

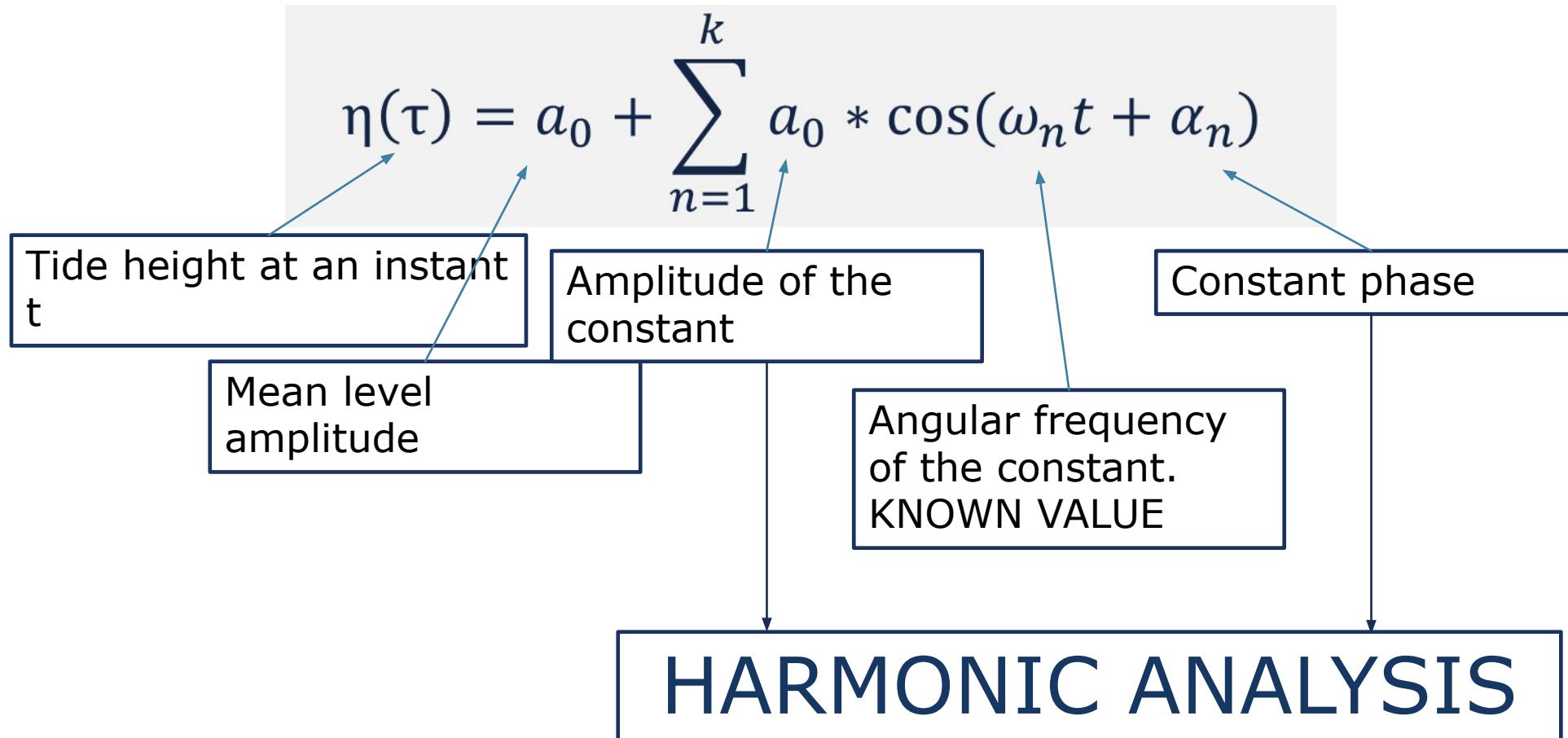
# **BARBADOS WORKSHOP**

## **TIDAL ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION**

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It has been observed that the tide can be synthesized through the superposition of a series of simple waves. These waves have periods that can be grouped into five basic types:

- The **periods of the Moon's orbit** around the Earth and the Earth's orbit around the **Sun** (waves M2 and S2).
- The periods of waves that allow us to emulate the **effects of elliptical orbits** (L2, N2, R2, and T2) and the declinations of the Moon and Sun (K1, O1, and P1).
- The periods of **long period waves** (Mfm, Mf, Msf, Mm, MSm, Ssa, and Sa, among others).
- The **periods of waves that simulate the effects of deformation** due to wave velocity and friction, corresponding to double and triple frequencies of the basic ones.
- The periods of waves that simulate the **non-linear interactions** of the previous waves (MNS2, 2MS2, 2SM2, MK3, 2MK3, SK3, SO3, MS4, MN4, MK4, 2MS6, 2MN6, 2SM6, MSN6, 3MS8, 2MSN8, etc.)



The harmonic analysis of observed tidal data enables:

- Establishing the basis for **predicting** the tide at a future instant.
- Explaining the **behavior** of the tide in a specific area through a **few variables that contain the fundamental essence of the phenomenon**.
- Interpreting the analysis results in terms of the **hydrodynamics** of the studied area (and its response to the tidal generating force).

The foundation of harmonic analysis is the assumption that the **tidal variations** at a given point can be represented as the **sum of a finite number of harmonic terms**, due to the fact that the **angular velocity of these harmonics is known a priori**.

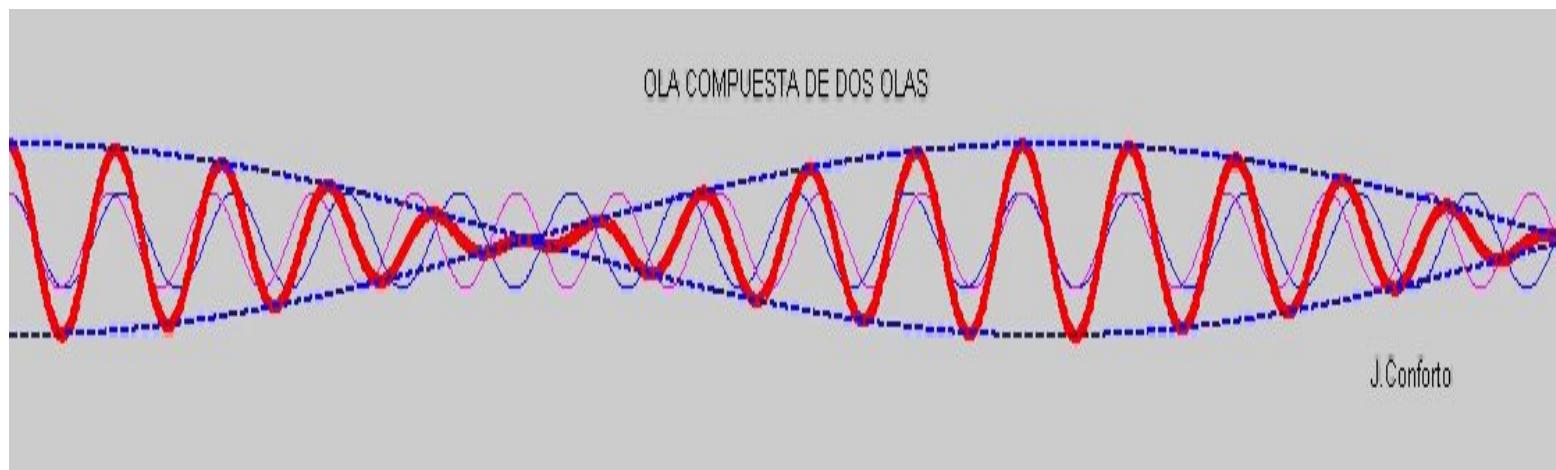


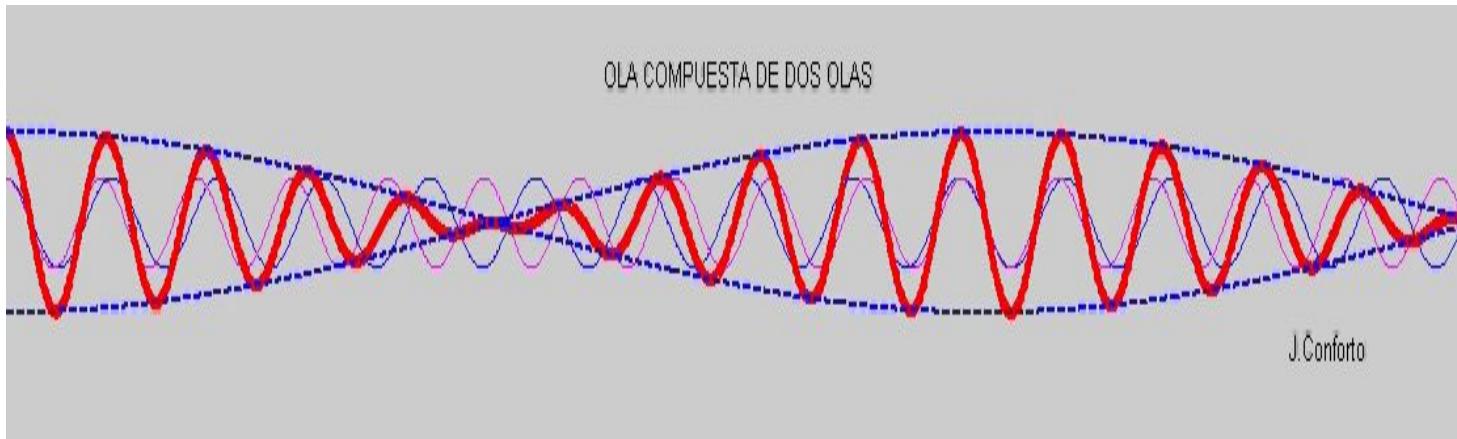
The length of the data record will determine the extent to which we can extract more or fewer waves from it. Typically, the so-called **Rayleigh Criterion** is used in the analysis of tide records. This criterion allows us to **a priori determine which waves we will be able to extract from a data record of a given duration**.

To study the problem, we can consider a pair of components with frequencies close to  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , and similar amplitudes.

The resulting combination of two waves with nearby periods and similar amplitudes forms a group oscillating with a period intermediate between the two, and an amplitude modulated by an envelope with a longer period.

The **amplitude** of this system exhibits **maxima** when the two constituent waves are **in phase**, and nodes when they are in phase opposition.

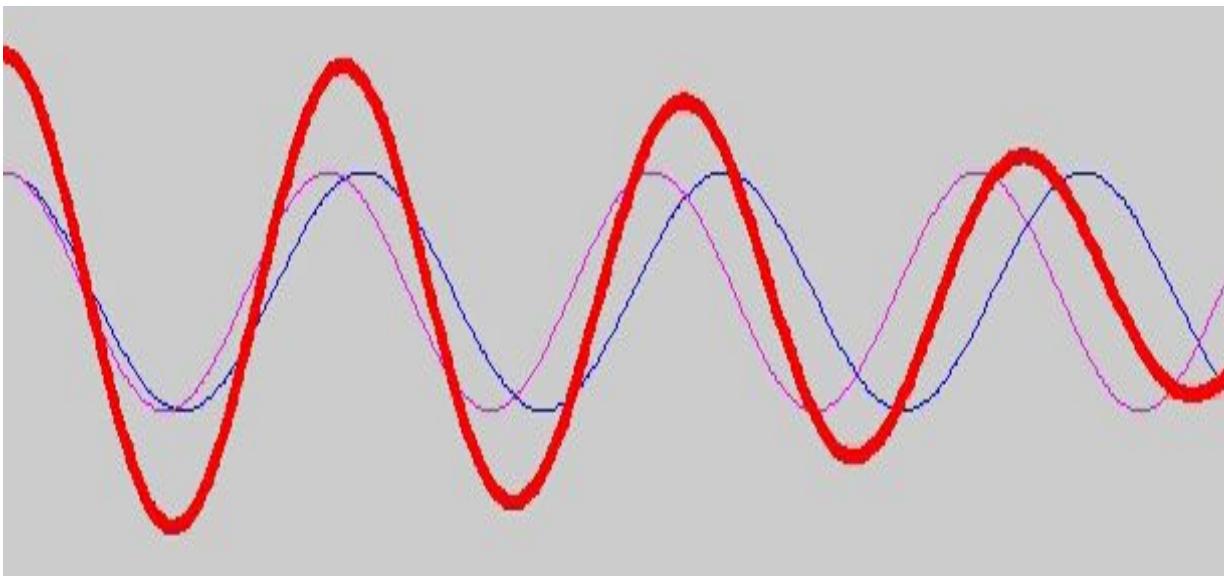




The envelope period is also known as the **Synodic Period**:

$$TS = 2p/(w_1 - w_2)$$

If we want to analyze the data record and be able to distinguish that both waves  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are present, it will be necessary to have **observed the complete cycle of the envelope** they produce.



Therefore, to separate these two components, it is necessary to have at least one record covering the duration of a synodic period.

For example, to separate the **M2** and **S2** components, the minimum required recording period is:

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega_{S2} - \Omega_{M2}} = \frac{360^\circ}{30.00^\circ/hr - 28.982^\circ/hr} = 14.7 \text{ days}$$

Therefore, in this case, a recording period of approximately 15 days is necessary.

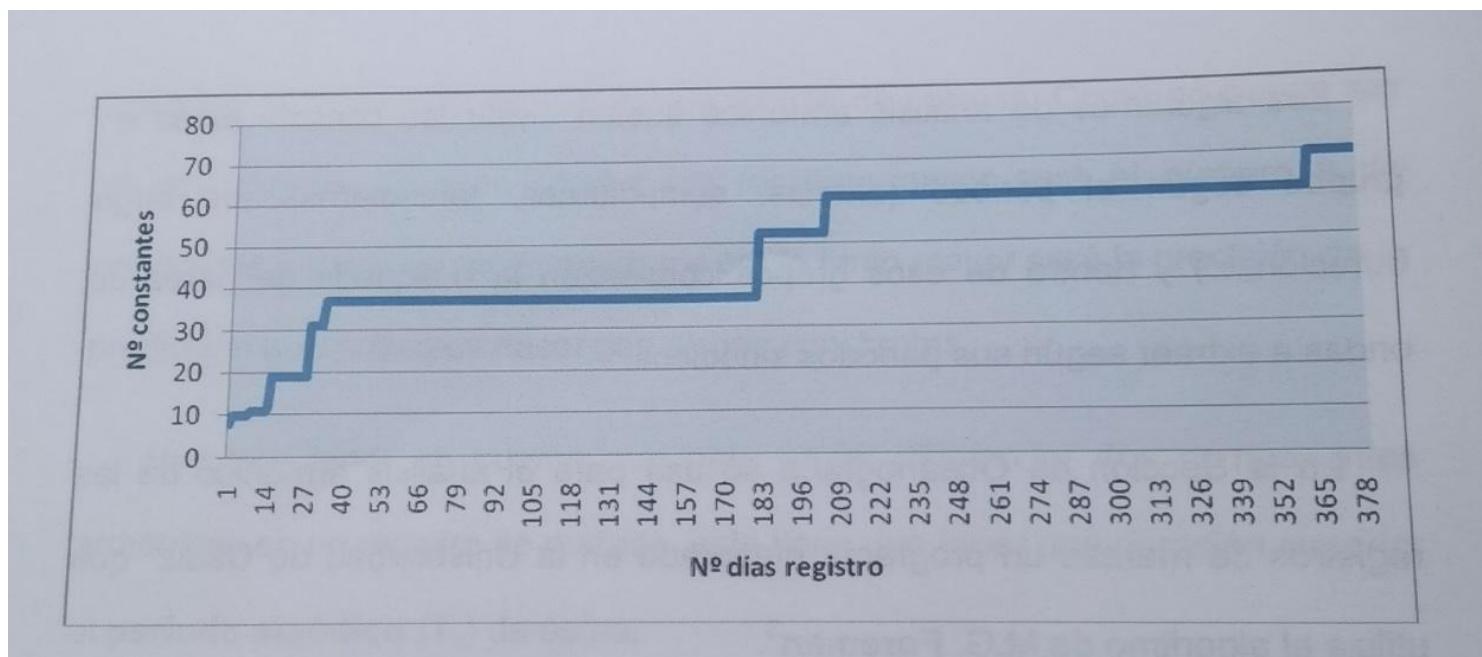
	P1	K1	O1	Q1
P1	-	182.6	14.8	9.6
K1		-	13.7	9.1
O1			-	27.6

	S2	K2	M2	N2	L2	2MS
S2	-	182.6	14.8	9.6	31.7	7.4
K2		-	13.7	9.1	27.1	7.1
M2			-	27.6	27.6	14.8
N2				-	13.8	9.6
L2					-	9.6

There are many component combinations with synodic periods TS of approximately  $29 \times n$  days ( $n=1,2,3, \dots$ ).

**Therefore, 29 days is generally considered the minimum necessary period to perform an adequate tide analysis.**

Likewise, 369 days is also approximately a multiple of most synodic periods; thus, for more detailed prediction, a recording period of 369 days (1 year + 4 days) is usually considered.



In Spain, the tide is represented by **69 harmonic constants**.

When the tidal wave exhibits refractions, resonances, and other propagation issues, it will be necessary to increase the number of harmonic constants.

The best approximation of the prediction series to the measured record from the tide gauge is calculated using the **LEAST SQUARES FITTING METHOD**. This method consists of minimizing the squares of the differences between the calculated value (formula) and the measured value (tide gauge record) at each instant.

We define:

$\eta(\tau)$  as the calculated value at a given instant  $t$ .

$\eta_\tau$  as the measured value (tide gauge record) corresponding to that same instant.

The difference  $[\eta(\tau) - \eta_\tau]$  between these two values represents the error made when trying to reproduce the tide measured by the tide gauge with our numerical prediction. This difference can be positive or negative. To simplify the subsequent calculations, this difference is squared so that the result is always positive. What we aim to **minimize is the total accumulated error**, that is, the sum of the squares of these differences, ideally reaching zero.

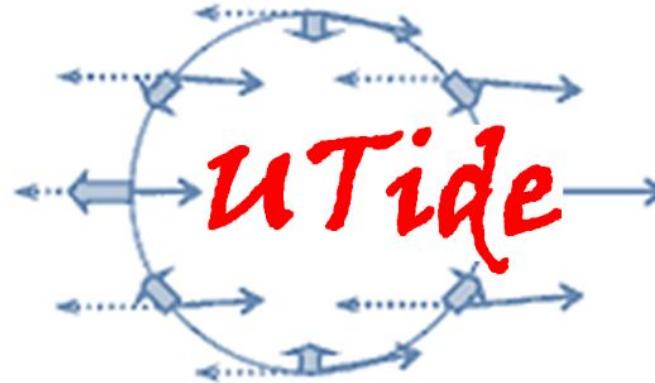
$$\eta(\tau) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^k a_n \cos(\omega_n t + \alpha_n)$$

$$\mu^2 = \sum_{\tau=-p}^{\tau=p} [\eta(\tau) - \eta_\tau]^2 = 0$$

LET'S GO TO DO THE PREDICTIONS



Based on  
Foreman's  
equation



### Unified Tidal Analysis and Prediction Using the "UTide" Matlab Functions

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- Designed specifically to handle record times that are irregularly distributed and/or gappy.
- Suitable for multi-year analyses: accurate nodal/satellite corrections are not limited to record lengths shorter than 1-2 years.
- Can provide easy-to-use and comprehensive diagnostics to aid the constituent selection process.
- Handles sea level (amplitude and phase), or currents (current ellipse parameters), with similar syntax.
- Generates confidence intervals based on spectra (FFT for regular times, Lomb-Scargle for irregular times) of the residuals between the raw input and the harmonic fit.
- Incorporates the robust L1/L2 solution method to minimize influence of outliers.
- Enables analysis of groups of time sequences (such as records from an array of instruments, or from a group of model gridpoints) with one m-function call.
- Builds on, and integrates in to a common framework, the t\_tide (Pawlowicz et al 2002), r\_t\_tide (Leffler and Jay 2009), and "versatile" (Foreman et al 2009) approaches.
- Flexible interface with mix-and-match choices of analysis configurations accessible by arguments to m-functions.

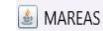


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### Option 1:

This option includes all the main Harmonic Constituents of astronomical origin, both diurnal and semidiurnal, whose theoretical amplitudes are greater than 0.0025 (Total: 45 HCs).



Option A:  
Includes the 24 hydrodynamic origin constituents (from shallow waters), initially the most important, total: 26 CA.



1A	02/11/2025 20:28	Dos
1C	02/11/2025 20:38	Dos
4A	02/11/2025 20:44	Dos
CAS	02/11/2025 20:43	Dos
contador	02/11/2025 20:44	Dos
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NMO-Mohamed-EVA.fig	02/11/2025 18:33	Fich
NMO-Mohamed-raw.fig	02/11/2025 17:45	Fich

DATOS	1A	1C	4A	CAS
Fecha inicio	01:00 H, 01/01/2017	01:00 H, 01/01/2017	01:00 H, 01/01/2017	01:00 H, 01/01/2017
Fecha fin	23:00 H, 09/05/2018	23:00 H, 09/05/2018	23:00 H, 09/05/2018	23:00 H, 09/05/2018
NDP	11855	11855	11855	11855
NDV	11813	11813	11813	11813
PDV	99,65	99,65	99,65	99,65
VMD	0,3327	0,3327	0,3327	0,3327
DTD	0,1042	0,1042	0,1042	0,1042
ANÁLISIS	1A	1C	4A	41CAS
Ray	1	1	1	
NCA	71	142	161	41
NCS	17	17	42	41
NCOND	1,7427	2,1201	2,6923	1,3797
VR	0,0072	0,0073	0,0059	0,0058
CDC	0,334569	0,326778	0,454671	0,462735
AIC	-4,917489933	-4,894049617	-5,101604329	-5,136463268
SBIC	-4,829439	-4,717322	-4,901147	-5,085881
RESIDUOS (cm)				
Máximo	41,74	41,54	35,7	35,17
Mínimo	-23,14	-23,16	-23,73	-23,95
Medio	-5,07915E-06	-7,61873E-06	-1,7777E-05	-3,2168E-05
DT	8,45	8,45	7,59	7,62
IRESIDUOS (cm)				
Medio	6,45	6,45	5,67	5,7
DT	5,46	5,46	5,05	5,05
CH y Z0				
Z0 (ref. CM)	0,341	0,341	0,342	0,342
CH (ref. CM)	0,157	0,159	0,057	0,071



NOMBRE DE LA COMPONENTE	SÍMBOLO	VELOCIDAD	PERIODO	COEFTE.
Lunar Semidiurno Principal	M2	28.9841	12.42	1
Solar Semidiurno Principal	S2	30.00	12.00	0.466
Lunar Semidiurno Elíptico Mayor	N2	28.4397	12.66	0.192
Lunar-Solar Semidiurno	K2	30.0843	11.97	0.127
Solar Semidiurno Elíptico Mayor	T2	29.9589	12.01	0.027
Lunar Semidiurno Elíptico Menor	L2	29.5285	12.19	0.028
Solar Semidiurna Elíptico Menor	R2	30.0411	11.98	
Lunar-Solar Diurno Declinatoria	K1	15.0411	23.93	0.584
Lunar Diurno Principal	O1	13.9430	25.82	0.415
Solar Diurno Declinatoria Principal	P1	14.9589	24.07	0.194
Lunar Diurno Elíptico Mayor	Q1	13.3986	26.87	0.079
Lunar Diurno Elíptico Menor	M1	14.4967	24.84	0.033
Lunar Quincenal	Mf	1.098	327.9	0.172
Lunar Varacional Quincenal	Msf	1.0159	354.57	0.009
Lunar Mensual	Mm	0.544	661.3	0.091
Solar Semianual	Ssa	0.082	4383	0.080
Solar Anual	Sa	0.041	8780.5	0.013
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Armónico	Frecuencia	Amplitud	Fase
Z0	0.000000	211.26	0.00
ALP1	0.034396	0.29	194.22
2Q1	0.035706	0.39	199.91
SIG1	0.035908	0.29	240.07
Q1	0.037218	1.81	256.34
RHO1	0.037420	0.34	260.45
O1	0.038730	6.36	320.62
NO1	0.040268	0.75	6.89
PI1	0.041438	0.37	50.88
P1	0.041552	2.17	54.56
S1	0.041666	0.90	249.66
K1	0.041780	7.20	62.91
PSI1	0.041894	0.21	77.86
PHI1	0.042008	0.09	72.27
OQ2	0.075974	0.35	355.74
EPS2	0.076177	0.92	1.51
2N2	0.077487	3.36	31.71
MU2	0.077689	3.89	33.33
N2	0.078999	23.41	59.31
NU2	0.079201	4.47	62.96
H1	0.080397	0.41	67.24
M2	0.080511	110.67	78.11
LDA2	0.081821	0.70	74.79
L2	0.082023	2.41	83.72
T2	0.083219	2.21	104.30
S2	0.083333	38.56	107.32
R2	0.083447	0.20	62.71
K2	0.083561	10.79	104.74
ETA2	0.085073	0.52	134.68
M3	0.120767	0.64	302.03
SK3	0.125114	0.21	26.19
MN4	0.159510	0.38	182.83
M4	0.161022	0.79	233.07
MS4	0.163844	0.45	296.25
2MK5	0.202803	0.05	15.40
2MN6	0.240022	0.20	76.88
M6	0.241534	0.31	117.95
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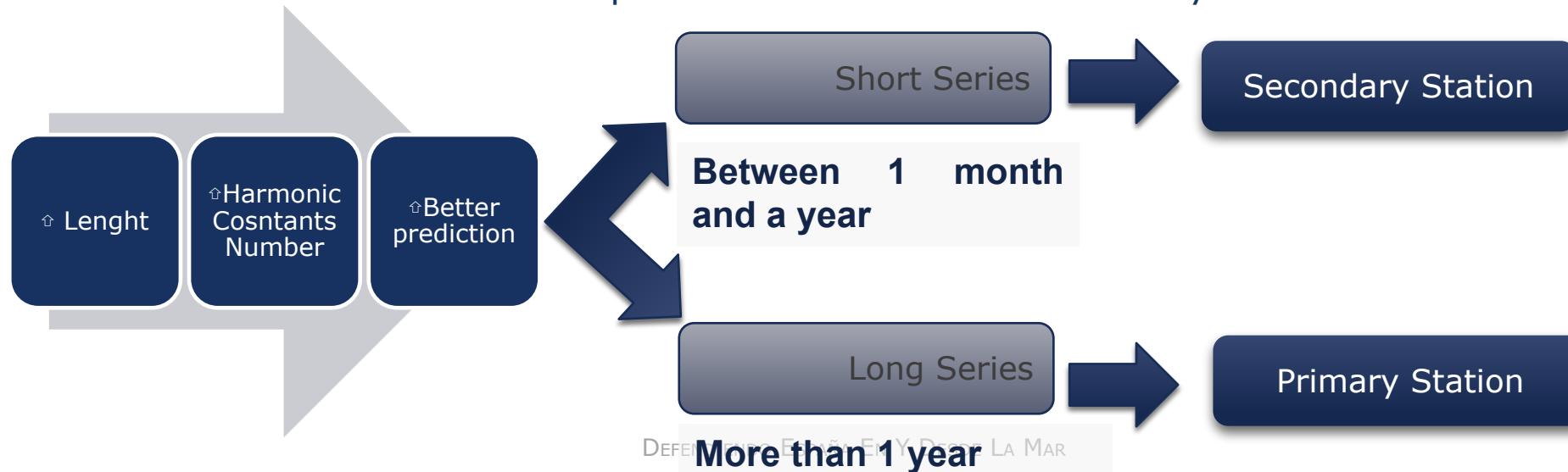
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001	Z0	0.000000000	-1.15734	0.000	0.00029	0.000	0.000	
002	SA	0.000114074	0.07093	255.008	0.00041	0.339	172.760	
003	SSA	0.000228159	0.03051	64.018	0.00041	0.770	73.571	
004	X2	0.000342233	0.01534	31.332	0.00041	1.559	37.038	
005	X3	0.000456307	0.01563	343.705	0.00041	1.537	37.827	
006	X4	0.001195707	0.00212	40.614	0.00041	11.081	5.127	
007	MSM	0.001309781	0.00460	54.569	0.00041	5.107	11.102	
008	X5	0.001398078	0.00233	44.033	0.00041	10.082	5.616	
009	MM	0.001512152	0.00425	68.459	0.00041	5.527	10.241	
010	X6	0.001626226	0.00290	299.201	0.00042	8.148	6.998	
011	X7	0.001740311	0.00148	176.593	0.00041	15.872	3.575	
012	X9	0.002619562	0.00801	36.589	0.00041	2.933	19.348	
013	X10	0.002707859	0.00278	198.488	0.00041	8.450	6.718	

## TIDE YEARBOOK

The locations of tide stations are organized in a hierarchy:

- a. PERMANENT TIDE CONTROL STATIONS** are generally those that have been operating and producing data for 19 years or more, expected to operate continuously in the future, and are used to obtain a continuous record of water levels at a site. Tide Control Stations are positioned to maintain datum control for national applications and are located wherever necessary to control the datum.
- b. PRIMARY TIDE STATIONS** are those that have been operating for less than 19 years but more than one year and have a limited service life. They provide more accurate tide data for parcels, bays, and estuaries where local tidal effects differ from the nearest control station.
- c. SECONDARY TIDE STATIONS** are those that have been operating for more than one month but less than one year. Short-term water level measurement stations can have their data reduced or adjusted to 19-year tide datums if simultaneous mathematical comparisons are made with a nearby control station.









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