

FREAK WAVES IN RANDOM SEAS AND STREAKS IN CHANNEL FLOWS : POSSIBLE STOCHASTIC SIMILARITIES



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Outline

- EXTREME EVENTS IN GAUSSIAN SEAS
 - LINEAR COHERENT STRUCTURE : THE WAVE GROUP
- **WEAKLY** NONLINEAR EFFECTS
 - NONLINEAR EVOLUTION OF THE LINEAR WAVE GROUP
 - INTERMITTENCY AND INITIAL STAGE OF FREAK WAVES
- **STRONG** NONLINEAR EFFECTS
 - QUASI-SOLITONIC TURBULENCE (FREAK WAVES)
- FUTURE RESEARCH:
 - ARE STREAKS SIMILAR TO FREAK WAVES ?



Freak waves, rogue waves and giant waves



Nonlinear water waves

Gaussian seas
and extreme waves



Freak waves



Rogue waves



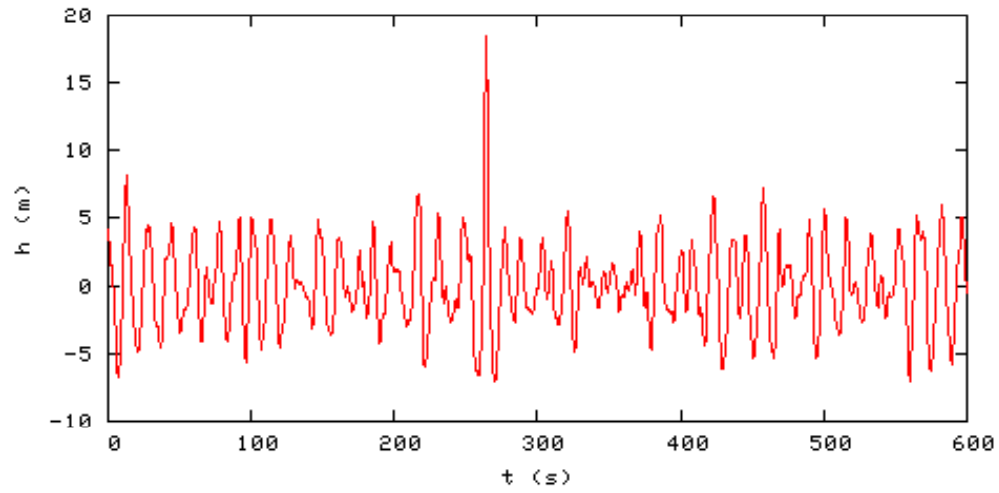
Giant waves



Extreme waves



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Stokes Equations for regular waves

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

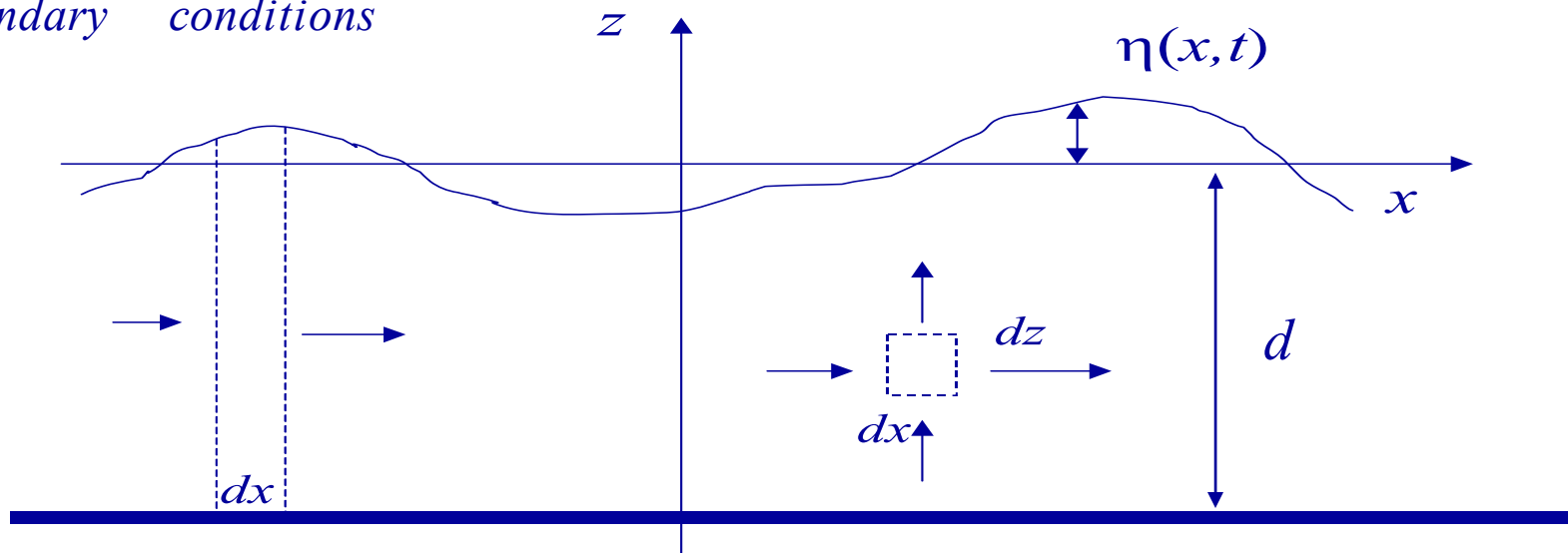
$$\left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)_{z=\eta} = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)_{z=\eta}$$

$$v_z = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z}$$

$$v_x = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right)_{z=\eta} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right]_{z=\eta} + g\eta = f(t)$$

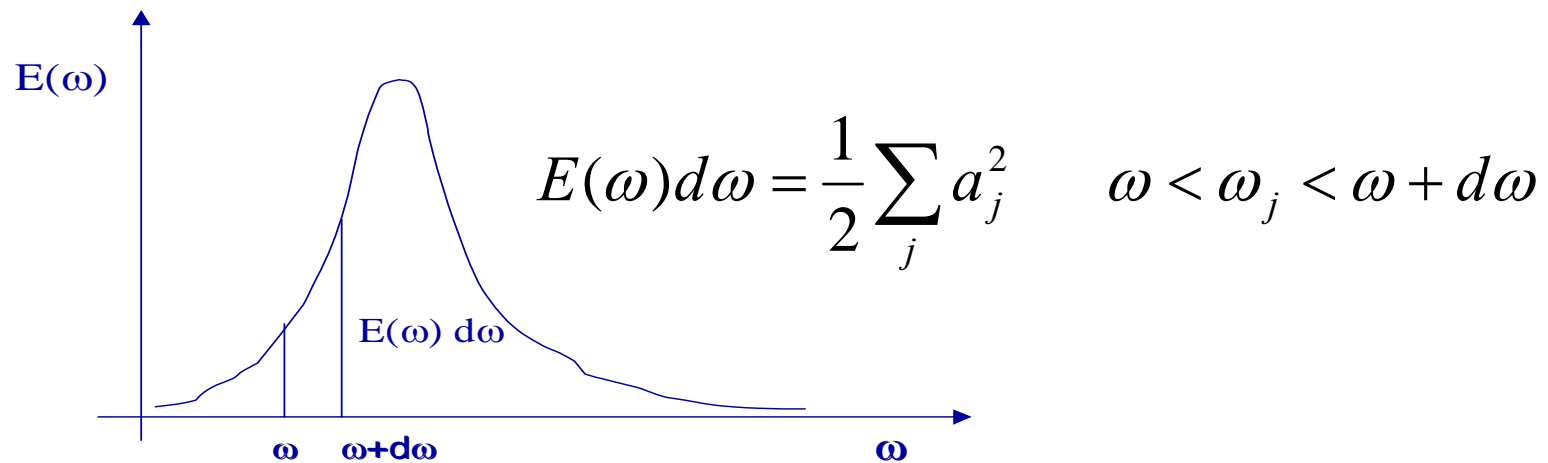
boundary conditions



Gaussian seas

$$\eta(x, t) = \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \cos(k_j x + \omega_j t + \varepsilon_j)$$

ε_j uniformly random in $[0, 2\pi]$



$$\psi(T) = \langle \eta(x_0, t_0) \eta(x_0, t_0 + T) \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} E(\omega) \cos \omega T d\omega$$

Stationarity

Ergodicity

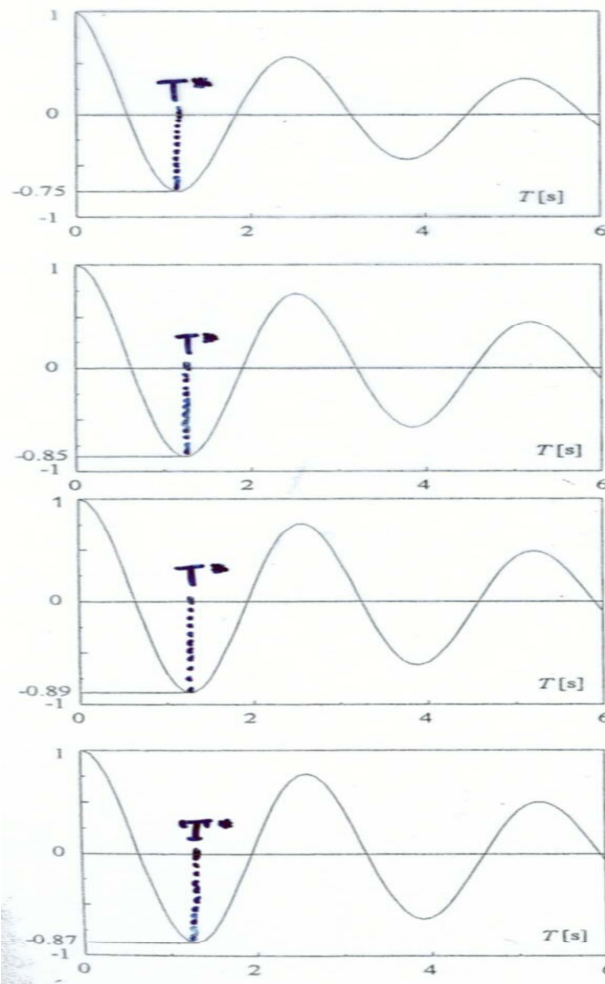
Gaussianity

Typical wave spectra from Mediterranean sea*

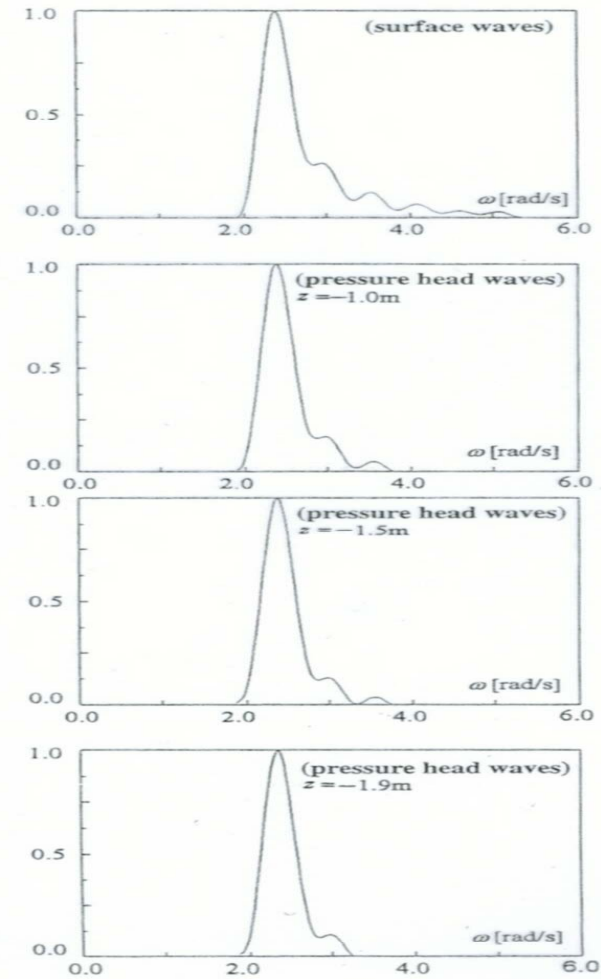
Wind generated waves: basic concepts

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$\psi(T)$



$E(\omega)$

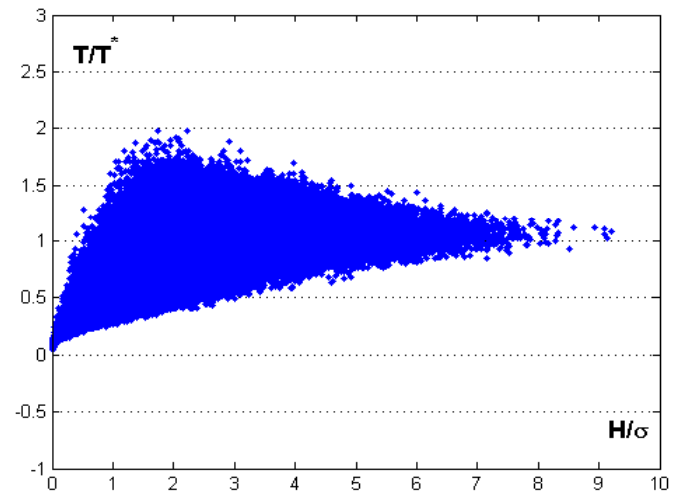
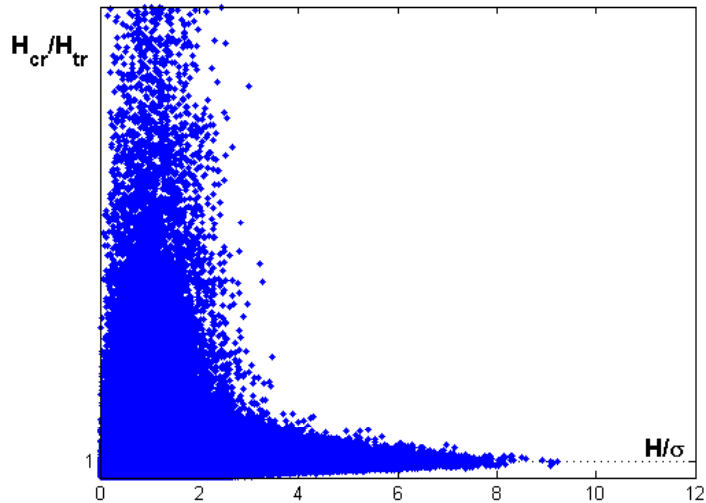
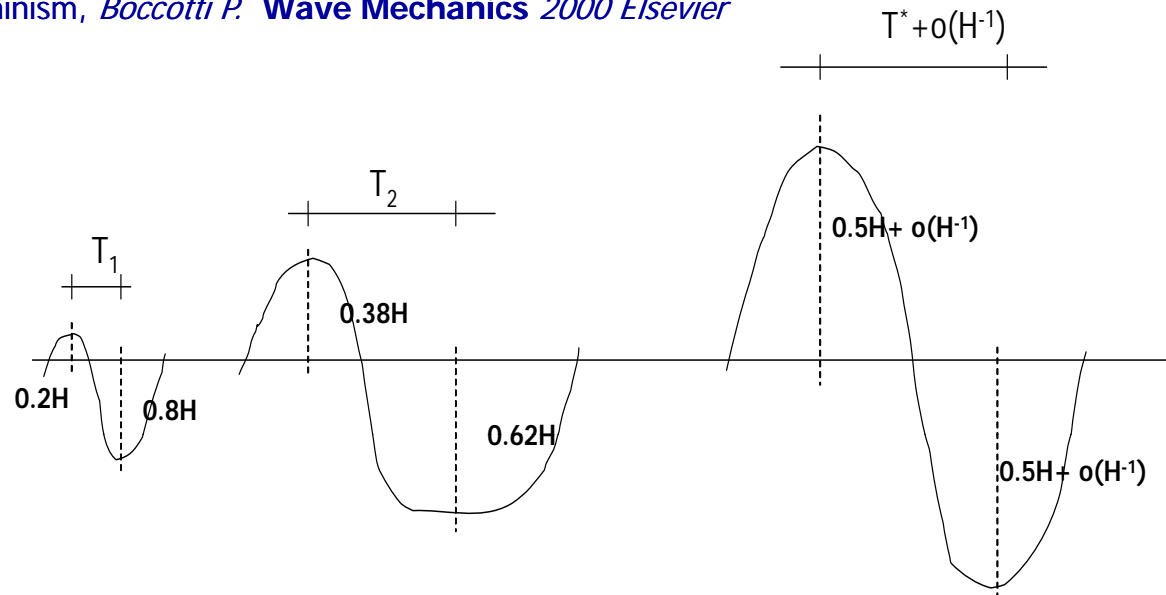


*from *Boccotti P. Wave Mechanics 2000 Elsevier*

Time domain analysis

NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS TO HAVE A HIGH WAVE

*Theory of quasi-determinism, *Boccotti P. Wave Mechanics 2000 Elsevier*



Space-time domain analysis*

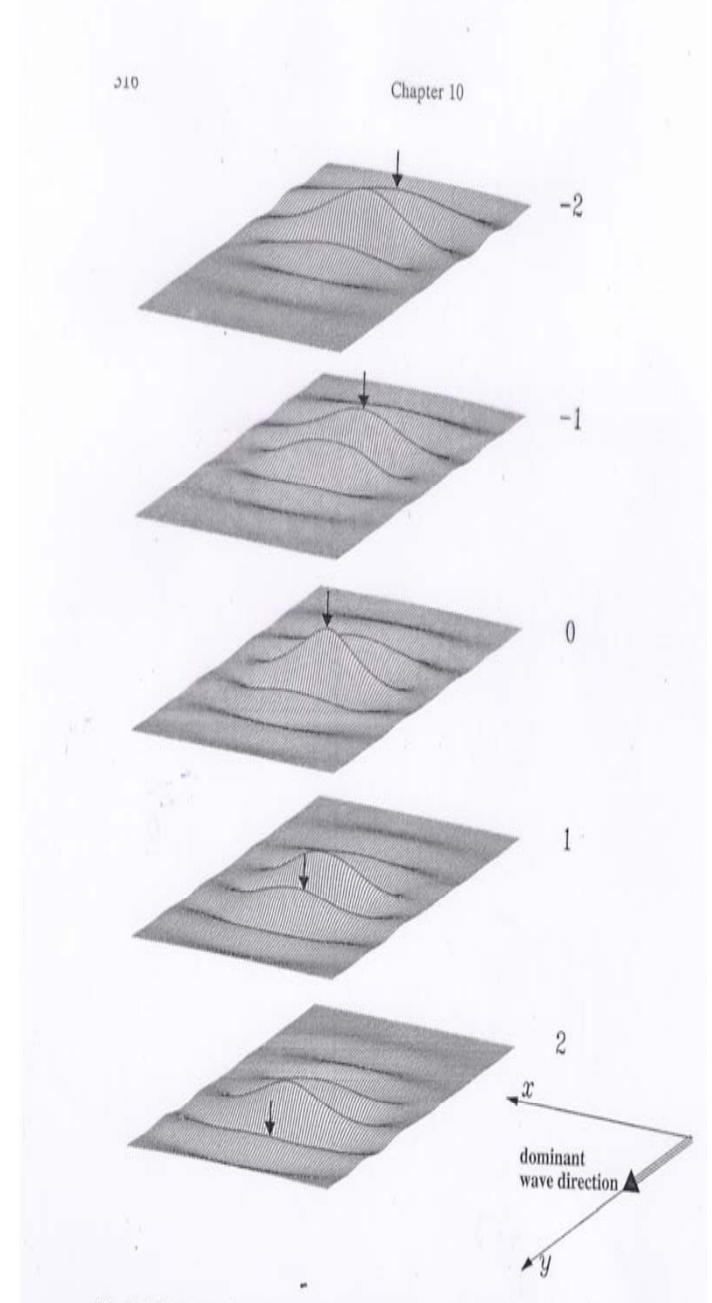
What happens in the neighborhood of a point \mathbf{x}_0 if a large crest followed by large trough are recorded in time at \mathbf{x}_0 ?

$$\text{Pr} \left[\begin{array}{l} \eta(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{X}, t_0 + T) \in (u, u + du) \\ \text{conditioned to} \\ \eta(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) = H/2, \eta(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0 + T_2^*) = -H/2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Downarrow \quad \frac{H}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\delta(u - \eta_c(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{X}, t_0 + T))$$

* Boccotti P. **Wave Mechanics** 2000 Elsevier



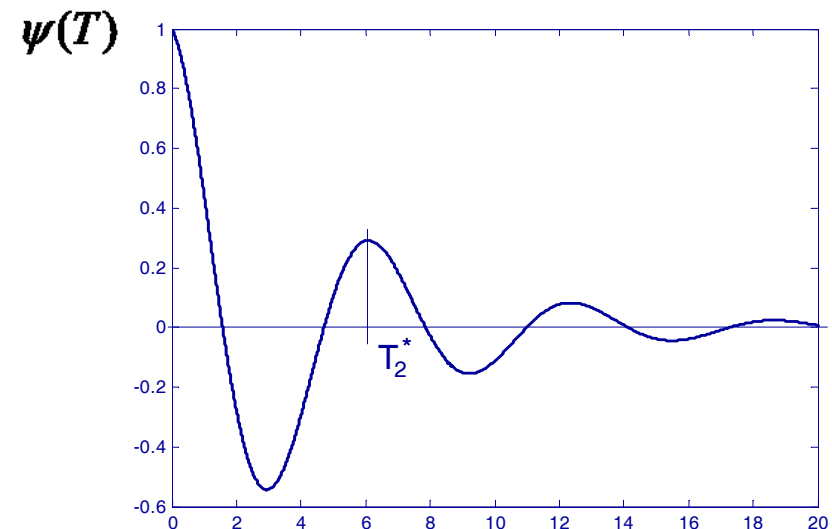
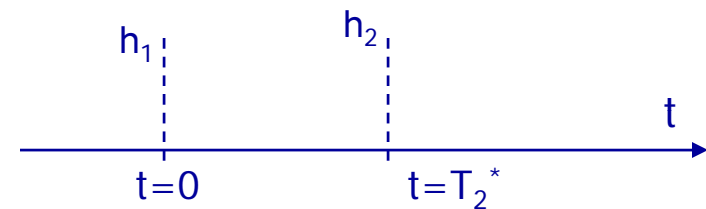
Time domain analysis: successive wave crests*

Necessary and sufficient conditions for the occurrence of two high wave crests

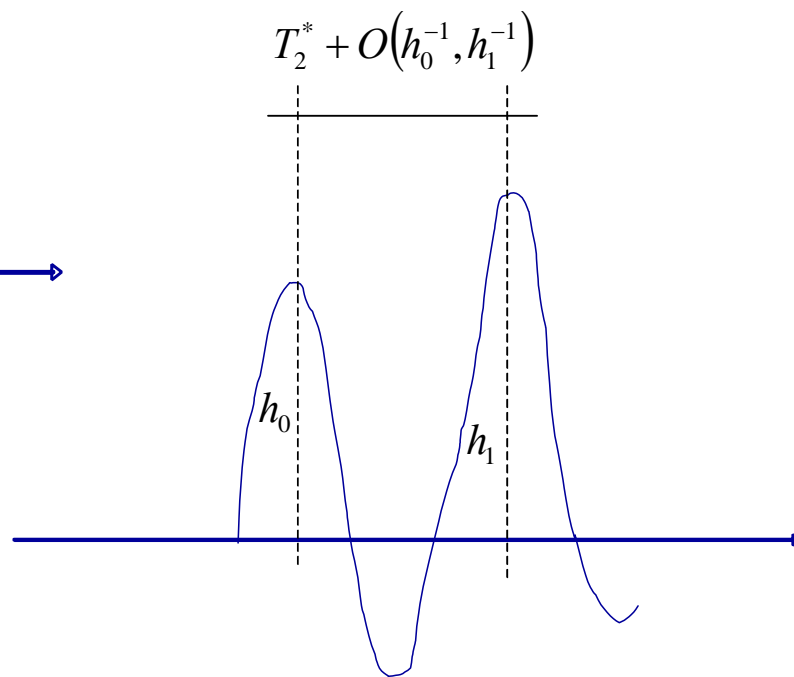
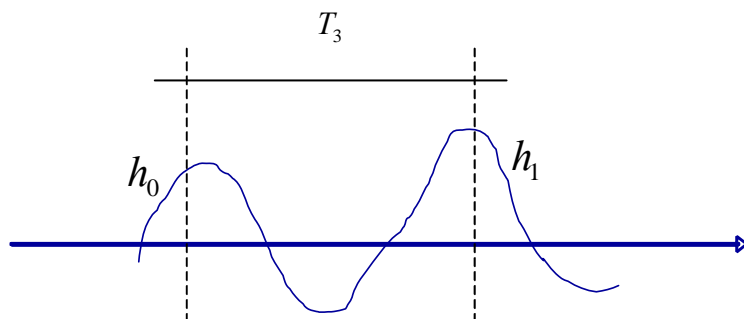
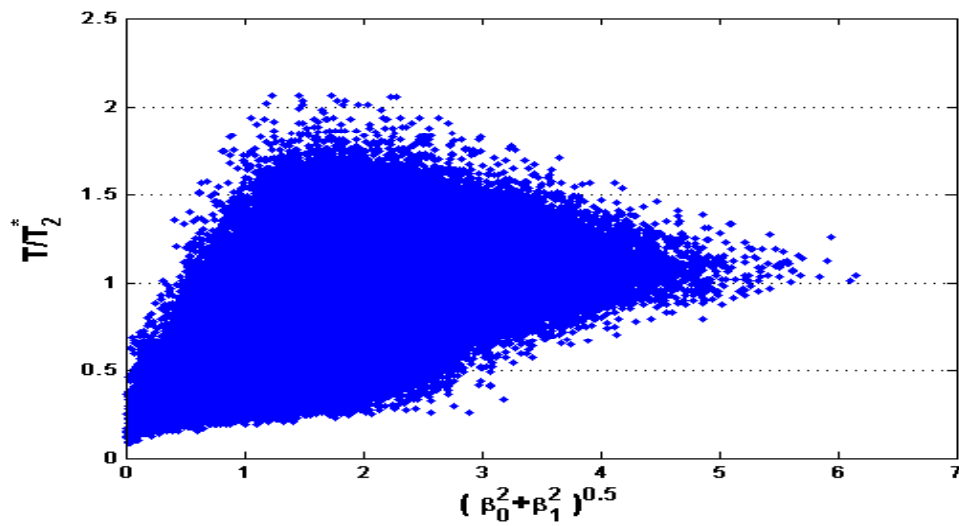
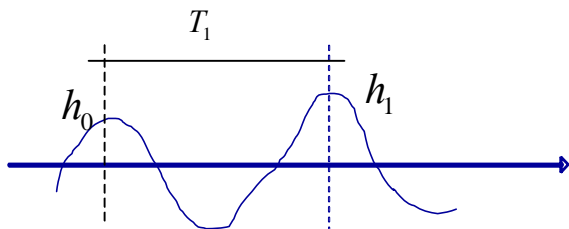
$$\eta(t_0) = h_1, \quad \eta(t_0 + T_2^*) = h_2$$

Autocovariance function

$$\psi(T) = \langle \eta(x_0, t_0) \eta(x_0, t_0 + T) \rangle$$



* Fedele F., **Successive wave crests in a Gaussian sea**, *Probabilistic Eng. Mechanics* 2005 (to appear)

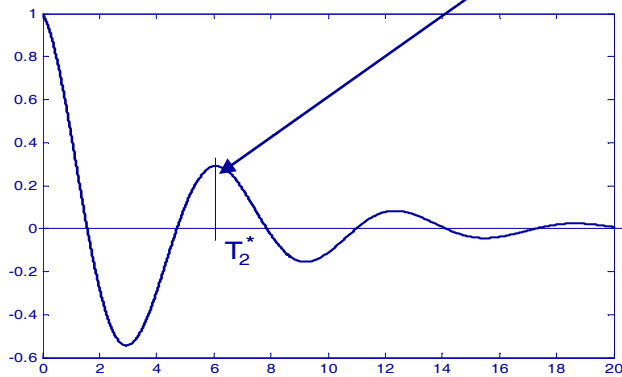


as $h_0 \rightarrow \infty, h_1 \rightarrow \infty$

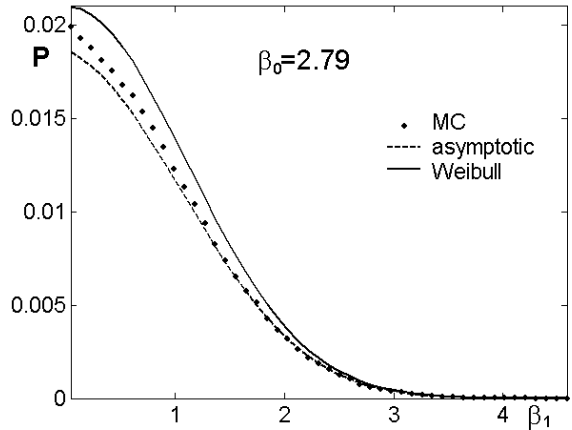
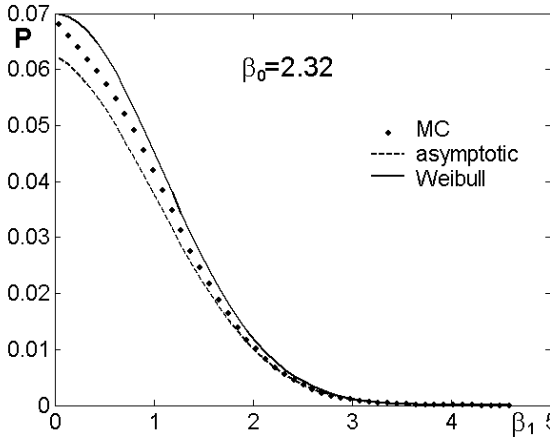
Corollary: joint probability successive wave crests*

$$p(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{\beta_0 \beta_1}{1 - k^2} \exp\left[-\frac{\beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2}{2(1 - k^2)}\right] I_0\left(\frac{k\beta_0 \beta_1}{1 - k^2}\right)$$

Bivariate Weibull



Monte Carlo Simulations

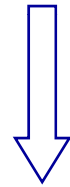


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Space-time domain analysis

What happens in the neighborhood of a point \mathbf{x}_0 if two large successive wave crests are recorded in time at \mathbf{x}_0 ?

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} \eta(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{X}, t_0 + T) \in (u, u + du) \\ \text{conditioned to } \eta(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0) = h_1, \eta(\mathbf{x}_0, t_0 + T_2^*) = h_2 \end{array} \right]$$



$$\frac{h_1}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{h_2}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty$$

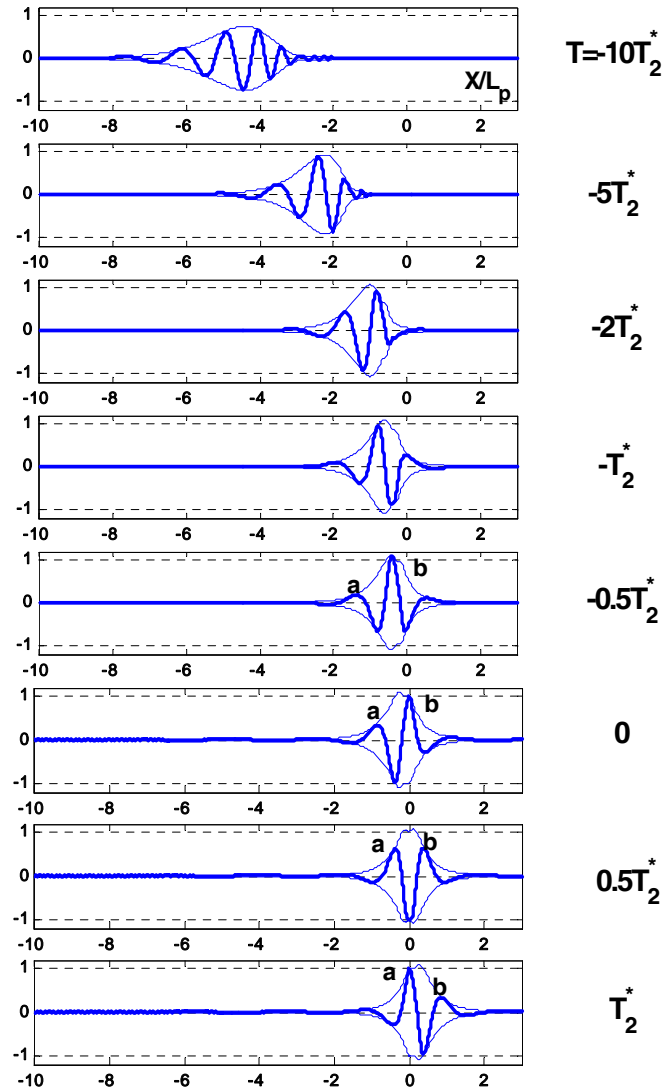
$$\delta(u - \eta_c(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{X}, t_0 + T))$$

$$\eta_c(\mathbf{X}, T) = \frac{\psi(0)h_1 - h_2\psi(T_2^*)}{\psi^2(0) - \psi(T_2^*)^2} \Psi(\mathbf{X}, T) + \frac{\psi(0)h_2 - h_1\psi(T_2^*)}{\psi^2(0) - \psi(T_2^*)^2} \Psi(\mathbf{X}, T - T_2^*)$$

SPACE-TIME covariance

$$\Psi(\mathbf{X}, T) = \langle \eta(x_0, t_0) \eta(x_0 + \mathbf{X}, t_0 + T) \rangle$$

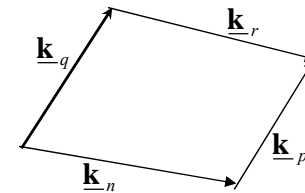
Linear wave group dynamics



Nonlinear evolution of the linear wave group

$$\eta(\underline{\mathbf{x}}, t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_n \sqrt{\frac{\omega_n}{2g}} B_n(t) \exp(i \underline{\mathbf{k}}_n \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}) + c.c.$$

$$\frac{dB_n}{dt} + i\omega_n B_n = -i \sum_{p,q,r} T_{npqr} \delta_{n+p-q-r} B_p^* B_q B_r$$



Quartet interaction
 $\underline{\mathbf{k}}_n + \underline{\mathbf{k}}_p = \underline{\mathbf{k}}_q + \underline{\mathbf{k}}_r$

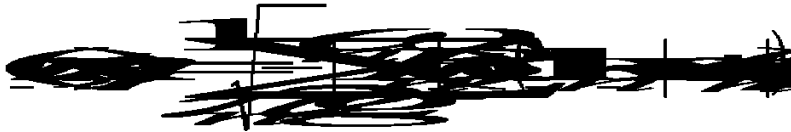
Conserved quantities : Hamiltonian , wave action and momentum

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_n \omega_n B_n(t) B_n^*(t) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,p,q,r} T_{npqr} \delta_{n+p-q-r} B_n^*(t) B_p^*(t) B_q(t) B_r(t)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \sum_n \underline{\mathbf{k}}_n B_n(t) B_n^*(t)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_n B_n(t) B_n^*(t)$$

Sufficient conditions to have an extreme crest*



At $(x=0, t=0)$ we impose that all the harmonic components are in phase (focusing)

$$\varphi_n(0) = 0 \quad n = 1, \dots, N$$

Constrained optimization problem

$$H_{NL} = \max \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_n \sqrt{\frac{\omega_n}{2g}} |B_n(0)|$$



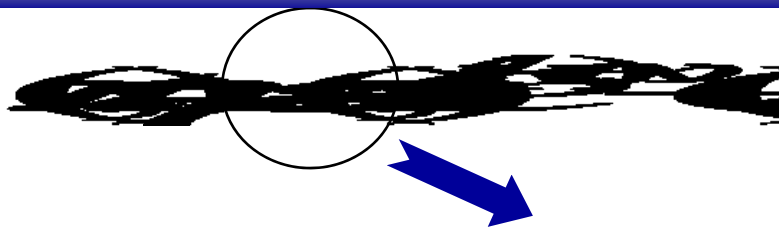
Hamiltonian, wave action and momentum are conserved

$$H_{NL} = (1 + \lambda) H_L \quad \lambda = \lambda(\{|B_n(0)|\})$$

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The narrow band limit*

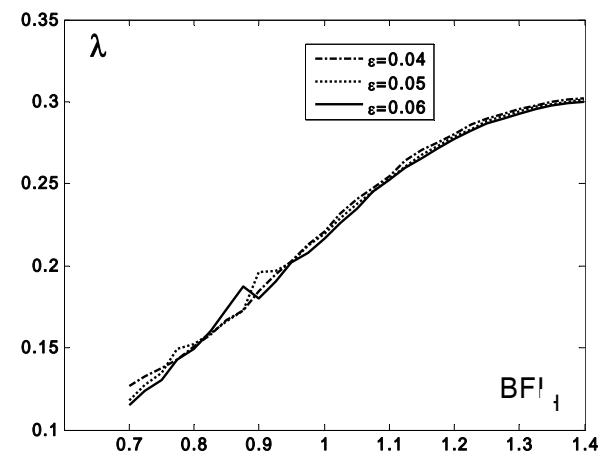
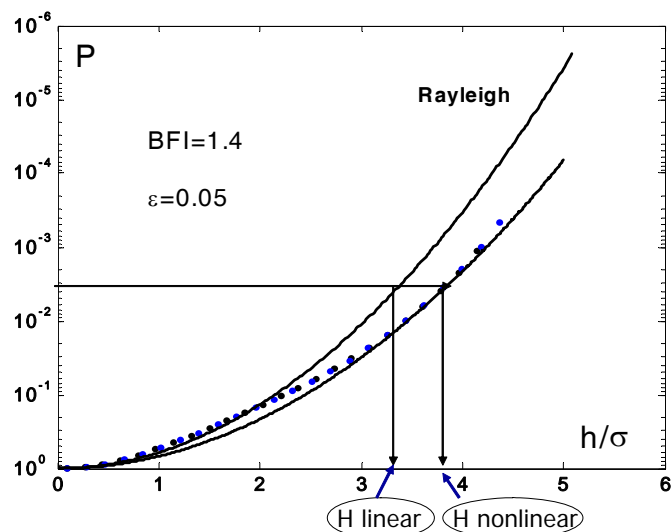
The nonlinear Schrodinger (NLS) equation



Particular case of the
ZAKHAROV EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + i \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + iBFI^2 |A|^2 A = 0$$

$$\Pr(H_{\max} > h) = \exp\left[-\frac{h^2}{2(1+\lambda)^2 \sigma^2}\right]$$



Intermittency (FERMI-ULAM PASTA recurrence)

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Recurrent solutions* & Intermittency

Rayleigh quotient $Q(t) = \frac{\int \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \right|^2 dx}{\int |A|^2 dx} \leq \text{const}$ *bounded in time*



$Q(t) = \frac{\sum_n k_n^2 |a_n(t)|^2}{\sum_n |a_n(t)|^2} \approx \Delta K^2(t)$ *bounded in time*

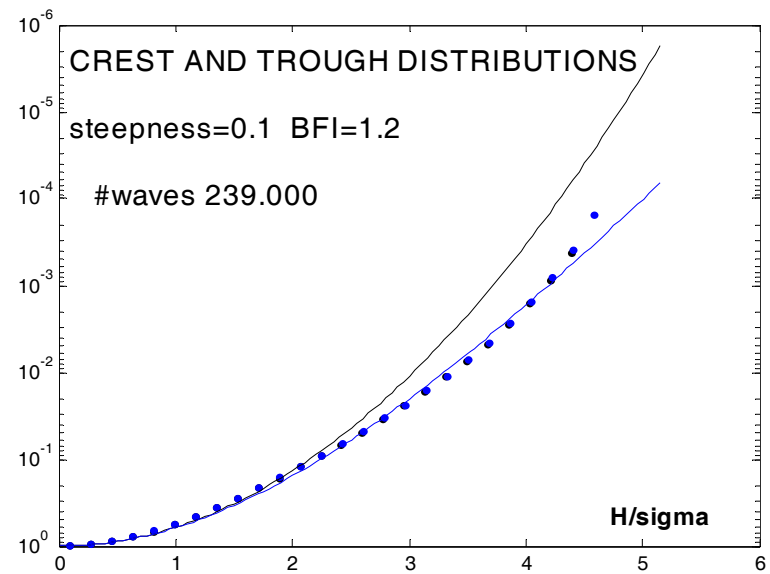
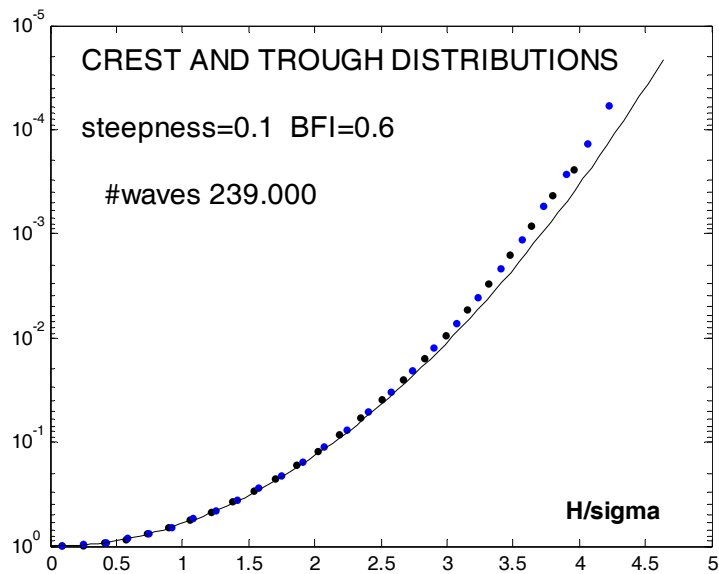
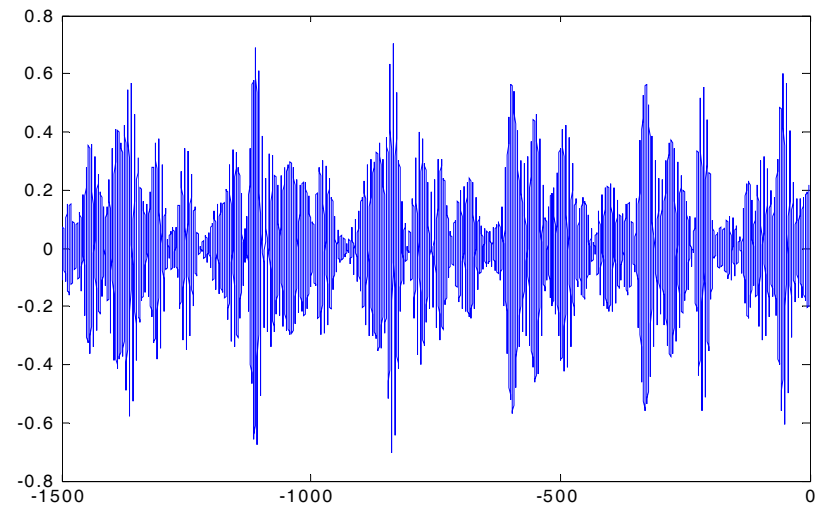
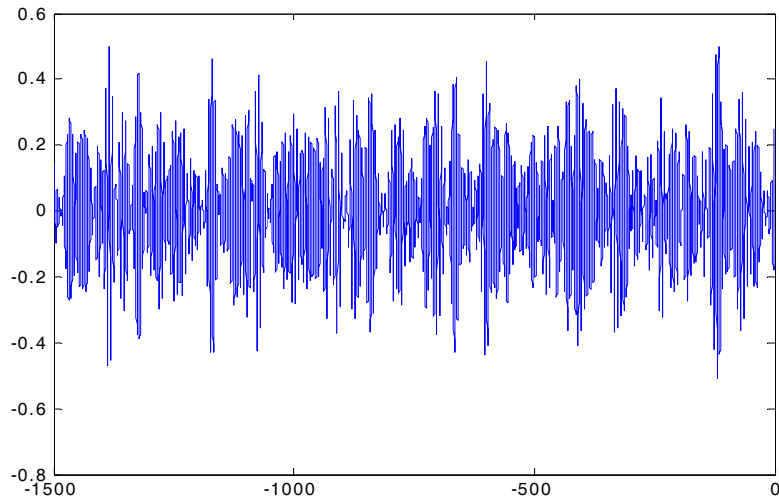
SPECTRAL BANDWIDTH

IF ENERGY CONTENT OF SMALL SCALES IS SMALL
IT REMAINS SMALL FOR ALL THE TIME

ENERGY PERPETUALLY DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN
FINITE SET OF MODES → RECURRENT SOLUTIONS

BENJAMIN-FEIR INSTABILITY & FERMI-ULAM PASTA RECURRENCE

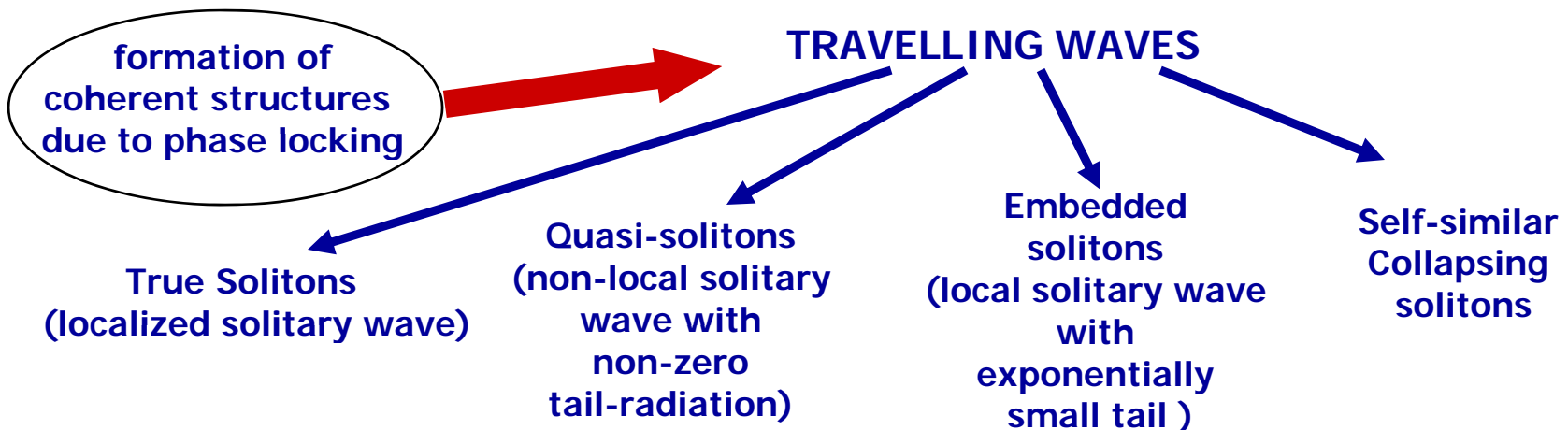
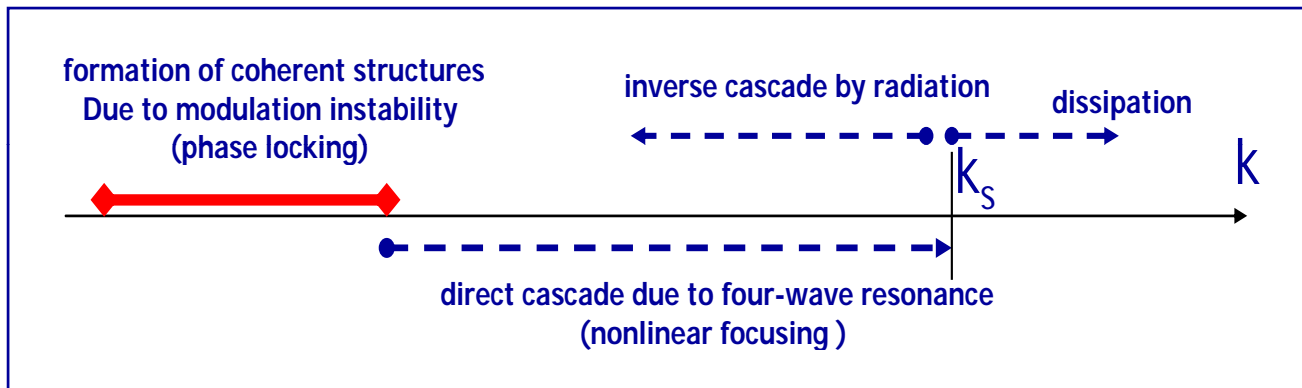
Monte-Carlo simulations



Quasi-solitonic wave turbulence*

$$i \frac{\partial \hat{a}_k}{\partial t} = \omega(k) \hat{a}_k + \iiint T_{123k} \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \hat{a}_3^* \delta(k_1 + k_2 - k_3 - k) dk_1 dk_2 dk_3$$

$$A(x, t) = \int \hat{a}_k(t) \exp(i k x) dk$$



*Cai, Majda, Laughlin & Tabak, **Dispersive wave turbulence in one dimension** PHYSICA D 152-153 (2001) 551-572
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Future research: are streaks similar to freak waves ?

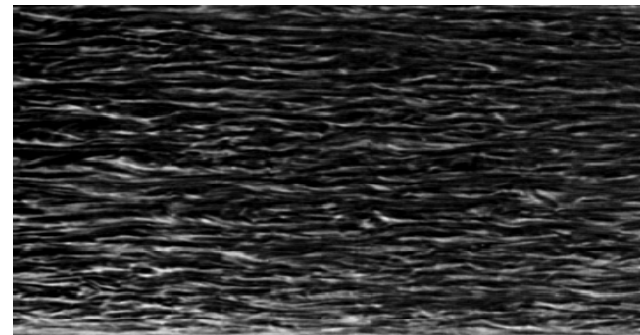
Similar underlying physical mechanism?

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- Freak waves

- Occur on *large* length scales and time scales

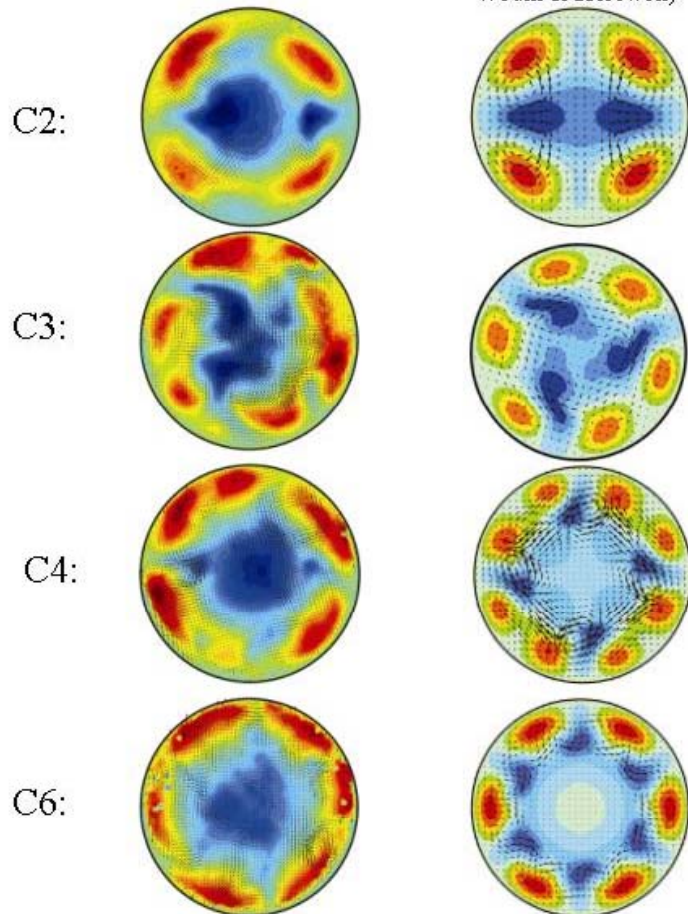


- Streaks

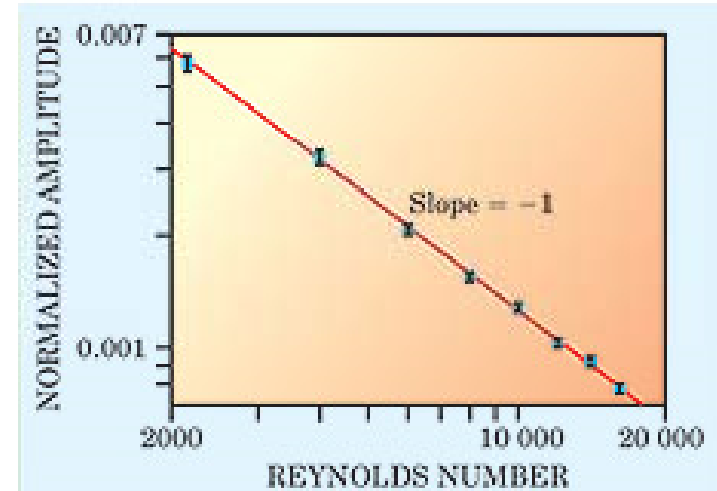
- Occur on *small* length scales and time scales

TW transients in
turbulent flow
(experimental)

Exact Travelling
Wave solutions
(numerical: Faisst & Eckhardt;
Wedin & Kerswell)



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Coupled NLS equations- a proposal

$$u(\underline{\mathbf{x}}, t) = \varepsilon \sum_n a_n(t) \exp[i\mathbf{k}_n \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}] + O(\varepsilon)$$

$$\frac{da_n}{dt} + i\omega_n a_n = \varepsilon \sum_{p,q,r} Q_{npq} a_p^* a_q + \varepsilon^2 \sum_{p,q,r} T_{npqr} a_p^* a_q a_r$$

A streamwise
vorticity

B streamwise
velocity
fluctuations

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + i \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} + i\beta^2 |A|^2 (A + \bar{B}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + i \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x^2} + i\delta^2 |B|^2 (A + \bar{B}) = 0$$

bandwidths

$$\text{Rayleigh quotient } Q(t) = \frac{\int \left(\left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \right|^2 \right) dx}{\int (|A|^2 + |B|^2) dx} \approx \frac{(\Delta K_A)^2 + (\Delta K_B)^2}{2} \text{ bounded in time}$$

ENERGY PERPETUALLY DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN FINITE SET OF MODES
 → RECURRENT SOLUTIONS (BENJAMIN-FEIR TYPE INSTABILITY)

COMPARE STREAK STATISTICS FROM DNS SIMULATIONS WITH THE NLS STATISTICS

Conclusions

- *Weakly nonlinear effects*

- COHERENT STRUCTURES FORMED DUE TO MODULATION INSTABILITY OF A LINEAR WAVE GROUP (PHASE LOCKING)
- RECURRENT SOLUTIONS CAN OCCUR (slowly varying envelope)

- *Strong nonlinear effects*

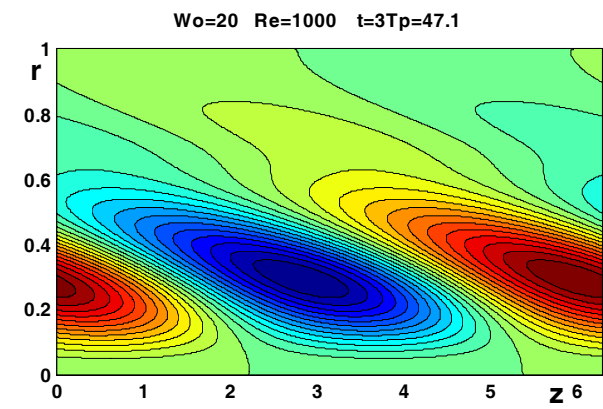
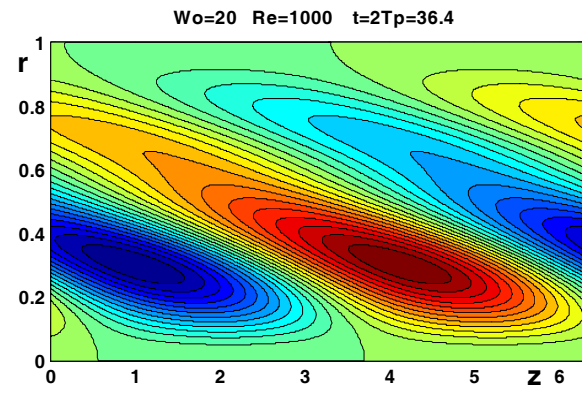
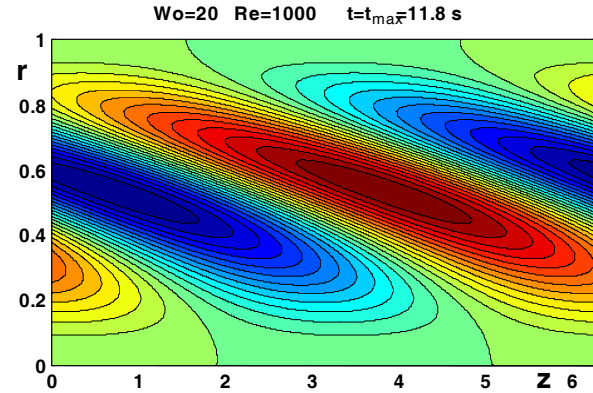
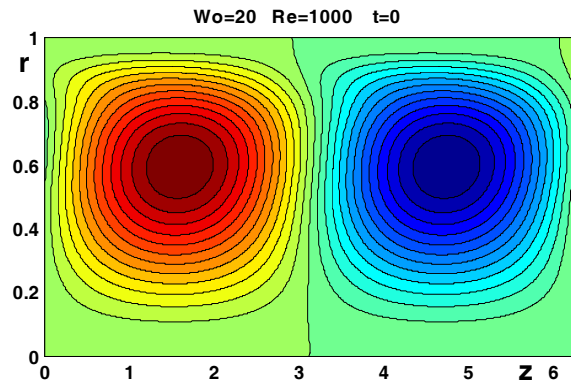
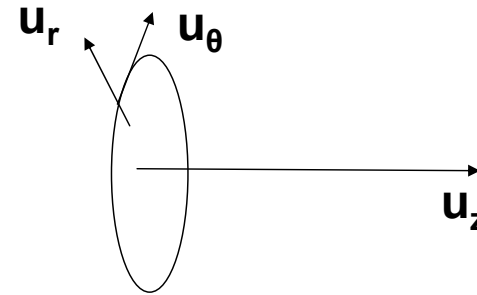
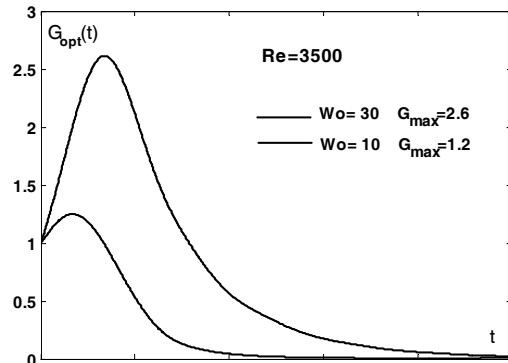
- QUASI-SOLITONIC TURBULENCE (Freak waves occur)

- *Future research*

- SIMILARITIES BETWEEN STREAKS AND FREAK WAVES
- POSSIBLE ENVELOPE EQUATIONS TO DESCRIBE INITIAL STAGE OF WEAKLY NONLINEAR STREAK DYNAMICS DUE TO MODULATION INSTABILITY



Optimal Perturbations: Maximum Energy Growth

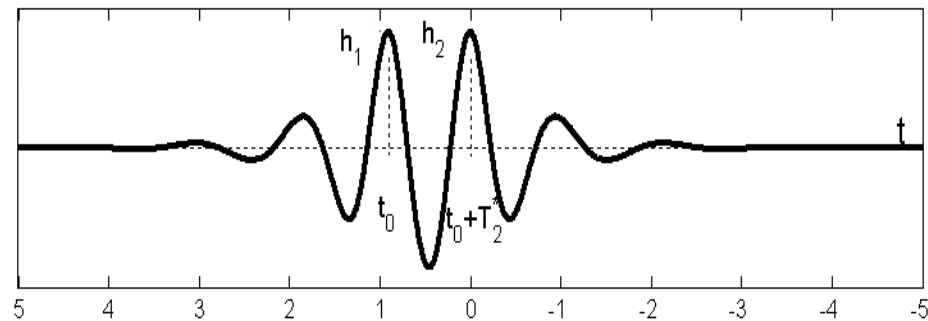


TIME DOMAIN : *THE CONDITIONS ARE SUFFICIENT*

$$\frac{h_1}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{h_2}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} \eta(t_0 + T) \in (u, u + du) \\ \text{conditioned to } \eta(t_0) = h_1, \eta(t_0 + T_2^*) = h_2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \delta[u - \eta_c(t_0 + T)]$$

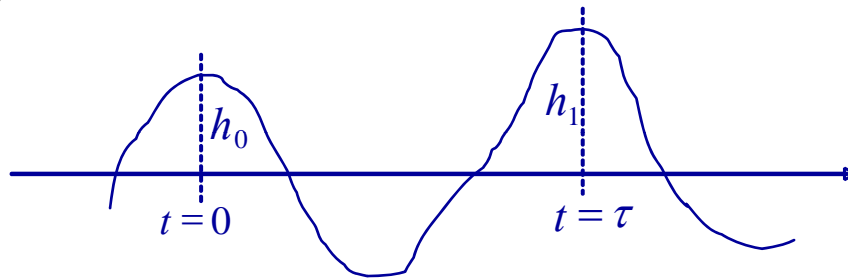
$$\eta_c(t_0 + T) = \frac{h_1 - h_2 \psi(T_2^*)/\psi(0)}{1 - (\psi(T_2^*)/\psi(0))^2} \psi(T) + \frac{h_2 - h_1 \psi(T_2^*)/\psi(0)}{1 - (\psi(T_2^*)/\psi(0))^2} \psi(T - T_2^*)$$



TIME DOMAIN : *THE CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARY*

$$EX_c(h_1, h_2, \tau)$$

Expected number of local maxima of the surface displacement $\eta(t)$ of amplitude h_0 which are followed by a local maximum with amplitude h_1 after a time lag τ



$$\beta_0 = \frac{h_0}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty, \quad \beta_1 = \frac{h_1}{\sigma} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$EX_{s.c.}(h_1, h_2, \tau) = \begin{cases} EX_c(h_1, h_2, T_2^*) \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} K^* \delta\tau^2\right] & (\delta\tau) \propto O(\beta_0^{-1}, \beta_1^{-1}) \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Corollary : joint probability of successive wave crests

$$p(\beta_0, \beta_1) \propto \int_0^{\infty} EX_c(\beta_0, \beta_1, \tau) d\tau$$



$$p(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{1 + \psi_2^* \psi_2^{*2}}{\sqrt{-2\pi\psi_2^* (1 - \psi_2^{*2})^3}} \exp\left[-\frac{\beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2 - 2\psi_2^* \beta_0 \beta_1}{2(1 - \psi_2^{*2})}\right] \sqrt{(-\beta_0 + s\beta_1)(-\beta_1 + s\beta_2)}$$



$$p(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \frac{\beta_0 \beta_1}{1 - k^2} \exp\left[-\frac{\beta_0^2 + \beta_1^2}{2(1 - k^2)}\right] I_0\left(\frac{k\beta_0 \beta_1}{1 - k^2}\right)$$

Bivariate Weibull

