

## §2.4 Feature of Dynamics of Density Stratification – Oscillation & Stability of Stratification

Under a Stationary Flow Field ( $\mathbf{u} = 0$ ).

>Horizontal Stratification.

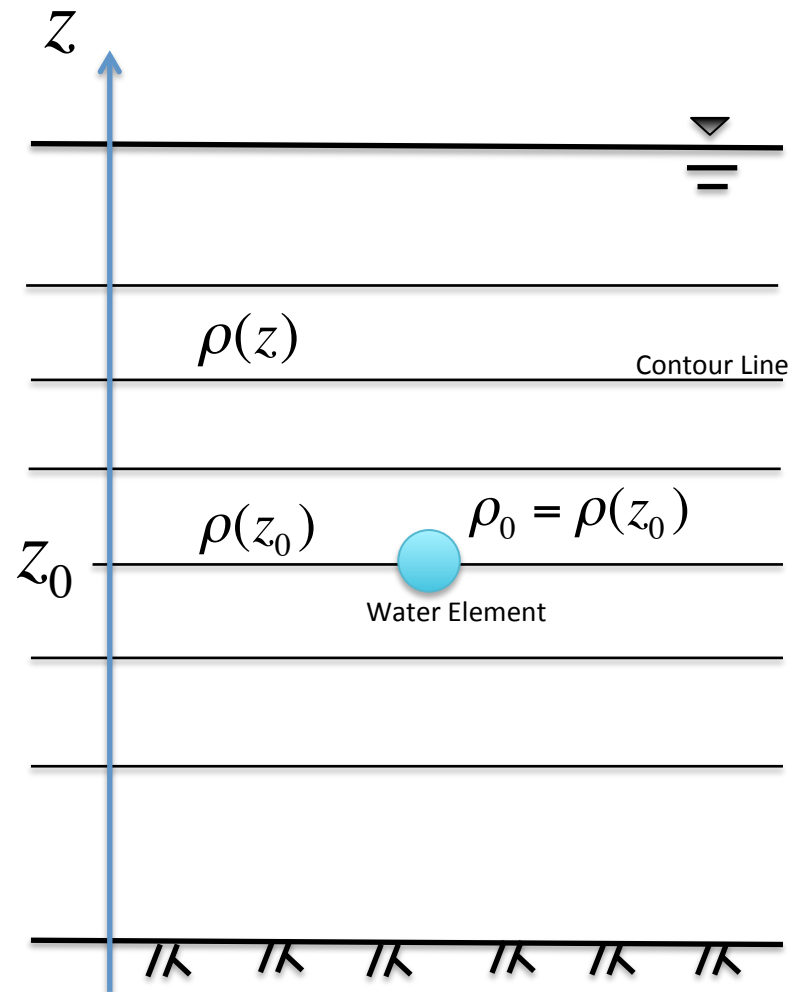
>Density is a function of “z”;

>Investigate Movement  
of Small Water Element.

At Initial

Located at  $z_0$

Density is  $\rho_0 = \rho(z_0)$



> Assuming Element was Shifted Upward Due to Something (Perturbation).

> Suppose Displacement from Initial Position;  $\eta$

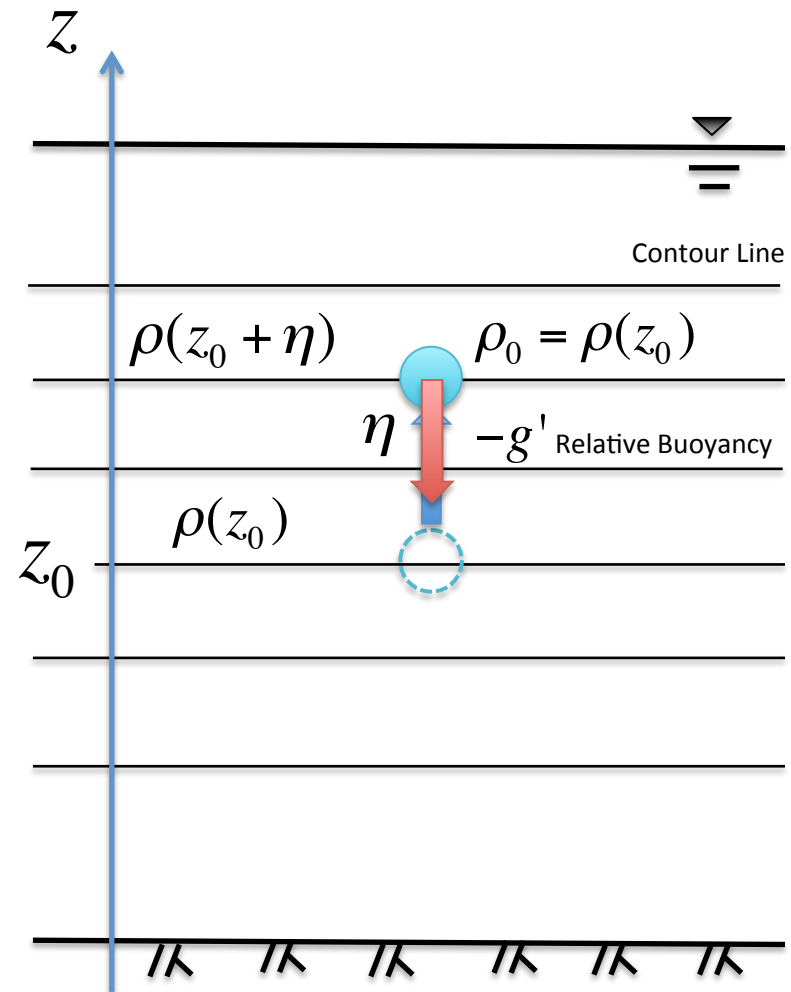
> Vertical Position of Element;  $z_0 + \eta$

> After Shifting Upward, Density of Ambient Water Changes

$$\rho(z_0) \rightarrow \rho(z_0 + \eta)$$

> Density of Element is Kept  $\rho_0 = \rho(z_0)$ .

> Relative Buoyancy  $-g'$  Affects on Element.



$$-g' = -\frac{\text{"Density\_Difference"}}{\text{"Ambient\_Density"}} g = -\frac{\rho_0 - \rho(z_0 + \eta)}{\rho_0} g$$

> Using Taylor Expansion,

$$\rho(z_0 + \eta) = \rho(z_0) + \eta \frac{\partial \rho(z_0)}{\partial z} + \frac{\eta^2}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \rho(z_0)}{\partial z^2} + \dots$$

> Assuming Displacement is Small;  $\eta \ll 1$

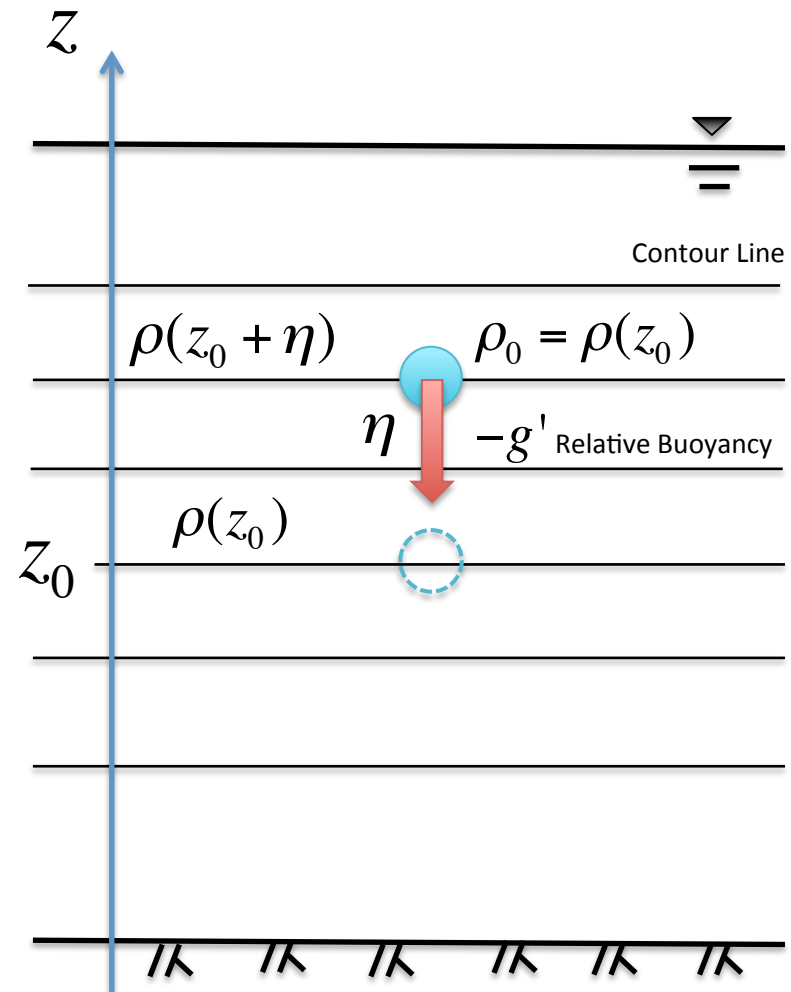
$$\rho(z_0 + \eta) \cong \rho(z_0) + \eta \frac{\partial \rho(z_0)}{\partial z}$$

> Relative Buoyancy  $-g'$  is rewritten as a function of  $\eta$ ;

$$-g' = -\frac{\rho_0 - \rho(z_0 + \eta)}{\rho_0} g$$

$$-g' = -\frac{\rho_0 - \left\{ \rho(z_0) + \eta \frac{\partial \rho(z_0)}{\partial z} \right\}}{\rho_0} g$$


$$\therefore -g' = -\left( -\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \times \eta$$



> Equation of Element's Motion

$$\frac{d^2\eta}{dt^2} = -g'$$

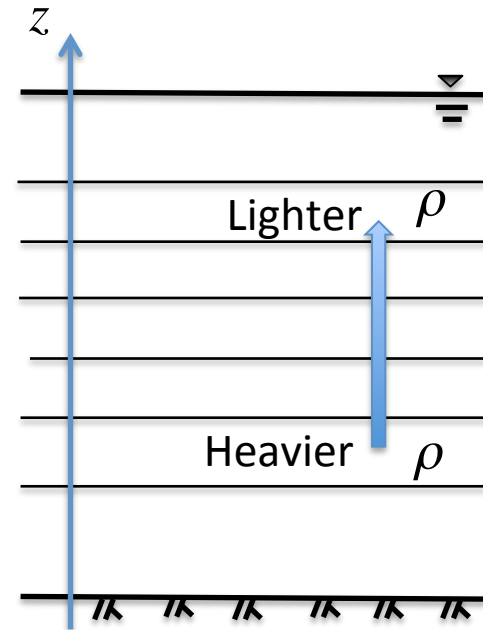
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> In the Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0$   Upper Water is Lighter

$$\therefore \left(-\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}\right) > 0$$

Theoretical Solution;  $\eta = \eta_0 \cos \left\{ \sqrt{-\frac{g}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}} \times t \right\}$

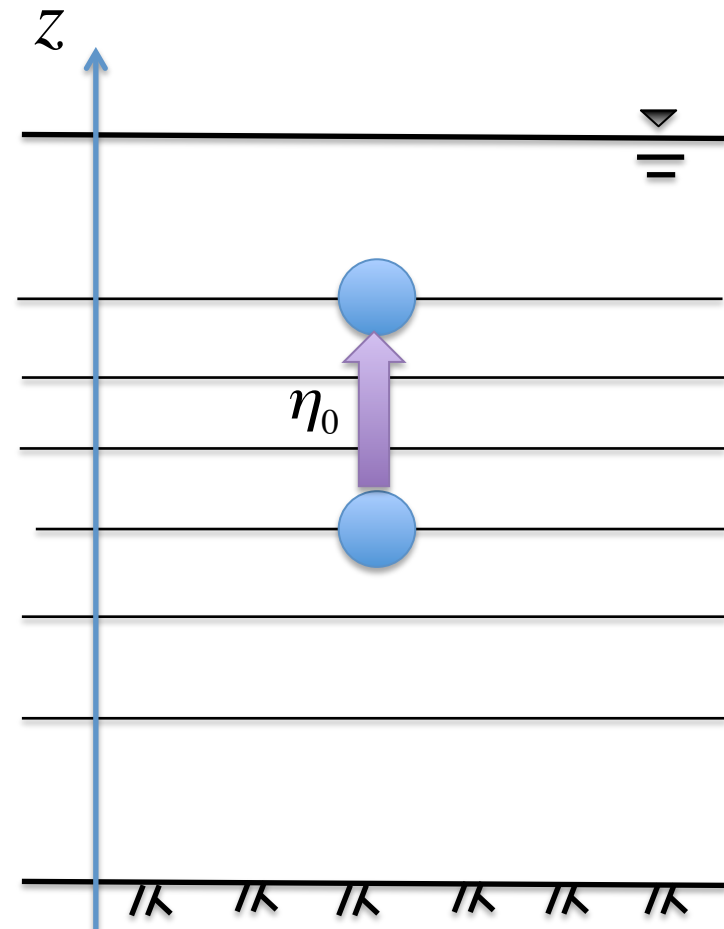
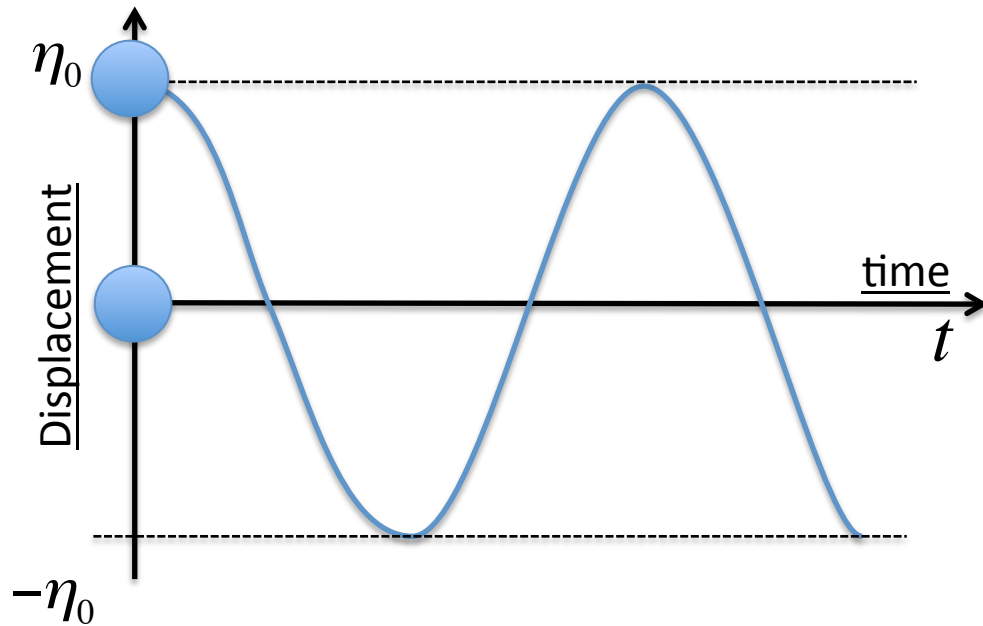
$\eta_0$  :Initial Displacement at  $t = 0$  .



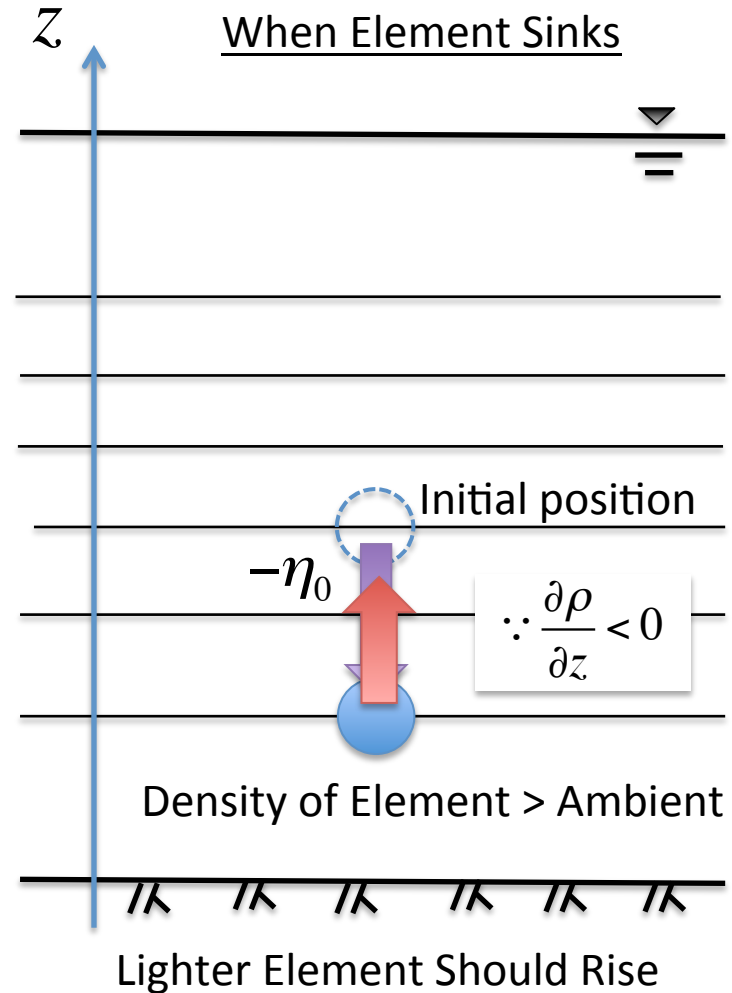
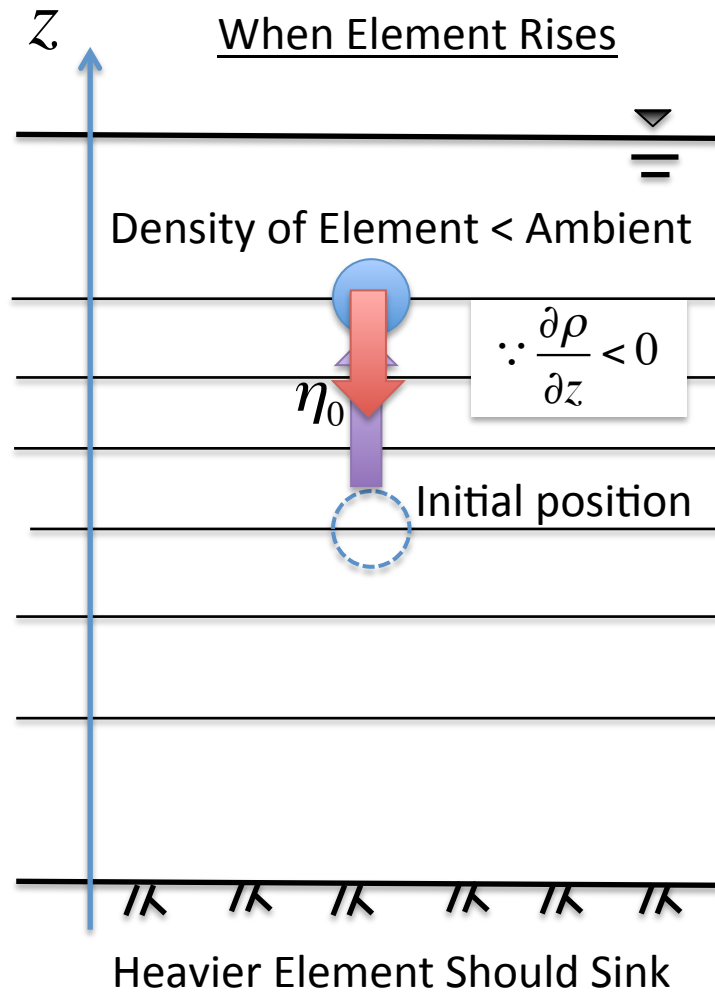
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$\eta_0$  :Initial Displacement at  $t = 0$  .



Oscillation Behavior in the Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0$



Element is always Affected by the Force to Put Back the Original Position

Oscillation in the Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0$  : Brunt-Vaisala Oscillation

$$N \equiv \sqrt{-\frac{g}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}} : \text{Brunt-Vaisala Frequency}$$



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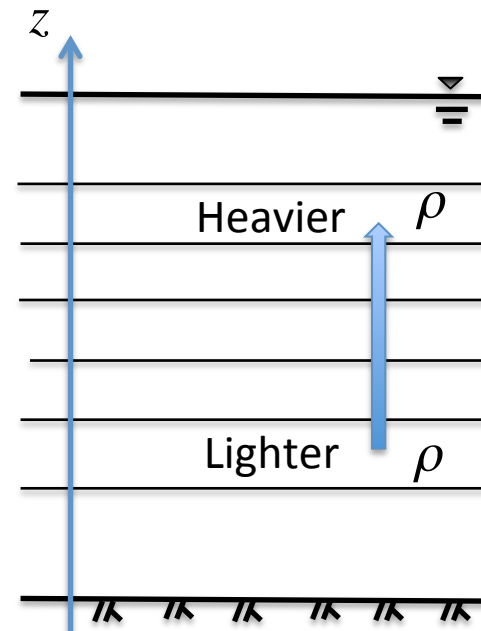
$$\therefore \frac{d^2\eta}{dt^2} = -\left(-\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) \times \eta$$

> In the Case of  $\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z} > 0$   Upper Water is Heavier

$$\therefore \left(-\frac{g}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) < 0$$

Theoretical Solution;  $\eta = \eta_0 \exp\left\{\sqrt{\frac{g}{\rho} \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}} \times t\right\}$

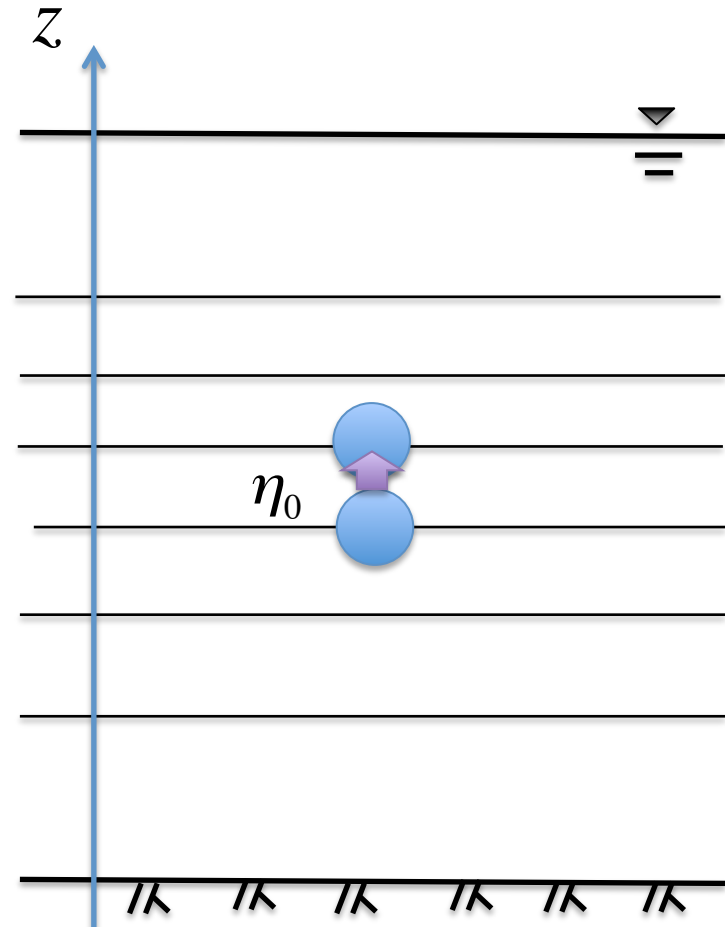
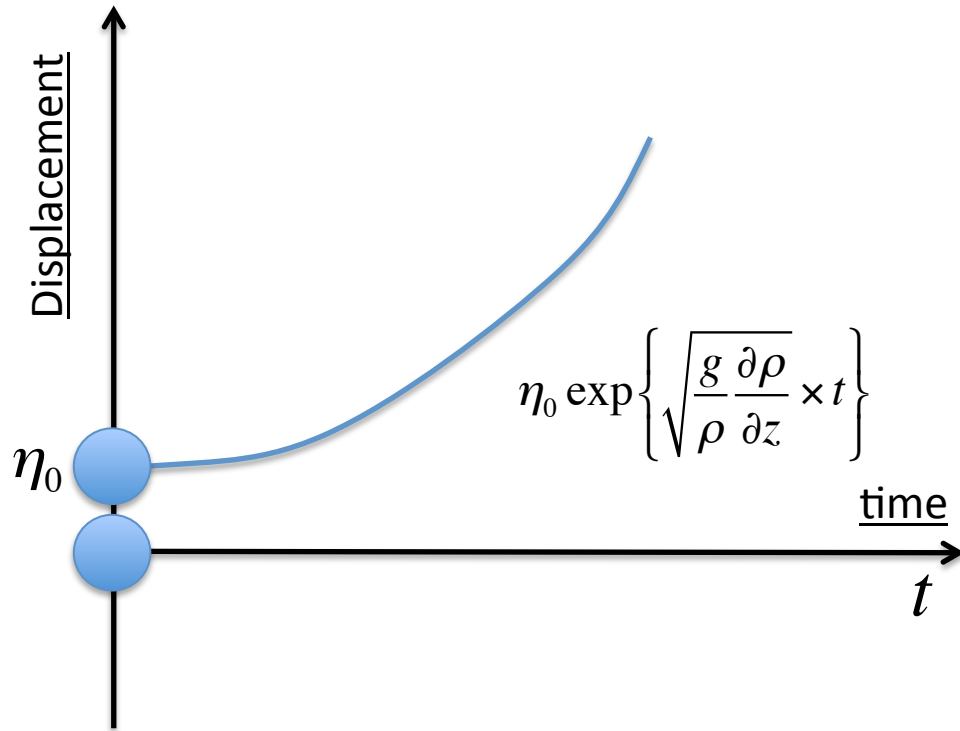
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$\eta_0$  : Initial Displacement at  $t = 0$  .



Even if Initial Displacement is Very Small,  
Displacement Grows Exponentially and Endlessly.

Movement of Element Depends on Vertical Gradient of Density

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0 \quad : \text{Element Oscillates Stably}$$

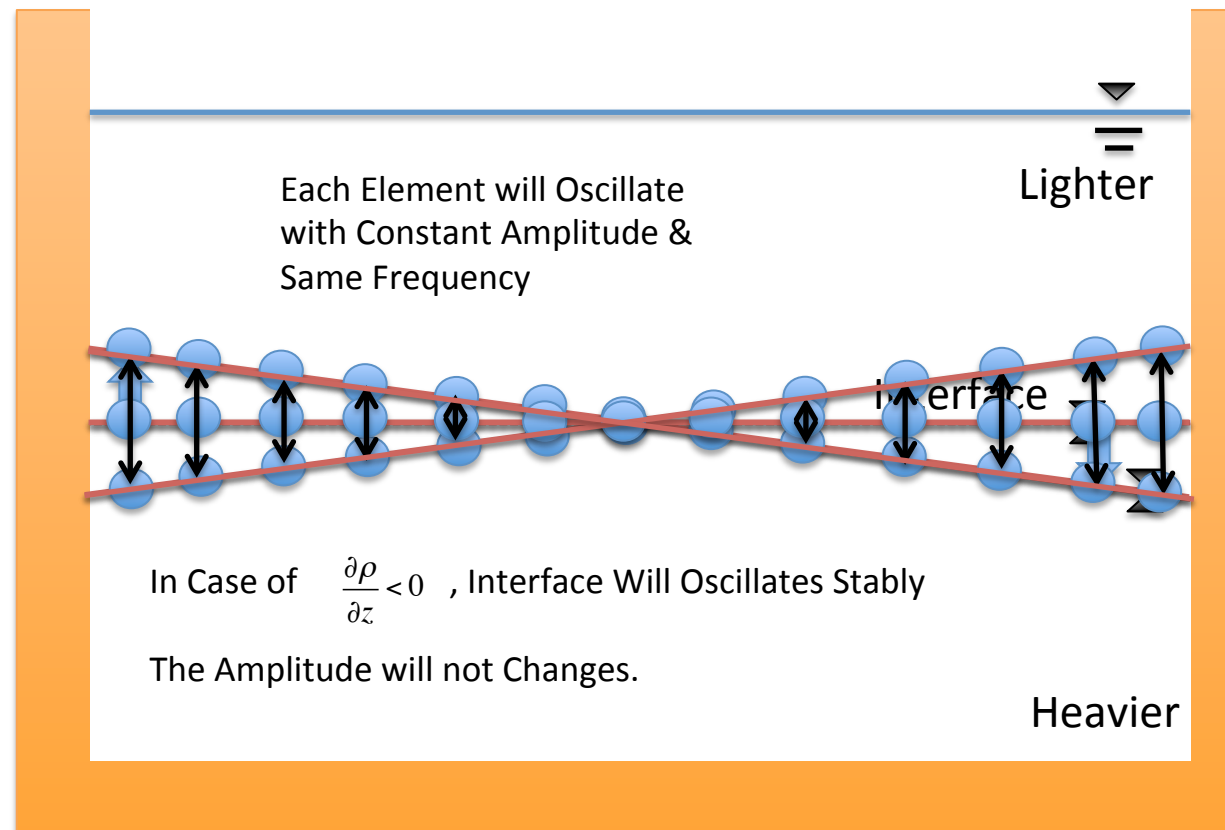
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} > 0 \quad : \text{Element Rises/Sinks Endlessly}$$

Evaluate Feature of Movement of Interface of Stratification Based on Above Facts

>In Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0$   Element Oscillates Stably

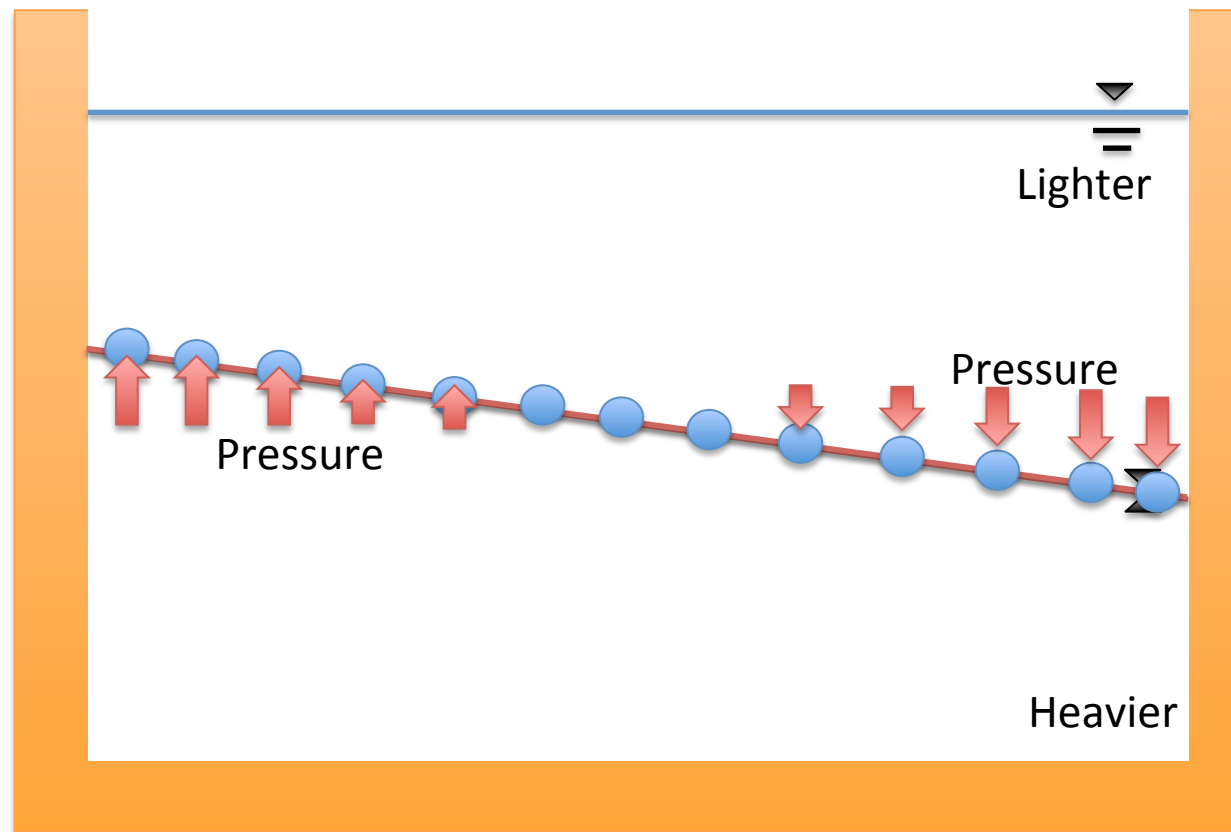
>Suppose Interface Inclines Due to Something (eg, Wind Set-Up),

>How Interface will Move since Then can be Evaluated by Considering Elements Located on Interface.



✂ Oscillation of Interface is Named as “Internal Wave” or “Seiche”

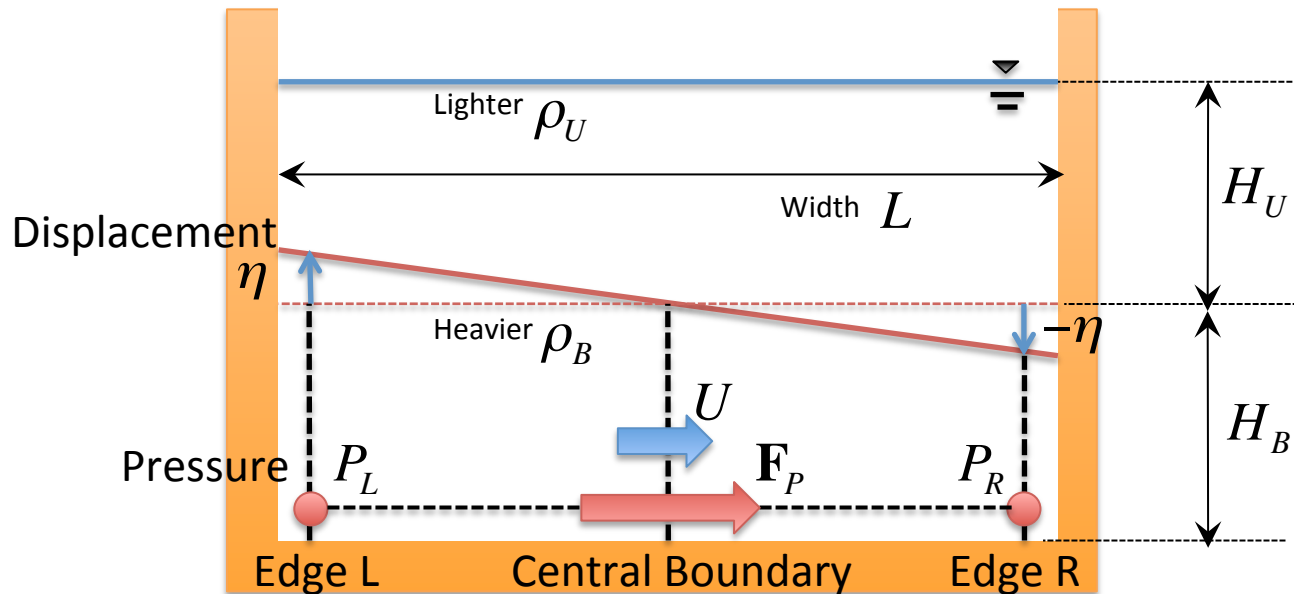
Although Case of “Internal Wave”/ “Seiche” is Explained by Element Movement,  
Frequency of “internal Wave”/ “Seiche” Generally Differs from Brunt-Vaisala Frequency  
Because the Elements are Affected by Pressure Force.



Evaluation of Frequency of “internal Wave” Taking Account of Pressure.

>Assuming Displacement ;  $\eta$

>Suppose the Horizontal Velocity at Central Boundary in Bottom Layer is  $U$ .



>Pressure at Edge L ;

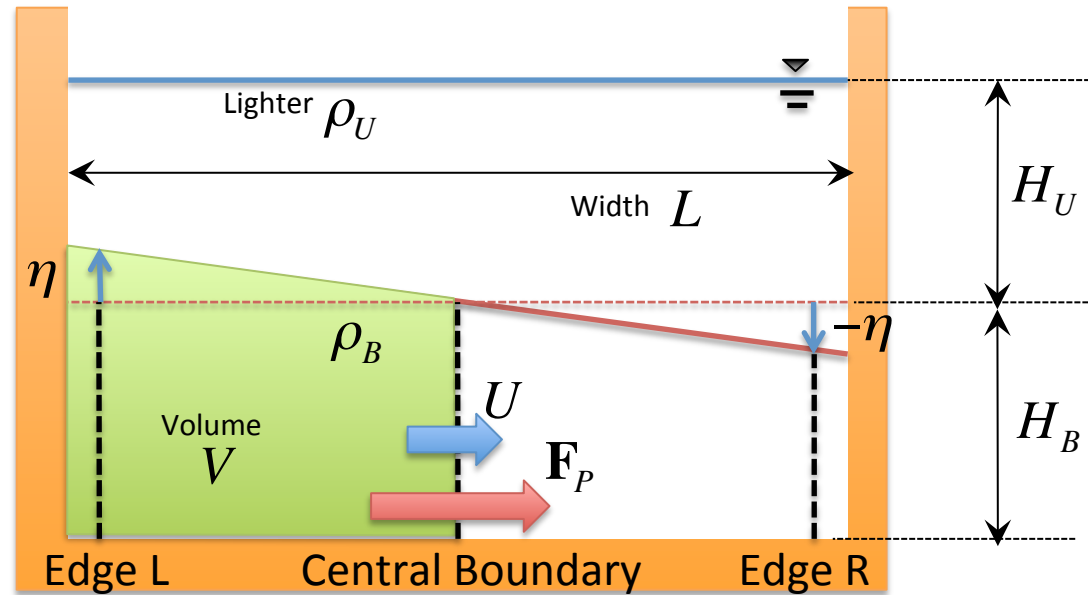
$$P_L = g(H_U - \eta)\rho_U + g(H_B + \eta)\rho_B$$

>Pressure at Edge R ;

$$P_R = g(H_U + \eta)\rho_U + g(H_B - \eta)\rho_B$$

Pressure Force at Central Boundary;

$$\mathbf{F}_P = -\frac{1}{\rho_B} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \cong -\frac{1}{\rho_B} \frac{P_R - P_L}{L} = \frac{2g\eta}{\rho_B L} (\rho_U - \rho_B)$$

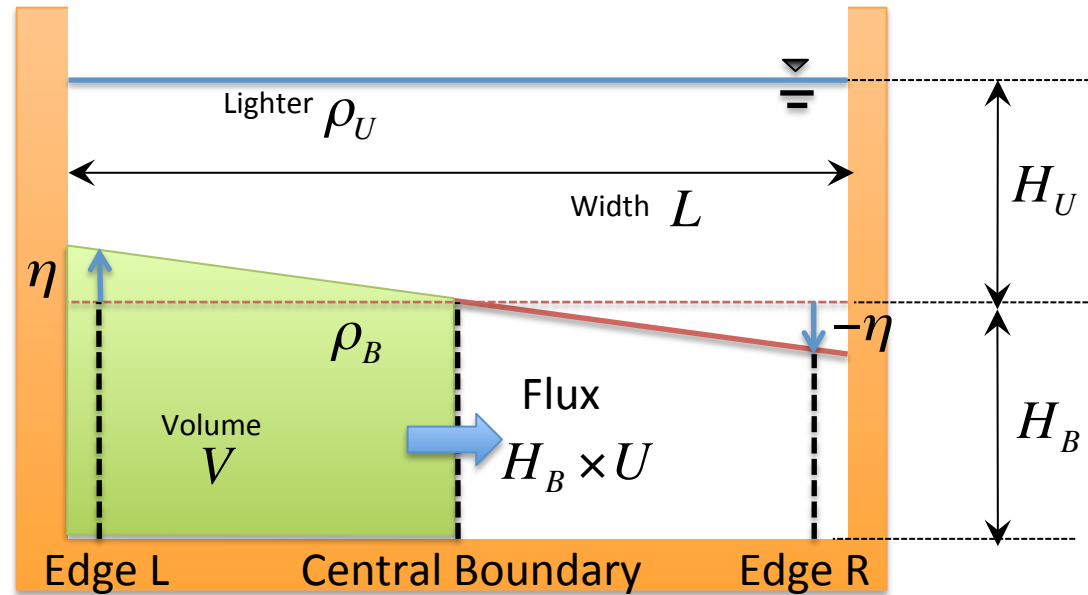


U is Accelerated by  $F_p$ :  $\frac{dU}{dt} = \mathbf{F}_P$

$$\therefore \frac{dU}{dt} = -\frac{2g\eta}{\rho_B L} (\rho_U - \rho_B)$$

Flux Across the Central Boundary is Estimated by Multiplying with Thickness:  $U \times H_B$

Volume of Right hand Side (Colored in Green):  $V = \left( \frac{L}{2} \times H_B + \frac{\eta}{2} \times \frac{L}{2} \right) = \frac{LH_B}{2} + \frac{\eta L}{4}$



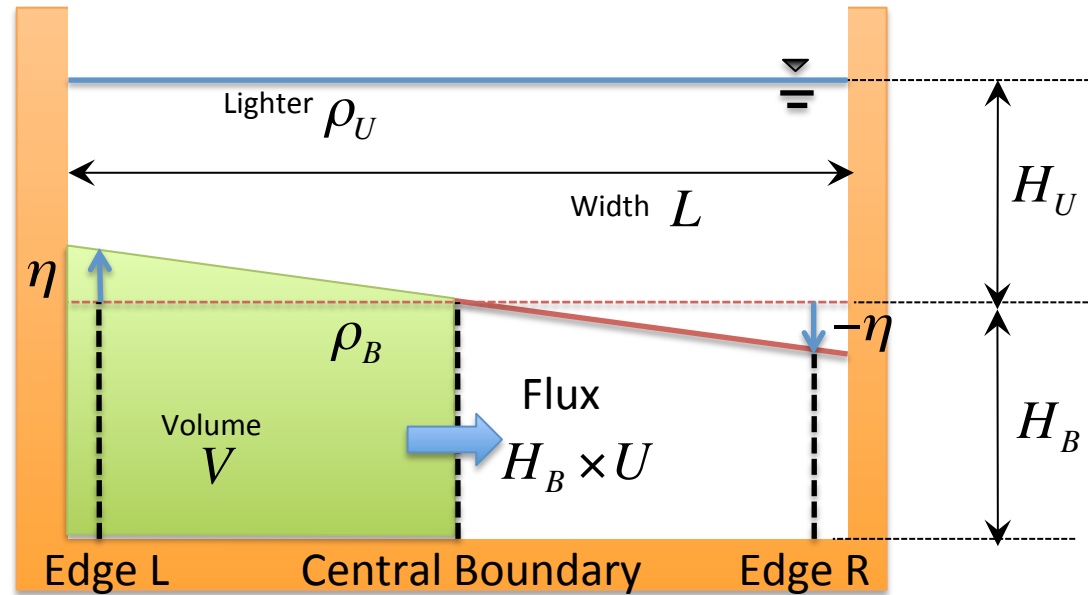
Volume Conservation : "Change of Volume" is "Flux at Central Boundary"

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -UH_B$$

$$\frac{d\left(\frac{LH_B}{2} + \frac{L\eta}{4}\right)}{dt} = -UH_B$$

$$\therefore \frac{d\eta}{dt} = -\frac{4H_B}{L}U$$





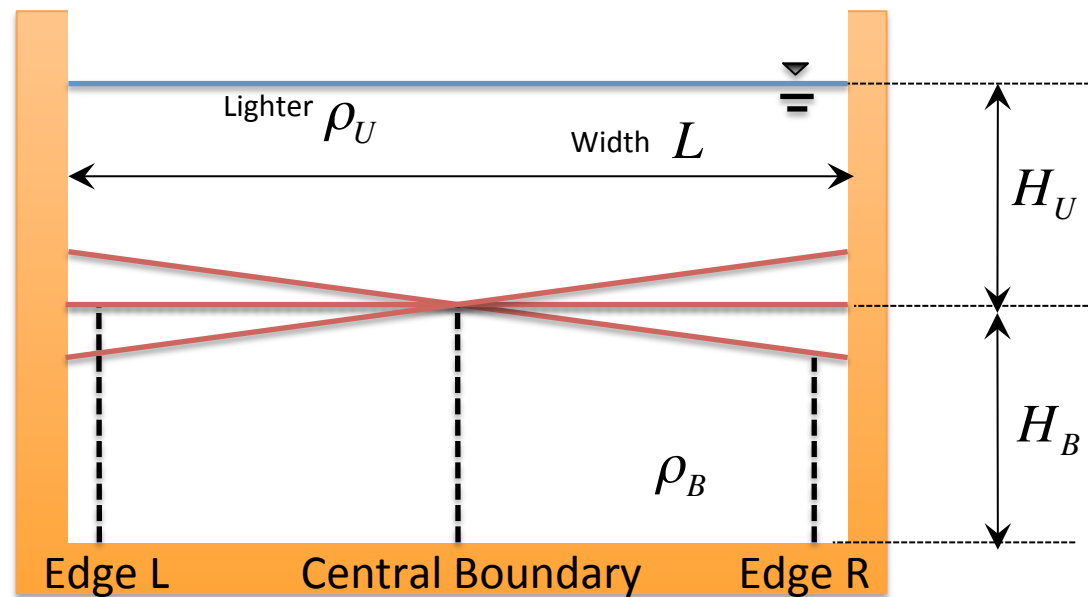
Taking Derivative in Time :  $\frac{d^2\eta}{dt^2} = -\frac{4H_B}{L} \frac{dU}{dt}$

$$\frac{d^2\eta}{dt^2} = -\frac{4H_B}{L} \times \frac{2g\eta}{\rho_B L} (\rho_B - \rho_U)$$

Substituting

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = -\frac{2g\eta}{\rho_B L} (\rho_U - \rho_B)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2\eta}{dt^2} = -N_{Seiche}^2 \eta \quad N_{Seiche} \equiv \frac{2}{L} \sqrt{\frac{2gH_B(\rho_B - \rho_U)}{\rho_B}}$$



Theoretical Solution of  $\frac{d^2\eta}{dt^2} = -N_{Seiche}^2\eta$   $\rightarrow$   $\eta = \eta_0 \cos(N_{Seiche}t)$

Interface Oscillate with Frequency  $N_{Seiche}$ .

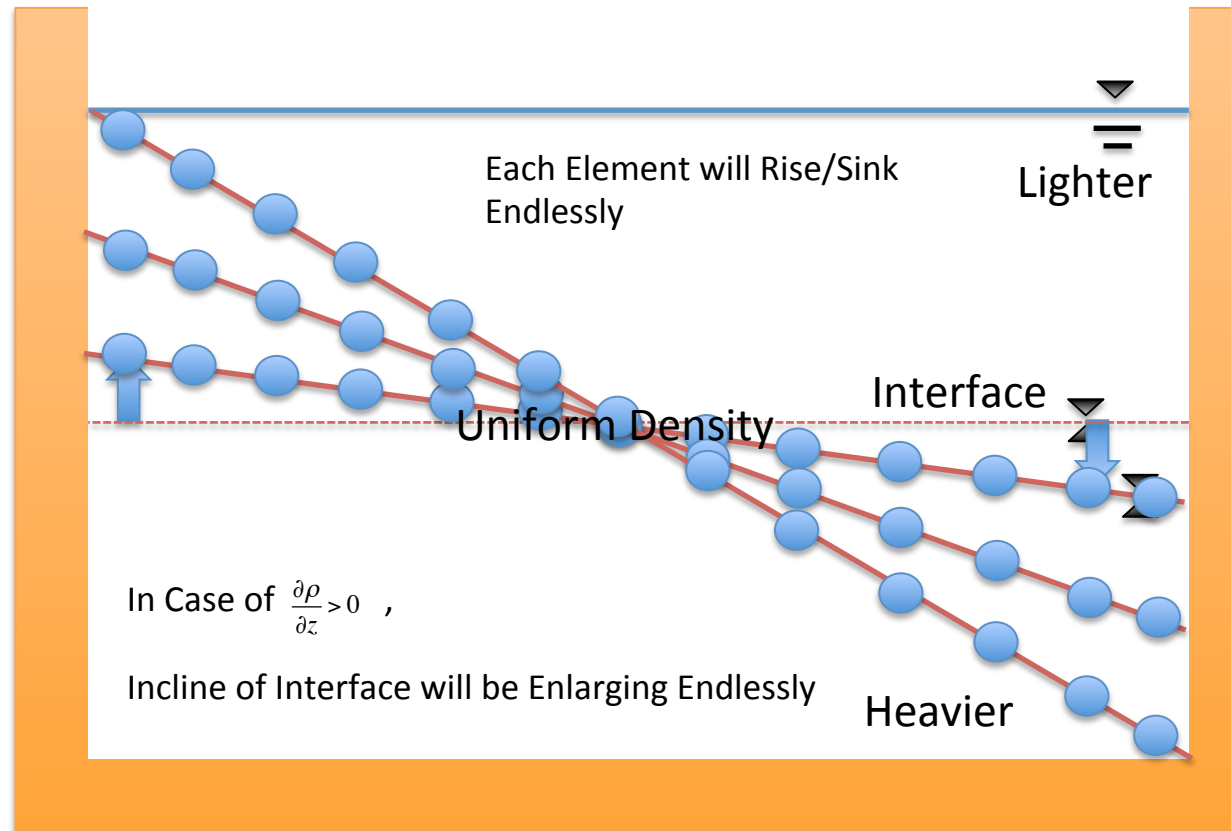
More Precise Frequency of "internal Wave"

Derived from Potential Theorem;  $N_{Seiche} \equiv \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{\frac{gH_B(\rho_B - \rho_U)}{\rho_B}} = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{H_B \times g'}$

Relative Buoyancy  $g' = \frac{\rho_B - \rho_U}{\rho_B}$

>In Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} > 0$  → Element Rises/Sinks Endlessly

>Even if the Initial Displacement is very Small,



✘ Finally, Interface (Stratification) will be Broken & Density Becomes Uniform Due to Strong Mixing.

## Stability & Dynamics of Stratification

In Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0$  (Upper Layer is Lighter than Bottom)

- > Interface Oscillates with  $N_{Seiche} \cong \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{H_B \times g'}$
- > Amplitude will not Grow
- > Stratification is Kept Stably

 Named as “Stable (Normal) Stratification”

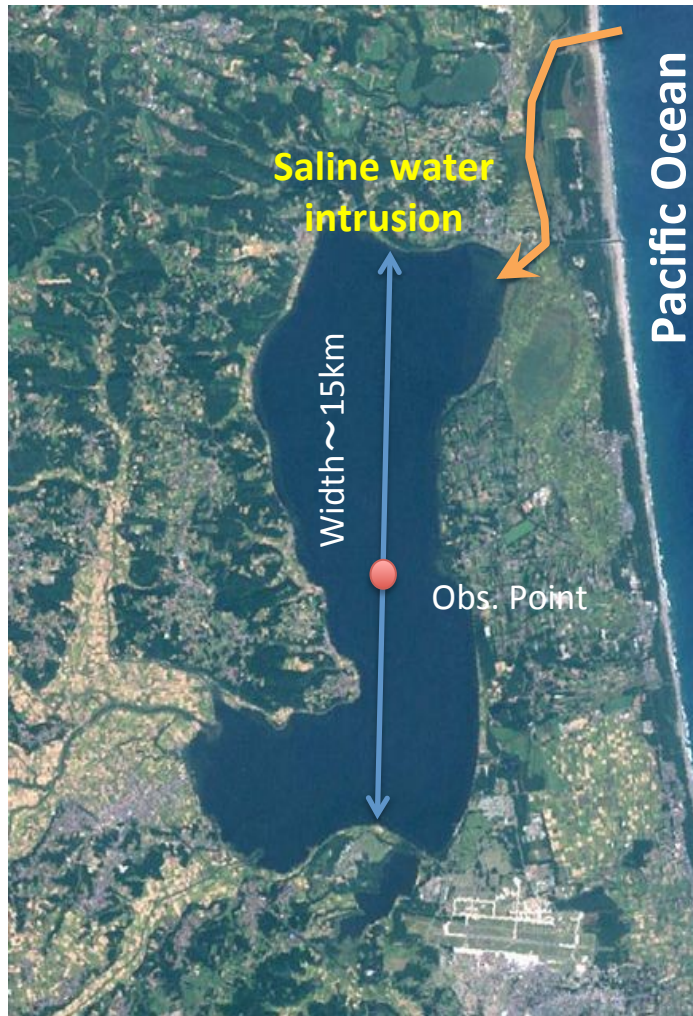
In Case of  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} > 0$  (Upper Layer is Heavier than Bottom)

- > Displacement of Interface will Grow Exponentially & Endlessly.
- > Stratification can be Kept Stably & Broken Immediately.
- > Density will Become Uniform due to Immediate Mixing.

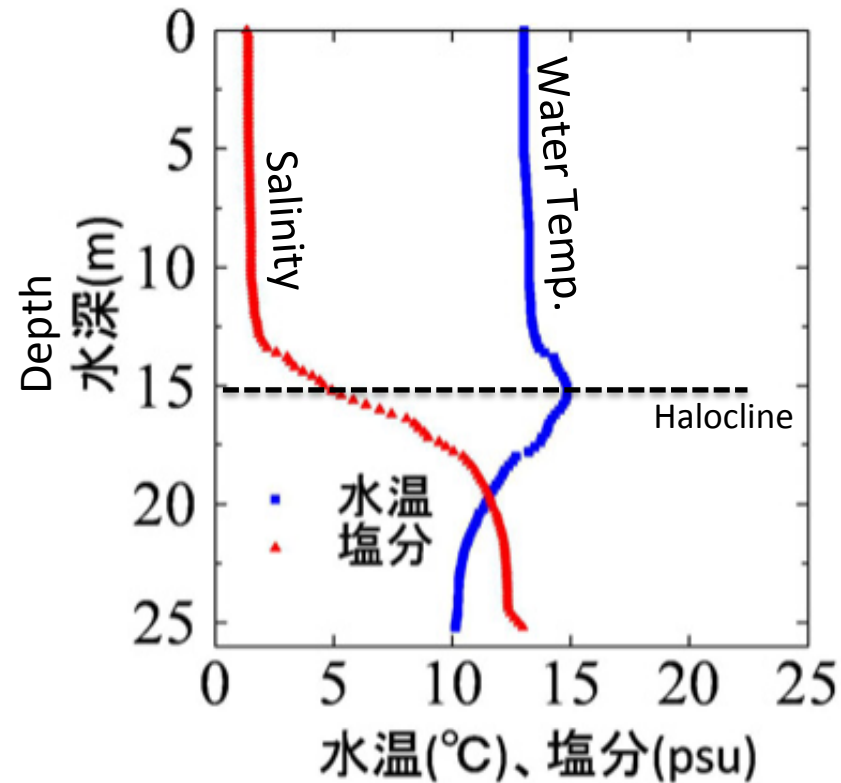
 Named as “Unstable (Inverse) Stratification”

## Example in Actual Water Environment

- > Ogawara Lake (小川原湖), Aomori Prefecture, Japan
- > Lake Neighbors on Pacific Ocean & Sea Water Intrudes into Lake
- > Lake is Brackish & Saline Water Layer Exists (Halocline Locates around 15m Depth).

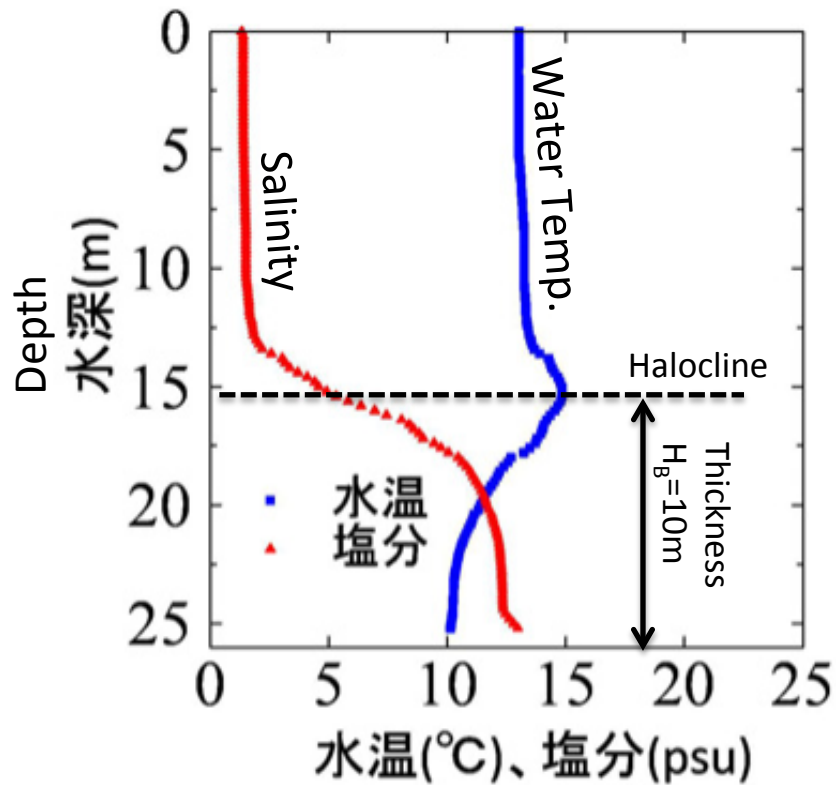


**Lake Ogawara**  
(Brackish water Lake)



the salinity profile at the lake center (Winter)

- > Stable (Normal) Stratification Condition.



### Salinity

Upper Fresh Water Layer : 3 [‰]

Bottom Saline Water Layer : 12 [‰]

### Density

Upper Layer :  $\rho_U \cong 1,002 [kg / m^3]$

Bottom Layer :  $\rho_B \cong 1,009 [kg / m^3]$

### Relative Buoyancy

$$g' = \frac{\rho_B - \rho_U}{\rho_B} g$$

$$= \frac{1009 - 1002}{1009} \times 9.8 = 0.068 [m / s^2]$$

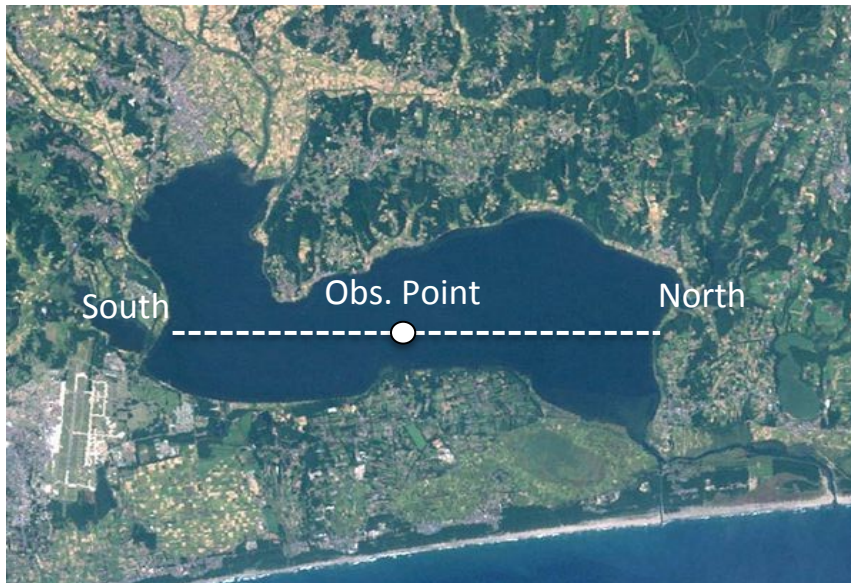
### Expected Frequency of "Internal Wave"

$$N_{Seiche} = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{H_B \times g'} = \frac{1}{15 [km]} \sqrt{10 [m] \times 0.068 [m / s^2]} = 0.000055 [1 / sec]$$

Expected Period of "Internal Wave"  $T_{Seiche} = \frac{2\pi}{N_{Seiche}} = 114,292 [sec] \cong 32 [hour]$

## Obs. Results

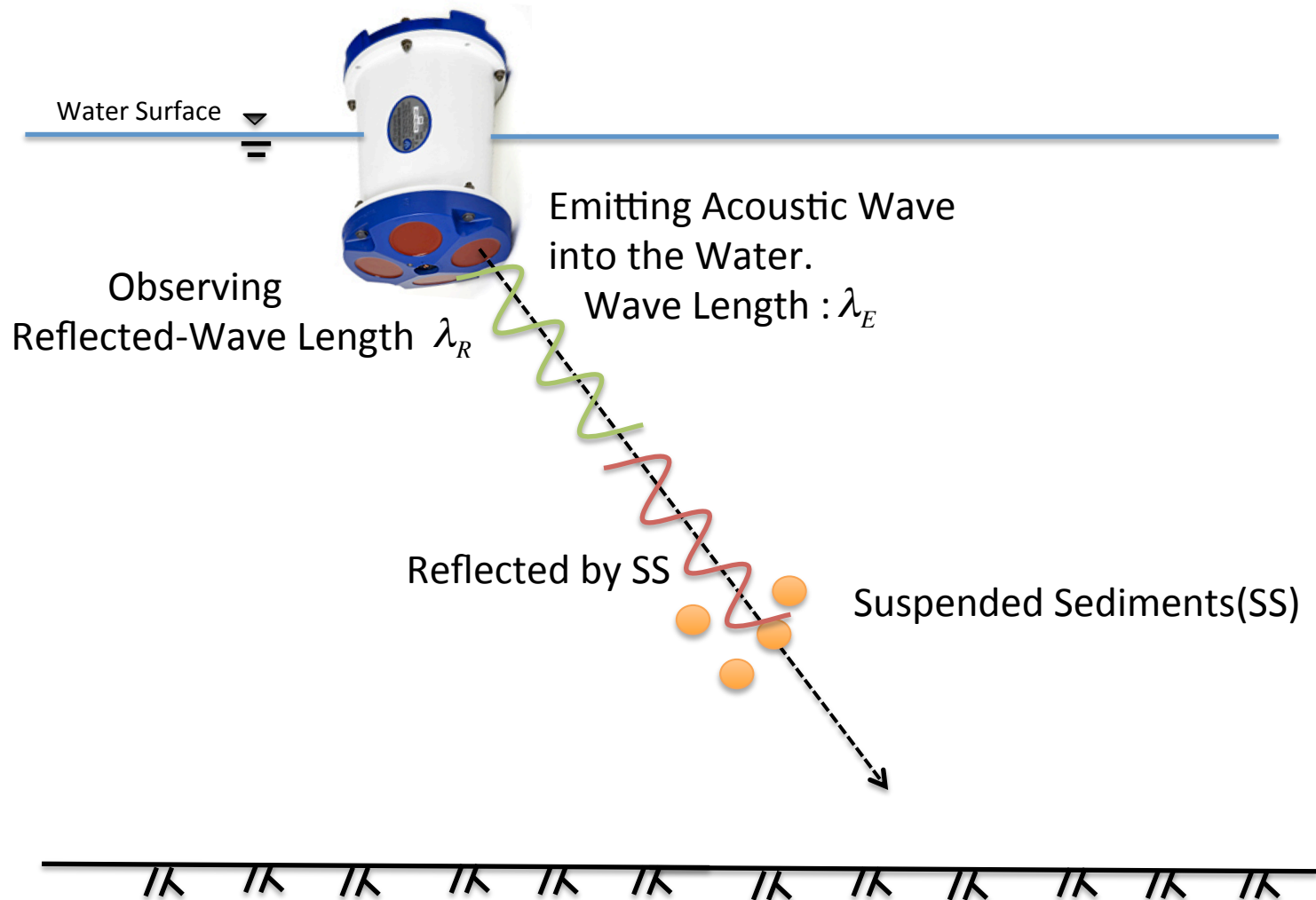
- >Obs. Is Conducted at Central Lake Using Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler(ADCP).
- >Time Series of Vertical Profile of Velocity is Observed.



Emitting Device is Soaked in Water.

## Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP)

- > If SS Stops (Flow Velocity  $u=0$ ), “Emitted Wave Length  $\lambda_E$  “=“Reflected Wave Length  $\lambda_R$  “
- > If There are Flows ( $u \neq 0$ ), “Reflected Wave Length” Changes by “Doppler Shift”.





## Doppler Shift

> You Experience “Doppler Shift” in Daily Life.

> A Car Sounding a Siren,

When a Car is Coming → Sound Changes High Tone (Shorter Wave Length)

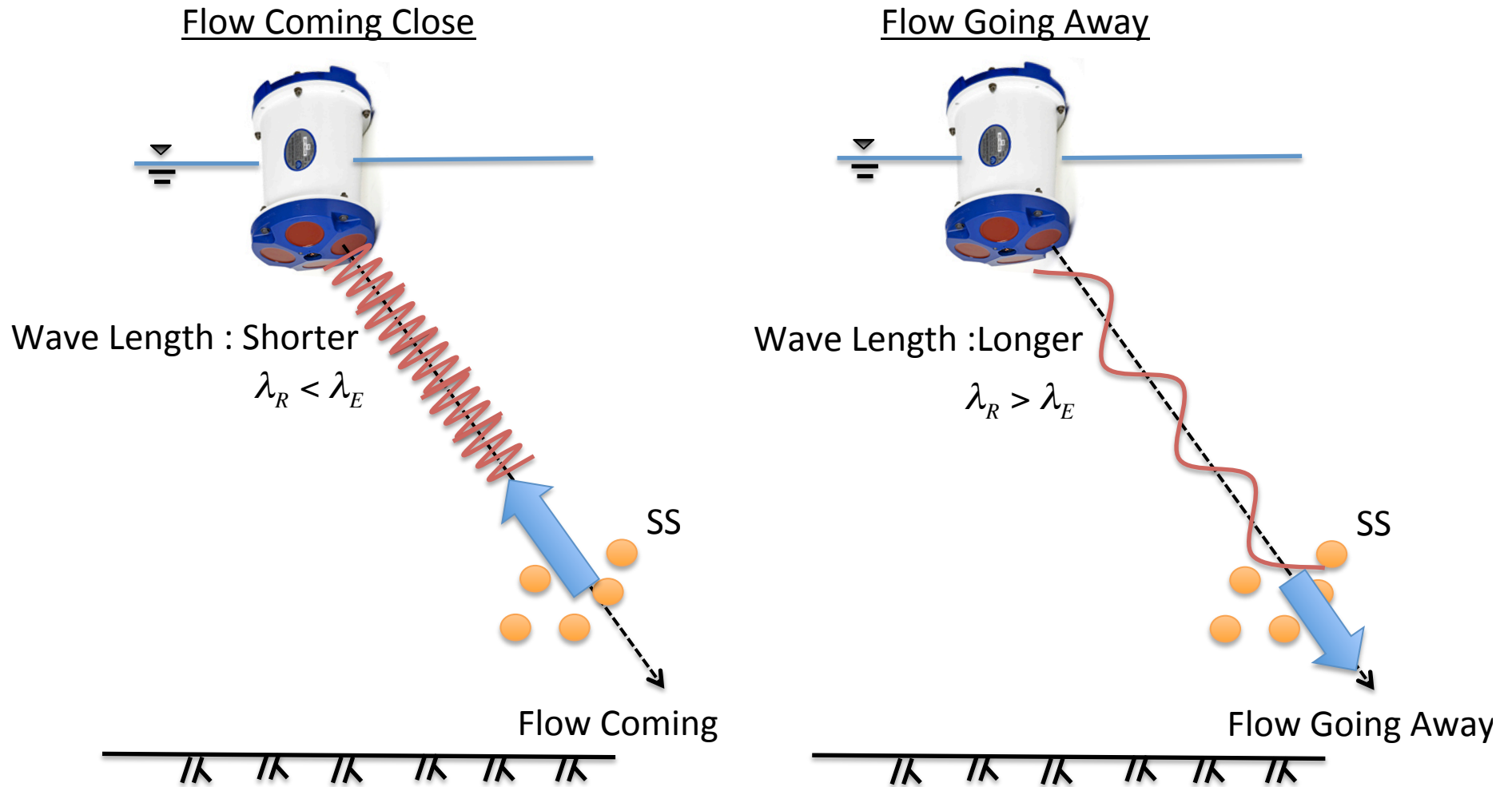


When a Car is Going Away → Sound Changes Low Tone (Longer Wave Length)



# Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP)

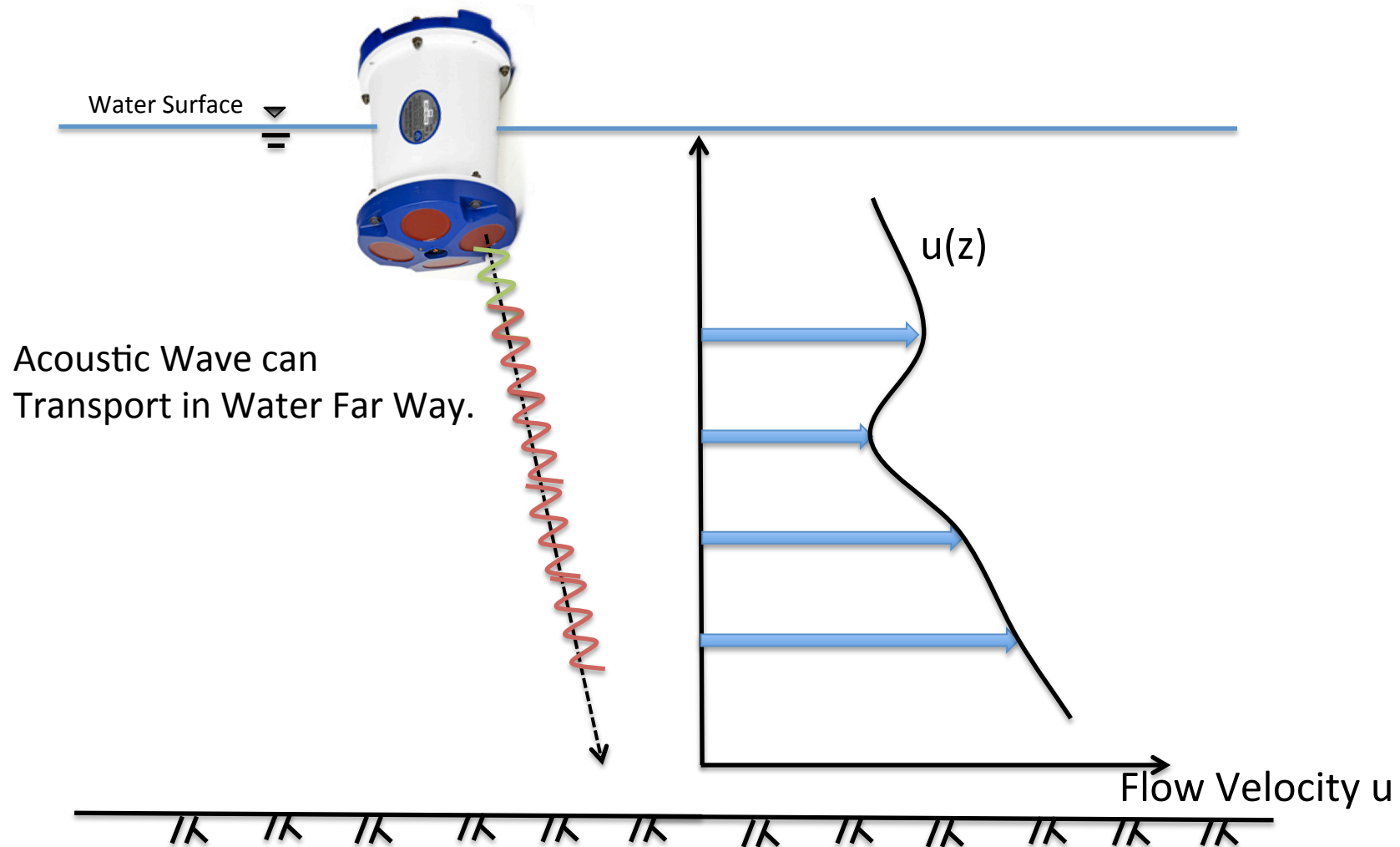
> If There are Flows ( $u \neq 0$ ) & SS Moves, “Reflected Wave Length” Changes.



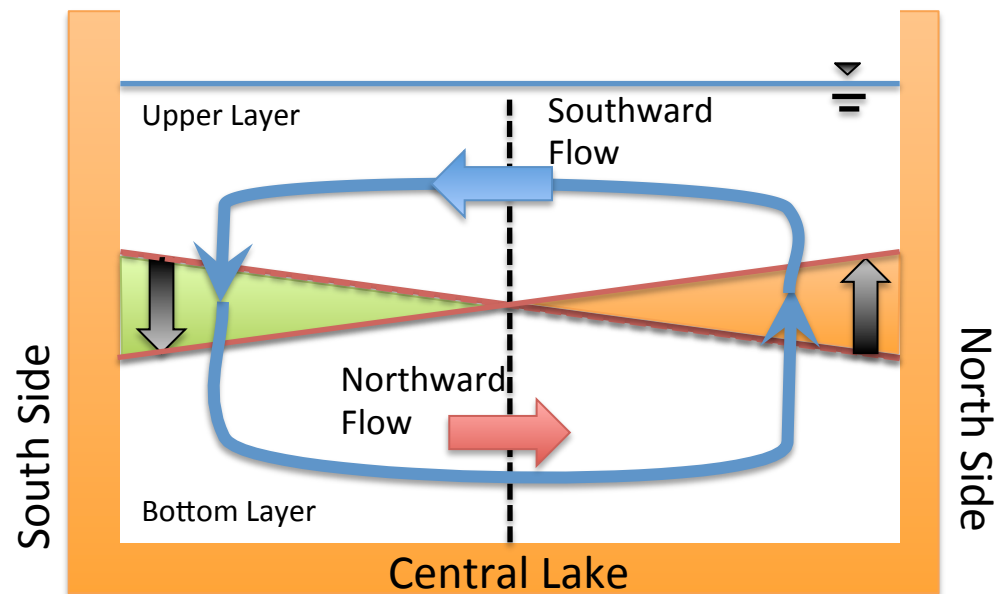
✘ By Detective Change of Wave Length, Flow Velocity can be Observed.

## Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP)

- > Acoustic Wave can Transport in Water Far Way, Although a Part of it is Reflected.
- > By Detecting Reflected Wave from Each Depth, Vertical Profile of Velocity is Measured.



## Expected Velocity Vertical Profile If “Internal Wave” Exists



When Interface at South Side Sinks,

in Bottom Layer Green Water Must be Moved to Orange Area.

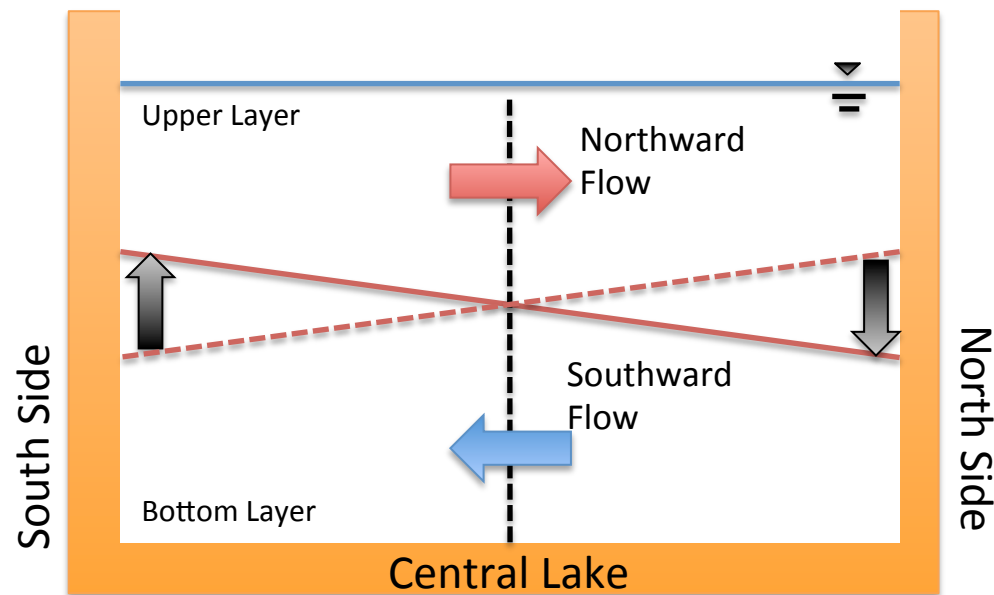
➡ Northward Flow is Generated at Central Lake.

in Upper Layer Orange Water Must be Moved to Green Area.

➡ Southward Flow is Generated at Central Lake.

✘ When “Internal Wave” Exists, Horizontal Flow is Generated & Flow Direction of Each Layer is Opposite to Each Other.

## Expected Velocity Vertical Profile If “Internal Wave” Exists



After Time Passed, When Interface at South Side **Rises Up**,

In Same Manner,

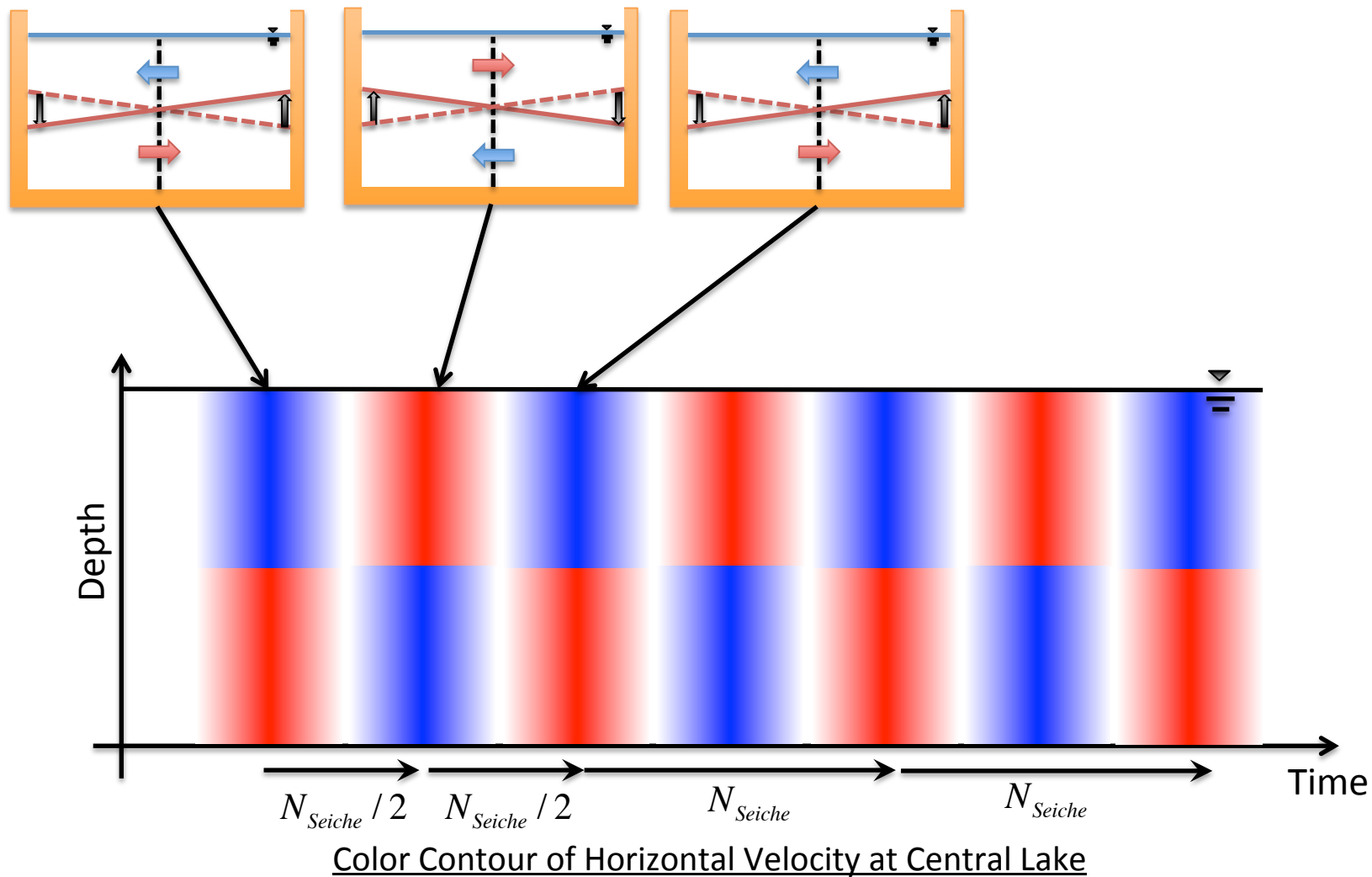
in Bottom Layer → **Southward Flow** is Generated at Central Lake.

in Upper Layer → **Northward Flow** is Generated at Central Lake.

✂ Flow Direction Changes Periodically with Same Time Period of “Internal Wave”.

## Expected Velocity Vertical Profile If “Internal Wave” Exists

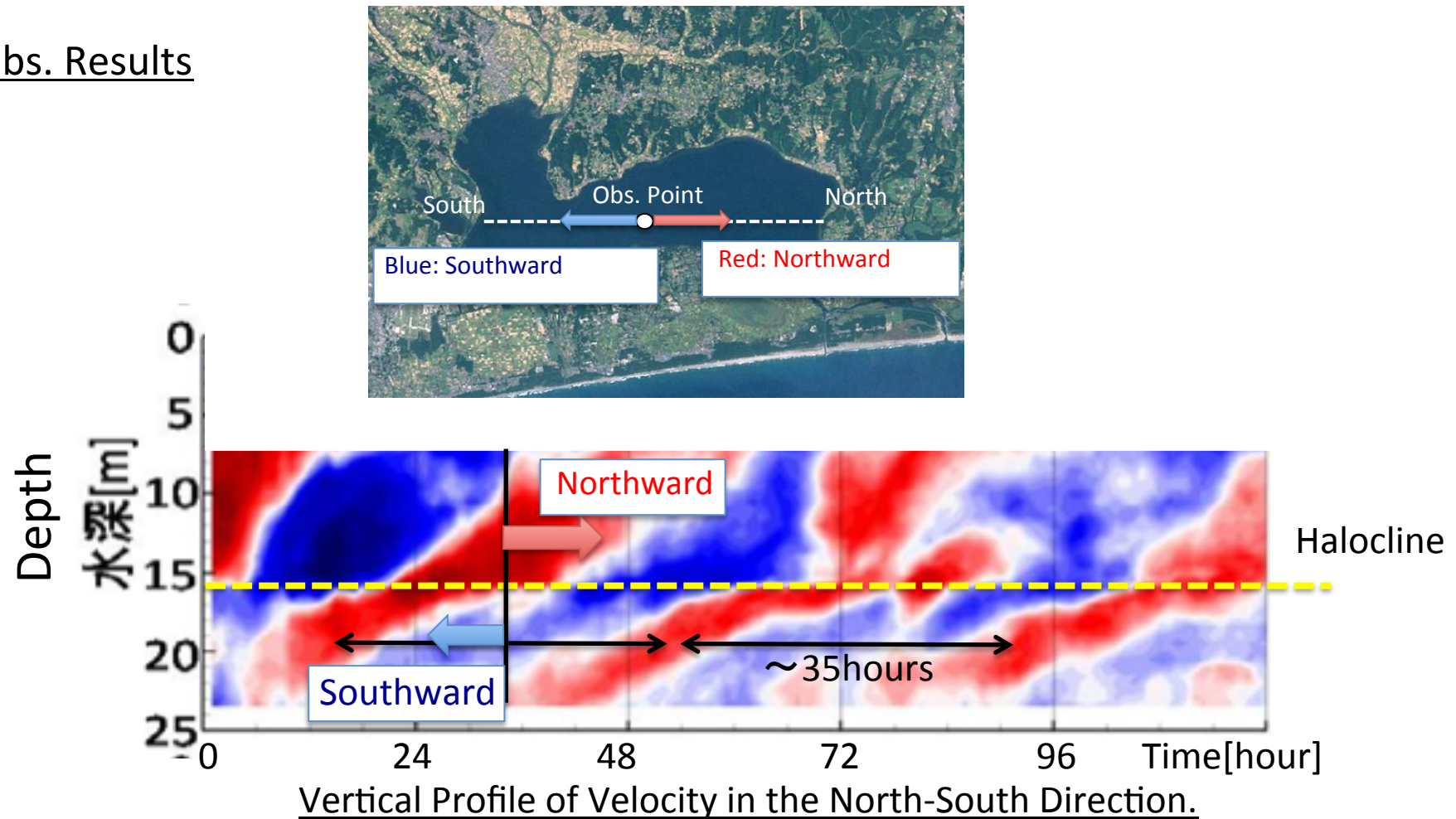
$N_{Seiche}$  : “Internal Wave’s Period”



- > After a Half of Period Passed, Flow Directions Change Opposite.
- > After a Half of Period Passed Again, Flow Directions Restore Initial Direction.

**Namely, Flow Direction is Changing with Period of “Internal Wave”.**

## Obs. Results



>Flow Direction Changes Opposite Between Halocline.

>Flow Direction Changes Periodically. (Period :  $T_{Obs} \cong 35[hour]$  ).

➡ Agree With Theoretical Period of “internal Wave” :  $T_{Seiche} \cong 32[hour]$

Suggesting There Must be “Internal Wave” Phenomena.

## Summary of Dynamics of Stratification Interface Under a Stationary Flow ( $\mathbf{u} = 0$ )

> Stability of Density Stratification Depends on Vertical Gradient of Density  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z}$

> When Upper Water Layer is Lighter than Bottom (  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} < 0$  ),

- Stratification is Called “Stable (Normal) Stratification”
- Interface Oscillates Stably Keeping Amplitude Constant
- Interface’s Oscillation is Called “Internal Wave / Seiche”.

▪ Oscillation’s Period is Roughly Evaluated by  $N_{Seiche} \cong \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{H_B \times g'}$

> When Upper Water Layer is Heavier than Bottom (  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} > 0$  ),

- Stratification is Called “Unstable (Inverse) Stratification”
- Displacement of Interface can Grow Endlessly.
- Stratification Can not be Kept Stably.