



On ZRP wind input term consistency in Hasselmann equation

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Abstract.

The new ZRP wind input source term (Zakharov et al., 2012) is checked for its consistency via numerical simulation of Hasselmann equation. The results are compared to field experimental data, collected at different sites around the world, and theoretical predictions of self-similarity analysis. Good agreement is obtained for limited fetch and time domain statements.

5 1 Introduction

The scientific description of wind driven wave seas, inspired by solid state physics statistical ideas (see, for instance, Nordheim (1928)), was proposed by Hasselmann (1962, 1963) in the form of kinetic equation for waves:

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \omega_k}{\partial k} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial r} = S_{nl} + S_{in} + S_{diss} \tag{1}$$

where ε = ε(ω_k, θ, r, t) is the wave energy spectrum, as a function of wave dispersion ω_k = ω(k), angle θ, two-dimensional
real space coordinate r = (x, y) and time t. S_{nl}, S_{in} and S_{diss} are nonlinear, wind input and wave-breaking dissipation source terms, respectively. Hereafter, only the deep water case, ω = √gk is considered, where g is the gravity acceleration and k = |k| is the absolute value of wavenumber k = (k_x, k_y).

Since Hasselmann's work, Eq.(1) has become the basis of operational wave forecasting models such as SWAN and Wavewatch III (Tolman, 2013; SWAN). While the physical oceanography community consents on the general applicability of Eq.(1),
there is no agreement on universal parameterizations of the source terms S_{nl}, S_{in} and S_{diss}.

The S_{nl} term was derived by different methods from the primodary Euler equations for free surface incompressible potential flow of a liquid by Hasselmann (1962, 1963) and Zakharov and Filonenko (1966). It is complex nonlinear operator acting on ε_k , concealing hidden symmetries (Zakharov and Filonenko, 1967; Zakharov et al., 1992). Resio and Perrie (1991) showed that those different forms are identical on the resonant surface

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$$\omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2} = \omega_{k_3} + \omega_{k_4}$$
 (2)
 $k_1 + k_2 = k_3 + k_4$ (3)





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The luxury of knowing the analytical expression for the S_{nl} term, known in physical oceanography as XNL, is overshadowed by its computational complexity. Today, none of the operational wave forecasting models can afford performing XNL computations in real time. Instead, the approximations, known as DIA and its derivatives, are used. The implication of such simplification is the inclusion of a tuning coefficient in front of nonlinear term; however, several publications have now shown that the DIA does not provide a good approximation of the actual form of XNL.

adjusted to allow the model Eq.(1) to obtain desirable results.

In contrast to S_{nl} , the knowledge of the S_{in} and S_{diss} source terms is poor, so they now include many heuristic factors and terms.

- The creation of a reliable, well justified theory of S_{in} has been hindered by strong turbulence presence in the air boundary 10 layer over the sea surface. Even one of the most crucial elements of this theory, the vertical distribution of horizontal wind velocity in the region closest to the ocean surface, where wave motions strongly interact with atmospheric motions, is still the subject of the debate. The history of the development of different S_{in} wind input forms is full of misconceptions, such as: the "fractional derivative method", wind driven waves studies in shallow basins, which fundamentally restrict the surface wave speed propagation, questionable data interpretations, and others. As a result, the values of different wind input terms scatter
- 15 by the factor of $300 \div 500\%$ (Badulin et al., 2005; Pushkarev and Zakharov, 2016). Additional information on this detailed analysis of current state of wind input terms can be found in Pushkarev and Zakharov (2016).

Similar to the wind input term, there is little consent on the parameterization of the source dissipation term S_{diss} . The physical dissipation mechanism, which most physical oceanographers agree on, is the effect of wave energy loss due to wave breaking, while there are also other dubious ad-hoc "long wave" dissipation source terms, having heuristically justified physical

- 20 explanations. Currently, there is no even an agreement on the localization of wave breaking events in Fourier space. The approach currently utilized in operational wave forecasting models mostly relies on the dissipation, localized in the vicinity of the spectral energy peak. Recent numerical experiments show (Pushkarev and Zakharov, 2016; Dyachenko et al., 2015; Zakharov et al., 2009), however, that such approach does not pass most of the tests associated with the essentially nonlinear nature of the Eq.(1).
- 25 Wave breaking dissipation, known also as "white-capping dissipation", is an important physical phenomenon, not properly studied yet for the reasons of mathematical and technological complexity. Longuet-Higgins (1980a, b) achieved important results, but didn't accomplish the theory completely. Irisov and Voronovich (2011) studied wave-breaking of the short waves, "squeezed" by surface currents, caused by longer waves, and showed that they become steep and unstable. Our explanation is simpler, but has the same consequences: the "wedge" formation, preceding the wave breaking, causes the "fat tail" appearance
- 30 in Fourier space. Subsequent smoothing of the tip of the wedge is equivalent to the "chopping off" of the developped high-frequency tail the sort of natural low-pass filtering leading to the loss of the wave energy. This effect is referred as "cigar cutting effect" (Pushkarev and Zakharov, 2016). Both scenarios have the same consequences of wave surface smoothing, and are indirectly confirmed by presented numerical experiments.

Instead of following the previous path of time-consuming numerical and field experiments, the authors of the current 35 manuscript are pursuing an alternative approach to definition of S_{in} and S_{diss} terms. Based on the leading nonlinearity role





in Eq.(1) ((Zakharov, 2010; Zakharov and Badulin, 2011)), it was decided to analyze a multi-parametric family of self-similar solutions of Eq.(1). The comparison with the results of field observations allowed to find a new wind input form, herein termed the ZRP S_{in} wind input source term (Zakharov et al., 2012). The wave breaking dissipation term S_{diss} has been chosen in the form of "implicit dissipation" via Phillips ~ f^{-5} spectral continuation tail.

5 That framework reproduced the observations of a dozen of field experiments, i.e. self-similar exponents p = 1 and q = -0.3of power dependencies of total wave energy $\sim \chi^p$ and spectral peak frequency $\sim \omega^q$ along the fetch (Pushkarev and Zakharov, 2016).

In the following section we are describing the details of ZRP model and pertaining numerical results in time domain and duration limited statements.

10 2 Experimental evidence

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Here we examine the empirical evidence from around the world, which has been utilized to quantify energy levels within the equilibrium spectral range by Resio et al. (2004). For convenience, we shall also use the same notation used by Resio et al. (2004) in their study, for the angular averaged spectral energy densities in frequency and wavenumber spaces:

$$E_4(f) = \frac{2\pi\alpha_4 Vg}{(2\pi f)^4} \tag{4}$$

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$$F_4(k) = \beta k^{-5/2}$$
 (5)

where $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$, α_4 is the constant, V is some characteristic velocity and $\beta = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_4 V g^{-1/2}$. These notations are based on relation of spectral densities E(f) and F(k) in frequency $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ and wave-number k bases:

$$F(k) = \frac{c_g}{2\pi} E(f) \tag{6}$$

where $c_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2\pi} \frac{g}{f}$ is the group velocity.

20 The notations in Eqs.(4)-(5) are connected with the spectral energy density $\epsilon(\omega, \theta)$ through

$$E(f) = 2\pi \int \epsilon(\omega, \theta) d\theta \tag{7}$$

The Resio et al. (2004) analysis showed that experimental energy spectra F(k), estimated through averaging $\langle k^{5/2}F(k) \rangle$, can be approximated by linear regression line as the function of $(u_{\lambda}^2 c_p)^{1/3} g^{-1/2}$. Fig.1 shows that the regression line

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_4 \left[(u_\lambda^2 c_p)^{1/3} - u_0 \right] g^{-1/2} \tag{8}$$

25 indeed, seems to be a reasonable approximation of these observations.

Here $\alpha_4 = 0.00553$, $u_0 = 1.93 \text{ m/sec}$, c_p is the spectral peak phase speed and u_{λ} is the wind speed at the elevation equal to a fixed fraction $\lambda = 0.065$ of the spectral peak wavelength $2\pi/k_p$, where k_p is the spectral peak wave number. It is important to emphasize that Resio et al. (2004) experiments show that parameter β increases with development of the wind-driven sea, when f_p decreases and C_p increases. This observation is consistent with the weak turbulent theory, where $\beta \sim P^{1/3}$ (Zakharov et al., 1992); here P is the wave energy flux toward small scales.







Figure 1. Correlation of equilibrium range coefficient β with $(u_{\lambda}^2 c_p)^{1/3}/g^{1/2}$ based on data from six disparate sources. Adapted from Resio et al. (2004)

Resio et al. (2004) assumed that the near surface boundary layer can be treated as neutral and thus follows a conventional logarithmic profile

$$u_{\lambda} = \frac{u_{\star}}{\kappa} \ln \frac{z}{z_0} \tag{9}$$

having Von Karman coefficient $\kappa = 0.41$, where $z = \lambda \cdot 2\pi/k_p$ is the elevation equal to a fixed fraction $\lambda = 0.065$ of the spectral

5 peak wavelength $2\pi/k_p$, where k_p is the spectral peak wave number, and $z_0 = \alpha_C u_\star^2/g$ subject to Charnock (1955) surface roughness with $\alpha_C = 0.015$.





3 Theoretical considerations

Self-similar solutions of conservative kinetic equation

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon(\omega, \theta)}{\partial t} = S_{nl} \tag{10}$$

were studied in Zakharov (2005), Badulin et al. (2005). In this chapter we study self-similar solutions of the forced kinetic

5 equation

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon(\omega, \theta)}{\partial t} = S_{nl} + \gamma(\omega, \theta) \epsilon(\omega, \theta)$$
(11)

where $\epsilon(\omega, \theta) = \frac{2\omega^4}{g} N(\mathbf{k}, \theta)$ is the energy spectrum. For our purposes, it is sufficient to simply use the dimensional estimate for S_{nl} ,

$$S_{nl} \simeq \omega \left(\frac{\omega^5 \epsilon}{g^2}\right)^2 \epsilon \tag{12}$$

10 Eq.(11) has a self-similar solution if

 $\gamma(\omega,\theta) = \alpha \omega^{1+s} f(\theta) \tag{13}$

where s is a constant. Looking for self-similar solution in the form

$$\epsilon(\omega, t) = t^{p+q} F(\omega t^q) \tag{14}$$

we find

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$$q = \frac{1}{s+1} \tag{15}$$

$$p = \frac{9q-1}{2} = \frac{8-s}{2(s+1)} \tag{16}$$

The function $F(\xi)$ has the maximum at $\xi \sim \xi_p$, thus the frequency of the spectral peak is

$$\omega_p \simeq \xi_p t^{-q} \tag{17}$$

The phase velocity at the spectral peak is

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$$c_p = \frac{g}{\omega_p} = \frac{g}{\xi_p} t^q = \frac{g}{\xi_p} t^{\frac{1}{s+1}}$$
 (18)

According to experimental data, the main energy input into the spectrum occurs in the vicinity of the spectral peak, i.e. at $\omega \simeq \omega_p$. For $\omega >> \omega_p$, the spectrum is described by Zakharov-Filonenko tail

$$\epsilon(\omega) \sim P^{1/3} \omega^{-4} \tag{19}$$

Here

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$$P = \int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \gamma(\omega, \theta) \epsilon(\omega, \theta) d\theta$$
(20)



This integral converges if s<2. For large ω

$$\epsilon(\omega,t) \simeq \frac{t^{p-3q}}{\omega^4} \simeq \frac{t^{\frac{2-s}{2(s+1)}}}{\omega^4} \tag{21}$$

More accurately

$$\epsilon(\omega,t) \simeq \frac{\mu g}{\omega^4} u^{1-\eta} c_p^{\eta} g(\theta)$$

$$\eta = \frac{2-s}{2}$$
(22)

Now supposing s = 4/3 and $\gamma \simeq \omega^{7/3}$, we get $\eta = 1/3$, which is exactly experimental regression line prediction. Because it is known from regression line on Fig.1 that $\xi = 1/3$, we immediately get s = 4/3 and the wind input term

$$S_{wind} \simeq \omega^{7/3} \epsilon$$
 (24)

At the end of the section, we present the summary of important relationships.

10 Wave action N, energy E and momentum M in frequency-angle presentation are:

$$N = \frac{2}{g^2} \int \omega^3 n d\omega d\phi \tag{25}$$

$$E = \frac{2}{g^2} \int \omega^4 n d\omega d\phi \tag{26}$$

$$M = \frac{2}{g^3} \int \omega^5 n \cos \phi d\omega d\phi \tag{27}$$

The self-similar relations for duration limited case:

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$$\epsilon = t^{p+q} F(\omega t^q) \tag{28}$$

$$9q - 2p = 1, \ p = 10/7, \ q = 3/7 \ s = 4/3$$
 (29)

$$N \sim t^{p+q} \tag{30}$$

$$E \sim t^p$$
 (31)

$$M \sim t^{p-q} \tag{32}$$

$$20 \quad <\omega > \ \sim \ t^{-q} \tag{33}$$

The same sort of self-similar analysis gives self-similar relations for fetch limited case:



(38)



$$\epsilon = \chi^{p+q} F(\omega \chi^q) \tag{34}$$

$$10q - 2p = 1, \ p = 1, \ q = 3/10 \ s = 4/3$$
 (35)

$$N \sim \chi^{p+q} \tag{36}$$

$$E \sim \chi^p$$
 (37)

 $M \sim \chi^{p-q}$

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$$x \omega > \sim \chi^{-q}$$
 (39)

4 Numerical simulation

To check the self-similar conjecture Eq.(24), we performed the series of numerical simulations of Eq.(1) in the spatially homogeneous time domain $\frac{\partial N}{\partial r} = 0$ and spatially inhomogeneous fetch limited $\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} = 0$ situations. The same ZRP wind input term Eq.(24) has been used in both cases in the form

$$S_{in}(\omega,\phi) = \gamma(\omega,\phi) \cdot \varepsilon(\omega,\phi) \tag{40}$$

$$\gamma = 0.05 \frac{\rho_{air}}{\rho_{water}} \omega \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^{4/3} f(\theta) \tag{41}$$

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} \cos^2 \theta \text{ for } -\pi/2 \le \theta \le \pi/2 \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(42)

$$\omega_0 = \frac{g}{u_{10}}, \ \frac{\rho_{air}}{\rho_{water}} = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-3} \tag{43}$$

15 where u_{10} is the wind speed, ρ_{air} and ρ_{water} are the air and water density correspondingly. It is conceivable to use more sophisticated expression for $f(\theta)$, for instance $f(\theta) = q(\theta) - q(0)$. The wind speed u_{10} is taken here as the speed at a reference level of 10 meters. To make comparison with experimental results of Resio et al. (2004), we used relation $u_{\star} \simeq u_{10}/28$ (see Golitsyn (2010)) in Eq.(9).

Both situations also need the knowledge of the dissipation term S_{diss} , which is taken into account as was proposed by 20 Resio et al. (2004), where white-capping was introduced implicitly through an f^{-5} energy spectral tail stretching in frequency range from $f_d = 1.1$ to $f_{max} = 2.0$. To date, this approach has been confirmed by both experimental observations and numerical experiments to provide an effective direct cascade energy sink at high frequencies.

The nonlinear S_{nl} term has been calculated in the exact XNL form.

4.1 Time domain simulation

All time domain numerical simulations shown here have been started from uniform noise energy distribution in Fourier space. Fig.2 shows the total energy growth as a function of time close to self-similar prediction Eq.(31) for p = 10/7, see Fig.3.







Figure 2. Dimensionless energy Eg^2/U^4 versus dimensionless time tg/U for duration limited case. Dashed fit $1.3 \cdot 10^{-9} (tg/U)^{10/7}$

The dependence of mean frequency, on the fetch, shown in Fig.4 demonstrates good correspondence with self-similar dependence Eq.(33), for q = 3/7, see Fig.5.

The check of consistency with the "magic number" (9q - 2p) (Pushkarev and Zakharov, 2016), is presented on Fig.6. This also agrees with the self-similar prediction Eq.29.

5 Fig.7 presents angle-integrated energy spectrum, as the function of frequency, in logarithmic coordinates. One can see that it consists of the segments of:

- spectral maximum area
- spectrum ω^{-4}
- Phillips high frequency tail ω^{-5}
- 10 The compensated spectrum $F(k) \cdot k^{5/2}$ is presented on Fig.9. One can see plateau-like region responsible for $k^{-5/2}$ behavior, equivalent to ω^{-4} tail in Fig.7. This exact solution of Eq.(10), known as KZ spectrum, was found by Zakharov and Filonenko (1967). One should note that most of the energy flux into the system comes in the vicinity of the spectral peak, as shown on Fig.8, providing significant inertial interval for KZ spectrum.







Figure 3. Local energy exponent power $p = \frac{d \ln E}{d \ln t}$ as a function of dimensionless time tg/U for duration limited case.

The angular spectral distribution of energy, presented on Fig.10, is consistent with the results of experimental observations that show a broadening of the angular spreading in both directions away from the spectral peak frequency.

Another important theoretical relationship, that can be derived from joint consideration of Eqs. (4), (6) and (22):

$$1000\beta = 3\frac{(u^2c_p)^{1/3}}{g^{1/2}} \tag{44}$$

5 presents theoretical equivalent of the experimental regression.

To compare the performance of our numerical simulation with the experimental analysis by Resio et al. (2004), presented in Fig.1, we show in Fig.11 plots of the compensated spectrum $\beta = F(k) \cdot k^{5/2}$ as a function of $(u_{\lambda}^2 C_p)^{1/3}/g^{1/2}$ for wind speeds $u_{10} = 10.0$ m/sec, along with the regression line from Resio et al. (2004). The overall correspondence is quite good.

4.2 Limited fetch numerical simulations

10 The limited fetch simulation was performed within the framework of the stationary version of the Eq.(1):

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{g\cos\theta}{\omega}\frac{\partial\epsilon}{\partial x} = S_{nl}(\epsilon) + S_{wind} + S_{diss}$$
(45)





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Figure 4. Dimensionless frequency $\langle f \rangle \cdot U/g = E/N \cdot U/g$ versus dimensionless time tg/U for duration limited case, dashed fit by $16.0 \cdot (tg/U)^{-3/7}$.

where x is the coordinate orthogonal to the shore and θ is the angle between individual wavenumber k and the axis x.

Stationarity in Eq.(45) is somewhat difficult for numerical simulation, since it contains the singularity in the form of $\cos \theta$ in front of $\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial x}$. We overcame this problem of division by zero through zeroing one half of the Fourier space of the system for the waves propagating toward the shore. Since the energy in such waves is small with respect to waves propagating in the offshore direction, such approximation is quite reasonable for our purposes.

Since the wind forcing index s in the fetch-limited case is similar to that in the time domain, the numerical simulation of Eq.(45) has been performed for the same input functions as in the time domain case with the same low-level energy noise initial conditions in Fourier space.

Fig.12 shows total energy growth as a function of fetch coordinate close to self-similar prediction Eq.(37) for p = 1, see 10 Fig.13.

Dependence of mean frequency on the fetch, shown on Fig.14, demonstrates good correspondence with self-similar dependence Eq.(33), for q = 3/10, see Fig.15.

The check of "magic number" (10q - 2p) is presented on Fig.16. It agrees with the self-similar prediction of Eq.35.







Figure 5. Local mean frequency exponent power $q = \frac{d \ln \langle \omega \rangle}{d \ln t}$ as a function of dimensionless time tg/U for duration limited case.

Fig.17 presents directionally integrated energy spectrum, as the function of frequency, in logarithmic coordinates. As in the time domain case, one can see that it consists of the segments of:

- spectral maximum area
- spectrum ω^{-4}
- 5 Phillips high frequency tail ω^{-5}

The compensated spectrum $F(k) \cdot k^{5/2}$ is presented on Fig.19. One can see plateau-like region responsible for $k^{-5/2}$ behavior, equivalent to ω^{-4} tail in Fig.17. As in the time domain case, KZ solution (Zakharov and Filonenko, 1967) also holds for limited domain case, and most of the energy flux into the system comes in the vicinity of the spectral peak as well, as shown on Fig.18, providing significant inertial interval for KZ spectrum.

10 Angular spectrum distribution, consistent with the broadening of the spectrum in experimental observations is presented on Fig.20.

Fig.21 presents the plot of $\beta = F(k) \cdot k^{5/2}$ as a function of $(u_{\lambda}^2 C_p)^{1/3}/g^{1/2}$ for wind speed $u_{10} = 10.0$ m/sec, along with the regression line from Resio et al. (2004) and theoretical prediction Eq.(44). The overall correspondence is quite good.







Figure 6. "Magic number" 9q - 2p as a function of dimensionless time tg/U for duration limited case.

5 Conclusions

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We analyzed the new ZRP form for wind input, proposed in Zakharov et al. (2012). Both numerical simulations for time domain and limited fetch cases, which used ZRP wind input term, XNL nonlinear term S_{nl} and "implicit" high-frequency dissipation, shown good agreement with predicted self-similar properties of Hasselmann equation, experimentally obtained regression line Resio et al. (2004); Resio and Long (2007) and its theoretical prediction. The authors of the research hope that this new framework term will improve the quality of ocean wave prediction forecasts in operational models.

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Figure 7. Decimal logarithm of the angle averaged spectrum as a function of the decimal logarithm of the frequency for duration limited case.

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Figure 8. Typical, angle averaged, wind input function density $\langle S_{in} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \gamma(\omega, \theta) \varepsilon(\omega, \theta) d\theta$ and angle averaged spectrum $\langle \varepsilon \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \varepsilon(\omega, \theta) d\theta$ (solid line) as the functions of the frequency $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$.

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Figure 10. Angular spectra dependence for duration limited case.







Figure 11. Experimental, theoretical and numerical evidence of dependence of 1000β on $(u_{\lambda}^2 c_p)^{1/3}/g^{1/2}$. Dashed line - theoretical prediction Eq.(44); dotted line - experimental regression line from Resio et al. (2004); Resio and Long (2007). Diamonds - results of numerical calculations for duration limited case with wind speed $u_{10} = 10$ m/sec.







Figure 12. Dimensionless energy Eg^2/U^4 versus dimensionless fetch xg/U^2 for fetch limited case. Dashed fit $2.9 \cdot 10^{-7} xg/U^2$







Figure 13. Local energy exponent power $p = \frac{d \ln E}{d \ln x}$ as a function of dimensionless fetch xg/U^2 for fetch limited case.







Figure 14. Dimensionless mean frequency, as a function of dimensionless fetch (solid line), calculated as $\langle f \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\int \omega n d\omega d\theta}{\int n d\omega d\theta}$, where $n(\omega, \theta) = \frac{\varepsilon(\omega, \theta)}{\omega}$ is the wave action spectrum. The dotted line is the peak frequency $f_p = \frac{\omega_p}{2\pi}$, and the dashed is the theoretical fit $3.4 \cdot \left(\frac{xg}{U^2}\right)^{-0.3}$.







Figure 15. Local mean frequency exponent power $q = \frac{d \ln \langle \omega \rangle}{d \ln x}$ as a function of dimensionless fetch xg/U^2 for fetch limited case.







Figure 16. "Magic number" 10q - 2p as a function of dimensionless fetch xg/U^2 for fetch limited case.







Figure 17. Decimal logarithm of the angle averaged spectrum as a function of the decimal logarithm of the frequency for fetch limited case.







Figure 18. Typical, angle averaged, wind input function density $\langle S_{in} \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \gamma(\omega, \theta) \varepsilon(\omega, \theta) d\theta$ and angle averaged spectrum $\langle \varepsilon \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \varepsilon(\omega, \theta) d\theta$ (solid line) as the functions of the frequency $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$.







Figure 19. Compensated spectrum for fetch limited case as function of linear frequency f.







Figure 20. Angular spectra for fetch limited case.







Figure 21. Experimental and numerical evidence of dependence of 1000β on $(u_{\lambda}^2 c_p)^{1/3}/g^{1/2}$. Dashed line - theoretical prediction Eq.(44); dotted line - experimental regression line from Resio et al. (2004); Resio and Long (2007). Crosses - results of numerical calculations for fetch limited case with wind speed U = 10 m/sec.