

IDENTIFICATION OF THE SOUND FIELD MODE STRUCTURE IN SHALLOW WATER IN THE INFRASOUND FREQUENCY RANGE

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The paper continues the study of the vertical structure of the sound field in a shallow sea using a vertically oriented three-element combined receiving antenna. The sound field was formed by discrete components of the vessel's shaft-blade scale in the infrasonic frequency range of 2–15 Hz. In this frequency range, which is obviously lower than the first critical frequency of Pekeris's model waveguide, the structure of the sound field becomes extremely simple and can be used to identify the normal waves that form the sound field. The experiment conducted in August 2021 in the Ussuriyskiy Bay confirms the earlier conclusion that the sound field at extremely low frequencies of the infrasonic range is formed by both regular and generalized inhomogeneous Rayleigh-Scholte waves. In addition, the increased aperture of the antenna made it possible to separate the contribution of these waves to the spatial structure of the sound field. As the frequency increases, the depth of penetration of the sound wave into the bottom half-space decreases, and the role of inhomogeneous waves of the Pekeris waveguide, excited by the complex angular spectrum of the source, increases. Based on the results of measuring the attenuation coefficients of inhomogeneous waves at the aperture of a vertical antenna, the effective group velocity is determined as the energy transfer velocity in the infrasonic frequency range and its spatial-frequency dependence. Identified mode structure of the sound field is consistent with the performed model calculations.

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