

## Analytical investigation on 3D non-Boussinesq mountain wave drag for wind profiles with vertical variations \*

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**Abstract** A new analytical model was developed to predict the gravity wave drag (GWD) induced by an isolated 3-dimensional mountain, over which a stratified, non-rotating non-Boussinesq sheared flow is impinged. The model is confined to small amplitude motion and assumes the ambient velocity varying slowly with height. The modified Taylor-Goldstein equation with variable coefficients is solved with a Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin (WKB) approximation, formally valid at high Richardson numbers. With this WKB solution, generic formulae of second order accuracy, for the GWD and surface pressure perturbation (both for hydrostatic and non-hydrostatic flow) are presented, enabling a rigorous treatment on the effects by vertical variations in wind profiles. In an ideal test to the circular bell-shaped mountain, it was found that when the wind is linearly sheared, that the GWD decreases as the Richardson number decreases. However, the GWD for a forward sheared wind (wind increases with height) decreases always faster than that for the backward sheared wind (wind deceases with height). This difference is evident whenever the model is hydrostatic or not.

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### Introduction

It is well recognized that the orographic gravity wave drag (GWD) depends critically on the vertical structure of the ambient wind profiles<sup>[1]</sup>. In a recent paper, Teixeira, et al.<sup>[2]</sup> investigated the GWD induced by a 3-dimensional (3D) mountain when a stratified Boussinesq flow crosses it over. Their results show that the vertical variations of the ambient wind influence the GWD greatly. However, we here reinvestigated analytically the behavior of GWD in the presence of shear and curvature in wind profiles for a non-Boussinesq flow. Our results show that some phenomena discovered in numerical simulations but failed to be explained by the Boussinesq model in Ref.[2] become quite clear in the present framework.

The structure of this work is arranged as following: In Section 1, the Taylor-Goldstein equation (i.e, the equation of the vertical velocity perturbation) with variable coefficients is solved to the second order accuracy using a WKB approximation<sup>[2]</sup>. Then in Section 2, analytical formulae are presented for both the GWD and surface pressure perturbations (where the former is balanced by the latter according to Newton's third law on mechanics<sup>[1]</sup>) in the presence

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of vertical variations in wind profiles, and following this, their more compacted forms are obtained under hydrostatic approximation. In Section 3, an ideal test is conducted to prove that for the non-Boussinesq flow, the GWD depends critically not only on the strength of the linear shear but also on its direction; however, this dependence would not be revealed even by the non-hydrostatic Boussinesq model. Finally, simple conclusions are drawn in Section 4.

## 1 WKB model

Without loss of generality, we assume that the 3D non-Boussinesq flow considered is steady and non-rotating, and the dynamics involved is adiabatic and inviscid<sup>[3-6]</sup>. Let  $\mathbf{U} \equiv (U(z), V(z))$ ,  $\bar{\rho}(z)$  be, respectively, the velocity and density of the ambient flow, which are height dependent and vary nevertheless slowly in vertical; and the non-dimensional height  $h \equiv Nh_0/\|\mathbf{U}(z=0)\| \ll 1$ , where  $h_0$  is the maximum height of the mountain,  $N(\text{constant})$  is the Brunt-Väisälä (or buoyancy) frequency of the ambient flow, operator  $\|\cdot\|$  means taking the modul of a certain vector.

After some manipulations onto the governing equations for the small amplitude motions (see Appendix A), the Taylor-Goldstein equation for the non-Boussinesq flow is given as

$$\hat{w}_{zz} + \left( \frac{N^2}{U_n^2} - 2\frac{\Gamma_1 U_{nz}}{U_n} - \frac{U_{nzz}}{U_n} - \delta_1 K^2 - \Gamma_1^2 \right) \hat{w} = 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  has been designated by subscript  $z$ ,  $\Gamma_1$  is the stratification parameter, and  $U_n = U \cos \sigma + V \sin \sigma$  is the component of the ambient wind when projected into the direction of the horizontal wave-number vector  $\mathbf{K} \equiv (k, l) = K(\cos \sigma, \sin \sigma)$ . Note, hydrostatic approximation can be included or excluded in Eq.(1) simply by taking  $\delta_1 = 0$  or  $\delta_1 = 1$ .

Since it is assumed in prior that  $\mathbf{U}$  and consequently  $U_n$ , varies slowly with height, Eq.(1) can be solved analytically using the WKB approximation. Thence, introducing some small parameter  $\epsilon$ , defining the transform  $Z = \epsilon z$  and rewriting Eq.(1) yields

$$\epsilon^2 \ddot{\hat{w}} + \left( \frac{N^2}{U_n^2} - 2\Gamma_1 \frac{\dot{U}_n}{U_n} \epsilon - \frac{\ddot{U}_n}{U_n} \epsilon^2 - \delta_1 K^2 - \Gamma_1^2 \right) \hat{w} = 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial Z}$  has been replaced by  $(\cdot)$ .

Further, take the wavelike solution satisfying the radiation condition at  $Z \rightarrow \infty$  (i.e., the solution whose  $\text{Re}(m)$  has the same sign with  $U_n$ ) as follows:

$$\hat{w}(Z) = \hat{w}(Z=0) \exp \left[ i \cdot \epsilon^{-1} \int_0^Z m(\xi) d\xi \right], \quad (3)$$

where  $m(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \epsilon^j m_j(\xi)$  is the vertical wave-number,  $i$  is the imaginary unit. Thus together with the lower boundary condition<sup>[2]</sup>

$$\hat{w}(Z=0) = \hat{w}(z=0) = iKU_{n0}\hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (4)$$

where  $U_{n0}$  is the  $U_n$  when evaluated at  $z = 0$  (or  $Z = 0$ ),  $\hat{\eta}(k, l)$  is the Fourier transform of mountain shape function  $\eta(x, y)$ , Eqs.(2), (3) and (4) form a complete boundary value problem of a second order ordinary differential equation (ODE).

Then by entering Eq.(3) into Eq.(2), and sorting the results to the second order  $O(\epsilon^2)$ , one

finds

$$m_0 = \frac{N}{U_n} L^{1/2}, \quad (5)$$

$$\epsilon m_1 = \frac{N}{U_n} \left( -\frac{\Gamma_1 U_n}{N} \cdot \frac{U_{nz}}{N} \cdot L^{-1/2} - \frac{i}{2} \frac{U_{nz}}{N} L^{-1} \right), \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^2 m_2 = \frac{N}{U_n} & \left\{ \left[ -\frac{U_n U_{nzz}}{2N^2} \cdot L^{-1/2} + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{U_n U_{nzz}}{N^2} - \frac{U_{nz}^2}{N^2} \right) \cdot L^{-3/2} \right. \right. \\ & + \frac{U_{nz}^2}{2N^2} \cdot (5/4 - L) L^{-5/2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Gamma_1 U_n}{N} \right)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{U_{nz}}{N} \right)^2 \cdot L^{-3/2} \\ & \left. \left. - i \left[ \frac{\Gamma_1 U_n}{2N} \cdot \frac{U_n U_{nzz}}{N^2} \cdot L^{-1} + \frac{\Gamma_1 U_n}{2N} \cdot \left( \frac{U_{nz}}{N} \right)^2 \cdot (2 - L) L^{-2} \right] \right\}, \right. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $L = 1 - (\Gamma_1 U_n / N)^2 - \delta_1 (K U_n / N)^2$ .

Obviously, with Eqs.(5)–(7), it is easy to verify that  $\epsilon \sim |U_{nz}/N| \sim Ri^{-1/2}$ , thus the validity of this WKB approximation formally requires large Richardson number of the flow.

## 2 Orographic drag

### 2.1 Computation of GWD

The GWD is computed with the following formula<sup>[7]</sup>:

$$\mathbf{F}_d = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p'(z=0) \nabla_H \eta dx dy = \rho_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(z=0) \nabla_H \eta dx dy, \quad (8)$$

where in the second formula, transform Eq.(A7) (see Appendix A) is incorporated, and  $\nabla_H \equiv \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right]$ .

In Fourier space<sup>[8]</sup>, Eq.(8) becomes

$$\mathbf{F}_d = i\rho_0 \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \sigma, \sin \sigma) \hat{p}^*(z=0) \hat{\eta} K^2 d\sigma dK, \quad (9)$$

where the asterisk means taking the complex conjugate.

To compute Eq.(9), we then related the reduced pressure perturbation  $\hat{p}$  to the vertical velocity perturbation  $\hat{w}$  (it is obtained by neglecting the first term in the bracket on the left hand side of Eq.(A8) in Appendix A) as

$$\hat{p} = iU_n \left[ \left( \frac{U_{nz}}{U_n} + \Gamma_1 \right) \hat{w} - \hat{w}_z \right]. \quad (10)$$

Thus when Eq.(3) is entered into Eq.(10), one obtains

$$\hat{p}(Z) = \frac{U_n}{K} (i\Gamma_1 + m_0) \hat{w} + \frac{\epsilon}{K} (i\dot{U}_n + U_n m_1) \hat{w} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{K} U_n \cdot m_2 \hat{w} = \hat{p}_0 + \epsilon \hat{p}_1 + \epsilon^2 \hat{p}_2. \quad (11)$$

Further, evaluating Eq.(11) at  $Z = 0$  (i.e.,  $z = 0$ ), and incorporating the lower boundary condition by Eq.(4), yields

$$\hat{p}_0(Z=0) = U_{n0}^2 [im_0(Z=0) - \Gamma_1] \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (12)$$

$$\epsilon \hat{p}_1(Z=0) = \{iU_{n0}^2 [\epsilon m_1(Z=0)] - U_{n0} U_{n0z}\} \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (13)$$

$$\epsilon^2 \hat{p}_2(Z=0) = iU_{n0}^2 [\epsilon^2 m_2(Z=0)] \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (14)$$

where (and henceforth)  $U_{n0z}$  is the derivative of  $U_n$  against  $z$  when evaluated at  $z = 0$ .

Now it is to claim that the GWD can be explicitly computed to the second order accuracy by simply entering Eqs.(12)–(14) one by one into Eq.(9). Note  $\mathbf{F} = \sum_{j=0}^2 \epsilon^j \mathbf{F}_{dj}$ .

## 2.2 Hydrostatic (or low $Fr$ ) approximation

Under hydrostatic approximation, it holds  $(KU_n/N)^2 \sim \left(\|\mathbf{U}\|/aN\right)^2 = Fr^2 \ll 1^{[2,9]}$ .

Further, considering  $(\Gamma_1 U_n/N)^2 \ll 1^{[5]}$ , one thus has  $L \approx 1$ . When the latter is entered into Eqs.(5)–(7), and thence into Eqs.(12)–(14), one finds

$$\hat{p}_0(Z=0) = \hat{p}_{0\text{TMV}} - \Gamma_1 U_{n0}^2 \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (15)$$

$$\epsilon \hat{p}_1(Z=0) = \epsilon \hat{p}_{1\text{TMV}} - i\Gamma_1 U_{n0}^2 \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (16)$$

$$\epsilon^2 \hat{p}_2(Z=0) = \epsilon^2 \hat{p}_{2\text{TMV}} + \frac{\Gamma_1}{2} U_{n0}^2 \left[ \left( \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \right)^2 + \frac{U_{n0} U_{n0zz}}{N^2} - i \frac{\Gamma_1 U_{n0}}{N} \left( \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \right)^2 \right] \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (17)$$

where the subscript ‘TMV’ is employed to designate solutions for Boussinesq flow<sup>[2]</sup> (see Appendix B). Obviously, by setting  $\Gamma_1 = 0$ , Eqs.(15)–(17) are reduced exactly to Eqs.(39)–(41) for Boussinesq flow in Ref.[2].

Thence, by inserting Eqs.(15)–(17) into Eq.(9), the GWD for the hydrostatic non-Boussinesq flow, is finally obtained as

$$\mathbf{F}_{d0} = \rho_0 N \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \sigma, \sin \sigma) U_{n0} |\hat{\eta}|^2 K^2 d\sigma dK, \quad (18)$$

$$\epsilon \mathbf{F}_{d1} = -\rho_0 N \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \sigma, \sin \sigma) U_{n0} |\hat{\eta}|^2 K^2 \left( \frac{\Gamma_1 U_{n0}}{N} \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \right) d\sigma dK, \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^2 \mathbf{F}_{d2} = -\rho_0 \frac{N}{8} \int_0^\infty & \int_0^{2\pi} (\cos \sigma, \sin \sigma) U_{n0} |\hat{\eta}|^2 K^2 \left[ 2 \frac{U_{n0} U_{n0zz}}{N^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \left( \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \right)^2 + 4 \left( \frac{\Gamma_1 U_{n0}}{N} \right)^2 \left( \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \right)^2 \right] d\sigma dK, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where by inspection into Eq.(19), it is easy to prove that in component form, there holds  $\text{sgn}(\epsilon F_{d1x}) = -\text{sgn}(U_{0z})$  and  $\text{sgn}(\epsilon F_{d1y}) = -\text{sgn}(V_{0z})$ , where  $\text{sgn}(x)$  is the conventional sign function. Thus, we are to assert that the GWD for the forward sheared wind (wind increases with height, e.g.  $U_{0z} > 0$ ,  $V_{0z} = 0$ ) is smaller than that for the backward sheared wind (wind decreases with height,  $U_{0z} < 0$ ,  $V_{0z} = 0$ ). Also, it is noticed when the mountain is axisymmetric<sup>[2]</sup> (so that  $|\hat{\eta}|^2$  is independent of  $\sigma$ ), the relative magnitudes among  $\mathbf{F}_{d0}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}_{d1}$  and  $\mathbf{F}_{d2}$  are constant.

## 3 An ideal test

The Fourier spectrum of the circular bell-shaped moutain<sup>[2]</sup> is

$$\hat{\eta} = h_0 a^2 \exp(-aK), \quad (21)$$

where  $a$  is half width of the mountain.

By entering Eq.(21) into Eqs.(18)–(20) and summing up the results, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} F_{dx} = F_{dx\text{TMV}} + \frac{\pi}{4} \rho_0 N a h_0^2 U_0 & \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma_1}{N^2} (3U_0 U_{0z} + 2V_0 V_{0z} + V_0^2 \frac{U_{0z}}{U_0}) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{16} \frac{\Gamma_1^2}{N^4} (6U_0 V_0 U_{0z} V_{0z} + 5U_0^2 U_{0z}^2 + 3V_0^2 U_{0z}^2 + 3V_0^2 V_{0z}^2 + 2 \frac{V_0^3}{U_0} U_{0z} V_{0z} + U_0^2 V_{0z}^2) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$F_{dy} = F_{dy\text{TMV}} + \frac{\pi}{4} \rho_0 N a h_0^2 V_0 \left[ -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\Gamma_1}{N^2} (3V_0 V_{0z} + 2U_0 U_{0z} + U_0^2 \frac{V_{0z}}{V_0}) - \frac{1}{16} \frac{\Gamma_1^2}{N^4} (6U_0 V_0 U_{0z} V_{0z} + 5V_0^2 V_{0z}^2 + 3U_0^2 U_{0z}^2 + 3U_0^2 V_{0z}^2 + 2 \frac{U_0^3}{V_0} U_{0z} V_{0z} + V_0^2 U_{0z}^2) \right], \quad (23)$$

where  $(F_{dx\text{TMV}}, F_{dy\text{TMV}})$  is for the Boussinesq model<sup>[2]</sup> (see Appendix B);  $U_0$  and  $V_0$  are surface wind components along  $x$  and  $y$  axes, and their derivatives are designated by subscript  $z$ .

From Eqs.(22) and (23), we noticed, aside from that  $\mathbf{F}_{d1}$  depends critically on the shear strength and directions (see terms multiplied by  $\Gamma_1$ ), that terms multiplied by  $\Gamma_1^2$  together with the conclusions presented in Ref.[2] imply that whenever the wind vector  $\mathbf{U}$  alters its direction smoothly along with height (e.g.  $\mathbf{U}(z=0) = (U_0, 0)$ , so that  $V_{0z} \neq 0$ ), it always holds  $F_{dy}(\sim V_{0z}) \neq 0$ , which suggests a lifting force<sup>[10]</sup> is exerted in perpendicular to the surface wind vector. (Further discussions on this fact are left to another investigation.) This thence generalizes the assertion by the Boussinesq model in Ref.[2] that when wind vector changes both its direction and magnitude in vertical, a lifting force can be induced.

In the forthcoming ideal test, we took  $\Gamma_1 = N/(20U_0)(10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$  or so), and, to avoid shear instability,  $Ri$  is restricted to  $Ri \geq 1/4$ <sup>[11, 12]</sup>.

#### Case Directional wind shear, wind rotates with height

The wind profile is

$$U = U_0 + \alpha z, \quad V = U_0, \quad (24)$$

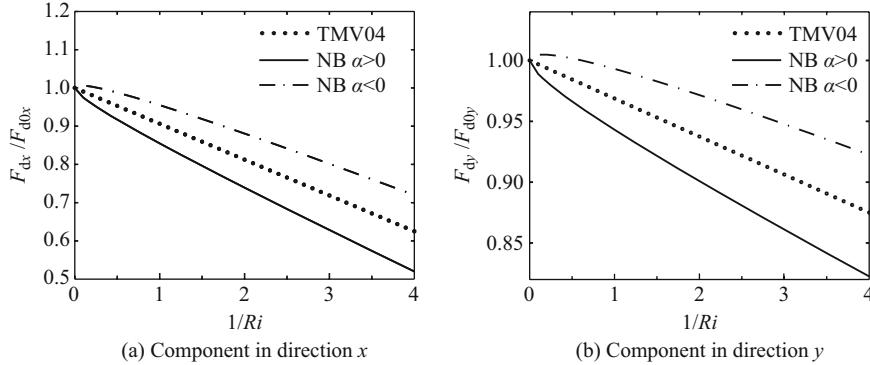
where  $\alpha$  and  $U_0$  are constants. Therefore, when  $Ri = N^2/\alpha^2$  and Eq.(24) are introduced into Eqs.(22) and (23), one yields

$$F_{dx} = F_{d0x} \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{32} \frac{1}{Ri} - \text{sgn}(\alpha) \frac{1}{\sqrt{Ri}} - \frac{1}{800} \frac{1}{Ri} \right], \quad (25)$$

$$F_{dy} = F_{d0y} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{32} \frac{1}{Ri} - \text{sgn}(\alpha) \frac{1}{40} \frac{1}{\sqrt{Ri}} - \frac{1}{1600} \frac{1}{Ri} \right], \quad (26)$$

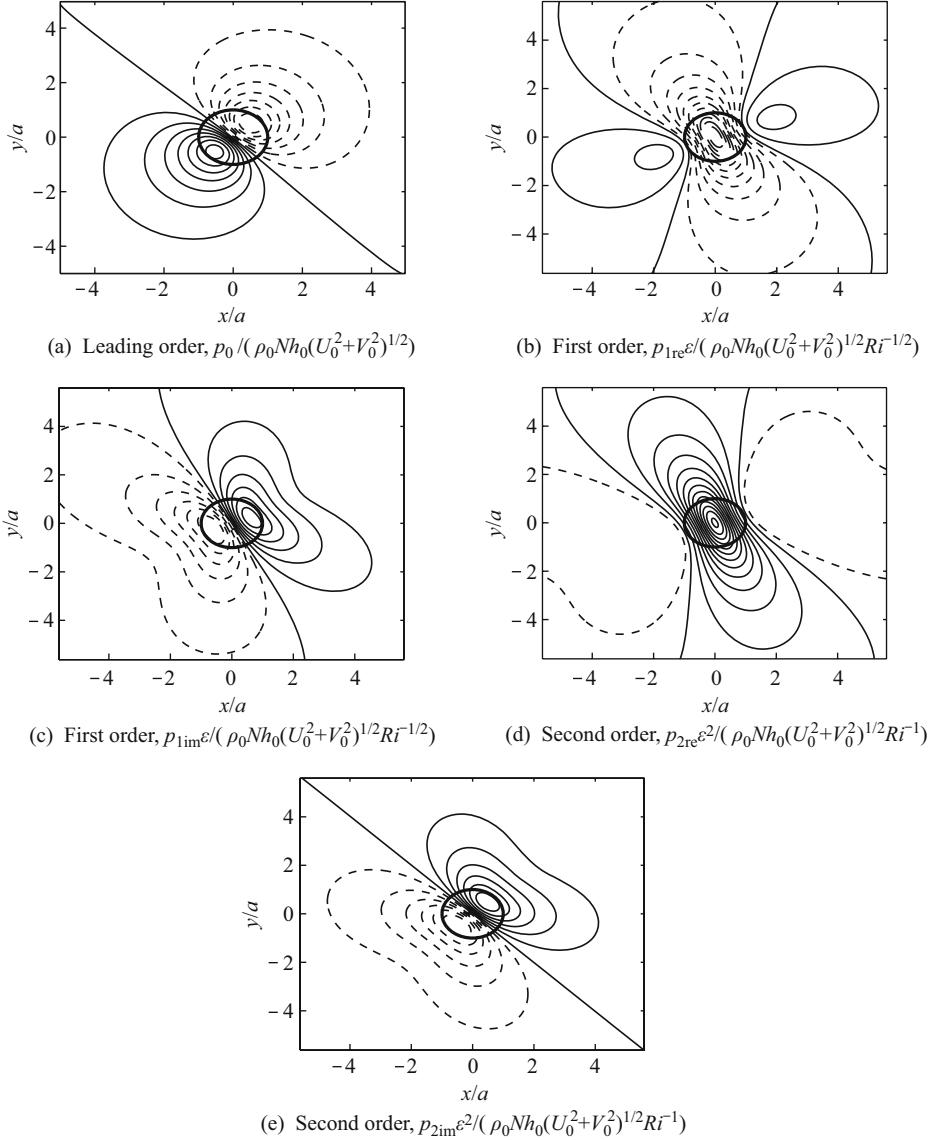
where  $(F_{d0x}, F_{d0y}) = \mathbf{U}_0 \rho_0 N h_0^2 a \pi / 4$  is the leading order GWD in absence of vertical variations in wind profiles.

Here we note  $F_{dy} \neq 0$  because of  $V_0 = U_0 \neq 0$ , and as long as  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $F_{dx} \neq F_{dy}$ , so that  $\mathbf{F}_d$  misaligns with  $\mathbf{U}_0$ . Further, in Fig.1, it shows that under the same shear strength, the GWD

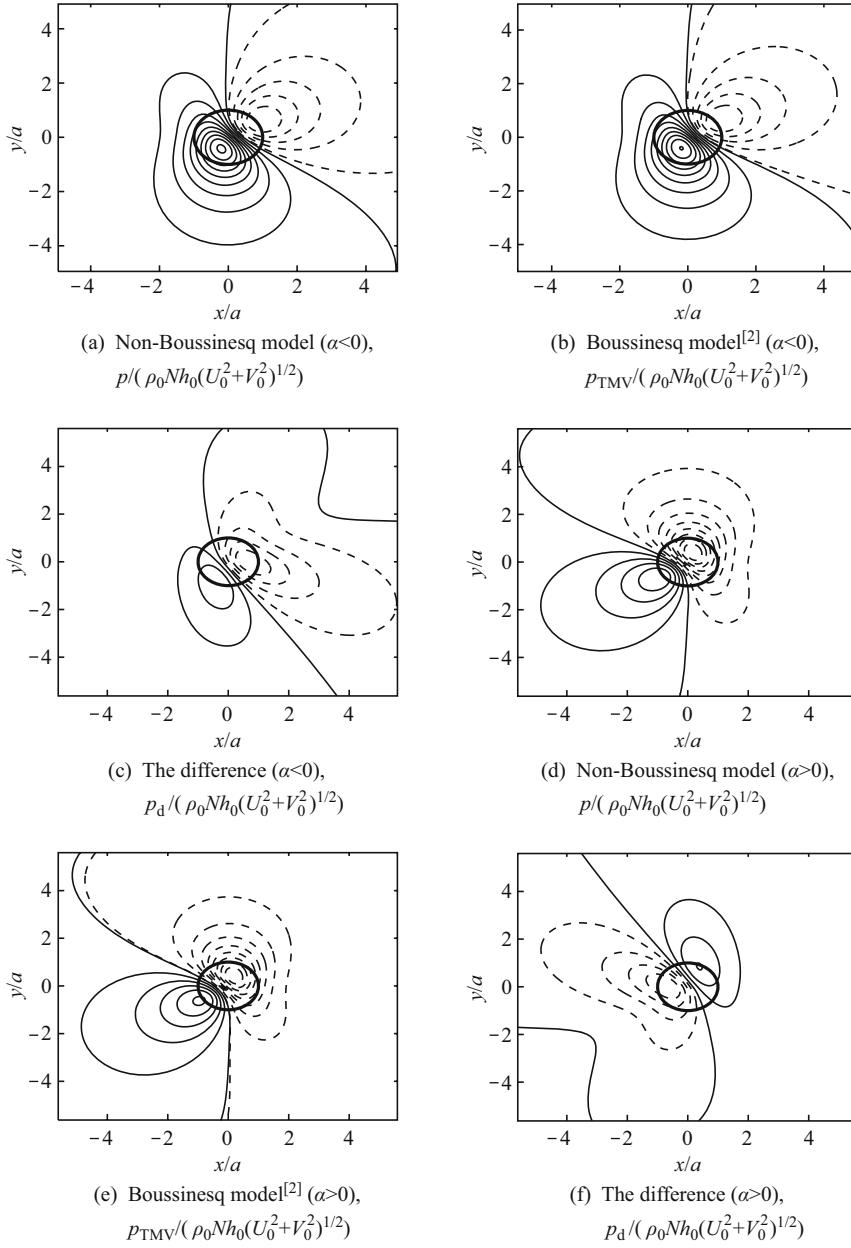


**Fig.1** Normalized GWD (computed from Eqs.(25) and (26)) as function of inverse Richardson number  $Ri^{-1}$  for flow by Eq.(24) (TMV04 denotes Boussinesq model<sup>[2]</sup>, NB denotes the present non-Boussinesq model. The maximum difference between GWD for backward shear ( $\alpha < 0$ ) and that for forward shear ( $\alpha > 0$ ) is about in 0.1 in relative magnitude for both components at  $Ri = 0.25$ .)

for the forward wind shear ( $\alpha > 0$ ) is always smaller than that for the backward wind shear ( $\alpha < 0$ ), and the difference between the two increases as the shear strengthens, being proportional to  $|\alpha| \sim Ri^{-1/2}$ . While accordingly, in Fig.2(c), we found, just similar with those in Figs.2(a) and 2(e), there it shows that the surface pressure perturbation determined by  $\text{Im}(\hat{p}_1)$  (i.e the imaginary part of  $\hat{p}_1$ , proportional with  $|\alpha|$ ) depicts exactly an asymmetric structure from windward to leeward; and when  $\alpha < 0$ , this asymmetry will add a further pressure gradient force (see Fig.3(e)), pointing from windward to leeward, onto that predicted by Boussinesq model, and when  $\alpha > 0$  vice versa (see Fig.3(f)). All these rightly explain the puzzle discovered in numerical simulations in Ref.[2], as the shear strengthens, that the GWD for the forward sheared wind decreases much more rapidly than that for the backward sheared wind.



**Fig.2** Cross sections of contributions to normalized surface pressure perturbation for flow by Eq.(24) (Thick solid circle denotes mountain evaluation  $h_0/2$  at center of domain, solid line denotes positive values; dashed line denotes negative values. Contour spacing from (a) to (e) are 0.05, 0.015, 0.0015, 0.0005 and 0.005. Those subscripted by “re” (“im”) are contoured using the real (imaginary) parts of  $\hat{p}_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .)



**Fig.3** Cross sections of total contributions to normalized surface pressure perturbation for flow by Eq.(24) when  $Ri = 0.35$  (In Figs.(c) and (f) differences are defined by subtracting results by Boussinesq model from those by present model. Thick solid circle denotes mountain elevation  $h_0/2$  at center of domain, solid line denotes positive values, dashed line denotes negative values. Contour spacing from (a) to (c) are 0.05, 0.05, 0.005; from (d) to (e), are 0.05, 0.05 and 0.005.)

#### 4 Conclusions

By including the vertical variations of the ambient density (denoted by  $\Gamma_1$ ), an analytical non-Boussinesq model is developed to predict the orographic GWD. There, both the formulae

for the GWD and surface pressure perturbation are extended explicitly to the second order accuracy ( $O(Ri^{-1})$ ) in WKB approximation, when the ambient velocity is assumed varying sufficient slowly with height, and by simply setting  $\Gamma_1 = 0$ , the Boussinesq model<sup>[2]</sup> can be reproduced exactly.

The results of our theoretical analysis and the ideal test show that the non-Boussinesq model here is more useful than the Boussinesq model<sup>[2]</sup> in explaining some physical facts discovered in research.

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## Appendix A Taylor-Goldstein equation

When the momentum equation, continuity equation and thermal dynamic equation<sup>[10]</sup> for the steady, adiabatic, inviscid and no-rotating flow are linearized, the governing equations for the perturbations are given as

$$U \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial u'}{\partial y} + w' U_z = -\frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x}, \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$U \frac{\partial v'}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y} + w' V_z = -\frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial y}, \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$\delta_1 \left( U \frac{\partial w'}{\partial x} + V \frac{\partial w'}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial p'}{\partial z} - \frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}} g, \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}} \right) + V \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}} \right) + w' S + \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} = 0, \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} \right) + V \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} \right) + \beta w' = 0, \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$-\frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} - \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{p'}{\bar{\rho}}, \quad (\text{A6})$$

where  $(u', v', w')$  are the velocity perturbations in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  directions, respectively;  $\rho'$  is the density perturbation, and  $\theta'$  is the potential temperature perturbation; others with bar overhead are variables for the ambient flow, depending on  $z$  only. In addition, parameter  $\Gamma_1 = -\beta - S/2$  and  $S = \bar{\rho}_z/\bar{\rho}$  are defined to designate density stratification (however, throughout the present work, only the former is used),  $\beta = \theta_z/\theta = -S - g/c_s^2 = N^2/g$ , and  $c_s$  (constant) is the adiabatic acoustic speed.

Then, adopt the following variable transform

$$(u, v, w, \rho, b) = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\rho}}{\rho_0}} \left( u', v', w', \frac{\rho'}{\bar{\rho}}, g \frac{\theta'}{\bar{\theta}} \right), \quad p = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{\bar{\rho}}} \frac{p'}{\rho_0}, \quad (\text{A7})$$

where  $\rho_0 = \bar{\rho}$  ( $z = 0$ ), some cross eliminations among Eqs.(A1)–(A6) lead to

$$\left( \frac{K^2 U_n^2}{c_s^2} - K^2 \right) \hat{p} = i K U_n \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \Gamma_1 \right) \hat{w} - i K U_{nz} \hat{w}, \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$\left( -\delta_1 K^2 U_n^2 + N^2 \right) \hat{w} = -i K U_n \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \Gamma_1 \right) \hat{p} \right], \quad (\text{A9})$$

where the Fourier transform and its inverse<sup>[8]</sup> have been used, which are

$$\hat{\phi}(k, l) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi \exp[-i(kx + ly)] dx dy, \quad (\text{A10})$$

$$\phi(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\phi} \exp[i(kx + ly)] dk dl. \quad (\text{A11})$$

Here  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  is the imaginary unit and  $\hat{\phi}(k, l)$  is the Fourier transform for  $\phi(x, y)$ .

Thus, by neglecting the first term in the bracket on the left hand side of Eq.(A8) (i.e., filtering off the sound wave<sup>[13]</sup>) and then substitution of  $\hat{p}$  into Eq.(A9), the Taylor-Goldstein equation of  $\hat{w}$  is found as

$$\hat{w}_{zz} + \left( \frac{N^2}{U_n^2} - 2\Gamma_1 \frac{U_{nz}}{U_n} - \frac{U_{nzz}}{U_n} - \delta_1 K^2 - \Gamma_1^2 - \Gamma_{1z} \right) \hat{w} = 0. \quad (\text{A12})$$

Further, take  $\Gamma_{1z} = 0$ <sup>[5]</sup>, Eq.(1) in Section 1 is obtained.

## Appendix B GWD and surface pressure perturbation for hydrostatic Boussinesq flow

The surface pressure perturbation in Fourier spectrum form is

$$\hat{p}_{0\text{TMV}}(Z = 0) = i N U_{n0} \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (\text{B1})$$

$$\epsilon \hat{p}_{1\text{TMV}}(Z = 0) = -\frac{N U_{n0}}{2} \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \hat{\eta}(k, l), \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$\epsilon^2 \hat{p}_{2\text{TMV}}(Z = 0) = -\frac{i}{8} N U_{n0} \left[ 2 \frac{U_{n0} U_{n0zz}}{N^2} + \left( \frac{U_{n0z}}{N} \right)^2 \right] \hat{\eta}(k, l). \quad (\text{B3})$$

The GWD for the circular bell-shaped mountain is

$$F_{dx\text{TMV}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \rho_0 N a h_0^2 U_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{32} \left( 3 \frac{U_{0z}^2}{N^2} + 2 \frac{V_0}{U_0} \frac{U_{0z} V_{0z}}{N^2} + \frac{V_{0z}^2}{N^2} \right) - \frac{1}{16} \left( 3 \frac{U_{0zz} U_0}{N^2} + 2 \frac{V_{0zz} V_0}{N^2} + \frac{V_0}{U_0} \frac{U_{0zz} V_0}{N^2} \right) \right], \quad (\text{B4})$$

$$F_{dy\text{TMV}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \rho_0 N a h_0^2 V_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{32} \left( 3 \frac{V_{0z}^2}{N^2} + 2 \frac{U_0}{V_0} \frac{U_{0z} V_{0z}}{N^2} + \frac{U_{0z}^2}{N^2} \right) - \frac{1}{16} \left( 3 \frac{V_{0zz} V_0}{N^2} + 2 \frac{U_{0zz} U_0}{N^2} + \frac{U_0}{V_0} \frac{V_{0zz} U_0}{N^2} \right) \right]. \quad (\text{B5})$$