

# Rotational Evaluations of Global Geophysical Fluid Models and Improvement in the Annual Wobble Excitation



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# Introduction

- To study the climate variations and the interactions between the solid Earth and its fluid envelope, various atmospheric, oceanic and hydrological models are established
  - NCEP/NCAR (National Centers for Environmental Prediction / National Center for Atmospheric Research) reanalyses: [AAM](#), [HAM](#)
  - ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts) reanalyses: [AAM](#), [OAM](#), [HAM](#)
  - JMA (Japan Meteorological Agency) products: [AAM](#)
  - UKMO (United Kingdom Meteorological Office) products: [AAM](#)
  - ECCO (Estimating the Circulation and Climate of the Ocean) Assimilation products: [OAM](#)
  - GLDAS (Global Land Data Assimilation System) products: [HAM](#)

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- **Consistencies among these atmospheric, oceanic and hydrological models are quite important**
  - Consistency: the models of the ocean and hydrology should be driven by outputs from the same atmospheric model as it had been used to derive the AAM (Brzezinski, 2011, private communication)
- **Four consistent data sets are used (with the IB model based on a private communication with Richard Gross, 2010)**
  - NCEP AAM + ECCO OAM + NCEP HAM (since 1948)
  - ECMWF ERA40 AAM + OAM + HAM (1958 ~ 2001)
  - ECMWF ERAinterim AAM + OAM + HAM (since 1989)
  - ECMWF operational AAM + OAM + HAM (since 2000)

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# Model Evaluations I: Daily data

## ➤ Data used

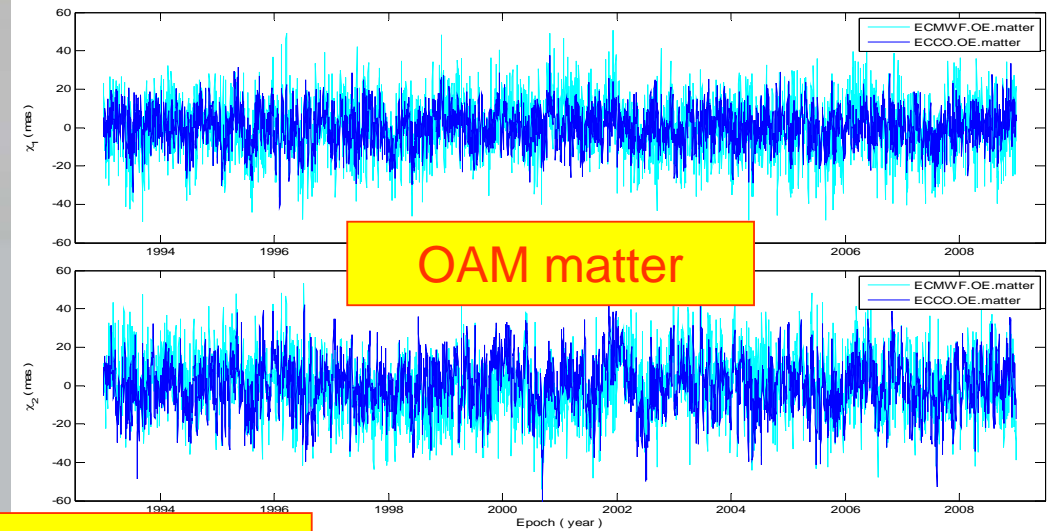
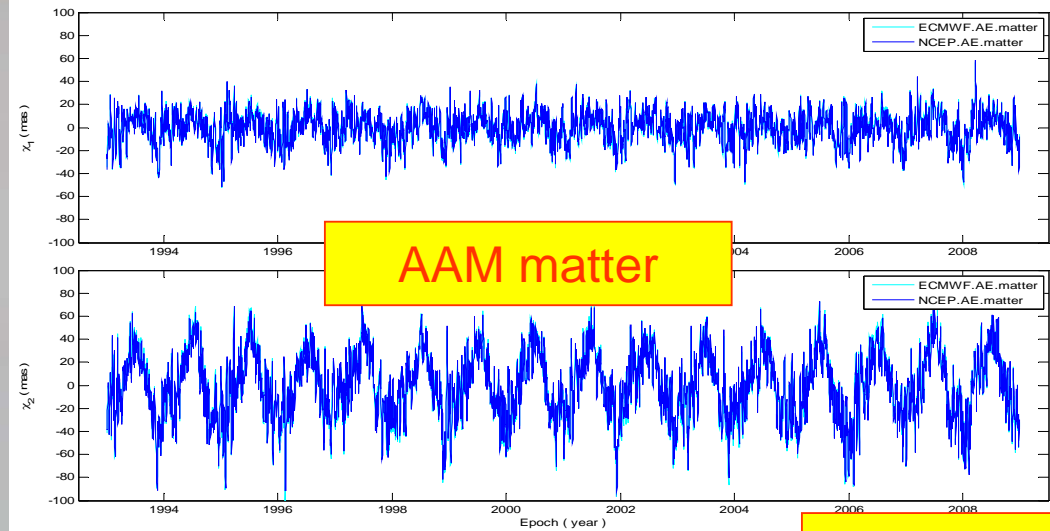
- IERS EOP 08 C04 (1993 ~ 2008)
- NCEP reanalysis AAM + ECCO kf080 OAM + NCEP reanalysis / GLDAS HAM (1993 ~ 2008)
- ECMWF ERA40 (1993 ~ 2001) plus ECMWF operational (2002 ~ 2008) AAM + OAM + HAM

(ERAinterim data don't own significant difference against this data set, and thus will not be shown here; However, ERAinterim data will be displayed in Model Evaluations II: 6-hour data)

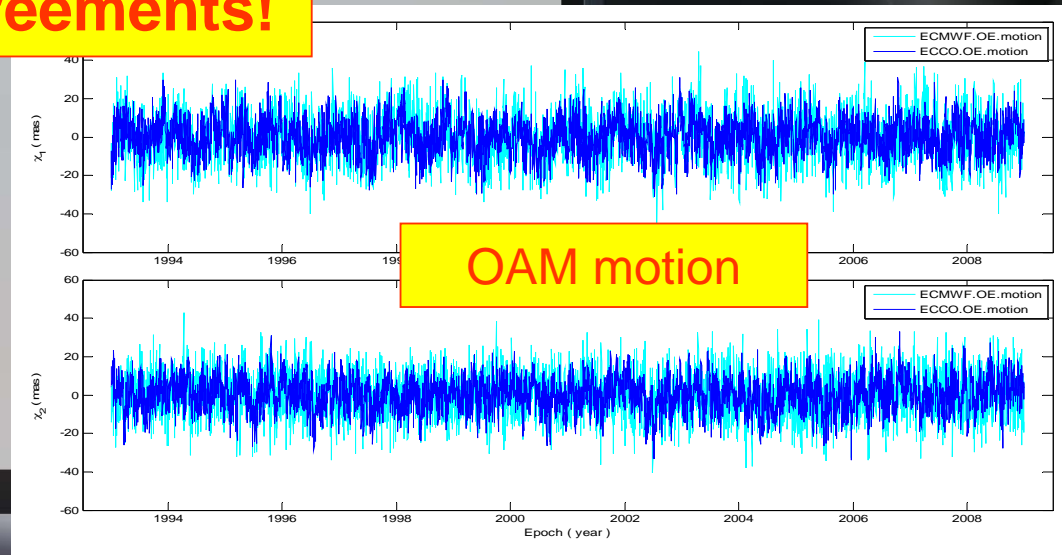
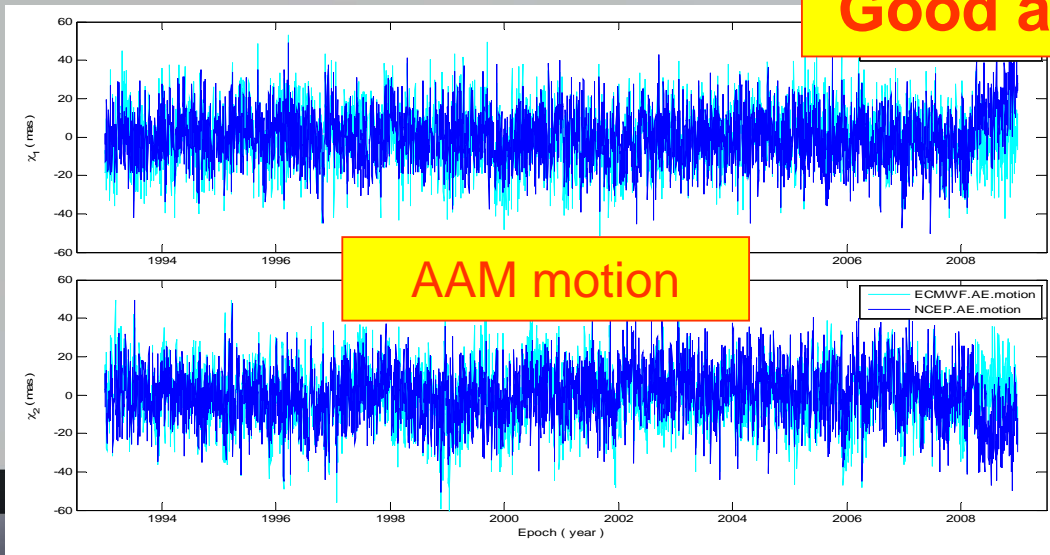
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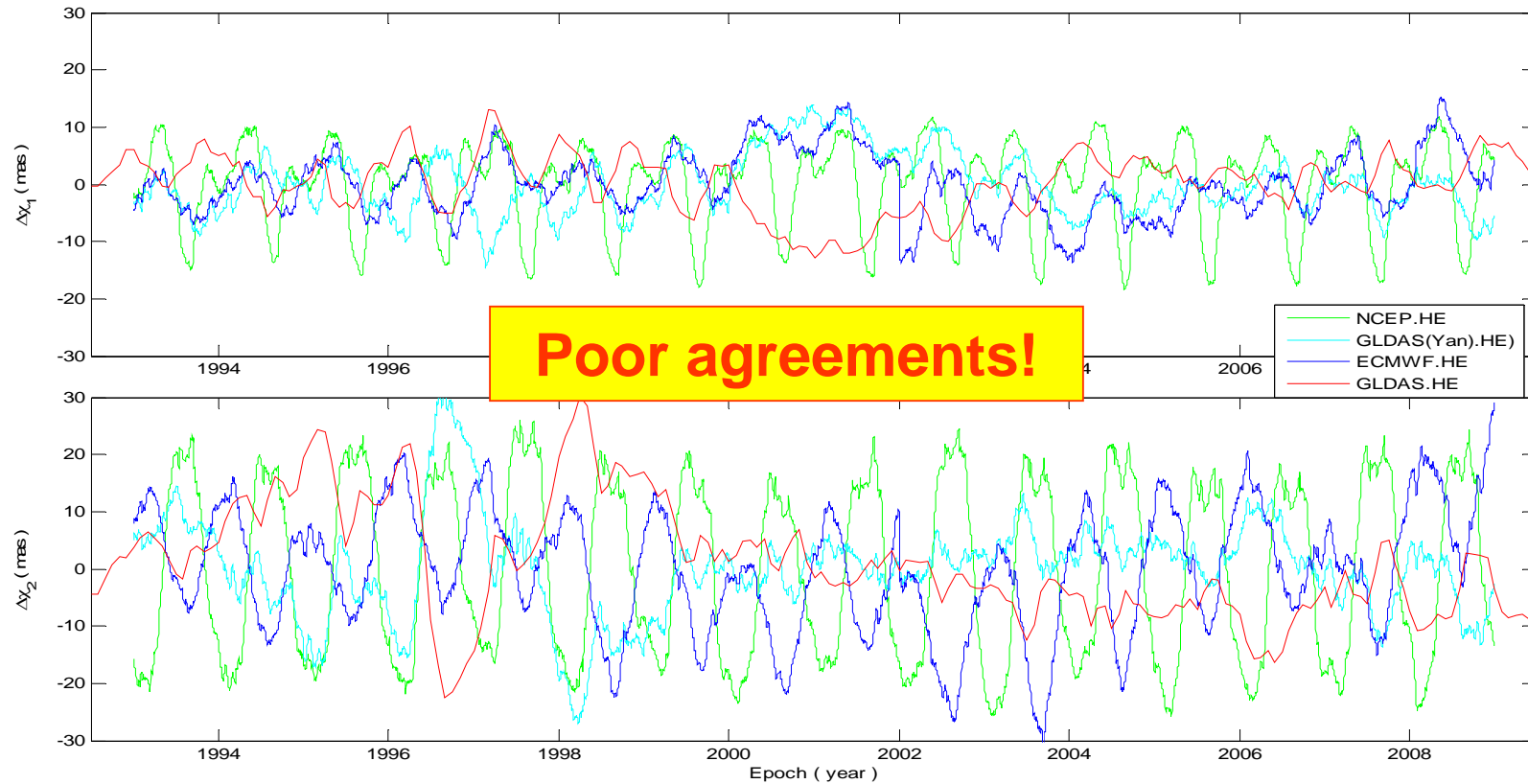
# Time Series Comparisons (1d)



**Good agreements!**



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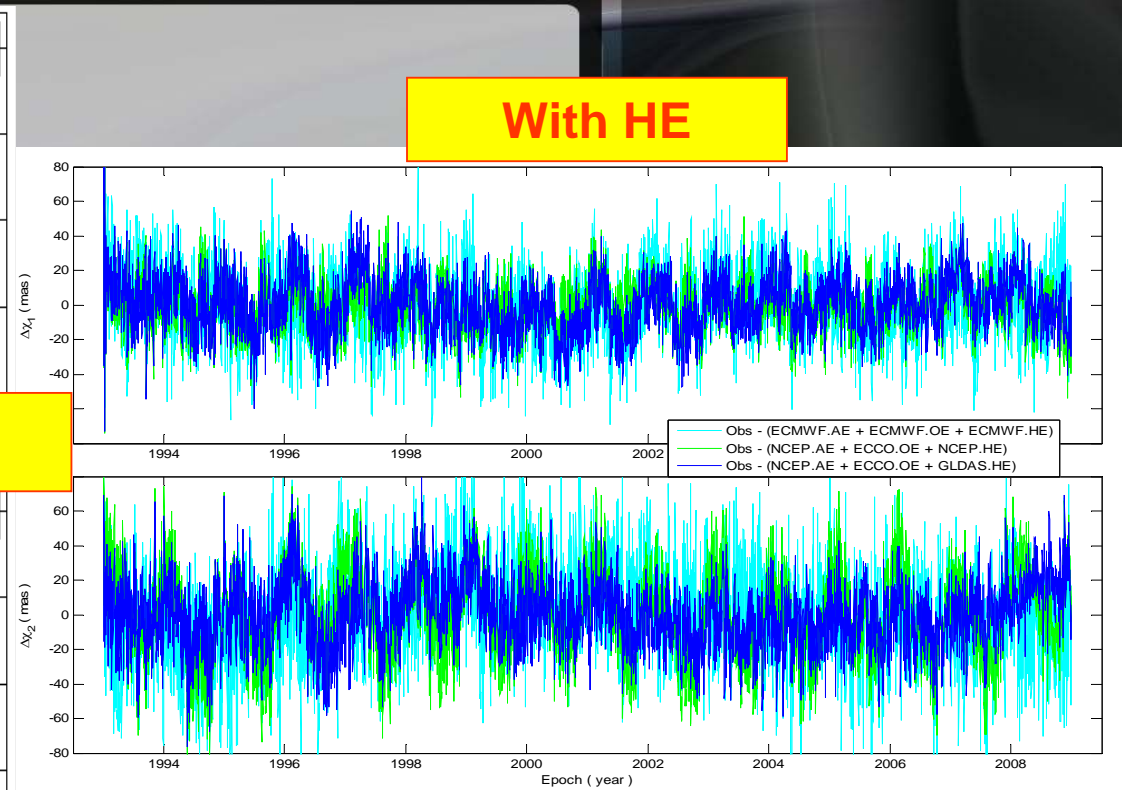
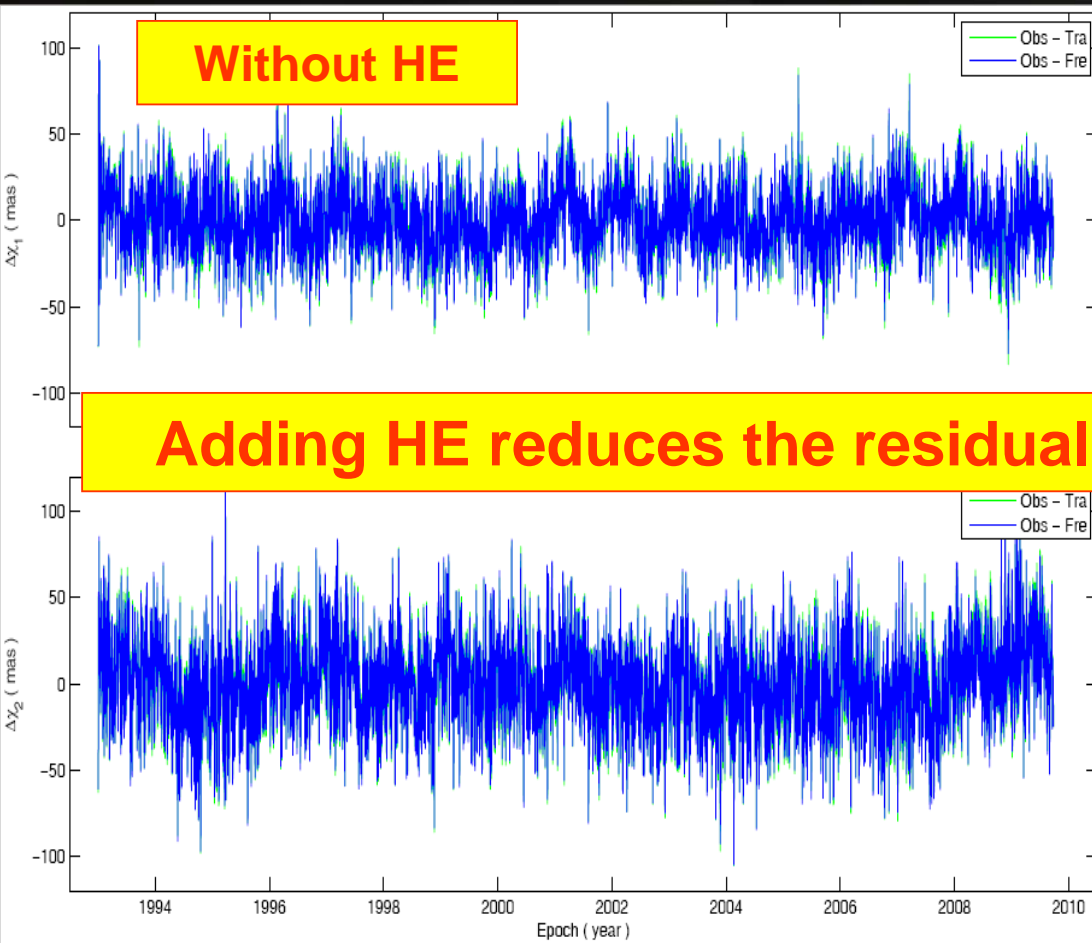


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- **GLDAS(Yan).HE (cyan line) is provided by Dr. Haoming Yan**
- **GLDAS.HE (red line) is our estimate**



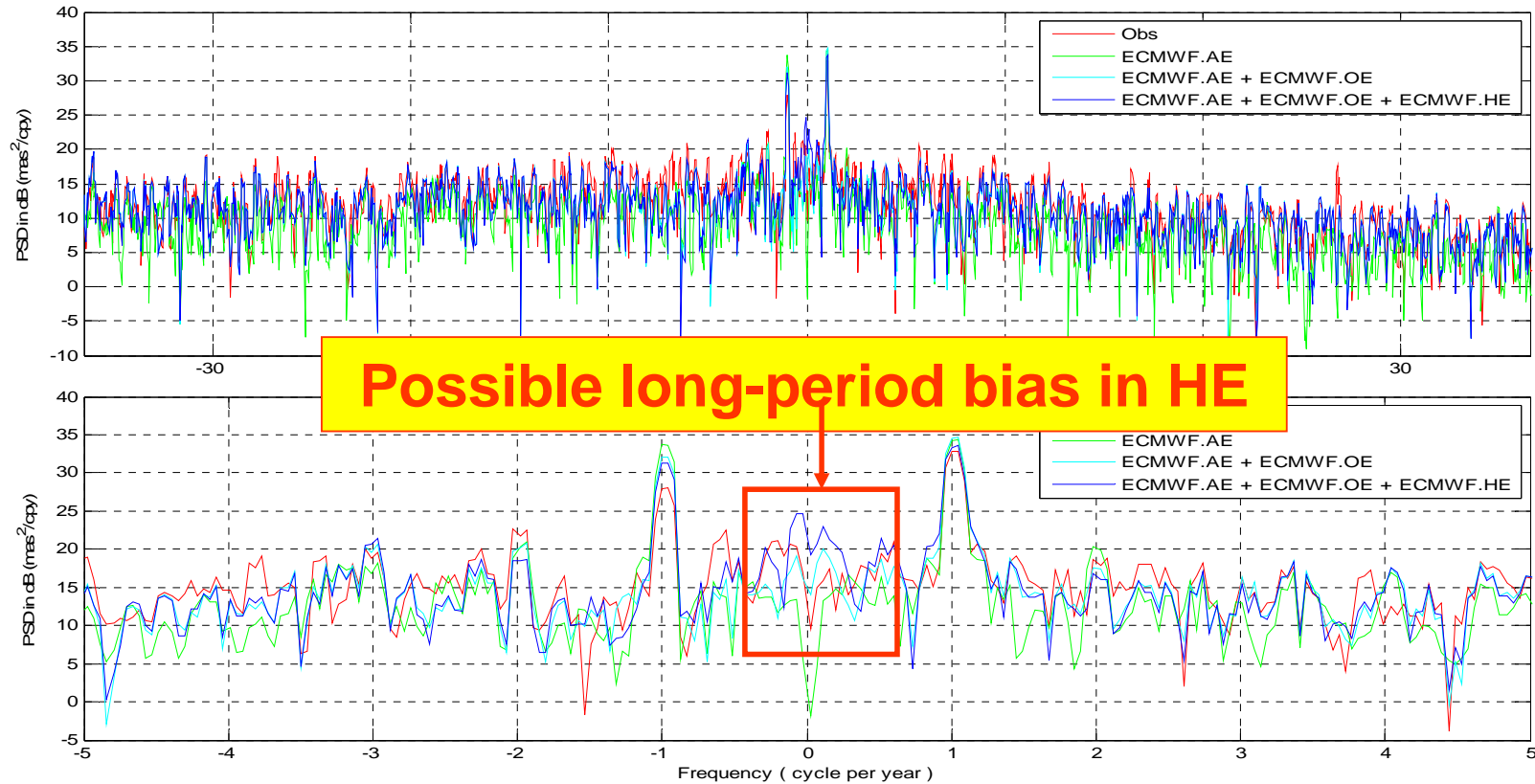
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**Residuals are large and models need to be improved!**



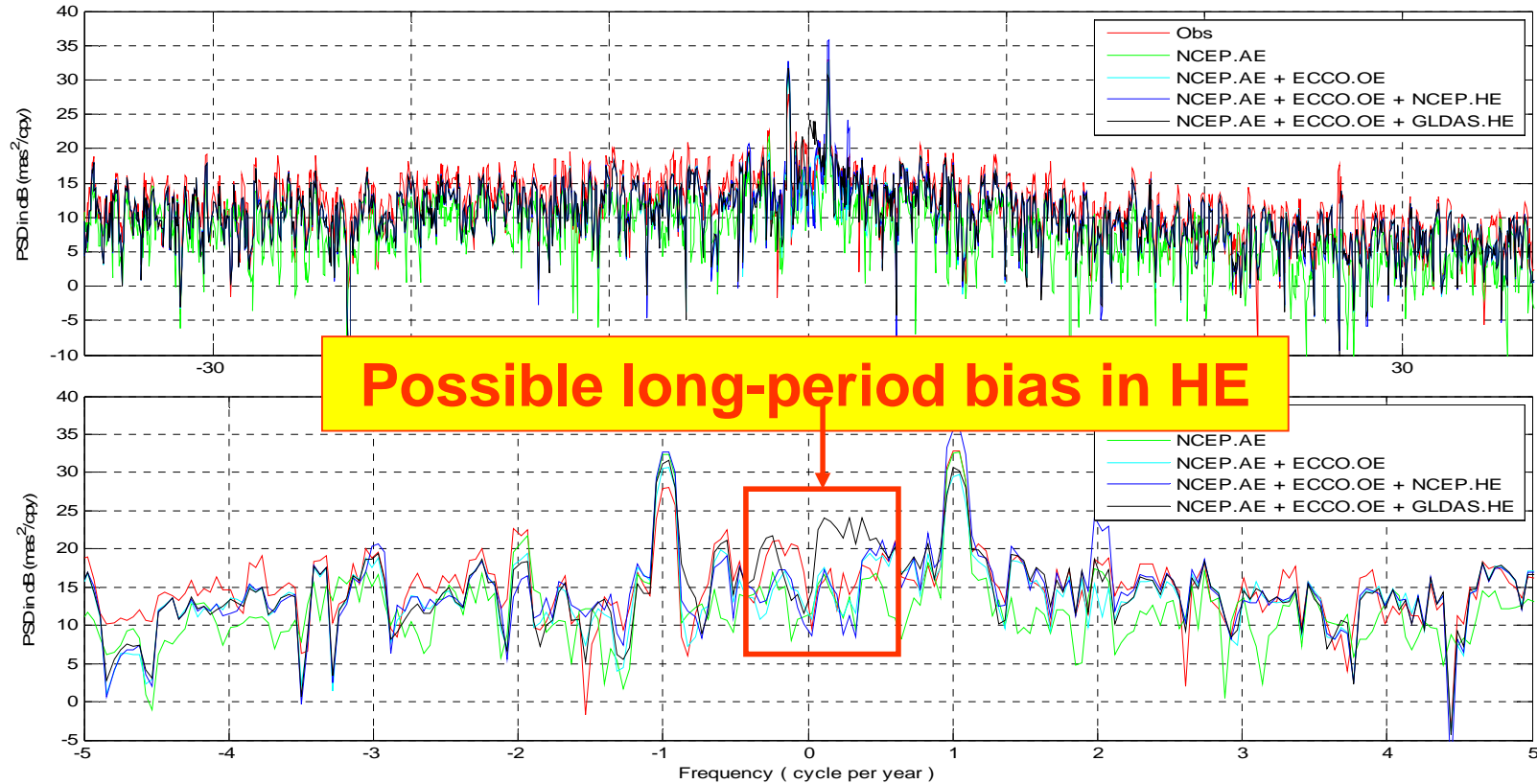
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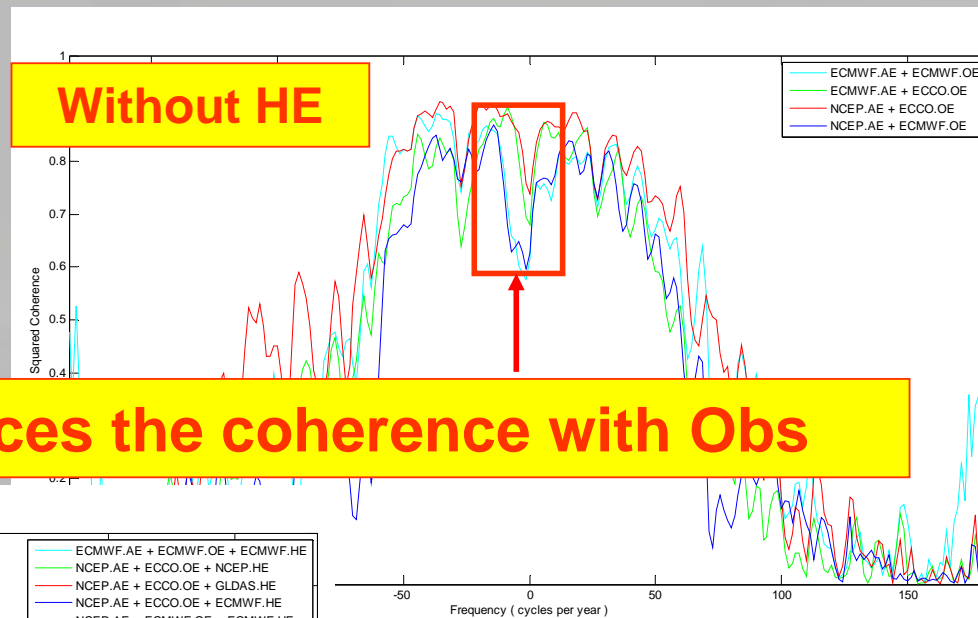
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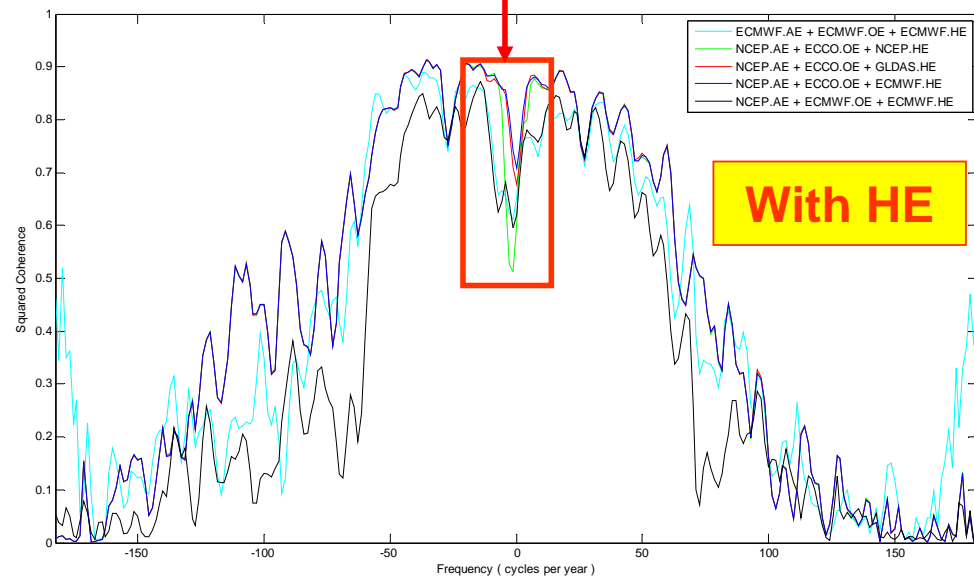
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# Coherence Comparisons (1d)



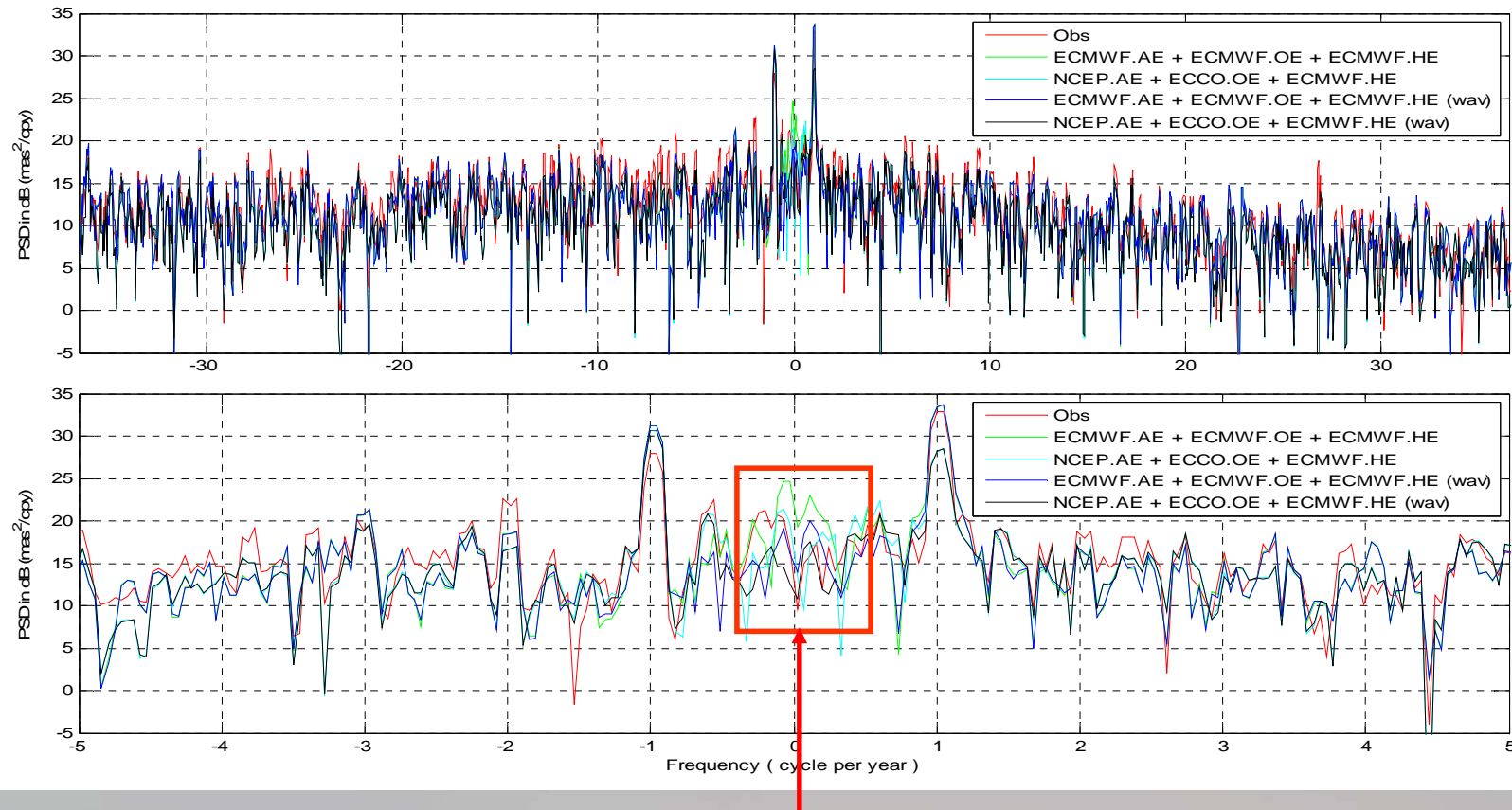
**Adding HE reduces the coherence with Obs**



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# Effect of debias (1d)

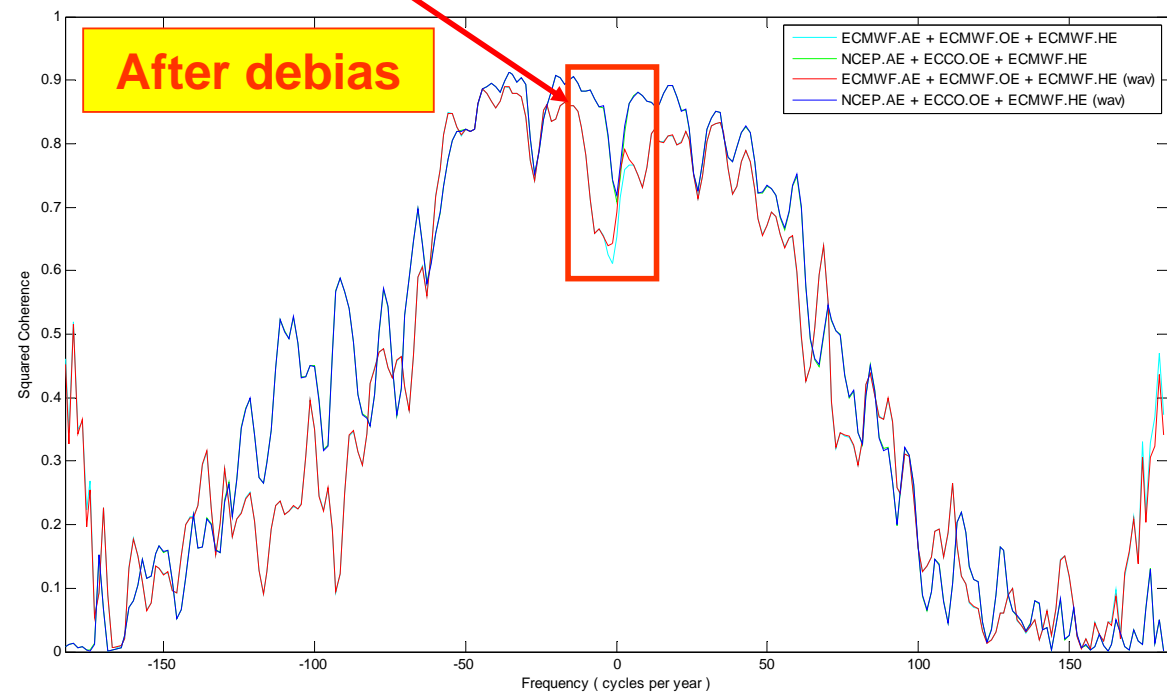
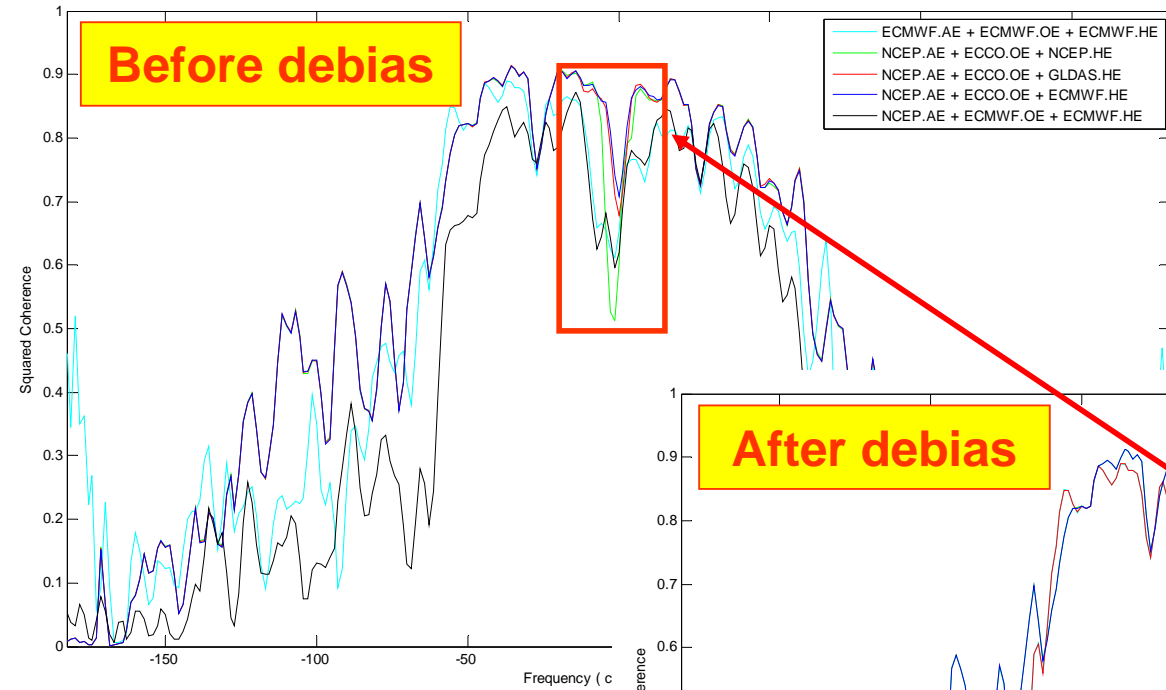


**Debias removes the low-frequency discrepancies**

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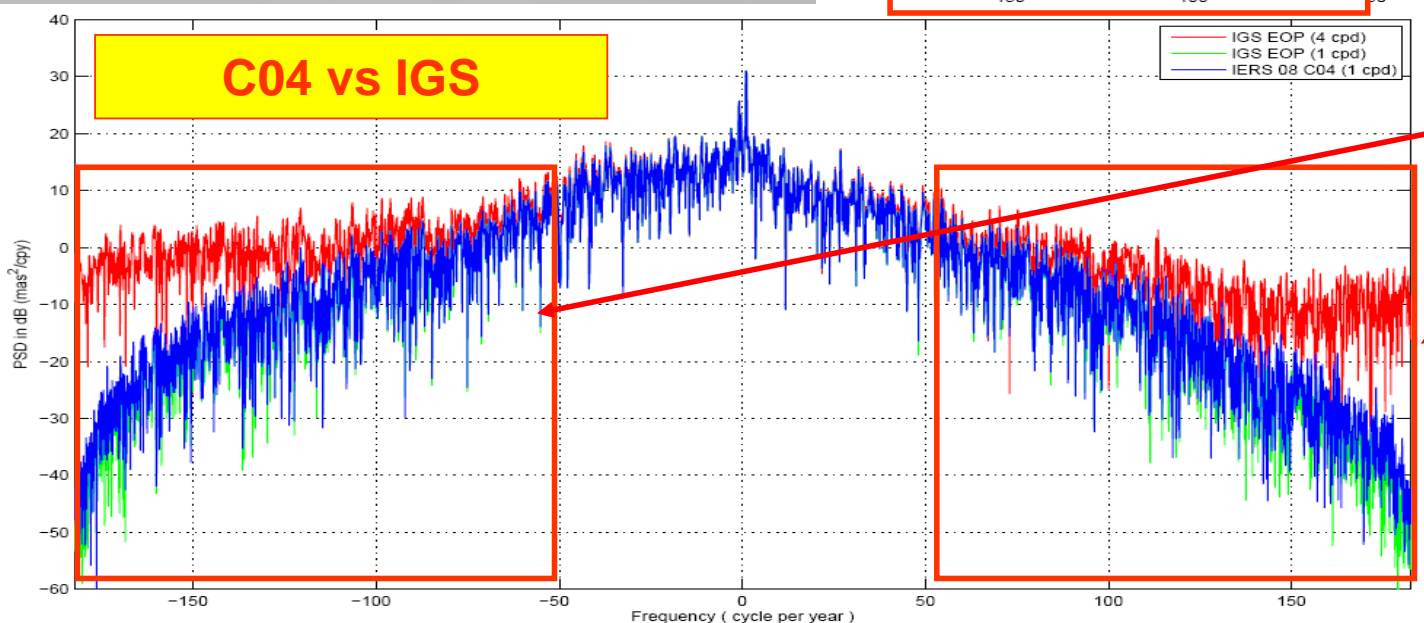
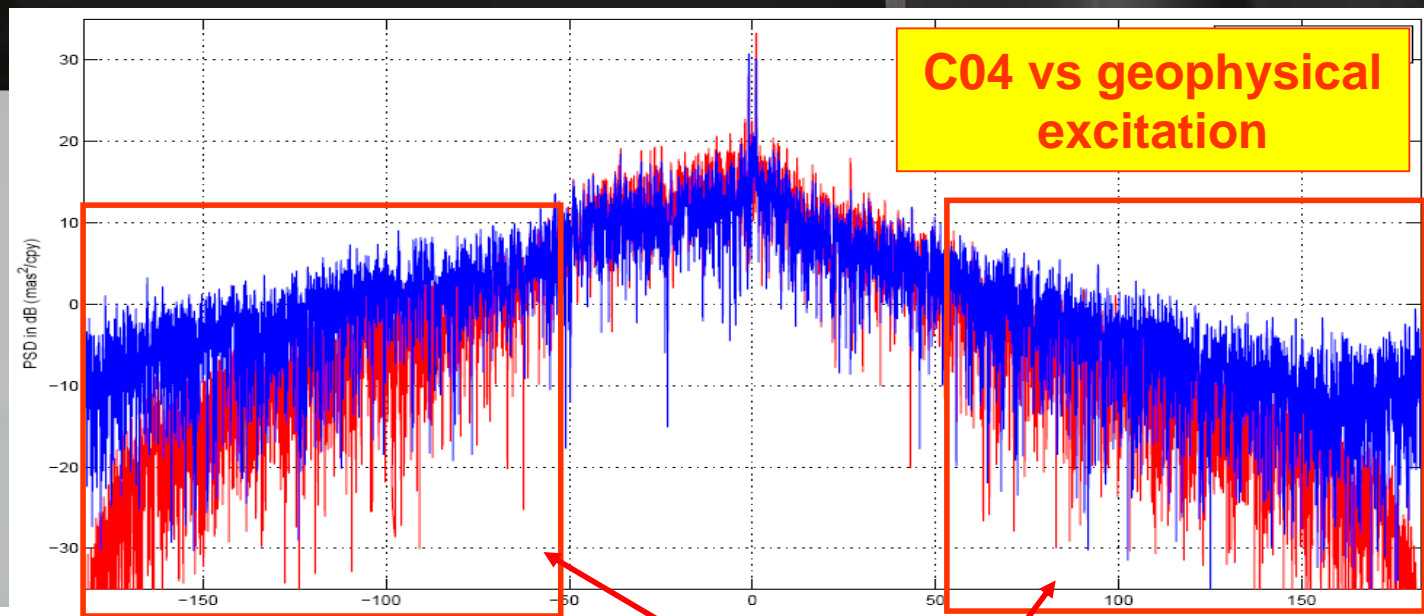


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# Power Loss

The IERS C04 EOP data seems to be over-smoothed compared to the IGS EOP and the geophysical excitations



Power Loss



# Model Evaluations II: 6-h data

## ➤ Data used (2004 ~ 2010)

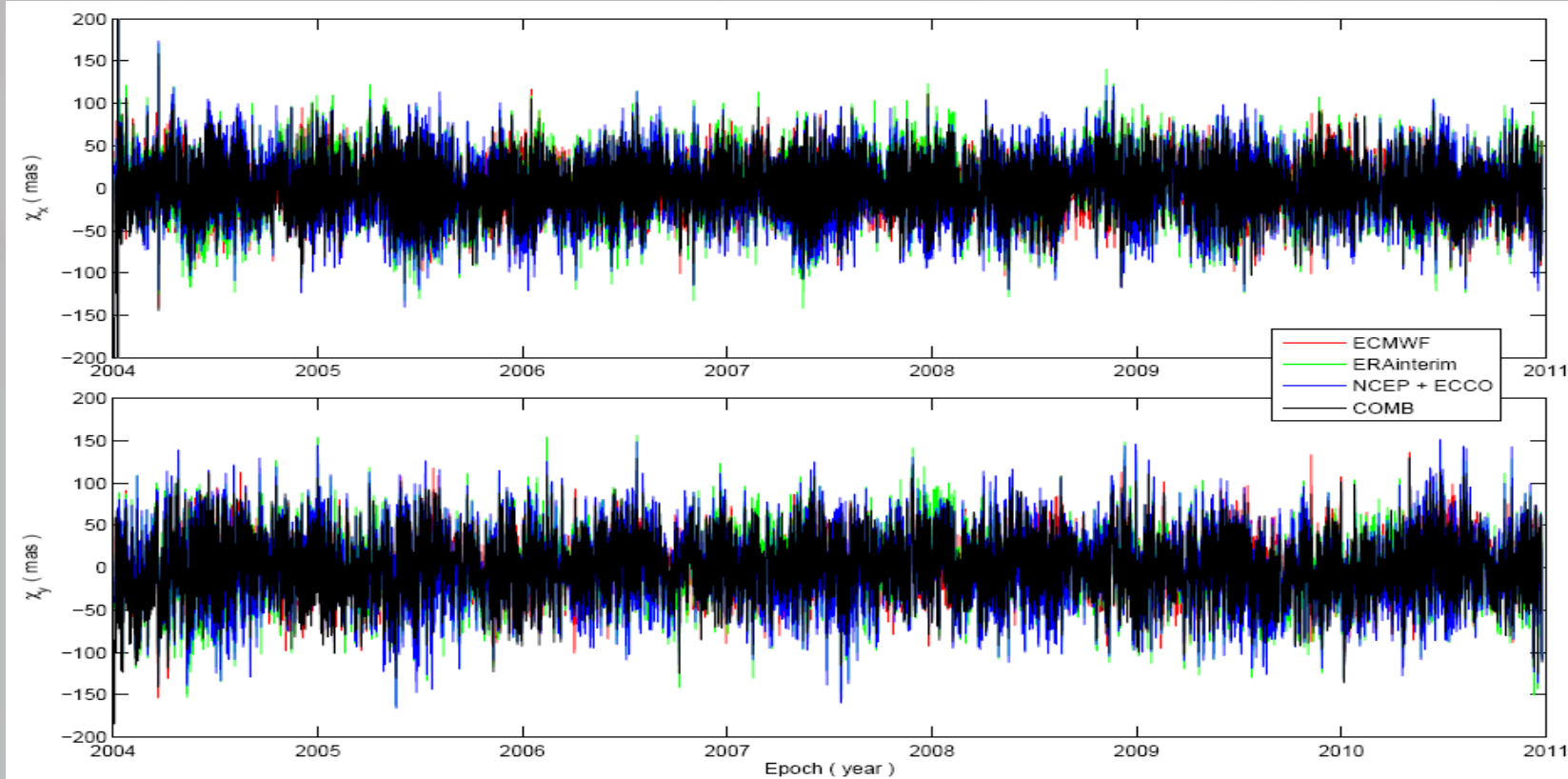
- IGS EOP: ig1+igs+igu.erp (6-hour data; provided by Prof. Jim Ray)
- NCEP reanalysis AAM (6h) + ECCO kf080 OAM (#) + NCEP reanalysis HAM (#)
- ECMWF operational AAM (6h) + OAM (6h) + HAM (#)
- ERAinterim AAM (6h) + OAM (6h) + HAM (#)
- COMB: combined AAM (6h) + OAM (6h) + HAM (6h)

(#) originally daily, linearly interpreted to 6-hour data

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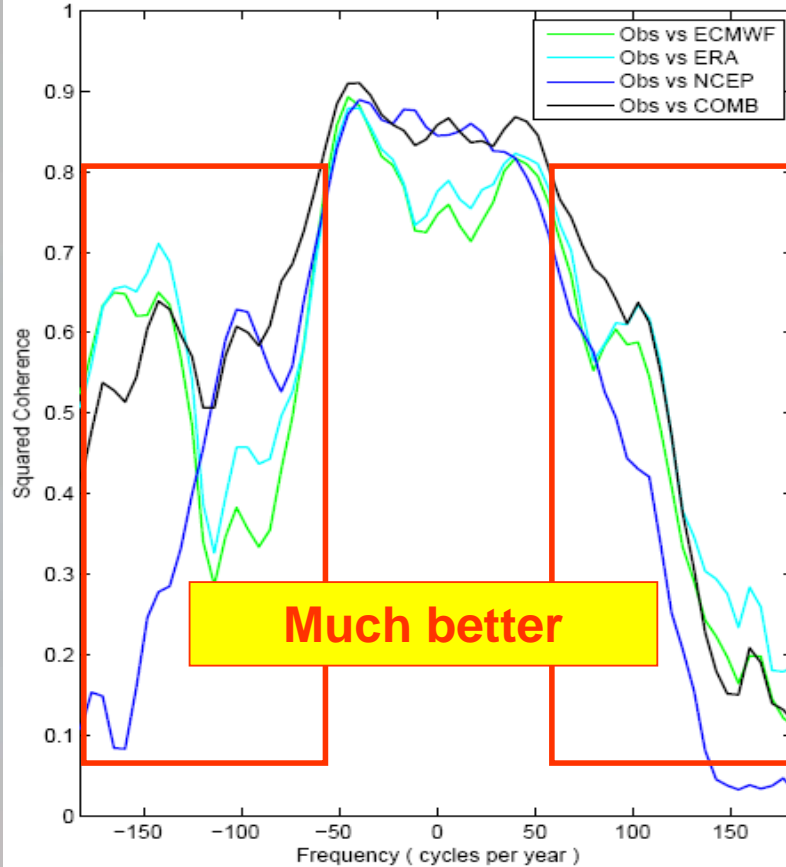
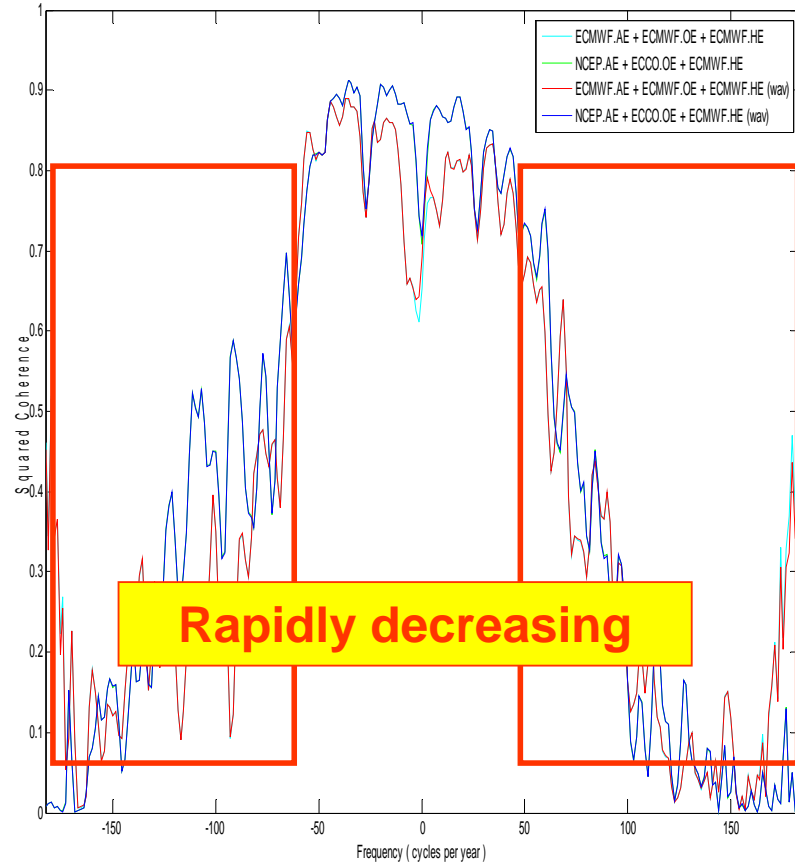


**The residual for COMB is a little smaller!**

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# Coherence Comparisons (6h)

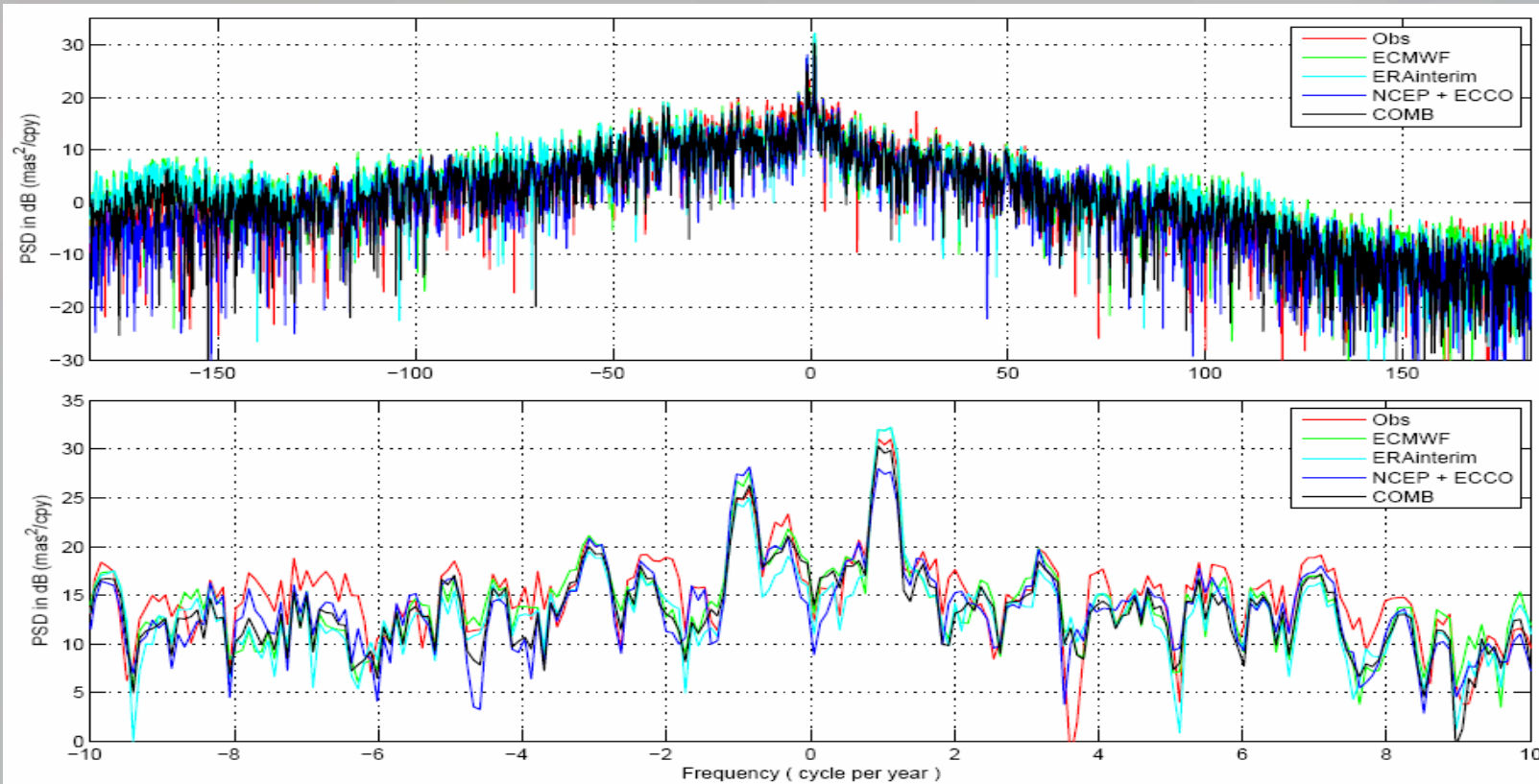


**The COMB is the most coherent with the Obs!**

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# Spectrum Comparisons (6h)



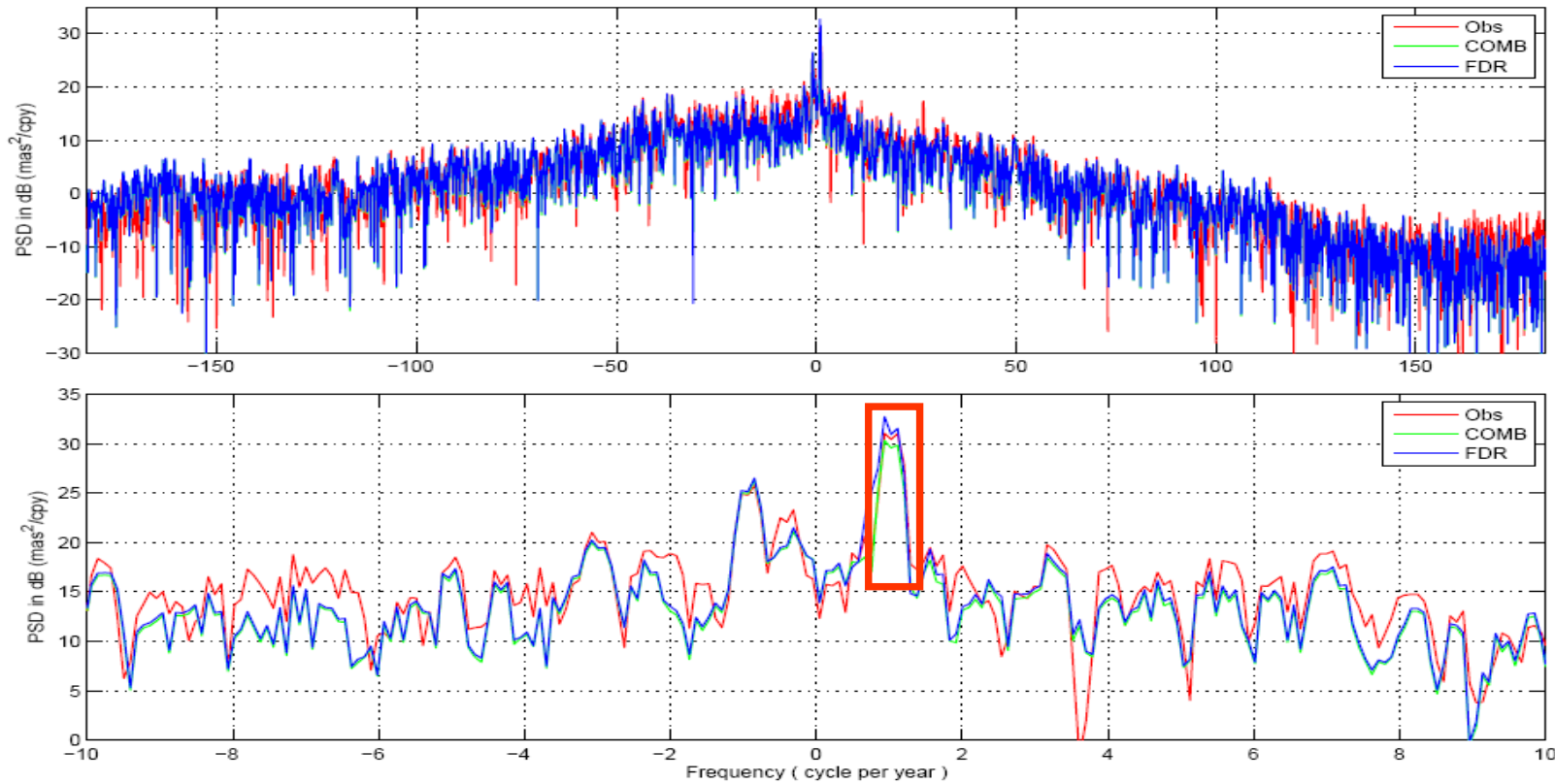
**The PSD for COMB agrees best with the Obs!**

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# Spectrum Comparisons (6h)



**Taking into account the FDR will be still better!**

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# Comparisons of AW Excitation

	$A_p$ (mas)	$\alpha_p$ (deg)	$A_r$ (mas)	$\alpha_r$ (deg)
$\chi_{OBS}$	19.0226	-63.3790	9.3598	-133.9719
$\chi_{ECMWFop}$	21.4724	-76.9744	11.7103	-138.2239
$\chi_{ERAinterim}$	21.4901	-59.8073	8.7894	-144.5591
$\chi_{NCEPECCO}$	12.5831	-60.3468	12.5226	-153.8468
$\chi_{COMB}$	16.4714	-55.4271	9.4278	-148.6883
$\chi_{FDR}$	20.7431	-54.6075	9.7328	-149.6897

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# Conclusions

- Hydrological models are less reliable than the atmospheric and oceanic ones
- Hydrological models might contain some long-period biases
- IERS C04 EOP: over-smoothed; suitable for long-period ( $>$  one week) excitations
- IGS EOP: suitable for short-period ( $\leq$  one week) excitations, but the IB/DB effects should be determined first

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- **Coherence between the geodetic and the geophysical excitations goes down around and above 50 cpy**
  - Due to the deficiency of the IB model
  - If we use the C04 EOP data, it is at least partly caused by the artificial power loss of the EOP data
  - The break-down point (period) for the IB model might be around one week
  
- **Combined AAM + OAM + HAM might be better**
  
- **Considering the FDR can bring notable improvement to the estimate of the AW excitation**

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