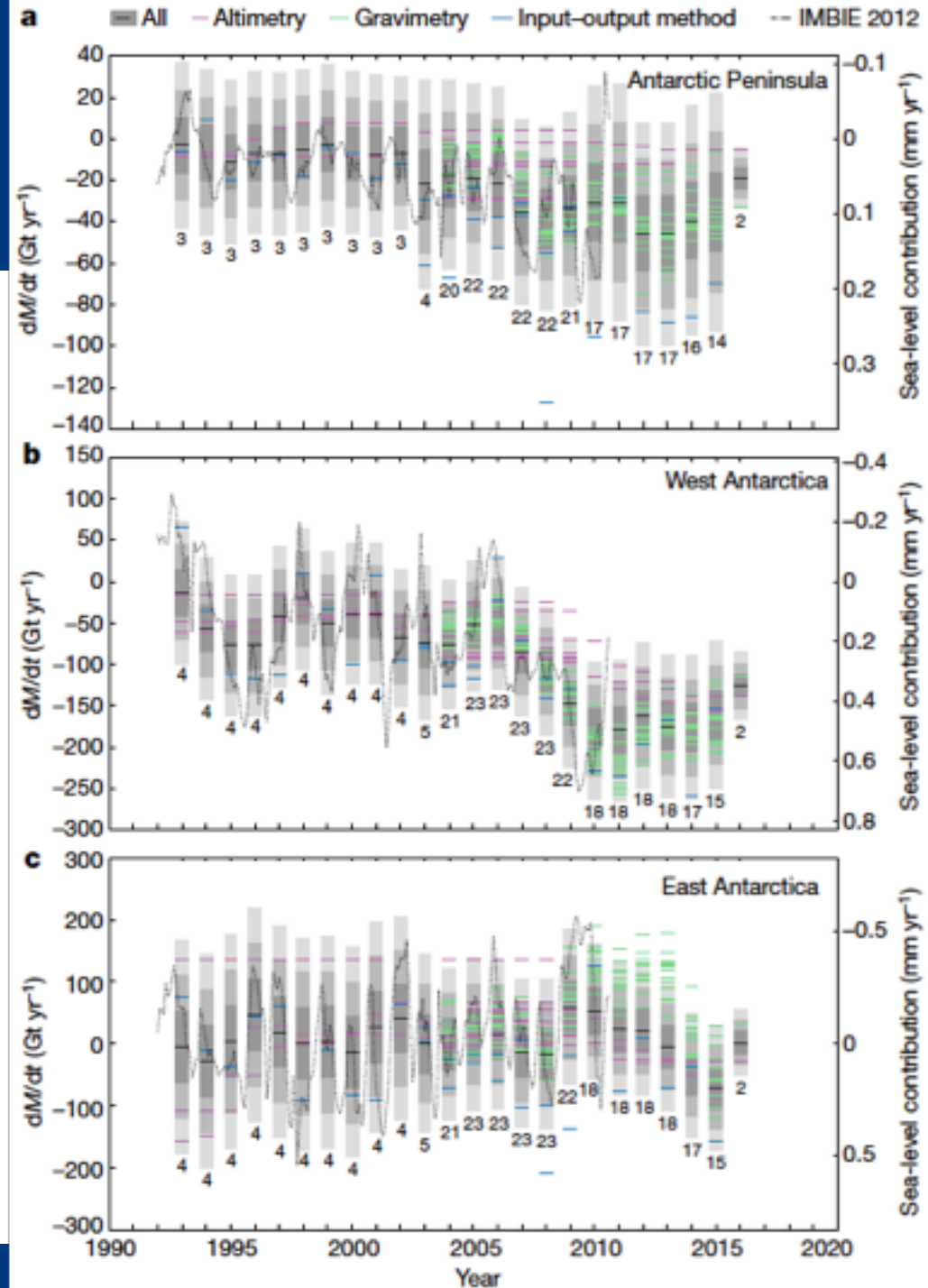


# Mass loss from Antarctica has tripled in last decade



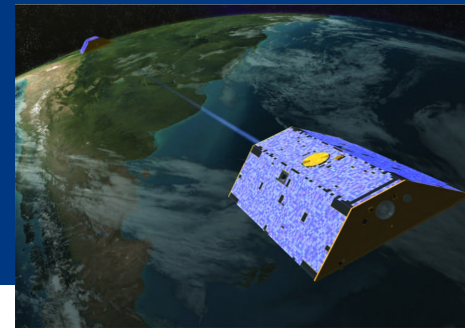
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- Satellite altimetry: direct volume changes
- Satellite gravimetry: direct mass changes
- Input-output method: differ SMD and D

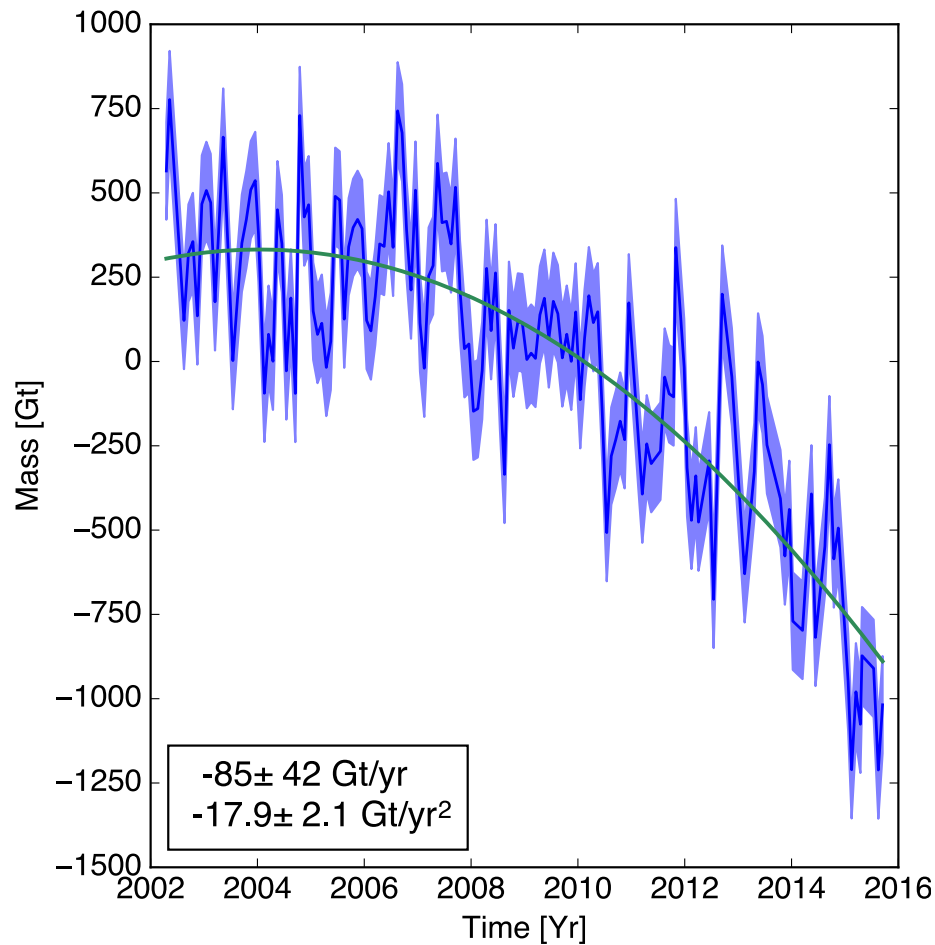




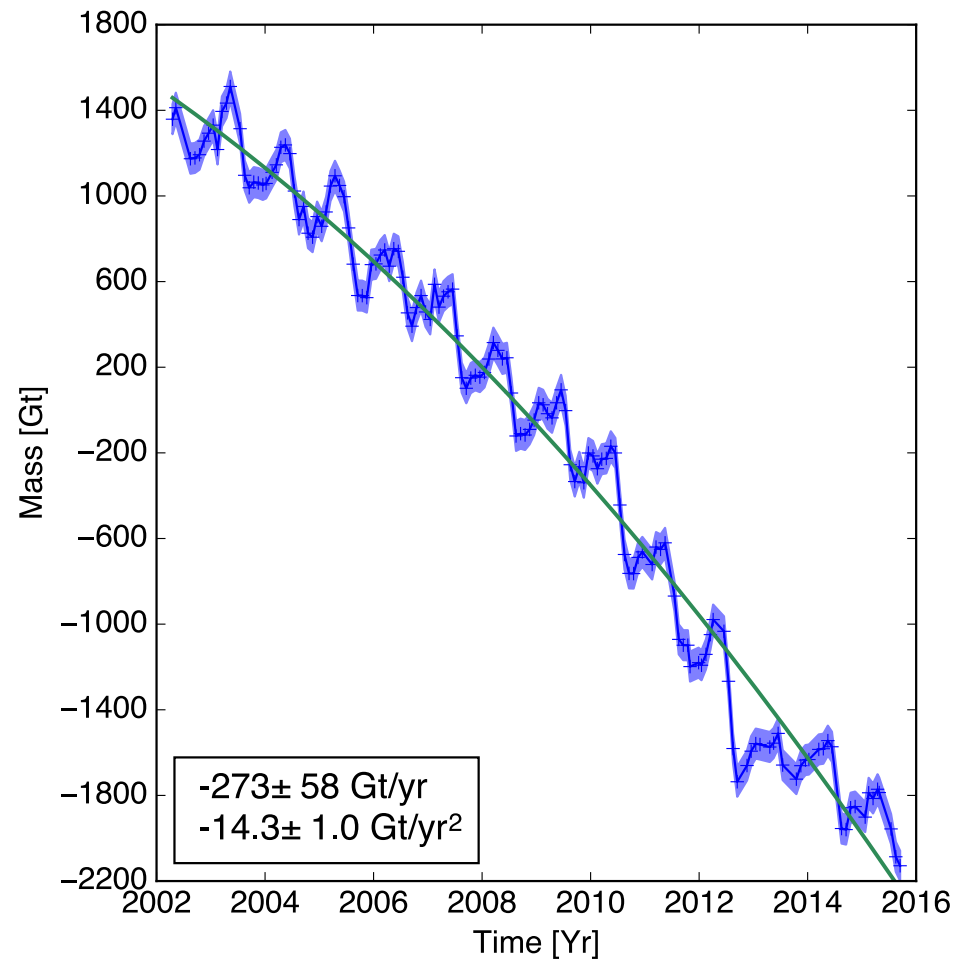
# 13 years of ice sheet mass changes from GRACE



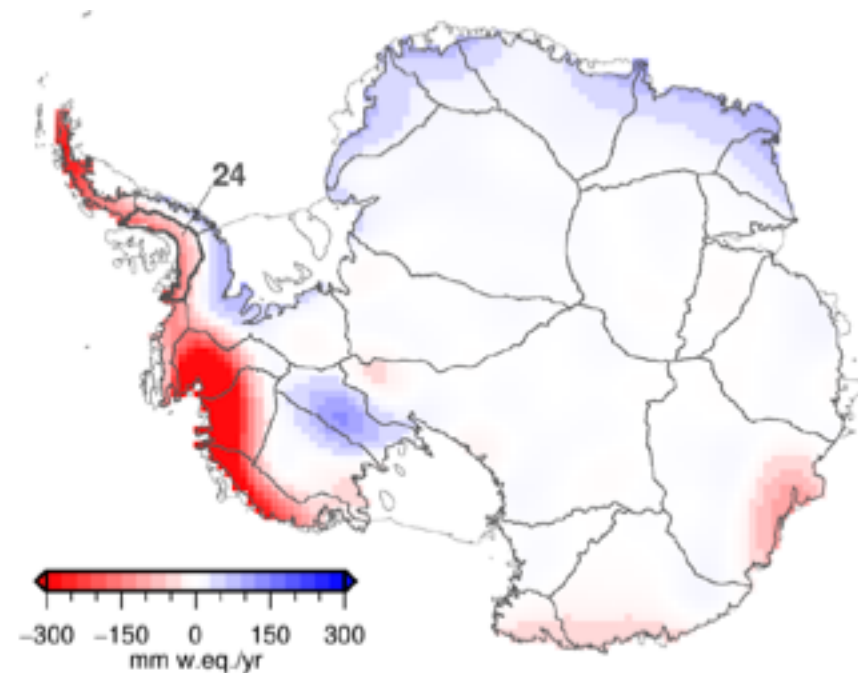
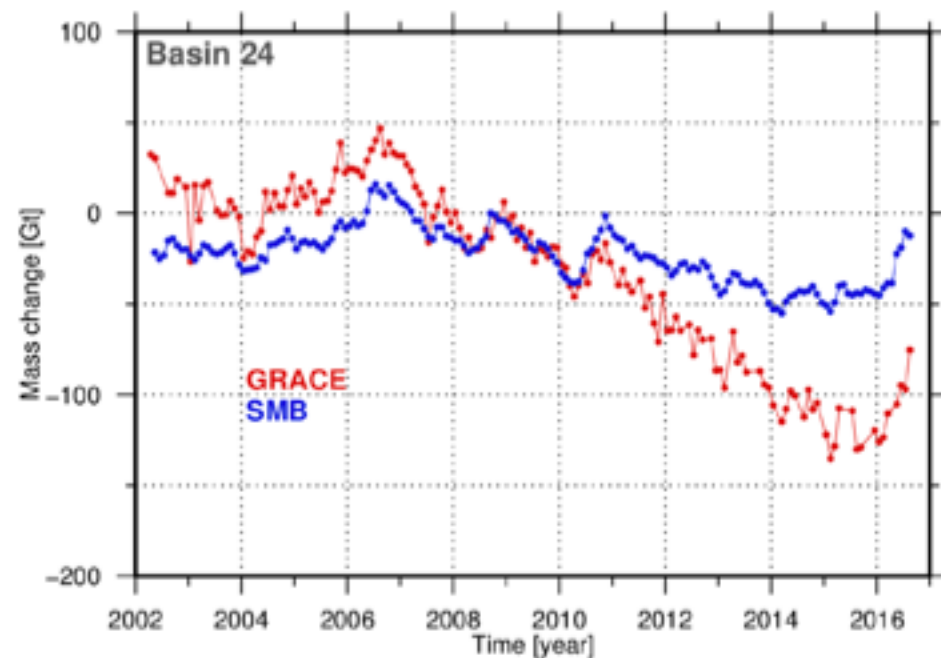
Antarctic ice sheet



Greenland ice sheet



# Impact of snowfall on Antarctic ice sheet mass changes



# RACMO2.3p2 SMB/firn model vs. altimetry (April 2002 – August 2016)

