

# Coastal Dynamics 1 (CIE4305)

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Oceanic wind waves and tide



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### 3. Oceanic wind waves and tide

#### Chapter 3 of lecture notes

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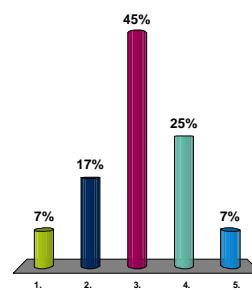
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(partly) Introduction  
Hydraulic  
Engineering & Open  
channel flow

### Perusall experiences

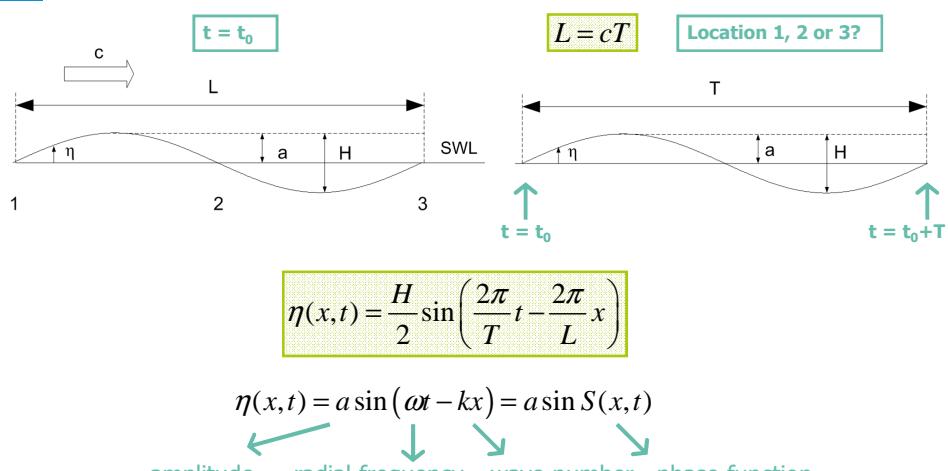
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5. Something else



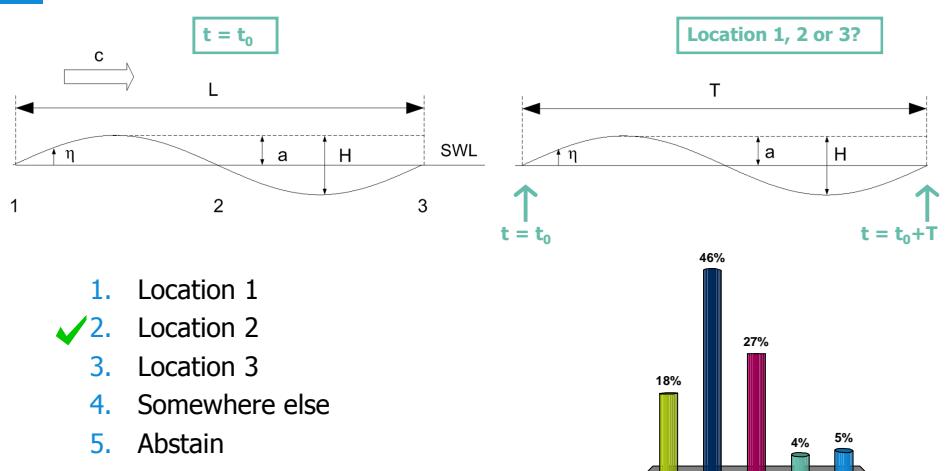
### 3-A Introduction

#### Sine wave form (linear wave)



### 3-A Introduction

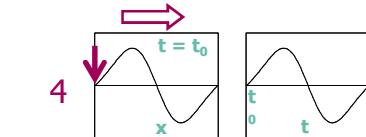
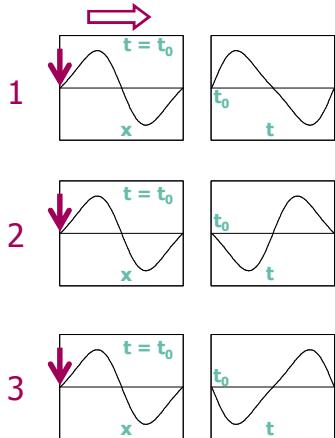
#### At which location was the time-series measured?



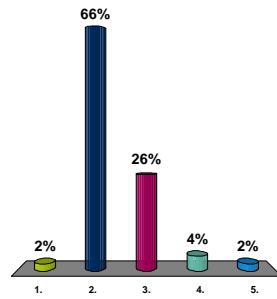
### 3-A Introduction

The right panel is measured at the location of the red arrow

What is the right combination?



- 1. Combination 1
- 2. Combination 2
- 3. Combination 3
- 4. Combination 4
- 5. Abstain



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### 3-B Short-term statistics

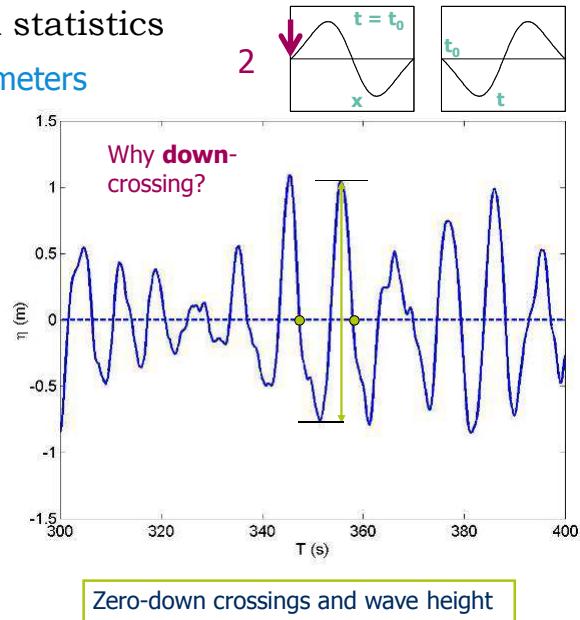
#### Wave height parameters

$$H_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N H_i^2}$$

$$H_{1/3} = \frac{1}{N/3} \sum_{j=1}^{N/3} H_j$$

$$\overline{T}_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N T_i$$

$$T_{1/3} = \frac{1}{N/3} \sum_{j=1}^{N/3} T_j$$

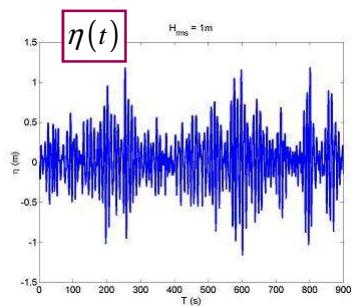


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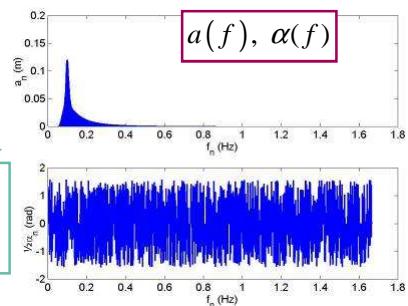
#### Spectral analysis of wind waves

- elevation  $\eta$  is summation of many sinusoids with 'own'  $a$  and period  $T = 1/f$  (and direction)
- individual sine components can be determined by Fourier analysis

$$\eta(t) = \sum_n a_n \cos(2\pi f_n t + \alpha_n)$$



Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)



### 3-B Short-term statistics

#### Spectral variance / energy

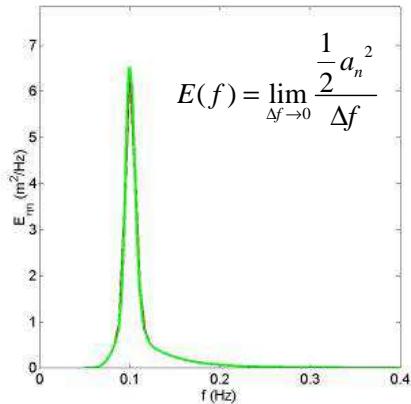
- Variance one harmonic:  $\frac{1}{2}a_n^2$

$$E(f) = \lim_{\Delta f \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta f} \frac{1}{2} a_n^2$$

- Spectral variance density  $E(f)$  shows the contribution of each frequency to total variance

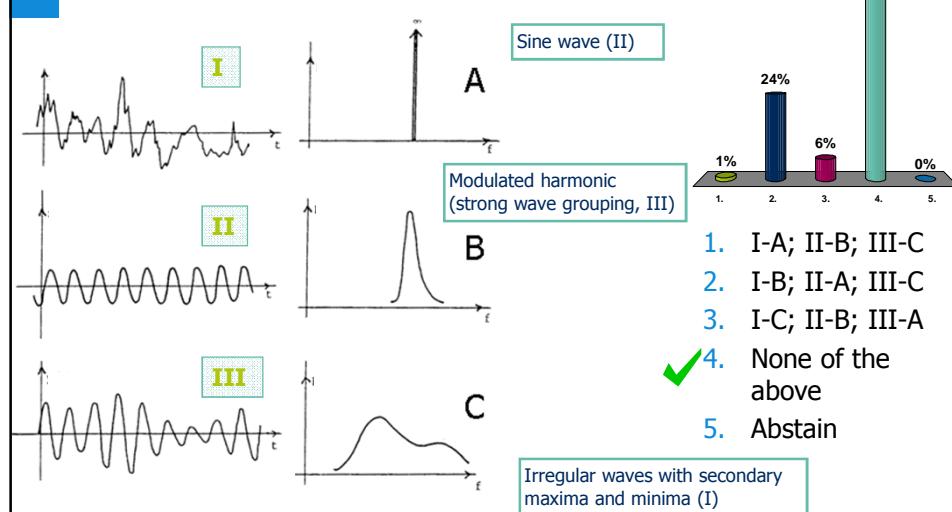
- Total variance:  $\langle \eta^2 \rangle = \sum_n \frac{1}{2} a_n^2$

$$\langle \eta^2 \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} E(f) df = \sigma^2 = m_0$$



### 3-B Short-term statistics

What is the corresponding spectrum?



### 3-B Short-term statistics

Wave heights are Rayleigh-distributed

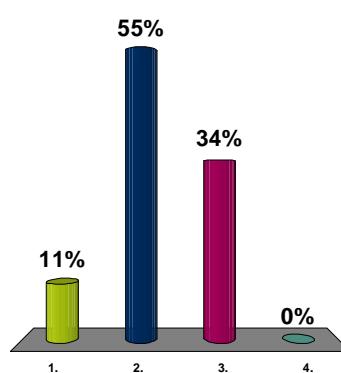
All characteristic wave heights can be derived from each other or from  $m_0$

Description	Notation	$H / \sqrt{m_0}$	$H / H_s$
RMS height	$H_{rms}$	$2\sqrt{2}$	0.707
Mean height	$\bar{H}$	$\sqrt{2\pi}$	0.63
Significant height	$H_s = H_{1/3}$	4.004	1

### 3-B Short-term statistics

Which wave height represents the total energy content of an irregular wave field?

1. The mean wave height
2. The root-mean-square wave height
3. The significant wave height
4. Another wave height measure



### 3-B Short-term statistics

$H_{rms}$  is the wave height representing the total energy content

$$\text{Regular (sine) wave} \quad E = 1/2 \rho g a^2 = 1/8 \rho g H^2$$

$$E = \rho g \sigma^2 = \rho g \langle \eta^2 \rangle$$

$$\text{Irregular} \quad E = \rho g m_0 = 1/8 \rho g H_{repr}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{repr}^2 = 8m_0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow H_{repr} = 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{m_0} = H_{rms}$$

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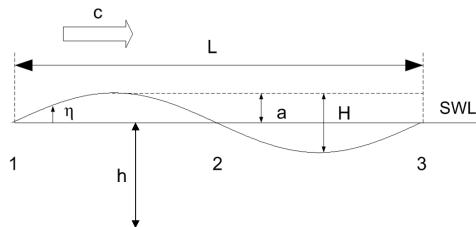
### 3-C Linear propagation

#### Review of Linear Wave Theory

Key assumptions:

- $H/L$  or  $ak \ll 1$  for  $kh$  large (deep water)
  - Not too steep
- $H \ll h$  or  $a \ll h$  for  $kh$  small (shallow water)
  - Not too big

See Appendix B  
(p.531) for more



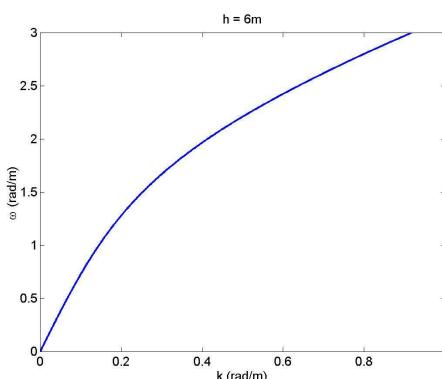
### 3-C Linear propagation

#### Dispersion relation for linear waves (no current)

Wave frequency is related to wave number via the dispersion relationship:

$$\omega = \sqrt{gk} \tanh kh$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{L}$$

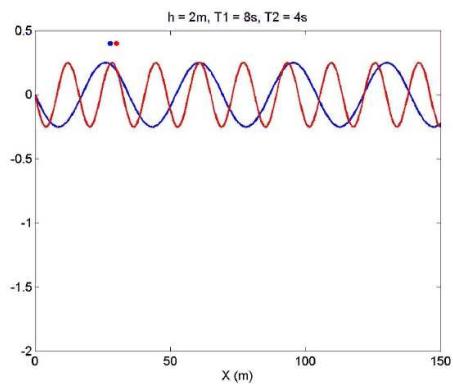
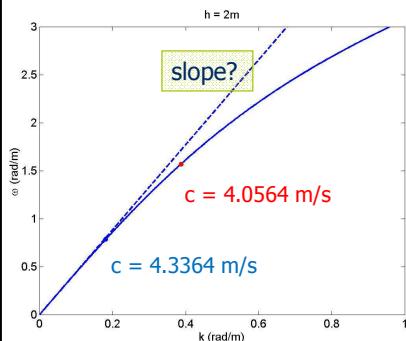


function of local water depth and restoring force g

### 3-C Linear propagation

Phase speed is the speed at which a particular phase of the wave (e.g. the crest) advances

$$c = \frac{L}{T} = \frac{\omega}{k}$$



Water waves are dispersive => phase velocity of longer waves is larger

### 3-C Linear propagation

See Appendix B

Deep and shallow water limits to dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = gk \tanh kh$$

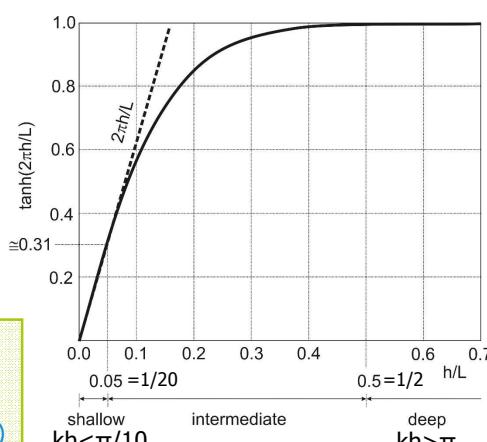
$$\tanh kh \approx kh$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\omega^2 = gk^2 h$$

$$c = \sqrt{gh}$$

shallow water:  
speed depends  
on water depth  
(non-dispersive)



$$\tanh kh \approx 1$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\omega^2 = gk$$

$$c = \frac{g}{\omega} = \frac{gT}{2\pi} = 1.56T = c_0$$

deep water:  
speed depends  
on frequency  
(dispersive)

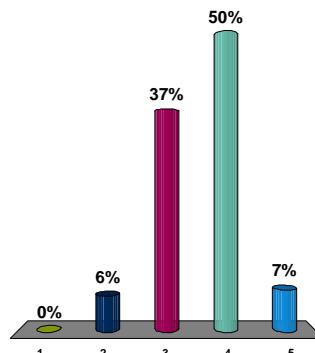
### 3-C Linear propagation

Consider a tsunami wave train with  $L = 500 \text{ km}$  propagating in the deep ocean ( $h = 6 \text{ km}$ ). What is the propagation speed?

1. 2.3 km/hour
2. 8.25 km/hour
3. 243 km/hour
- ✓ 4.** 873 km/hour
5. I do not know

And what if the question had been:

Consider a tsunami wave train with  $T = 34 \text{ min}$  propagating in the deep ocean ( $h = 6 \text{ km}$ ). What is the propagation speed?



### 3-C Linear propagation

Any disturbance in the wave field travels at the **group velocity** (not the phase velocity!)

- wave front
- wave group
- wave energy



TRAVEL AT GROUP SPEED

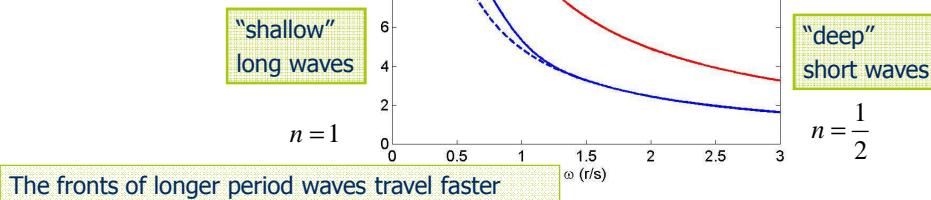


### 3-C Linear propagation

Group velocity is smaller than phase velocity except for very long waves

$$c_g = nc$$

$$n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{kh}{\sinh 2kh}$$

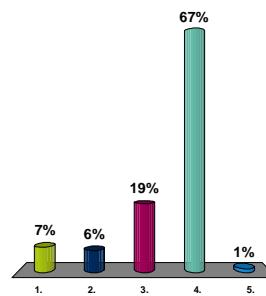


### 3-C Linear propagation

Consider swell generated at Norway travelling towards the Dutch coast (say Hoek van Holland - HvH) corresponding to a distance of 1100 km. The wave period is 8 seconds. Assume the water depth is everywhere more than 50 m.

**How long does it take for the swell to arrive in HvH?**

1.  $\pm 10$  hours
2.  $\pm 20$  hours
3.  $\pm 25$  hours
4.  $\pm 50$  hours
5. I do not know



### 3-C Linear propagation

#### Travel time

Consider swell generated at Norway travelling towards the Dutch coast (say HvH) corresponding to a distance of 1100 km. The wave period is 8 seconds. Assume the water depth is everywhere at least 50 m.

Q: How long does it take before the swell arrives in HvH?

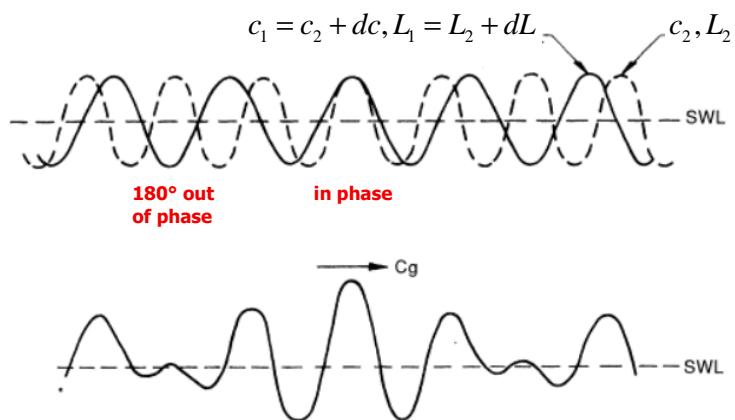
Since we have deep water conditions ( $h/L > 0.5$ ), the group velocity is given by:

$$c_g = \frac{1}{2} c = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g}{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{gT}{2\pi} = \frac{9.81(\text{m/s}^2) \cdot 8(\text{s})}{2 \cdot 2\pi} = 6.25 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{1100(\text{km})}{6.25(\text{m/s})} = 176 \times 10^3 (\text{s}) \approx 49 \text{ hours}$$

### 3-C Linear propagation

#### Add two harmonics with slightly different periods



### 3-C Linear propagation

Add two harmonics with slightly different periods (2)

$$\sin u + \sin v = 2 \sin\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{u-v}{2}\right)$$

$$\eta(x,t) = a \sin(\omega_2 t - k_2 x) + a \sin(\omega_1 t - k_1 x) =$$

$$= 2a \sin\left(\frac{\omega_2 + \omega_1}{2} t - \frac{k_2 + k_1}{2} x\right) \cos\left(\frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{2} t - \frac{k_2 - k_1}{2} x\right) =$$

$$= 2a \sin(\bar{\omega} t - \bar{k}x) \cos\left(\frac{\Delta\omega}{2} t - \frac{\Delta k}{2} x\right)$$

**Carrier wave**

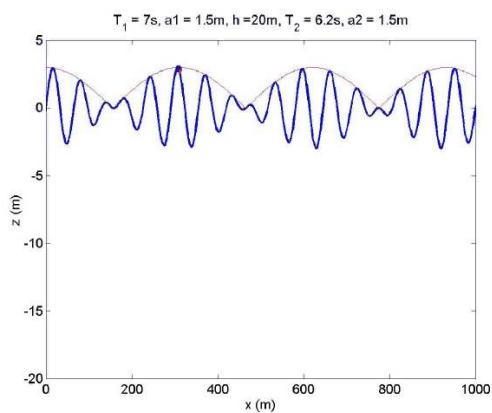
**Slowly varying amplitude**

Try this with the tool for summation of harmonics on Brightspace  
(Content Chapter 5 part II)



### 3-C Linear propagation

Wave grouping of waves with slightly different frequency



$$c_1 = 10.3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$c_2 = 9.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$c_g = 5.7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$k_{group} = \Delta k = k_2 - k_1 \Rightarrow$$

$$L_{group} = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta k}$$

$$\omega_{group} = \Delta\omega = \omega_2 - \omega_1 \Rightarrow$$

$$T_{group} = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\omega}$$

$$c_g = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k} = \frac{L_{group}}{T_{group}}$$

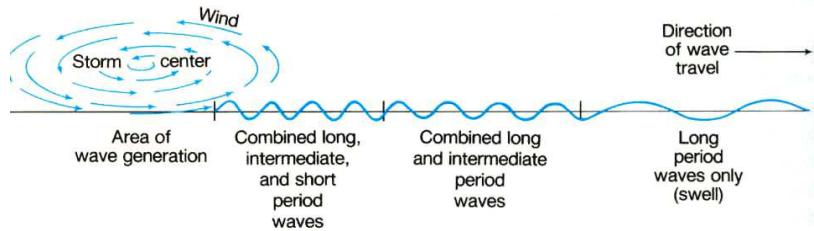
Exam question 2010:

How would you compute the period of a wave group consisting of two regular wave trains?



### 3-C Linear propagation

Transformation of sea waves into longer, faster and lower swell waves outside area of wave generation



- Waves of different lengths will disperse (spread out) because they propagate at different speeds
- Dissipation processes favour shorter waves and hence filter them out
- Propagation in various directions

**Exam question 2010:**

Why are swell waves lower and longer than storm waves?

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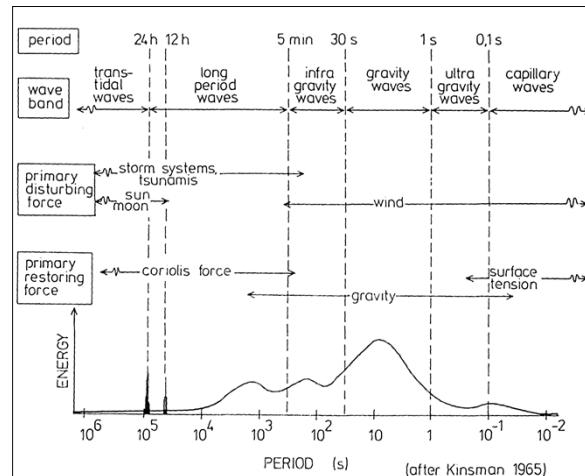
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Classifications based on disturbing force, restoring force and wave period

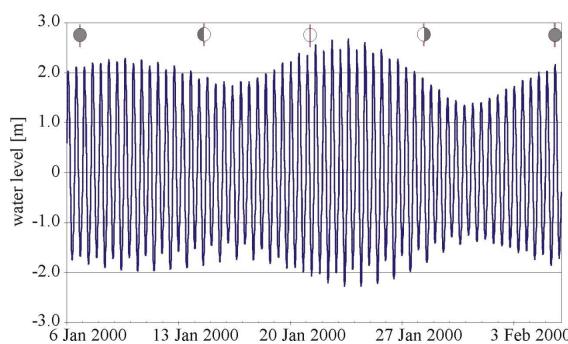
**Relative amounts of energy as a function of wave period**



### 3-D Generation of the tide

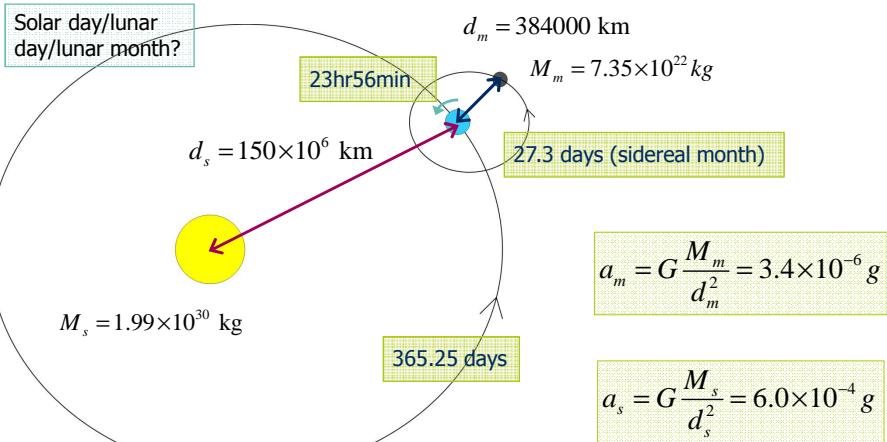
For practical purposes we can see the tide as a sinusoidal semi-diurnal water level variation modified with:

- a fortnightly spring- and neap-tide amplitude variation
- a daily inequality that varies with latitude and with the monthly and annual cycle



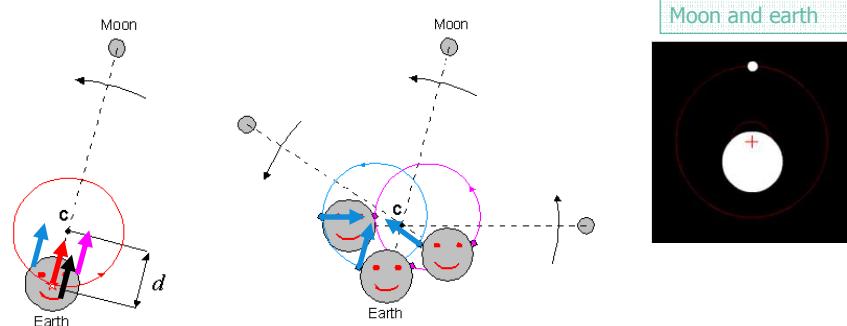
### 3-D Generation of the tide

Attractive forces are proportional to the masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance



### 3-D Generation of the tide

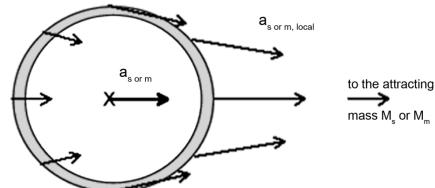
Gravitational attraction provides centripetal acceleration



- The “circular” motion requires inward centripetal acceleration (to change direction)
- Magnitude and direction of centripetal acceleration is the same for every point on earth
- The centripetal acceleration is provided by the gravitational attraction of the moon

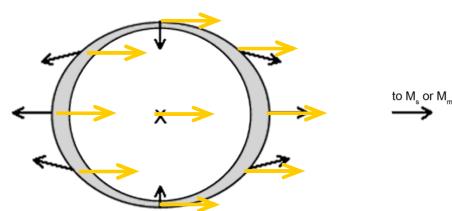
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The **differential** pull generates the tide



Gravitational attraction (black)

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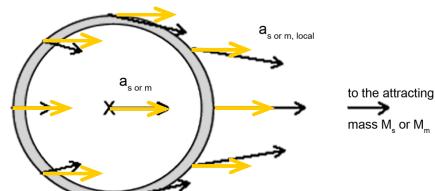


Centripetal acceleration (yellow) + Differential pull (black)

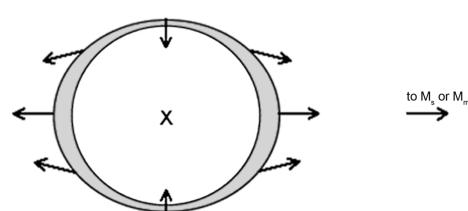
## 3-D Generation of the tide

The **differential** pull generates the tide

On the **near** side of the earth:



$$\Delta a_s = G \frac{M_s}{(d_s - R)^2} - G \frac{M_s}{d_s^2} \approx \\ 2G \frac{M_s}{d_s^3} = a_s \frac{2R}{d_s} = \\ 0.515 \times 10^{-7} g$$



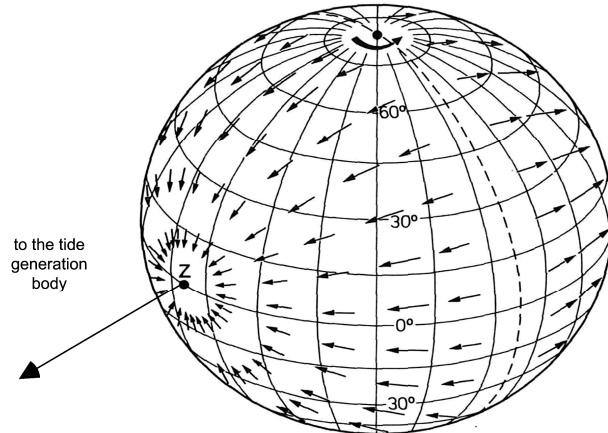
$$\Delta a_m \approx a_m \frac{2R}{d_m} = 1.13 \times 10^{-7} g$$

$$\Delta a_s = 0.46 \Delta a_m$$

$$\frac{\Delta a_m}{\Delta a_m + \Delta a_s} = 69\%$$

## 3-D Generation of the tide

The tangential components shift water around



## 3-D Generation of the tide

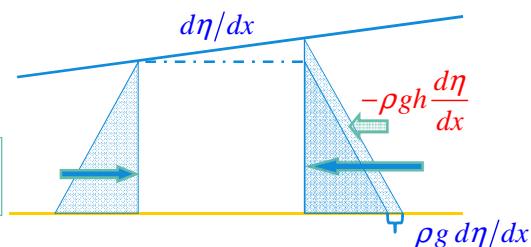
### Equilibrium theory of tides

Approximately the same for sloping bed, see Fig 5-31

- immediate response of the oceans to the tidal forces
  - no inertia
  - earth is entirely covered by an ocean of uniform depth
  - negligible friction and Coriolis

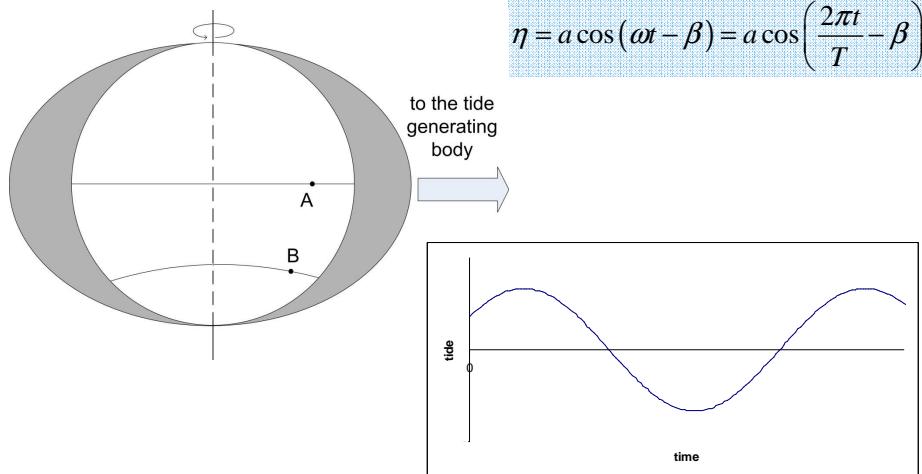
➡ Tidal forces

Pressure force uniformly distributed over depth



### 3-D Generation of the tide

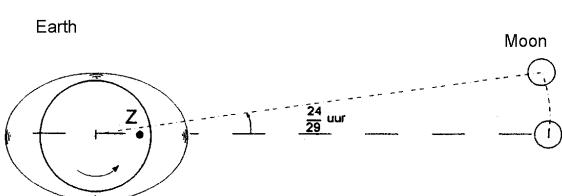
Two high and low waters a day of equal height



### 3-D Generation of the tide

Period of the lunar tide = 12 hrs 25 min

- Solar day is time for earth to return to same position w.r.t. sun as seen from earth (24 hrs)
- Lunar day is longer (24 hrs 50 min) because
  - Moon takes 29.5 days to return to same position relative to the sun as seen by an observer on earth (lunar month)
  - Extra time =  $24/29$  hr = 50 min



The earth must rotate a bit more than a full rotation to "catch up" with the lunar bulge

## 3-D Generation of the tide

### Principal solar and lunar tidal components

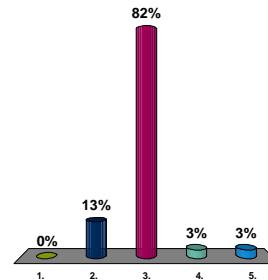
- Principal lunar tide M2
  - period 12 hrs 25 min = 12.42 hrs (half lunar day)
  - equilibrium amplitude 0.24 m
- Principal solar tide S2:
  - period of 12 hrs (half solar day)

**What is the equilibrium amplitude of the solar tide S2?**

## 3-D Generation of the tide

**What is the equilibrium amplitude of the solar tide S2?**

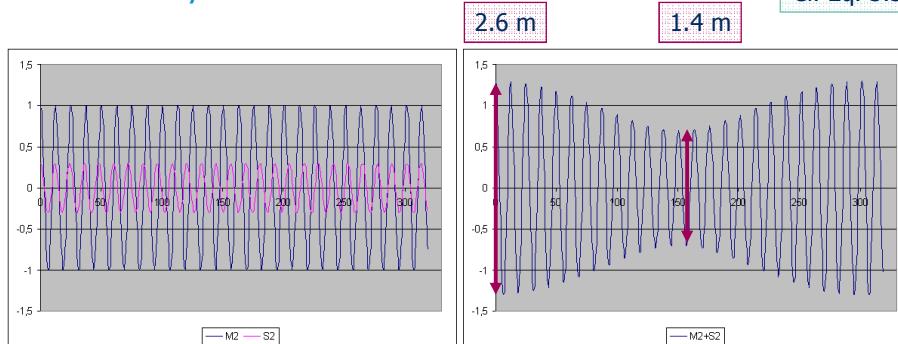
1. Same as equilibrium amplitude of M2 (= 0.24 m)
2. 69% of 0.24 m = 0.17 m
- ✓ 3.  $0.46 \times 0.24 \text{ m} = 0.11 \text{ m}$
4.  $6/3.4 \times 0.24 \text{ m} = 0.42 \text{ m}$
5. I do not know



### 3-D Generation of the tide

The beating of M2 and S2 results in spring-neap tide variability

Cf. Eq. 3.32



Compare short wave amplitude modulation (wave groups)

### 3-D Generation of the tide

How would you compute the period between two spring tides from the periods of the M2 and S2 tide?

✓ 1.  $T = \frac{1}{T_{S2}^{-1} - T_{M2}^{-1}}$

2.  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{S2}^{-1} - \omega_{M2}^{-1}}$

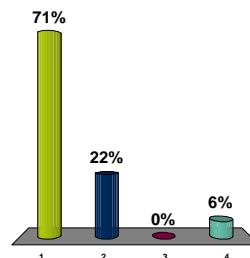
3.  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{M2} - \omega_{S2}}$

4. Abstain

As with the wave grouping:

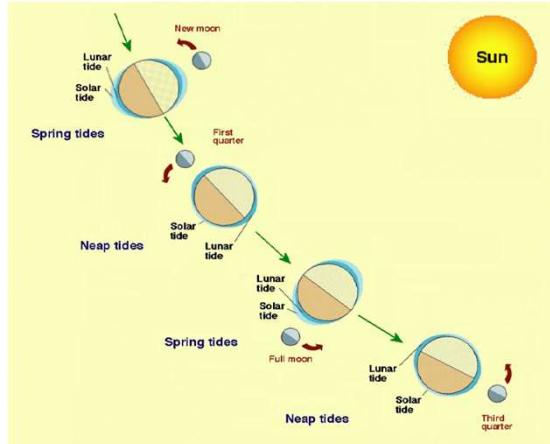
$$\omega_{group} = \Delta\omega = \omega_2 - \omega_1 \Rightarrow T_{group} = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\omega}$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{S2} - \omega_{M2}} = \frac{1}{T_{S2}^{-1} - T_{M2}^{-1}} = \frac{1}{1/12 - 1/12.42} \text{ hrs} \approx 355 \text{ hrs} \approx 14.8 \text{ days}$$



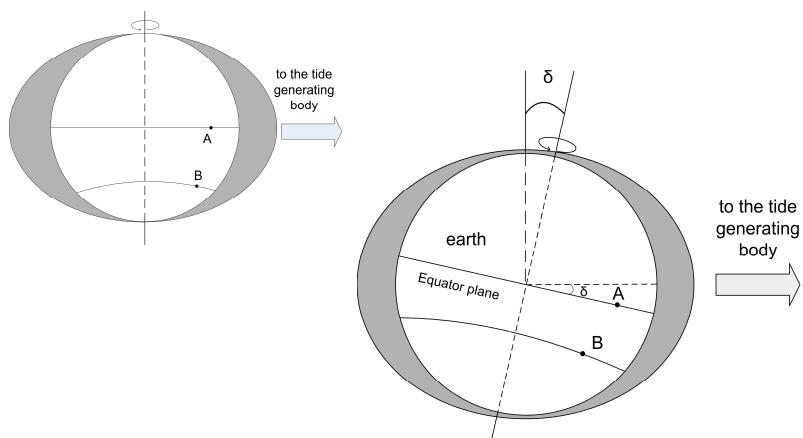
### 3-D Generation of the tide

Solar and lunar tide reinforce each other at spring tide  
and cancel each other at neap tide



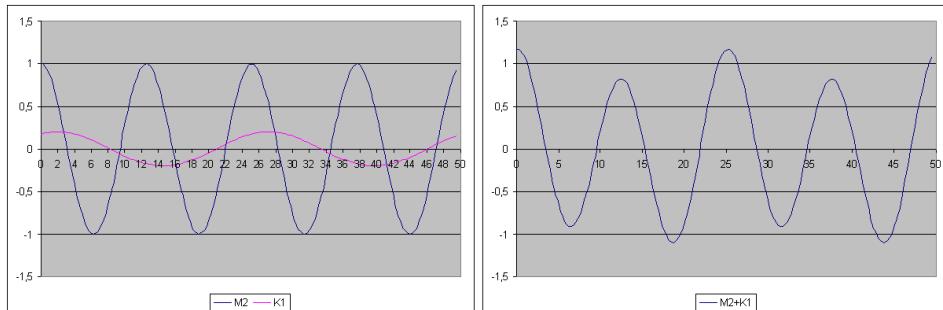
### 3-D Generation of the tide

Daily inequality



## 3-D Generation of the tide

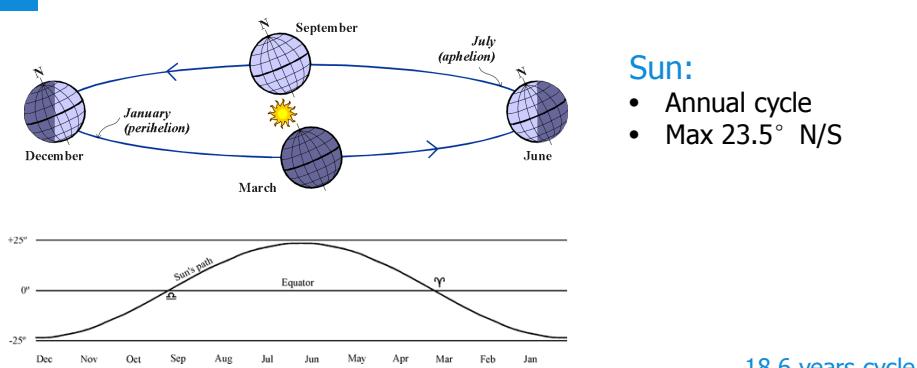
Declination of the earth axis introduces semi-diurnal and diurnal tidal constituents K1, K2, O1 and P1



Also: component with period of 18.6 years

## 3-D Generation of the tide

Declination varies with the annual and monthly cycle



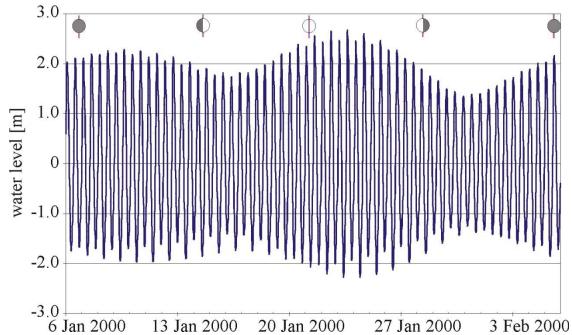
Moon:

- Monthly cycle
- Max  $23.5^\circ$   $\pm 5^\circ$  N/S

### 3-D Generation of the tide

For practical purposes we can see the tide as a sinusoidal semi-diurnal water level variation modified with:

- a fortnightly spring- and neap-tide amplitude variation
- a daily inequality that varies with latitude and with the monthly and annual cycle



## 3. Oceanic wind waves and tide

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### 3-E Tidal propagation

#### Dynamic theory of the tide

- Continents prevent the tidal wave from covering the circumference of the earth
- Land masses move water masses along with them, instead of moving through the tide



- Only around 65°S an equilibrium tide can exist (more or less)
- From about 65°S the tidal wave propagates northward into the oceans

### 3-E Tidal propagation

From about 65° the tidal wave propagates northward into the oceans

The further a location is away from the South Pole, the longer the time shift between the celestial event and its appearance in the form of the tide

What is the time between spring and neap tide in the Netherlands and the corresponding moon configurations?

$$c = \sqrt{gh} = \sqrt{9.81 \cdot 4000} \approx 200 \text{ m/s} \approx 720 \text{ km/hr}$$

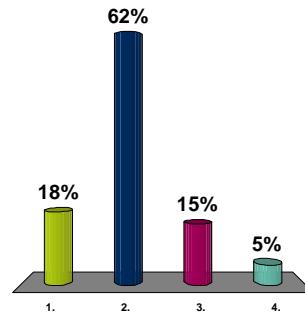
From 65° S to 53° N  $\Rightarrow 118 \times 60 \times 1.8 \text{ km} \approx 12,750 \text{ km}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{delay} = \frac{12,750}{720} = 18 \text{ hrs}$$

### 3-E Tidal propagation

In reality, the time between full moon and spring tide is about two days? This is because:

1. Since the tide does not travel in a straight line the travelled distance is twice as large
2. The tide needs another day or so to travel the shallow North Sea basin from Scotland to the Dutch coast
3. The water depths vary so much that the shallow water approximation is invalid
4. Something else



In reality  $\pm 2$  days! (shallow N-Sea basin!)

### 3-E Tidal propagation

Waves carry mass and momentum

- Depth-integrated (water) mass balance ( $\rho$  constant)

$$\frac{\partial \kappa}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \kappa \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \kappa \bar{v}}{\partial y} = P \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho h \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho h \bar{v}}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial h \bar{v}}{\partial y} = 0$$

- If a particle with a certain mass  $\rho$  is moving, it has momentum
- Momentum is mass transport or mass flux:  $\rho \bar{u} = (\rho u, \rho v, \rho w)$
- Momentum is a vector quantity:
  - its direction is the same as the direction of the velocity vector
- Depth-integrated momentum balance in x-direction:

$$\frac{\partial (\rho \bar{u} h)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho \bar{u} h) \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\rho \bar{u} h) \bar{v}}{\partial y} = P_x \xrightarrow{\text{mass balance}} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{P_x}{\rho h}$$

?

Equation of motion

### 3-E Tidal propagation

Newton's second law: a momentum balance

Local acceleration (non-linear) advective acceleration terms

RHS ?

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{P_x}{\rho h}$$

**Production of momentum**  
= force, for instance pressure force

$$-g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}$$

$$F = ma \quad (\text{only for } m=\text{constant})$$

Force = mass x acceleration = mass x rate of change of velocity =  
rate of change of momentum



### 3-E Tidal propagation

**Progressive small amplitude long wave**

Acceleration (inertia) balances pressure gradient  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$

Continuity  $\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (h = h_0 + \eta)$

This gives for a progressive (co)sine wave  $\eta = a \cos(\omega t - ky)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 &= ghk^2 \Rightarrow c = \frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{gh} \\ v &= \frac{gak}{\omega} \cos(\omega t - ky) \end{aligned}$$

Velocity in phase with surface elevation with amplitude:  $\hat{v} = a \sqrt{\frac{g}{h}}$



### 3-E Tidal propagation

#### Effect of depth restriction

$h = 4 \text{ km} \Rightarrow c = 200 \text{ m/s}$  and with  $T = 12.42 \text{ hrs} \Rightarrow L = 9000 \text{ km}$

Smaller water depths:

$h = 10 \text{ m} \Rightarrow c = 10 \text{ m/s}$  and  $L = 450 \text{ km}$   $(c \downarrow, L \downarrow)$

$\Rightarrow$  Amplitudes increase

for instance

$h = 4 \text{ km}, a = 0.25 \text{ m}$

$\Rightarrow$  Velocity amplitudes increase even more:

$$\hat{v} = a \sqrt{\frac{g}{h}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{v} = 1.2 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{v} = 1 \text{ m/s}$$



### 3-E Tidal propagation

#### The merry-go-round (Dutch: draaimolen)

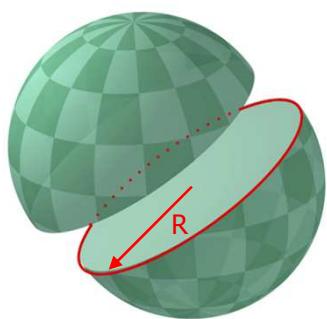
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeY9tY9vKgs>

Only from 1:17 to 2:17



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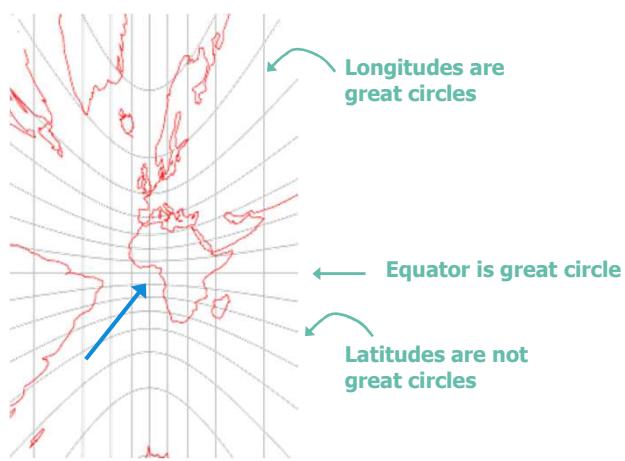
The shortest distance between two points on earth is along a great circle that divides the sphere in two equal hemispheres



What is the path travelled by swell waves?

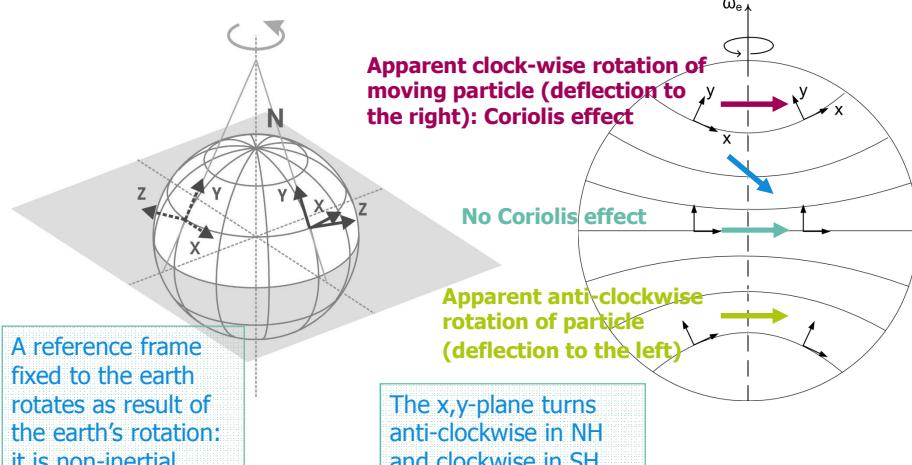
### 3-E Tidal propagation

A gnomonic map projects great circles as straight lines. Directions are preserved.



### 3-E Tidal propagation

Coriolis effect diverts a **moving** particle to the right (left) on the Northern (Southern) hemisphere



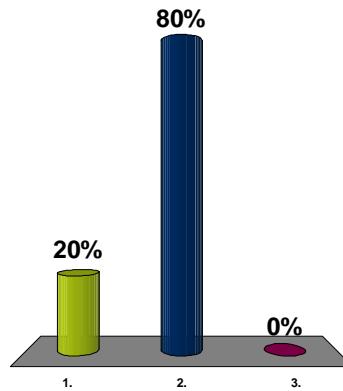
### 3-E Tidal propagation

Coriolis force: a pseudo-force to make Newton's equations of motion valid in our non-inertial frame of reference

- Acceleration  $a_c = f V = 2 \omega_e \sin \varphi V$ 
  - $\omega_e$  = angular velocity of the earth ( $72.9 \cdot 10^{-6}$  rad/s)
  - $V$  = current velocity
  - $\varphi$  = latitude
  - for not too large areas  $f$  can be considered constant
- to the right on N hemisphere
- to the left on S hemisphere

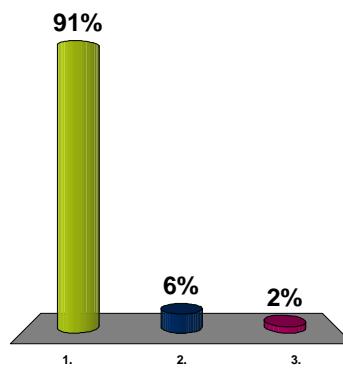
In an inertial (non-accelerating) frame of reference Coriolis forces must be taken into account:

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Abstain



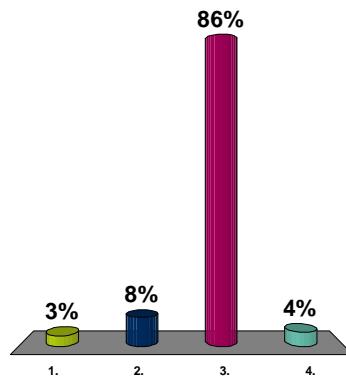
In the Southern Hemisphere the Coriolis acceleration is directed to

- 1. Port (left)
- 2. Starboard (right)
- 3. Abstain



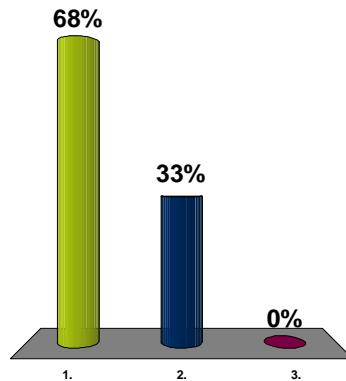
The Coriolis acceleration is maximum at:

1. The equator
2. Mid-latitudes
3. The poles
4. Abstain



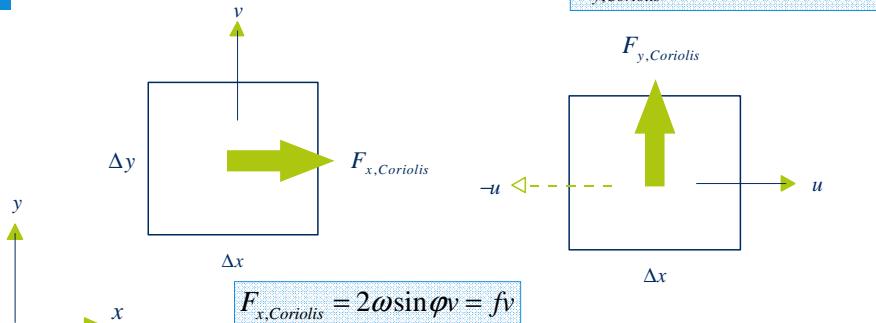
Swell waves are deflected by Coriolis

1. Yes
2. No
3. Abstain



## 3-E Tidal propagation

### The signs of the Coriolis terms



Momentum balance Eqs.  
without advective terms:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum F_x \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \sum F_y$$

- NH:  $\sin \varphi > 0$

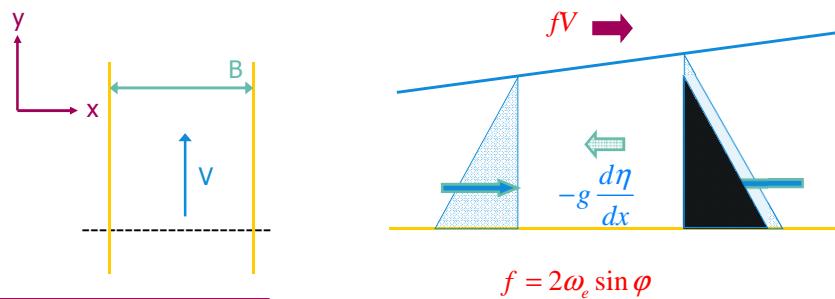
- SH:  $\sin \varphi < 0$

$$F_{y,Coriolis} = -2\omega u \sin \varphi = -fu$$

- See for instance Eq. 3.41 and 3.42 in lecture notes
- Rossby number  $U/|f|L$

## 3-E Tidal propagation

### Coriolis effect on steady current in channel (NH)



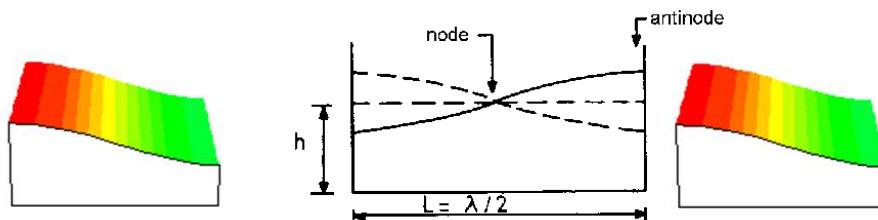
Example Strait of Florida

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} V \approx 1 \text{ m/s} \\ B \approx 80 \text{ km} \\ \varphi = 26^\circ \text{ N} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g \frac{d\eta}{dx} = fV &\Leftrightarrow \Delta\eta = \frac{fV \Delta x}{g} = \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot 72.9 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \sin 26^\circ \cdot 1 \cdot 80 \times 10^3}{9.81} = 0.52 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

### 3-E Tidal propagation

Coriolis-effect (due to Earth's rotation) => tidal wave behaves as a rotary wave forming amphidromic system



Water movement around an amphidromic point

Standing wave movement around a node in a closed body of water



Animations from Tomczak (1999)

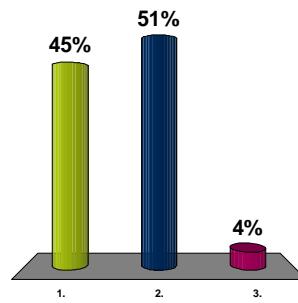
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### 3-E Tidal propagation

Coriolis deflection (to the right in the NH), results in a rotation around the amphidromic point that is anti-clockwise in the NH

- ✓ 1. True
- 2. False
- 3. Abstain

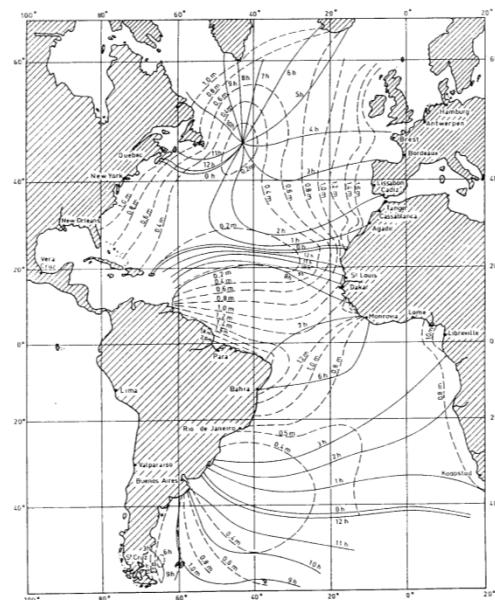


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### 3-E Tidal propagation Atlantic Ocean

- **Co-phase or co-tidal lines** (lines of constant phase) connect all places with high water at the same time
- **Co-range lines** (lines of constant tidal range) connect all places with the same tidal range
- **Amphidromic points** have a zero tidal range. Co-range lines run around the amphidromic points and co-phase lines radiate away from amphidromic points

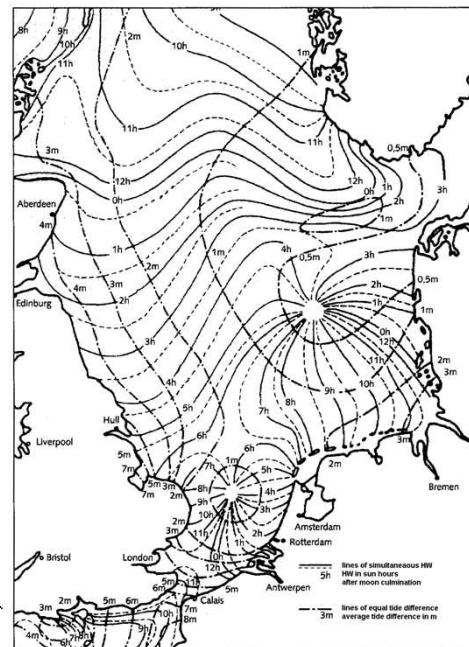


### 3-E Tidal propagation Amphidromic system of shallow North Sea basin

Tidal wave enters from North and propagates around 2 amphidromic points

Along British coast:

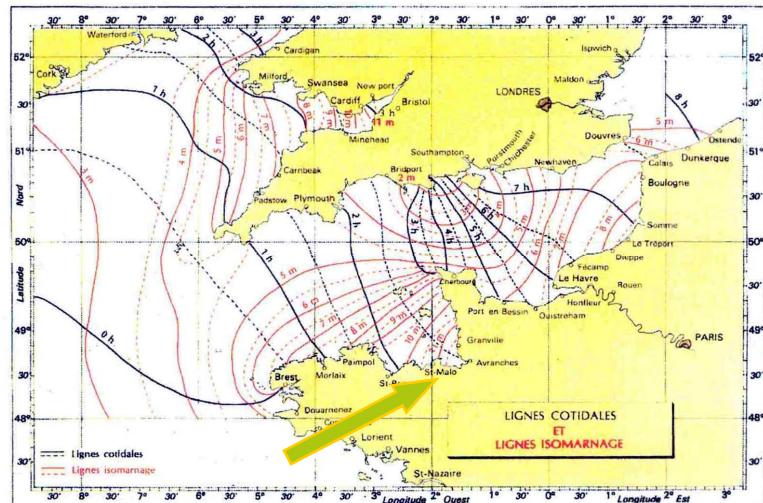
- far from amphidromic point =>
- large amplification of tidal range



### 3-E Tidal propagation

Large amplification of tidal range due to near-resonance

Near-resonance  
in Channel:  
tidal range  
10m at St.  
Malo!

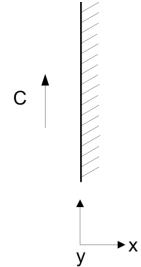


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### 3-E Tidal propagation

Coastally trapped Kelvin wave (no friction!)



#### Linearised equations of motion

Assume  $u \approx 0$  (close to coastline)  
and  $f = \text{constant}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}} - fv &= -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \cancel{fu} &= -g \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + h \cancel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}} + h \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Geostrophic in cross-shore} \\ \text{Progressive wave alongshore} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \hat{\eta} \cos(\omega t - ky) \text{ with } \hat{\eta} = e^{\left(\frac{fx}{c}\right)} \eta_0 \\ v &= \sqrt{\frac{g}{h}} \hat{\eta} \cos(\omega t - ky) \\ c &= \sqrt{gh} \quad (\text{NH}) \end{aligned}$$

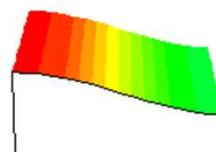
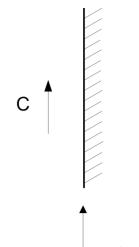
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## 3-E Tidal propagation

### Coastally trapped Kelvin wave

- Neglect friction!
- Cross-shore momentum balance is geostrophic:
  - pressure (water level) gradient balances Coriolis force
  - compare with effect Coriolis on flow in confined channel
  - amplitude is maximum at the coast and then decays
- Alongshore momentum balance as for progressive shallow water waves:
  - inertia balances pressure gradient
  - alongshore velocity in phase with water level
  - in NH keeps the coast on starboard side



## 3-E tidal propagation

Which of the following statements is true?

1. A Kelvin wave rotates anti-clockwise in the Southern hemisphere
2. Co-phase or co-tidal lines encircle amphidromic points
3. The cross-shore tidal velocity is in phase with the water level
4. ✓ Amphidromic systems are resonance phenomena influenced by the size and shape of basins
5. The Coriolis force occurs in inertial (non-accelerating) reference frames



### 3. Oceanic wind waves and tide

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#### 3-F Tidal analysis and prediction

##### Harmonic analysis and prediction of tide

- As for wind waves, but now discrete and known frequencies from astronomical forcing:

$$\eta_t = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \cos(\omega_n t - \alpha_n)$$

- Determine amplitudes and phases from observed water level records at certain location
- Be careful with:
  - nodal factor (to capture effect 18.6 year cycle)
  - astronomical argument / definition of time-origin

$$\eta_t = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N f_n a_n \cos(\omega_n t - \alpha_n + \beta_n)$$

Nodal factor

Astronomical argument

## 3-F Tidal analysis and prediction

See Appendix C

### Tidal levels

#### Tidal levels

LAT	Lowest Astronomical Tide
HAT	Highest Astronomical Tide
MLW	Mean Low Water
MHW	Mean High Water
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MLWN	Mean Low Water Neaps
MHWN	Mean High Water Neaps
MLLW	Mean Lower Low Water
MHHW	Mean Higher High Water

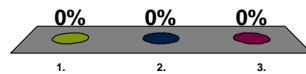
#### Tidal ranges

MHW-MLW	Normal tidal range
MHWS-MLWS	Spring tidal range
MHWN-MLWN	Neap tidal range

## 3-F Tidal analysis and prediction

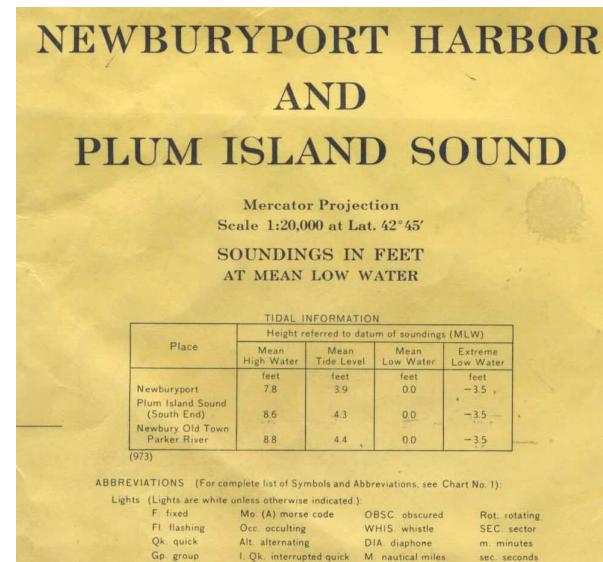
### What is lower: MLWN or MLWS?

1. MLWN
2. MLWS
3. I don't know



### 3-F Tidal analysis and prediction

Tidal levels and chart datum

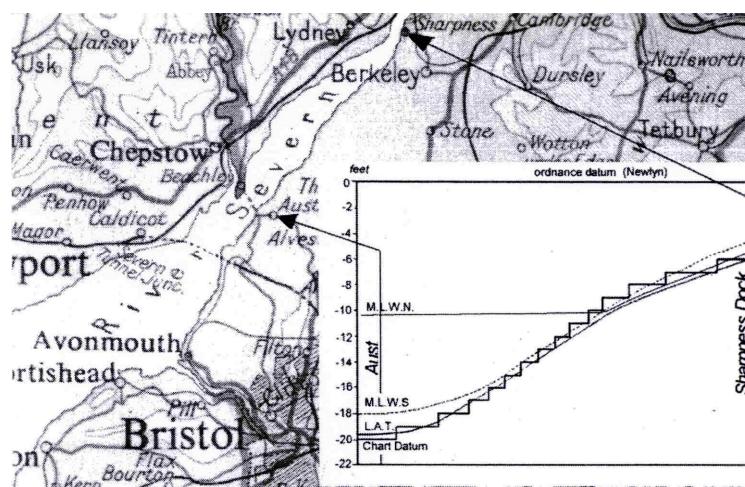


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### 3-F Tidal analysis and prediction

Chart datum is not necessarily horizontal!



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### 4. Deltas [7]

- [2] In what geotectonic setting have deltas typically developed? Explain your answer. (80 words).
- [1] Delta formation implies a positive sediment budget. Which long-term effect can influence this negatively, so that delta formation is suppressed? (30 words).

[See Chapter 2](#)

Consider the below satellite image of the Danube delta.

- [2] Historically the Danube delta has developed as a river-dominated delta. Explain how you would classify the present-day Danube delta according to Galloway's classification? (40 words).
- [2] What is the dominant wave direction? Explain your reasoning in terms of sediment transport processes and the resulting morphological development. (70 words)



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### 6. Tidal generation and propagation [8]

- [3] Explain the period of the spring and neap tide cycle from the moon phases. (70 words)

Equivalently, the spring and neap tide cycle follows from adding up the principal lunar and solar semi-diurnal constituents of the tide (M2 and S2 respectively).

- [3] Describe how to compute the period of the spring and neap tide cycle from the M2 period (12 hrs and 25 minutes) and S2 period (12 hrs). Note: you do not have to perform the actual computation! (70 words).

Consider a coastally trapped Kelvin wave in the absence of friction such that in cross-shore direction the momentum balance is geostrophic.

- [2] Describe and sketch the amplitude variation along a co-phase line from the amphidromic point to the coast. (30 words).