Waves I

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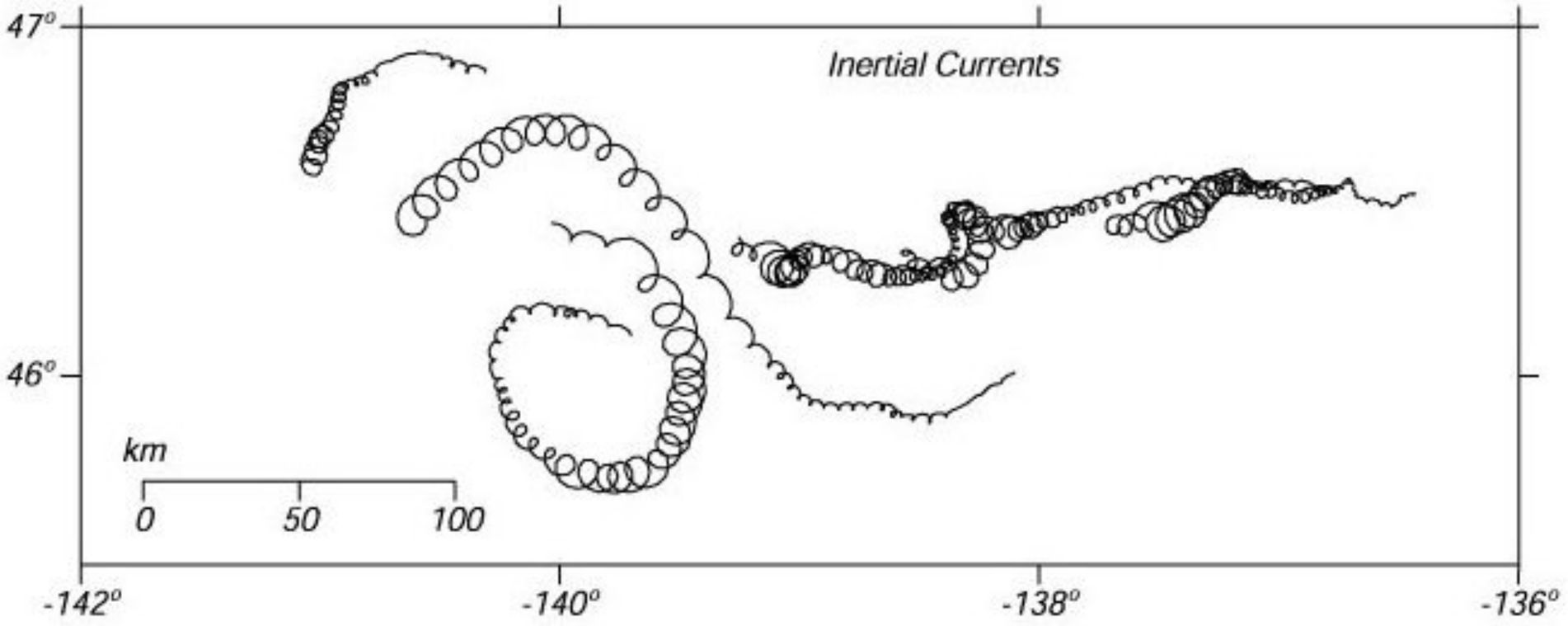

Figure 9.1 Inertial currents in the North Pacific in October 1987 (days 275-300) measured by holey-sock drifting buoys drogued at a depth of 15 meters. Positions were observed 10-12 times per day by the Argos system on NOAA polar-orbiting weather satellites and interpolated to positions every three hours. The largest currents were generated by a storm on day 277. Note: these are not individual eddies. The entire surface is rotating. A drogue placed anywhere in the region would have the same circular motion. From van Meurs (1998).

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F=ma for inertial oscillations

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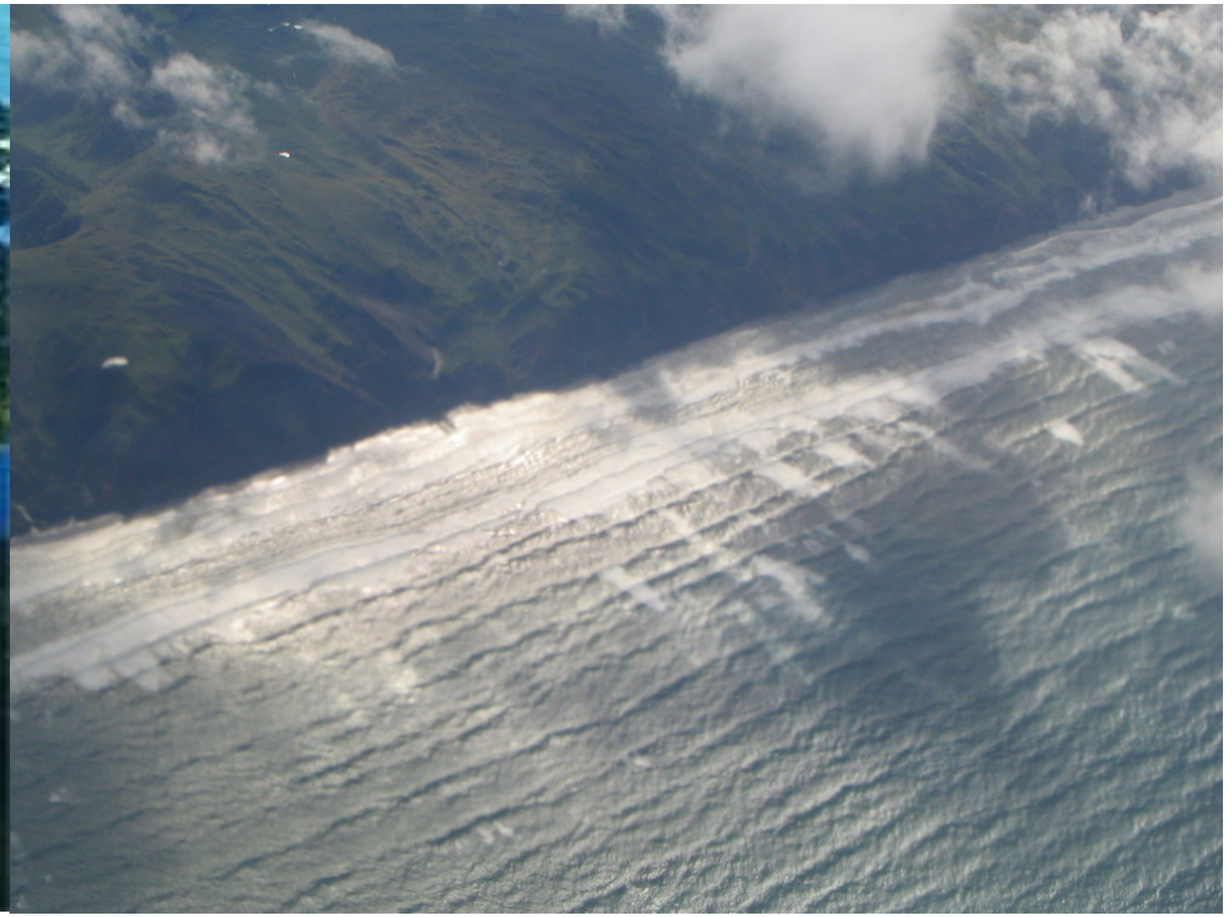

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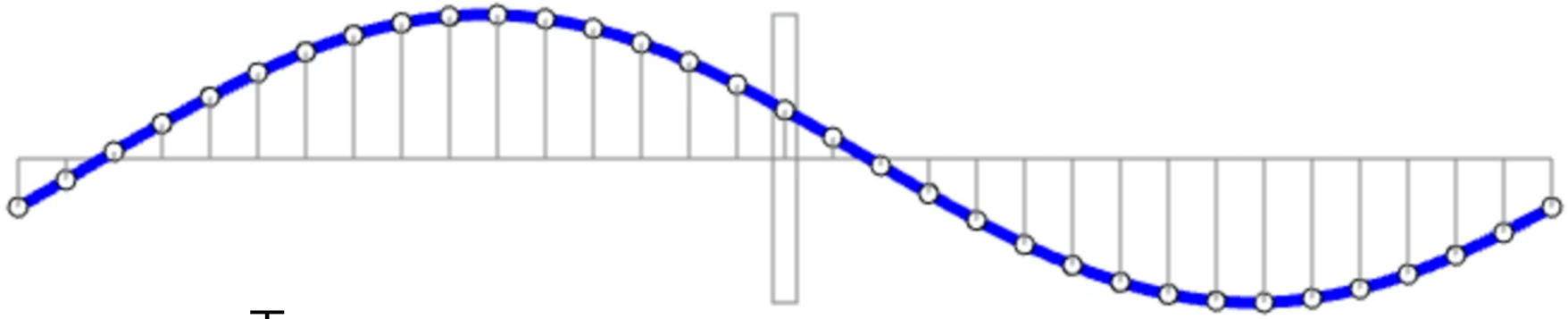

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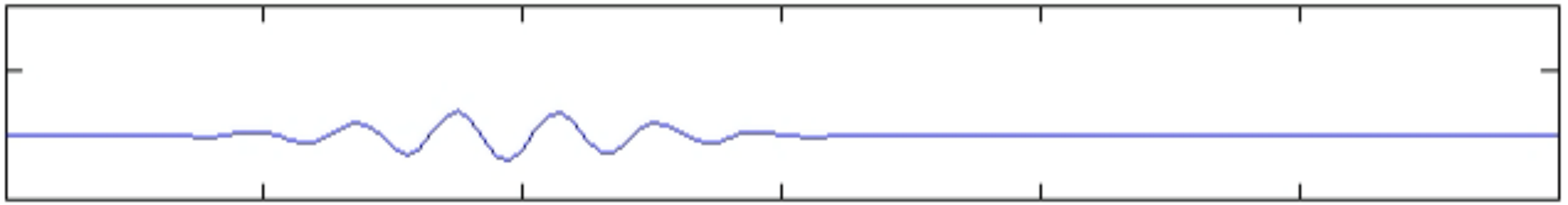

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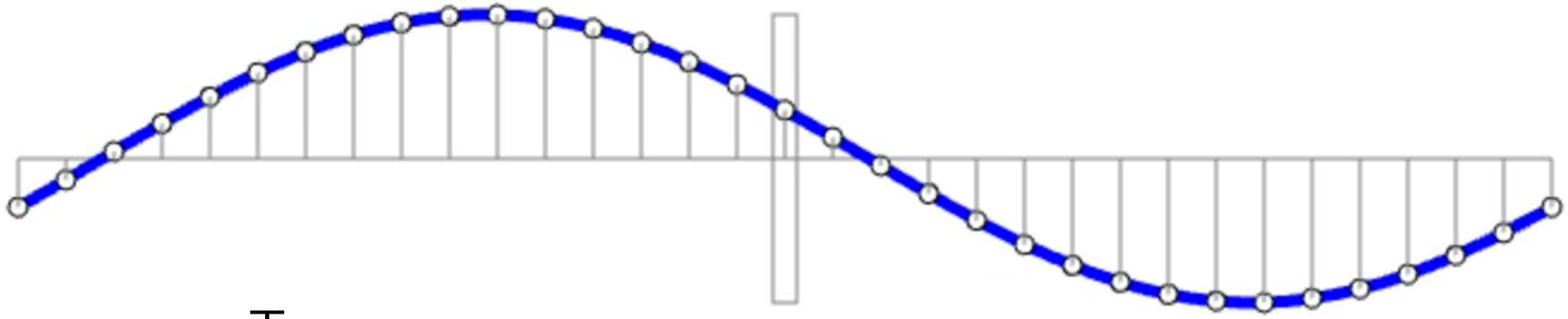

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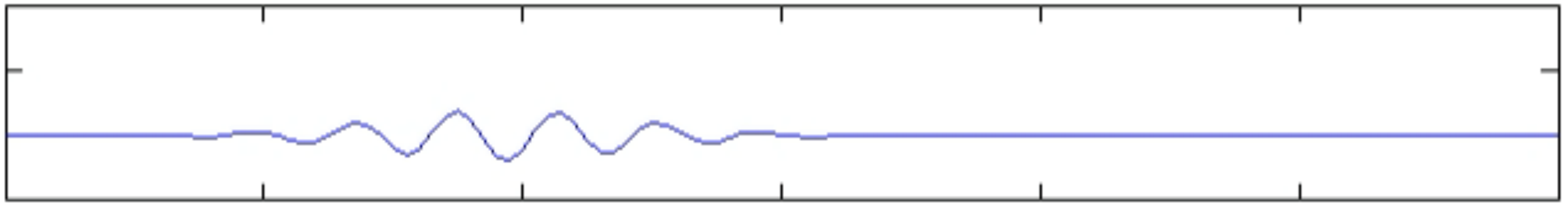

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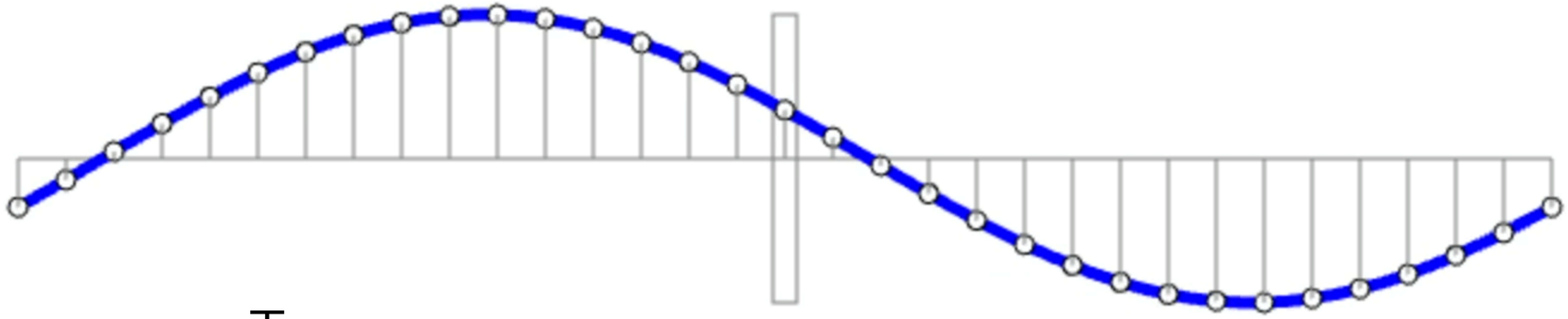

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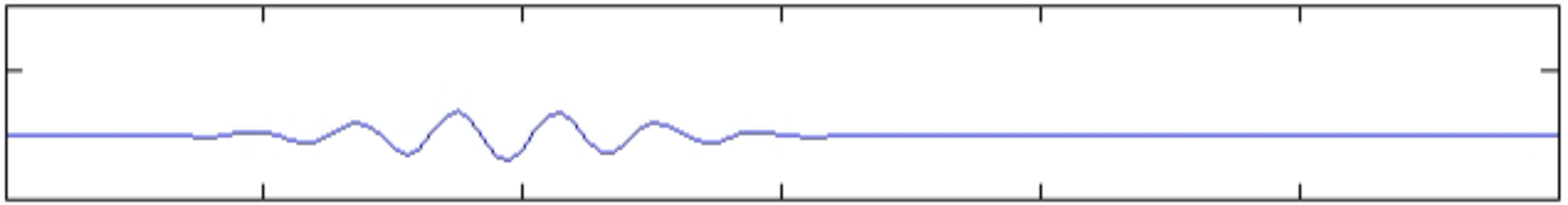

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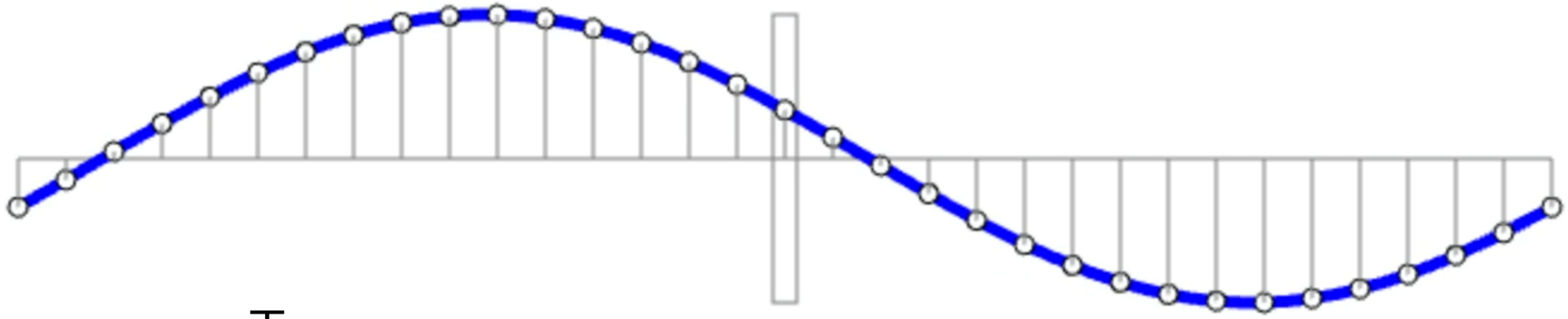

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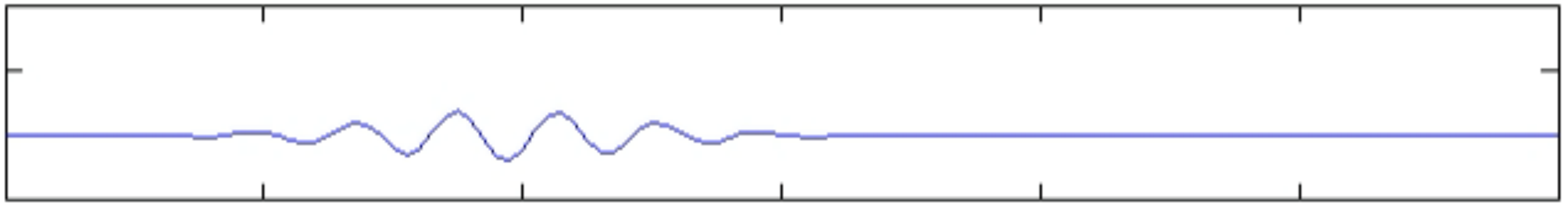

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3 Surface gravity waves – without rotation

3.1 dimensional analysis

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dispersion relation from dimensional arguments

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3.2 Shallow water 1d mass conservation

3.3 Shallow water 1d momentum equation

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derive the shallow water 1d wave equation, use it to find the dispersion relation

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3.5 Particle trajectories (for shallow water waves w/o rotation)

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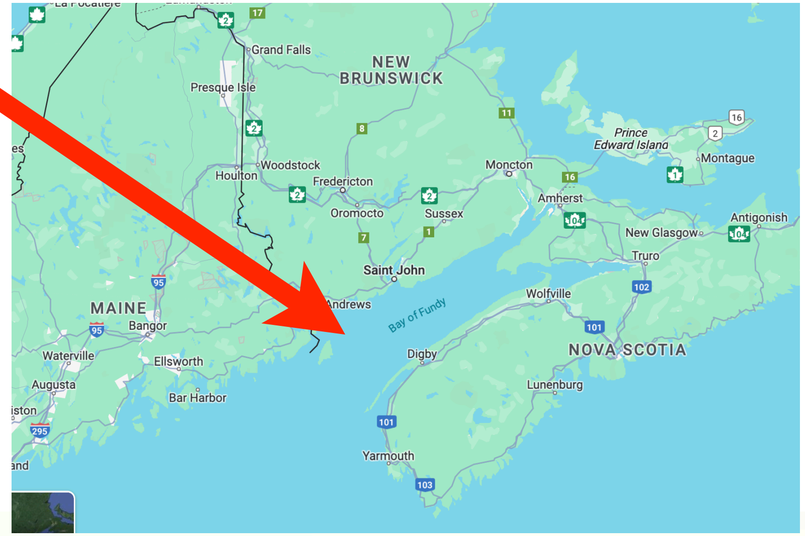

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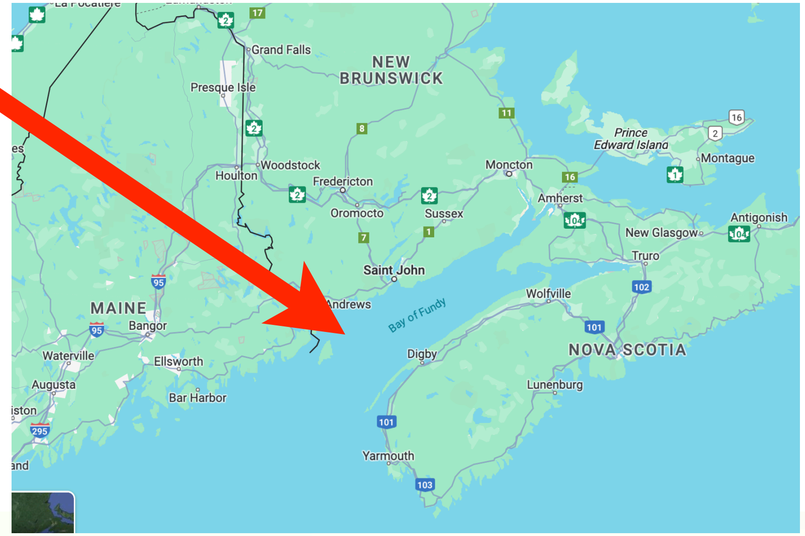

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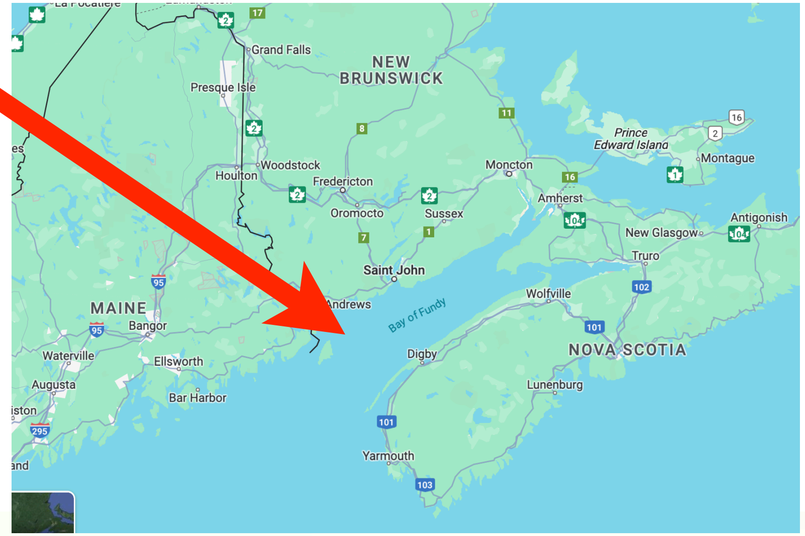

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3.6 Standing waves (springs demo!)

3.7 Tidal resonance

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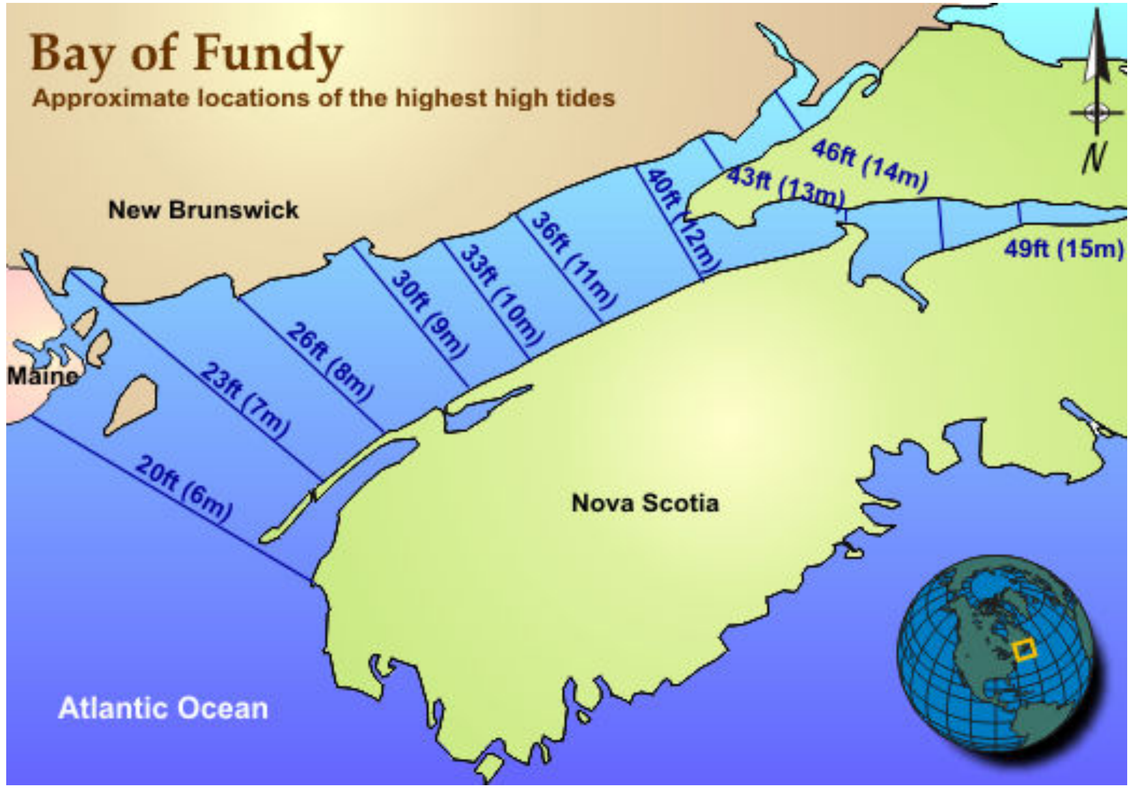

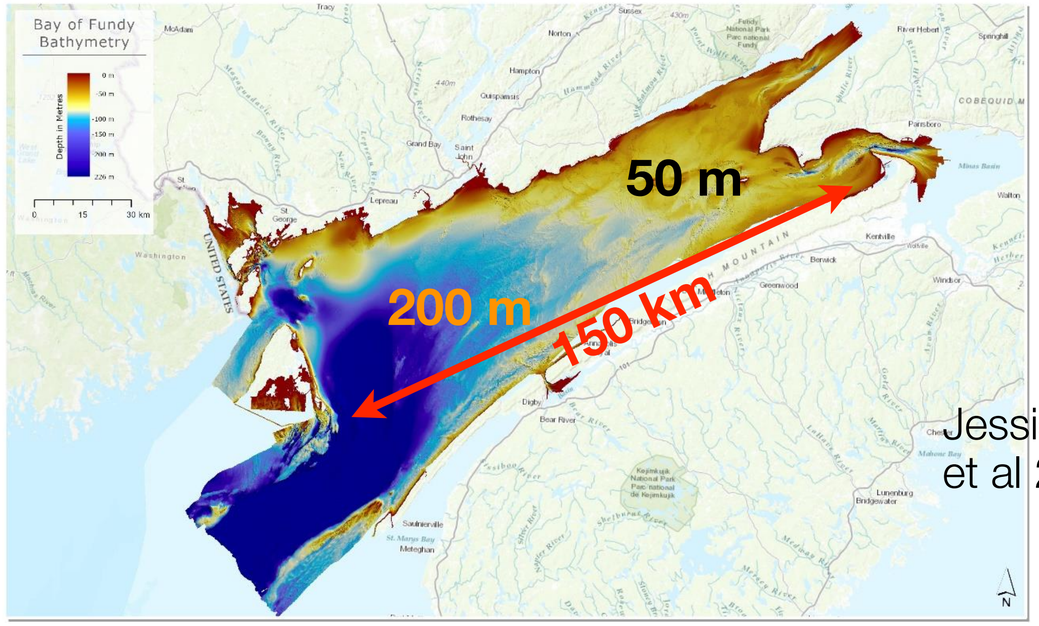

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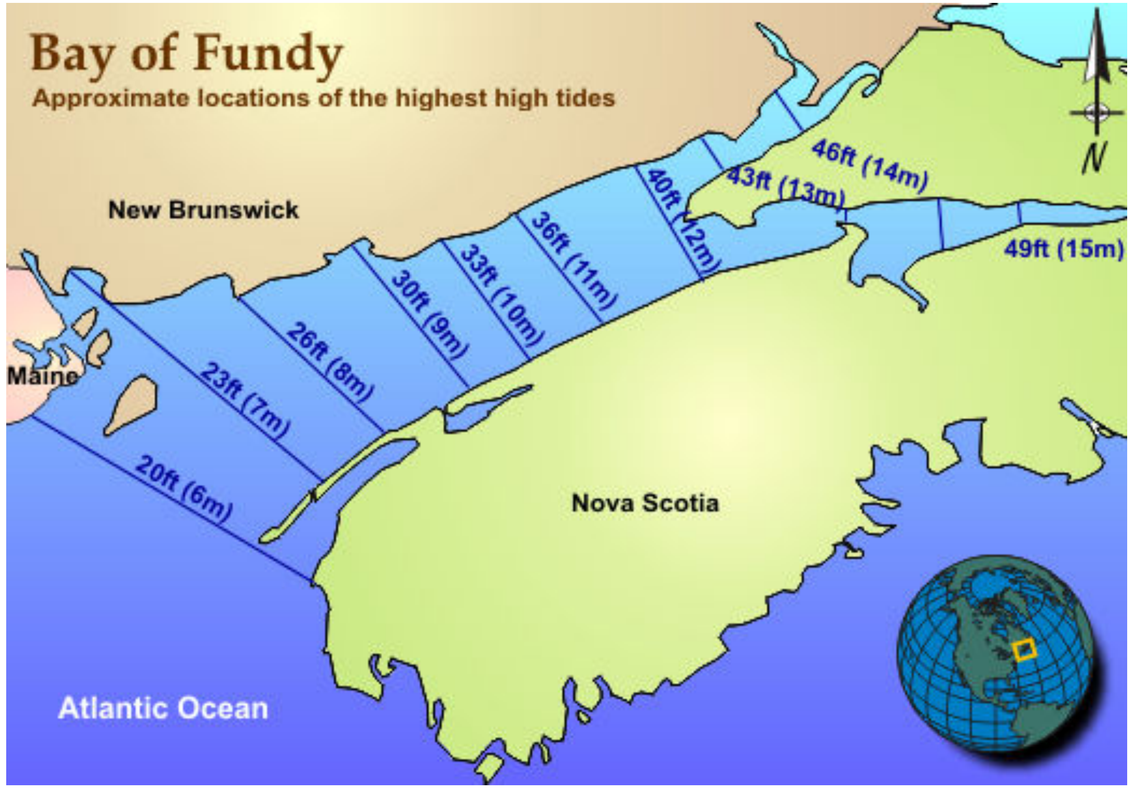

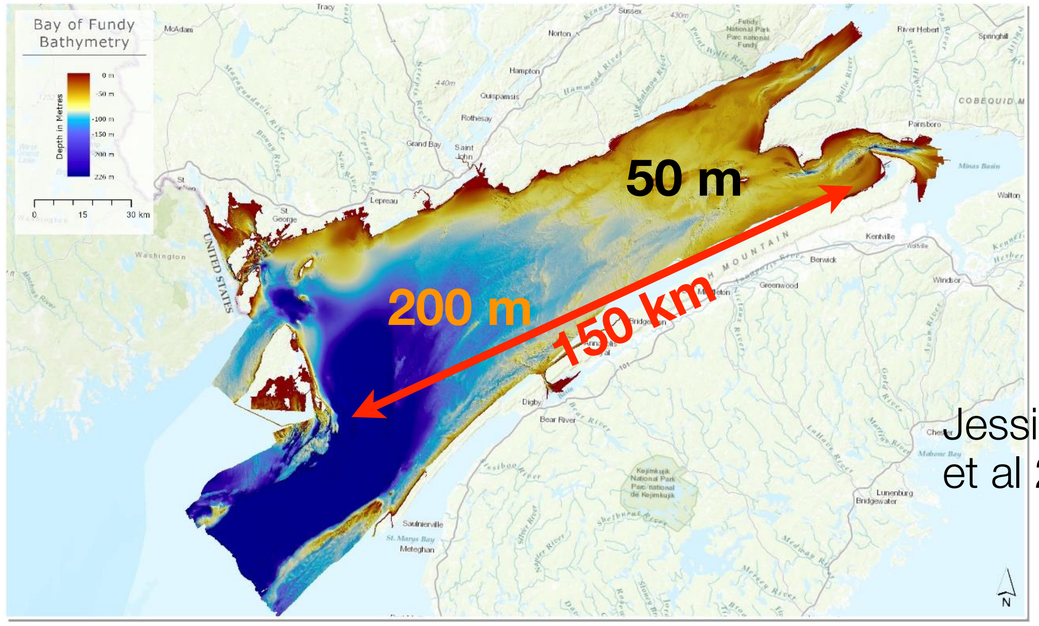

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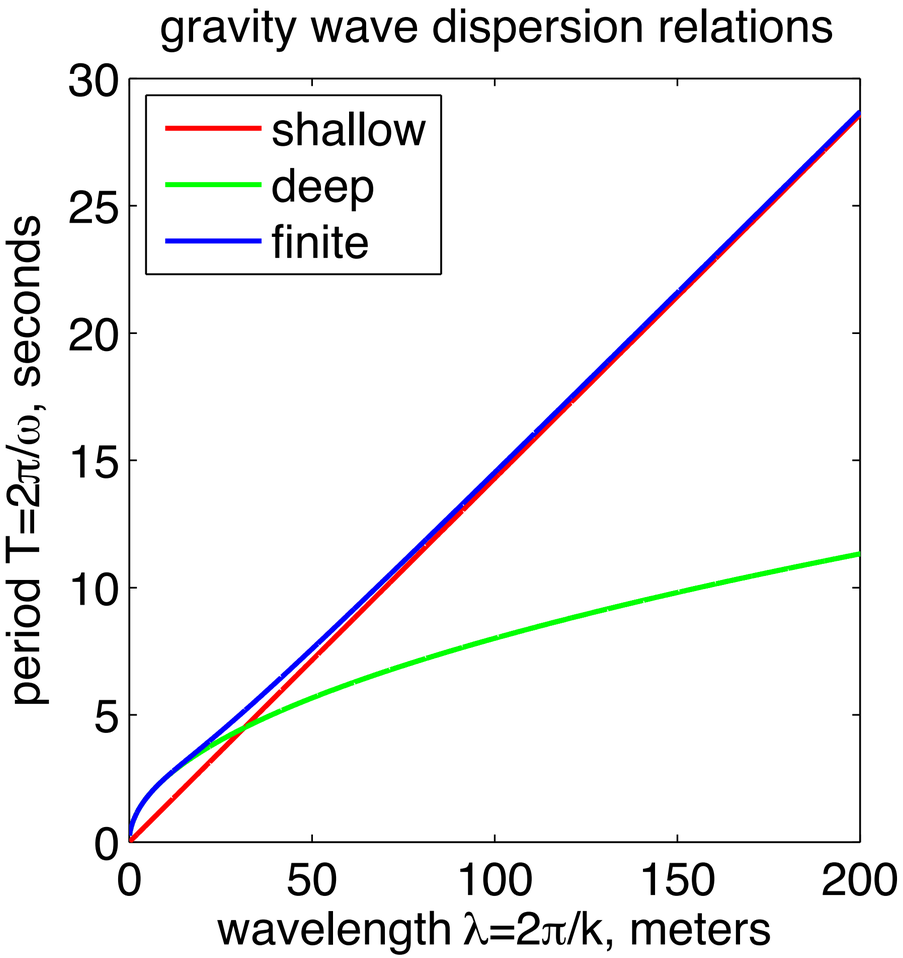
3.8 Deep 1d water waves scaling argument, particle trajectories

3.9 Finite ocean depth & limits of shallow & deepwater



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5 Internal waves

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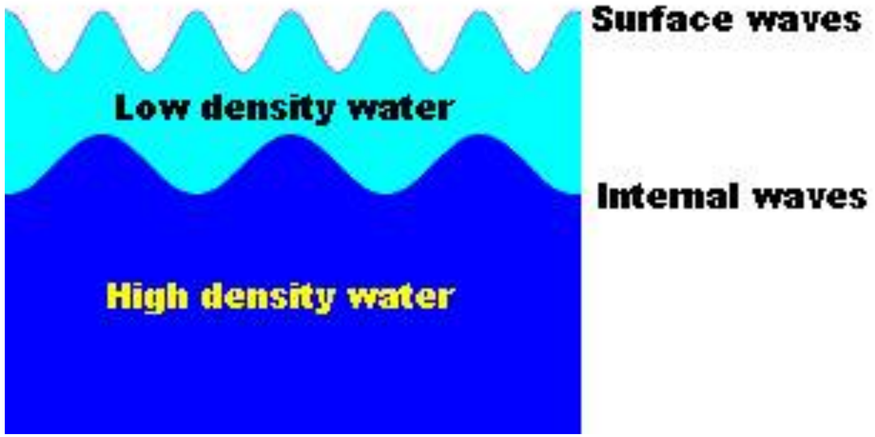

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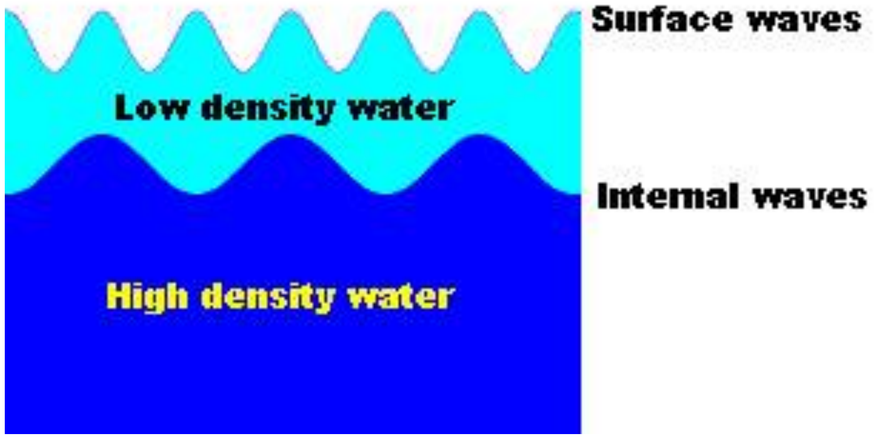

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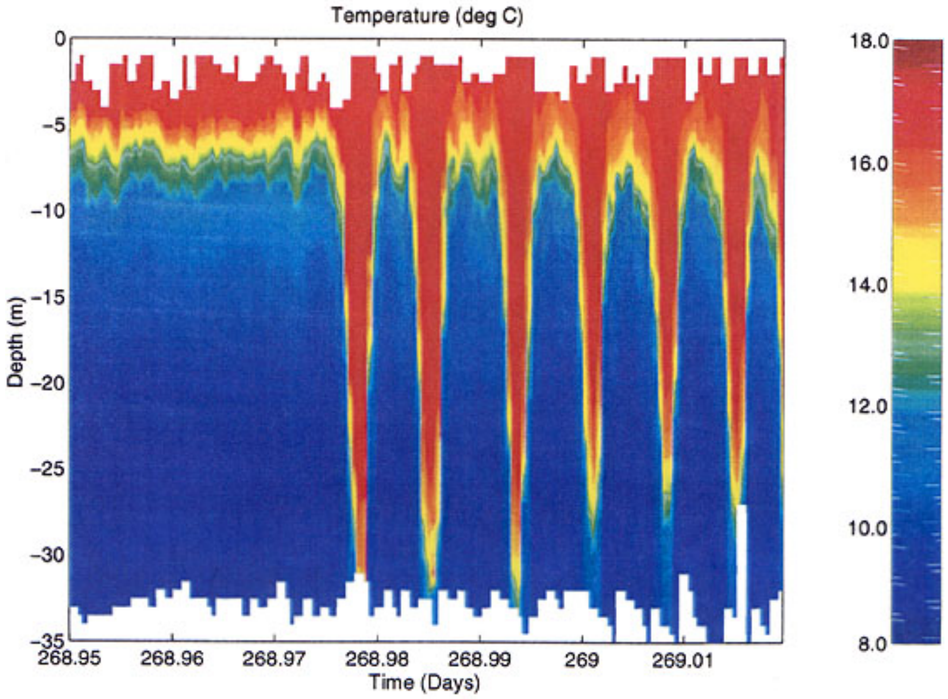

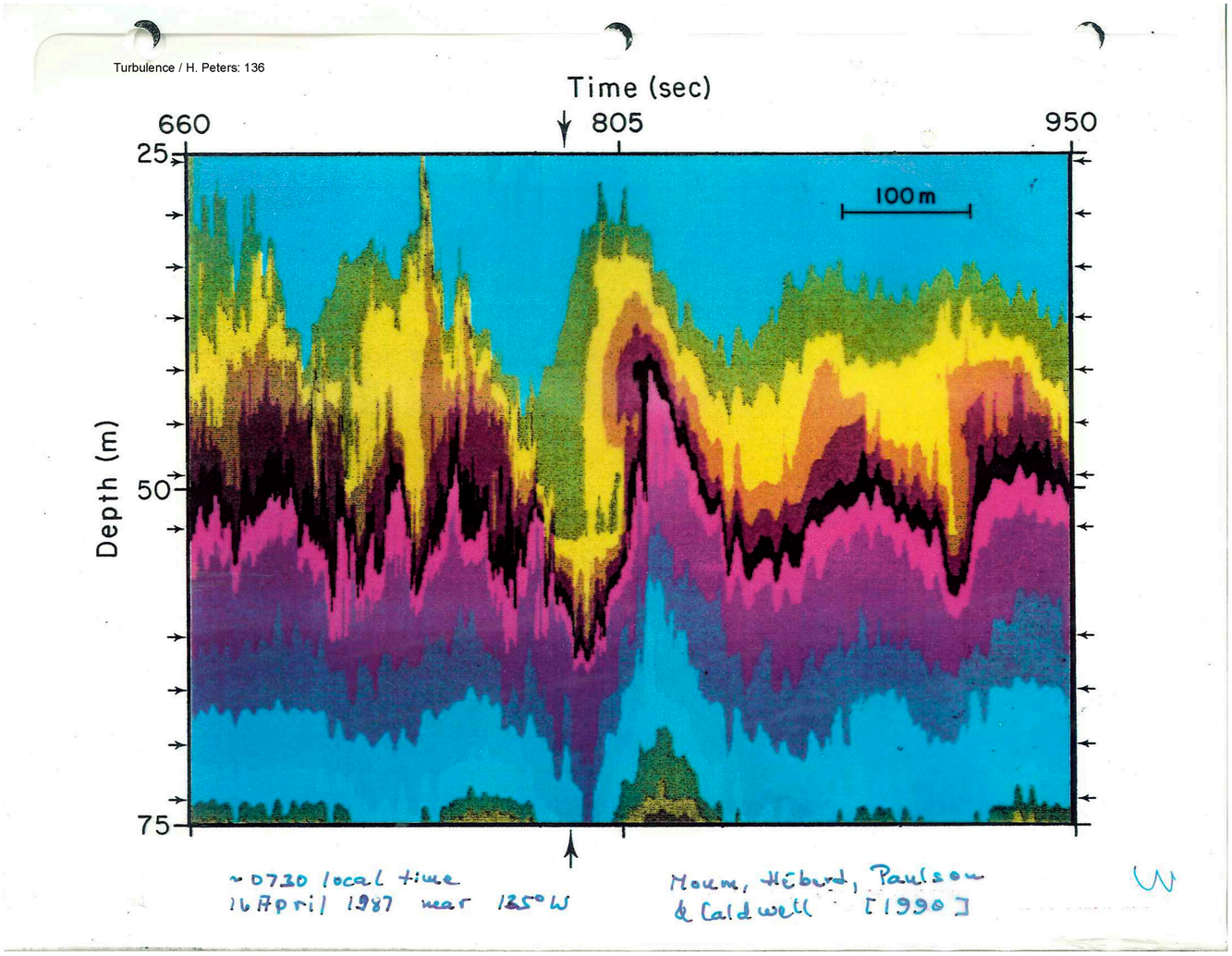

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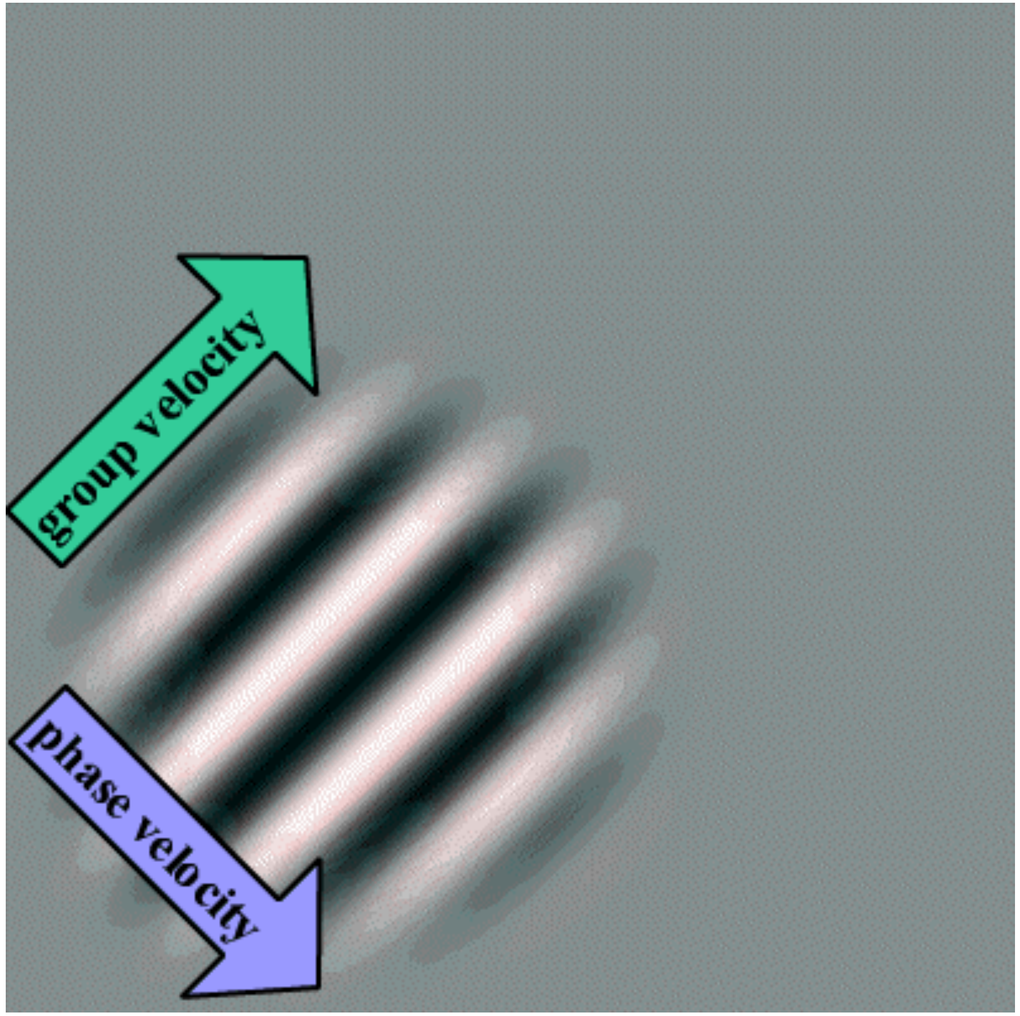

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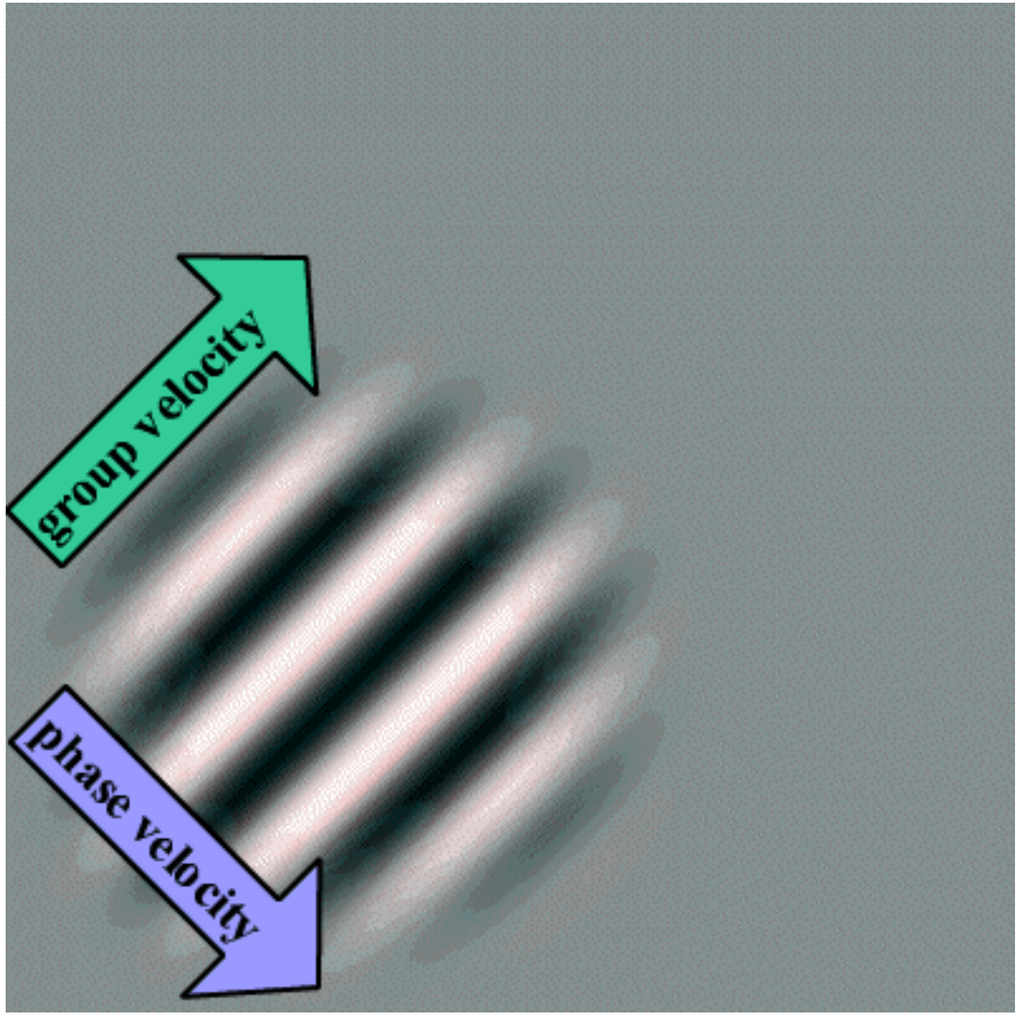

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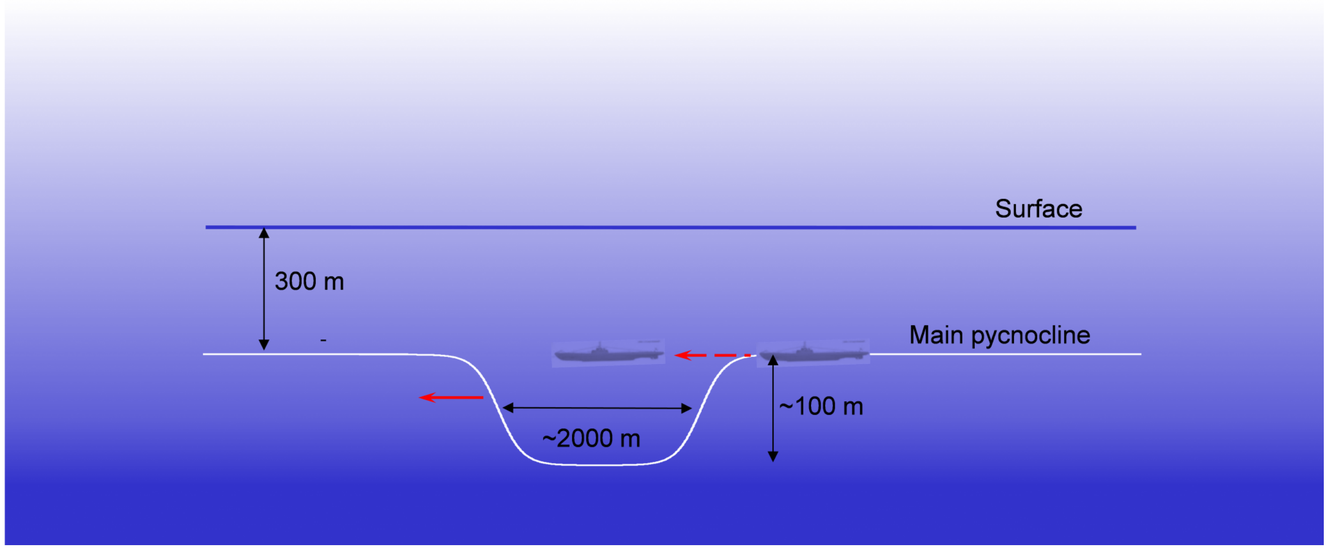

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An interesting historical possibility is that the effect caused Cleopatra's ships difficulties and loss at the Battle of Actium in 31 BC in which legend attributes the loss to "suckerfish" attaching to the hulls. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dead_water

Thanks to Zoe & Inko, spring 2024

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4 Buoyancy oscillations

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derive equation for buoyancy oscillations

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6 Shallow water waves in the presence of rotation

6.1 Coastal Kelvin waves

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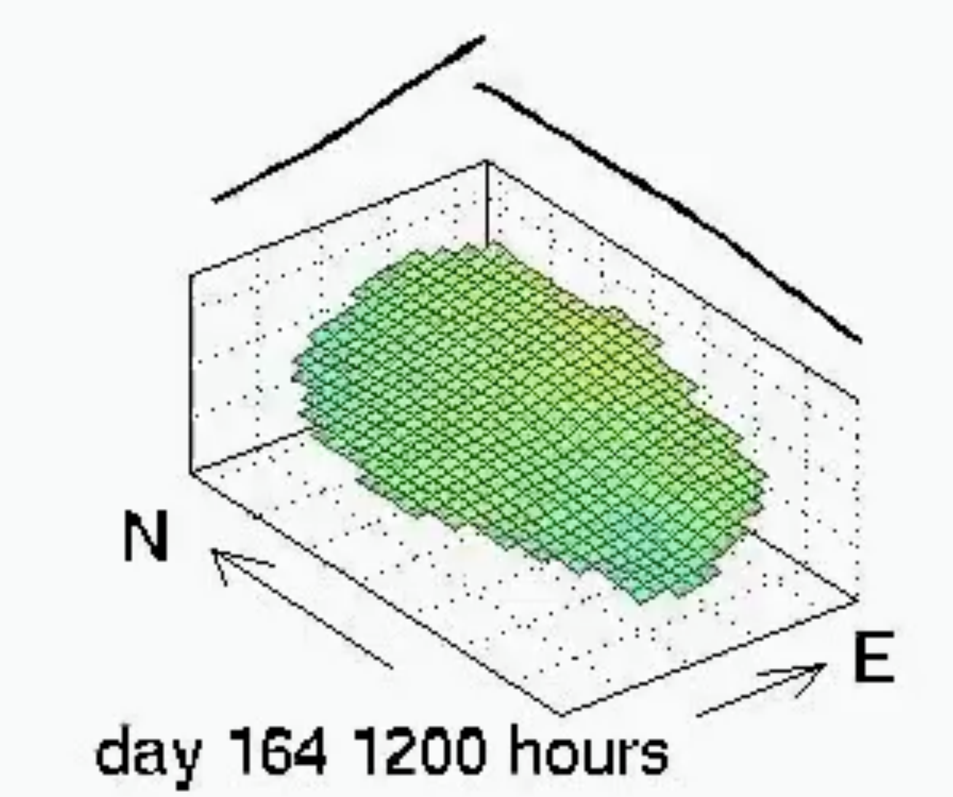

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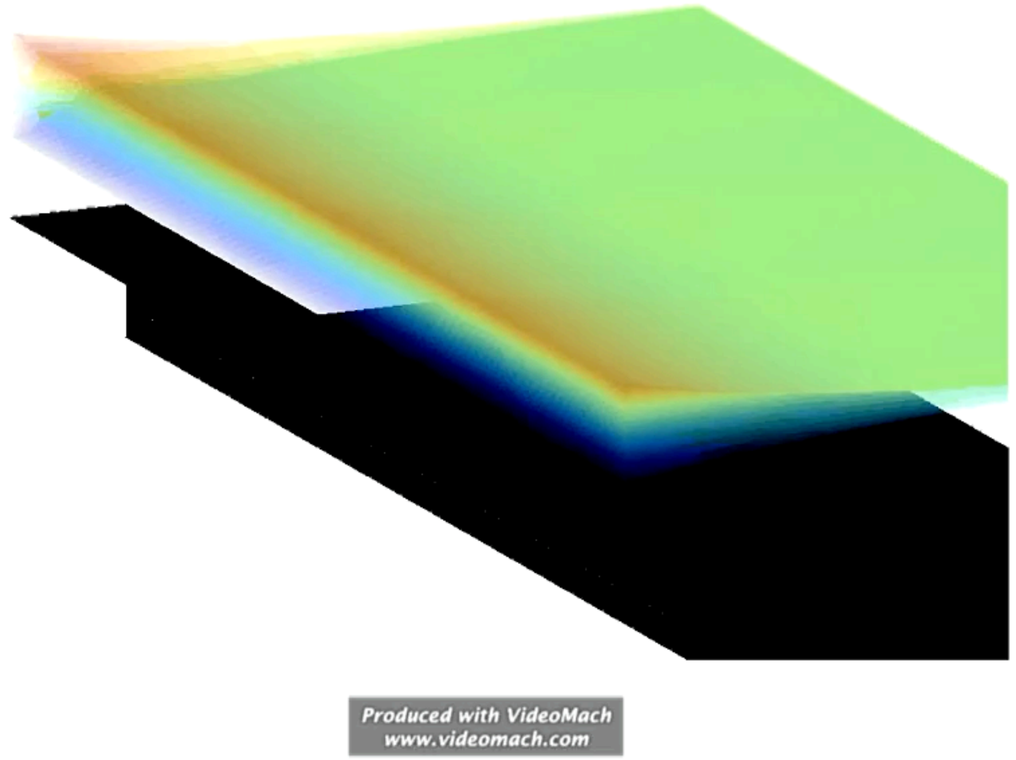

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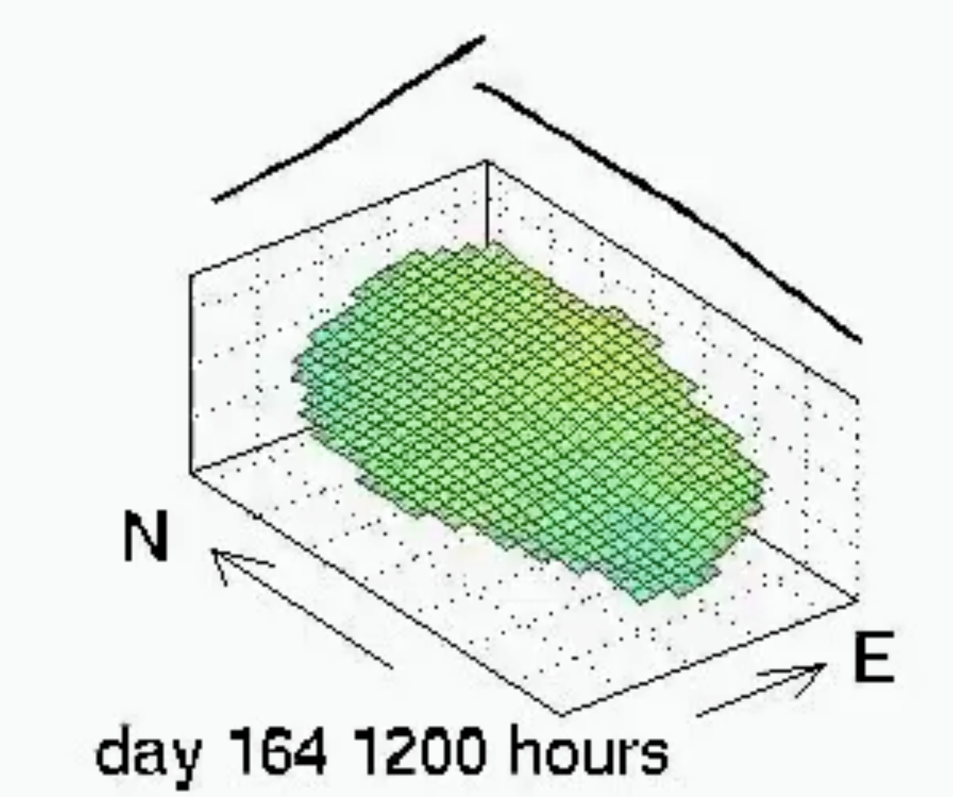

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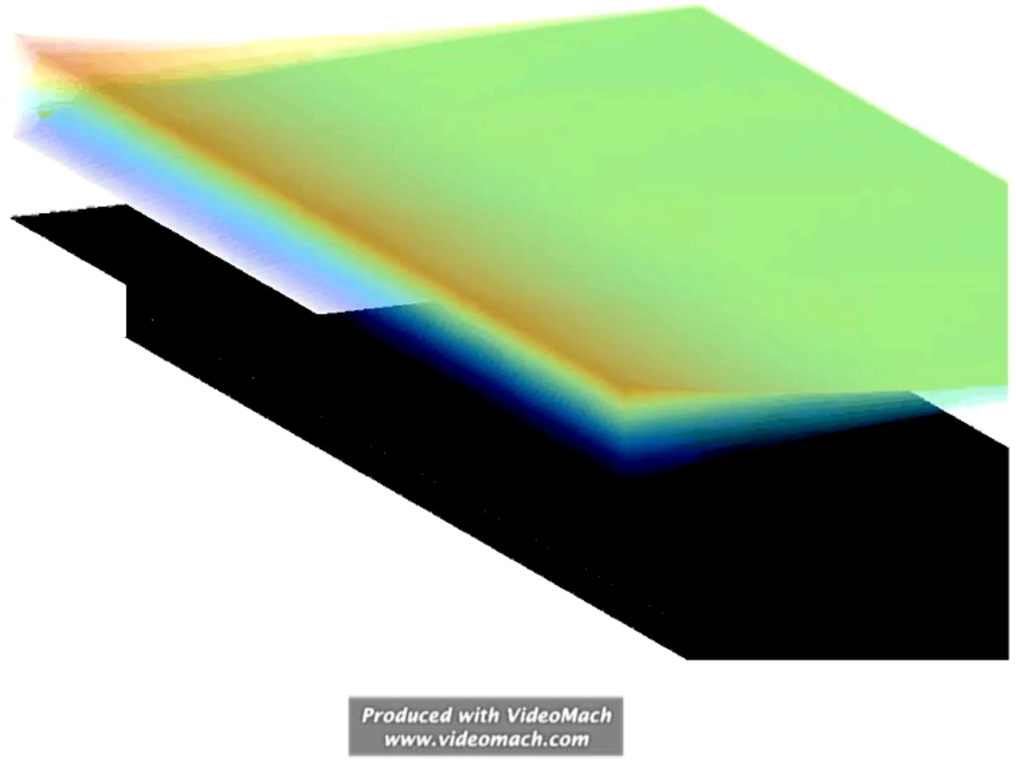

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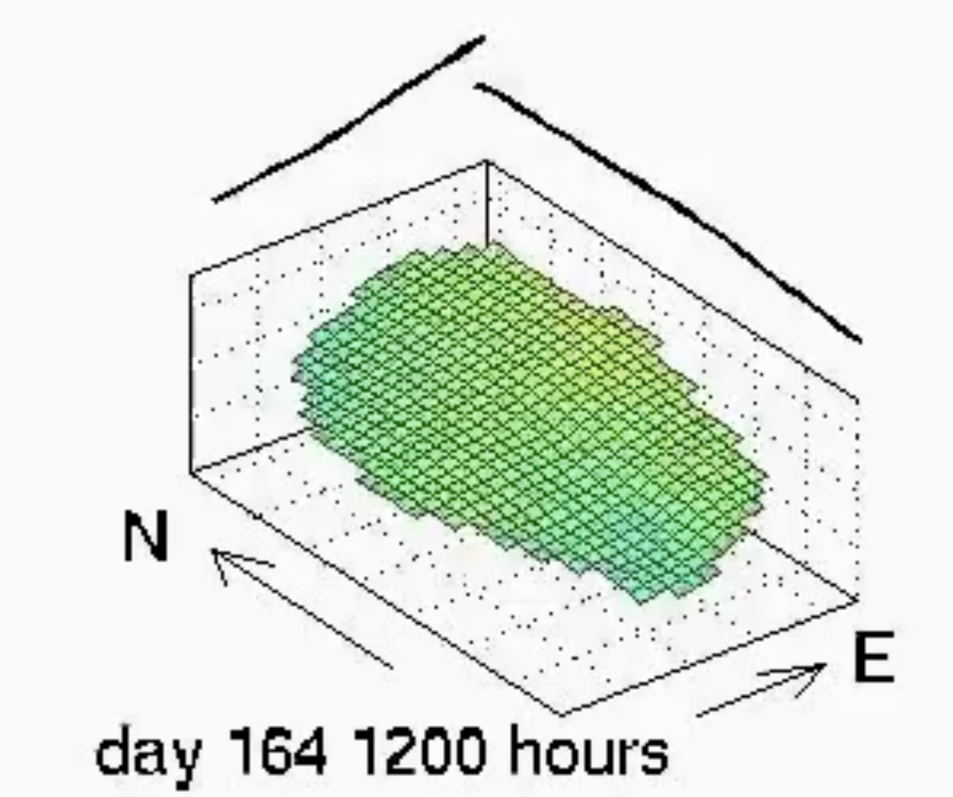

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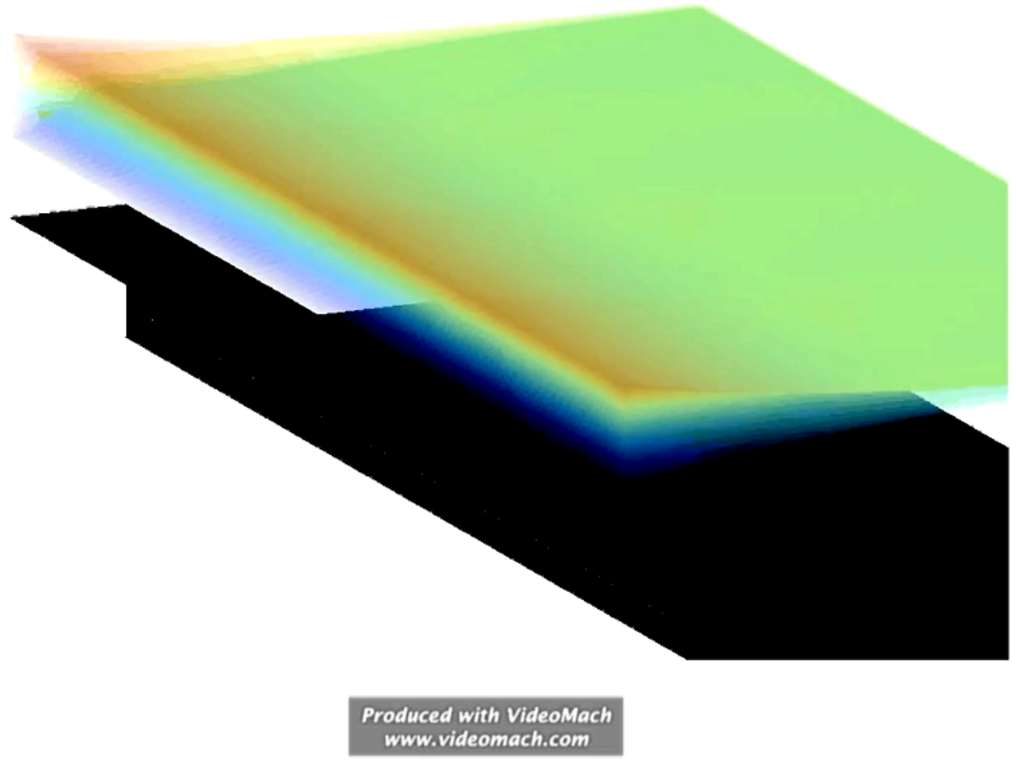

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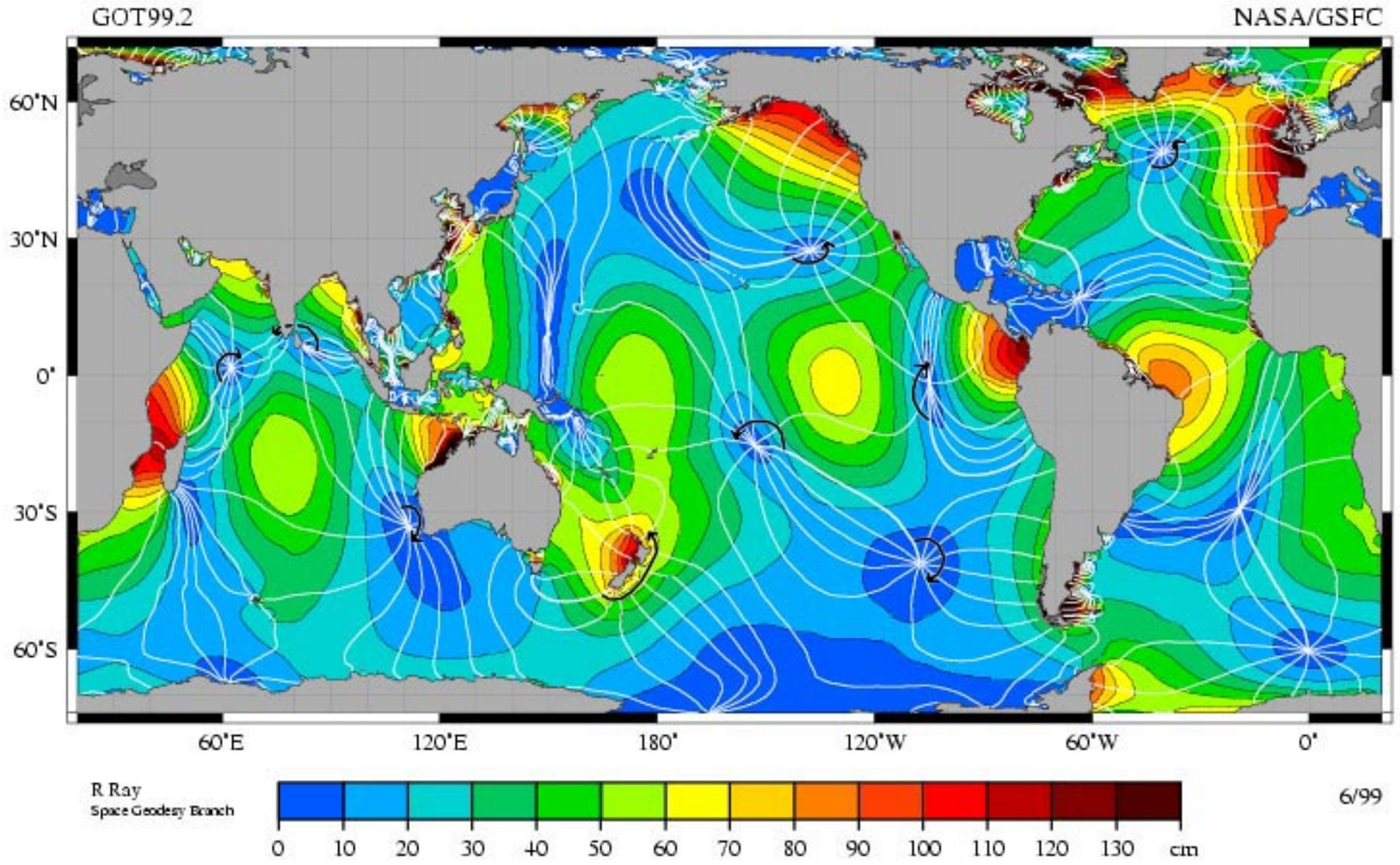
Coastal Kelvin waves and tidal Amphidromic points



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6.2 Poincare waves

The End