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Lecture # 4

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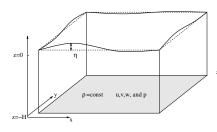
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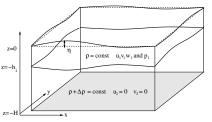
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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} u - f v = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} , \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} v + f u = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}$$
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} h + h \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

- \blacktriangleright h is total thickness ("barotropic") or layer interface h_i ("baroclinic")
- lacktriangle either $g=9.81\,\mathrm{m/s^2}$ ("barotropic") or $g o g\Delta
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 ho_0$ ("baroclinic")





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non-linear barotropic or reduced gravity model

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and the right hand side of thickness equation

$$\int d\mathbf{x} e^{-i\mathbf{k}'\cdot\mathbf{x}} (\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla h + h\nabla\cdot\mathbf{u}) = (2\pi)^2 \int \int d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2$$
$$\times (\hat{\mathbf{u}}_1 \cdot i\mathbf{k}_2 \hat{h}_2 + \hat{h}_2 i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}_1) \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}')$$

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rewrite as

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▶ too complicated \rightarrow set N = 0, no non-linear interaction

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lacktriangledown eigenvectors $oldsymbol{z}_0$ to matrix $oldsymbol{A}$ given by

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with unit matrix 1

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• non-trivial solution $z_0 \neq 0$ from characteristic equation

$$|\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{1}\omega| = 0$$

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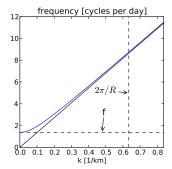
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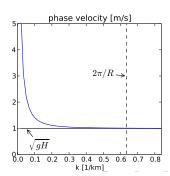
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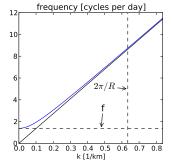


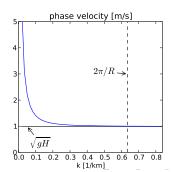


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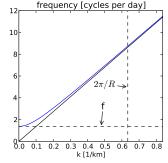


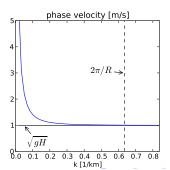
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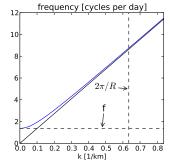
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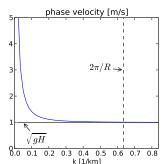
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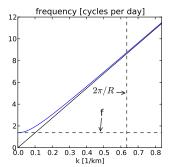
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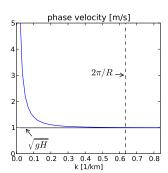




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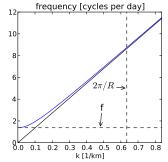


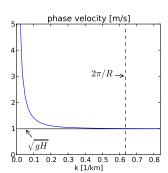
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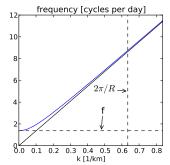
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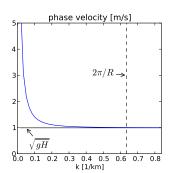
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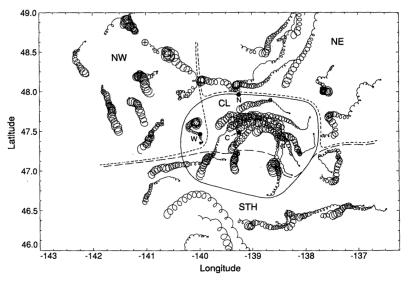
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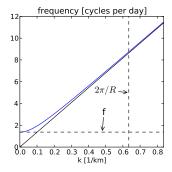


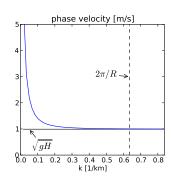


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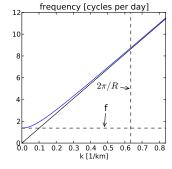


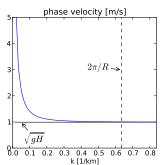


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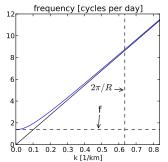
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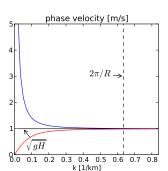




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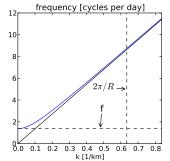


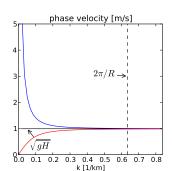


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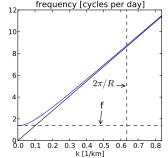
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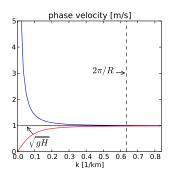
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Gravity waves

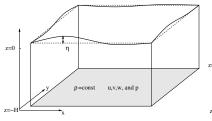
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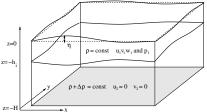
Potential vorticity and Rossby adjustment Potential vorticity

Geostrophic adjustment

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- \blacktriangleright h is total thickness ("barotropic") or layer interface h_i ("baroclinic")
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 ho_0$ ("baroclinic")





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with relative vorticity $\zeta = \partial v/\partial x - \partial u/\partial y$ and for f = const

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combine vorticity equation with thickness equation

 \rightarrow potential vorticity equation

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$$\frac{D\zeta}{Dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial x} \cdot \nabla v - \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial y} \cdot \nabla u - \frac{f}{h} \frac{Dh}{Dt} = 0$$

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lacktriangle combined vorticity and thickness equation o potential vorticity

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it follows that

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$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{h} \frac{D}{Dt} (\zeta + f) - \frac{\zeta + f}{h^2} \frac{Dh}{Dt} = \frac{D}{Dt} \frac{\zeta + f}{h} = \frac{Dq}{Dt} = 0$$

with potential vorticity $q = (\zeta + f)/h$.

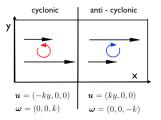
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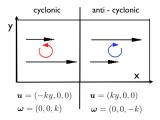


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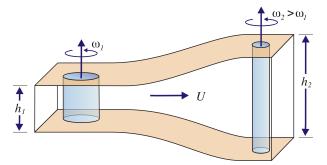
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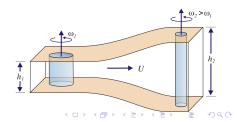
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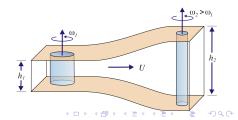
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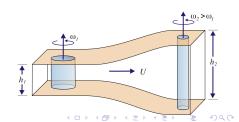
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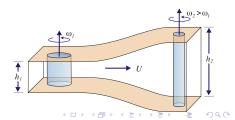
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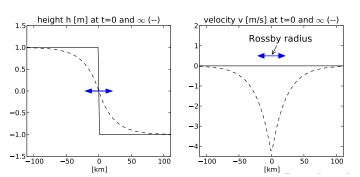
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