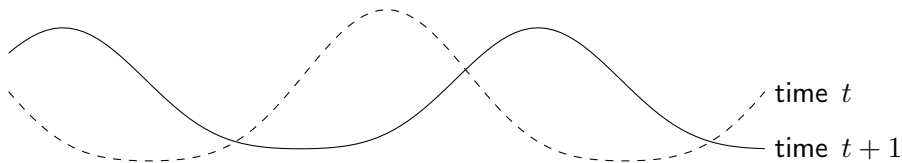


Observability and control of water-waves

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Water waves are, in general, generated by the motion of a solid component of the boundary or by impulsive pressures (blowing) applied on the free surface.

Question: generation and absorption of water waves

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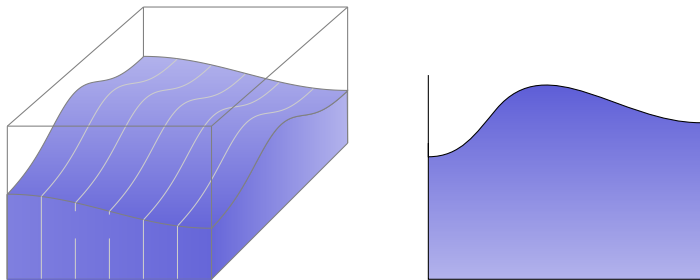


Figure: 3d and 2d waves in a rectangular tank

Main results

With **Baldi** and **Han-Kwan**: **controllability** of 2d gravity-capillary waves.

Observability of 3d gravity water waves.

There are many results for equations describing water waves :

- Benjamin-Ono, KdV, Saint-Venant;

see works by Cerpa, Crépeau, Coron, Dubois, Glass, Guerrero, Laurent, Linares, Ortega, Petit, Rosier, Rouchon, Russell, Zhang....

Here we consider the dynamics of an incompressible, irrotational liquid flow

- moving under the force of gravitation and/or surface tension,
- in a time-dependent domain Ω with a free boundary.

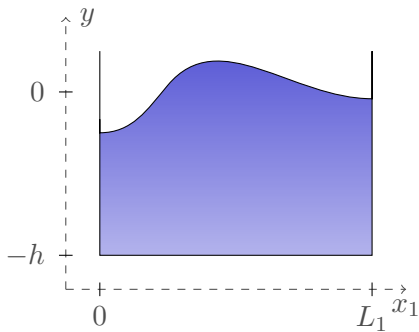
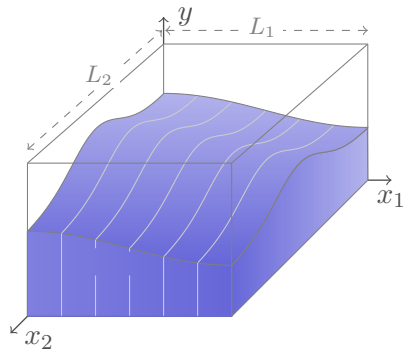
Problem determined by two unknowns :

- the free surface elevation η ,
- the fluid velocity v .

The fluid domain Ω has a **free surface**. At time $t \geq 0$,

$$\Omega(t) = \{ (x, y) \in Q \times \mathbb{R} : -h < y < \eta(t, x) \},$$

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$$\operatorname{div} v = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

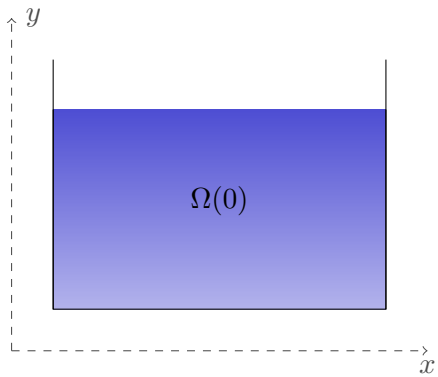
$$v \cdot n = 0 \quad \text{on the bottom and walls}$$

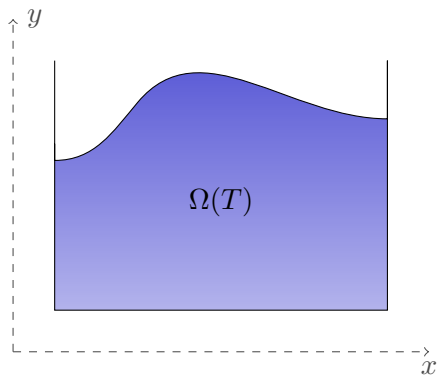
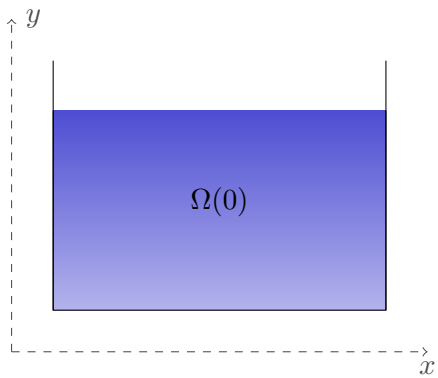
$$\partial_t \eta = \sqrt{1 + |\nabla \eta|^2} v \cdot n \quad \text{on the free surface}$$

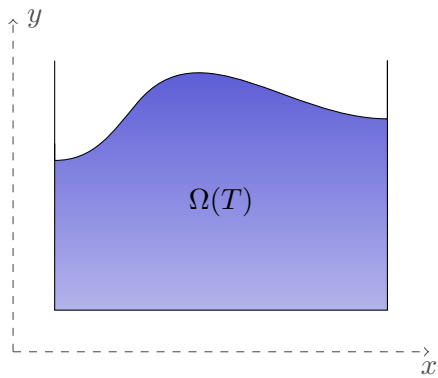
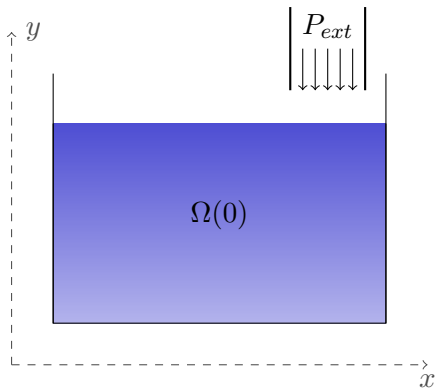
$$P - P_{ext} = \kappa \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{\nabla \eta}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla \eta|^2}} \right) \quad \text{on the free surface}$$

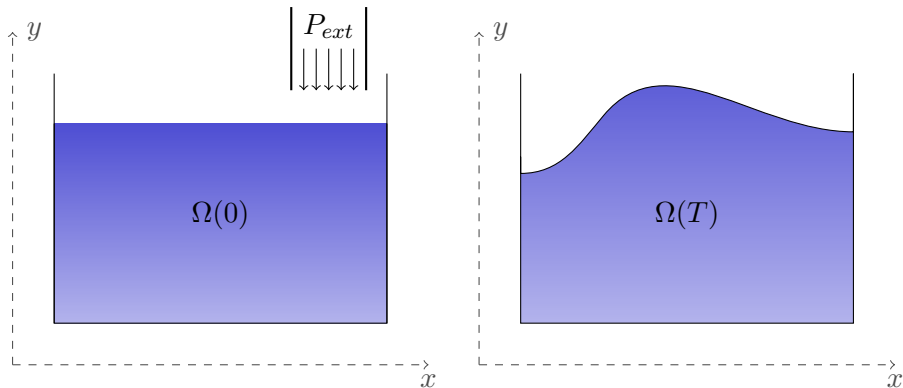
g gravity, P pressure, P_{ext} external pressure, κ surface tension.

Moreover $\operatorname{curl} v = 0$ so that $v = \nabla \phi$.









Goal : Given

- a time $T > 0$,
- a final state η_{final}, v_{final} in some space X ,
- a domain ω ,

find $P_{ext}(t, x)$ supported in $[0, T] \times \omega$ such that the solution to (WW) with initial data $(\eta, v) = (0, 0)$ satisfies $(\eta, v)|_{t=T} = (\eta_{final}, v_{final})$.

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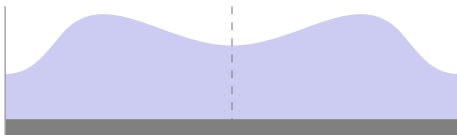


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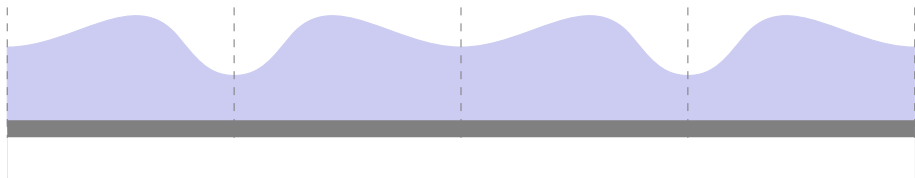


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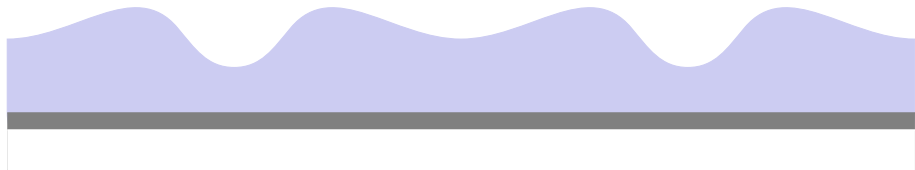


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With surface tension

Local controllability of 2D gravity-capillary water waves

Notations: $d = 1$, $\psi(t, x) = \phi(t, x, \eta(t, x))$

Theorem (T.A., Baldi, Han-Kwan)

Let $T > 0$ and consider $\omega \subset \mathbb{T}$. There exist $s > 0$ (large) and $M_0 > 0$ (small) s.t. for any $(\eta_{in}, \psi_{in}), (\eta_{final}, \psi_{final})$ in $H_0^{s+\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{T}) \times H^s(\mathbb{T})$

$$\|\eta_{in}\|_{H^{s+\frac{1}{2}}} + \|\psi_{in}\|_{H^s} < M_0, \quad \|\eta_{final}\|_{H^{s+\frac{1}{2}}} + \|\psi_{final}\|_{H^s} < M_0,$$

there exists P_{ext} in $C^0([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{T}))$ supported in $[0, T] \times \omega$, such that the Cauchy problem with data $(\eta|_{t=0}, \psi|_{t=0}) = (\eta_{in}, \psi_{in})$ has a unique solution

$$(\eta, \psi) \in C^0([0, T]; H_0^{s+\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{T}) \times H^s(\mathbb{T}))$$

satisfying

$$(\eta|_{t=T}, \psi|_{t=T}) = (\eta_{final}, \psi_{final}).$$

The proof uses in a crucial way known results about the Cauchy problem :

Nalimov, Yoshihara, Craig, [Wu](#), [Beyer–Günther](#)

To quote only results concerning gravity-capillary waves :

Ambrose–Masmoudi, Shatah–Zeng, Coutand–Shkoller,
Córdoba–Córdoba–Gancedo, Masmoudi–Rousset, [Lannes](#), Pusateri,
[Christianson–Hur–Staffilani, A.–Burq–Zuily](#), Germain–Masmoudi–Shatah,
Castro–Córdoba–Fefferman–Gancedo–Gómez Serrano,
Fefferman–Ionescu–Lie, Coutand –Shkoller, Ifrim–Tataru, Ionescu–Pusateri,
Shatah–Walsh–Zeng, de Poyferré–Nguyen,
Deng–Ionescu–Pausader–Pusateri.

Linearized equation (neglect gravity):

$$u = \psi - i|D_x|^{\frac{1}{2}}\eta$$

satisfies the **dispersive** equation

$$\partial_t u + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{2}}u = P_{ext}.$$

Similar **diagonalization** of the nonlinear equations, based on

- study in Eulerian coordinates (Zakharov, Craig-Sulem, Lannes)
- complete parilinearization of the equations (A-Métivier)
- Symmetrization (A-Burq-Zuily)
- normal forms (A-Delort; A-Baldi)

(**Oversimplifying**) One can rewrite the WW system as:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + V(u)\partial_x u + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{4}}(c(u)|D_x|^{\frac{3}{4}}u) = P_{ext}$$

where V, c are real-valued functions.

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Fix $\underline{u} = \underline{u}(t, x)$ and consider

$$P = \partial_t + V\partial_x + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{4}} (c|D_x|^{\frac{3}{4}} \cdot)$$

where $V = V(\underline{u})$ and $c = c(\underline{u})$ are real-valued and $c - 1$ is small enough.

Using a change of variables (preserving the L^2 -norm in x)

$$(1 + \partial_x \kappa(t, x))^{\frac{1}{2}} h(t, x + \kappa(t, x))$$

we replace P by

$$Q = \partial_t + W\partial_x + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{2}} + R \quad R \text{ is of order zero.}$$

where one can further assume that $\int_{\mathbb{T}} W(t, x) dx = 0$.

- **Nontrivial** since the equation is nonlocal and **cancellation** of the term of order $1/2$.

To study $\partial_t + W\partial_x + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{2}} + R'$, we seek an operator A such that

$$i[A, |D_x|^{\frac{3}{2}}] + W\partial_x A \quad \text{is a zero order operator}$$

We find (study of the standing wave problem [A.-Baldi](#)) an operator of the form

$$A = \text{Op} \left(q(t, x, \xi) e^{i\beta(t, x)|\xi|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)$$

with

$$\beta = \beta_0(t) + \frac{2}{3}\partial_x^{-1}W.$$

Then

$$\left(\partial_t + W\partial_x + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)A = A\left(\partial_t + i|D_x|^{\frac{3}{2}} + R''\right)$$

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Notice that $A \in \text{Op} S_{\rho,\rho}^0$ with $\rho = 1/2$ (**quasi-linear**). For Benjamin-Ono one has a similar conjugation but with $A \in \text{Op} S_{1,0}^0$ (**semi-linear**).

Ingham type inequality

For some given real-valued function $\beta \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$, set

$$\mu_n(t) = \text{sign}(n) \left[|n|^{\frac{3}{2}}t + \beta(t)|n|^{\frac{1}{2}} \right].$$

For any $T \in (0, 1]$ there are $C(T)$ and $\delta(T)$ such that, if

$$\|(\partial_t \beta, \partial_t^2 \beta, \partial_t^3 \beta)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \delta(T)$$

then

$$C(T) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |w_n|^2 \leq \int_0^T \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} w_n e^{i\mu_n(t)} \right|^2 dt.$$

For $\beta = 0$: Ingham, Kahane, Ball-Slemrod, Haraux.

$\beta(t)|n|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is sub-principal but not perturbative.

Corollary (Observability)

Consider $\omega \subset \mathbb{T}$ and $T > 0$. Assume v solves

$$\partial_t v + V \partial_x v + i |D_x|^{\frac{3}{4}} (c |D_x|^{\frac{3}{4}} v) = 0, \quad v(0) = v_0$$

with

$$\|V\|_{C^0([0,T];H^s)} + \|c - 1\|_{C^0([0,T];H^s)} \leq \varepsilon_0.$$

Then

$$\int_0^T \int_{\omega} |v(t, x)|^2 dx dt \geq K \int_{\mathbb{T}} |v_0(x)|^2 dx.$$

To obtain an Ingham inequality we used in an essential way the fact the equation is dispersive and the infinite speed of propagation ($3/2 > 1$):

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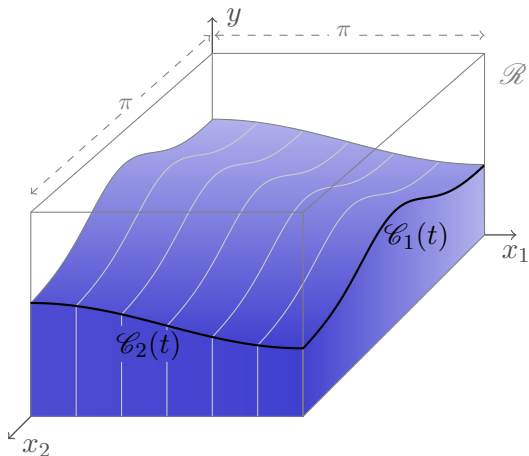
Now we consider the case **without surface tension** : Then one finds a similar equation with an exponent $1/2 < 1$ and one does not expect the same result (high frequencies travel at a low speed).

Microlocal $(x, \xi) \rightarrow$ **Global** $\int f(x)dx$

Some computations inspired by the works by **Benjamin–Olver** of the conservation laws for WW.

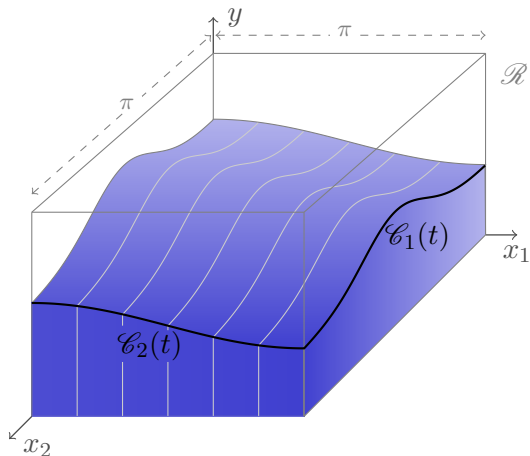
The only known coercive quantity is the **energy** :

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Estimate \mathcal{H} by looking only at the motion of some of the curves of contact between the free surface and the vertical walls?

Theorem (A. 2015)

Recall $\psi(t, x) = \phi(t, x, \eta(t, x))$. Set

$$\Theta := -\eta \partial_t \psi - \frac{g}{2} \eta^2.$$

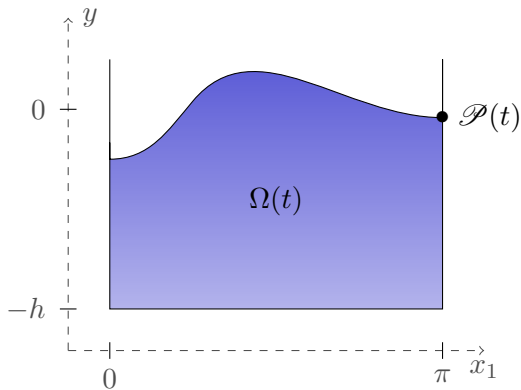
Let $\chi \in C_0^\infty((0, \pi)^2)$. There exist K_0, κ, c s.t., for any N in \mathbb{N} , if

$$\eta_0, \psi_0 = \chi(x) \sum_{|n|+|m| \leq N} a_{nm} \cos(nx_1) \cos(mx_2) \quad \text{with} \quad |a_{nm}| \leq cN^{-\kappa},$$

then the solution exists on $[0, T_N]$ with $T_N = K_0 + K_0 N^{\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon}$ and

$$\int_0^{T_N} \left[\int_0^\pi \Theta(t, \pi, x_2) dx_2 + \int_0^\pi \Theta(t, x_1, \pi) dx_1 \right] dt \geq \mathcal{H}.$$

Sharp: a wave-packet travels at a speed $1/\sqrt{N}$ and might take a time \sqrt{N} to reach the boundary.



Consider a smooth enough solution of the water waves equations which is independent of x_2 . Introduce

$$m(t) = \eta(t, \pi).$$

Then

$$\Theta(t, \pi) := \left(-\eta \partial_t \psi - \frac{g}{2} \eta^2 \right) (t, \pi) = \frac{1}{2} [gm(t)^2 - m(t)m'(t)^2].$$

Example: consider the 1D wave eq with Dirichlet boundary condition:

$$\partial_t^2 u - \partial_x^2 u = 0, \quad u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0.$$

Multiply the equation by $x\partial_x u$ and integrate by parts

$$\int_0^T (\partial_x u(t, 1))^2 dt = 2 \int_0^1 (\partial_t u)(x\partial_x u) dx \Big|_0^T + \iint_S [(\partial_t u)^2 + (\partial_x u)^2] dx dt$$

where $S = (0, T) \times (0, 1)$. Since

$$\left| \int_0^1 (\partial_t u)(x\partial_x u) dx \right| \leq \mathcal{E} := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [(\partial_t u)^2 + (\partial_x u)^2] dx,$$

and $d\mathcal{E}/dt = 0$, one has

$$\int_0^T (\partial_x u(t, 1))^2 dt \geq (T - 2) \int_0^1 [(\partial_t u)^2 + (\partial_x u)^2](0, x) dx.$$

Lemma

For smooth enough solutions, the following property holds:

With $m(t) = \eta(t, \pi)$ and $\Theta(t, \pi) = \frac{1}{2} [gm(t)^2 - m(t)m'(t)^2]$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \int_0^T \Theta(t, \pi) dt &= \frac{T}{2} \mathcal{H} && \text{energy} \\ &+ \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^T \int_{-h}^{m(t)} (\partial_y \phi)^2(t, \pi, y) dy dt && \text{positive} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \left(h + \frac{7}{4} \eta \right) (\partial_x \phi)^2(t, x, -h) dx dt && \text{positive} \\ &- \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\pi \eta \psi dx \Big|_{t=0}^{t=T} - \int_0^\pi x \eta \partial_x \psi dx \Big|_{t=0}^{t=T} && \text{boundary} \\ &- \frac{7}{4} \int_0^T \iint_{\Omega(t)} (\partial_x \eta) (\partial_x \phi) (\partial_y \phi) dx dy dt && \text{remainder.} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplier method used in this way: Compute, by two different methods,

$$I := \iint_{[0,T] \times [0,\pi]} [(\partial_t \eta)(x \partial_x \psi) - (\partial_t \psi)(x \partial_x \eta)] dx dt$$

Method 1: Integration by parts / Method 2 : write

$$\text{(Craig-Sulem-Zakharov)} \quad \partial_t \eta = \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \psi}, \quad \partial_t \psi = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \eta},$$

to observe that

$$I = \iint_{[0,T] \times [0,\pi]} \left[x \psi_x \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \psi} + x \eta_x \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta \eta} \right] dx dt.$$

Then use **Lannes' derivative formula for the DN** to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int [m(t)^2 - m(t)m'(t)^2] dt &= \frac{T}{2} \mathcal{H} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \int \eta \psi dx \Big|_{t=0}^{t=T} - \int x \eta \partial_x \psi dx \Big|_{t=0}^{t=T} \\ &\quad + R \end{aligned}$$

with

$$R := \iint \left[\frac{3}{8} \eta (V^2 + 2BV \partial_x \eta - B^2) + \frac{1}{2} (G(\eta) \psi) x V + \frac{1}{2} B(x \psi_x) \right] dx dt.$$

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Guided by Benjamin–Olver, use

$$\begin{aligned} & \int u(x, \eta(x)) dx + \int f(x, \eta(x)) \partial_x \eta dx \\ &= \iint (\partial_y u - \partial_x f) dy dx + \int u(x, -h) dx + \int f dy \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{-h}^{m(t)} (\partial_y \phi)^2(t, 1, y) dy dt \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_0^1 \left(h + \frac{7}{4} \eta \right) (\partial_x \phi)^2(t, x, -h) dx dt \\ &- \frac{7}{4} \int_0^T \iint_{\Omega(t)} (\partial_x \eta) (\partial_x \phi) (\partial_y \phi) dx dy dt. \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^\pi \left| |D_x|^{\frac{1}{2}} \psi \right|^2 dx \lesssim \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega(t)} |\nabla_{x,y} \phi(t, x, y)|^2 dx dy \leq \mathcal{H}.$$

Corollary

Assume that

$$|\partial_x \eta(t, x)| \leq \frac{1}{7}, \quad T \geq 4 + \frac{20\pi}{\sqrt{g}} A, \quad \|\partial_x \psi\|_{L^2} \leq \sqrt{2} A \left\| |D_x|^{\frac{1}{2}} \psi \right\|_{L^2}.$$

Then

$$\pi \int_0^T \Theta(t, \pi) dt \geq \mathcal{H}.$$

The assumption for $\|\partial_x \psi\|_{L^2}$ holds at $t = 0$ with $A = K\sqrt{N}$ if the Fourier transform of $\psi(0)$ is supported in $[-N, N]$. Moreover, for small data, one can propagate the estimate $\|\partial_x \psi(0)\|_{L^2} \lesssim K\sqrt{N} \|\psi(0)\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}}$ on large time intervals of size \sqrt{N} .

Thank you!