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# Observed orbital velocity of extreme waves and directional spectrum

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### Outline

- Observed horizontal particle velocity from tethered buoy near Japan (13<sup>th</sup> IWWHF)
- Horizontal particle velocity estimate from SOFS observation in the southern ocean
- Directional spectral estimate from tethered buoy
- Dependence of orbital velocity on spectral geometry
- Preliminary results from HOSM simulation
- Comparison of GPS wave measurement and accelerometer wave measurement

#### OBSERVED HORIZONTAL PARTICLE VELOCITY FROM TETHERED BUOY NEAR JAPAN (13<sup>TH</sup> IWWHF & ODYN2014)

WASEDA, T., et al. Deep water observations of extreme waves with moored and free GPS buoys. *Ocean Dynamics*, 2014, 64.9: 1269-1280.

#### JKEO & NKEO GPS buoy observation



#### **Buoy Tracking Velocimetry**



#### Orbital speed of non-breaking waves in a group



#### Degree of Nonlinearity (DON)



#### HORIZONTAL PARTICLE VELOCITY ESTIMATE FROM SOFS OBSERVATION IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

#### SOFS wave observation (Rapizo et al. 2015)



0.5

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frequency (Hz)

#### Orbital speed of non-breaking waves in a group



Hmax (m)

Hmax/Hs 10

### DIRECTIONAL SPECTRAL ESTIMATE FROM TETHERED BUOY

# Comparison of wave models, and JKEO and NKEO K-TRITON buoy observations

- Observational data (GPS wave sensor)
  - JKEO (2009/9-2009/11)
  - NKEO (2012-2013)
- TodaiWW3-Japan5km

Directional spectrum is estimated from the observation by Extended Maximum Entropy Method





#### TodaiWW3-Japan5km (1994-2014)

#### NCEP/CFSR Wind

#### Webb presentation on 11/11 L4



#### JKEO Hs comparison



#### **NKEO Hs comparison**



#### JKEO $Q_p$ and $\sigma_{\theta}$ comparison



#### NKEO $Q_p$ and $\sigma_{\theta}$ comparison









### DEPENDENCE OF ORBITAL VELOCITY ON SPECTRAL GEOMETRY

#### Orbital velocity and frequency bandwidth **NKEO & JKEO**



narrow

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## Orbital velocity and directional spreading NKEO & JKEO



### PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM HOSM SIMULATION

#### HOSM simulation of directional wave field

Higher Order Spectral Method (HOSM Dommermuth & Yue 1987; West et al. 1987).

JONSWAP spectrum  $\gamma = 3.3$  $ak = 0.5 H_s k_p = 0.11$ 

Directional distribution  $\cos^{N} \frac{\theta}{2}$ ;  $N = 2 \sim 1000$ 

 $50 T_p \times 10 \text{ ensembles}$  $512(10 \lambda_p) \times 512(20 \lambda_p)$ 

Order of Nonlinearity M=1 (linear) M=2,3,5



Detecting maximum wave in a group Determine shape parameters Estimate local steepness Estimate orbital velocity

#### Fujimoto & Waseda 2014 WISE

#### HOSM estimation of DON



## Orbital velocity and directional spreading SOFS



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## What does a constant Degree of Nonlinearity mean?

Lessons from freak wave research:

 Occurrence probability of large amplitude waves is enhanced when spectrum narrows

Conjecture:

 For broader spectrum, the mean of the observed extreme wave steepness lowers

From the HOSM simulation:

- Local steepness determines the DON, and not the spectral geometry
  Speculation:
- Structure of coherent wave group in random directional wave field does not depend on spectral geometry



#### COMPARISON OF GPS WAVE MEASUREMENT AND ACCELEROMETER WAVE MEASUREMENT

#### Estimating velocity from acceleration



#### Difference in the spectral shape of elevation; GPS wave sensor and accelerometer (MRU)



#### SOFS Observation 2015.3-2016.3

IN2015\_V01 "Integrated Monitoring Observing System Time Series automated moorings for climate and carbon cycle studies southwest of Tasmania"

PI: Prof Tom Trull (ACE CRC)

March 22 – April 1 (10 days cruise)

Antenna enclosure

Simultaneous observation of GPS and accelerometer

- MRU 10 minutes every hour
- TriAXYS 20 minutes every two hours
- GPS 20 minutes every two hours

In collaboration w. Peter Jansen, Eric Schulz





Battery pack

# Preliminary comparison of wave heights from TriAxys, MRU and GPS



#### Summary

- Orbital velocity of the extreme waves were estimated from the motion of the moored buoy
- The orbital velocity and the steepness of the extreme waves tended to decrease as the spectrum broadened
- The degree of nonlinearity  $(U_{max}/C_p/ak_{max})$ showed statistically insignificant dependence on the spectral parameters
- Therefore, it is speculated that the structure of coherent wave group that forms in directional wave field may have some universal features, except for the crest length

#### Iwate model (2007.12-2013)



 $a = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \cos(\theta) F(\sigma, \theta) d\sigma d\theta$ 32

#### Estimation of velocity & position from accelerometer

Position estimate from MRU without any filter

