

# **Nonlinear dynamics of trapped waves on currents: a new paradigm and novel mechanisms of freak wave formation**

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Madagascar

Maputo

Durban

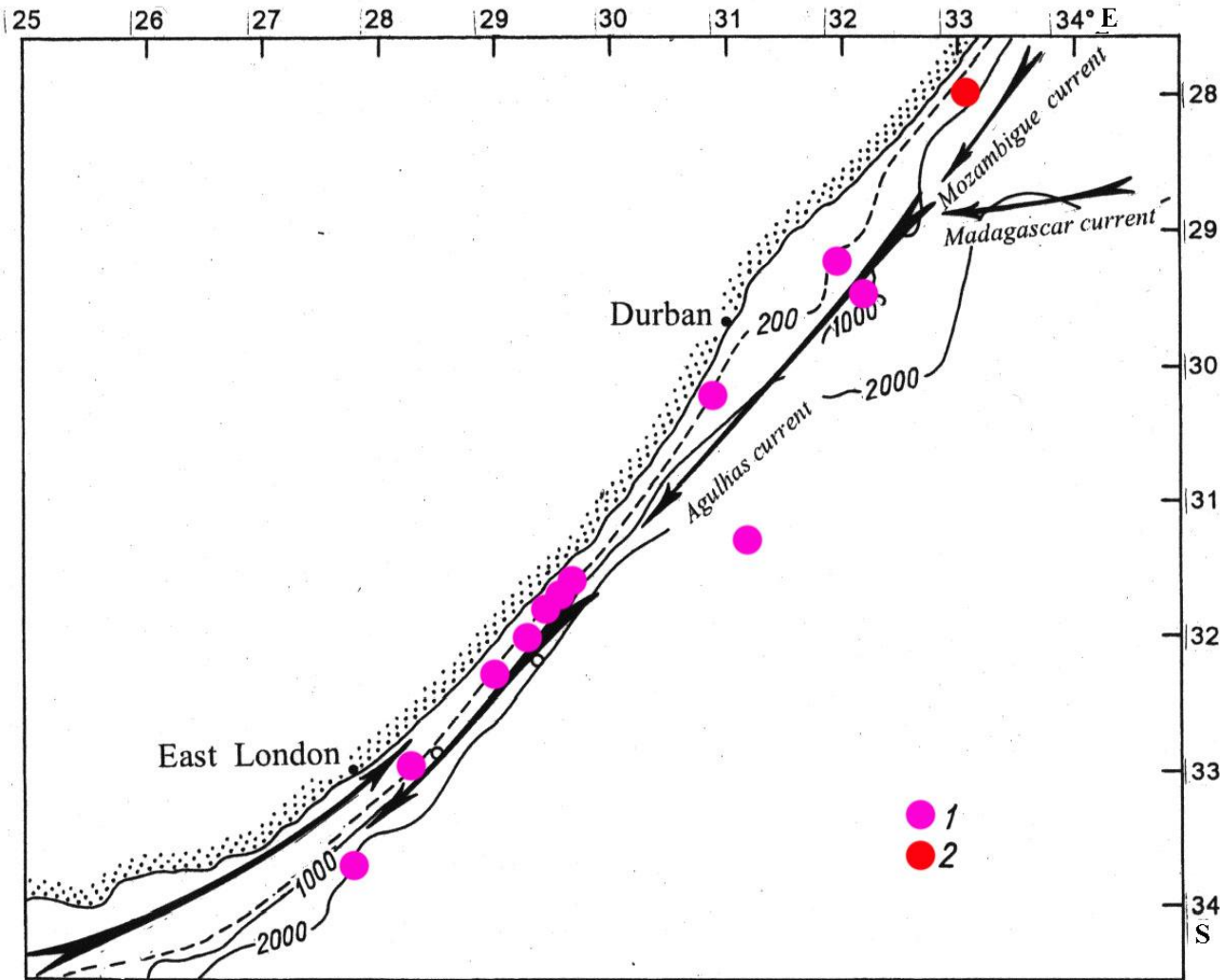
East London

Cape Town

Agulhas Current



# Ship accidents on Agulhas current



- Gaastekerck* (Apr'52)
- Oranjefontain* (Sep'53)
- Jagersfontain* (Dec'59)
- Edinburgh Castle* (Aug'64)
- World Glory* (Jun'68)
- Esso Lancashire* (Aug'68)
- Clan Maclay* (Oct'69)
- Southern Cross* (Oct'69)
- Moreton Bay* (Aug'71)
- Bencruachan* (May'73)
- Svealand* (Sep'73)
- Taganrogsky Zaliv* (Apr'85)

(Suez Canal was closed for 1967-1975, what caused more intense navigation along the coast of Africa)

[Mallory, 1974; Lavrenov, 1998]

# Ship accidents on Agulhas current

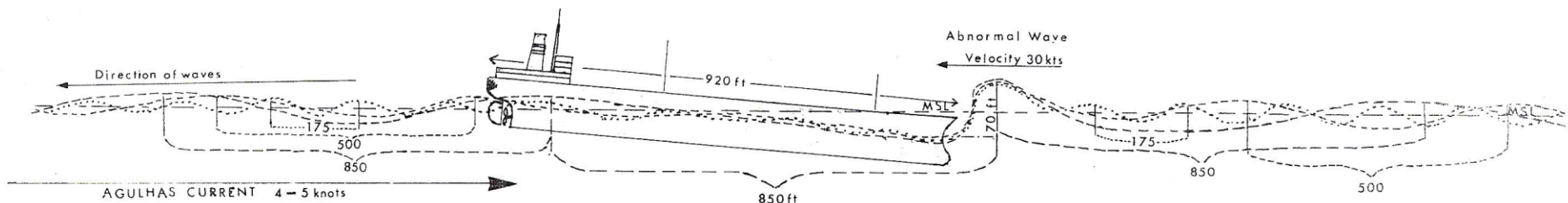
All accidents occurred close to the maximum of the current

There were coexisting different wave systems

Waves were propagating against the current

**Physical mechanisms (?)**

**Not the superposition effect!**



[Mallory, '74]

# Overview of theoretical approaches

- Linear models (*ray theory, caustics*) Peregrine & Smith (CambPhilSoc'75, RoySoc'79), Peregrine (AdvApplMath'76), Smith (JFM'76): *trapped modes, dispersion relations,, nonlinear effects on caustics*
- Lavrenov (NatHaz'98): *rays on a jet current, simulations, Agulhas current conditions*
- White & Fornberg (JFM'98): *statistics for random current fluctuations:*

Moreira & Peregrine (JFM'12), fully nonlinear simulations

## NLS models:

Smith JFM1976, Turpin et al, JFM 1983, Gerber JFM 1987, Stocker & Peregrine JFM 1999, Hjelmervik & Trulsen, JFM 2009, Onorato et al, PRL 2011 : **current is weak**

*increase of steepness on longitudinally inhomogeneous opposite currents triggers BF instability and strong departure from Gaussianity*

- **DNS:** TT Janssen & Herbers (JPO'09): The increase of steepness on opposing current leads to BF instability, etc. **Non-NLS features:** (i) formation of trapped waves. (ii) Broad spectrum after the increase of kurtosis.
- **Observations:** Kudryavtsev et al (JGR 95) observed trapped wind waves on the Gulfstream.

**The existing theoretical approaches are not suitable for describing nonlinear dynamics of trapped waves. Hence, we know close to nothing.**



**The state of the art: the existing paradigm has fundamental shortcomings**

**The existing theoretical approaches are not adequate for describing wave nonlinear interactions in inhomogeneous situations.**

**(i) It is implicitly assumed that the nonlinear interactions remain the same and just adjust adiabatically. For this to be true the characteristic scales of nonlinear interactions  $L_{NL}$  should be much smaller than the scale of inhomogeneity  $L$ .**

$$L_{NL(d)} \sim \lambda \varepsilon^{-2}$$

**(ii) Refraction occurs in the  $x$ -space, nonlinear interactions live in the  $k$ -space.**

# The main idea

If the jet currents are longitudinally uniform, then the solutions to linearized equations of hydrodynamics for water waves could be always presented in a separable form: as waves propagating along the current with some 'modal' dependence on the vertical and transverse variables.

The reason the modal description has not been developed: it is not easy to find these modes, one has to solve a 2-d BVP.

**Here we found a way to solve this problem asymptotically under some mild assumptions. This finding provides the foundation for systematic weakly nonlinear theory of wave dynamics on jet currents.**

# The main idea

The trapped modes differ qualitatively from the free waves. This fact profoundly changes all aspects of their nonlinear dynamics

# The rogue wave implications

There is a crucial difference in wave dynamics between the  
1D evolution and 2D evolution

(Onorato et al (PhysFl'02, PRL'09), Waseda (06),  
Gramstad & Trulsen (JFM'07), Mori et al (JGR'07),

Annenkov & Shrira GRL09, (JPO14)

Waves trapped by jet currents =>

described in modal representation

**Effectively unidirectional** (nonlinear) evolution

Increase of rogue wave likelihood

due to nonlinear self-modulation effects

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- 4-wave interactions (between trapped waves)
- 3-wave interactions (between trapped and passing through waves)

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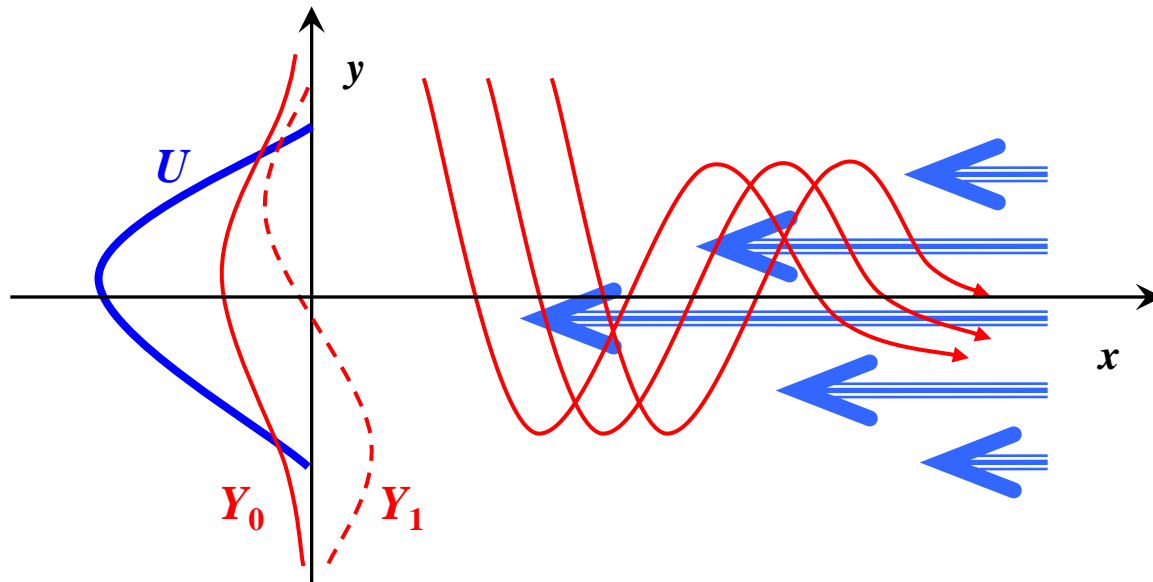
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# Modal representation



Surface elevation

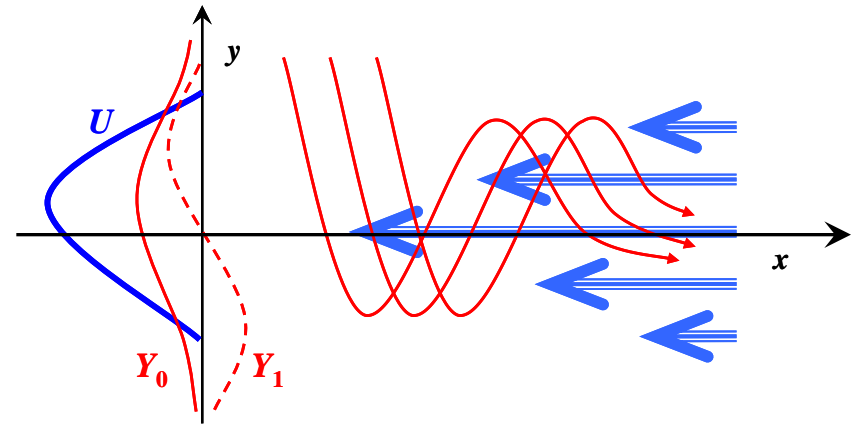
$$\eta(x, y, t) = \sum_n A_n(x, t) Y_n(y) \cos(\omega_n t - kx)$$

Euler velocities

$$\vec{v} = \sum_n \vec{B}_n(x, t) \Phi_n(y, z) \cos(\omega_n t - kx)$$

# Basic Equations

Incompressible ideal fluid  
Euler equations



$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{U} + \vec{v}, \nabla)(\vec{U} + \vec{v}) + \nabla P = \vec{g}$$

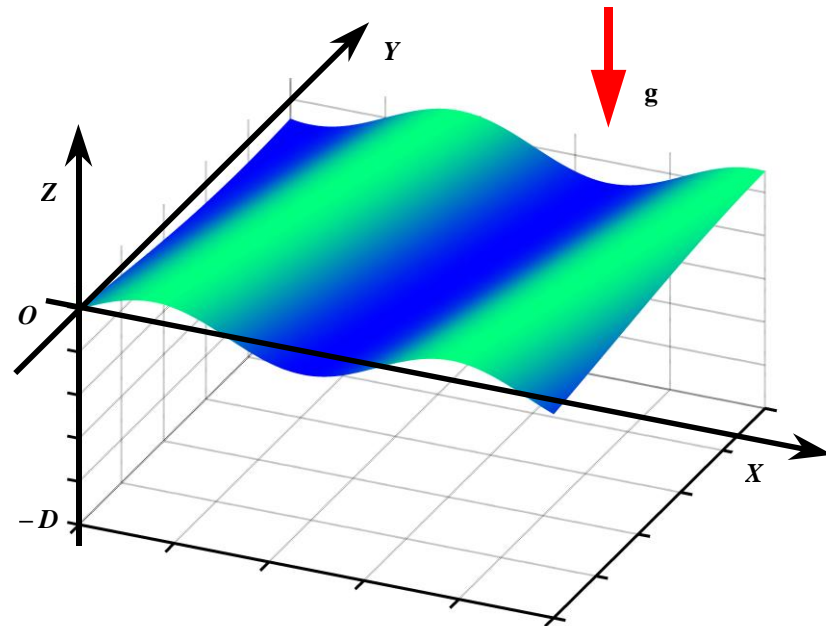
$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{U} + \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$P = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad z = \eta$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (\vec{U} + \vec{v}, \nabla) \eta = v_z \quad \text{at} \quad z = \eta$$

$$v_z = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad z = -H$$

$$\vec{U} = (U(y), 0, 0)$$





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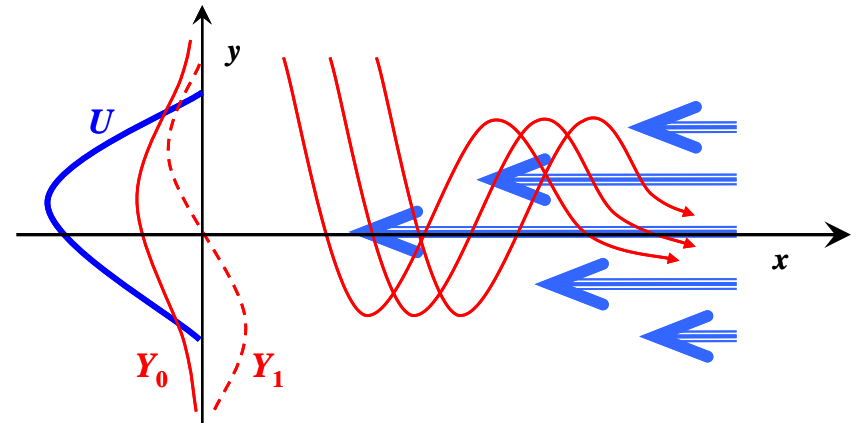
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# Boundary-value problem

no extra assumptions



$z$  - component of wave velocity,  $w(y, z)$ , has to satisfy

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \left( \frac{\Omega''}{\Omega} - 2 \frac{\Omega'^2}{\Omega^2} - k^2 \right) w = 0$$

$$\Omega(y) = \omega - kU(y)$$

(analogue of the intrinsic frequency)

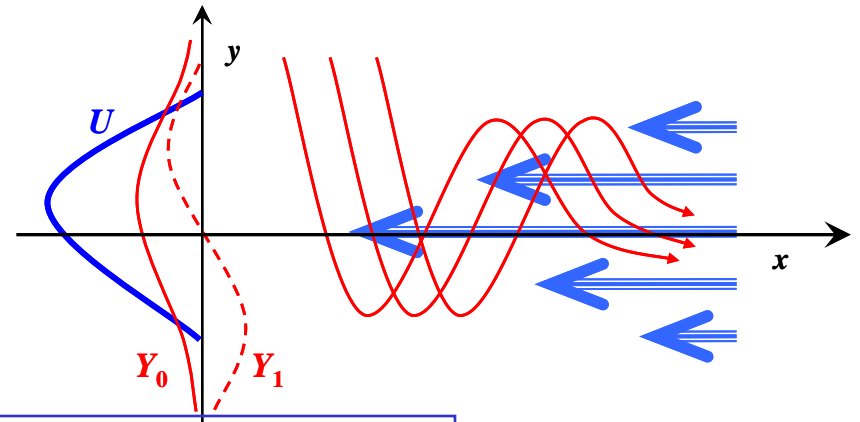
$$g \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \Omega^2 w, \quad z = \eta$$

PDE boundary-value problem

# Boundary-value problem

Seek solution in the form

$$w(y, z) = Y(y)Z(z, y)$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = h(y)^2 Z(z, y) \quad Z(z \rightarrow -\infty) = 0 \quad w \propto \exp[hz]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \left( \left\{ \frac{\Omega''}{\Omega} - 2 \frac{\Omega'^2}{\Omega^2} \right\} + h^2 - k^2 \right) Y = - \left\{ 2 \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial y^2} Y \right\}$$

$$\Omega(y) = \omega - kU(y)$$

$$gh(y) = \Omega^2(y)$$

# Asymptotic solution of the BVP

1. Slow lateral variation of the current,  $U = U(\mu y)$ ,  $\mu \ll 1$   
 the longitudinal wavenumber  $k \sim 1$

The boundary-value problem

$$w(y, z) = Y(y)Z(z, \mu y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = h(\mu y)^2 Z(z, \mu y)$$

$h$  is a slow function of  $y$

~~$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \left( \mu^2 \left\{ \frac{\Omega''}{\Omega} - 2 \frac{\Omega'^2}{\Omega^2} \right\} + h^2 - k^2 \right) Y + \left\{ 2\mu\chi \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} + \mu^2 \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial y^2} Y \right\} = 0$$~~

$$\Omega(\mu y) = \omega - kU(\mu y)$$

$$gh(\mu y) = \Omega^2(\mu y)$$

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial y} \propto \chi$$

# Asymptotic solution of the BVP

1. Weak lateral variation of the current,  $U = U(\mu y)$ ,  $\mu \ll 1$   
the longitudinal wavenumber  $k \sim 1$

The boundary-value problem

$$w(y, z) = Y(y)Z(z, \mu y) \quad Y \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow \pm\infty} 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial z^2} = h(\mu y)^2 Z(z, \mu y)$$

$\omega$  is the eigenvalue

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \left( \frac{(\omega - kU(\mu y))^4}{g^2} - k^2 \right) Y = O(\chi\mu, \mu^2), \quad Y \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow \pm\infty} 0$$

Only one mode function  $Y_n(y)$  corresponds to each eigenvalue  $\omega_n$

**Modes  $Y_n(y)$  are not necessarily orthogonal.**

# Asymptotic solutions

1. Slow lateral variation of the current,  $U = U(\mu y)$ ,  $\mu \ll 1$   
the longitudinal wavenumber  $k \sim 1$
2. The current is moderately weak,  $|kU| / \omega \sim \gamma$ ,  $\gamma \ll 1$

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} + \left( \frac{\omega^4}{g^2} - k^2 - 4\gamma \frac{k\omega^3 U}{g^2} \right) Y = O(\gamma^2, \chi\mu, \mu^2)$$

$$\left| 1 - \frac{\omega^4}{k^2 g^2} \right| \gg O(\gamma) \quad \text{travelling (passing through) waves}$$

$$\frac{l^2}{k^2} \equiv 1 - \frac{\omega^4}{k^2 g^2} \leq O(\gamma) \quad \text{trapped modes}$$

eigenvalues  $l^2 > 0$  for trapped modes

# Asymptotics of moderately weak current

1. **Slow lateral variation of the current**,  $U = U(\mu y)$ ,  $\mu \ll 1$   
the longitudinal wavenumber  $k \sim 1$
2. **The current is moderately weak**,  $|kU| / \omega \sim \gamma$ ,  $\gamma \ll 1$

Eigenvalue problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} - \left( l^2 + 4 \frac{k^3 U}{\sqrt{kg}} \right) Y = 0$$

The classical stationary Schrodinger eq-n.

- Trapped modes **exist** when  $kU < 0$  (the opposing current)  
(There is always at least one trapped mode)
- **The eigenfunctions are orthogonal.** They form **a complete basis** when passing through waves are taken into account.

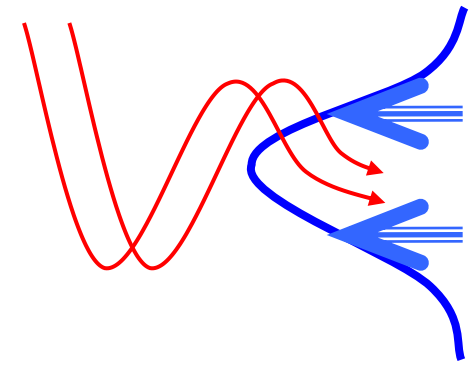


# Model profiles [a set of exact solutions]

## 1. Sech<sup>2</sup> profile

$$U = \frac{U_0}{\cosh^2(y/L)}$$

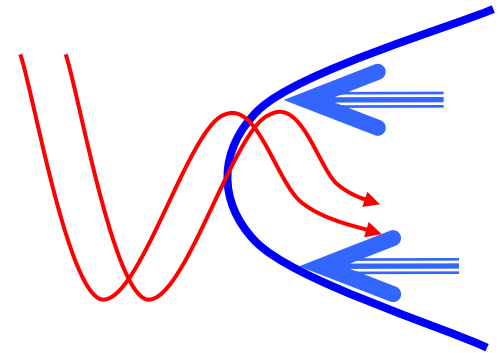
$$l^2 + 4 \frac{k^3 U_0}{\sqrt{kg}} = -(2n+1) \frac{2k\sqrt{-kU_0}}{L^4 \sqrt{kg}} + \frac{(2n+1)^2}{4L^2}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$



## 2. Parabolic current

$$U = \frac{U_0''}{2} y^2 + U_0$$

$$l^2 + 4 \frac{k^3 U_0}{\sqrt{kg}} = -(2n+1) \frac{k\sqrt{2kU_0''}}{4\sqrt{kg}}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$



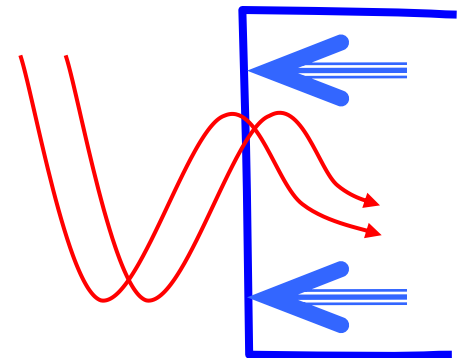
## 3. Top-hat current, width 2L

$$l^2 \approx k^2 \left( \frac{4kU}{\sqrt{kg}} kL \right)^2 \quad \text{narrow current}$$

$$(kL)^2 \frac{|kU|}{\sqrt{kg}} \ll 1$$

$$l^2 + 4 \frac{k^3 U_0}{\sqrt{kg}} \approx \frac{\pi^2 (n+1)^2}{L^2}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

otherwise



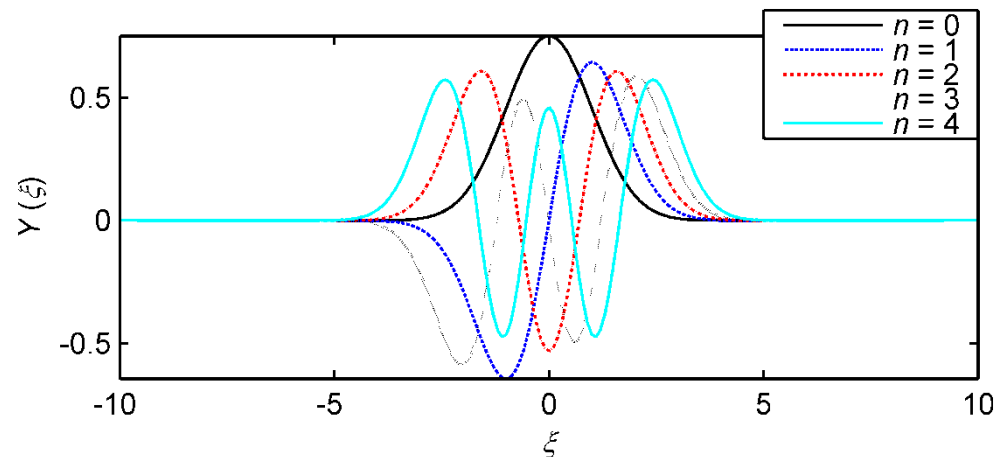
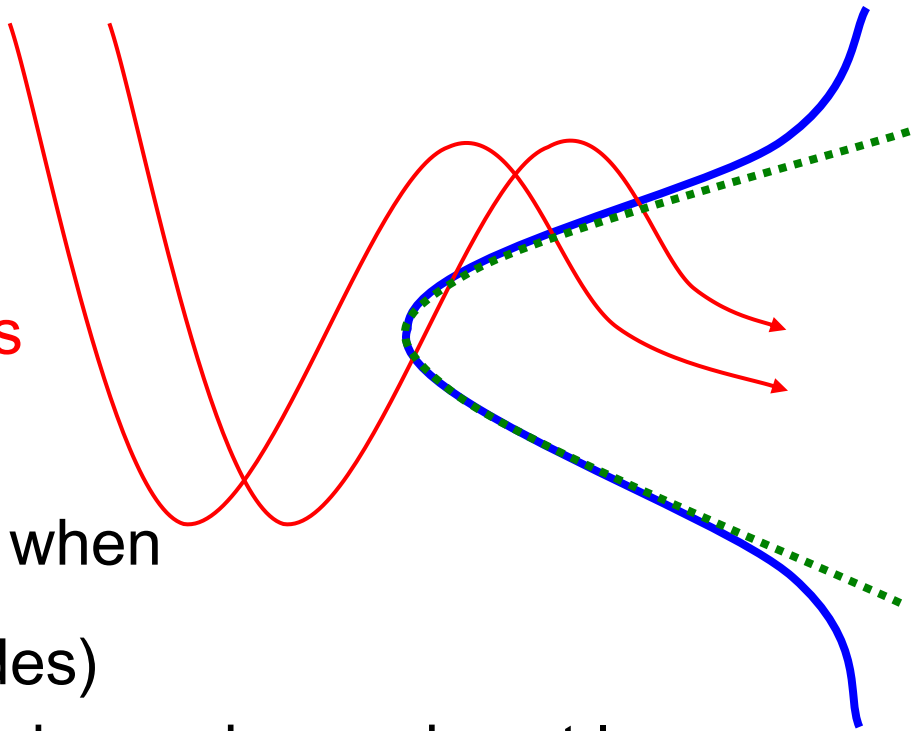
# Asymptotics for the tip of the current

Parabolic shape  
is a good approximation  
for the tip of generic jet currents

Solutions for the parabolic  
and the sech currents coincide when

$$(kL)^2 \frac{|kU|}{\sqrt{kg}} \gg 1$$

(many modes)  
and the mode number,  $n$ , is not large



# Number of trapped modes

$$\frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial y^2} - \left( l^2 + 4 \frac{k^3 U}{\sqrt{kg}} \right) Y = 0$$

Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule for the quasi-classic limit

Estimate of the number of trapped modes

$$N_{tr} = \frac{2k}{\pi^4 \sqrt[4]{kg}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{\sqrt{-kU}}_{\text{blue bracket}} dy - \frac{1}{2} \approx 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{-\frac{U}{C_{ph}}} \frac{dy}{\lambda}$$

$$C_{ph} = \sqrt{g/k}$$

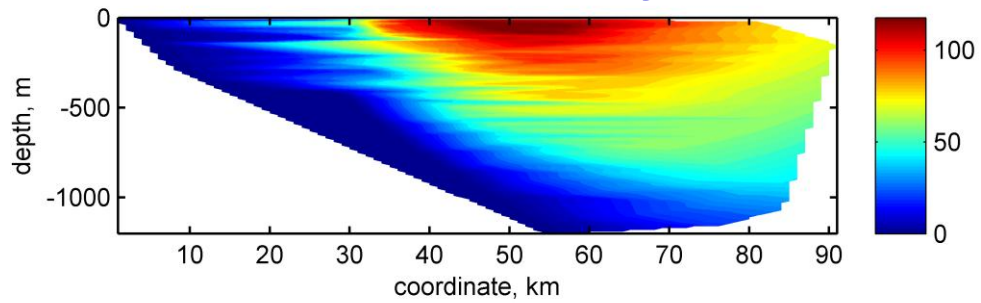
$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

# 'Field study': Agulhas current

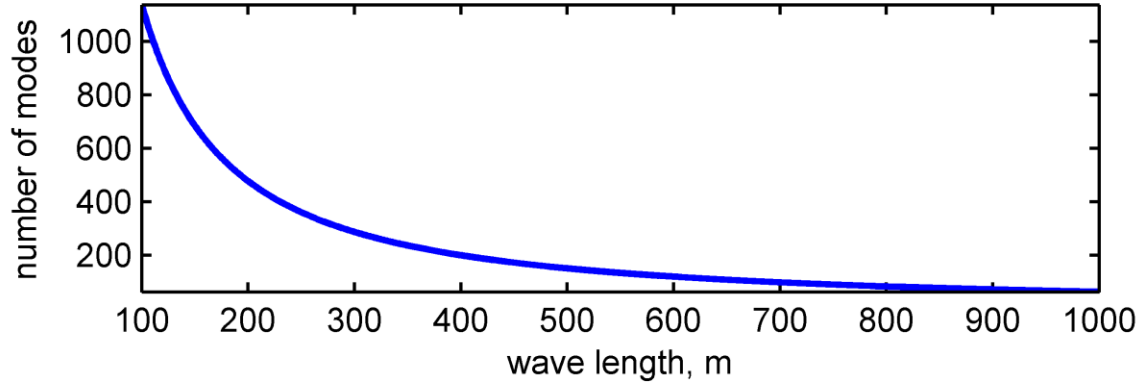
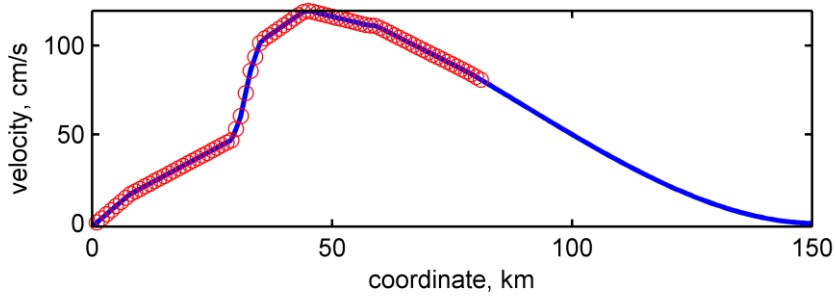
$$N_{tr} \approx 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{-\frac{U}{C_{ph}} \frac{dy}{\lambda}}$$

Current profile

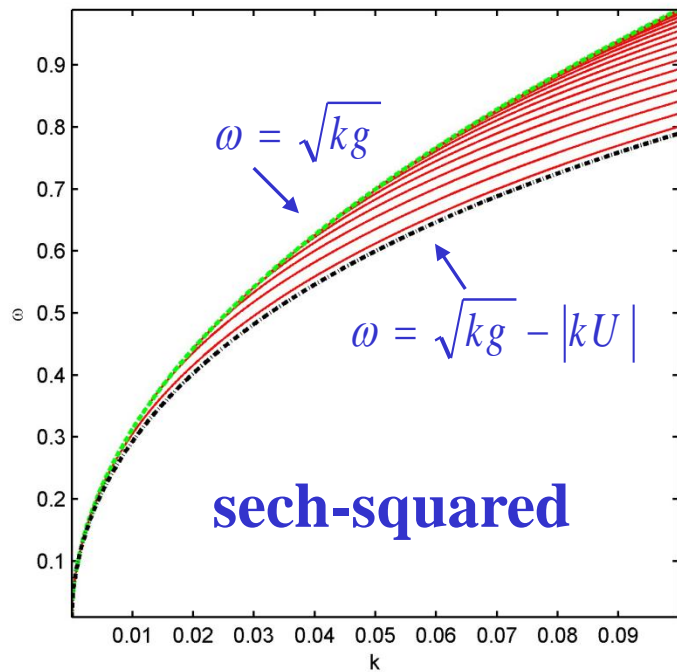
velocity



current profile



**$O(10^2)$  trapped modes**

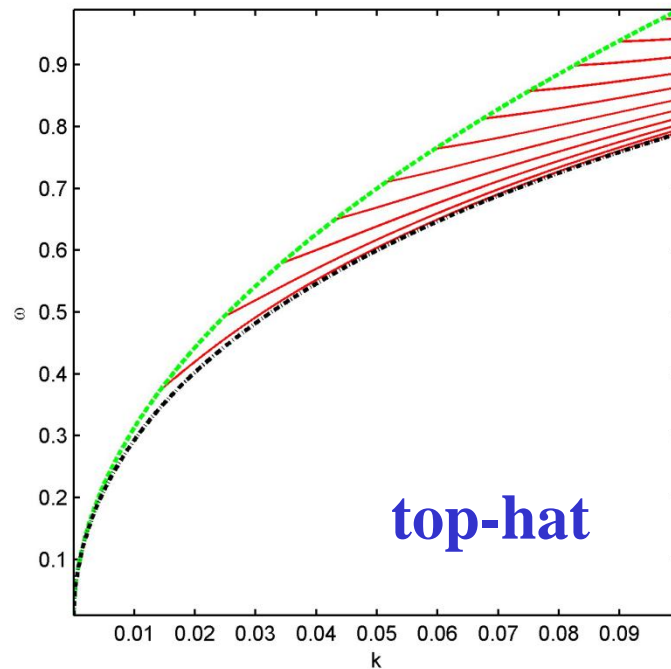
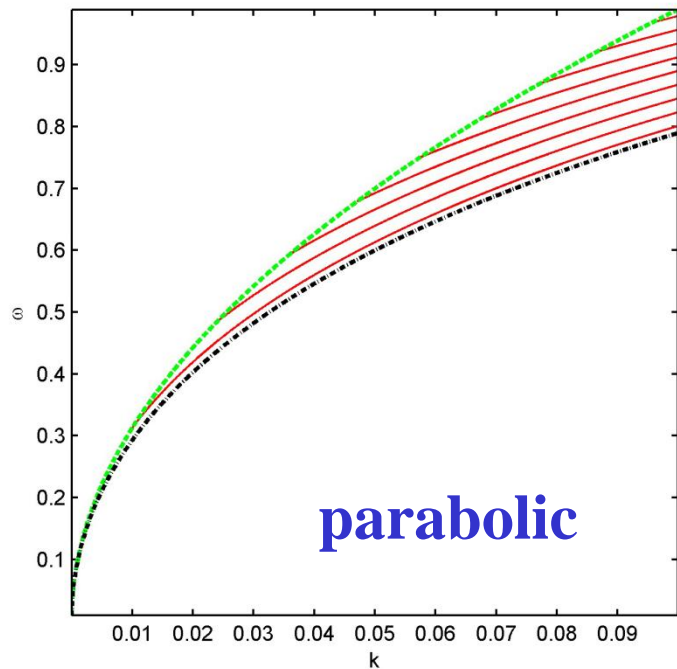


# Dispersion relation

(parameters typical of rip currents)

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{kg} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{l^2}{k^2} \right), \quad l^2 > 0$$

$l^2$  is the solution of the BVP



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# Nonlinear dynamics

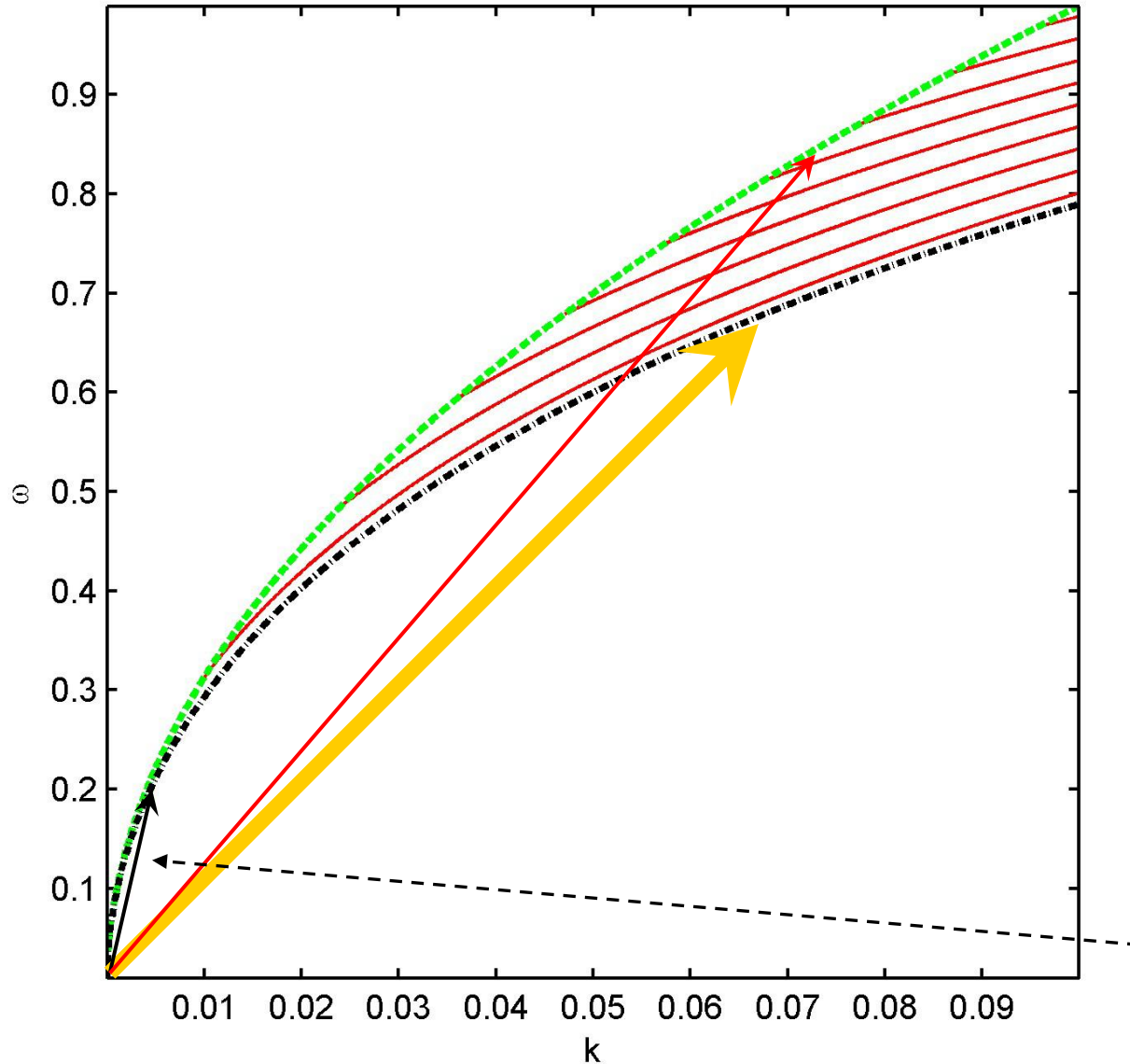
**The trapped modes differ qualitatively from the free waves. This fact profoundly changes all aspects of their nonlinear dynamics.**

Here we focus upon wave resonant interactions



# Triad wave resonances

3-wave resonances for trapped waves are always allowed



The resonance conditions for 3-wave resonances

$$k_2 - k_1 = k_3$$

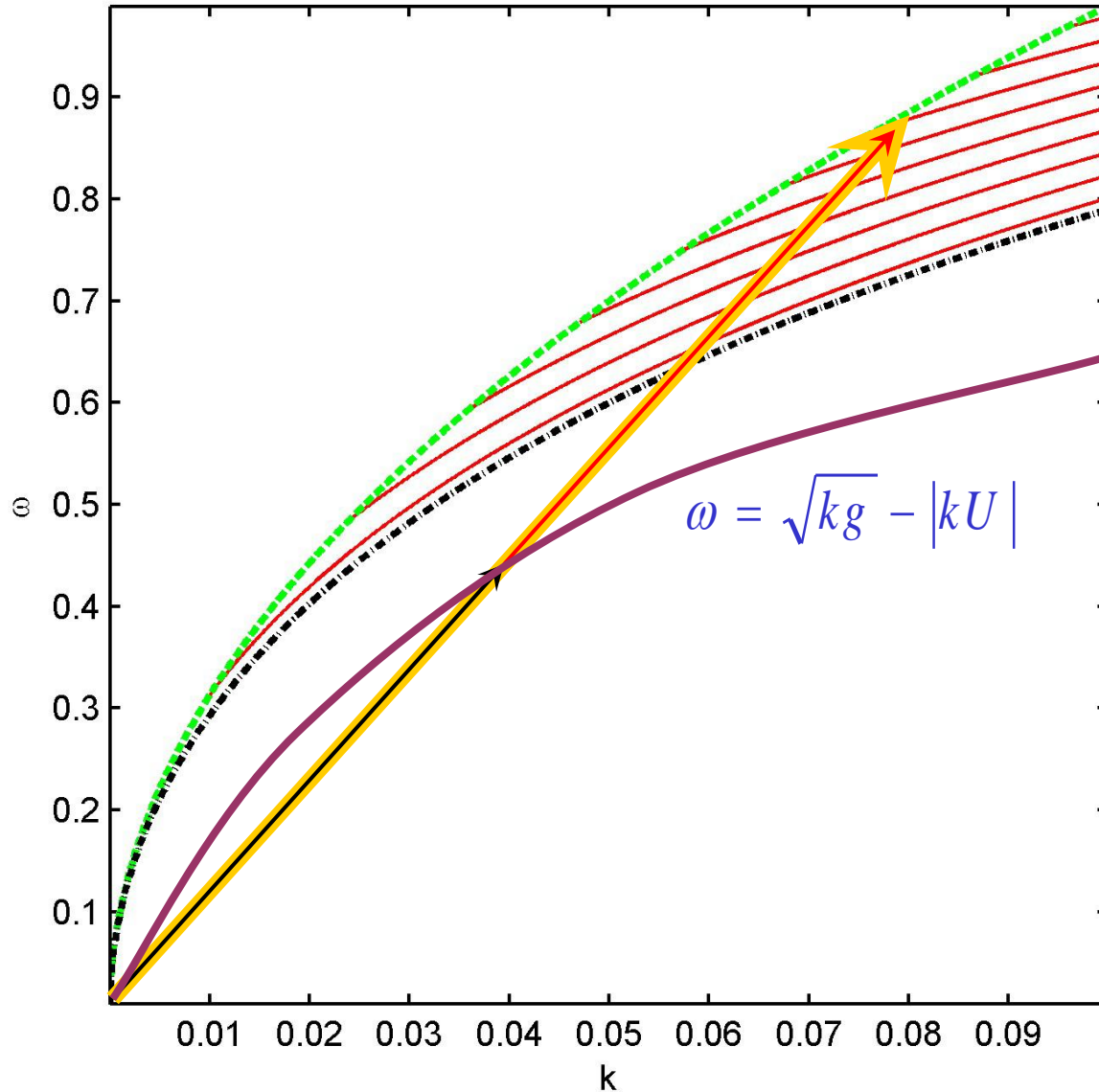
$$\omega_2 - \omega_1 = \omega_3$$

are satisfied

$$4 \sqrt{\frac{k_3}{k_1}} = \frac{l_1^2}{k_1^2} - \frac{l_2^2}{k_2^2} \propto \gamma$$

The third wave must be long

# Triad wave resonances



3-wave resonances

$$\omega + \omega = 2\omega$$

$$k + k = 2k$$

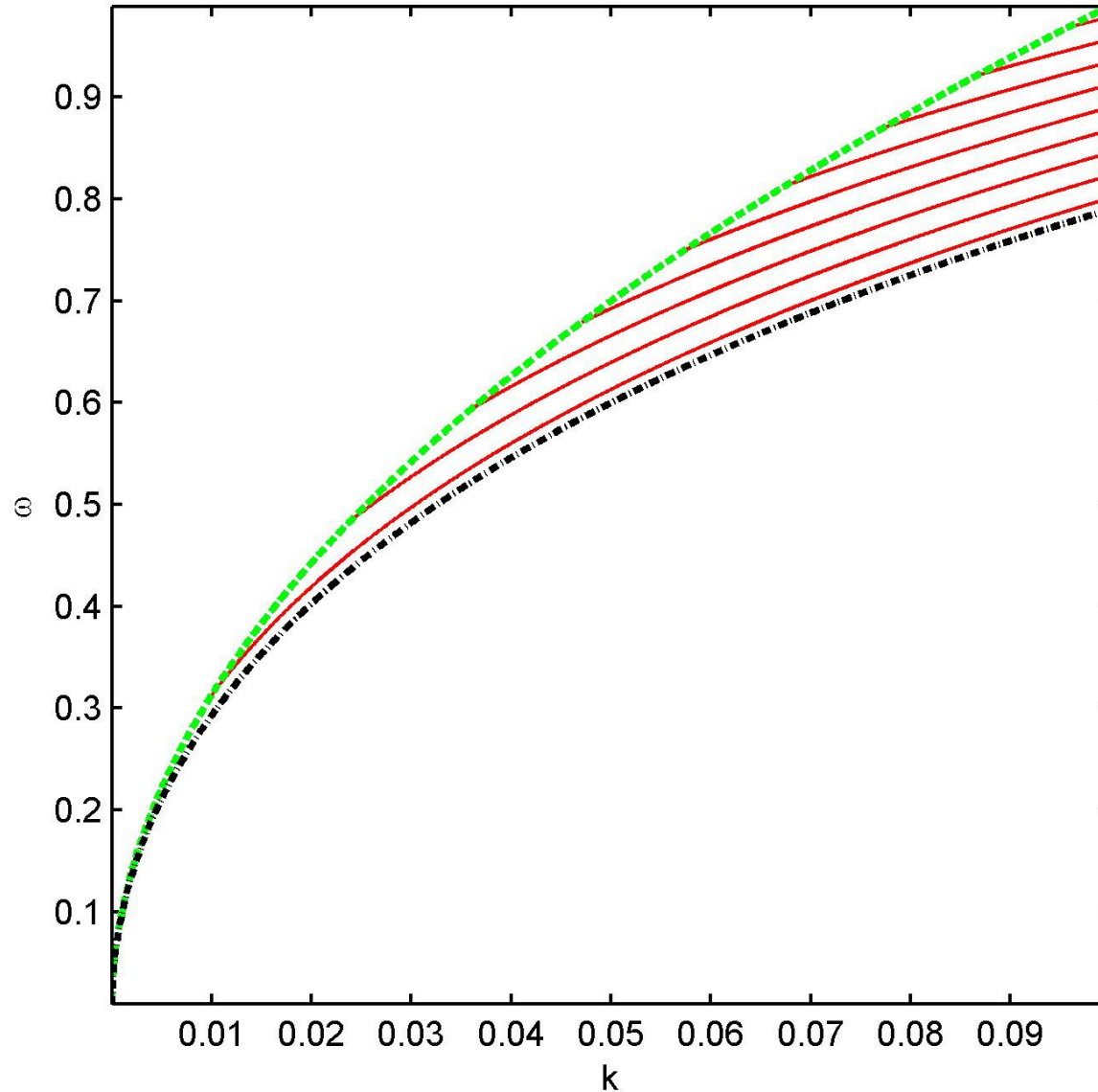
are possible for waves of comparable scales if

$$\left| \frac{kU}{\omega} \right| > 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.3$$

Current should be strong enough:  $\left| \frac{kU}{\omega} \right| \sim 1$

# Wave resonances

4-wave resonances between trapped waves of comparable scales are always allowed for currents of arbitrary strength



In contrast to free wave waves non-trivial (and non-degenerate) resonances are allowed for 1d propagation

$$k_1 + k_2 = k_3 + k_4$$

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3 + \omega_4$$

# **New type of interactions: Triad interactions between trapped and passing through waves**

If we consider a pair of trapped modes  $k_1, k_2$ , and a passing through wave  $k_3$ , then the triad resonance conditions, e.g.,

$$k_1 + k_2 = k_3, \quad \omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3,$$

are easy to satisfy. From the perspective of trapped modes, the passing through waves have infinite energy. This very special interaction leads to unlimited growth of trapped waves.

# Nonlinear equations

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{U} + \vec{v}, \nabla)(\vec{U} + \vec{v}) + \nabla P = \vec{g} \quad \vec{U} = (U(y), 0, 0)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{U} + \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$P = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad z = \eta$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (\vec{U} + \vec{v}, \nabla) \eta = v_z \quad \text{at} \quad z = \eta$$

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## Weakly nonlinear asymptotic theory

$$k\eta \sim \varepsilon, \quad (u, v, w) \sim \varepsilon C_{ph} \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

current is slow function of  $y$  ( $\mu \ll 1$ )

# Asymptotic Series

## Weakly nonlinear asymptotic theory

$$k\eta \sim \varepsilon, \quad (u, v, w) \sim \varepsilon C_{ph}, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$$\eta(x, y, t) = \varepsilon \eta^{[1]} + \varepsilon^2 \eta^{[2]} + \varepsilon^3 \eta^{[3]} + \dots$$

$$u(x, y, z, t) = \varepsilon u^{[1]} + \varepsilon^2 u^{[2]} + \varepsilon^3 u^{[3]} + \dots$$

$$v(x, y, z, t) = \varepsilon v^{[1]} + \varepsilon^2 v^{[2]} + \varepsilon^3 v^{[3]} + \dots$$

$$w(x, y, z, t) = \varepsilon w^{[1]} + \varepsilon^2 w^{[2]} + \varepsilon^3 w^{[3]} + \dots$$

Slow time

$$T = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon^m t$$

Slow coordinate

$$\frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \propto \varepsilon$$

# Ansatz

## Weakly nonlinear asymptotic theory

$$k\eta \sim \varepsilon, \quad (u, v, w) \sim \varepsilon C_{ph}, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$$w^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r (B_r(X, T) \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r t) + c.c.) Y_r(y) Z_r(z)$$

$$Z_r(z) = \exp(h_r(y)z)$$

# Weakly nonlinear asymptotic theory

$$k\eta \sim \varepsilon, \quad (u, v, w) \sim \varepsilon C_{ph}, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

Solution in the order  $\varepsilon^1$

$$w^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r (B_r(X, T) \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r t) + c.c.) Y_r(y) Z_r(z)$$

$$u^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r \left( -\frac{k_r}{h_r} B_r \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r t) + c.c. \right) Y_r Z_r$$

$$v^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r \left( \frac{1}{h_r} B_r \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r t) + c.c. \right) \frac{\partial Y_r}{\partial y} Z_r$$

$$\eta^{[1]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r (A_r \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r t) + c.c.) Y_r(y) \quad A_r = -i \frac{\Omega_r}{gh_r} B_r$$

$$h_r = \frac{\Omega_r^2}{g}$$

are subjects for the BVP obtained earlier

$$\Omega = \omega - kU$$



# Weakly nonlinear asymptotic theory

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Solution in the order  $\varepsilon^2$

$$w^{[2]} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_r \left( i \frac{k_r}{h_2} \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial X} \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r x) + c.c. \right) Y_r z Z_r + \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_f \sum_r \left( B_r^f \exp(i\omega_r t - ik_r x) + c.c. \right) Y_r^f Z_r^f$$

forced components

$$h_r^f = \frac{(\omega^f - k_r U)^2}{g}$$

$$\omega^f \neq \omega_r$$

$$h_r = \frac{(\omega - k_r U)^2}{g}$$

are subjects for the BVP obtained earlier

# Equations for 3-wave interactions

$$\frac{\partial B_1}{\partial t} Y_1 + V_1 \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial X} Y_1 + \sum_f \kappa_1^f B_1^f Y_1^f + \sigma_1 B_2^* B_3 \frac{\partial Y_2}{\partial y} \frac{\partial Y_3}{\partial y} + \rho_1 B_2^* B_3 Y_2 Y_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_2}{\partial t} Y_2 + V_2 \frac{\partial B_2}{\partial X} Y_2 + \sum_f \kappa_2^f B_2^f Y_2^f + \sigma_2 B_1 B_3 \frac{\partial Y_1}{\partial y} \frac{\partial Y_3}{\partial y} + \rho_2 B_1 B_3 Y_1 Y_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_3}{\partial t} Y_3 + V_3 \frac{\partial B_3}{\partial X} Y_3 + \sum_f \kappa_3^f B_3^f Y_3^f + \sigma_3 B_1^* B_2 \frac{\partial Y_1}{\partial y} \frac{\partial Y_2}{\partial y} + \rho_3 B_1^* B_2 Y_1 Y_2 = 0$$

Integration in the lateral dimension. Orthogonality of eigenmodes

$$\frac{\partial B_1}{\partial t} + V_1 \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial X} + v_1 B_2^* B_3 = 0$$

$$V_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k_1 g^2}{2(\omega_1 - k_1 U)^3} + U \right) Y_1^2 dy$$

$$v_1 = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_1 Y_1 Y_2 Y_3' dy}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_1^2 dy} + \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho_1 Y_1 Y_2 Y_3 dy}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_1^2 dy}$$

The approach is efficient if modes are [weakly] non-orthogonal

# Equations for 3-wave interactions

$$\frac{\partial B_1}{\partial t} + V_1 \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial X} + \nu_1 B_2^* B_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_2}{\partial t} + V_2 \frac{\partial B_2}{\partial X} + \nu_2 B_1 B_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B_3}{\partial t} + V_3 \frac{\partial B_3}{\partial X} + \nu_3 B_1^* B_2 = 0$$

- No assumption on the current magnitude was made
- Linear wave group velocity

$$V_r = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k_r g^2}{2(\omega_r - k_r U)^3} + U \right) Y_r^2 dy \quad \text{It tends to}$$

$$V_r = \frac{\Omega_r}{2k_r} + U$$

if waves propagate almost along the current

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**3-wave interactions are essentially non-potential.**  
**Interaction coefficients depend on vorticity of the current**

**Assumption of a moderately weak current,  $\gamma \ll 1$**

Normal form of the system

$$\frac{\partial b_1}{\partial t} + V_1 \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial X} + \nu b_2^* b_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial b_2}{\partial t} + V_2 \frac{\partial b_2}{\partial X} + \nu b_1 b_3 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial b_3}{\partial t} + V_3 \frac{\partial b_3}{\partial X} + \nu b_1^* b_2 = 0$$

$$\nu = \sqrt{\nu_1 \nu_2 \nu_3} = O(\gamma^{3/2})$$

$$B_r = b_r \sqrt{\nu_r}$$

**weak interaction for weak currents**

# Equations for 4-wave interactions

$$k_1 + k_2 = k_3 + k_4 \quad k_1 \geq k_3 \geq k_4 \geq k_2$$

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3 + \omega_4$$

Under assumption of smooth ( $\mu \ll 1$ ) and moderately weak current ( $\gamma \ll 1$ ) only free (master) modes should be considered

# Equations for 4-wave interactions

Wave quartet ( $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )

$$i\sqrt{gk_1} \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial t} = \alpha_1 B_1 |B_1|^2 + \sum_{j=2,3,4} \alpha_{1j} B_1 |B_j|^2 + \beta_1 B_2^* B_3 B_4$$

$$i\sqrt{gk_2} \frac{\partial B_2}{\partial t} = \alpha_2 B_2 |B_2|^2 + \sum_{j=1,3,4} \alpha_{2j} B_2 |B_j|^2 + \beta_2 B_1^* B_3 B_4$$

$$i\sqrt{gk_3} \frac{\partial B_3}{\partial t} = \alpha_3 B_3 |B_3|^2 + \sum_{j=1,2,4} \alpha_{3j} B_3 |B_j|^2 + \beta_3 B_1 B_2 B_4^*$$

$$i\sqrt{gk_4} \frac{\partial B_4}{\partial t} = \alpha_4 B_4 |B_4|^2 + \sum_{j=1,2,3} \alpha_{4j} B_4 |B_j|^2 + \beta_4 B_1 B_2 B_3^*$$

# Nonlinear coefficients

$$i\sqrt{gk_1} \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial t} = \alpha_1 B_1 |B_1|^2 + \sum_{j=2,3,4} \alpha_{1j} B_1 |B_j|^2 + \beta_1 B_2^* B_3 B_4$$

## Nonlinear coefficients

$$\alpha_r = \frac{k_r^2}{2} I_r$$

$$\alpha_{rq} = 2\alpha_r I_{n_r n_q} \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{k_r}{k_q}}, & k_q > k_r \\ \sqrt{\frac{k_q}{k_r}}, & k_q < k_r \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_r \leq \alpha_{rq}$$

$$\beta_r = \Gamma(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$$

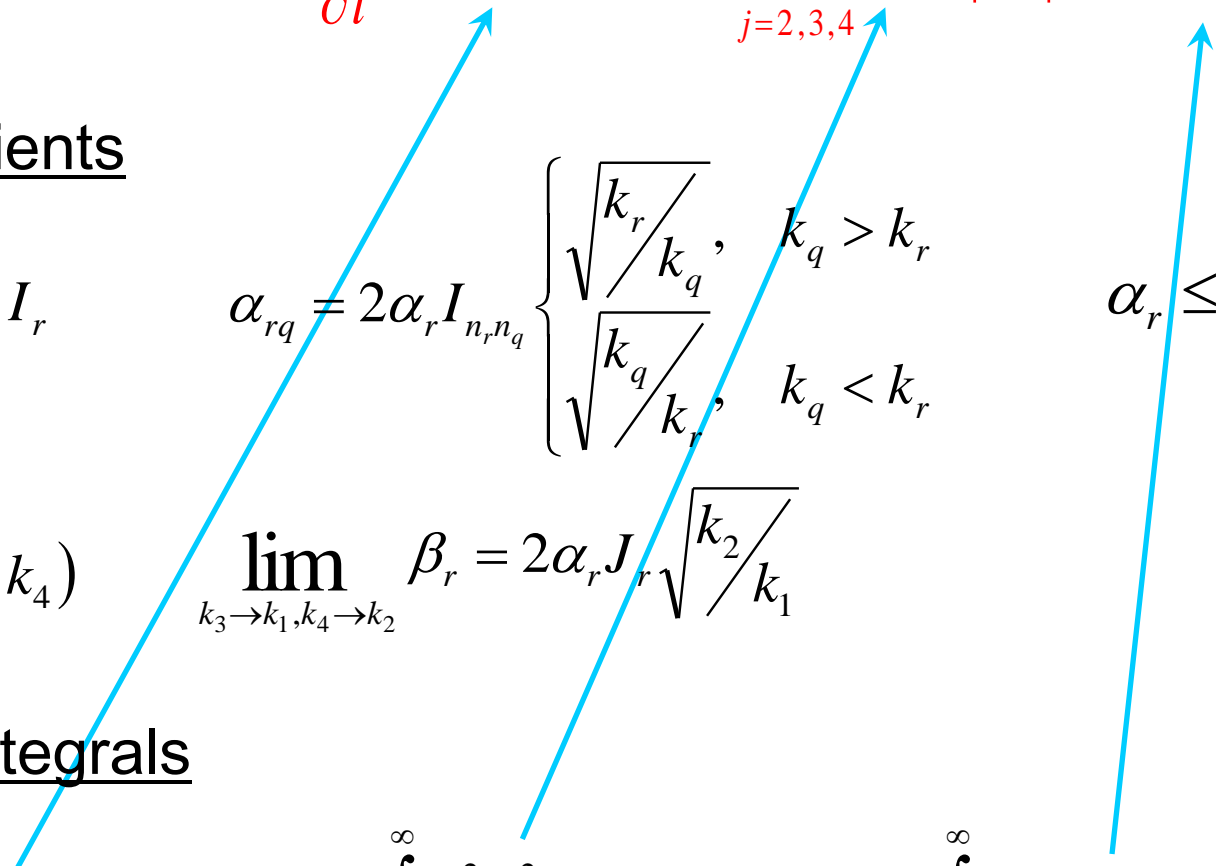
$$\lim_{k_3 \rightarrow k_1, k_4 \rightarrow k_2} \beta_r = 2\alpha_r J_r \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{k_1}}$$

## Mode overlap integrals

$$I_n = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_n^4 dy}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_n^2 dy}$$

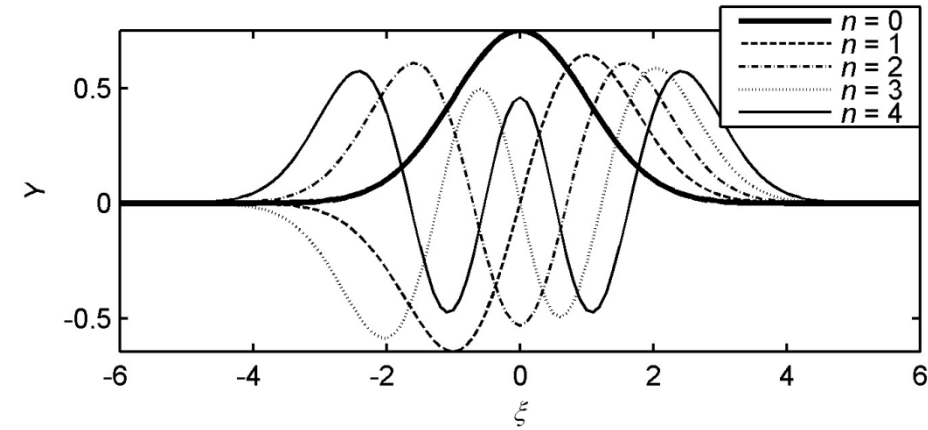
$$I_{nm} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_n^2 Y_m^2 dy}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_n^2 dy}$$

$$J_r = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_{n_1} Y_{n_2} Y_{n_3} Y_{n_4} dy}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Y_{n_r}^2 dy}$$

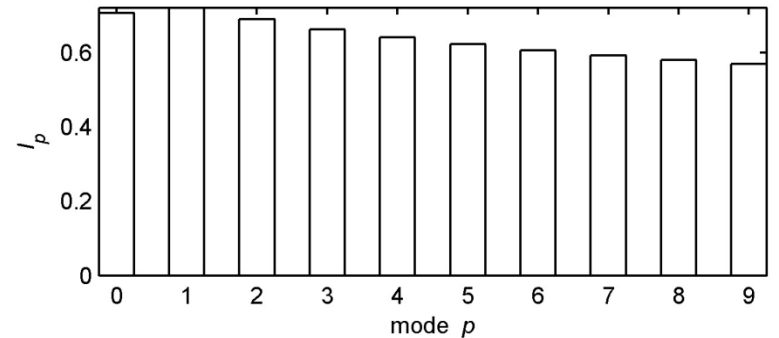


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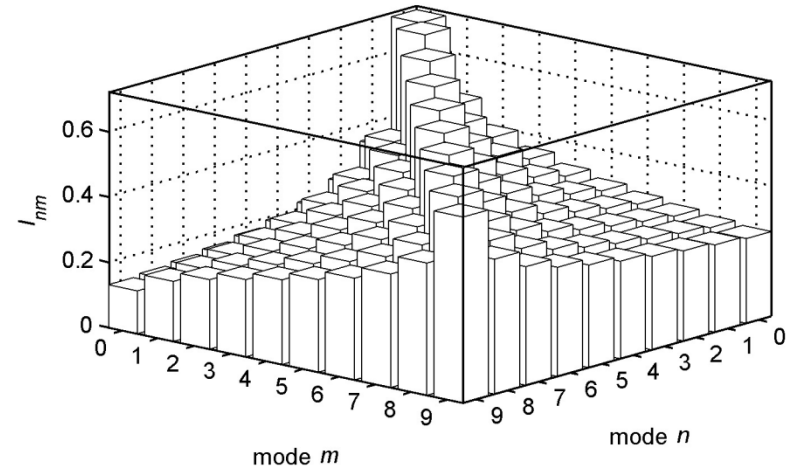
Parabolic current



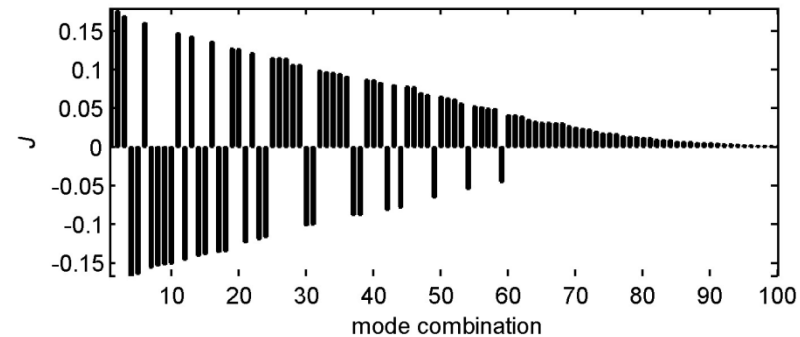
two-mode interaction



one mode self-interaction



3- and 4- different mode interaction





# Equations

$$i\sqrt{gk_1} \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial t} = \alpha_1 B_1 |B_1|^2 + \sum_{j=2,3,4} \alpha_{1j} B_1 |B_j|^2 + \beta_1 B_2^* B_3 B_4$$

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$$i\sqrt{gk_3} \frac{\partial B_3}{\partial t} = \alpha_3 B_3 |B_3|^2 + \sum_{j=1,2,4} \alpha_{3j} B_3 |B_j|^2 + \beta_3 B_1 B_2 B_4^*$$

$$i\sqrt{gk_4} \frac{\partial B_4}{\partial t} = \alpha_4 B_4 |B_4|^2 + \sum_{j=1,2,3} \alpha_{4j} B_4 |B_j|^2 + \beta_4 B_1 B_2 B_3^*$$

**Nonlinear dynamics of trapped waves is controlled by both triad and quartet interactions.**

**Depending on the parameters of the current and width of the wave spectrum either triad or quartet might be dominant, or both could be equally important. There is a variety of scenarios to be explored.**

**Interaction with the passing through waves results in constant pumping of energy into trapped modes.**

For the narrowband wave spectra we arrive at the classical 1-d NLS situation **which is now robust.**

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## Description of waves on jet currents:

- In linear setting there are always trapped modes. BVP is solved asymptotically. The trapped waves differ qualitatively from freely propagating waves

## For weakly nonlinear waves:

- 3-wave resonances always occur. Interactions are non-potential.
- nonlinear evolution equations represent coupled systems of equations (triads and quartets)
  - Particular cases: - coupled 1-d NLS equations,  
or - 1-d NLS equation.
- Interaction with passing through waves leads to constant pumping of energy into the trapped modes.

# Conclusions

**Effectively 1D dynamics of 3D waves =>**

- 1D propagation is imposed by the physical nature of trapped modes. No need in narrow angular spectrum assumptions. **A true 1D NLS framework for water waves**
- unmitigated effects of modulational instability
- There is a principal possibility of the rogue wave **deterministic forecasting** due to the integrability of the NLS model or proximity to an integrable system of more general 1d models

# Generalizations:

## Other types of waveguides:

- **Topographic (e.g. bars) .**
- **Combined (topography + current) , e.g. longshore currents and nearshore environment.**
- **Other geometries (e.g. vortices rather than jets).**
- **Other types of waves (e.g. internal waves)**

# Rogue wave implications

Linear and nonlinear effects which increase probability of freak waves on jet currents

- **Effectively 1D wave dynamics + decrease of group velocity** => better conditions for the modulational instability onset and development
- **Adiabatic non-uniformity of the current**
  - wave steepening due to change of group velocity
  - **with extra** mode localization (focusing) at stronger currents
- **additional amplification of nonlinear wave groups**
- – rise of the ceiling: increase of the maximal allowed amplitude (before breaking) due to 3-d structure of the wave



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**Thank you!**

