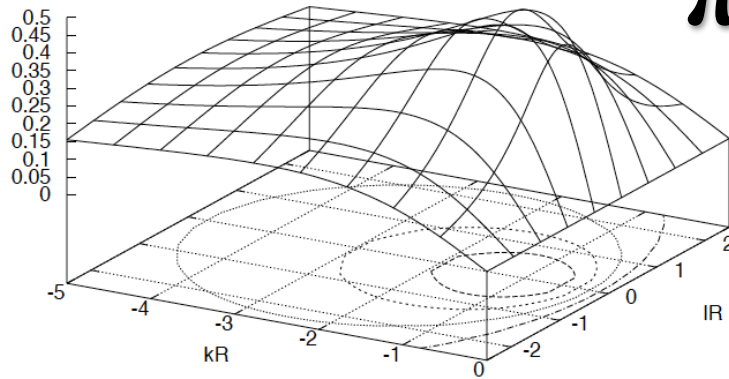


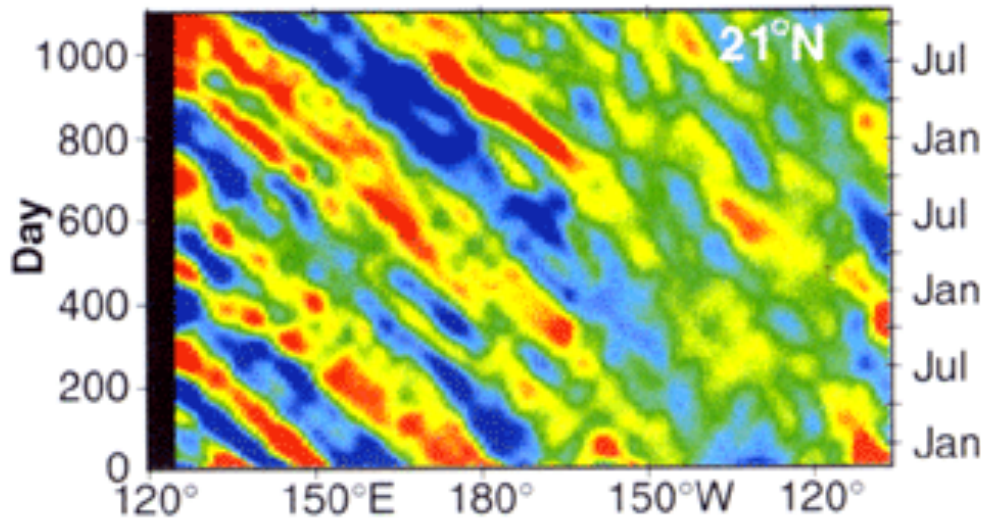


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## 9. Rotating waves in the ocean Sarantis Sofianos

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- Wave solutions in a rotating ocean
- The  $\beta$ -effect
- Planetary waves

## Shallow water dynamics

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

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

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

### Approximations

Slow flow fields  
that evolve rapidly

$$U \neq C$$

$$R_o = \frac{U}{fL} \ll 1$$

$$R_{oT} = \frac{1}{fT} \approx 1$$

$$E_k = \frac{A_H}{fL^2} \ll 1$$

*f* - plane

**Basic equations for ocean waves in the presence of rotation (f-plane)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - f v = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \\
 (2) \quad & \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + f u = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \\
 (3) \quad & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} (1) \\ (2) \\ (3) \end{aligned}} \right\}$$

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

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) - f \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -g \left( \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

using (3)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( -\frac{1}{H} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \right) + f \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = g \nabla_h^2 \eta \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(1)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + f \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{f}{H} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{1}{H} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t^2} \right) + f \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = g \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla_h^2 \eta$$

substituting (5)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + f^2 \right] \eta = \underbrace{gH}_{C^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla_h^2 \eta$$

$$C = \sqrt{gH}$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + f^2 \right] \eta = C^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla_h^2 \eta \quad (\text{A})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (2) \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + f \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -g \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t \partial y}; \text{ using (1)} \rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + f \left( -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} + f v \right) = -g \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t \partial y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} + f^2 v = -g \left( \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t \partial y} - f \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \right) \quad (\text{B})$$

We can simplify the solution of the problem for wave propagation in a channel (bounded solutions).



where  $v=0$  at  $0,L$

We are seeking solutions of the form:

$$\eta = A(y)e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

Substituting in equation (A):

$$\frac{d^2 A}{dy^2} + \left[ \frac{\omega^2 - f^2}{C^2} - k^2 \right] A = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2 A}{dy^2} + a^2 A = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad a^2 = \frac{\omega^2 - f^2}{C^2} - k^2 \quad (C_1)$$

Using the boundary conditions (at the channel walls) in (B)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial t \partial y} - f \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{at } y = 0, L \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dA}{dy} + \frac{fk}{\omega} A = 0 \quad \text{at } y = 0, L \quad (C_2)$$

Substituting in (C<sub>2</sub>)  $A(y) = b_1 \sin(ay) + b_2 \cos(ay)$

$$\text{at } y = 0 \quad b_1 a + \frac{f k b_2}{\omega} = 0$$

$$\text{at } y = L \quad b_1 a \cos(aL) - b_2 a \sin(aL) + \frac{f k b_1}{\omega} \sin(aL) + \frac{f k b_2}{\omega} \cos(aL) = 0$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a & \frac{fk}{\omega} \\ a \cos(aL) + \frac{fk}{\omega} \sin(aL) & a \sin(aL) + \frac{fk}{\omega} \cos(aL) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

The dispersion relation becomes:

$$\left(\omega^2 - f^2\right)^2 \cdot \left(\omega^2 - C^2 k^2\right) \cdot \sin(aL) = 0$$

This dispersion relation has three solutions

→  $\omega = f$  →

***Inertial oscillations***

→  $\sin(aL) = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{n\pi}{L}$  where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} = \frac{\omega^2 - f^2}{C^2} - k^2$$

⇒

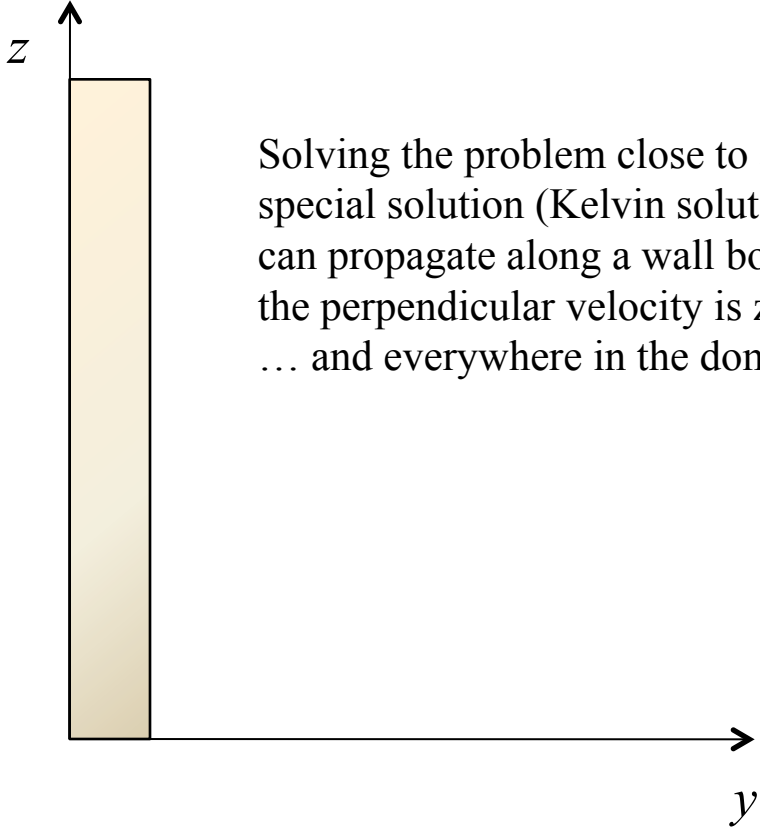
$\omega = \pm \sqrt{f^2 + C^2 \left( k^2 + \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \right)}$  →

***Poincare waves***

→  $\omega^2 = C^2 k^2$

⇒

$\omega = \pm Ck$  → ***Kelvin waves***



Solving the problem close to a wall has a special solution (Kelvin solution): The wave can propagate along a wall boundary (where the perpendicular velocity is zero on the wall ... and everywhere in the domain)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \\
 (2) \quad & fu = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \\
 (3) \quad & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Solutions:  $[u, \eta] = [\hat{u}(y), \hat{\eta}(y)] e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$

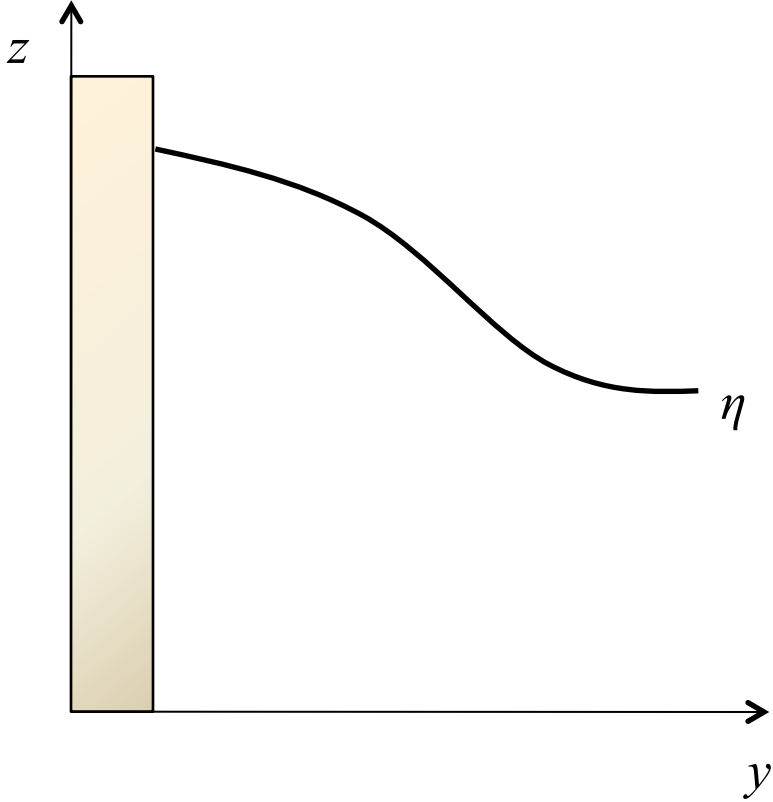
$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 -i\omega \hat{u} - igk \hat{\eta} \\
 f\hat{u} = -g \frac{d\hat{\eta}}{dy} \\
 -i\omega \hat{\eta} + iHk\hat{u} = 0
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

From (1) and (3):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\eta}(\omega^2 - gHk^2) &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \omega &= \pm k\sqrt{gH}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$c = \sqrt{gH}$$





From equations (2) and (3):

$$\frac{d\hat{\eta}}{dy} + \frac{f}{c}\hat{\eta} = 0$$

Decaying solution:  $\hat{\eta} = \eta_0 e^{-\frac{f}{c}y}$

$$\eta = \eta_0 e^{-\frac{f}{c}y} \cos k(x - ct)$$

$$u = \eta_0 \sqrt{\frac{g}{H}} e^{-\frac{f}{c}y} \cos k(x - ct)$$

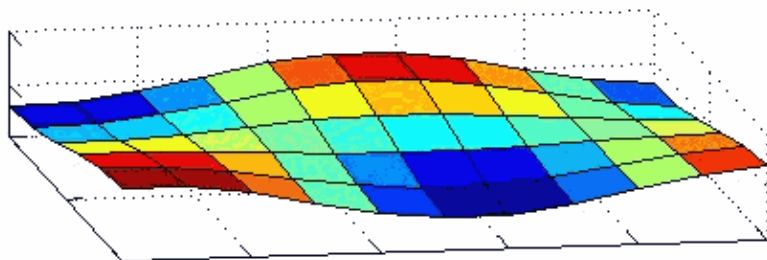
These are waves with maximum amplitude on the coast (having the “wall” on their right/left in the northern/southern hemisphere) and decaying exponentially away from the coast.

$$\frac{f}{C} = \frac{f}{\sqrt{gH}}$$

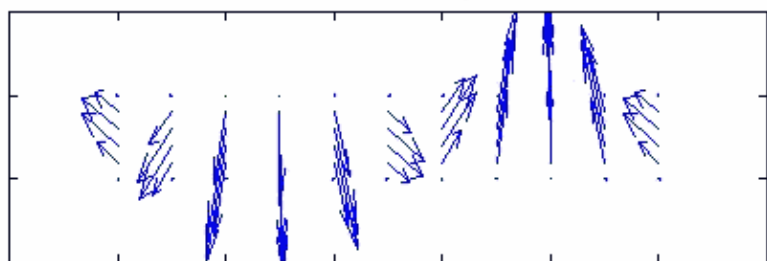
$$R_D = \frac{\sqrt{gH}}{f}$$

***Rossby radius of deformation (external)***

*Interface displacement*



*Horizontal velocity*



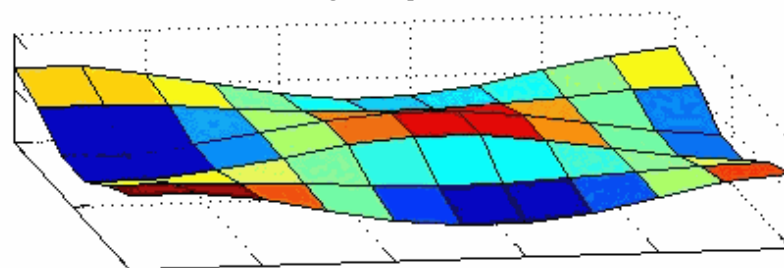
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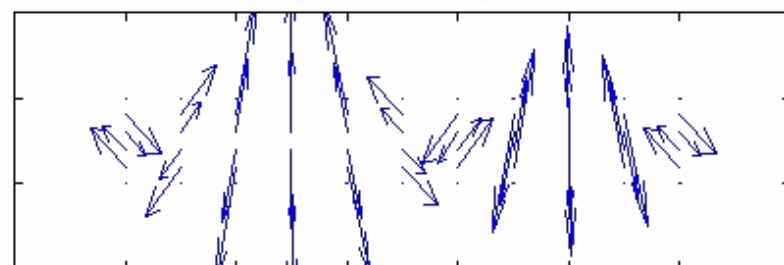


***Poincare waves in a channel***

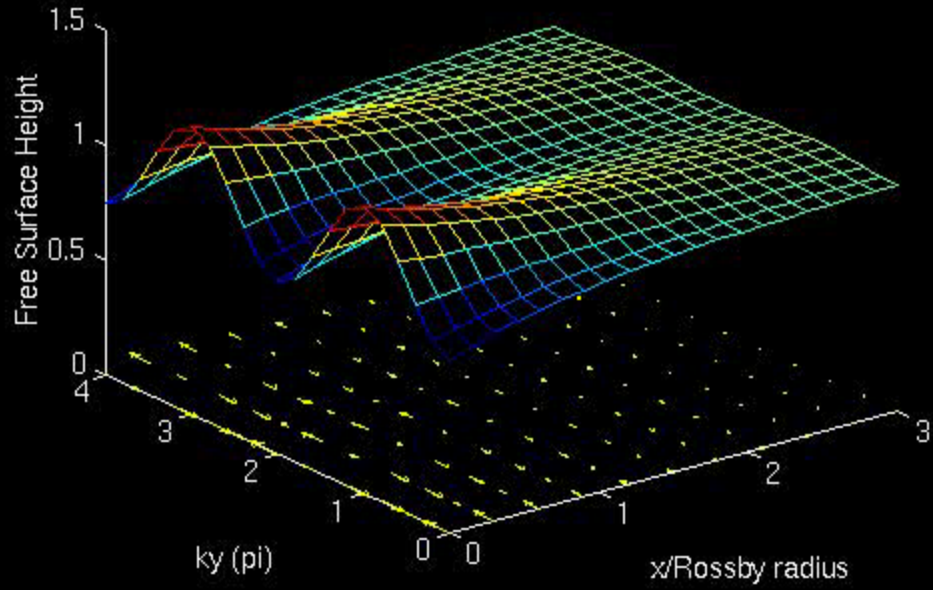
*Interface displacement*



*Horizontal velocity*

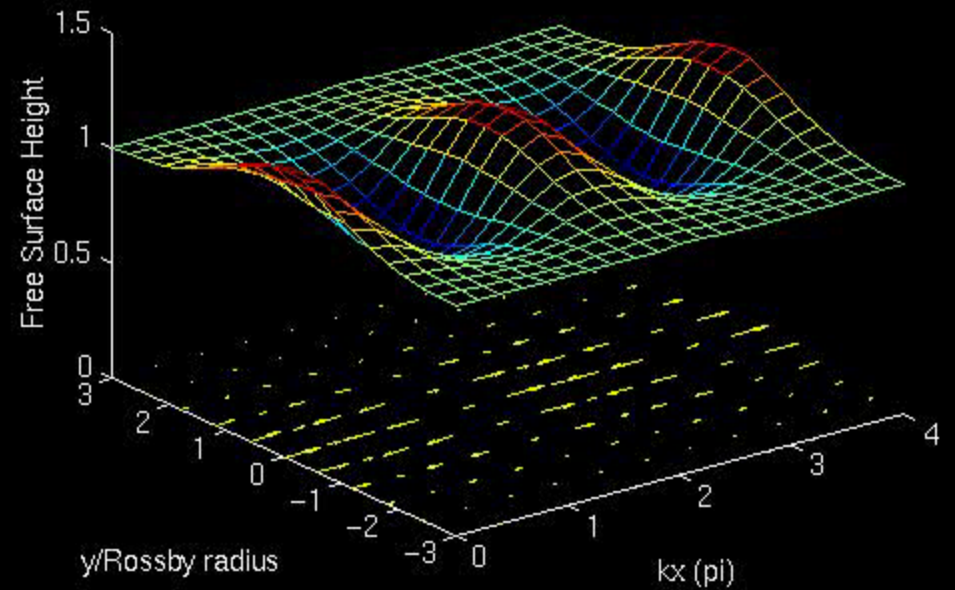


Coastal Kelvin Wave ©PRB



*Kelvin waves*

Equatorial Kelvin Wave ©PRB



*coastal*

*equatorial*



**Basic equations for ocean waves in the presence of rotation (f-plane)**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (f_0 + \beta y)v &= -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + (f_0 + \beta y)u &= -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

At first order the system can be approximated by geostrophy:

**Shallow Water  
Quasi-Geostrophy**

$$R_{oT} = \frac{1}{fT} \approx 1$$

$$E_k = \frac{A_H}{fL^2} \ll 1$$

$\beta$  - plane  
 $f = f_0 + \beta y$

$$v \cong \frac{g}{f_0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

$$u \cong -\frac{g}{f_0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

Substituting in the equations of motion:

$$u = -\frac{g}{f_0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} - \frac{g}{f_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\beta g}{f_0^2} y \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

$$v = \frac{g}{f_0} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{g}{f_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial y \partial t} - \frac{\beta g}{f_0^2} y \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

**geostrophic**      **a-geostrophic**

Using the continuity equation: 
$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} - R_D^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \eta - \beta R_D^2 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$R_D = \frac{\sqrt{gH}}{f}$$

Wave solution:

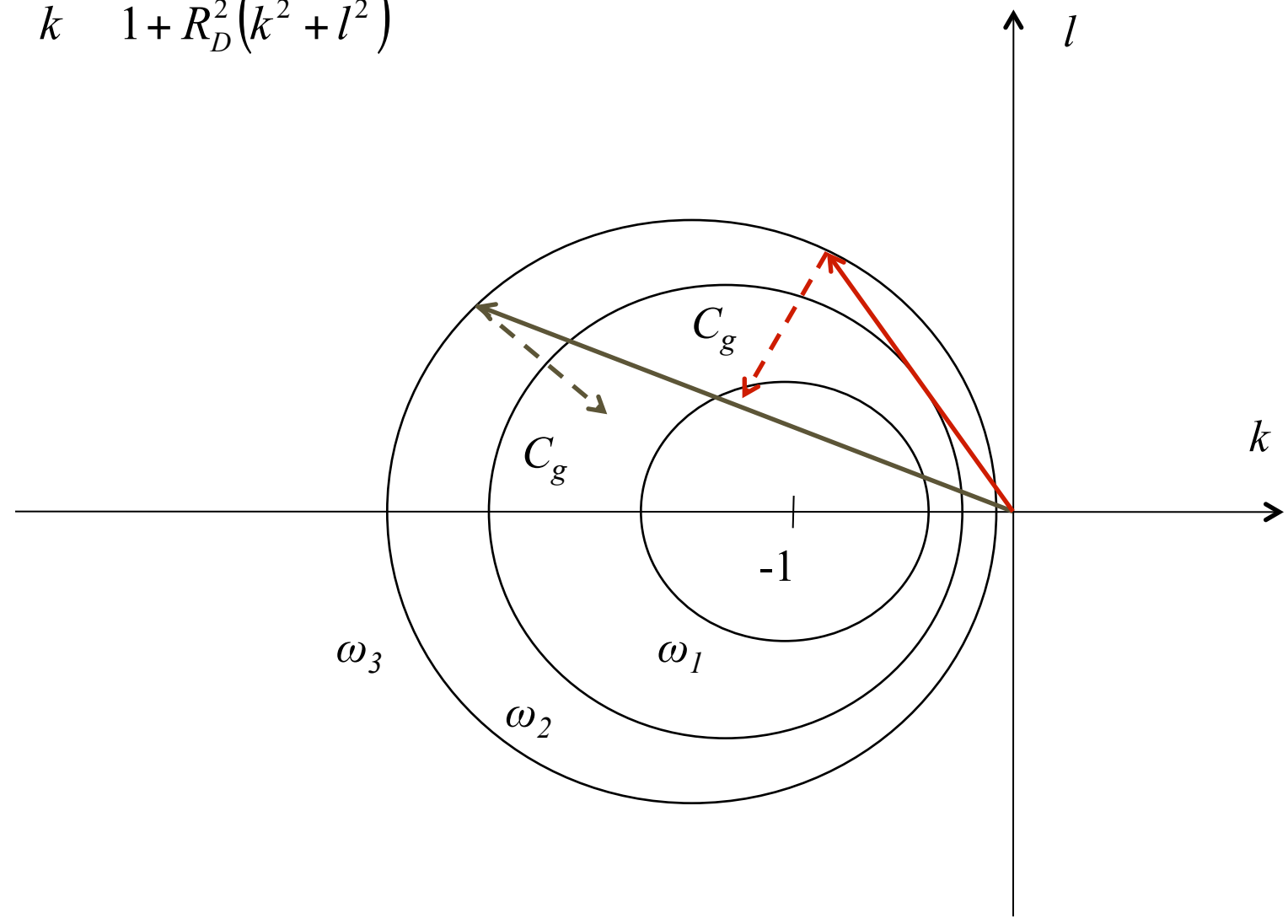
$$\eta \propto \cos(kx + ly - \omega t)$$

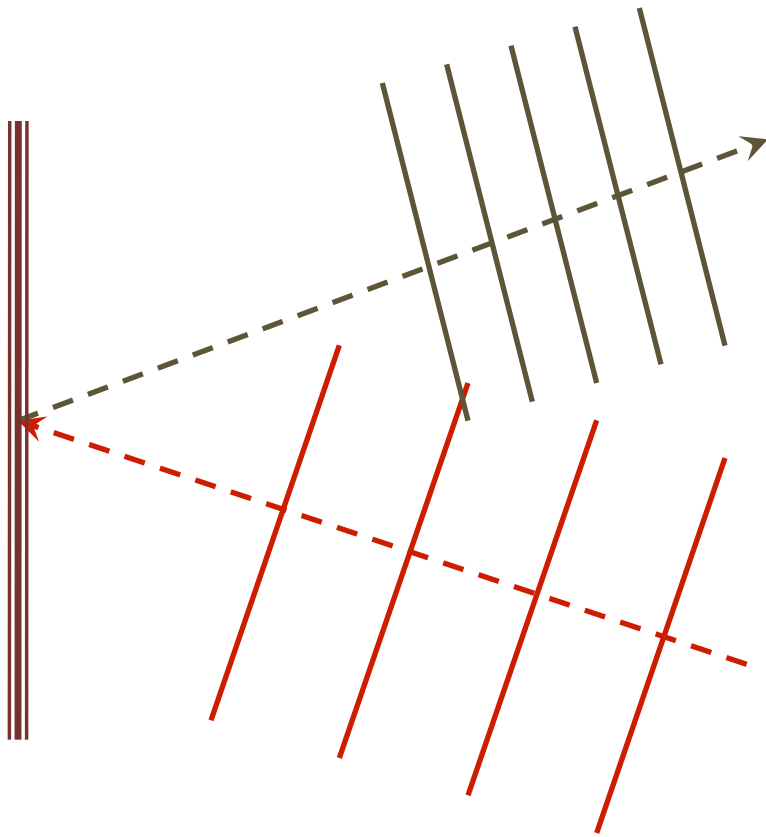
$$\omega = -\beta R_D^2 \frac{k}{1 + R_D^2 (k^2 + l^2)}$$

At the limit  $\omega = \beta = 0 \rightarrow$  GEOSTROPHY

***Dispersion diagram***

$$C_x \equiv \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{-\beta R_D^2}{1 + R_D^2(k^2 + l^2)}$$





**Wavepacket reflection on the western boundary**

$$\omega = -\frac{\beta k}{\frac{1}{R^2} + k^2}$$

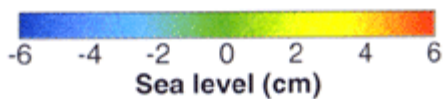
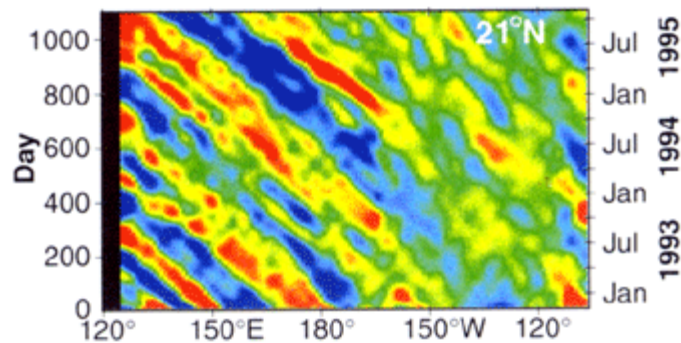
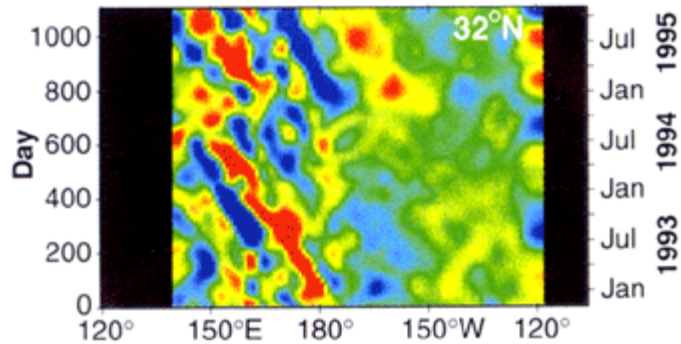
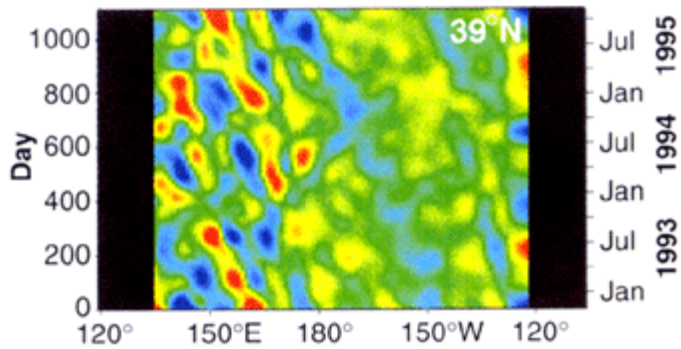
Short wavelengths:  $k \gg \frac{1}{R}$

$$\rightarrow \omega \approx -\frac{\beta}{k} \rightarrow c_g = \frac{\beta}{k^2}$$

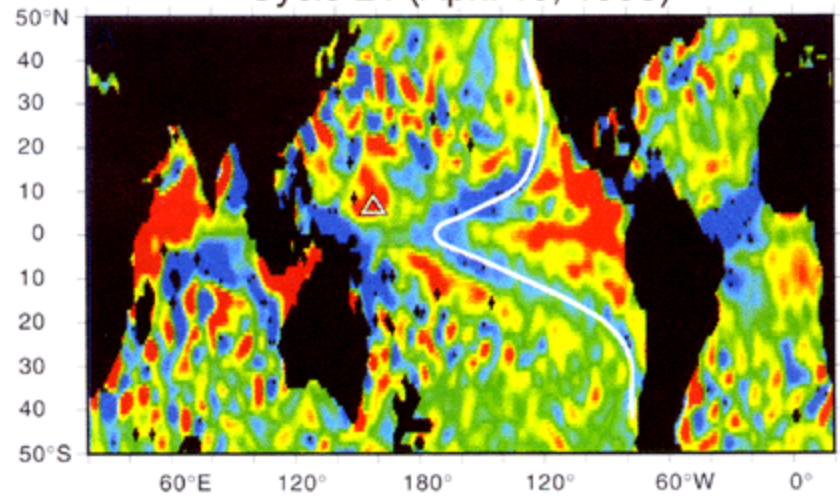
Long wavelengths:  $k \ll \frac{1}{R}$

$$\rightarrow \omega \approx -\beta k R^2 \rightarrow c_g = -\beta R^2$$

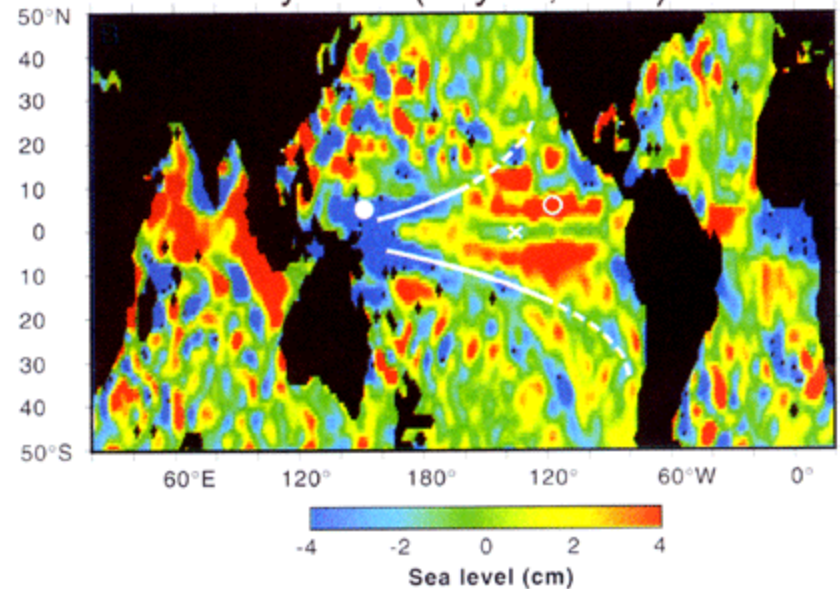
$$c_g(L) > c_g(S)$$



Cycle 21 (April 13, 1993)



Cycle 32 (July 31, 1993)

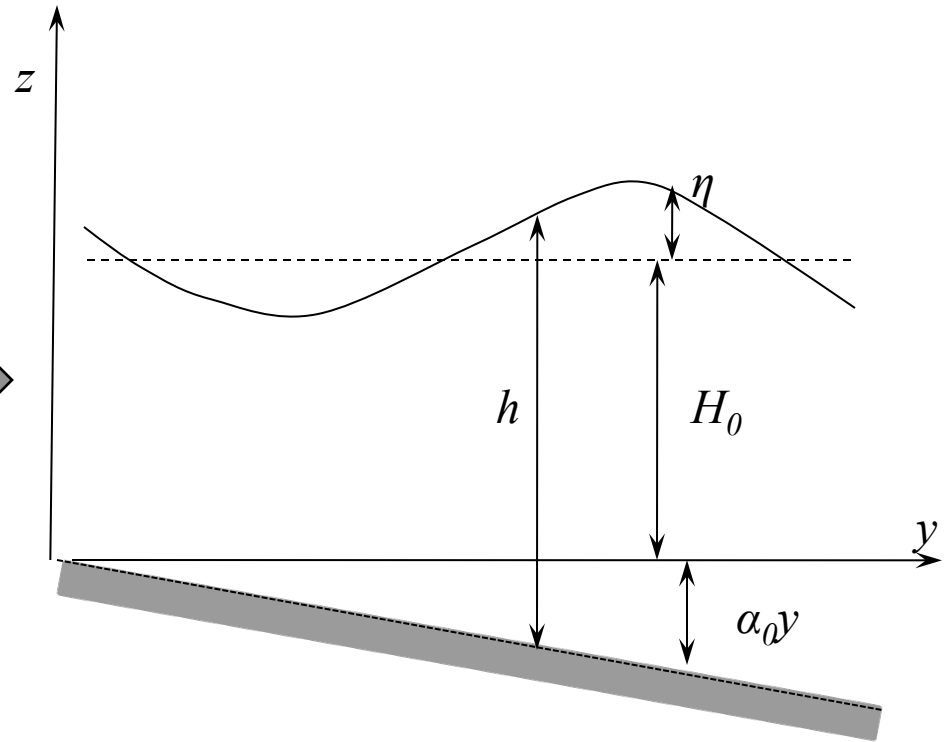




## Topographic waves (f-plane)

$$H = H_0 + a_0 y; \quad a = \frac{a_0 L}{H_0} \ll 1$$

$$h(x, y, t) = H_0 + a_0 y + \eta(x, y, t) \quad \rightarrow$$



The continuity equation becomes:

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + (H_0 + \cancel{a_0 y} + \cancel{\eta}) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + a_0 v = 0$$

$$a_0 y, \eta \ll H_0$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H_0 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + a_0 v = 0$$

**Basic equations for oceanic waves in the presence of rotation (f-plane) and topographic influence**

$$v \cong \frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

Approximation (geostrophy):

$$u \cong -\frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - f v = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + f u = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + H_0 \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) + a_0 v = 0$$

$$u = -\frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} - \frac{g}{f^2} \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial x \partial t}$$

$$v = \frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} - \frac{g}{f^2} \frac{\partial^2 \eta}{\partial y \partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} - R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \eta - \frac{a_0 g}{f} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$R = \frac{\sqrt{gH_0}}{f}$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} - R^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \eta - \frac{a_0 g}{f} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0$$

κυματική λύση:

$$\eta \propto \cos(kx + ly - \omega t)$$

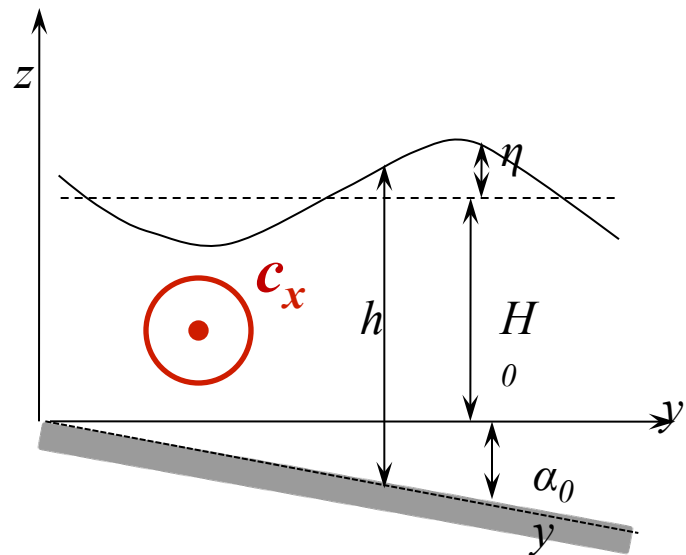
$$\omega = \frac{a_0 g}{f} \frac{k}{1 + R^2(k^2 + l^2)}$$

$$c_x = \frac{a_0 g}{f} \frac{1}{1 + R^2(k^2 + l^2)}$$

**Βόρειο ημισφαίριο:** Μικρά βάθη στα δεξιά

**Νότιο ημισφαίριο:** Μικρά βάθη στα αριστερά

$$c_x(\text{max}) = \frac{a_0 g}{f}$$

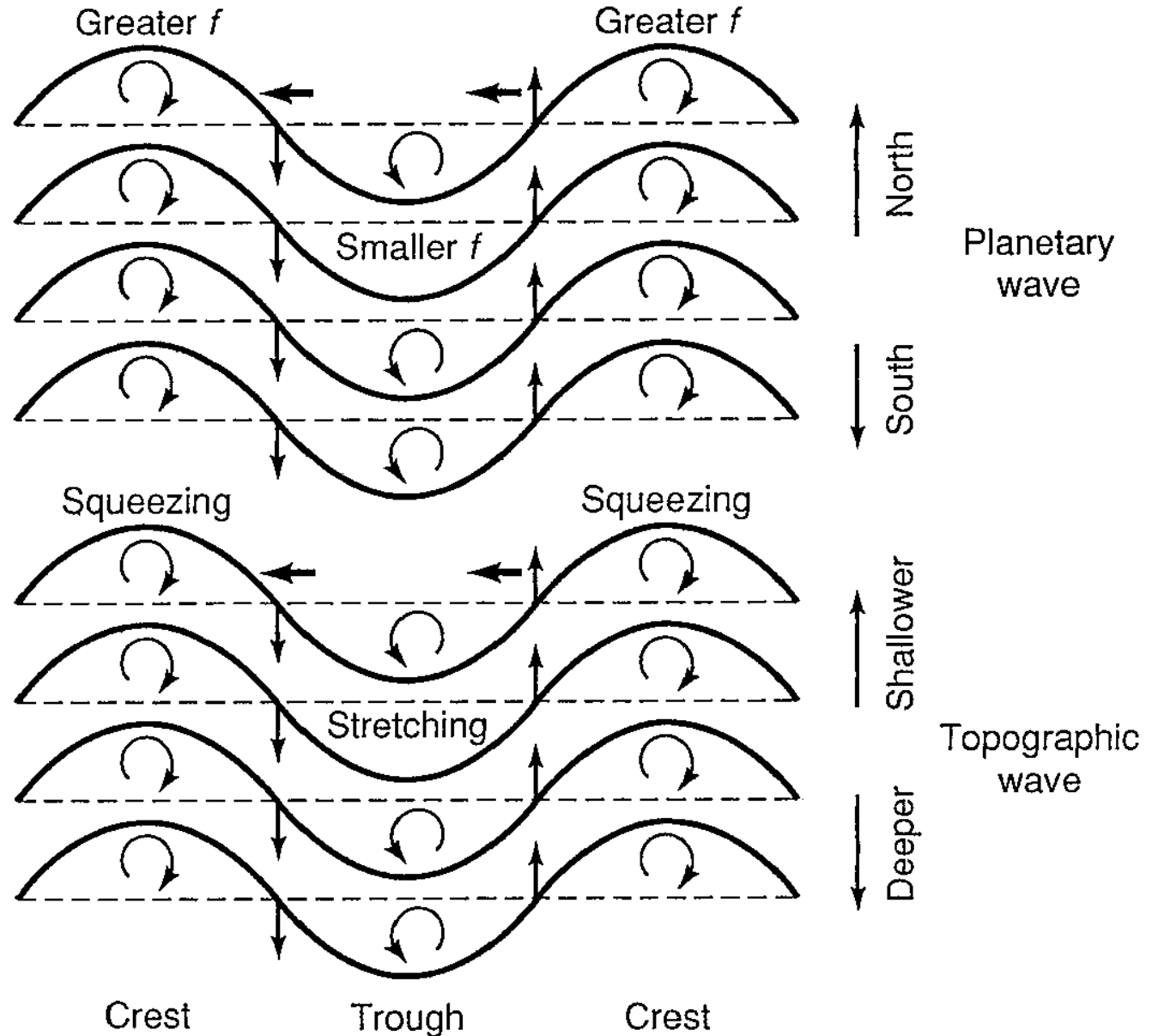


$$f = f_0 + \beta y$$

**Αναλογίες και  
μηχανισμοί  
πλανητικών-  
τοπογραφικών  
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$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{f_0 + \beta y + \xi}{H_0 + a_0 y} \right)$$

$$H = H_0 + a_0 y$$



# OBSERVING OCEAN WAVES

