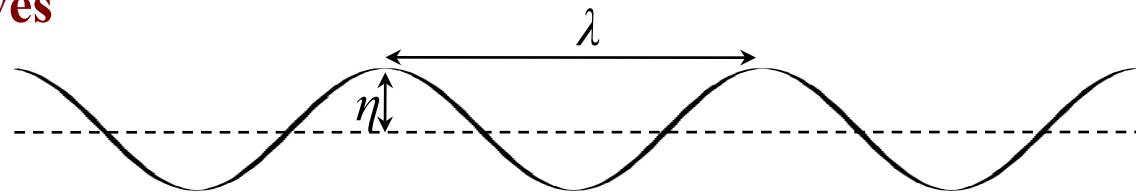


# Κύματα παρουσία βαρύτητας

**8. Gravity waves in the ocean**  
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- Waves in the ocean
- Surface gravity waves
- Short and long limit in gravity waves
- Wave characteristics
- Internal waves

# Characteristic properties of waves



- **Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ):** The distance between two consecutive peaks and **Wavenumber ( $K$ )**

$$K = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

- **Period ( $T$ ):** The time it takes for two consecutive peaks to pass from a point in space and **Frequency ( $\omega$ )**

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

- **Phase Speed ( $C$ ):** The speed of a monochromatic wave

$$C \equiv \frac{\omega}{K} = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

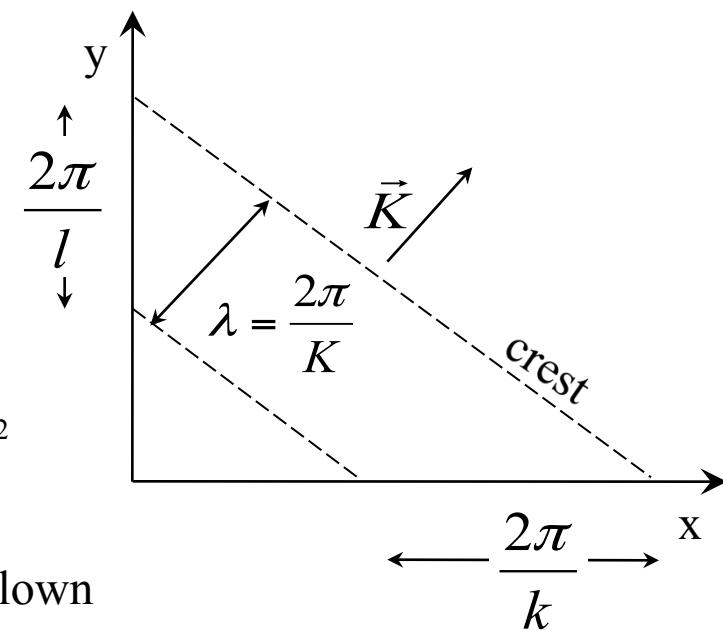
- **Group Speed ( $C_g$ ):** The speed of a wave packet  $C_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial K}$

- **Wave Energy ( $E_w$ ):**  $E_w = \rho_w g \langle \eta^2 \rangle$

- **Significant Wave Height ( $H_{1/3}$ ):** The average height (double amplitude) of the 1/3 largest waves

$$H_{1/3} = 4 \langle \eta^2 \rangle^{1/2}$$

- **Fetch:** The length of water over which a given wind has blown



## Working equations

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P - 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{u} - g + A_H \nabla_H^2 \vec{u} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial z^2} \quad \text{Momentum Conservation}$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] = 0 \quad \text{Mass Conservation}$$

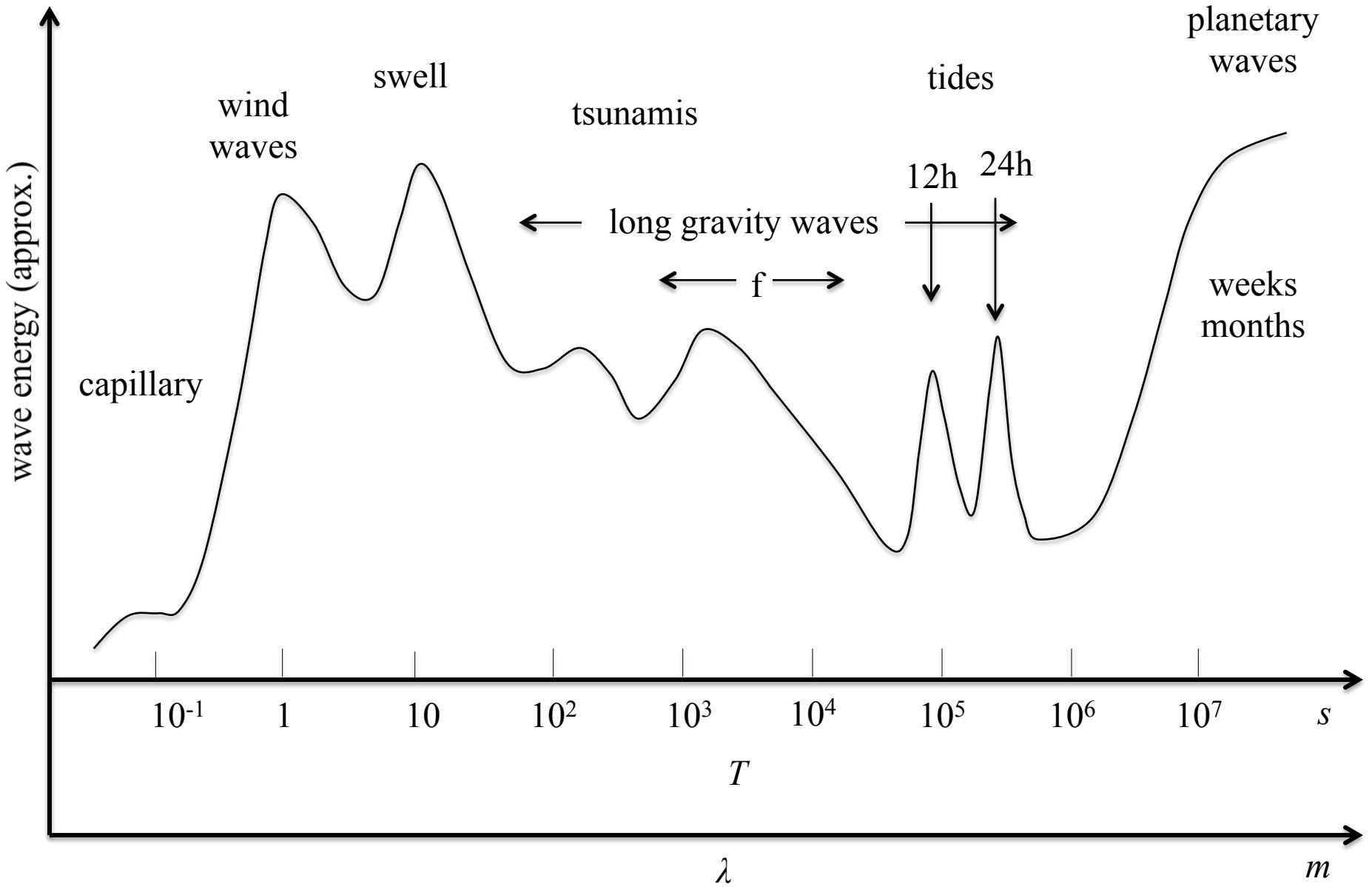
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + fv + A_H \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + A_H \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - fu + A_H \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + A_H \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - g + A_H \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + A_H \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \text{(Incompressible flow)}$$

# The oceanic wave spectrum



## Linear gravity waves in barotropic fluid

$$R_{oT} = \frac{\text{Temporal Changes}}{\text{Coriolis Term}} = \frac{U}{T} \frac{1}{fU} = \frac{1}{fT} \gg 1$$

$$E_k = \frac{\text{Viscosity Terms}}{\text{Coriolis Term}} = \frac{A_H}{fL^2} \left( \frac{A_V}{fH^2} \right) \ll 1$$

$$F_R = \frac{U}{NH} \gg 1$$

Scaling parameters

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \quad (3)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + f v + A_H \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + A_H \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - f u + A_H \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + A_H \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g + A_H \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + A_H \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + A_V \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \end{array} \right.$$

where  $P = p - g\rho z$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = - \left( \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

$= 0$  (Continuity)

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} = 0}$$

**Eξίσωση LAPLACE**

Looking for wave-like solutions:

$$\eta = \eta_0 \cos(kx + \cancel{y} - \omega t) \quad \text{2-D solutions}$$



for simplicity we will investigate a 2-D (x-z) wave

**Boundary Conditions:**

at  $z = 0$

$$P = \rho g \eta$$

$$w = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t}$$

at  $z = -H$

$$w = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = 0$$

Wave solution for Laplace equation:

$$P = (A e^{kz} + B e^{-kz}) \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Using the surface boundary condition:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A + B = \rho g \eta_0 \\ Ae^{-kH} + Be^{kH} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} A &= \rho g \eta_0 \frac{e^{kH}}{e^{kH} + e^{-kH}} \\ B &= \rho g \eta_0 \frac{e^{-kH}}{e^{kH} + e^{-kH}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the ocean bottom boundary condition:

$$P = \rho g \eta_0 \frac{e^{k(z+H)} + e^{-k(z+H)}}{e^{kH} + e^{-kH}} \cos(kx - \omega t) = \frac{\rho g \eta_0 \cosh[k(z+H)]}{\cosh(kH)} \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

From equation (3):

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{k g \eta_0 \sinh[k(z+H)]}{\cosh(kH)} \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Using the surface boundary condition:

$$\left( w = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{k g \eta_0 \sinh(kH)}{\cosh(kH)} \cos(kx - \omega t) = \omega^2 \eta_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\boxed{\omega^2 = gk \tanh(kH)}$$

*Dispersion relation – Σχέση διασποράς*

### ***Short waves***

$\lambda \ll H$  (short wavelength or deep ocean)  $\Rightarrow kH \gg 1$

$$\tanh(kH) \cong 1$$

$$\omega^2 = gk$$

Phase Speed :  $C = \frac{\omega}{k}$

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{g}{k}} \quad \textbf{Dispersive}$$

Group Velocity :  $C_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}$

$$C_g = \frac{C}{2}$$

### ***Long waves***

$\lambda \gg H$  (long wavelength or shallow ocean)  $\Rightarrow kH \ll 1$

$$\tanh(kH) \cong kH$$

$$\omega^2 = gk^2 H$$

Phase Speed :  $C = \frac{\omega}{k}$

$$C = \sqrt{gH} \quad \textbf{Non-dispersive}$$

Group Velocity :  $C_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}$

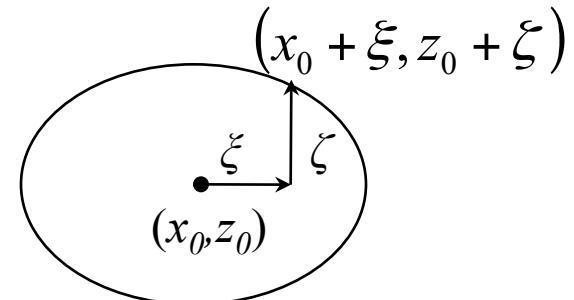
$$C_g = C$$

## Water parcel orbits

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \\ w = \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} &= kg \eta_0 \frac{\cosh[k(z_0 + H)]}{\omega \cosh(kH)} \cos(kx_0 - \omega t) \\ \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} &= kg \eta_0 \frac{\sinh[k(z_0 + H)]}{\omega \cosh(kH)} \sin(kx_0 - \omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\xi = \eta_0 \frac{\cosh[k(z_0 + H)]}{\cosh(kH)} \sin(kx_0 - \omega t)$$

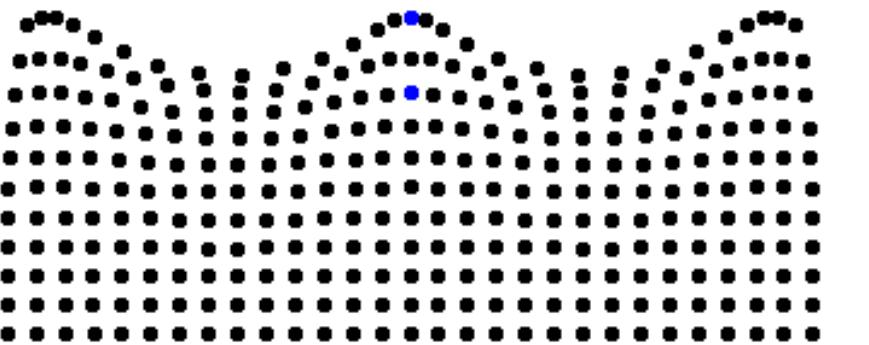
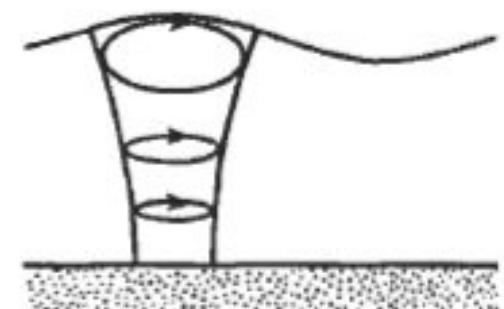
$$\zeta = -\eta_0 \frac{\sinh[k(z_0 + H)]}{\cosh(kH)} \cos(kx_0 - \omega t)$$



$$\left[ \frac{\xi^2}{\eta_0 \cosh[k(z_0 + H)]} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{\zeta^2}{\eta_0 \sinh[k(z_0 + H)]} \right]^2 = 1$$

*semimajor axis*

*semiminor axis*



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- Both axes decrease with depth
- The semiminor axis is zero at bottom (-H)

## Short waves

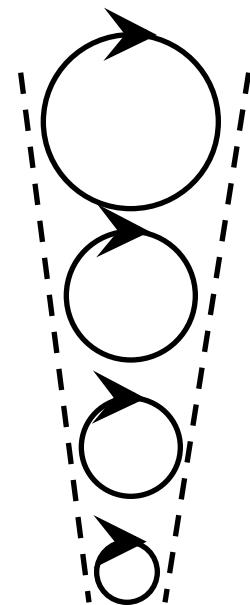
$\lambda \ll H$  (short wavelength or deep ocean)  $\Rightarrow kH \gg 1$

$$\frac{\cosh[k(z_0 + H)]}{\cosh(kH)} \approx \frac{\sinh[k(z_0 + H)]}{\cosh(kH)} \approx e^{kz_0}$$

$$\xi = \eta_0 e^{kz_0} \sin(kx_0 - \omega t)$$

$$\zeta = -\eta_0 e^{kz_0} \cos(kx_0 - \omega t)$$

- Circles
- Both decrease exponentially with depth



## Long waves

$\lambda \gg H$  (long wavelength or shallow ocean)  $\Rightarrow kH \ll 1$

$$\cosh[k(z_0 + H)] \approx 1$$

$$\sinh[k(z_0 + H)] \approx k(z_0 + H)$$

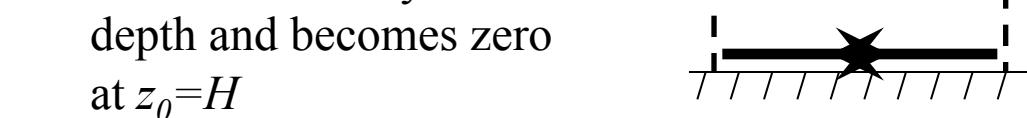
$$\cosh(kH) \approx 1$$

Constant

$$\xi = \eta_0 \sin(kx_0 - \omega t)$$

$$\zeta = -kn_0(z_0 + H) \cos(kx_0 - \omega t)$$

Decrease linearly with depth and becomes zero at  $z_0 = H$

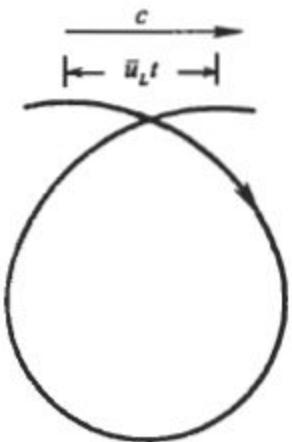


## Stokes Drift

If we do not use the approximation (i.e. the Lagrangian velocity at time  $t$  is equal with the Eulerian velocity at  $x_0, z_0$  at time  $t$ )

The Lagrangian velocity  $u_L(x_0, z_0, t)$  can be defined as the Taylor series expansion of the Eulerian velocity  $u(x, z, t)$  around  $x_0, z_0$

$$u_L(x_0, z_0, t) = u(x_0, z_0, t) + (x - x_0) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_0 + (z - z_0) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)_0 + \dots$$



For short gravity waves (deep water limit):

$$u(x_0, z_0, t) = \eta_0 \omega e^{kz_0} \cos(kx_0 - \omega t) \quad \text{Averaging over one period}$$

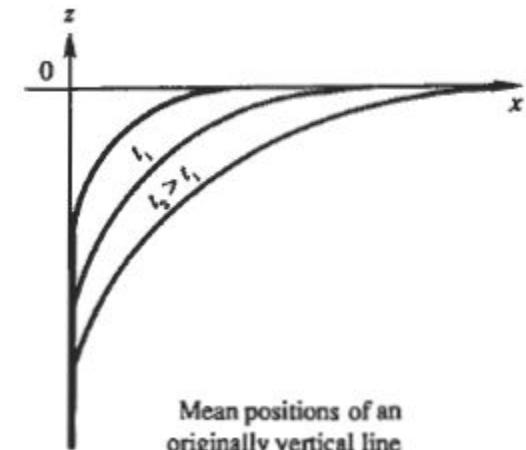
$$x - x_0 = \eta_0 e^{kz_0} \sin(kx_0 - \omega t) \quad \bar{u}_s = \bar{u}_L - \bar{u} = \eta_0^2 \omega k e^{2kz_0}$$

$$z - z_0 = -\eta_0 e^{kz_0} \cos(kx_0 - \omega t)$$

In general

$$\boxed{\bar{u}_s = \eta_0^2 \omega k \frac{\cos[2k(z_0 + H)]}{2 \sinh^2(kH)}}$$

**Stokes velocity**



$$\eta = \eta_0 \cos(kx - \omega t) + \eta_0 \cos(kx + \omega t) = 2\eta_0 \cos(kx) \cos(\omega t)$$

$$u = \frac{2kg\eta_0 \cosh[k(z+H)]}{\omega \cosh(kH)} \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$

**Seiches**

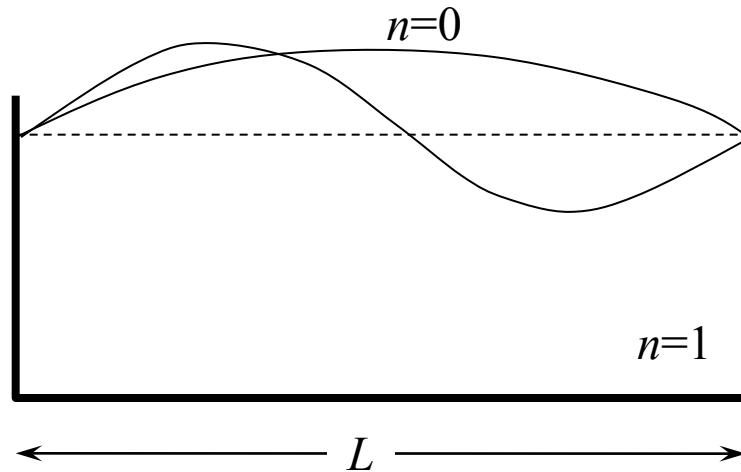
Boundary condition:

$u=0$  at  $x=0$  and  $L$

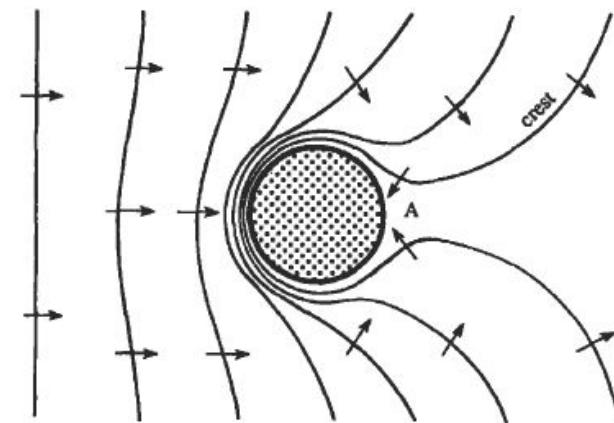
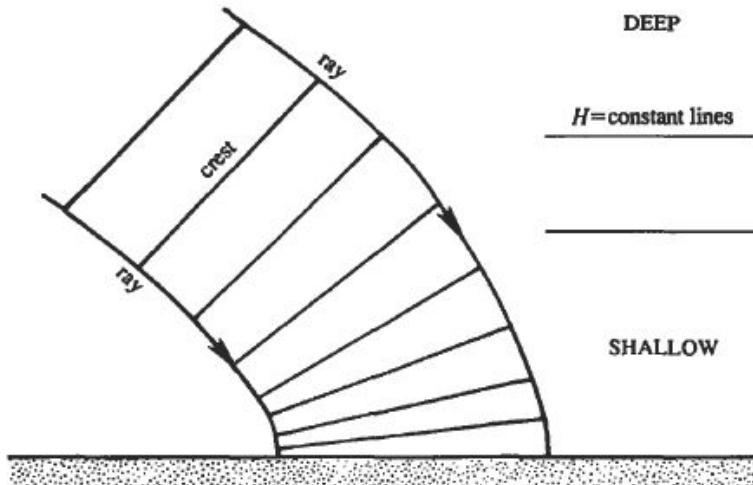
$$kL = (n+1)\pi \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n+1}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\pi g(n+1)}{L}} \tanh\left[\frac{(n+1)\pi H}{L}\right]$$



### **Wave Refraction and the island effect on waves**

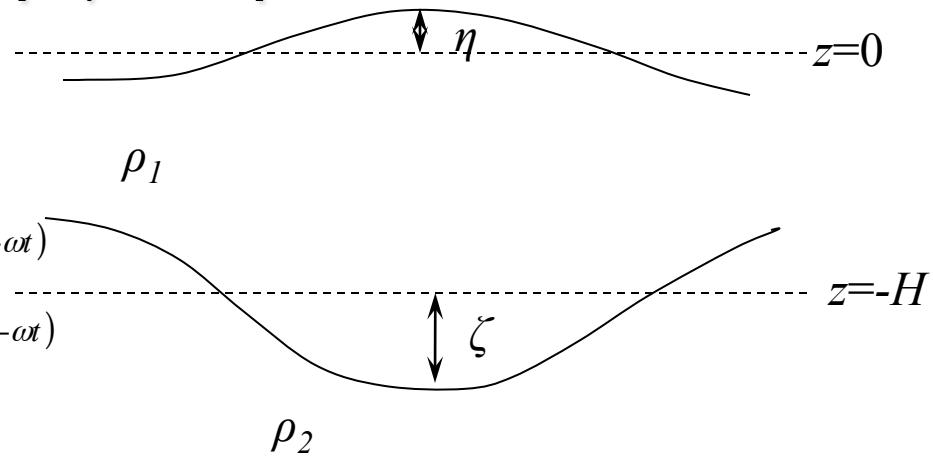


# Internal gravity waves: Layered stratification

## Εσωτερικά κύματα βαρύτητας: Απλή στρωμάτωση

Δύο στρώματα. Οι εξισώσεις Laplace για κάθε στρώμα:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 P_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P_1}{\partial z^2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 P_2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P_2}{\partial z^2} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} P_1 &= (Ae^{kz} + Be^{-kz}) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \\ P_2 &= (Ce^{kz} + De^{-kz}) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \\ \eta &= ae^{i(kx - \omega t)} \\ \zeta &= be^{i(kx - \omega t)} \end{aligned}$$



Οριακές συνθήκες:

$$\text{at } z = 0 \quad P_1 = \rho_1 g \eta \quad w_1 = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial P_1}{\partial z} = -\rho \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2}$$

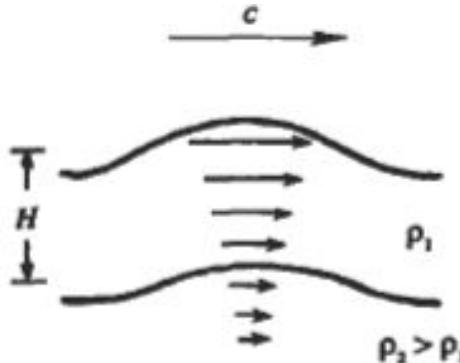
$$\text{at } z = -H \quad P_1 = P_2 = \rho_1 g (H + \eta - \zeta) + \rho_2 \zeta \quad w_1 = w_2 = \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t}$$

$$\text{at } z = -\infty \quad w_2 = 0 \quad \frac{\partial P_2}{\partial z} = 0$$

Χρησιμοποιώντας τις οριακές συνθήκες:

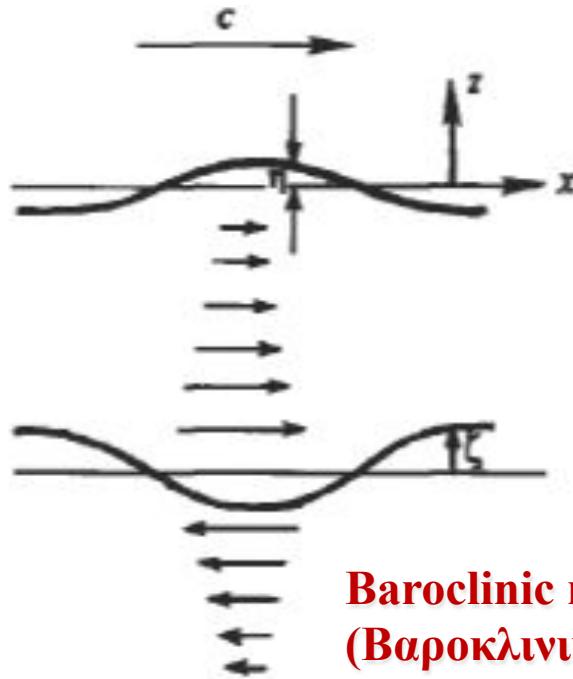
$$\left( \frac{\omega^2}{gk} - 1 \right) \left\{ \frac{\omega^2}{gk} [\rho_1 \sinh(kH) + \rho_2 \cosh(kH)] - (\rho_2 - \rho_1) \sinh(kH) \right\} = 0$$

First solution:  $\omega^2 = gk$



**Barotropic mode**  
(Βαροτροπικός  
τρόπος  
ταλάντωσης)

Second solution:  $\omega^2 = \frac{gk(\rho_2 - \rho_1)\sinh(kH)}{\rho_2 \cosh(kH) + \rho_1 \sinh(kH)}$



In general:

For an ocean of  $n$  layers, there is one barotropic mode and  $n-1$  baroclinic modes (a total of  $n$  modes of oscillation).

**Baroclinic mode**  
(Βαροκλινικός τρόπος ταλάντησης)

# Internal waves:

## Baroclinic mode

### Short waves

$$kH \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\coth(kH) \approx 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 &= \frac{gk(\rho_2 - \rho_1)\sinh(kH)}{\rho_2 \cosh(kH) + \rho_1 \sinh(kH)} = \\ &= \frac{gk(\rho_2 - \rho_1)}{\rho_2 \coth(kH) + \rho_1} \end{aligned}$$

### Long waves

$$kH \ll 1$$

$$\sinh(kH) \approx kH$$

$$\cosh(kH) \approx 1$$

$$\boxed{\omega^2 = \frac{gk^2 H (\rho_2 - \rho_1)}{\rho_2}}$$

$$\boxed{\omega = \sqrt{gk \left( \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2 + \rho_1} \right)}}$$

$$\eta = -\zeta \left( \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_1} \right) e^{-kH}$$

$$c = \sqrt{g'H}, \quad g' = \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2} g$$

$$\eta = -\zeta \left( \frac{\rho_2 - \rho_1}{\rho_2} \right)$$

For a typical oceanic stratification:  
 $\Delta\rho = O(1\text{kg/m}^3)$ ,  $\rho_2 = O(1000\text{kg/m}^3)$   
 $g' = 10^{-3}g$