



Nonlinear Fourier Analysis Of Ocean Waves

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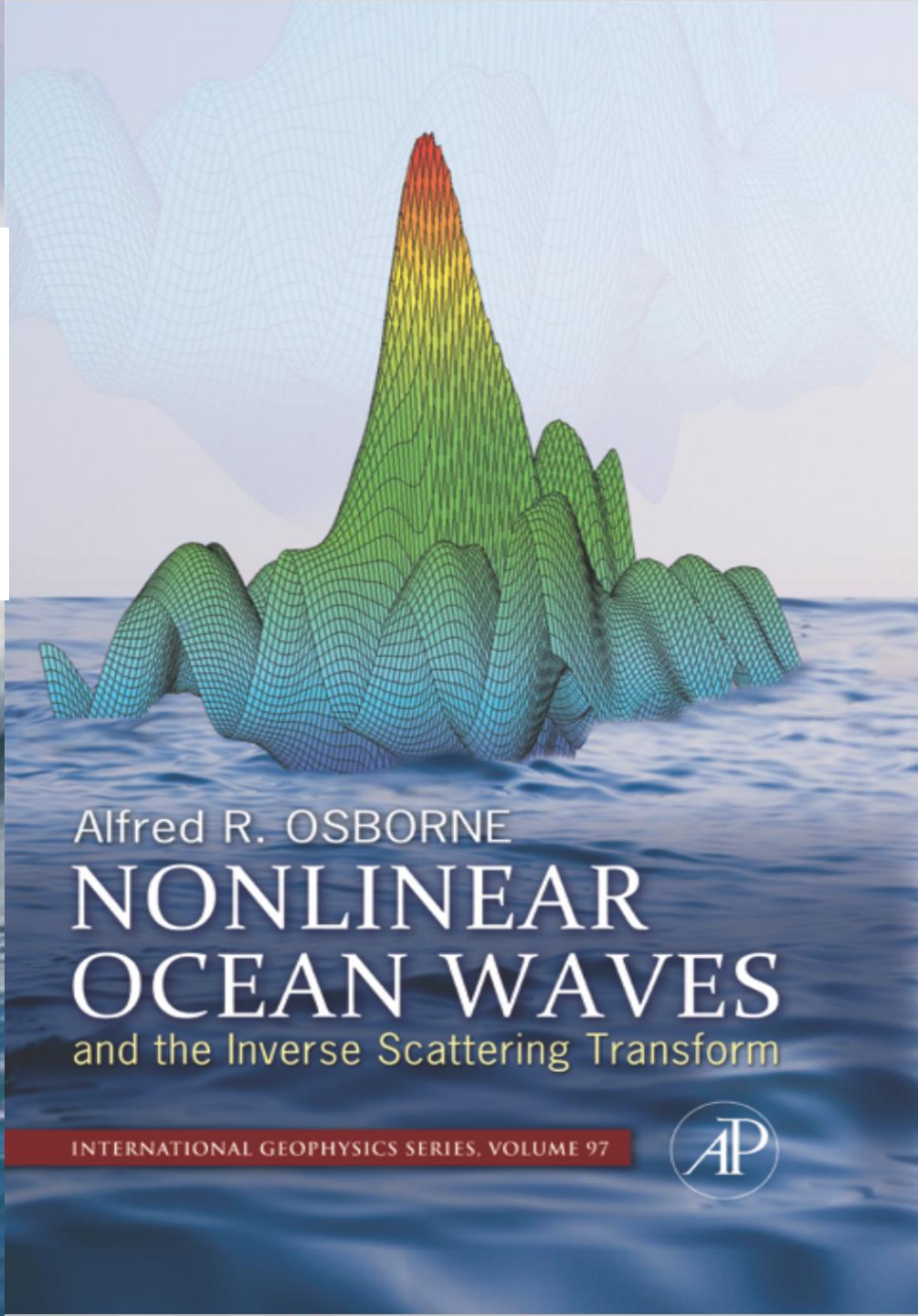


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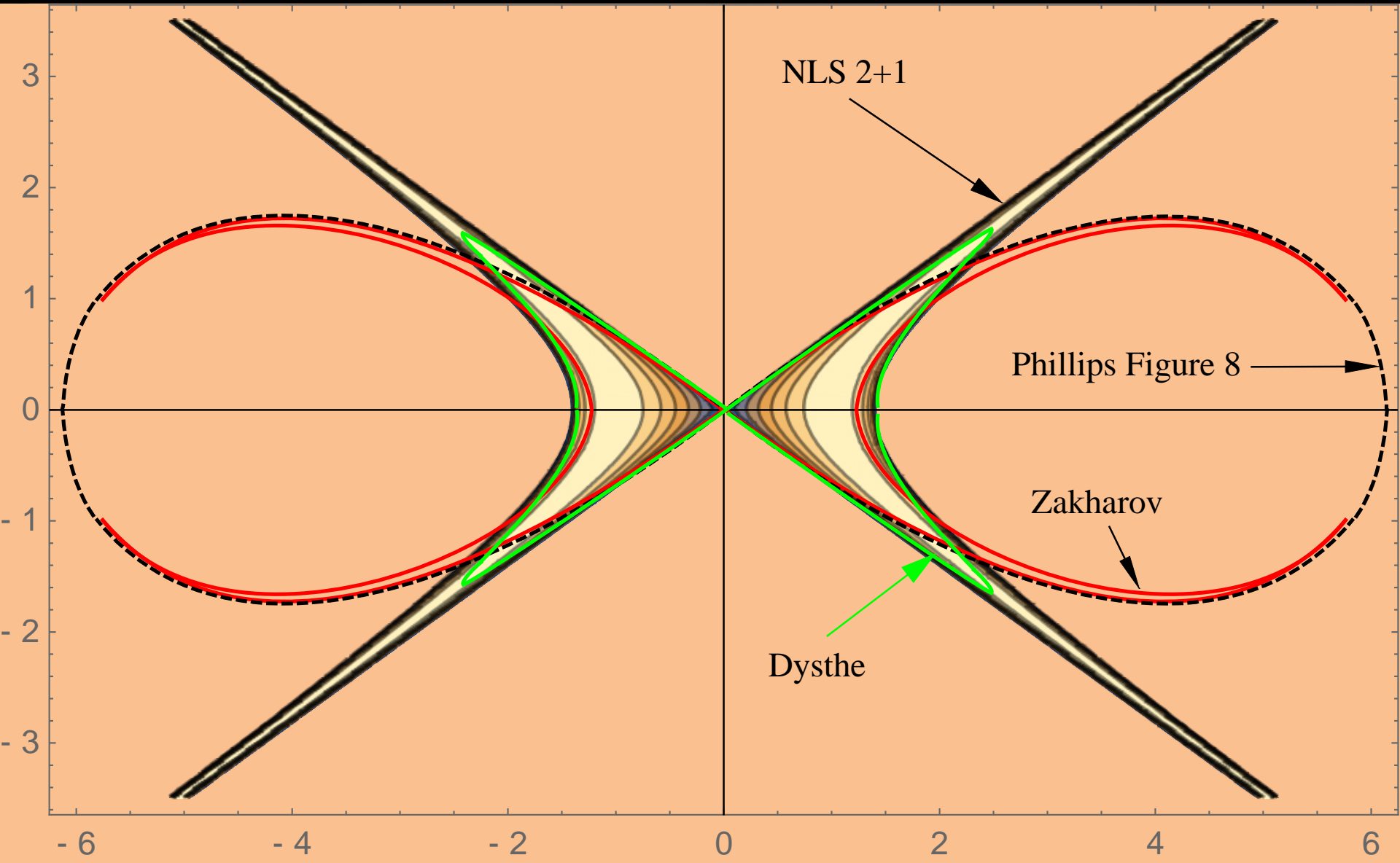
Ocean Surface Waves

- The ***Traditional View***: The random phase, Gaussian approximation describes ocean surface waves
- The ***Problem is***: This is untrue!



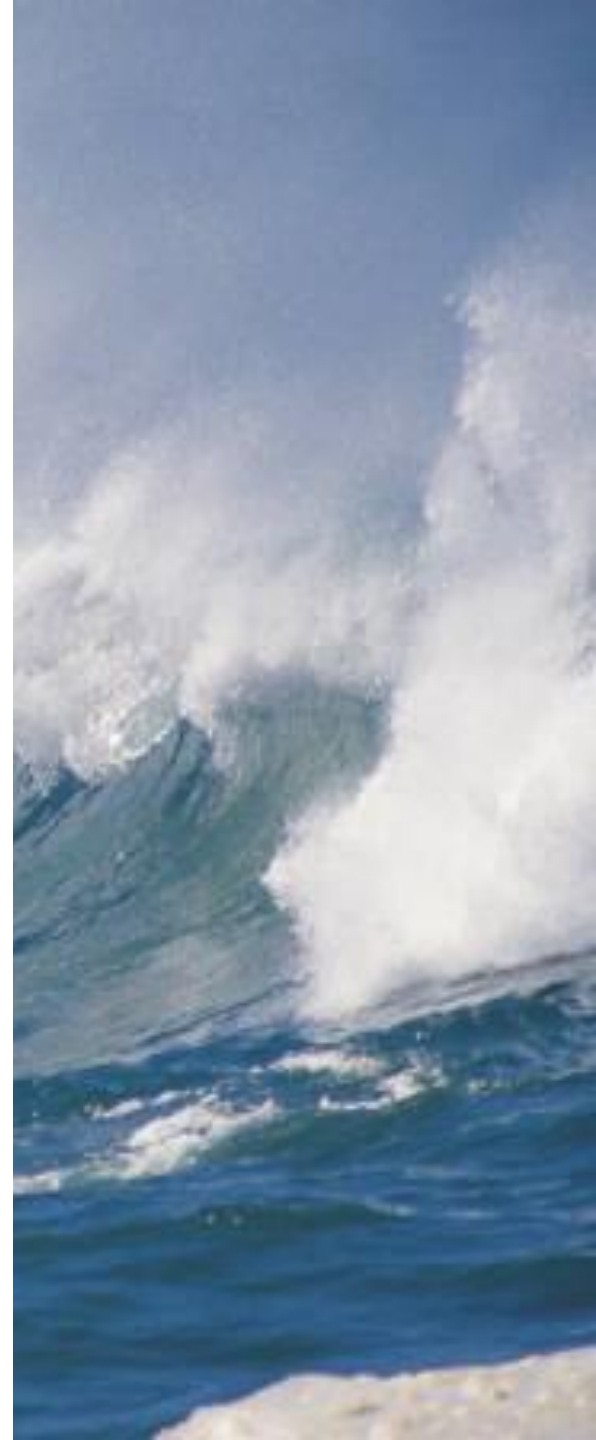
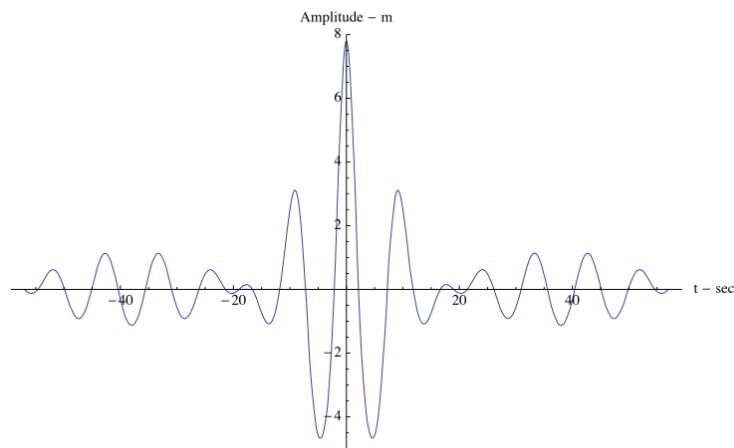
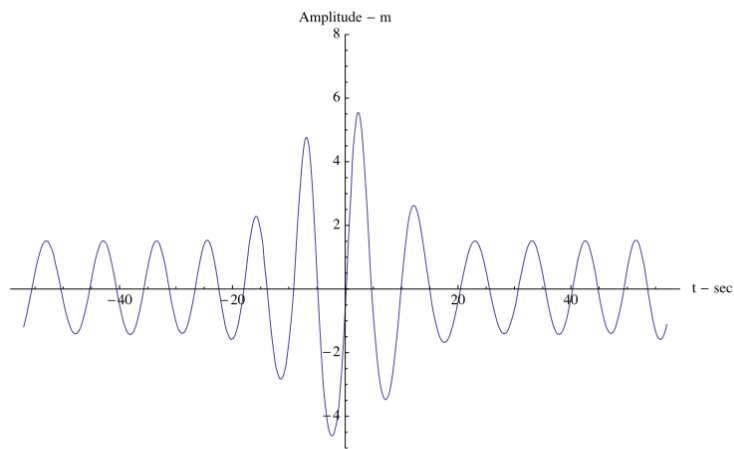
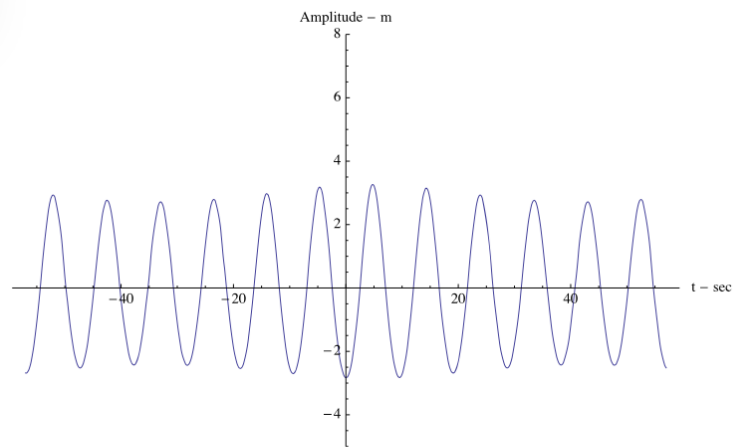


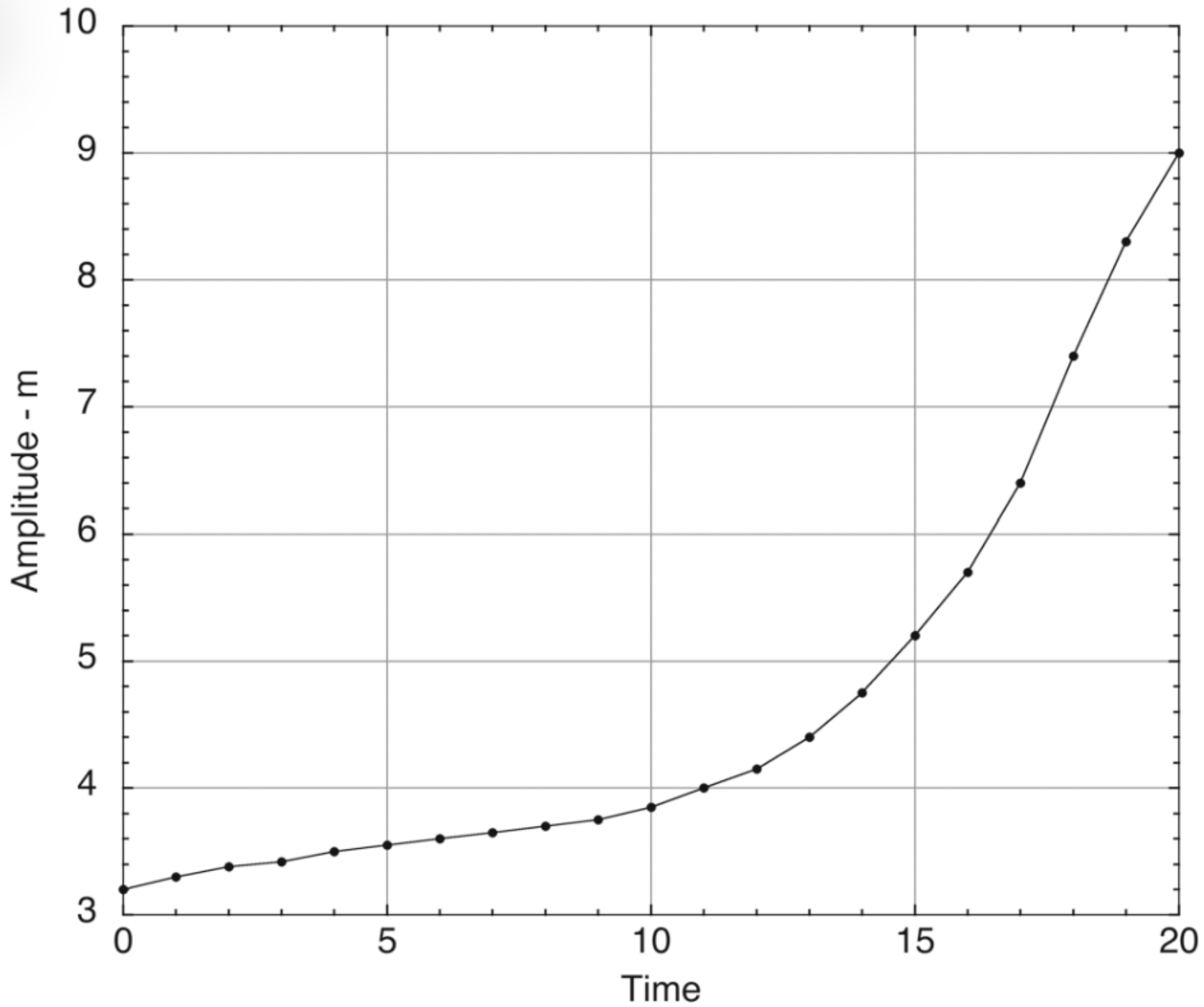
The Wavenumber Plane: Nonlinear Schroedinger, Zakharov Equation and Phillips Figure 8



A dramatic photograph of a massive ocean wave in the process of breaking. The wave's face is a deep, dark blue, curving over as it moves towards the viewer. At the top of the wave, a thick, billowing cloud of white foam and spray is being ejected into the air. The sky above is a clear, pale blue. The foreground shows the surface of the ocean with smaller, choppy waves and white foam from the main wave's base.

What is a Breather?

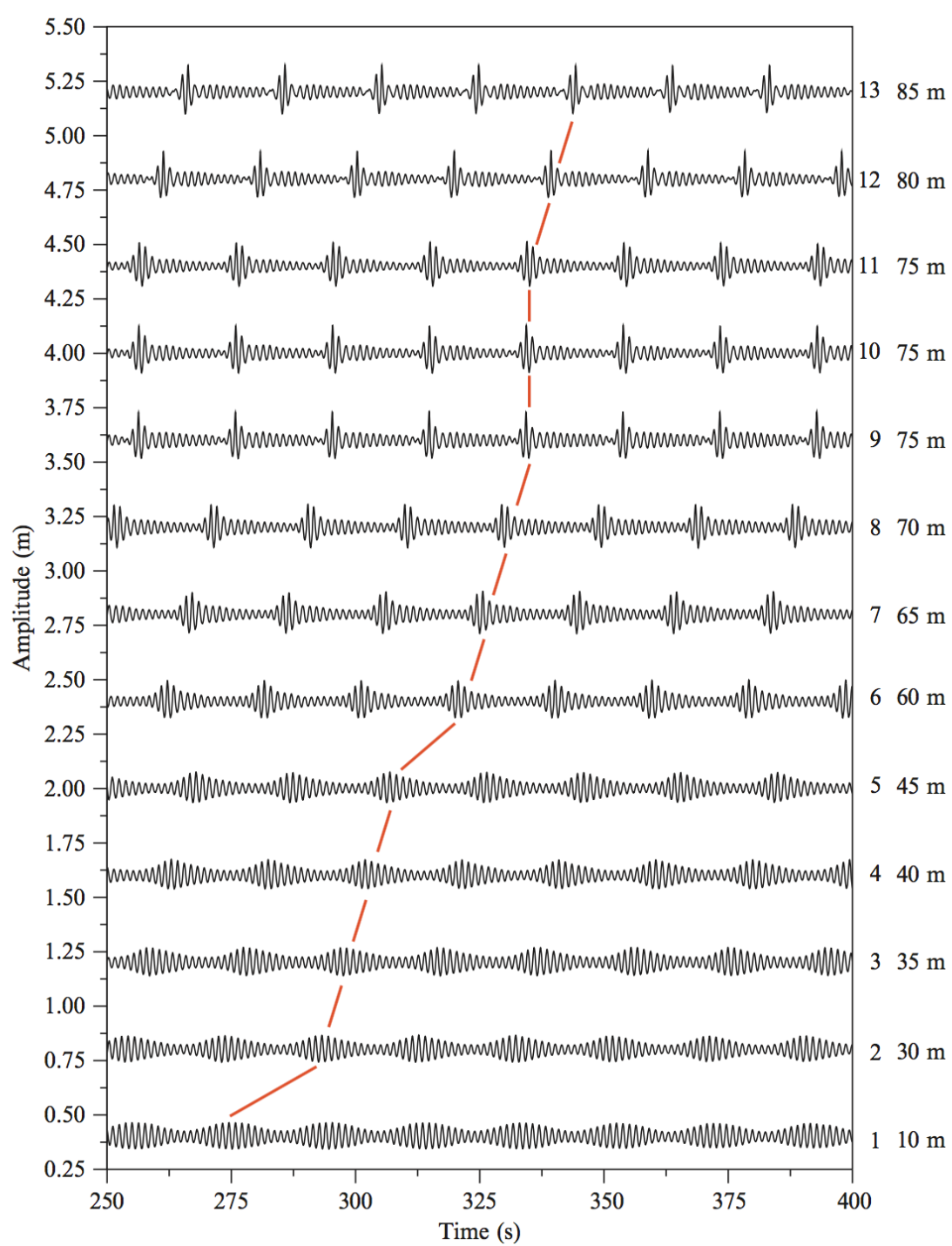


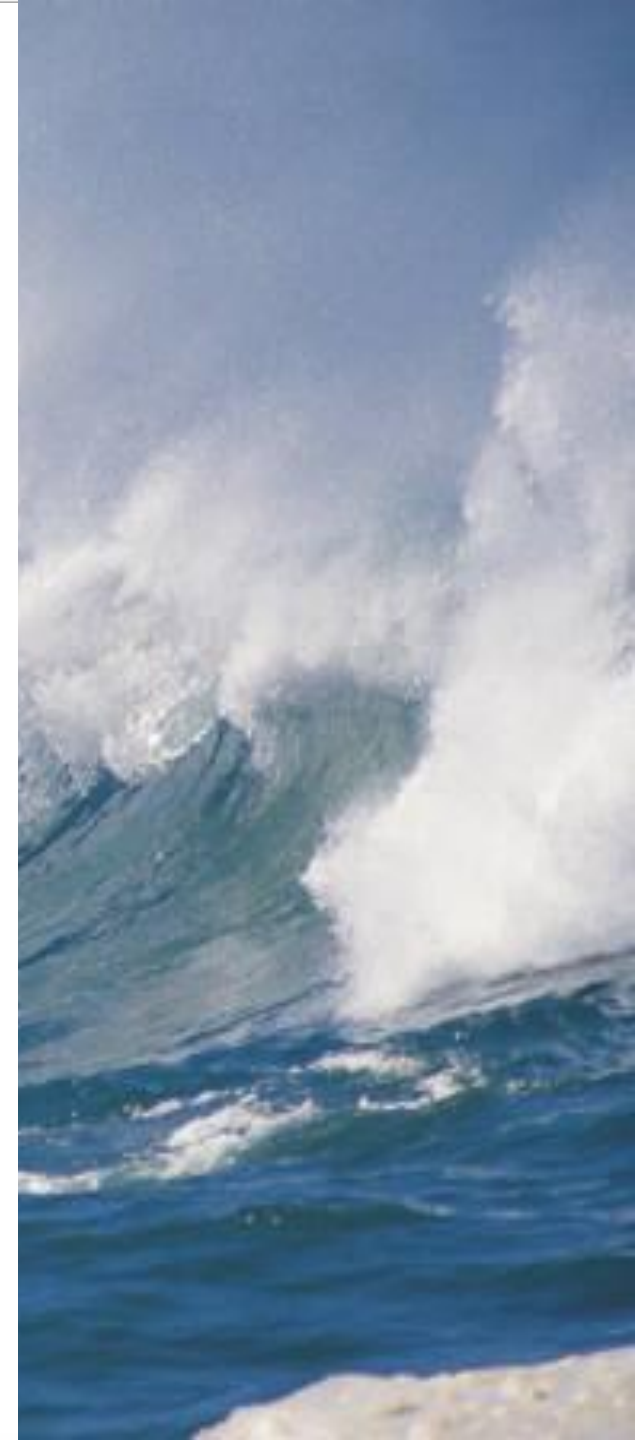
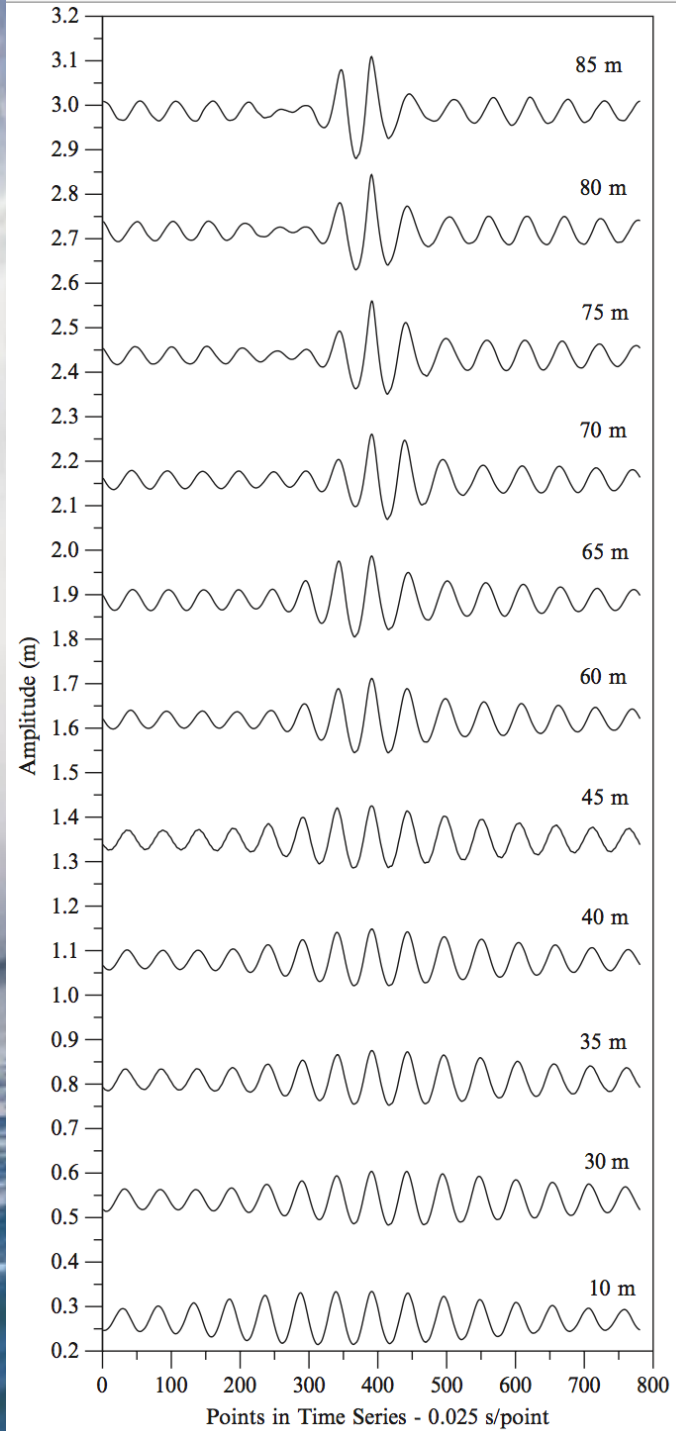


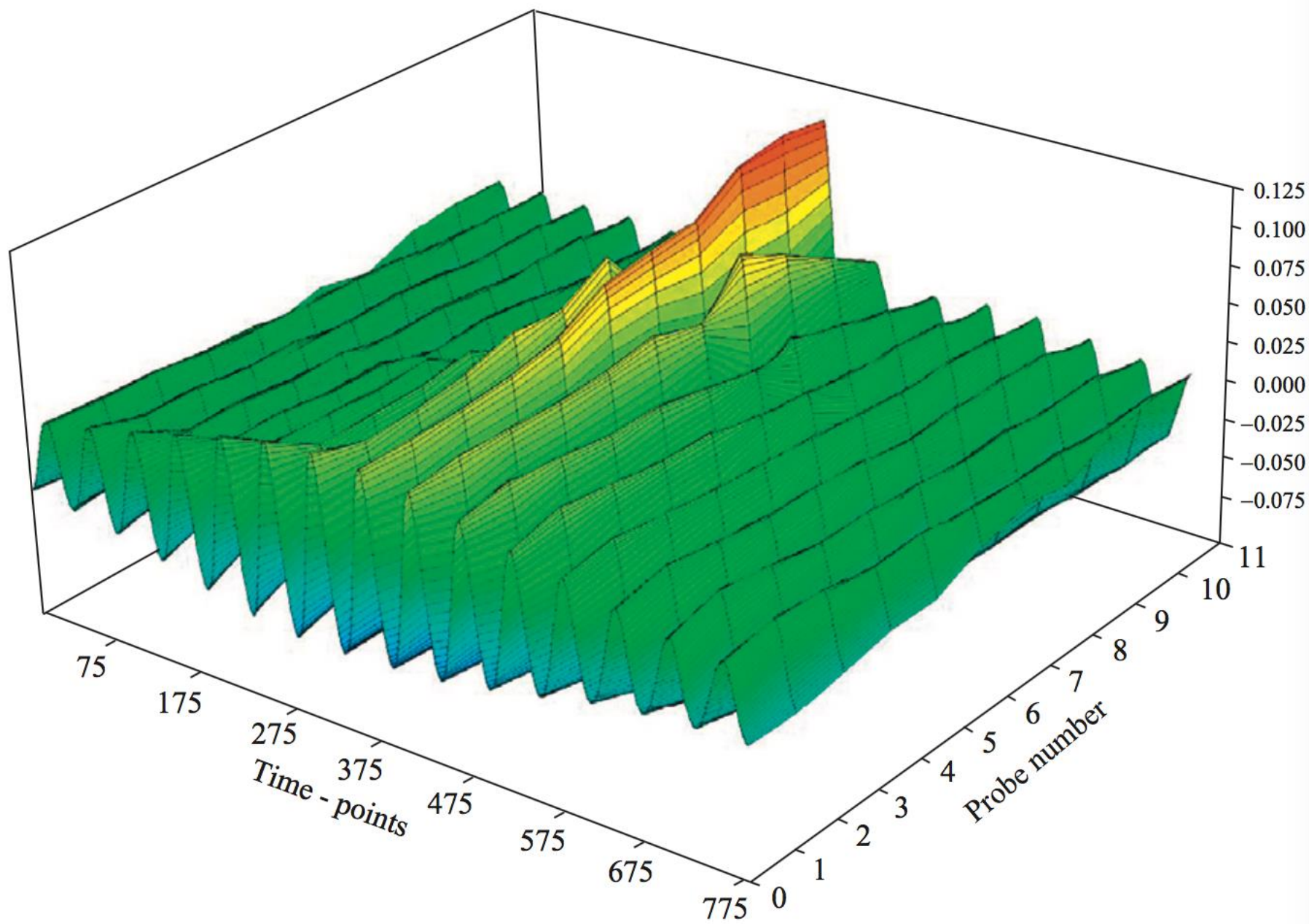


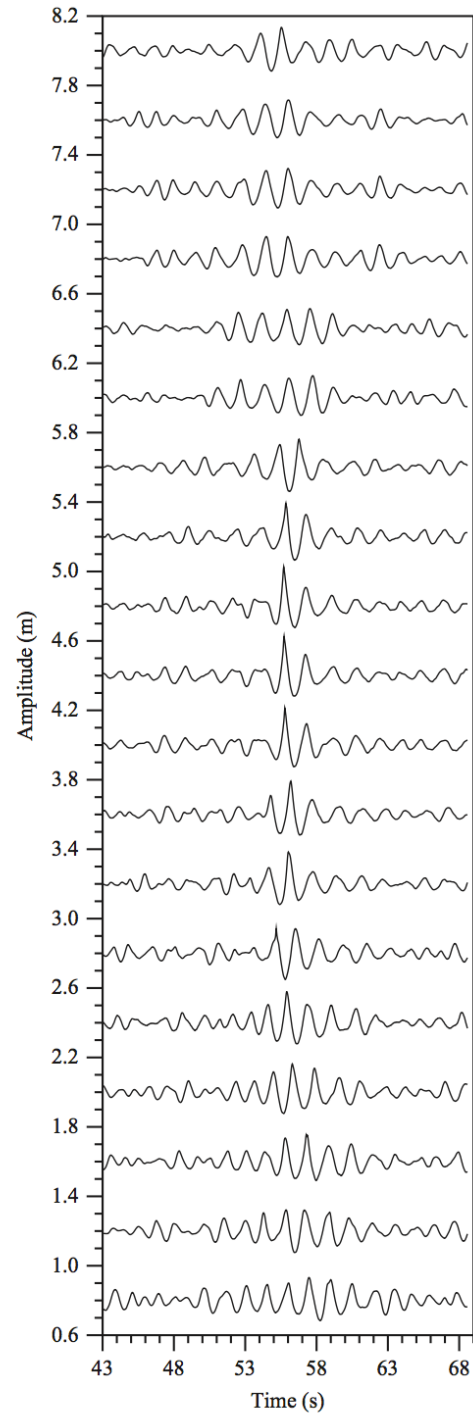
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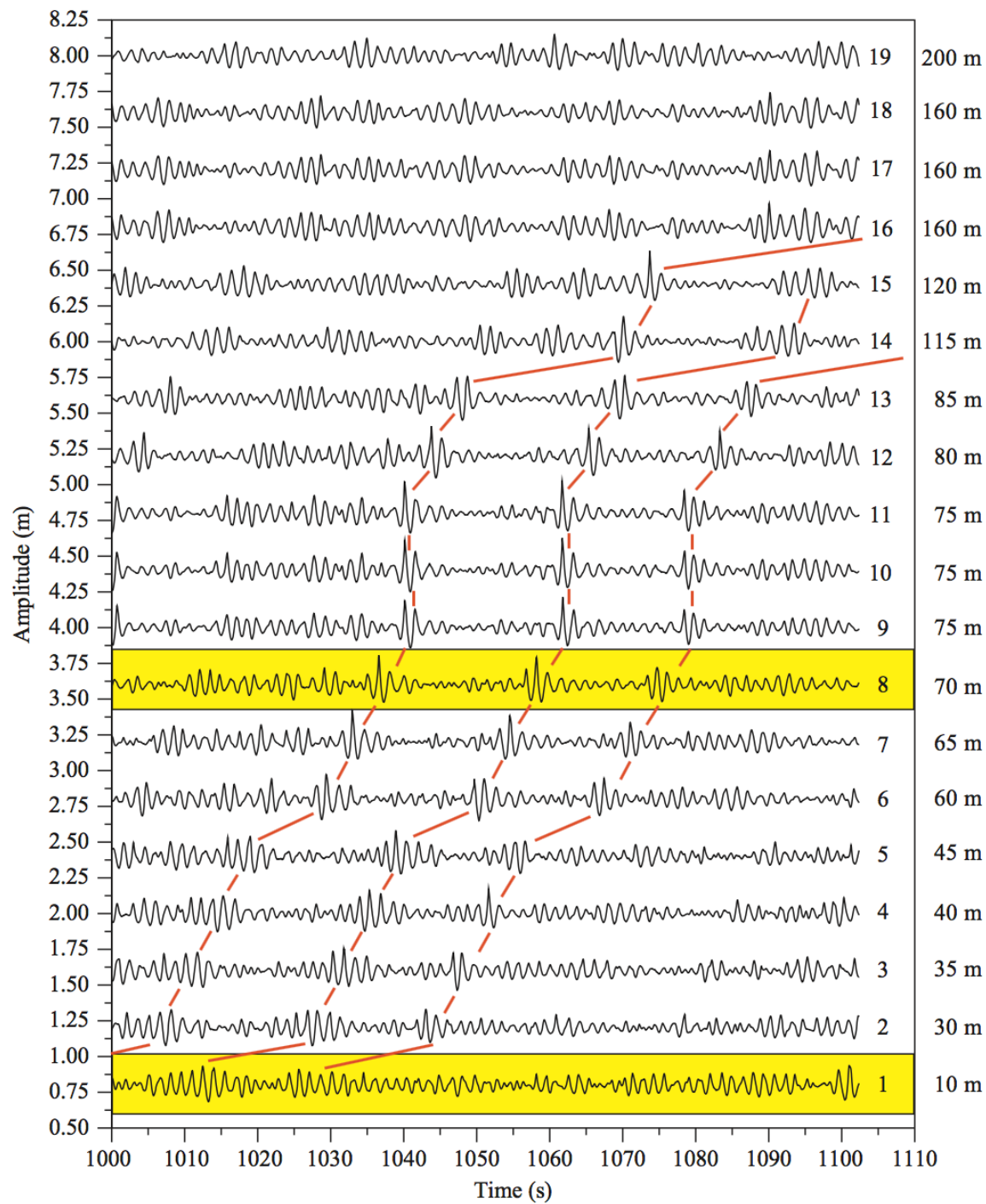


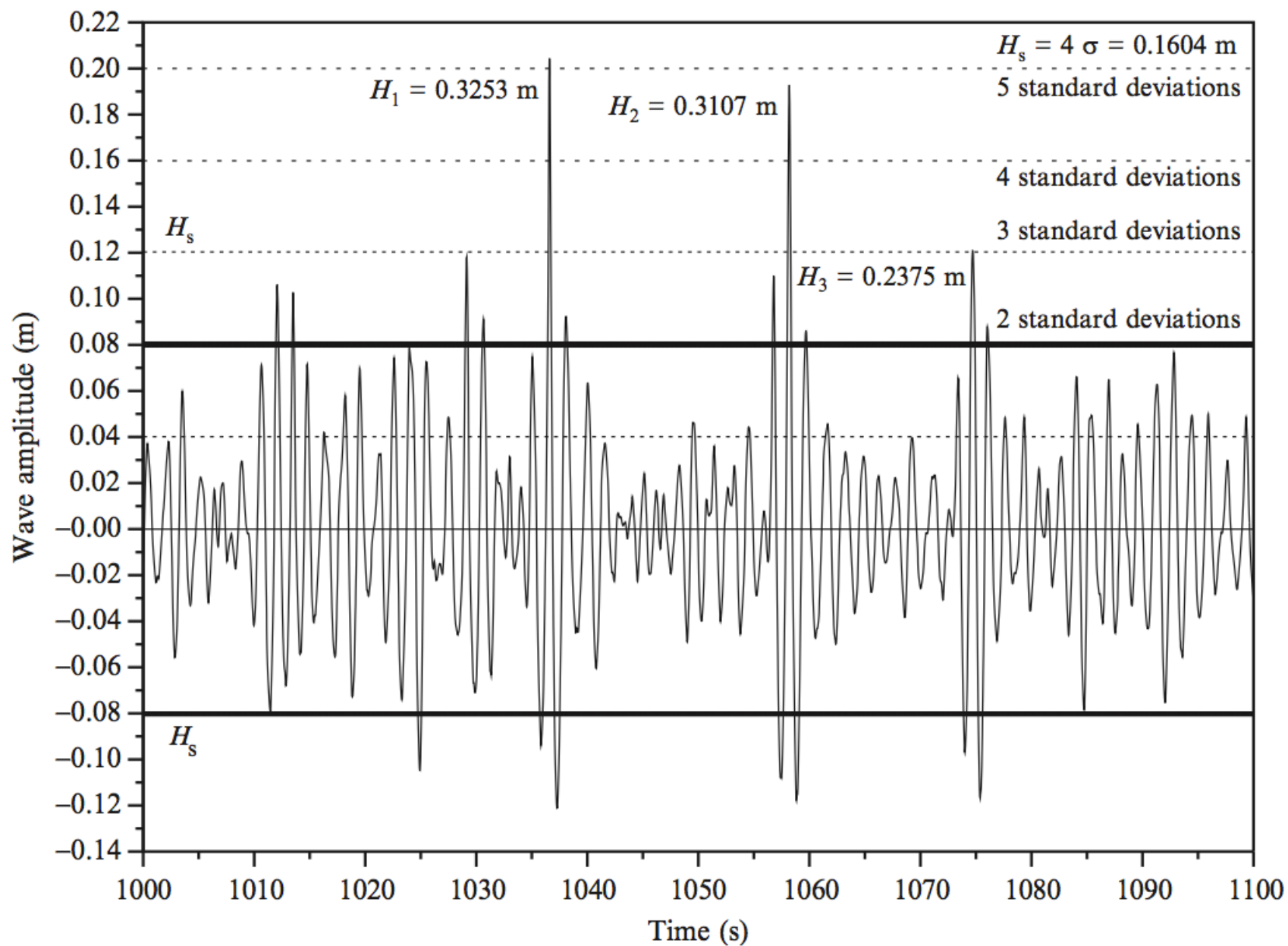


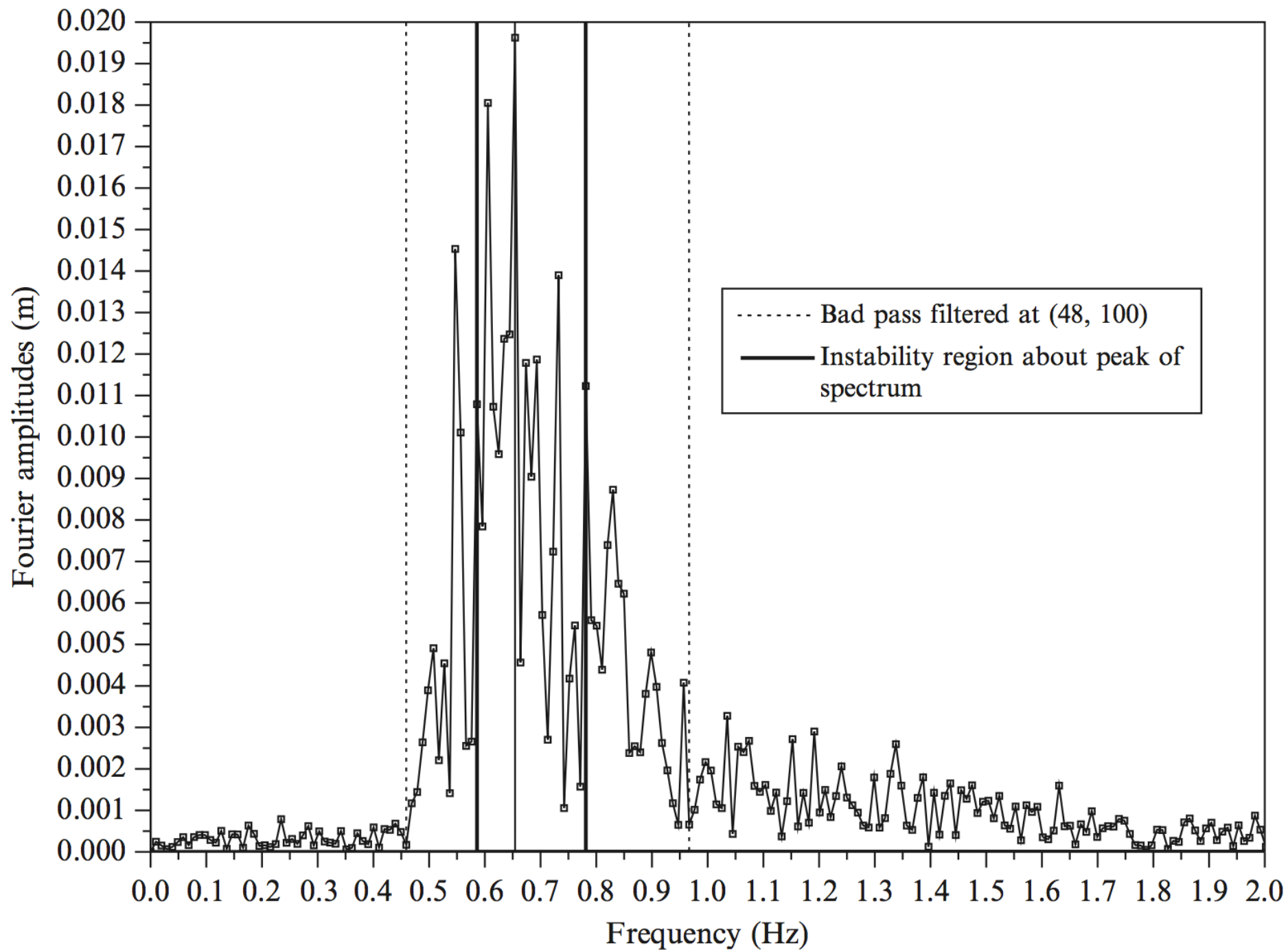




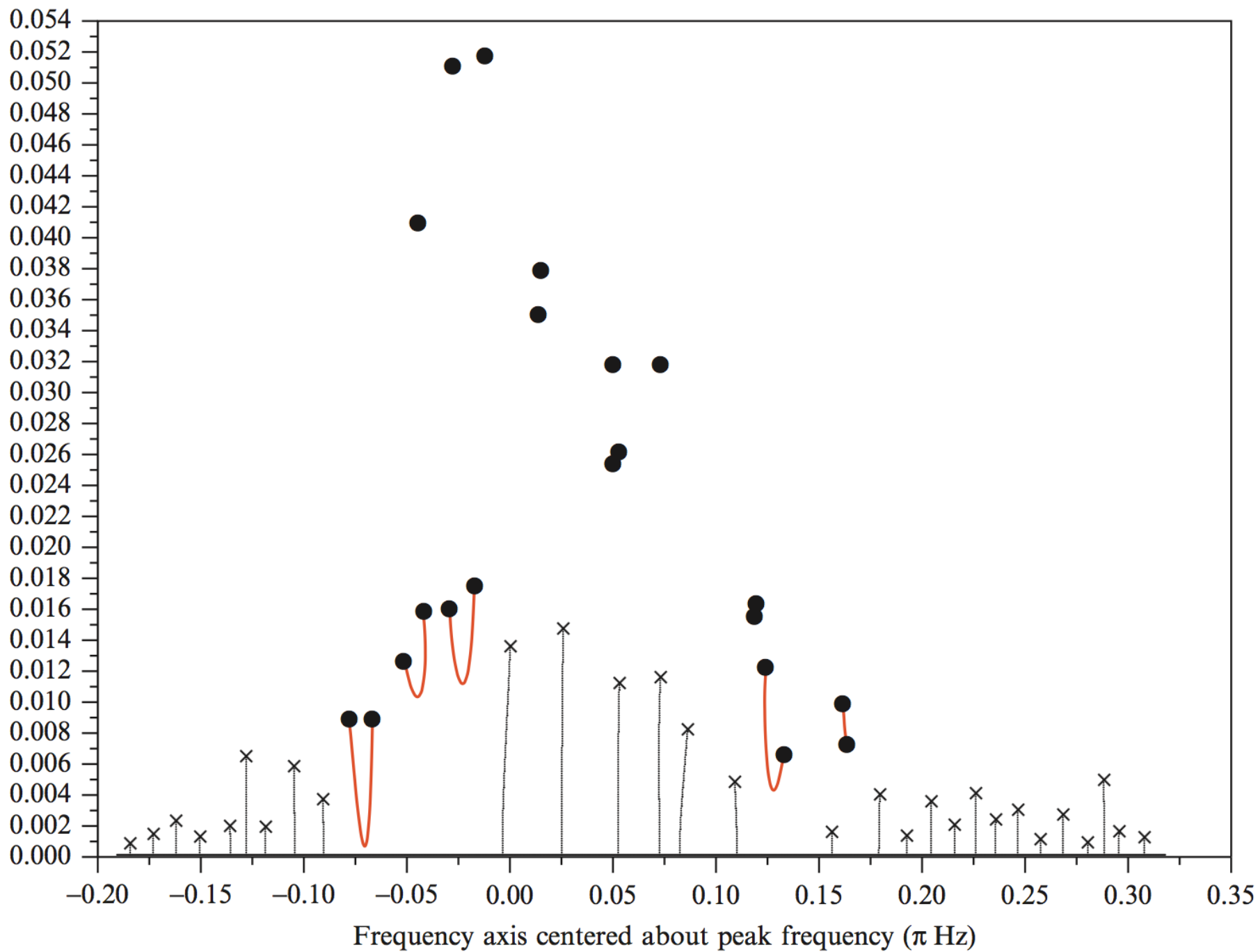






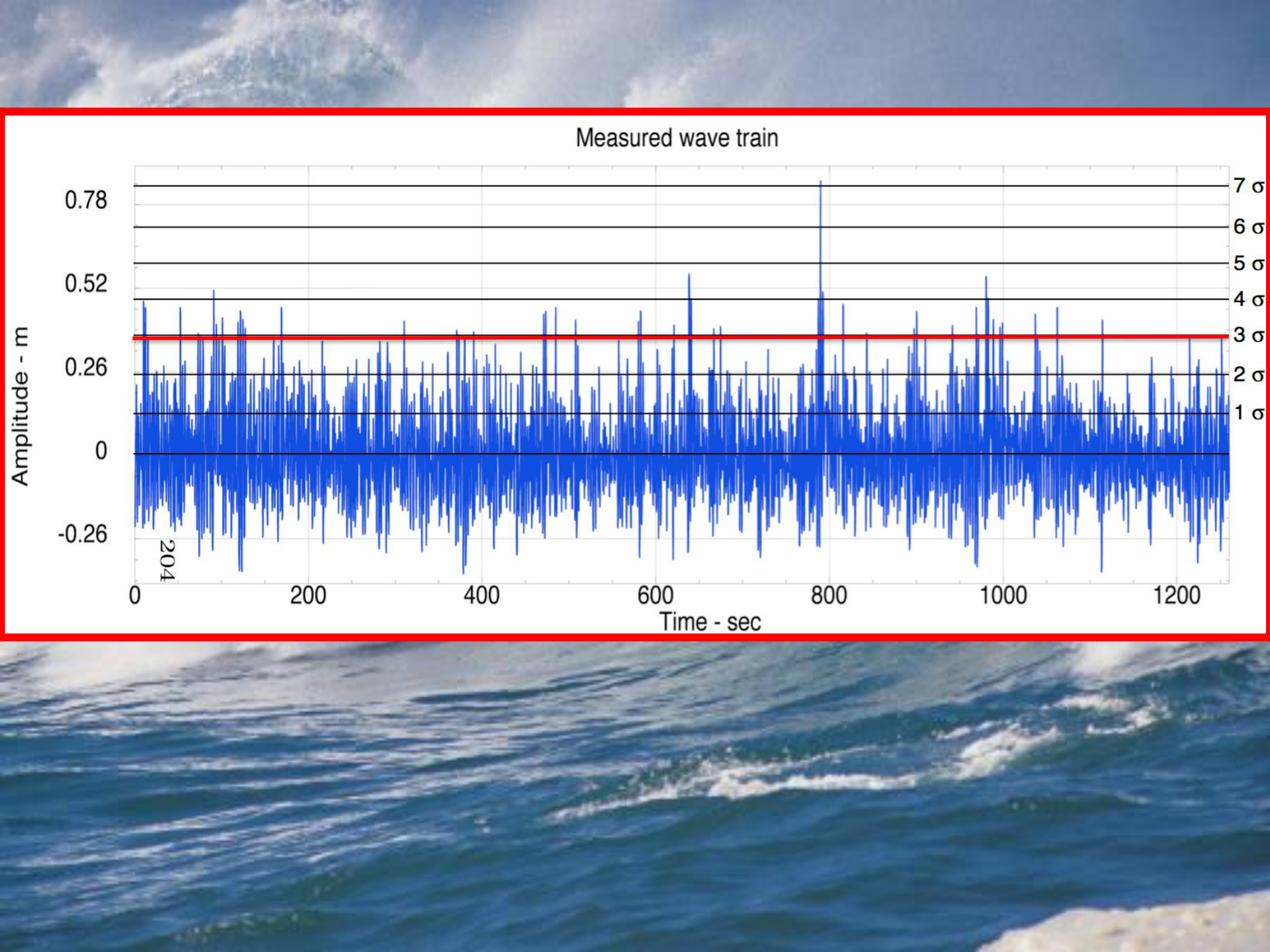


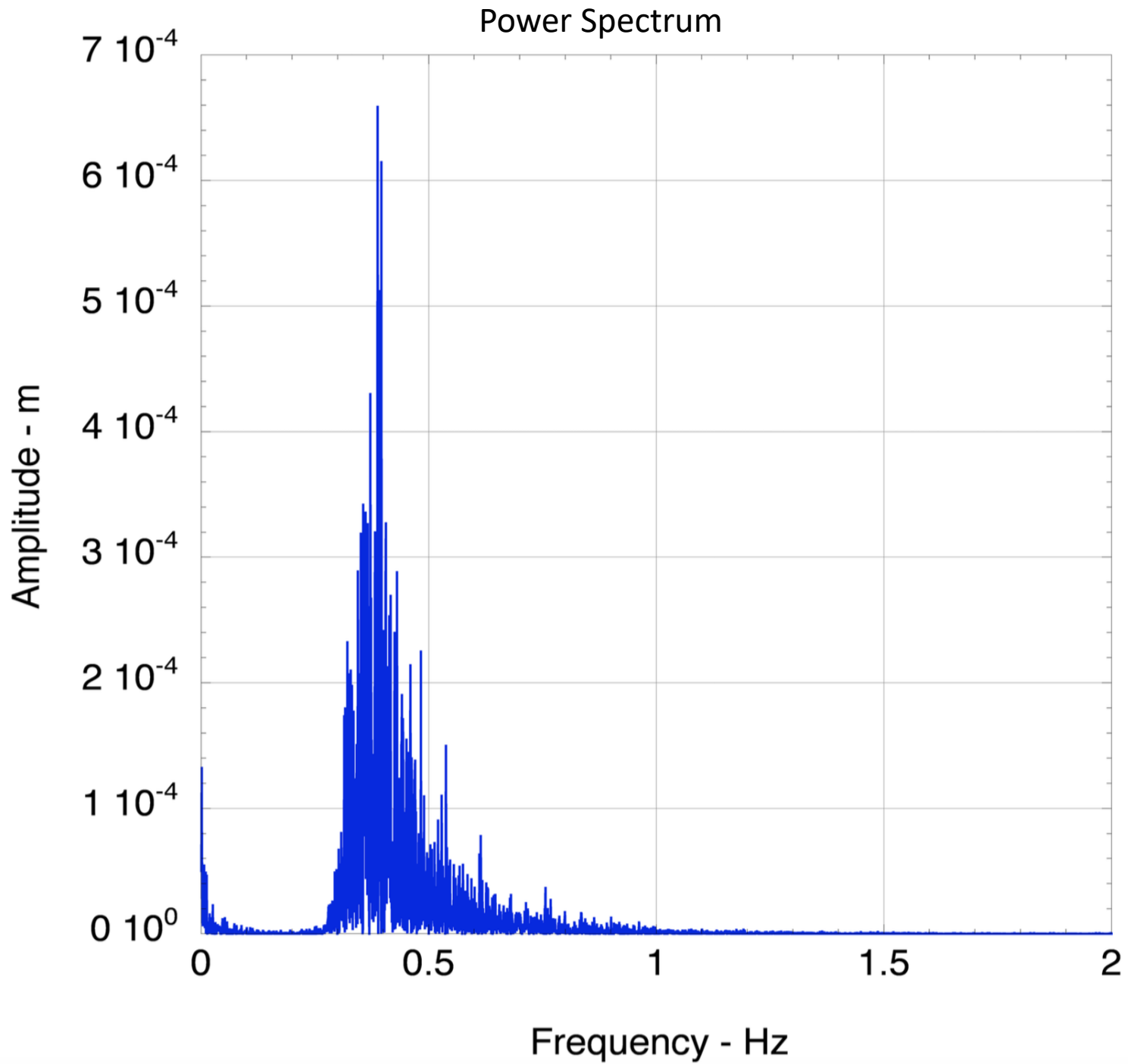
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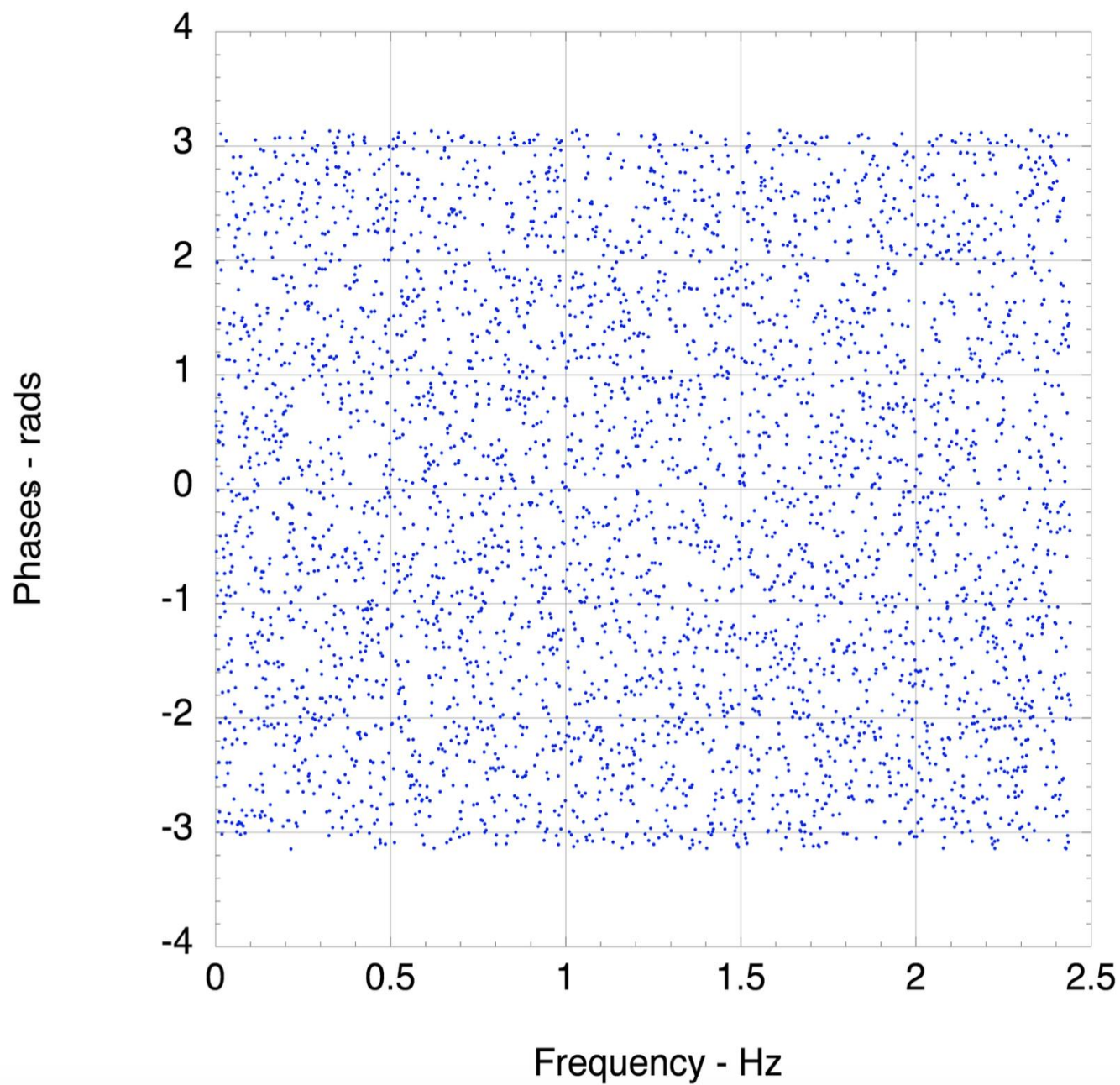
A dramatic photograph of a massive ocean wave crashing. The wave's face is a deep, dark blue, while the crest is a thick, billowing cloud of white foam. The sky above is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene conveys a sense of immense power and natural force.

Linear Analysis of Currituck Sound



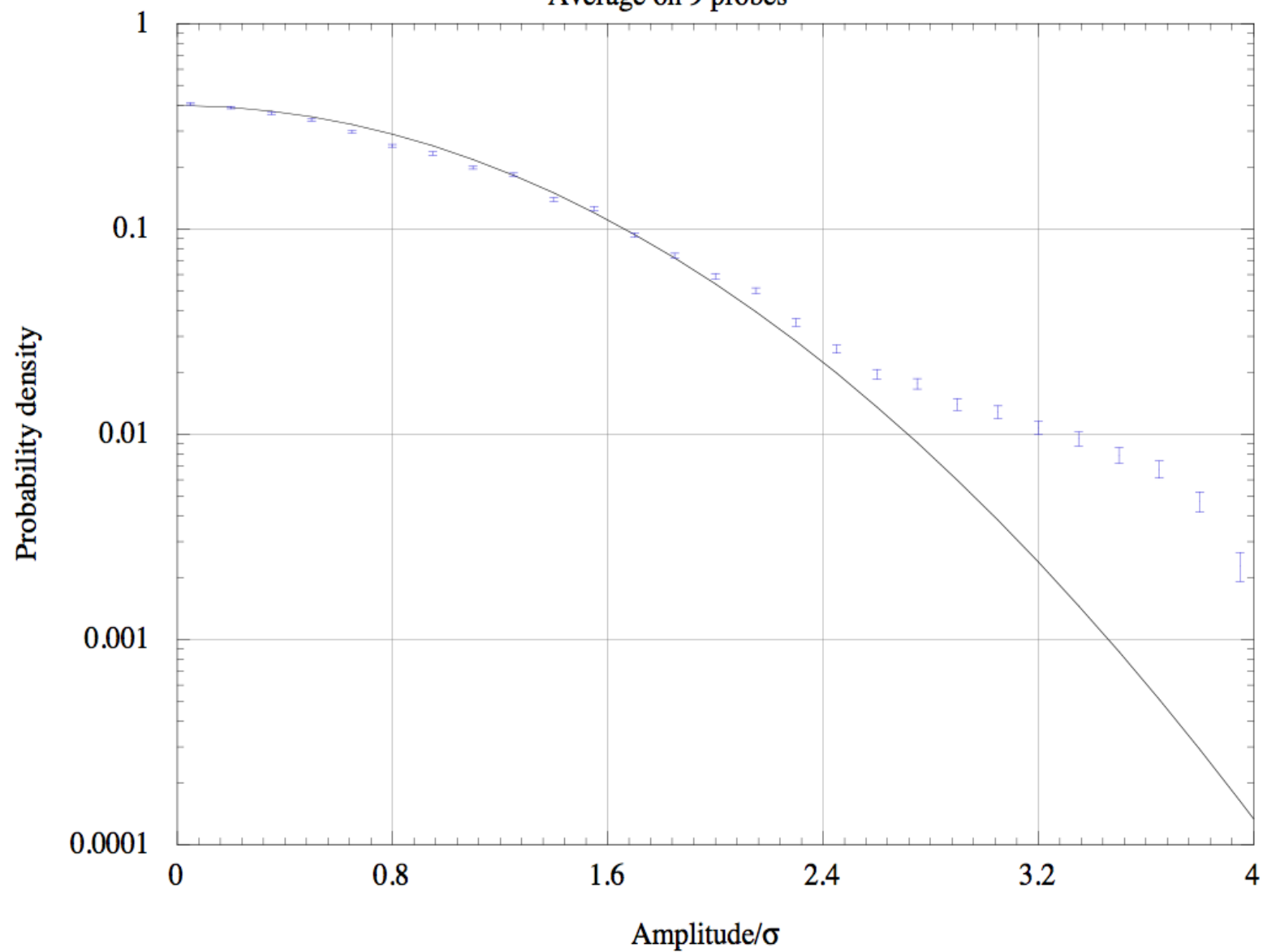


Fourier Phases



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Probability density
Logarithmic scale
Average on 9 probes





Conclusions: **The Traditional View**

- Ocean waves are a ***near linear Random Process*** whose amplitudes are ***Gaussian*** [Kinsman's book].
- If the spectrum is “narrow banded” then the envelope (modulation) is ***Rayleigh*** [Longuet-Higgins, 1955], implying that the wave heights are also Rayleigh.
- The probability “tail” at high amplitude is due to the ***Stokes correction***, which makes the waves higher and steeper.



Nonlinear Fourier Analysis of Currituck Sound



Soliton Turbulence in Shallow Water Ocean Surface Waves

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We analyze shallow water wind waves in Currituck Sound, North Carolina and experimentally confirm, for the first time, the presence of soliton turbulence in ocean waves. Soliton turbulence is an exotic form of nonlinear wave motion where low frequency energy may also be viewed as a dense soliton gas, described theoretically by the soliton limit of the Korteweg–deVries equation, a completely integrable soliton system: Hence the phrase “soliton turbulence” is synonymous with “integrable soliton turbulence.” For periodic-quasiperiodic boundary conditions the ergodic solutions of Korteweg–deVries are exactly solvable by finite gap theory (FGT), the basis of our data analysis. We find that large amplitude measured wave trains near the energetic peak of a storm have low frequency power spectra that behave as $\sim \omega^{-1}$. We use the linear Fourier transform to estimate this power law from the power spectrum and to filter densely packed soliton wave trains from the data. We apply FGT to determine the soliton spectrum and find that the low frequency $\sim \omega^{-1}$ region is soliton dominated. The solitons have random FGT phases, a soliton random phase approximation, which supports our interpretation of the data as soliton turbulence. From the probability density of the solitons we are able to demonstrate that the solitons are dense in time and highly non-Gaussian.



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Nonlinear Fourier Methods for Ocean Waves

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Abstract

Multiperiodic Fourier series solutions of integrable nonlinear wave equations are applied to the study of ocean waves for scientific and engineering purposes. These series can be used to compute analytical formulae for the *stochastic properties* of nonlinear equations, in analogy to the standard approach for linear equations. Here I emphasize analytically computable results for the *correlation functions*, *power spectra* and *coherence functions* of a *nonlinear random process* associated with an integrable nonlinear wave equation. The multiperiodic Fourier series have the advantage that the *coherent structures* of soliton physics are encoded in the formulation, so that *solitons*, *breathers*, *vortices*, etc. are contained in the *temporal evolution* of the nonlinear power spectrum and phases. I illustrate the method for the Korteweg-deVries and nonlinear Schrödinger equations. Applications of the method to the analysis of data are discussed.

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Highly nonlinear wind waves in Currituck Sound: dense breather turbulence in random ocean waves

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Abstract

We analyze surface wave data taken in Currituck Sound, North Carolina, during a storm on 4 February 2002. Our focus is on the application of *nonlinear Fourier analysis* (NLFA) methods (Osborne 2010) to analyze the data set: The approach spectrally decomposes a nonlinear wave field into *sine waves*, *Stokes waves*, and *phase-locked Stokes waves* otherwise known as *breather trains*. Breathers are nonlinear beats, or packets which “breathe” up and down smoothly over *cycle times* of minutes to hours. The maximum amplitudes of the packets during the cycle have a largest central wave whose properties are often associated with the study of “rogue waves.” The mathematical physics of the nonlinear Schrödinger (NLS) equation is assumed and the methods of algebraic geometry are applied to give the *nonlinear spectral representation*. The distinguishing characteristic of the NLFA method is its ability to spectrally decompose a time series into its *nonlinear coherent structures* (Stokes waves and breathers) rather than just sine waves. This is done by the implementation of *multidimensional, quasi-periodic Fourier series*, rather than ordinary Fourier series. To determine preliminary estimates of nonlinearity, we use the significant wave height H_s , the peak period T_p , and the length of the time series T . The time series analyzed here have 8192 points and $T = 1677.72 \text{ s} = 27.96 \text{ min}$. Near the peak of the storm, we find $H_s \approx 0.55 \text{ m}$, $T_p \approx 2.4 \text{ s}$ so that for the wave steepness of a near Gaussian process, $S = (\pi^{5/2}/g) H_s/T_p^2$, we find $S \approx 0.17$, quite high for ocean waves. Likewise, we estimate the Benjamin-Feir (BF) parameter for a near Gaussian process, $I_{BF} = (\pi^{5/2}/g) H_s T/T_p^3$, and we find $I_{BF} \approx 119$. Since the BF parameter describes the nonlinear behavior of the *modulational instability*, leading to the formation of breather packets in a measured wave train, we find the I_{BF} for these storm waves to be a surprisingly high number. This is because I_{BF} , as derived here, roughly estimates the number of breather trains in a near Gaussian time series. The BF parameter suggests that there are roughly 119 breather trains in a time series of length 28 min near the peak of the storm, meaning that we would have average breather packets of about 14 s each with about 5–6 waves in each packet. Can these surprising results, estimated from simple parameters, be true from the point of view of the complex nonlinear wave dynamics of the BF instability and the NLS equation? We analyze the data set with the NLFA to verify, from a *nonlinear spectral point of view*, the presence of large numbers of breather trains and we determine many of their properties, including the *rise time* for the breathers to grow to their maximum amplitudes from a quiescent initial state. Energetically, about 95% of the NLFA components are found to consist of breather trains; the remaining small amplitude components are sine and Stokes waves. The presence of a large number of densely packed breather trains suggests an interpretation of the data in terms of *breather turbulence*, highly nonlinear *integrable turbulence* theoretically predicted for the NLS equation, providing an interesting paradigm for the nonlinear wave motion, in contrast to the random phase Gaussian approximation often considered in the analysis of data.

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Breather Turbulence: Exact Spectral and Stochastic Solutions of the Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation

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Abstract: I address the problem of *breather turbulence in ocean waves* from the point of view of the exact *spectral solutions* of the *nonlinear Schrödinger (NLS) equation* using two tools of mathematical physics: (1) the *inverse scattering transform (IST)* for *periodic/quasiperiodic boundary conditions* (also referred to as *finite gap theory (FGT)* in the Russian literature) and (2) *quasiperiodic Fourier series*, both of which enhance the physical and mathematical understanding of complicated nonlinear phenomena in water waves. The basic approach I refer to as *nonlinear Fourier analysis (NLFA)*. The formulation describes wave motion with *spectral components* consisting of *sine waves*, *Stokes waves* and *breather packets* that nonlinearly interact pair-wise with one another. This contrasts to the simpler picture of standard Fourier analysis in which one linearly superposes sine waves. *Breather trains* are *coherent wave packets* that “breathe” up and down during their lifetime “cycle” as they propagate, a phenomenon related to *Fermi-Pasta-Ulam (FPU) recurrence*. The central wave of a breather, when the packet is at its maximum height of the FPU cycle, is often treated as a kind of *rogue wave*. *Breather turbulence* occurs when the number of breathers in a measured time series is large, typically several hundred per hour. Because of the prevalence of rogue waves in breather turbulence, I call this exceptional type of sea state a *breather sea* or *rogue sea*. Here I provide theoretical tools for a physical and dynamical understanding of the recent results of Osborne et al [43] in which *dense breather turbulence* was found in experimental surface wave data in Currituck Sound, North Carolina. Quasiperiodic Fourier series are important in the study of ocean waves because they provide a simpler theoretical interpretation and faster numerical implementation of the NLFA, with respect to the IST, particularly with regard to determination of the breather spectrum and their associated phases that are here treated in the so-called *nonlinear random phase approximation*. The actual material developed here focuses on results necessary for the analysis and interpretation of shipboard/offshore platform radar scans and for airborne lidar and synthetic aperture radar (SAR) measurements.

What is Linear Fourier Analysis?

- A Fourier Series:

$$h(x, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h_n e^{ik_n x - i\omega_n t}$$

- A ***linear superposition*** of ***sine waves***.
- We get the FFT and so have ***spectra, power spectra, coherence functions, correlation functions***, and all the useful stuff that come from Fourier methods!
- ***Random phase approximation***.

What is *Nonlinear* Fourier Analysis?

- A **quasiperiodic** (multi-periodic) Fourier Series:

$$\eta(x, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \eta_{\mathbf{n}} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k} x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}}$$

- Does everything that linear Fourier does, but has *all infinity harmonics*: A **discretuum**.
- The **nonlinear Fourier components** are *sine waves, Stokes waves, breathers, superbreathers*, etc.
- **Nonlinear random phase approximation**.

The 2+1 Nonlinear Schroedinger Equation

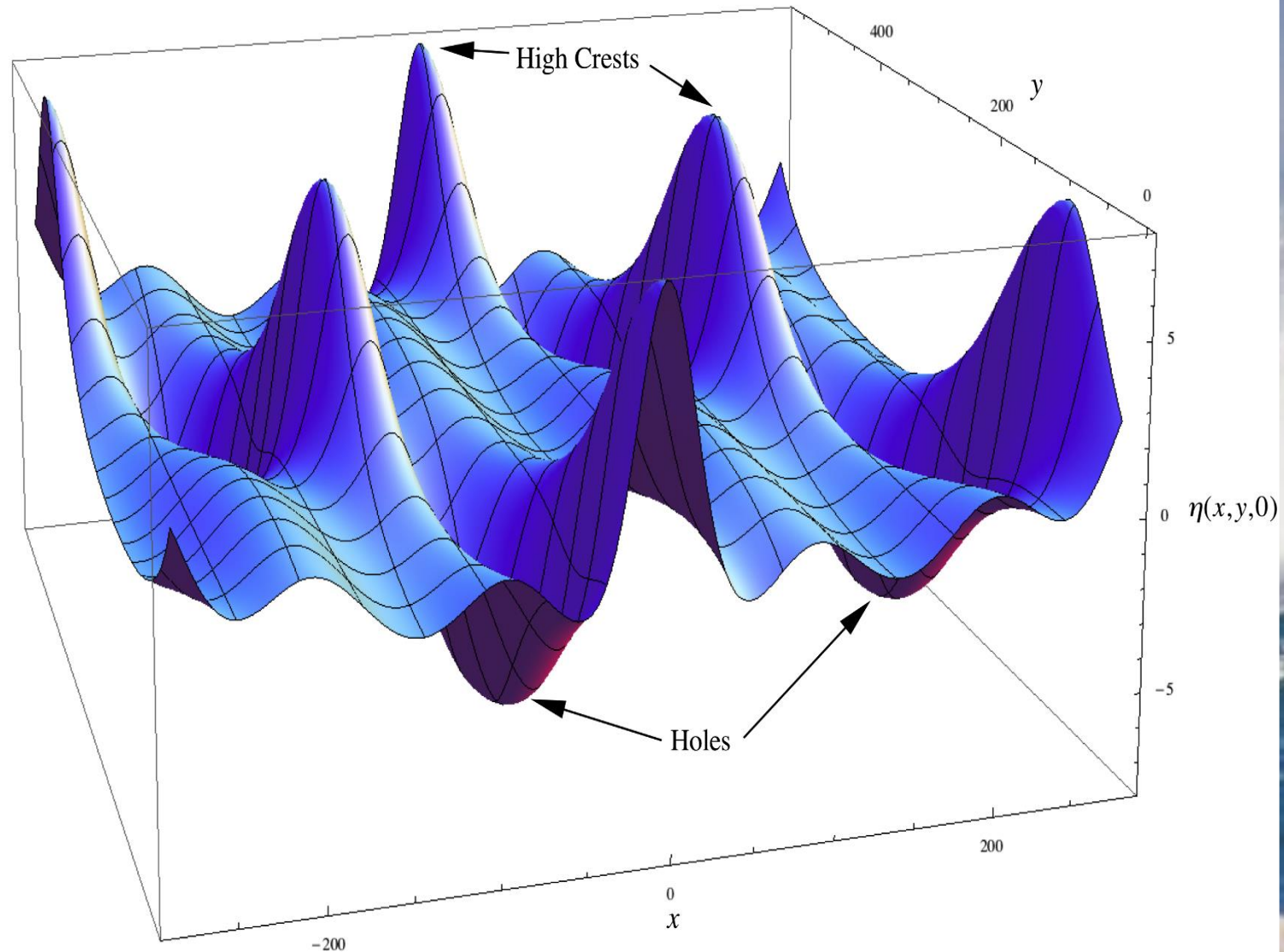
$$i\psi_t + \psi_{xx} + S\psi_{yy} + U(x,y,t)\psi = 0$$

$$S = \pm 1$$

Depending on the form of the potential the above equation has the form of:

- The ***2+1 NLS equation***
- The ***Dysthe equation***
- The ***extended Dysthe equation***
- The ***Zakharov Equation***

Breather Moving at 30 Degree Angle With Respect To Dominant Wave Direction



Solving the Schroedinger Equation for *Arbitrary* Potential

$$i\mathcal{Y}_t + \mathcal{Y}_{xx} + S\mathcal{Y}_{yy} + U(x,y,t)\mathcal{Y} = 0$$

$$S = \pm 1$$

$$\mathcal{Y}(x,y,t) = \frac{G(x,y,t)}{F(x,y,t)}$$

$$G(x,y,t) \approx a_o \theta(x,y,t | \tau, \phi^-) e^{-i\Omega' t}$$

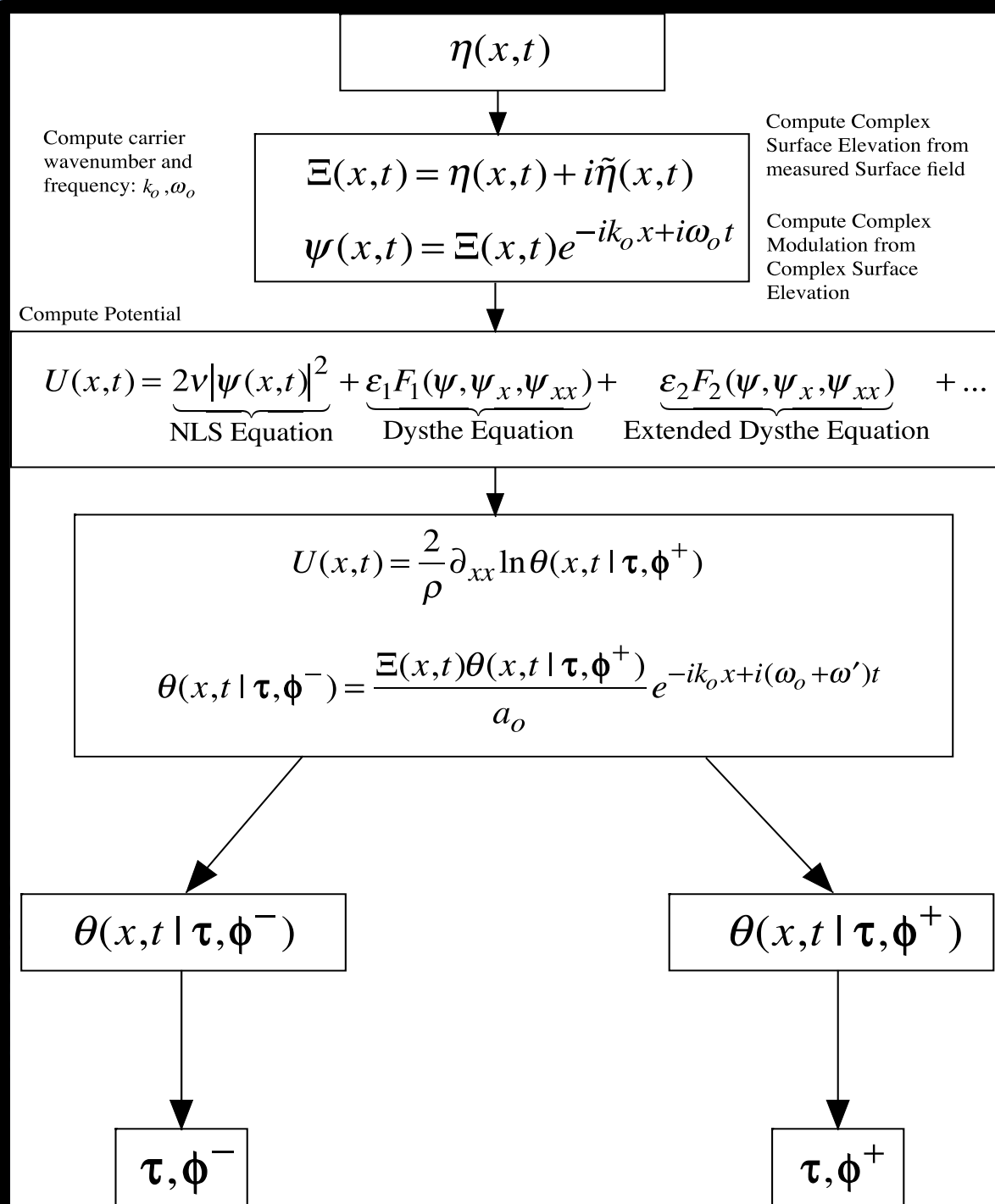
$$F(x,y,t) \approx \theta(x,y,t | \tau, \phi^+)$$

$$U(x,y,t) = 2\mathbb{I}_{xx} \ln F(x,y,t) + 2S\mathbb{I}_{yy} \ln F(x,y,t)$$

$$i(FG_t - GF_t) + (FG_{xx} + GF_{xx} - 2F_x G_x) + S(FG_{yy} + GF_{yy} - 2F_y G_y) = / FG$$

$$\Xi(x,y,t) \approx a_o \frac{\theta(x,y,t | \tau, \phi^-)}{\theta(x,y,t | \tau, \phi^+)} e^{i(K_x + k_o)x + iK_y y - i(\Omega + \omega_o + \omega')t}$$

How to Analyze Data



Theorem 3 (Baker [1907], Mumford [1984]) - Construction of Single-valued, Multiply-Periodic meromorphic Functions

The most general, single-valued, multiply-periodic meromorphic functions of N variables with $2N$ sets of periods (obeying the necessary relations, see Baker [1907], p. 224), can be expressed by means of *theta functions*. They can be determined in *only three ways*:

$$\rightarrow (i) \rightarrow \partial_{xx} \ln \theta(x, t)$$

$$\rightarrow (ii) \rightarrow \frac{\theta(x, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^-)}{\theta(x, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^+)}$$

$$\rightarrow (iii) \rightarrow \frac{\prod_{n=1}^N \theta(x - x_n, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^-)}{\prod_{n=1}^N \theta(x - x_n, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^+)}$$

where the theta functions have the form

$$\theta(x, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \theta_{\mathbf{n}} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}}, \quad \theta_{\mathbf{n}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{n} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{n}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \rightarrow \quad \rightarrow \quad \rightarrow \quad \rightarrow \quad (2)$$

and $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}$ is the period matrix. The wavenumbers \mathbf{k} , frequencies $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and phases $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ arise from loop integrals over the eigenvalue spectrum.

Suggested proof of the Solution Theorem: One shows that each of the three forms for constructing multiply-periodic, meromorphic functions given above using theta functions can be written in terms of multidimensional, quasiperiodic Fourier series. This means that ¶

$$\rightarrow \partial_{xx} \ln \theta(x, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} u_{\mathbf{n}} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \phi} \quad \P$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\theta(x, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^-)}{\theta(x, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^+)} = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} u_{\mathbf{n}} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \phi} \quad \P$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\prod_{n=1}^N \theta(x - x_n, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^-)}{\prod_{n=1}^N \theta(x - x_n, t | \mathbf{B}, \phi^+)} = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} u_{\mathbf{n}} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \omega t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \phi} \quad \P$$

Where the wavenumbers \mathbf{k} , frequencies ω , phases ϕ and coefficients $u_{\mathbf{n}}$ are determined from the theta functions in the algebraic-geometric solution of a particular nonlinear wave equation. See example below for the KdV equation. ¶

Comment: The above results are possible because theta functions have remarkable properties and these allow one to discuss an algebra of theta functions and their derivatives, integrals, i.e. they can be *added, subtracted, multiplied* and *divided*. ¶

Add on the Perturbations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(x,t) &= a_o \frac{\prod_{n=0}^N \theta_n(x,t | \tau, \phi^-)}{\prod_{n=0}^N \theta_n(x,t | \tau, \phi^+)} e^{-\omega' t} \\
 &= a_o \frac{\theta_o(x,t | \tau, \phi^-) \theta_1(x,t | \tau, \phi^-) \theta_2(x,t | \tau, \phi^-) \dots}{\underbrace{\theta_o(x,t | \tau, \phi^+) \theta_1(x,t | \tau, \phi^+)}_{\text{NLS Equation}} \underbrace{\theta_2(x,t | \tau, \phi^+)}_{\text{Dysthe Equation}} \underbrace{\theta_3(x,t | \tau, \phi^+)}_{\text{Extended Dysthe Equation}} \dots} e^{-\omega' t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 1:
the
Integrable
Case
1+1 NLS

Integrable 1+1 NLS as Ratio of Theta Functions, Quasiperiodic Fourier Series and Almost Periodic Fourier Series

Finite Gap Spectral Solutions For Surface Elevation of 1+1 NLS

$$\Xi(x, y, t) = a_o \frac{\theta(x, t | \tau, \phi^-)}{\theta(x, t | \tau, \phi^+)} e^{i[K+K'+k_o]x - i[\Omega+\Omega'+\omega_o]t}$$

[Kotljarov & Its, 1976], [Tracy & Chen, 1988]

Theta Functions With Two Sets of Phases

$$\theta(x, t | \tau, \phi^\mp) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}} \theta_{\mathbf{n}} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{\kappa} x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}^\mp}, \quad \theta_{\mathbf{n}} = e^{-i\pi \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \mathbf{n}}$$

Solution of 1+1 NLS as **Quasiperiodic Fourier Series**: Most General, Single Valued, Multiply Periodic, Meromorphic Function

$$\Xi(x, t | \tau, \phi^\mp) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}} \Xi_{\mathbf{n}}(\tau) e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{\kappa} x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Phi}(\phi^\mp)}$$

[Baker, 1897, 2007], [Zygmund, 1935] [Mumford, 1982], [Osborne, 2018, 2019]

Solution For 1+1 NLS as **Almost Periodic Fourier Series** with limits $N \rightarrow \infty$, $M \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\Xi(x, t | \tau, \phi^\mp) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Xi_n e^{iK_n x - i\Omega_n t + i\Phi_n}$$

[Osborne, 2010]

Step 2:
The
Nonintegrable
Case
1+1 NLS+
Perturbations

Nonintegrable 1+1 NLS Plus Perturbations as Ratio of Product of Theta Functions, Quasiperiodic Fourier Series and Almost Periodic Fourier Series

Finite Gap Spectral Solutions For 1+1 NLS + Perturbations

$$\Xi(x, t) = a_o \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M \theta_m(x, t | \tau_n, \phi_n^-)}{\prod_{m=1}^M \theta_m(x, t | \tau_n, \phi_n^+)} e^{i[K(t) + k_o]x - i[\Omega(t) + \omega_o + \omega']t}$$

[Kotljarov & Its, 1976], [Tracy & Chen, 1988]

Theta Functions With Time Varying Parameters

$$\theta_m(x, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \theta_{m, \mathbf{n}}(\tau_n(t)) e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}_m(t)x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_m(t)t - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}_m^\mp(t)}, \quad \theta_{m, \mathbf{n}} = e^{\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_m(t) \mathbf{n}}$$

Solution of 1+1 NLS + Perturbations as **Quasiperiodic Fourier Series with time varying parameters**: Single Valued, Multiply Periodic, Meromorphic Functions

$$\Xi(x, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \Xi_{\mathbf{n}}(\tau(t)) e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}(t)x - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}(t)t - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Phi}(t)}$$

[Baker, 1976], [Mumford, 1982], [Osborne, 2018, 2019]

Solution For 1+1 NLS + Perturbations as **Almost Periodic Fourier Series with time varying parameters and** with limits $N \rightarrow \infty, M \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\Xi(x, t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Xi_n(\tau(t)) e^{iK(t)x - i\Omega_n(t)t + i\Phi_n(t)}$$

[Osborne, 2010]

Step 3:
The
Nonintegrable
Case
2+1 NLS+
Perturbations

Nonintegrable 2+1 NLS Plus Perturbations as Ratio of Product of Theta Functions, Quasiperiodic Fourier Series and Almost Periodic Fourier Series

Ansatz Solution For 2+1 NLS plus perturbations to M orders

$$\Xi(x, y, t) = a_o \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M \theta_m(x, y, t | \tau_m, \phi_m^-)}{\prod_{m=1}^M \theta_m(x, y, t | \tau_m, \phi_m^+)} e^{i[K(t) + k_o]x - i[\Omega(t) + \omega_o + \omega']t}$$

Theta Functions With Slowly Varying Parameters to M orders

$$\theta_m(x, y, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^N} \theta_{m, \mathbf{n}}(\tau_m(t)) e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{\kappa}_m(t)x + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{\Lambda}_m(t)y - i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{\omega}_m(t)t + i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{\Phi}_m^\mp(t)}$$

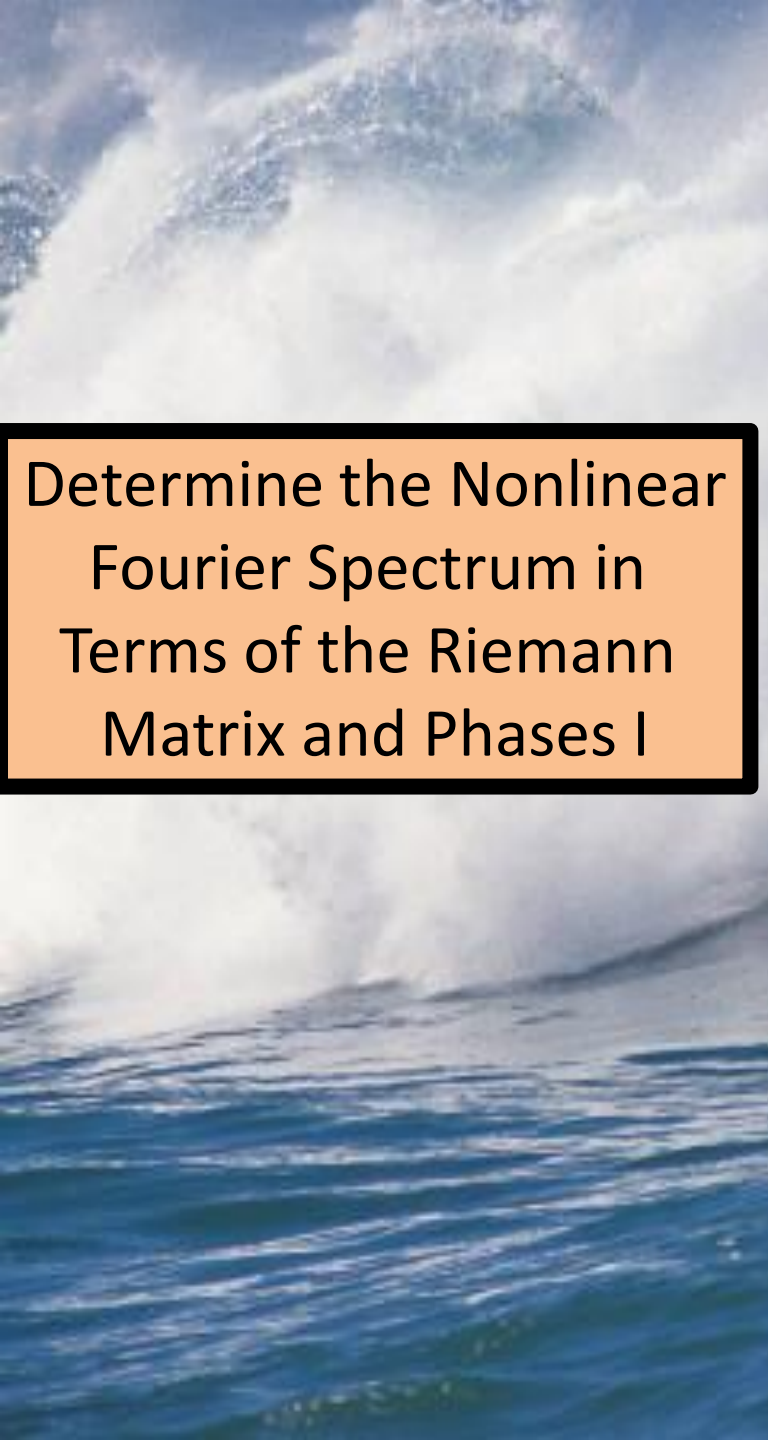
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Solution For 2+1 NLS plus perturbations to M orders as
Quasiperiodic Fourier Series with Time Varying Parameters:
 Single Valued, Multiply Periodic, Meromorphic Function with
 Slowly Varying Parameters

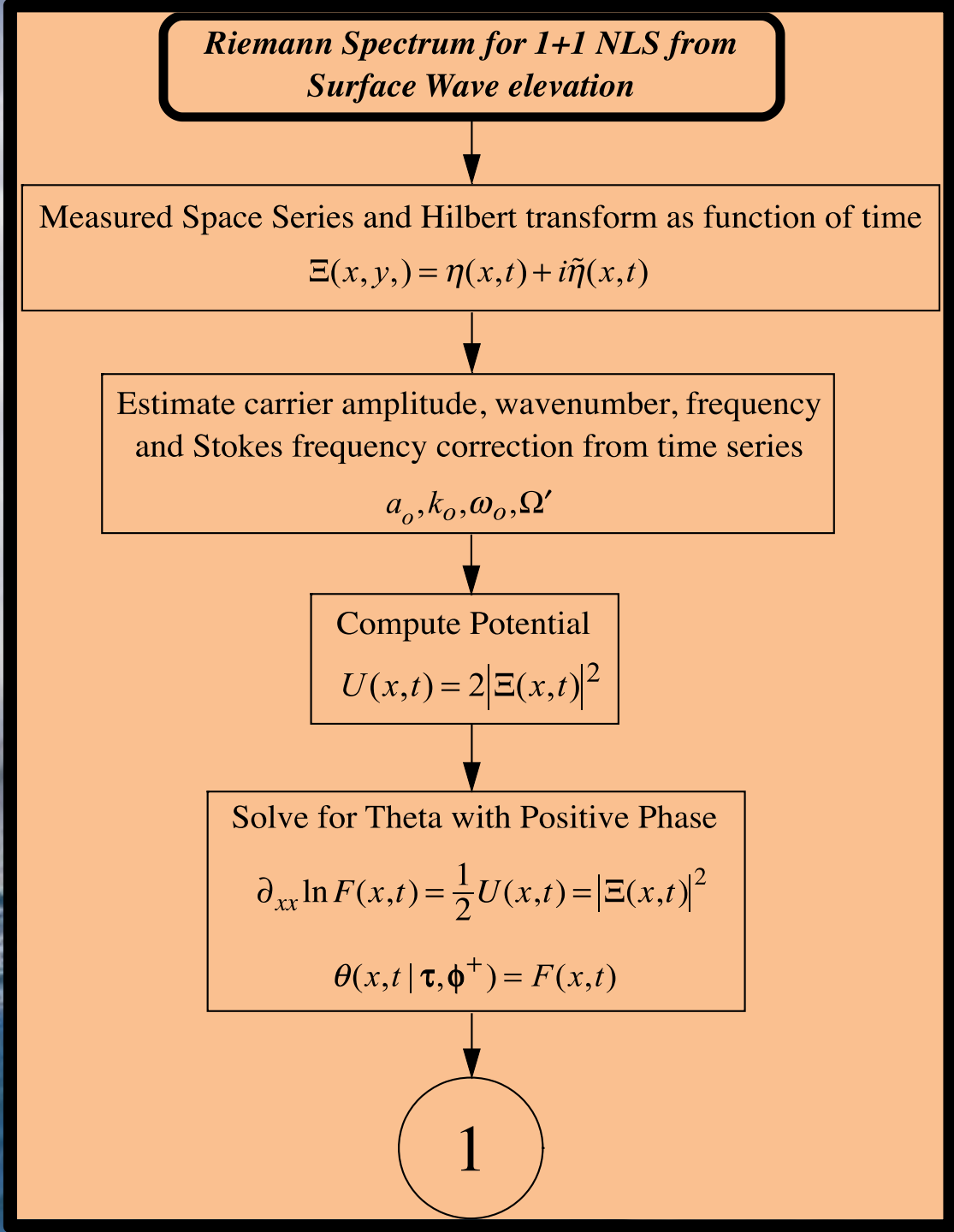
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Solution For 2+1 NLS plus perturbations to M
 Orders as **Almost Periodic Fourier Series**

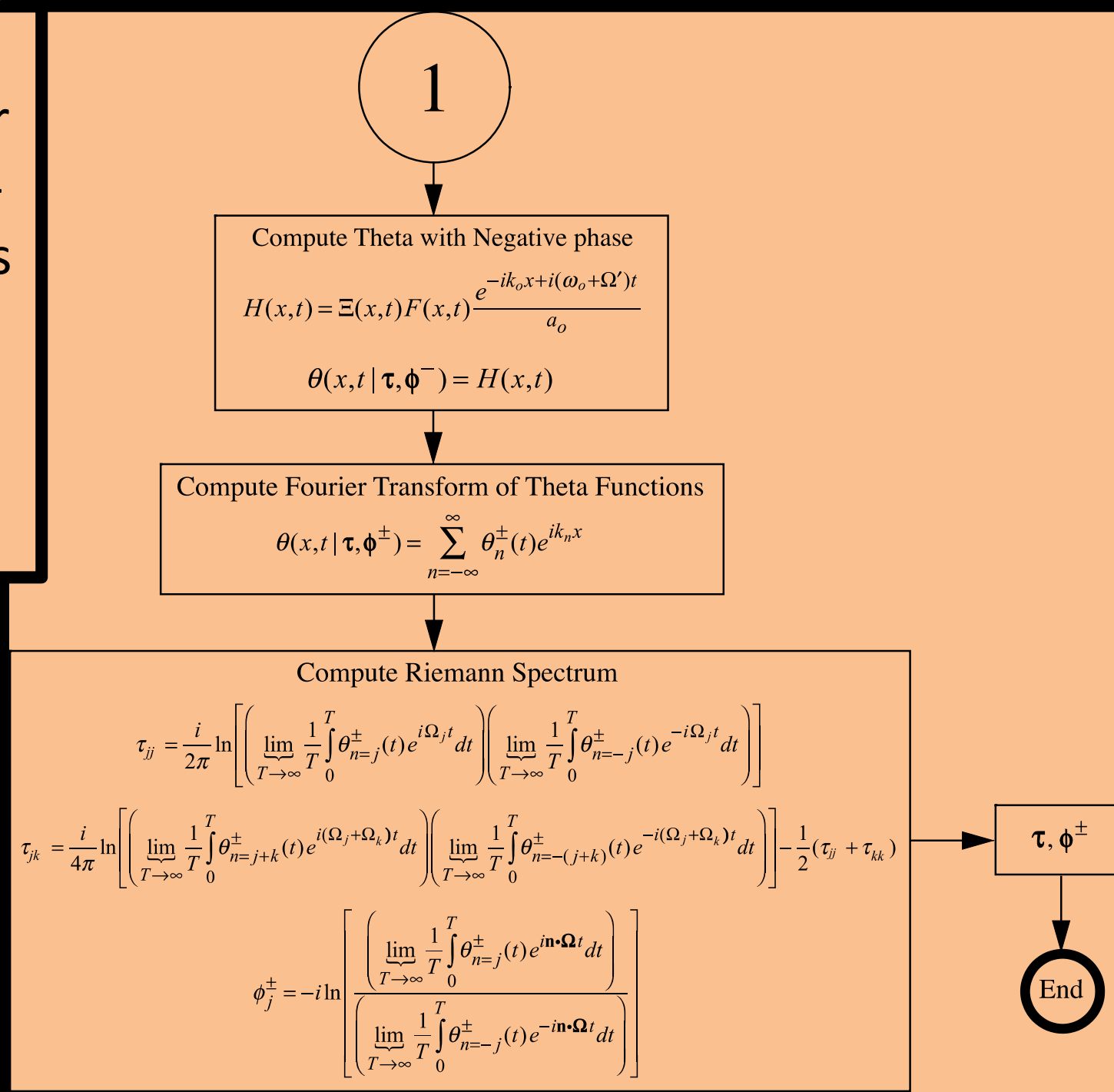
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Determine the Nonlinear
Fourier Spectrum in
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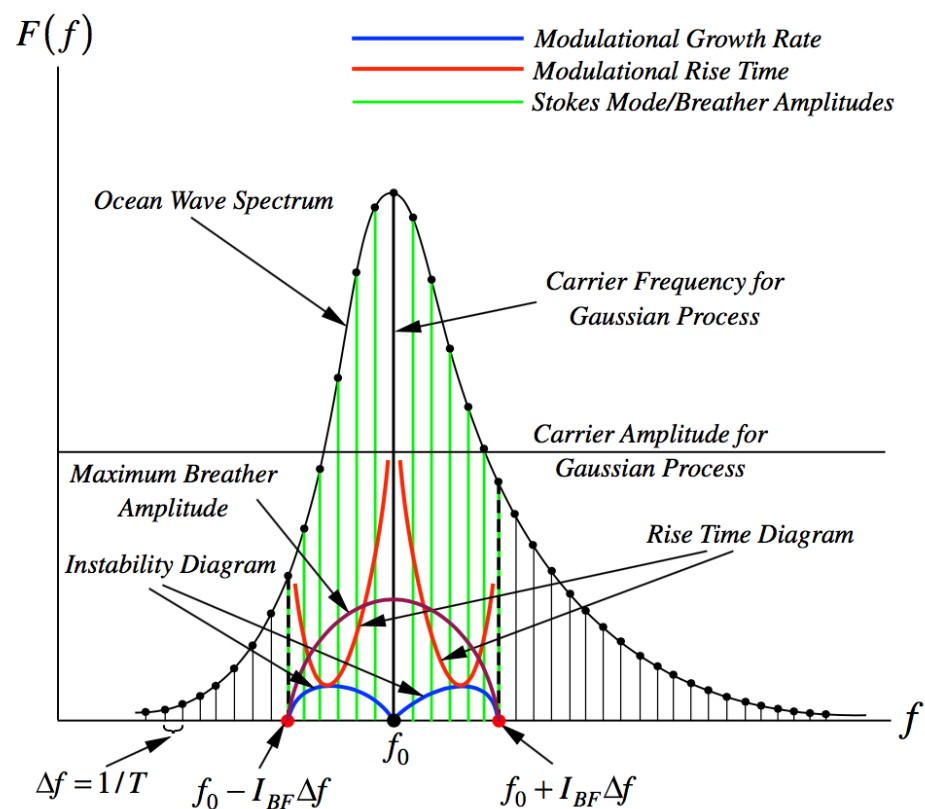
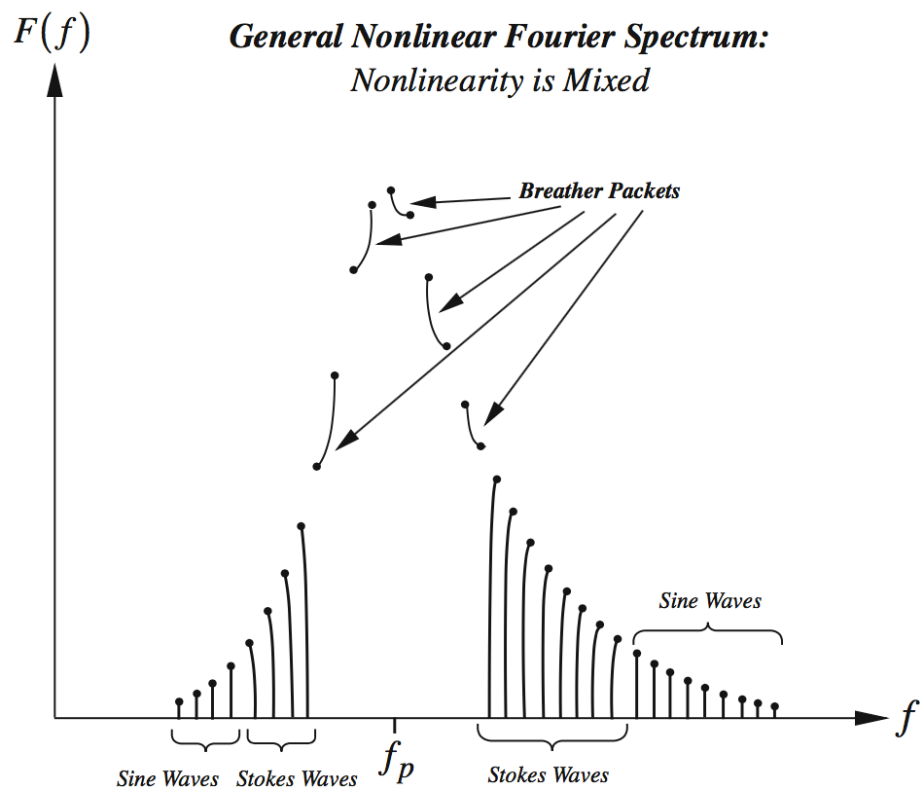


Determine the Nonlinear Fourier Spectrum in Terms of the Riemann Matrix and Phases II



A dramatic photograph of a massive ocean wave in the process of crashing. The wave's face is a deep, dark blue, while the crest is breaking into a thick, billowing cloud of white foam. The sky above is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene conveys a sense of immense power and scale.

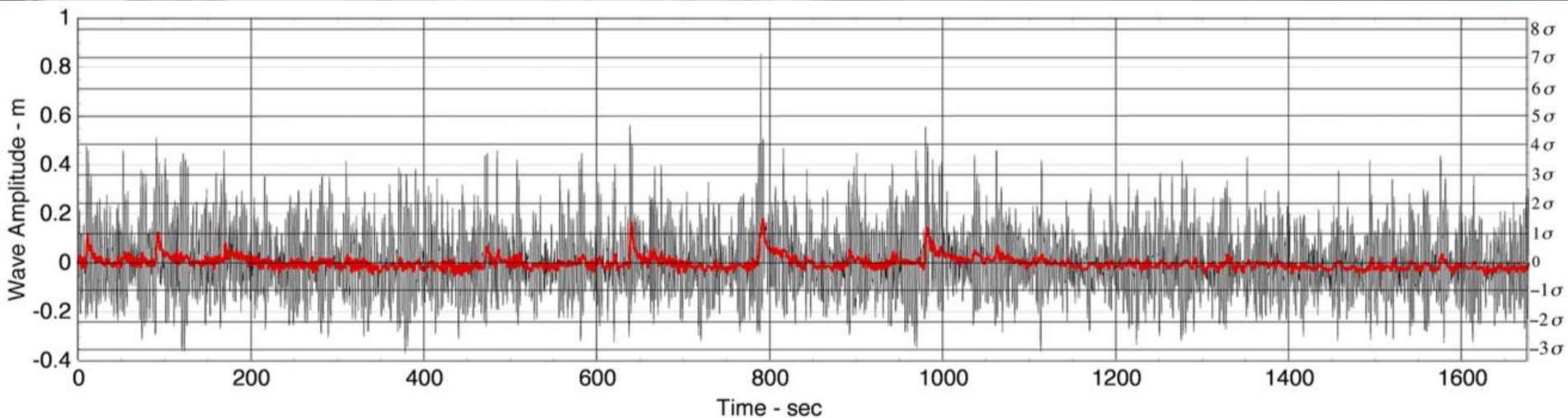
The Nonlinear Spectrum



A dramatic photograph of a massive ocean wave crashing. The wave is a deep blue-green color, curling over and breaking into a large, billowing cloud of white foam. The sky above is a clear, pale blue. The foreground shows the surface of the ocean with smaller, choppy waves.

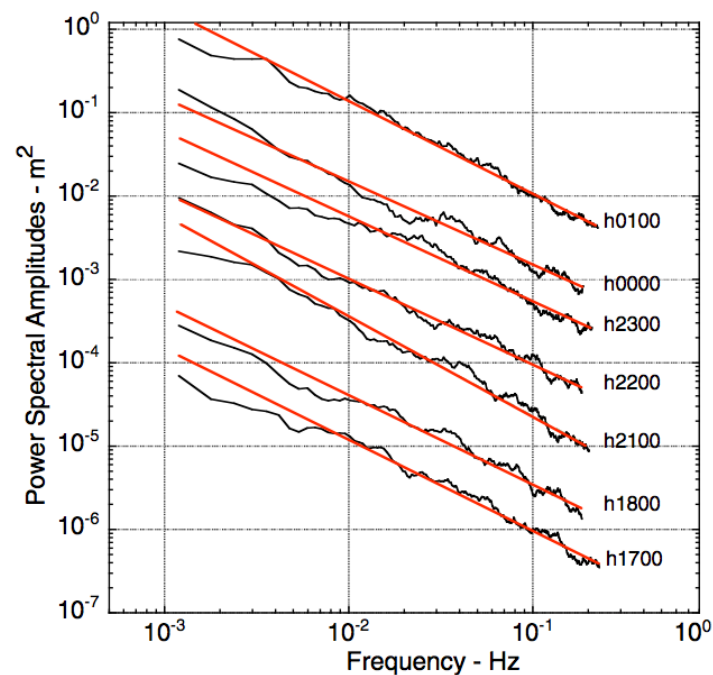
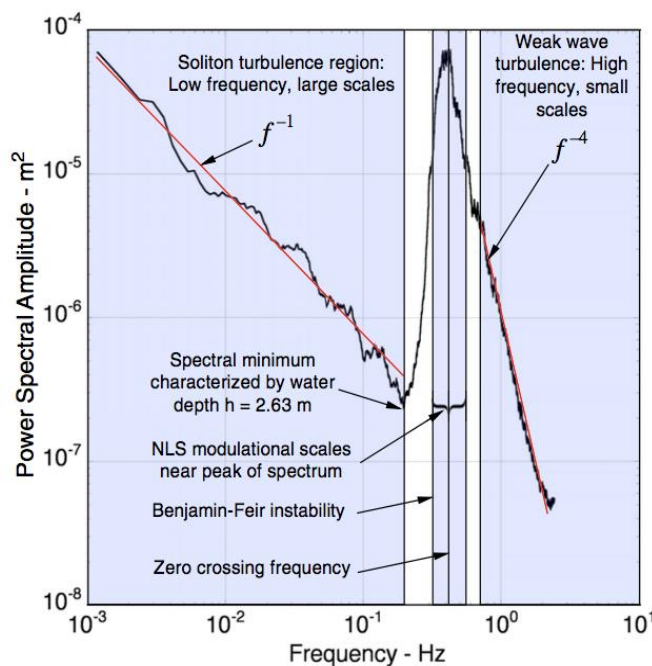
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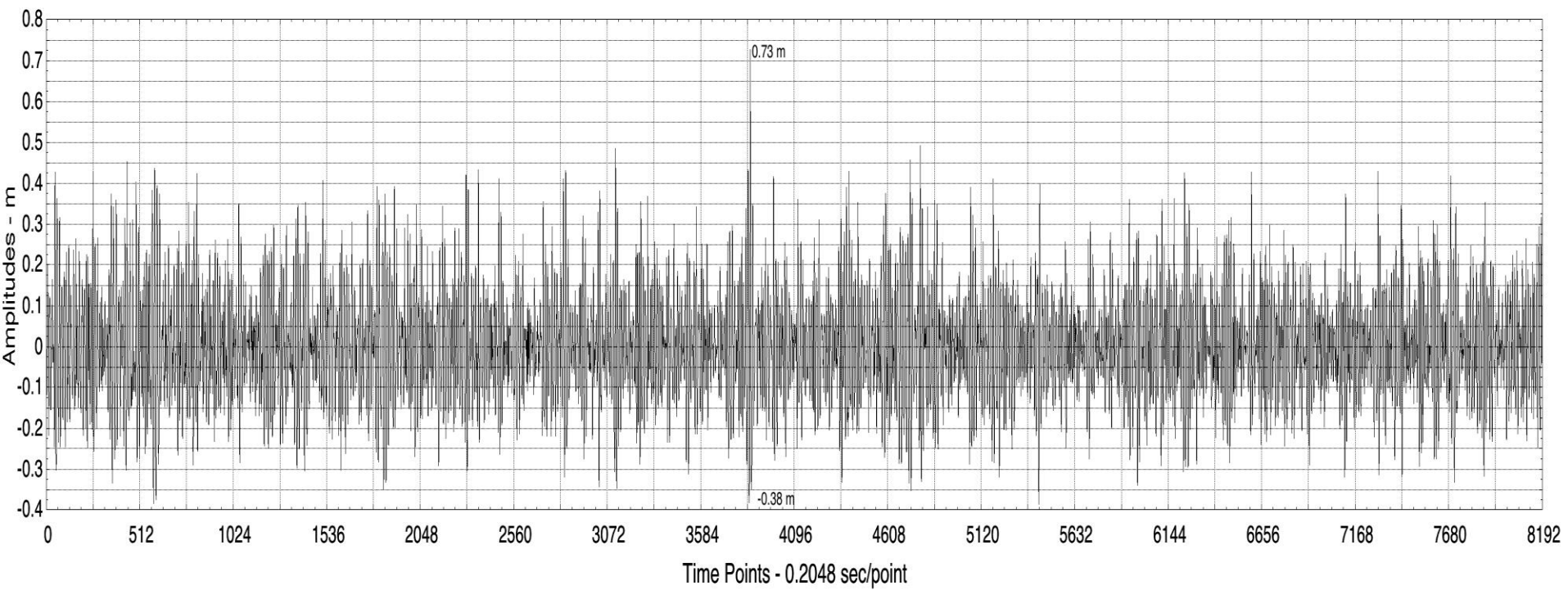
Understanding Nonlinear Data

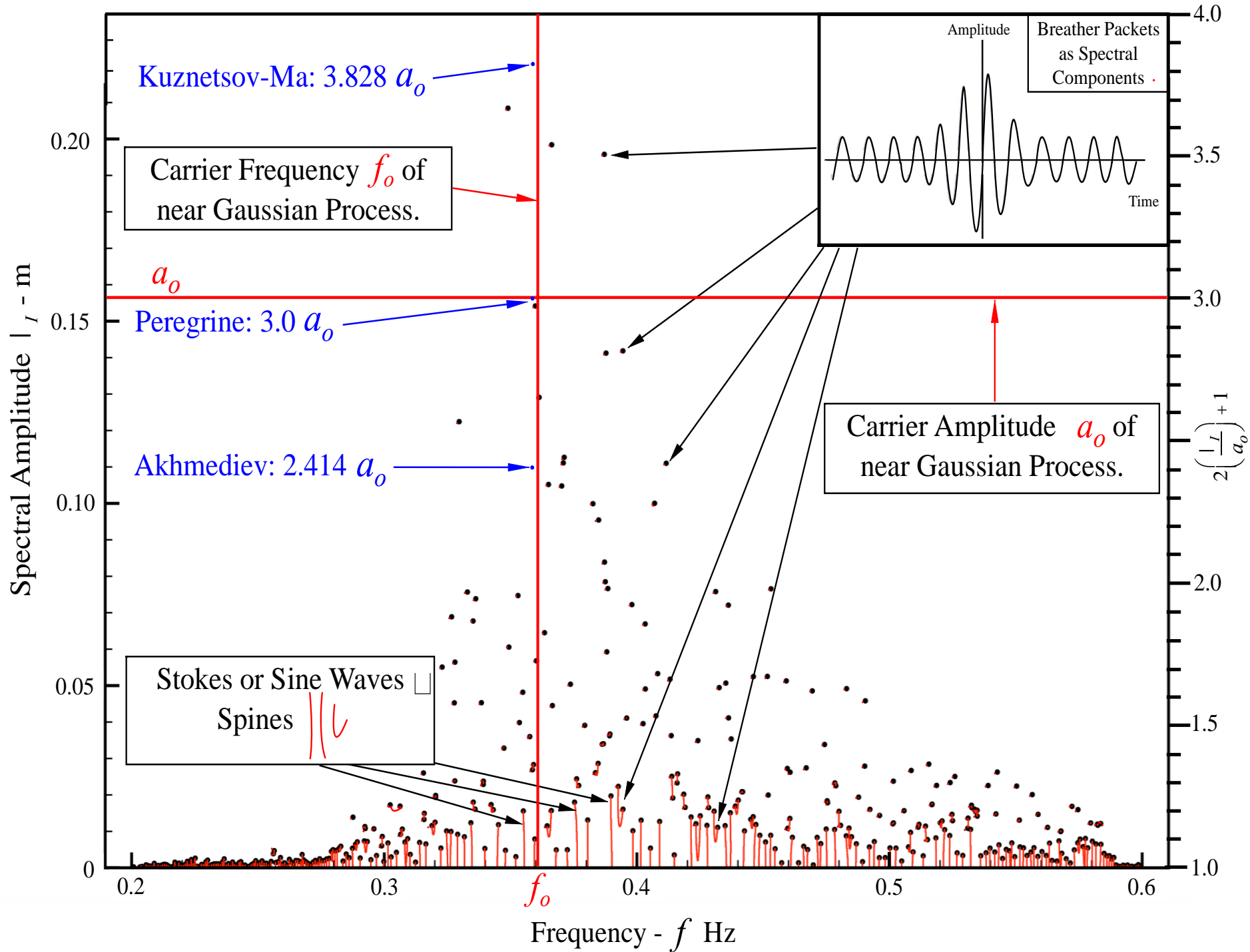


**Soliton
turbulence**

**Breather
gas**







Where the Breathers Are?

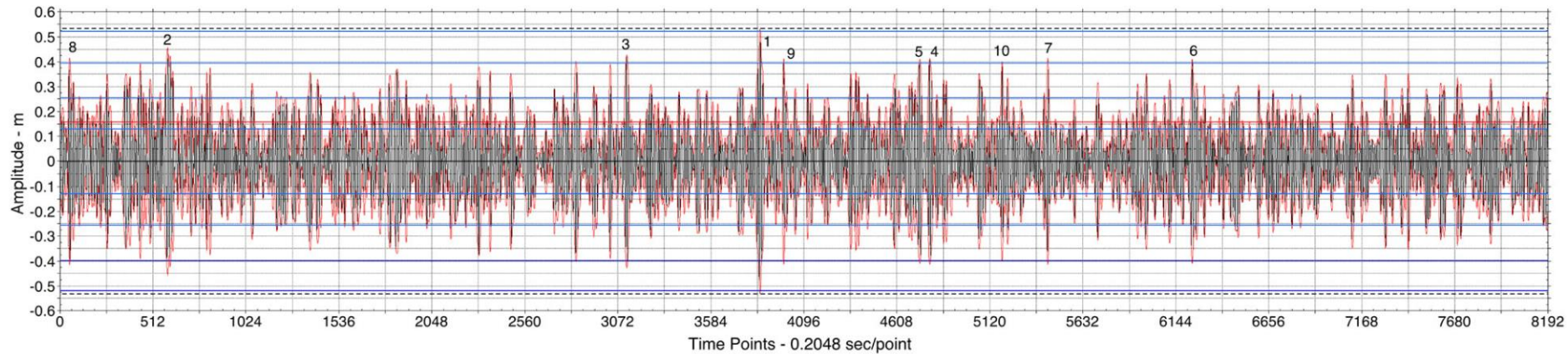


Table of Largest Breathers

No. Br.	NLFT Amp.	Max. Amp.	Max Height	Rise Distance /Rise Time
1	0.243 m	$4.06a_o$	$2.50H_s$	5.34 km/41.6 min
2	0.239 m	$3.99a_o$	$2.45H_s$	7.89 km/61.5 min
3	0.206 m	$3.58a_o$	$2.20H_s$	103. km/11.9 hrs
4	0.163 m	$3.05a_o$	$1.88H_s$	4.93 km/38.5 min
5	0.161 m	$3.02a_o$	$1.86H_s$	20.3 km/2.63 hrs
6	0.156 m	$2.95a_o$	$1.82H_s$	2.08 km/17.1 min
7	0.151 m	$2.90a_o$	$1.78H_s$	3.72 km/28.0 min
8	0.138 m	$2.74a_o$	$1.68H_s$	138. km/17.9 hrs