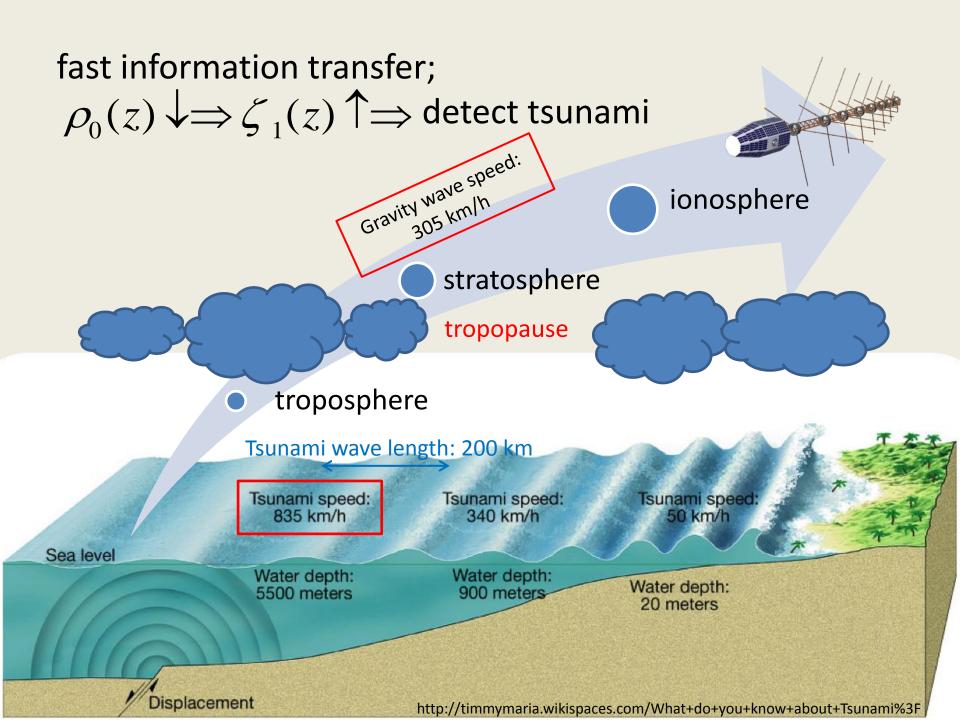
Time-Resolving Model for Gravity Waves in Non-uniformly Stratified Atmosphere

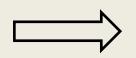
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Restrictions of current gravity wave modeling approach

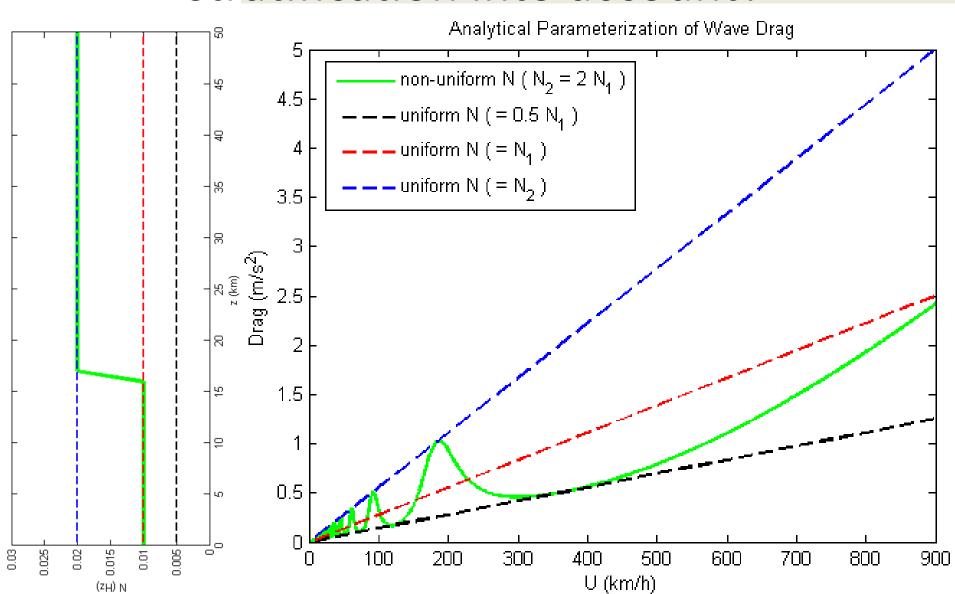
tsunami-induced gravity wave



stationary mountain (=tsunami)
lee waves in the frame moving
with tsunami

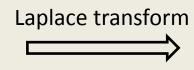
- Stationary solution omits time-dependent details in middle atmosphere.
- Neglects partial back-reflection or assume constant N in the non-uniformly stratified atmosphere.

Why should we take non-uniform stratification into account?



Time-resolving model allowing jump in buoyancy frequency

T-G equation: initial/boundary value problem



ODE: boundary value problem

$$(\partial_t + U\partial_x)^2 \zeta_{zz} + N^2(z)\zeta_{xx} = 0$$

$$\zeta(t = 0^-) = \zeta_t(t = 0^-) = 0$$

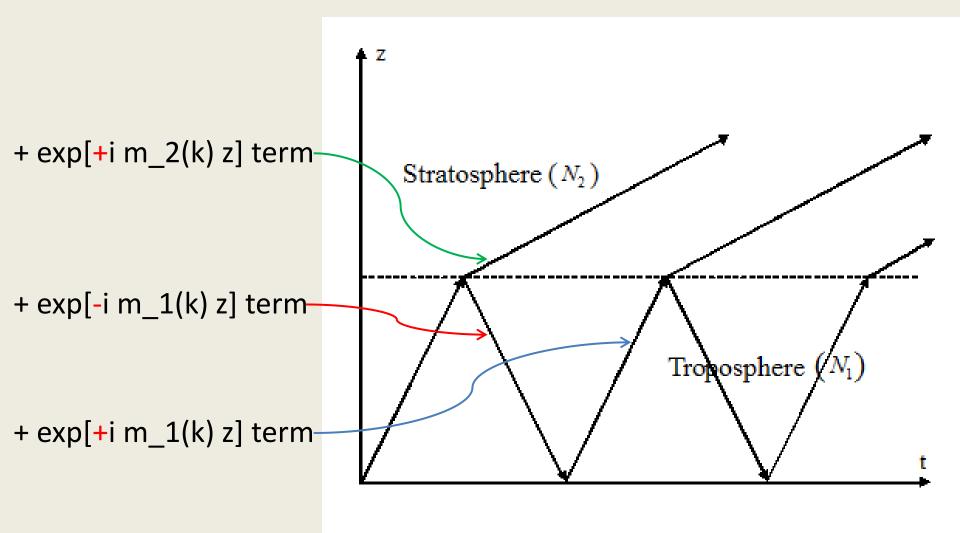
$$\zeta(z = 0) = h(x), \zeta(z = \infty) = 0.$$

$$(s+ikU)^{2}\hat{\zeta}_{zz}^{T} - k^{2}N^{2}(z)\hat{\zeta}^{T} = 0$$

$$\hat{\zeta}^{T}(z=0) = \hat{h}(k)/s$$

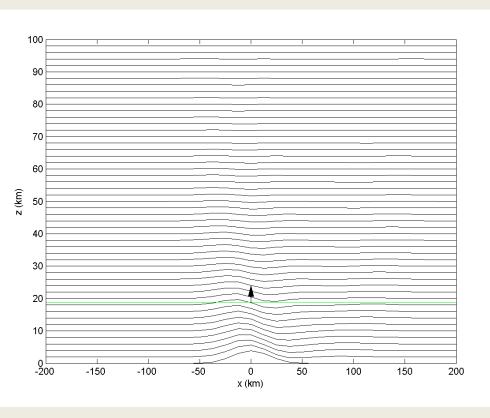
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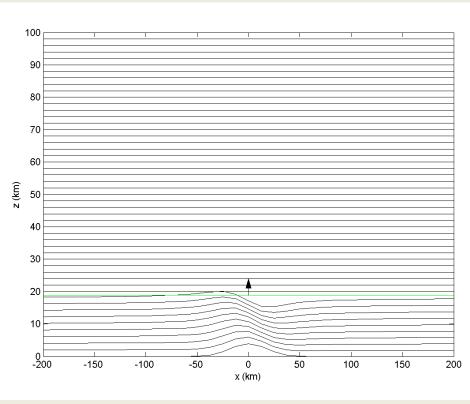
Wave-train approximation



Exact solution, t=5min

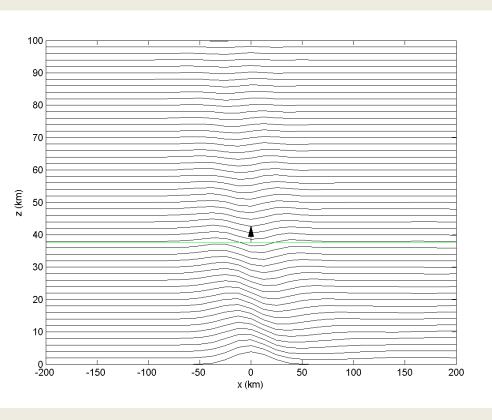
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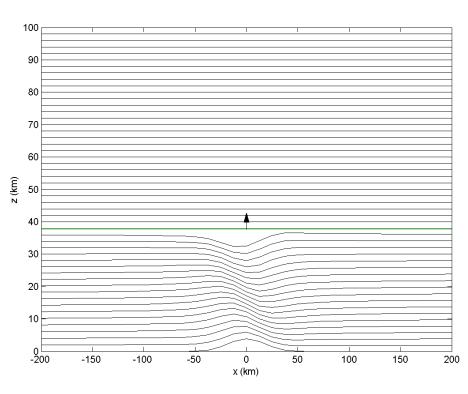




Exact solution, t=10min

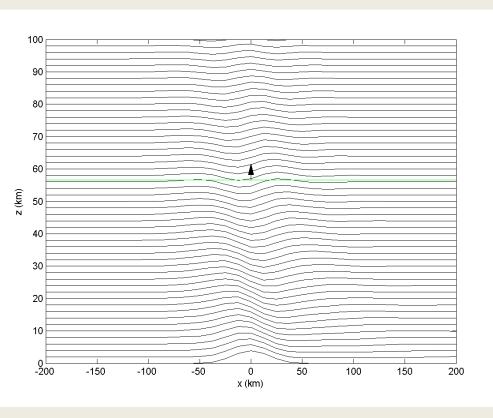
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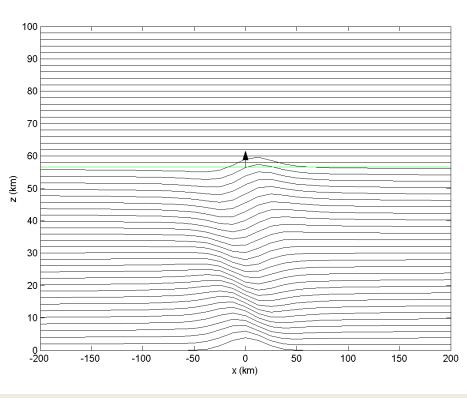




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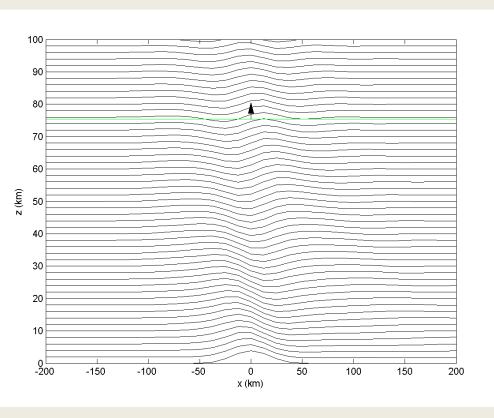
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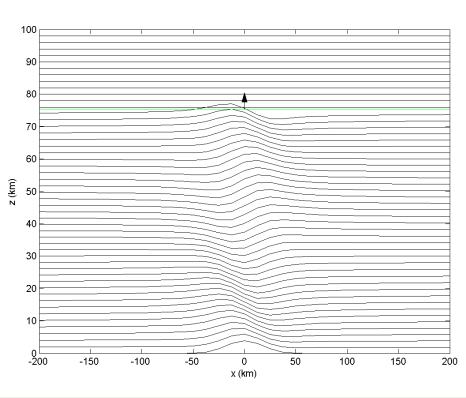




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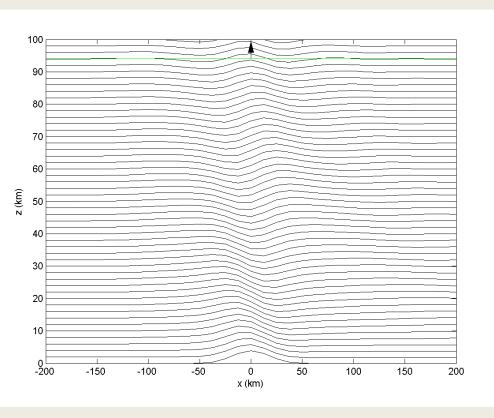
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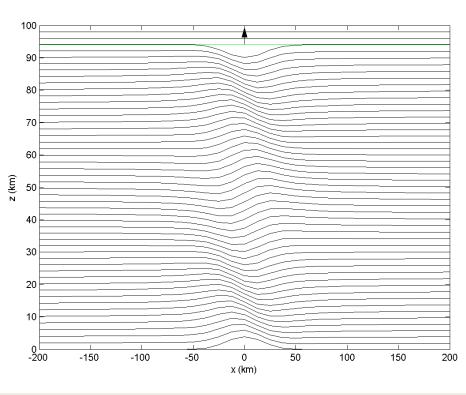


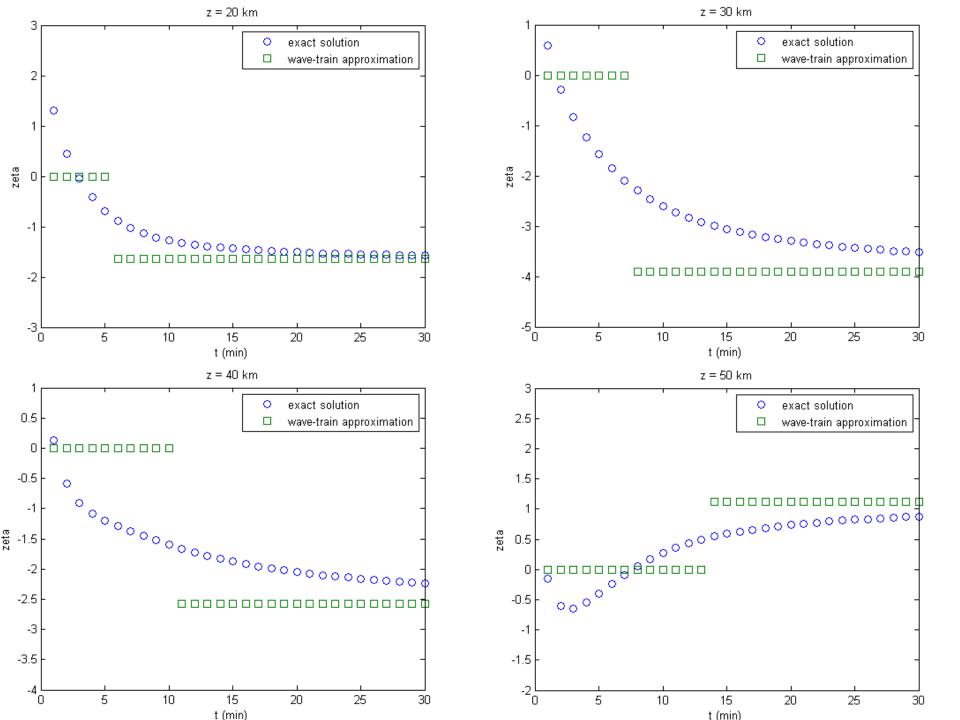


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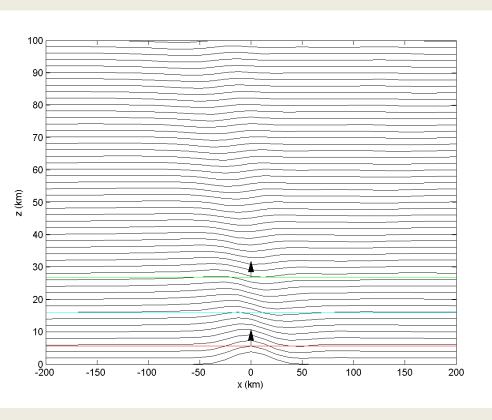


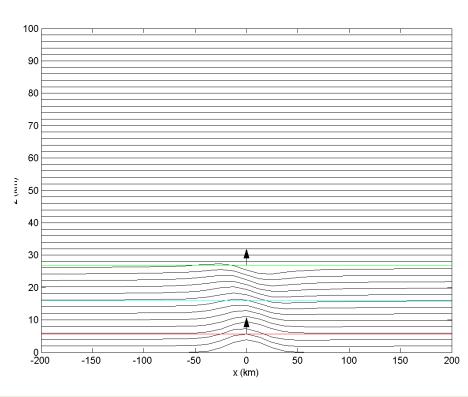




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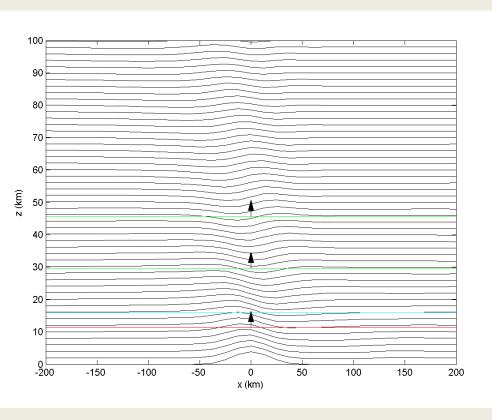
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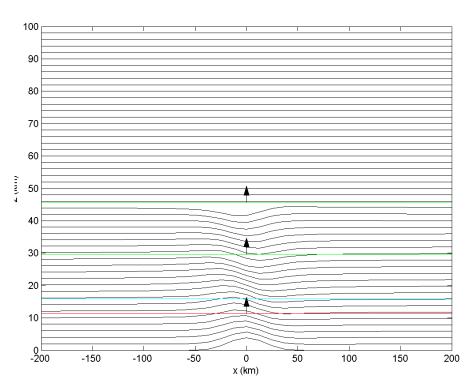




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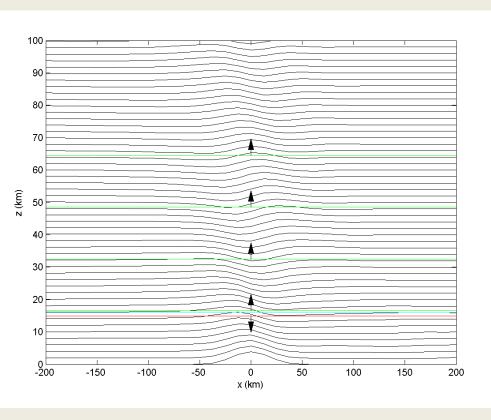
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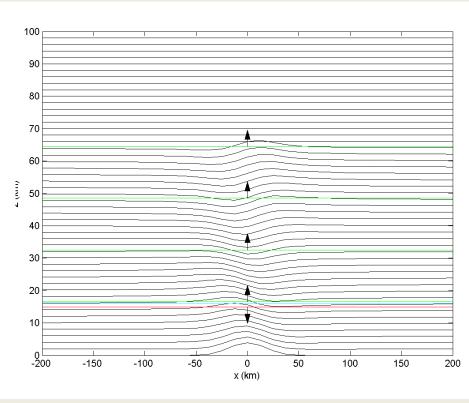




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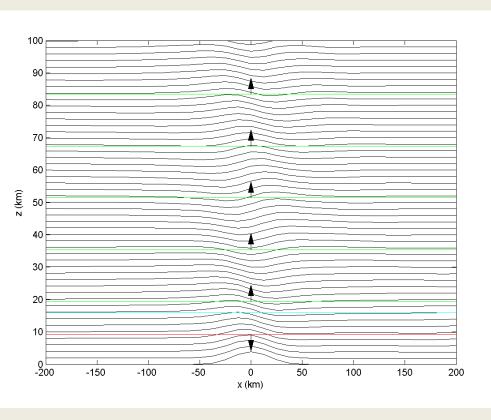
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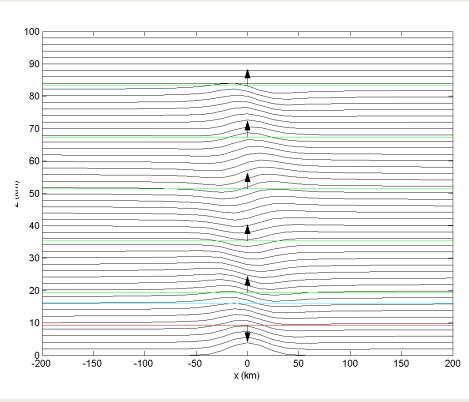




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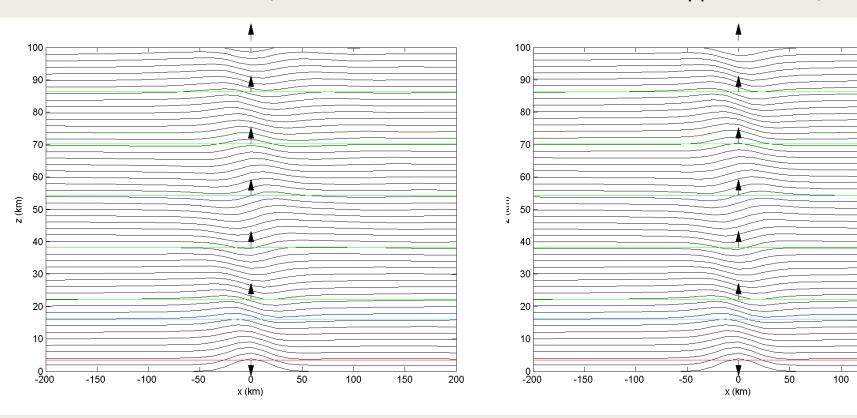


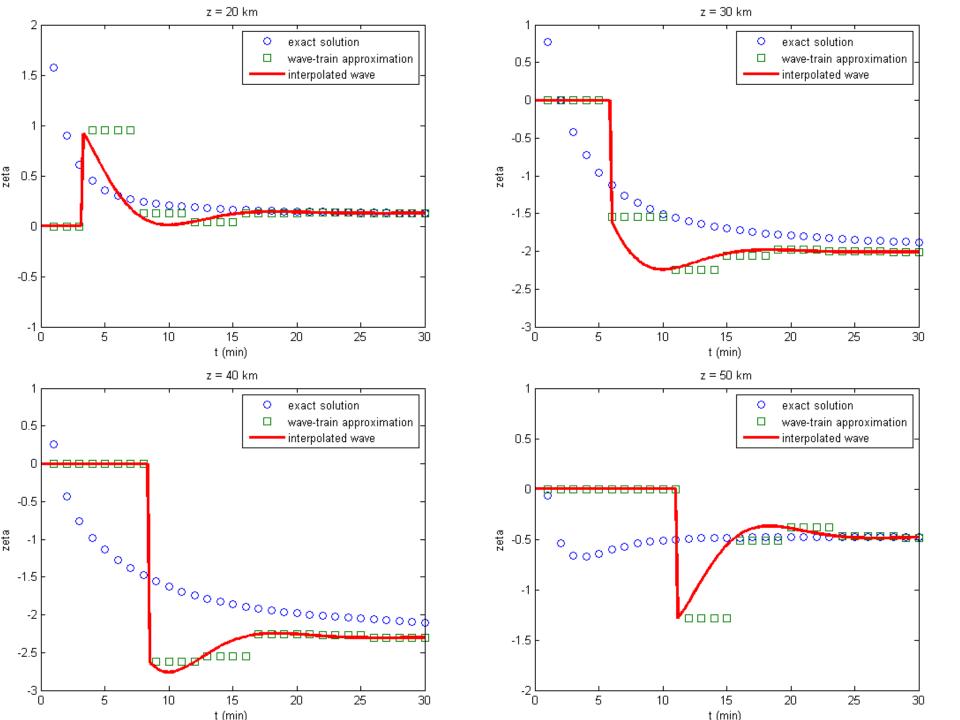
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Summary

- Develop a time-resolving model based on Laplace transform while allowing jump in stratification
- Construct a wave-train approximation including reflections and transmissions
- Recover the gravity wave propagation scheme in the middle and low atmosphere

Thank you for listening ©