



Data Yield of the ILRS Global Network Over the Past Decade

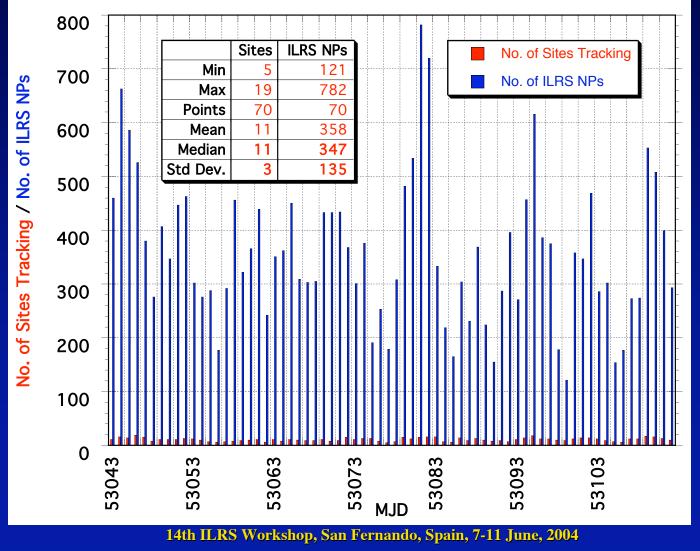
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Recent Data Distribution

1st Quarter 2004

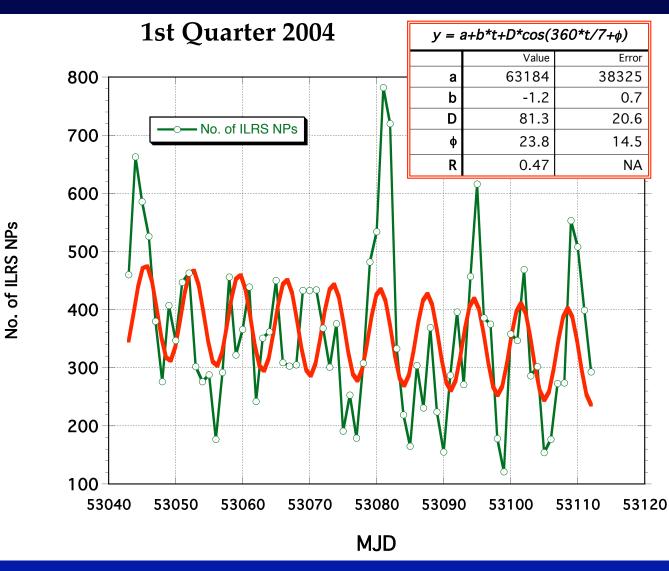






"Weekend" Effect





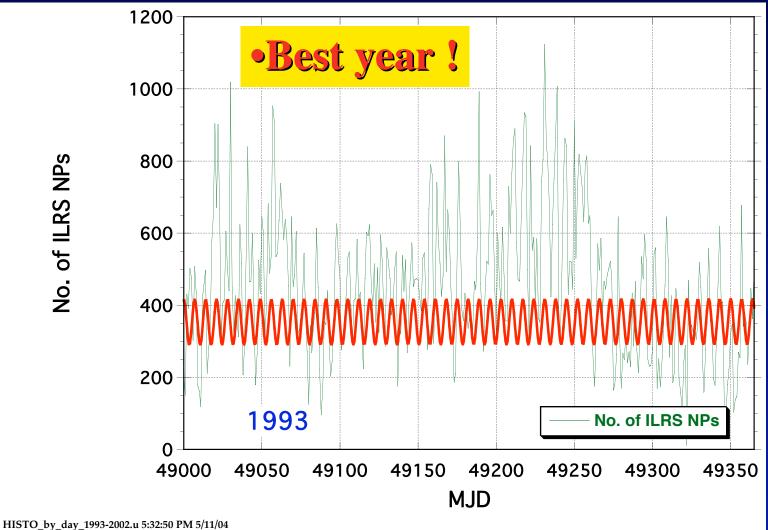
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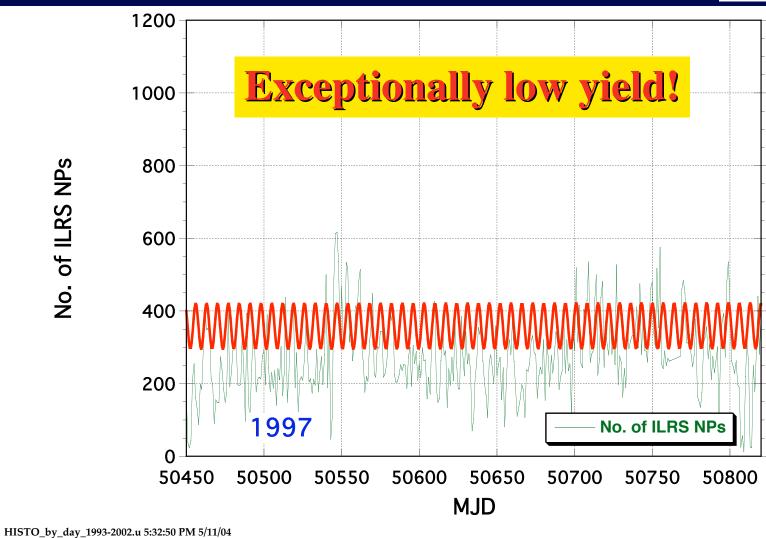


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- The analysis of the past 10-year tracking record for LAGEOS I and II shows a strong weekend effect throughout the period.
- Some years (few) exhibit significantly stronger tracking than others (most)
- For most years, significant annual and semi-annual signals are evident
- In the most recent years a drop in the tracking is clearly evident
- The linear slope from the entire 10-year record is positive (+1 NP/yr) while the slope fit to the 1st quarter of 2004 has opposite sign: -1 NP/yr
- The amplitude of the "weekend effect" is ~62 NPs for the entire 10year record, but the effect is enhanced in the 2004 fit, with an amplitude of ~81 NPs.