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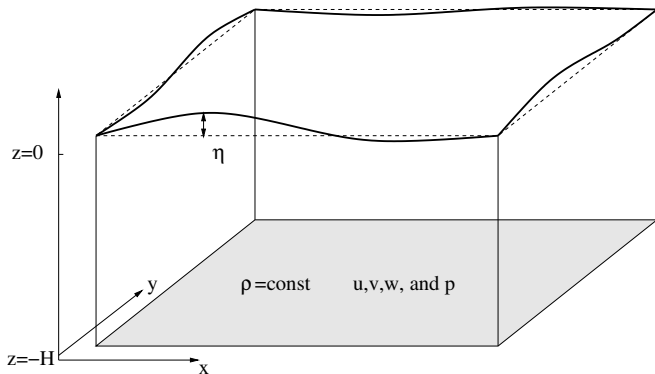
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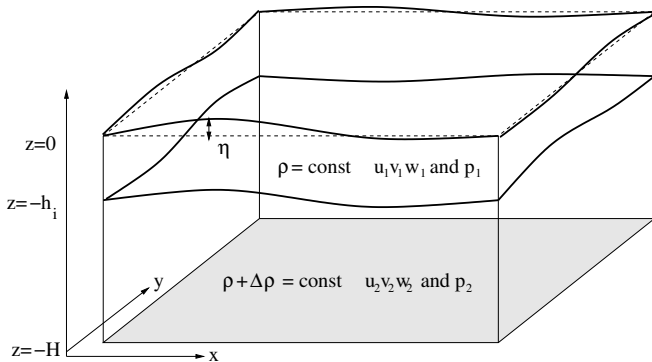
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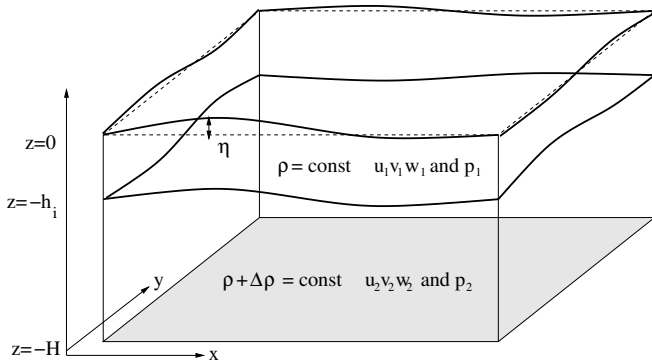
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simple system which contains almost all relevant dynamics

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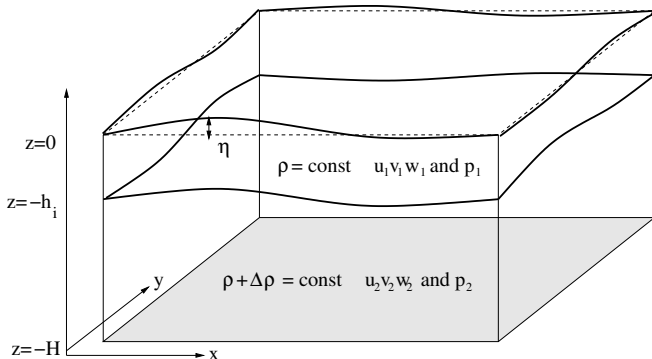


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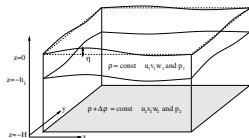
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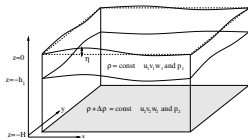
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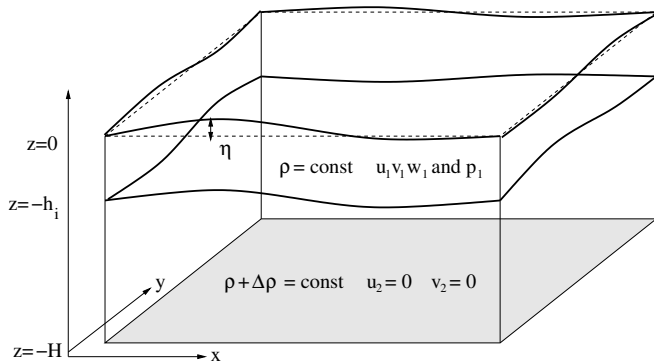
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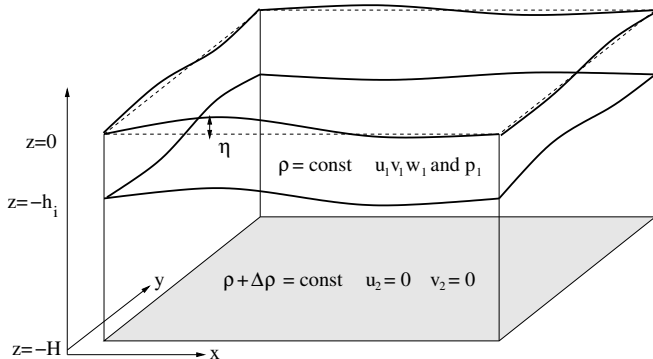
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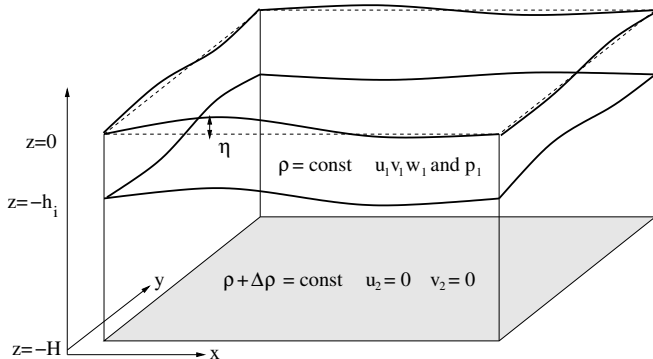
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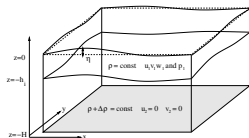
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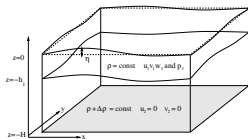
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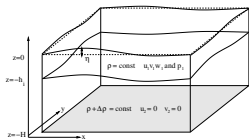
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with "reduced gravity" $g' = g\Delta\rho/\rho$

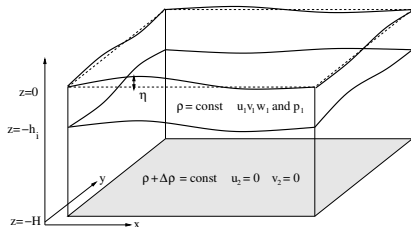
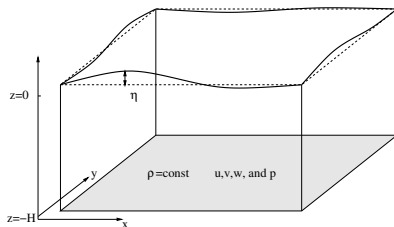


- ▶ "barotropic model" and "baroclinic model"

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- ▶ either $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ("barotropic") or $g \rightarrow g\Delta\rho/\rho_0$ ("baroclinic")



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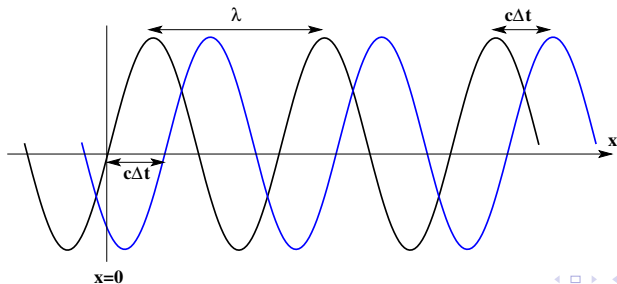
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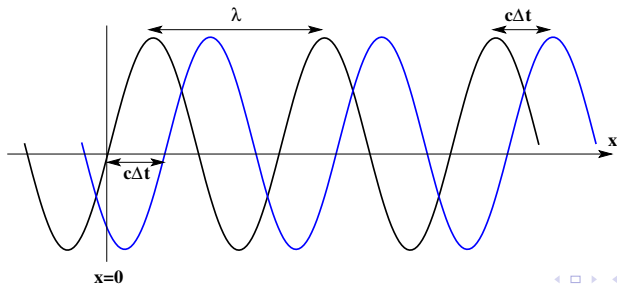
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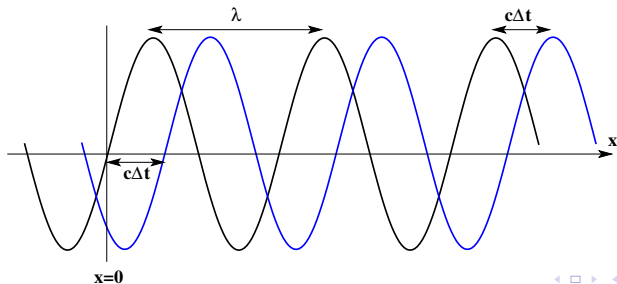
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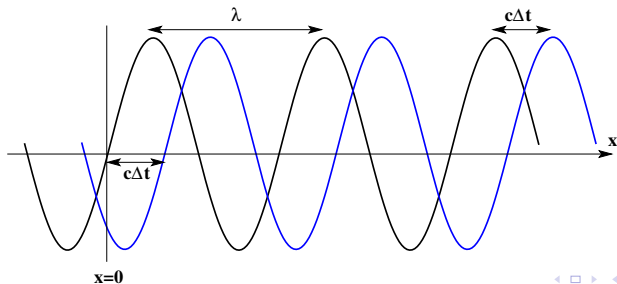
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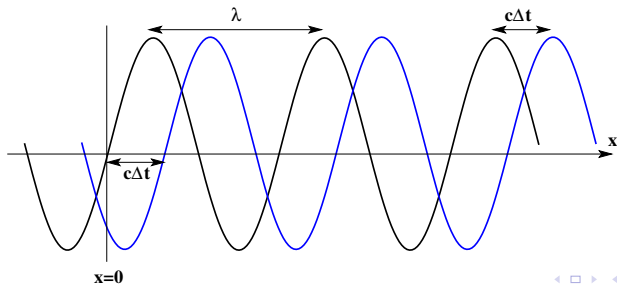
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$$\omega = \pm k\sqrt{gH}$$

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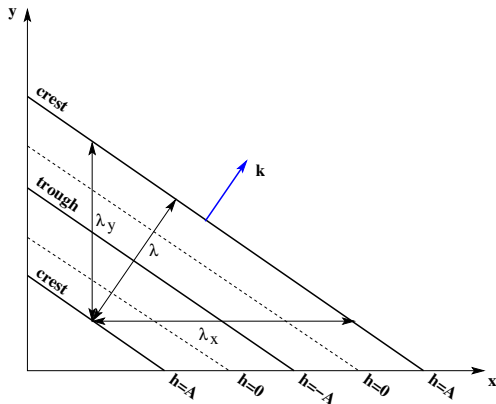
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which is still the dispersion relation for a gravity wave (for $f = 0$)

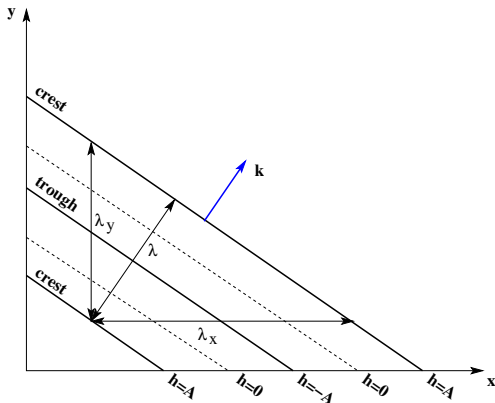
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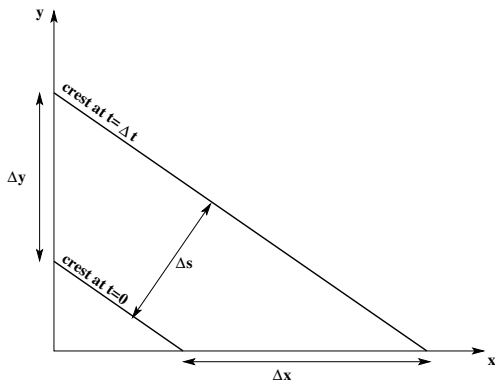
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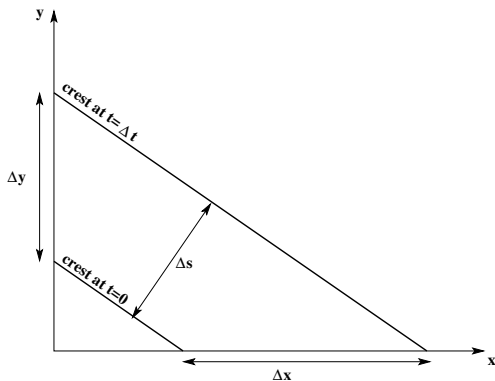
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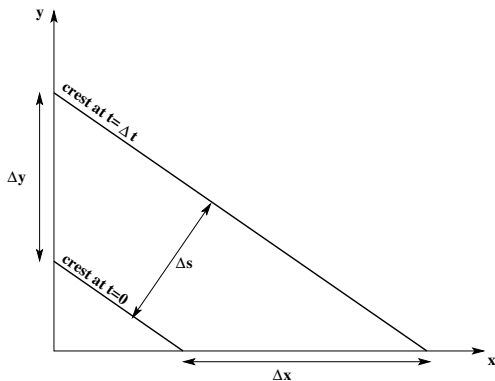
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 along y-axis the distance $\Delta y = c_y \Delta t = \Delta t \omega / k_2 \rightarrow c_y = \omega / k_2$
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- ▶ \mathbf{c}_g is the speed at which the amplitudes (energy) propagates
- ▶ while c is the propagation speed of the phase (in the direction \mathbf{k})
- ▶ both are in general different and different from particle velocity

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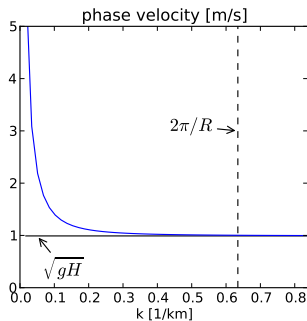
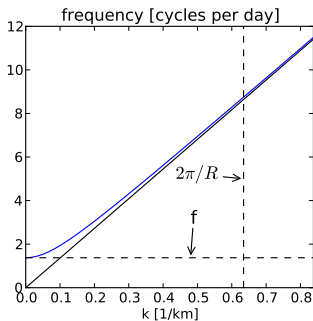
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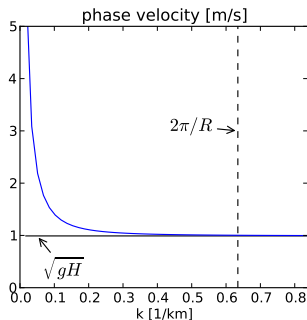
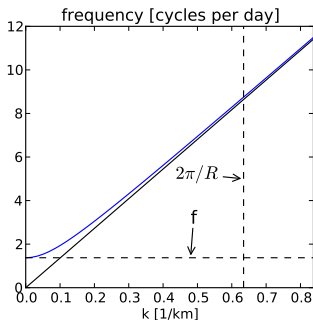
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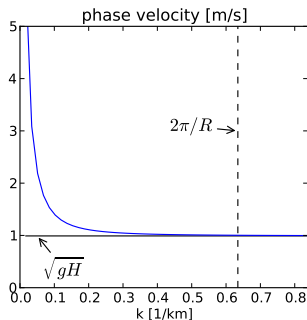
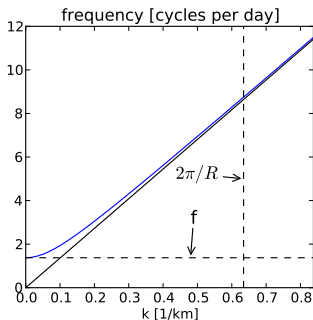


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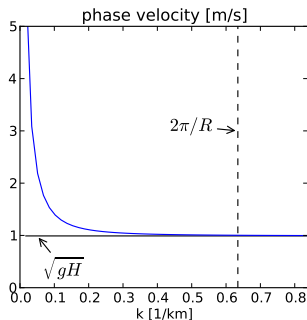
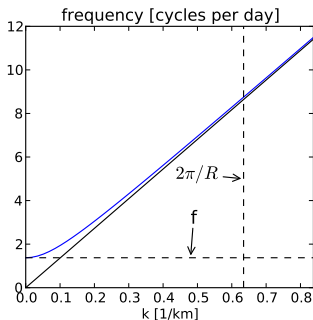
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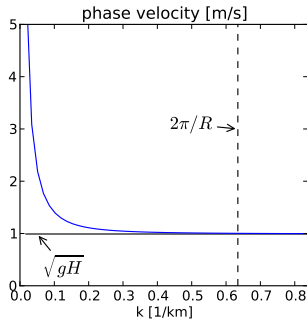
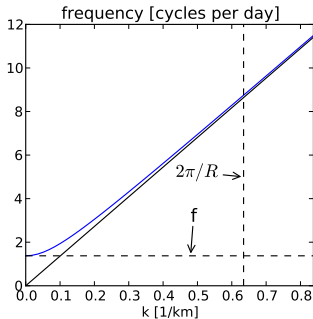
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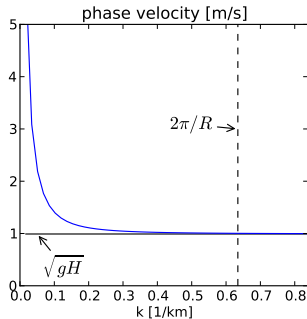
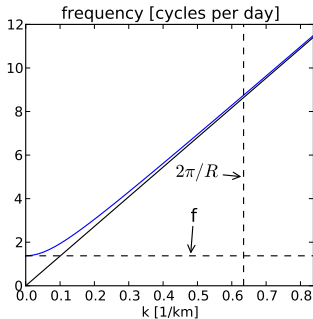


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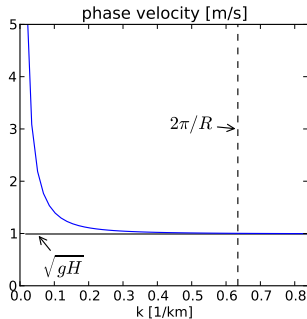
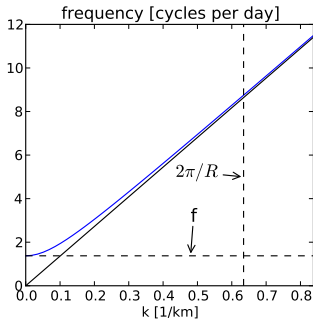
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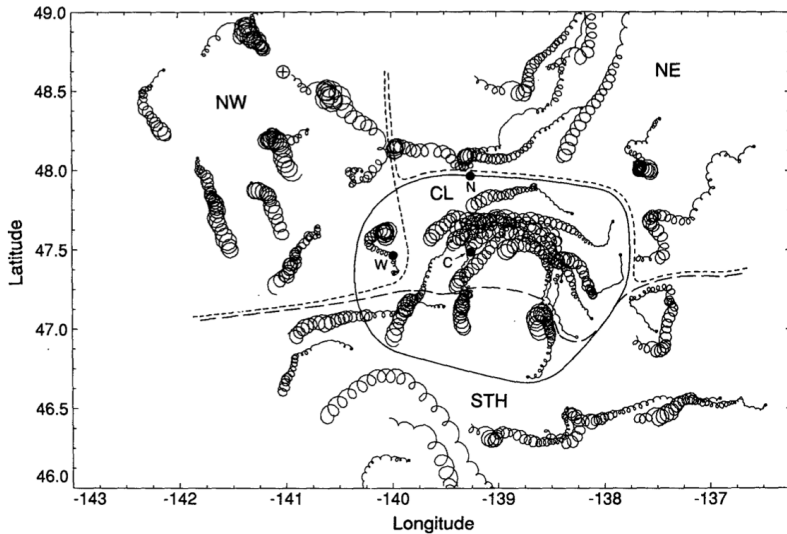
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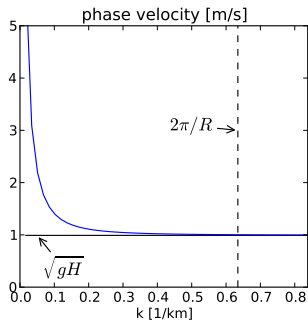
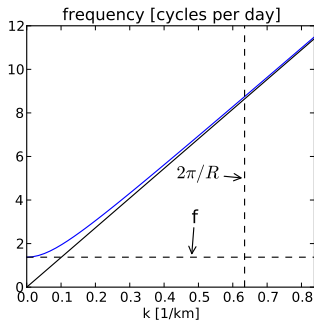
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from d'Asaro et al 1995

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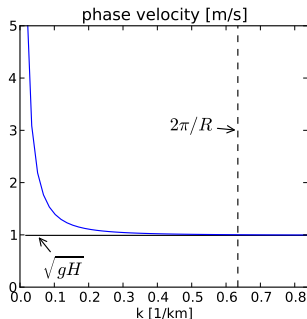
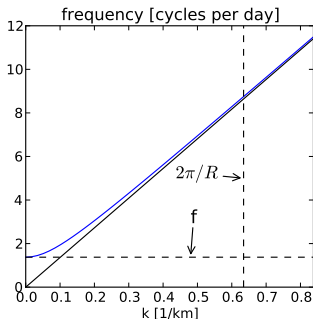


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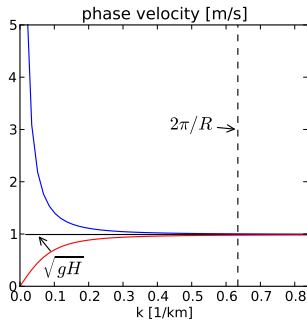
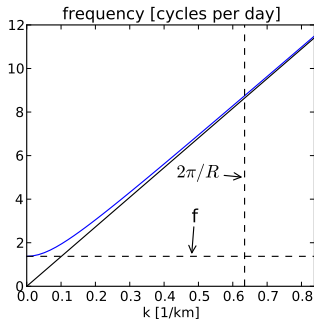
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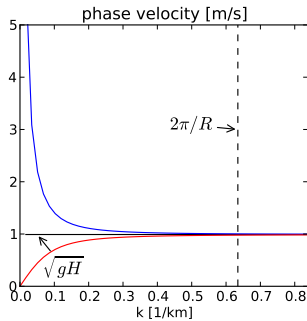
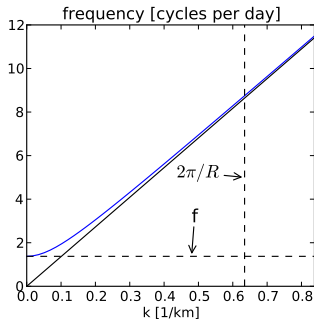


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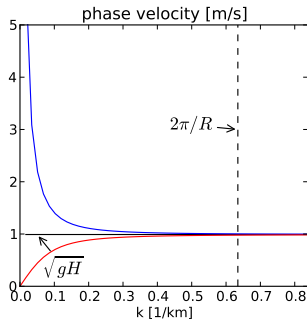
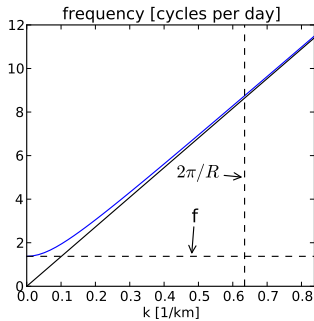
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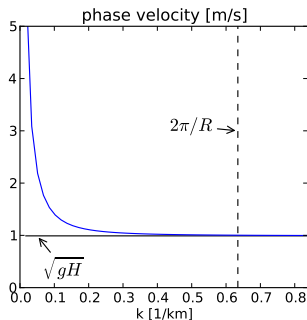
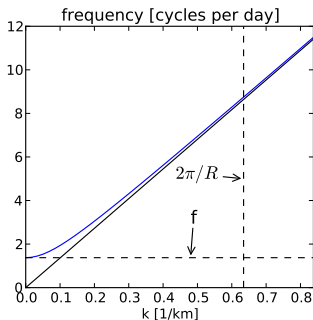
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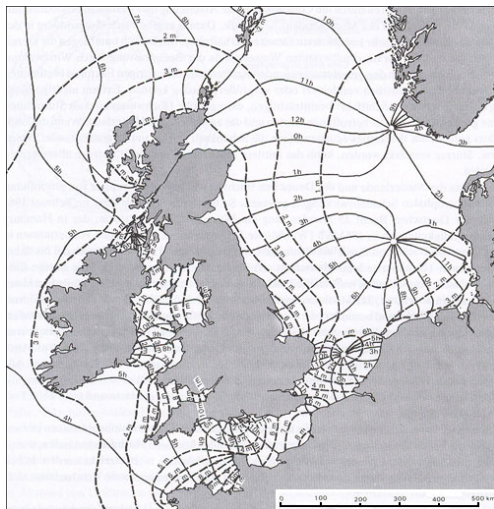
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► tidal Kelvin wave in the North Sea



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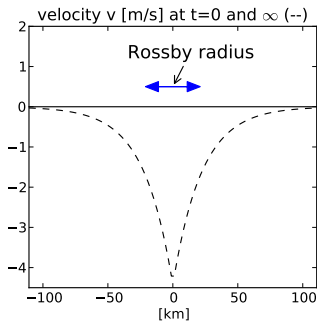
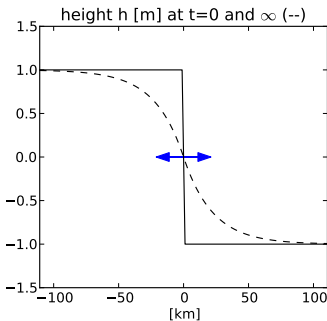
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