

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND COSINE EFFECT IN THE VISCOUS SHALLOW WATER AND QUASI-GEOSTROPHIC EQUATIONS*

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Abstract. The viscous shallow water equations and quasi-geostrophic equations are considered in this paper. Some new terms, related to the Coriolis force, are revealed thanks to a rigorous asymptotic analysis. After providing well-posedness arguments for the new models, the authors perform some numerical computations that confirm the role played by the cosine effect in various physical configurations.

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1. Introduction. In this article, we aim at contributing to the improvement of the derivation of the shallow water (SW) system. This model, obtained from the incompressible Navier Stokes equations (NSE) with free surface under the SW approximation, has been studied by numerous authors, both in the inviscid [21, 1] and viscous cases [9, 16, 2]. The SW model has been widely used for theoretical studies and idealized numerical simulations: this is the framework of this article. Conversely, the operational oceanographic research community rather uses the primitive equations [8, 15, 20]. But it has to be mentioned that the barotropic part of the linearized primitive equations corresponds to the shallow water equations (SWE) and carry the most energy (see [9, 22]). Their study is thus particularly important.

In the theoretical analysis below, we consider a viscosity that is compatible with (physical) numerical computations. Roughly speaking, because of the shape of the domain, the horizontal and vertical resolved eddies give rise to different scales, and this has to be taken into account in the corresponding eddy viscosities; consequently, we will consider an anisotropic turbulent viscosity, as prescribed by [12]. In the ocean, horizontal and vertical eddy viscosities can vary over a wide range (see [18]); whereas Levermore and Sammartino [12] choose typical values of the horizontal nondimensional viscosity of order one, we consider a reasonably smaller value, namely 10^{-3} . In our physical configuration, the corresponding dimensional value would be $10^6 \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$.

In what follows, we derive a new system of equations, in which the above viscosities are taken into account. Simultaneously, in the asymptotic analysis that is classically

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performed, we show that **new terms** appear in the so-called viscous SWE:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t H + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu) &= 0, \\ \partial_t(Hu) + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu \otimes u) + \frac{g}{2} \nabla_x H^2 &= -gH \nabla_x b - \left(1 + \frac{kH}{3\mu_V}\right)^{-1} k u \\ &\quad - \mu_H \nabla_x (H \operatorname{div}_x u) + 2\mu_H \operatorname{div}_x (H D_x u) + \mathbf{\Omega \cos \theta \nabla_x (u_1 H^2)} \\ &\quad + \mathbf{\Omega \cos \theta H^2 e_1 \operatorname{div}_x u} - 2\Omega \sin \theta H u^\perp - \mathbf{2\Omega \cos \theta H e_1 \nabla_x b \cdot u} \\ &\quad + \mathbf{2\Omega \cos \theta u_1 H \nabla_x b}, \end{aligned}$$

where u denotes the mean velocity and H the water height, b the topography and μ_V , μ_H some eddy viscosities (see below). The angular speed of the Earth is Ω , θ is the latitude, a represents the capillarity, and k the friction coefficient.

These new terms (bold-faced in the above equation) are of the order of the viscous terms; they are classically neglected with no rigorous justification. They also arise in the derivation of the viscous quasi-geostrophic (QG) equations:

$$\begin{aligned} D_t \left((\partial_{x_1}^2 + (1 + \delta^2) \partial_{x_2}^2) \psi - \frac{(2\Omega \sin \theta_0)^2}{g H_{char}} \psi + \left(1 - \frac{H_{char}}{2 \tan \theta_0} \partial_{x_2}\right) \frac{2\Omega \sin \theta_0}{H_{char}} b + \beta x_2 \right) \\ = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon L_{char}} \alpha_0 (H_{char}) \Delta \psi + \mu_H \Delta^2 \psi + \operatorname{curl} f, \end{aligned}$$

where $D_t = (\partial_t + u^0 \cdot \nabla_x)$, $H_{char} = \varepsilon L_{char}$ and $\delta = \Omega \sqrt{H_{char}/g} \cos \theta_0$. The coefficient α_0 is related to the friction factor.

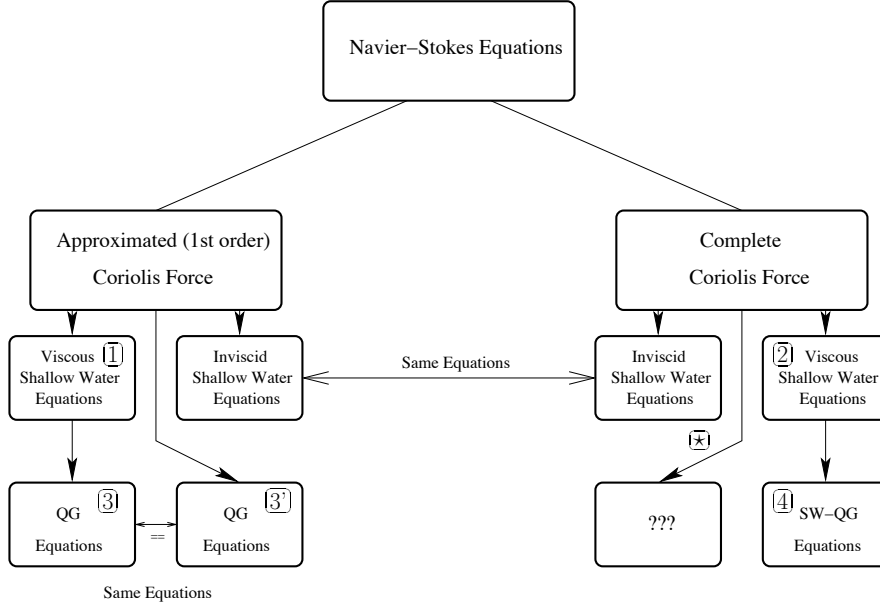


FIG. 1. *Hierarchy of models.*

We present in Figure 1 the hierarchy of derivations that have been obtained in the past. The left part corresponds to the classical derivation of SWE by Saint-Venant [21], together with the recent works of [9] for the viscous SWE. It is interesting

to notice (at least for the rigid lid configuration), that the QG equations are the same ($\boxed{3} = \boxed{3'}$ in the figure) when derived from the viscous SWE (see [6]) or from the NSE ([17, 11]). The right part corresponds to the work of [13, 14] and the present article. As Figure 1 shows, the inviscid SWE are the same, whether or not the first order approximation is made on the Coriolis force. In other words, the complete Coriolis force does not modify the asymptotic development at the first order. However, and this is the main point of this work, the corresponding *viscous* equations differ from the one in [9]. Starting from the new SWE and considering the QG approximation, we end up with another model (see box $\boxed{4}$ in Figure 1). This so-called viscous QGSW model has been introduced by [4] and is a priori different from the one obtained by [6]¹.

The aim of this work is to show that the so-called "cosine effect" (see new terms in equations above) has to be considered in the models. In other words, and looking at Figure 1, we want to emphasize the differences between models $\boxed{3}$ and $\boxed{4}$.

The article is organized as follows. In section 2, following the ideas of [9, 16, 12], we perform the asymptotic analysis that leads to the SWE and then derive the QG limit with cosine effect. In section 3, we show that the new model is mathematically satisfying, and provide some a priori estimates that ensure well-posedness of the system in the corresponding Sobolev spaces. Finally, we present some numerical simulations that compare the QG model with and without the cosine terms. These simulations show, at least for some realistic situations and as far as the long time behavior is concerned, that this cosine effect has to be taken into account.

2. Derivation of the two new models. This section is devoted to the new derivation of the SW and QG models. First, we show in section 2.1 that for some choice of the horizontal and vertical viscosities (depending on the aspect ratio) one should consider a complete Coriolis force to get the viscous SW system. We then obtain a new model from which we can derive, in section 2.2, the corresponding QG equations.

2.1. Cosine effect on SWE. The two dimensional SW system is obtained from three dimensional NSE in a shallow domain. We look for the equations satisfied by the horizontal mean velocity field and the free surface.

We consider three dimensional NSE for an homogenous fluid:

$$\partial_t U + \operatorname{div}(U \otimes U) = \operatorname{div} \sigma - 2\vec{\Omega} \times U + f, \quad (2.1a)$$

$$\operatorname{div} U = 0, \quad (2.1b)$$

for (x, z) in $\mathbb{T}^2 \times [b(x), h(t, x)]$, where $U = (u, w) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ is the fluid velocity, σ is the stress tensor (given by $-p\operatorname{Id} + S$, with S to be detailed in what follows), $2\vec{\Omega} \times U$ is the Coriolis force with $\vec{\Omega} = \Omega(0, \cos \theta, \sin \theta)$, where θ represents the latitude and will be first considered as a constant. Finally $f = -g\vec{e}_3$ is the gravity force.

Figure 2 describes the computational domain, together with the bathymetry b , the water column height H and the free surface h . We supplement (2.1) with the following boundary conditions:

- At the free surface $z = h(t, x)$, we usually neglect atmospheric pressure and take

$$\sigma n = 0.$$

¹The direct derivation of the viscous QG equations starting from the NSE with a complete Coriolis force (see path $\boxed{\star}$ in Figure 1) is still, to the best of our knowledge, an open problem.

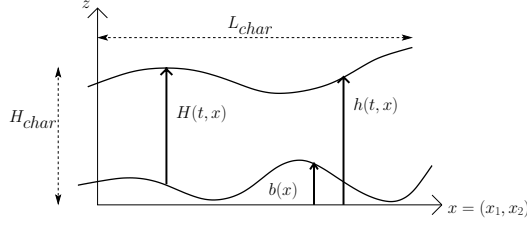


FIG. 2. Notations used for the SW system

Sometimes we can add surface tension effects, that is

$$\sigma n = a \kappa n,$$

where a is the capillarity coefficient, κ is the mean curvature, and n the unit vector normal to the surface.

But in each case we know that the normal velocity in the referential linked to a particle moving on the surface is zero:

$$\partial_t h + u \cdot \nabla_x h = w.$$

- At the bottom $z = b(x)$, we have Navier type conditions

$$(\sigma n) \cdot \tau_1 \tau_1 + (\sigma n) \cdot \tau_2 \tau_2 = k U \cdot \tau_1 \tau_1 + k U \cdot \tau_2 \tau_2,$$

where k is the friction coefficient and (τ_1, τ_2) is a basis of the tangential surface. We add the nonpenetration condition

$$-u \cdot \nabla_x b + w = 0.$$

In what follows we write these equations under their nondimensional form, make an asymptotic development of U , and study its first orders for a specific choice of turbulent viscosities. SWE are obtained after integrating the first momentum equation over the water height. We also give the SW system when the latitude is not constant.

Dimensionless NSE. We write the NS system and the boundary conditions in a nondimensionalized form, using some characteristic scales specially chosen to get the SW model.

Let us start with the three dimensional NSE for an homogenous fluid. In the following, the subscript x denotes horizontal variables, u_1 the first component of the vector u and e_1 the unit vector $(1, 0)$. The stress tensor reads $\sigma = -p\text{Id} + S = -p\text{Id} + \mu_H D^H + \mu_V D^V + \mu_E D^E$. In this relation, p is the pressure and μ_H , μ_V and μ_E represent eddy viscosities. More precisely, if Λ is the vector :

$$\Lambda = \gamma(\xi) \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad \xi = \frac{h-z}{b-h} \nabla_x b + \frac{z-b}{b-h} \nabla_x h \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\xi|^2}},$$

then μ_H denotes the eddy viscosity related to the shear in the direction orthogonal to Λ , μ_V denotes the viscosity linked to the shear in the direction of Λ , and μ_E can be interpreted as the compression rate in the direction of Λ (or expansion in the orthogonal direction)². Last, the symmetric part of the gradient of U is split as:

$$2D(U) = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_x u + {}^t \nabla_x u & \partial_z u + \nabla_x w \\ {}^t (\partial_z u + \nabla_x w) & 2\partial_z w \end{pmatrix} = D^H + D^V + D^E,$$

²Note that, for a flat bottom, Λ corresponds to the vertical direction and hence the subscripts H and V (vertical and horizontal shear).

where the tensors are given by

$$D^H = 2(\text{Id} - \Lambda^t \Lambda) D(U) (\text{Id} - \Lambda^t \Lambda) + {}^t \Lambda D(U) \Lambda (\text{Id} - \Lambda^t \Lambda), \quad (2.2a)$$

$$D^V = 2(\text{Id} - \Lambda^t \Lambda) D(U) \Lambda^t \Lambda + 2\Lambda^t \Lambda D(U) (\text{Id} - \Lambda^t \Lambda), \quad (2.2b)$$

$$D^E = {}^t \Lambda D(U) \Lambda (3\Lambda^t \Lambda - \text{Id}). \quad (2.2c)$$

Then, the NS system reads

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla_x u + w \partial_z u &= -\nabla_x p + \text{div}_x S_{xx} + \partial_z S_{xz} - 2\Omega \sin \theta u^\perp - 2\Omega \cos \theta w e_1, \\ \partial_t w + u \cdot \nabla_x w + w \partial_z w &= -\partial_z p + \text{div}_x S_{zx} + \partial_z S_{zz} + 2\Omega \cos \theta u_1 - g, \\ \text{div}_x u + \partial_z w &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the tensor S is written as $S = \begin{pmatrix} S_{xx} & S_{xz} \\ S_{zx} & S_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$.

We introduce the following dimensionless variables and numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= L_{char} x', & z &= H_{char} z', & \text{with } \varepsilon &= \frac{H_{char}}{L_{char}} \ll 1, \\ u &= u_{char} u', & w &= w_{char} w', & \text{with } w_{char} &= \varepsilon u_{char}, \\ t &= \frac{L_{car}}{u_{car}} t', & p &= p_{car} p', & \text{with } p_{car} &= u_{car}^2, \\ \mu_H &= \varepsilon L_{car} u_{car} \nu_H, & \mu_V &= \varepsilon L_{car} u_{car} \nu_V, & \mu_E &= \varepsilon^3 L_{car} u_{car} \nu_E, \\ S_{xx} &= u_{car}^2 \varepsilon S'_{xx}, & S_{xz} &= u_{car}^2 S'_{xz}, & S_{zx} &= u_{car}^2 S'_{zx}, \\ S_{zz} &= u_{car}^2 \varepsilon S'_{zz}, & S &= u_{car}^2 \varepsilon S', & \text{with } S' &= \begin{pmatrix} S'_{xx} & \frac{1}{\varepsilon} S'_{xz} \\ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} S'_{zx} & \varepsilon S'_{zz} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \xi &= \varepsilon \xi', & Ro &= \frac{u_{car}}{2L_{car}\Omega}, & Fr &= \frac{u_{car}}{\sqrt{gH_{car}}}. \end{aligned}$$

where ε is the aspect ratio, Ro the Rossby number, Fr the Froude number. We drop the primes to rewrite the three dimensional NSE:

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla_x u + w \partial_z u = -\nabla_x p + \varepsilon \text{div}_x S_{xx} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_z S_{xz} - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} u^\perp - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} w e_1, \quad (2.3a)$$

$$\partial_t w + u \cdot \nabla_x w + w \partial_z w = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \partial_z p + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \text{div}_x S_{zx} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_z S_{zz} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} u_1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 Fr^2}, \quad (2.3b)$$

$$\text{div}_x u + \partial_z w = 0. \quad (2.3c)$$

The tensor S is now given by: $S = \nu_H D^H + \nu_V D^V + \varepsilon^2 \nu_E D^E$, where D^H , D^V and D^E still have the expressions (2.2) but with

$$\Lambda = \gamma(\varepsilon \xi) \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon \xi \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad 2D(U) = \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_x u + {}^t \nabla_x u & \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_z u + \varepsilon \nabla_x w \\ {}^t (\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_z u + \varepsilon \nabla_x w) & 2\partial_z w \end{pmatrix}.$$

We also have to change the boundary conditions. We first replace σ with its expression and change the variables:

- At the free surface $z = h(t, x)$, the normal vector n is $n = (1 + (\nabla_x h)^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-\nabla_x h)$. The horizontal variable h is rescaled as $h = H_{char} h'$ to get the dimensionless conditions at the free surface:

$$p \nabla_x h - \varepsilon S_{xx} \nabla_x h + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} S_{xz} = 0, \quad (2.4a)$$

$$p - \varepsilon S_{zz} + \varepsilon S_{zx} \nabla_x h = 0, \quad (2.4b)$$

$$\partial_t h + u \cdot \nabla_x h = w. \quad (2.4c)$$

- At the bottom $z = b(x)$, if we write $b = H_{char} b'$, the nonpenetration condition reads

$$-u \cdot \nabla_x b + w = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

The Navier condition is more involved. We choose the tangential vectors

$$\tau_1 = \frac{1}{|\nabla_x b|} \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_x^\perp b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \tau_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\nabla_x b|^2 + |\nabla_x b|^4}} \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla_x b \\ -|\nabla_x b|^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We define $K = k u_{char}^{-1} \varepsilon^{-1}$ and obtain a complex expression that we do not detail here. We perform some approximations in the following and give a simplified equality obtained from this expression.

Hydrostatic approximation. We now use the hydrostatic approximation; that is, we suppose the aspect ratio ε to be small. We keep only the first two orders in (2.3b) and also drop terms in boundary conditions.

We are led to study the system:

$$\partial_t u + u \cdot \nabla_x u + w \partial_z u = -\nabla_x p + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}_x S_{xx} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \partial_z S_{xz} - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} u^\perp - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} w e_1, \quad (2.6a)$$

$$\partial_z p = \varepsilon \operatorname{div}_x S_{zx} + \varepsilon \partial_z S_{zz} - \frac{1}{Fr^2} + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} u_1, \quad (2.6b)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_x u + \partial_z w = 0. \quad (2.6c)$$

We can simplify the Navier condition

$$\varepsilon S_{xx} \nabla_x b - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} S_{xz} = -Ku + O(\varepsilon^2). \quad (2.7)$$

At the free surface, (2.4c) is not modified but we can rewrite (2.4a) as follows:

$$\varepsilon S_{xz} = -\varepsilon^2 (p \nabla_x h - \varepsilon S_{xx} \nabla_x h) = \varepsilon {}^t S_{zx} + O(\varepsilon^2) \quad \text{for } z = h(x, t),$$

and we can plug it into (2.4b):

$$\begin{aligned} p - \varepsilon S_{zz} &= -\varepsilon S_{zx} \nabla_x h = -\varepsilon S_{xz} \cdot \nabla_x h + O(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \varepsilon^2 (p \nabla_x h - \varepsilon S_{xx} \nabla_x h) \cdot \nabla_x h + O(\varepsilon^2), \\ p - \varepsilon S_{zz} &= O(\varepsilon^2), \quad \text{for } z = h(x, t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

We integrate (2.6b) from h to z , with z between b and h . The value of p at the free surface is given by (2.8), and we find the pressure at order ε :

$$p(t, x, z) = \frac{1}{Fr^2} (h(t, x) - z) + \varepsilon \int_h^z \operatorname{div}_x S_{xx} + \varepsilon S_{zz} + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} \int_h^z u_1 + O(\varepsilon^2). \quad (2.9)$$

As we are looking for equations on the mean velocity and on the evolution of the free surface, we first integrate the momentum equation (2.6a) over the water height

(between $z = b(x)$ and $z = h(t, x)$). We apply Leibniz formula and get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \int_b^h u - \partial_t h u|_{z=h} + \operatorname{div}_x \int_b^h (u \otimes u) - ((u \cdot \nabla_x h) u)|_{z=h} + ((u \cdot \nabla_x b) u)|_{z=b} \\ + (u w)|_{z=h} - (u w)|_{z=b} + \nabla_x \int_b^h p = \nabla_x h p|_{z=h} - \nabla_x b p|_{z=b} \\ + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}_x \int_b^h S_{xx} - \varepsilon S_{xx}|_{z=h} \nabla_x h + \varepsilon S_{xx}|_{z=b} \nabla_x b + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} S_{xz}|_{z=h} \\ - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} S_{xz}|_{z=b} - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} \int_b^h u^\perp - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} \int_b^h w e_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then we use boundary conditions (2.4a), (2.4c), (2.5), and (2.7) to simplify the expressions at the surface and at the bottom and obtain the integrated momentum equation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \int_b^h u + \operatorname{div}_x \int_b^h (u \otimes u) + \nabla_x \int_b^h p = -\nabla_x b p|_{z=b} - K u|_{z=b} \\ + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}_x \int_b^h S_{xx} - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} \int_b^h u^\perp - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} \int_b^h w e_1, \quad (2.10) \end{aligned}$$

with a new Coriolis term (the last one).

We also want the evolution of the free surface: we integrate the divergence free equation (2.6c) from the bottom to the surface. Using Leibniz formula again, together with surface and bottom conditions (2.4c) and (2.5), we find

$$\partial_t h(t, x) + \operatorname{div}_x \int_{b(x)}^{h(t, x)} u = 0. \quad (2.11)$$

In what follows we study the integrated momentum equation (2.10) and the free surface equation (2.11) when we approximate u at the first order and at the second order.

SW system. We have already done the main assumption to get the SW system; that is, the depth is small compared to the length of the domain. Now we develop u , w , H , p , b in powers of ε , that is $u = u^0 + \varepsilon u^1 + \varepsilon^2 u^2 + \dots$ (and so on) with $H(t, x) = h(t, x) - b(x)$.

We look for u^0 , the first order of the velocity. We use the horizontal momentum equation (2.6a) and the boundary conditions (2.4a) and (2.7). We obtain

$$\partial_z^2 u = O(\varepsilon), \quad (\partial_z u)|_{z=b} = O(\varepsilon), \quad (\partial_z u)|_{z=h} = O(\varepsilon),$$

which means that at the first order u does not depend on z : $u^0(t, x, z) = u^0(t, x)$. As we are looking for the dynamics of u^0 , we study the previous equations at the first order. Let us first rewrite the evolution equation (2.11):

$$\partial_t H^0 + \operatorname{div}_x (H^0 u^0) = 0. \quad (2.12)$$

Then we have p at the first order with (2.9):

$$p^0(t, x, z) = Fr^{-2}(h - z).$$

We replace this value in the integrated momentum equation (2.10) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(H^0 u^0) + \operatorname{div}_x(H^0 u^0 \otimes u^0) + \frac{1}{2Fr^2} \nabla_x (H^0)^2 = \\ - \frac{1}{Fr^2} H^0 \nabla_x b^0 - Ku^0 - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} H^0 u^{0\perp}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Equations (2.12) - (2.13) form the SW system at the first order in nondimensional variables.

If we go back to dimensional variables we have the SW system at the first order for a viscosity of order ε :

$$\partial_t H + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu) = 0, \quad (2.14a)$$

$$\partial_t(Hu) + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu \otimes u) + \frac{g}{2} \nabla_x H^2 = -gH \nabla_x b - ku - 2\Omega \sin \theta H u^\perp. \quad (2.14b)$$

At this point, we get the inviscid SW system. As underlined in Figure 1, the cosine part of the Coriolis force does not modify these equations at the first order. But there are no viscosity effects in this system: we are led to study the second order to make viscous terms appear in our SW system.

We will denote by a bold letter the approximation of the variables at order ε (for example, $\mathbf{u}^1 = u^0 + \varepsilon u^1$) and by a bar the mean value on the water height defined by

$$\bar{u}(t, x) := \frac{1}{H(t, x)} \int_b^h u \, dz.$$

Let us rewrite the divergence condition at the second order:

$$\partial_t \mathbf{H}^1 + \operatorname{div}_x(\mathbf{H}^1 \mathbf{u}^1) = O(\varepsilon^2). \quad (2.15)$$

As before, we rewrite the momentum equation (2.6a) but at order ε , and with the SW system at the first order (2.12)–(2.13) we obtain an expression for the second derivative of u :

$$\frac{\nu_V}{\varepsilon} \partial_z^2 u = -\frac{K}{H^0} u^0 + O(\varepsilon).$$

We integrate this equality from b to z (for z between $b(x)$ and $h(t, x)$) with the boundary condition (2.7). We integrate it again from b to z to find an approximation of u at the second order:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \mathbf{u}^1|_{z=b} + \varepsilon \frac{K}{\nu_V} u^0 \int_b^z \left(1 - \frac{s - b^0}{H^0}\right) ds + O(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \mathbf{u}^1|_{z=b} \left(1 + \varepsilon \frac{K}{\nu_V} (z - b^0) \left(1 - \frac{z - b^0}{2H^0}\right)\right) + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

With this expression, we can compute the mean value of u :

$$\bar{u} = \mathbf{u}^1|_{z=b} \left(1 + \varepsilon \frac{K}{\nu_V} \frac{H^0}{3}\right) + O(\varepsilon^2).$$

One can easily check that

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{u^2} &= \bar{u}^2 + O(\varepsilon^2), \\ \overline{u \otimes u} &= \bar{u} \otimes \bar{u} + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

This is used in what follows.

We also have the value of p at the second order with (2.9):

$$p(t, x, z) = \frac{1}{Fr^2} (h(t, x) - z) + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} \int_h^z u_1 + O(\varepsilon^2).$$

We replace it in the integrated momentum equation (2.10), and, using again the divergence free condition (2.6c) to express w^0 as a function of h^0 and u^0 , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\mathbf{H}^1 \bar{u}) + \operatorname{div}_x(\mathbf{H}^1 \bar{u} \otimes \bar{u}) + \frac{1}{2Fr^2} \nabla_x(\mathbf{H}^1)^2 - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{2Ro} \nabla_x(u_1^0(H^0)^2) \\ = -K \mathbf{u}^1|_{z=b} - \nabla_x b \left(\frac{\mathbf{H}^1}{Fr^2} - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} u_1^0 H^0 \right) + \varepsilon \operatorname{div}_x(H^0 S_{xx}) \\ - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} \mathbf{H}^1 \bar{u}^\perp + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{2Ro} (H^0)^2 e_1 \operatorname{div}_x u^0 - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} H^0 e_1 \nabla_x b^0 \cdot u^0 + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

The velocity at the bottom $u|_{z=b}$ is given by

$$\mathbf{u}^1|_{z=b} = \bar{u} \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon K}{\nu_V} \frac{H^0}{3} \right)^{-1} + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\mathbf{H}^1 \bar{u}) + \operatorname{div}_x(\mathbf{H}^1 \bar{u} \otimes \bar{u}) + \frac{1}{2Fr^2} \nabla_x(\mathbf{H}^1)^2 = -K \bar{u} \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon K}{\nu_V} \frac{\mathbf{H}^1}{3} \right)^{-1} \\ - \varepsilon \nu_H \nabla_x(\mathbf{H}^1 \operatorname{div}_x \bar{u}) + 2\varepsilon \nu_H \operatorname{div}_x(\mathbf{H}^1 D_x \bar{u}) + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{2Ro} \nabla_x(\bar{u}_1(\mathbf{H}^1)^2) \quad (2.16) \\ + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{2Ro} (\mathbf{H}^1)^2 e_1 \operatorname{div}_x \bar{u} - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} \mathbf{H}^1 e_1 \nabla_x b \cdot \bar{u} - \frac{\sin \theta}{Ro} \mathbf{H}^1 \bar{u}^\perp \\ - \nabla_x b \left(\frac{\mathbf{H}^1}{Fr^2} - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta}{Ro} \bar{u}_1 \mathbf{H}^1 \right) + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

Equations (2.15)–(2.16) form the SW system at the second order in nondimensional variables, with new cosine terms.

Finally, let us go back to the dimensional form to get the viscous SW system at the second order:

$$\partial_t H + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu) = 0, \quad (2.17a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(Hu) + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu \otimes u) + \frac{g}{2} \nabla_x H^2 = -\alpha_0(H)u - gH \nabla_x b \\ - \mu_H \nabla_x(H \operatorname{div}_x u) + 2\mu_H \operatorname{div}_x(H D_x u) + \Omega \cos \theta \nabla_x(u_1 H^2) \quad (2.17b) \\ + \Omega \cos \theta H^2 e_1 \operatorname{div}_x u - 2\Omega \sin \theta H u^\perp - 2\Omega \cos \theta H e_1 \nabla_x b \cdot u + 2\Omega \cos \theta u_1 H \nabla_x b, \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_0(H) = k / \left(1 + \frac{kH}{3\mu_V} \right)$.

Conversely to the first order approximation (2.14), we now have viscous terms in the SWE. The cosine part of the Coriolis force should be taken into account.

REMARK 1. *If the latitude is not constant, the only difference with the previous development is that the term that reads $\Omega \cos \theta \nabla_x(u_1 H^2)$ in the constant case must be replaced by $\Omega \nabla_x(\cos \theta u_1 H^2)$ (with no additional difficulty), the other ones remaining unchanged.*

REMARK 2. *Note that, if we take the capillarity into account, the term $aH \nabla_x \Delta_x H + aH \nabla_x \Delta_x b$ adds to the right hand side of Equation (2.17b).*

2.2. QG equations. The QG model is used for the abstract modeling of the ocean at midlatitudes (see [5]). It is obtained from the SW system assuming that the Rossby and Froude numbers are very small.

Derivation of the QG equations with cosine effect. We consider the dimensionless SW system (2.15)–(2.16), which depends on the aspect ratio ε . We add in these equations a source term \tilde{f} that could have been introduced in the previous derivation with no additional difficulty. In order to lighten the notations, we set $\mu = \mu_H$ and $\nu = \nu_H$ in what follows.

We write an asymptotic development $u = u^0 + \eta u^1 + \dots$, $H = 1 + \eta F H^1 + \dots$, where we suppose $Ro = \eta$, $Fr^2 = F\eta^2$, and $b = \eta \tilde{b}$, with $\eta \ll 1$, $F = (2\Omega L_{char})^2 / (g H_{char})$, and ε fixed. Let us underline that, from now on, ε is a fixed parameter, and the Rossby number η is *the asymptotic parameter*, meant to go to zero. Doing this, we are not considering a crossed asymptotic $(\varepsilon, \eta) \rightarrow 0$, but we let η go to zero as ε remains fixed. In other words, referring to Figure 1, we are interested in path $\boxed{2}$ – $\boxed{4}$, which could be different from path $\boxed{\star}$. This is beyond the scope of this paper and is left to further studies. We also use the beta-plane approximation around the latitude θ_0 (see [18]).

We then have to study the following equations:

$$\partial_t H + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu) = 0, \quad (2.18a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(Hu) + \operatorname{div}_x(Hu \otimes u) + \frac{1}{F\eta^2} H \nabla_x H &= -\frac{\sin \theta_0}{\eta} H u^\perp - \beta x_2 H u^\perp \\ &+ \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2\eta} e_1 H^2 \operatorname{div}_x u - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tan \theta_0 \beta x_2 e_1 H^2 \operatorname{div}_x u + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2\eta} \nabla_x(H^2 u_1) \\ &- \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \tan \theta_0 \beta \nabla_x(H^2 u_1 x_2) - \tilde{\alpha}_0(H) u + 2\nu \operatorname{div}_x(HD(u)) - \nu \nabla_x(H \operatorname{div} u) \\ &- \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{\eta} H e_1 \nabla_x b \cdot u + \varepsilon \tan \theta_0 \beta x_2 H e_1 \nabla_x b \cdot u + \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{\eta} u_1 H \nabla_x b \\ &- \varepsilon \tan \theta_0 \beta x_2 u_1 H \nabla_x b - \frac{1}{F\eta^2} H \nabla_x b + H \tilde{f} + O(\eta). \end{aligned} \quad (2.18b)$$

At the first and second orders, (2.18a) gives

$$\operatorname{div}_x u^0 = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad F \partial_t H^1 + \operatorname{div}_x u^1 + F \nabla_x H^1 \cdot u^0 = 0.$$

We also look at the first and second orders of the momentum equation (2.18b). The first order gives

$$\nabla_x H^1 + \left(\sin \theta_0 - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2} \partial_{x_2} \right) u^{0\perp} + \frac{\nabla_x \tilde{b}}{F} = 0.$$

Then we take the *curl* (i.e. $-\partial_{x_2}$ of the first component + ∂_{x_1} of the second one) of the second order and get

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t + u^0 \cdot \nabla_x)(\operatorname{curl} u^0) &= -\tilde{\alpha}_0(1) \operatorname{curl} u^0 + \nu \Delta(\operatorname{curl} u^0) + \sin \theta_0 F(\partial_t H^1 + u^0 \cdot \nabla_x H^1) \\ &- \sin \theta_0 F u^0 \cdot \nabla_x H^1 - \beta u_2^0 + \varepsilon F \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2} \partial_{x_2}(\partial_t H^1 + u^0 \cdot \nabla_x H^1) \\ &- \nabla_x^\perp H^1 \cdot \nabla_x \tilde{b} + \varepsilon \cos \theta_0 \partial_{x_2}(u^0 \cdot \nabla_x \tilde{b}) + \varepsilon \cos \theta_0 \nabla_x^\perp u_1^0 \cdot \nabla_x \tilde{b} + \operatorname{curl} \tilde{f}. \end{aligned}$$

We note that

$$\sin \theta_0 u^0 \cdot \nabla_x H^1 - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2} (\partial_{x_2} u^0) \cdot \nabla_x H^1 + \nabla_x^\perp H^1 \cdot \frac{\nabla_x \tilde{b}}{F} = 0$$

and

$$(\partial_{x_2} u^0) \cdot \nabla_x \tilde{b} + \nabla_x^\perp u_1^0 \cdot \nabla_x \tilde{b} = 0.$$

We define ψ by $u^0 = \nabla_x^\perp \psi$, and consequently $H^1 = (\sin \theta_0 - \varepsilon \cos \theta_0 \partial_{x_2}/2) \psi - \tilde{b}/F$, and find

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t + u^0 \cdot \nabla_x) & \left(\left(\partial_{x_1}^2 + \left(1 + \varepsilon^2 F \frac{\cos^2 \theta_0}{4} \right) \partial_{x_2}^2 \right) \psi - \sin^2 \theta_0 F \psi \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\sin \theta_0 - \varepsilon \frac{\cos \theta_0}{2} \partial_{x_2} \right) \tilde{b} + \beta x_2 \right) = -\tilde{\alpha}_0(1) \Delta \psi + \nu \Delta^2 \psi + \text{curl} \tilde{f}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Equation (2.19) is the nondimensional QG equation obtained from the viscous SW system at the second order with variable topography. The new terms (due to the Coriolis force) are $\varepsilon^2 F \cos^2 \theta_0 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi/4$ and $\varepsilon \cos \theta_0 \partial_{x_2} \tilde{b}/2$. The “unusual” $\sin \theta_0$ coefficient is linked to an “unusual” Rossby number expression that arises in F and \tilde{b} ; in the “usual” case, the term $\sin \theta_0$ is replaced by 1, and $\cos \theta_0$ by $1/\tan \theta_0$. Let us remove this problem coming back to dimensional variables. We get

$$\begin{aligned} D_t \left((\partial_{x_1}^2 + (1 + \delta^2) \partial_{x_2}^2) \psi - \frac{(2\Omega \sin \theta_0)^2}{g H_{char}} \psi + \left(1 - \frac{H_{char}}{2 \tan \theta_0} \partial_{x_2} \right) \frac{2\Omega \sin \theta_0}{H_{char}} b + \beta x_2 \right) \\ = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon L_{char}} \alpha_0(H_{char}) \Delta \psi + \mu \Delta^2 \psi + \text{curl} f, \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

where $D_t = (\partial_t + u^0 \cdot \nabla_x)$, $H_{char} = \varepsilon L_{char}$, and $\delta = \Omega \sqrt{H_{char}/g} \cos \theta_0$.

We add to this equation the following boundary conditions:

$$\psi = 0 \text{ and } \Delta \psi = 0 \text{ on } \partial \mathcal{D},$$

which, respectively, express the nonpenetration condition and the slip condition.

REMARK 3. *We can already notice that the cosine term has two different contributions. First, the Laplacian is modified in the second direction by the small coefficient δ . The other change is on the topography coefficient: we see the derivative of the topography in the second variable.*

3. Mathematical properties of the QG equations. The new terms in the QG model do not raise any additional mathematical difficulties. Hereafter, we proceed as in [3] to obtain a priori estimates that ensure the well-posedness of the model (thanks to the Galerkin method) and insist on the computations that are specific to the new model. The reader is referred to [3] for further details.

We consider a rectangular domain \mathcal{D} , multiply (2.20) successively by ψ and $\Delta \psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi$, and integrate over \mathcal{D} . In the integrations by parts, the integrated term vanishes, as we have the boundary conditions $\psi = 0$ and $\Delta \psi = 0$ on $\partial \mathcal{D}$.

To simplify the notations, we write (2.20) as

$$D_t \left((\partial_{x_1}^2 + (1 + \delta^2) \partial_{x_2}^2) \psi - C_H \psi + B(x_1, x_2) + \beta x_2 \right) = -\alpha \Delta \psi + \mu \Delta^2 \psi + \text{curl} f,$$

or, if J represents the Jacobian operator,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \left((\Delta + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2) \psi - C_H \psi \right) + J \left(\psi, (\Delta + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2) \psi - C_H \psi + B(x_1, x_2) + \beta x_2 \right) \\ = -\alpha \Delta \psi + \mu \Delta^2 \psi + \text{curl} f. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

We obtain after multiplication of (3.1) by ψ

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \partial_t (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi - C_H \psi) \cdot \psi &= \alpha \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla\psi)^2 + \mu \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\Delta\psi)^2 + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \operatorname{curl} f \cdot \psi, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\nabla\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \delta^2 \|\partial_{x_2} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + C_H \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \right) &+ 2\alpha \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla\psi)^2 \\ &+ 2\mu \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\Delta\psi)^2 \leq 2 \left| \int_{\mathcal{D}} \operatorname{curl} f \cdot \psi \right| \leq \frac{C^2}{2\alpha} \|\operatorname{curl} f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \alpha \|\nabla\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2. \end{aligned}$$

We finally get the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\nabla\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \delta^2 \|\partial_{x_2} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + C_H \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \right) &+ \alpha \|\nabla\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \\ &+ 2\mu \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \leq \frac{C^2}{\alpha} \|\operatorname{curl} f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which ensure the following bounds:

$$\nabla\psi \in L^\infty(0, T; (L^2(\mathcal{D}))^2), \quad \psi \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{D})), \quad \Delta\psi \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{D})). \quad (3.2)$$

Similarly, multiplying (3.1) by $\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \partial_t (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi - C_H \psi) (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi) \\ + \int_{\mathcal{D}} J(\psi, \beta x_2 + B) (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi) &= -\alpha \int_{\mathcal{D}} \Delta\psi (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi) \\ + \mu \int_{\mathcal{D}} \Delta^2 \psi (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi) + \int_{\mathcal{D}} \operatorname{curl} f (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Let us write some properties of the different terms of this equality:

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi)^2 = \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \|\delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + 2\delta^2 \int_{\mathcal{D}} \Delta\psi \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi \quad (3.4)$$

$$= \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \|\delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + 2\delta^2 \|\nabla \partial_{x_2} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2, \quad (3.5)$$

as the integrated term vanishes with the boundary conditions. We also have

$$2 \int_{\mathcal{D}} \Delta\psi \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi \leq 2 \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \|\partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}, \quad (3.6)$$

$$\|\partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \leq \|\partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \|\partial_{x_1}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \|\partial_{x_1} \partial_{x_2} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 = \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2, \quad (3.7)$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi)^2 &\leq (1 + 2\delta^2) \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \delta^4 \|\partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \\ &\leq (1 + \delta^2)^2 \|\Delta\psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

In addition, one should note the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \Delta^2 \psi (\Delta\psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi) &= - \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla \Delta\psi)^2 + \delta^2 \int_{\mathcal{D}} \Delta^2 \psi \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi \\ &= - \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla \Delta\psi)^2 - \delta^2 \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi)^2 - \delta^2 \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\nabla \partial_{x_1} \partial_{x_2} \psi)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Finally we study the jacobian term

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{D}} J(\psi, \beta x_2 + B) (\Delta \psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi) \\ \leq C (\beta + \|\nabla B\|_{L^\infty(\mathcal{D})}) \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \|\Delta \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Gathering inequalities (3.4)–(3.10), (3.3) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\|\Delta \psi + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + C_H \delta^2 \|\partial_{x_2} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + C_H \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \right) \\ + 2\mu \|\nabla \Delta \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + 2\mu \delta^2 \left(\|\nabla \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \|\nabla \partial_{x_1} \partial_{x_2} \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 \right) \leq g(t) \end{aligned}$$

where g reads

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) = C (\beta + \|\nabla B\|_{L^\infty(\mathcal{D})}) \|\nabla \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \|\Delta \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \\ + \alpha \|\Delta \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}^2 + \|\operatorname{curl} f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})} \|\Delta \psi\|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}. \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to estimates (3.2), g is in $L^1(0, T)$, which gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \psi &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{D})), & \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi &\in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{D})), \\ \nabla \Delta \psi &\in L^2(0, T; (L^2(\mathcal{D}))^2), & \nabla \partial_{x_2}^2 \psi &\in L^2(0, T; (L^2(\mathcal{D}))^2), \\ \nabla \partial_{x_1} \partial_{x_2} \psi &\in L^2(0, T; (L^2(\mathcal{D}))^2). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the existence of solutions to the QG equation (2.20) relies on Galerkin's method. We classically get the existence of solutions for the approximate problem (for detailed proof, the reader is referred to [3] and [7] for instance). We pass to the limit on the space dimension thanks to the previous a priori estimates and a standard bootstrapping argument. We get the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. *If \mathcal{D} is a rectangular domain, for all f in $L^2(0, T; L^2(\mathcal{D}))$, (2.20) with the initial condition ψ_0 in $H^3(\mathcal{D}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{D})$ and the boundary conditions $\psi = 0$ and $\Delta \psi = 0$ on $\partial \mathcal{D}$ has a unique solution ψ in $\mathcal{C}([0, T]; H^3(\mathcal{D}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{D})) \cap L^2(0, T; H^4(\mathcal{D}) \cap H_0^1(\mathcal{D}))$.*

4. Numerical results: Cosine effects on large scale computations. We now present numerical results for the QG equations and show that the cosine effect cannot be neglected. These simulations are performed using finite differences in space, with an explicit leap-frog scheme in time. In one step for every hundred, the leap-frog step is replaced by an Euler explicit one, in order to avoid stability problems. To compare the numerical simulations of the QG model with and without the new terms, we use and modify an existing solver proposed by [19].

4.1. Methodology. Equation (2.20) can be rewritten in a more ‘physical’ way, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + J \left(\psi, \phi + \left(\operatorname{Id} - \frac{H_{char}}{2 \tan \theta_0} \partial_{x_2} \right) \frac{2\Omega \sin \theta_0}{H_{char}} b + \beta x_2 \right) \\ = - \frac{1}{\varepsilon L_{car}} \alpha_0(H_{car}) \Delta \psi + \mu \Delta^2 \psi + \operatorname{curl} f, \end{aligned}$$

where J is the Jacobian and ϕ a potential vorticity which reads

$$\phi = \left(\Delta + \delta^2 \partial_{x_2}^2 - \frac{(2\Omega \sin \theta_0)^2}{g H_{char}} \operatorname{Id} \right) \psi. \quad (4.1)$$

The scheme used to solve the QG equation is the following: suppose that we know all the quantities at time t_n , ϕ^n , ψ^n and the diverse coefficients. Then we compute the term fl^n which represents the time derivative of ϕ at t_n , namely

$$fl^n = J \left(\phi^n + \left(\text{Id} - \frac{H_{char}}{2 \tan \theta_0} \partial_{x_2} \right) \frac{2\Omega \sin \theta_0}{H_{char}} b + \beta x_2, \psi^n \right) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon L_{car}} \alpha_0 (H_{car}) \Delta \psi^n + \mu \Delta^2 \psi^n + \text{curl} f^n.$$

We thus get ϕ at time t_{n+1} and obtain ψ^{n+1} thanks to (4.1). If we start with an initial condition identically equal to zero, for example, we are able to plot the stream function at any time.

The principal difficulty of the numerical scheme is the resolution of the equation that gives ϕ^{n+1} as a function of ψ^{n+1} . Note that if $\delta = 0$, we are led to solve a Poisson equation. The methodology we used is the one developed in [23], that is, a combination of symmetries and fast Fourier transforms. More precisely, as we have Dirichlet boundary conditions, we define two quantities ζ^{n+1} and ξ^{n+1} by $[0; \phi^{n+1}; 0; \phi_\sigma^{n+1}]$ (resp., $[0; \psi^{n+1}; 0; \psi_\sigma^{n+1}]$) where f_σ is the symmetric vector of $(-f)$ in the first variable x_1 . We compute the Fourier transforms $\hat{\zeta}$ and $\hat{\xi}$ of ζ and ξ in the x_1 direction and get a system in x_2 . The matrix M of this system ($M\hat{\xi} = \hat{\zeta}$) is tridiagonal and consequently can easily be inverted. The last step is to calculate the inverse of the Fourier transform to get ψ^{n+1} from ϕ^{n+1} .

4.2. Choice of the parameters. We consider that \mathcal{D} is a square basin of length $L = 4.000\text{km}$, which is 5.000m deep with a 100×100 points grid, and thus the aspect ratio is $\varepsilon = 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$. We borrow the other physical parameters from [10]. We check that these parameters match the case studied at the beginning: in particular, the nondimensional horizontal viscosity is of the order of the aspect ratio. We choose the forcing term (wind) as $-10^{-2} \sin(2\pi x_2/L)$ and let the model run over nearly 1600 years (note that we have $T = O(\varepsilon^{-1})$) to ensure that the convergence error is small

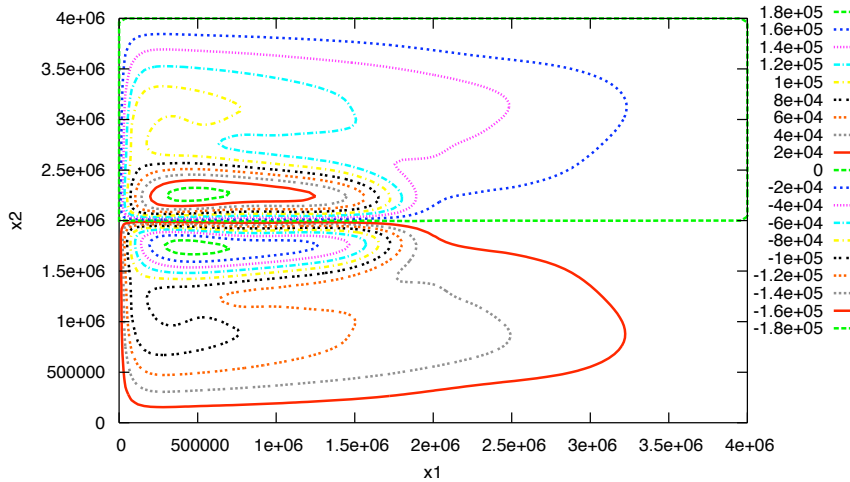


FIG. 3. Time average of the stream function over 1600 years. The upper part is negative so the velocity is in the counterclockwise direction.

compared to the cosine effect. We then compare the results obtained with and without the cosine terms, with a flat or a varying bottom. A first look at the evolution of the energy behavior indicates that the system is chaotic; we thus consider the time average of ψ , instead of ψ , that we present in the following.

4.3. Flat bottom. As mentionned above, the cosine effect has two correlated contributions. In order to disconnect these terms, we first consider a flat bottom so that the second term (depending on the topography variations) vanishes. Figure 3 shows the stream function without the cosine effect, and we plot in Figure 4 the difference between the two models: this corresponds to the numerical contribution of the cosine effet.

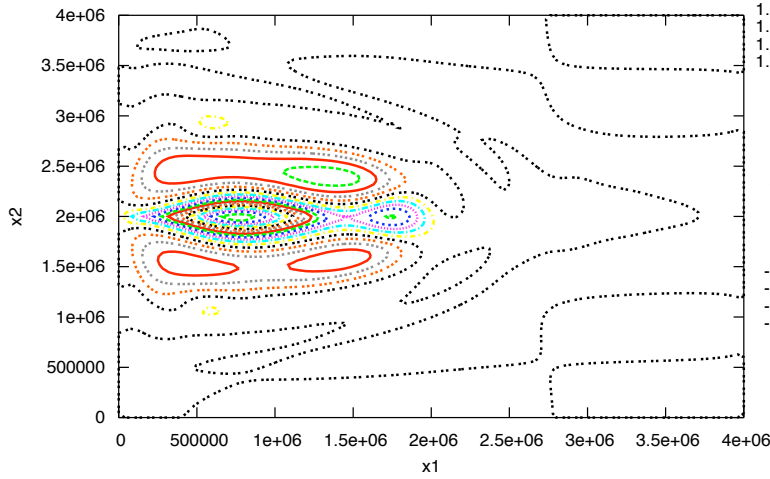


FIG. 4. Time average of the difference between the stream function with the cosine terms and the stream function without these terms over 1600 years.

The difference is mainly located in the jet, with a maximum value of 1.4×10^4 . Comparing this to Figure 3 where the maximum value is 1.8×10^5 , we show that the contribution of the new model is about 10 percent.

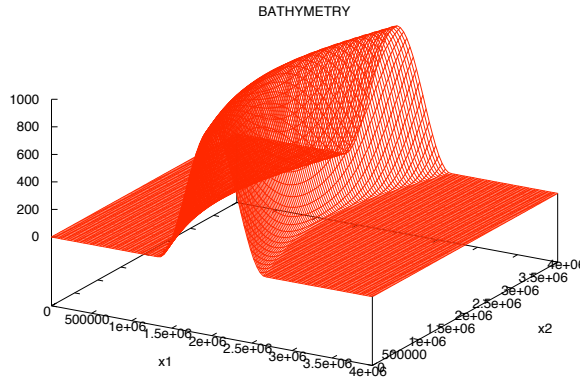


FIG. 5. An example of bottom.

4.4. Varying bottom. Let us now consider the cosine effect, with a bottom depending on the second variable x_2 . We use a topography roughly resembling the Mid-Atlantic ridge, as can be seen in Figure 5.

As for the flat bottom, we present in Figure 6 the time average of the stream function, solution of the QG model without any cosine effect. Figure 7 plots the difference between the two models, with and without the cosine terms.

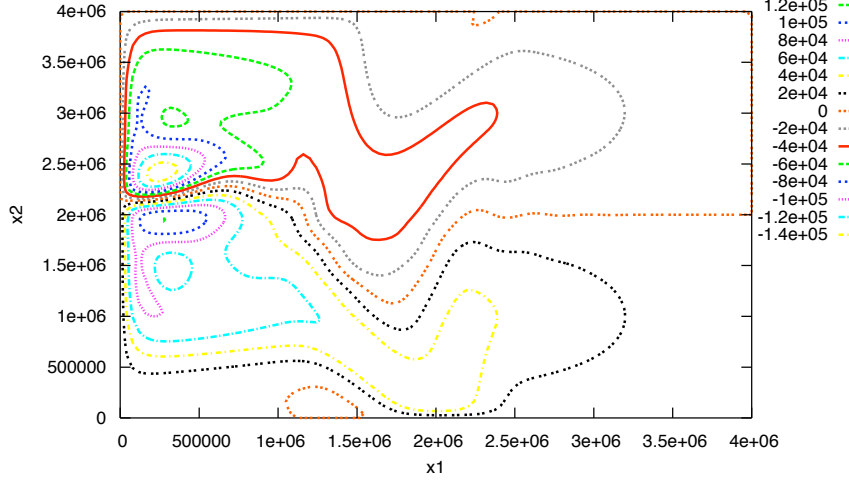


FIG. 6. Time average of the stream function over 1600 years with a varying bottom. The upper part is negative so the velocity is in the counterclockwise direction.

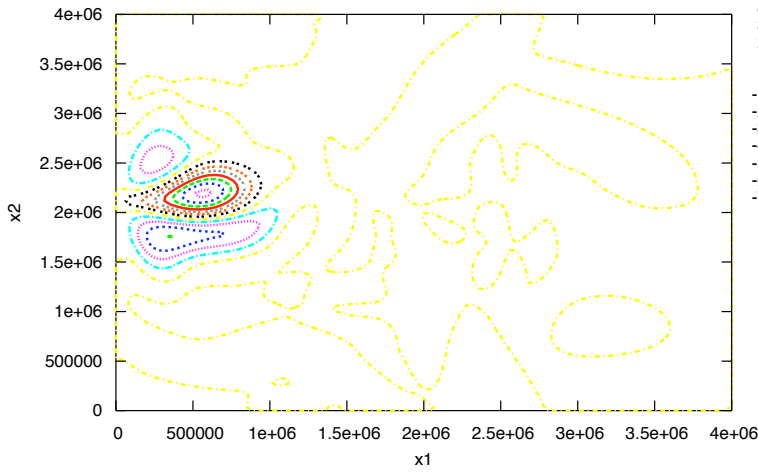


FIG. 7. Time average of the difference between the stream function with the cosine terms and the stream function without these terms over 1600 years, with a varying bottom.

In this configuration, the contribution of the cosine effect is weaker: only a few percent.

5. Conclusion. We derived new SW and QG models from NSE with anisotropic turbulent viscosities. We proved that, when the horizontal viscosity is of the order of the aspect ratio (which is physically reasonable), some new terms appear in the derivation of the viscous SWE. After providing some new theoretical results on the corresponding model, we performed numerical experiments that confirm that the so-called cosine effect has to be taken into account.

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