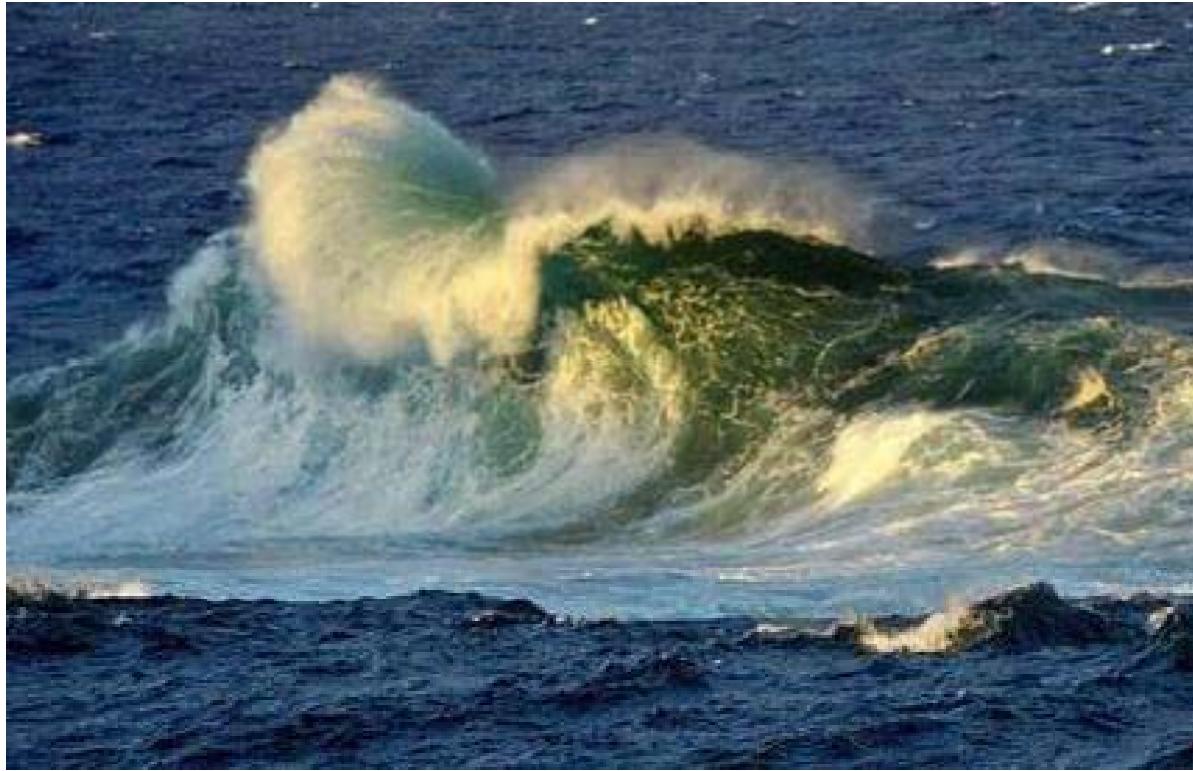


ON WAVE GROUPS IN A RANDOM SEA

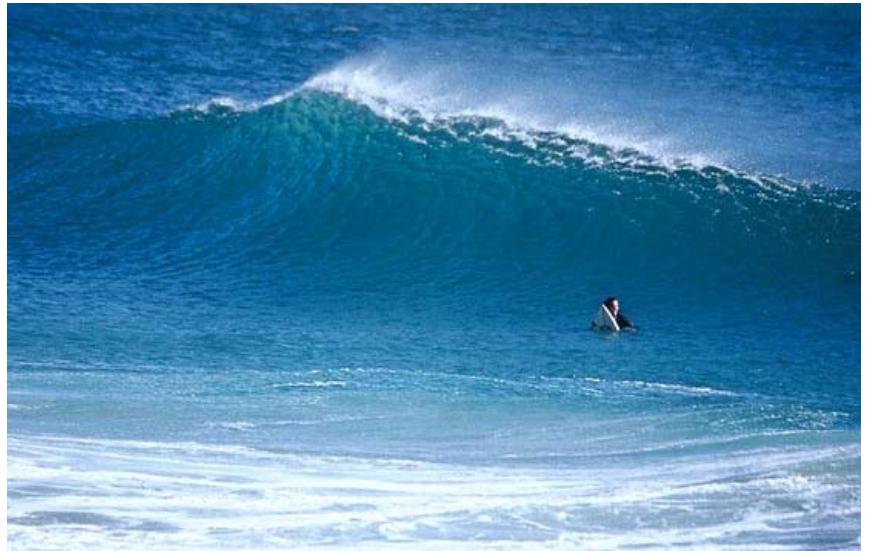


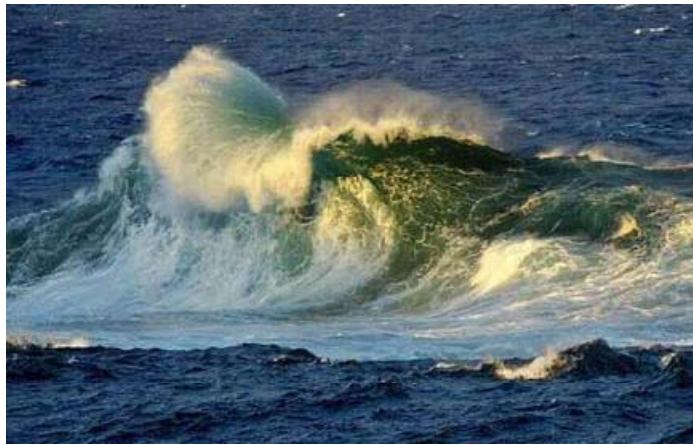
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One of the beauty of the nature





Freak waves



Rogue waves



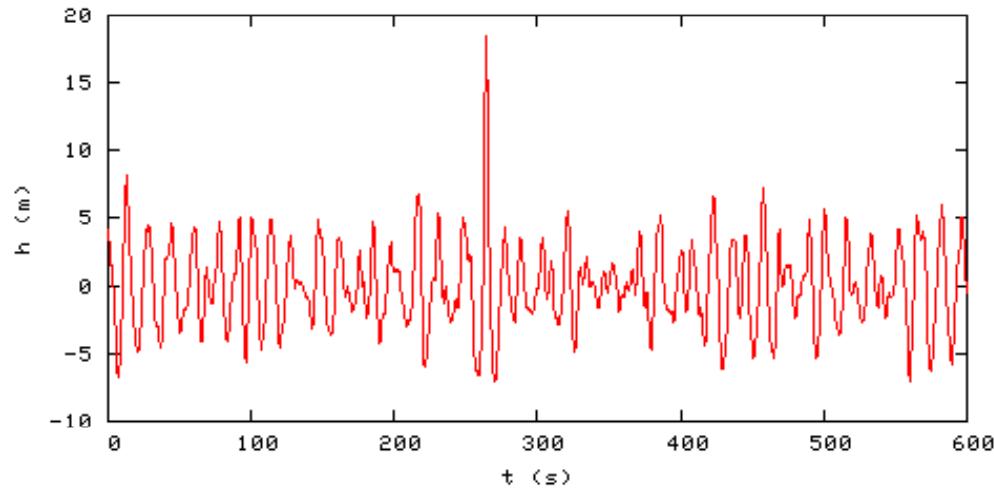
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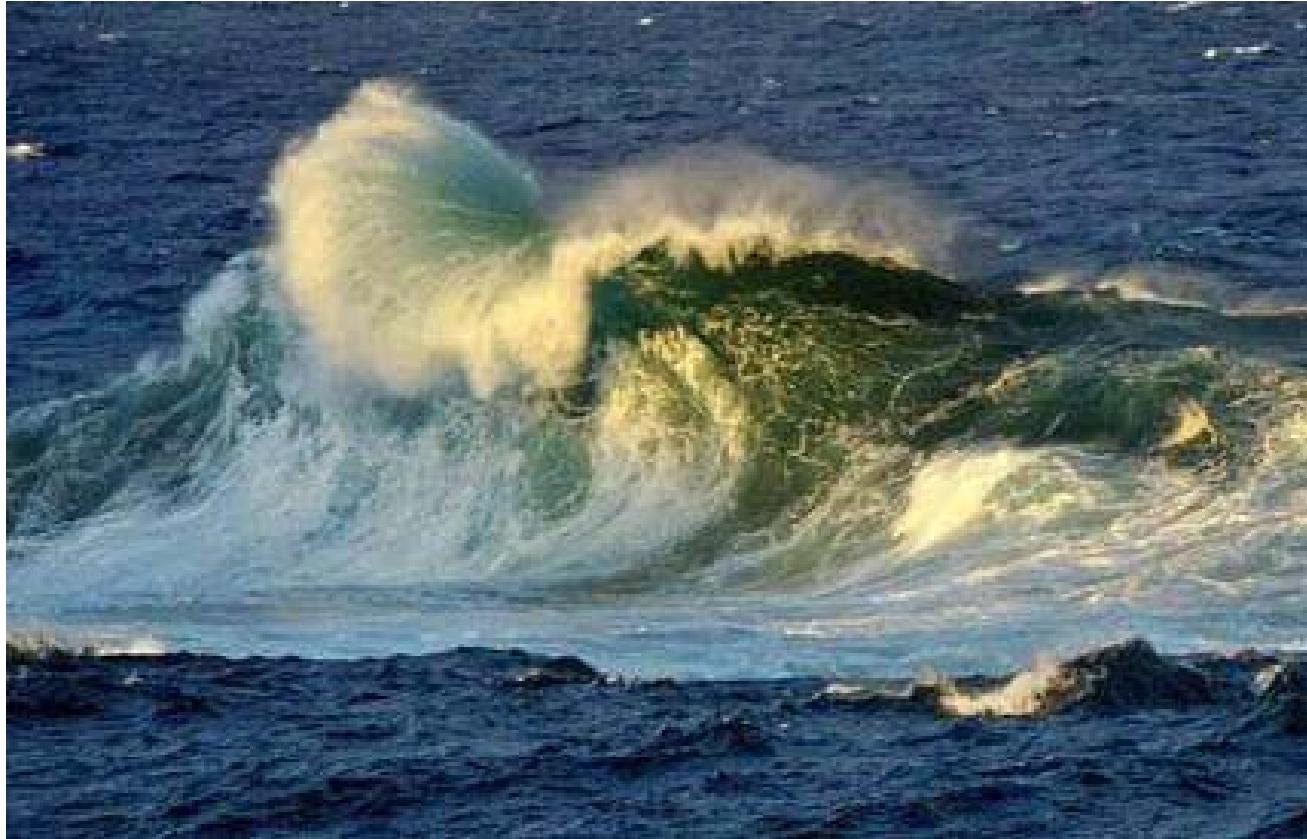
Extreme waves



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Freak waves, rogue waves and giant waves

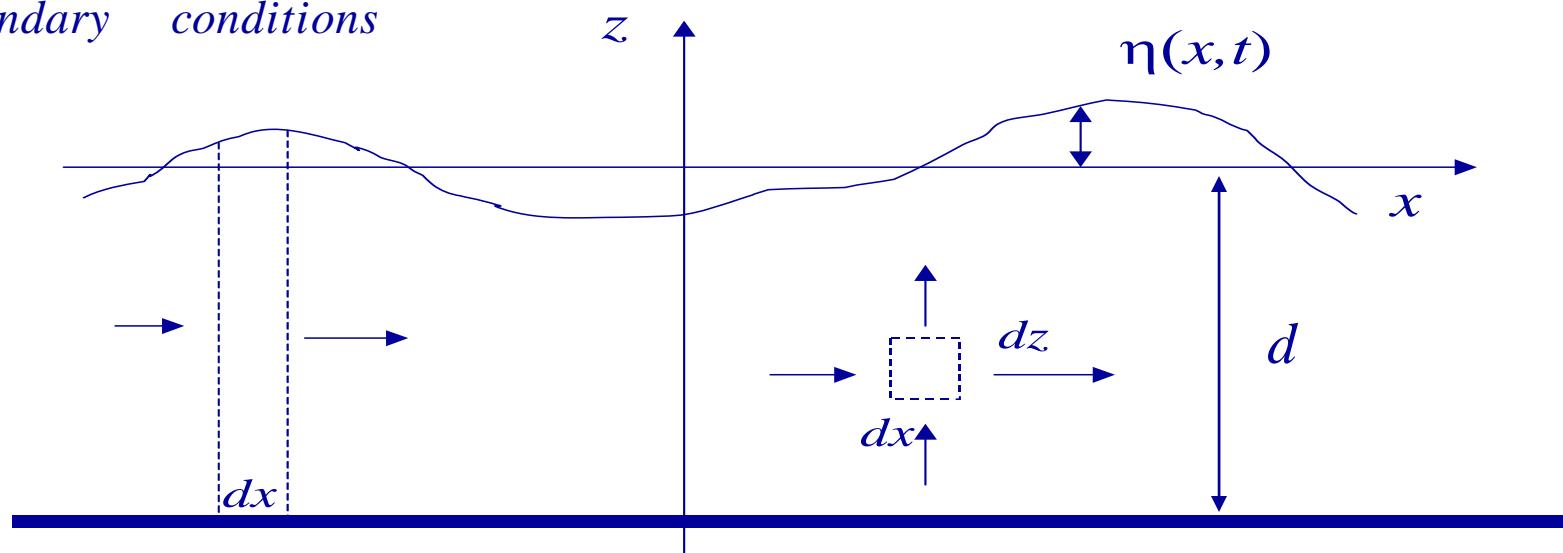


Nonlinear water waves

Gaussian seas
and extreme waves

Stokes Equations for regular waves

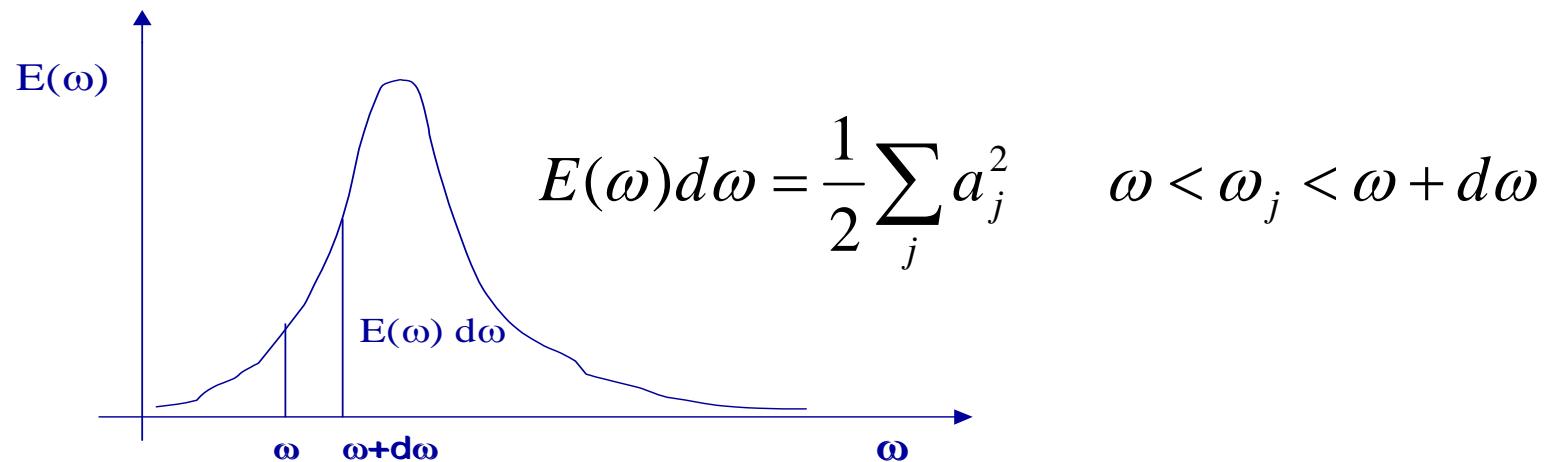
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} = 0 \\ \\ \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)_{z=\eta} = \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)_{z=\eta} \\ \\ \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} \right)_{z=\eta} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right)^2 \right]_{z=\eta} + g \eta = f(t) \\ \\ boundary \quad conditions \end{array} \right.$$



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

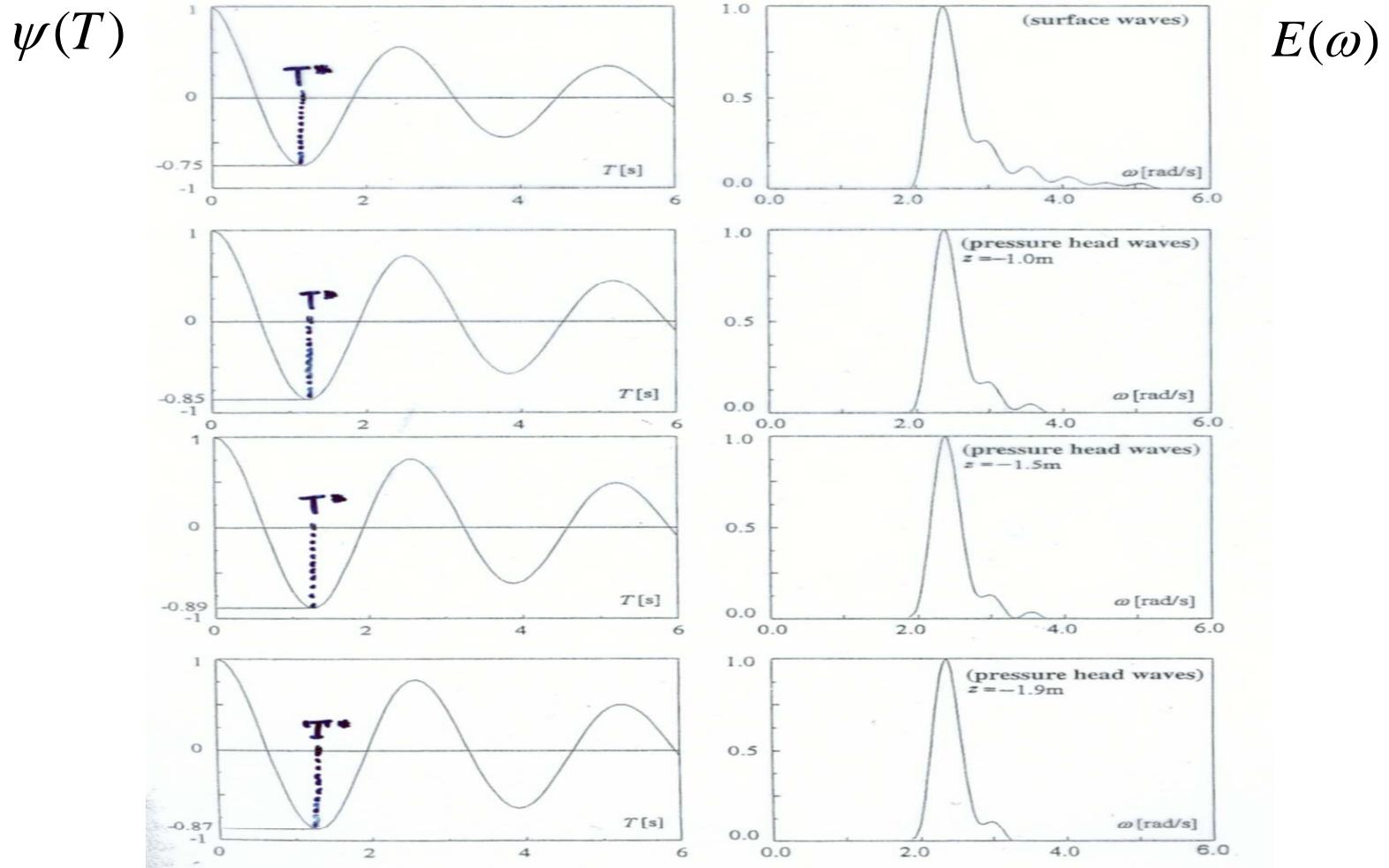
Ergodicity

Gaussianity

Typical wave spectra from Mediterranean sea*

Wind generated waves: basic concepts

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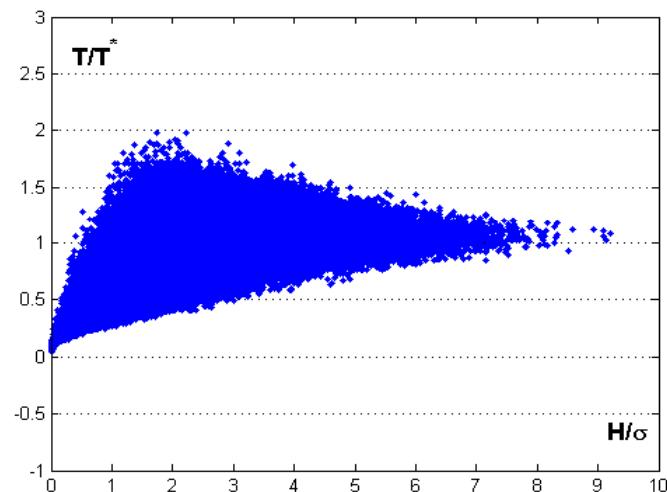
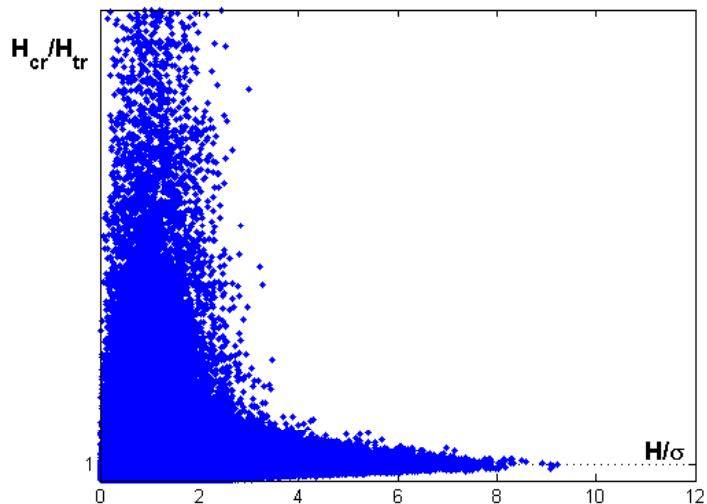
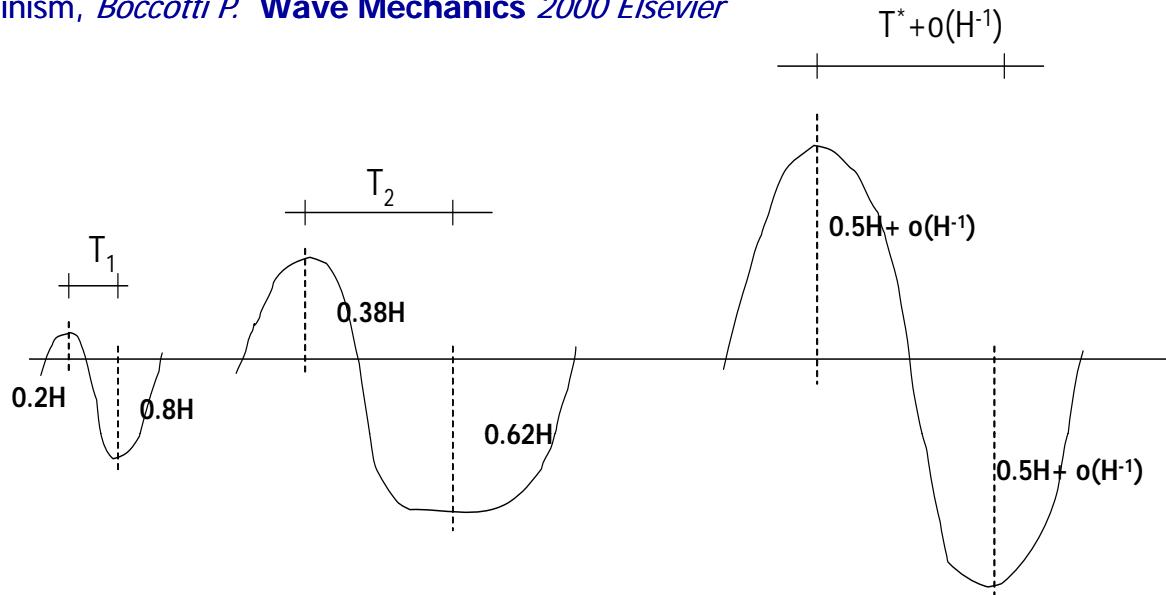


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Time domain analysis

NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS TO HAVE A HIGH WAVE

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



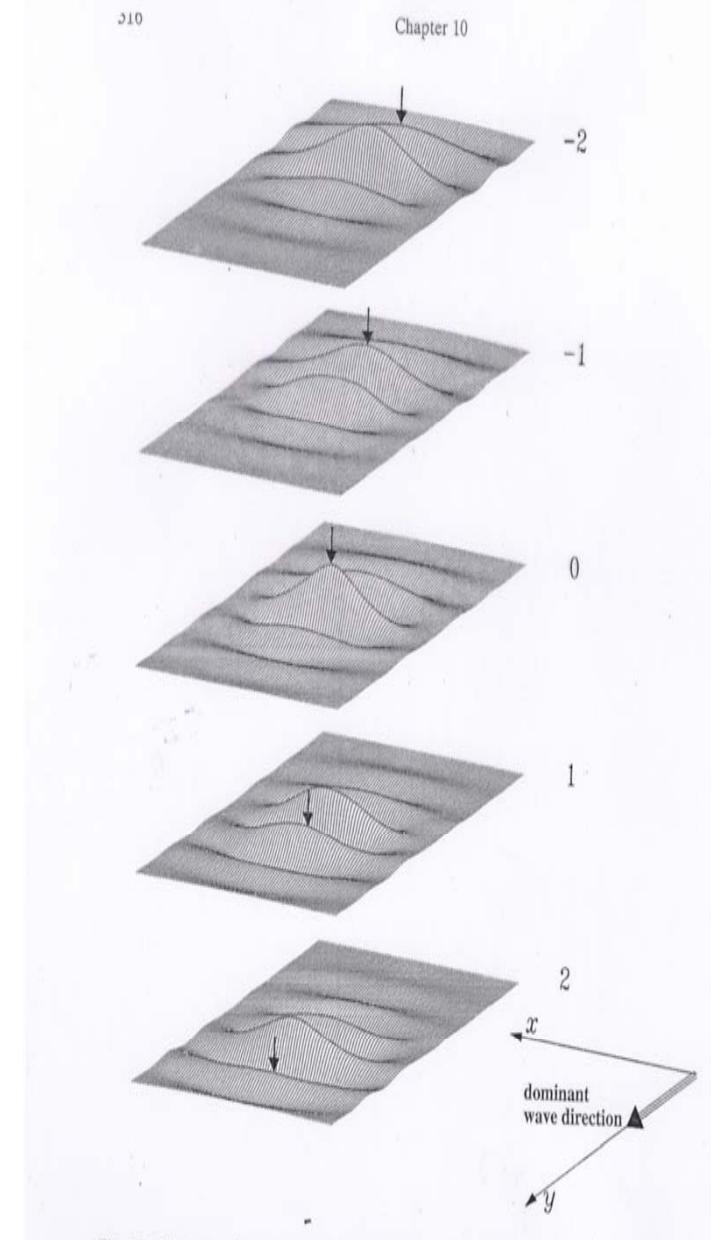
Space-time domain analysis*

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

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



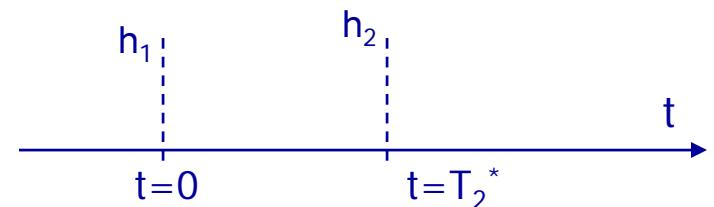
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Time domain analysis: successive wave crests*

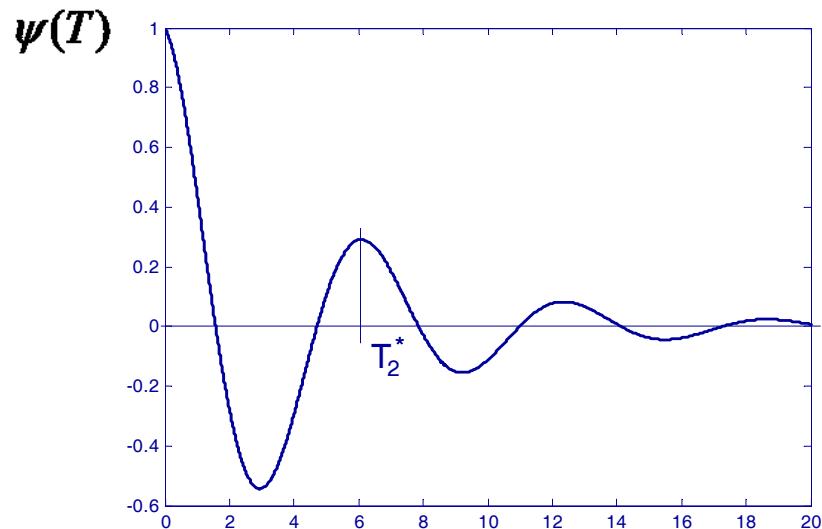
Necessary and sufficient conditions for the occurrence of two high wave crests

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

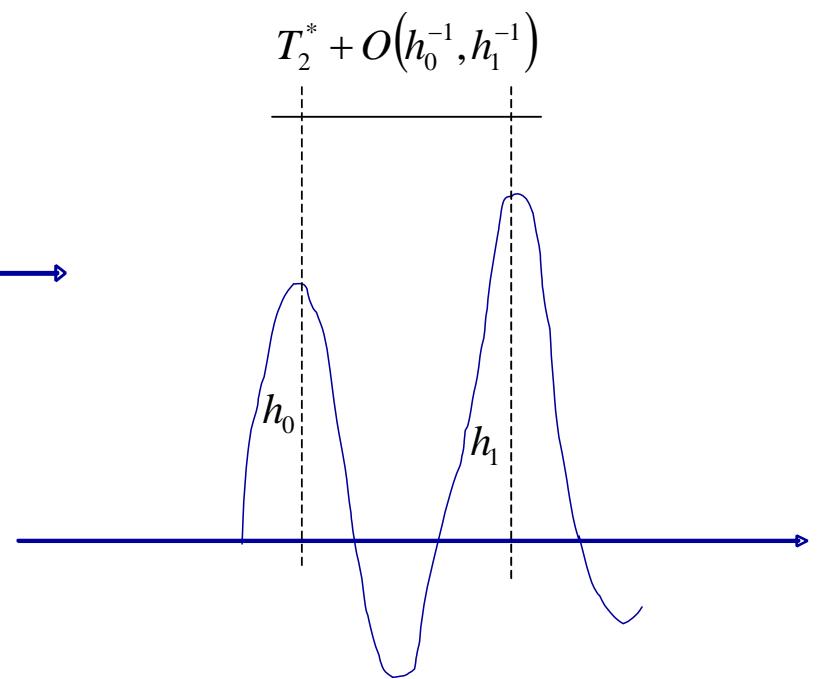
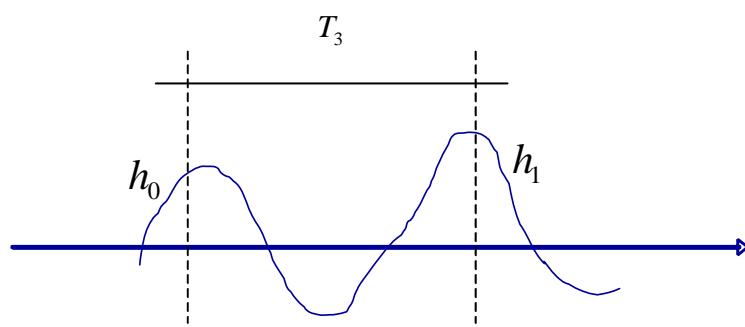
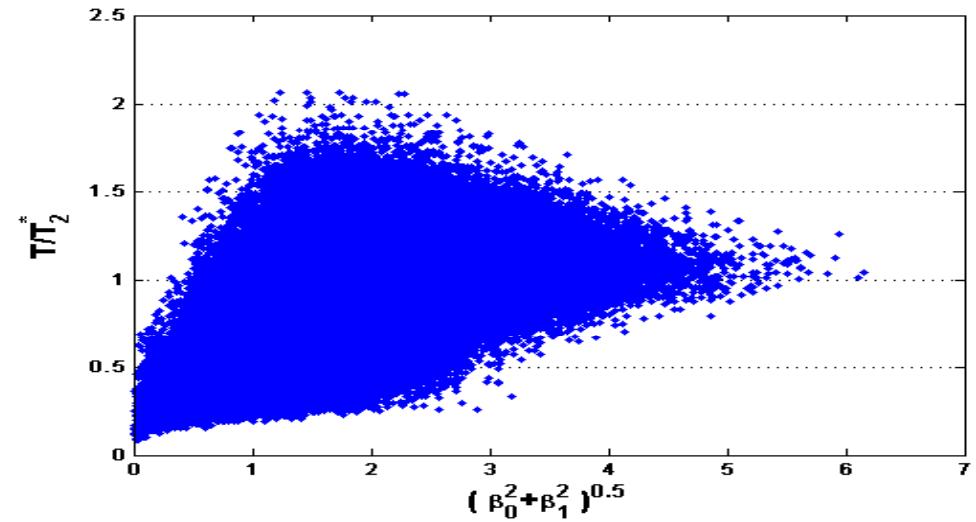
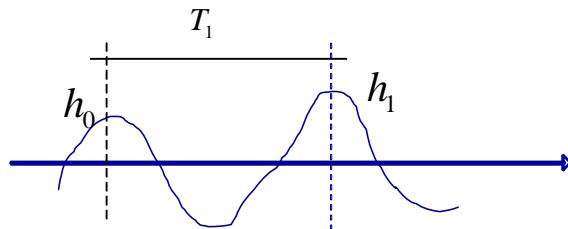
Autocovariance function



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



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

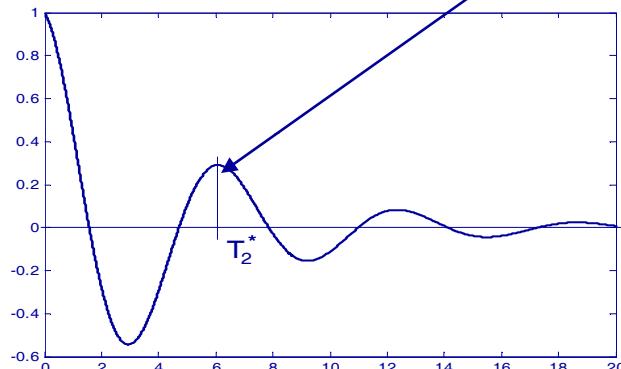


as $h_0 \rightarrow \infty, h_1 \rightarrow \infty$

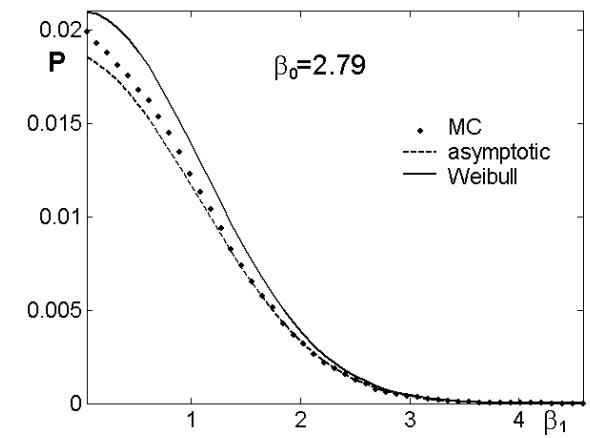
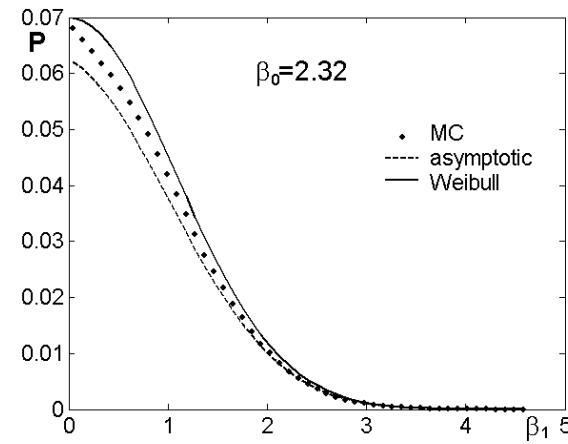
Corollary: joint probability successive wave crests*

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

Bivariate Weibull



Monte Carlo Simulations

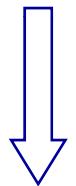


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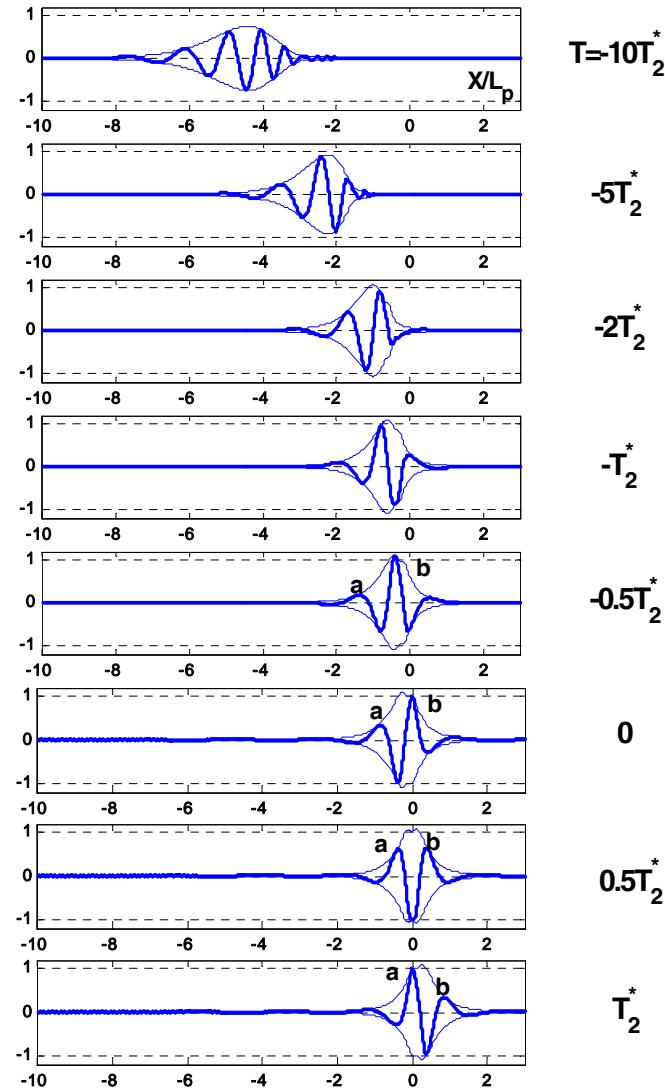
$$\delta(u - \eta_c(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{X}, t_0 + T))$$

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

SPACE-TIME covariance

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

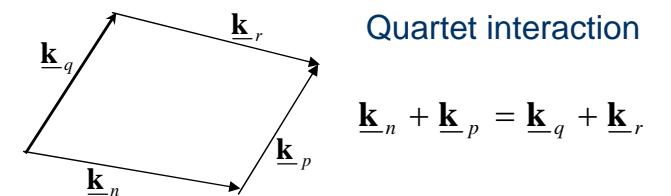
Linear wave group dynamics



Nonlinear evolution of the linear wave group

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

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



Conserved quantities : Hamiltonian , wave action and momentum

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

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

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

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

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



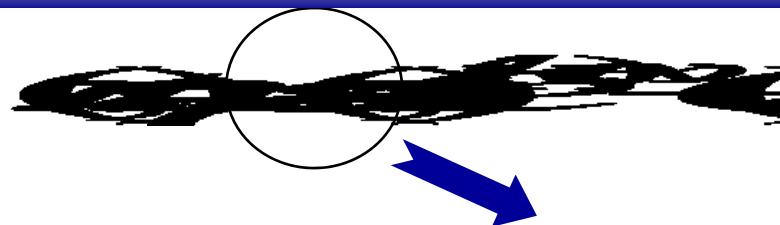
Hamiltonian , wave action and momentum are conserved

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

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The narrow band limit*

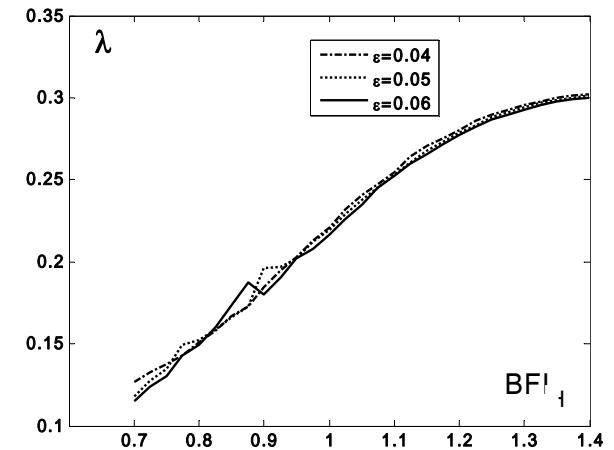
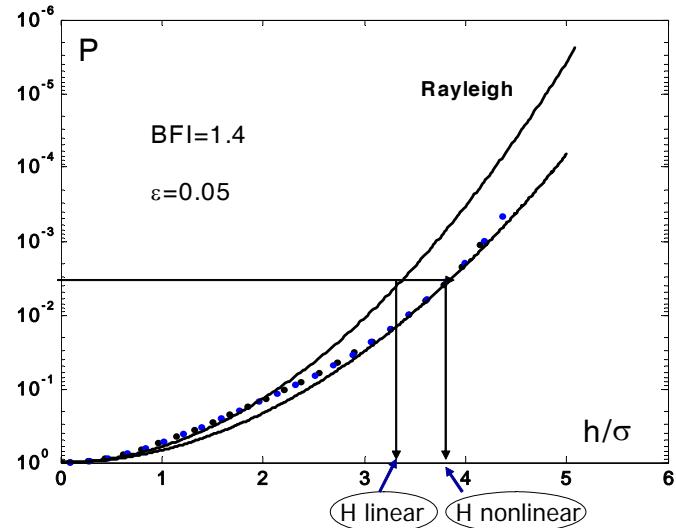
The nonlinear Schrodinger (NLS) equation



Particular case of the
ZAKHAROV EQUATION

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

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



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


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

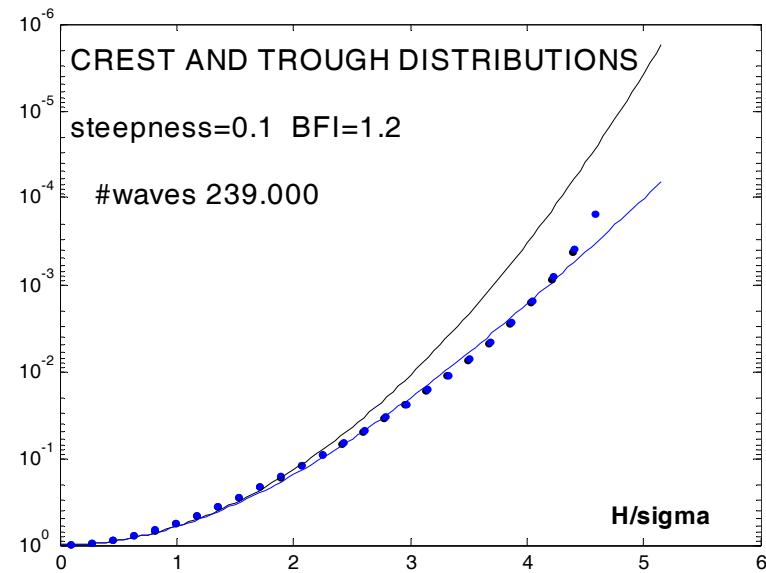
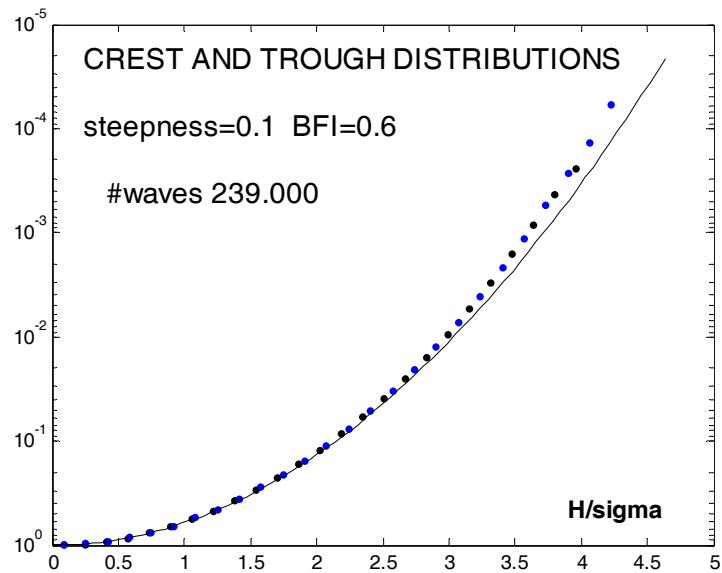
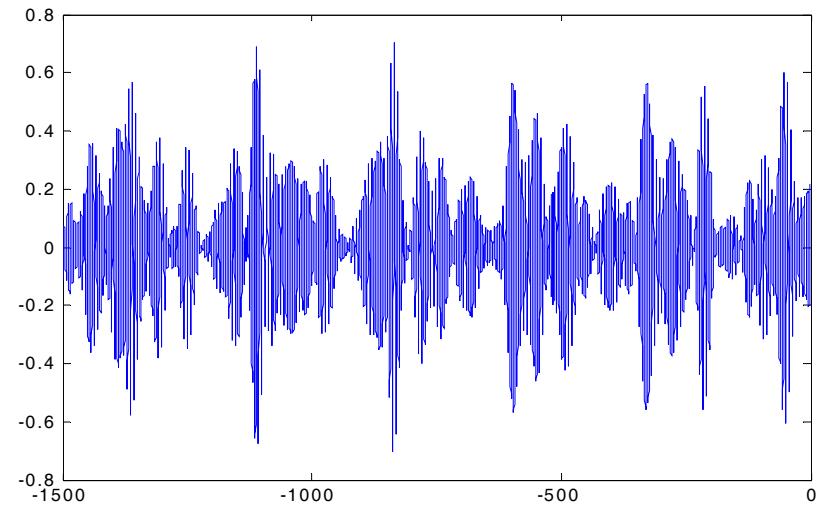
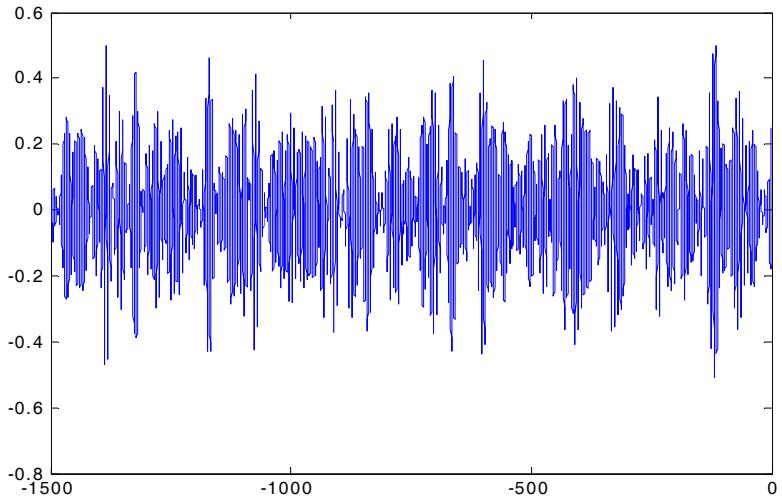
IF ENERGY CONTENT OF SMALL SCALES IS SMALL
IT REMAINS SMALL FOR ALL THE TIME

ENERGY PERPETUALLY DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN
FINITE SET OF MODES → RECURRENT SOLUTIONS

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*Thyagaraja. Recurrent motions in certain continuum dynamical systems Physics of Fluids 22(11) 1979, pp. 2093-2096

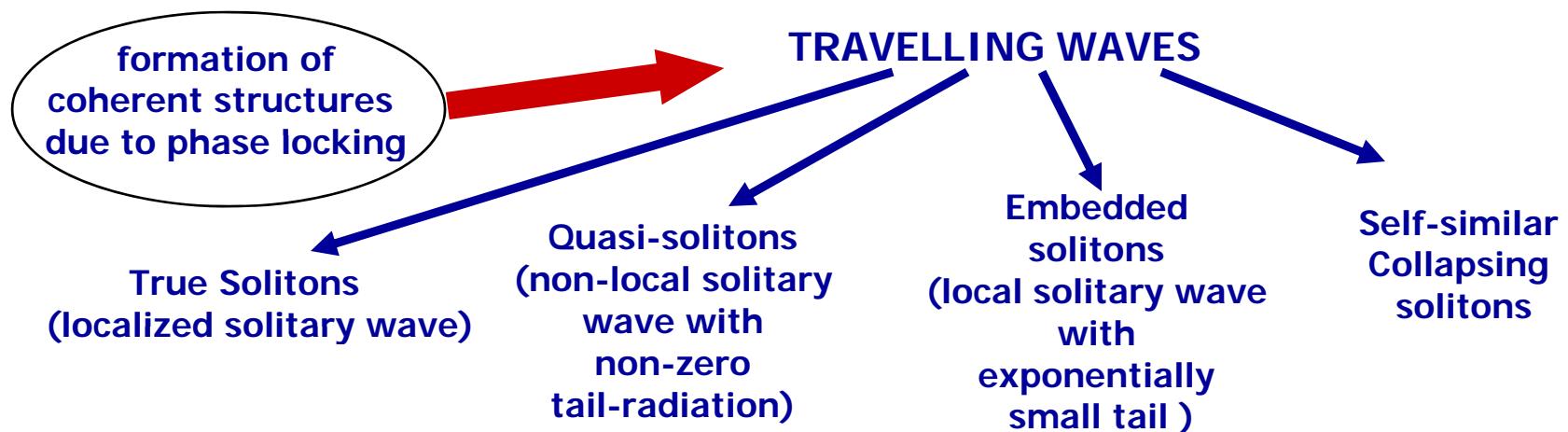
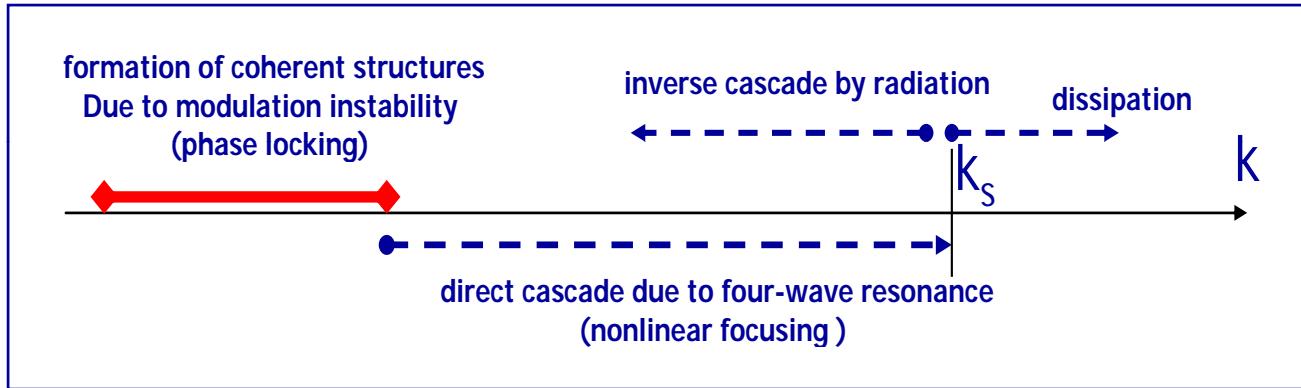
Monte-Carlo simulations



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
 Zakharov, Dias & Pushkarev, **One-dimensional wave turbulence** Physics reports 398 (2004) 1-65