

# *Solar cyclic activity reconstruction now covers the last millennium*

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# Solar cycle in sunspots and cosmic rays

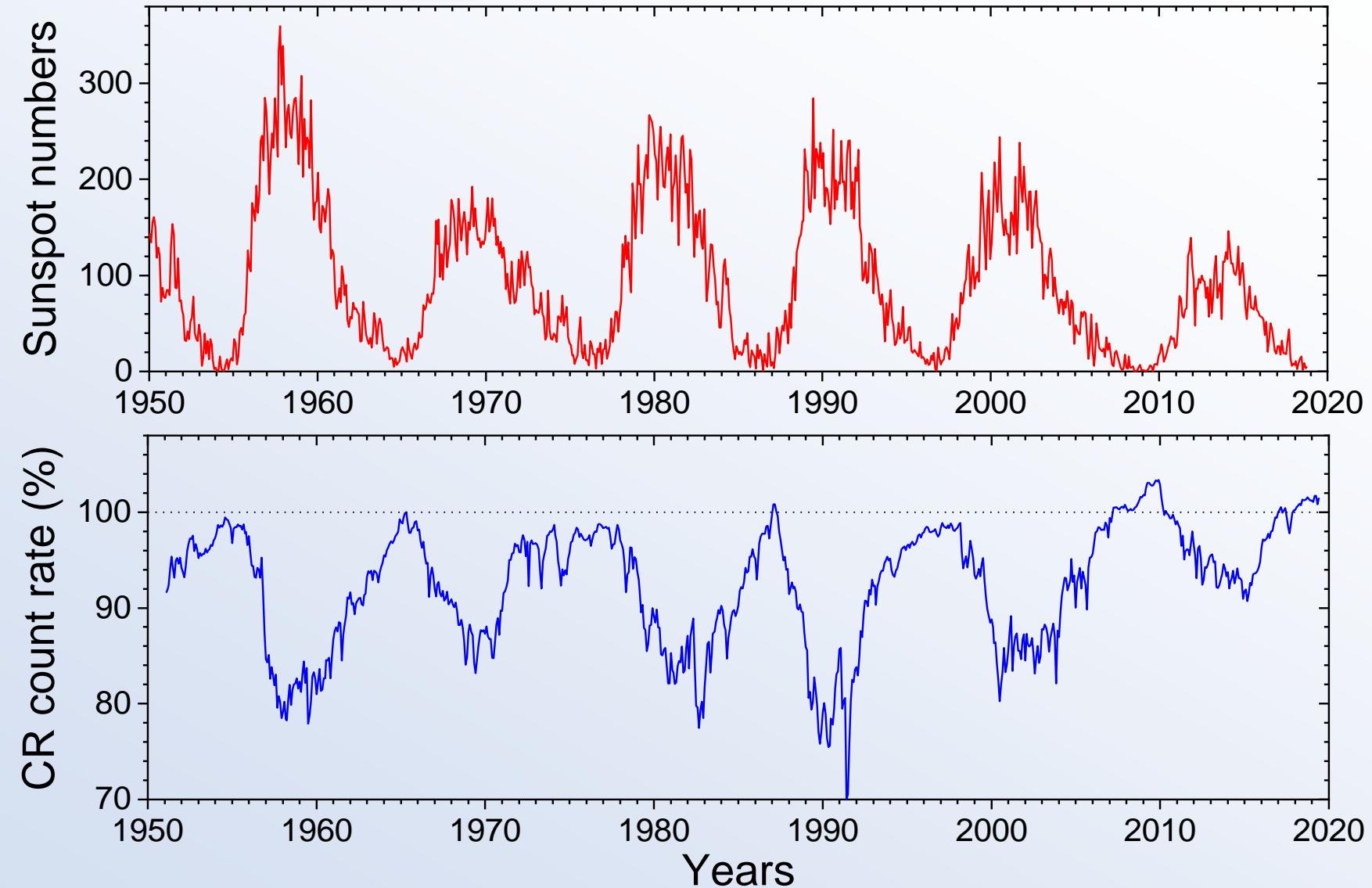


11-year cycle due to solar activity

Weak 22-yr cycle (charge-dependent drift effects)

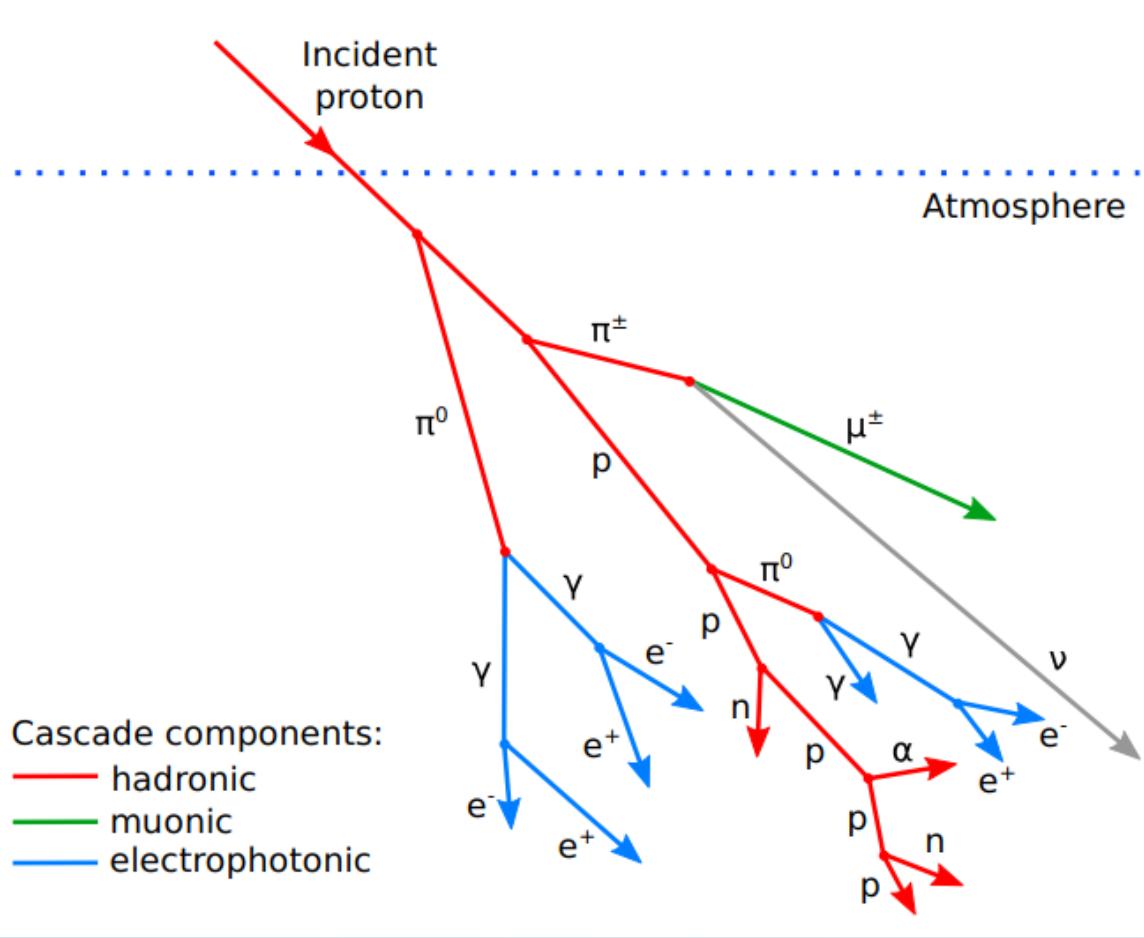
short-term fluctuations

Centennial variability?





# Cosmogenic-isotope production

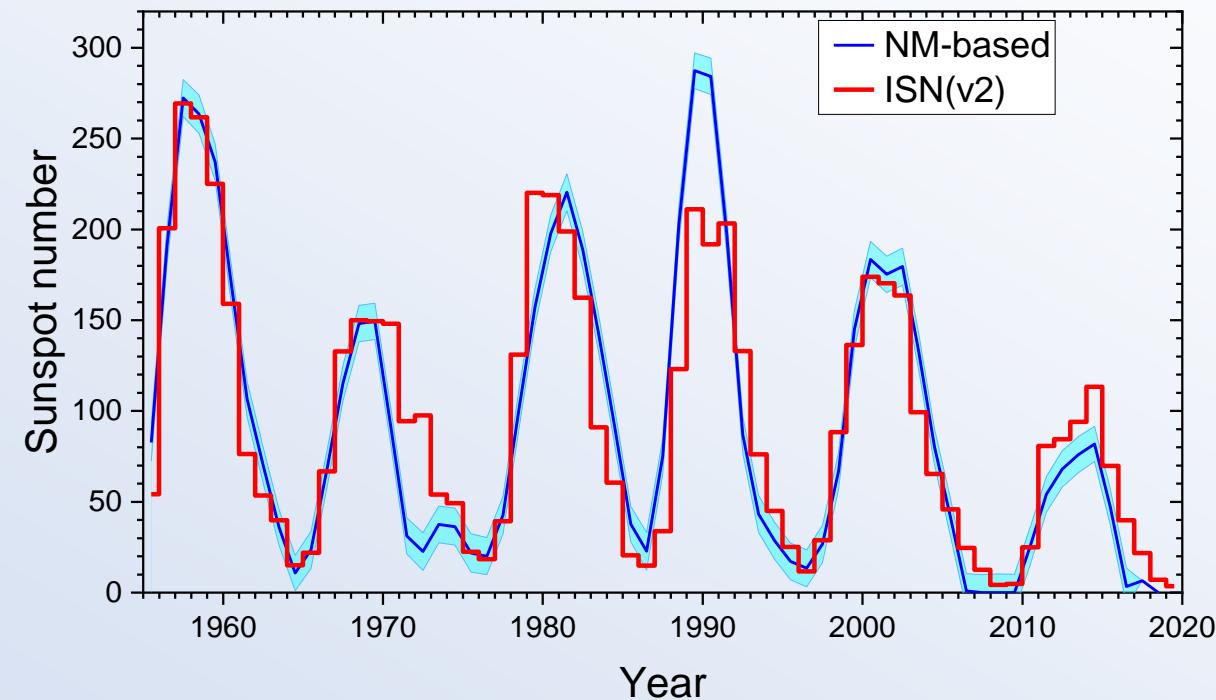


In the atmospheric cascade, nuclear reactions may take place, most important being:

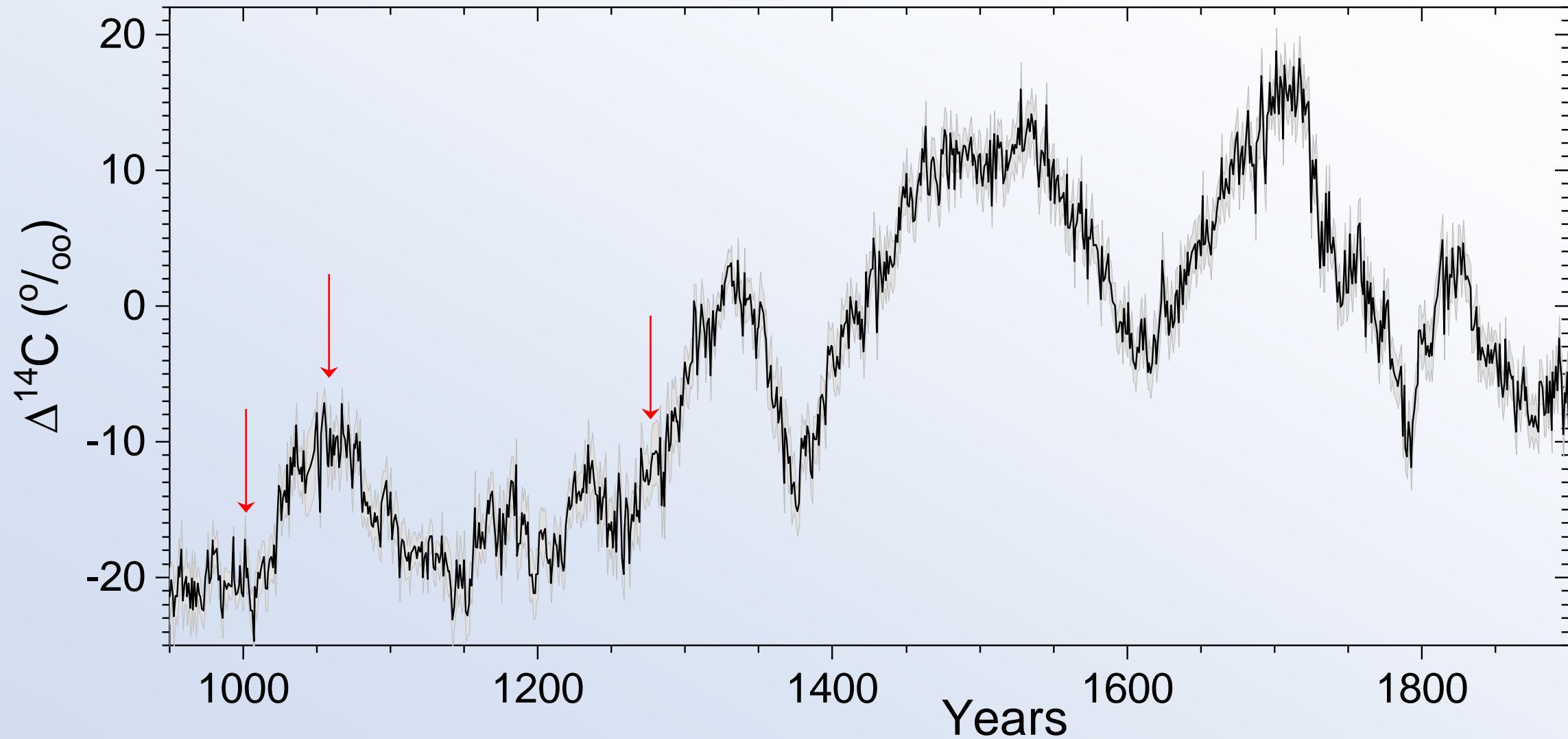
Spallation  $O, N, Ar \rightarrow ^7Be, ^{10}Be, ^{22}Na, ^{36}Cl$ , etc.

Neutron capture:  $^{14}N + n \rightarrow ^{14}C + p$

Storage in natural independently dated archives: ice cores, tree trunks, sediments, corals

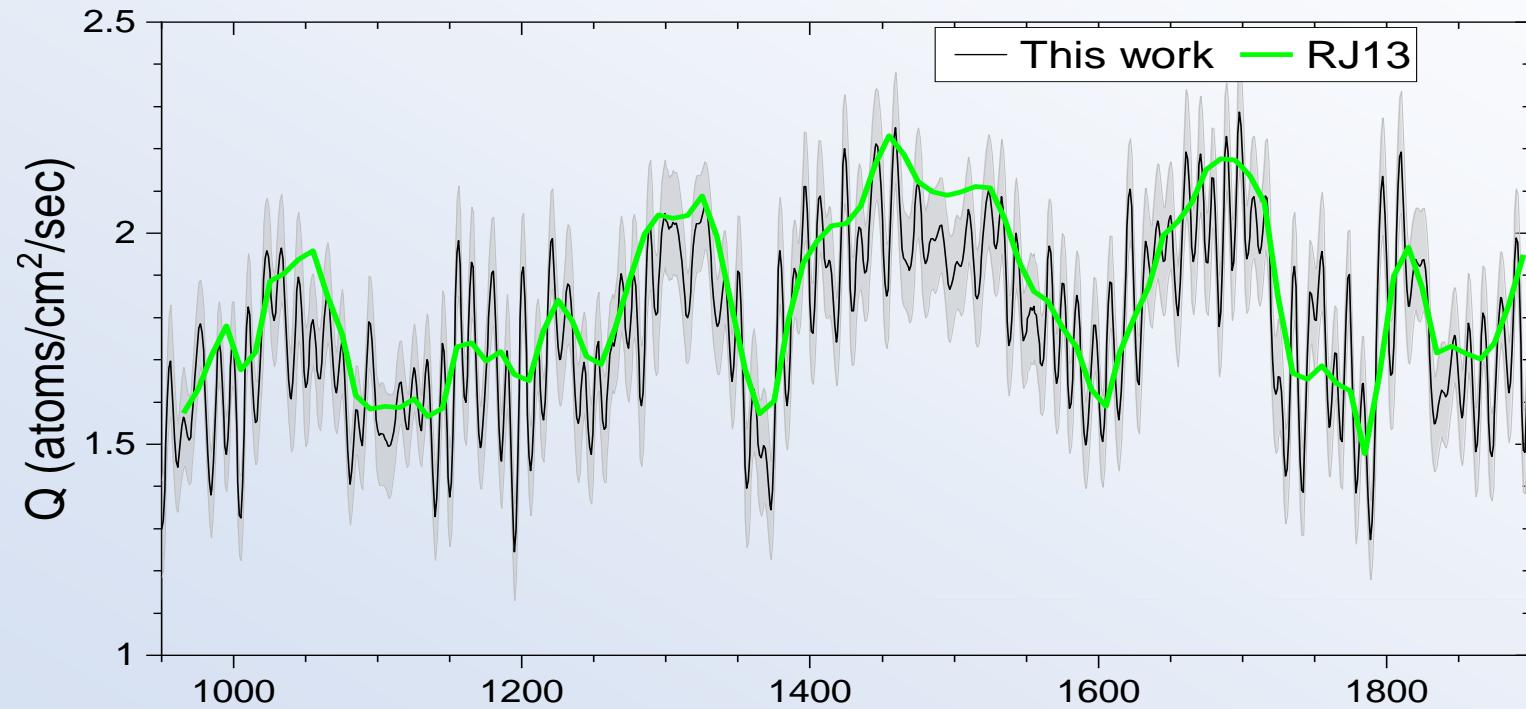
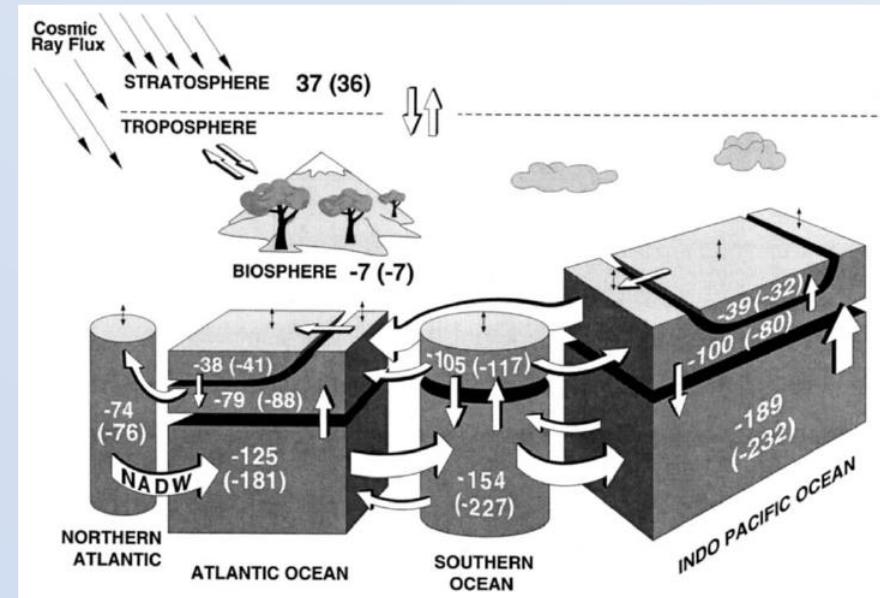
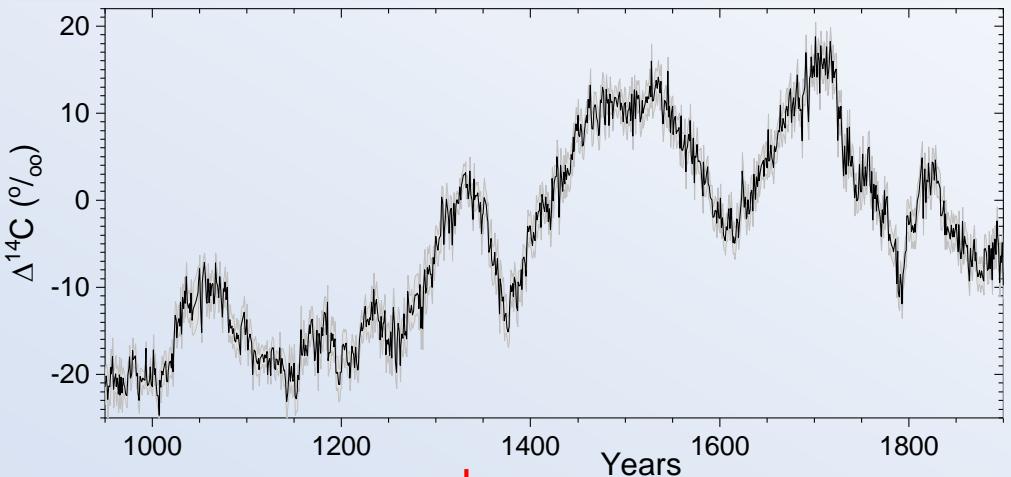


# Data

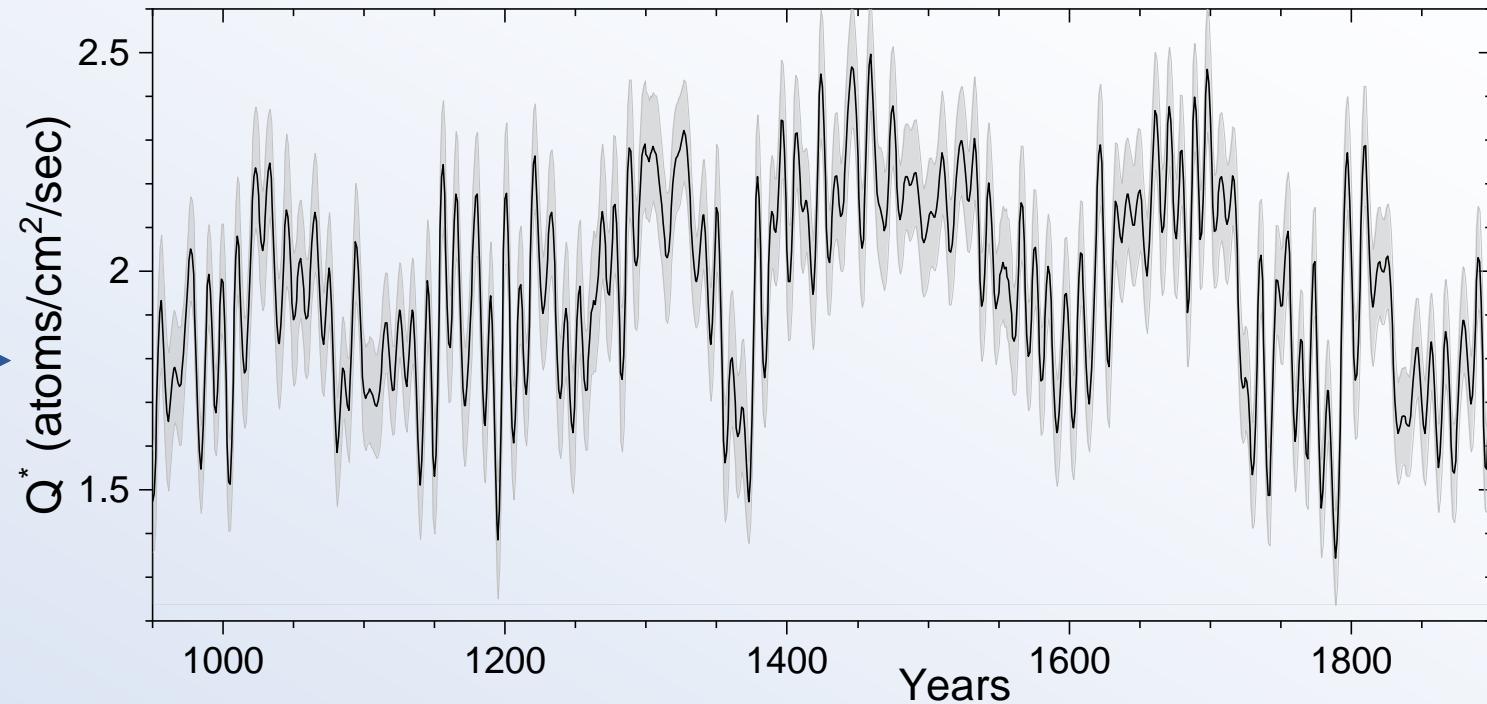
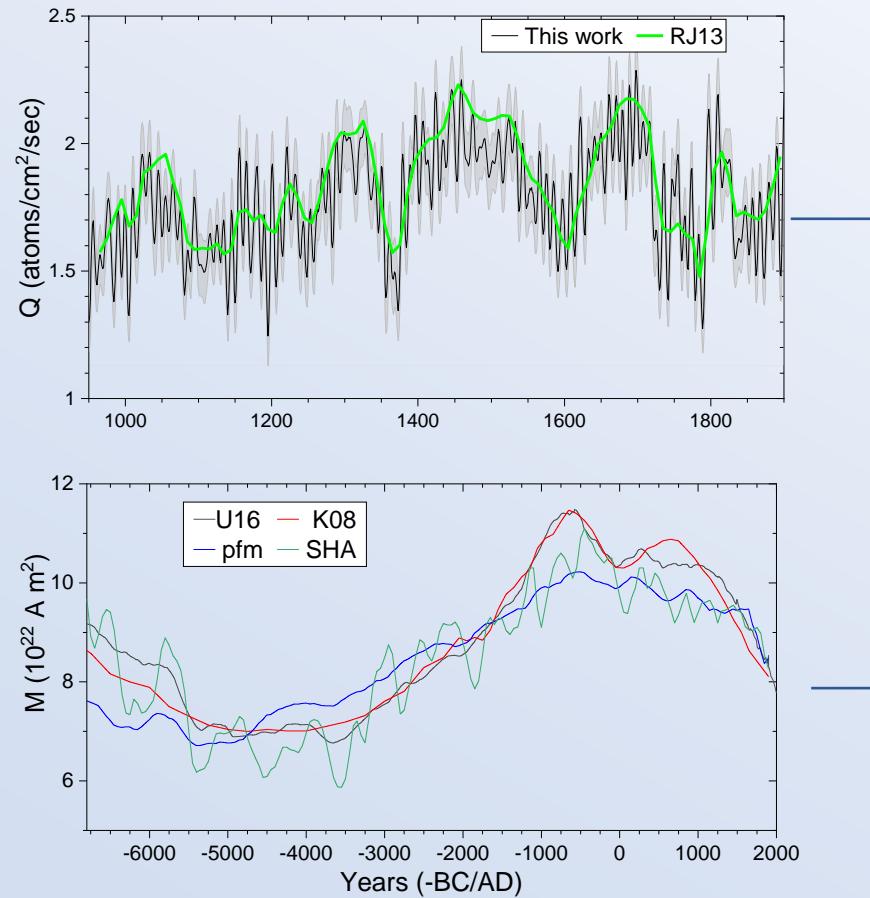




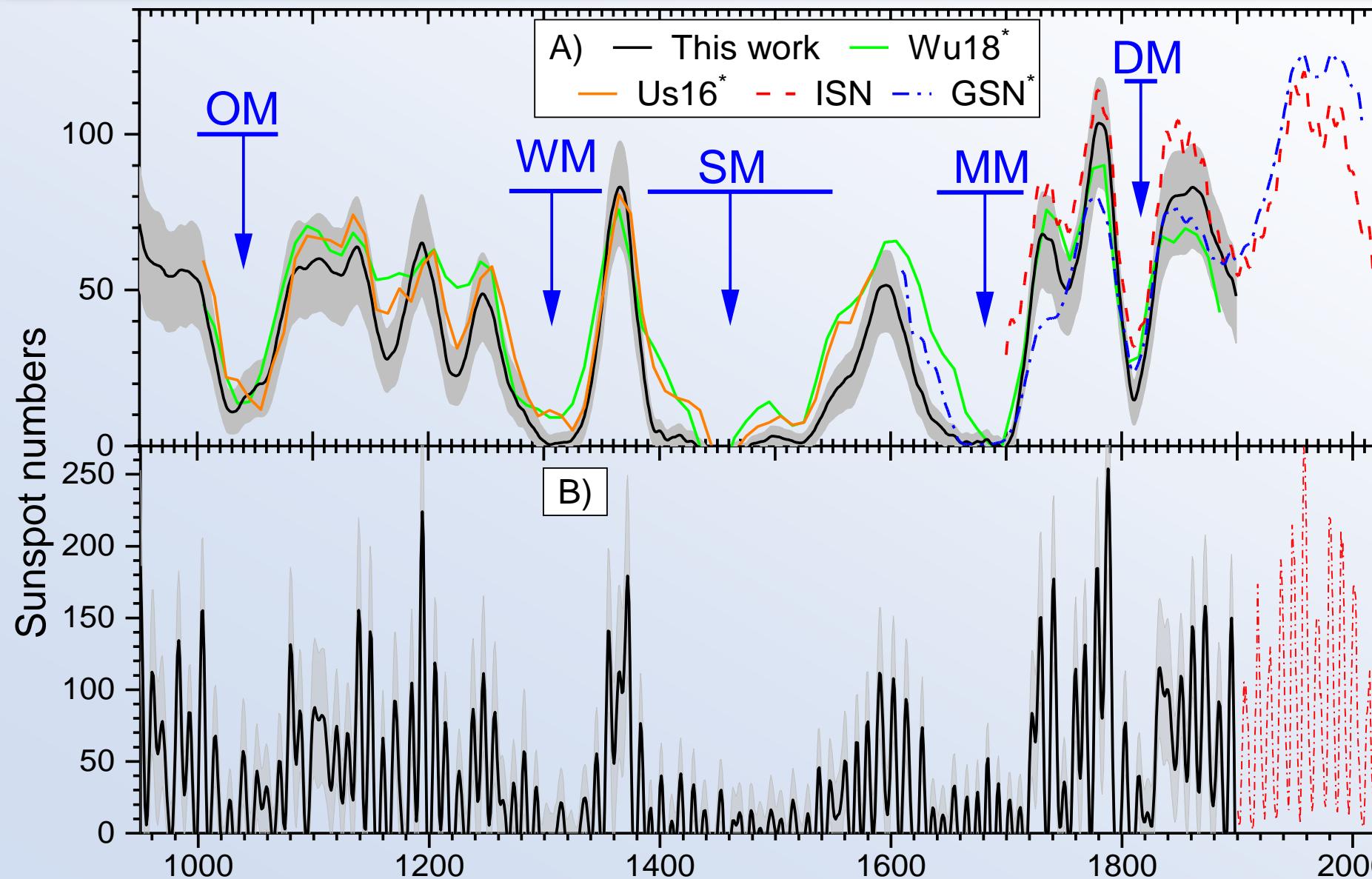
# Q<sub>14C</sub> – production rate



# Correction for the geomagnetic field



# Solar activity reconstruction



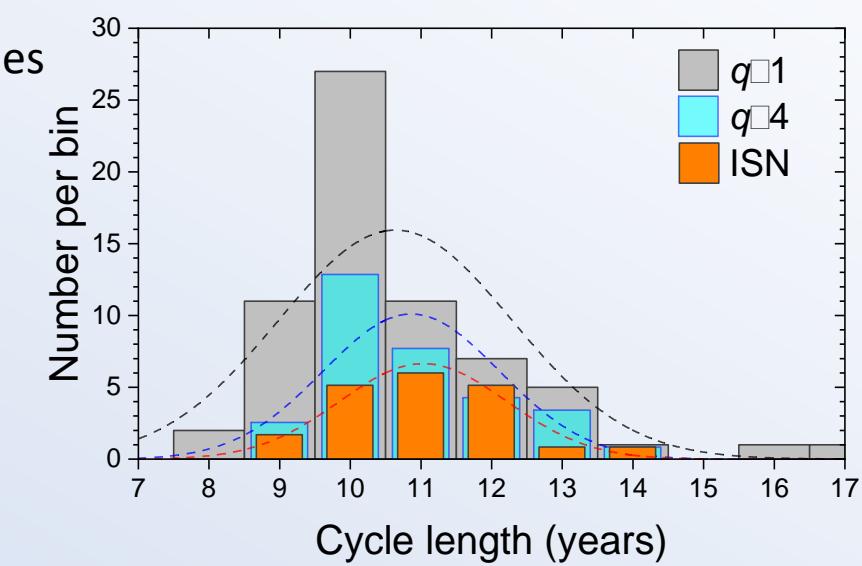
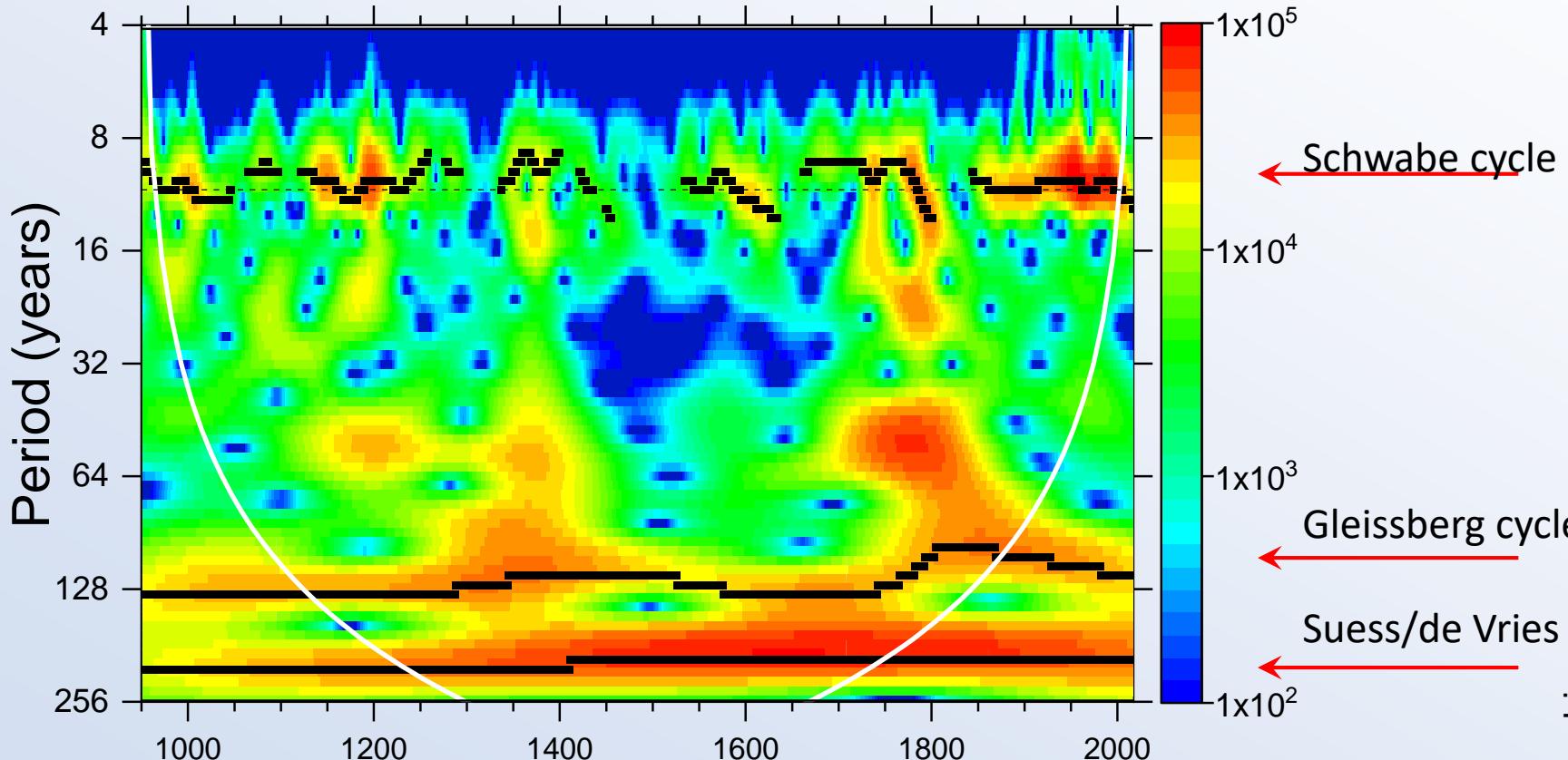
*Direct sunspots* → 36 solar cycles (24 well, 8 poorly and 4 unresolved cycles)

*Proxy* → 85 cycles (35 well/reasonably, 21 poorly and 29 not reliably resolved)

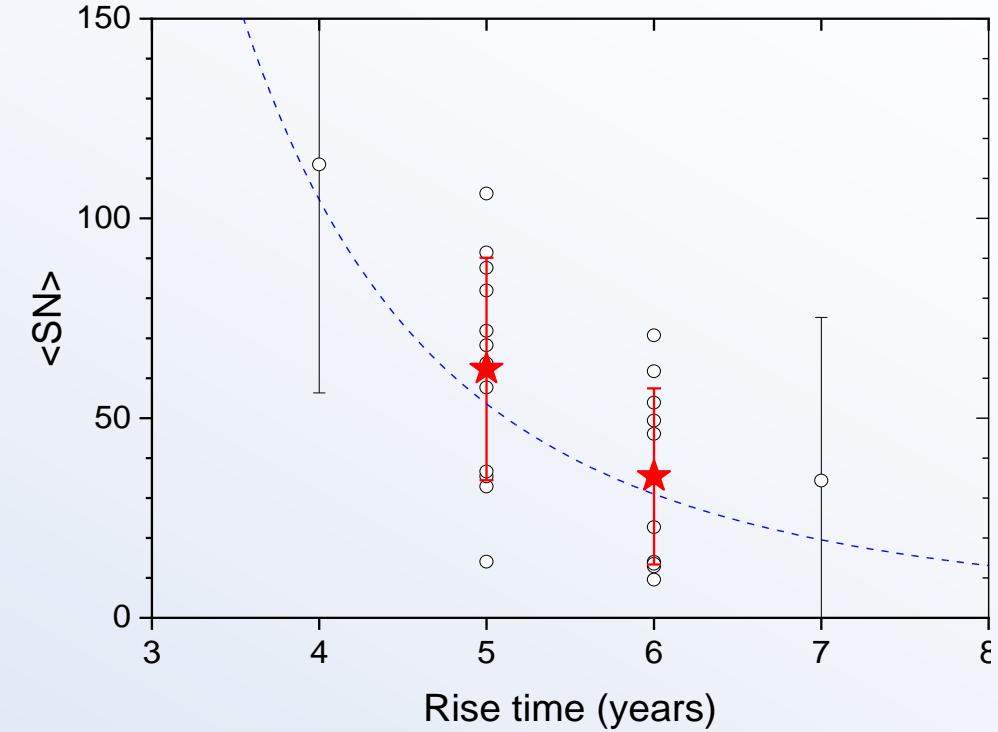
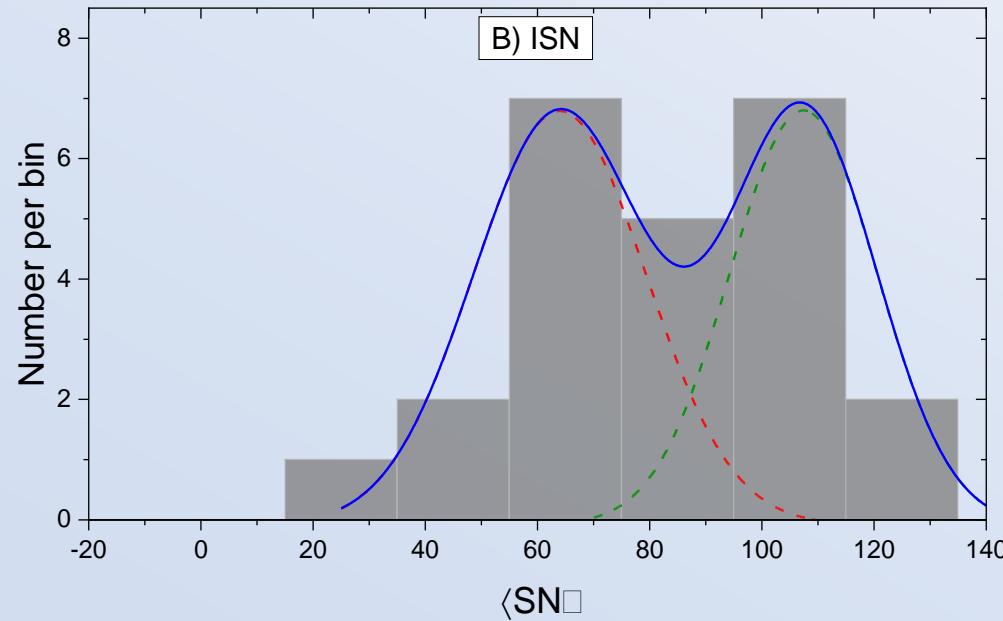
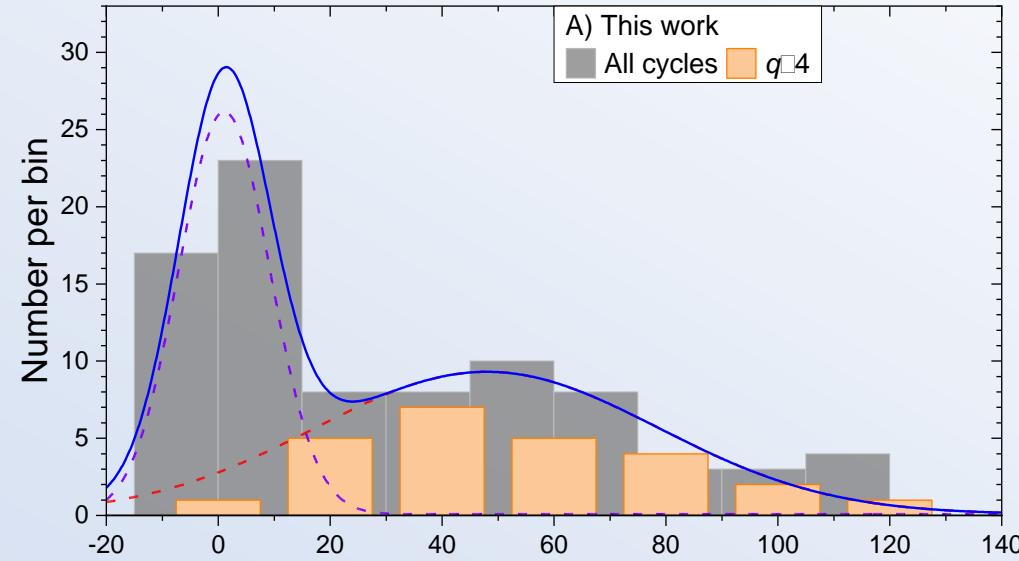
**Altogether:** 96 (50 well-, 17 poorly- and 29 not resolved cycles)



# Periodicities and cycle lengths



# Solar cycles and Waldmeier rule



Waldmeier's rule for good ( $q > 3$ ) cycles:  
 $R \sim 0.62$



# Summary

- New the-highest-precision measurements of  $^{14}\text{C}$  in tree rings have been made with annual resolution since 950 AD;
- About 90 individual solar cycles can be resolved for 950–1900, thus, the total number of solar cycles is about 96 now.
- Gleissberg and Suess/de Vries cycles are confirmed;
- 40% of time (~400 years) the Sun spent during the grand minimum mode (~200 years in the deep minimum state, with  $\text{SN} > 0$ ). This was a cluster of grand minima.
- The Waldmeier rule is statistically confirmed.
- A new door is open to study solar activity on a millennium time scale.

**THANK YOU !**