

Normal Modes of Rotating Earth Models

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Scientific activities (1/2)

- 20 authored or co-authored papers
- Co-supervisor of 2 PhD students

1. Anthony Mémin 2007-11

Modélisation des variations géodésiques produites par la fonte de glaciers. Séparabilité des effets des déglaciations passée et actuelle.

2. Yann Ziegler 2012-15

Modélisation de la rotation de la Terre et analyse conjointe des données du mouvement du pôle et de gravimétrie

Scientific activities (2/2)

- Leader of
 - Polar gravity program (IPEV 2011-15)
 - Earth rotation research projects
(GRAM 2011 and INSU-PNP 2012)
- Member of
 - 2 IAG study groups 2007
 - SCAR research program and expert group 2011
 - CNFRA 2012
 - IAU (Commission 19 *Earth rotation*) 2012

Motivation

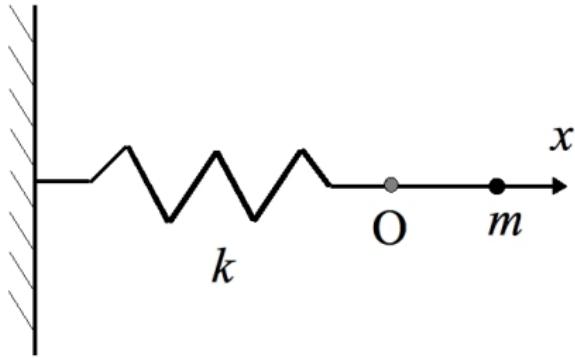
Comments from colleagues

Normal modes? Earth rotation?

- *What is it used for?*
- *It looks interesting, but it's complicated!*

Normal mode = Free oscillation

Example 1

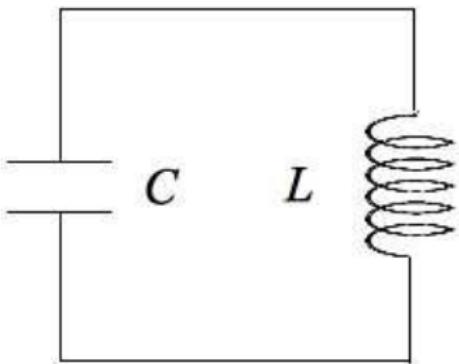


$$x = A \sin \omega t$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Normal mode = Free oscillation

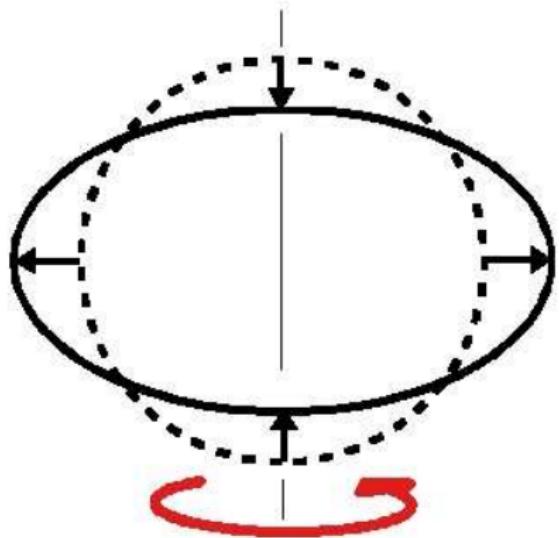
Example 2



$$i = i_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

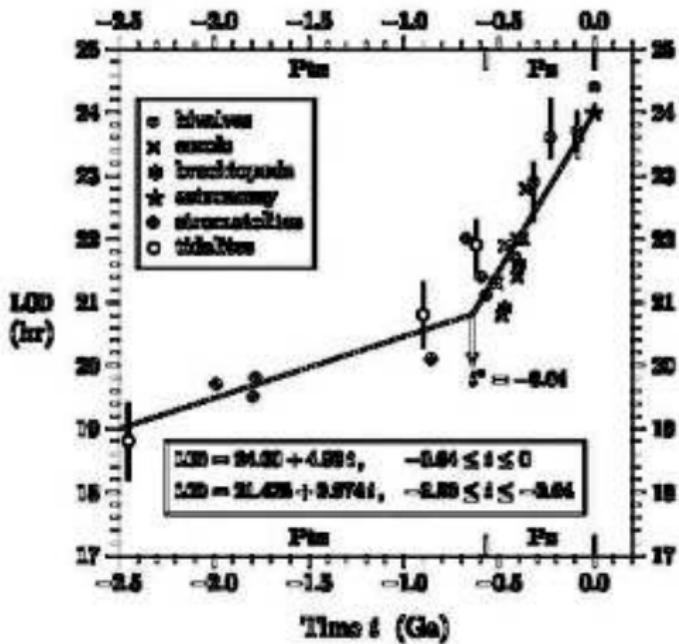
Earth rotation



$$\text{flattening} = \frac{1}{300}$$

Variations of Earth rotation (1/3)

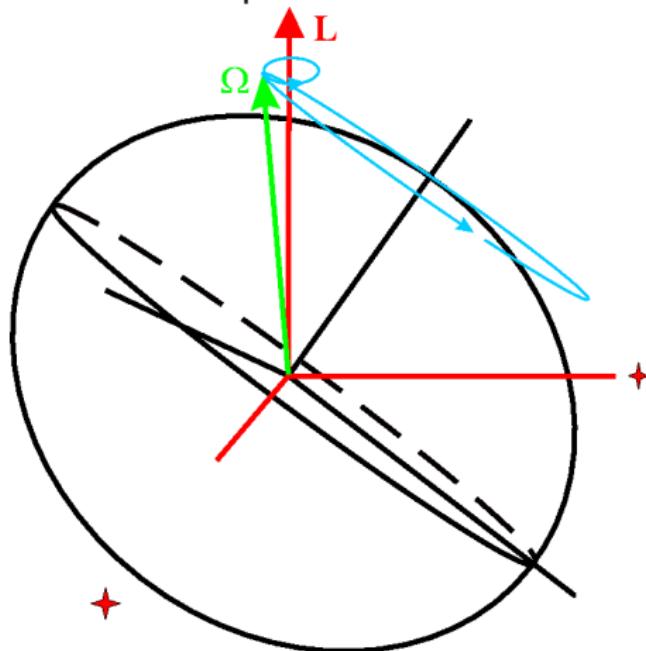
(Secular) Variation of the length of the day



Denis et al. 2011

Variations of Earth rotation (2/3)

Variations of the position of the rotation axis



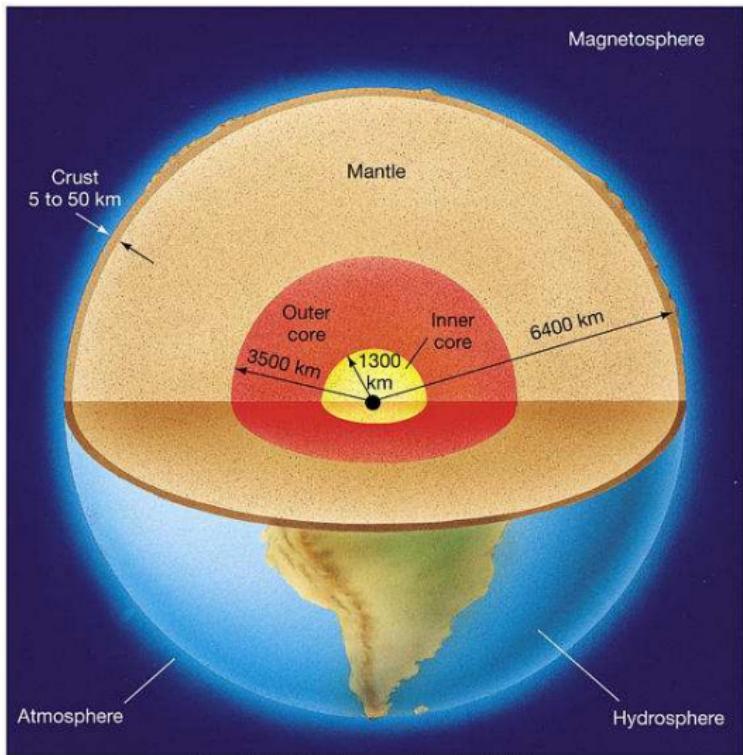
Variations of Earth rotation (3/3)

Polar motion

Phenomenon	Causes
Secular polar motion	Post-glacial rebound, melting of glaciers
Decadal variations	Global mass redistribution, core-mantle coupling
Markowitz wobble	~ 30 years
Chandler wobble	Ocean-bottom and atmosphere pressure changes
Annual wobble	Seasonal air and water mass redistributions
Diurnal motion	Ocean tides

Adapted from Höpfner 2004

Structure of the Earth



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Constraints from Earth's rotation

- Departure from spherical symmetry \Rightarrow *flattening* and *flattening variation*
- Deformability of the Earth \Rightarrow *rheological parameters*
- Differential rotation of inner core, outer core and mantle
 \Rightarrow *couplings: electromagnetic, viscous...*

Normal modes of a rotating elastic Earth model

Theory : Clairaut coordinates

Seismic modes, rotational modes, core spectrum

Chandler wobble and core spectrum

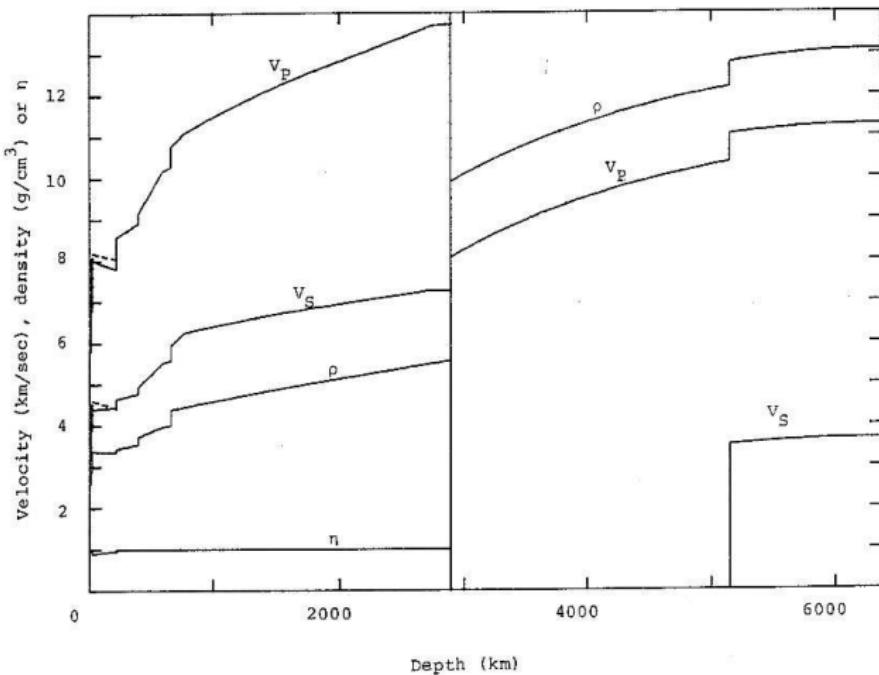
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Spherical Earth model

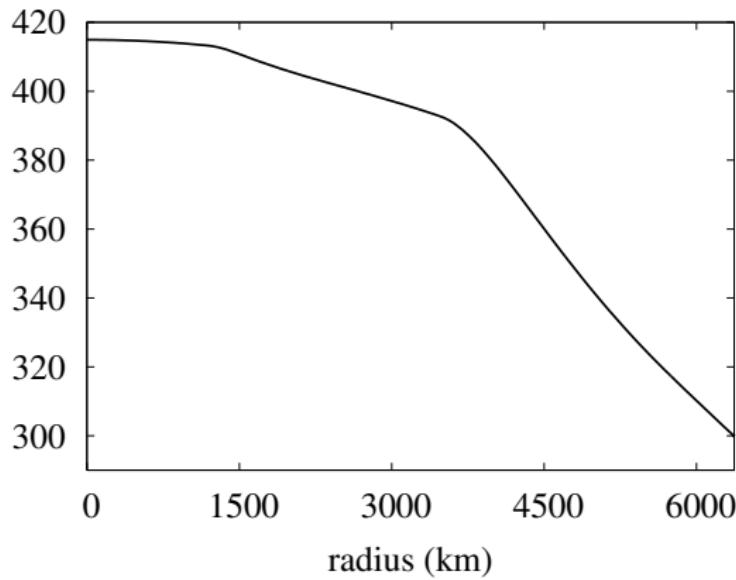


Dziewonski & Anderson 1981

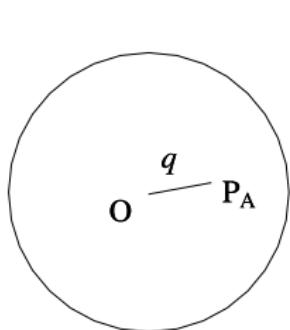
Hydrostatic figures of equilibrium of rotating planets

$$\nabla p = -\rho \nabla V - \rho \boldsymbol{\Omega}_0 \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega}_0 \times \mathbf{r})$$

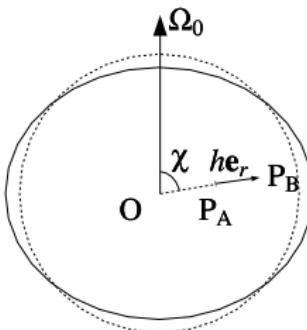
PREM Inverse flattening



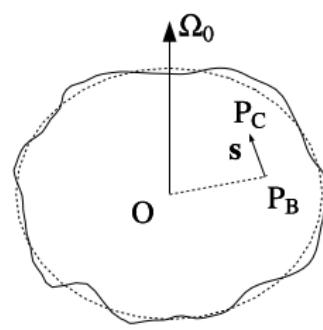
Clairaut coordinates q, χ, ν



A. Non-rotating spherical reference model



B. Steadily-rotating spheroidal model



C. Spheroidal model perturbed by normal mode

$$r = q + h(q, \chi)$$

$$\theta = \chi$$

$$\varphi = \nu$$

r, θ, φ = spherical polar coordinates

Local equations of motion

$$\rho \frac{d^2 \mathbf{s}}{dt^2} = \nabla \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} - \rho \nabla \phi' + \rho (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{s}) \nabla \phi - \rho \nabla (\mathbf{s} \cdot \nabla \phi) - 2\rho \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt}$$

$$\delta \mathbf{t} = \lambda \nabla \cdot \mathbf{s} \mathbf{I} + \mu \left[\nabla \mathbf{s} + (\nabla \mathbf{s})^T \right]$$

$$\phi = \tilde{\phi} - \frac{1}{2} |\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}|^2$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{r}) = -G \int_{\mathcal{V}} \frac{\rho}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} d\mathcal{V}'$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi' = -4\pi G \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{s})$$

Local equations of motion in Clairaut coordinates

$$r = q + h(q, \chi)$$

$$\theta = \chi$$

$$\varphi = \nu$$

Method

1. Spherical harmonics expansion of displacement field \mathbf{s}
2. Equations developed up to 2nd order in h

Therefore, the following functions of q must be continuous:

$$U_i^p = \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{3} L_i^r \frac{h_1}{q} \left[\frac{-P_r^*}{i P_r^*} \right] \quad (141)$$

$$P_i^p = \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{3} L_i^r \frac{h_1}{q} \left[\frac{i Q_r^*}{i P_r^*} \right] \quad (142)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon(\ell+1) Q_i^p + [2\ell(\ell+1) - 6n^2] \frac{h_1}{q} \mu_p \frac{P_i^p}{q} \\ & + \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} \left[\frac{dh_1}{dq} \left\{ \epsilon(\ell+1) Q_i^p \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + 4 \frac{h_1}{q} \left(P_r^* - q \frac{P_r^*}{q} - 2D_n + \mu_p \right) \frac{P_i^p}{q} - \lambda_p \frac{Q_r^*}{q} + \epsilon(\ell+1)(\lambda_p + \frac{1}{2}\mu_p) \frac{P_i^p}{q} \right] \\ & + \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{3} L_i^r \left[\frac{dh_1}{dq} \left\{ -i Q_r^* \right\} \right] - \frac{h_1}{q} \left\{ -P_i^p + q \frac{P_i^p}{q} + 2(D_n + \mu_p) \frac{P_i^p}{q} + \lambda_p \frac{Q_r^*}{q} \right\} \\ & - \frac{h_1}{q} \left\{ -\epsilon(\ell+1)\lambda_p + (n - 2\ell(\ell+1))\mu_p \frac{P_i^p}{q} \right\} \\ & - \frac{h_1}{q} \left\{ i(-\epsilon(\ell+1) - 8 + 2\ell(\ell+1))\mu_p \frac{P_i^p}{q} \right\} \\ & - \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \sum_{r'=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} \left[\frac{\epsilon'}{n} \frac{1}{q} \right] 12 L_i^r \frac{h_1}{q} \mu_p \left\{ i \frac{P_r^*}{q} \right\} \quad (143) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon(\ell+1) R_i^p + \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} \left[\frac{dh_1}{dq} \left\{ \epsilon(\ell+1) Q_i^p \right\} - \frac{h_1}{q} \left\{ q \frac{Q_r^*}{q} - \epsilon(\ell+1)\mu_p \frac{P_i^p}{q} \right\} \right] \\ & + \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{3} L_i^r \left[\frac{dh_1}{dq} \left\{ -i Q_r^* \right\} - \frac{h_1}{q} \left\{ i \left(\frac{P_i^p}{q} - q \frac{P_i^p}{q} \right) \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{h_1}{q} \left\{ i \left[2(D_n + \mu_p) \frac{P_i^p}{q} + \lambda_p \frac{Q_r^*}{q} + (-\epsilon(\ell+1)\lambda_p + 2\mu_p) \frac{P_i^p}{q} \right] \right\} \right] \\ & - \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \sum_{r'=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} \left[\frac{\epsilon'}{n} \frac{1}{q} \right] 12 L_i^r \frac{h_1}{q} \mu_p \left\{ i \frac{P_r^*}{q} \right\} \quad (144) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_i^p \quad (145)$$

$$R_i^p \quad (146)$$

If the boundary is welded, ϵ is continuous. Therefore, instead of quantity (141), the quantity

$$U_i^p + \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} \frac{dh_1}{dq} \left\{ i P_r^* \right\} \quad (147)$$

$$\epsilon(\ell+1) P_i^p + \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} dh_1 \left\{ \frac{(P_i^p - Q_i^p)}{q} \right\} - \sum_{r=0}^{4k} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon & 2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix} h_1 \left\{ -\frac{(P_i^p - Q_i^p)}{i P_r^*} \right\} \quad (148)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} \left[-\cos X \frac{\partial^2 D_k^{\ell}}{\partial X^2} + \left(\sin X - \frac{\cos^2 X}{\sin X} \right) \frac{\partial D_k^{\ell}}{\partial X} - \frac{\cos X}{\sin X} \frac{\partial^2 D_k^{\ell}}{\partial v^2} \right] f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} + \frac{\partial D_k^{\ell}}{\partial v} f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \\ = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} L_k^{\ell} \left\{ \sum_{\ell'=|\ell|-1}^{\ell+1} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 1 & \ell' \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \sqrt{2\ell'(\ell'+1)} \begin{Bmatrix} -if_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \\ f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \end{Bmatrix} \right\} D_k^{\ell}, \quad (\text{A.42})$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} h \left[\left[-\cos X \frac{\partial^2 D_k^{\ell}}{\partial X^2} + \left(\sin X - \frac{\cos^2 X}{\sin X} \right) \frac{\partial D_k^{\ell}}{\partial X} - \frac{\cos X}{\sin X} \frac{\partial^2 D_k^{\ell}}{\partial v^2} \right] f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} + \frac{\partial D_k^{\ell}}{\partial v} f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \right] \\ = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} \left\{ \sum_{\ell'=|\ell|-2}^{\ell+2} \sum_{\ell''=|\ell'-1|}^{\ell'+1} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} h_2 L_k^{\ell} \sqrt{2\ell'(\ell'+1)} \begin{Bmatrix} -if_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \\ f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \end{Bmatrix} \right\} D_k^{\ell}, \quad (\text{A.43})$$

$$\frac{\cos X}{\sin X} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial X} \right)^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial X} = \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} h_2^2 2\sqrt{3} \left\{ \sum_{\ell'=|\ell|-2}^{|\ell|+2} L_k^{\ell} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} f_{\ell'}^{\sigma} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{\ell'=|\ell|-2}^{|\ell|+2} \sum_{\ell''=|\ell'-1|}^{|\ell|+1} L_k^{\ell'} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} f_{\ell'}^{\sigma} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \right\} D_k^{\ell}, \quad (\text{A.44})$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 X} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial X} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X^2} = \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} h_2^2 \left\{ -3m^2 f_{\ell k}^{\sigma} - \sum_{\ell'=|\ell|-2}^{|\ell|+2} 6m^2 \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} f_{\ell'}^{\sigma} \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \right\} D_k^{\ell}, \quad (\text{A.45})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\sin X} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial X} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X \partial v} = \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=-\ell}^{\ell} \sum_{\ell'=|\ell|-2}^{|\ell|+2} \sum_{\ell''=|\ell'-1|}^{|\ell|+1} \left\{ 12L_k^{\ell} L_k^{\ell'} h_2^2 \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & 2 & \ell' \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ m & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ -if_{\ell k}^{\sigma} \end{Bmatrix} \right\} D_k^{\ell}. \quad (\text{A.46})$$

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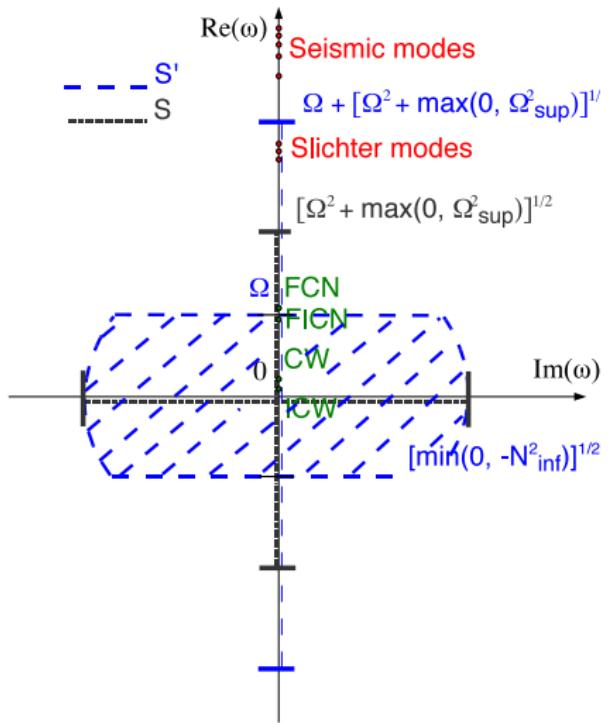
Chandler wobble and core spectrum

Normal modes of a rotating elastic Earth model (1/2)

3 families

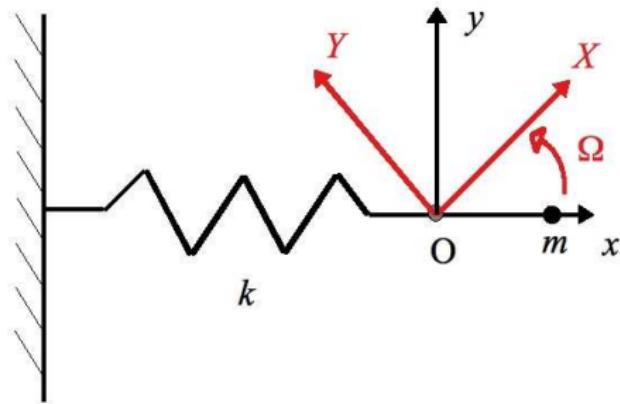
1. Seismic modes
2. Rotational modes
3. Spectrum of the liquid outer core

Normal modes of a rotating elastic Earth model (2/2)



Effect of rotation on seismic modes

Example 1 viewed in a rotating frame



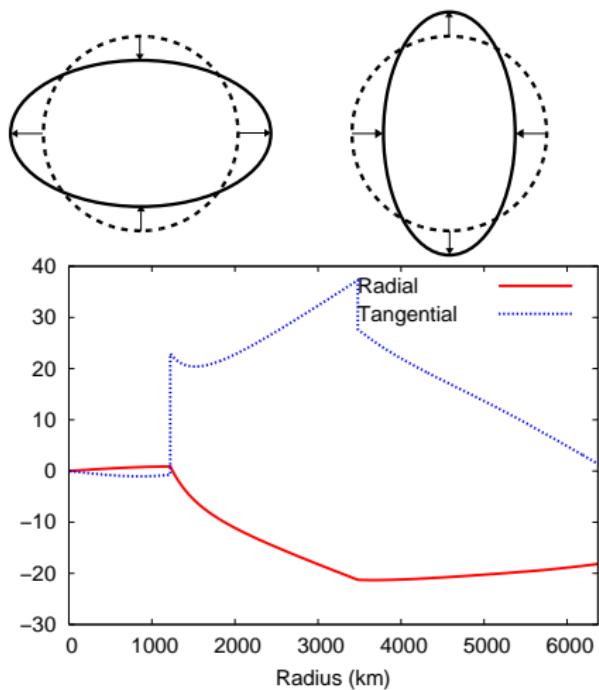
$$X = a_1 \sin(\omega + \Omega)t + a_2 \sin(\omega - \Omega)t$$

$$Y = a_1 \cos(\omega + \Omega)t - a_2 \cos(\omega - \Omega)t$$

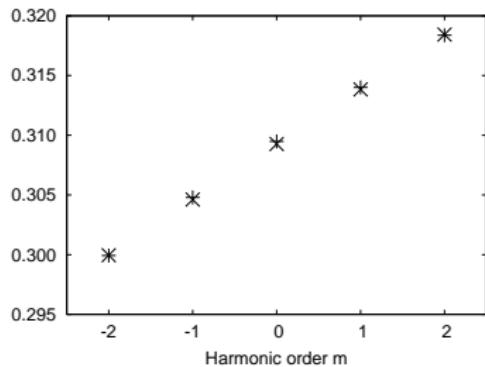
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

Splitting of the seismic mode ${}_0S_2$

Eigenfunctions



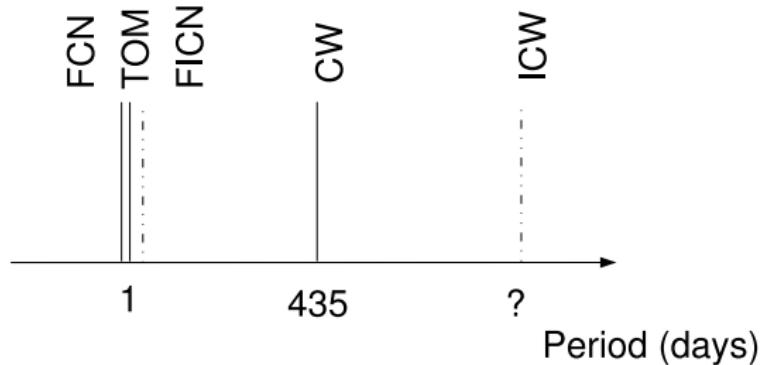
Eigenfrequencies (mHz)



× observed
+ computed

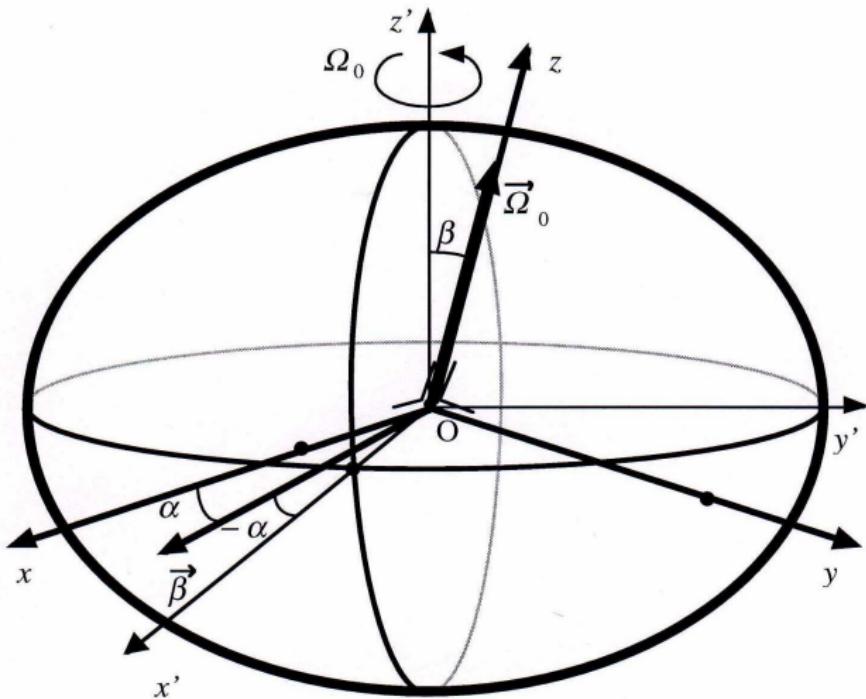
Rotational modes

Feature : motion of rotation axis



- i. Tilt-over Mode (TOM)
- ii. Free Core Nutation (FCN)
- ii. Free Inner Core Nutation (FICN)
- iv. Chandler Wobble (CW)
- v. Inner Core Wobble (ICW)

Tilt-over mode

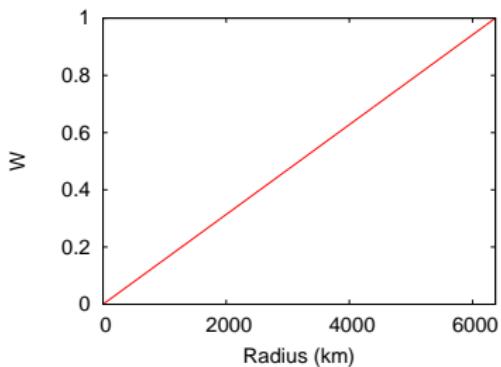


Tilt-over mode

$$\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\beta} \times \mathbf{r} = \nabla \times (W\mathbf{r}) = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1^1$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta [\cos(\Omega_0 t) \mathbf{e}_x - \sin(\Omega_0 t) \mathbf{e}_y]$$

$$W = r\beta \sin \theta \cos(\Omega_0 t + \varphi)$$

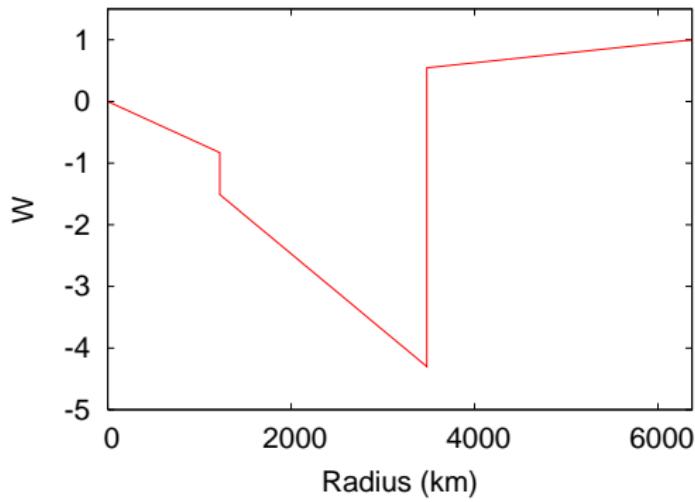


$$T_{\text{comp}} = 86164.22 \text{ s}$$

$$T_{\text{TOM}} = 86164.10 \text{ s}$$

Free Core Nutation

$$\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1^1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2^1 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_3^1$$



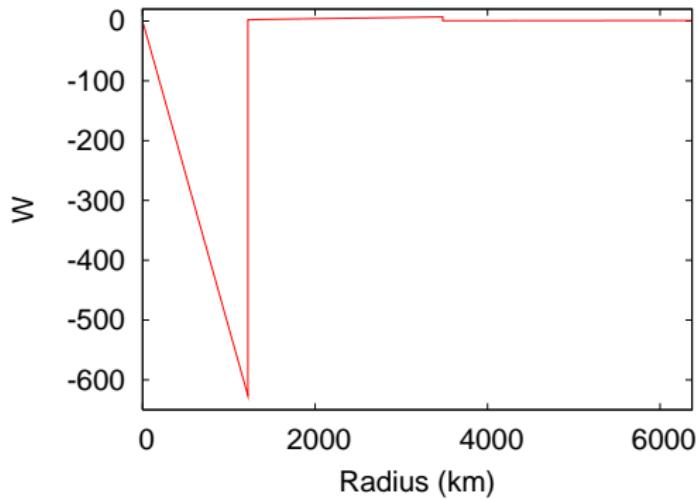
$$T_{\text{FCN}} = 1 / (1 + 1/458.4) \text{ sidereal day}$$

$$T_{\text{VLBI}} = 1 / [1 + 1/(429.0 \pm 0.3)] \text{ sd}$$

$$T_{\text{GGP}} = 1 / [1 + 1/(429.7 \pm 2.9)] \text{ sd}$$

Free Inner Core Nutation

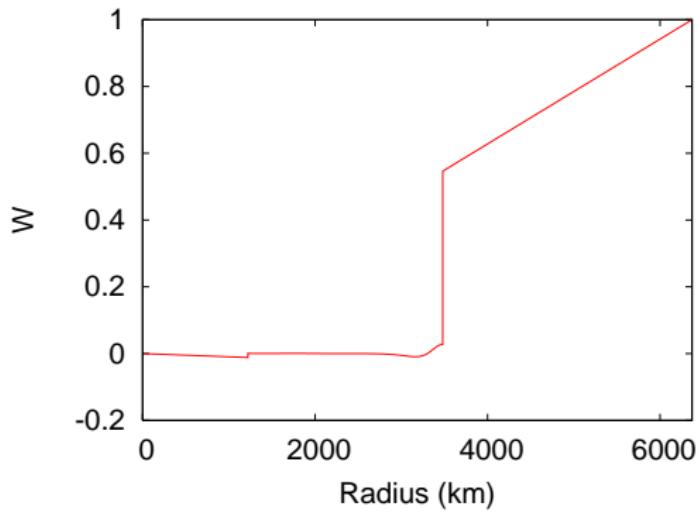
$$s = \tau_1^1 + \sigma_2^1 + \tau_3^1$$



$$T_{\text{FICN}} = 1 / (1 - 1/472.9) \text{ sidereal day}$$

Chandler Wobble

$$\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\tau}_3^{-1}$$

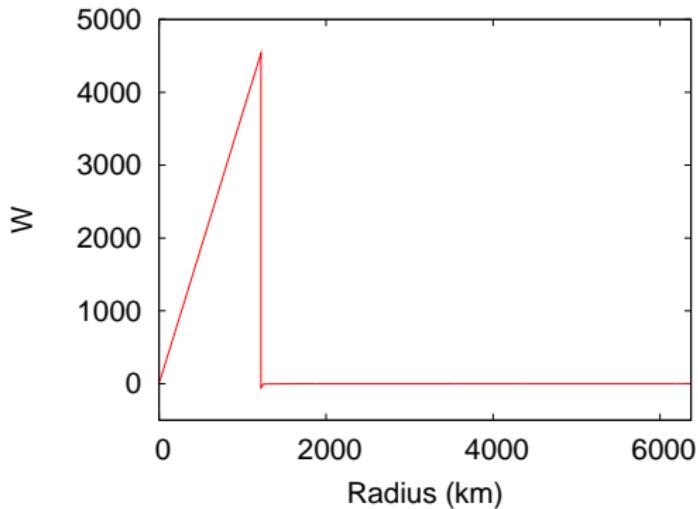


$$T_{\text{CW}} = 404.7 \text{ solar days}$$

$$T_{\text{obs}} = 434 \text{ solar days}$$

Inner Core Wobble

$$\mathbf{s} = \tau_1^{-1} + \sigma_2^{-1} + \tau_3^{-1}$$

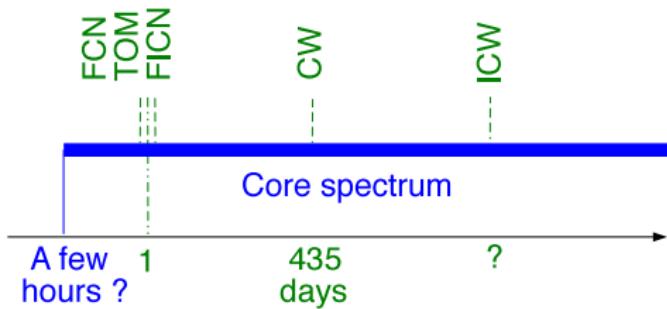


$$T_{\text{ICW}} = 4008 \text{ solar days}$$

$$T_{\text{AM}} = 2750 \text{ solar days}$$

for PREM (Rochester & Crossley 2009)

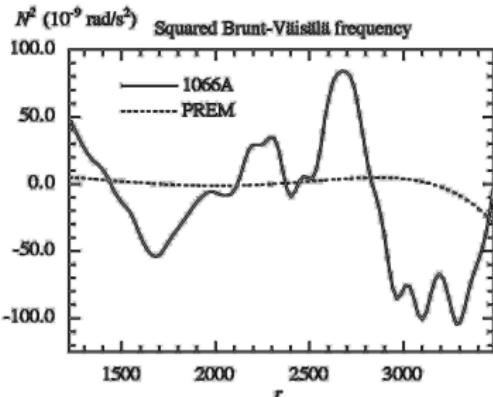
Core Spectrum



- Confined in the liquid outer core
- Restoring forces:
gravity (buoyancy) + inertia (Coriolis)
- Unobserved

Non-rotating spherical model

Key parameter: $N^2 = -g \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dr} + \frac{g}{v_p^2} \right)$

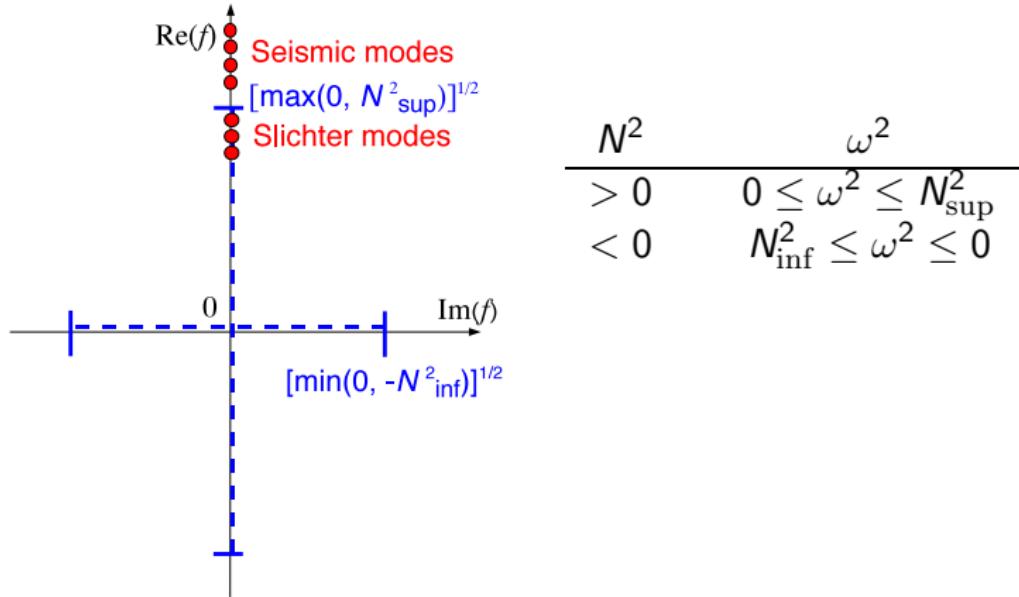


$$N_{\text{sup}}^2 = 6 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ rad}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

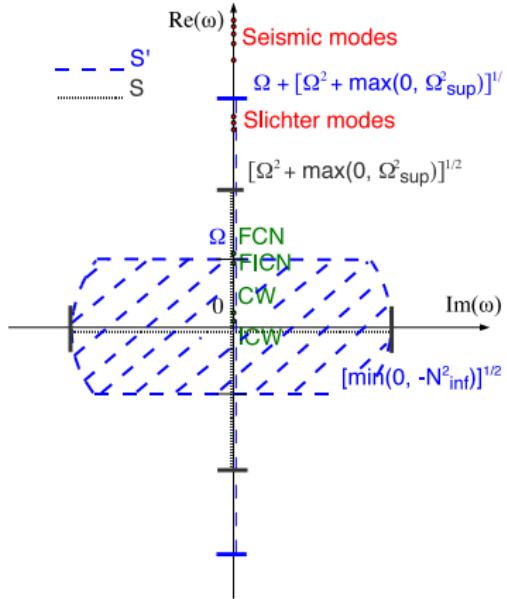
$$N_{\text{inf}}^2 = -8 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ rad}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

(Valette & Lesage 2007)

Schwarzschild criterion



Rotating model



$S \subseteq \text{Essential spectrum} \subseteq S'$
(Valette 1989)

If $N^2 < 0$, *stable* modes

Planetary (Rossby) modes

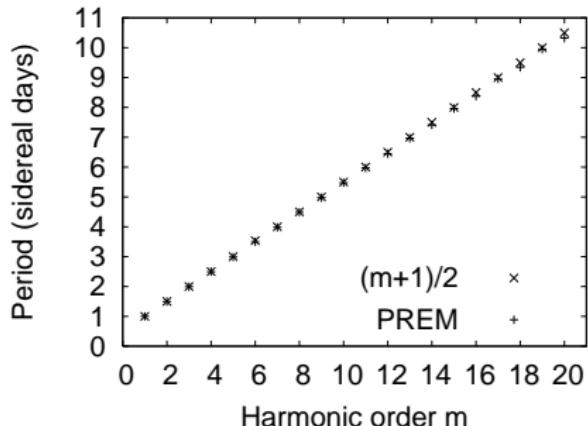
Incompressible liquid shell

$$\mathbf{s} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_m^m = \nabla \times (W_m^m \mathbf{r})$$

$$W_m^m = Ar^m$$

$$\omega_m = \frac{2\Omega}{m+1}$$

$m = 1 \rightarrow$ tilt-over mode



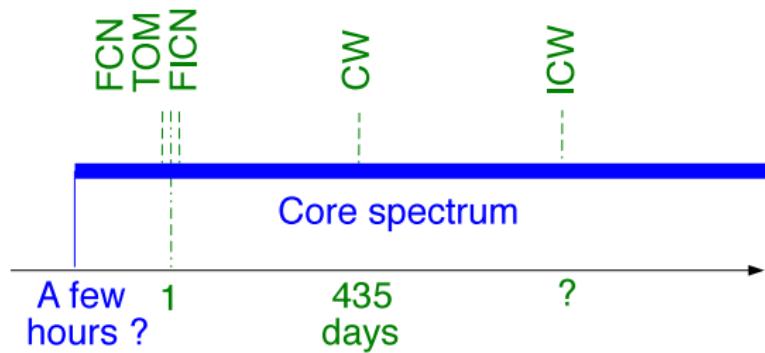
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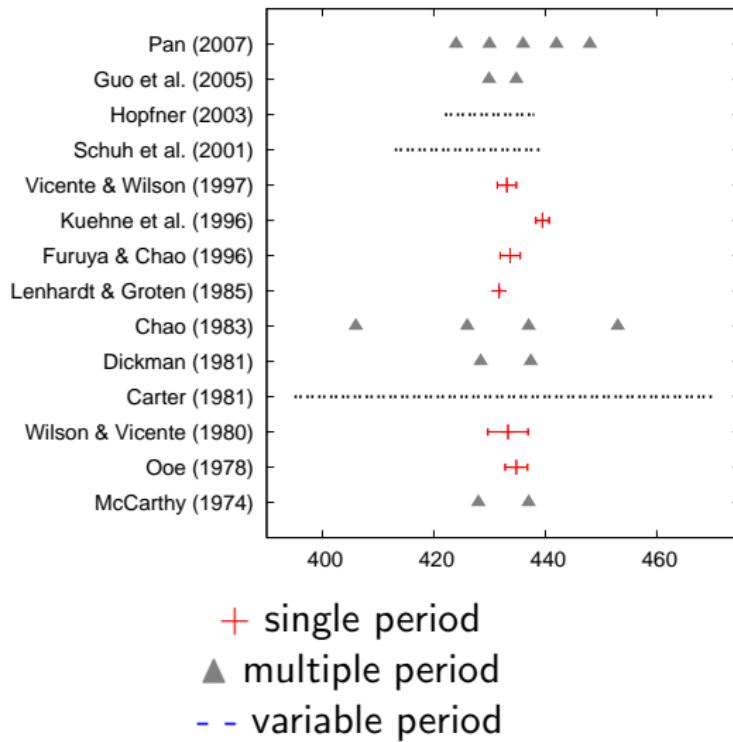
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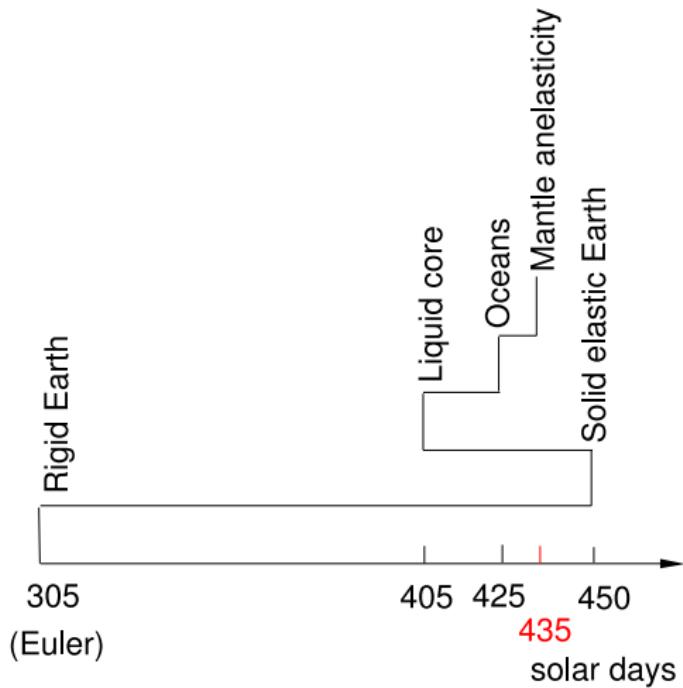
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Observed Chandler wobble (solar days)

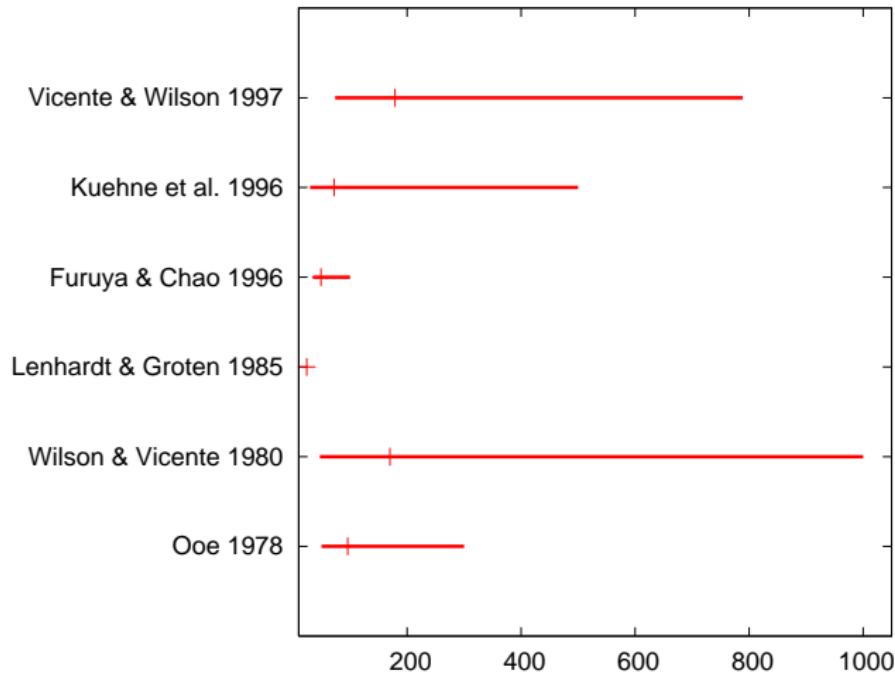


Theoretical Chandler wobble (solar days)



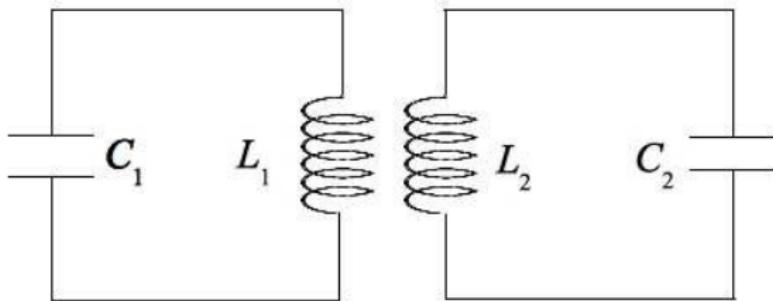
(Smith & Dahlen 1981)

Observed Chandler Wobble Q



Search for a double Chandler wobble

Coupled LC circuits



$$\omega_{\pm}^2 = \frac{\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 \pm \sqrt{(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2)^2 - 4(1 - \alpha_1\alpha_2)\omega_1^2\omega_2^2}}{2(1 - \alpha_1\alpha_2)}$$

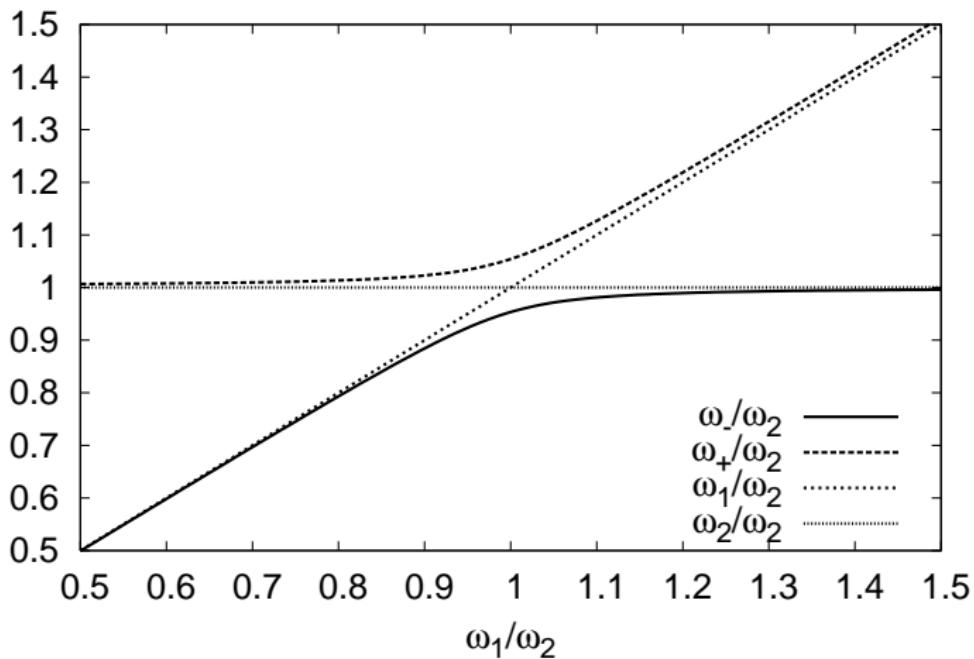
$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_1 C_1}}$$

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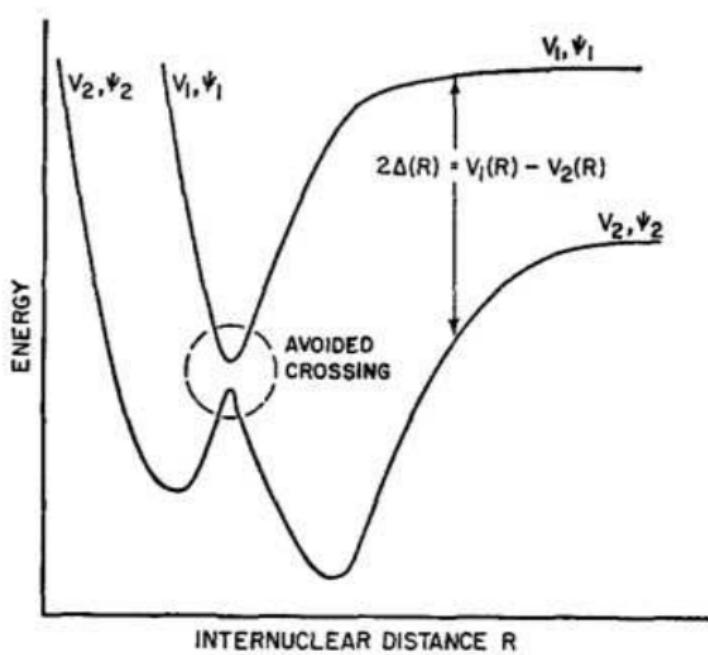
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Avoided crossing



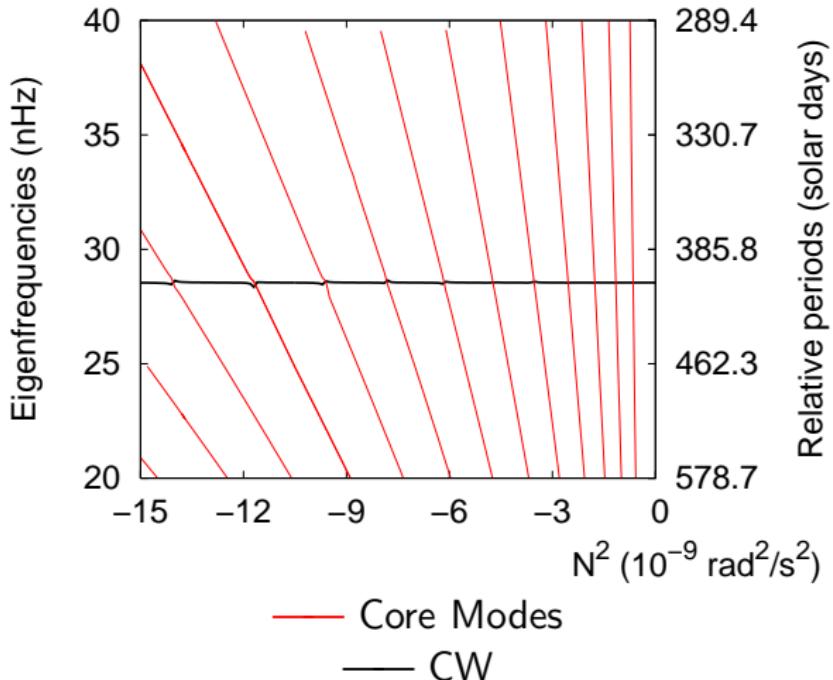
Diatomc molecule



Lewis and Hougen 1968

Chandler Wobble and core modes

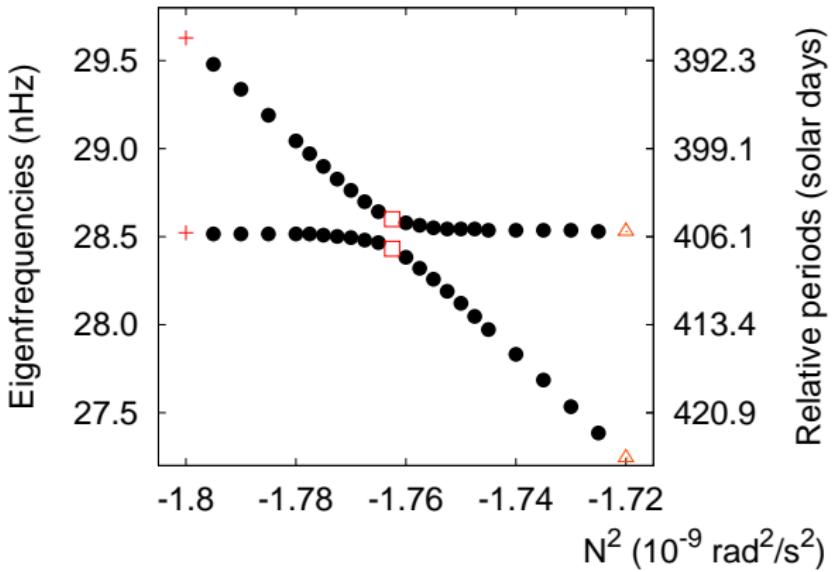
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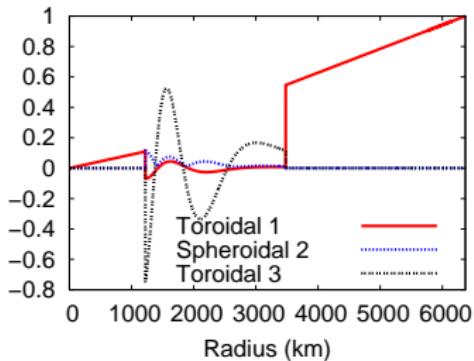
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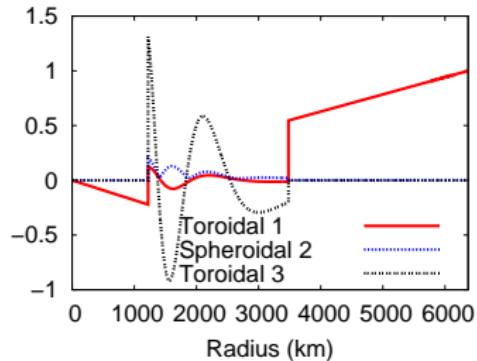


Eigenfunctions at avoided crossing

$$N^2 = -1.7625 \times 10^{-9} \text{ rad}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$



$$T = 404.6 \text{ solar days}$$



$$T = 407.1 \text{ solar days}$$

Two Chandler wobbles!

Summary

- Unified approach of Earth rotation and long-period seismology
- Three families of normal modes
- Splitting of seismic modes by rotation
- Influence of core spectrum on rotational modes

Projects

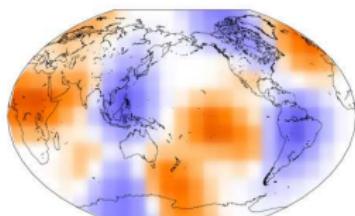
- Influence of thermo-chemical structure in the lower mantle on Earth normal modes
- Polar gravimetry

Influence of thermo-chemical structure in the lower mantle on Earth normal modes

Collaborative research project

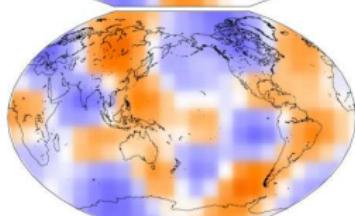
- Taipei
 - Frédéric Deschamps (Academia Sinica)
 - Cheng-Yin Chu (PhD. student, National Central University)
- IPGS
 - Séverine Rosat
 - Yann Ziegler

How do density anomalies affect rotational modes?

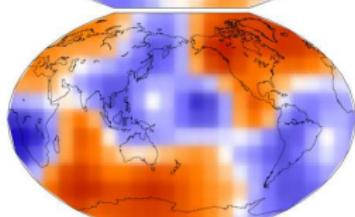


Depth (km)

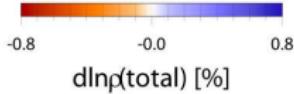
670 - 1200



1200 - 2000



2000 - 2891



Trampert et al. 2004

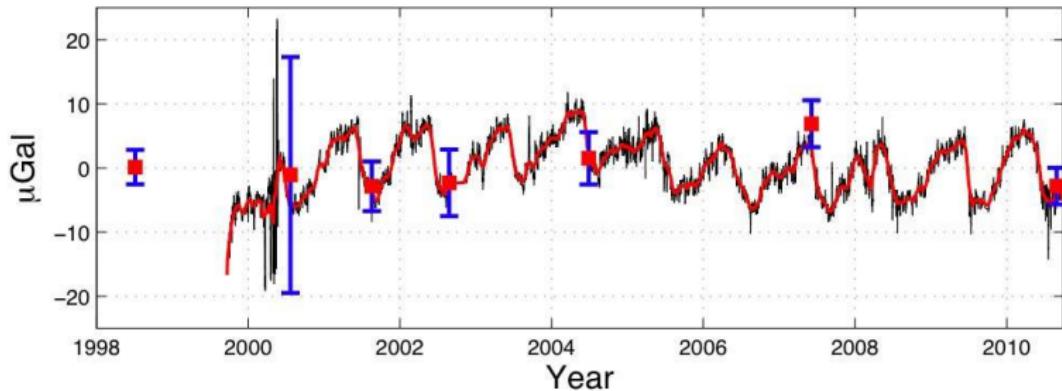
Polar gravimetry

- Reference values for gravity
(geoid, airbourne and terrestrial surveys)
- Gravity variations due to
 - post-glacial rebound
 - current ice melting

Arctic

Ny-Ålesund (Svalbard)

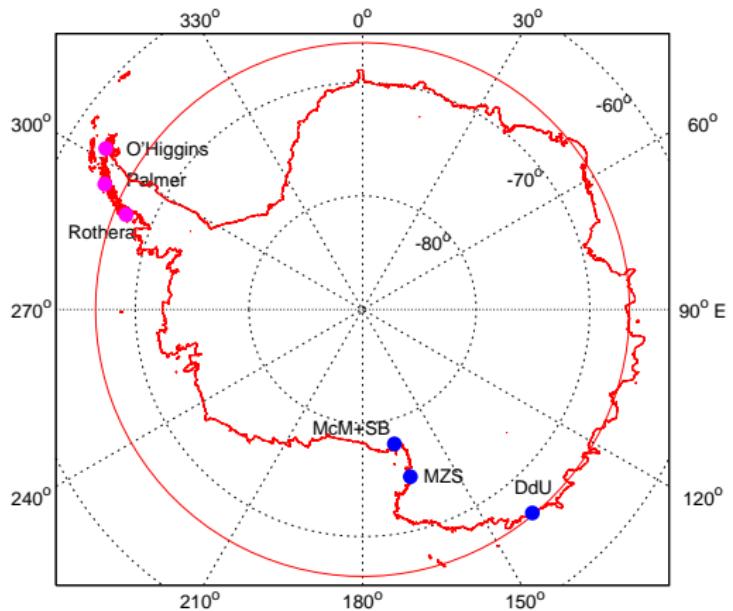
Trend : $-1.701001 \mu\text{Gal}/\text{yr}$ – mean and trend free



Courtesy of A. Mémin

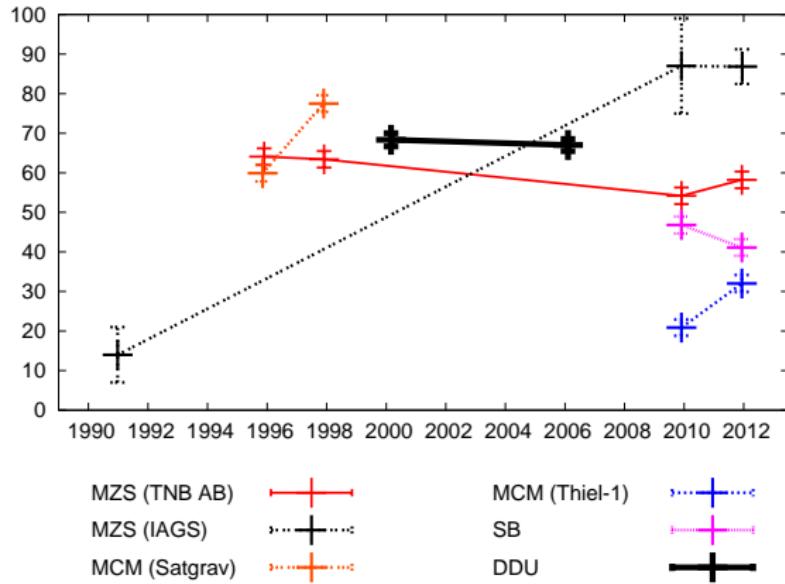
Antarctica

Collaborative project (F, US, I, NZ, DK, GB, AR, CL, D)



Antarctica

Gravity variations (μGal)





Merci !