

# Analysis of Long Time Series of Polar Motion

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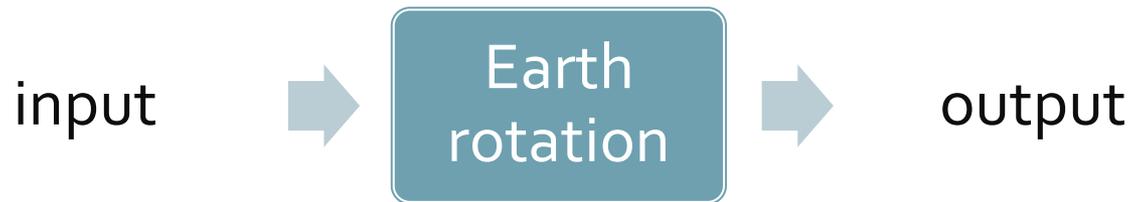
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# Introduction

- Free Euler motion

Chandler wobble :  ~~$P=300$~~  day

$P \doteq 433.7$  day



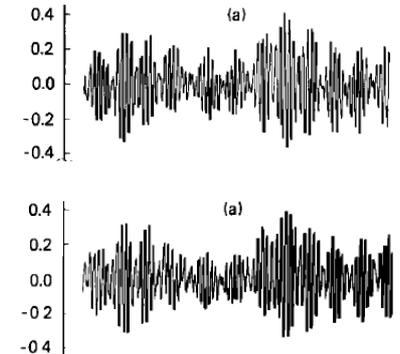
- Parameter examination : period  $P$  and  $Q$ -value

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# Data

- International Latitude Service (ILS)
  - 80-year-long (1900-1979)
  - Monthly



# Method

Autoregressive harmonic analysis

[Chao and Gilbert, 1980]

$$x(n) = \sum_{j=1}^M [A_j \exp(in\sigma_j) + A_j^* \exp(-in\sigma_j^*)] \quad (1)$$

$n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$

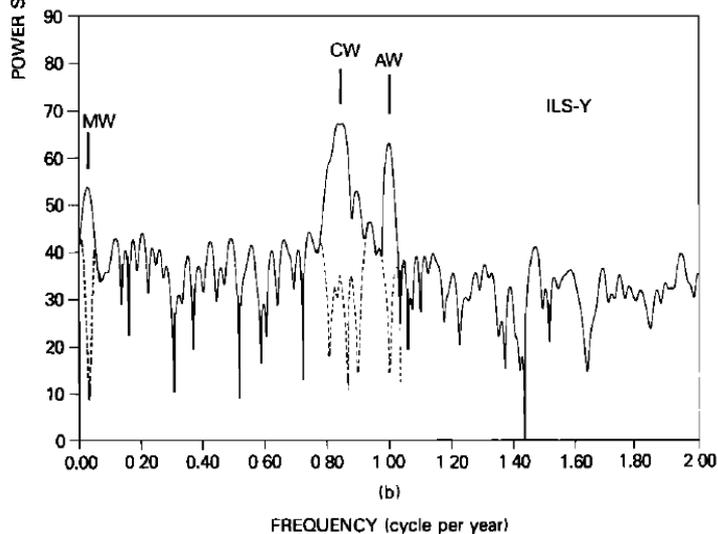
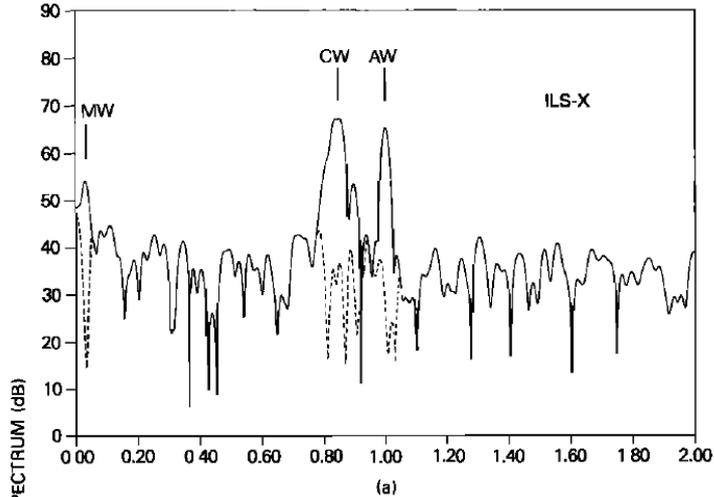
$$x(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{2M} S_i x(n-i) \quad n = 2M+1, \dots, N \quad (2)$$

$$Z^{2M} - S_1 Z^{2M-1} - S_2 Z^{2M-2} - \dots - S_{2M} = 0$$

2Mth degree polynomial equation in complex variable Z

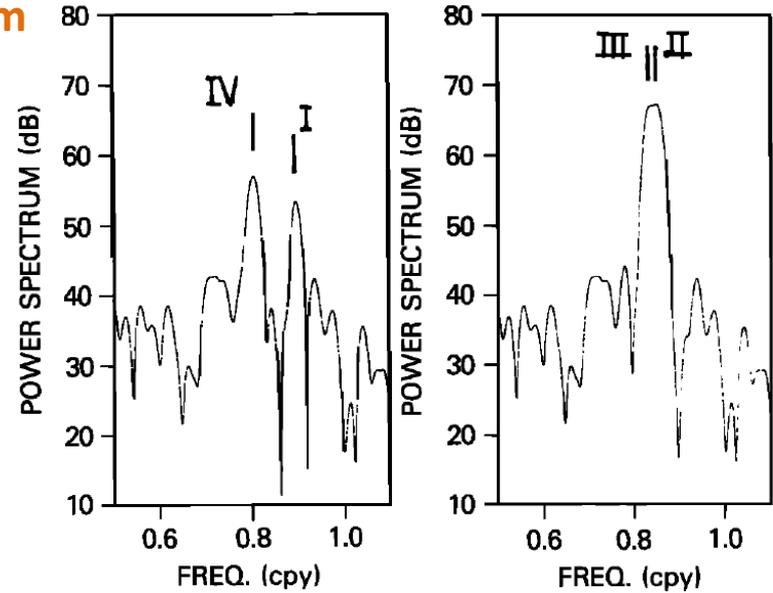
$$= \sum_{j=1}^M [Z - \exp(i\sigma_j)][Z - \exp(-i\sigma_j^*)] \quad (3)$$

## Hanning-windowed Fourier power spectrum

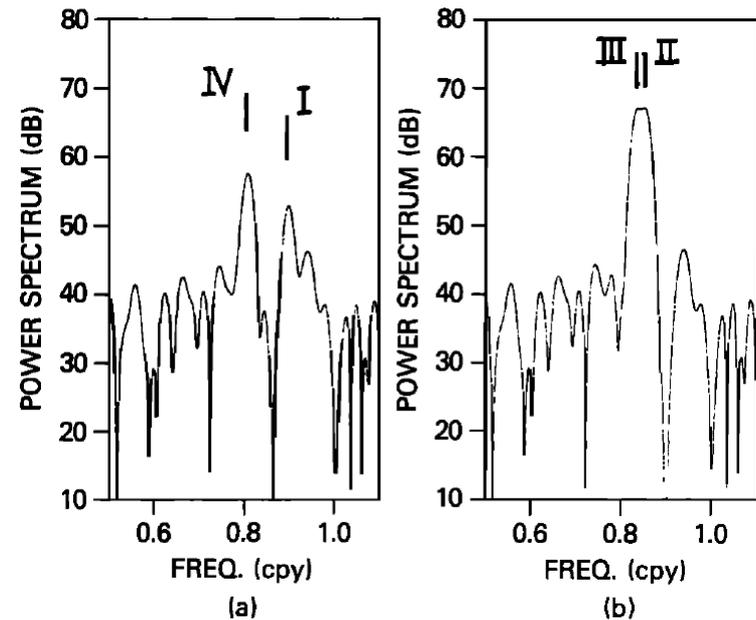


Markowitz wobble (MW)  
annual wobble (AW)  
Chandler wobble (CW)

## ILS-X-CW

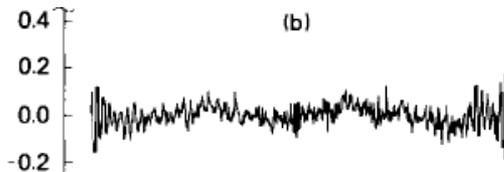


## ILS-Y-CW



# Markowitz Wobble

X component



Y component

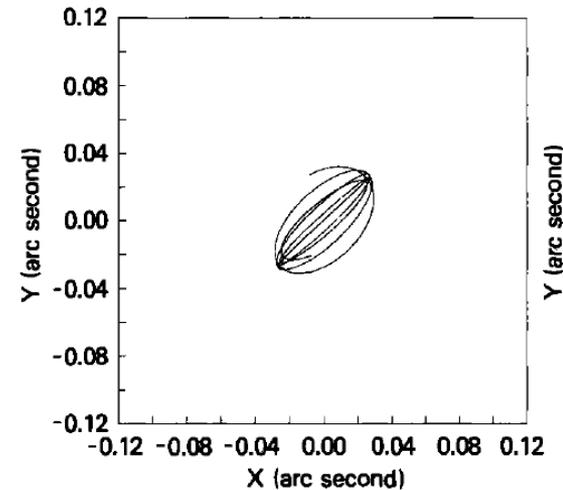
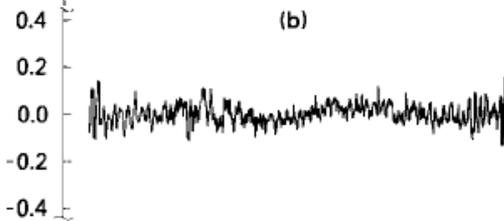


TABLE 1. AR Estimates for the Markowitz Wobble

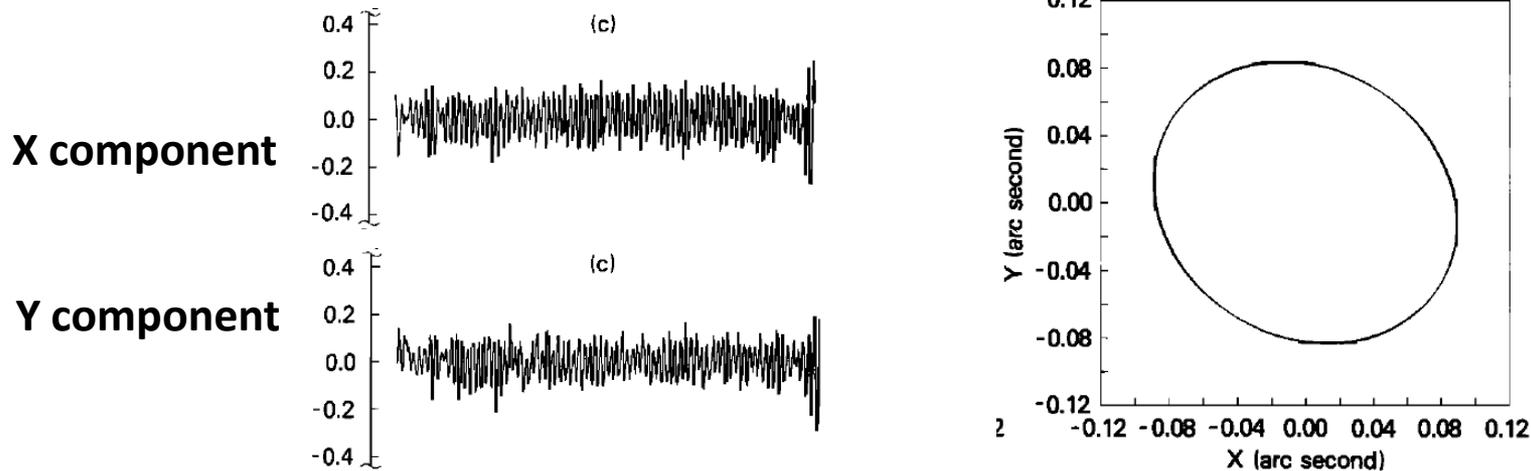
	Period, years	$Q$	Amplitude (0.001 arc sec)	Phase, deg
ILS-X	$29.6 \pm 1.1$	$>15, < -11$	$24.6 \pm 4.4$	$197 \pm 10$
ILS-Y	$31.7 \pm 0.9$	$>25, < -12$	$23.0 \pm 3.2$	$242 \pm 8$

It is marginally retrograde (ILS-YMW lags ILS-X-MW by  $45 \pm 18^\circ$ )

$$1/Q = (1/Q_1 + 1/Q_2)/2 \quad Q = -88 \text{ for ILS-X, } Q = -43 \text{ for ISL-Y}$$

$Q > 0$  amplitude decay,  $Q < 0$  amplitude grows

# Annual Wobble



**TABLE 2. AR Estimates for the Annual Wobble**

	Period, days	$Q$	Amplitude (0.001 arc sec)	Phase, deg
ILS-X	$365.20 \pm .08$	$-930 \sim -3700$	$88.4 \pm 2.5$	$108 \pm 2$
ILS-Y	$365.10 \pm .10$	$800 \sim 4600$	$84.0 \pm 3.0$	$10 \pm 2$

ILS-X-AW leads ILS-Y-AW by  $98 \pm 4^\circ$ , giving an almost purely prograde motion

# Chandler Wobble

TABLE 3a. AR Estimates for the Chandler Wobble From ILS-X

Component	Period, days	$Q$	Amplitude (0.001 arc sec)	Phase, deg
I	$406.45 \pm .29$	$> 500, < -1080$	$26.7 \pm 2.4$	$216 \pm 5$
II	$426.00 \pm .08$	$711 \pm 27\%$	$119.9 \pm 2.7$	$273 \pm 1$
III	$437.46 \pm .09$	$-189 \pm 8\%$	$57.3 \pm 1.3$	$342 \pm 1$
IV	$452.73 \pm .27$	$180 \pm 22\%$	$68.6 \pm 4.3$	$150 \pm 4$

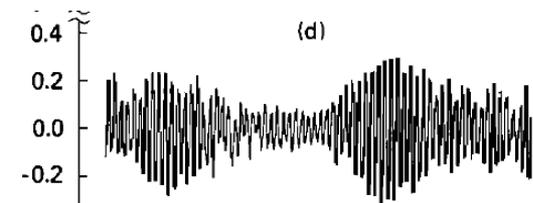
TABLE 3b. AR Estimates for the Chandler Wobble From ILS-Y

Component	Period, days	$Q$	Amplitude (0.001 arc sec)	Phase deg
I	$406.85 \pm .42$	$-210 \sim -1930$	$17.0 \pm 2.1$	$132 \pm 7$
II	$426.15 \pm .10$	$703 \pm 34\%$	$119.5 \pm 3.4$	$185 \pm 2$
III	$437.43 \pm .11$	$-184 \pm 10\%$	$57.2 \pm 1.6$	$253 \pm 2$
IV	$452.39 \pm .33$	$220 \sim 600$	$56.9 \pm 4.5$	$54 \pm 5$

X component

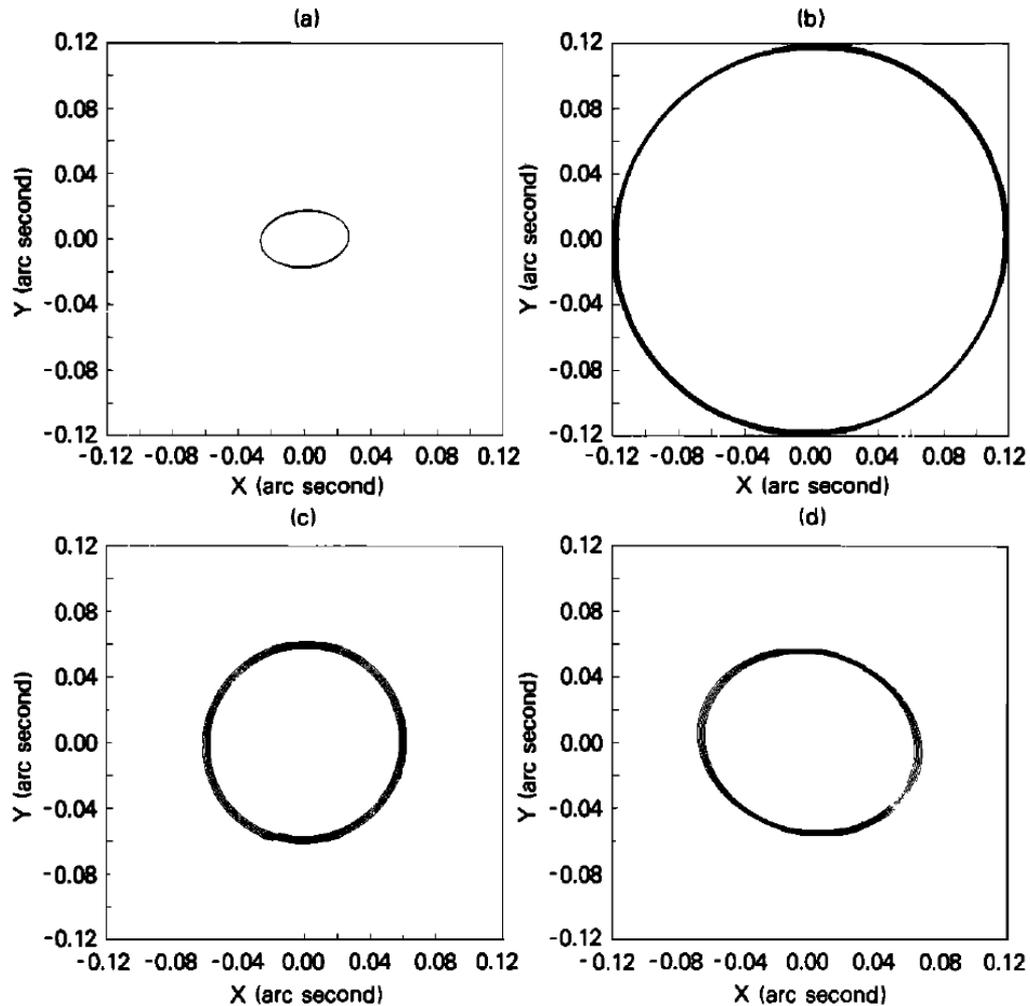


Y component



We consider the Chandler wobble as a single component with a fixed period and an amplitude modulated by a sequence of temporally and/or spatially random excitation

# Chandler wobble motion



# The time variations in the amplitude and phase of the polar wobbles

## Complex demodulation

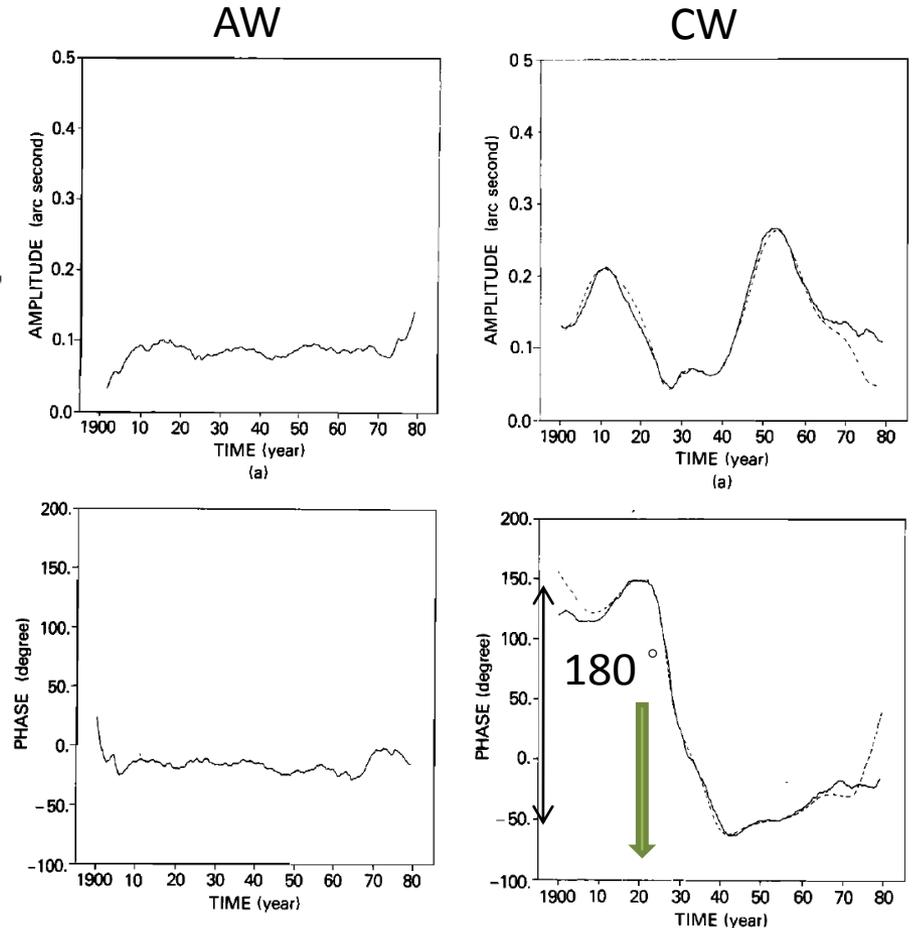
$$\Gamma_f(t) = \frac{1}{2L+1} \sum_{|t-u| \leq L} z(u) \exp(-i2\pi fu)$$

$$z(t) = (\text{ILS-X-AW}) + i(\text{ILS-Y-AW})$$

$$z(t) = (\text{ILS-X-CW}) + i(\text{ILS-Y-CW})$$

$|\Gamma_f(t)|$  running amplitude

$\arg(\Gamma_f(t))$  running phase



A "center Chandler period" of 432.00 days is shown as solid lines. Dashed lines is of the four component synthetic Chandler series.

# Points

- Chandler wobble can be adequately modeled as a linear combination of four harmonic components
- The model "explains" the apparent phase reversal during 1920-1940
- the annual wobble is shown to be rather stationary over the year
- the Markowitz wobble is found to be marginally retrograde and appears to have a complicated behavior which cannot be resolved

# Optimization criteria

AAM = (wind term) +  $\gamma$  (pressure IB term) + (1- $\gamma$ ) (pressure term)

$$D(P,Q) m(t) = \chi(t) = \text{AAM}(\gamma, t) + \chi_{\text{na}}(t)$$

- After removal of coherent seasonal and long-period signals, the non-AAM excitation is uncorrelated with the AAM

We allow  $\gamma$  to be complex-valued so that its (presumably small) imaginary part allows for any (east-west) phase differences among the terms in equation.

# Data

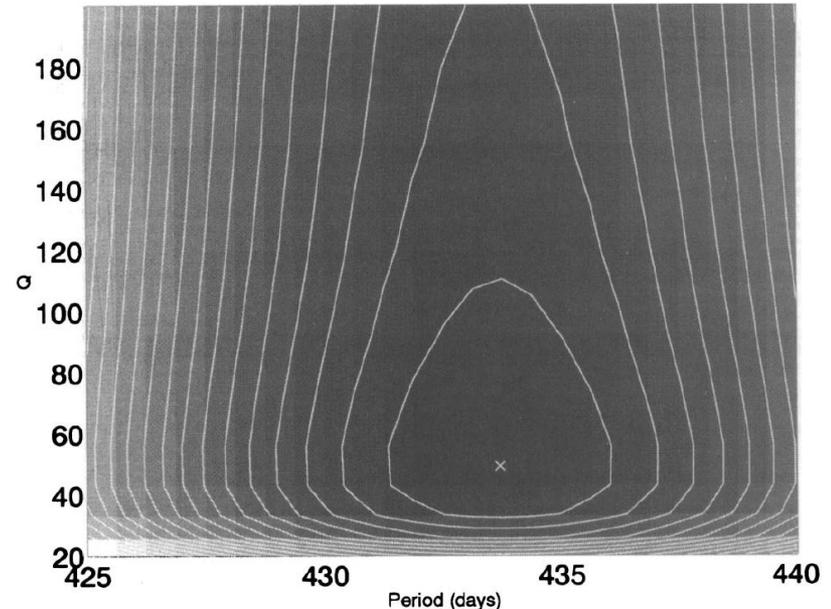
- Space94
  - 10.8yr (1976~)
  - Kalman filter
  - Daily (Nyquist period ~10day)
- Atmospheric angular momentum (AAM)
  - Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)
  - 1983 -1992 →daily, 10.8yr
  - Butterworth filter 10day
  - US Nation Meteorological Center (NMC) also prepared

# Monte Carlo simulation

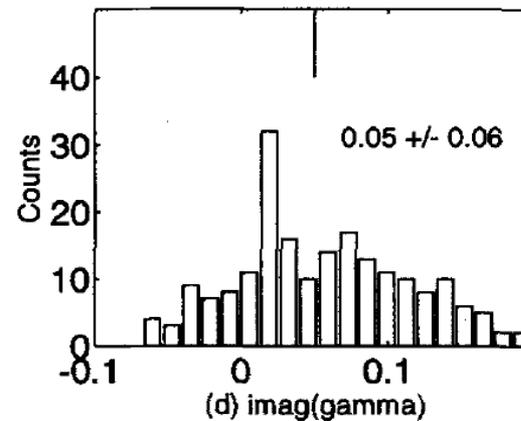
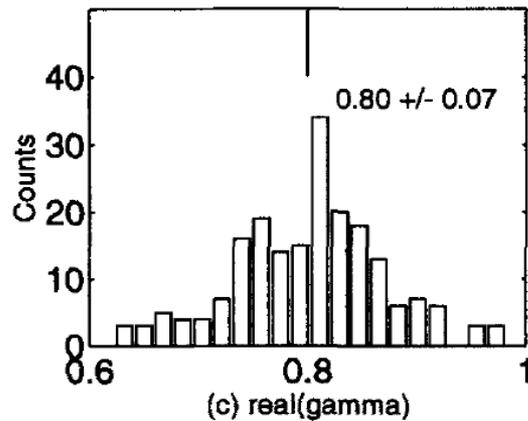
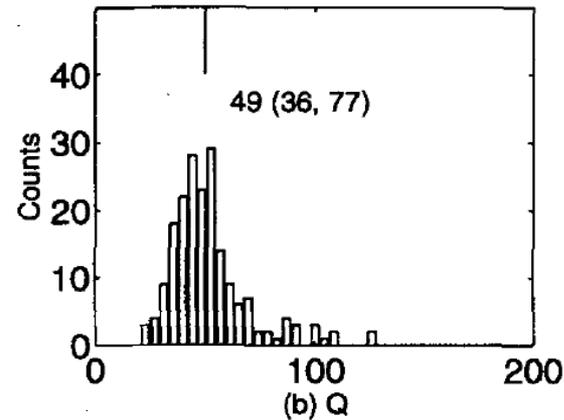
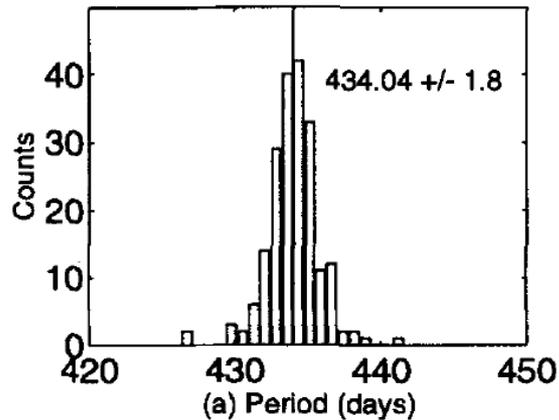
- I
  - seeks to minimize the non-AAM  $\chi_{na}$  variance with respect to the variations in the three parameters  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $y$ .
    - Ia. chosen to contain four elementary Fourier bins, from 0.67 to 0.94 cycle per year (cpy)
    - Ib. uses 64 elementary bins from 0.49 to 6.11 cpy
    - Ic. uses 134 bins from -6.11 to 6.11 cpy
- II
  - seeks to maximize the cross-correlation between the excitation function and AAM with respect to the variations in the three parameters  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $y$ .

# Monte Carlo simulation

- I
  - perform a non-linear, iterative search in the 3-D  $(P, Q, y)$  space for the minimum of the residual spectral power  $R$  of the non-AAM excitation  $\chi_{na}$
- II
  - a non-linear, iterative in the 3-D  $(P, Q, y)$  space for the maximum of the absolute value of the cross-correlation function between the ensuing AAM and the excitation function  $x$ , which invariably occurs as a prominent peak at zero time-shift

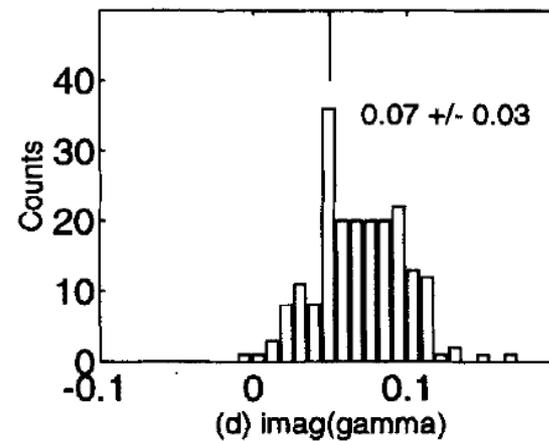
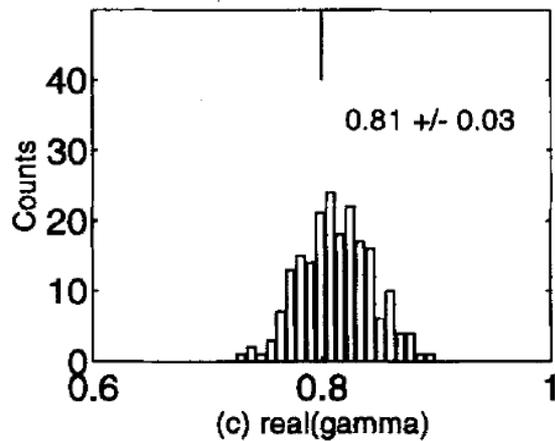
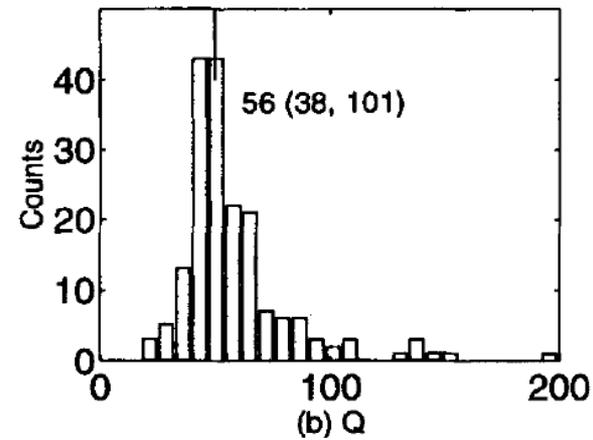
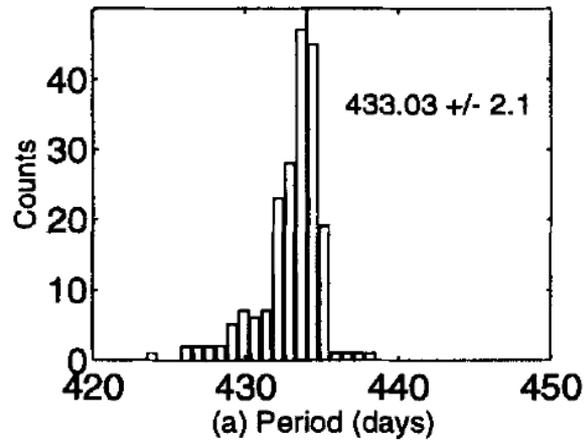


# Results Ia.

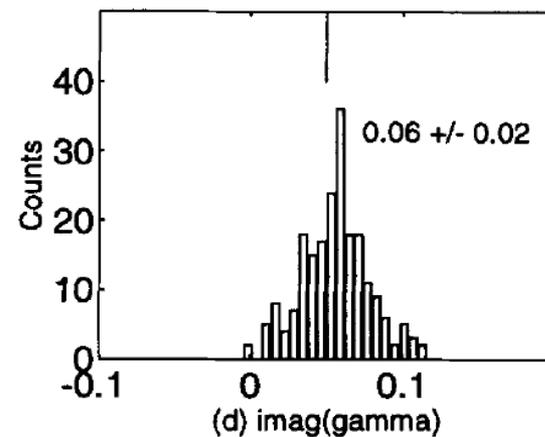
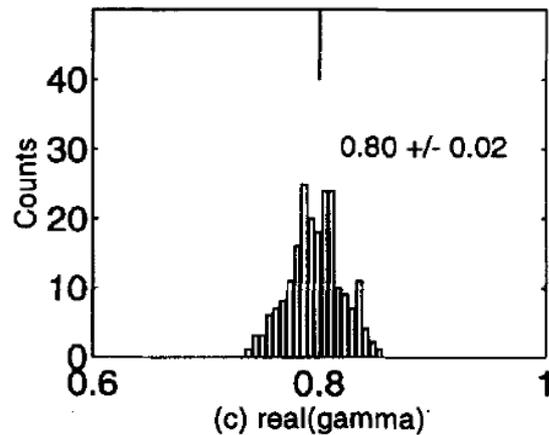
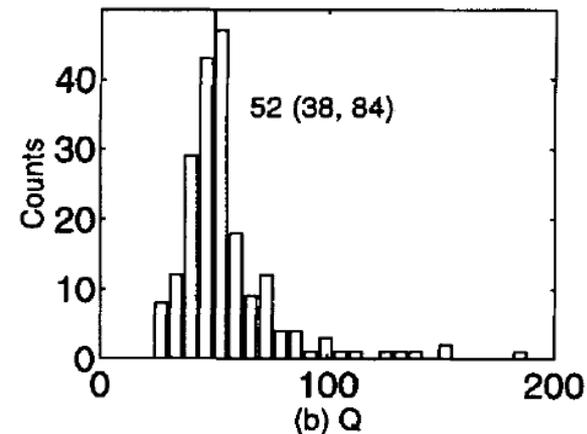
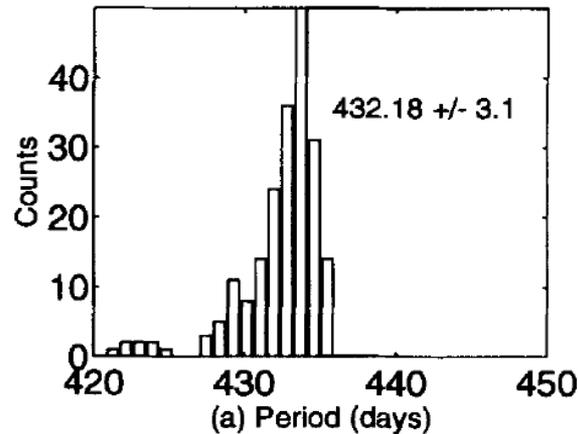


- 200 simulations
- The 'natural' variables that are characterized best by normal distributions.

# Results Ib.

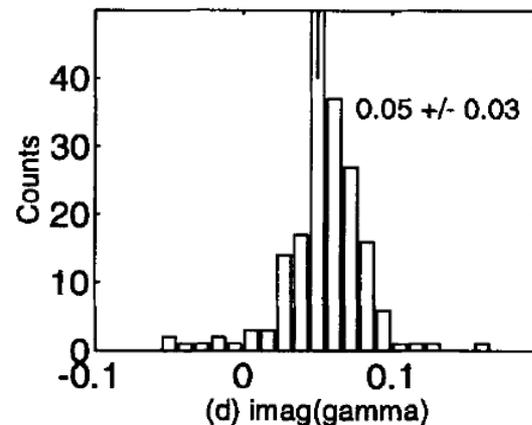
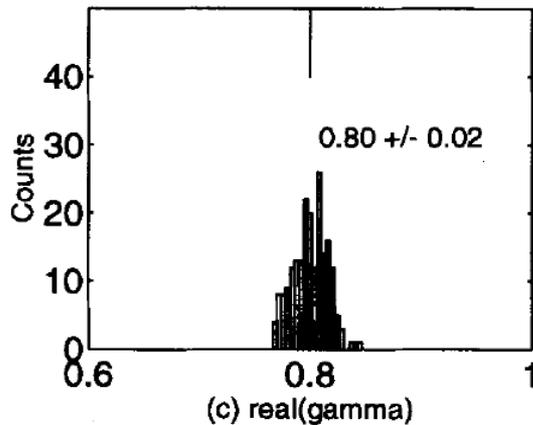
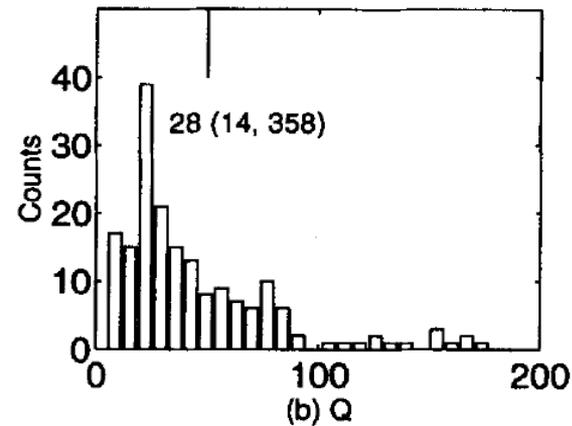
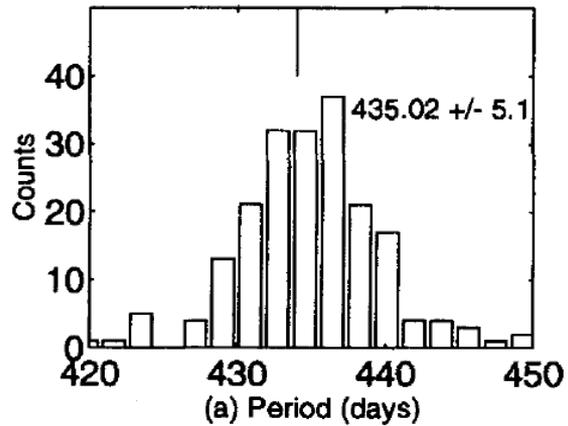


# Results Ic.



The increasingly more significant skewness and biases with the broader band in which R is minimized confirm the aforementioned biasing effect due to excitations that are not accounted for.

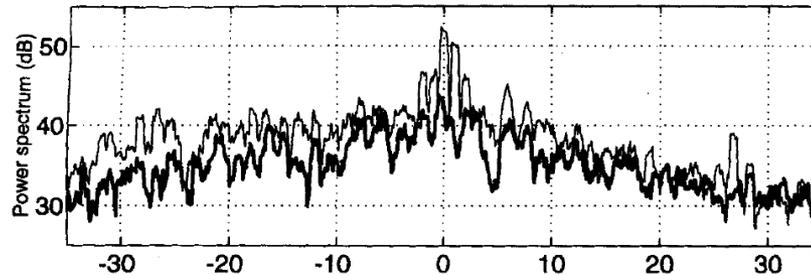
# Results II



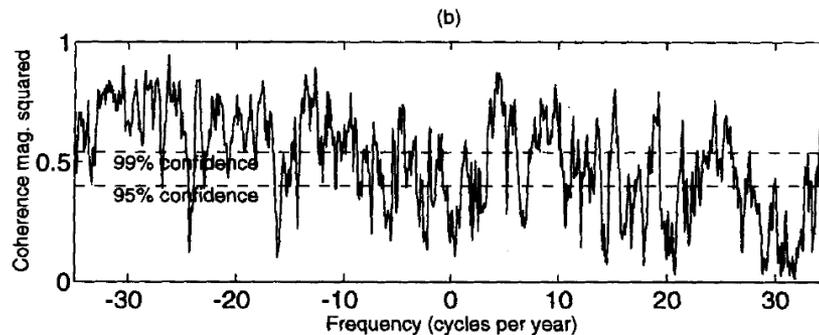
Criterion II yields a distribution that is biased toward low Q values and is poorly constrained 28 (14, 358).

# Results and discussions

Estimator	Period (days)	$Q$ (range)	$\gamma$
Criterion Ia (4-bin)	$433.7 \pm 1.8$	49 (36, 77)	$0.84 + 0.073i$
Criterion Ib (64-bin)	$431.0 \pm 2.1$	42 (31, 64)	$0.93 + 0.16i$
Criterion Ic (134-bin)	$430.8 \pm 3.1$	41 (31, 59)	$0.86 + 0.14i$
Criterion II	$434.3 \pm 5.1$	27 (14, 239)	$0.74 + 0.047i$



Thick curve :  $X_{na}$   
Thin curve :  $X$



# conclusions

- Our Q estimates are considerably lower than most previous estimates based on ILS data. For time spans comparable to or longer than Q cycles, the excitation is an important factor that maintains the wobble at amplitudes higher than would be the case without the excitation.

Study	Period (days)	Q (range)	Data (length in yr)
Jeffreys (1940)	446.7 ± 6.8	46 (37, 60)	ILS (42)
Jeffreys (1968)	433.2 ± 3.4	61 (37, 193)	ILS (68)
Wilson & Haubrich (1976)	434.0 ± 2.5	100 (50, 400)	ILS (70)
Ooe (1978)	434.8 ± 2.0	96 (50, 300)	ILS (76)
Wilson & Vicente (1980)	433.3 ± 3.6	175 (48, 1000)	ILS (78)
Wilson & Vicente (1990)	433.0 ± 1.1	179 (74, 789)	ILS+BIH (86)
Kuehne <i>et al.</i> (1996)	439.5 ± 1.2	---	Space93+AAM (9)
This Study	433.7 ± 1.8	49 (35, 100)	Space94+AAM (11)

# conclusions

- Finally, we note that the  $y$  estimates range mostly around 0.7 to 0.9. This means that the overall behavior of the ocean is close to IB, at roughly the 80 per cent level, in polar motion excitation on timescales of months to years.

⌘ inverted barometer (IB)

# Data

- International Earth Rotation Service (IERS)
  - IERS C01 (1861.0-1997)
  - IERS C01 (1899.7-1992)
- Re-analysis of the classical astronomical observations using the HIPPARCOS reference frame
  - [Vonrak 1999] [Vonrak 2000]
  - OA97 (1899.7-1992.0)
  - OA99 (1899.7-1992.0)

# Linear drift of polar motion

$$x_p = a \cdot t + b + R_{1a} \cos(\varphi_{1a} + \omega_1 t) + R_{2a} \cos(\varphi_{2a} + \omega_2 t)$$

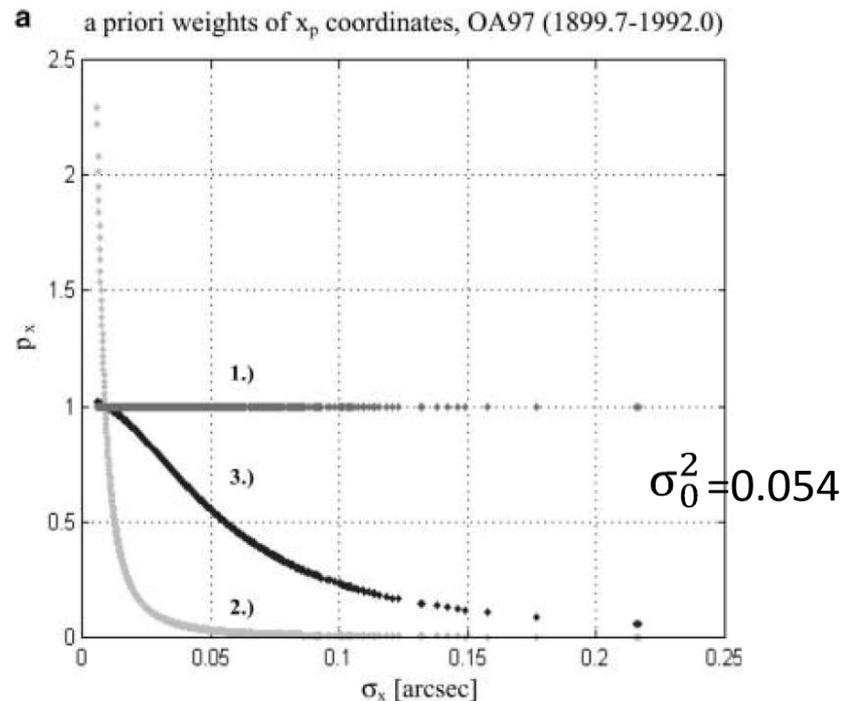
$$y_p = c \cdot t + d + R_{1b} \sin(\varphi_{1b} + \omega_1 t) + R_{2b} \sin(\varphi_{2b} + \omega_2 t)$$

CW:  $R_{1a}$ ,  $R_{1b}$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,  $\varphi_{1a}$ ,  $\varphi_{1b}$

AW:  $R_{2a}$ ,  $R_{2b}$ ,  $\omega_2$ ,  $\varphi_{2a}$ ,  $\varphi_{2b}$

## Weighting function

- $P_i = 1$
- $P_i = \text{const} / \sigma_{i2}^2$
- $P_i = \text{const} / (\sigma_{i2}^2 + \sigma_0^2)$



	$p_i = 1.0$		$p_i = \frac{\text{const}}{\sigma_i^2}$		$p_i = \frac{\text{const}}{\sigma_i^2 + \sigma_0^2}$	
	sec p.m. (mas/year)	dir [deg]	sec p.m. (mas/year)	dir [deg]	sec p.m. (mas/year)	dir [deg]
IERS C01 (1899–1992)	$4.38 \pm 0.08$	$77.43 \pm 1.06$	$6.02 \pm 0.13$	$85.16 \pm 1.25$	$4.43 \pm 0.08$	$78.15 \pm 1.00$
IERS C01 (1861–1997)	$3.58 \pm 0.05$	$75.53 \pm 0.85$	$4.49 \pm 0.10$	$82.29 \pm 1.24$	$4.00 \pm 0.06$	$77.36 \pm 0.77$
OA97 (1899–1992) uncorrelated	$3.38 \pm 0.05$	$78.69 \pm 0.80$	$3.80 \pm 0.04$	$82.73 \pm 0.65$	$3.40 \pm 0.05$	$79.27 \pm 0.76$
OA97 (1899–1992) correlated	$3.27 \pm 0.05$	$75.11 \pm 0.84$	$3.78 \pm 0.04$	$80.59 \pm 0.65$	$3.31 \pm 0.05$	$76.08 \pm 0.80$
OA99 (1899–1992) uncorrelated	$2.85 \pm 0.05$	$73.55 \pm 0.93$	$2.49 \pm 0.04$	$71.54 \pm 0.95$	$2.81 \pm 0.04$	$73.46 \pm 0.90$
OA99 (1899–1992) correlated	$2.85 \pm 0.04$	$75.52 \pm 0.90$	$2.48 \pm 0.04$	$73.04 \pm 0.96$	$2.81 \pm 0.04$	$75.45 \pm 0.90$

Approach 3. is considered as most satisfactory.

The most plausible result for the linear drift of the pole in the 20<sup>th</sup> century a drift of  $3.31 \pm 0.05$  ms/yr in the direction of  $76.1 \pm 0.80^\circ$  west longitude.

CW period:  $1.17428 \pm 0.00009$  years

CW amplitude:

semi-major axis  $R_{1a} = 0.1217 \pm 0.0017$  arcseconds

semi-minor axis  $R_{1b} = 0.1037 \pm 0.0017$  arcseconds

AW period:  $1.00055 \pm 0.00008$  years

AW amplitude:

semi-major axis  $R_{2a} = 0.0992 \pm 0.0017$  arcseconds

semi-minor axis  $R_{2b} = 0.0836 \pm 0.0017$  arcseconds.

# Wavelet Analysis

[Chao and Naito, 1995]

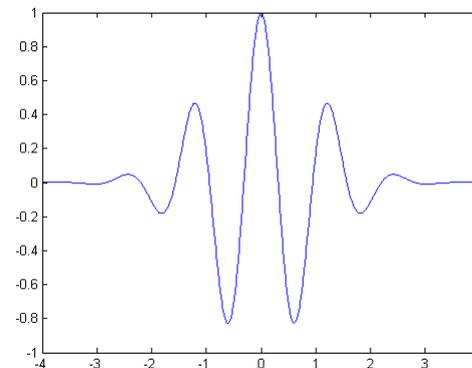
$$W_{\psi}(f)(a, b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \psi \left( \frac{t - b}{a} \right) dt$$

$\psi(t)$  basic wavelet

- a is the dilation/compression scale factor that determines the characteristic frequency
- b is the sliding factor, translation in the time domain

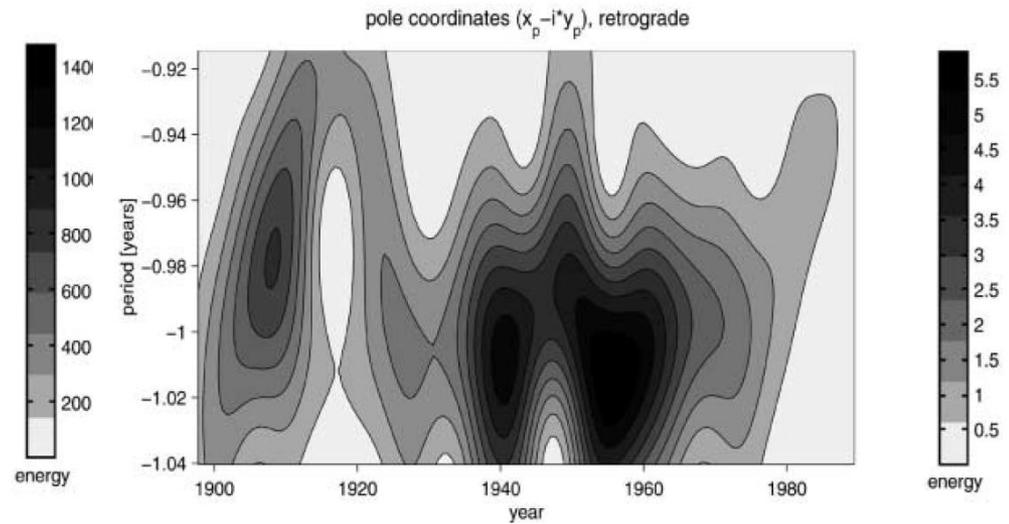
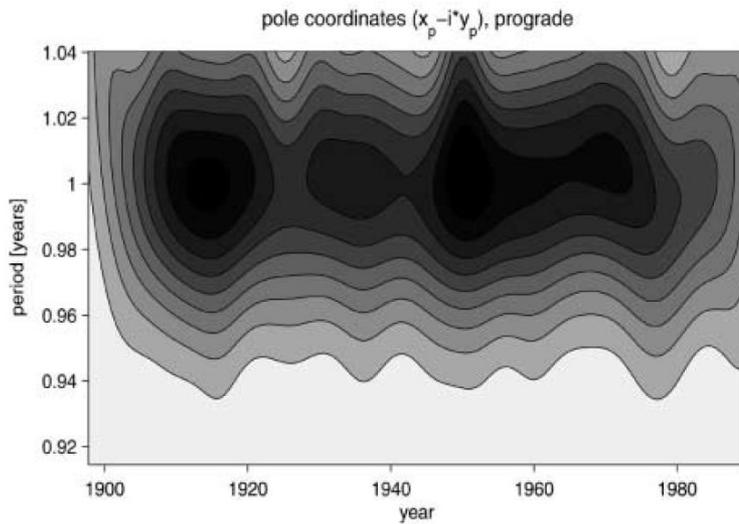


- Morlet wavelet (Morlet et al., 1982)



# Wavelet spectra

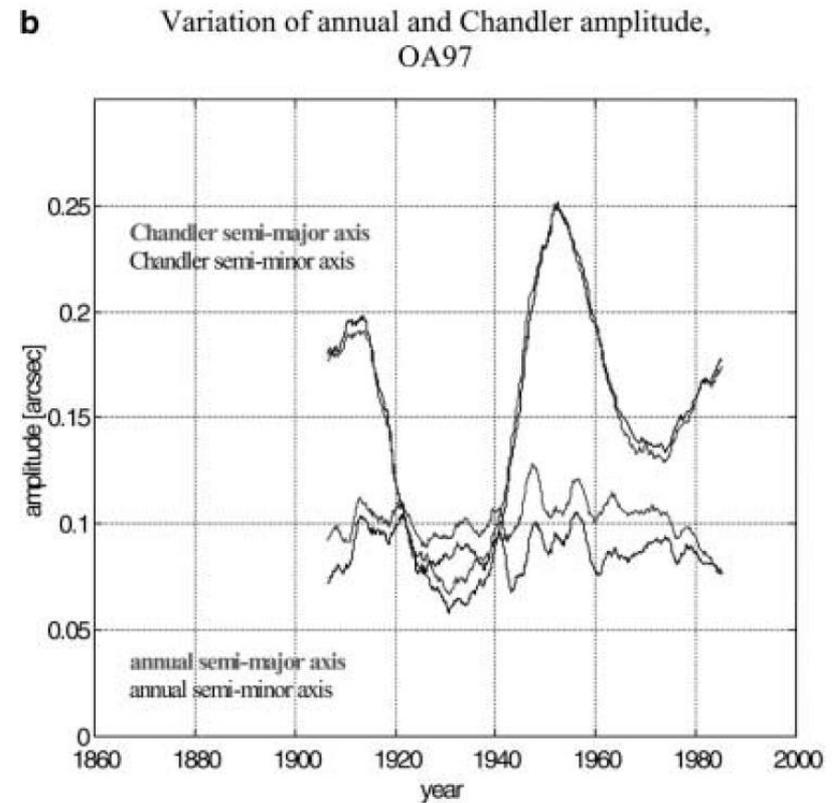
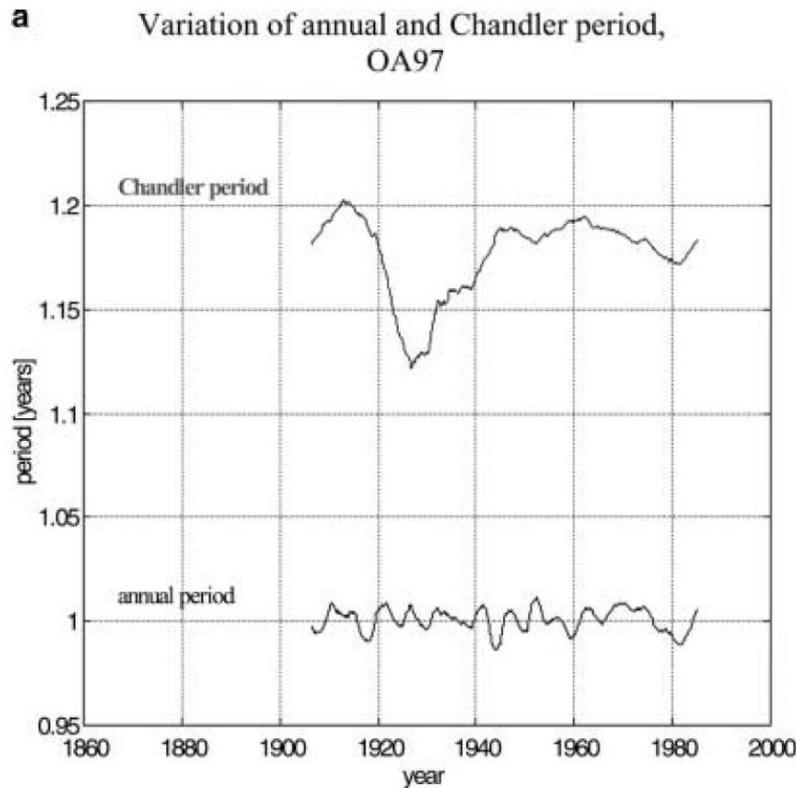
- OA97 (1899.7-1992.0) for AW



Clear maxima of the weak retro grade AW occurred around 1908, 1940 and 1955.

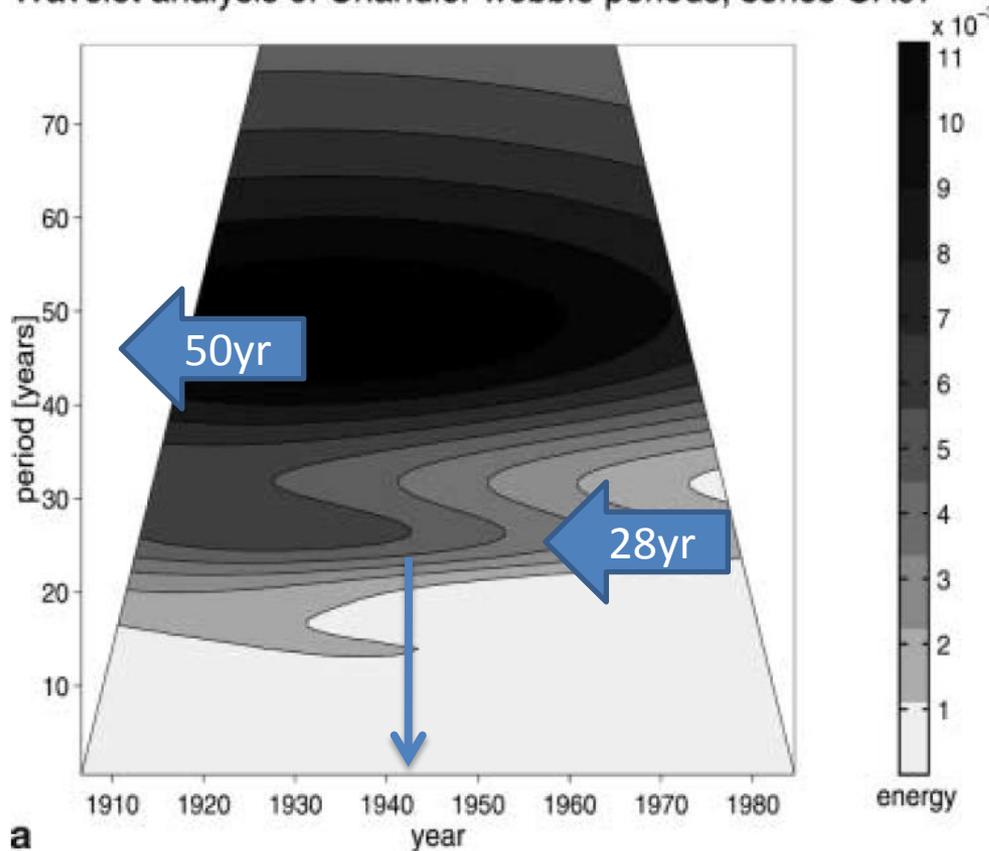
# Sliding window analysis

Window size is set to 13.76 year

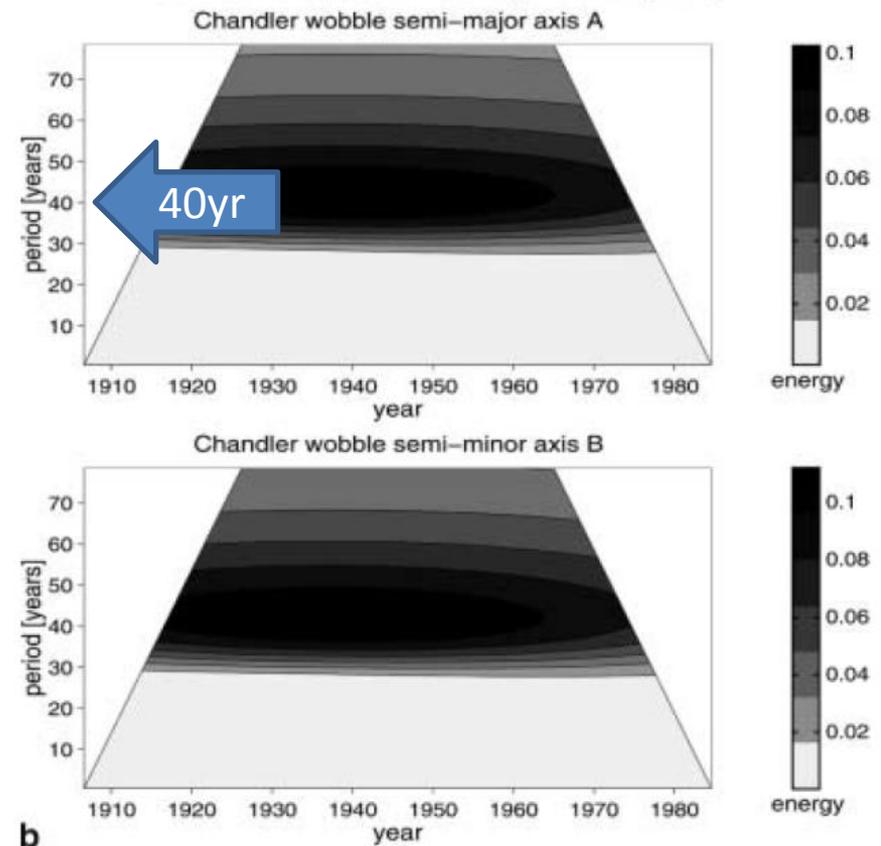


# Wavelet analysis of CW parameters

Wavelet analysis of Chandler wobble periods, series OA97



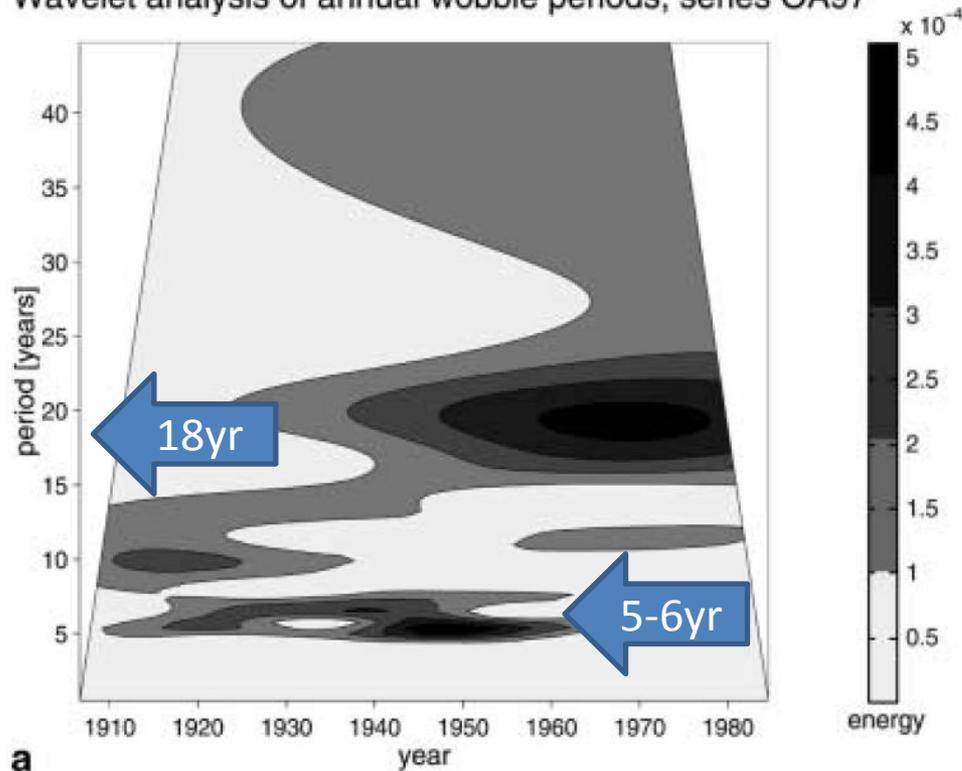
Wavelet analysis of Chandler wobble amplitudes series OA97 (1899.7–1992.0), Vondrák (1999)



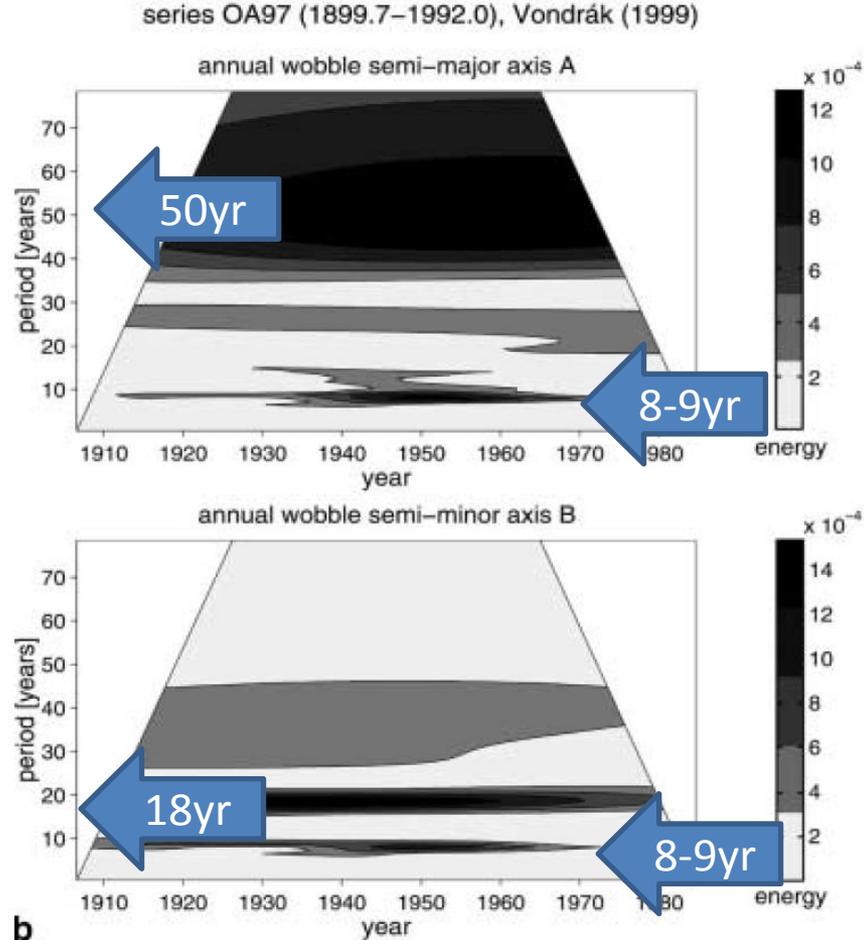
In principle, the main period (40-50 years) of the CW parameters, could be explained by a beat of two oscillations with close period.

# Wavelet analysis of AW parameters

Wavelet analysis of annual wobble periods, series OA97



Wavelet analysis of annual wobble amplitudes  
series OA97 (1899.7–1992.0), Vondrák (1999)



# conclusions

- The existence of multiple periods is certainly not a consequence of some spectral splitting phenomenon. The answer, then, presumably lies in the existence of inelastic layers in the earth (hydrosphere, asthenosphere, and outer core) and the coupling thereof with the elastic parts of the earth.
- Q estimates are associated with large uncertainties inevitable in situations where the record length is much shorter than the decay

**Thanks for your attentions!**