

# Energy-Flux Balances and Source Term Parameterizations

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# Objectives

- 1. nonlinear 4-wave interactions
- 2. a look at energy – flux balances
- 3. relation to source term parameterizations
- 4. challenges for improvements ...

# 1. introduction: energy – flux balances

## Review

$$dE(f) / dt = Snl + Sin + Sds$$

Quadruplet wave interactions determined by locus

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3 + \omega_4$$

$$k_1 + k_2 = k_3 + k_4$$

replaced by DIA as

$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega \quad \omega_3 = \omega(1+\lambda) \quad \omega_4 = \omega(1-\lambda)$$

where  $\lambda=0.25$  and  $q_3 = 11.5^\circ$  and  $q_4 = -33.6^\circ$

⇒ Many fewer interactions are selected ....

## Review

# $S_{nl} = \text{boltzmann integral}$

- $S_{nl} = 2 \int dk_3 T(k_1, k_3)$

where  $T(k_1, k_3) = \oint ds J C^2 \theta D(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4)$

Tracy and Resio, 1982

*Locus of interactions*

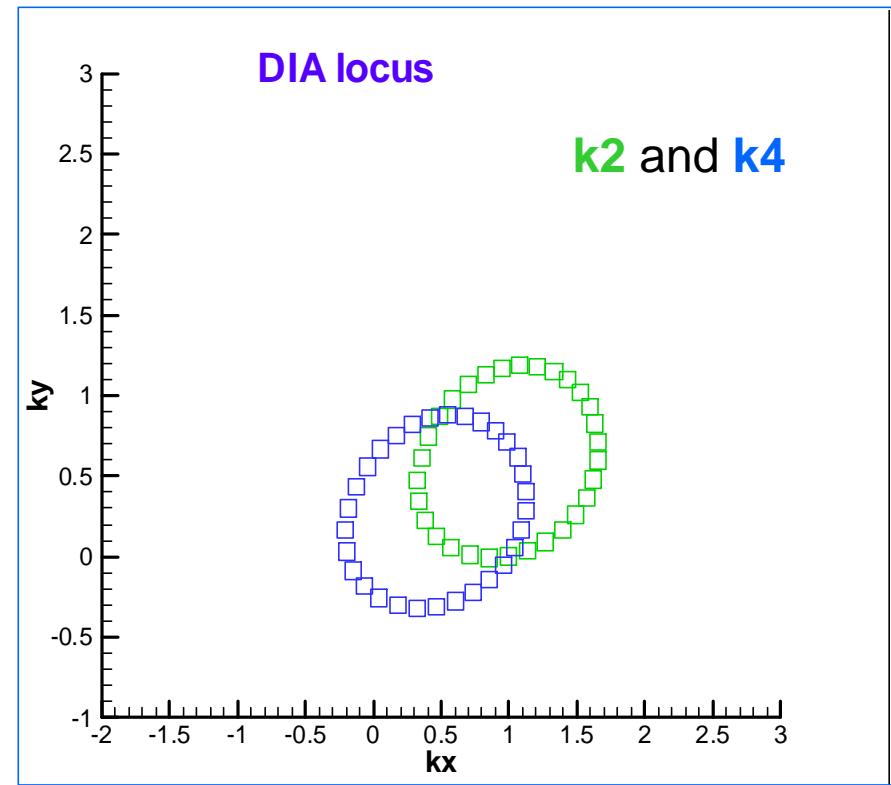
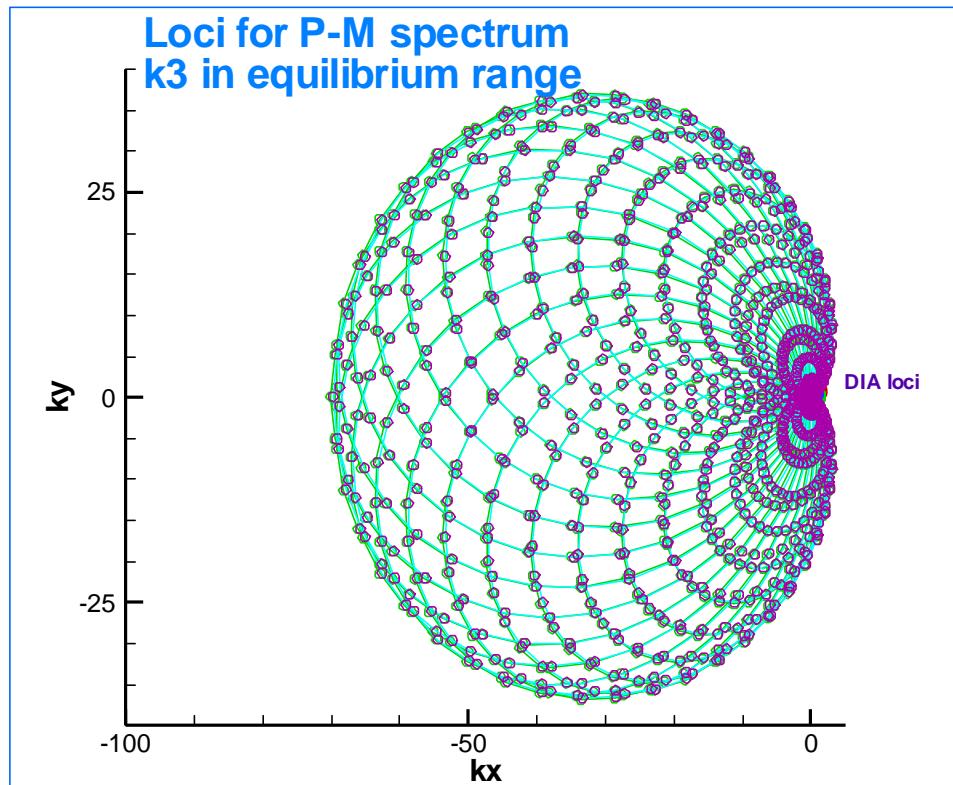
*Jacobian*

*Coupling coefficient*

*action  
densities*

$$\theta = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } |k_1 - k_3| = |k_1 - k_4| \\ 0 & \text{when } |k_1 - k_3| > |k_1 - k_4| \end{cases}$$

# Comparison of P-M loci with DIA

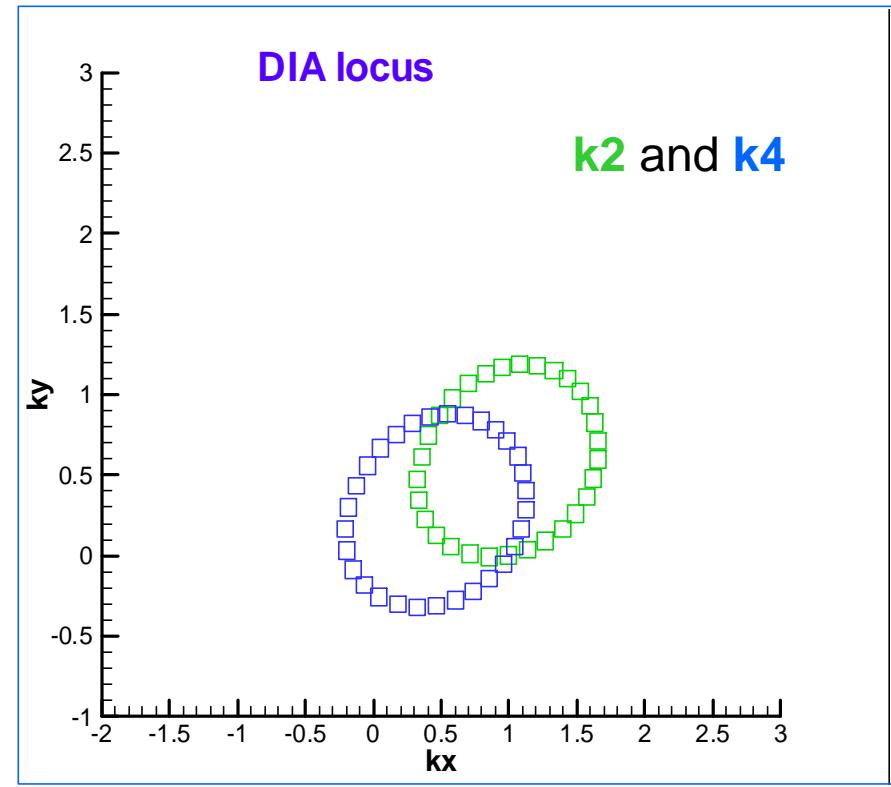
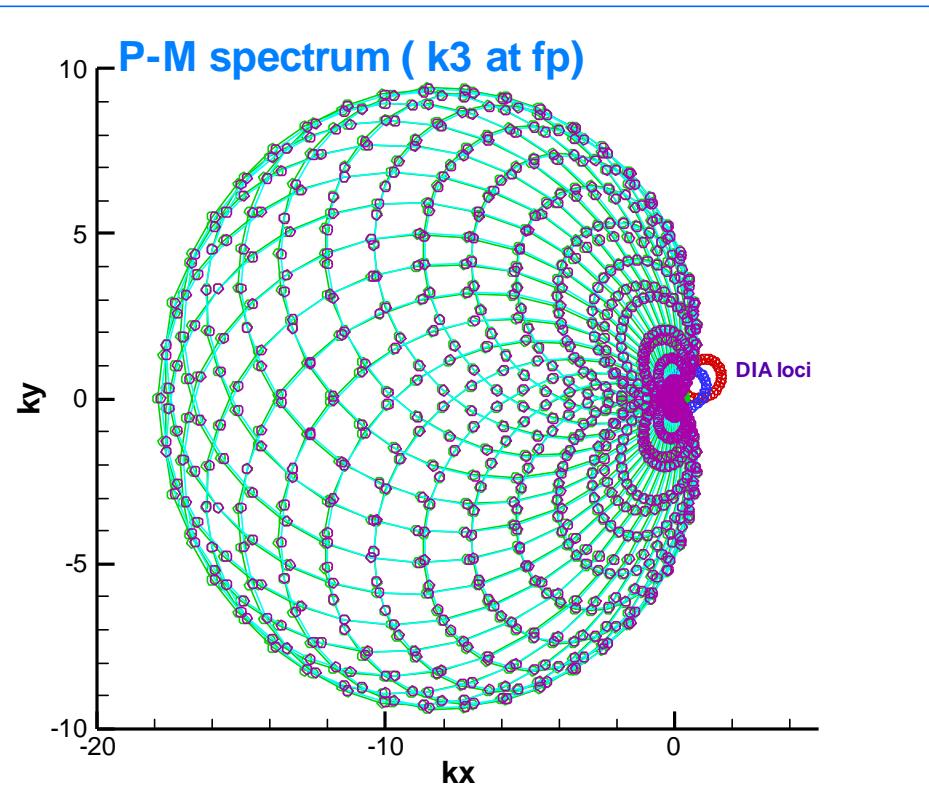


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$$f_1/f_p = 2.0$$

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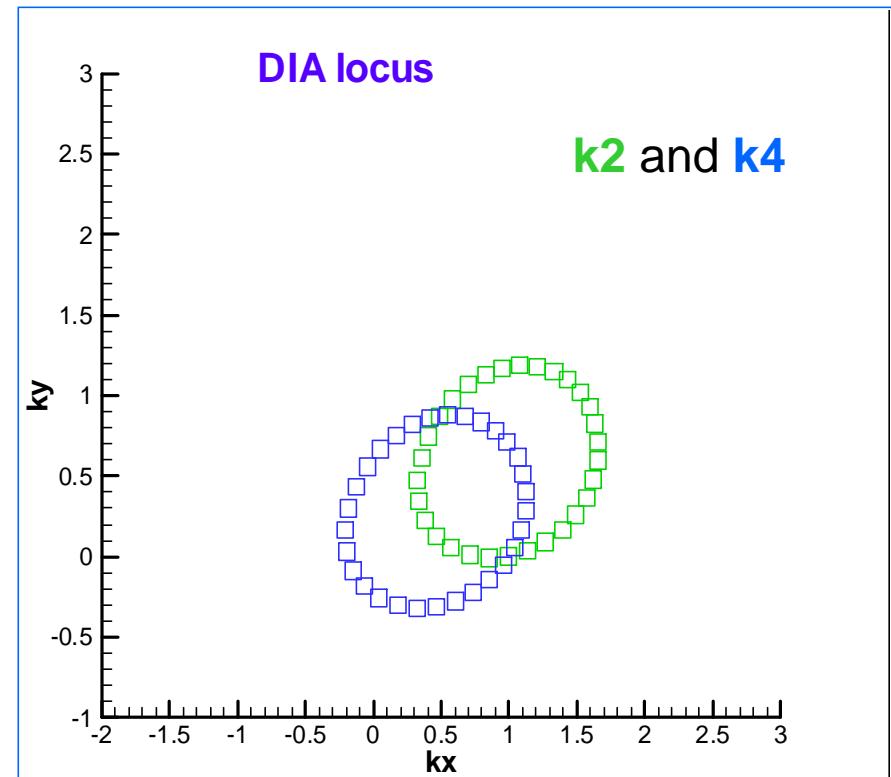
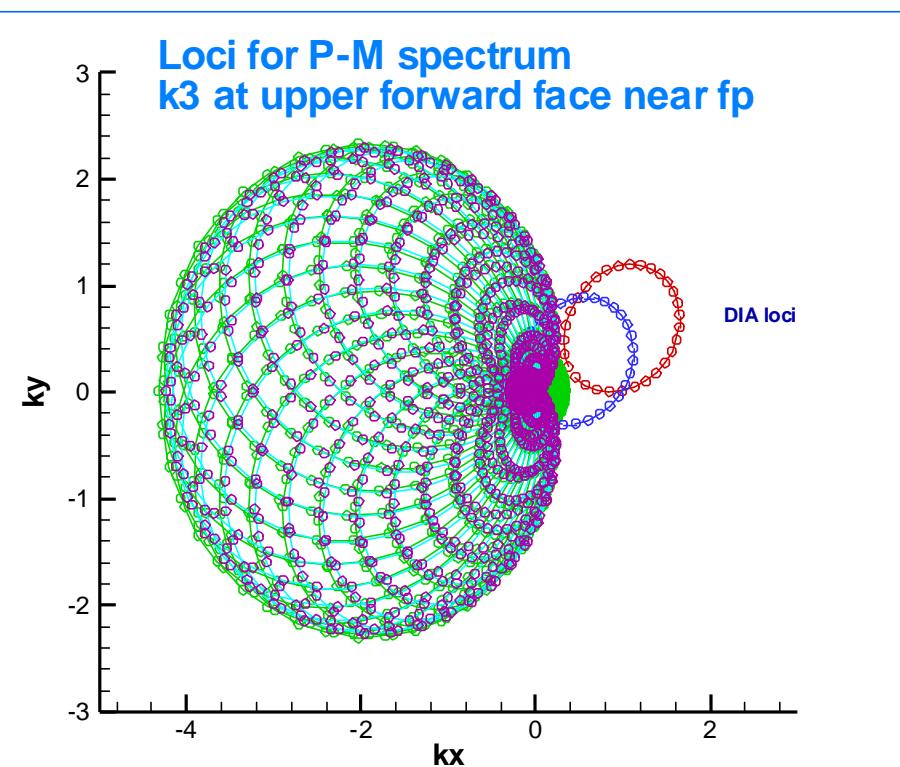
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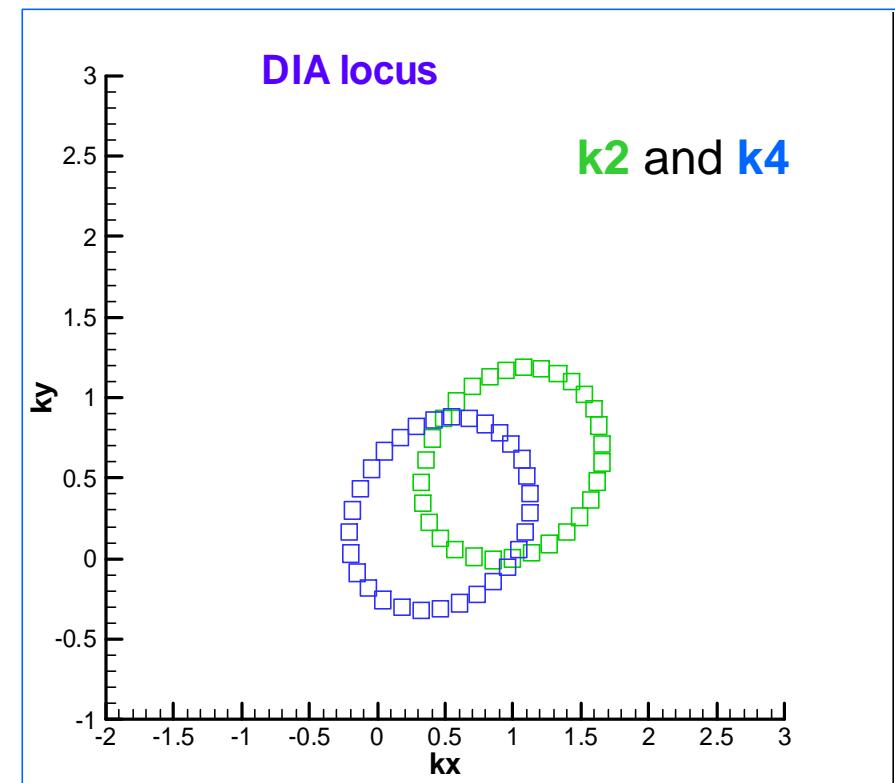
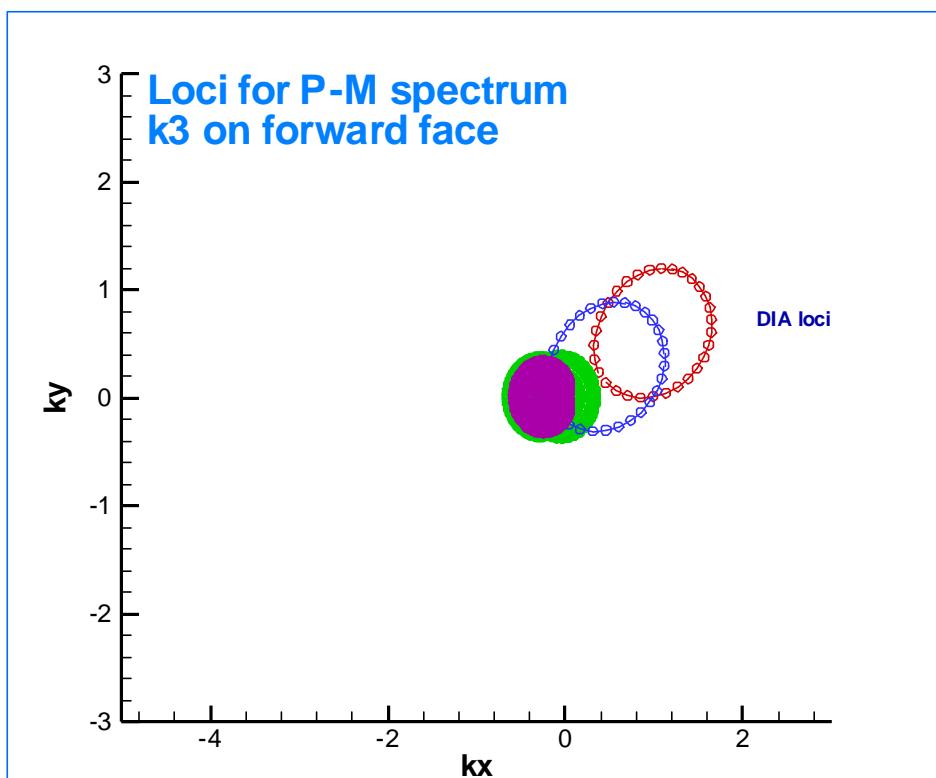
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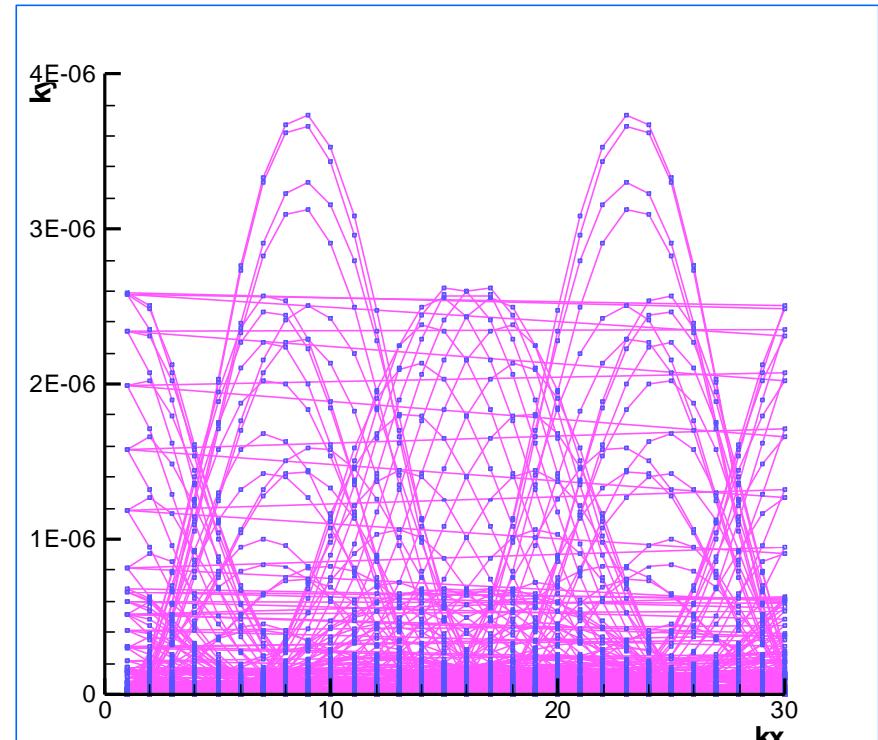
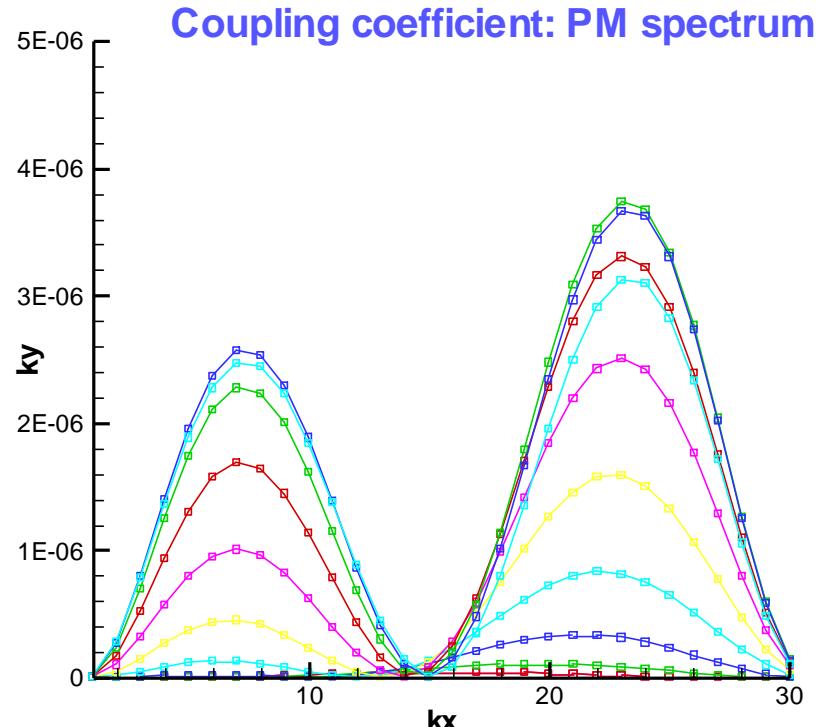


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# Coupling coefficients



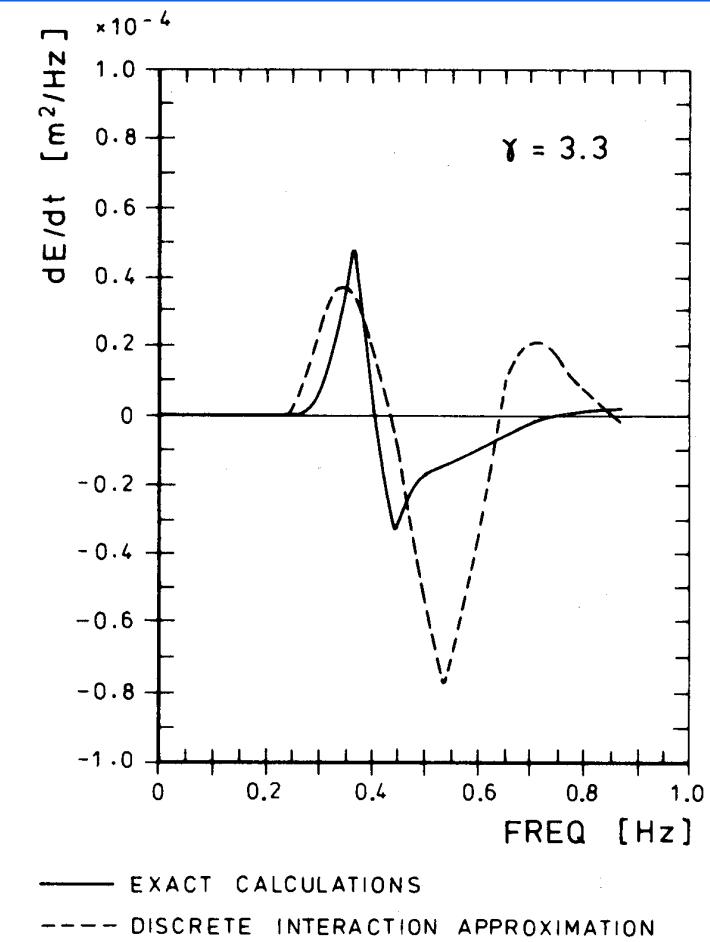
Selected C values....

$f_1 = .95$  and  $f_3 / f_p = n \times 7 \dots$

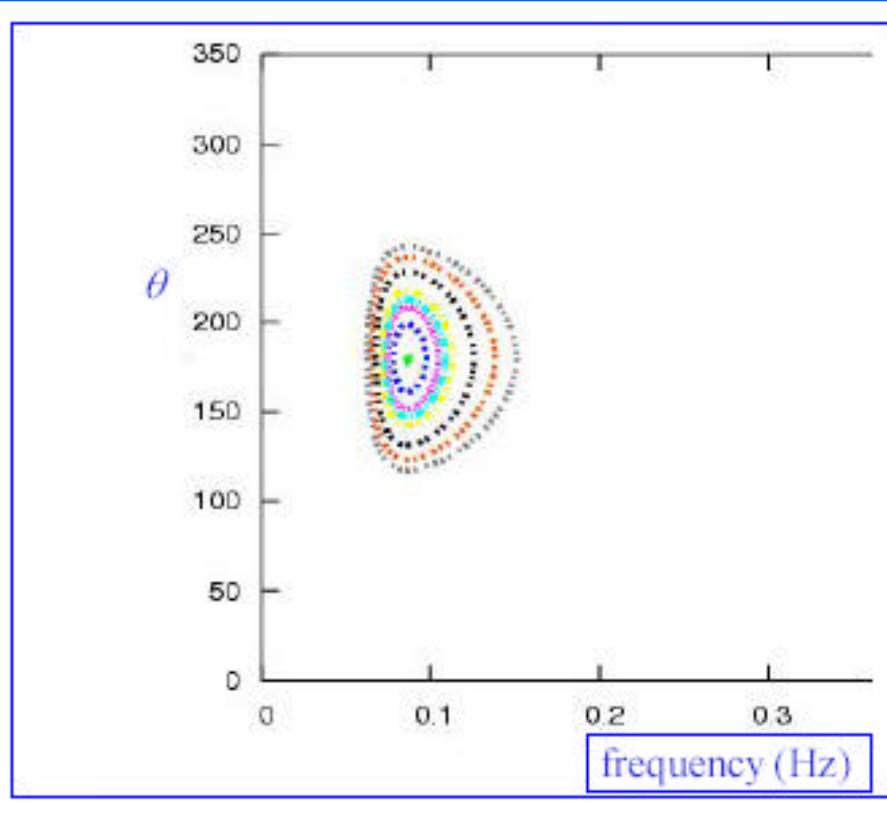
# Impacts on Snl computations

For simple SWAMP-2 type waves DIA is reasonable approximation....

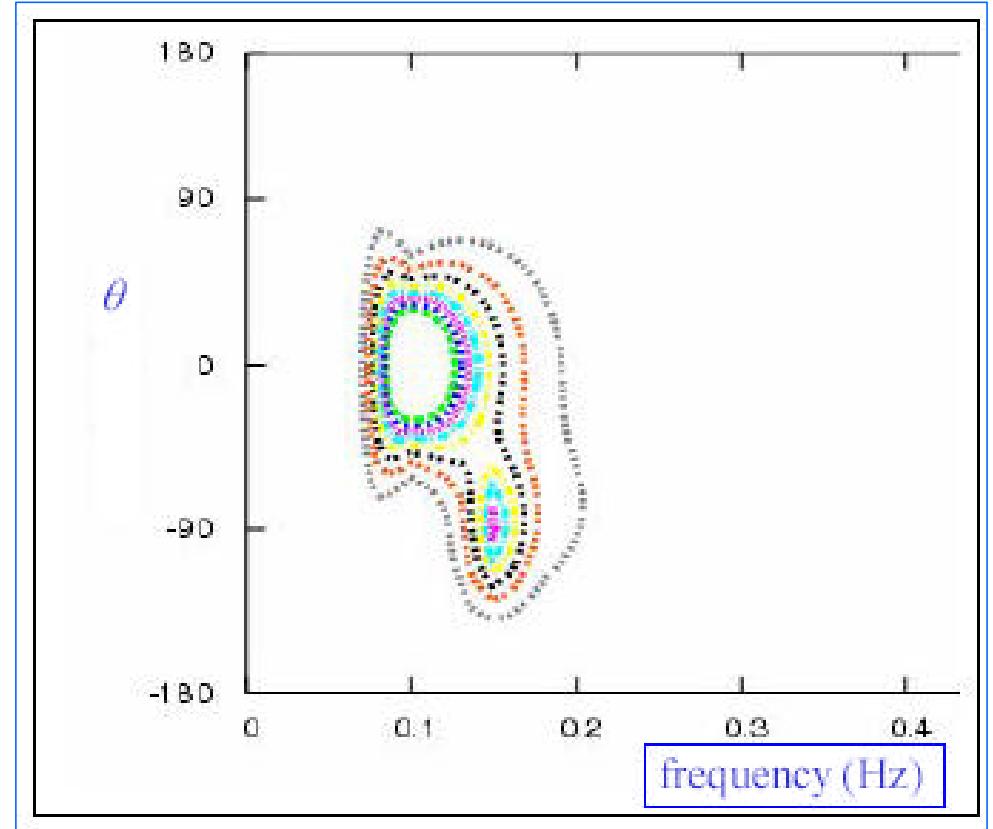
DIA for standard JONSWAP spectrum  
(from Hasselmann et al. 1985)



# Other examples ..

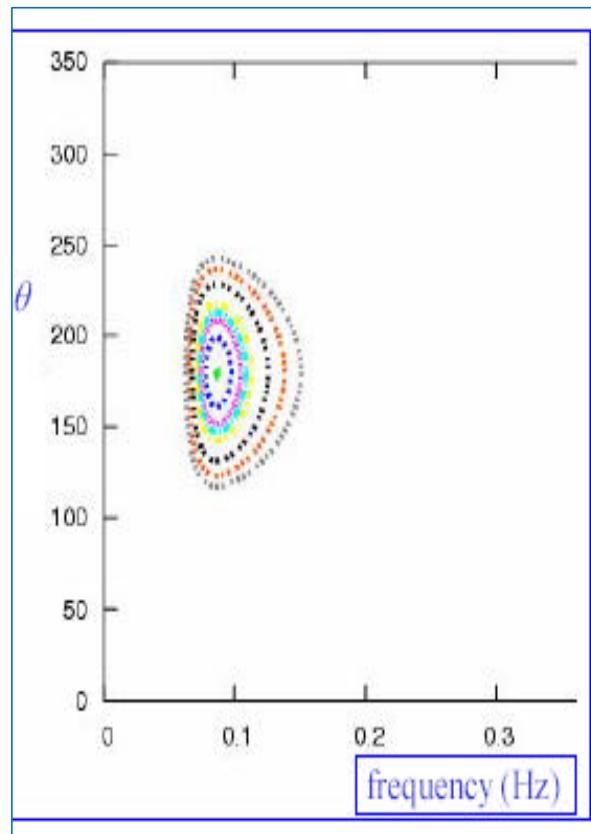


Simple peak spectrum

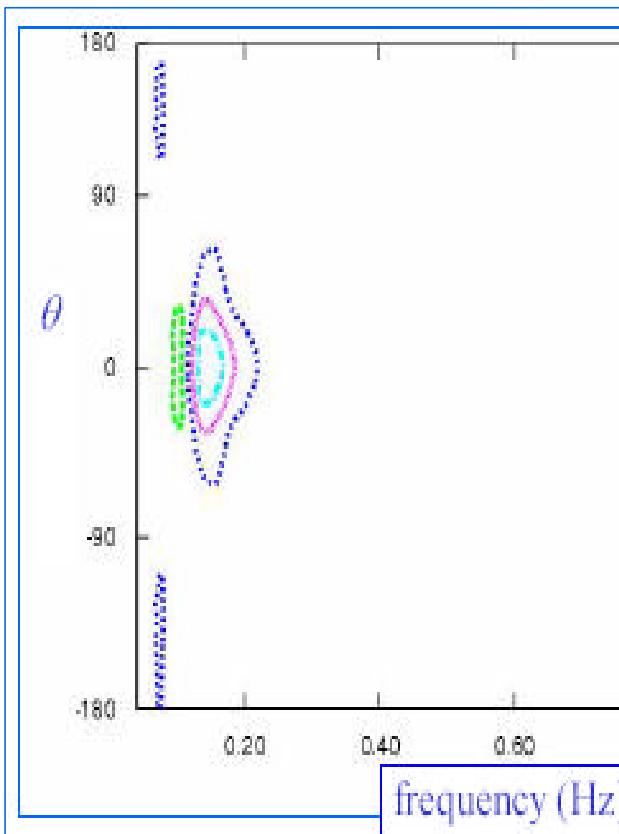


Double-peaked sheared spectrum

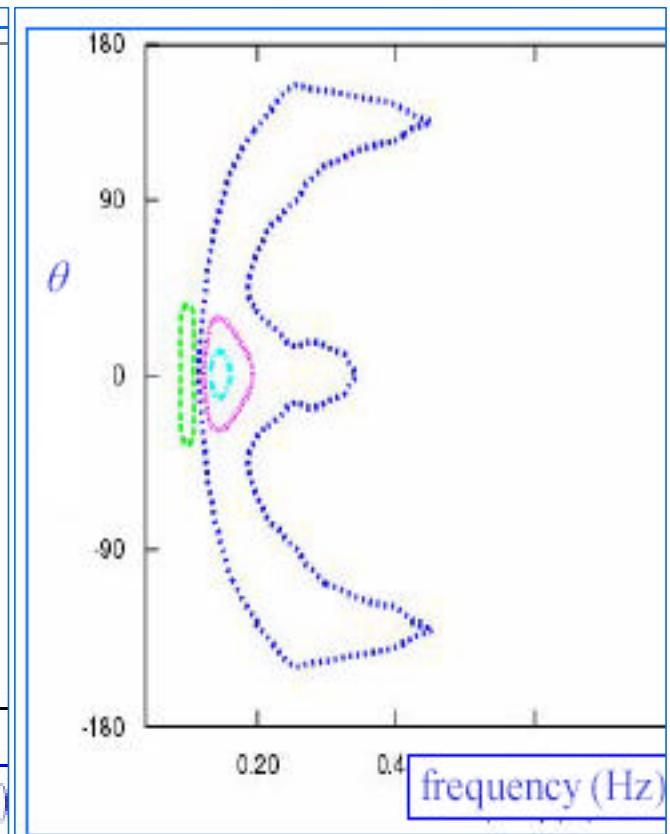
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2-d energy

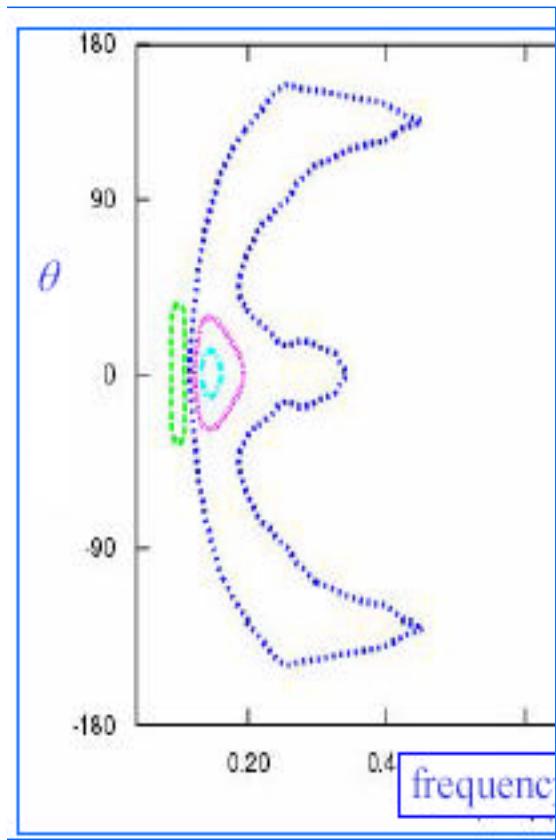


DIA-WW3

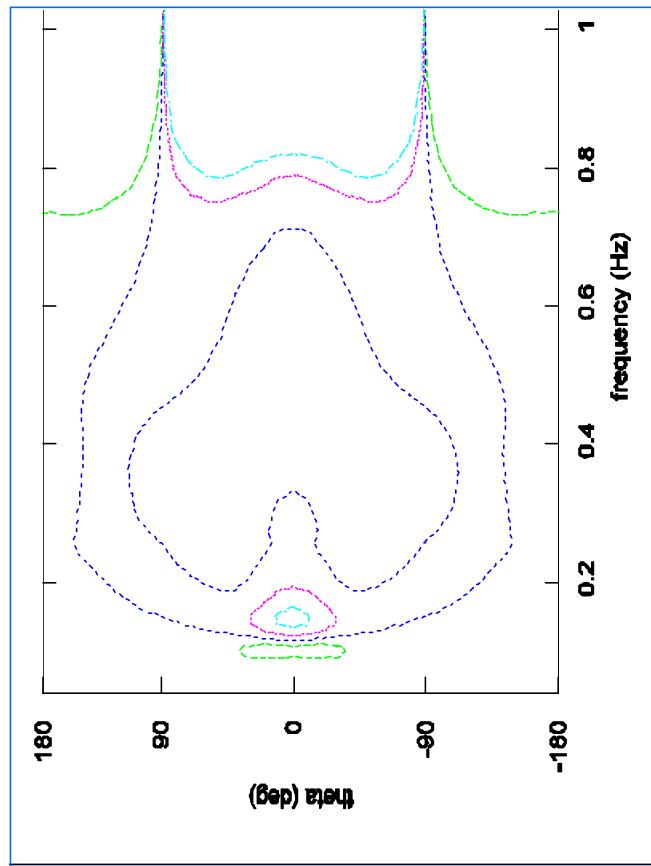


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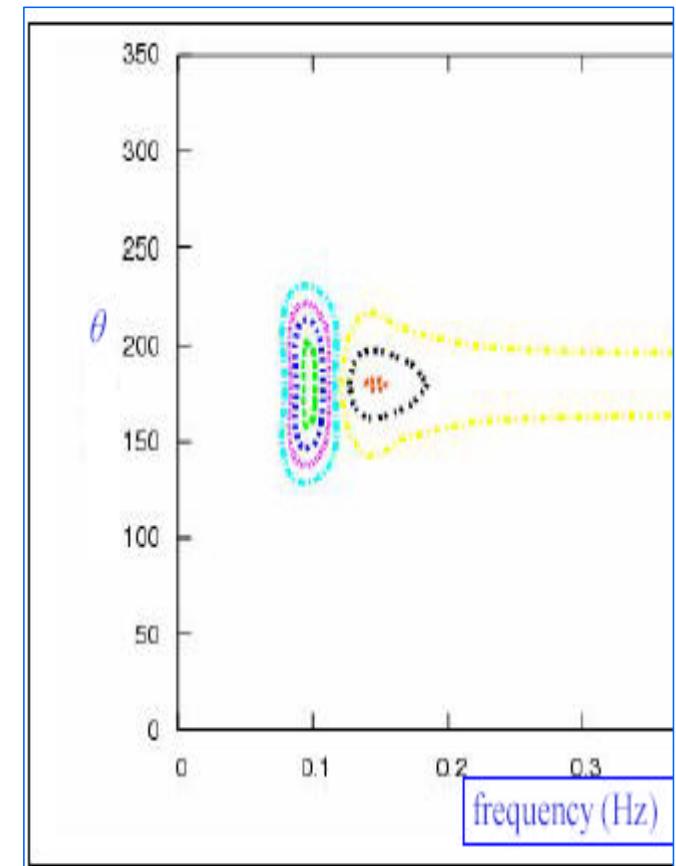
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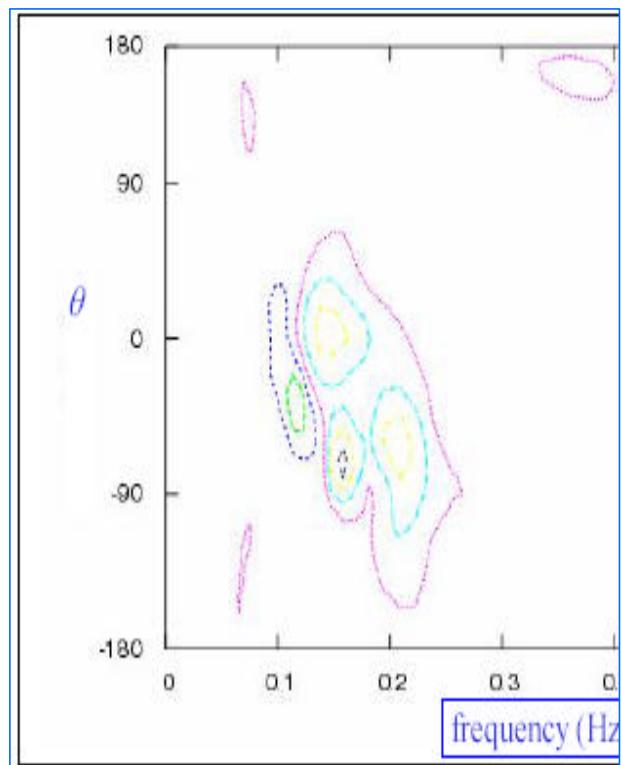
RTW-WW3  
No tail



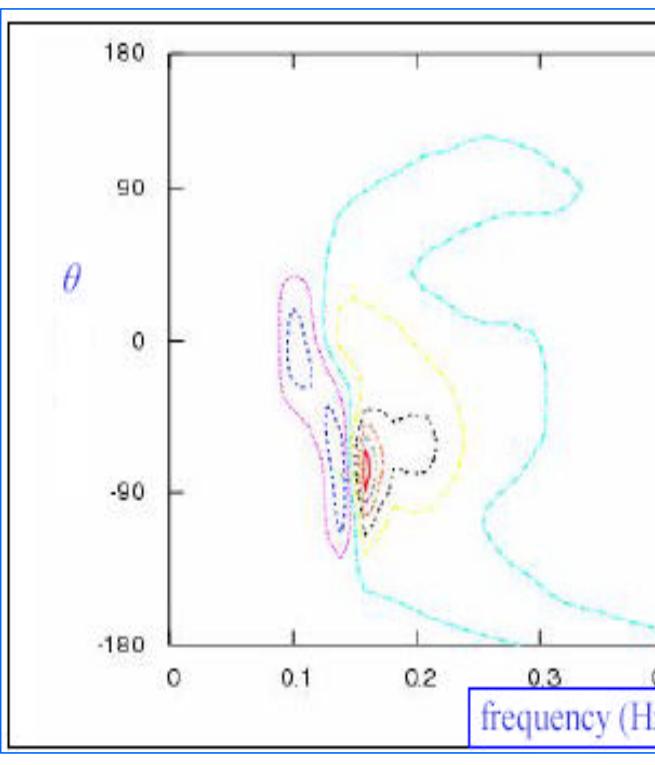
RTW-erdc

intensity and a tail .... !

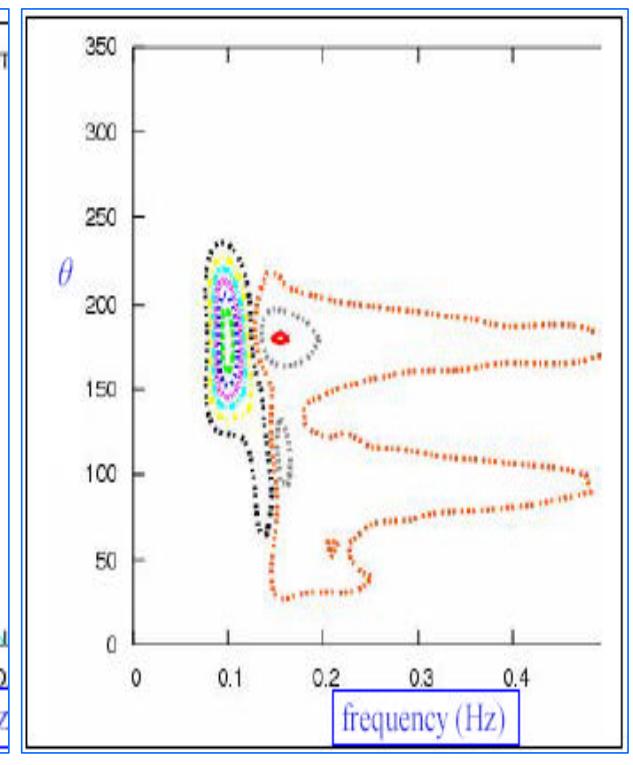
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RTW-WW3



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Review

## 2. energy – flux balances

$$T(k_1, k_3) = \oint ds J^1 C^2 D(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) \theta$$

Flux past  $\mathbf{k}_A$ :

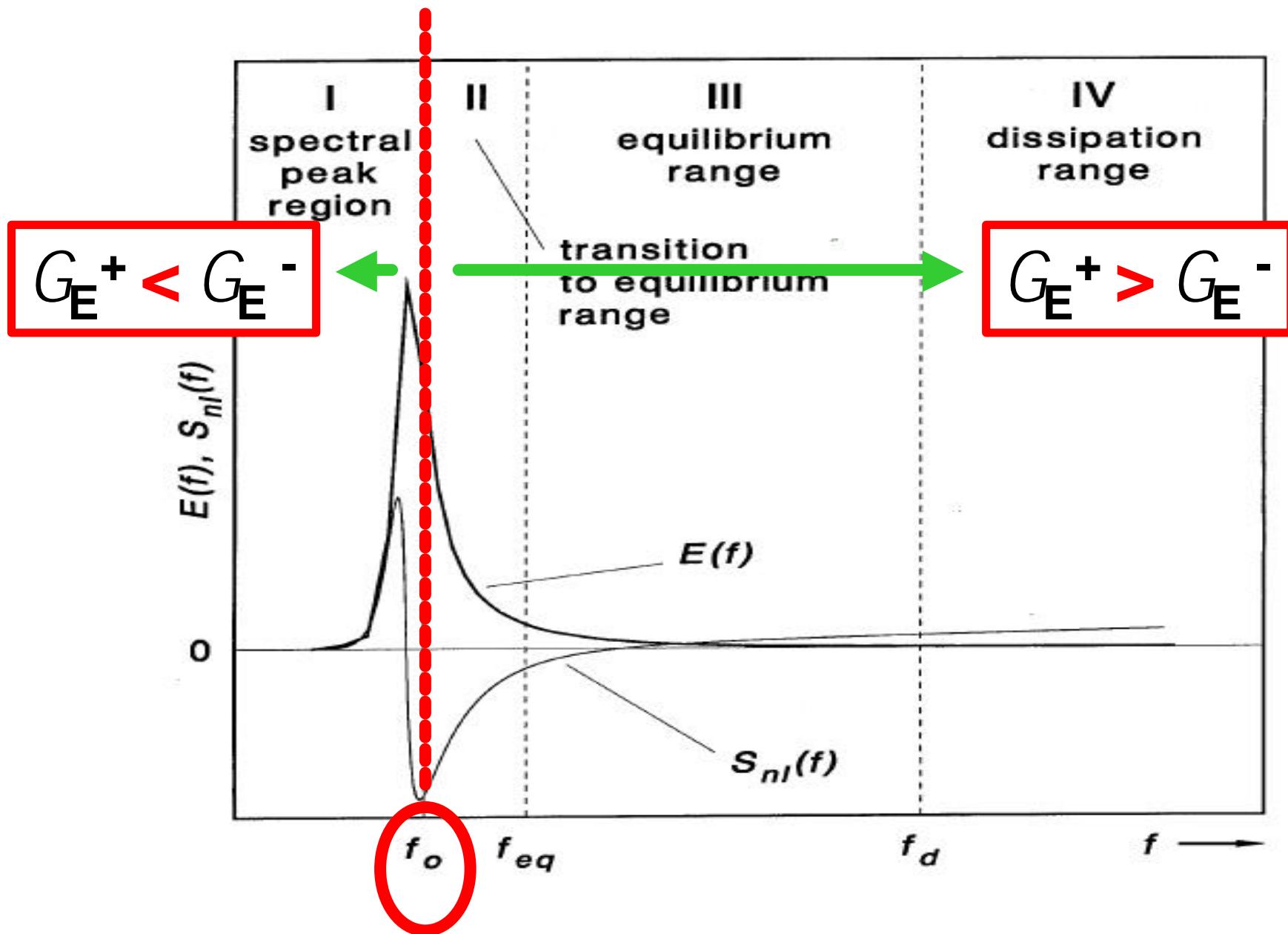
$$G(\mathbf{k}_A) = \int \oint ds \dots \dots H_{3A} H_{A1} dk_3 dk_1$$

Heaviside functions

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$H_{3A} = H(|k_3| - |k(\mathbf{k}_A)|) \dots \dots \text{Etc.}$$

# Spectral regions ...



Wave maturity  $0.65 < \gamma < 7.0$

Flux to high

Flux to low

$$f_o / f_p \sim 1.1 - 3.0$$

$2.5e-05$

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$5e-06$

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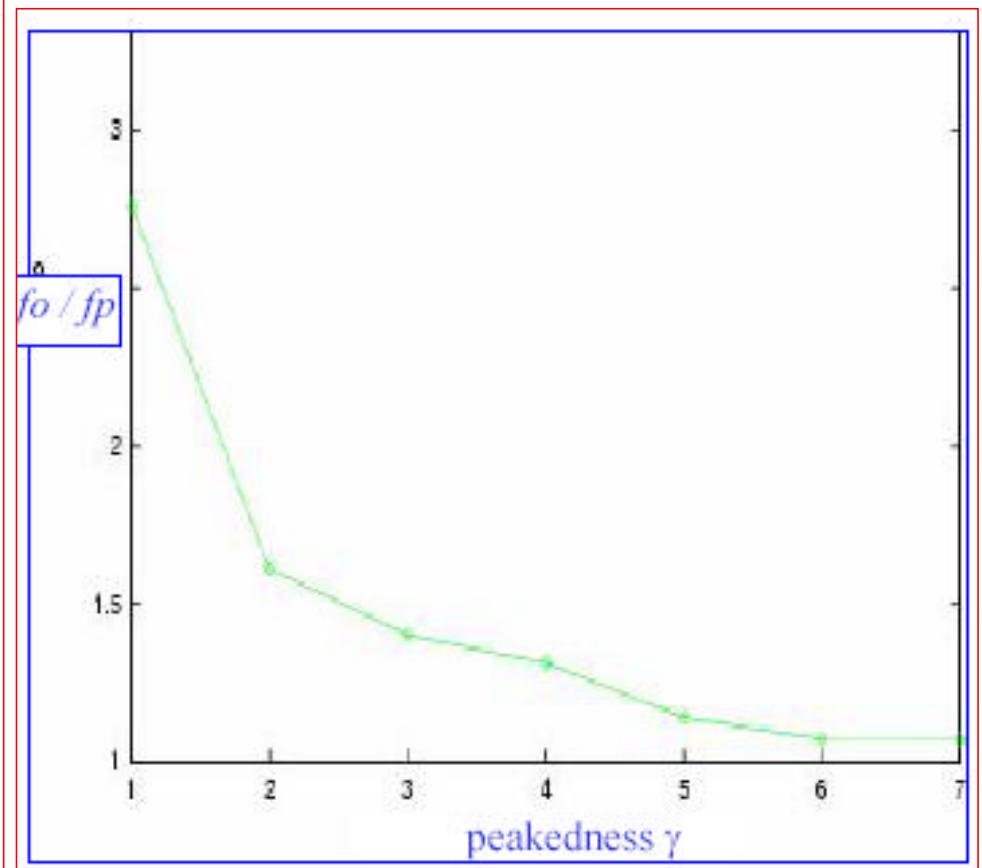
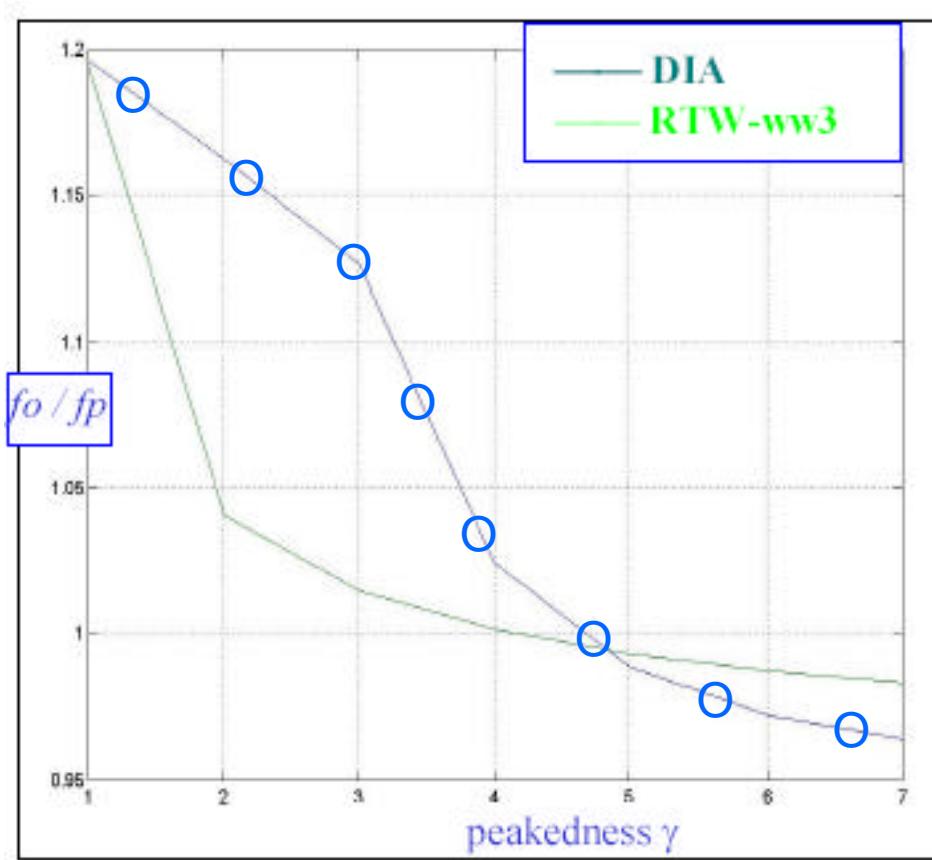
$0$

Energy Flux

$G_E^+ > G_E^-$

$G_E^+ < G_E^-$

# Variation of $f_o$ with wave maturity

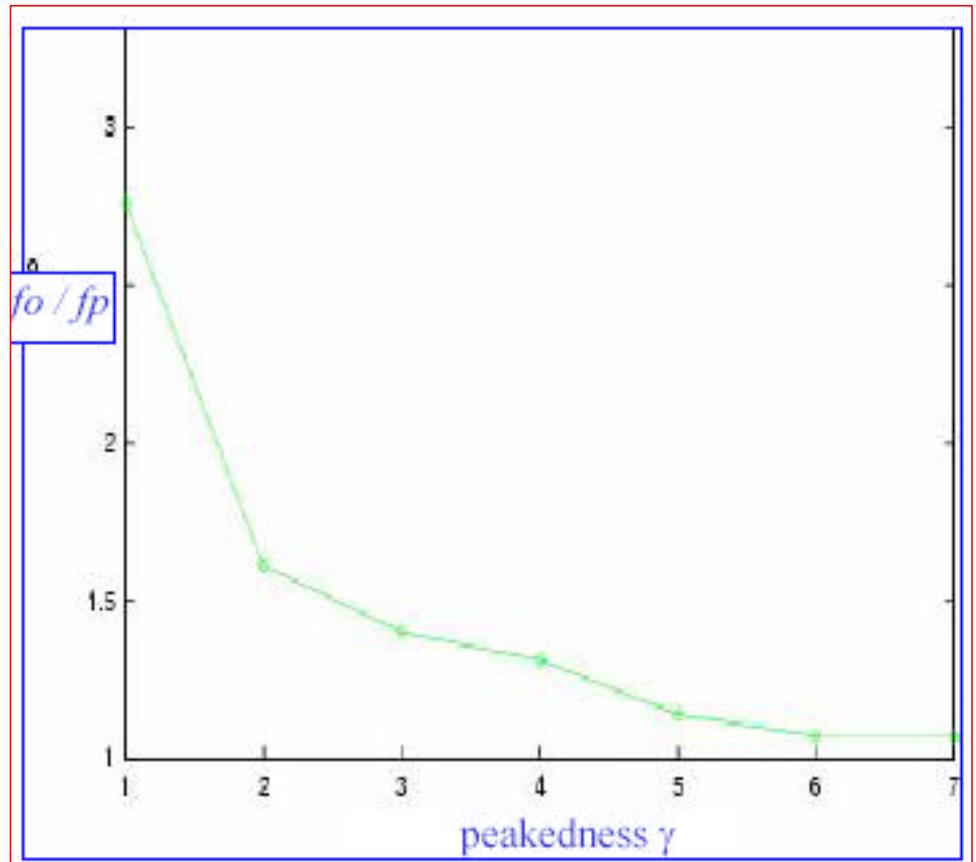
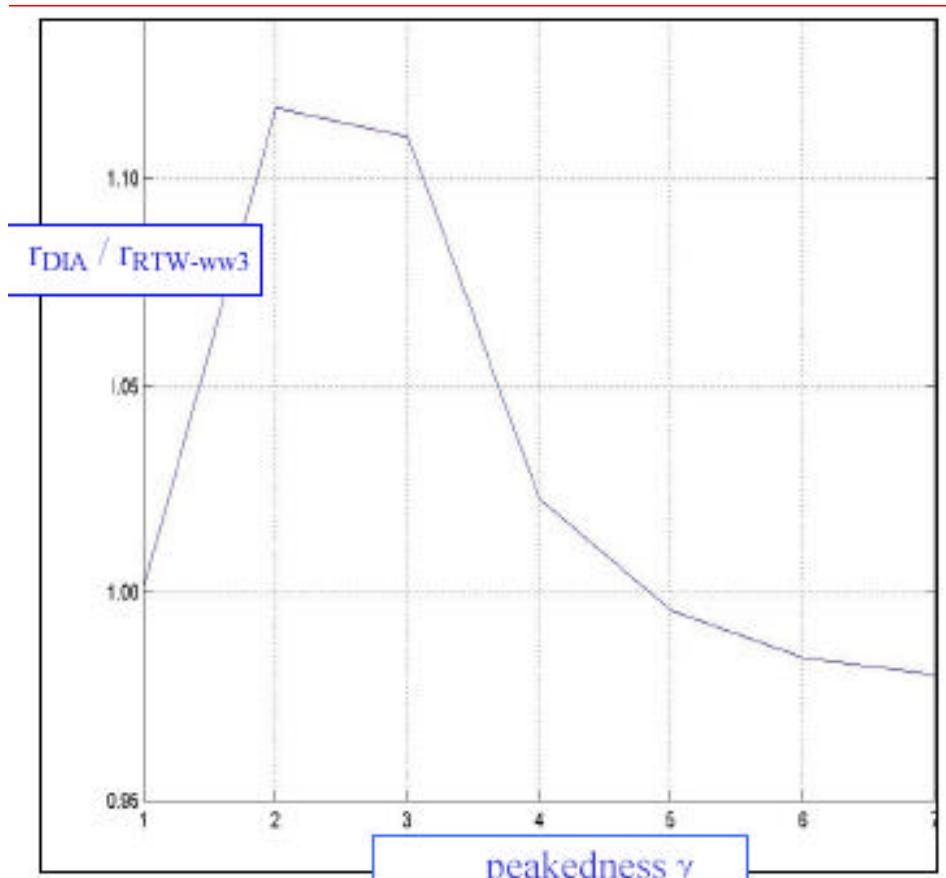


RTW-ww3 —  
DIA-ww3 —○—

RTW-erdc

always > 1 ..... !

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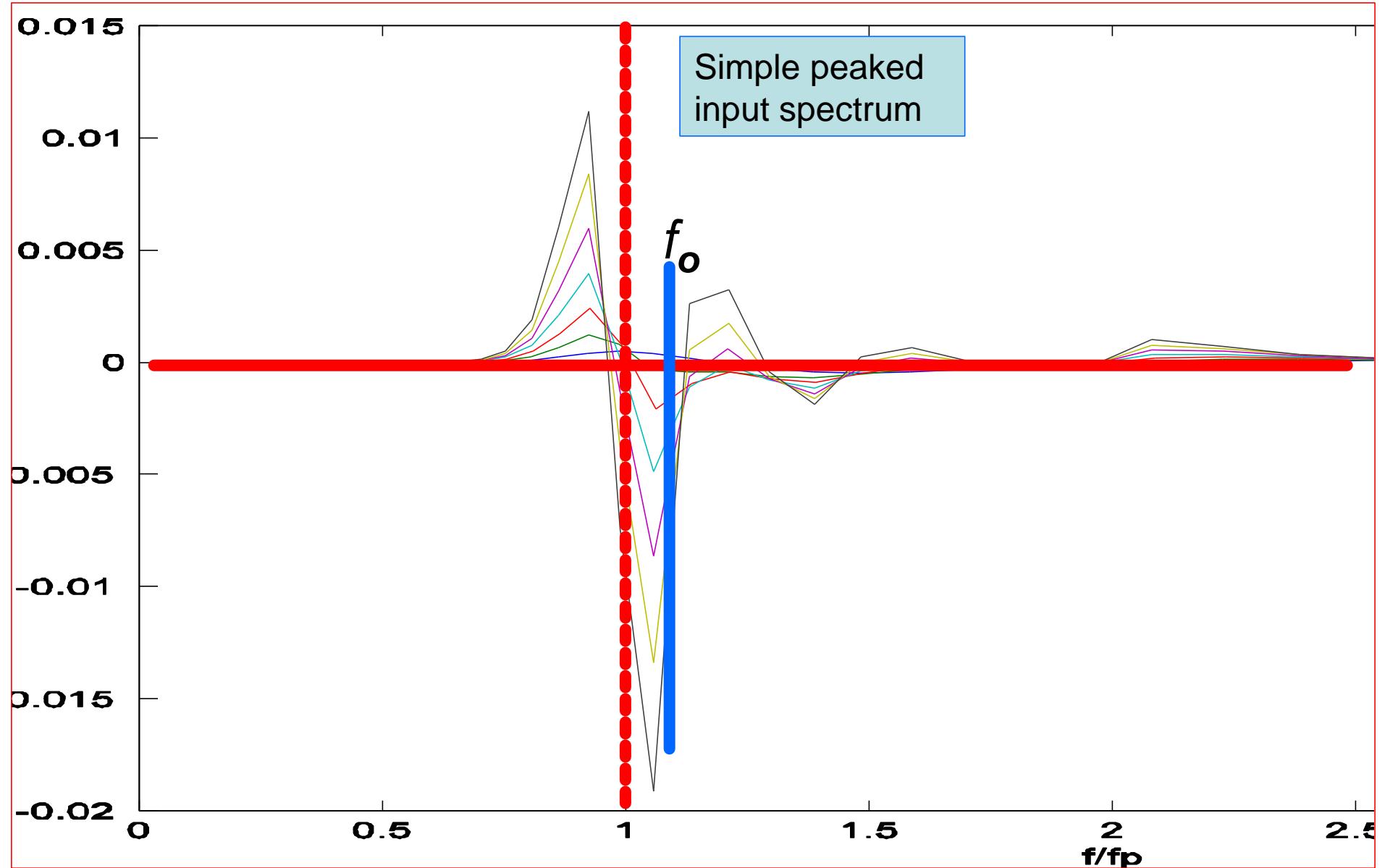


$r_{DIA} / r_{RTW\text{-}ww3} < r_{DIA} / r_{RTW\text{-}erdc}$

RTW-erdc

always  $> 1 \dots !$

DIA does not allow enough energy to be retained → Sin and Sds must compensate



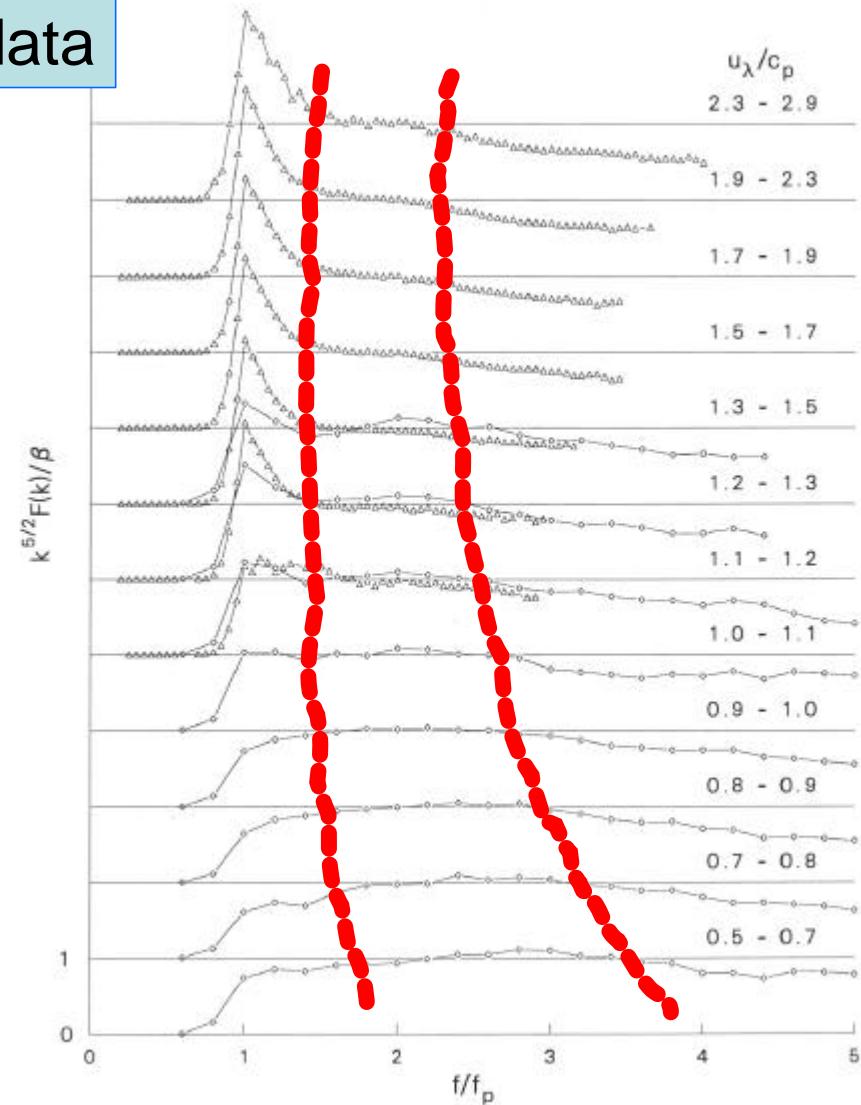
### 3. relation to source term parameterizations

Detailed balance in observed data

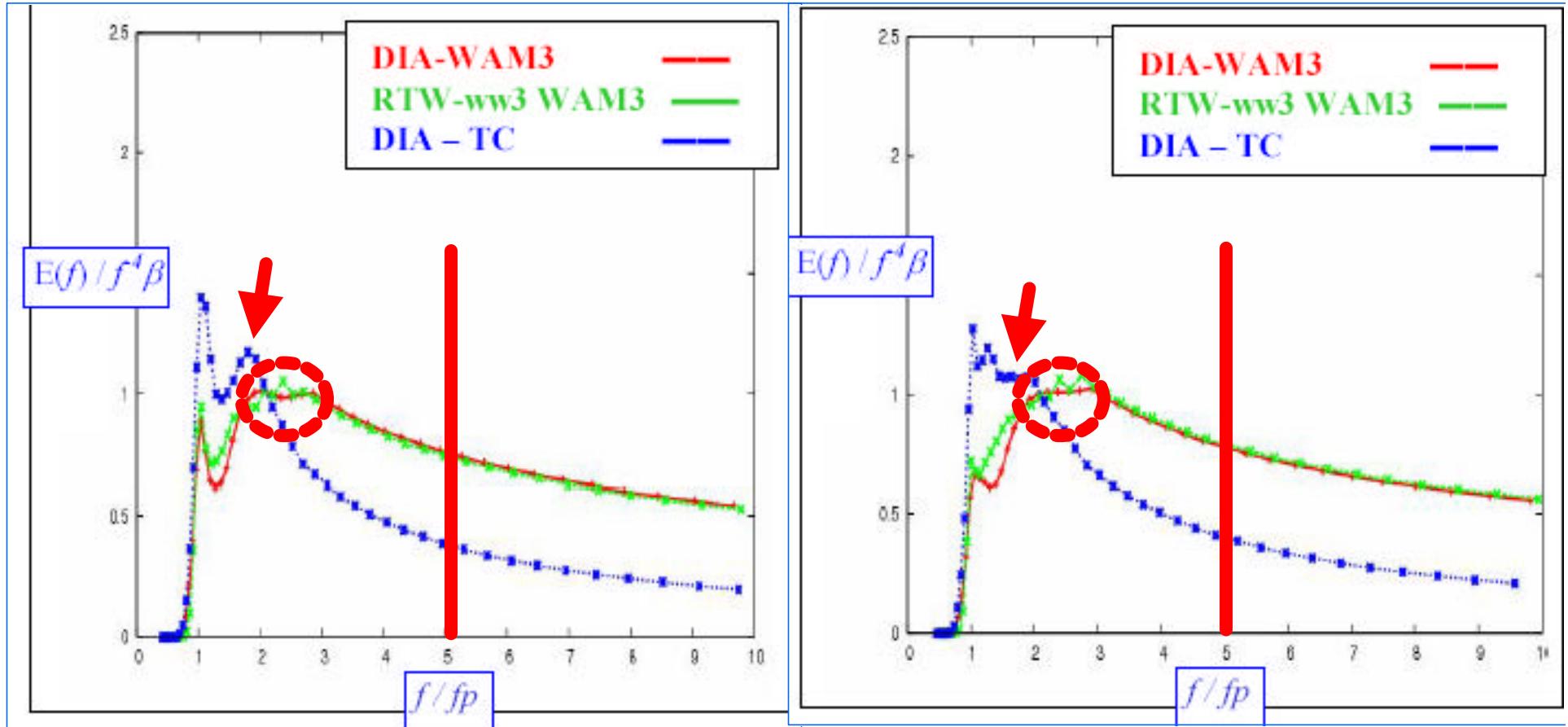
Source terms allow equilibrium range formation

Relation to  $f_o$  ... ?

Resio et al. 2004



# Evaluation using standard source terms



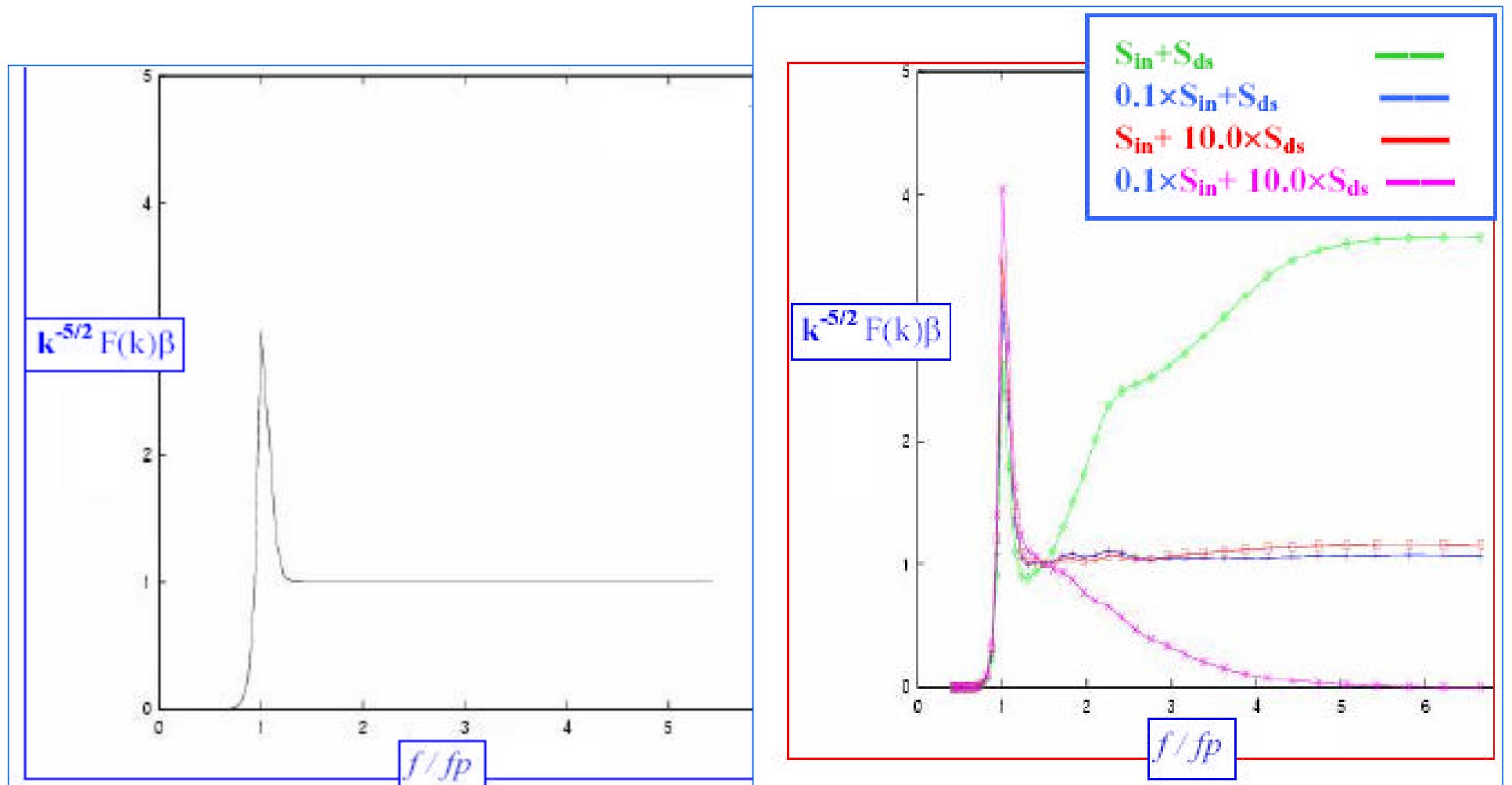
After 5 hr simulation

“dip” at  $\sim 1.2 f_p$

limited equilibrium range ...!

After 30 hr simulation

# Comparison with RTW-erdc integrations

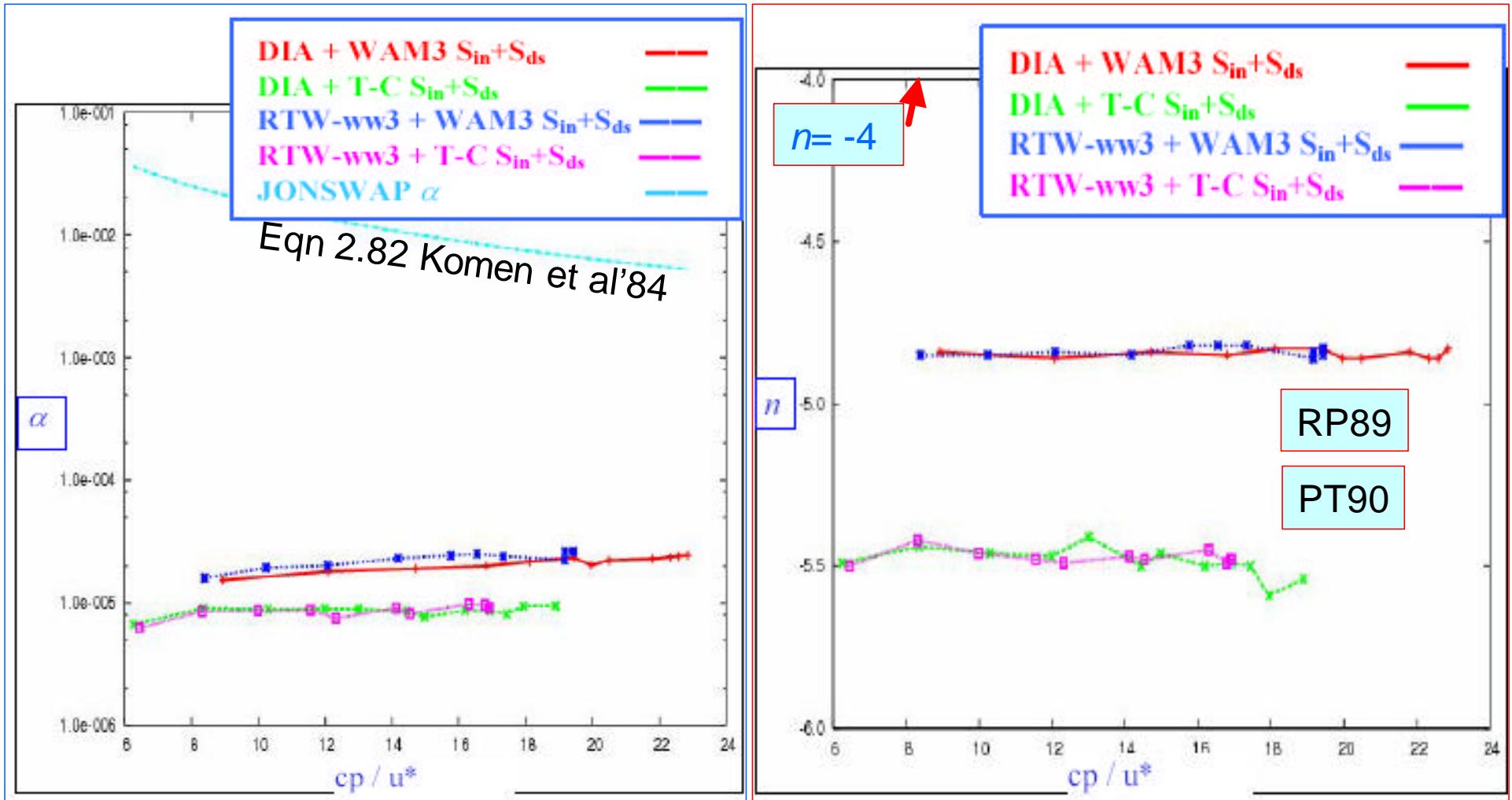


Normalized  $F(k)$  with JONSWAP-type input:  
 $a = 0.01$ ,  $U_{10} = 15$  m/s,  $f_p = 0.1$ ,  $\gamma = 3$

RTW-erdc for  $S_{in}$ ; WAM3  $S_{in} + S_{ds}$   
1-hr simulation

source terms adjustments ... !

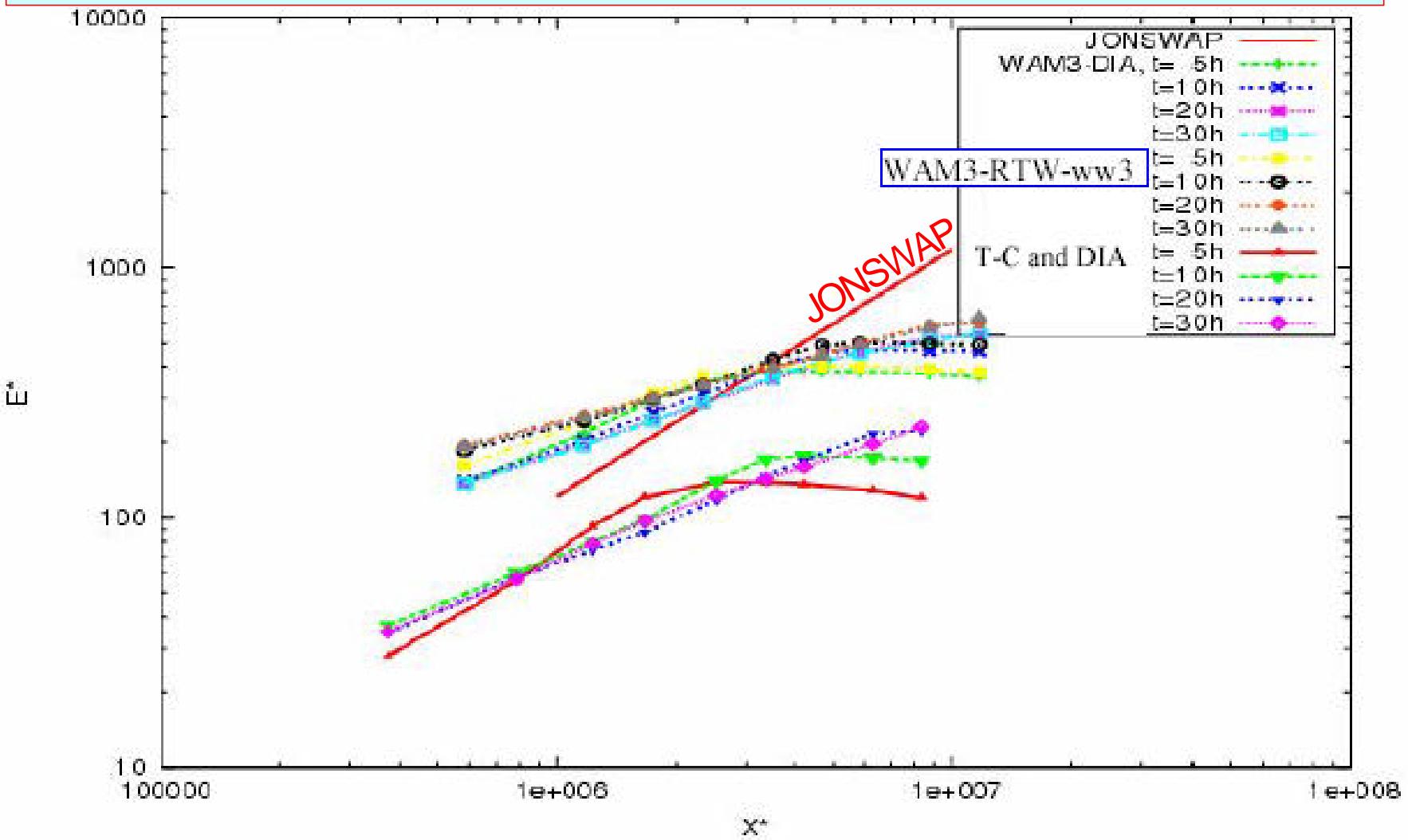
## 4. challenges for improvements



For a and “ $n$ ” results ... issues !

WAM3  $S_{in}$  +  $S_{ds}$  give one family of curves, T-C give another;  
results not dependent on DIA or RTW-ww3

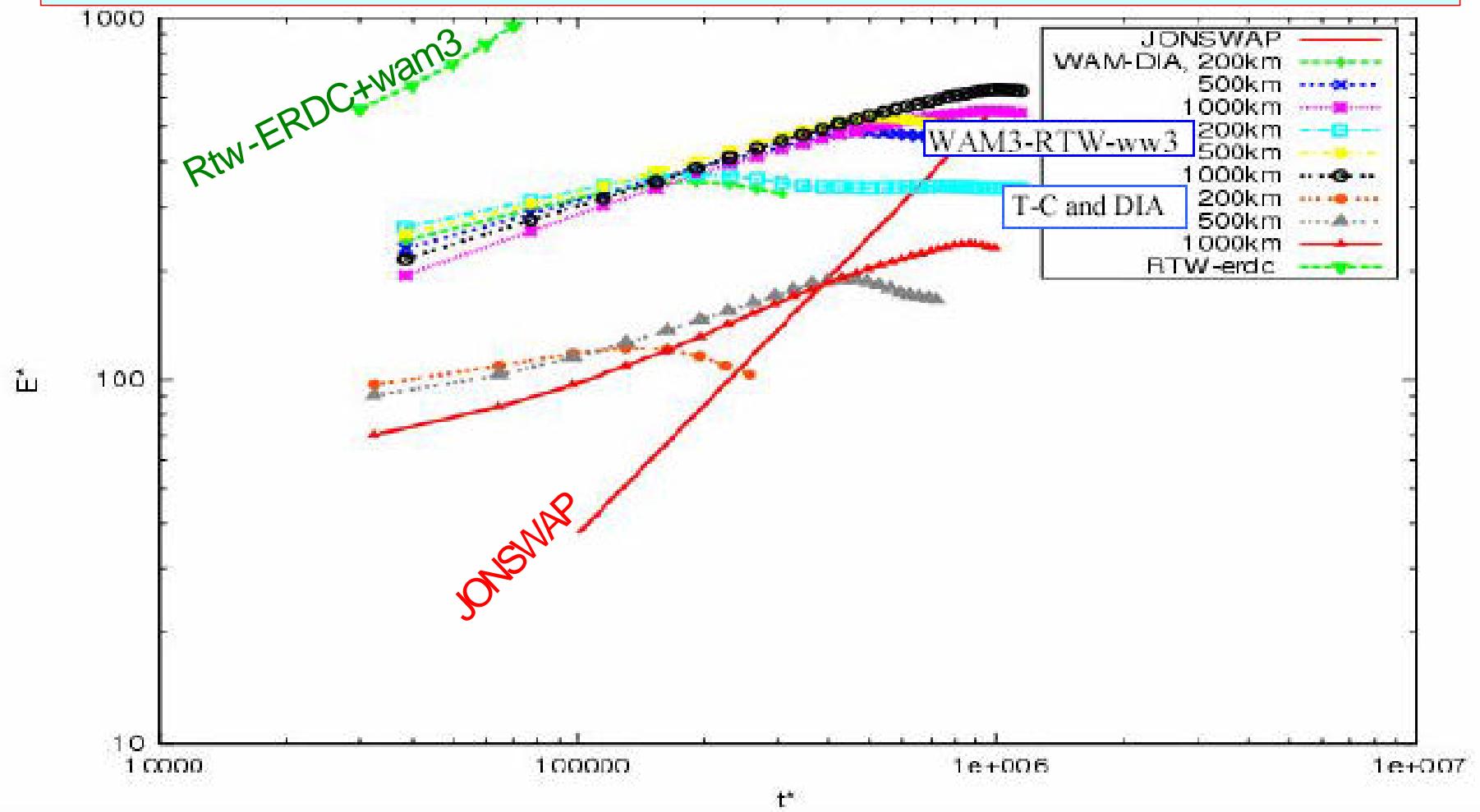
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Offset for RTW-erdc + WAM3 source terms ....

# conclusions

1. Serious limitations in DIA (RTW-ww3) for simple peaked or double peaked / sheared spectra (tail, low- $f$  distortion)
2. DIA impacts  $f_o$  – the null frequency for equilibrium range – which defines energy retained, detailed balance...
3. Detailed balance – WAM3 and T-C source terms can support equilibrium range, with tuning factors
4. T-C and WAM3 Sin+ Sds determine values for  $a$  and “n”, not DIA or RTW-ww3: and differ from JONSWAP / Toba
5. Fetch / duration curves dominated by WAM3 or T-C source terms, not DIA or RTW-ww3 formulation
6. “ “ curves too shallow and not self-similar.
7. RTW-erdc + WAM3 has improved slope, but offset