



# Interaction between subdaily Earth rotation parameters and GPS orbits

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# Data and solutions

## Data:

Daily NEQs (1994-2007): station coordinates, 1h-ERPs, GPS orbits

IERS2000 subdaily model used in processing

## What we do:

Daily solutions, transformation 1h-ERPs → tidal terms

change apriori values for tidal terms + fix tidal terms

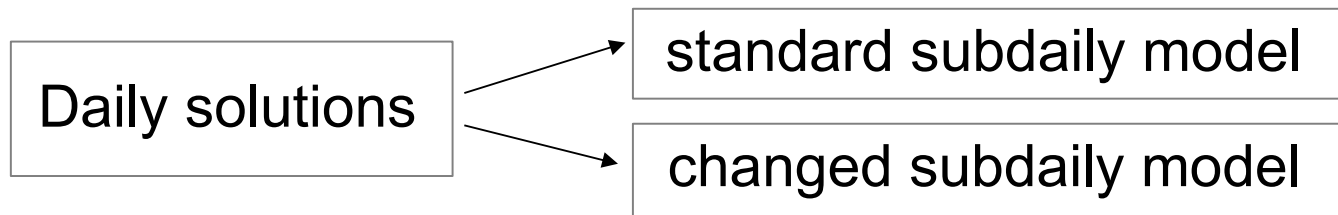
→ change subdaily model

## Daily estimates:

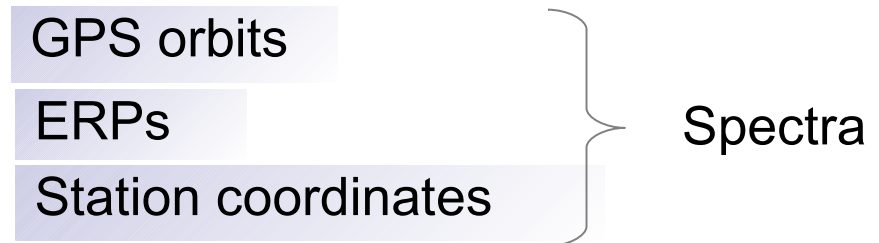
GPS orbits, station coordinates, geocenter (NNR+NNT), 24h ERPs

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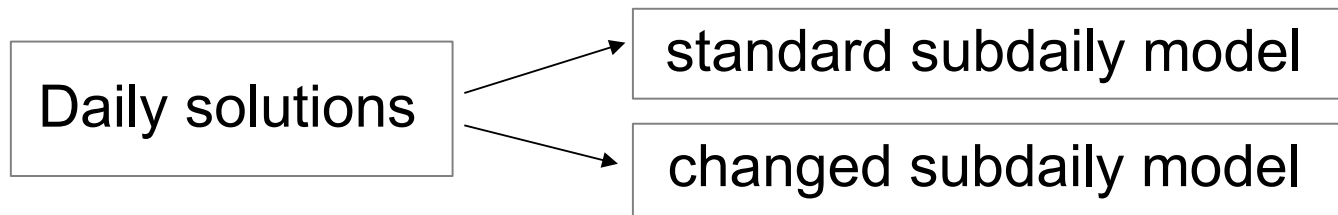


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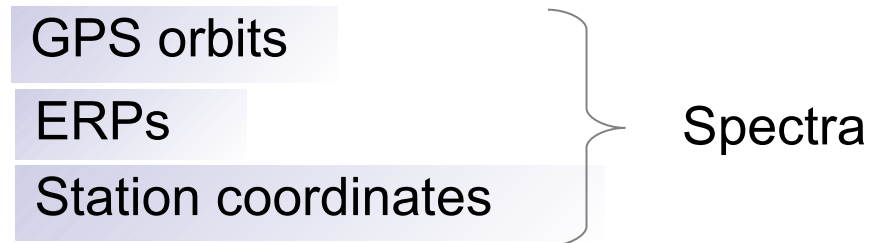
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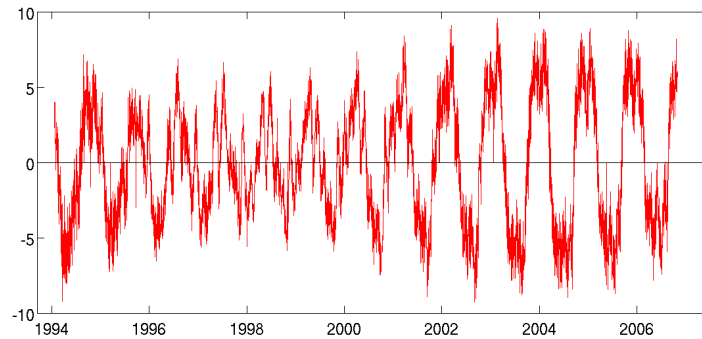


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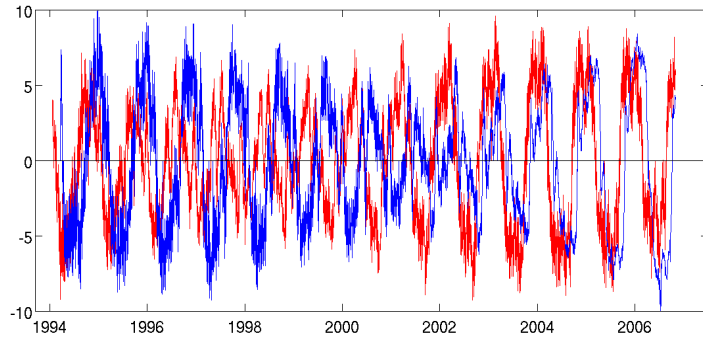


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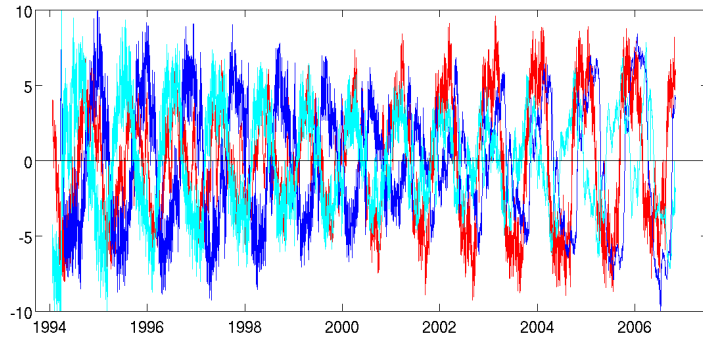
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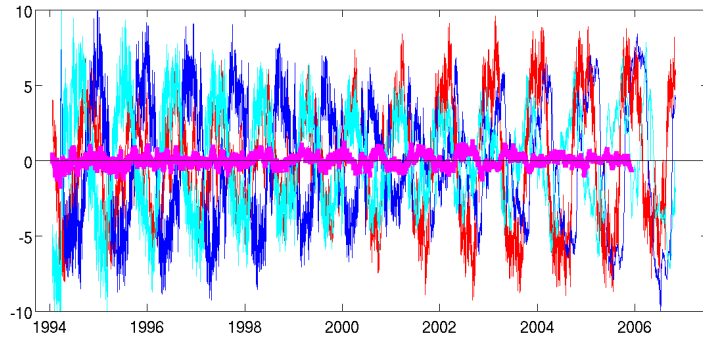
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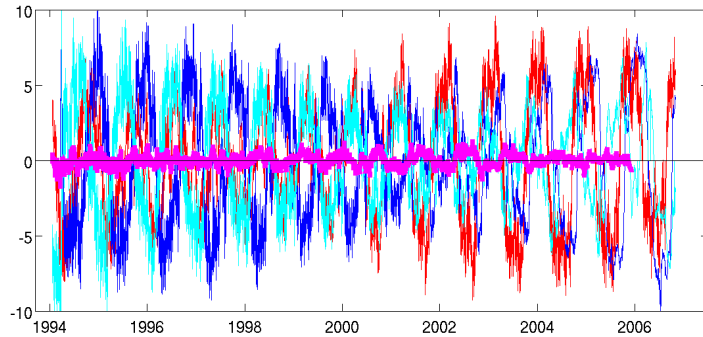
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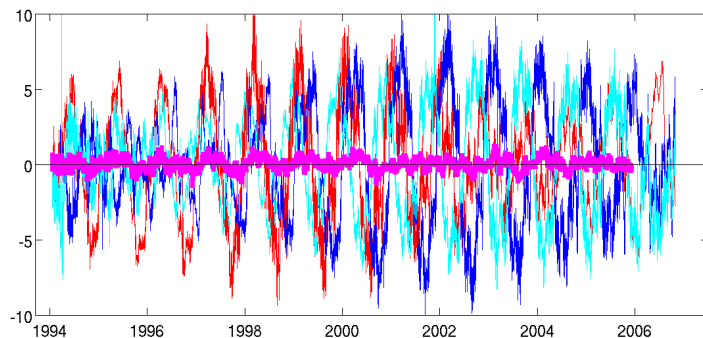
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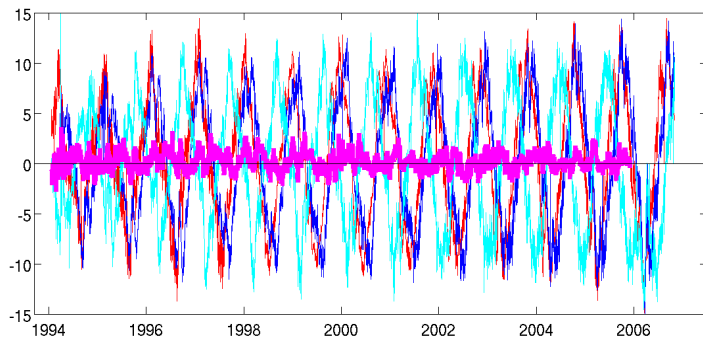
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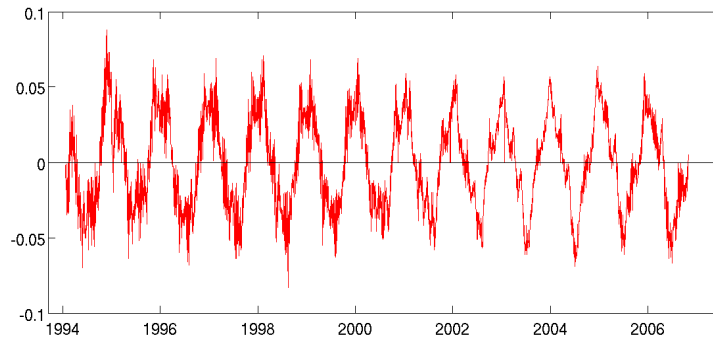
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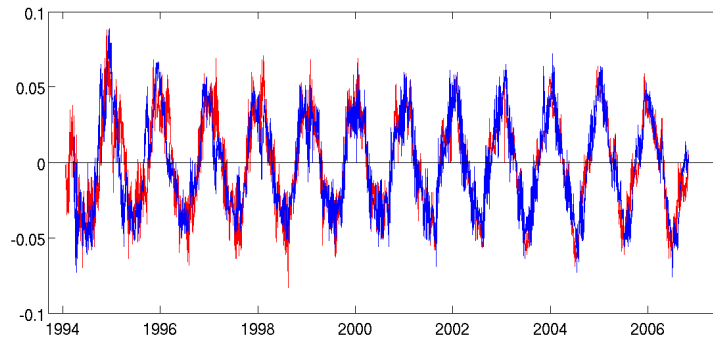
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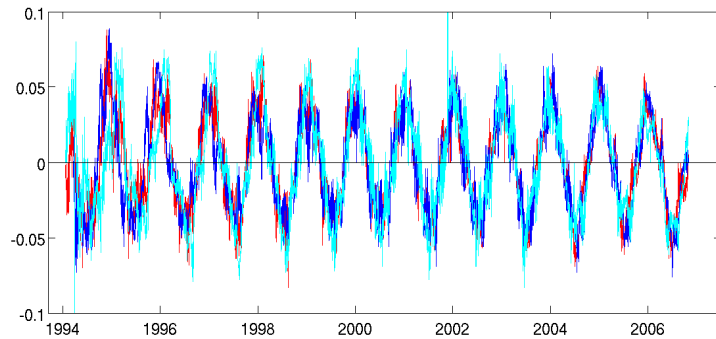
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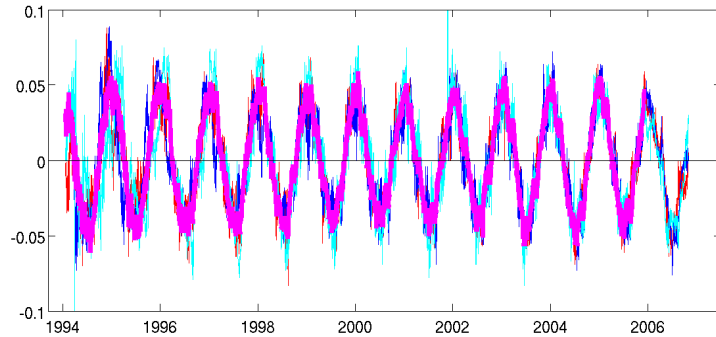
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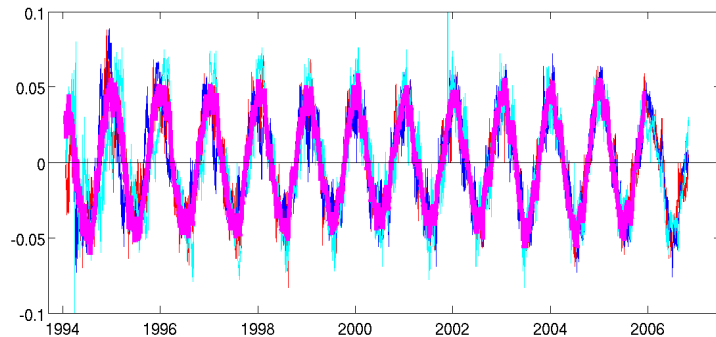


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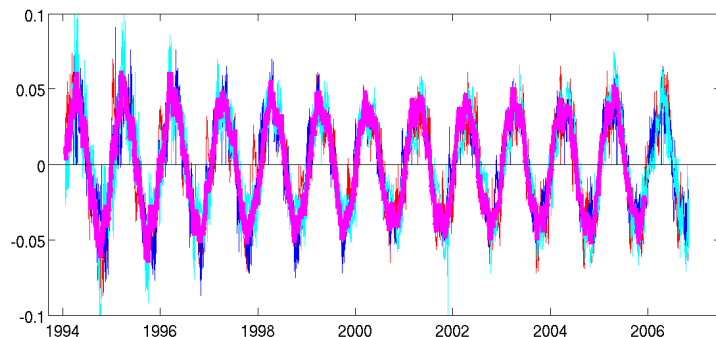


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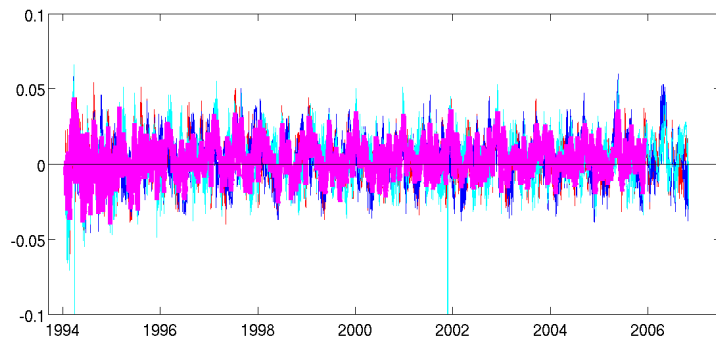
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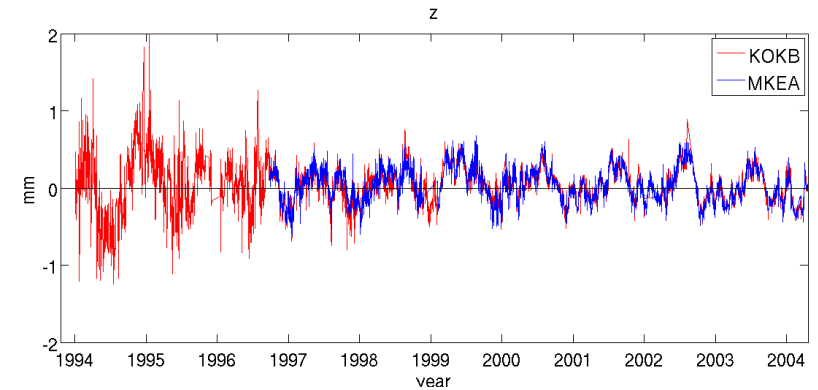
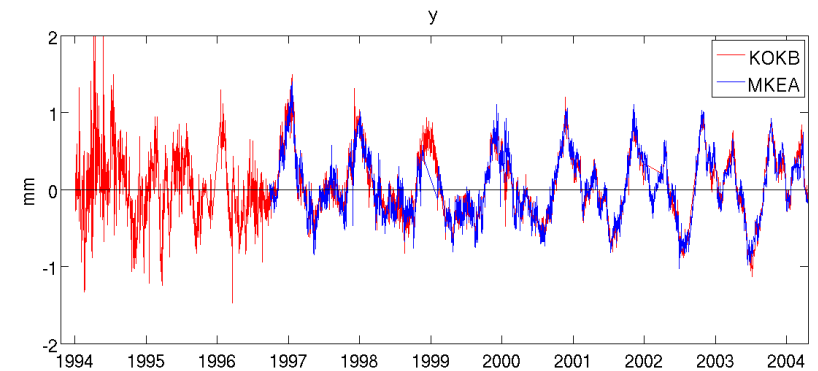
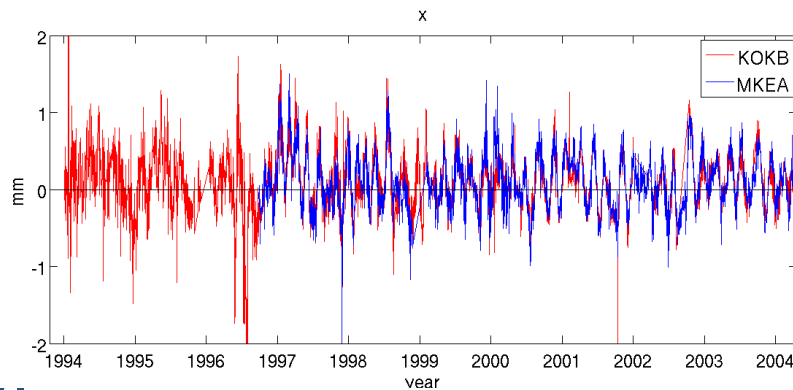
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Changes in station coordinates caused by changed S1 tide in subdaily model:

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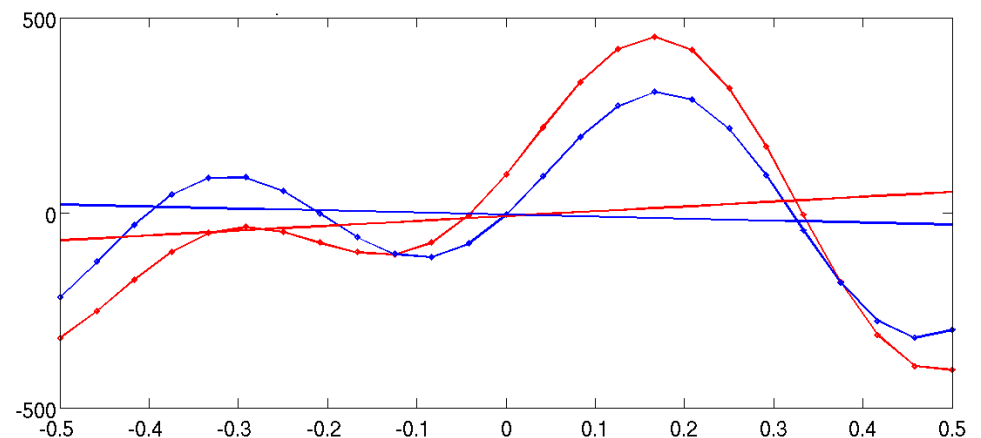
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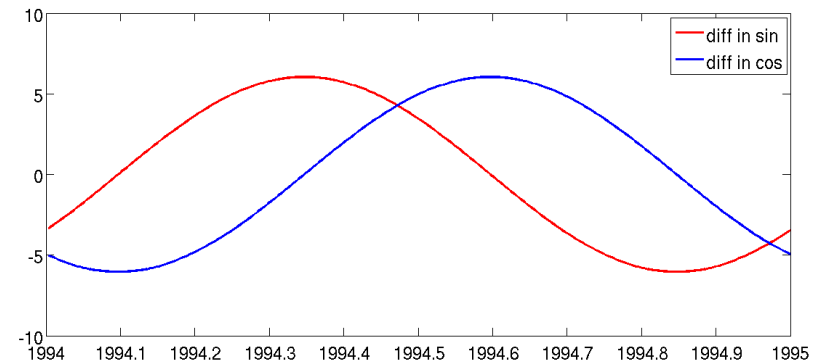
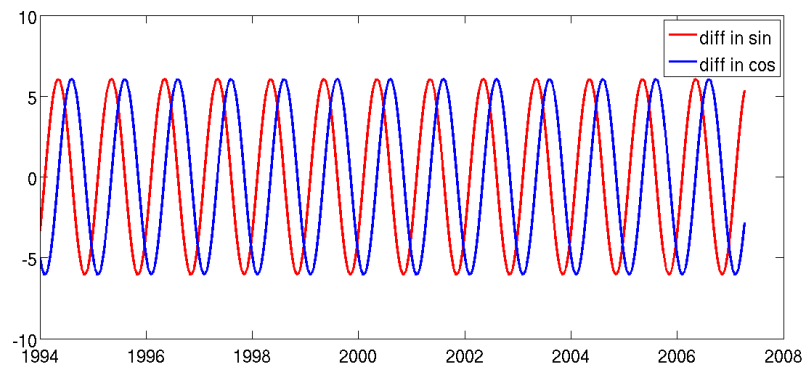
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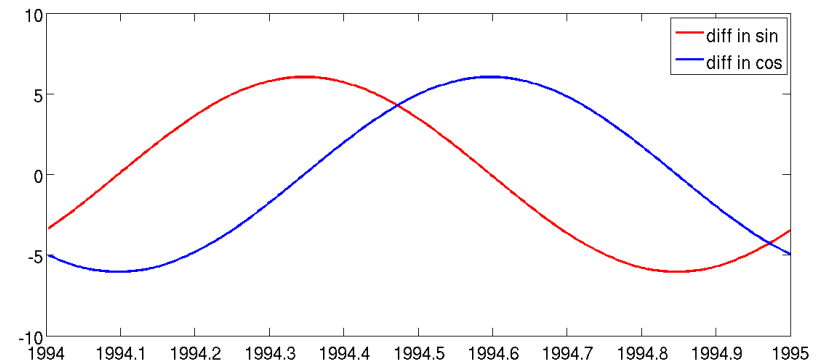
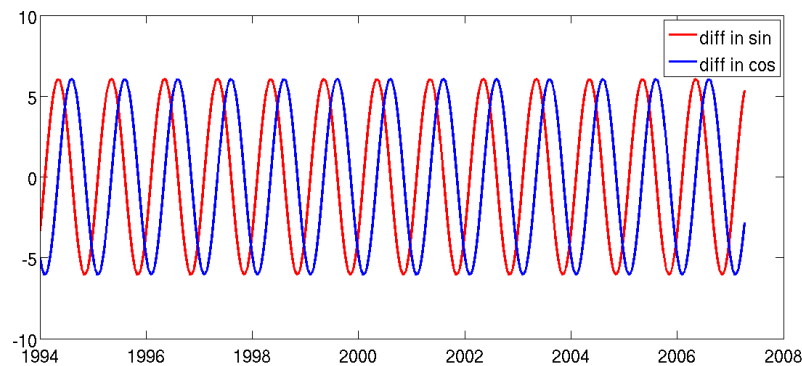
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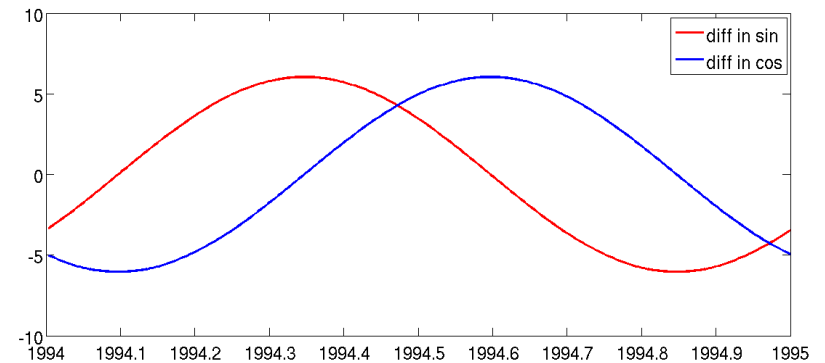
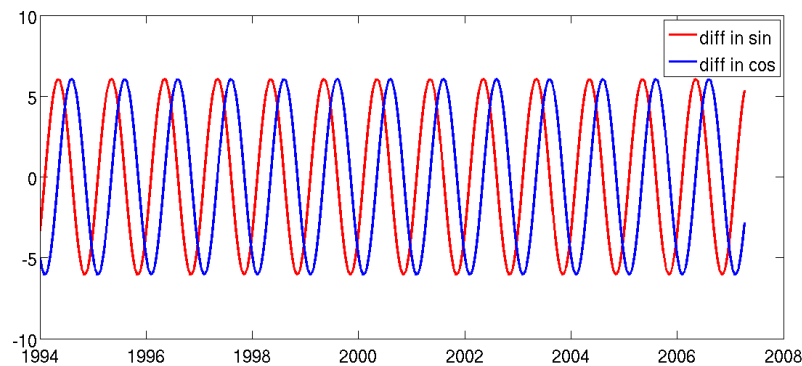
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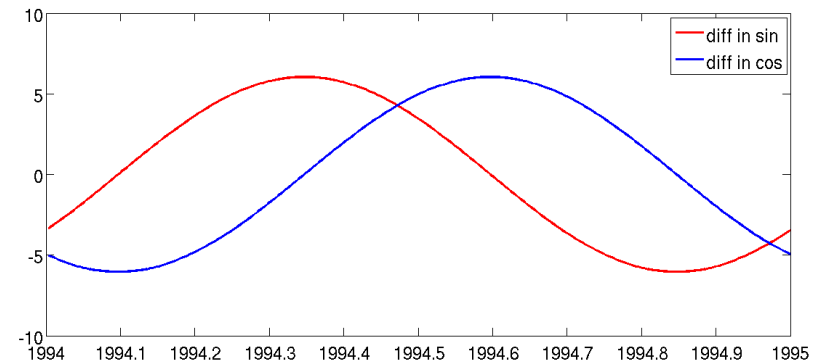
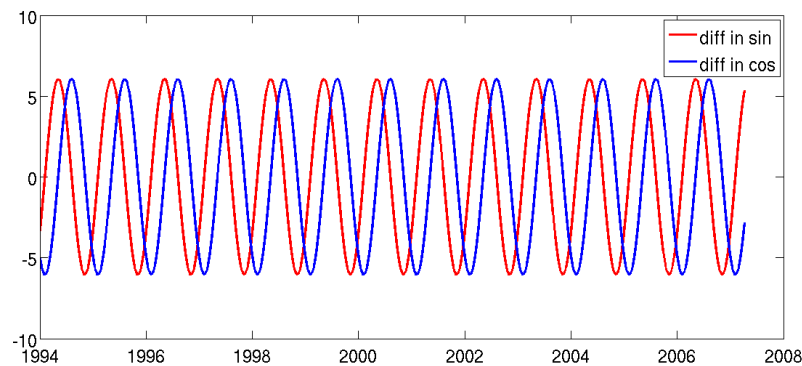
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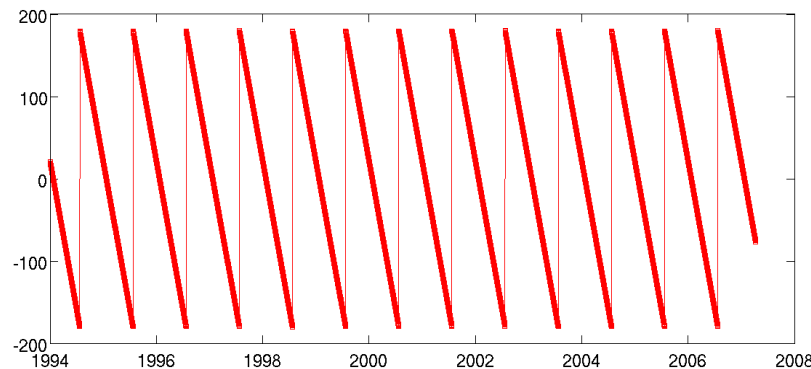
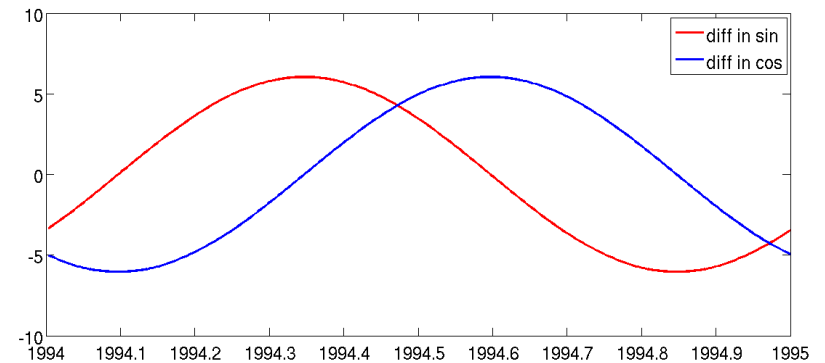
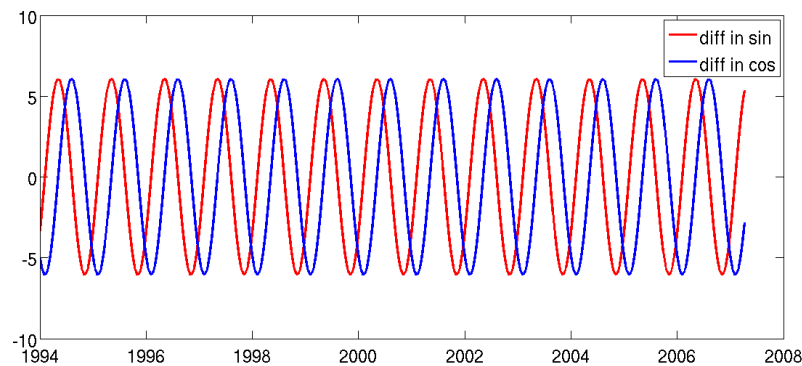
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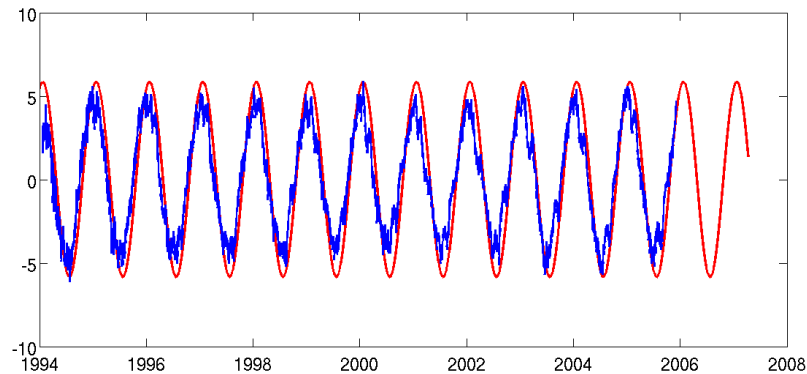


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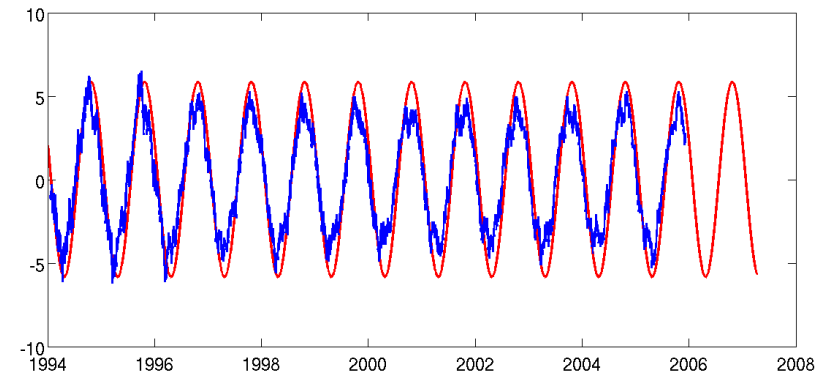
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minus Y-rotation  
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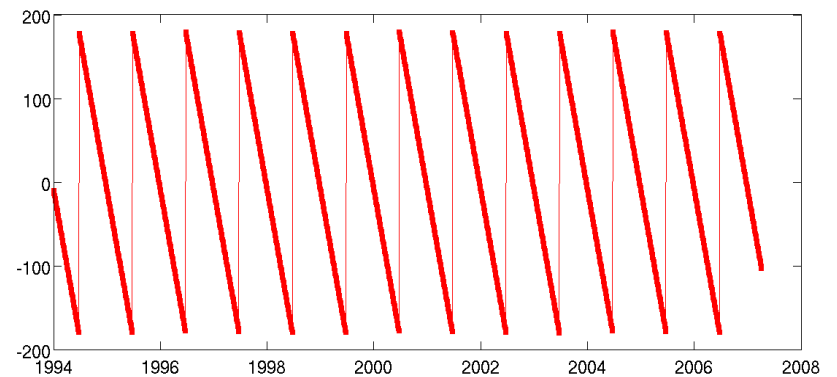
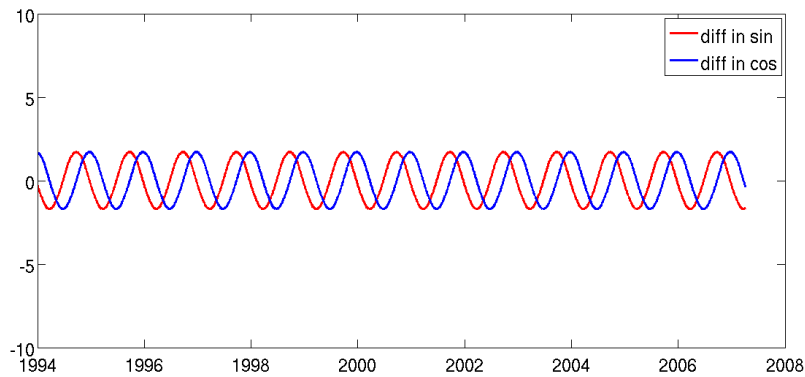
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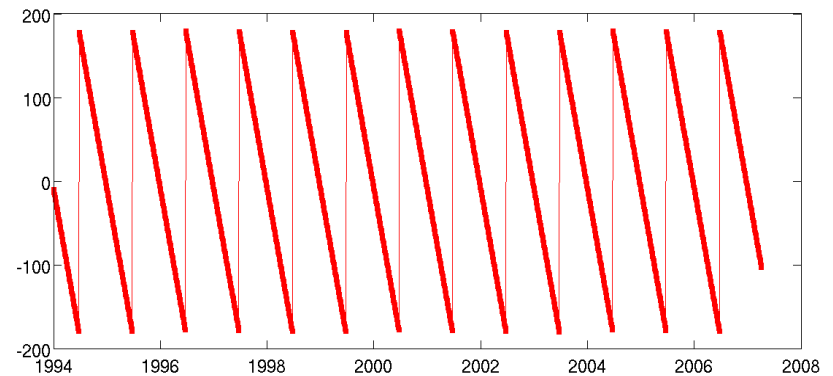
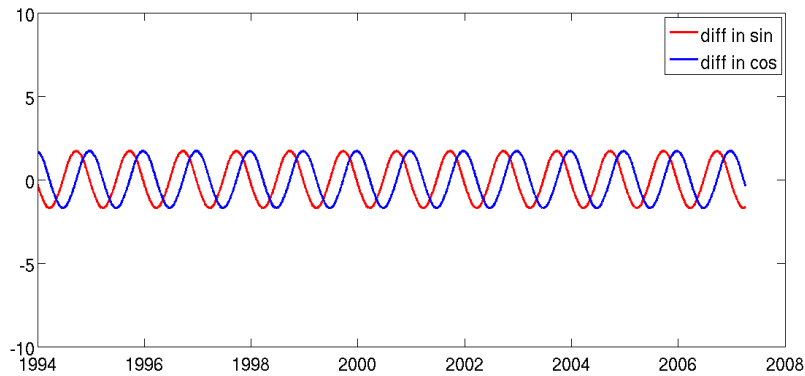


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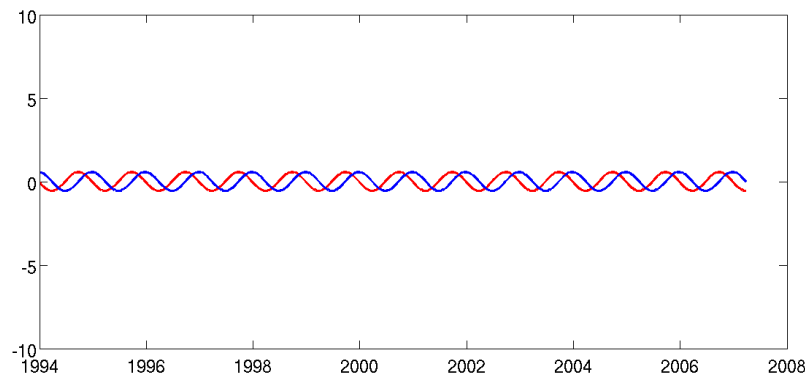
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# Summary and Conclusions

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Part of the diurnal prograde signal in subdaily model for ERPs is mistaken for a retrograde signal

Changes in nutation and orbit orientation

Changes in the orientation of the dynamic reference frame realized by the orbits

Respective periodic signals in time series of orbital parameters, station coordinates and ERPs

Independent of the satellite system used → can be checked with GLONASS

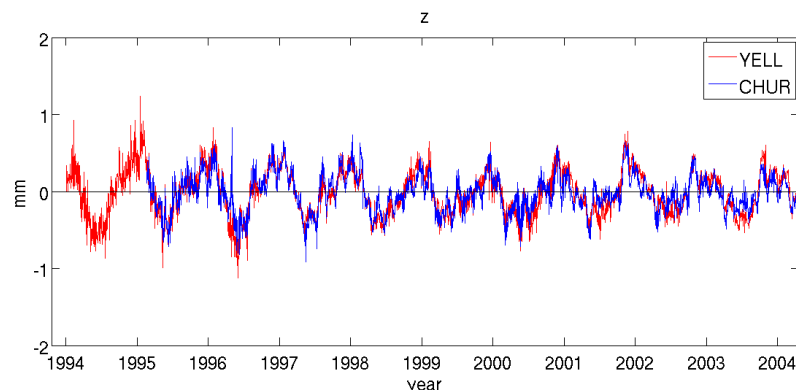
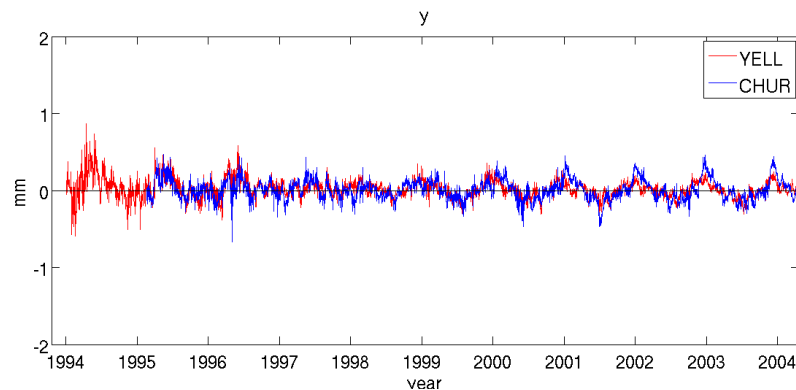
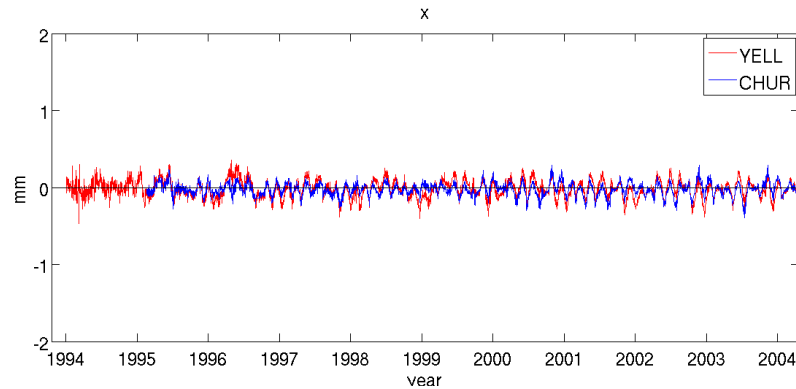
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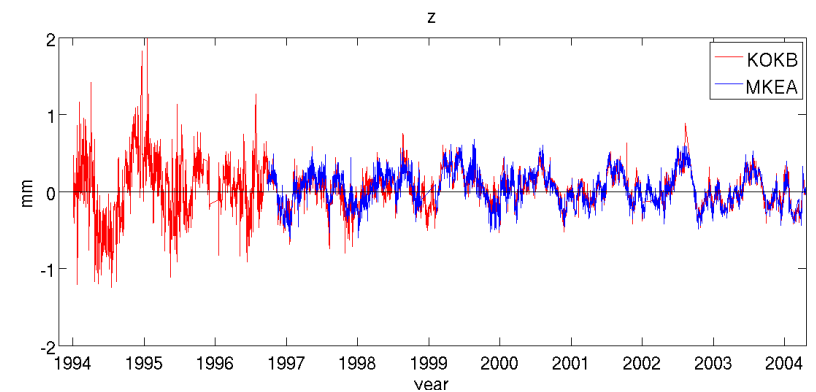
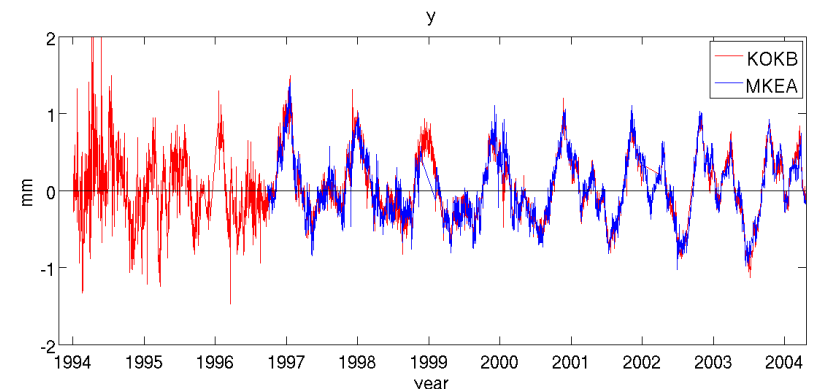
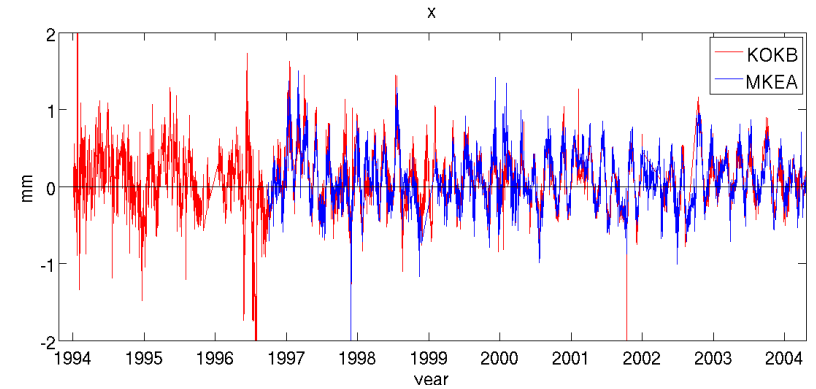
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# Influence of tidal model on the station coordinates

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# Influence of tidal model on the orbit: Kepler elements and radiation pressure parameters

